

# INTRODUCTION TO

## CAPTURE THE FLAG {CTF}

## AND BASICS OF CYBER-SECURITY





# CYBER-SECURITY AND HACKING

UNDERSTANDING THREATS, DEFENSES, AND ETHICAL  
CONSIDERATIONS IN SAFEGUARDING DIGITAL  
SYSTEMS AGAINST MALICIOUS ATTACKS AND  
UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS.

# WHAT IS PERSONAL INFORMATION?

A)

INFORMATION ABOUT  
YOUR AGE AND SCHOOL

B)

INFORMATION THAT CAN  
IDENTIFY YOU, LIKE YOUR  
NAME OR ADDRESS

C)

INFORMATION ABOUT  
YOUR FAMILY

D)

ALL OF THESE



# WHAT IS PERSONAL INFORMATION?

D)

ALL OF THESE



# CONCEPT OF HACKING

CYBERSECURITY ENTAILS PROTECTING DIGITAL SYSTEMS FROM UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS, DATA BREACHES, AND ATTACKS. HACKING INVOLVES EXPLOITING VULNERABILITIES IN SYSTEMS TO GAIN UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS OR MANIPULATE DATA FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, INCLUDING THEFT, DISRUPTION, OR ESPIONAGE.

WHICH OF THE  
FOLLOWING IS  
A STRONG  
PASSWORD?

A)

PASSWORD123

B)

QWERTY

C)

ILOVECATS

D)

B\$1Y%T3@K



WHICH OF THE  
FOLLOWING IS  
A STRONG  
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D)

B\$1Y%T3@K



# TYPES OF CYBER-THREATS

- MALWARE
- PHISHING
- RANSOMWARE
- DDOS ATTACKS



# THEIR EFFECTS

- **MALWARE : COMPROMISES SYSTEMS**
- **PHISHING : TARGETS SENSITIVE INFORMATION THROUGH FRAUDULENT EMAILS**
- **RANSOMWARE : ENCRYPTS DATA FOR EXTORTION**
- **DDOS ATTACKS : DISRUPT SERVICES**



**THEIR EFFECTS**

**THESE THREATS CAN LEAD TO  
FINANCIAL LOSS, REPUTATIONAL  
DAMAGE, AND OPERATIONAL  
DISRUPTIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS.**



SO...WHAT ARE CTF(S)  
OR MORE SPECIFICALLY  
CTF COMPETITIONS



CTF (CAPTURE THE FLAG) COMPETITIONS ARE CYBERSECURITY CHALLENGES WHERE PARTICIPANTS SOLVE PUZZLES, CRACK CODES, AND EXPLOIT VULNERABILITIES IN SIMULATED ENVIRONMENTS. TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS COMPETE TO "CAPTURE FLAGS," WHICH ARE DIGITAL MARKERS HIDDEN WITHIN SYSTEMS.



# CHALLENGES FACED IN CTF

QUESTION

1. CRYPTOGRAPHY PUZZLES

2. WEB APPLICATION VULNERABILITIES

3. REVERSE ENGINEERING TASKS

4. BINARY EXPLOITATION

5. STEGANOGRAPHY

6. FORENSIC CHALLENGES



# LET'S DIVE DEEPER INTO THE REVERSE ENGINEERING TYPE

REVERSE ENGINEERING CHALLENGES IN CTF COMPETITIONS INVOLVE DISSECTING SOFTWARE OR HARDWARE TO UNDERSTAND ITS FUNCTIONALITY, OFTEN WITH LIMITED OR NO ACCESS TO ITS SOURCE CODE OR DOCUMENTATION. PARTICIPANTS TYPICALLY ENCOUNTER COMPILED BINARIES, FIRMWARE, OR EXECUTABLES AND ARE TASKED WITH UNCOVERING HIDDEN FUNCTIONALITIES, IDENTIFYING VULNERABILITIES, OR EXTRACTING SENSITIVE INFORMATION.



THESE CHALLENGES REQUIRE A COMBINATION OF ANALYTICAL THINKING, UNDERSTANDING OF ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE, DEBUGGING SKILLS, AND KNOWLEDGE OF COMMON SOFTWARE VULNERABILITIES. PARTICIPANTS MAY USE TOOLS SUCH AS DISASSEMBLERS, DEBUGGERS, AND DECOMPILERS TO ANALYZE THE BINARY CODE AND UNDERSTAND ITS BEHAVIOR.







# COMMON TOOL AND TECHNIQUES USED IN CTF



- **DISASSEMBLERS AND DECOMPILERS:** TOOLS LIKE IDA PRO, GHIDRA, AND RADARE2 .
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- **DEBUGGERS:** TOOLS LIKE GDB (GNU DEBUGGER) AND WINDBG.
- **PACKET SNIFFERS:** TOOLS LIKE WIRESHARK AND TCPDUMP ARE USED TO CAPTURE.
- **EXPLOITATION FRAMEWORKS:** FRAMEWORKS LIKE METASPLOIT AND EXPLOITDB.
- **CRYPTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS TOOLS:** TOOLS LIKE OPENSAL, CRYPTOO, AND JOHN THE RIPPER.
- **WEB VULNERABILITY SCANNERS:** TOOLS LIKE OWASP ZAP, BURP SUITE, AND NIKTO
- **FORENSIC TOOLS:** TOOLS LIKE AUTOPSY, SLEUTH KIT, AND VOLATILITY
- **STEGANOGRAPHY TOOLS:** TOOLS LIKE STEGHIDE, OPENSTEGO, AND STEGCRACKER



# LET'S SOLVE SOME REVERSE ENGINEERING CHALLENGES

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Reverse Engineering Transformation 49,822 solves 65%	Reverse Engineering keygenme-py 25,753 solves 95%	Reverse Engineering crackme-py 36,276 solves 73%
Reverse Engineering ARMssembly 0 8,157 solves 64%	Reverse Engineering vault-door-training 50,798 solves 75%	Reverse Engineering speeds and feeds 15,312 solves 88%
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# PROBLEM 1

## PATCHME.PY



```
(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ll
total 98552
-rw-r--r-- 1 ag-031r13 ag-031r13 2207 Mar 29 15:13 1.c
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(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ python patchme.flag.py
Please enter correct password for flag: 23e3e
That password is incorrect
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$ cat patchme.flag.py
### THIS FUNCTION WILL NOT HELP YOU FIND THE FLAG --LT #####
def str_xor(secret, key):
    #extend key to secret length
    new_key = key
    i = 0
    while len(new_key) < len(secret):
        new_key = new_key + key[i]
        i = (i + 1) % len(key)
    return "".join([chr(ord(secret_c) ^ ord(new_key_c)) for (secret_c,new_key_c) in zip(secret,new_key)])
#####

flag_enc = open('flag.txt.enc', 'rb').read()

def level_1_pw_check():
    user_pw = input("Please enter correct password for flag: ")
    if( user_pw == "ak98" + \
        "-=90" + \
        "adfjhgj321" + \
        "sleuth9000"):
        print("Welcome back... your flag, user:")
        decryption = str_xor(flag_enc.decode(), "utilitarian")
        print(decryption)
        return
    print("That password is incorrect")
```



(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]

\$ python patchme.flag.py

Please enter correct password for flag: 23e3e

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(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]

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#####
```

flag\_enc = open('flag.txt.enc', 'rb').read()

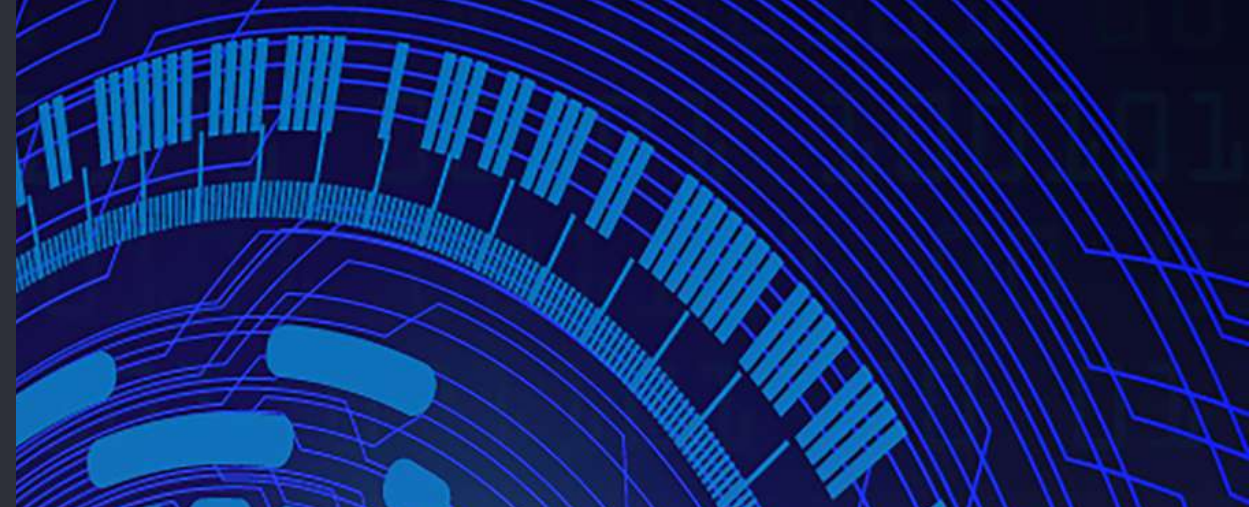
def level\_1\_pw\_check():

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        "-=90" + \
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        return
```

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level\_1\_pw\_check()



17,849 solves

Reverse Engineering (63)

Safe Opener

14,842 solves

Web Exploitation (53)

Cryptography (62)

Reverse Engineering (13)

Reverse

10,530 solves

Virtual Machine (1)

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Virtual Machine (1)



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Reverse Engineering 100 points  
file-run2

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
GDB Test Drive

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
patchme.py

patchme.py

100 points

9 solves 86%

Tags: picoCTF 2022 Reverse Engineering

AUTHOR: LT 'SYREAL' JONES

Description

Can you get the flag?  
Run this Python program in the same directory as this encrypted flag.

Hints (None)

14,849 users solved 86% Liked

picoCTF(p47ch1ng\_l1f3\_h4ck\_21d62e33)

Submit Flag

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
Virtual Machine 0

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
ASCII FTW

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
Bit-O-Asm-1

1,447 solves 26% 2,685 solves 85% 3,832 solves

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Hurray! You earned 100 points.

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
file-run2  
17,849 solves 78%

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
GDB Test Drive  
12,668 solves 87%

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
patchme.py  
14,850 solves

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
Safe Opener  
14,842 solves 93%

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
unpackme.py  
11,632 solves 89%

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
Ready Gladiator 0  
5,310 solves

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
Reverse  
10,539 solves 81%

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
Safe Opener 2  
9,346 solves 70%

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
timer  
5,901 solves

Reverse Engineering 100 points  
Virtual Machine 0  
1,447 solves 26%

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ASCII FTW  
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Bit-O-Asm-1  
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# PROBLEM 2

## CRACKME.PY



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Transformation keygenme-py crackme-py

crackme-py 30 points 6 solves

Tags: picoCTF 2021 Reverse Engineering

AUTHOR: SYREAL

Description

crackme.py

36,277 users solved 73% Liked

picoCTF{FLAG} Submit Flag

Reverse Engineering 100 points vault-door-1

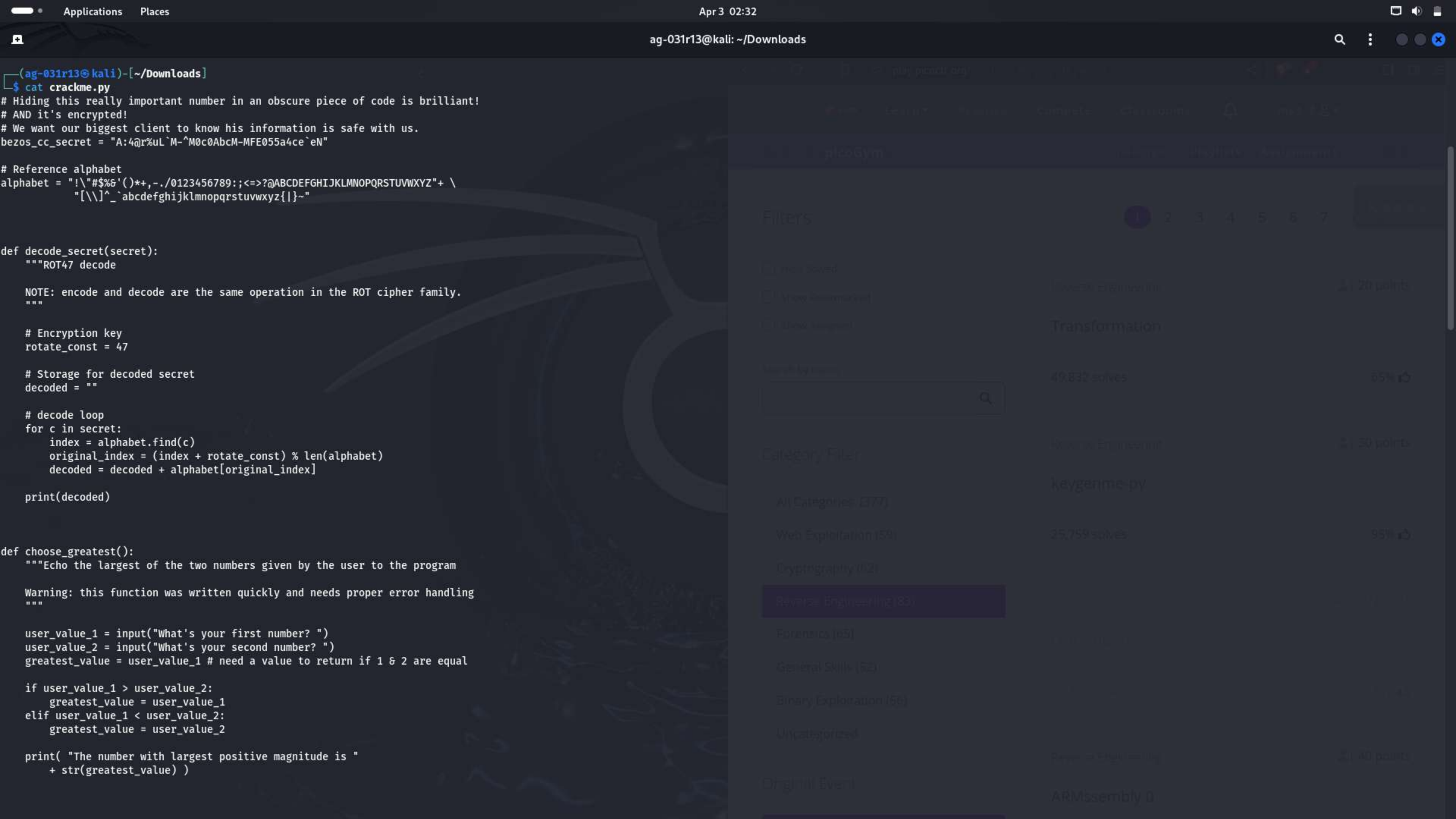
Reverse Engineering 100 points Hurry up! Wait!

Reverse Engineering file-run1

Applications Places ag-031r1

```
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(ag-031r13@kali)~/Downloads$ ll
total 98548
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(ag-031r13@kali)~/Downloads$
```





```
(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ cat crackme.py
# Hiding this really important number in an obscure piece of code is brilliant!
# AND it's encrypted!
# We want our biggest client to know his information is safe with us.
bezos_cc_secret = "A:4@r%uL`M-^M0c0AbcM-MFE055a4ce`eN"

# Reference alphabet
alphabet = "!\"#$%&'()*+,-./0123456789;<=>?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"+ \
          "[\`\\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz{|}~"

def decode_secret(secret):
    """ROT47 decode

    NOTE: encode and decode are the same operation in the ROT cipher family.
    """

    # Encryption key
    rotate_const = 47

    # Storage for decoded secret
    decoded = ""

    # decode loop
    for c in secret:
        index = alphabet.find(c)
        original_index = (index + rotate_const) % len(alphabet)
        decoded = decoded + alphabet[original_index]

    print(decoded)

def choose_greatest():
    """Echo the largest of the two numbers given by the user to the program

    Warning: this function was written quickly and needs proper error handling
    """

    user_value_1 = input("What's your first number? ")
    user_value_2 = input("What's your second number? ")
    greatest_value = user_value_1 # need a value to return if 1 & 2 are equal

    if user_value_1 > user_value_2:
        greatest_value = user_value_1
    elif user_value_1 < user_value_2:
        greatest_value = user_value_2

    print( "The number with largest positive magnitude is "
          + str(greatest_value) )
```

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ARMassembly 0



```
$ nano crackme.py
```

```
(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]
```

```
$ python crackme.py
```

```
File "/home/ag-031r13/Downloads/crackme.py", line 20
```

```
print (rotate_const)
```

```
TabError: inconsistent use of tabs and spaces in indentation
```

```
(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]
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$ nano crackme.py
```

```
(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]
```

```
$ python crackme.py
```

```
What's your first number? 4567890
```

```
What's your second number? A:4@r%uL`M-^M0c0AbcM-MFE055a4ce`eN
```

```
The number with largest positive magnitude is A:4@r%uL`M-^M0c0AbcM-MFE055a4ce`eN
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```
# Reference alphabet
```

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    """
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    # Encryption key
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```
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    # Storage for decoded secret
```

```
    decoded = ""
```

```
    # decode loop
```

```
    for c in secret:
```

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        index = alphabet.find(c)
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        original_index = (index + rotate_const) % len(alphabet)
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        decoded = decoded + alphabet[original_index]
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    print (decoded)
```

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def choose_greatest():
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```
    """Echo the largest of the two numbers given by the user to the program
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```
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```
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```

```
    print( "The number with largest positive magnitude is "
```

```
          + str(greatest_value) )
```

```
choose_greatest()
```

```
(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]
```

```
$ python crackme.py
```

```
What's your first number? 90
```

```
What's your second number? 90
```

```
The number with largest positive magnitude is 90
```

```
(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]
```

```
$ nano crackme.py
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(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]
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    user_value_1 = input("What's your first number? ")
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    print( "The number with largest positive magnitude is "
          + str(greatest_value) )

choose_greatest()
```

(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]

\$ nano crackme.py

(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]

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(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]

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(ag-031r13@kali)-[~/Downloads]

\$ python crackme.py

File "/home/ag-031r13/Downloads/crackme.py", line 26

if c in alphabet:

TabError: inconsistent use of tabs and spaces in indentation

GNU nano 7.2

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rotate\_const = 47

# Storage for decoded secret

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# decode loop

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print (decoded)

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"""Echo the largest of the two numbers given by the user to the program

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print( "The number with largest positive magnitude is "

+ str(greatest\_value) )

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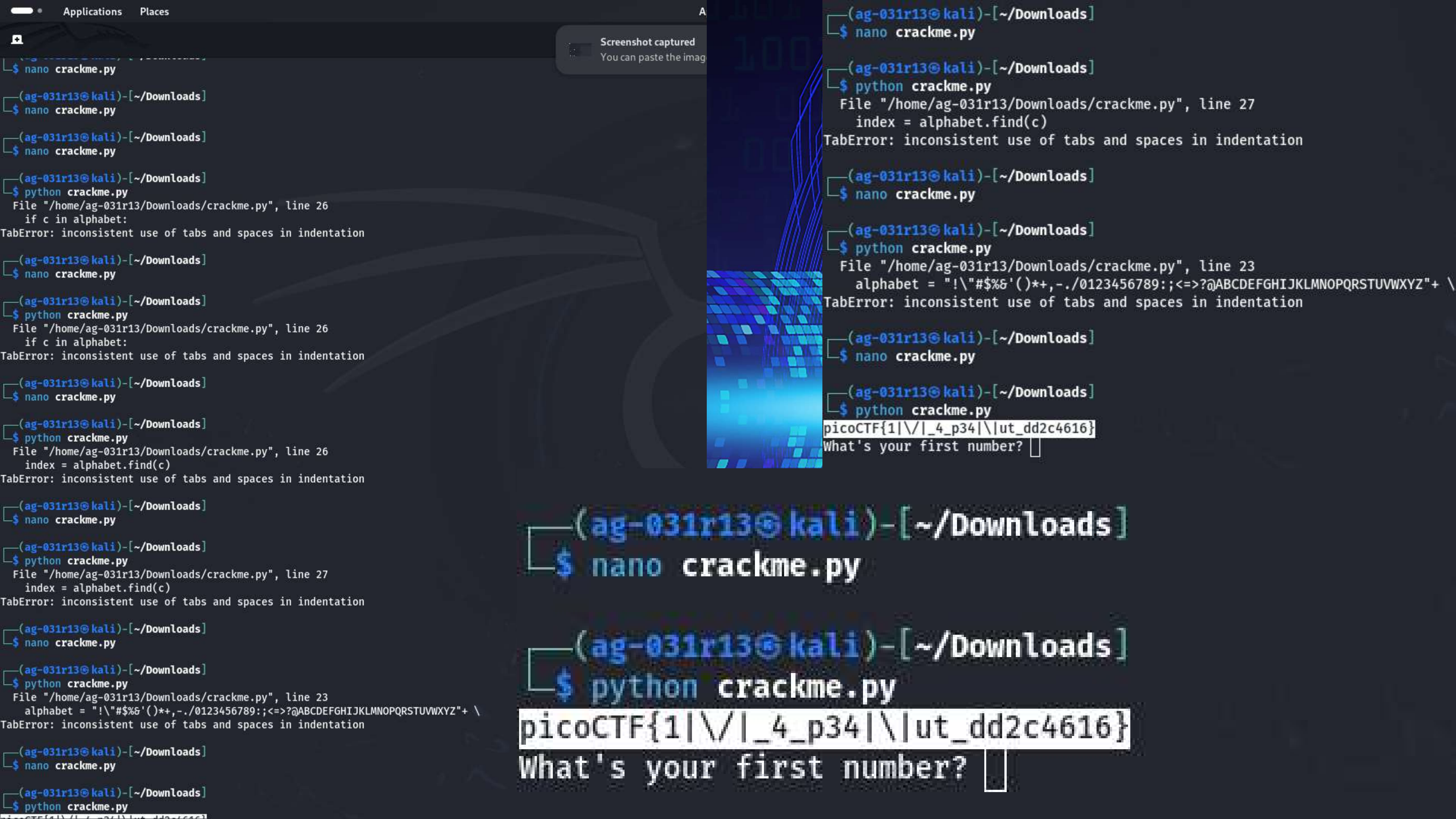
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    if c in alphabet:
TabError: inconsistent use of tabs and spaces in indentation
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File "/home/ag-031r13/Downloads/crackme.py", line 26
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$ nano crackme.py
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(ag-031r13@kali) - [~/Downloads]
$ python crackme.py
File "/home/ag-031r13/Downloads/crackme.py", line 27
    index = alphabet.find(c)
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$ python crackme.py
File "/home/ag-031r13/Downloads/crackme.py", line 23
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What's your first number? 
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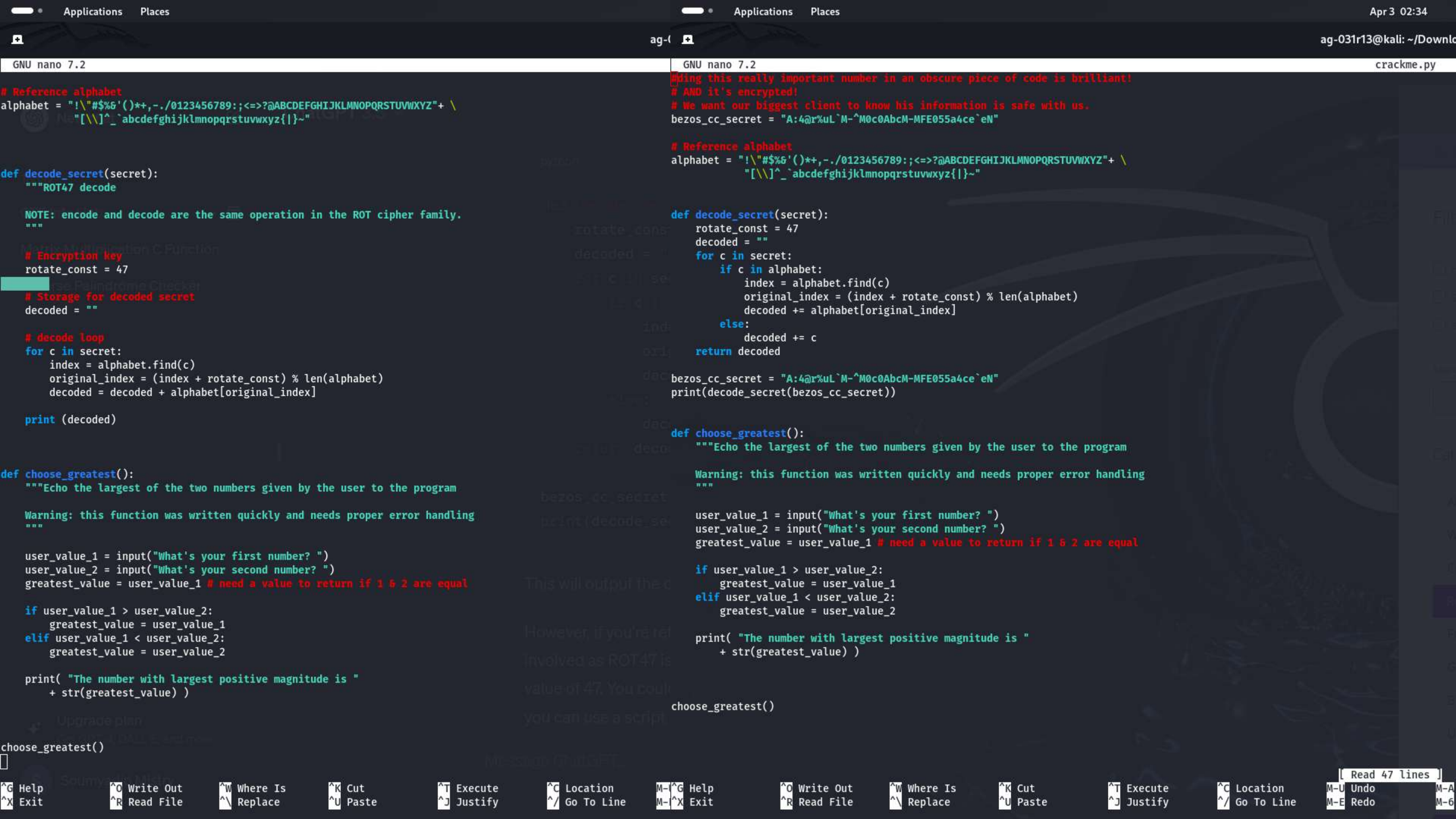
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# Reference alphabet
alphabet = "!\"#$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ+ \
"[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz{|}~"
```

```
def decode_secret(secret):
    """ROT47 decode
```

```
    NOTE: encode and decode are the same operation in the ROT cipher family.
    """
```

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```
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choose_greatest()
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```

```
Adding this really important number in an obscure piece of code is brilliant!
# AND it's encrypted!
# We want our biggest client to know his information is safe with us.
bezos_cc_secret = "A:4@r%uL`M-^M0c0AbcM-MFE055a4ce`eN"
```

```
# Reference alphabet
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            original_index = (index + rotate_const) % len(alphabet)
            decoded += alphabet[original_index]
        else:
            decoded += c
    return decoded
```

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bezos_cc_secret = "A:4@r%uL`M-^M0c0AbcM-MFE055a4ce`eN"
print(decode_secret(bezos_cc_secret))
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choose_greatest()
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