

MR. ROBOT

1. This challenge is using hashcat but in a different way this time. No wordlist is needed and the flag is only the SALT part of the password. Lets break down this challenge into parts to get a more understanding.
 1. Salt is 5 digits long so every password has 5 digits at the start and that is what's needed for the flag.
 2. All passwords are 5-7 characters long so the password length is between including the salt 10-12 characters in length.

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Salty Flags

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2. Next let's download the DATABASE.png and look at what's going on here. Okay lets break down what's going on with these hash passwords and look at the information that's provided for us to get the flag.
 1. Passwords changed after 01/01/2020 are alphanumeric 5-7 characters long
 2. Passwords that have been changed before this date only contain digits .
 3. All passwords have a salt that is digits only and 5 characters.

 * WE NEED YOUR HELP TO HELP RETRIEVE PASSWORDS, BELOW IS A DUMP OF THE DATABASE. WE CAN'T CRACK THEM WE'VE TRIED RAINBOW TABLES *
 * TO TRY CRACK THEM AND NO LUCK. THE PASSWORDS ARE SALTED PLEASE HELP US *
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 * PASSWORDS THAT HAVE BEEN CHANGED AFTER 2020 JANUARY 1ST HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO HAVING ALPHANUMERIC AND BEING 5-7 CHARACTERS IN *
 * LENGTH. *
 * PASSWORDS THAT HAVE BEEN CHANGED BEFORE THIS DATE ONLY CONTAIN OF DIGITS AND ARE 5-7 CHARACTERS IN LENGTH. *
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 * ALL PASSWORDS CONTAIN THE SAME SALT WHICH THE SALT IS 5 DIGITS IN LENGTH. *
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 * CAPTURE CODE HAS REVEALED PASSWORDS GET STORED LIKE hash(\$salt,\$pass) *
 * *****

Join Date	Name	Hash	Password Changed
1988-06-17	Terry Colby	391EF481FC5A31BB4CB5BD4F860E4333C54302EB	2020-08-12
1993-02-02	Phillip Price	0892B289CE18E0CF6EED997C5E126C5E4AE7D9C7	2021-01-24
2010-05-07	Tyrell wellick	ED3DF713E7284670F4135FEBE6E97160C96D7DBA	2019-01-07
1988-06-17	Scott Knowles	34DFB0B054C6A1AAF3929CA8266ABB7A646FAC4C	2020-08-01

3. So after breaking down what's going on in the database, first I realised that I don't have to crack every single password. The easiest password to crack in this is the digits only password which is Tyrell Wellicks password and I know its 10-12 digits long due to his password not being modified after 01/01/2020. Below is an example of a hashcat command brute forcing a password without using a wordlist.

- [Basic Examples] -

Attack-Mode	Hash-Type	Example command
Wordlist	\$P\$	hashcat -a 0 -m 400 example400.hash example.dict
Wordlist + Rules	MD5	hashcat -a 0 -m 0 example0.hash example.dict -r rules/best64.rule
Brute-Force	MD5	hashcat -a 3 -m 0 example0.hash ?a?a?a?a?a
Combinator	MD5	hashcat -a 1 -m 0 example0.hash example.dict example.dict

4. So we've broke down the command above before but notice that instead of the dictionary wordlist there is ?a?a?a?a which will be looked at in a future step. For now lets get the attack mode which -a 3 will be used for brute force.

- [Attack Modes] -

#	Mode
0	Straight
1	Combination
3	Brute-force
6	Hybrid Wordlist + Mask
7	Hybrid Mask + Wordlist

5. Looking through the hashcat -h, the -l option can be used to set increments of the length of the password and from the information the passwords have a min length of 10 and a max length of 12 which will be used in the command.

-l, --increment		Enable mask increment mode	
--increment-min	Num	Start mask incrementing at X	--increment-min=4
--increment-max	Num	Stop mask incrementing at X	--increment-max=8

8. Lets put all these options together and run the command.

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(Ryan@kali) - [~/Downloads]
$ hashcat -m 100 -a 3 -i --increment-min=10 --increment-max=12 hash1.txt ?d?d?d?d?d?d?d?d?d?d --force
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9. Password takes a few minutes to crack so be patient like before, if cracked you should see what is shown below. As you can see Tyrell Wellicks password is 0032548672, and the flag only requires the salt and the salt of the password is the first 5 digits of the password so the flag is 00325

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ed3df713e7284670f4135febe6e97160c96d7dba:0032548672
Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Cracked
Hash.Name.....: SHA1
Hash.Target.....: ed3df713e7284670f4135febe6e97160c96d7dba
Time.Started.....: Fri Apr 9 12:33:24 2021, (2 mins, 19 secs)
Time.Estimated...: Fri Apr 9 12:35:43 2021, (0 secs)
Guess.Mask.....: ?d?d?d?d?d?d?d?d [10]
Guess.Queue.....: 1/3 (33.33%)
Speed.#1.....: 40414.6 kH/s (12.32ms) @ Accel:512 Loops:1000 Thr:1 Vec:8
Recovered.....: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests
Progress.....: 5748224000/10000000000 (57.48%)
Rejected.....: 0/5748224000 (0.00%)
Restore.Point....: 5747712/10000000 (57.48%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1000 Iteration:0-1000
Candidates.#1...: 1232038672 -> 6880259262

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