

Command :

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› exiftool Gandalf.jpg
ExifTool Version Number      : 13.36
File Name                   : Gandalf.jpg
Directory                   :
File Size                    : 15 kB
File Modification Date/Time : 2025:12:03 12:57:14+02:00
File Access Date/Time       : 2025:12:03 13:02:24+02:00
File Inode Change Date/Time: 2025:12:03 12:57:21+02:00
File Permissions            : -rwxrwxrwx
File Type                   : JPEG
File Type Extension         : jpg
MIME Type                   : image/jpeg
JFIF Version                : 1.01
Resolution Unit             : None
X Resolution                : 1
Y Resolution                : 1
Comment                     : Q1RGbGVhcm57eG9yX2IzX3IvdXJfZnJpZW5kfQo=.
Image Width                 : 225
Image Height                : 225
Encoding Process            : Baseline DCT, Huffman coding
Bits Per Sample              : 8
Color Components             : 3
Y Cb Cr Sub Sampling        : YCbCr4:2:0 (2 2)
Image Size                  : 225x225
Megapixels                  : 0.051
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FromBase64(Q1RGbGVhcm57eG9yX2IzX3IvdXJfZnJpZW5kfQo=) =
CTFlearn{xor_is_your_friend}

Command :

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› strings Gandalf.jpg
JFIF
+Q1RGbGVhcm57eG9yX2IzX3IvdXJfZnJpZW5kfQo=
+xD6kfO2UrE5SnLQ6WgESK4kvD/Y/rDJPXNU45k/p
+h2riElj13iAp29VUPmB+TadtZppdw3AuO7JRiDyU
"1!%*+...
383-7(-.+
+---+-----+-----+-----+----+
"AQa
...
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Python script to ""decrypt the flag :

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import base64

part1 = base64.b64decode("xD6kfO2UrE5SnLQ6WgESK4kvD/Y/rDJPXNU45k/p")
part2 = base64.b64decode("h2riElj13iAp29VUPmB+TadtZppdw3AuO7JRiDyU")

flag = ""

for i in range(len(part1)):
    flag += str( chr(part1[i] ^ part2[i]) )
print(flag)
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THE FLAG : CTFlearn{Gandalf.BilboBaggins}

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