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Difficulty: easy (5 solvers)

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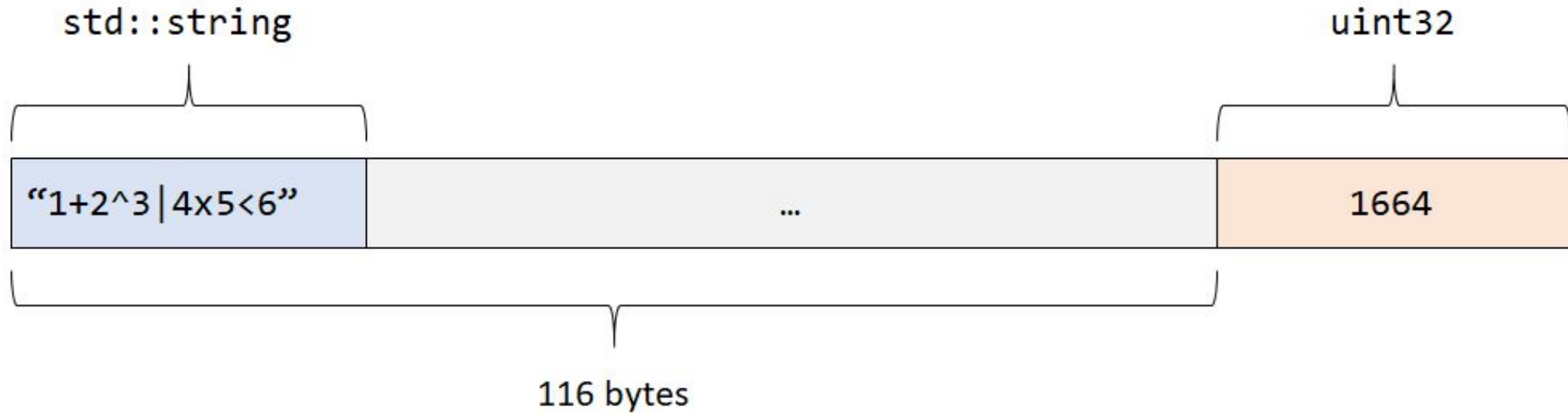
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- Fully hardened Linux x64 binary
- Accepts a 2D program with maximum dimensions of 80x25
- Upon research, you can find it's the Befunge esoteric language without a few instructions
 - Stack-based machine, potentially self-modifying. Instruction pointer can move in four different directions
- The user-provided program is run against 20 arithmetic / logical expressions consisting of digits and operators (add, multiply, exponent, or, xor, rol, ror)
- For example, $1+2^3|4\times 5<6 = 1664$
- If the program produces valid output (as a text string) for all tests, you win the flag

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- Hardcore programming task?
 - Exponentiation, or, xor, rol, ror not natively supported in Befunge
 - Very difficult or impossible within the small 80x25 board
- Idea: stack-based out-of-bounds read from the input buffer can be used to read the expected result
- The input data is represented as `std::string`, but because it is always ≤ 16 bytes long, it is *inlined* in the object space (not a separate allocation)
- If you use the `~` operator 116 times, you will reach the correct output stored as `uint32`.

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- The expression value can be read byte by byte in little endian
- Makes the task much easier, but you still have to:
- Convert the four bytes into a 32-bit integer
- Convert the integer to a string
- Skip the leading zeros

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V~~~~~<
>~~884***+~884**:*~884**::***+443**01p:55+%01g+90p55+/      v
:55+%01g+80p55+/ :55+%01g+70p55+/ :55+%01g+60p55+/      v>
:55+%01g+50p55+/ :55+%01g+40p55+/ :55+%01g+30p55+/      v>
:55+%01g+20p55+/ :55+%01g+10p55+/ :55+%01g+00p55+/      v>
0>:0g01g-#v_:9-#v_v      v>
  ^          +1<
v          <    < <
>:0g,:9-#v_@
^      +1<
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Test 1 / 20: PASSED
Test 2 / 20: PASSED
Test 3 / 20: PASSED
Test 4 / 20: PASSED
Test 5 / 20: PASSED
Test 6 / 20: PASSED
Test 7 / 20: PASSED
Test 8 / 20: PASSED
Test 9 / 20: PASSED
Test 10 / 20: PASSED
Test 11 / 20: PASSED
Test 12 / 20: PASSED
Test 13 / 20: PASSED
Test 14 / 20: PASSED
Test 15 / 20: PASSED
Test 16 / 20: PASSED
Test 17 / 20: PASSED
Test 18 / 20: PASSED
Test 19 / 20: PASSED
Test 20 / 20: PASSED
[+] Congratulations, here's your flag: DrgnS{Es0t3ric_l4nguage_is_th3_be5t_languag3}
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