

solve

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[21]: import json
import zlib
from hashlib import sha256
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[56]: with open("flag.txt.ozed", "rb") as f:
      data = f.read()
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[57]: OZED = data[:4]
      data = data[4:]
      OZED
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[57]: b'0ZED'

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[58]: paddedmetadata = data[:300]
data = data[300:]
metadata = json.loads(paddedmetadata[:136])
metadata, paddedmetadata[136:]
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[illegible]

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[71]: default_password = b"OpenZEDdefaultpasswordtochangebeforedeployinproduction"
      password_hash = bytes.fromhex(metadata["password_hash"])
      metadata["password_hash"], sha256(default_password).hexdigest()
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[71]: ('b3a97eb583db5a940c0705e6450b81f4d702a9122d7342a25768e3d75be739be',
      'ab6e35c53f58dcbaade511a6aac33ee3d6df83c0a97b3c64a66da4939c9b8b1e')
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They do not use the standard password here

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[60]: payload = zlib.decompress(data)
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[61]: payload
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[61]: b'zed\xfc\xca\x96[u`\xd9$\x83\xa4\xd6kL\x16\xe5\x02\x9e\x92Y\xe0?e\xcf;\xa3\xe1\x
xc9G0\x10\x90m\t\xc8\xd6\xaeGa\xed\xec\x1eG\x88\x99\tV\xb2\xbc\x92!\xc2\t\xfb3/\xf
fb\x17P5N\x08\x8d\xa0\xed\x92\xb6\xead\xef\xec\xfb1\x96%\xac\xdb\xbf'
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[62]: def derive_password(self):
      for i in range(100):
          self.key = sha256(self.password).digest()[16]

      def generate_iv(self):
          self.iv = (self.user+self.password)[16]
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[63]: iv = payload[:16]
      username = iv[:3]
      password = iv[3:]
      username,password
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[63]: (b'zed', b'\xfc\xca\x96[u`\xd9$\x83\xa4\xd6kL')
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[64]: f"Missing bytes: {16-len(password)}"
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[64]: 'Missing bytes: 3'
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1 We can just brute force those 3 bytes :)

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[72]: from Crypto.Util.number import long_to_bytes
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[73]: keys = []
      for guess in range(256**3):
          test = password + long_to_bytes(guess,3)
          hash = sha256(test).digest()[16]

          if password_hash.startswith(hash):
              print(password + long_to_bytes(guess,3))
              keys.append(password + long_to_bytes(guess,3))
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b'\xfc\xca\x96[u`\xd9$\x83\xa4\xd6kL\x80\xb9t'
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[74]: from openedlib import aes_cbc_zed
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[75]: instance = aes_cbc_zed.AES_CBC_ZED(user=username,password=keys[0])  
      print(instance.decrypt(payload))
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b'PWNME{49e531f28d1cedef03103af6cec79669_th4t_v3Ct0r_k1nd4_l3aky}'
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