



- This was an interesting challenge and was happy to draw first blood on the challenge and this had many days without anyone figuring it out
- The challenge was based on Android phone data that was presented after downloading a .rar folder
- After downloading the data.rar folder in my kali box i unzipped

```
└── (mayday㉿kali) - [/dev/shm]
  └─$ unrar x data.rar
```

- The folder was successfully un-archived, i then navigated to the folder to investigate it further. The sheer amount of the folder was confusing

```
└── (mayday㉿kali) - [/dev/shm/data]
  └─$ ls
adb      app-ephemeral  bootchart   fonts           lost+found  misc_de    property          ss      unencrypted  vendor_de
anc     app-lib        cache       gsi            media      nfc       resource-cache  system  user
apex    app-private    dalvik-cache  gsi_persistent_data mediadrm  ota       rollback-history  system_ce  user_de
app     app-staging    data        incremental   misc      per_boot  rollback-observer  system_de  vendor
app-asec backup      drm         local          misc_ce   preloads  server_configurable_flags tombstones  vendor_ce
```

- The first idea that came to my mind was let me grep the flag out of these folders :)
- I stumbled upon this and thought this was the flag

```
data/com.google.android.gms/shared_prefs/nearbysharing_service_state.xml
3:Galaxy S3
```

- After several attempts to grep the data out of the folders , i realized i was not going anyway, and also after seeing that some of the folders inside had nothing in them a thought struck me, *what if i can arrange the folders according to size?*
- I went back to my terminal and arranged the folders to check them by size

```
└$ du -h --max-depth=1 2>/dev/null | sort -hr | head -20
2.0G .
1.1G ./app ←
328M ./media ←
308M ./data ←
147M ./user
95M ./user_de
11M ./system
7.4M ./dalvik-cache
6.8M ./misc
3.5M ./anr
664K ./system_ce
204K ./misc_de
184K ./system_de
140K ./misc_ce
132K ./backup
72K ./vendor
52K ./resource-cache
44K ./unencrypted
4.0K ./property
0 ./vendor_de
```

- From the sizes i started from the highest in size
- After several efforts going inside the folder i stumbled on this folder
/media/0/WhatsApp/Media/WhatsApp_Images
- In the folder there were numerous images

```
--- (mayday㉿kali) - [/dev/.../0/WhatsApp/Media/WhatsApp_Images]
└$ ls
IMG-20231020-WA0000.jpg IMG-20231020-WA0003.jpg IMG-20231020-WA0006.jpg IMG-20231020-WA0019.jpg IMG-20231021-WA0026.jpg IMG-20231021-WA0029.jpg Private
IMG-20231020-WA0001.jpg IMG-20231020-WA0004.jpg IMG-20231020-WA0007.jpg IMG-20231021-WA0000.jpg IMG-20231021-WA0027.jpg IMG-20231021-WA0030.jpg Sent
IMG-20231020-WA0002.jpg IMG-20231020-WA0005.jpg IMG-20231020-WA0008.jpg IMG-20231021-WA0021.jpg IMG-20231021-WA0028.jpg IMG-20231027-WA0001.jpg WA-001.png
```

- I opened my image viewer here and started checking the images, some of the images did not make sense , and yes i did run exiftool on them to check their metadata but to no avail
- I found this image rather intruiging



- The first attempt was think probably the model is samsung since i had previously seen the galaxy tag
- i google the model and still this was a dead end, i did not know that i was staring at the answer , Did you see it ? i bet not well here



- I went to google to search for an IMEI service to view the model
- I stumbled upon this [website](#)
- I entered the IMEI code and found this

P5S

DALE

35582210 130693 2

TAC

SNR

CD

CHECK NOW

 Blacklist Premium Check > Buy Phone Like This >

- Here i got the model and this was the flag SADC{PS5}
- I hope you enjoyed