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## HV19.01 censored

Image with blurred QR code



Hint: I got this little image, but it looks like the best part got censored on the way. Even the tiny preview icon looks clearer than this! Maybe they missed something that would let you restore the original content?

Extract thumbnail with  
exiftool -b -ThumbnailImage f182d5f0-1d10-4f0f-a0c1-7cba0981b6da.jpg  
> my\_thumbnail.jpg



Scan with QR Code App or upload image to decoding website  
FLAG: HV19{just-4-PREview!}

## HV19.02 Triangulations

Zip with file Triangulation.stl inside  
Open with SolidWorks, remove Ball 3d models -> MaxiCode



Take screenshot of maxicode and decode it with [zxing.org](https://zxing.org)  
Flag: HV19{Cr4ck\_Th3\_B411!}

## HV19.03 Hodor, Hodor, Hodor

## Install npm & Hodor language

<https://github.com/hummingbirdtech/hodor>

```
save description as challenge.hd
```

```
execute file: hodor challenge.hd
```

output: SFYxOXtoMDFkLXRomy1kMDBYLTQyMDQtbGQ0WX0=

decode Base64

FLAG: HV19{h01d-th3-d00r-4204-ld4Y}

## HV19.04 password policy circumvention

Download zip and extract .ahk file

## Install autohotkey on windows

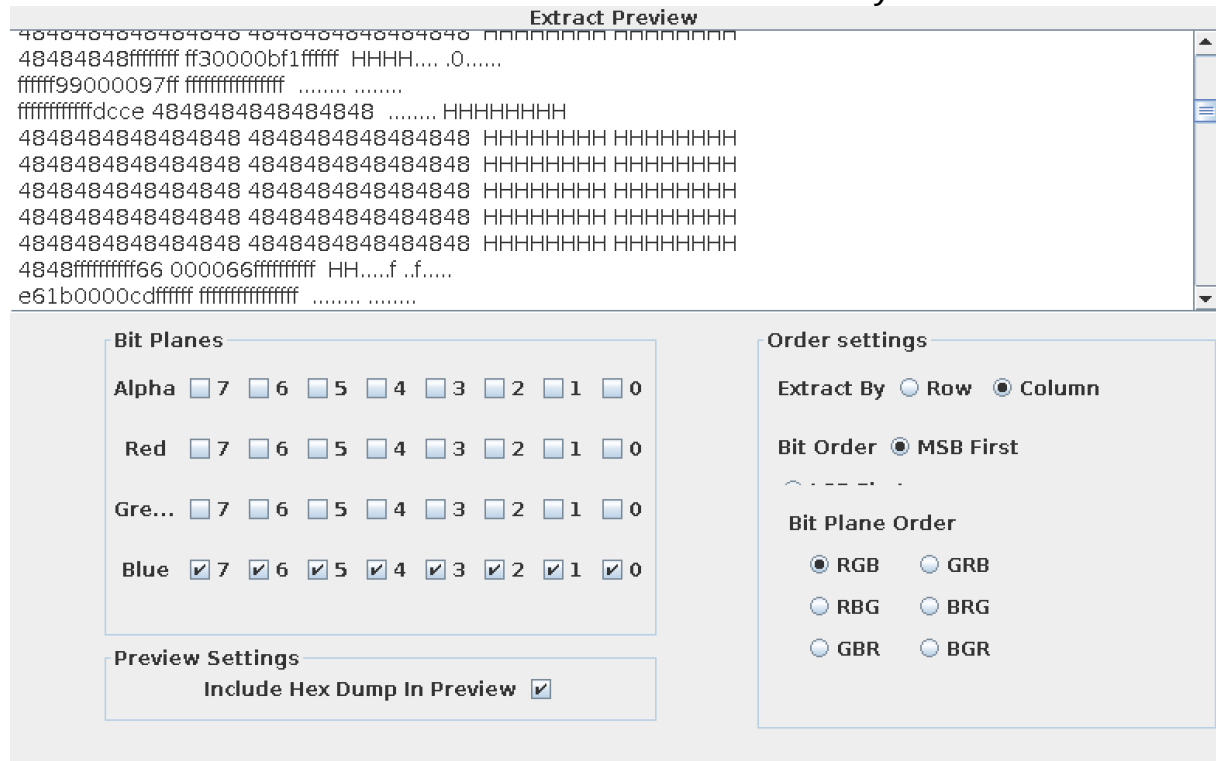
Slowly! enter password „merry christmas geeks“ into editor

Flag: HV19{R3memb3r, rem3mber - the 24th 0f December}

## HV19.05 Santa Parcel Tracking

## Download Image, open with Stegsolve

View the contents of the blue channel and order by column



Every vertical line has the hex-value of a letter

Flag: HV19{D1fficult to g3t a SPT R3ader}

Explanation: The ascii values of the flag are hidden in the blue channel of the barcode stripes

## HV19.06 Bacon and eggs

Bacon Cipher

Decode the text: regular font is „a“, italic font is „b“

Decoded text:

SANTALIKESHISBACONBUTALSOTHISBACONTHEPASSWORDISHVXBACONCIPHERISSIMPLEBUTCOOLXREPLACEXWITHBRACKETSANDUSEUPPERCASEFORALLCHARACTERS

FLAG: HV19{BACONCIPHERISSIMPLEBUTCOOL}

## HV19.07 Santa Rider

Download video and watch it.

After a while multiple LEDs are blinking at the same time

lights represent multiples of 2

code is 72 86 49 57 123 49 109 95 97 108 115 48 95 119 48 114 107 49  
110 103 95 48 110 95 97 95 114 53 109 48 116 51 95 99 48 110 116 114  
48 108 125

translate to ascii

FLAG: HV19{1m\_also\_w0rk1ng\_0n\_a\_r3m0t3\_c0ntr0l}

## HV19.08 SmileNcryptor 4.0

SQL Dump with credit card values and a flag that are „encrypted“

-> Encoded not encrypted

all cc numbers have to consist of letters between 1-9

offset of characters to ascii 1-9 values increases from start to end.

Write a python script that reads the values and adds a rotation cipher with a variable offset ( increases 1 for every letter)

```
import sys
inFile = sys.argv[1]
offset = int(sys.argv[2])
newline = ""
with open(sys.argv[1], 'r') as file:
    for line in file:
        newline = ""
        for letter in line:
            if (ord(letter)+offset) > 256:
                modletter = chr(ord(letter)+offset -256)
            elif (ord(letter)+offset) < 0:
                modletter = chr(ord(letter)+offset + 256)
            else:
                modletter = chr(ord(letter)+offset)
```

```

        offset = offset - 1
        newline = newline +modletter
    print newline
    offset = int(sys.argv[2])

```

This leads to the following output:

```

root@hlkali:/home/hacker/Downloads/Hackvent19/08# python script.py secret.txt -28
3782822463100050
305693090259040
51051051051051000
41111111111111110
356600202036050500
5M113-420H4-KK3A1-198010
root@hlkali:/home/hacker/Downloads/Hackvent19/08#

```

FLAG: HV19{5M113-420H4-KK3A1-19801}

## HV19.09 Santas Quick Response 3.0

Image is a qr code but is not readable

qr code is 33x33 cells

Image in description leads to rule30

-> generate rule30 image on <http://kidojo.com/cellauto/generate.cgi>

rule:30

Image Width: 44

Image height 44

Pixel size: 1

Image format: jpg

Create files that contain „0“ for all white cells and „1“ for all black cells with a python script:

```

from PIL import Image
import sys
inFile = sys.argv[1]
outFile = sys.argv[2]
numtiles = sys.argv[3]
im = Image.open(inFile) # Can be many different formats.
pix = im.load()
length = im.size # Get the width and hight of the image for
iterating over
offset = int(length[0])/int(numtiles)
indexx = 0
indexy = 0
out = open(outFile,"w+")
while indexy < length[1]:

```

```

while indexx < length[0]:
    value = pix[indexx, indexy]
    #print value
    if(value > 250):
        out.write("0")
    else:
        out.write("1")
    indexx = indexx + offset
    #print indexx
#print indexy
indexx = 0
indexy = indexy + offset
out.write("\n")

```

XOR the 2 textfiles with another script:

```

import sys
lines1 = open(sys.argv[1], 'r').readlines()
lines2 = open(sys.argv[2], 'r').readlines()
out = open(sys.argv[3], 'w+')
for i in range (0, len(lines1)):
    line1 = lines1[i]
    line2 = lines2[i]
    for y in range(0, len(line1)-1):
        value1 = line1[y]
        value2 = line2[y+5]
        if(value1 == value2):
            out.write("0")
        else:
            out.write("1")
    out.write("\n")

```

the second file is larger than the original qrcode (44x44) because  
 elsewise the generation rules get confused. Rule30 file has to be  
 centered, hint: centering is hard so I tried around with the  
 horizontal offset -> value2 = line2[y+5]

create image out of txt file with a 3rd python script:

```

import sys
from PIL import Image
img = Image.new('RGB', (220, 220), color='white')
pixels = img.load()
lines = open(sys.argv[1], 'r').readlines()
for x in range (0, len(lines)):
    line = lines[x]
    for y in range(0, len(line)-1):
        value = line[y]
        if(value == "1"):
            for z in range(0,4):

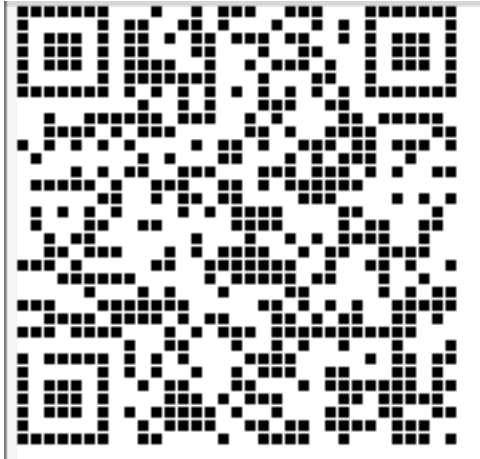
```

```

        for a in range(0,4):
            pixels[(y*5)+a,(x*5)+z] = (0,0,0)
    else:
        for z in range(0,4):
            for a in range(0,4):
                pixels[(y*5)+a,(x*5)+z] = (255,255,255)
img.save('output.png')

```

output:



FLAG: HV19{Cha0tic\_yet-0rdered}

## HV19.10 Guess what

Download zip and unzip  
analyze binary with ltrace:

ltrace ./guess3

Scroll through output

```

strlen("\001H\001V\001I\0019\001{\001S\001h\0013\001l\001l\001_\0010\001b\001f\001u\001s"... ) = 66
malloc(67) = 0x55e1c2935c70
strchr("\001H\001V\001I\0019\001{\001S\001h\0013\001l\001l\001_\0010\001b\001f\001u\001s"... , '\001')
01H\001V\001I\0019\001{\001S\001h\0013\001l\001l\001_\0010\001b\001f\001u\001s"...
free(0x55e1c29351c0) = <void>
strlen("HV19{Sh3ll_0bfuscat10n_1s_fut1l3"... ) = 33
malloc(34) = 0x55e1c2935010
strcpy(0x55e1c2935010, "HV19{Sh3ll_0bfuscat10n_1s_fut1l3"... ) = 0x55e1c2935010
free(0x55e1c2935c70) = <void>
strlen("HV19{Sh3ll_0bfuscat10n_1s_fut1l3"... ) = 33
malloc(67) = 0x55e1c2935c70
free(0x55e1c2935010) = <void>
strlen("\001H\001V\001I\0019\001{\001S\001h\0013\001l\001l\001_\0010\001b\001f\001u\001s"... ) = 66
memcpy(0x55e1c2935280, "\001H\001V\001I\0019\001{\001S\001h\0013\001l\001l\001_\0010\001b\001f\001u\001s"... , 66) = 0x55e1c2935280
free(0x55e1c2935c70) = <void>
free(0) = <void>
strchr("\001H\001V\001I\0019\001{\001S\001h\0013\001l\001l\001_\0010\001b\001f\001u\001s"... , '\177')
malloc(112) = 0x55e1c29351c0
__ctype_get_mb_cur_max() = 6
strlen("") = 1
malloc(2) = 0x55e1c2936040

```

FLAG: HV19{Sh3ll\_0bfuscat10n\_1s\_fut1l3}

# HV19.11 Frolicsome Santa Jokes API

FSJA Api

Tokens are Json Web Tokens

My Token:

```
yJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJ1c2VyIjpw7InVzZXJ1YW11IjoidGFzdGV1c2VyIiwicGxhdGludW0iOmZhbHNlfSwiZXhwIjoxNTc2MDk5MzU1Ljk5ODAwMDAwMH0.mF5FvxAb02H9qqEDAXe2HbZXQfg39VTdKUVMDqfGxr8
```

Decoded:

```
{
  "alg": "HS256"
}
{
  "user": {
    "username": "tasteuser",
    "platinum": false
  },
  "exp": 1576099355.998
}
```

Modify Token

```
{
  "user": {
    "username": "santa",
    "platinum": true
  },
  "exp": 1576099355.998
}
```

And run against api:

```
Curl -X GET "http://whale.hacking-
lab.com:10101/fsja/random?token=eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJ1c2VyIjpw7InVzZXJ1YW11IjoidGFzdGV1c2VyIiwicGxhdGludW0iOmZhbHNlfSwiZXhwIjoxNTc2MDk5MzU1Ljk5ODAwMDAwMH0.mF5FvxAb02H9qqEDAXe2HbZXQfg39VTdKUVMDqfGxr8"
{"joke": "Congratulation! Sometimes bugs are rather stupid. But
that's how it happens, sometimes. Doing all the crypto stuff right
and forgetting the trivial stuff like input validation, Hohoho!
Here's your flag:
HV19{th3_cha1n_1s_0nly_as_str0ng_as_th3_w3ak3st_l1nk}", "
FLAG: HV19{th3_cha1n_1s_0nly_as_str0ng_as_th3_w3ak3st_l1nk}
```



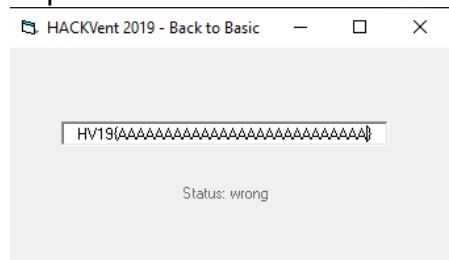
# HV19.12 back to basic

Back2Basic.exe a visual studio .exe binary

Analyze binary with IDA Pro and Immunity Debugger.

Program checks input in 3 steps - Prefix "HV19{" Length (33) and a loop where all input characters of the flag starting from the 6<sup>th</sup> position are xored with a byte array where the value increases by one for each position. It contains not printable characters, so it is not correctly recognized by the disassembler.

Input:



The relevant functionality starts at 00401F86

```
00401F7C 90      NOP
00401F7D 90      NOP
00401F7E 90      NOP
00401F7F 90      NOP
00401F80 > 55      PUSH EBP
00401F81 8BEC    MOV EBP,ESP
00401F83 83EC 0C SUB ESP,0C
00401F86 . 68 06114000 PUSH <JMP.&MSUBUM60.__vbaExceptionHandler> SE handler installation
00401F88 . 64:A1 00000000 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR FS:[0]
00401F91 . 50      PUSH EAX
00401F92 . 64:8925 000000 MOV DWORD PTR FS:[0],ESP
00401F93 . 81EC E0010000 SUB ESP,1E0
00401F9F . 53      PUSH EBX
00401FA0 . 58      PUSH ESI
00401FA1 . 57      PUSH EDI
00401FA2 . 8965 F4 MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-C],ESP
00401FA5 . C745 F8 E81041 MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-8],BackToBa.004011
00401FAC . 8B75 08 MOV ESI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
00401FAF . 8BC6    MOV EAX,ESI
00401FB1 . 83E0 01 AND EAX,1
00401FB4 . 8B45 FC MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],EAX
00401FB7 . 83E6 FE AND ESI,FFFFFFF
00401FBA . 58      PUSH ESI
00401FBB . 8B75 08 MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8],ESI
00401FBE . 8B0E    MOV ECX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI]
00401FC0 . FF51 04 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4]
00401FC3 . 8B16    MOV EDI,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI]
00401FC5 . 23FF    XOR EDI,EDI
00401FC7 . 58      PUSH ESI
00401FC8 . 897D DC MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-24],EDI
```

Xor instruction for the input in loop:

```
00402368 . 51      PUSH ECX
00402369 . FF15 8C104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUBUM60.__vbaStrU MSUBUM60.__vbaStrVarVal
0040236E . 50      PUSH EAX
0040236F . FF15 24104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUBUM60.#516>] MSUBUM60.rtcAnsiValueBstr
00402375 . 66:8985 ACFEF1 MOV WORD PTR SS:[EBP-154],AX
0040237C . 8D55 DC LEA EDI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-24]
0040237F . 8D85 A4FEFFFF LEA EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-15C]
00402385 . 52      PUSH EDX
00402386 . 8D4D 84 LEA ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-7C]
0040238B . 50      PUSH EAX
0040238C . 51      PUSH ECX
0040238D . 899D A4FEFFFF MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-15C],EBX
00402390 . FF15 38104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUBUM60.__vbaVarX MSUBUM60.__vbaVarXor
00402397 . 50      PUSH EAX
00402398 . FFD7    CALL EDI
0040239A . 8D95 74FEFFFF LEA EDX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-8C]
004023A0 . 50      PUSH EAX
004023A1 . 52      PUSH EDX
004023A2 . FF15 84104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUBUM60.#608>] MSUBUM60.rtcVarBstrFromAnsi
004023A8 . 8D45 BC LEA EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-44]
004023AB . 8D8D 74FEFFFF LEA ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-8C]
004023B1 . 50      PUSH EAX
004023B2 . 8D95 64FEFFFF LEA EDX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-9C]
004023B8 . 51      PUSH ECX
004023B9 . 52      PUSH EDX
004023BA . FF15 B0104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUBUM60.__vbaVarA MSUBUM60.__vbaVarAdd
004023C0 . 8D0D BC LEA ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-44]
004023C2 . 8D4D 84 LEA ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-7C]
004023C5 . FF15 0C104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUBUM60.__vbaVarM MSUBUM60.__vbaVarMove
004023CB . 8D4D 88 LEA ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-48]
004023CE . FF15 CC104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&MSUBUM60.__vbaFree MSUBUM60.__vbaFreeStr
004023D4 . 8D85 74FEFFFF LEA EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-8C]
004023DA . 8D4D 94 LEA ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-6C]
004023DD . 50      PUSH EAX
004023DE . 8D55 A4 LEA EDX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-5C]
004023E1 . 51      PUSH ECX
004023E2 . 52      PUSH EDX
004023E3 . 5A 03    PUSH 3
```

```
0019EF74 768654B7 AT&v RETURN to OLEAUT32.768654B7 from OLEAUT32.VarBstrCmp
0019EF78 00456D44 R&E. UNICODE "GFIHKJMLONQPSRUTWUYX[Z]\_`^a"
0019EF7C 00401B40 @+@. UNICODE "6klzio<=bPBtdvff'y"
0019EF80 00000000 ....
0019EF84 00030001 0.0.
0019EF88 00000000 ....
```

This graphic shows the stack with the input(HV19{AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA}) after it is xored and the

first part of bytearray that the xored input is xored against to check if the flag is correct.  
Copy the values of the comparison array from the data section and write a python script that xores it with the correct offsets to regain the flag.

00401840	36			DB 36		CHAR '6'
00401841	00			DB 00		
00401842	6B			DB 6B		CHAR 'k'
00401843	00			DB 00		
00401844	6C			DB 6C		CHAR 'l'
00401845	00			DB 00		
00401846	7A			DB 7A		CHAR 'z'
00401847	00			DB 00		
00401848	69			DB 69		CHAR 'i'
00401849	00			DB 00		
0040184A	63			DB 63		CHAR 'c'
0040184B	00			DB 00		
0040184C	3C			DB 3C		CHAR '<'
0040184D	00			DB 00		
0040184E	3D			DB 3D		CHAR '='
0040184F	00			DB 00		
00401850	62			DB 62		CHAR 'b'
00401851	00			DB 00		
00401852	50			DB 50		CHAR 'P'
00401853	00			DB 00		
00401854	42			DB 42		CHAR 'B'
00401855	00			DB 00		
00401856	74			DB 74		CHAR 't'
00401857	00			DB 00		
00401858	64			DB 64		CHAR 'd'
00401859	00			DB 00		
0040185A	76			DB 76		CHAR 'v'
0040185B	00			DB 00		
0040185C	66			DB 66		CHAR 'f'
0040185D	00			DB 00		
0040185E	66			DB 66		CHAR 'f'
0040185F	00			DB 00		
00401860	27			DB 27		CHAR ''
00401861	00			DB 00		
00401862	79			DB 79		CHAR 'y'
00401863	00			DB 00		
00401864	7F			DB 7F		
00401865	00			DB 00		
00401866	. 4600 4900 7E00 6F00 6E00 2F00 2F00 4E00			UNICODE "FI~on//N"		
00401867	. 0000			UNICODE 0		
00401868	1E			DB 1E		
00401869	00			DB 00		
0040186A	00			DB 00		
0040186B	00			DB 00		
0040186C	. 5300 7400 6100 7400 7500 7300 3A00 2000			UNICODE "Status: "		
0040186D	. 6300 6F00 7200 7200 6500 6300 7400 0000			UNICODE "correct",0		
0040186E	09			DB 09		
0040186F	4E			DB 4E		CHAR 'N'
00401870	AD			DB AD		
00401871	33			DB 33		CHAR '3'
00401872	99			DB 99		
00401873	66			DB 66		CHAR 'f'
00401874	CF			DB CF		

Script:

```
#Hex value of the not printable character is 0x7f (DEL)
encrypted = "6klzic<=bPBtdvff'y FI~on//N"
flag = "HV19{"
for i in range(len(encrypted)):
    c = chr(ord(encrypted[i]) ^ (6 + i))
    flag += c
flag += '}'
print(flag)
```

FLAG: HV19{0ldsch00l\_Revers1ng\_Sess10n}

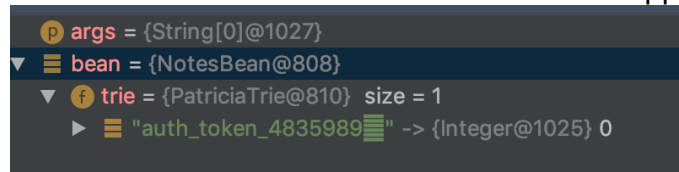
## HV19.13 TrieMe

Examine the Notebean java class and debug it in a test Java Project. The Login uses a PatriciaTrie to store the data.

Input is added via the setTrie Method where a unescapeJava method is called so escaped characters .

Find an input that destroys the lookup and the auth\_token\_4835989 key.

auth\_token\_4835989\0 is a input that does that and replaces the key so that the isAdmin condition is flipped.



Log in with the modified token

FLAG: HV19{get\_th3\_chocolateZ}

## HV19.14 Achtung das Flag

Perl implementation of Achtung die Kurve

just patch out the collision detection, reduced speed and print the flag to the console

Modified game:

```
use Tk;use MIME::Base64;chomp(($a,$b,$c,$f,$u,$z,$y,$r,$r,$u)=<DATA>);sub M{$M=shift;##
@m=keys %::;(grep{(unpack("%32W*",$_).length($_))eq$M}@m)[0]};$zvYpXUpXMSsw=0x1337C0DE;###
/_help_me_/;$PMmtQJOcHm8eFQfdsdNAS20=sub{$zvYpXUpXMSsw=($zvYpXUpXMSsw*16807)&0xFFFFFFFF};
($a1Ivn0ECw49I5I0oE0='07&3-"11*/(')=~y$!-=~$;($Sk61A7p0='K&:P3&44')=~y$!-=~$;m/Mm/g;
($Sk61A7p0='K&:R&-&"4&')=~y$!-=~$ -
~$;;;$d28Vt03MEbdY0=sub{print(pack('n',$fff[$S9cXJIGB0BWce++])
^($PMmtQJOcHm8eFQfdsdNAS20->())&0xDEAD));};'42';($vg0jwRk4wIo7=MainWindow->new)->title($r)
;($vMnyQdAkfgIIik=$vg0jwRk4wIo7->Canvas("-$a"=>640,"-$b"=>480,"-$u"=>$f))->pack;@p=(42,42
);$cqI=$vMnyQdAkfgIIik->createLine(@p,@p,"-$y"=>$c,"-$a"=>3);;$S9cXJIGB0BWce=0;$_2kY10=0;
$_8NZQooI5K4b=0;$Sk61A7p0=0;$MMM_;$_M(120812).'/'.M(191323).M(133418).M(98813).M(121913)
.M(134214).M(101213).'/'.M(97312).M(6328).M(2853).'+'.M(4386);s|_|gi;@fff=map{unpack('n',
$::M(122413)}->($_))m:...g;($T=sub{$vMnyQdAkfgIIik->delete($t);$t=$vMnyQdAkfgIIik->#FOO
createText($PMmtQJOcHm8eFQfdsdNAS20->())%600+20,$PMmtQJOcHm8eFQfdsdNAS20->())%440+20,#Perl!!
"-text">$d28Vt03MEbdY0->(), "-$y"=>$z;))->();$HACK;$i=$vMnyQdAkfgIIik->repeat(50,sub{$_=(
$_8NZQooI5K4b+=0.1*$Sk61A7p0);;$p[0]+=3.0*cos; $p[1]=3*sin; ($p[0]>1&&$p[1]>1&&$p[0]<639&&
$p[1]<479)||$i->cancel();00;$q=($vMnyQdAkfgIIik->find($a1Ivn0ECw49I5I0oE0,$p[0]-1,$p[1]-1,
$p[0]+1,$p[1]+1)||[])->[0];$q==&t&&$T->();$vMnyQdAkfgIIik->insert($cqI,'end',\@p);
($q==&cqI&&$S9cXJIGB0BWce>44)&&$i->cancel();
});$KE=5;$vg0jwRk4wIo7->bind("<$Sk61A7p0-n"=>sub{
$Sk61A7p0=1;});$vg0jwRk4wIo7->bind("<$Sk61A7p0-m"=>sub{$Sk61A7p0=-1;});$vg0jwRk4wIo7->#%"
->bind("<$Sk61A7p0-n"=>sub{$Sk61A7p0=0 if$Sk61A7p0>0;});$vg0jwRk4wIo7->bind("<$Sk61A7p0"
."-m">=>sub{$Sk61A7p0=0 if $Sk61A7p0<0;});$::M(7998)}->();$M_decrypt=sub{'HACKVENT2019'};
DATA
```

The cake is a lie!

width  
height  
orange  
black  
green  
cyan  
fill

Only perl can parse Perl!

```
Achtung das Flag! --> Use N and M
background
M'); DROP TABLE flags; --
Run me in Perl!
__DATA__
```

```
FLAG: HV19{s@@jSfx4gPcvtiwxPCagrtQ@,y^p-za-oPQ^a-
z\x20\n^&&s[(.)(..)][\2\1]g;s%4(...)%"p$1t"%ee}
```

## HV19.15 Santa's Workshop

Mqtt Broker version 1.4.11

-> CVE-2017-7650

The fix addresses the problem by restricting access for clients with a '#', '+', or '/' in their username or client id. '/' has been included in the list of characters disallowed because it also has a special meaning in a topic and may represent an additional risk. Copy contents from the website and host them on an own server, so the js files for requests can be modified. (writing a python script did not work for unknown reasons)

Query system topics from the broker:

```
var topic = '$SYS/#';
```

Message:

Topic: \$SYS/broker/version message: mosquitto version 1.4.11 (We elves are super-smart and know about CVE-2017-7650 and the POC. So we made a genius fix you never will be able to pass. Hohoho)

Elves did close the CVE, but not completely, / is still allowed in the id.

Modify the clientid:

```
var clientid = '0735724891935373/#';
```

Message:

Topic:

HV19/gifts/0735724891935373/HV19{N0\_1nput\_v4l1d4t10n\_3qu4ls\_d1s4st3r} message: Congrats, you got it. The elves should not overrate their smartness!!!

```
FLAG: HV19{N0_1nput_v4l1d4t10n_3qu4ls_d1s4st3r}
```

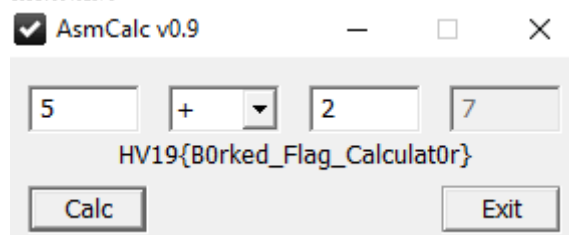
# HV19.16 B0rked Calculator

Windows executable binary that contains a calculator.

Open with IDA Pro and insert the right commands to complete the calculation functions, the program then outputs the flag.

```
CODE:004015B6 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
CODE:004015B6
CODE:004015B6 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
CODE:004015B6
CODE:004015B6 add         proc near          ; CODE XREF: sub_40114D+323↑p
CODE:004015B6                                     ; sub_401519+E↑p ...
CODE:004015B6
CODE:004015B6 arg_0         = dword ptr  8
CODE:004015B6 arg_4         = dword ptr  0Ch
CODE:004015B6
CODE:004015B6 enter        0, 0
CODE:004015BA mov         eax, [ebp+arg_0]
CODE:004015BD add         eax, [ebp+arg_4]
CODE:004015C0 leave        eax
CODE:004015C1 retn         8
CODE:004015C1 add         endp
CODE:004015C1
CODE:004015C4 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
CODE:004015C4
CODE:004015C4 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
CODE:004015C4
CODE:004015C4 subtract    proc near          ; CODE XREF: sub_40114D+33F↑p
CODE:004015C4                                     ; sub_401519+22↑p ...
CODE:004015C4
CODE:004015C4 arg_0         = dword ptr  8
CODE:004015C4 arg_4         = dword ptr  0Ch
CODE:004015C4
CODE:004015C4 enter        0, 0
CODE:004015C8 mov         eax, [ebp+arg_0]
CODE:004015CB mov         ecx, [ebp+arg_4]
CODE:004015CE sub         ecx, eax
CODE:004015D0 leave        ecx
CODE:004015D1 retn         8
CODE:004015D1 subtract    endp
CODE:004015D1
CODE:004015D4
```

```
CODE:004015D4 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
CODE:004015D4
CODE:004015D4 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
CODE:004015D4
CODE:004015D4 multiply    proc near          ; CODE XREF: sub_40114D+358↑p
CODE:004015D4                                     ; sub_401519+44↑p ...
CODE:004015D4
CODE:004015D4 arg_0         = dword ptr  8
CODE:004015D4 arg_4         = dword ptr  0Ch
CODE:004015D4
CODE:004015D4 enter        0, 0
CODE:004015D8 mov         eax, [ebp+arg_0]
CODE:004015DB imul        eax, [ebp+arg_4]
CODE:004015DF leave        eax
CODE:004015E0 retn
CODE:004015E1 ; -----
CODE:004015E1 retn         8
CODE:004015E1 multiply    endp
CODE:004015E1
CODE:004015E4 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
CODE:004015E4
CODE:004015E4 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
CODE:004015E4
CODE:004015E4 divide     proc near          ; CODE XREF: sub_40114D+377↑p
CODE:004015E4                                     ; sub_401519+33↑p
CODE:004015E4
CODE:004015E4 arg_0         = dword ptr  8
CODE:004015E4 arg_4         = dword ptr  0Ch
CODE:004015E4
CODE:004015E4 enter        0, 0
CODE:004015E8 mov         eax, [ebp+arg_0]
CODE:004015EB mov         ebx, [ebp+arg_4]
CODE:004015EE xor         edx, edx
CODE:004015F0 div         ebx
CODE:004015F2 leave        eax
CODE:004015F3 retn         8
CODE:004015F3 divide     endp
CODE:004015F3
CODE:004015F6
```



FLAG: HV19{B0rked\_Flag\_Calculat0r}

## HV19.17 Unicode Portal

Examine the sourcecode file:

```
/**
 * Determines if the given username is already taken.
 */
function isUsernameAvailable($conn, $username) {
    $usr = $conn->real_escape_string($username);
    $res = $conn-
>query("SELECT COUNT(*) AS cnt FROM users WHERE LOWER(username) = BINARY LOWER
('".$usr."'");
    $row = $res->fetch_assoc();
    return (int)$row['cnt'] === 0;
}
LOWER(username) = BINARY LOWER('".$usr."'"); <- Suspicious
Find a value that has a different binary representation for „santa“
than the username in the db
```

```
/**
 * Registers a new user.
 */
function registerUser($conn, $username, $password) {
    $usr = $conn->real_escape_string($username);
    $pwd = password_hash($password, PASSWORD_DEFAULT);
    $conn-
>query("INSERT INTO users (username, password) VALUES (UPPER('".$usr."'), '".$p
wd."' ) ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE password='".$pwd."'");
}
if the user already exists in the db, the password is updated.
When a user that is already in the db is registered, the password
gets updated
```

The collation of the SQL server treats for example a and á in the same way when it is accent insensitive  
-> santá is a valid username to update the password and access the admin page  
FLAG: HV19{h4v1ng\_fun\_w1th\_un1c0d3}

## HV19.18 Dance with me

AARCH64 binary -> decompile with Ghidra  
After research it turned out to be a Salsa20 cipher  
Call of dance function with iv at the and (attention: reverse byte order!)



```
00000720 43 40 10 16 movn    x0, #0x1016, lsl #40
1000072c a7 ff ff 97 bl      dance
10000730 e0 43 00 91 add    inputlength, sp, #0x10
10000734 2c 00 00 94 bl      __stubs::strlen
```

```
54 }
55 dance($pStack192, (ulonglong)inputlength, &uStack128, 0xb132d0a8e78f4511);
56 inputlength = _strlen(flaginput);
57 if (inputlength == 0) {
```

Key generation:

```
keybase = CONCAT88(0x9bb500ea7ec276aa, 0xaf3cb66146632003) &
SUB2416((undefined [24])0xffffffffffffffff, 0) &
SUB3216((undefined [32])0xffffffffffffffff, 0);
```

Key in data section:

// // __const // __TEXT // ram: 100007f50-100007f8f //			
	DAT_100007f50		XREF[1]: entry:100007db4(R)
100007f50 03	??	03h	
100007f51 20	??	20h	
100007f52 63	??	63h	c
100007f53 46	??	46h	F
100007f54 61	??	61h	a
100007f55 b6	??	B6h	
100007f56 3c	??	3Ch	<
100007f57 af	??	AFh	
100007f58 aa	??	AAh	
100007f59 76	??	76h	v
100007f5a c2	??	C2h	
100007f5b 7e	??	7Eh	~
100007f5c ea	??	EAh	
100007f5d 00	??	00h	
100007f5e b5	??	B5h	
100007f5f 9b	??	9Bh	
	DAT_100007f60		XREF[1]: entry:100007db4(R)
100007f60 fb	??	FBh	
100007f61 2f	??	2Fh	/
100007f62 70	??	70h	p
100007f63 97	??	97h	
100007f64 21	??	21h	!
100007f65 4f	??	4Fh	0
100007f66 d0	??	D0h	
100007f67 4c	??	4Ch	L
100007f68 b2	??	B2h	
100007f69 57	??	57h	w
100007f6a ac	??	ACH	
100007f6b 29	??	29h	)
100007f6c 04	??	04h	
100007f6d ef	??	EFh	
100007f6e ee	??	EEh	
100007f6f 46	??	46h	F

write a python script to decrypt the input:

```
from Crypto.Cipher import Salsa20
```

```
secret =
```

```
b'\x03\x20\x63\x46\x61\xb6\x3c\xaf\xaa\x76\xc2\x7e\xea\x00\xb5\x9b\xfb\x2f\x70\x97\x21\x4f\xd0\x4c\xb2\x57\xac\x29\x04\xef\xee\x46'
```

```
msg_nonce = b'\x11\x45\x8f\xe7\xa8\xd0\x32\xb1'
```

```
ciphertext =
```

```
b'\x09\x6C\xD4\x46\xEB\xC8\xE0\x4D\x2F\xDE\x29\x9B\xE4\x4F\x32\x28\x63\xF7\xA3\x7C\x18\x76\x35\x54\xEE\xE4\xC9\x9C\x3F\xAD\x15'
```

```
cipher = Salsa20.new(key=secret, nonce=msg_nonce)
```

```
plaintext = cipher.decrypt(ciphertext)
```

```
print(plaintext)
```

```
FLAG: HV19{Danc1ng_Salsa_in_ass3mbly}
```


## HV19.19

Copy the emojis from the description into a file and install Emojicode.

Run the script from description  
outputs linux elf binary

Run binary -> program asks for input (emojis)  
Create a list of possible passwords with emoji characters (emojis.json) and write a python script that bruteforces the correct password.

```
#!/usr/bin/python
# coding=utf-8
from pwn import *
import json
with open('emojis.json') as json_file:
    emojis = json.load(json_file)
    for emoji in emojis:
        p = process('./ch19')
        print(p.recvuntil('🔒 ➡️ 🧑🎅 ❓ ➡️ 🎄 🚩 '))
        p.sendline(emoji.encode('utf-8'))
        output = p.readall()
        if not "🗨️" in output:
            print("Done: " + emoji)
            print(output)
            break
```

Solution: 

Since the correct input is luckily only one emoji, it runs through very fast

FLAG: HV19{\*<|:-)\_\_\_\_\o/\_\_\_\_;-D}

## HV19.20 I want to play a game

Binary (apparently a PlayStation4 crack).

The file contains a hash value f86d4f9d2c049547bd61f942151ffb55, googling this hash leads to a PS4UPDATE.PUP file that must be downloaded.

Analyzing the file with a disassembler shows that the file is seeked with an offset of 0x1337 in 2 nested loops and these read bytes are xored with a byte array from the data section of the crack program. Write a python script that does this to get the flag:

```
data =
list(b'\xce\x55\x95\x4e\x38\xc5\x89\xa5\x1b\x6f\x5e\x25\xd2\x1d\x2a\x2b\x5e\x7b\x39\x14\x8e\xd0\xf0\xf8\xf8\xa5')
```



```

offset = 0x1337
with open("PS4UPDATE.PUP", "rb") as f:
    while offset != 0x1714908:
        f.seek(offset)
        key = f.read(len(data))
        newdata = ""
        count = 0
        for c in data:
            newdata += chr(ord(c) ^ ord(key[count]))
            count += 1
        data = newdata
        offset += 0x1337
print(data)

FLAG: HV19{C0nsole_H0mebr3w_FTW}

```

## HV19.21 Happy Christmas 256

In the description is the public key, ciphertext and some information about the encryption.

A SHA256 hash of a password is used to generate the private key. The correct password is “santacomesatxmas”, the only password in the rockyou.txt passwordlist that produces a valid ECC private key with the x & y parameters of the public key and P-256 curve. This private key is used in the pbkdf2 hash function to create the key for the AES decryption of the ciphertext.

Write a python script that does these things:

```

import hashlib, pyaes, pbkdf2, binascii, os, base64
from Crypto.PublicKey import ECC
from Crypto.Cipher import AES
x =
0xc58966d17da18c7f019c881e187c608fcb5010ef36fba4a199e7b382a088072f
y =
0xd91b949eaf992c464d3e0d09c45b173b121d53097a9d47c25220c0b4beb943c
salt = 'TwoHundredFiftySix'
enc = 'Hy97Xwv97vpwGn21finVvZj5pK/BvBjscf6vffm1po0='
passwords = []
#corrpassword = 'santacomesatxmas'
unpad = lambda s: s[:-ord(s[len(s) - 1:])]
with open('/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt') as fp:
    line = fp.readline()
    while line:
        if(len(line)==17):
            passwords.append(line.strip())
        line = fp.readline()

```

```

print(len(passwords))
print(passwords[0])
for pw in passwords:
    try:
        d = hashlib.sha256(pw.encode('utf-8')).hexdigest()
        ecckey = ECC.construct(curve='NIST P-256',d=int(d,16),
point_x=x, point_y=y)
        print(pw)
        print(d)
        corrpasword = pw
        break
    except:
        continue
if corrpasword != '':
    aeskey = hashlib.pbkdf2_hmac('sha256', corrpasword, salt, 256
* 256 * 256)
    print(base64.b64encode(aeskey))
    #aeskey = '6x4EQsplZuXWh3QNJGyupts7KFH3dBQNFTyEjVlRVwU='
    benc = base64.b64decode(enc)
    decipher = AES.new(base64.b64decode(aeskey), AES.MODE_ECB)
    print(decipher.decrypt(benc).decode('utf-8'))

```

This outputs the flag.

FLAG: HV19{sry\_n0\_crypt0mat\_th1s\_year}

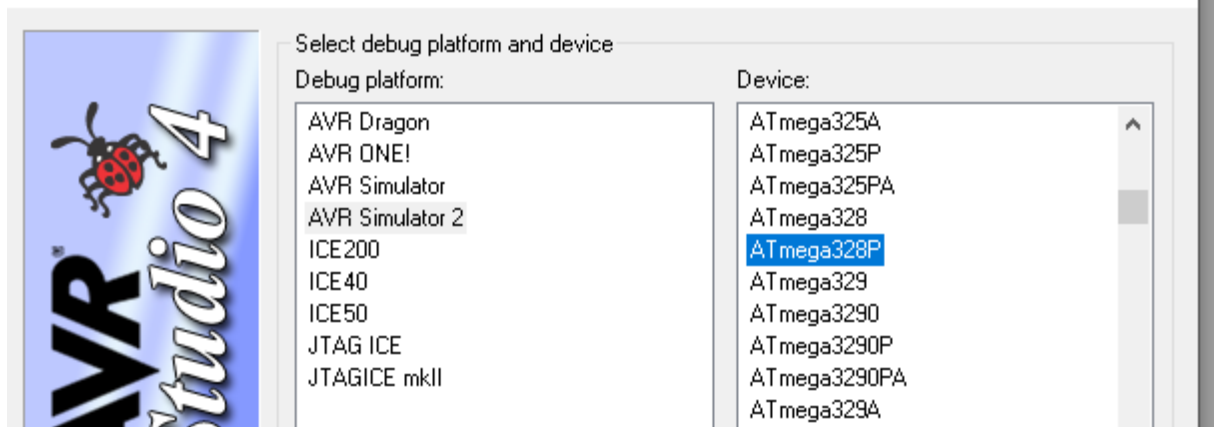
## HV19.22 The command ... is lost

Arduino Firmware File

Download .data file and rename to hex

Open in AVR Studio 4

Select device and debug platform



Execute, Pause and search Data Section

[illegible]

FLAG: HV19{H3y S13dg3 m33t m3 at th3 n3xt c0rn3r}

## HV19.23 Internet Data Archive

Reconnaissance shows that the server has a /tmp/ directory with a phpversion.info and Santa-data.zip file inside. The password generation algorithm for the zip file is the same as for IDA Pro. <https://devco.re/blog/2019/06/21/operation-crack-hacking-IDA-Pro-installer-PRNG-from-an-unusual-way-en/>

Follow the tutorial to generate possible 12 character long passwords and use them as input for John. After a while, the correct password is found.

Script:

```
<?php
```

```
$ca = str_split("abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ23456789");
```

```
$key = 0;
```

```
$pw = "";
```

```
$fh = fopen('php://output', 'w');
```

```
for ($s = 0; $s < 2147483647; $s++){
```

```
srand($s);
```

```
for($j=0;$j<12;++$j){
```

```
$key = rand(0, 53);
```

```
$pw .= $ca[$key];
```

}

```
$pw .= "\n";
```

```
fwrite($fh, $pw);
```

```
$pw = "";
```

}

?

FLAG: HV19{Cr4ckin Passw0rdz like IDA Pr0}

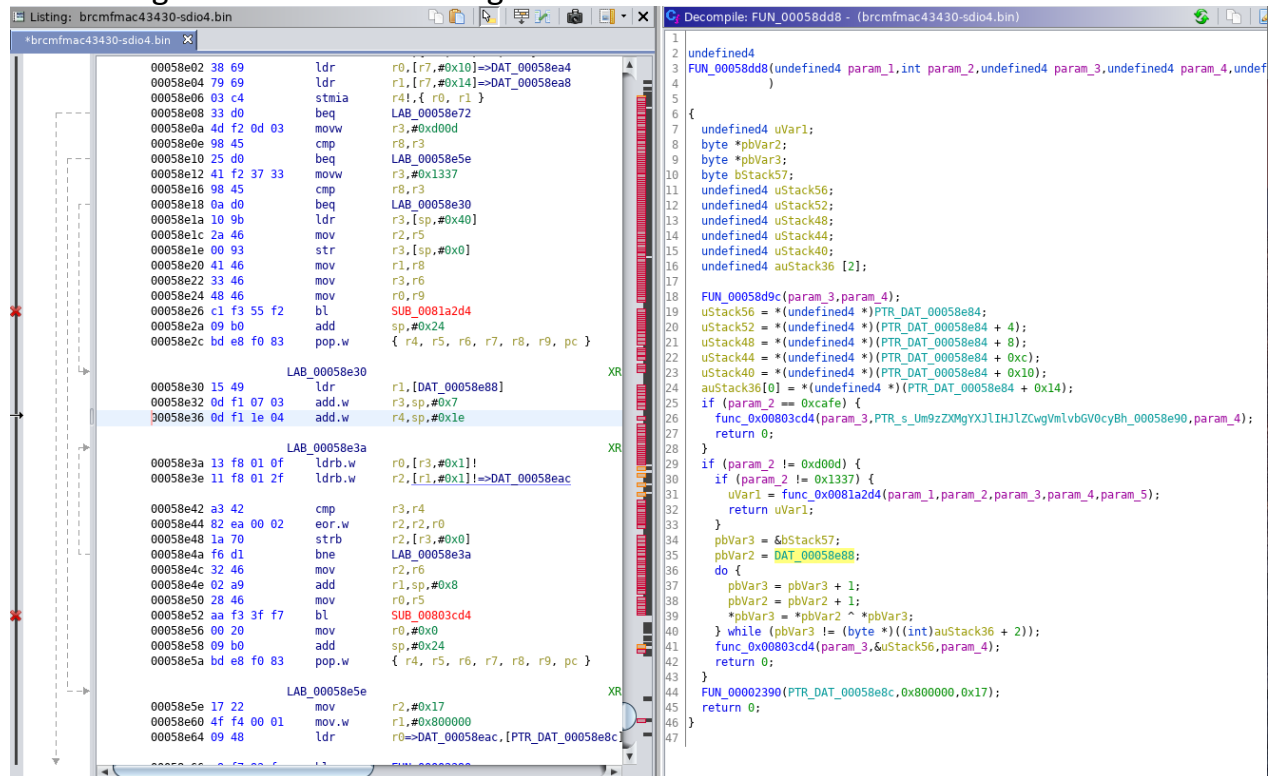
# HV19.24 ham radio

Inspecting the binary with strings shows a Base64 string:

Um9zZXMGYXJlIHJlZCwgVmlvbGV0cyBhcmUgYmx1ZSwgRHJTY2hvdHRreSBsb3ZlcyBo  
b29raW5nIGlvY3Rscywg2h5IHNoY3VsZG4ndCB5b3U

which says: Roses are red, Violets are blue, DrSchottky loves  
hooking ioctls, why shouldn't you

Searching for the b64 string in Ghidra leads to this function:



Here 2 byte arrays are xored: One is from the Data section at  
0x00058e94 and the other is from the ROM Memory that is not included  
in the binary. The ROM can be found here:

[https://github.com/seemoo-lab/bcm\\_misc/blob/master/bcm43430a1/rom.bin](https://github.com/seemoo-lab/bcm_misc/blob/master/bcm43430a1/rom.bin)

Xor the ROM and the byte array with python to receive the flag:

with open("rom.bin", 'rb') as binfile:

```
key = binfile.read(23)
```

with open("brcmfmac43430-sdio.bin", 'rb') as binfile:

```
binfile.seek(0x58e94)
```

```
encrypted = binfile.read(23)
```

```
flag = ""
```

```
for(k, e) in zip(key, encrypted):
```

```
flag += chr(k ^ e)
```

```
print(flag)
```

```
FLAG: HV19{Y0uw3n7FullM4Cm4n}
```

## HV19 Writeup

Write a writeup and submit the PDF file 😊

## HV19.H1 Hidden One

Hidden text in the description of challenge 6.  
At the end: spaces and tabs

Born: January 22  
Died: April 9  
Mother: Lady Anne

Father: Sir Nicholas

Secrets: unknown

Save to file and execute stegsnow  
root@hlkali:/home/hacker/Downloads/Hackvent19/06# stegsnow -C  
secret.txt  
FLAG: HV19{1stHiddenFound}

## HV19.H2 Hidden Two

Filename from Day 7 Video download:  
3DULK2N7DcpXFg8qGo9Z9qEQqvaEDpUCBB1v.mp4  
Base58 encoded  
FLAG: HV19{Dont\_confuse\_0\_and\_0}

## HV19.H3 Hidden Three

nmap -sT whale.hacking-lab.com  
reveals that port 17 for the „quote of the day“ service is open  
write short pythonscript  
#!/usr/bin/env python

import socket

```
TCP_IP = 'whale.hacking-lab.com'  
TCP_PORT = 17  
BUFFER_SIZE = 2048  
MESSAGE = "1"
```

```
s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)  
s.connect((TCP_IP, TCP_PORT))  
s.send(MESSAGE)  
data = s.recv(BUFFER_SIZE)  
s.close()
```

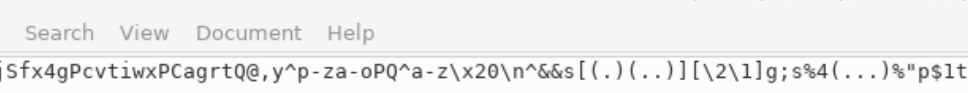
```
print "received data:", data
```

```
root@hlkali:/home/hacker/Downloads/Hackvent19# ./qotd.py
received data: 0
```

Letter changes every hour.  
FLAG: HV19{an0ther\_DAILY\_f14g}

## HV19.H4 Hidden Four

```
Execute Flag from day 14 in perl
Output: Sq4ring the Circle
```



```
File Edit Search View Document Help
HV19{ $s=@jSfx4gPcvtiwxPCagrtQ@,y^p-za-oPQ^a-z\x20\n^&&s[(.)(.)][\2\1]g;s%4(...)%"p$!t"%ee}

Terminal - root@hlkali: /home/hacker/Downloads/Hackvent19
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help
syntax error at new.pl line 1, at EOF
Execution of new.pl aborted due to compilation errors.
root@hlkali:/home/hacker/Downloads/Hackvent19# perl new.pl
Squ4ring the Circle
Can't locate object method "HV19" via package "1" (perhaps you forgot to load "1
?") at new.pl line 1.
root@hlkali:/home/hacker/Downloads/Hackvent19#
```

FLAG: HV19{Sq4ring the Circle}