STAGE 2: Find me some keys

STAGE TWO

Description

YOU WILL NEED ENCRYPTED.ZIP ATTACHED BELOW

You have recovered the ransomware that has been running on the computers. First, you need to figure out how the ransomware works, what encryption algorithm it uses.

Please handle the anorocware executable with caution, we have provided a Dockerfile for you to containerise the ransomware. You may also choose to use a Virtual Machine.

Find the public key that is embedded in the binary. Hash the base64 string of the public key using sha256 and submit flag as TISC20{sha256 hash of the base64 encoded public key}

ANSWER FORMAT EXAMPLE:

The key file will look something like this but longer:

LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBQVUJMSUMgS0VZLS0tLS0NCmMyOXRaU0JpWVhObE5qUWdjM1J5YVc1bklHZHZaWE1nYUdWeVpRPT0NCi0tLS0tRU5EIFBVQkxJQyBLRVktLS0tLQ==

Internally it contains something like this:

```
----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY----
c29tZSBiYXNlNjQgc3RyaW5nIGdvZXMgaGVyZQ==
----END PUBLIC KEY----
```

You will need to perform a sha256 hash on the whole key file, i.e.

sha256("LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBQVUJMSUMgS0VZLS0tLS0NCmMy0XRaU0JpWVh0bE5qUWdjM1J5YVc1bklHZHZaWE1nYUdWeVpRPT0NCi0tLS0tRU5EIFBVQkxJQyBLRVktLS0tLQ==") to obtain 799f319d8400243a8331d70ae7df4bacf0290dca303b138b03263655e9548caf

Then submit flag as

TISC20{799f319d8400243a8331d70ae7df4bacf0290dca303b138b03263655e9548caf}

REMINDER!

Save any code you wrote and take screenshots of your work within your allocated 48h session, THESE WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED IN YOUR WRITEUP FOR YOUR ATTEMPT TO BE CONSIDERED VALID! Writeups should be sent from the email address used to sign up for TISC to tisc_contactus@csit.gov.sg within 48h after the end of your 48h session. Emails should have "tiscwriteup your_fullname_goes_here" as the subject. You should not share your writeups with anyone else or post them publicly before 08 Sept 2020 0000hrs. The clarity of your documentation will contribute to a better evaluation of your work.

Attached Files

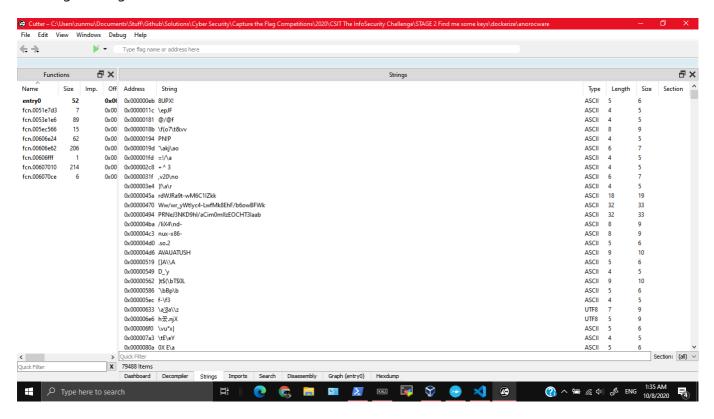
encrypted.zip

Solution

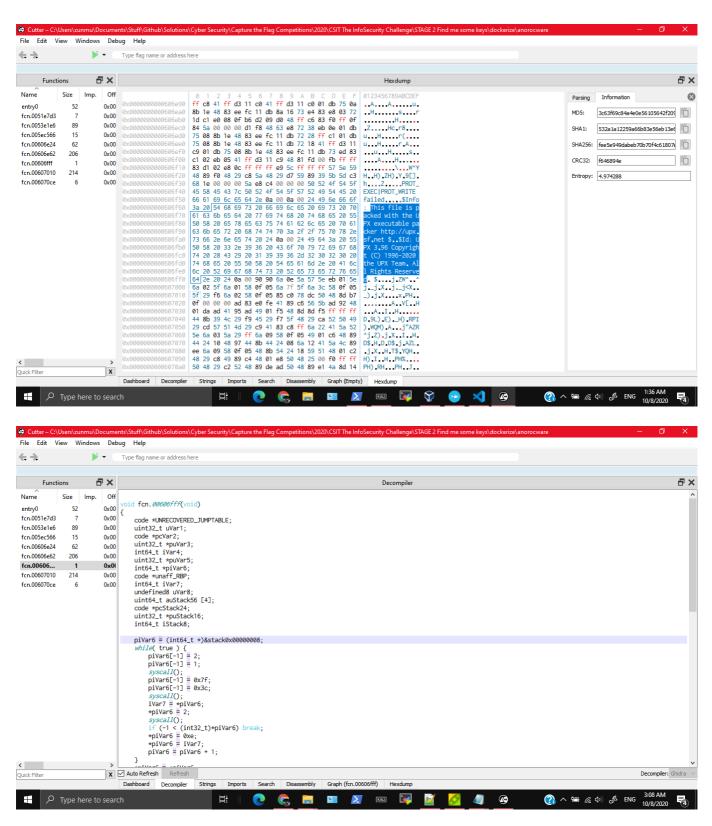
Finding out it's UPX packed

I'm using Windows, so I need to setup docker first. Totally didn't spend 1h 45 min trying to extract a linux VM becuase my original one broke and failing. A good way to do it is to choco install docker-toolbox. It sets up the server for you, so all you need to do is to open a program, and you get access to a command prompt with docker access.

Firstly, I decompiled the program using Cutter (which uses Ghidra's Decompiler). Cutter is a good tool for Windows (Don't have to deal with Java and cumbersome UI and setup). It doesn't seem like it has any meaningful strings.



However, on looking at the hex dump, it seems like it is packed with UPX packer? That seems interesting (maybe it's why the decompiler couldn't fully decompile or it's just me being lazy to read).



I set up the container by running docker build dockerize. After that I ran some basic commands to figure out what it was doing (since I can't actually read the decompiled code properly). By the way if you want to get a terminal out of the container run docker run -i -t CONTAINER_ID bash

```
$ docker run anorocware './anorocware'
:(
$ docker run anorocware 'ltrace ./anorocware'
Couldn't find .dynsym or .dynstr in "/proc/8/exe"
$ docker run anorocware 'strace anorocware' > strace.log
```

After some googling I realised you could easily unpack the executable with a linux command. I installed upx in the docker container (actually in normal linux works too) and unpacked the executable.

```
root@23bbdce9e1da:~# apt install upx
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
Note, selecting 'upx-ucl' instead of 'upx'
The following additional packages will be installed:
  libucl1
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  libucl1 upx-ucl
0 upgraded, 2 newly installed, 0 to remove and 4 not upgraded.
Need to get 417 kB of archives.
After this operation, 2158 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.31-0ubuntu9) ...
root@23bbdce9e1da:~# upx
                       Ultimate Packer for eXecutables
                          Copyright (C) 1996 - 2018
UPX 3.95
               Markus Oberhumer, Laszlo Molnar & John Reiser Aug 26th
2018
Usage: upx [-123456789dlthVL] [-qvfk] [-o file] file..
Commands:
                                                 compress better
  -1
                                           -9
        compress faster
  -d
        decompress
                                           -1
                                                 list compressed file
                                           -V
  -t
        test compressed file
                                                 display version number
  -h
                                           -L
                                                 display software license
        give more help
Options:
                                                 be verbose
        be quiet
  -q
                                           -V
  -oFILE write output to 'FILE'
        force compression of suspicious files
  -k
      keep backup files
file.. executables to (de)compress
Type 'upx --help' for more detailed help.
UPX comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY; for details visit
https://upx.github.io
root@23bbdce9e1da:~# upx -d anorocware
                       Ultimate Packer for eXecutables
                          Copyright (C) 1996 - 2018
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        File size
                          Ratio
                                     Format
                                                 Name
```

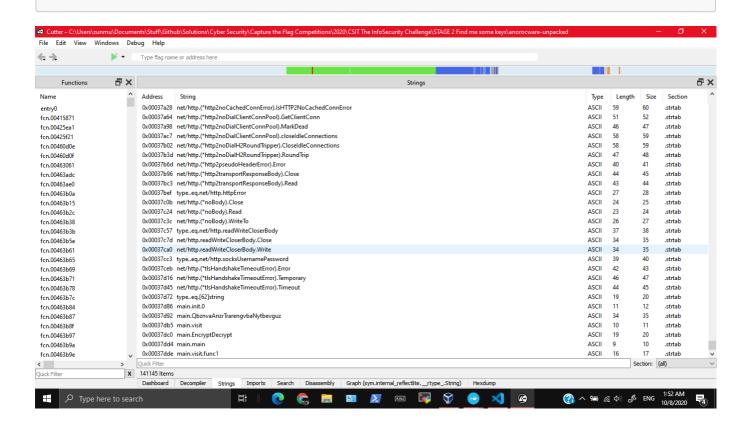
```
7406375 <- 3993332 53.92% linux/amd64 anorocware

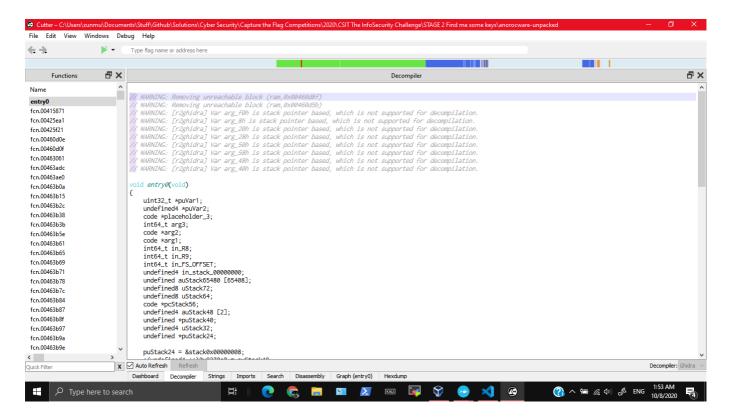
Unpacked 1 file.
root@23bbdce9e1da:~# ls
anorocware clients.db.anoroc email images keydetails-enc.txt
ransomnote-anoroc.txt secret_investments.db.anoroc
```

Strings

After that I copied the unpacked executable out from the docker container and analysed it in Cutter. The results are much more promising. The decompiled code is more readable.

\$ docker cp reverent_allen:/root/anorocware anorocware-unpacked





There was also a potential long string rdWJRa9t-wM6C1IZkkWw/wr_yWtIyc4-LwfMk8EhF/b6owBFWkPRNeJ3NKD9hl/aCim0mIlzE0CHT3IaabM which could be the key but probably not.

The function names remind me a lot of Java. On some googling, it's actually possible to convert from Java to Linux Executable through the use of gcj and also some methods. Maybe it is possible to reverse the change?

Let's analyse the file. Running Itrace on it seems a lot more promising this time.

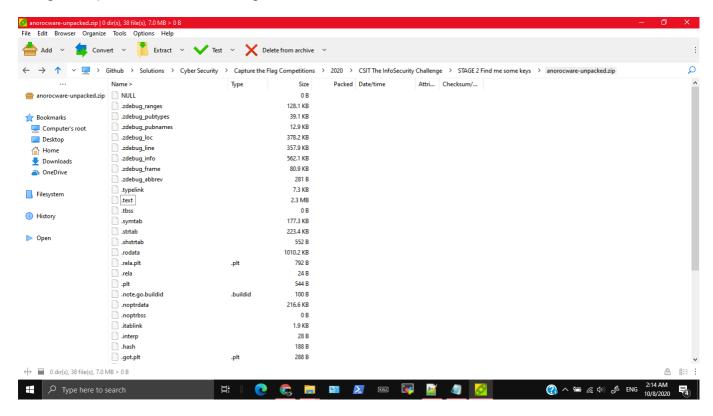
```
root@23bbdce9e1da:~# ltrace ./anorocware
malloc(56)
= 0xbca2a0
pthread_attr_init(0xbca2a0, 0, 65, 0xbca2d0)
pthread_attr_getstacksize(0xbca2a0, 0x7ffda6f2b060, 65, 0xbca2d0)
pthread_attr_destroy(0xbca2a0, 0x7ffda6f2b060, 1, 0xbca2d0)
free(0xbca2a0)
= <void>
mmap(0, 0x40000, 3, 34)
= 0x7f4a98da0000
mmap(0, 0x20000, 0, 34)
= 0x7f4a98d80000
mmap(0, 0x100000, 0, 34)
= 0x7f4a98c80000
mmap(0, 0x800000, 0, 34)
= 0x7f4a98480000
mmap(0, 0x4000000, 0, 34)
= 0x7f4a94480000
mmap(0, 0x20000000, 0, 34)
```

```
= 0x7f4a74480000
mmap(0xc0000000000, 0x4000000, 0, 34)
= 0 \times c0000000000
mmap(0xc0000000000, 0x4000000, 3, 50)
= 0 \times 0000000000
mmap(0, 0x2000000, 3, 34)
= 0x7f4a72480000
mmap(0, 0x210808, 3, 34)
= 0x7f4a7226f000
mmap(0x7f4a98d80000, 0x20000, 3, 50)
= 0x7f4a98d80000
000000c000057af8: 8afdad80b547b63b 43b2a29ce3427104
000000c000057b08: a590fd826b98e69c 2cfec8a1b2b10275
000000c000057b18: 6a1ae8c9116e8fc8 43b2a29ce3427104
000000c000057b28: 00000007676000d0 00000007676000d0
000000c000057b38: 000000c0000ece38 000000c0000ecf90
000000c000057b48: 000000000000004 00000007676000d0
000000c000057b58: 000000c0000ecf90 000000c0000ecd20
000000c000057b68: 00000000044996f <runtime.sighandler+1967>
0000000000010247
000000c000057b78: 002b00000000033 000000000000004
000000c000057b88: 00000000000000e 000000000000000
000000c000057b98: 00000007676000d0 000000c0000057c80
000000c000057ba8: 00000000000000 0000000000000000
000000c000057bb8: 0000000000000000
runtime.sigtramp(0x7, 0x0, 0xc000050000, 0x0, 0x8000, 0x4,
0x2cfec8a1b2b10275, 0x8afdad80b547b63b, 0x43b2a29ce3427104,
0xa590fd826b98e69c, ...)
        /usr/lib/go/src/runtime/sys_linux_amd64.s:389 +0x43
goroutine 12 [running]:
+++ killed by SIGSEGV +++
```

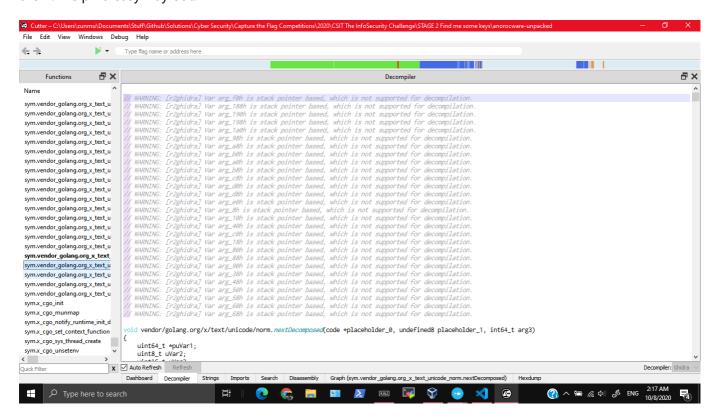
Static analysis on the file type is interesting

```
varintClassCHAOSClassCSNETConnectionContent-IdDSA-SHA2
              0x2EC97D
                              Unix path:
/dev/stderr/dev/stdout/index.html30517578125: frame.sp=Bad GatewayBad
RequestClassHESIODCookie.PathENABLE_PUSHEND_HEADERSEarly H
              0x2ED652
                              Unix path:
3069522
/etc/protocols/etc/ssl/certs/proc/self/exe/var/ssl/certs1907348632812595367
431640625: extra text: <not Stringer>Accept-CharsetCo
              0x2EDA37
                              Unix path: /etc/machine-
id/etc/mdns.allow/etc/mime.types0601021504Z0700476837158203125: cannot
parse :ValidateLabels<invalid Value>ASCII_He
3072972
              0x2EE3CC
                              Unix path:
/etc/ssl/cert.pem0123456789ABCDEFX0123456789abcdefx060102150405Z07001192092
895507812559604644775390625: missing method; SameSit
3077222
              0x2EF466
                              Unix path:
/usr/share/zoneinfo/37252902984619140625Egyptian_HieroglyphsIDS_Trinary_Ope
ratorInsufficient StorageMAX_HEADER_LIST_SIZEMeroitic
3079808
              0x2EFE80
                              Unix path: /etc/apache/mime.types/etc/ssl/ca-
bundle.pem/lib/time/zoneinfo.zip/usr/local/share/certs465661287307739257812
5DEBUG HTTP2 GOROUT
3081372
              0x2F049C
                              Unix path:
/etc/apache2/mime.types/etc/pki/tls/cacert.pem23283064365386962890625<inval
id reflect.Value>CLIENT_TRAFFIC_SECRET_0Logical_Order
              0x2F0BB5
3083189
                              Unix path:
/usr/share/lib/zoneinfo//var/lib/dbus/machine-
id116415321826934814453125582076609134674072265625Request Entity Too
Large", requi
3095270
              0x2F3AE6
                              Unix path: /etc/pki/tls/certs/ca-
bundle.crt28421709430404007434844970703125: day-of-year does not match
dayMapIter.Value called before Next
              0x2F930E
                              Unix path: /etc/pki/ca-
trust/extracted/pem/tls-ca-bundle.pemECDSA signature contained zero or
negative valuescasgstatus: waiting for Gwaiti
                              Base64 standard index table
3127445
              0x2FB895
3409752
              0x340758
                              Intel x86 or x64 microcode, pf_mask 0x00,
1A00-01-03, size 259
                              VxWorks symbol table, big endian, first
3451582
              0x34AABE
entry: [type: initialized data, code address: 0x800, symbol address: 0x100]
                              Unix path: /usr/lib/qo
3453088
              0x34B0A0
                              SHA256 hash constants, little endian
3521376
              0x35BB60
                              SHA256 hash constants, little endian
3521392
              0x35BB70
                              Cisco IOS microcode, for ""
3883602
              0x3B4252
5111920
              0x4E0070
                              Unix path: /usr/lib/go/src/os/executable.go
5142496
              0x4E77E0
                              Unix path:
/sys/kernel/mm/transparent_hugepage/hpage_pmd_size
                              Boot section Start 0x42424242 End 0x42424242
5160905
              0x4EBFC9
                              Boot section Start 0x42424242 End 0x0
5160909
              0x4EBFCD
5160913
              0x4EBFD1
                              Boot section Start 0x0 End 0x0
                              Boot section Start 0x0 End 0x0
5160917
              0x4EBFD5
5901625
              0x5A0D39
                              Unix path: /usr/lib/go/src/runtime/runtime-
gdb.py
              0x6AC26F
                              mcrypt 2.2 encrypted data, algorithm:
6996591
blowfish-448, mode: CBC, keymode: 4bit
7090183
              0x6C3007
                              mcrypt 2.2 encrypted data, algorithm:
blowfish-448, mode: CBC, keymode: 8bit
```

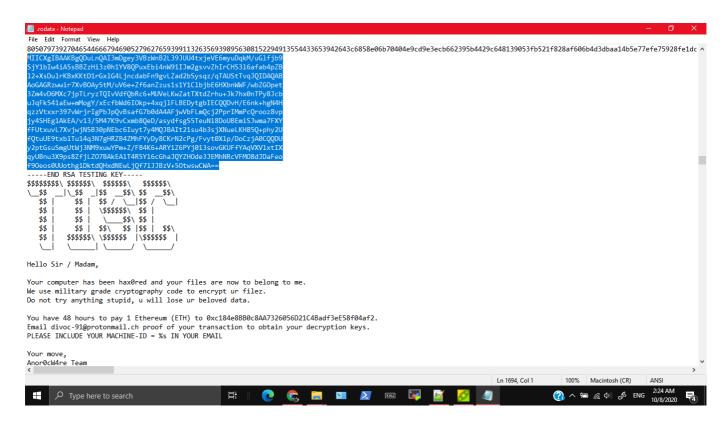
On a whim based on this resource I decided to try unzipping the file. To my surprise it's extractable (even though no zip file header or something)!



Ok I misjudged the code. It looks more like Golang now, because the function names literally have golang in them. Welp no easy way out.



Ok back to looking through the zip file. On opening all the files in notepad, I found something interesting scrolling through .rodata



I took 2.5 hours to reach here so not bad?

Help I'm there but not?

Well now I have the below base 64 data?, so time to hash it with an online tool? This gives me a hash of c6ef8326e531a776a3a1ee9876103f9e2576f223dfdecf58de31cd603589b73c

MIICXgIBAAKBgQDuLnQAI3mDgey3VBzWnB2L39JUU4txjeVE6myuDqkM/uGlfjb9SjY1bIw4iA5sBBZzHi3z0h1YV8QPuxEbi4nW91IJm2gsvvZhIrCHS3l6afab4pZBl2+XsDulrKBxKKtD1rGxlG4LjncdabFn9gvLZad2bSysqz/qTAUStTvqJQIDAQABAoGAGRzwwir7XvB0Ay5tM/uV6e+Zf6anZzus1s1Y1ClbjbE6HXbnWWF/wbZG0pet3Zm4vD6MXc7jpTLryzTQIvVdfQbRc6+MUVeLKwZatTXtdZrhu+Jk7hx0nTPy8JcbuJqFk541aEw+mMogY/xEcfbWd6I0kp+4xqjlFLBEDytgbIECQQDvH/E6nk+hgN4HqzzVtxxr397vWrjrIgPbJpQvBsafG7b0dA4AFjwVbFLmQcj2PprIMmPcQrooz8vpjy4SHEg1AkEA/v13/5M47K9vCxmb8QeD/asydfsgS5TeuNi8DoUBEmiSJwma7FXYfFUtxuvL7XvjwjN5B30pNEbc6Iuyt7y4MQJBAIt21su4b3sjXNueLKH85Q+phy2UfQtuUE9txblTu14q3N7gHRZB4ZMhFYyDy8CKrN2cPg/Fvyt0Xlp/DoCzjA0CQQDUy2ptGsuSmgUtWj3NM9xuwYPm+Z/F84K6+ARYiZ6PYj013sovGKUFfYAqVXVlxtIXqyUBnu3X9ps8ZfjLZ07BAkEAlT4R5Yl6cGhaJQYZH0de3JEMhNRcVFM08dJDaFeof90eos0UUothgiDktdQHxdNEwLjQf7lJJBzV+50twswCWA==

Without the new lines I get

MIICXgIBAAKBgQDuLnQAI3mDgey3VBzWnB2L39JUU4txjeVE6myuDqkM/uGlfjb9SjY1bIw4iA5sBBZzHi3z0h1YV8QPuxEbi4nW91IJm2gsvvZhIrCHS3l6afab4pZBl2+XsDulrKBxKKtD1rGxlG4LjncdabFn9gvLZad2bSysqz/qTAUStTvqJQIDAQABAoGAGRzwwir7XvB0Ay5tM/uV6e+Zf6anZzus1s1Y1ClbjbE6HXbnWWF/wbZG0pet3Zm4vD6MXc7jpTLryzTQIvVdfQbRc6+MUVeLKwZatTXtdZrhu+Jk7hx0nTPy8JcbuJqFk541aEw+mMogY/xEcfbWd6I0kp+4xqjlFLBEDytgbIECQQDvH/E6nk+hgN4HqzzVtxxr397vWrjrIgPbJpQvBsafG7b0dA4AFjwVbFLmQcj2PprIMmPcQrooz8vpjy4SHEg1AkEA/v13/5M47K9vCxmb8QeD/asydfsgS5TeuNi8DoUBEmiSJwma7FXYfFUtxuvL7XvjwjN5B30pNEbc6Iuyt7y4MQJBAIt21su4b3sj

XNueLKH85Q+phy2UfQtuUE9txblTu14q3N7gHRZB4ZMhFYyDy8CKrN2cPg/Fvyt0Xlp/DoCzjA0CQQDU y2ptGsuSmgUtWj3NM9xuwYPm+Z/F84K6+ARYiZ6PYj013sovGKUFfYAqVXVlxtIXqyUBnu3X9ps8ZfjL Z07BAkEAlT4R5Yl6cGhaJQYZH0de3JEMhNRcVFM08dJDaFeof90eos0UUothgiDktdQHxdNEwLjQf7lJ JBzV+50twswCWA==. This gives me a hash of 867fc2756be891892d56eadd5c275d9d2d0146972b0f4d6decfc5f2ee51a3a5d

Ok now I'm stuck. I've tried both hashes but both are rejected?

I've tried converting the base64 into raw data, putting that into a file, and doing SHA256 on that but the hash still doesn't work

```
$ echo
"MIICXqIBAAKBqQDuLnQAI3mDqey3VBzWnB2L39JUU4txjeVE6myuDqkM/uGlfjb9SjY1bIw4iA
5sBBZzHi3z0h1YV80PuxEbi4nW91IJm2qsvvZhIrCHS3l6afab4pZBl2+XsDulrKBxKKtD1rGxl
G4LjncdabFn9gvLZad2bSysqz/qTAUStTvqJQIDAQABAoGAGRzwwir7XvB0Ay5tM/uV6e+Zf6an
Zzus1s1Y1ClbjbE6HXbnWWF/wbZG0pet3Zm4vD6MXc7jpTLryzTQIvVdfQbRc6+MUVeLKwZatTX
tdZrhu+Jk7hx0nTPy8JcbuJqFk541aEw+mMoqY/xEcfbWd6I0kp+4xqjlFLBEDytqbIECQ0DvH/
E6nk+hqN4HqzzVtxxr397vWrjrIqPbJpQvBsafG7b0dA4AFjwVbFLmQcj2PprIMmPcQrooz8vpj
y4SHEq1AkEA/v13/5M47K9vCxmb80eD/asydfsqS5TeuNi8DoUBEmiSJwma7FXYfFUtxuvL7Xvj
wjN5B30pNEbc6Iuyt7y4M0JBAIt21su4b3sjXNueLKH850+phy2Uf0tuUE9txblTu14q3N7qHRZ
B4ZMhFYyDy8CKrN2cPg/Fvyt0Xlp/DoCzjA0CQQDUy2ptGsuSmgUtWj3NM9xuwYPm+Z/F84K6+A
RYiZ6PYj013sovGKUFfYAqVXVlxtIXqyUBnu3X9ps8ZfjaLZ07BAkEAlT4R5Yl6cGhaJQYZH0de
3JEMhNRcVFM08dJDaFeof90eos0UUothgiDktdQHxdNEwLjQf7lJJBzV+50twswCWA==" |
base64 -d > key
$ file key
key: DER Encoded Key Pair, 1024 bits
$ binwalk key
DECIMAL HEXADECIMAL DESCRIPTION
                             Private key in DER format (PKCS header
              0x0
length: 4, sequence length: 606
$ sha256sum key
2effaa383cfb3430ca040a3159a877b8ac38d933c7a7f529194e1531a3016e07 key
```

Did they want the base 64 string of the file?

```
$ cat .rodata.txt | base64 | sha256sum
9673c4ff9a8094f0ebb36227f1c1fc894b9c9e675ddd526c70e167d0af978b13
```

```
Nope it still fails. After a while I realised that this doesn't meet the format wanted at all. The headers and footers were ----BEGIN RSA TESTING KEY---- and ----END RSA TESTING KEY----. However, they should be -----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY---- and -----END PUBLIC KEY----? However, I couldn't find any other string or key, so I was quite confused at this point
```

Out of a whim I decided to try converting the given base64 example string into a file. To my surprise I got ASCII Text inside. Maybe I just read the question entirely wrongly, and what they wanted was the SHA256 hash of a base64 string containing the Key.

```
$ echo
"LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBQVUJMSUMgS0VZLS0tLS0NCmMyOXRaU0JpWVhObE5qUWdjM1J5YVc1bklHZH
ZaWE1nYUdWeVpRPT0NCi0tLS0tRU5EIFBVQkxJQyBLRVktLS0tLQ==" | base64 -d >
    given-example
$ file given-example
given-example: ASCII text, with CRLF line terminators
$ cat given-example
-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----
c29tZSBiYXNlNjQgc3RyaW5nIGdvZXMgaGVyZQ==
-----END PUBLIC KEY-----
```

I just decided to do the same but for this text

```
----BEGIN RSA TESTING KEY----
MIICXgIBAAKBgQDuLnQAI3mDgey3VBzWnB2L39JUU4txjeVE6myuDqkM/uGlfjb9
SjY1bIw4iA5sBBZzHi3z0h1YV8QPuxEbi4nW91IJm2gsvvZhIrCHS3l6afab4pZB
12+XsDulrKBxKKtD1rGxlG4LjncdabFn9gvLZad2bSysqz/qTAUStTvqJQIDAQAB
AoGAGRzwwir7XvB0Ay5tM/uV6e+Zf6anZzus1s1Y1ClbjbE6HXbnWWF/wbZGOpet
3Zm4vD6MXc7jpTLryzTQIvVdfQbRc6+MUVeLKwZatTXtdZrhu+Jk7hx0nTPy8Jcb
uJqFk541aEw+mMogY/xEcfbWd6I0kp+4xqjlFLBEDytgbIECQQDvH/E6nk+hgN4H
qzzVtxxr397vWrjrIgPbJpQvBsafG7b0dA4AFjwVbFLmQcj2PprIMmPcQrooz8vp
jy4SHEg1AkEA/v13/5M47K9vCxmb8QeD/asydfsgS5TeuNi8DoUBEmiSJwma7FXY
fFUtxuvL7XvjwjN5B30pNEbc6Iuyt7y4MQJBAIt21su4b3sjXNueLKH85Q+phy2U
fQtuUE9txblTu14q3N7gHRZB4ZMhFYyDy8CKrN2cPg/Fvyt0Xlp/DoCzjA0CQQDU
y2ptGsuSmgUtWj3NM9xuwYPm+Z/F84K6+ARYiZ6PYj013sovGKUFfYAqVXVlxtIX
qyUBnu3X9ps8ZfjLZ07BAkEAlT4R5Yl6cGhaJQYZHOde3JEMhNRcVFM08dJDaFeo
f90eos0UUothgiDktdQHxdNEwLjQf7lJJBzV+50twswCWA==
----END RSA TESTING KEY-----
```

Nope still fails. Even if I change the header and footer to ----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY---- and so on, there is no effect.

Flags I have tried and failed

- TISC20{d38fa9a877cd20976238a7381f80f73b5ce40330e02adee8045435b569ad8e2c}
- TISC20{17d4103d53fd8542fe28c914b92aeeaee05a808927a0a6359c9b4ec45b184b1b}
- TISC20{867fc2756be891892d56eadd5c275d9d2d0146972b0f4d6decfc5f2ee51a3a5d}
- TISC20{2effaa383cfb3430ca040a3159a877b8ac38d933c7a7f529194e1531a3016e07}
- TISC20{8ea0df3e76c622131aaa5b50981093c84e1b886abe7259916bd5423b53c4741f}
- TISC20{7f85734b9dcd34e2b20aebeabe184b6f0877f35b47c42474304c15b16375179d}

Couldn't finish in time

Welp I couldn't finish this in time. Nevertheless, it seemed like an interesting challenge, and I learnt somethings about UPX packing binaries, .rodata, Go binaries (I still couldn't really read the code though) and stuff.