CTF 2.0 - Solutions

Question 1: Rules 2.0

To solve this challenge, I accessed the rules page at https://ctfces.tech/rules. The flag was found directly on the webpage:

Flag: flagCES{4U13s}

Question 2: Memory

The flag for this question was explicitly provided within the challenge itself:

Flag: flagCES{w31c0m_QT}

Question 3: The Encoded Whisper

The challenge included a message.txt file containing binary text. I converted the binary data to text, which resulted in the Base64 string:

ZmxhZ0NFU3tDMG1wdXQzcjNuZzFucmVyMSQwYzEzdHl9

Decoding this Base64 string revealed the flag:

Flag: flagCES{COmput3r3ng1nrer1\$0c13ty}

Question 4: Opera on Silent Whisper

This question was categorized under *Steganography*. Using <u>FutureBoy Steganography Tool</u>, I input the provided file and tried the password 'urgent'. This successfully revealed the hidden flag:

Flag: flagCES{attack@4AM}

Question 5: The Hidden Key

I inspected the source code of the linked website and discovered a Base64-encoded string: WTB1X0YwdW5kXzF0

Decoding this string yielded:

Flag: flagCES{YOu_FOund_1t}

Question 6: Silent Signals

After attempting several passwords, I unlocked the PDF using <u>ilovepdf.com</u> without needing a password. The unlocked PDF contained Python code. Running this code via ChatGPT produced the flag:

Flag: flagCES{M4V3R1C}

Question 7: wEiRD

Consulting ChatGPT suggested using a Wingdings Translator. I decoded the given text using <u>LingoJam Wingdings Translator</u>, which revealed:

Flag: flagCES{TH1S_1\$_W3!RD}

Question 8: ROCK on! STARfish

The hint pointed towards the *Rockstar programming language*. I entered the contents of song_rock.txt into a Rockstar interpreter, which outputted 3.14159.... After testing variations such as 'pie' and 'pi', I identified the correct flag:

Flag: flagCES{pi}

Question 9: Hii! Chicken

I uploaded the image to ChatGPT, which returned a phonetic transcription resembling: Ghahaar_kl_muhuurgl_dahadefa!_bahaarahaabahaar

This phonetic match aligned with the flag:

Flag: flagCES{Ghar_k1_murg1_da!_barabar}

Question 10: E-Commerce

Using all three hints and assistance from ChatGPT, I arrived at the final solution. The shared link provided additional insights, leading to:

Flag: flagCES{A3A3ON}

Question 11: MetaDetective

I uploaded the PNG file to <u>Stylesuxx Steganography Tool</u>, which revealed a GitHub link: https://msb11.github.io/cybersecurity_im/

The image was not loading, so I inspected its source code and found the flag embedded in the URL:

https://via.placeholder.com/50x30?text=ITsTIme_5490

Flag: flagCES{ITsTIme_5490}