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Given Information:

- Key Digest (MD5): 008ced81ddf77a45e35513f4459d7baf
- Encrypted Data: KCTCSZFTHVQMAEEWOIBO
- Flag Format: CSC-BZU{THIS_IS_FLAG_FORMATE}

Step1:

Crack Key digest (008ced81ddf77a45e35513f4459d7baf) by [this tool](#) and value will be Palestine

Step2:

Use [this tool](#) for PlayFair Cipher Decryption

The screenshot shows the dCode website's PlayFair Cipher Decoder tool. The interface is divided into several sections. On the left, there's a search bar and a results section for 'CSCBZUDIDYOUPLAYFAIR'. The main area features a 5x5 grid with the following letters: P, A, L, E, S; T, I, N, B, C; D, F, G, H, K; M, O, Q, R, U; V, W, X, Y, Z. Below the grid, there are dropdown menus for 'SHIFT IF SAME ROW' (set to 'Cell on the left'), 'SHIFT IF SAME COLUMN' (set to 'Cell above'), and 'ORDER OF LETTER ELSEWHERE' (set to 'Same row as letter 1 first'). A 'DECRYPT PLAYFAIR' button is visible. On the right side, there is a 'Summary' section with links to 'PlayFair Decoder', 'PlayFair Encoder', and 'What is PlayFair cipher?'. Below that is a 'Similar pages' section with links to 'Two-square Cipher', 'Slidefair Cipher', 'Bifid Cipher', 'Three Squares Cipher', 'Collon Cipher', 'Tap Code Cipher', 'Nihilist Cipher', and 'DCODE'S TOOLS LIST'.

Then we get CSCBZUDIDYOUPLAYFAIR

Then apply flag form to CSCBZUDIDYOUPLAYFAIR and we get the flag CSC-BZU{DID_YOU_PLAY_FAIR}

Hill Cipher:

Given Information:

- Block size 2
- $C = K \cdot P \bmod 26$
- $E(\text{"HELP"}) = \text{BJUP}$
- $E(\text{Flag}) = \text{YUX-AFF}\{\text{PDGV_CWSRBK_OIC_GN_UOVD}\}$

Step1:

Can use [this tool](#)

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ 4 & 15 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 20 \\ 9 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = K \cdot P \bmod 26, \text{ then } K = C \cdot P^{-1}$$

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -11 \\ -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \cdot (7 \cdot 15 - 11 \cdot 4)^{-1} \bmod 26$$

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -11 \\ -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \cdot (61)^{-1} \bmod 26$$

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 15 \\ 22 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 3 \bmod 26 = \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 19 \\ 14 & 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 20 \\ 9 & 15 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 19 \\ 14 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \bmod 26 = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 23 \\ 17 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = \text{"NXRS"}$$

Then use this key to decrypt encrypted Flag by this tool

The screenshot shows the Hill Cipher Decoder tool interface. The main section is titled "HILL CIPHER" and "HILL DECODER". It features a search bar on the left with the text "Search for a tool" and a "SEARCH A TOOL ON dCODE" button. Below the search bar, there are results for "YUXAFFPDGVCH_OVD" and "CSC-BZU{HILL_CIPHER_KEY_IS_NXRY}". The main input area contains the ciphertext "YUX-AFF{PDGV_CWSRBK_OIC_GN_UOVD}" and the key matrix "NXRS" (represented as a 2x2 matrix of numbers: 13, 23, 17, 18). The tool has a "DECRYPT" button. On the right, there is a "Summary" section with links to various Hill cipher resources.

Then we have almost flag decryption $\text{CSC-BZU}\{\text{HILL_CIPHER_KEY_IS_NXRY}\}$ but the right flag is $\text{CSC-BZU}\{\text{HILL_CIPHER_KEY_IS_NXRS}\}$. This happens because the tool adds a filler character "A" if the number of characters is not a multiple of 2.

Encoding

Given Information:

- Power lies in multi-layered encoding
- File name
- File content

Step1:

Use [this tool](#) to decoding file name

The screenshot shows a web-based tool for encoding and decoding. It is divided into two main panels: 'Recipe' on the left and 'Input/Output' on the right.

Recipe Panel:

- ROT13:** Includes checkboxes for 'Rotate lower case chars' (checked), 'Rotate upper case chars' (checked), and 'Rotate numbers' (unchecked). An 'Amount' field is set to 22.
- To Hex:** Includes a 'Delimiter' field set to '0x' and a 'Bytes per line' field set to 0.
- To Base64:** Includes an 'Alphabet' dropdown set to 'A-Za-z0-9+/='.
- From Base64:** Includes an 'Alphabet' dropdown set to 'A-Za-z0-9+/=' and checkboxes for 'Remove non-alphabet chars' (checked) and 'Strict mode' (unchecked).
- From Hex:** Includes a 'Delimiter' field set to '0x'.
- ROT13 (bottom):** Includes checkboxes for 'Rotate lower case chars' (checked), 'Rotate upper case chars' (checked), and 'Rotate numbers' (unchecked). An 'Amount' field is set to 4.
- Bottom Bar:** A green 'BAKE!' button with a chef icon and an 'Auto Bake' checkbox (checked).

Input/Output Panel:

- Input:** A text area containing a long, complex Base64-encoded string.
- Output:** A text area showing the decoded result: `CSC-BZU{3nc0d1n9_fu%_w17h_b45e64_r0t13_he><}`.

Then read story