CTF Competitions

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About Me

- FlagMotori member
- CTF categories
 - Traffic analysis
 - Reverse engineering
 - pwn
- Interested in
 - operating systems
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FlagMotori

- 2024 Ranking: 2nd in Iran, 73rd worldwide
- Organized the Nowruz 1404 CTF

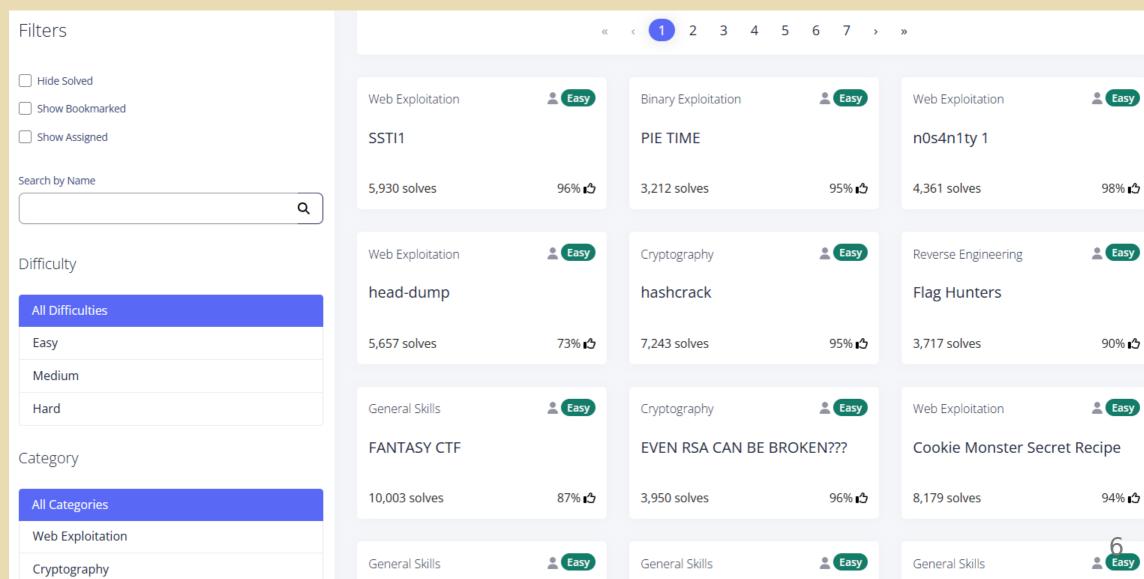
☑ Iran, Islamic Republic of					
Worldwide position	Country position	Name	Points	Events	
24	业 1	ASIS	570.393	11	
73	2	FlagMotori	376.368	73	
908	3	Disqualified	53.987	16	
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What is CTF?

Jeopardy



Attack and Defense

- Secure your server, attack other's
- Not as common as jeopardy
- More complex and expensive

Types of CTF Challenges

- Web Exploitation
- Binary Exploitation (pwn)
- Reverse Engineering
- Cryptography
- Misc

Web Exploitation

picoCTF-SQLiLite (2/10)

Binary Exploitation (pwn)

Nowruz 1404-Seen shopping (2/10)

Seens and quantities

Seen	Cost		quantity
Sabzeh	30000	-	0
Senjed	20000	-	1
Seer	20000	-	2
Seeb	10000	•	3
Samanu	35000	•	4
Serkeh	40000	•	0
Sekkeh	80000000	-	6

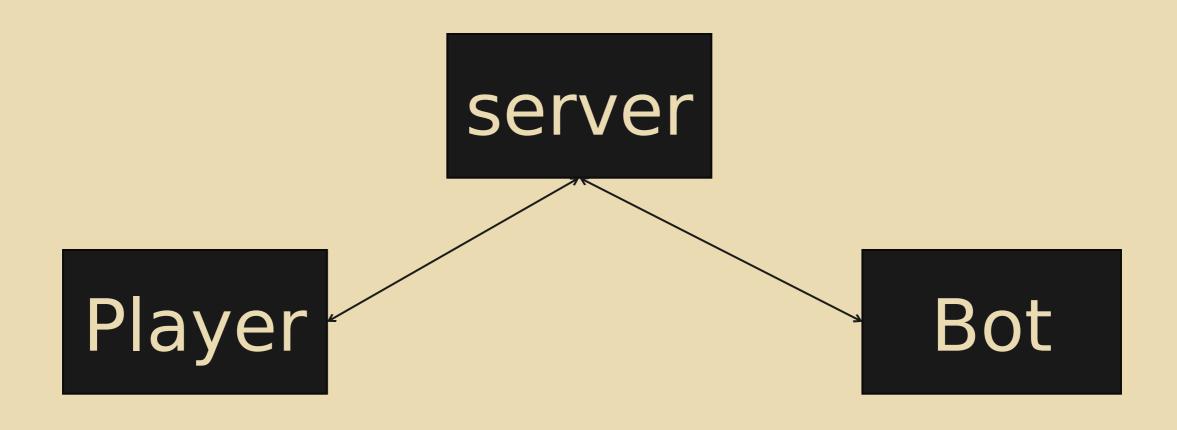
Reverse Engineering

• picoCTF- Transformation (1/10)

Misc

• TFCCTF-bad-invaders (3/10)

TFCCTF-bad_invaders



Player

```
struct Player {
    int Id,
    string Name,
    int Position,
    tcp_socket Connection
}
```

Generate playerId

```
int GenerateId() {
    return rand.Intn(100)
}
```

playerExists logic

```
playerExists = false
for _, player in range game.Players {
  if player.Connection == connection {
     playerExists = true
     break
```

Server's logic

- 1. Read until ';'
- 2. If player is not registered, allow only register command
- 3. Get playerID from received message
- 4. Execute the command on playerID

Our Approach?

Player

Message(id = bot_id, command = move_left);

server

- Player is registered (allowed to request commands)
- Message contains id of bot
- Server accepts message and executes the command

How to Get Started

writeups.fmc.tf

Some Tips

- CTF is HARD!
- Lookout for bad challenges

Thank You