



Cybersecurity

Module 10 Challenge Submission File

Cryptography Challenge: Ransomware Riddles

Make a copy of this document to work in, and then for each mission, add the solution below the prompt. Save and submit this completed file as your Challenge deliverable.

Ransomware Riddles

1. Riddle 1:

ozcjmz

Result = Gruber

Key = 6skd8s

Caesar Cipher Tool

ozcjnz

Copy

Paste

Text Options...



8



English



Decode

Encode

Auto Solve (without key)

Instructions

Auto Solve Options

Max Results

Spacing Mode

10

Automatic



Results

Decoded message.

gruber

Copy

Text Options...

2. Riddle 2:

01000111 01100101 01101110
01101110 01100101 01110010
01101111

Result = Gennero

Key = cy8snd2

Binary to Ascii Text Converter

In order to use this **binary to ascii text converter** tool, type a binary value, i.e. 011110010110111101110101, to get "you" and push the convert button. You can convert up to 1024 binary characters to ascii text. Decode *binary to ascii* text readable format.

Facebook

Twitter

Binary Value

010001110110010101101110011011100110010
10111001001101111

Ascii Text Value

Gennero

Convert

swap conversion: [Ascii Text To Binary Converter](#)

3. Riddle 3:

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openssl enc -d -pbkdf2 -nosalt -aes-256-cbc -in ciphertext.txt -base64 -K  
5284A3B154D99487D9D8D8508461A478C7BEB67081A64AD9A15147906E8E8564 -iv  
1907C5E255F7FC9A6B47B0E789847AED
```

Cipher.txt = 4qMOIvwEGXzvkMvRE2bNbg==

Put the == as base64 encoding padding

[Why does base64 encoding require padding if the input length is not divisible by 3? - Stack Overflow](#)

Result = takagi

Key = ud6s98n

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ nano ciphertext.txt  
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ openssl enc -d -pbkdf2 -nosalt -aes-256-cbc -in cipher  
text.txt -base64 -K 5284A3B154D99487D9D8D8508461A478C7BEB67081A64AD9A15147906E8E  
8564 -iv 1907C5E255F7FC9A6B47B0E789847AED  
takagi  
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$
```

4. Riddle 4:

Result:

- Jill's Public key

- Jill's Private key
- 12 Asymmetric and 15 symmetric
- Alice's Public key

Key = 7gsn3nd2

5. Riddle 5:

riddlehash.txt = 3b75cdd826a16f5bba0076690f644dc7

Hashcat -m 0 -a 0 -o Riddlesolved.txt riddlehash.txt rockyou.txt --force

Result = argyle

Key = ajy39d2

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(kali@kali)-[~]
$ hashcat -m 0 -a 0 -o Riddlesolved.txt riddlehash.txt rockyou.txt --force
hashcat (v6.2.6) starting

You have enabled --force to bypass dangerous warnings and errors!
This can hide serious problems and should only be done when debugging.
Do not report hashcat issues encountered when using --force.

OpenCL API (OpenCL 3.0 PoCL 3.0+debian Linux, None+Asserts, RELOC, LLVM 13.0.1, SLEEF, DISTRO, POCL_DEBUG) - Plat
form #1 [The pocl project]

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* Device #1: pthread-AMD Ryzen 7 3700X 8-Core Processor, 1441/2947 MB (512 MB allocatable), 1MCU

Minimum password length supported by kernel: 0
Maximum password length supported by kernel: 256

Hashes: 1 digests; 1 unique digests, 1 unique salts
Bitmaps: 16 bits, 65536 entries, 0x0000ffff mask, 262144 bytes, 5/13 rotates
Rules: 1

Optimizers applied:
* Zero-Byte
* Early-Skip
* Not-Salted
* Not-Iterated
* Single-Hash
* Single-Salt
* Raw-Hash

ATTENTION! Pure (unoptimized) backend kernels selected.
Pure kernels can crack longer passwords, but drastically reduce performance.
If you want to switch to optimized kernels, append -O to your commandline.
See the above message to find out about the exact limits.

Watchdog: Temperature abort trigger set to 90c

Host memory required for this attack: 0 MB

Dictionary cache built:
* Filename..: rockyou.txt
* Passwords.: 14344392
* Bytes.....: 139921507
* Keyspace..: 14344385
* Runtime...: 1 sec

Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Cracked
Hash.Mode.....: 0 (MD5)
Hash.Target.....: 3b75cdd826a16f5bba0076690f644dc7
Time.Started.....: Thu Nov 17 23:59:48 2022, (0 secs)
Time.Estimated...: Thu Nov 17 23:59:48 2022, (0 secs)
Kernel.Feature...: Pure Kernel
Guess.Base.....: File (rockyou.txt)
Guess.Queue.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1.....: 288.5 kH/s (0.04ms) @ Accel:256 Loops:1 Thr:1 Vec:4
Recovered.....: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (total), 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (new)
Progress.....: 18432/14344385 (0.13%)
Rejected.....: 0/18432 (0.00%)
Restore.Point...: 18176/14344385 (0.13%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:0-1
Candidate.Engine.: Device Generator
Candidates.#1...: 271088 -> tanika
Hardware.Mon.#1..: Util:100%

Started: Thu Nov 17 23:59:14 2022
Stopped: Thu Nov 17 23:59:50 2022

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ls
DEBIAN  Documents  etc      myTextFile.txt  Pictures  riddlehash.txt  rockyou.txt  usr
Desktop Downloads Music  opt            Public      Riddlesolved.txt  Templates    Videos

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ cat Riddlesolved.txt
3b75cdd826a16f5bba0076690f644dc7:argyle

```

Had to use my kali linux instead of vagrant because i got an error:

```

sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ hashcat -m 0 -a 0 -o Riddlesolved.txt riddlehash.txt rock
you.txt --force
hashcat (v4.0.1) starting...

OpenCL Platform #1: The pocl project
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* Device #1: pthread-AMD Ryzen 7 3700X 8-Core Processor, 1024/2948 MB allocatable,
2MCU

Hashes: 1 digests; 1 unique digests, 1 unique salts
Bitmaps: 16 bits, 65536 entries, 0x0000ffff mask, 262144 bytes, 5/13 rotates
Rules: 1

Applicable optimizers:
* Zero-Byte
* Early-Skip
* Not-Salted
* Not-Iterated
* Single-Hash
* Single-Salt
* Raw-Hash

Password length minimum: 0
Password length maximum: 256

ATTENTION! Pure (unoptimized) OpenCL kernels selected.
This enables cracking passwords and salts > length 32 but for the price of drastica
l reduced performance.
If you want to switch to optimized OpenCL kernels, append -O to your commandline.

Watchdog: Hardware monitoring interface not found on your system.
Watchdog: Temperature abort trigger disabled.
Watchdog: Temperature retain trigger disabled.

* Device #1: build_opts '-I /usr/share/hashcat/OpenCL -D VENDOR_ID=64 -D CUDA_ARCH=
0 -D AMD_ROCM=0 -D VECT_SIZE=1 -D DEVICE_TYPE=2 -D DGST_R0=0 -D DGST_R1=3 -D DGST_R
2=2 -D DGST_R3=1 -D DGST_ELEM=4 -D KERN_TYPE=0 -D _unroll'
Illegal instruction (core dumped)

```

6. Riddle 6:

Passphrase = ABC

Result:

- Steghide extract -sf mary-lamb.jpg
- Passphrase = ABC
- Ls
- Cat code_is_inside_this_file.txt

Code = mcclane

Key = 7skahd6

```
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ steghide extract -sf mary-lamb.jpg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "code_is_inside_this_file.txt".
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ ls
cipher.txt          hidden_message.txt  Projects
code_is_inside_this_file.txt  images.jpg          Public
communication.txt.enc  key_and_IV          python
CTF1.pcapng          lynis.log           Riddle3.txt
Cybersecurity-Lesson-Plans  lynis-report.dat    rockyou.txt
Darkside.pcapng       mary-lamb.jpg        secret_idea.txt
Desktop              meetingplace.txt     shadow_copy
Documents            meetingplace.txt.enc  Templates
Downloads            Music                Videos
hash.txt             Pictures             yx8boxpp
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ cat code_is_inside_this_file.txt
mcclane
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$
```

Ransomware Screenshot

1. Include a screenshot showing proof that you've decrypted the ransomware:

Enter in the Key for each Riddle, then select Submit!

Riddle 1 Key *

6skd8s



Riddle 2 Key *

cy8snd2

Riddle 3 Key *

ud6s98n

Riddle 4 Key *

7gsn3nd2

Riddle 5 Key *

ajy39d2

Riddle 6 Key *

7skahd6

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RANSOMWARE DECRYPTER

Congratulations! You have decrypted the Ransomware! All the Nakatomi Hospital Records are now Decrypted! Please take a screenshot of this message and submit as your homework!

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