These screenshots are for Task 1. From Task 1 to Task 3, it was pretty simple, until Task 4 where I had a lot of trouble.

## Task 1

```
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# md5sum out1.bin out2.bin
673a4bc64ff7e48c0ba8159d98ef8a5a
                                       out1.bin
673a4bc64ff7e48c0ba8159d98ef8a5a
                                       out2.bin
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen#
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# echo "This is the prefix content" > prefix.txt
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# ./md5collgen -p prefix.txt -o out1.bin out2.bin
MD5 collision generator v1.5
by Marc Stevens (http://www.win.tue.nl/hashclash/)
Using output filenames: 'out1.bin' and 'out2.bin'
Using prefixfile: 'prefix.txt'
Using initial value: 6625e60c73f79c9675d06e35e712ee52
Generating first block: .
Generating second block: S01.....
Running time: 0.316448 s
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen#
```

I wasn't too interested in the outcome of this task, the output was the same so I didn't care too much about it.

## Task 2

```
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# echo "File 1 content" > file1
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# echo "File 2 content" > file2
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# echo "Suffix content" > suffix
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# cat file1 suffix > file1_with_suffix
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# cat file2 suffix > file2_with_suffix
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# md5sum file1_with_suffix file2_with_suffix
bccd3a8f76a8b31b4d5a8a7ef536590b file1_with_suffix
4cd950babb7683d928b491f48f237337 file2_with_suffix
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen#
```

This one was more interesting because the files were different. It felt like I actually did something different.

1. If the length of your prefix file is not multiple of 64, what is going to happen?

- MD5 padding rules will apply. It automatically pads the prefix file with additional bytes to make its length a multiple of 64 bytes. The padded prefix will be used as input to the MD5 collision generation tool.
- 2. Create a prefix file with exactly 64 bytes, and run the collision tool again, and see what happens. There is no padding, P and Q are generated right, and the hashes are identical.
- 3. Are the data (128 bytes) generated by md5collgen completely different for the two output files? Please identify all the bytes that are different.
  - The differences are not spread across the whole 128. They are concentrated into specific areas because they are carefully made to cause a collision. A byte in block1 could be 0x7f and a byte in block2 could be 0x80.

## Task 3

root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen#

```
00000ff0: ac07 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# head -c 4112 program > prefix
[root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# dd if=program of=region bs=1 skip=4112 count=128
128+0 records in
128+0 records out
128 bytes copied, 0.000631833 s, 203 kB/s
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen#
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# md5collgen -p prefix -o out1.bin out2.bin
MD5 collision generator v1.5
by Marc Stevens (http://www.win.tue.nl/hashclash/)
Using output filenames: 'out1.bin' and 'out2.bin'
Using prefixfile: 'prefix'
Using initial value: d8e9ae27a8eee9ff42d04fdd4555a8f1
Generating first block: .....
Generating second block: S01..
Running time: 0.827104 s
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen#
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# cat out1.bin region suffix > program1
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# cat out2.bin region suffix > program2
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# md5sum program1 program2
3649bf6363e93da38be366cc488cc57e program1
3649bf6363e93da38be366cc488cc57e
                   program2
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen#
```

root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen#./program1

root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen#./program2

This step was weird for me because I thought I was doing it wrong, until I saw the next step where I actually had to make the hashes the same and the behavior different.

## Task 4

```
[root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# xxd program1 | less
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# xxd program2 > program1.hex
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# md5sum program2 program2
3649bf6363e93da38be366cc488cc57e program1
3649bf6363e93da38be366cc488cc57e program2
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# ./program1

Malicious behavior
[root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# ./program2
Malicious behavior
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# ./program2
Malicious behavior
root@e1b8891446e3:/md5collgen# ./program2
```

I don't know what I did but I just couldn't get the programs to do benign behavior and malicious behavior. Only 1 or the other. Overall, this lab was pretty fun, I couldn't get the last step to work but it was interesting to see how the collisions worked with the files, the programs and the converting to hex and binary, and all the things I had to install into the environment. Unfortunately, there were a lot of different commands I had to do to fix issues and download a lot of things, but it was fun.