

Cipher Riddle:

Upon completing an introductory course on cryptography, Tom, a Computer Science student, decided to utilize a classical cipher to safeguard certain secrets. In an attempt to enhance the secrecy of his cipher text, he altered the resulting ciphertext, believing that it would be difficult for anyone who gains access to it to decipher and obtain the confidential information

The resulting secret is as follows:

KDEwMTAwMDExMTAxMDEwMTAwMTEwMDExMTAxMDAxMDAwMDExMTEwMDAwMTEwMTAwMTAxMTAxMTAwMTAxMDEwMCwxMDAxKQ

-> Given one of Tom's encrypted secrets, obtain the original plaintext secret that Tom tried to safeguard

* Note: All Tom's secrets are valid English words and sentences that only contain alphabetic characters [A-Za-z].

Example of supplied ciphertext:

KDEwMTAwMDExMTAxMDEwMTAwMTEwMDExMTAxMDAxMDAwMDExMTEwMDAwMTEwMTAwMTAxMTAxMTAwMTAxMDEwMCwxMDAxKQ

What we expect from you:

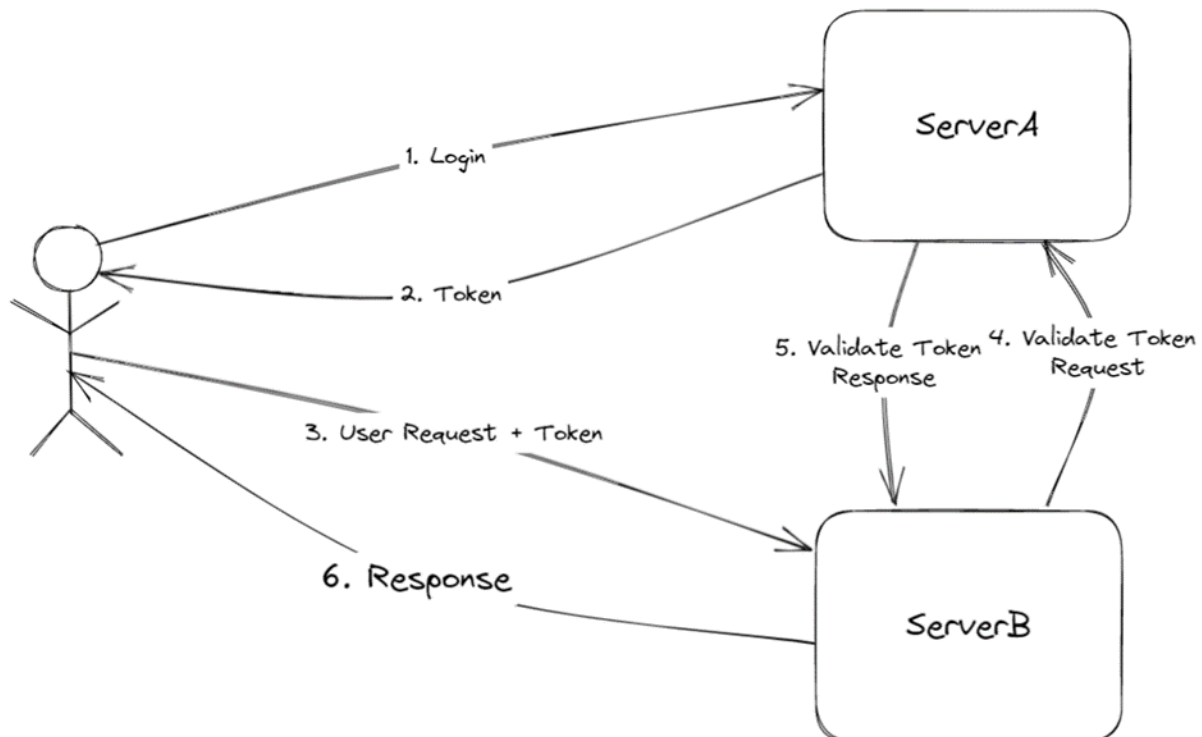
The secret encrypted by Tom

Note: this is not the solution! This is just an illustration for what we are expecting from you.

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Server Riddle:

In a backend environment consisting of serverA and serverB, serverA is responsible for authenticating users by providing a session token (JWT) upon validating their credentials. However, when the user interacts with serverB, it cannot verify the token's legitimacy due to it being signed using a symmetric encryption algorithm, and only serverA has the key required for signing and validation.



To mitigate this issue, the maintainers of serverA proposed using Asymmetric Encryption (using RS256 algorithm) to sign and validate tokens. This approach involves token signing with a secret key kept on serverA, and token validation with a public key embedded as JWK within the JWT header. Consequently, any server can authenticate the token's legitimacy without requiring a call to serverA, reducing latency.

-> Given a JWT, your task is to modify the token by setting the "admin" attribute to "true" so that serverB will be deceived into believing that you have admin privileges.

Example of supplied JWT:

eyJraWQioiI5MmM1YTU1MS0yNjFILTQ5OTktOGQyMy0wMmJmM1YTg2NTM1NjEiLCJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZyI6eyJrdHkiOiJSU0EiLCJllljoIQVFBQilslmtpZCI6IjkyYzVhNTUxLTl2MWUtNDk5OS04ZDIzLTAYmzVhODY1MzU2MSIsIm4iOiI2dnNKVzdXQ1NfTnlXd0IBWktHhYXNZMmVVTa1lmdEdXOXIYeFhXWFImc3Y3YnZXMDNpRkRaNDZaND09VS2hPZ0lVWGYzUzVaVGF3NVY2WXdFNI8xTVJqUmhBdURINmJvcFdtMzRlZVnbTFSSEdSWEIzTFJwU3UwTWIKTGxwTk5ZXFSekRHdDZDVTFhMWR0ZEExVTB0aThqeGNfNiJlBdlpUTWJjdVZQaGU4d1o5LWNYME9yZGIZXZF3bEVvZnNWdndEODZDd0g2TENXOF9RVUZmRXZZSzRXdm55XzJzc0FfbnMyMkpaLTZGdXpTLVNmTFFrUWIORXVhMWNnMVBaa1RHd09mVIZ0c1Y0NVRaOGpRYnF5dGc3T2p4VDBxU1pXWEZQamVCQTVNQ3o3MzQyWXIF5jlxbmZock9WTXZ6OEZjdERuaktITTLzLWpITIBwcHM1dVlxSHcifX0.eyJpc3MiOiJodHRwczovL3NlcnZpY2VBLmVudjo4MDgwiwiYXVkljoiYWVWVudCIsImkljoiNTAxYTFiZjQtYjUyMy00OTNjLWl0NTctYVWVOTM1YTl0MWJhliwiY2NvcGU0Iiwjcm9maWxliwibmFtZSI6IklvYiBhbnYXJsZXkiLCJlbWFpbGl6ImJvYi5tYXJsZXIAaGJja3RyaWNrLmNvbSIsImFkbWluljoiZmFsc2UiLCJyYW5kljoiMzgifQ.d18LyHFFtBO9gxiwct3A_M77kc1u7E8S9QuD5fE8haG0F_b9NvbSP83a5p0gcrlOebb0hHH1Wk-4L6mqj2QC9bDbKIVvx2bmWW8kVyGmMRDs9ccn8PIfT1T3Gsgi-9Smqmf196MHBV5BxGsGFo8ah8o6RP8NKsmuLZmVNFg0bbcs81ndR2hwYzZBeuUQxZfCedqsoQkAie9zFjWu92gMsDqlzM-KdeUi6OyQn3l-id2N0pQuqlmhHq8P_pAHsETgQ6RnugylkPsKMDs0cotaun8cBrItFIKGcrwRbpGqf75GolV10BO0q1xu8pAww7LEsZ3x7xxfz0lW0ZBVbfTuXw

What we expect from you:

A valid JWT with "admin" attribute set to "true"

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Pcap Riddle:

A network security analyst received an alert for a suspicious activity where a certain machine was sending multiple DNS queries to an unknown DNS server (188.68.45.12). Upon examining sample packets, he suspected a data exfiltration process and immediately disabled network access for the machine to initiate an investigation. After analyzing the packets, the analyst was certain that a malicious actor was leaking the company's data. However, he could not determine the exact nature of the leaked information, as it was being sent in an obfuscated manner that he could not decipher.

-> Your task is to examine a PCAP file and uncover the complete secret that was leaked by the malicious actor.

Example of supplied PCAP:

PCAP file encoded in Base64 format.

What we expect from you:

The secret leaked by the malicious actor

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Captcha Riddle:

You have been presented with a challenging security task - developing a solution to bypass the CAPTCHA generated by Amazon.com such as the one accessible via the URL

"https://www.amazon.com/errors/validateCaptcha"

The objective of this challenge is to develop a solution that can evade the security measures put in place by Amazon.com and successfully solve the CAPTCHA, without requiring any human intervention.

*Note: Solution can make use of open source libraries.

Example of supplied CAPTCHA:

Numpy array representing the CAPTCHA image.

What we expect from you:

The solution for the CAPTCHA

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