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Assignment 3

Problem 1

For this problem, I knew I could find MD5(*api_tag*, '&role=admin'), the *api_tag* for my attack URL. The real problem was finding the padding used to obtain the provided *api_tag*. Once I discovered the padding, I could append the padding + '&role=admin' to the URL to obtain a plaintext string that would hash to my attack *api_tag*. I discovered this padding by repeatedly querying Flickr with paddings until the correct one was accepted by Flickr. I didn't use any additional ideas or techniques besides a reliance on Python's .encode, .decode, and bytes.fromhex to manipulate the various pieces of data.

Hex of file:

[illegible]

696e7420657874726120646562756767696e6720696e666f726d6174696f
6e0a20202020636e65745f6964203d20636e65745f69642e6c6f77657228
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6572650a20206578697428290a

Problem 2

Running time: 1.66655 s
real 0m1.685s

user 0m1.672s
sys 0m0.001s

alexsheen-2a-1.bin

616c6578736865656e2074686973206973206d792066696c650a00000000
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2e6ad4deeb6b07e371ba69b2

alexsheen-2a-2.bin

616c6578736865656e2074686973206973206d792066696c650a00000000
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000000004c2f5d80c0818305ccca810746fe09ecddced59620df9fecff0d
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282f7cb79f4b5b1d65c1eafebc2d84288cd66cc06f518bbb6ef18eed87d1
2e6ad4deeb6b076371ba69b2

MD5(alexsheen-2a-1.bin)= a5a797289a4c5eb6bd191a030f101a33
MD5(alexsheen-2a-2.bin)= a5a797289a4c5eb6bd191a030f101a33

SHA256(alexsheen-2a-1.bin)=
726acc7b895a02887a6c7dfcd93519383512149ade69b00d65602ddd5fe0ff6e
SHA256(alexsheen-2a-2.bin)=
1a31ac3bca3aae6d7449d70d455b7b0d32eaa763da8b14db83222f1620bafd60

Problem 3

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/4749330/how-to-test-if-string-exists-in-file-with-bash>
<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/3953645/ternary-operator-in-bash>

MD5(alexsheen-2b-1.sh)= dd253009a6b1f39678f6e10ceefa1afe
MD5(alexsheen-2b-2.sh)= 720a9c2c0f0905dc14844fb0712f2b1d

Run either file:

./alexsheen-2b-1.sh
./alexsheen-2b-2.sh

To create this exploit, I started with a file text.sh which would represent my prefix. It contained the first line of the here-document code.

I then ran fastcoll on text.sh to produce alexsheen-2b-1.sh and alexsheen-2b-2.sh, two files with the same MD5 hash. This represented my prefix + blob1 and prefix + blob2.

I then appended 'EOF' to both files.

The lines cat << 'EOF' > outfile and 'EOF' essentially sandwich and contain the binary blobs created by fastcoll. They are safely stored in junk outfiles.

I also appended code to print "I am good/evil" based on a sequence of bytes that appear on one blob but not the other. In this case, I was able to find the string "YN", which I can search for using 'grep'. I then switch based on 'grep' to decide whether to send good/evil.