

Q1 Team Name

0 Points

The_Kryptonians

Q2 Commands

10 Points

List the commands used in the game to reach the ciphertext

go
climb
pluck
c
back
give
back
back
thrnxtzy
read

Q3 Analysis

50 Points

Give a detailed analysis of how you figured out the password? (Explain in less than 500 words)

First, we went to a small chamber; there were two holes, one large and the other small. We plucked some mushrooms from the large hole and gave them to a rat sitting inside another hole. The rat told us the magic word “**thrnxtzy**” for the hidden door to become visible at the main chamber. There we read the glass panel and got our ciphertext.

We were given that the *password* and *g* are the elements of a multiplicative group \mathbb{Z}_p^* where *p* is a prime number. The prime number was *p* =

455470209427676832372575348833 and three pairs of numbers were given of the form $(a, password \times g^a)$. Let the three pairs be $(a_1, b_1); (a_2, b_2); (a_3, b_3)$.

$$\begin{aligned}(a_1, b_1) &= (429, 431955503618234519808008749742) \\(a_2, b_2) &= (1973, 176325509039323911968355873643) \\(a_3, b_3) &= (7596, 98486971404861992487294722613)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}b_1 &= (password * g^{a_1}) \bmod p \\b_2 &= (password * g^{a_2}) \bmod p \\b_3 &= (password * g^{a_3}) \bmod p\end{aligned}$$

Our main aim was to eliminate the *password* and find *g* and then substitute the value of *g* in one of the above equations and solve for the password. So dividing the given equations was the best choice. For this first we calculated the modular inverses of b_1 and b_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}b_1^{-1} &= 70749996790223471732904681640 \\b_2^{-1} &= 228947149478752602606353685125\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, let } b_{21} &= \left(\frac{b_2}{b_1}\right) \% p = (b_2 \times b_1^{-1}) \% p \\ \text{Similarly, } b_{31} &= \left(\frac{b_3}{b_1}\right) \% p = (b_3 \times b_1^{-1}) \% p \\ \text{and } b_{32} &= \left(\frac{b_3}{b_2}\right) \% p = (b_3 \times b_2^{-1}) \% p\end{aligned}$$

So, we got three equations from these calculations :

$$\begin{aligned}1. \frac{g^{a_2}}{g^{a_1}} &= g^{1544} = b_{21} = \\ &111590994894663139264552154672 \\ 2. \frac{g^{a_3}}{g^{a_1}} &= g^{7167} = b_{31} = \\ &110411376670918912626907526185 \\ 3. \frac{g^{a_3}}{g^{a_2}} &= g^{5623} = b_{32} = \\ &420413074251022028027270785553\end{aligned}$$

Let us consider equations 1 and 3. Exponent power of *g* in equations 1 and 3 are coprime. We used Extended Euclidean Algorithm to compute coefficients of Bézout's identity.

let $c = 1544$ and $d = 5623$. By Bézout's identity :

$$c * x + d * y = \gcd(c, d) = \gcd(1544, 5623) = 1$$

here *x* and *y* are coefficients of Bézout's identity.

By the Extended Euclidean Algorithm, $(1544) \times (-2298) +$

$$(5623) \times (631) = 1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } g = ((g^{1544})^{2298})^{-1} \times ((g^{5623})^{631}) = ((b_{21})^{2298})^{-1} \times ((b_{32})^{631})$$

$$g = g \% p = ((b_{21})^{2298} \% p)^{-1} \% p \times ((b_{32})^{631} \% p)$$

$$\implies g = [(155751141548826955446696730154)^{-1} \times 347267008389877298374017667230] \% p$$

$$\implies g = [(63673345919111482928118052957) \times 347267008389877298374017667230] \% p$$

$$\implies \boxed{g = 52565085417963311027694339}$$

This satisfied the given hint that g is of the form 5__50__4
__31__94__9

Now, substituting this value of g in the initial step, we get :

$$\text{password} = [b_1 \times (g^{a_1})^{-1}] \% p$$

$$\text{password} = [(b_1 \% p) \times ((g^{a_1})^{-1} \% p) \% p]$$

$$\implies \text{password} =$$

$$[431955503618234519808008749742 \times 442956820316148690889301696615] \% p$$

Finally, the

$$\boxed{\text{Password} = 134721542097659029845273957}$$

We have used modulus property : $(a*b) \% p = ((a \% p) * (b \% p)) \% p$

We have used fermat's little theroem for prime number p to calculate modular multiplicative inverse

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$a^{p-2} \equiv a^{-1} \pmod{p}$$

References :

<https://www.extendedeuclideanalgorithm.com/calculator.php>

<https://planetcalc.com/3311/>

<https://planetcalc.com/8326/>



Q4 Password

10 Points

What was the final command used to clear this level?

134721542097659029845273957



Q5 Codes

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Upload any code that you have used to solve this level

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Assignment 3

● GRADED

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70 / 70 pts

QUESTION 1

Team Name

0 / 0 pts

QUESTION 2

Commands

10 / 10 pts

QUESTION 3

Analysis

50 / 50 pts

QUESTION 4

Password

10 / 10 pts

QUESTION 5

Codes

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