

Apartment Views

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We received intel that the accomplice we have been following is meeting with the ringleader of RaaS operation, they shared this photo online a few years back - believed to be the view from their apartment building (hideout).

Between you and me, our sources say the ringleader was testing the ransomware they were going to sell and instead infected their own laptop.

We think we may be able to setup a sting to apprehend the ringleader and retrieve the decryption key when they meet the accomplice at a dead drop in a nearby alleyway. Can you work out what the name of the street is?

Flag format: `DUCTF{street_name}`

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BACK TO THE STORY!!!

One of the ringleaders of the operation posted a picture of the view from their apartment/hideout a few years back. It is believed that an exchange is going to happen in an alley way nearby. The posted picture:




The first thing to do was to run the picture through Google Lens again. After running it at first, no significant result was obtained. However, after getting the idea from my brother, each building of the picture went through Google Lens. The building in the far left (we are going to call it the dome building) gave a clue that led to the flag.



I noticed the following article in the results of the Google Lens search, the building in the middle looked very similar to the one in the picture from the apartment:

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Shepparton News

IOOF to buy MLC for \$1.4b after FY profit

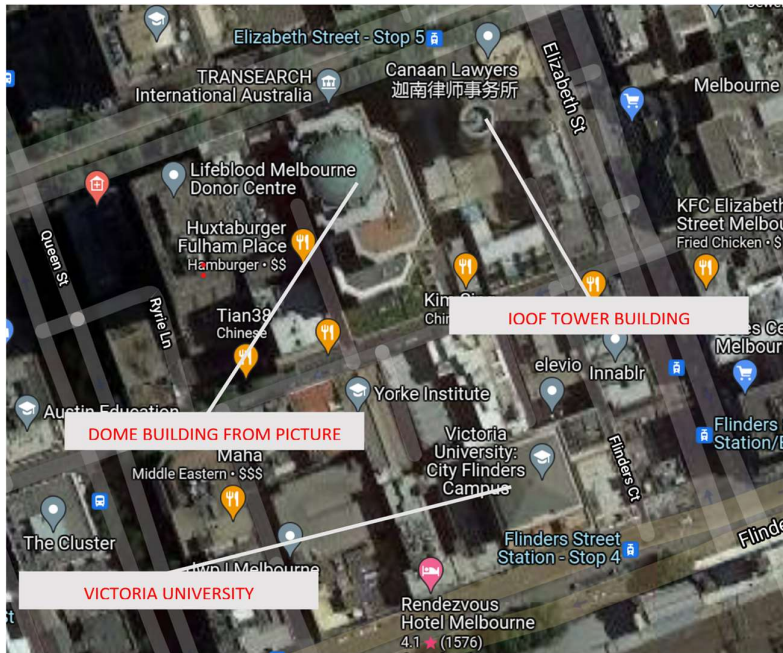
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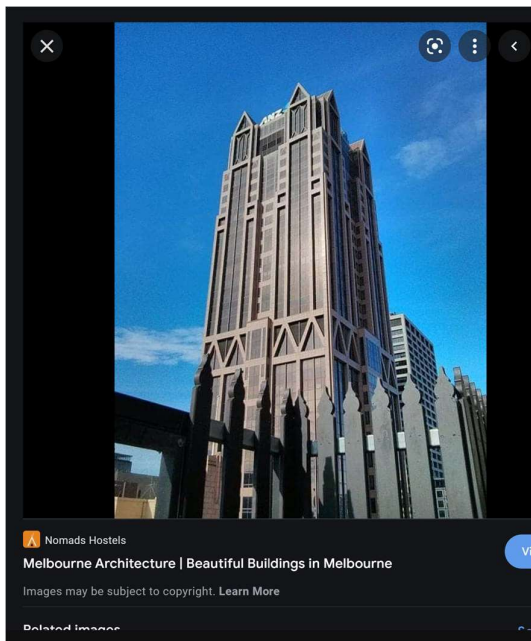
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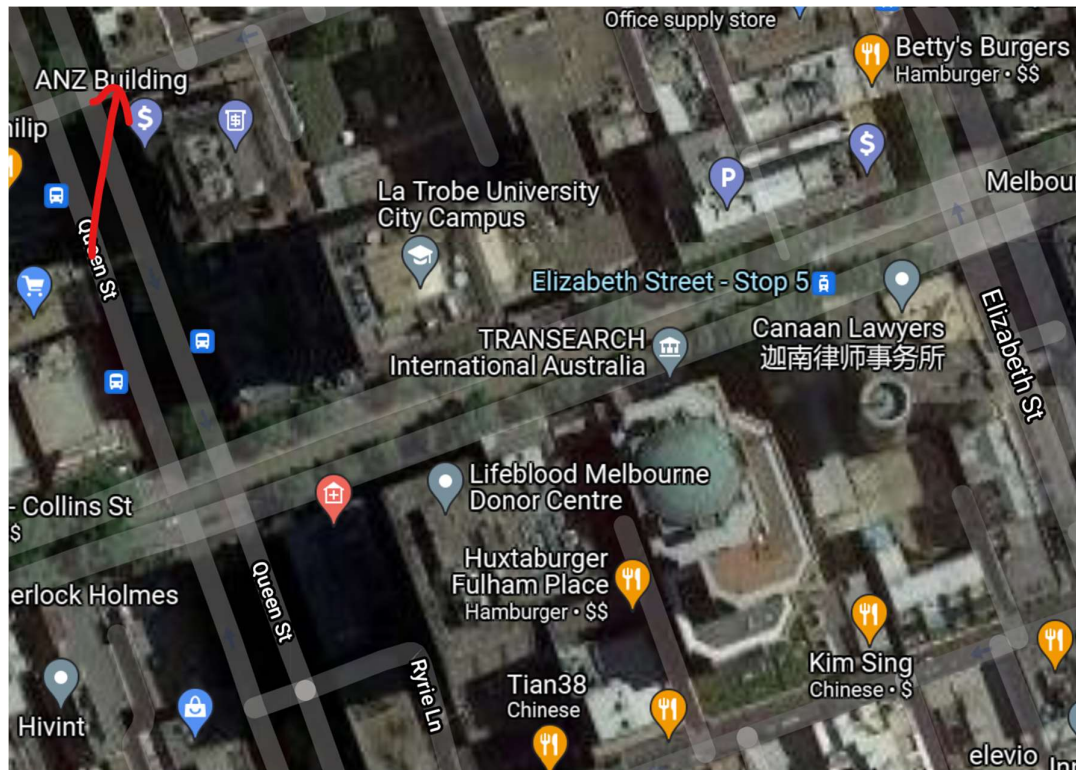
There, we notice it is close to the IOOF tower building as well as victoria university. We can then search the Victoria University campus on Google Maps, which is also close to a tower looking campus.



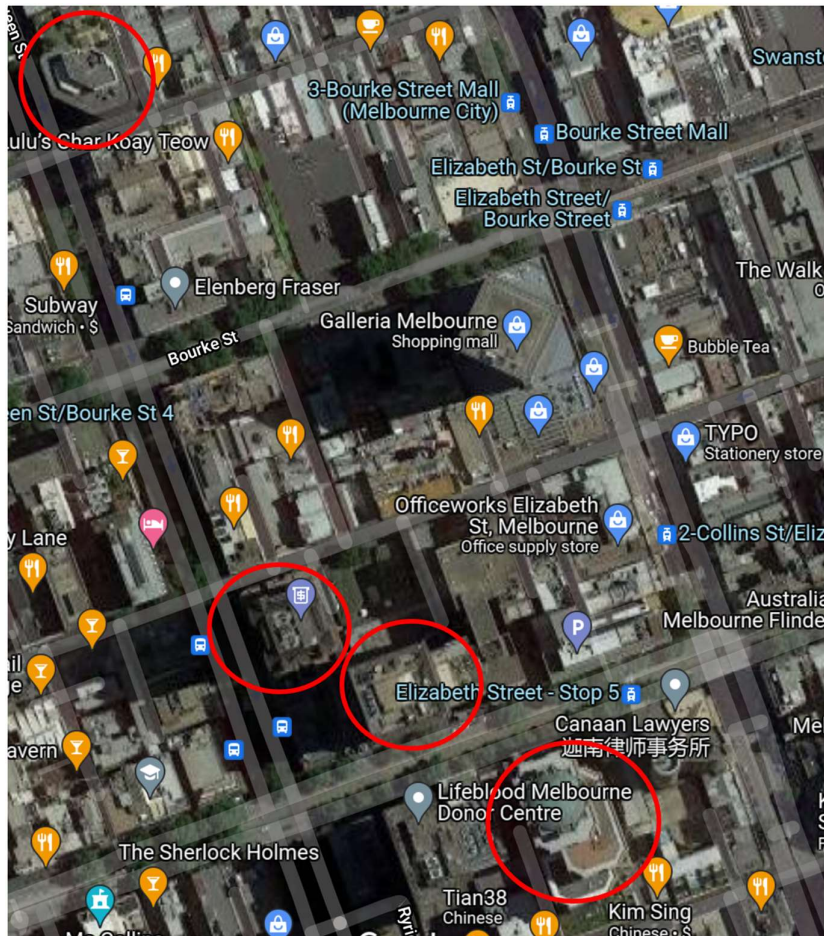
From there, we can deduce the apartment is in Melbourne, Australia. Therefore, we can look for the different buildings. After searching for “buildings” in Melbourne on Google, the pointy building in the middle was found: The ANZ Building.



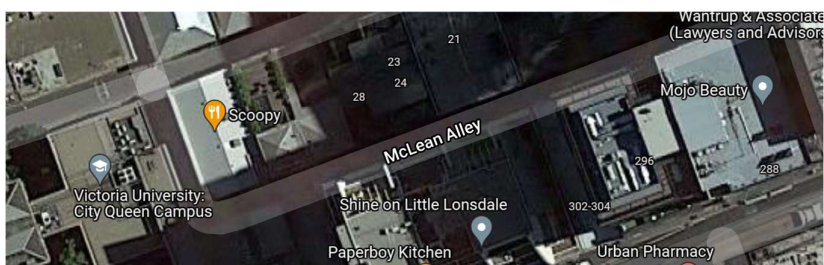
Based on the angle on the picture, we can find the ANZ building on Google Maps.



As we move further, the white and blue glass panels building can also be found, based on its unique shape.



As shown in the picture above, all the buildings in the picture have been identified, with the blue and white building circled at the top. Using the angle of the buildings in the picture, we can look for an alleyway nearby. A closeby one was the McLean Alley, which gave us the flag.



Therefore the flag was: **DUCTF{McLean_Alley}**