

Homework 3

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Problem ID	Captured Flag	Steps
P1	MS-DOS: flag{7187D272409E78A914658319A79D888B} ELF 32: flag{F90F2C6BC5F485027C1F9AE4CDFF30FA} JPEG: flag{CB0E653885F739E0865A0626648B4B6E} PDF: flag{90AB7D41D0905B780D29BECD007E1C1D} ZIP: flag{DECFE44CB3DD1785841D504797A88D03}	In this problem, you used a hex editor to insert 4 to 16 bytes into a simple text file to convert it into various requested file types. For the EXE file type, the resulting file was identified as an MS DOS executable, representing both PE32 and PE32+ formats. You then used the "file" command to determine the file extension and ran a hexdump equivalent command in PowerShell to display the hexadecimal values of each file. Finally, you calculated the MD5 hash of each file to verify its integrity and uniqueness.
P2	fsuctf{c0rrupted_z1p_h1des_st3ged_jp3g}	In this problem, the provided archived folder was found to be corrupt after downloading and unzipping. To resolve this issue, you used a hex editor to add specific bytes to the folder, allowing it to be downloaded and accessed successfully. After extracting the contents, you discovered an image file containing a hidden flag. Utilizing an online steganography tool called aperiolve, you extracted the hidden flag from the image, which was stored in a text file within the folder.
P3	ictf{z1ps_r3vealed_with_m4gic_byt3s}	In this problem, you were tasked with decoding a provided string using CyberChef. Initially decoding from base64 resulted in garbage symbols. To obtain the correct output, you chose the zip option and dragged the decoded text. Downloading and unzipping the provided zip file revealed the flag, successfully completing the task.
P4	picoCTF{15_y0ur_que57_qu1x071c_or_h3r01c_ea7deb4c}	In this problem, you utilized the GitHub repo "sigBits" to extract hidden data from an image.

		Initially, you ran the program in the webshell and loaded the image. Using the provided command, you extracted data from the image, creating an output file. To locate the flag within the large file, you used "grep" to filter for relevant content. Finally, using the "vi" command, you successfully located and extracted the flag.
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Detailed Explanation:

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In this problem I have used hexed where I have inserted 4 bytes to 16 bytes for converting the simple text file to the requested file type. I have provided the detailed screenshots for every file type.

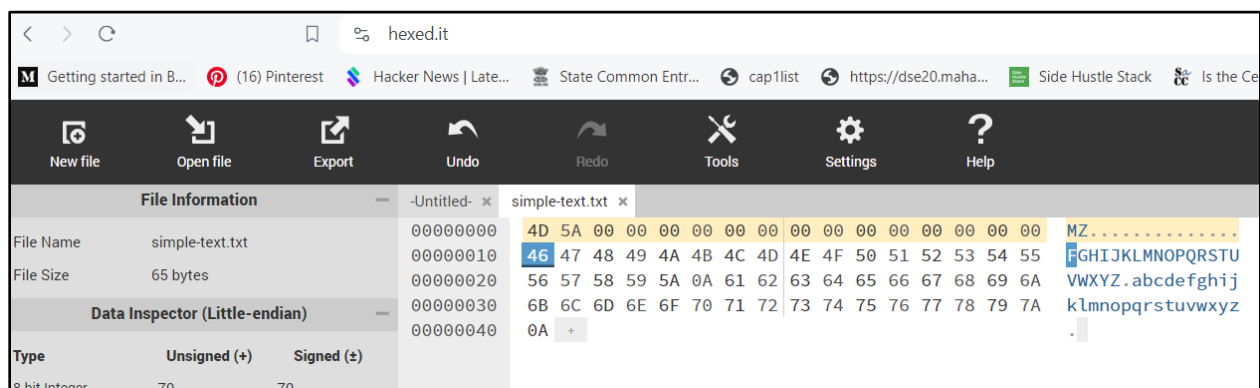
For EXE file the file type is MS DOS executable. It is said that this represents both PE32 and PE32+. I got the list of files and found out bytes for every file type.

After inserting the bytes. I ran the command “file” on every file to know its extension.

Later I have ran the hexdump equivalent command in PowerShell for every file which gives the hex values.

Then I ran one more command to know the MD5 hash of every file.

MS-DOS: flag{ 7187D272409E78A914658319A79D888B}



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PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-Content -Path "EXE.txt" -Encoding Byte -TotalCount 16 | Format-Hex

Path:

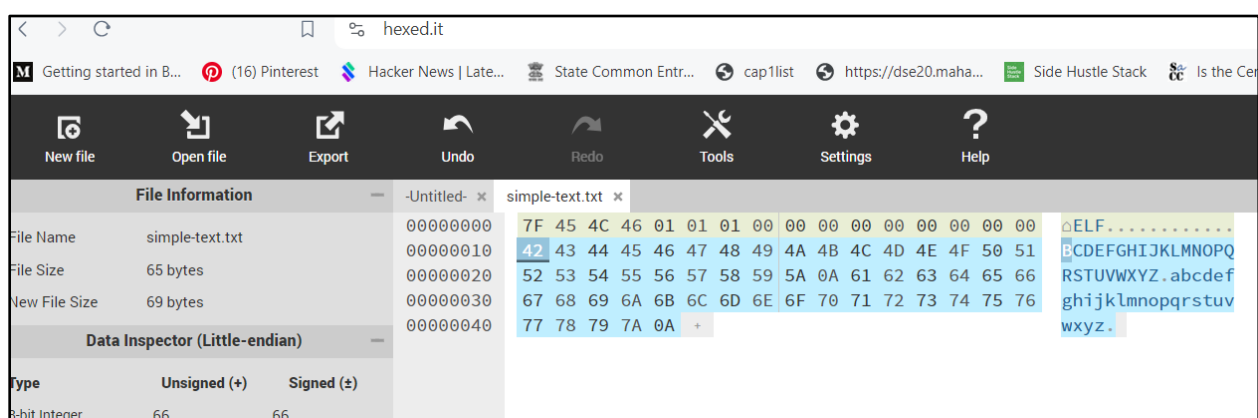
00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
00000000 4D 5A 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 MZ.....

PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-FileHash -Algorithm MD5 -Path EXE.txt

Algorithm      Hash                                           Path
-----
MD5             7187D272409E78A914658319A79D888B          C:\studies\PC0\EXE.txt

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ELF 32 bit: flag{F90F2C6BC5F485027C1F9AE4CDFF30FA}



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PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-Content -Path "ELF.txt" -Encoding Byte -TotalCount 16 | Format-Hex

Path:

00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
00000000 7F 45 4C 46 01 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ELF.....

PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-FileHash -Algorithm MD5 -Path ELF.txt

Algorithm      Hash                                           Path
-----
MD5             F90F2C6BC5F485027C1F9AE4CDFF30FA          C:\studies\PC0\ELF.txt

PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-Content -Path "ZIP.txt" -Encoding Byte -TotalCount 16 | Format-Hex

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JPEG: flag{CB0E653885F739E0865A0626648B4B6E}

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File Information

File Name: simple-text.txt
File Size: 65 bytes

Data Inspector (Little-endian)

Type: Unsigned (+) Signed (±)

8-bit Integer: 119 119
16-bit Integer: 30839 30839
24-bit Integer: 7960695 7960695
32-bit Integer: 2054781047 2054781047

simple-text.txt x

00000000 FF D8 FF E0 00 10 4A 46 49 46 00 01 01 01 44 45 + α..JFIF...DE
00000010 46 47 48 49 4A 4B 4C 4D 4E 4F 50 51 52 53 54 55 FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTU
00000020 56 57 58 59 5A 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A VWXYZ.abcdefghij
00000030 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A klmnopqrstuvwxyz
00000040 0A + .

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PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-Content -Path "JPEG.txt" -Encoding Byte -TotalCount 16 | Format-Hex

Path:

00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
00000000 FF D8 FF E0 00 10 4A 46 49 46 00 01 01 01 44 45 .0.à..JFIF...DE

PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-FileHash -Algorithm MD5 -Path JPEG.txt

Algorithm      Hash                                                    Path
-----
MD5             CB0E653885F739E0865A0626648B4B6E                  C:\studies\PC0\JPEG.txt
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PDF: flag{90AB7D41D0905B780D29BECD007E1C1D}

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Type: Unsigned (+) Signed (±)

8-bit Integer: 46 46
16-bit Integer: 12614 12614

simple-text.txt x

00000000 25 50 44 46 2D 2E 35 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 46 %PDF-1.5.....F
00000010 47 48 49 4A 4B 4C 4D 4E 4F 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 GHIJKLMNOPQRSTU
00000020 57 58 59 5A 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B VWXYZ.abcdefghijk
00000030 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 0A lmnopqrstuvwxyz.
00000040 +

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PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-Content -Path "PDF.txt" -Encoding Byte -TotalCount 16 | Format-Hex

Path:

00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
00000000 25 50 44 46 2D 2E 35 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 46 %PDF-.5.....F

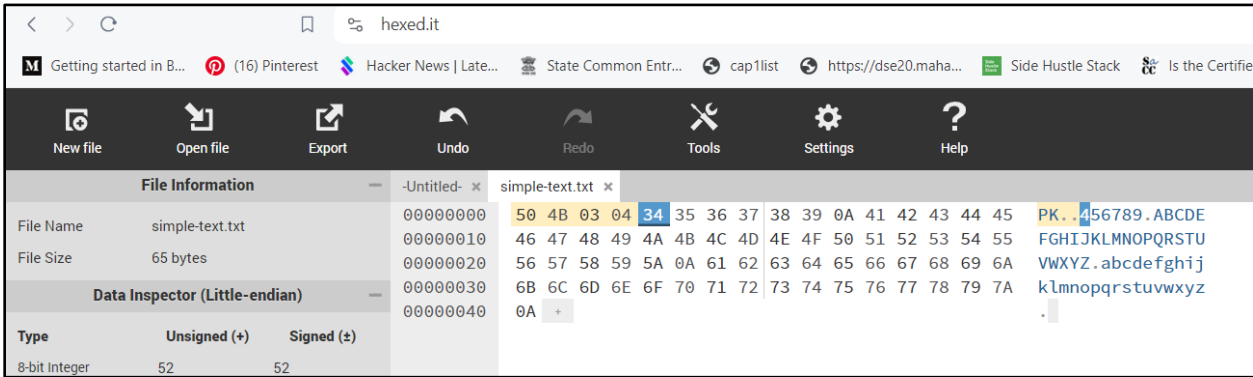
PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-FileHash -Algorithm MD5 -Path PDF.txt

Algorithm      Hash                                          Path
-----
MD5             90AB7D41D0905B780D29BECDD007E1C1D      C:\studies\PC0\PDF.txt
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ZIP: flag{DECFE44CB3DD1785841D504797A88D03}/ flag{4369A0904E44037BF6CBD15226F28AB4}

For ZIP file I have tried to different bytes since the first one is reading the file type as data and not zip whereas the other byte is reading it as empty archive. But I am aware that it should not be giving empty archive. I will attaching both. ZIP.txt is the first one and ZIP2.txt is done using empty archive.

ZIP.txt: flag{ 4369A0904E44037BF6CBD15226F28AB4}



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PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-Content -Path "ZIP.txt" -Encoding Byte -TotalCount 16 | Format-Hex

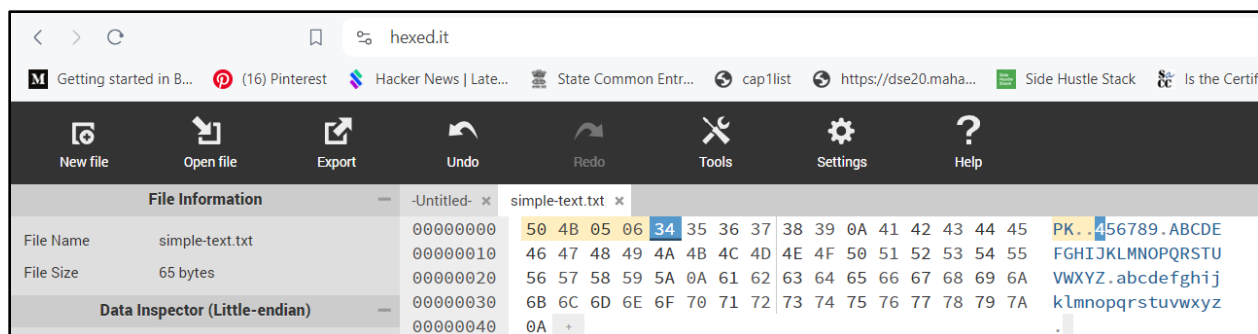
Path:

00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
00000000 50 4B 03 04 34 35 36 37 38 39 0A 41 42 43 44 45 PK..456789.ABCDE

PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-FileHash -Algorithm MD5 -Path ZIP.txt

Algorithm      Hash                                          Path
-----
MD5             4369A0904E44037BF6CBD15226F28AB4      C:\studies\PC0\ZIP.txt
```

ZIP1.txt: flag{ DECFE44CB3DD1785841D504797A88D03}



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PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-Content -Path "ZIP1.txt" -Encoding Byte -TotalCount 16 | Format-Hex

Path:

00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
00000000  50 4B 05 06 34 35 36 37 38 39 0A 41 42 43 44 45  PK..456789.ABCDE

PS C:\studies\PC0> Get-FileHash -Algorithm MD5 -Path ZIP1.txt

Algorithm      Hash                                           Path
-----
MD5            DECFE44CB3DD1785841D504797A88D03          C:\studies\PC0\ZIP1.txt
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To know the file type:

```
purva@Purva UCRT64 ~
$ file "C:\studies\PC0\EXE.txt"
C:\studies\PC0\EXE.txt: MS-DOS executable
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```
purva@Purva UCRT64 ~
$ file "C:\studies\PC0\JPEG.txt"
C:\studies\PC0\JPEG.txt: JPEG image data, JFIF standard 1.01, resolution (DPI), density 17477x17991,
segment length 16, thumbnail 72x73

purva@Purva UCRT64 ~
$ file "C:\studies\PC0\ELF.txt"
C:\studies\PC0\ELF.txt: ELF 32-bit LSB *unknown arch 0x4948* (SYSV)

purva@Purva UCRT64 ~
$ file "C:\studies\PC0\PDF.txt"
C:\studies\PC0\PDF.txt: PDF document, version ..

purva@Purva UCRT64 ~
$ file "C:\studies\PC0\ZIP.txt"
C:\studies\PC0\ZIP.txt: data
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purva@Purva UCRT64 ~
$ file "C:\studies\PC0\ZIP1.txt"
C:\studies\PC0\ZIP1.txt: Zip archive data
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fsuctf{c0rrupted_z1p_h1des_st3ged_jp3g}

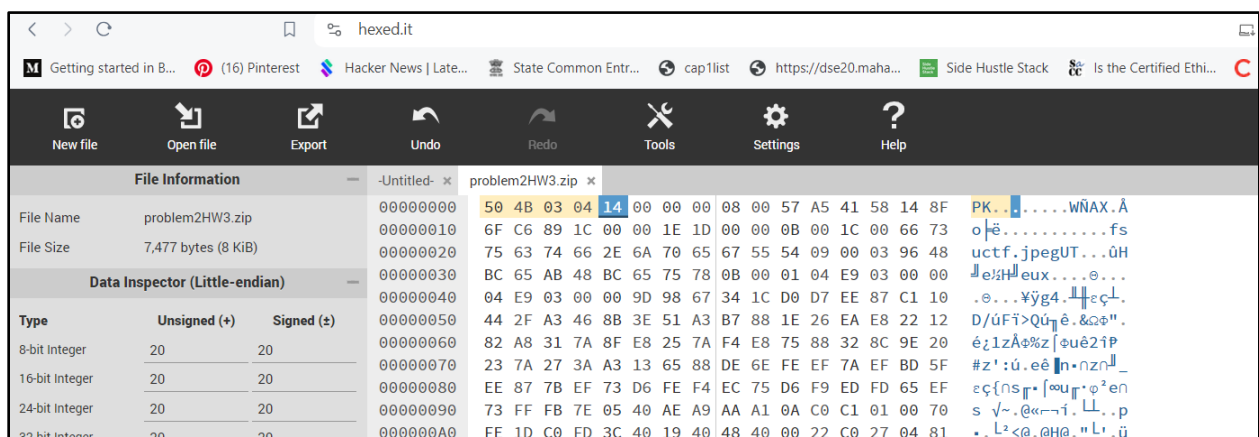
In this problem we are supposed to download the provided archived folder. But after downloading and unzipping it, the file in that folder didn't open and gave a file corrupt error.

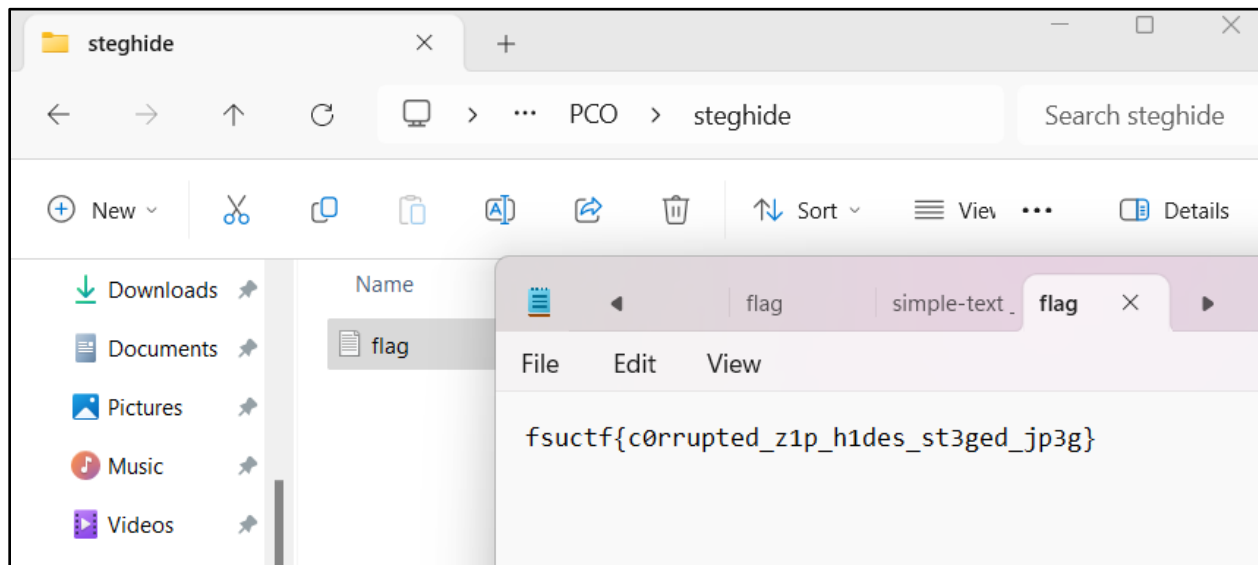
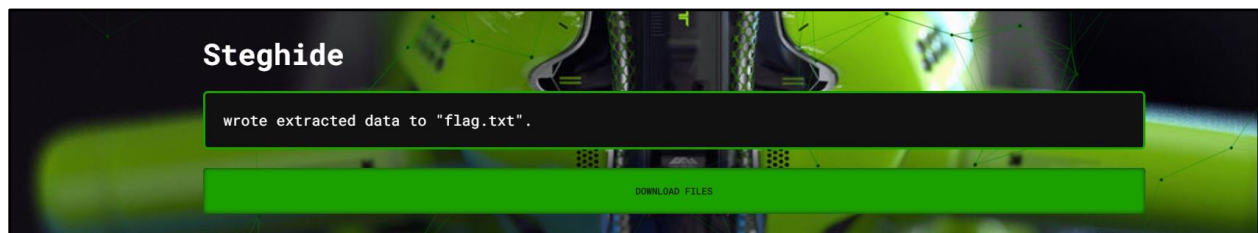
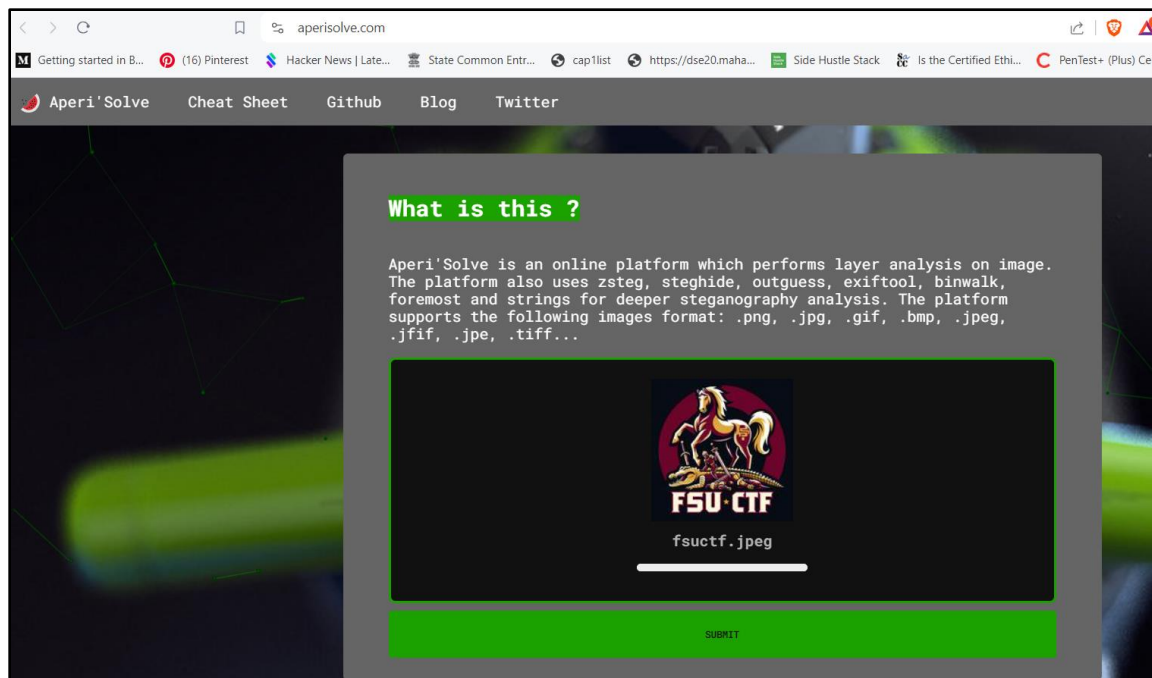
So for this problem I tried using the first problem solution that is adding bytes to the unzipped folder by opening it in hexed.

I added the “50 4B 03 04” and then downloaded the folder. This worked for me and I could open the image provided in that folder.

Next I had to find the flag hidden in that image. For that I used an online tool [aperisolve](#).

I opened the image in it and downloaded from the steghide section a text file that provided me with the flag.





Q3)

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ictf{z1ps_r3vealed_with_m4gic_byt3s}
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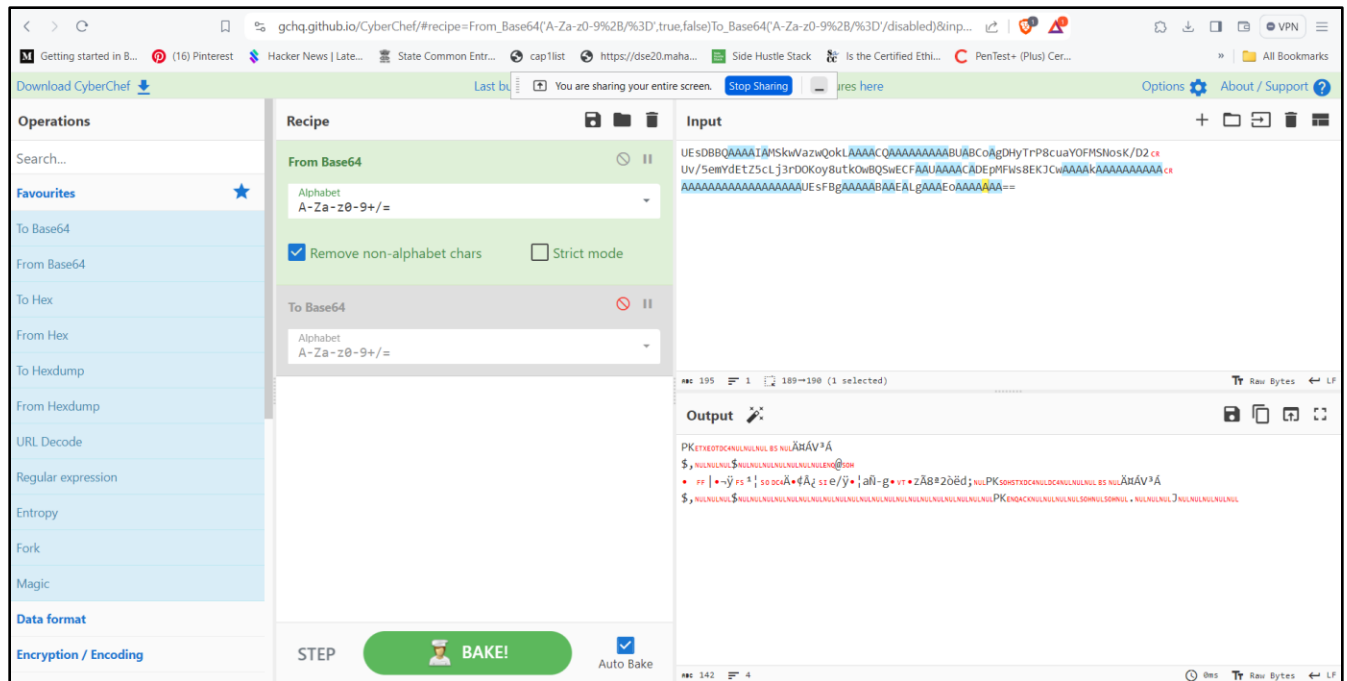
In this problem we are supposed to decode the provided string. I utilized a site called CyberChef.

I pasted the string in it and chose the option “from base64”, which gave me the output in a garbage symbol format.

To get the right output that is the flag, I then chose the zip option and dragged it.

Now I just clicked on download the provided zip file and unzipped it on my system.

And that worked and I could see the flag.



Recipe

From Base64

Alphabet
A-Za-z0-9+/=

☒ Remove non-alphabet chars ☐ Strict mode

To Base64

Alphabet
A-Za-z0-9+/=

Unzip

Password

☐ Verify result

Input

UESDBBQAAAAIAMskwVazwQokLAAACQAAAAAAAAABUABCoAgDHyTrP8cuaYOFMSNosK/D2cr
Uv/5emYdEtZ5cLj3rDOKoy8utkOwBQSwECFAAUAAAACADEpMFws8EKJcwAAAAkAAAAAAAAAAcr
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUESFBgAAAAABAAEALgAAAEoAAAAAA==

Output

1 file(s) found

36 bytes

Last build: 2 days ago - Version 10 is here! Read about the new features here

Recipe

From Base64

Alphabet
A-Za-z0-9+/=

☒ Remove non-alphabet chars ☐ Strict mode

To Base64

Alphabet
A-Za-z0-9+/=

Unzip

Password

☐ Verify result

File Edit View

hctf{z1ps_r3vealed_with_m4gic_byt3s}

Ln 1, Col 1 36 characters 100% Windows (CRLF) UTF-8

Q4)

picoCTF{15_y0ur_que57_qu1x071c_0r_h3r01c_ea7deb4c}

In this problem I used the GitHub repo called sigBits that helps in getting the hidden output from an image.

First, I ran the program in the webshell. And loaded the image in webshell.

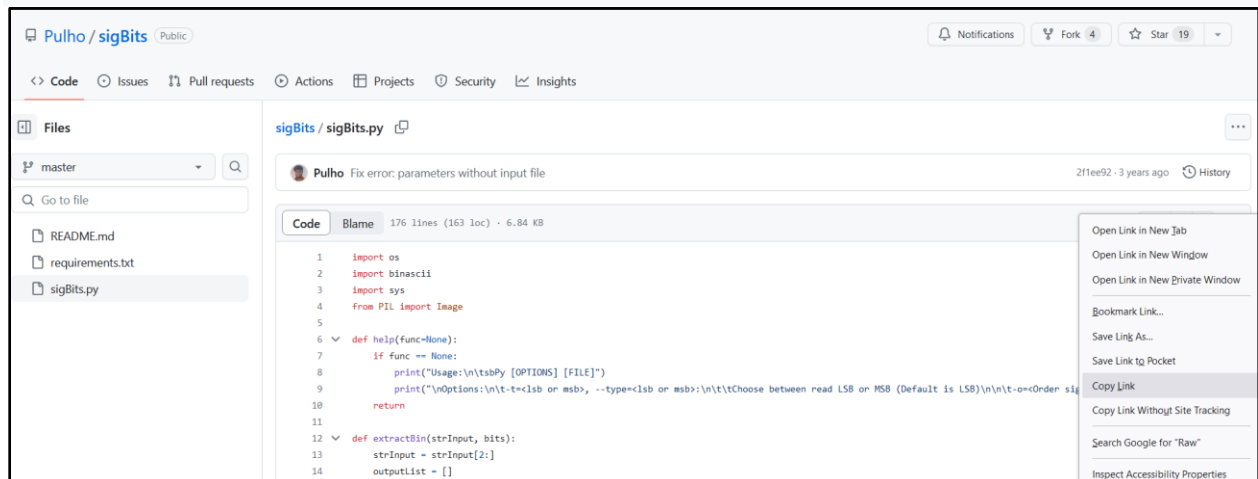
Then ran the provided command **“python sigBits.py --type=Msb Ninja-and-Prince-Genji-Ukiyoe-Utagawa-Kunisada.flag.png”**

After which I did ls and checked if I have got the outputSB.txt file created and it did.

Now I opened this file with cat but since the file was too big it was not easy to find the flag.

For which I used the cat outputs.txt | grep pico

And then with the help of vi command I found the flag.



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'Pulho / sigBits'. The repository is public and has 4 forks and 19 stars. The 'Code' tab is selected, showing the file 'sigBits.py' with 176 lines of code. The code is a Python script that takes an image file as input and extracts hidden data. The script uses the 'PIL' library to load the image and the 'binascii' library to handle binary data. The script also includes a help function and a main function that takes command-line arguments. The code is as follows:

```
1 import os
2 import binascii
3 import sys
4 from PIL import Image
5
6 def help(func=None):
7     if func == None:
8         print("Usage:\n\t$ python sigBits.py [FILE]")
9         print("\nOptions:\n\t-t=<lsb or msb>, --type=<lsb or msb>:\n\t\tChoose between read LSB or MSB (Default is LSB)\n\t-o=<Order sigBits>")
10        return
11
12 def extractBin(strInput, bits):
13     strInput = strInput[2:]
14     outputList = []
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Enter your picoCTF username: bingchillingg
Enter your picoCTF password (characters will be hidden):

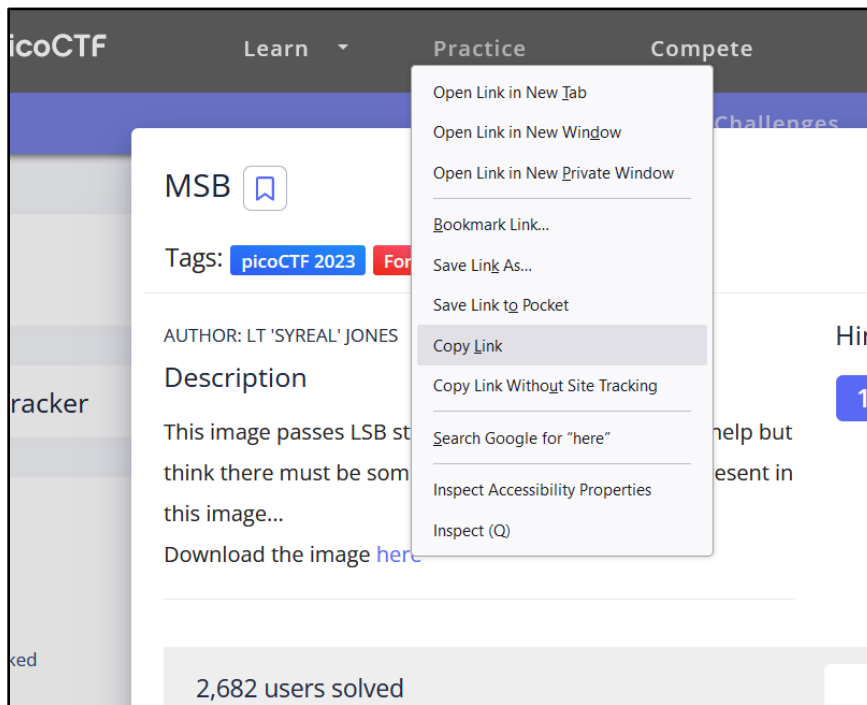
=====
Welcome to the picoCTF webshell!

The webshell is intended only for solving picoCTF challenges. Any other usage is a violation of our terms and conditions.
Sessions are monitored and logged to prevent abuse. Please do not enter any sensitive information into the webshell.
Files stored outside of your home directory will not persist between webshell sessions.
Network connectivity and resources are limited. Some limits can be checked by typing usage.
Idle sessions will automatically log out after 15 minutes.
For more information and a beginner's guide, type less ~/README.txt.

=====
bingchillingg-picoctf@webshell:~$ wget https://github.com/Pulho/sigBits/raw/master/sigBits.py
--2024-02-08 16:08:01-- https://github.com/Pulho/sigBits/raw/master/sigBits.py
Resolving github.com (github.com)... 140.82.114.3
Connecting to github.com (github.com)[140.82.114.3]:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 302 Found
Location: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Pulho/sigBits/master/sigBits.py [following]
--2024-02-08 16:08:01-- https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Pulho/sigBits/master/sigBits.py
Resolving raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)... 185.199.108.133, 185.199.110.133, 185.199.109.133, ...
Connecting to raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)[185.199.108.133]:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 7008 (6.8K) [text/plain]
Saving to: 'sigBits.py'

sigBits.py
100%[=====] 6.84K --.-KB/s in 0.001s

2024-02-08 16:08:01 (6.40 MB/s) - 'sigBits.py' saved [7008/7008]
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```
bingchillingg-picoctf@webshell:~$ wget https://artifacts.picoctf.net/c/302/Ninja-and-Prince-Genji-Ukiyoe-Utagawa-Kunisada.flag.png
--2024-02-08 16:09:34-- https://artifacts.picoctf.net/c/302/Ninja-and-Prince-Genji-Ukiyoe-Utagawa-Kunisada.flag.png
Resolving artifacts.picoctf.net (artifacts.picoctf.net)... 3.160.22.16, 3.160.22.43, 3.160.22.128, ...
Connecting to artifacts.picoctf.net (artifacts.picoctf.net)[3.160.22.16]:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 3354312 (3.2M) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'Ninja-and-Prince-Genji-Ukiyoe-Utagawa-Kunisada.flag.png'



Ninja-and-Prince-Genji-Ukiyoe-Utagawa-Kunisada.flag.png 100%[=====]
2024-02-08 16:09:36 (1.82 MB/s) - 'Ninja-and-Prince-Genji-Ukiyoe-Utagawa-Kunisada.flag.png' saved [3354312/3354312]

bingchillingg-picoctf@webshell:~$
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```
nmmmmmmmm6Im$I $&HIIHH i$I Innm)Hnm4i8mMIIi$@& Mi&m$MSI&m$16i6i$nnmmInnmni&8m)nmm$mmi$m&mMI$! ?mI$I$I$I$i$I$I$I I$I&I&I6Ii$A$I$I$HI$MMi$Im$mMi$!
I6$[d$I$I$I$m$16Im$1$mmOmI$mni&i$I$I$mm&Ii4I$I$I$I $I$I$MI&I&mmIom&Mnmmniioom6omWnm&I&W6I$mi&n&MiMnmnm&$I$I$14I$IImmmOmWnmMI6mmi&omi$Ho$I$I$I$I
I$mmIH&I6m$M6m'I'm')M$H6I H$A&A$HA$II&KI&m&mooi&immmI&i$I,i,mI$m&IM&m&mmmmmmimi6mm)Mimi$m&io&m$MI6Mni6M$mM/I6&MMi$/m$I?MI&?mm6I/IMOImni6M$I&I
Im$NmmmmmmOmmoOm$8mi?2mmmmMI$M6MmmImM&m&I6H&?I$I$MI$?I&Iommm ooi6icomm&mmmmmm$mi6mI$mI?OI_$M$m$m$mII' M'i6m&i&o_'i4ommm$MIMI&i/m4M?OK9M?im
bingchilling-picocott@webshell:~$ cat outputSB.txt | grep pico
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[illegible]

MSB 

 | 200 points 

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Hints 

Description

1

This image passes LSB statistical analysis, but we can't help but think there must be something to the visual artifacts present in this image...

Download the image [here](#)


2,682 users solved



83%

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 picoCTF{15_y0ur_que57_qu1x071c_0r_h3r01c_ea7deb4c}

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