

In this level, the password is in a dashed file name: “-.”

If we attempt to just run

```
[bandit1@bandit:~$ cat -
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The process will just get stuck for the reason that cat will treat “-” as a synonym for stdin. What is “stdin?” You don’t need to be concerned with it for now, but keep it in mind because you will need it in later challenges. So, to avoid this confusion of stdin and a dashed filename, we need to specify the full path of the file.

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[bandit1@bandit:~$ cat ./-  
CV1DtqXWVFXTvM2F0k09SHz0YwRINYA9
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Here “./” signifies the current directory.