

SecretKeeper — Writeup (with commands)

Goal: Recover the plaintext flag stored by the SecretKeeper app.

1. Run the app

Launch SecretKeeper and give it any input so it writes its persistent artifacts.

2. Pull the artifacts from the device

Retrieve the encrypted payload and the partial key from the app's external data area:

```
adb pull /sdcard/Android/data/com.magical.secretkeeper/files/secretkeeper/flag.enc
```

```
adb pull /sdcard/Android/data/com.magical.secretkeeper/files/secretkeeper/key_part1.txt
```

3. Get the device serial

Read the serial number the app uses:

```
adb shell getprop ro.serialno
```

4. Derive the missing key part

Compute the SHA-256 digest of the device serial and take the first 16 hex characters (this yields the required 8-byte / 16-hex nibble fragment to complete the AES-128 key).

(Example of a common shell pipeline — adapt to your environment if needed):

```
# example (platform-agnostic idea): compute sha256(serial) and extract first 16 hex chars
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```
serial=$(adb shell getprop ro.serialno | tr -d '\r\n')
```

```
first16=$(echo -n "$serial" | sha256sum | awk '{print substr($1,1,16)})'
```

5. Assemble the full key

Concatenate the contents of key_part1.txt with the first16 hex string to form the full AES-128 key (32 hex chars). Ensure no extra whitespace or newline characters are included when concatenating.

6. Decrypt the encrypted flag

Use AES-128-ECB with the assembled key (hex) to decrypt:

```
openssl enc -d -aes-128-ecb -in flag.enc -out flag.txt -K fullkey
```

(Replace fullkey with the 32-hex-character key assembled in step 5.)

7. Verify

Open flag.txt and confirm the flag is present in readable form.