

- 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
anr          app-lib       cache      gsi            media       nfc      resource-cache  system      user
apex         app-private   dalvik-cache  gsi_persistent_data  mediadrn    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 struct 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

```

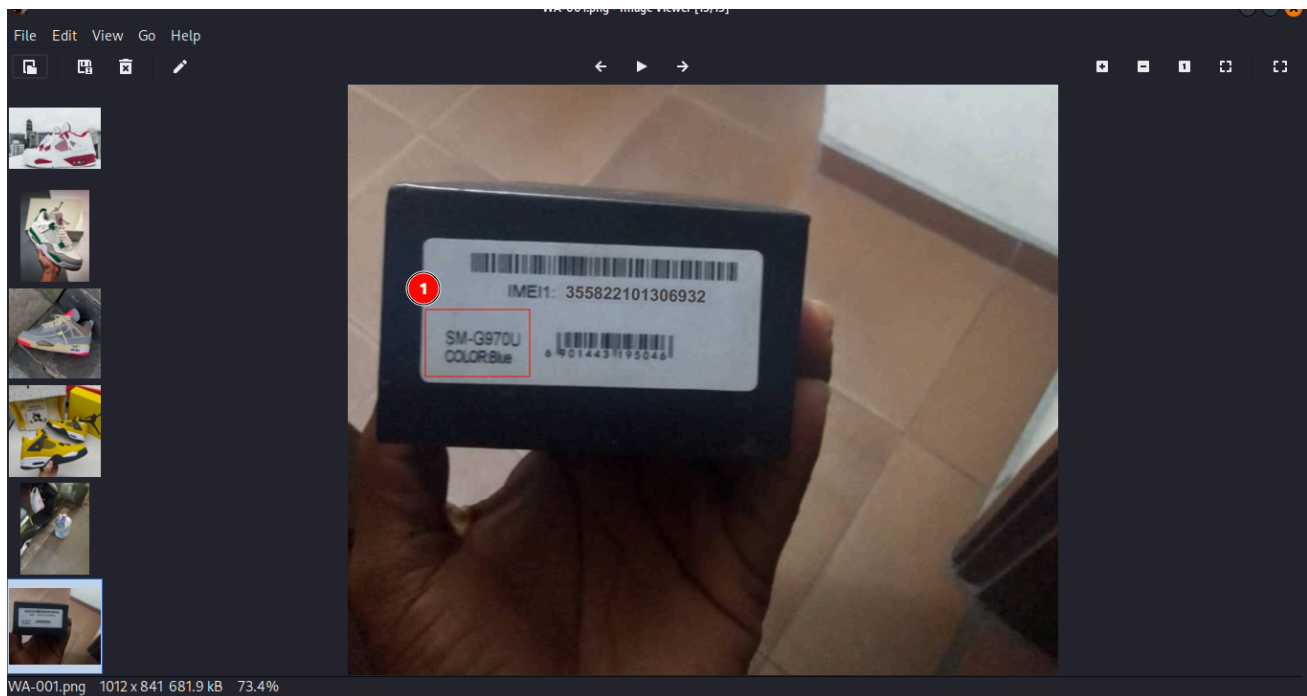
- From the sizes i started from the highest in size
- After several efforts going inside the folder i stumbled on this folder
/media/0/WhatsApp/Media/WhatsApp Images
- In the folder there were numerous images

```

(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

```

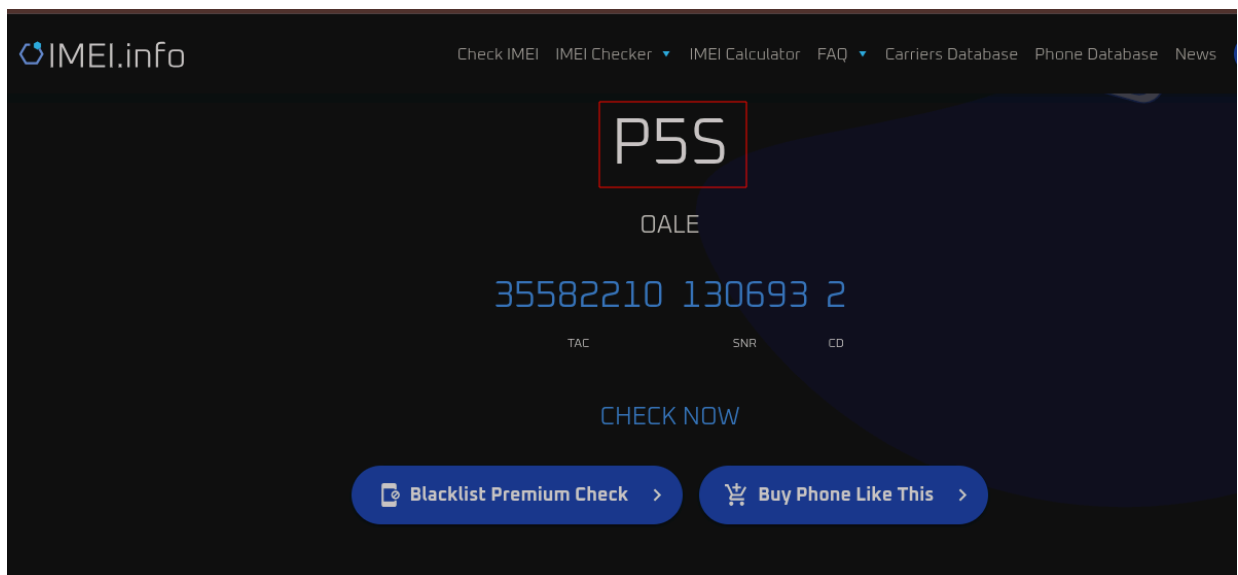
- I opened my image viewer here and started checking the images, some of the images did not make sense , and yes i did run `exiftool` on them to check their metadata but to no avail
- I found this image rather intriguing



- 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



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