



UTCTF 2020

Cryptography : [basics] crypto

Value : 50 Pts

Description : Can you make it through all of the encodings ?

Attachment : binary.txt

Solutions :

First download the attachment file «binary.txt». In it there is **binary code**. Use a binary decoder and decode the text.

Source : <https://www.rapidtables.com/convert/number/binary-to-ascii.html>

Decoded Cipher :

Uh-oh, looks like we have another block of text, with some sort of special encoding. Can you figure out what this encoding is? (hint: if you look carefully, you'll notice that there only characters present are A-Z, a-z, 0-9, and sometimes / and +. See if you can find an encoding that looks like this one.)

TmV3IGNoYWxsZW5nZSEgQ2FuIHlvdSBmaWd1cmUgb3V0IHdoYXQncyBnb2luZyBvbiBoZXJlPyBJdCBsb29rcyBsaWtlHRoZSBsZXR0ZXJzIGFyZSBzaGlmdGVkIGJ5IHNvbWUGYy29uc3RhbnQuIChoaW50OiB5b3UgbWlnaHQgd2FudCB0byBzdGFydCBsb29raW5nIHVwIFJvbWFuIHBlb3BsZSkuCmt2YnNxcmsQslG15ZSdbibyBrndnd5Y2QgZHJvYm8hIFh5ZyBweWIgZHIJvIHBzeGt2IChreG4gd2tpbG8gZHIJvIHJrYm5vY2QuLi4pIHprYmMQ6IGsgY2VsY2RzZGVkc3l4IG1zenJvYi4gU3ggZHJvIHB5dnZ5Z3N4cSBkb2hkLGBTJ2ZvIGRrdW94IHdpIHdvY2NrcW8ga3huIGJvenZrbW9uIG9mb2JpIGt2enJrbG9kc20gbXJrYmttZG9iIGdzZHIgayBteWJib2N6eXhub3htbyBkeSBrlG5zcHBvYm94ZCBtcmtia21kb2IgLSB1eHlneCBrYyBrIGNlbGNkc2RlZHN5eCBtc3pyb2luIE1reCBpeWUgcHN4biBkcm8gcHN4a3YgcHZrcT8gcnn4ZDogR28gdXh5ZyBkcmtkIGRybyBwdmtxIHnjIHF5c3hxIGR5IGxvIHlwIGRybyBweWJ3a2QgZWrw dmtxey4uLn0gL SBncnNtciB3b2t4YyBkcmtkiHNNwIGl5ZSBjb28gZHIJrZCB6a2Rkb2J4LCBpeWUgdXh5ZyBncmtkIGRybyBteWJib2N6eXhub3htb2MgcHliIGUsIGQsiHAsIH Ygaywga3huIH Ega2JvLiBJeWUgbWt4IHpieWxr bHZpIGd5YnUgeWVklGRybyBib3drc3hzeHEgbXJrYmttZG9iYyBsaSBib3p2a21zeHEgZHJvd yBreG4gc3hwb2Jic3hxIG15d3d5eCBneWJuYyBzeCBkcm8gt3hxdnNjciB2a3hxZWtxby4gS3h5ZHIJvYiBxYm9rZCB3b2RyeW4gc2MgZHKgZWNvIHBib2Flb3htaSBreGt2aWNzYZogZ28gdXh5ZyBkcmtkICdvJyBjc nlnYyBleiB3eWNkIHlwZG94IHN4IGRybyBrndnpya2xvZCwgY3kgZHJrZCdjiHPieWxr bHZpIGRybyB3eWNkIG15d3d5eCBtcmtia21kb2Igc3ggZHJvIGRvaGQsIHB5dnZ5Z29uIGxpICdkJywga3hu lGN5IHl4LiBZeG1vIGl5ZSB1eHlnIGsgCG9nIG1ya2JrbWRvYmMsIGl5ZSBta3ggc3hwb2lgZHIJv I GJvY2QgeXAgZHJvIGd5Ym5jIGxrY29uIHl4IG15d3d5eCBneWJuYyBkcmtkIGNyeWcgZXogc3

ggZHJvIE94cXZzY3Igdmt4cWVrcW8uCnJnaG54c2RmeXNkdGdodSEgcWdmIGlzYWsgY3RodHVpa2UgZGlrIHprbnRoaGt4IHJ4cWxkZ254c2xpcSByaXN5eWtobmsuIGlreGsgdHUgcyBjeXNulGNneCBzeXkgcWdmeCBpc3hlIGtjY2d4ZHU6IGZkY3lzbntoMHZfZGk0ZHVfdmk0ZF90X3I0eXlfcnhxbGQwfS4gcWdmIHZ0eXkgY3RoZSBkaXNkIHMeWdkIGdjIHJ4cWxkZ254c2xpcSB0dSBwZnVkIHpmdHlldGhuIGdjYyBkaXR1IHVneGQgZ2MgenN1dHIgYmhndnlrZW5rLCBzaGUgdGQgeGtzeXlxIHR1IGhnZCB1ZyB6c2Ugc2Nka3ggc3l5LiBpZ2xrIHFnZiBraHBncWtIIGRpayByaXN5eWtobmsh

Reading the hint and i thinking of **base64**, decode it.

Source : <https://www.base64decode.org/>

Decoded Cipher :

New challenge! Can you figure out what's going on here? It looks like the letters are shifted by some constant. (hint: you might want to start looking up Roman people).

kvbsqrd, iye'bo kvwyacd drobo! Xyg pyb dro psxkv (kxn wkilo dro rkbncd...) zkbd: k celcdsdedsyx mszrob. Sx dro pyvvygsxq dohd, S'fo dkuox wi wocckqo kxn bozvkmom ofobi kvzrkldsm mrbbkmdob gsdr k mybbocyxnoxmo dy k nsppoboxd mrbbkmdob - uxygx kc k celcdsdedsyx mszrob. Mxk iye psxn dro psxkv pvkq? rsxd: Go uxyg drkd dro pvkq sc qysxq dy lo yp dro pybwkd edpvkq{...} - grsmr wokxc drkd sp iye coo drkd zkddobx, iye uxyg grkd dro mybbocyxnoxmoc pyb e, d, p, v k, kxn q kbo. Iye mxk zbylklvi gybu yed dro bowksxsxq mrbbkmdobc li bozvkmoxq drow kxn sxpobbsxq mywwyx gybnc sx dro Oxqvscr vxqekqo. Kxydrob qbokd wodryn sc dy eco pboaoxmi kxkvicsc: go uxyg drkd 'o' crygc ez wyed ypdox sx dro kvzrkld, cy drkd'c zbylklvi dro wyed mywwyx mrbbkmdob sx dro dohd, pyvvygon li 'd', kxn cy yx. Yxmo iye uxyg k pog mrbbkmdobc, iye mxk sxpob dro bocd yp dro gybnc lkcon yx mywwyx gybnc drkd cryg ez sx dro Oxqvscr vxqekqo.

rgnhxsdfysdtghu! qgf isak ctthuike dik zknthhxx rxqldgnxslq risyykhnk. ikxx tu s cysn cgx syy qgfx isxe kccgxdu: fdcysn{h0v_di4du_vi4d_t_r4yy_rxqld0}. qgf vtyy ctthe disd s ygd gc rxqldgnxslq tu pfud zftyethn gcc ditu ugxd gc zsutr bhgvykenk, she td xksyyq tu hgd ug zse scdkx syy. iglk qgf khpgqke dik risyykhnk!

Reading the hint and i thinking of **Caesar Cipher**, decode it.

Source : <https://cryptii.com/pipes/caesar-cipher> (Using shift +10)

Decoded Cipher :

alright, you're almost there! Now for the final (and maybe the hardest...) part: a **substitution cipher**. In the following text, I've taken my message and replaced every alphabetic character with a correspondence to a different character - known as a substitution cipher. Can you find the final flag? hint: **We know that the flag is going to be of the format utflag{...}** - which means that if you see that pattern, **you know what the correspondences for u, t, f, l a, and g are**. You can probably work out the remaining characters by replacing them and inferring common words **in the English language**. Another great method is to use frequency analysis: we know that 'e' shows up most often in the alphabet, so that's probably the most common character in the text, followed by 't', and so on. Once you know a few characters, you can infer the rest of the words based on common words that show up **in the English language**.

hwxndnitvoitjwxk! gvw yiqa sxjkyau tya padjxxan hngbtwdnibyg hyiooaxda. yana jk i soid swm ioo gwnv yinu asswntk: vtsoid{x0l_ty4tk_ly4t_j_h4oo_hngbt0}. gvw ljoo sxju tyit i owt ws hngbtwdnibyg jk fvkt pvjoujxd wss tyjk kwnt ws pikjh rxwloada, ixu jt naioog jk xwt kw piu istan ioo. ywba gvw axfwgau tya hyiooaxda!

Reading it, and i was thinking to use **Monoalphabetic Substitution** using **English language**.

Source : <https://www.dcode.fr/monoalphabetic-substitution>

MONOALPHABETIC SUBSTITUTION DECODER

hwxdnitvoitjwxk! gvv yiqs sjxjkyau tya padjxxan
hngbtwdnibyg hyiooaxda. yana jk i soid swi ioi gvvni yinu
asswntk: vtsoi{x0l_ty4tk_ly4t_j_h4oo_hngbt0}. gvv ljoo
sjxu tyit i owt ws hngbtwdnibyg jk fvkt pvjoujxd wss
tyjk kwnt ws pikjh rxwloada, ixi jt naiioo jk xwt kw
piu istan ioi. ywba gvv axfwgau tya hyiooaxda!

★ **PLAINTEXT LANGUAGE** English






DECRYPT AUTOMATICALLY

DECRYPTION METHOD

☒ **WITH A SUBSTITUTION ALPHABET** AZERTYUIOPQSDFGHJKLMNXCVRB

Decoded Cipher :

Results



dCode tried to find the correct alphabet and its substitution automatically.

The result is a draft that should allow you to perform the decryption manually by indicating letters in each cell.

EPMGXJYCAISWZRLBVKFTDUONHQ

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE FINISHED THE
BEGINNER CRYPTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE. HERE IS A
FLAG FOR ALL YOUR HARD EFFORTS:
UTFLAG{N0W_TH4TS_WH4T_I_C4LL_CRYPT0}. YOU
WILL FIND THAT A LOT OF CRYPTOGRAPHY IS JUST
BUILDING OFF THIS SORT OF BASIC KNOWLEDGE,
AND IT REALLY IS NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL. HOPE
YOU ENJOYED THE CHALLENGE!

Flag : utflag{n0w_th4ts_wh4t_i_c4ll_crypt0}