



## Mission Name

The Doors

## Historical Context

Ethan is tasked with disabling the security apparatus and surveillance by navigating the locks of each door within the Skytech network bridge room.

## Technical Synopsis

Ethan's mission involves remote infiltration into the Skytech network bridge, a secured area guarded by multi-tiered security doors. He must locate and utilize the appropriate keys to bypass each barrier, facing a series of challenges designed to test his resolve and skill.

## Mission Brief

Ethan, your objective lies within the Skytech Network Bridge, a vault secured by numerous cryptographic locks. Each door presents a unique puzzle, requiring the correct decryption key for access. Your greeting message upon entry will be: "Welcome to the Skytech Network Bridge Security System." Best of luck!

## Detailed Assignment

Ethan's goal is to dismantle the surveillance and security mechanisms by systematically unlocking the doors within the Skytech network bridge room.

## Operational Venue

SYLVARCON | SKYTECH Headquarters



## Tools

- nc -nv IP 7777

## Questions

What is the name of words given in first doors?

- Anagram

What game is based second door?

- 8-queens

What game is based third door?

- Sudoku

## Items

1. Order the word, try to find common English 7 letter words dictionary.
2. Generate all 8-queen's solutions and check it out.
3. Wait until sudoku is prompted to start resolving, polling could help.

## Categories

- Programming
- Mathematics
- Games



## Write Up

Connect to the specified port using Netcat or a similar application:

- nc IP 7777

Upon establishing the connection, the security system will present a series of challenges, one for each door you encounter.

### First Door Challenge:

You're given an anagram consisting of a jumbled seven-letter English word. Your task is to unscramble the word and submit the correct form.

### Second Door Challenge:

The challenge here involves the 8-queens puzzle, where you're presented with a partially completed chessboard. You must identify the correct position for the missing queen in the provided row.

### Submission Format:

-Q-----Q-Q-----Q-----Q-----Q---Q---

### Visual Format:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
8	-	-	-	Q	-	-	-

### Third Door Challenge:

A Sudoku puzzle is presented, which must be solved and submitted in a specified format. You're required to fill in the missing numbers to complete the board.



### Submission Format for Sudoku:

000095008080007020000063070006008000352000000000951030001400680009000000800009000

### Visual Format:

0 0 0 | 0 9 5 | 0 0 8  
0 8 0 | 0 0 7 | 0 2 0

8 0 0 | 0 0 9 | 0 0 0

### Automating Solutions:

To efficiently tackle these challenges, especially the second and third, you will need to execute `writeup.py`. Additionally, ensure you have `8queens.txt` for the 8-queens puzzle, `sudokusolver.py` for solving the Sudoku, and `common-7-letter-words.txt` for the anagram challenge.

This approach will streamline the process of passing through all doors and ultimately securing the flag.

```
#!/bin/python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

import random
import socket
import sys
import time
import os
import re
from SudokuSolver import *

VALID_CHARACTERS_REGEX = r'^[a-zA-Z0-9]'

def door1(ciphertext):
    #
    plaintext = ''
    # format [[8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1], [5, 9, 0, 6, 0, 0, 7, 8, 0], [0, 0, 0,
    7, 0, 5, 0, 2, 0], [0, 6, 0, 0, 4, 3, 0, 0, 0], [1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6], [3, 0,
    0, 1, 6, 0, 9, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 8, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0], [7,
    0, 0, 8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]]
```



```
sudoku = []
# part in 9 slices ciphertext
s9 = list(map('.join, zip(*[iter(ciphertext)]*9)))
# create list of list
for x in s9:
    sudoku.append(list(map(int, x)))
s = sudoku
initial_try(s)
for line in s:
    if 0 in line:
        DFS_solve(s, 0, 0)
        break

print("Solution:")
print_sudoku(s)
# conver s, list of list, to string
for ss in s:
    for i in range(9):
        plaintext = plaintext + str(ss[i])
return plaintext

def door2(ciphertext):
    #
    plaintext = ''
    with open('8queens.txt', 'r') as infile:
        boards = infile.read()
        infile.close()

    solutions_queens = []

    for sol in range(1, 92):
        tmp = ''
        for a in range(1, 9):
            tmp = tmp + boards.split(':')[sol].split("solution")[0].split("\n")[a + 1].replace(" ", "").split(str(a))[1]
        solutions_queens.append(tmp)

    sum_chars = 0
    tmp_sol = ''
    tmp_sum = 0
    for f in solutions_queens:
        sum_chars = sum(1 if c1 == c2 else 0 for c1, c2 in zip(ciphertext, f))
        # sol in 56 coincidences
        if sum_chars > tmp_sum:
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tmp_sol = f
tmp_sum = sum_chars

plaintext = tmp_sol

return plaintext

def solve_anagram(word: str, dict_file_path: str):
    # solves an one-word anagram

    # read the dictionary file
    data = [word.lower() for word in open(dict_file_path, 'r').read().split('\n')]

    # make the word lowercase
    word = word.lower()

    # get rid of random characters in the word
    word = re.sub(VALID_CHARACTERS_REGEX, '', word)

    anagrams = []

    for i in range(len(data)):
        if str_sort(data[i]) == str_sort(word):
            anagrams.append(data[i])
    return anagrams

finish = True

s = socket.socket()
s.connect(('192.168.174.150', 7777))

while finish:

    # s.settimeout(1)

    str_sort = lambda text: ''.join(sorted(text))
    # obtener ciphertext
    ciphertext = s.recv(2048).decode("utf-8")
    #print(ciphertext).split("\n")
    print(ciphertext)
```



```
# obtener ciphertext
time.sleep(1)
ciphertext = s.recv(2048).decode("utf-8") #delete if local
print(ciphertext)
print("[+]First Door: " + ciphertext.split("\n")[7])
ciphertext = ciphertext.split("\n")[7]
print(ciphertext)
puerta1 = solve_anagram(ciphertext, 'common-7-letter-words.txt')
# envio cuadratic
print("[+]First key: " + puerta1[0])
s.send(puerta1[0].encode())

time.sleep(1)
# obtener ciphertext
ciphertext = s.recv(2048).decode("utf-8")
print(ciphertext)
print("[+]Second Door: " + ciphertext.split("\n")[8])
ciphertext = ciphertext.split("\n")[8]

puerta2 = door2(ciphertext)
# envio pi
print("[+]Second key: " + puerta2)
s.send(puerta2.encode())

time.sleep(7)
ciphertext = s.recv(2048).decode("utf-8")
print(ciphertext)
print("[+]Third Doord: " + ciphertext.split("\n")[8])
ciphertext = ciphertext.split("\n")[8]

puerta3 = door1(ciphertext)
# envio prime
print("[+]Third key: " + puerta3)
s.send(puerta3.encode())

time.sleep(1)

# flag
ciphertext = s.recv(2048).decode("utf-8")
print(ciphertext)

finish = False
s.close()
```



## Welcome Skytech Security Doors Management

### First Door

Please answer with the correct key to continue...

mpuindo

[+]First Door: mpuindo

mpuindo

[+]First key: impound

Go to Next Door

### Second door

Please answer with the correct key to continue:

Resolve the game and delivery solution with the sent format...

#### Sent Format

-Q-----Q---\*\*\*\*\*---Q---Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----

#### Draw Format

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	-	Q	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	Q	-	-	-
3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4	-	-	-	Q	-	-	-	-
5	Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Q
7	-	-	-	-	-	Q	-	-
8	-	-	Q	-	-	-	-	-

[+]Second Door: -Q-----Q---\*\*\*\*\*---Q---Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----

[+]Second key: -Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----Q-----

Go to Next Door

Figure 1



Third door

Please answer with the correct key to continue:

Resolve the game and delivery solution with the sent format, please wait ...

Sent Format

00610000003207009000900201500030004005000900068000050000203007000014002000805000

Draw Format

0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	3	2	0	7	0	0	9	0	0
0	0	9	0	0	2	0	1	5	0

0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	0
0	0	5	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
0	6	8	0	0	0	0	5	0	0

0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	7	0
0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	0
0	0	0	8	0	5	0	0	0	0

[+] Third Doord: 00610000003207009000900201500030004005000900068000050000203007000014002000805000

Solution:

5	4	6	1	3	9	2	7	8	0
1	3	2	5	7	8	4	9	6	0
7	8	9	4	6	2	3	1	5	0

9	1	7	3	5	6	8	2	4	0
3	2	5	4	8	7	9	6	1	0
4	6	8	9	2	1	7	5	3	0

8	5	1	2	9	3	6	4	7	0
6	9	3	7	1	4	5	8	2	0
2	7	4	8	6	5	1	3	9	0

[+] Third key: 546139278132578496789642315917356824325487961468921753851293647693714582274865139  
Go to Next Door

You have deactivate the security system  
flag{lockp1ck1ng\_would\_be\_better}

Figure 2

## Flag Information

flag{lockp1ck1ng\_would\_be\_better}