

MacroHard WeakEdge

Description

I've hidden a flag in this file. Can you find it? [Forensics is fun.pptm](#)

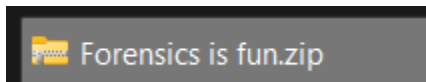
I went through all the given questions to check if any seemed doable. This was the first one that seemed easy to attempt to me. I encountered a similar problem at a cryptic hunt a few days ago.

The given file has the extension .pptm

A file with the PPTM file extension is a **Microsoft PowerPoint Open XML macro-enabled presentation file**. They're comprised of pages/slides that hold text, media files like images and videos, graphs, and other things pertinent to a presentation. 13-Jun-2023

So, In simple terms, a .pptm file is not exactly a ppt. It's more like a zip file. I was taught this back during the cryptic hunt by a friend.

So if I first rename this file with a .zip extension :



Then If I open it with winrar, I can see what's inside :

Forensics is fun.zip - ZIP archive, unpacked size 237,329 bytes					
Name	Size	Packed	Type	Modified	CRC32
..			File folder		
_rels	738	259	File folder		
docProps	6,728	3,176	File folder		
ppt	219,203	73,800	File folder		
[Content_Types]....	10,660	674	xmlfile	01-01-1980 00:...	A0517E97

When traversing through it, I found an interesting file in ppt/slideslayout/

Forensics is fun.zip\ppt\slideMasters - ZIP archive, unpacked size 237,329 bytes					
Name	Size	Packed	Type	Modified	CRC32
..			File folder		
_rels	1,991	277	File folder		
hidden	99	81	File	23-10-2020 14:...	8F874E4F
slideMaster1.xml	13,875	2,063	xmlfile	01-01-1980 00:...	A7EC43F7

Opened it and found this:

View - hidden					
File	Edit	View	Help		
ZmxhZzocGlib0NURntEMWRfdV9rbjB3X3BwdHNfcI96MXA1fQ					

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Encoded bengali bs lesgoo.

Pasted it into cyber chef to decode it

(Cyber chef is this site i came across out of pure desperacy of finding an xor decrypter online during that cryptic hunt I mentioned. It's literally a swiss army knife whoa :
<https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/#input=Wm14aFp6b2djR2xqYjBOVVJudEVNV1JmZFY5cmJqQjNYM0J3ZEhOZmNsOTZNWEEeXZIE>)

Tried rot13-ing first, out of pure guesswork

Recipe

ROT13

☒ Rotate lower case chars ☒ Rotate upper case chars

☐ Rotate numbers

Amount
13

Input

ZmxhZzogcGljb0NURntEMWRfdV9rbjB3X3BwdHNfc196MXA1fQ

Output

MzkuMmbtpTywo0AHEagRZJEsqI9eow03K30jqUAspy96ZKN1sD

Bro cooked nothing

Tried base64 after that

Recipe

From Base64

Alphabet
A-Za-z0-9+/=

☒ Remove non-alphabet chars ☐ Strict mode

Input

ZmxhZzogcGljb0NURntEMWRfdV9rbjB3X3BwdHNfc196MXA1fQ

Output

flag: picoCTF{D1d_u_kn0w_ppts_r_z1p5}

picoCTF{D1d_u_kn0w_ppts_r_z1p5}

Ez dub.