[H-1] variables stored in the storage on-chain are visible to anyone, no matter the solidity visibility keyword

Description All data stored on-chain is visible to anyone, and can be read directly from the blockchain. The PasswordStore::s_password variable is intended to be a provate variable and only accessed through the PasswordStore::getPassword function, which is intended to be only called by the owner of the contract

Impact Anyone can read the private password, severly breaking the functionality of the protocol

Proof of Concept (Proof of Code)

The below test case shows how anyone can read the password directly from the blockchain

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:

You can then parse that hex to a string with:

And get an output of:

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 create another 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 password.

Likelihood and Impact:

• Impact: HIGH

• Likelihood: HIGH

• Severity: HIGH

[H-2] PasswordStore::setPassword has no access controls, meaning a non-owner could 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 {
    // @audit - There are no access controls
    s_password = new Password;
    emit SetNetPassword();
}
```

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

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

```
function test_anyone_can_set_password(address randomAddress) public
{
    vm.assure(randomAddress != owner);
    vm.prank(randomAddress);
    string memory expectedPassword = "myNewPassword";
    passwordStore.setPassword(expectedPassword);

    vm.prank(owner);
    string memory actualPassword = passwordStore.getPassword();
    assetEq(actualPassword, expectedPassword);
}
```

Recommended Mitigation: Add an access control conditional to the setPassword function.

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

Likelihood and Impact:

• Impact: HIGH

• Likelihood: HIGH

• Severity: HIGH

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

Description:

The PasswordStore::getPassword function signature is getPassword() while the natspec says it should be getPassword(string).

Impact: The natspec is incorrect.

Recommended Mitigation:

- * @param newPassword The new password to set.

Likelihood and Impact:

• Impact: HIGH

• Likelihood: NONE

• Severity: Informational/Gas/Non-critical