NETSA SKILL CHALLENGE CTF

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Steganography

Welcome to CTF



Function to extract and decode message from a specific bit position in the red channel

```
def extract_message_from_bit(bit_position):
 bits = []
 for pixel in img.getdata():
    red = pixel[0]
    bit = (red >> bit_position) & 1
    bits.append(str(bit))
 # Convert bits to characters
 message = "
 for i in range(0, len(bits), 8):
   byte = bits[i:i+8]
   if len(byte) < 8:
     break
    char = chr(int(".join(byte), 2))
    message += char
 return message
# Try bits 1, 2, and 3 of red channel
messages = {bit: extract_message_from_bit(bit)[:500] for bit in range(1, 4)}
messages
```

Result

{1:

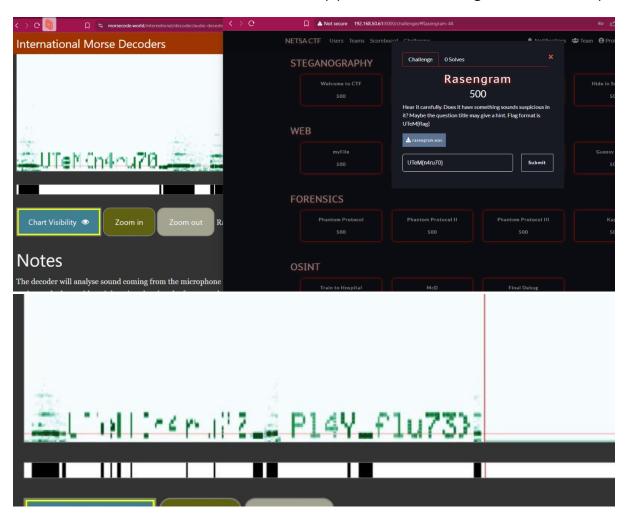
The message hidden in the second least significant bit (bit 1) of the red channel is:

Flag: netsa{Fl@g!sHidd3n}

Rasengram



(epic Naruto flute song with morse code)



Song is around 1 minutes 30 seconds. Listen or look at the audio wave to determine where each morse code starts and end. In this audio, there is 2 parts.

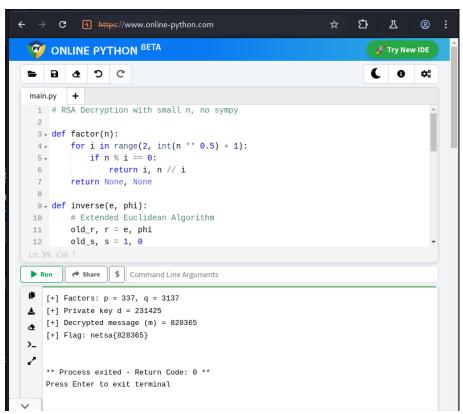
Put the audio file in morse decoder and it will show in the chart.

Flag: UTeM{n4ru70_Pl4Y_flu7e}

Cryptography

Baby RSA





A simple python code was made to calculate the value of m

Flag: netsa{828365}

Forensics

Phantom Protocol

Phantom Protocol

Your team has intercepted network traffic from a compromised internal server (phantom_web.pcap). Upon investigation, it was discovered that an attacker exploited a WebSocket interface to bypass authentication and exfiltrate sensitive data.

1-Reconnaissance What Websocket endpoint did the attacker connect do?

Flag Format = netsa{ws://10.100.0.1:1234/ws}



Forgor

Flag: forgor

Phantom Protocol II

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From Question Phantom Protocol ,What Credentials did the attacker use to authenticate?

Flag Format: netsa{username:password}

Same Wireshark file as the predecessor.

```
cmd":"users"}
"active_connections": 1,
"your_ip": "192.168.244.132",
"username": "anonymous",
"note": "Admin can see more details"
"auth":"YWRtaW46cGFzc3dvcmQ="}
"status": "failed",
"hint": "Invalid credentials"
auth":"YWRtaW46cGFzc3dvcmQxMjM="}
"status": "failed",
"hint": "Invalid credentials"
auth": "YWRtaW46UEBzc3dvcmQ="}
"status": "failed",
"hint": "Invalid credentials"
auth": "YWRtaW46UEBzc3cwcmQ="}
"status": "success",
"role": "admin",
"token": "RkxBRzogbmV0c2Fze3diM19TMGNrM3RfUzRuZGJveDF9",
"message": "Try exploring commands to find the real flag"
cmd":"debug_logs"}
```

Authentication token.



Decode Base64 format.

Flag: netsa{admin:P@ssw0rd}

Phantom Protocol III

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From Phantom Protocol Question, Find the Flag?

Search for WebSocket protocol

```
82 WebSocket Text [FIN] [MASKED]
                                                                                              WebSoc... 82 WebSocket Text [FIN]
WebSoc... 172 WebSocket Text [FIN]
     2557 282.560881
                                  192.168.244.132
                                                                   192.168.244.129
     2559 285.562555
                                 192.168.244.129
                                                                  192.168.244.132
     2560 285.566358 192.168.244.129
                                                                 192.168.244.132
                                                                                                  WebSoc... 72 WebSocket Ping [FIN]
                                                                                                                    76 WebSocket Pong [FIN] [MASKED]
      2562 285.566673
                                  192.168.244.132
                                                                   192.168.244.129
                                                                                                   WebSoc..
Frame 2559: 172 bytes on wire (1376 bits), 172 bytes captured (1376 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: VMware_c7:c5:17 (00:0c:29:c7:c5:17), Dst: VMware_71:d3:a3 (00:0c:29:71:d3:a3)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.244.129, Dst: 192.168.244.132
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 8000, Dst Port: 39518, Seq: 869, Ack: 753, Len: 106
  WebSocket
       1... ... = Fin: True
.100 ... = Reserved: 0x4
.1.. ... = Per-Message Compressed: True
        .... 0001 = Opcode: Text (1)
        0... = Mask: False
.110 1000 = Payload length: 104
    ▶ Payload
Line-based text data (5 lines)
        {\n
"response": "pong",\n
            debug": "Look deeper: bmV0c2F7dzNiX3MwY2szdF9mMHJlbnMxY19wNGNrMzd9",\n"
"timestamp": "2025-05-17T03:38:40.789132"\n
```



Flag: netsa{w3b_s0ck3t_f0rens1c_p4ck37}

IOT

4 Bytes to Freedom

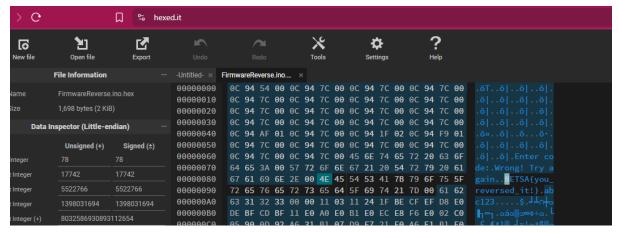
4 Bytes to Freedom 136 Access logs have been wiped. No tags left behind. The only clue? Four strange bytes buried deep in memory. The flag is the obfuscated UID. Flag format: NETSA{FLAG} #include <EEPROM.h> byte key[4] = {0xAA, 0xBB, 0xCC, 0xDD}; byte obfuscatedUID[4] = {0x74, 0x16, 0x0C, 0x03}; void setup() { Serial.begin(9600); for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) { EEPROM.write(i, obfuscatedUID[i]); } Serial.println("Obfuscated UID written to EEPROM."); } void loop() {

Author forgor

Flag: netsa{??} cant do anything if he forgor

Firmware Reverse



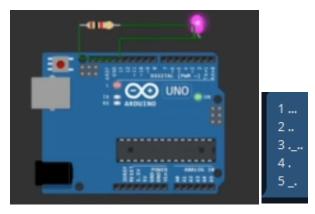


Hex editor. Answer straight forward.

Flag: NETSA(you_reversed_it!)

Trace



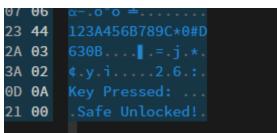


A video of Arduino module blinking. Blinking = morse code.

Flag: NETSA{SILENT}

Blink Logic





Follow the instructions.

Check hex editor last digits.

Flag: NETSA(630B)

EEPROM Secret

EEPROM Secret

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A binary EEPROM image contains a scrambled flag. Your task is to reverse the obfuscation and extract the secret.



Author forgor

Flag: netsa{??} D:

OSINT

McD

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Lisa has travel to somewhere in Malaysia and take a picture of mcd. Lisa don't want to disclose the location in the picture to her friend. Can you help Lisa's friend find the mcd location?

Flag Format: netsa{location}





This McD is in Farmlim, Penang.

Flag: netsa{farlim}

Train to Hospital

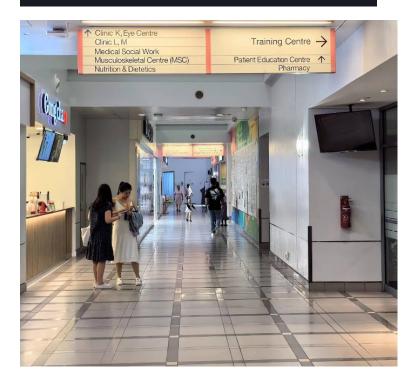
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Your friend Jeam Wong just became a proud father in a hospital somewhere in Singapore. He sent you a quick photo

from the hospital and invited you to visit. Locate the nearest MRT station to the hospital so you can visit the happy family!

Flag format: netsa{Location_Of_The_Station}





Gongcha in a hospital. :D

Flag: netsa{Little_India}

Final Debug

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One of our former developers did not leave peacefully. After we fired her, she disappeared and took something valuable with her. Recently, she has been active online under the name pythOn_IOv3rz, posting strange messages and small clues. We need your help to find and recover what she took — maybe it contains your flag.

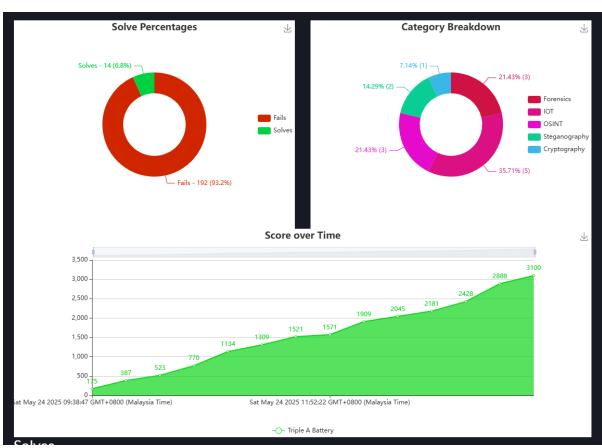
Flag Format : netsa{}

Find at GitHub. Author said it

Flag: netsa{??} (he forgor)

Triple A Battery as a Team





Solves			
Challenge	Category	Value	Time
Phantom Protocol II	Forensics	212	May 24th, 2:55:11 PM
EEPROM Secret	IOT	460	May 24th, 2:54:54 PM
Phantom Protocol III	Forensics	247	May 24th, 2:45:45 PM
4 Bytes to Freedom	IOT	136	May 24th, 2:41:05 PM
Phantom Protocol	Forensics	136	May 24th, 2:10:09 PM
Final Debug	OSINT	338	May 24th, 11:53:55 AM
Welcome to CTF	Steganography	50	May 24th, 11:52:22 AM
Train to Hospital	OSINT	212	May 24th, 11:36:59 AM
Baby RSA	Cryptography	175	May 24th, 10:33:22 AM
Blink Logic	ЮТ	364	May 24th, 10:29:53 AM
Trace	IOT	247	May 24th, 10:23:07 AM
Firmware Reverse	IOT	136	May 24th, 10:11:04 AM
McD	OSINT	212	May 24th, 10:10:01 AM
Rasengram	Steganography	175	May 24th, 9:38:47 AM