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# Steganography



A method to hiding something in something.

## General

- Usually when organizer gave us Image, Music, Video, Zip, EXE, File System, PDF and other files, it a *steganography* or *forensics* challenge. Run `file` command first.
- Metadata is important. Checkout the EXIF data of the file by using `exiftool [filename]` command.
- Try issuing `binwalk [filename]` on the file. They may hide another file in the file.
  - To extract, use `binwalk -e`.
  - To extract one specific signature type, use `binwalk -D 'png image:png' [filename]`.
  - To extract all files, run `binwalk --dd='.*' [filename]`.
- Try file carve using `foremost -v [filename]` command. Foremost support all files.

## Images

- View the image first
- Use `strings` command to that file.
  - Try `grep -i [any strings you want to filter]` from the `strings` command output.
  - Example `grep -i "flag{"` to filtering the flag format only. `-i` option to unable case sensitive.
- Google the images, differentiate the `md5hash`. If you found same image but have a different md5 hash, it may probably have been altered.
- Analyse the header and the content of the file using any **hex editor**.
- Know the **file signature**. Maybe they gave us corrupt header! So fix it!
- Maybe **zoom-in** and **zoom-out** method can get the flag.
- Use <https://www.tineye.com/> to reverse search the image in the internet.
- Use `imagemagick` command tool to do image manipulation.
- Use **Stegsolve.jar** tools. There are so many CTF I've participated that I used this tool to unhide flag from an image.
- File carve using `steghide --extract -sf <filename>`. Try find the password with your own-self. Maybe, the organizer will give hints or the password may in another file.
- Check for any corruption on PNG file by using `pngcheck <filename.png>` command.
- Detect stegano-hidden data in PNG & BMP s by issuing `zsteg -a <filename.png>`.
- Use **SmartDeblur** software to fix blurry on image.
- Use `stegcracker <filename> <wordlist>` tools Steganography brute-force password utility to uncover hidden data inside files.
- Use `tesseract` to scan text in image and convert it to .txt file.
- Another powerfool tool is called `zsteg`.
- Steganosuite
  - Extract data from image (-x)
- Some of online stegano decoder :-
  - <https://futureboy.us/stegano/decinput.html>
  - <http://stylesuxx.github.io/steganography/>
  - <https://www.mobilefish.com/services/steganography/steganography.php>
  - <https://manytools.org/hacker-tools/steganography-encode-text-into-image/>
  - <https://steganosaur.us/dissertation/tools/image>
  - <https://georgeom.net/StegOnline>
  - <http://magiceye.ecksdee.co.uk/>

## Compressed file

- Unzip it.
  - Use `zipdetails -v` command to display details about the internal structure of a Zip file.
  - Use `zipinfo` command to know details info about Zip file.
  - Use `zip -FF input.zip --out output.zip` attempt to repair a corrupted zip file.
  - Brute-force the zip password using `fcrackzip -D -u -p rockyou.txt filename.zip`
- To crack 7z run `7z2hashcat32-1.3.exe filename.7z`. Then `john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt hash`

## Music file

- Use `binwalk` first. They may embedded something in the file.
- Use **Audacity**.
- Use **Sonic Visualizer**. Look at spectrogram and other few Pane.
- Use **Deepsound**.
- Use **SilentEye**.
- Some of online stegano decoder for music:-
  - <https://steganosaur.us/dissertation/tools/audio>

## Text

- Use <http://www.spammimic.com/> that can decode hide message in spam text.

## PDF

- qpdf
- PDFStreamdumper
- pdfinfo
- pdfcrack
- pdfimages
- pdfdetach
- pdf-parser.py -v <file>
- pdftotext
- peepdf -if <filename>
  - object <value>
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