Task 1:

1) I used this command to unzip the firmware file and put its contents into the shown directory. It was easier to work with putting the contents in their own folder

```
jake@ubuntu:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt/firmware$ tar -xvzf cpts_439_firmware.tar.g
z -C /home/jake/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt/firmware/
```

2) Here is the tree command on the extracted firmware.tar.gz file. I ran this after extracting the binary file so you see the extracted version as well (I limited the tree depth so you can actually see what's going on)

- 3) Some things I noticed analyzing the binary file:
 - a) Uimage header, which implies that the firmware uses u-boot
 - b) The modify dates on gzip data is null maybe to save space or privacy
 - c) Gzip can be unzipped and seen in its raw form
 - d) I see 2 CR32 Polynomial tables that could be used for partitions or maybe checksum
 - e) 2 uimage headers implies a partition so probably what at least 1 CR32 table is for
- 4) Hashed pwd for root:
 - \$5\$tteRhk9Y\$7u0nhaiBjVi9TNXvMrGk/Nh7IDSeZfV7bROSOJFVbN6
- 5) To crack the password:
 - a) I grabbed the second field of the common_password.txt with the command

```
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt/firmware/_firmware.bin.extracted/_1280040.
racted/cpio-root/etc$ cut -d: -f2 common_password.txt > common_pass_only.txt
```

b) I had to figure out what type of hash was used on the root password hash with hashid using this command

```
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt/firmware/_firmware.bin.extracted/_1280040.e
racted/cpio-root/etc$ hashid -m $(cat root.hash)
```

c) I got the code 7400 to use with hashcat and ran this command to crack the pwd

```
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt/firmware/_firmware.bin.extracted/_1280040.
racted/cpio-root/etc$ hashcat -m 7400 root.hash common_pass_only.txt --force
```

d) I ran the same command with "--show" and got this result

```
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt/firmware/_firmware.bin.extracted/_1280040.e
racted/cpio-root/etc$ hashcat -m 7400 root.hash common_pass_only.txt --show
$5$tteRhk9Y$7u0nhaiBjVi9TNXvMrGk/Nh7lDSeZfV7bROSOJFVbN6:realtek
```

6) Was able to login to root with password: realtek

Task 2:

1) The file vault value

```
target login: root

Password:

# ls

flag.txt

# cat /proc/cmdline

root=/dev/ram console=ttyAMA0,38400n8 FILE_VAULT=NOeHAVYuo6KRbtWxxk4ixkUM9maqs670fV7g6p7

# 
| |
```

2) The values from the hex command on the file vault hash (saved to local machine)

```
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$ nano flag.hex
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$ cat flag.hex
1d 1a 5c 1d 14 66 0f 31 22 62 0a 2a 07 44 1e 0f
35 23 65 10 2d 01 14 3a 5d 25 51
```

3) After decrypting the hex value and saving it on the local machine

```
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$ xxd -r -p flag.hex flag.txt
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$ cat flag.txt

*\f1"b
*D5#e-:]%Qjake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$
```

----- Here is where I had stopped before the assignment deadline, I repeated all the steps prior the VM I originally used became corrupted

4) This is the result from the XOR output using the FILE_VAULT value as the key and the raw flag.txt as the data

```
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$ python3 xor.py "$(cat vault_key.txt)" < flag.txt
SU9UU0VDMTAxe0IwMHQyUjAwdH0jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$
```

5) The Decoded XOR output result from step 6

```
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$ python3 xor.py "$(cat vault_key.txt)" < flag
.txt
SU9UU0VDMTAxe0IwMHQyUjAwdH0jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$ python3 base64_de
code.py
Decoded string: IOTSEC101{B00t2R00t}
jake@jake:~/Desktop/pa-1-JEckfeldt$</pre>
```