

INTRODUCTION TO CAPTURE THE FLAG





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What will be covered today?

- What is CTF?
- CTF categories
- Challenges Categories
- General tips
- Hack@10 general briefing

Capture the Flag (CTF)



- Nothing to do with shooting games
- computer security competitions
- team based
- end goal = obtaining as many "flag" as possible in limited time
- flag = points/marks
- why join CTF?
 - train you up with cyber security skills
 - not playing in the dark side
 - enjoyment and sharing

CTF Categories

Jeopardy

- solve multiple questions differs in categories
- usually question are released periodically (easy->hard)
- sometimes questions are released based on solved task

Attack & Defense

- host(PC/VM) running vulnerable daemons & services
- pwn other teams' box (attack)
- patch your own box (defense)





Challenge Categories

cryptography

steganography

- Networking

- Reverse Engineering

Web exploitation

- Digital forensic

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- Miscellaneous

- ideally, you need to master all of them
- but most ctf are group based
- divide jobs between group members
- help to solve faster

Cryptography

Encoding

- transforms data into another format
- using a scheme that is publicly available (no key)
- ASCII/EBCDIC, base64, hex/binary

Hashing

- fixed length string generated based on the input data
- serves the purpose of ensuring integrity
- one way (unless bruteforced)
- MD5, SHA1, CRC

Encryption

- transform data in order to keep it secret
- can only be reversed by knowing the key/algorithm
- RSA, xor, ciphers (Ceasar/Enigma)

Obfuscation

- make something harder to understand
- obstacle to reverse engineering
- jsf*ck (javascript), proguard (apk)

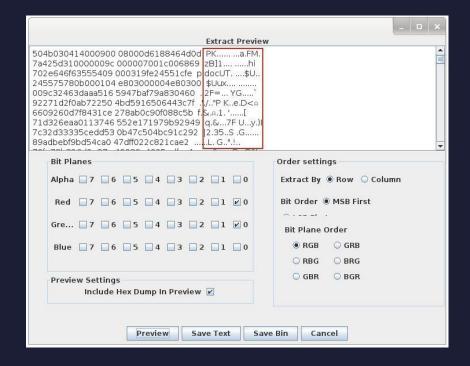


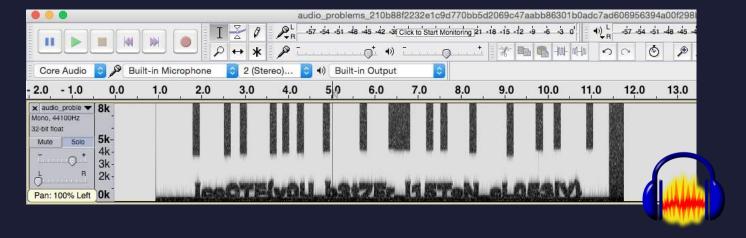
Steganography

the art of concealing information within another data

- audio
 - spectrogram
 - filter pass
 - audacity
- image
 - Isb insertion
 - color(hex) -> string
 - stegsolve & etc

- others
 - text stega
 - video frame
 - pdf stream
 - office documents





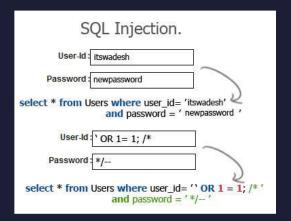
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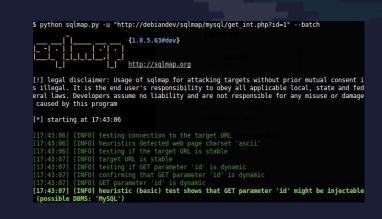
common cause

- bug in website implementation
- interpreter bug (php, python, etc)
- unsanitized user input
- server misconfiguration

sql injection

- inject sql query
- tool: sqlmap
- bypass waf (manually)





local file inclusion

- include webshell
- view source code

header manipulation

- bypass authentication
- disguise referrer/user-agent
- tamper cookies
- tools: ZAP proxy, chrome devtools

others

- injection
- xss/csrf
- web 0days





Digital forensic

recovery and investigation of material found in digital devices

extensionless file

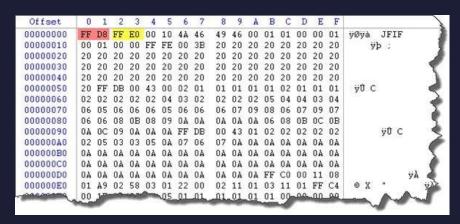
- magic headers (hex editor)
- www.garykessler.net/library/file_sigs.html
- file/binwalk/trickID

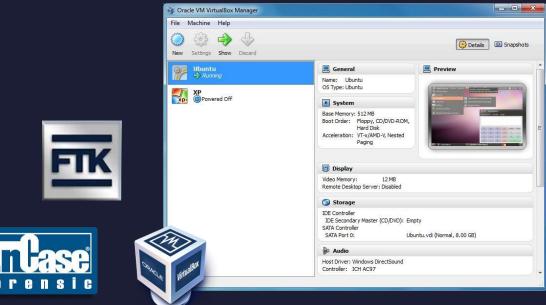
data/memory dump

- file carving (scalpel/foremost)
- find data (grep/strings)
- volatility (memory extraction framework)

virtual images

- load into virtual machine
- mount directly (faster)
- other tools: encase, ftk





General tips

- improve your Google-fu
- learn multiple programming languages
- keep track of recent tech & exploits
- keep practicing & read writeups
 - ctftime.org
 - github.com/ctfs



HACKOIO BRIEFING

- Timing (48 Hours)
 - 24 hours CTF
 - Start Time: 26 Nov, 10AM
 - End Time: 27 Nov, 10AM
 - 24 hours Write-Up
 - Submission Open: 27 Nov, 10AM
 - Submission Closed: 28 Nov, 10AM
- Flag Format: hack10{xxx}
- Registration Close: 25th November, 11.59PM
- CTF Login Credentials:
 - Each team will be given one login credential
 - will be blasted through email to team leaders on 26th November between 8.00AM 9.45AM

THANK YOU



