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Step One: The Image

You were given this image, see Figure 1, of a poorly draw horse from IScorE.



Figure 1: The Given Image

This part involves steganography. The text is off very slightly from the background. We can use StegSolve (direct link to the jar) to find the text. You could also use Photoshop or GIMP to play with the contrast and colors.

Using StegSolve we get many images. I'm only including the ones help to get to our goal. See figures 2 and 3.



Figure 2: Solution to Stego 1



Figure 3: Solution to Stego 2

## Step Two: The PDF

File name: File size:	flag.pdf 33 KB (33,772 bytes)
Title: Author: Subject: Keywords: Creation Date: Modification Date: Creator:	nope chuck testa  Dank Horse dank.horse/flag.zip - 1/29/2018, 5:38:23 PM 1/29/2018, 5:38:23 PM LaTeX with Beamer class version 3.36
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We can see the message "Go to dank.horse/flag.pdf" and then couple lines below we also see "32(16)". The first set line is useful. We will download the pdf and open it. Next, we will look at the properties of the PDF, see figure ??.

We see that there is a link to dank.horse/flag.zip. We will download and look at that.

## Step Tree: The Zip

If we extract see what files are in we see that there is one file in the zip, "flag.pdf". It is the same as the flag.pdf as the first step. So we must look harder. So a fun fact about zip files is that they don't care about stuff that comes after them. So let use cat on flag.zip. You could also use strings. See Figure 4.

We see something that might of interest at the end of the file. The after the last tilde. So we see that is not in the CDC flag form. However, it looks like it might be encoded. We recall the other text from the first step "32(16)". What if that is how the flag is encoded. Let's try that. So first we will base 32 decode on the flag. I will use the python shell. First, we will type import base64. Then

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Figure 4: Using cat on flag.zip

we will type b32 = base64.b32decode(flag). Then we will type base64.b16decode(b32) and the flag appears. See Figure 5.

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Python 2.7.14 (default, Jan 17 2018, 14:28:32)
[GCC 7.2.1 20170915 (Red Hat 7.2.1-2)] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import base64
>>> b32 = base64.b32decode("GYZTMNBWGM3UENRVGZCDOMBXGQ3TSNKGG4YDMNBWGY2UMN2BGY4T
OMBVIY3DQNRZGY2DMNBWGU3EKNKGGY4TMRJVIY3TANSDGYYTM0JWIU2UMNZTGY4TMNZWHA3TIN2E")
 >>> base64.b16decode(b32)
 'cdc<u>{</u>empty_pdf_zip_hidden_in_plain_sight}'
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Figure 5: Python Flag Decode