

[High-1] Storing the password on-chain makes it visible to everyone, despite the usage of private keyword

Description: All the data stored on-chain is visible to everyone, and can be read directly from the blockchain. The

`PasswordStore::s_password` variable is intended to be a private variable and only access through the

`PasswordStore::s_password`, which is only intended to be called by the owner of the contract.

Impact: Anyone can read the private password, severely breaking the functionality of the protocol.

Proof of Concept: ** The below test case shows how anyone could read the password directly from the blockchain. We use foundry's cast (<https://github.com/foundry-rs/foundry>), tool to read directly from the storage of the contract, without being the owner.

- ## 1. Create a locally running chain

```
make anvil
```

- ## 2. Deploy the contract to the chain

```
make deploy
```

- ### 3. Run the storage tool

We use 1 because that's the storage slot of `s_password` in the contract.

```
cast storage <ADDRESS_HERE> 1 --rpc-url http://127.0.0.1:8545
```

You'll get an output that looks like this:

[illegible]

You can then parse that hex to a string with:

[illegible]

And get an output of:

```
myPassword
```

Recommended Mitigation: Due to this, the overall architecture of the contract should be rethought. One could encrypt the password off-chain, and then store the encrypted password on-chain. This would require the user to remember another password off-chain to decrypt the password. However, you'd also likely want to remove the view function as you wouldn't want the user to accidentally send a transaction with the password that decrypts your password.

[High-2] PasswordStore::setPassword has no access control, means a non-owner can change the password

Description: The PasswordStore::setPassword function is set to be an external function, however the natspec of the function and overall purpose of the smart contract is that this function allows only the owner to set a new password.

```
function setPassword(string memory newPassword) external {  
    // There is no access control  
    s_password = newPassword;  
    emit SetNetPassword();  
}
```

Impact: Anyone can set/change the password of the contract, severely breaking the contracts intended functionality.

Proof of Concept: Add the following to PasswordStore.t.sol test file.

```
function test_anyone_can_set_password(address randomAddress) public {  
    vm.assume (randomAddress != owner);  
    vm.prank(randomAddress);  
    string memory expectedPassword = "myNewPassword";  
    passwordStore.setPassword(expectedPassword);  
  
    vm.prank(owner);  
    string memory actualPassword = passwordStore.getPassword();  
    assertEq(actualPassword, expectedPassword);  
}
```

Recommended Mitigation: add access control conditionals to setPassword function.

```
if(msg.sender != s_owner){  
    revert PasswordStore_NotOwner;  
}
```

[Informational-1] The PasswordStore::getPassword natspec indicates a parameter that doesn't exist, causing the natspec to be incorrect

Description:

```
/*
 * @notice This allows only the owner to retrieve the password.
@> * @param newPassword The new password to set.
 */
function getPassword() external view returns (string memory) {
```

The natspec for the function `PasswordStore::getPassword` indicates it should have a parameter with the signature `getPassword(string)`. However, the actual function signature is `getPassword()`.

Impact: The natspec is incorrect.

Recommended Mitigation: Remove the incorrect natspec line.

```
- * @param newPassword The new password to set.
```