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## M@+R|X CTF Walkthrough

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## Introduction to CTF

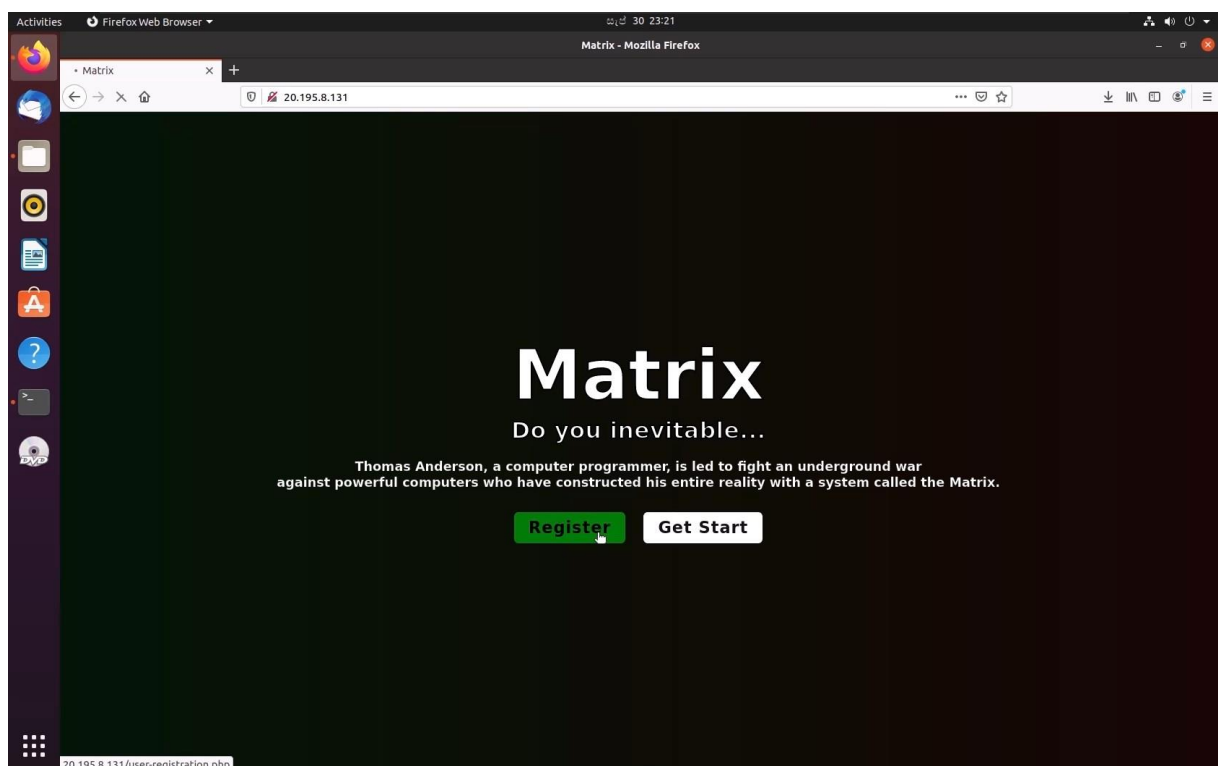
Catch the Flag is an occasion that is generally facilitated at data security meetings, including the different occasions. This occasion comprises of a progression of difficulties that shifts in their level of trouble, and that expect members to practice distinctive ranges of abilities to illuminate. When an individual test is unraveled, a "banner" is given to the player and they present this banner to the CTF worker to acquire focuses. Players can be solitary wolves who endeavor the different difficulties without anyone else, or they can work with others to endeavor to score the most noteworthy number of focuses as a group.

### Audience

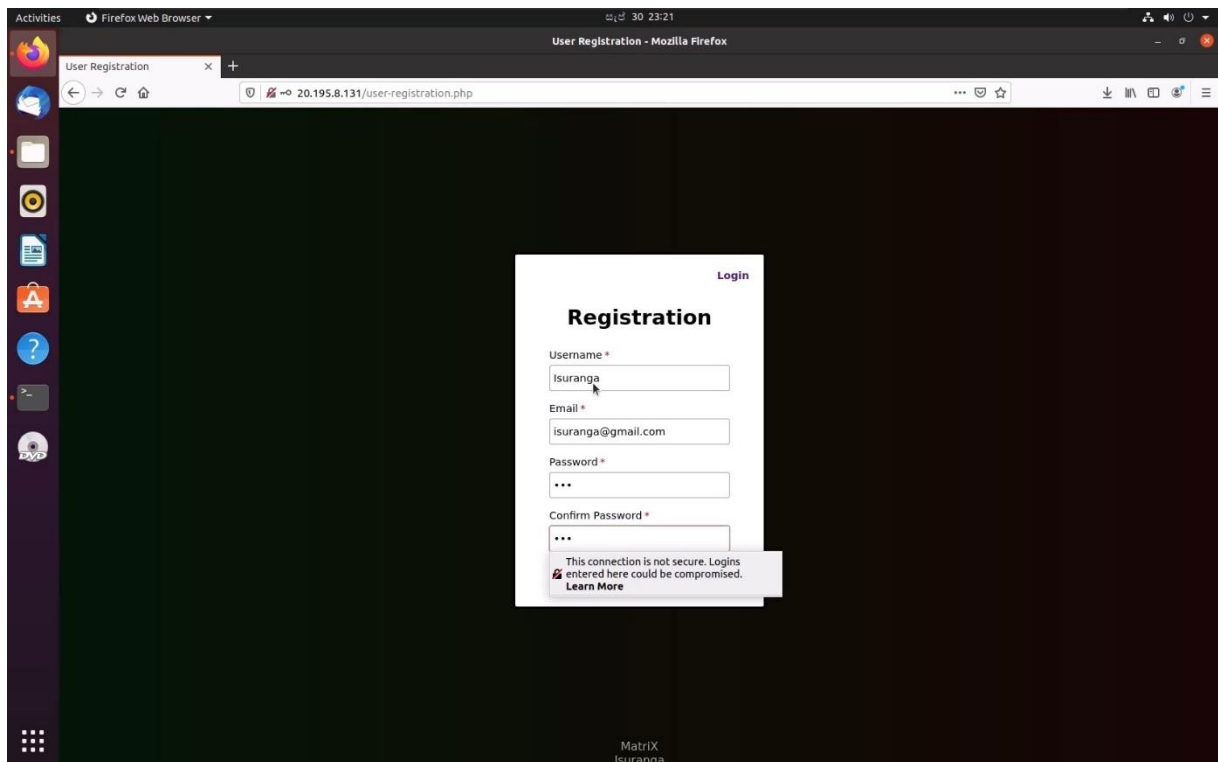
- Cyber security researchers (industrial)
- Cyber security undergraduates
- People who interested in cyber security

## The way to setup?

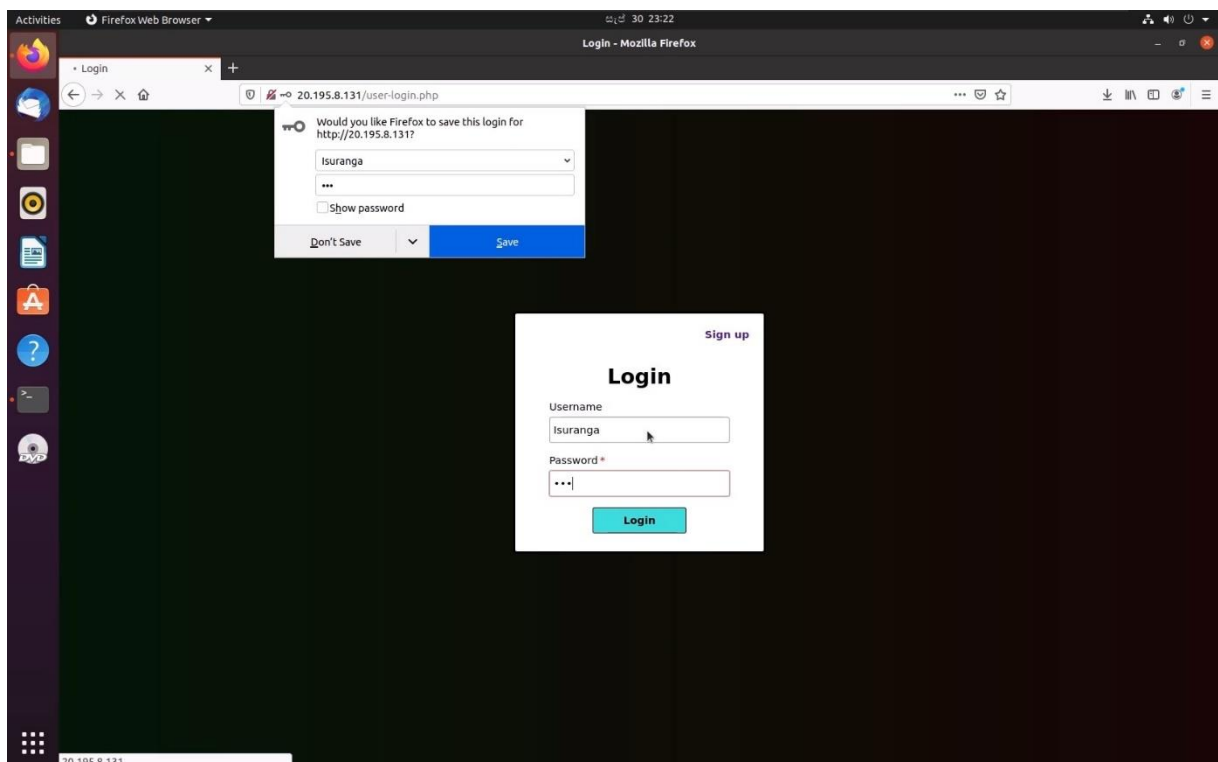
1. Import the virtual CTF box to any virtualization platform such as VMware, Virtual Box.
2. Run the imported VM and all the services will be run automatically.
3. Get the ip address of the running VM and paste the address in a browser in order to access to the web app.



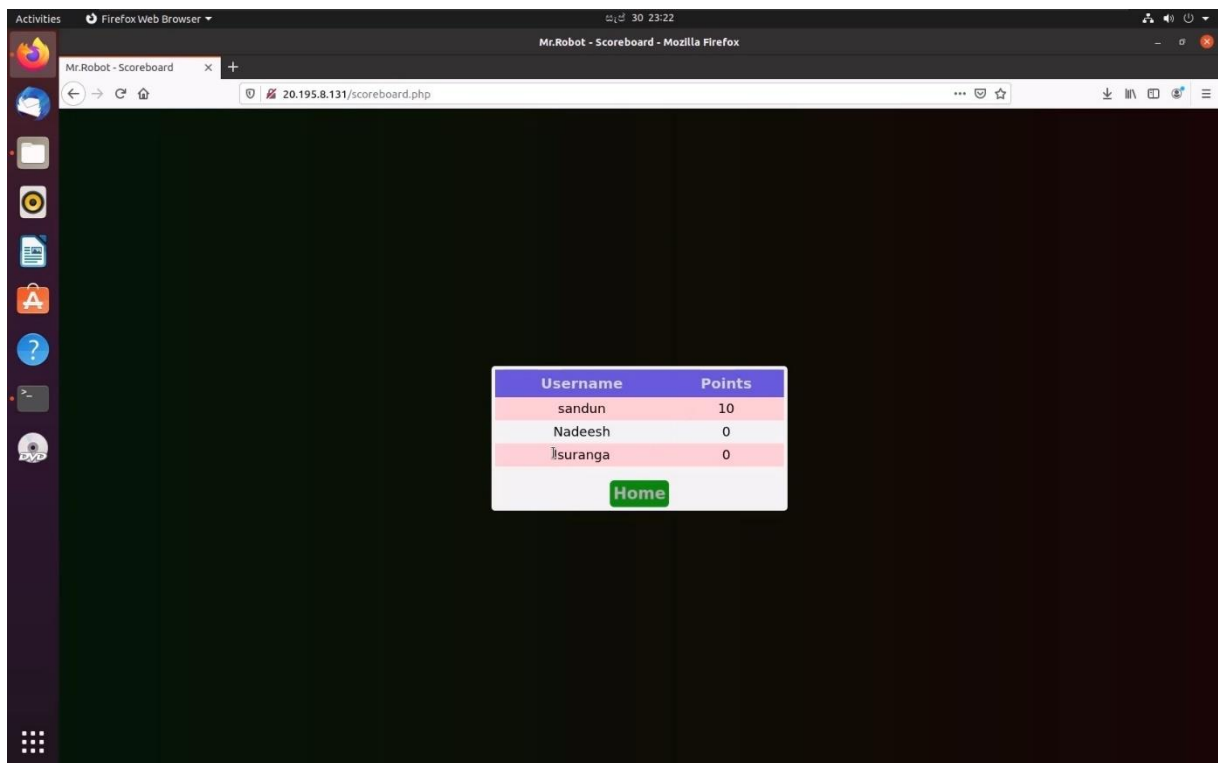
4. In the web app, the registration should be done first.



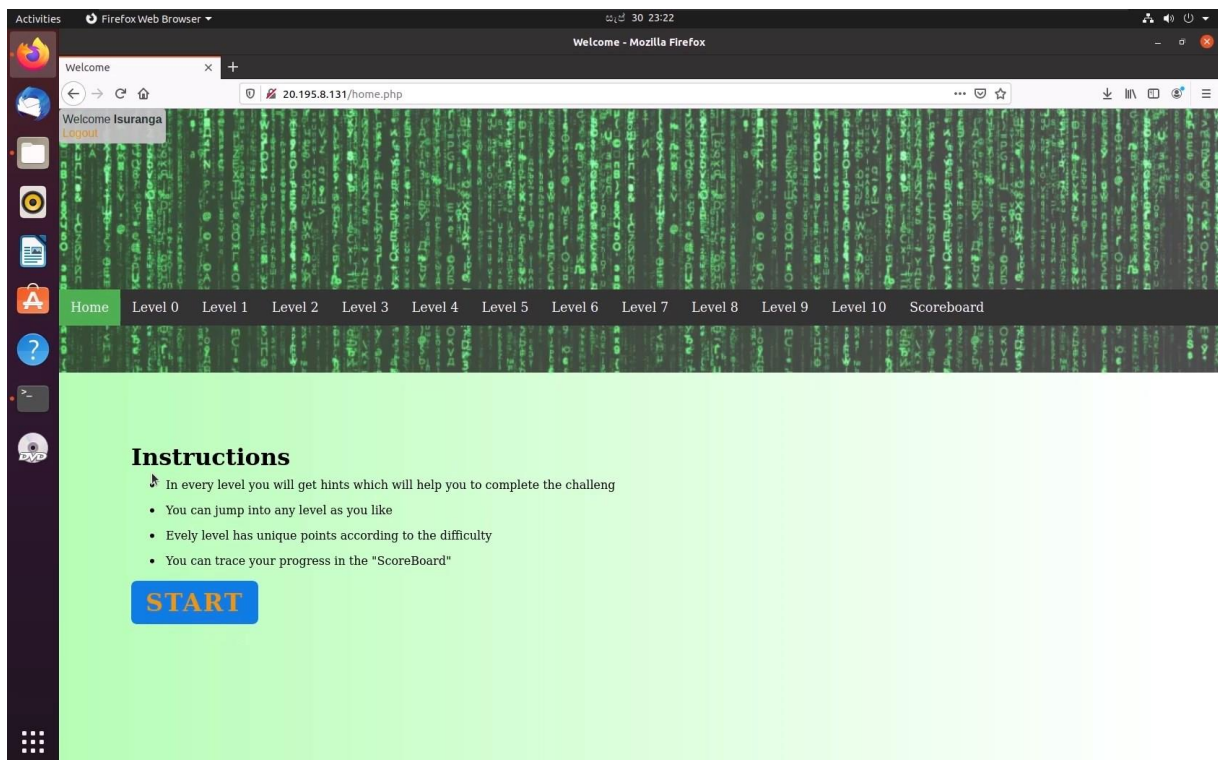
5. Next login in to created account.



6. At the begging, the score bord is at 0.

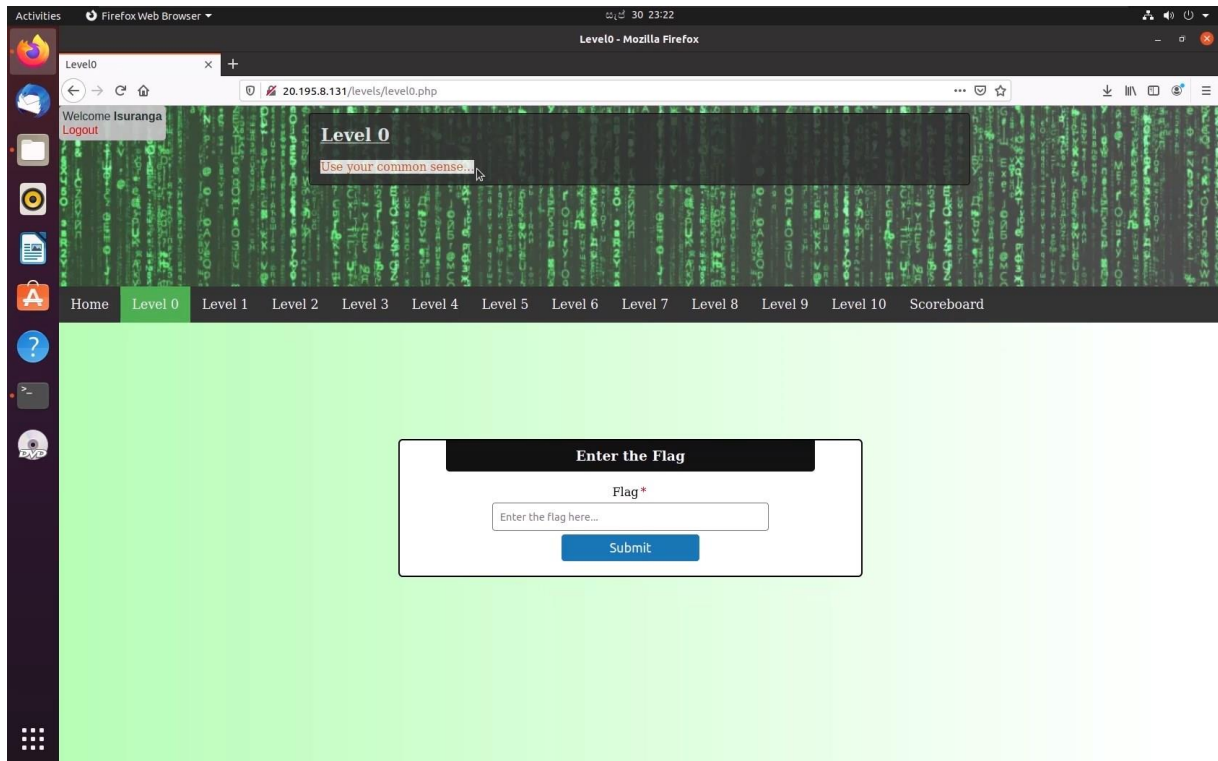


7. Then login to the web app, the instructions will be shown.

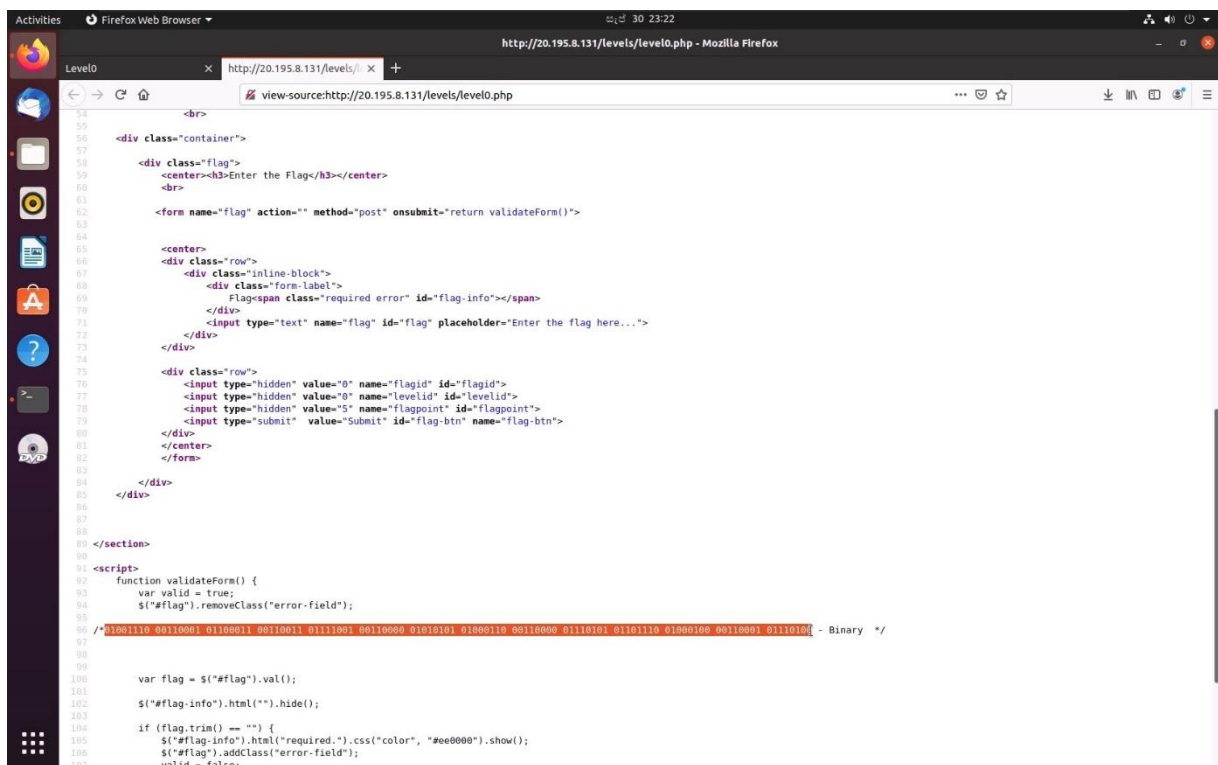
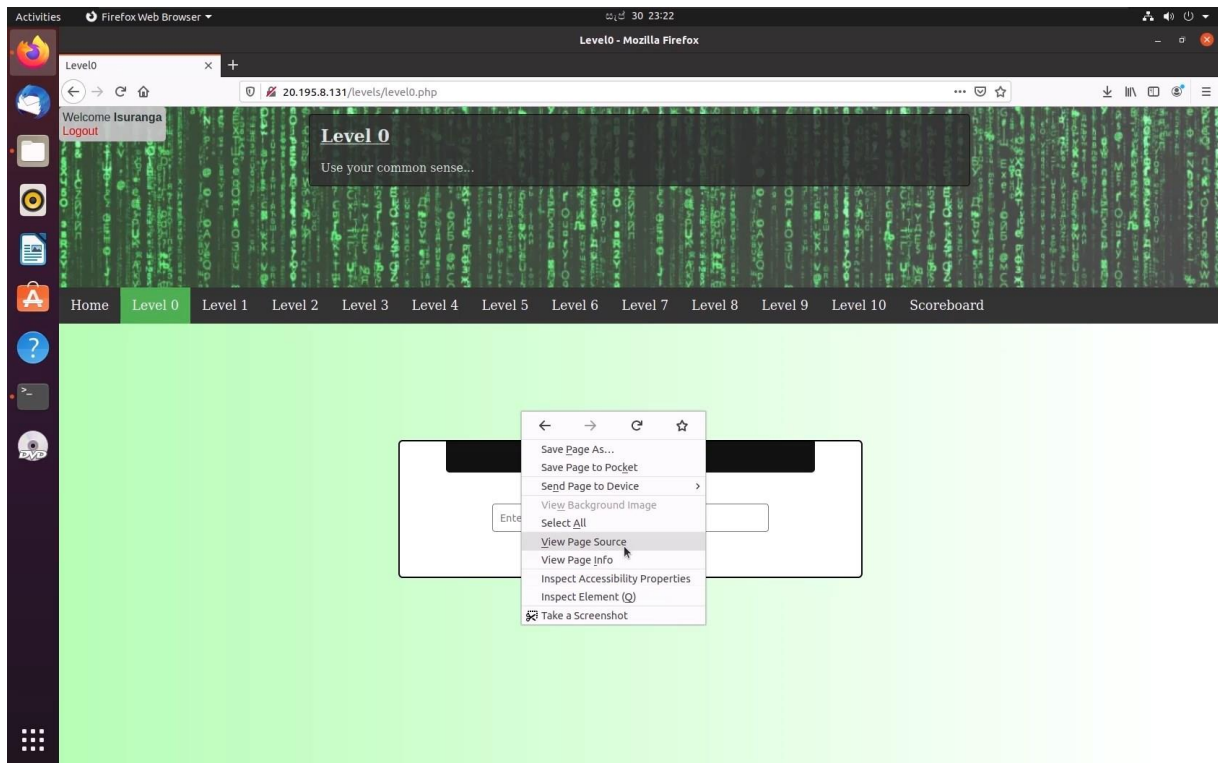


# Walkthrough of the levels.

## Level 0

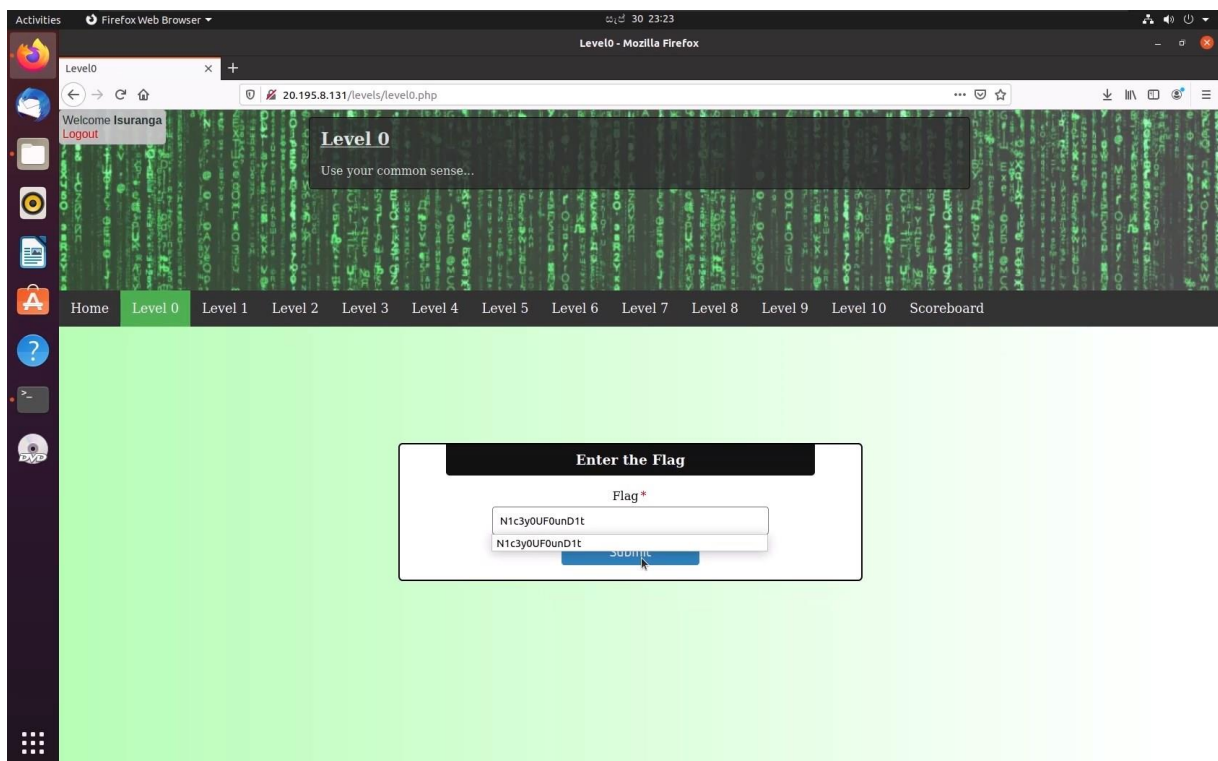
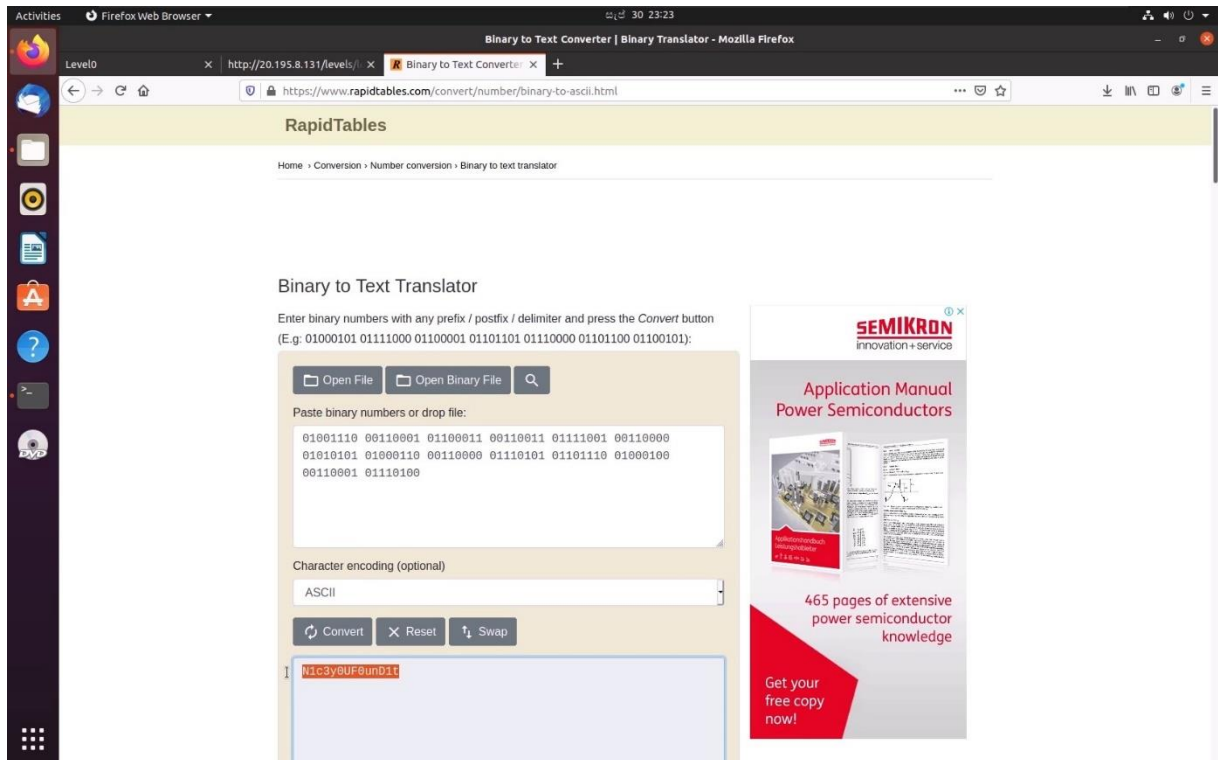


- After getting the instructions, the 1<sup>st</sup> level is level 0. After clicking on level 0 a small hint will be shown.
- Go to the page source and find the flag.

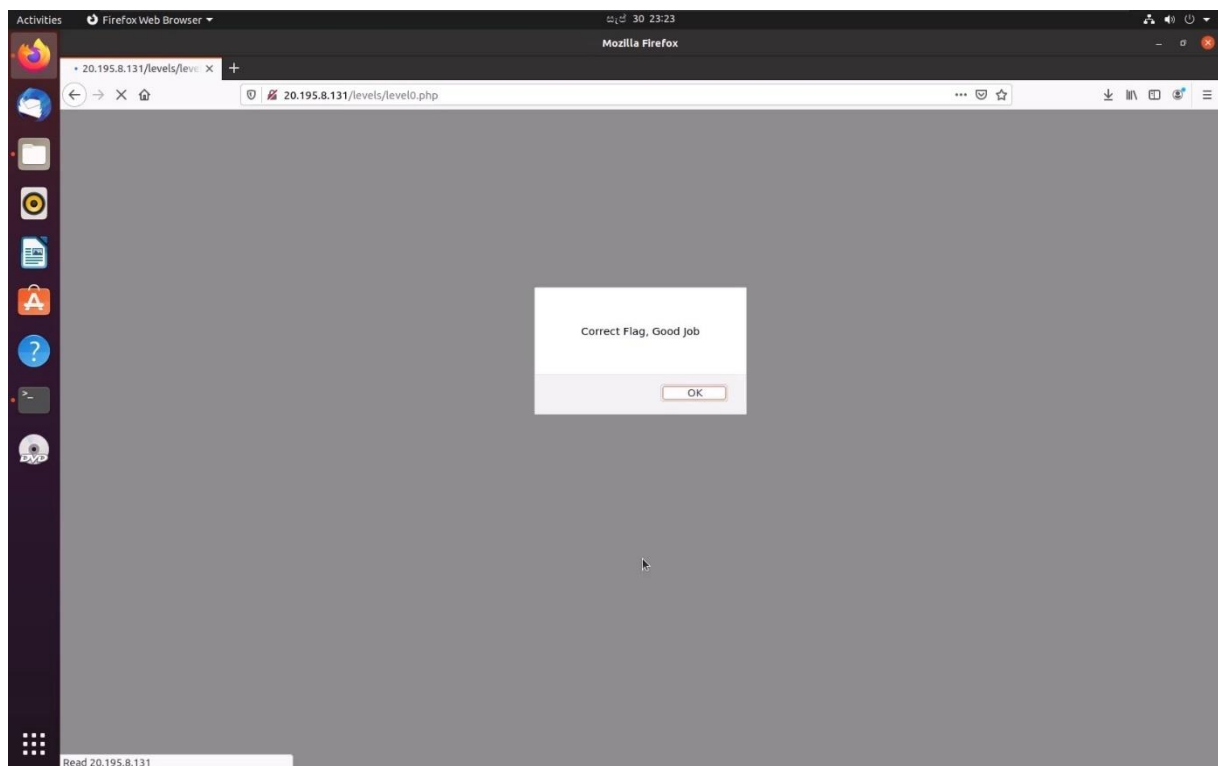


- According to the above image the flag is encoded. Use any binary to text translator to decode the flag and later on submit in the submission form.

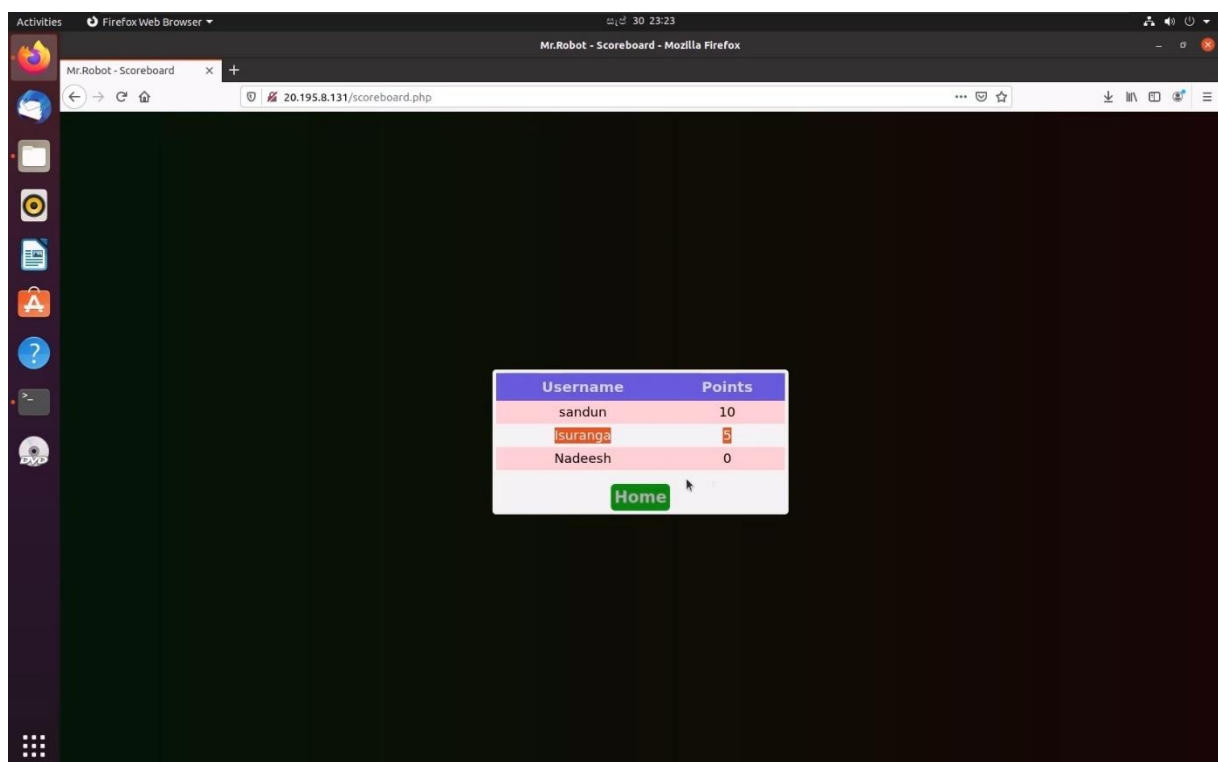




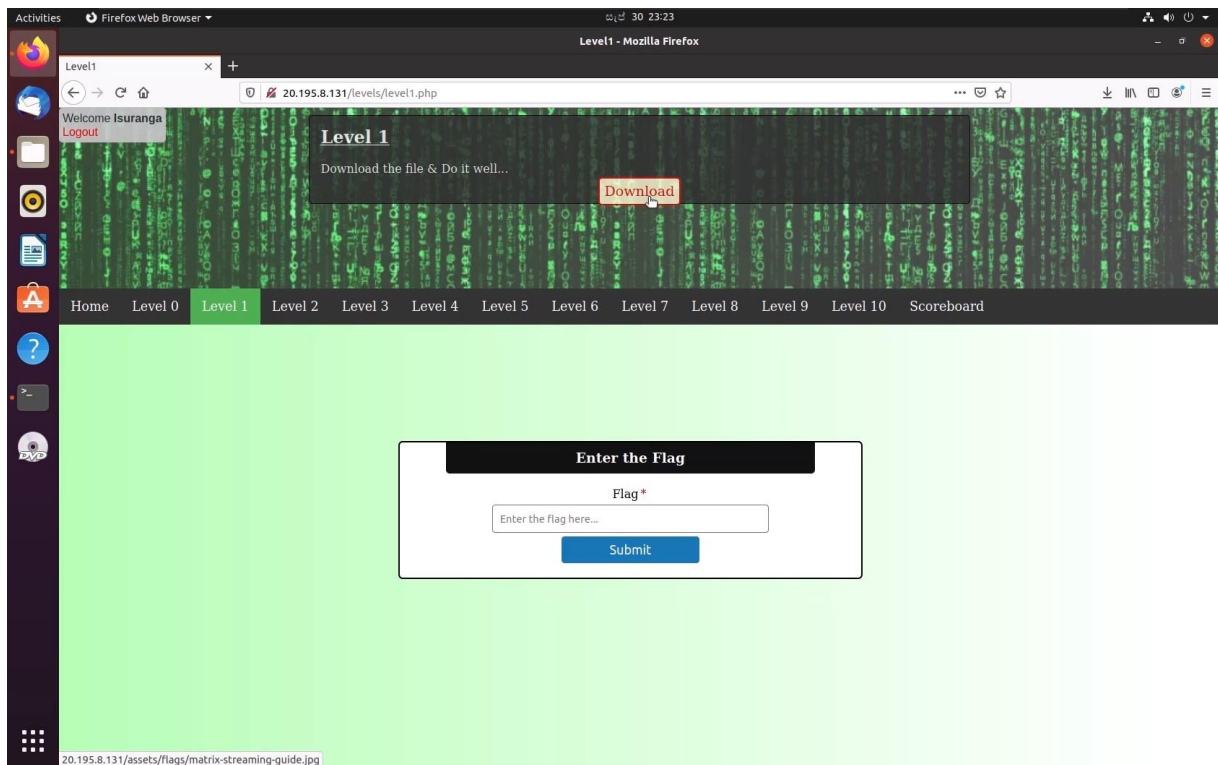
- After entering the flag, if it is correct the level will be completed.



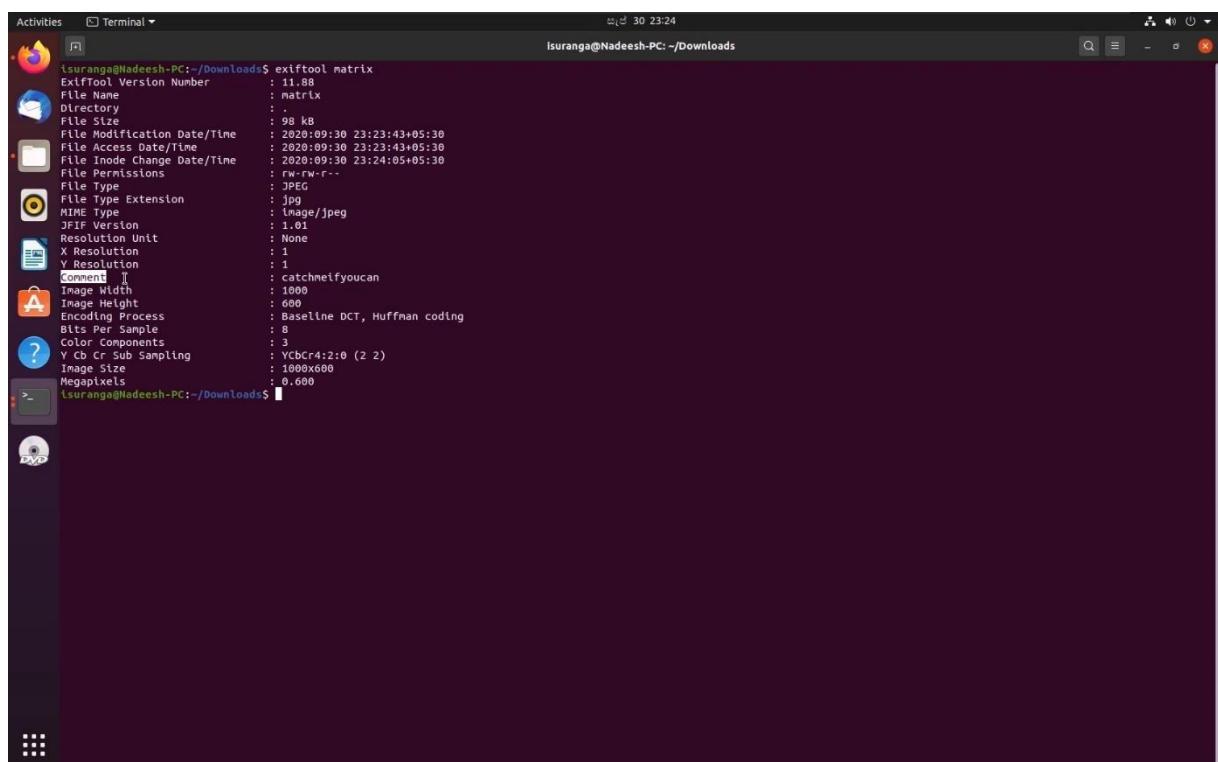
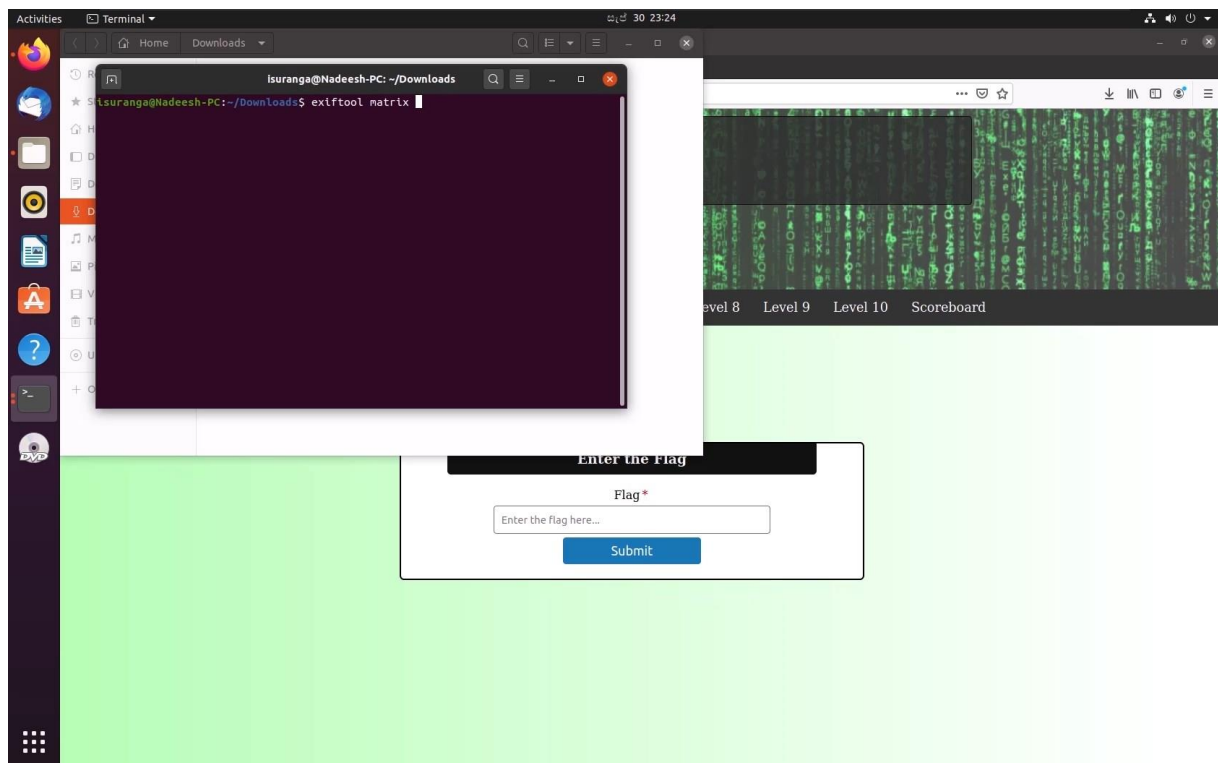
- And the scoreboard show the mark that obtained.



## Level 1



- After getting the Image file to a Linux environment. Scan the image for file type. That we need a tool to see METADATA of the image. After enough research and the hint suggests Exiftool. Download and install the tool with the command: “sudo apt-get install exiftool”. After installing check, the image with the tool: “exiftool matrix”. It shows a Comment with a passphrase. Next the hint points us of a tool to extract data hidden in the image.



- Install: “`sudo apt-get install steghide`”. Run the command: “`steghide extract -sf matrix.jpg`”. Next the passphrase will be required, enter it. New file “secret” without an extension is extracted out of the image. Open it to find the next step:
- In under the comment tab there have a hint as passphrase.

- After including passphrase, it will show the message to read the matrix.txt file.

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Isuranga@Nadeesh-PC: ~/Downloads
Isuranga@Nadeesh-PC:~/Downloads$ exiftool matrix
ExifTool Version Number      : 11.88
File Name                    : matrix
Directory                   : 
File Size                    : 98 kB
File Modification Date/Time  : 2020:09:30 23:23:43+05:30
File Access Date/Time       : 2020:09:30 23:23:43+05:30
File Inode Change Date/Time  : 2020:09:30 23:24:05+05:30
File Permissions             : rw-rw-r--
File Type                   : JPEG
File Type Extension         : jpg
MIME Type                   : image/jpeg
JFIF Version                 : 1.01
Resolution Unit              : None
X Resolution                 : 1
Y Resolution                 : 1
Comment                     : catchmeifyoucan
Image Width                 : 1000
Image Height                 : 600
Encoding Process             : Baseline DCT, Huffman coding
Bits Per Sample              : 8
Color Components             : 3
Y Cb Cr Sub Sampling        : YCbCr4:2:0 (2 2)
Image Size                  : 1000x600
Megapixels                  : 0.600
Isuranga@Nadeesh-PC:~/Downloads$ steghide extract -sf matrix
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "matrix.txt".
Isuranga@Nadeesh-PC:~/Downloads$

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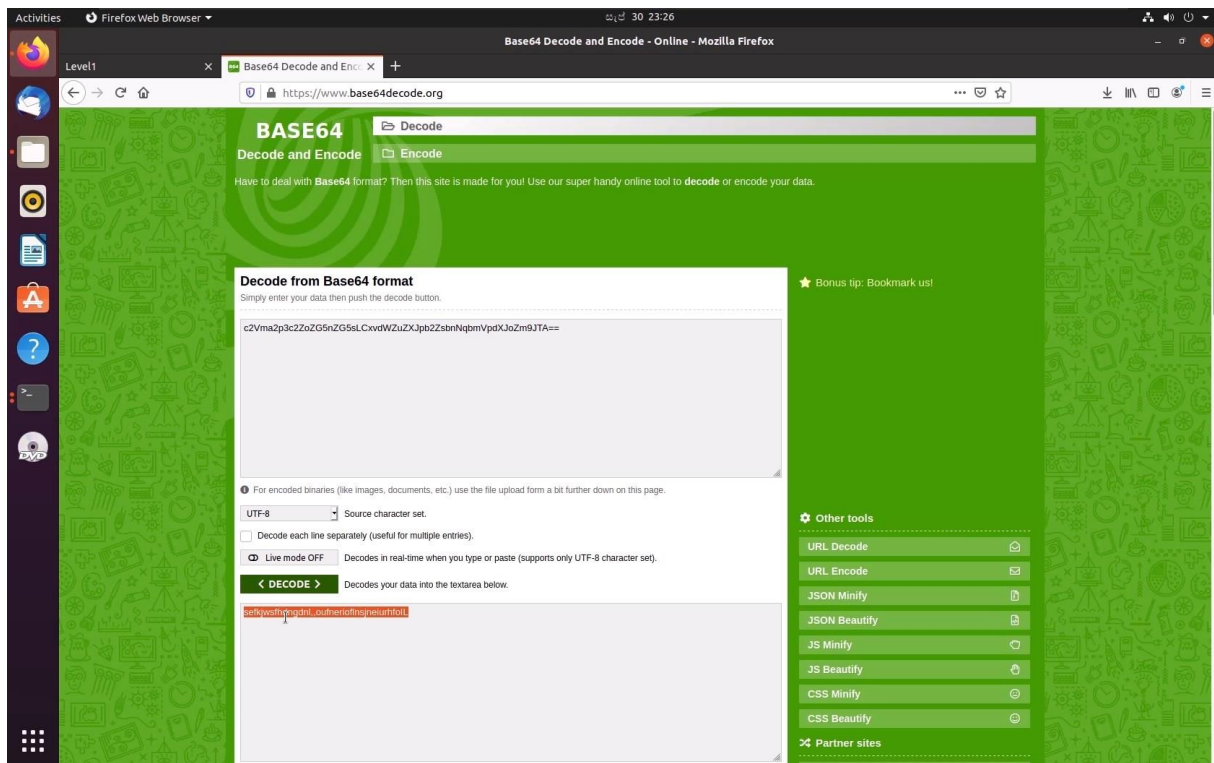
- That will show a encoded text there.

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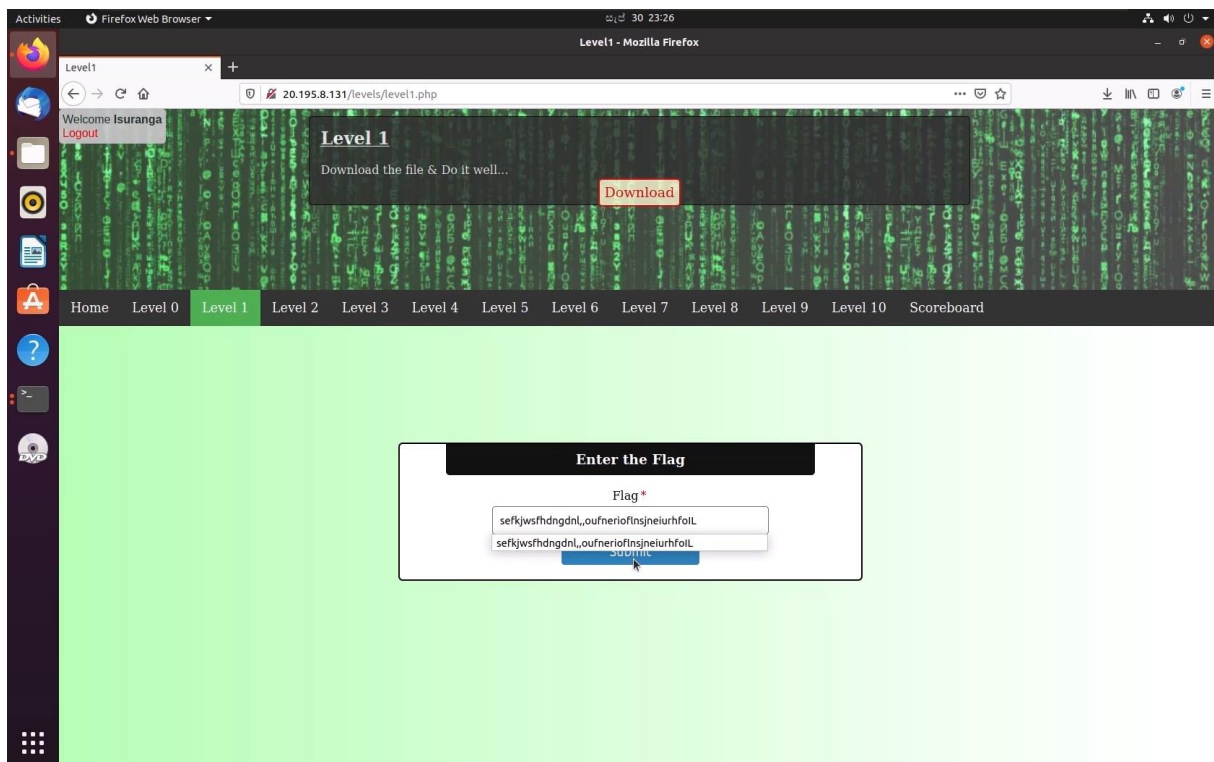
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File Access Date/Time       : 2020:09:30 23:23:43+05:30
File Inode Change Date/Time  : 2020:09:30 23:24:05+05:30
File Permissions             : rw-rw-r--
File Type                   : JPEG
File Type Extension         : jpg
MIME Type                   : image/jpeg
JFIF Version                 : 1.01
Resolution Unit              : None
X Resolution                 : 1
Y Resolution                 : 1
Comment                     : catchmeifyoucan
Image Width                 : 1000
Image Height                 : 600
Encoding Process             : Baseline DCT, Huffman coding
Bits Per Sample              : 8
Color Components             : 3
Y Cb Cr Sub Sampling        : YCbCr4:2:0 (2 2)
Image Size                  : 1000x600
Megapixels                  : 0.600
Isuranga@Nadeesh-PC:~/Downloads$ steghide extract -sf matrix
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "matrix.txt".
Isuranga@Nadeesh-PC:~/Downloads$ cat matrix.txt
cZVna2p3cZz0Z05nZ05sLCxvdWZuZUxjb2ZzbnRqbWpdXJoZn9JTA== --- > B64
Isuranga@Nadeesh-PC:~/Downloads$

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- To decode the text should use any base 64 decoder.



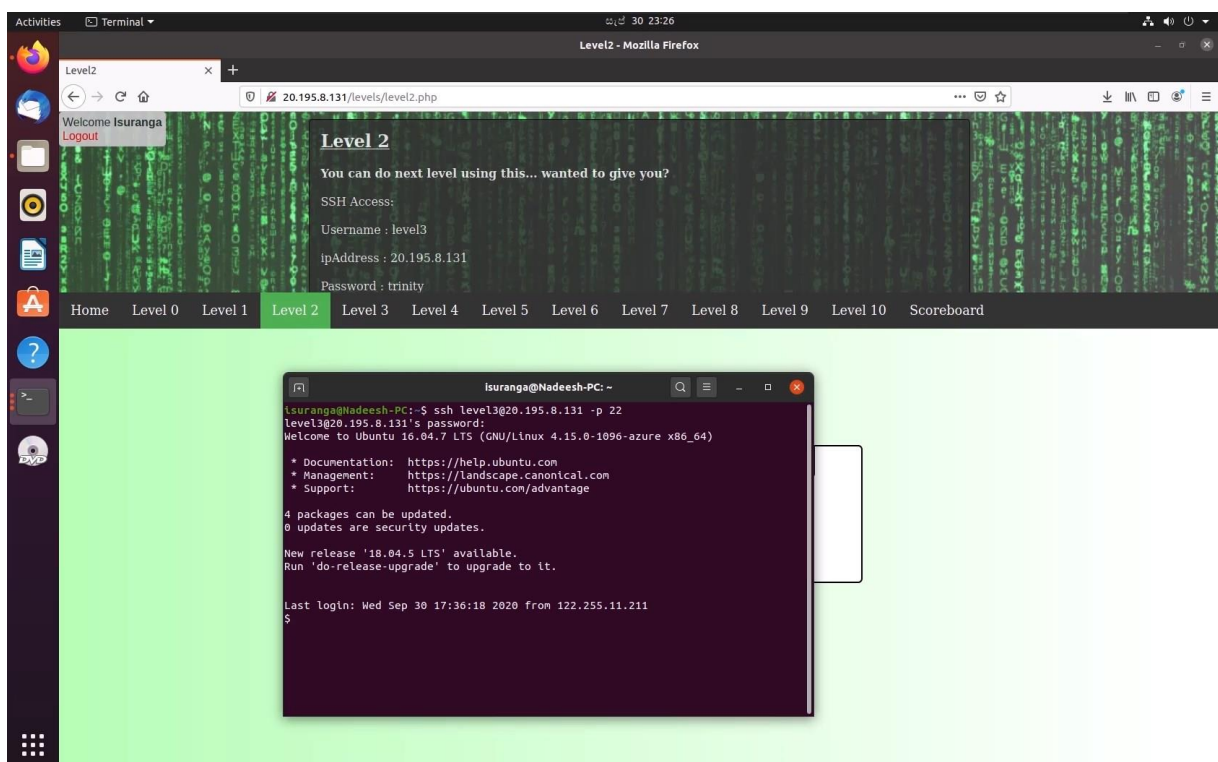
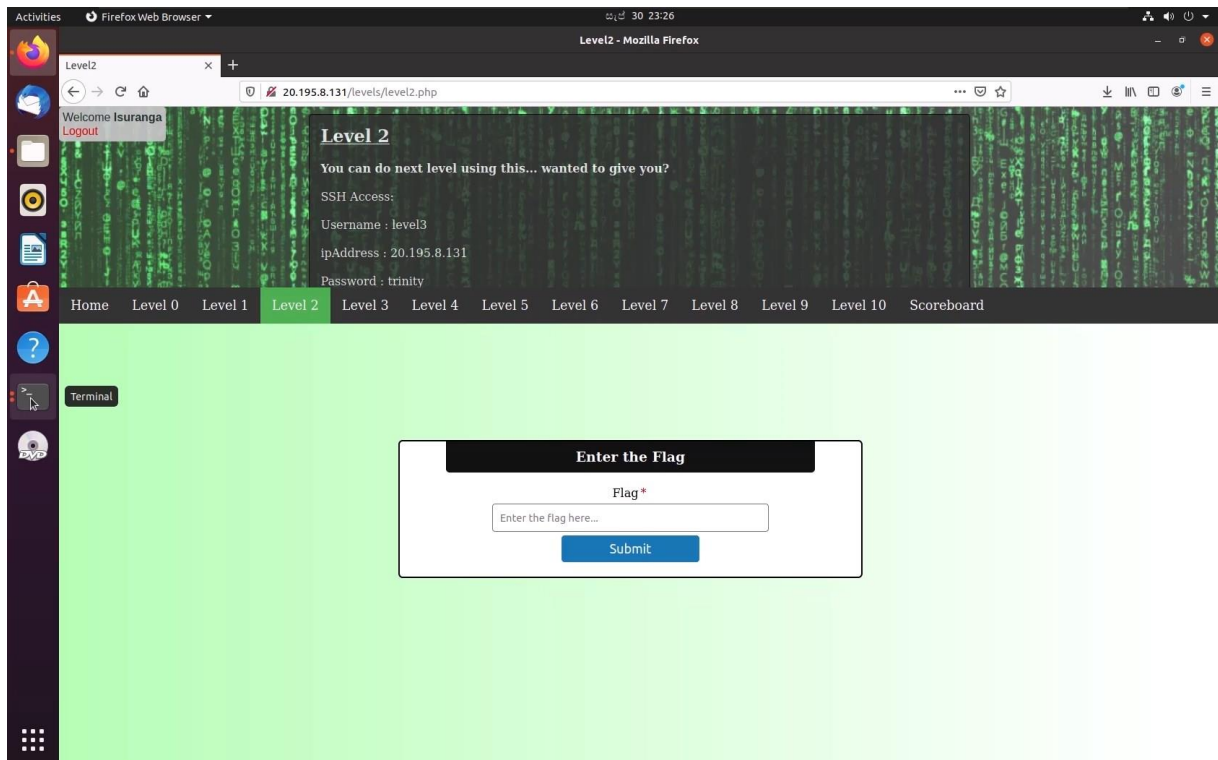
- After decoding text can use it as the flag (🚩).



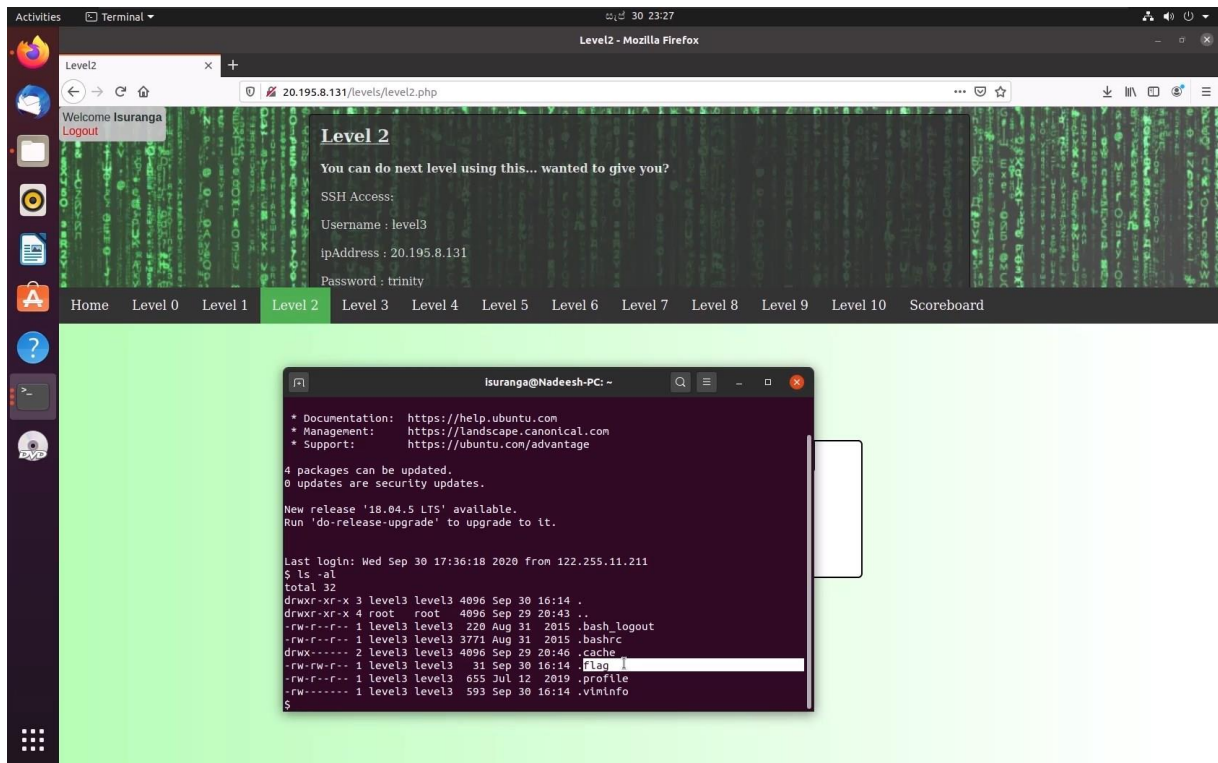


## Level 2

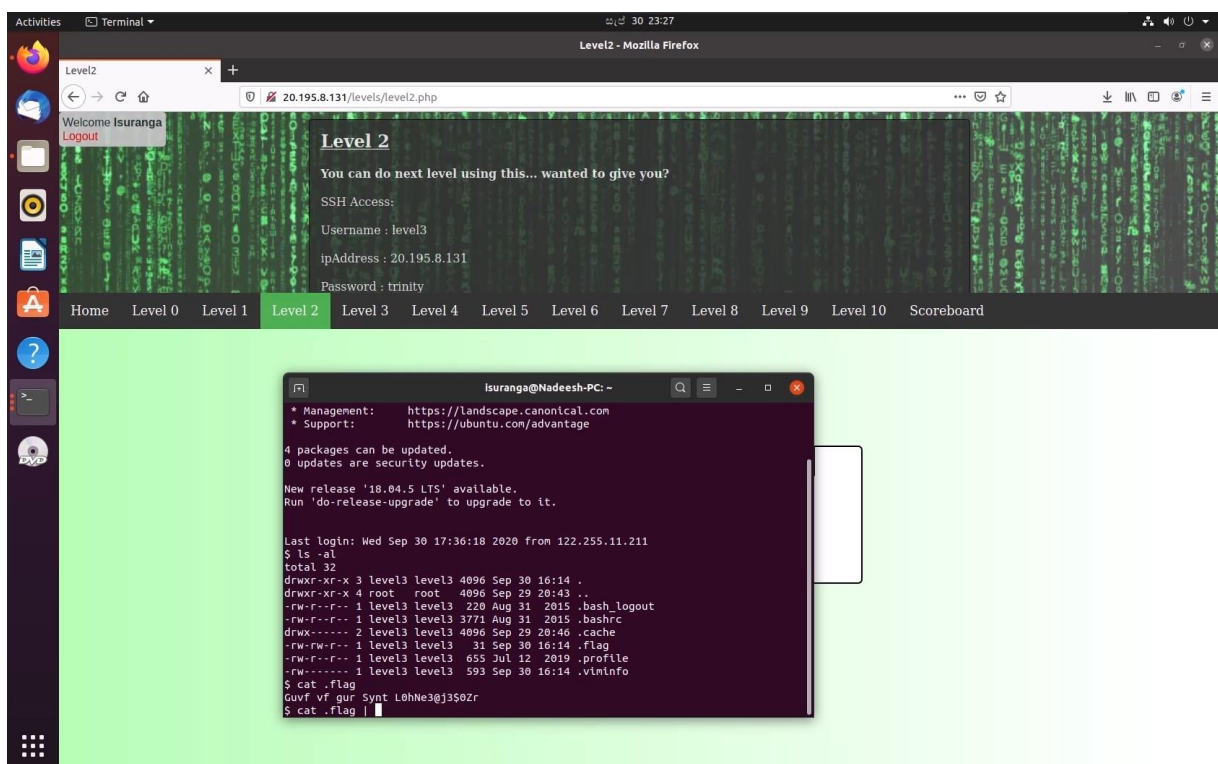
- At the level 2 In this level, the ssh access is provided.



- After getting into the ssh access a file called “flag”.

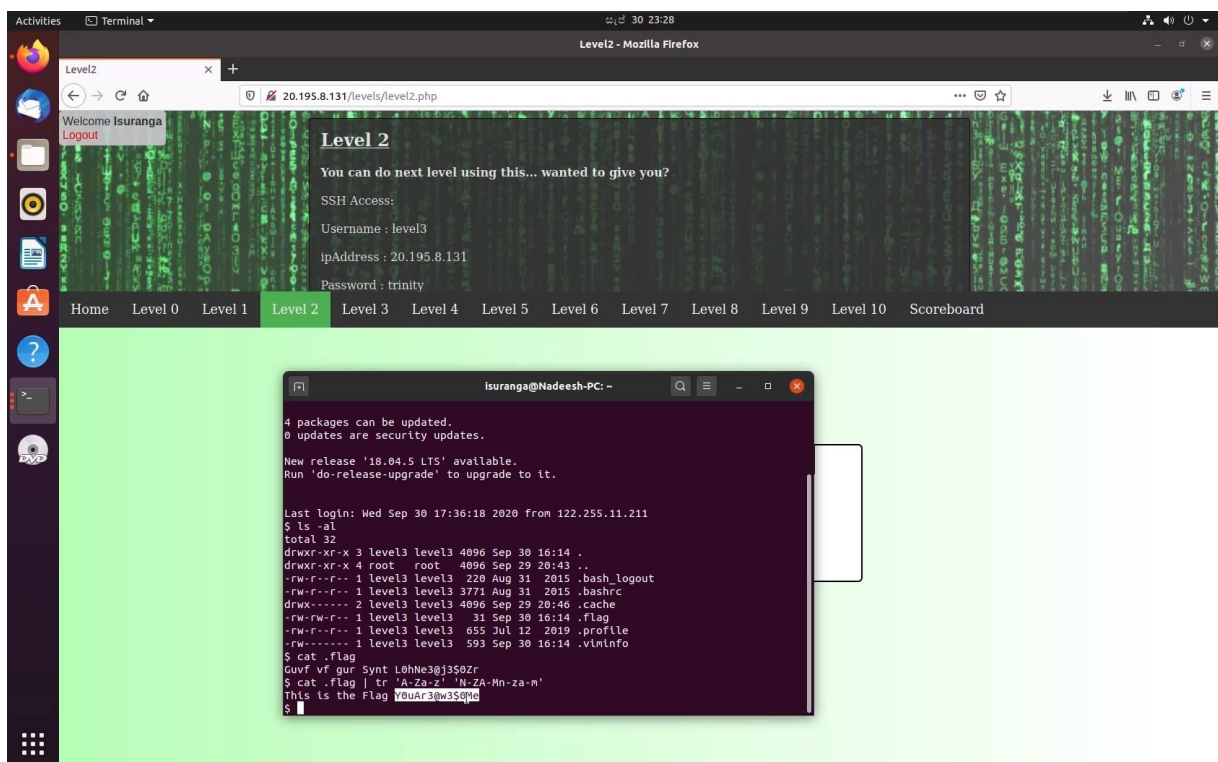
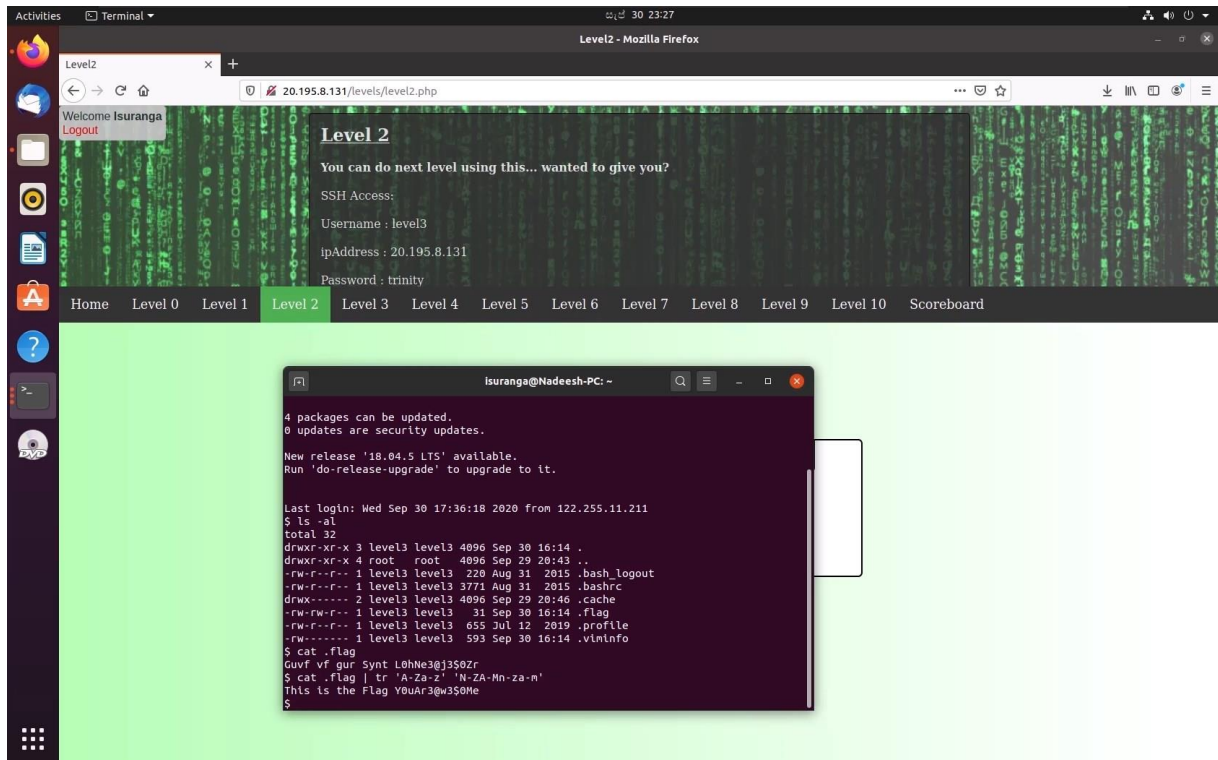


- Read the file to get the hint.

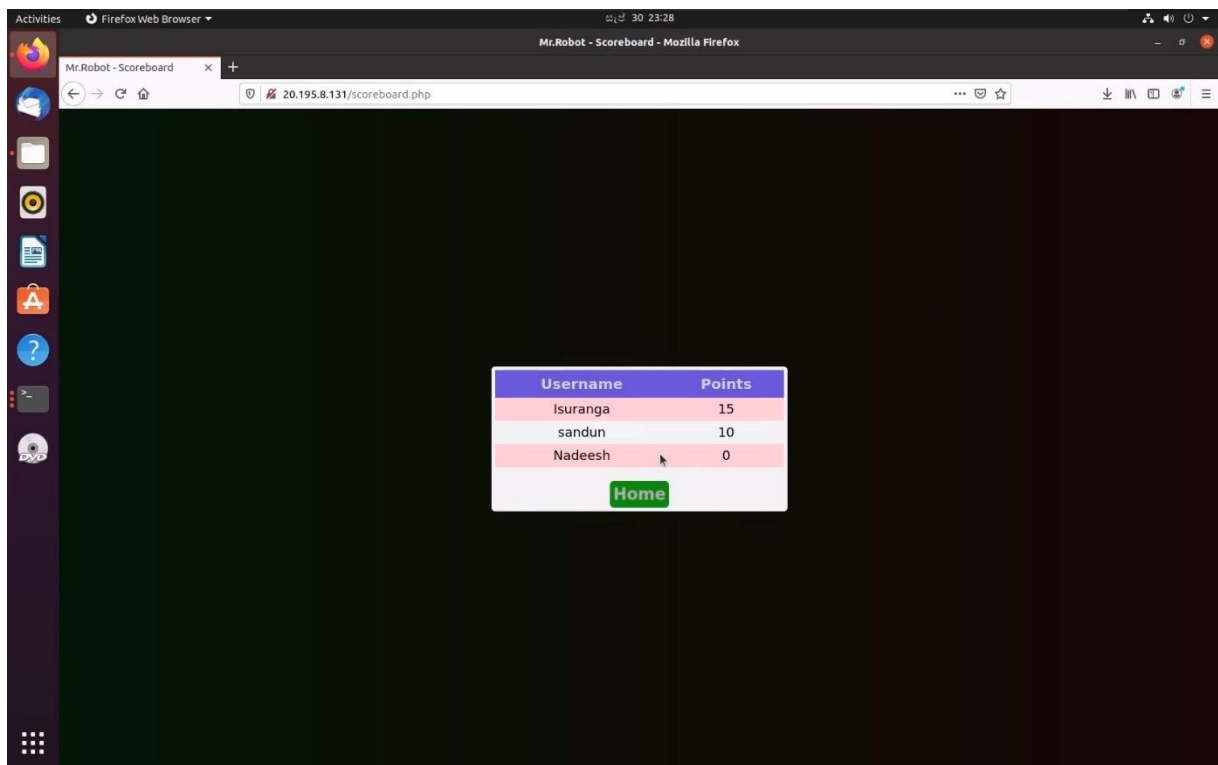




- The file contains the flag,
- The hint is the encrypted using ROT 13 chipper method.
- But it is encrypted. To decrypt use, rotate 13 and the following command:  
\$ cat .flag | tr 'A-Za-z' 'N-ZA-Za-m'



- After completing 3 levels the score board show marks as 15.



Level 3

Level 4

Level 5

Level 6

Level 7

Level 8

Level 9

Level 10