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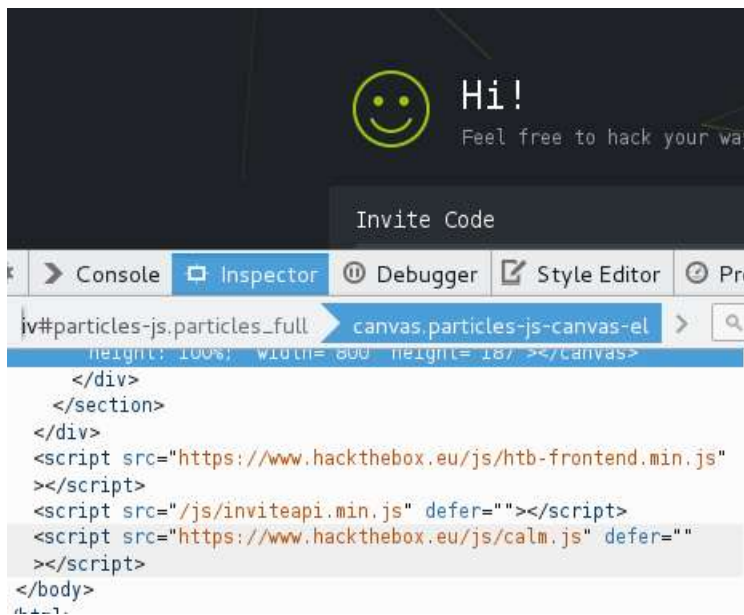
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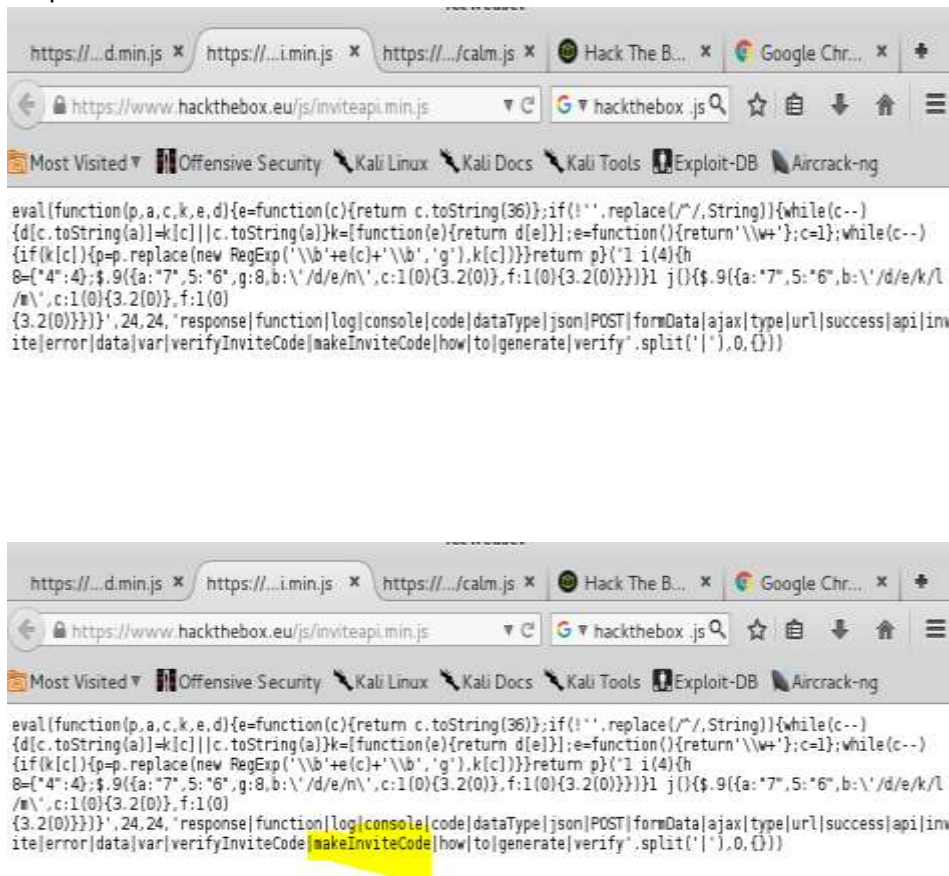
Hack the Box Challenges Report

1.0 Invite code

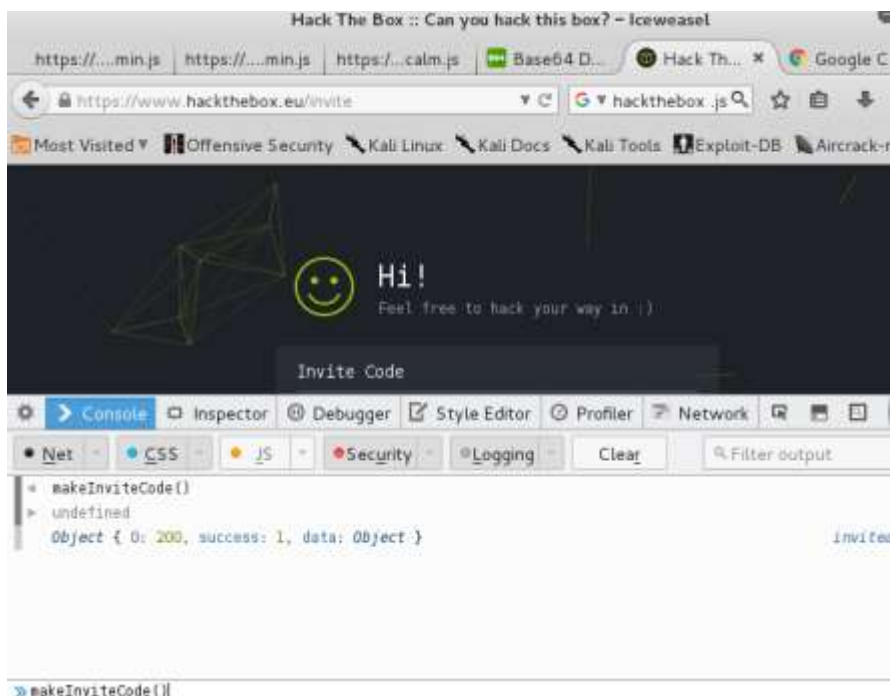
1. In the invite code page press Fn+F12. Notice the link "js/inviteapi.min.js" in the script src code. It does not sound typical and might contain clues.



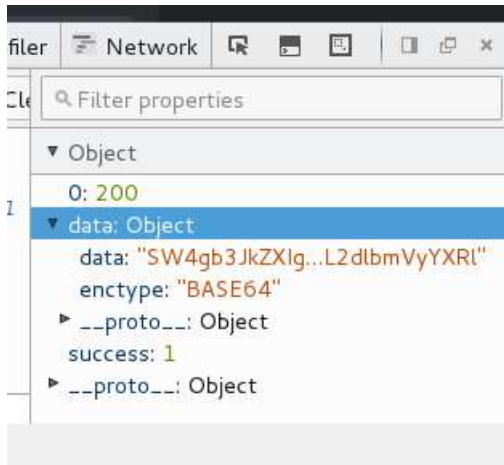
2. Open the link in the browser. Notice the MakeInviteCode function.



3. So we open console in browser by typing Fn+F12. Enter the `makeinviteCode()` in the console.



4. In the data segment you will find a base64 encoded string which might contain clue.



5. Decode it using online base decoder.

Decode from Base64 format

Simply use the form below

SW4gb3JkZXIgdG8gZ2VuZXJhdGUgdGhlIGludml0ZSBjb2RILCBtYWtlIGUE9TVCBYXZF1ZXN0IHRvIC9hcGkvaW52aXRIL2dlbmVvYXRl

For encoded binaries (like images, documents, etc.) upload your data via the [file decode form](#) below.

UTF-8

Source charset.

Live mode OFF

Decodes in real-time when you type or paste (supports only unicode charsets).

< DECODE >

Decodes your data into the textarea below.

6.It tells us to make POST request to a url.

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In order to generate the invite code, make a POST request to /api/invite/generate

7.Open Kali Linux terminal and use curl command to make POST request as below.



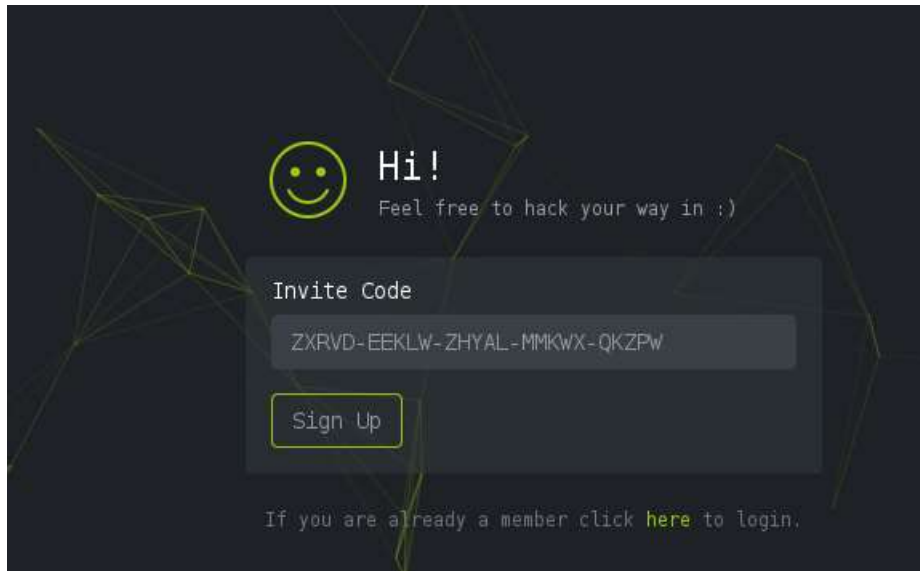
```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
root@kali:~# curl -XPOST https://www.hackthebox.eu/api/invite/generate
```

8.It seems that the Invite Code is now generated. We must decode this first before proceeding.



```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
root@kali:~# curl -XPOST https://www.hackthebox.eu/api/invite/generate  
{"success":1,"data":{"code":"WlhSVkQtRUUULTFctWkhZQUwtTU1LV1gtUUtaUFc=","format":"encoded","0":200}}root@kali:~#
```

9. After decoding it as in step 5 using online base decoder, we enter the Invite code in the page.

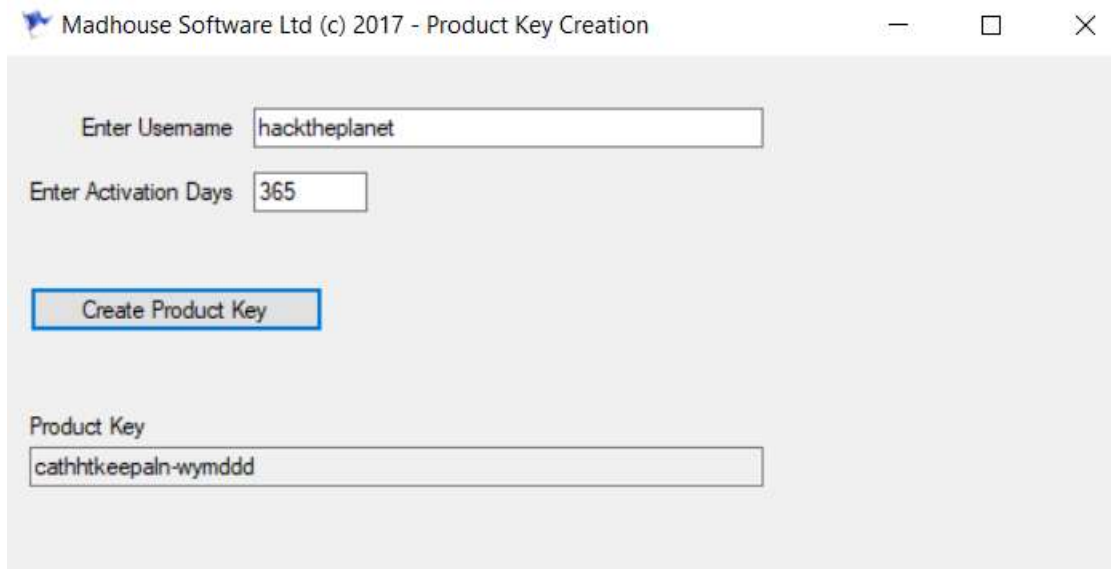


10. Now we can register and sign in to Hack the box.



2.0 The Art of Reversing

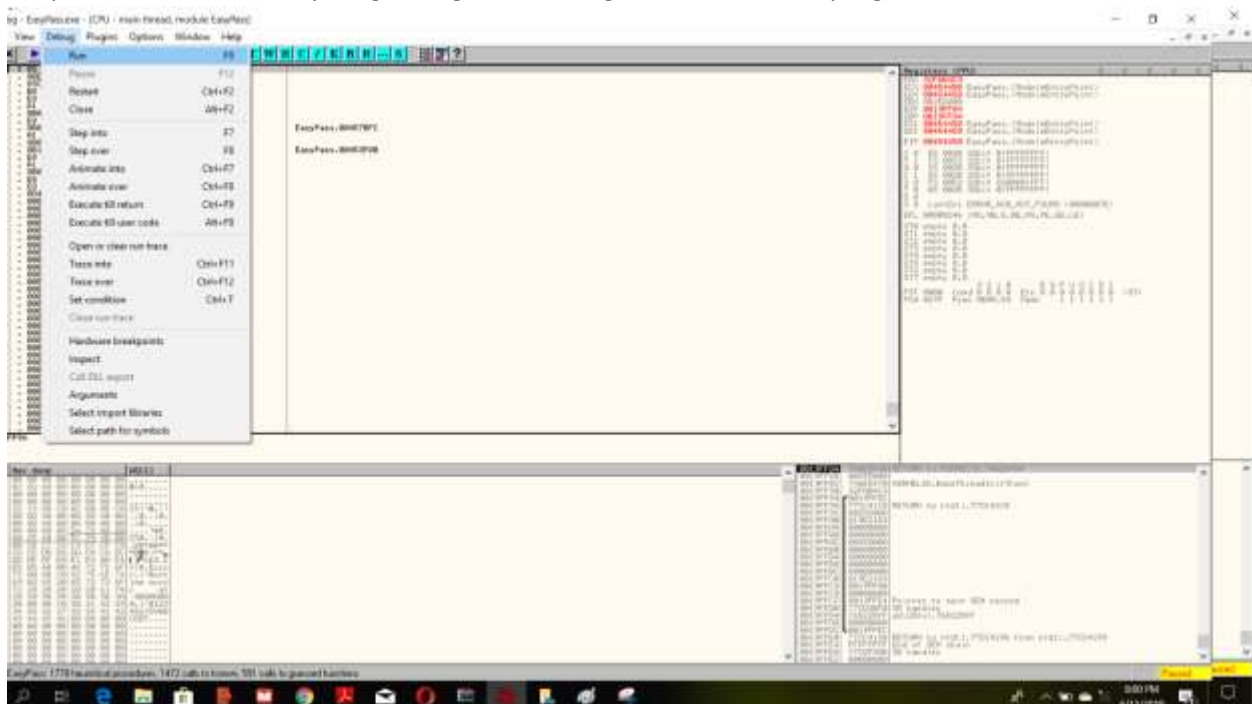
1) After extracting the zip file, open the .exe file and try entering the password until the product key matches with the one given in the question. Keep retrying until you get it.



Flag: HTB{hacktheplanet365}..

3.0 Find the Easy Pass

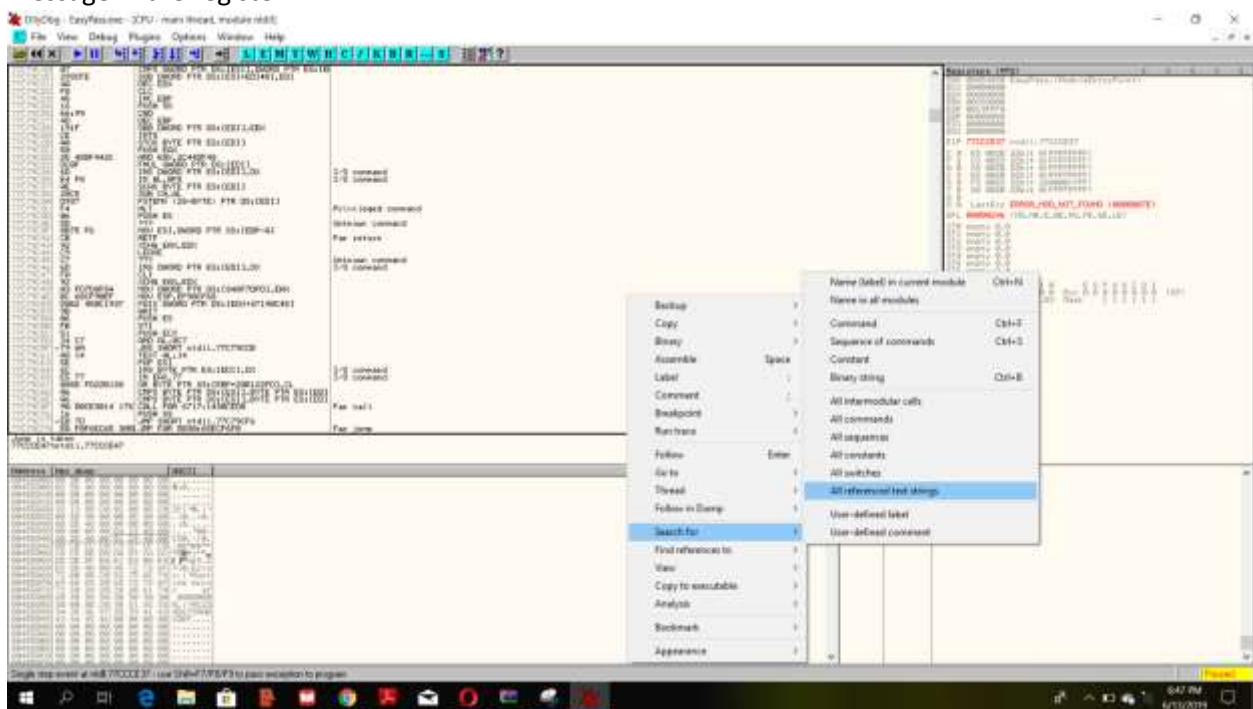
1) Open the .exe file in Ollydbg. Navigate to debug>Run and run the program.



2)The program will run.Enter any password and the Wrong password error pop up.



3)After that, right click on the comment section in the middle of the console as below and navigate to search for>all referenced text strings. We want to look for the location of the 'Wrong password' message in the register.



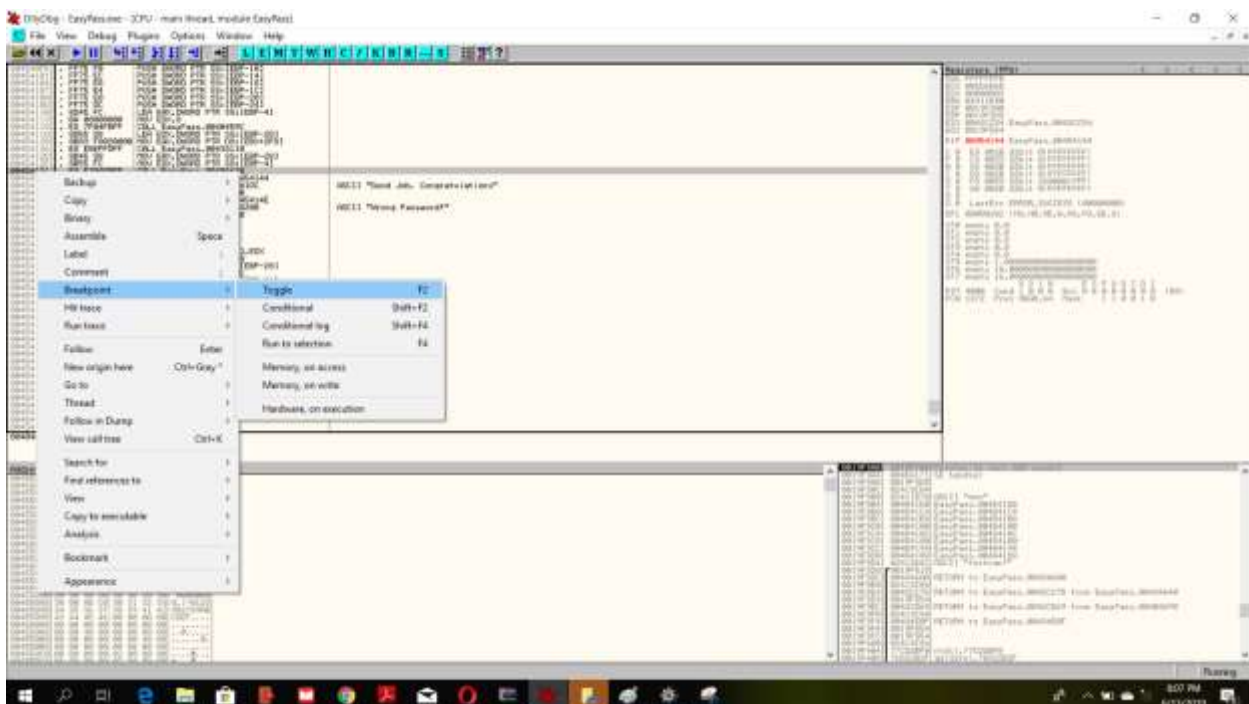
4) A window of referenced strings will pop up. Find the strings as below and double click on the very left of the line highlighted as below.



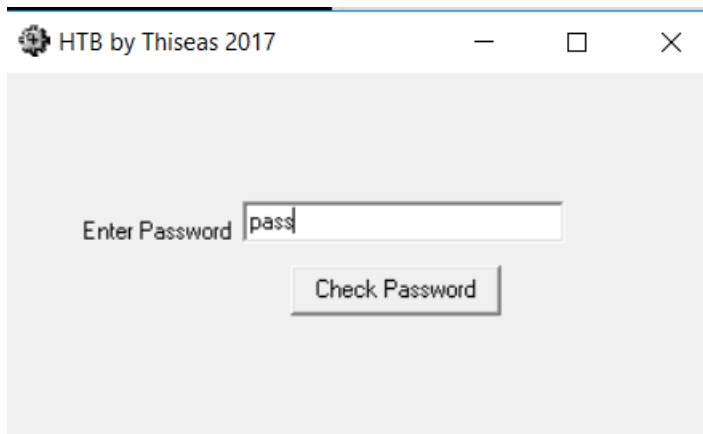
5) Another window will pop up showing the location and instruction matching with the strings. We need to choose which part of the instruction is there when the .exe file is comparing the string. The line highlighted below shows the call that has been made before JNZ instruction happened, which might be where the .exe compares the password entered by user with the password inside the program.



6) Now is the time we set breakpoint at the line highlighted in step 5. Right click on the register section in very left area of the line and navigate to breakpoint>toggle.



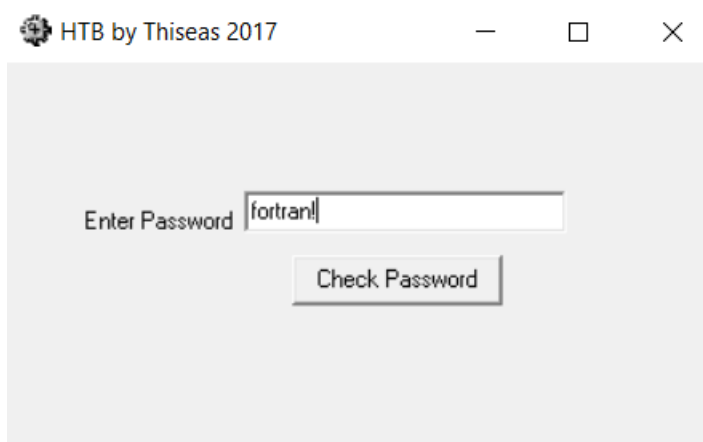
7) Now, run the program and enter any password when the program opened. Click on check password.



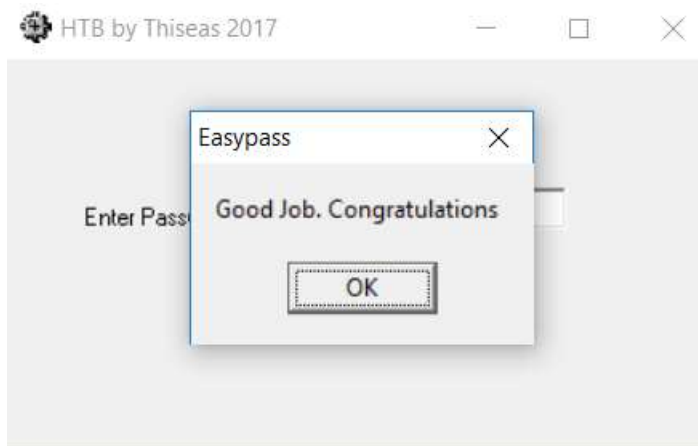
8) We see in the registers section on the left of the main section is changing. It seems that our entered password is loaded into EAX register and 'fortran!' is loaded in EDX. The ECX might be comparing both of the values. We deduce that 'fortran!' might be the password.



9) Enter the 'fortran!' Password.



10) A congratulations message appeared. We have found the flag.



Flag:HTB{fortran!}

4.0 Snake

1)First, we view the snake.py file. Notice that

```
user_input=slither
```

and

```
passes=str(chr(char)).
```

```

# sha256.py
import sys
from hashlib import sha256

chars = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789-_"

chain = ""
chains_encrypt = chain + &Bx&
chars.append(chains_encrypt)

aa = '\x01'
rr = '\x0F'

slither = aa + db + nn + ef + rr + gh + lf + ty
print('Authentication required')
print(' ')
user_input = raw_input('Enter your username:\n')
if user_input == slither:
    pass
else:
    print('Wrong username try harder')
    exit()

pass_input = raw_input('Enter your password:\n')
for passes in pass_input:
    for char in chars:
        if passes == str(chr(char)):
            print('Good job!')
            break
    else:
        print('Wrong password try harder')
        exit(0)
break

```

2) We can manipulate this by telling the program to print 'slither' for us to get the username by adding the line highlighted.

```
for chain in chains:
    chains_encrypt = chain + 0xA
    chars.append(chains_encrypt)
aa = '\x01'
rr = '\x0f'
slither = aa + db + nn + ef + rr + gh + lr + ty
print('Authentication required')
print('')
print slither
user_input = raw_input('Enter your username\n')
if user_input == slither:
    pass
else:
    print('Wrong username try harder')
    exit()
```

3) Then, we add code to create new array and append each of the character array 'chars'. We use chr() function to add character elements to our new array rather than ASCII.

```
if user_input == slither:
    pass
else:
    print('Wrong username try harder')
    exit()
ease=[]
for char in chars:
    ease.append(chr(char))
print "".join(ease)
pass_input = raw_input('Enter your password\n')
for passes in pass_input:
    for char in chars:
        if passes == str(chr(char)):
```

4) So, we run the program and it will print both username and password for us.

```
root@kali:~# python snake.py
The Snake Created by 3XPL017
Your number is 668
Authentication required
anaconda
Enter your username
anaconda
udvvrjwa$$~rs}*s}*k*~|yv
Enter your password
udvvrjwa$$~rs}*s}*k*~|yv
Good Job
```

The flag should be in the format HTB{username:password}.

We only have to pick the earliest 10 characters from the password printed.

Flag:

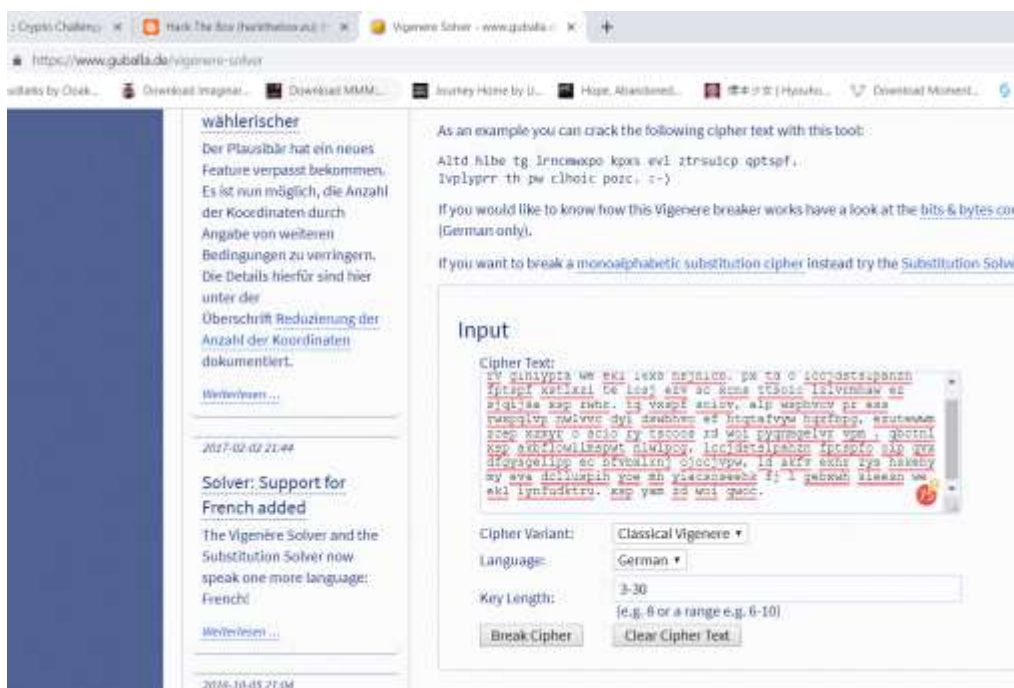
HTB{anaconda:udvvrjwa\$\$}

5.0 Classic, yet complicated

1)After extracting the .zip file we found this text file. Inside is a cipher text.



2)We use the vigenere cipher decoder in the url <https://www.guballa.de/vigenere-solver>. It can break vigenere ciphers without knowing the key.



3) We found this in the result section. It says that the key is the flag. Hence, "helloworld" is the flag.

Result

Clear text [\[hide\]](#)

Clear text using key "helloworld":

the vigenere cipher, was invented by a frenchman, blaise de vigenere in the 16th century. it is a polyalphabetic cipher because it uses two or more cipher alphabets to encrypt the data. in other words, the letters in the vigenere cipher are shifted by different amounts, normally done using a word or phrase as the encryption key. unlike the monoalphabetic ciphers, polyalphabetic ciphers are not susceptible to frequency analysis, as more than one letter in the plaintext can be represented by a single letter in the encryption. the key is the flag.

Details [\[hide\]](#)

Key	"helloworld"
Key length	10
Cipher text length	446
Ratio (cipher_len:key_len)	44.60
Difficulty	easy
Clear text score (fitness)	88.94

Flag: HTB{helloworld}

6.0 You can do it

1) We saw the encrypted text in a txt file after unzipping the content.

you_can_do_it - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
YHAOANUTDSYOEOIEUTC!

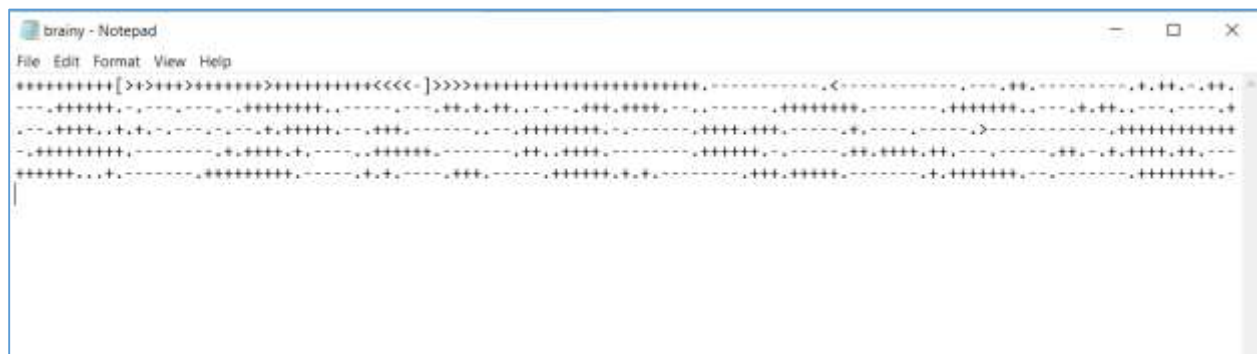
- 2) This word is a form of Caesar Cipher. We use tool in <https://www.dcode.fr/caesar-box-cipher> to decode the text. One of the results show 'YOUSEETHATYOUcandoIT'. In the original text there is the '!' symbol. We must include that when entering the flag in the Hack the box website. After entering it, we find that this is our flag.



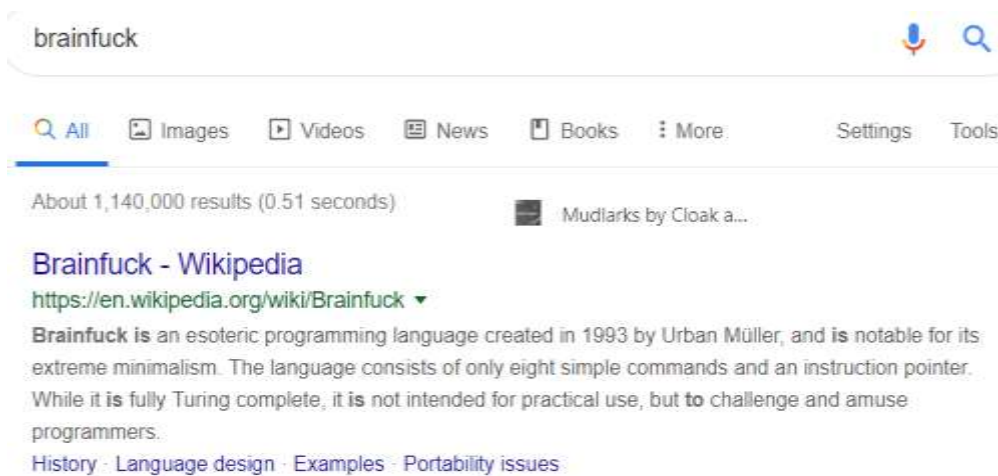
Flag: HTB{YOUSEETHATYOUcandoIT!}

7.0 Brainy's cipher

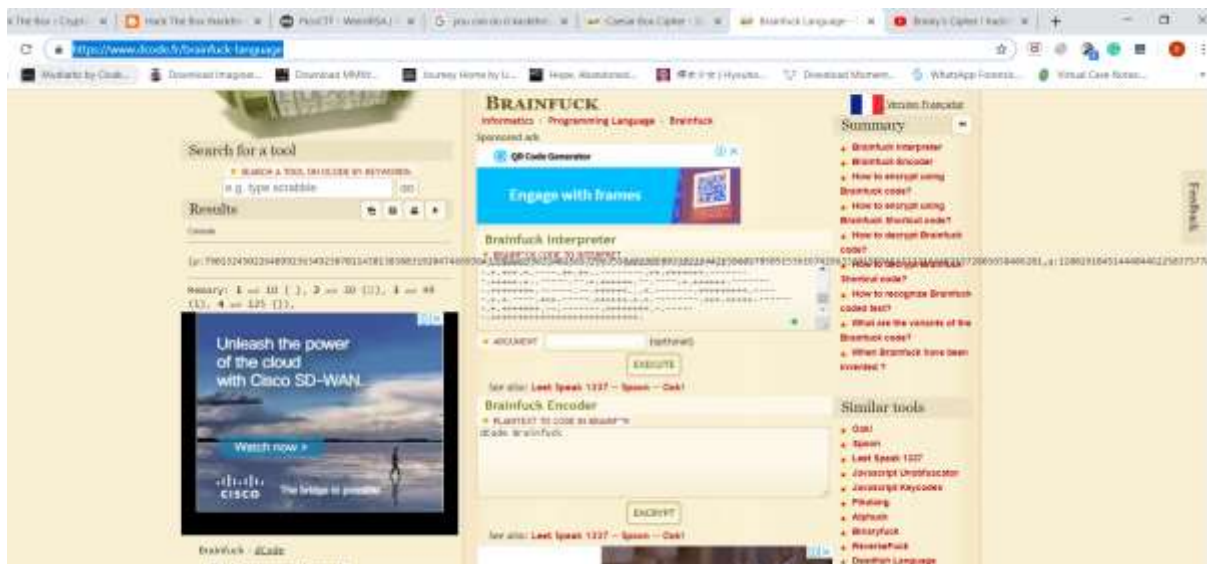
- 1) We find an encrypted text when opening the .txt file from the downloaded .zip file.



2)After a bit of googling , we come across the Brainfuck language.



3)We use tool in <https://www.dcode.fr/brainfuck-language> to decode it. We find that there is a string similar to weirdRSA after decrypting the Brainfuck text.



4) This is asymmetric cryptography. We can create code in python to decrypt the code.



```
import binascii
import struct

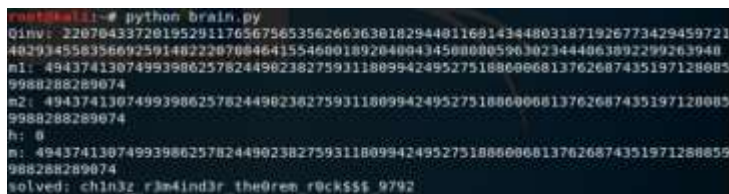
# return (g, x, y) s.t. a*x + b*y = gcd(a, b)
def egcd(a, b):
    if a == 0:
        return (b, 0, 1)
    else:
        g, x, y = egcd(b % a, a)
        return (g, y - (b // a) * x, x)

def decryptRSA(p, q, e, ct):
    # compute n
    n = p * q
    phi = (p - 1) * (q - 1)
    gcd, a, b = egcd(e, phi)
    d = a
    print "d: " + str(d)
    pt = pow(ct, d, n)
    return pt

def encryptRSA(p, q, e, pt):
    # compute n
    n = p * q
    phi = (p - 1) * (q - 1)
    gcd, a, b = egcd(e, phi)
    d = a
    print "d: " + str(d)
    ct = pow(pt, e, n)
    return ct

def convert(int_value):
    encoded = format(int_value, 'x')
    length = len(encoded)
    encoded = encoded.zfill(length*length)
    return encoded.decode('hex')
```

5) After decoding using python we found the flag.

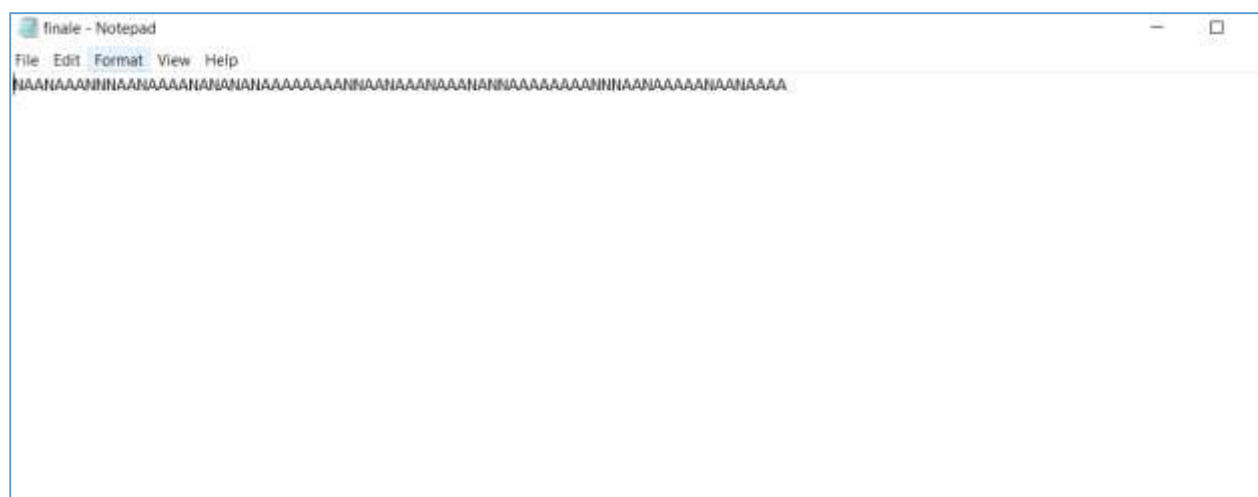


```
root@kali:~# python brain.py
Qinv: 2207043372019529117056756535626636301829440116014344031871926773429459721
4029145583566925914822207004641554600189204004345000005963023444061002299263940
m1: 4943741307499398625782449023827593118099424952751806006813762687435197128085
9988288289074
m2: 4943741307499398625782449023827593118099424952751806006813762687435197128085
9988288289074
h: 0
n: 4943741307499398625782449023827593118099424952751806006813762687435197128085
9988288289074
solved: ch1n3z_r3n4indir_the0rem_r0ck$$$ 9792
```

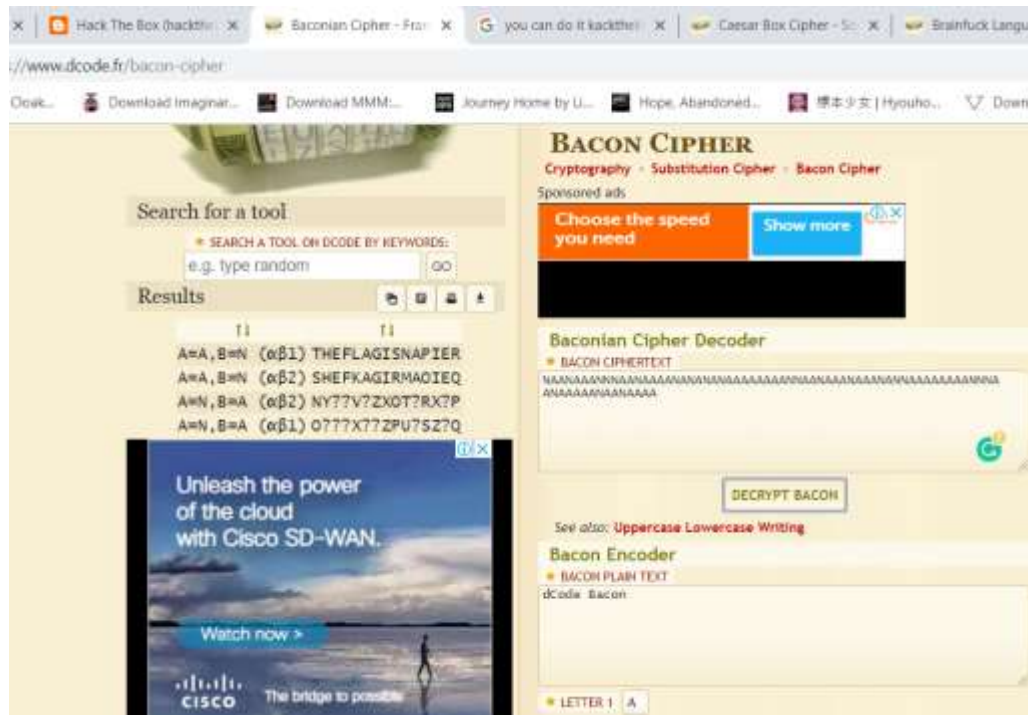
Flag: HTB{ch1n3z_r3n4indir_the0rem_r0ck\$\$\$_9792}

8.0 Deceitful batman

1) We find this text after opening the .zip file.



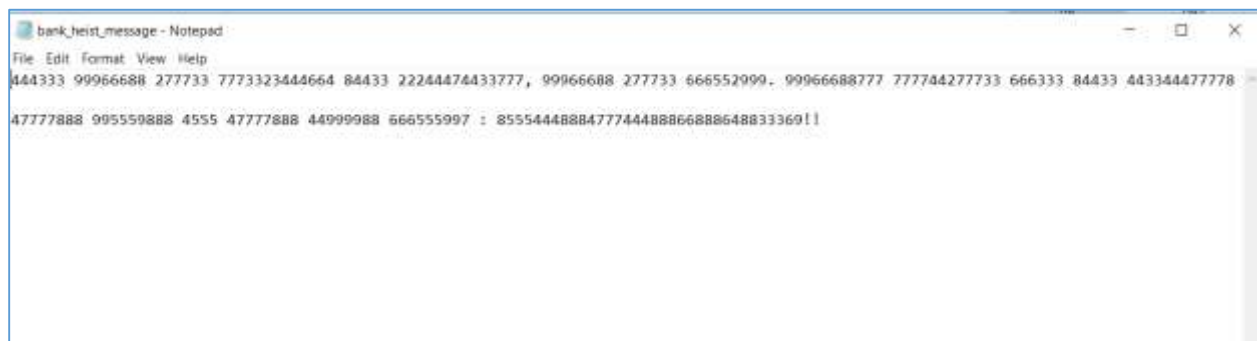
2)The encrypted text is familiar to Bacon Cipher. Hence , we use tool in <https://www.dcode.fr/bacon-cipher> to decrypt the text. We find 'THEFLAGISNAPIER' in the results. Hence, the flag is 'NAPIER'.



Flag: HTB{NAPIER}

9.0 Bank heist

1)After opening the unzipped file you will get this in a text file:



2)In the question it hinted that the criminal used an old phone.

“Under further analysis of the persons flip phone you see a message that seems suspicious. Can you figure out what the message to put this guy in jail? “

Hence, we take this as a clue and google some ciphers related to old phones. We find out that there are two ciphers related to phones, ABC and T9 cipher.

The screenshot shows the dCode.fr website with the URL <https://www.dcode.fr/phone-keypad-cipher>. The page features a search bar with the text "e.g. type sudoku" and a "GO" button. Below the search bar, there is a section titled "Phone Keypad Cipher" with a description: "Tool to decrypt/encrypt messages with a mobile phone keypad. Phone keypads allow you to write messages in several ways: Multi-tap, ABC code, T9 code, etc. and can be used as a cipher." To the right, there is a section titled "PHONE KEYPAD CIPHER" with a sub-header "Communication System - Telecom - Phone Keypad Cipher". Below this, there are sponsored ads and a section titled "ABC or Multi-tap Code" with a description: "The Multi-tap code is the name given to the telephone input technique that consists of writing a letter by repeating the corresponding key on the mobile phone keypad. For example: '2' for 'A', '22' for 'B', '222' for 'C', '3' for 'D', and so on. dCode has a tool for that: Go to: [Multi-tap Cipher \(SMS Mode ABC\)](#)". Below this, there is a section titled "T9 Code (Predictive text)" with a description: "T9 code is the name given to the prediction algorithm that uses a dictionary to guess the word the user is trying to write. For example: '2' for 'A' or 'B' or 'C', '222' for 'BAC' or 'ABC', dCode has a tool for that: Go to: [T9 Cipher \(SMS\)](#)".

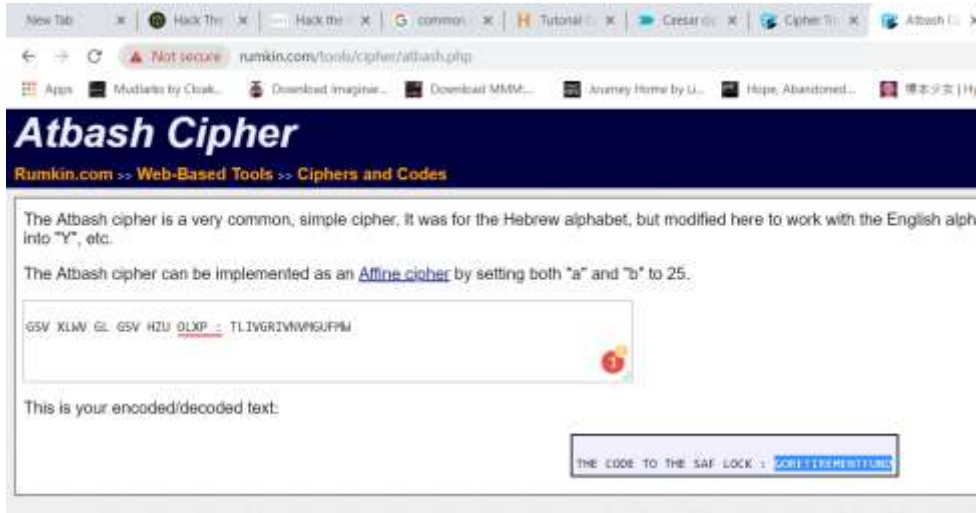
3) We decode the encrypted text in ABC decoder at <https://www.dcode.fr/multitap-abc-cipher>.

The screenshot shows the dCode.fr website with the URL <https://www.dcode.fr/multitap-abc-cipher>. The page features a search bar with the text "e.g. type sudoku" and a "GO" button. Below the search bar, there is a section titled "Results" with the text: "IIGF YOU ARE READING THE CIPHER YOU ARE OKAY YOUR SHARE OF/ODE/OED THE HEIST GHS/IRP/IS IN/INN YOUR HOUSE THE KEY TO THE LOCK GHS/IRP/IS BELOW GO TO PARIS GSV XLNV GL GSV HZU OLXP TLIVGRIVNMGUFW". To the right, there is a section titled "MULTITAP ABC" with a sub-header "Communication System - Telecom - Multi-tap Cipher (SMS Mode ABC)". Below this, there are sponsored ads and a section titled "Multi-tap Decoder/Translator" with a description: "MULTI-TAP MOBILE PHONE CIPHERTEXT". Below this, there is a section titled "T9 vs Multitap" with a description: "Multitap should not be confused with T9 predictive text. DCODE is written 3222566333 in Multitap and 32633 in T9. Go to: [T9 Cipher \(SMS\)](#)".

4)The decoded message reads as below, but the line at the bottom does not seem to be understandable.

```
benk_heist_message2 - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
ITGF YOU ARE READING THE CIPHER, YOU ARE OKAY. YOUR SHARE OF/DDE/OED THE HEIST GHS/IRP/IS IN/IMP YOUR HOUSE, THE KEY TO THE LOCK GHS/IRP/IS BELOW. GO TO PARIS.
GSV XLNV GL GSV HZU DLXP : TLIVGRIVMVGUPM!!
```

5)We try to decode the line with some common cipher decoders and found that the cipher is Atbash, a cipher based on Hebrew language. After decoding the message we get the flag.

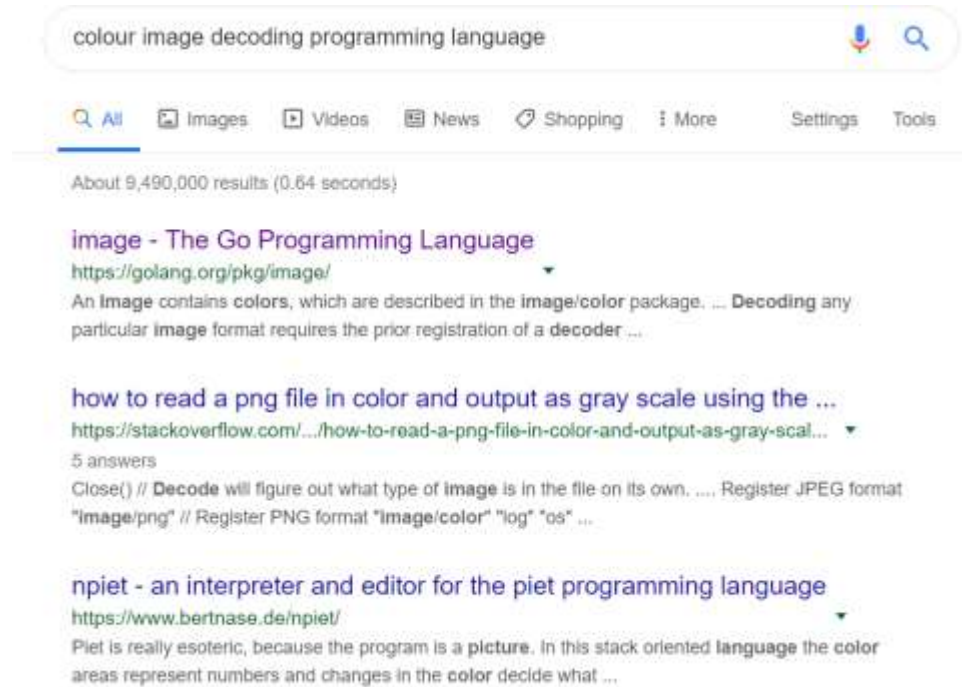


Flag: HTB{GORETIREMENTFUND!!}

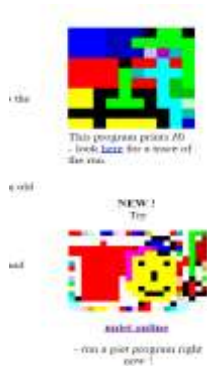
10.0 Art

1)After failing to find anything in the art.png image using various tools such as base64 png decoder , binwalk , stegsolve, etc, we try to find answer by googling about the language used to create the image.

We search 'colour image decoding programming language' and come up with a few links.



2)We find that on one of the links listed,in <https://www.bertnase.de/npiet/> , there seems to be images similar to art.png.



Images in bernatse.de/npiet



art.png

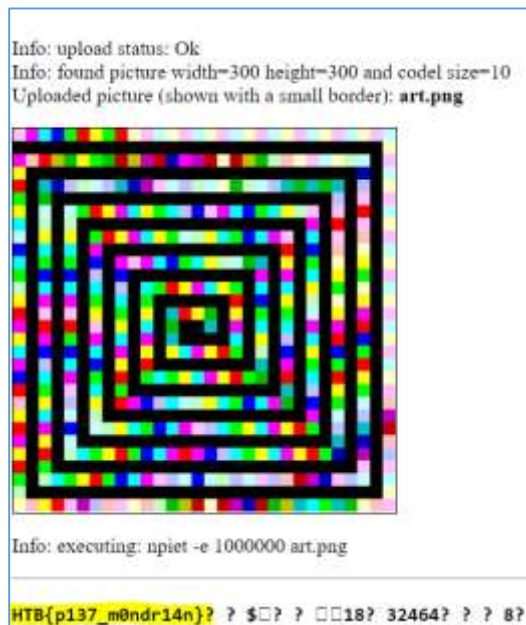
3) It seems that the language used is Piet language, a programming language in which programs look like abstract paintings. It is an esoteric language, which is a programming language designed to test the boundaries of computer programming language design, as a proof of concept, as software art, as a hacking interface to another language (particularly functional programming or procedural programming languages), or as a joke.

Hi,

welcome to the **npiet** pages, related to the **piet** programming language:

"a language where the programs are works of modern art".

4) We upload the image in online tool to interpret piet language in <https://www.bertnase.de/npiet/npiet-execute.php> and find the flag.



Flag: HTB{p137_m0ndr14n}

11.0 Old is gold

1)we found out that the pdf file 'Old is g0ld.pdf' is password protected.



2)Hence, after searching for pdf password cracking tool, we found pdftcrack in kali linux.

Use these commands in Kali Linux.

apt-get update

Then,

apt-get install pdftcrack.

3)After that, we try using this command to brute force the pdf password with rockyou.txt in Kali.

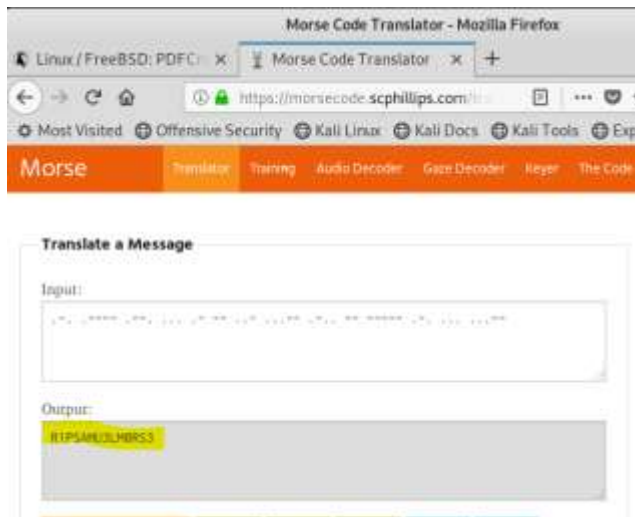
```
pdfcrack -f "Old is g0ld.pdf" -w rockyou.txt
```

[illegible]

4) We find a picture of a man and after zooming carefully, we find some dashes and dots, which points to possible Morse code.



5) We translate it using Morse decoder online and found the flag.

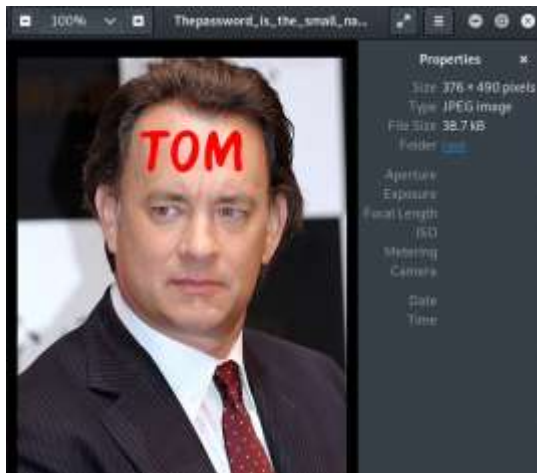


Flag:HTB{RIPSAMU3LMORS3}

Stego challenges

12.0 DaVinci

1) We have 3 files, Plans.jpg, monalisa.jpg and Thepassword_is_the_small_name_of_the_actor_named_Hanks.jpg. In the latter picture, Thepassword_is_the_small_name_of_the_actor_named_Hanks, we can deduce the password is 'TOM' from its name.



2) So, we run steghide to retrieve the hidden file using the password TOM.

```
root@kali:~# steghide extract -sf Thepassword_is_the_small_name_of_the_actor_named_Hanks.jpg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "S3cr3t_m3ss@g3.txt".
```

3) We obtained an MD5 hash.

```
root@kali:~# cat S3cr3t_m3ss@g3.txt
Hey Filippas,
This is my secret key for our folder.... (key:020e60c6a84db8c5d4c2d56a4e4fe002)
I used an encryption with 32 characters. hehehehehe! No one will find it! ;)
Decrypt it... It's easy for you right?
Don't share it with anyone...plz!

if you are reading that, call me!
I need your advice for my new CTF challenge!

Kisses,
-Luc1f3r
```

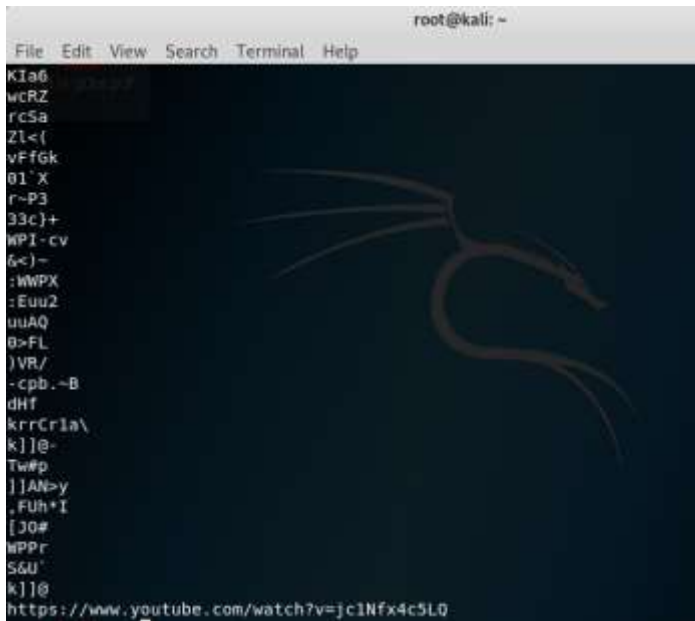
4) We decode and found the password.



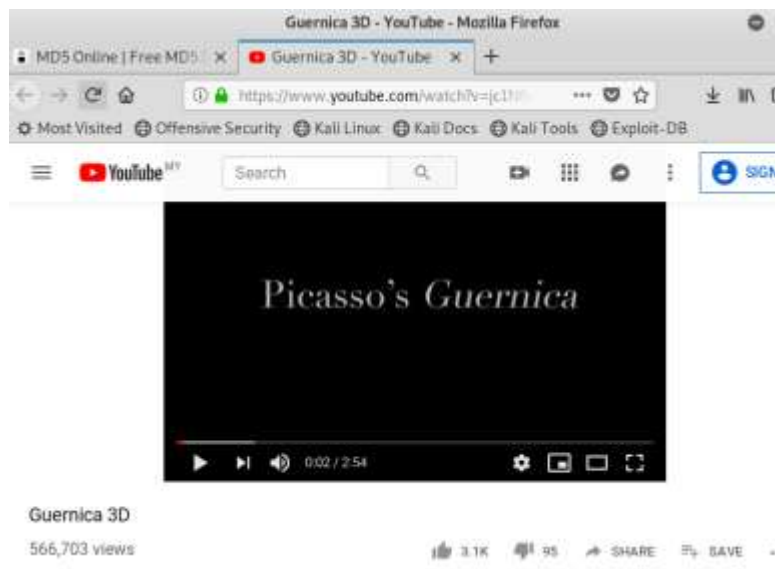
5) The password 'leonardo' failed and could not extract the Plans.jpg file.

```
root@kali:~# steghide extract -sf Plans.jpg
Enter passphrase:
steghide: could not extract any data with that passphrase!
```

6) We take a look at the strings using command **strings Plans.jpg** and found a youtube link.



7) We find that this leads to a youtube video titled 'Guernica 3D'.



8) We analyze the monalisa.jpg and extract the files inside it using

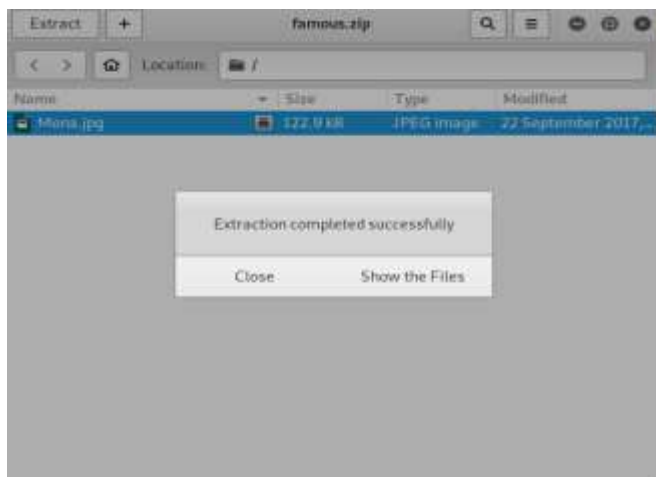
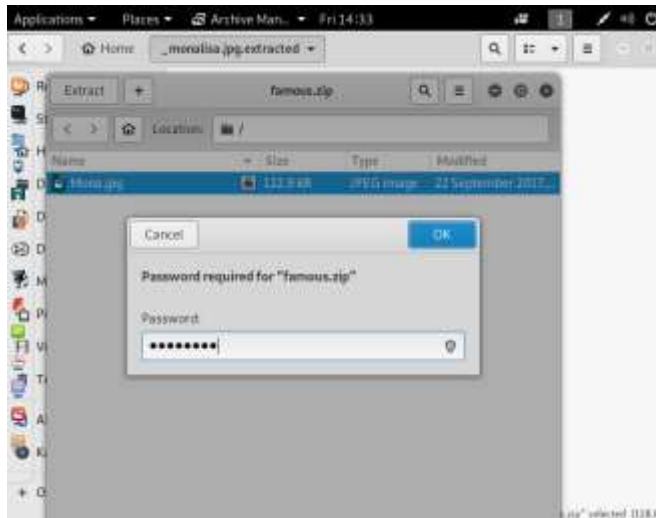
binwalk -e monalisa.jpg

```
root@kali:~# binwalk -e monalisa.jpg
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
0	0x0	JPEG image data, JFIF standard 1.01
450363	0x6DF3B	Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, uncompressed size: 117958, name: famous.zip
450440	0x6DF88	Zip archive data, encrypted at least v2.0 to extract, compressed size: 117776, uncompressed size: 122869, name: Mona.jpg
568411	0x8AC5B	End of Zip archive, footer length: 22
568537	0x8ACD9	End of Zip archive, footer length: 22

9) There is a file named **_monalisa.jpg.extracted** which contains a file named famous.zip.

We need to extract it. We try the password 'leonardo' and we succeeded in extracting the **Mona.jpg** file inside famous.zip.



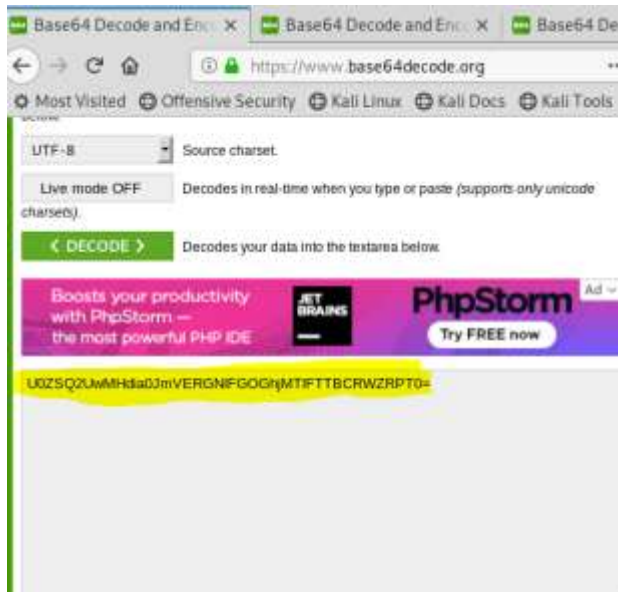
10) Then, we try to binwalk the extracted image 'Mona.jpg'. After trying passwords, we found that 'Guernica', the title of the Youtube video we obtained earlier, was the password.

```
root@kali:~# steghide extract -sf Mona.jpg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "key".
```

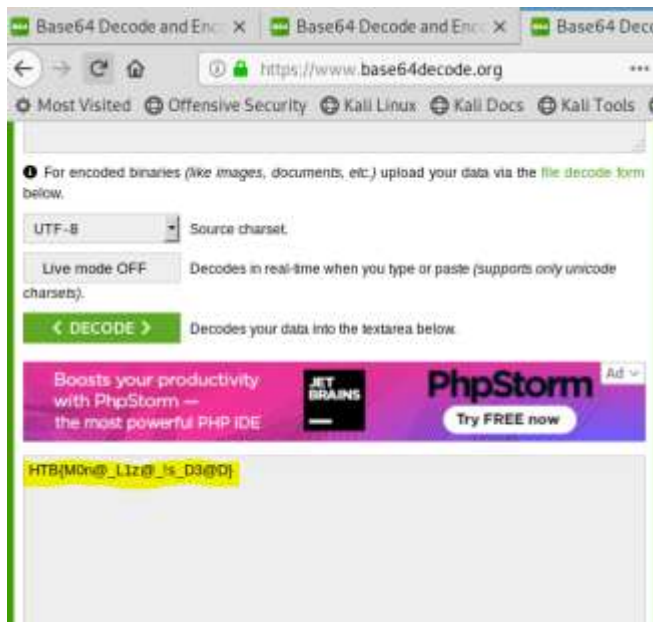
11) We obtained a base64 encoded text.

```
root@kali:~# cat key
VTBaU1EyVXdNSGRpYTBKbVZFUKd0bEZHT0doak1UbEZUVEJDULdaU1BUMD0=
```

12) After decoding the text, we find another base 64 text. Maybe Guernica 3D, the '3D' in the Youtube video title means 3 times decoding.



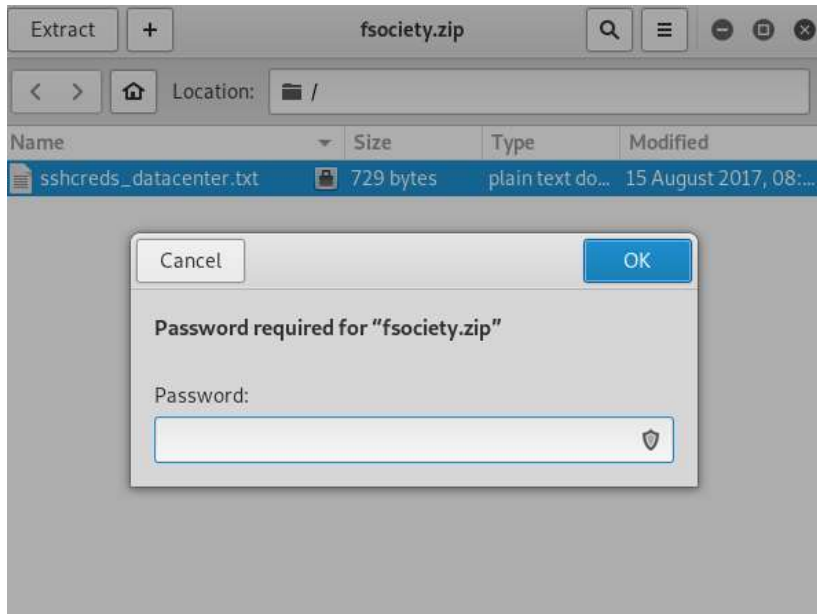
13) We repeat step 12 again 2 times with the decoded texts obtained and finally found the flag.



Flag: HTB{Mon@_L1z@_!s_D3@D}

13.0 Fs0ciety

1) We have a fsociety.zip file. When we extract it, it has fsociety.zip inside. We need a password to extract this file.



2) We use Fcrackzip in Kali Linux to brute force the password using rockyou.txt.

```
root@kali:~# fcrackzip -u -D -p 'rockyou.txt' fsociety.zip
```

PASSWORD FOUND!!!!: pw == justdoit

3) We unzip the file and enter the password obtained in step 2.

```
root@kali:~# unzip fsociety.zip
Archive:  fsociety.zip
[fsociety.zip] sshcreds datacenter.txt password:
```

4) Now, we see that inside is a .txt file containing base64 hash.

```

inflating: sshcreds_datacenter.txt
root@kali:~# cat sshcreds_datacenter.txt
*****
**
Encrypted SSH credentials to access Blume ct05 :

MDExMDEwMDEgMDExMDAxMTAgMDEwMTEwMTEgMDEwMTEwMDEgMDAxMTAwMDAgMDEwMTAxMDEgMDEwMTEwMTEgMD
xMDAwMTEgMDEwMDAwMDAgMDEwMDEwMTAgMDEwMTEwMTEgMDAxMDAxMDAgMDEwMDEwMDEgMDAxMTAwMTEgMDEwMT
ExMDAgMDEwMDEwMDAgMDEwMTEwMTEgMDEwMTAxMTEgMDEwMDEwMDAgMDEwMDAwMDAgMDEwMTAxMDAgMDEwMTEwMT
TEgMDEwMTAxMDEgMDEwMDEwMDAgMDAxMTAwMTEgMDEwMTEwMTEgMDEwMTAxMTAwMTAgMDAxMTAwMDAgMDEwMDAwMTE
MDEwMDEwMTEgMDEwMTEwMTEgMDEwMDEwMTEgMDEwMTAxMTEgMDEwMTAxMTEgMDEwMDEwMTEgMDAxMTAwMDAgMD
xMTAwMDAgMDEwMDEwMTEgMDEwMDEwMDEgMDEwMDEwMTAgMDEwMDAxMTE=
*****

```

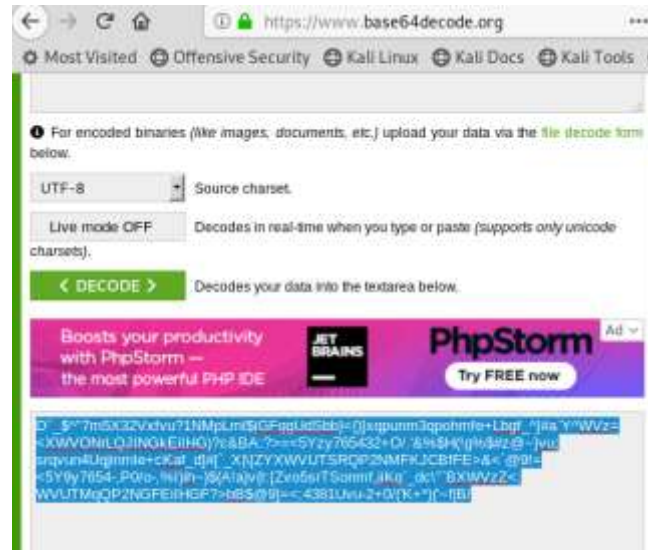
5) We use base64 decoder and obtained what seems like binary.

14.0 Inferno

1) After we unzip the file we get a base64 hash in a .txt file.

```
root@kali:~# cd Downloads
root@kali:~/Downloads# ls
inferno.zip  pdfcrack-0.17.tar.gz
root@kali:~/Downloads# unzip inferno.zip
Archive: inferno.zip
[inferno.zip] inferno.txt password:
  inflating: inferno.txt
root@kali:~/Downloads# cat inferno.txt
RCdgXyReIjdtNVgzMLZ4ZnZ1PzF0TXBmbWwakdGZ2dVZFniYn08eyldeHFwdW5tM3Fwb2htZmUrTGJnZl9eXSN
hYFleV1Z6PTxYV1ZPTnJMUUpJTkdRwLJSEcpP2MmQkE6Pz49PDVZenK3NjU0MzIrTy8uJyYlJEgoIWclJCN6QH
59dnU7c3JxdnVuNFVxamLubWxlK2NLyWZfZF0jW2BfWHxcW1pZWfdWVVRTUlfQMk5NRktKQ0JmRkU+JjxgQDkhP
Tw1WTl5NzY1NC0sUDAvby0sJUKpaWh+fSR7QSFhFXZ7dDpbWnZvNXNyVFNVbm1mLGppS2dgX2RjXCJgQlhXVnpa
PDtXVLVUTXFRUDJ0R0ZFauLIR0Y/PmJCJEASXT080zQz0DFVdnUtMiswLygnSysqKSgnfmZ8Qi8=root@kali:~/
Downloads#
```

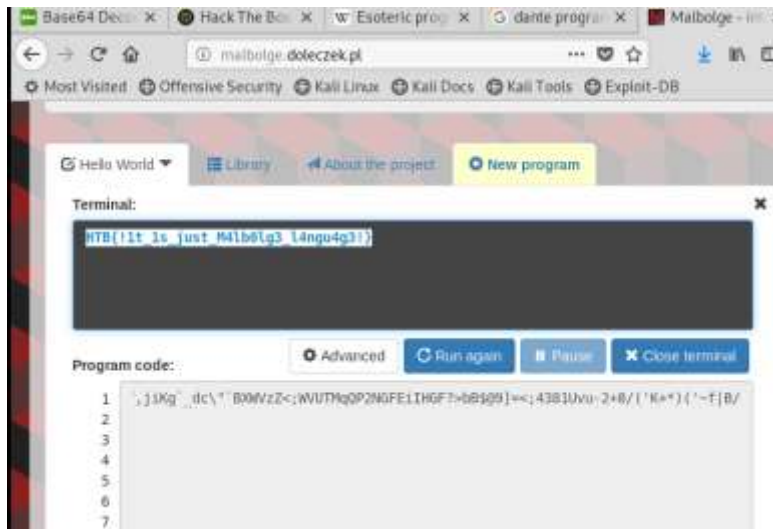
2) So, we use base64 decoder and find some non-understandable text.



3) The name of the challenge, 'Inferno' might hold a clue. What if it has anything to do with Dante's inferno? We google 'Dante programming language' and find information about Malbolge, an esoteric programming language.



4) We use a Malbolge interpreter online and finally found the flag.



Flag: HTB{!1t_1s_just_M4lb0lg3_l4ngu4g3!}

Stego challenge

14.0 Unified

1)After unzipping the file and looking into the .txt file, we find that there are some unfamiliar characters.

```
root@kali:~# unzip unified.zip
Archive: unified.zip
[unified.zip] BOD_30079.txt password:
  inflating: BOD_30079.txt
root@kali:~# cat BOD_30079.txt
<<-----UTF-8 MESSAGE BOD_30079 BEGINS----->>

Unicode is a computing industry standard for the consistent encoding, representation, and handling of text expressed in most of the world's writing systems.

The system works in many languages. 该系统以许多语言工作. 此系统以许多语言工作.
0000 0000 00 00000000 000 00000 0 0000 000 00
To σύστημα λειτουργεί σε πολλές γλώσσες. Система работает на многих языках.

Steganography is the practice of concealing messages within other non-secret text or data.
The cover media may appear unremarkable at first glance and will require close investigation.

<<-----UTF-8 MESSAGE BOD_30079 ENDS----->>
```

2)The name of the challenge ‘Unified’, serves as a clue. We found a Unicode text decoder. And try decoding the unfamiliar text. The flag is found.

Unicode Text Steganography Encoders/Decoders


The idea of this page is to demo different ways of using Unicode in steganography, mostly I'm using it for Twitter. I have some notes on the bottom about how these Unicode characters show up or get filtered by some apps. Most of the algorithms should work ok on Twitter. Facebook however seems to strip out more characters. There seems to be no perfect character set.

Unicode Tags Sego:

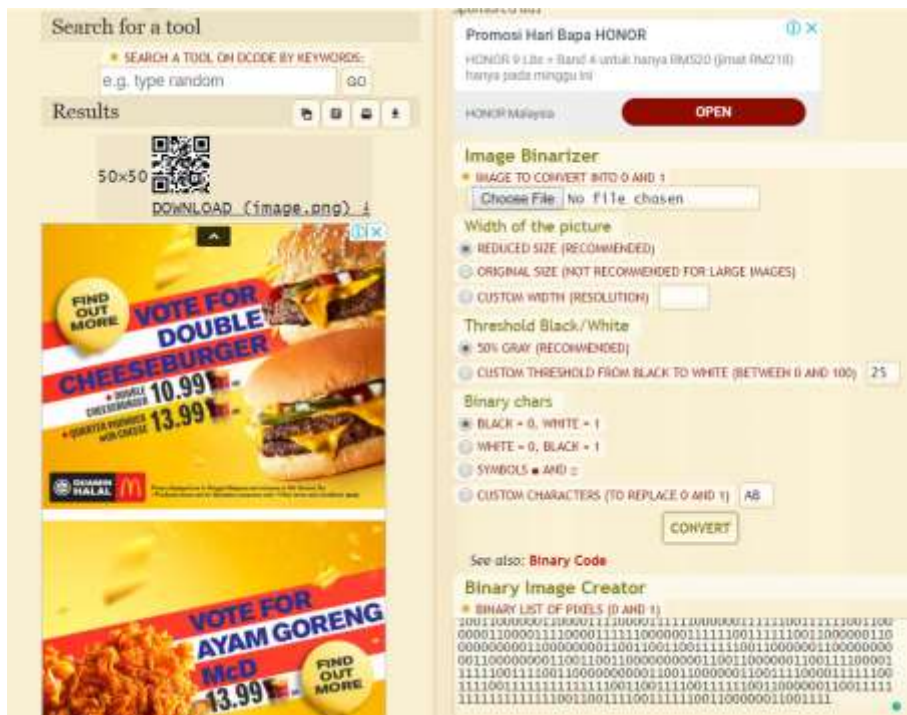
This one uses non-printable tags in the range U+E0000 to U+E007F hidden after the spaces (or at the end of the cover text). You must have at least one space. Also, if you are using a client that shows tags as extra spaces, you may want to use the "Put all tags at the end" option.

Cover Text To Use:	<input type="text"/>	0 characters
Input (output if decoding):	<input type="text" value="HTB{tr1th3m1u5_1499}"/>	0 characters to encode
Stegotext (read if decoding):	***** *****	10 real characters (not in bytes)
<input type="button" value="Encode"/> <input type="button" value="Decode"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distribute Tag to Spaces <input type="checkbox"/> Put all tags at end		

Flag: HTB{tr1th3m1u5_1499}



2. We make the binary into image using binary image encoder in <https://www.dcode.fr/binary-image>.



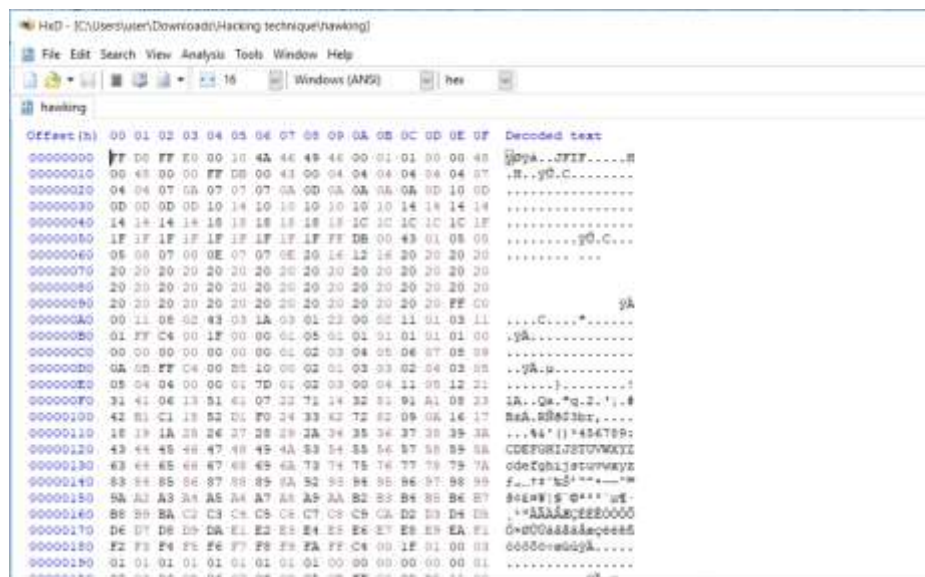
3. Then, we upload the image into a QR code reader and we found the flag.



Flag: HTB{QR_Isnt_d34d}

17.0 Blackhole

1. After unzipping the blackhole.zip, we find that it contains archive.zip. Inside is a hawking file. When opened with HxD, it shows that the file might have relations with JFIF.



2. We also find using 'file' command in Kali Linux that it can be jpeg file.

```
root@kali:~# file hawking
hawking: JPEG image data, JFIF standard 1.01, aspect ratio, density 72x72, segment length 16, baseline, precision 8, 794x579, components 3
```

3. we change the name extension to .jpeg to see if it can open as .jpeg and it could.

```
root@kali:~# mv hawking hawking.jpeg | cdg-open hawking.jpeg
```

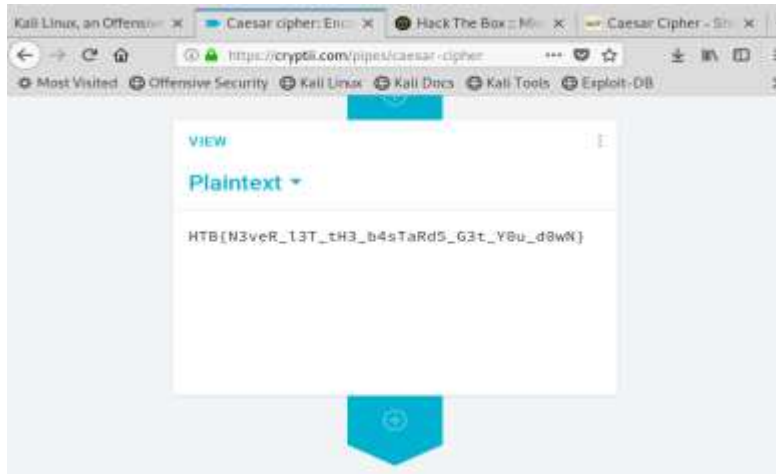



4. We use steghide to extract hidden files inside the .jpeg image in step3. We try different password and found 'hawking' as the passphrase.

```
root@kali:~# steghide extract -sf hawking.jpeg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "flag.txt".
```

5. We find encoded base64 in the flag.txt. We find that it is doubly encoded. After decoding it two times we found some text that is not base64.

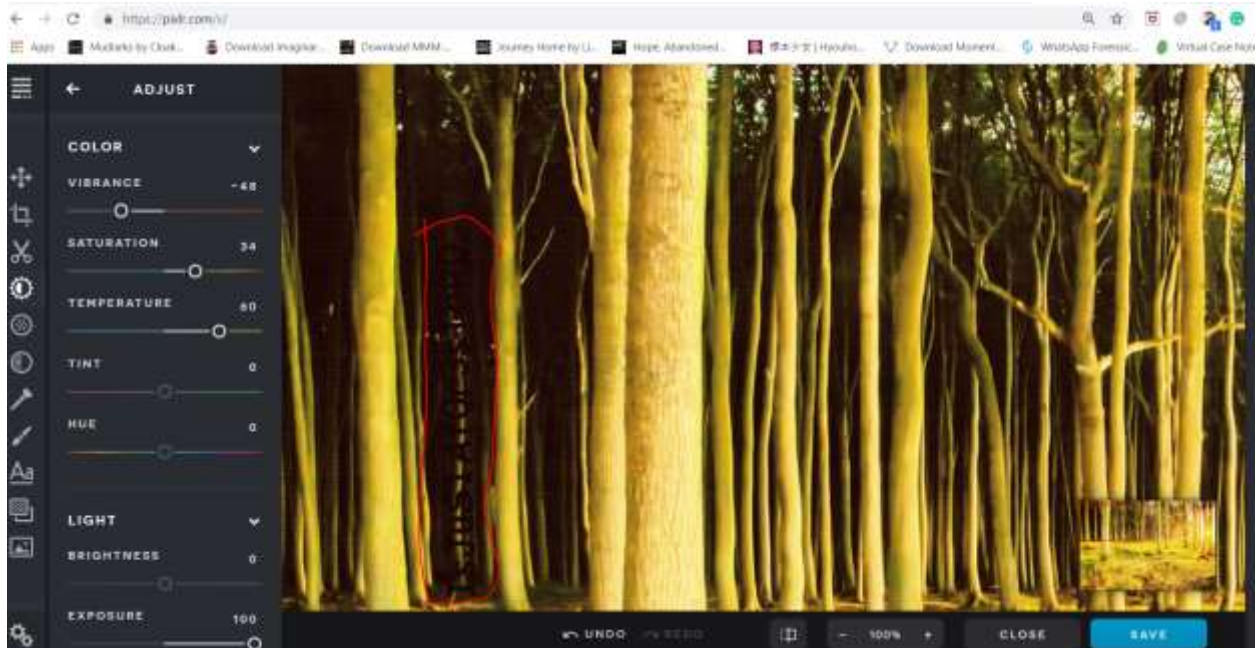
```
root@kali:~# cat flag.txt
UldaeFluUnhlaUJKZFhoNQRXMTVJRlJ8YVhkMMVUtdhVzFsSUCxNklGRjZjM2gxMlhrZ1puUnhZV1J4MnSwdnJ
YZ2dzblJywlhmdnRXVn1MQ0J2WdMNVlYaGhjM1ZsMn1322JYcHdJRzFuMn5SaFpDd2dHMFJoS0dsdFpTQndkV1
J4YjJaaFpDQnhjaUJRy1dWegJXunZkQ0J0Mn1CbMIRndUM0Y2Mn1SeE1ISmhaQ0JHZEhGaFpIRm1kVz10ZUNCU
FLXVjY2WghoYzJz2ZjXmWdab1J4SUVKnnRXaHhaR1Yxwn1zZ1YsWdUHjE1Yn1SMNLItnhJRzFtS0daMGNTOe1k
WgX4SudGeU1UjFau0J3Y1cxbMRDNGdWSEVnYVcxBe1HmJ8J0J2WjI5dFpYVnRlaUJ0WkdGEMNXVnxZV1FmVh
JZ1dXmW1kSEY1Y1daMwiYVwd1V1lnm5SeE1FZ0ZkV2h4WkdMwVptc2dZMElnVDixNM2UjFjSES4SUC1eFptbH
hJWg9nTVRrM09TQnRlbfkFntWpBd09TNGdWRzFuZDNMnN50nR1M1Ixy1doeGNDQnZZWgW1Y1dSdnRXMTJR1ZuY
jI5eFpYVmdhWfZtZENCbGKXaHhaRzE0S0dsafpIZGxJR0ZS0dKaFltZDRiV1FmWlc5MMWYCHZjU0IXZM1Cc6RI
VnZkQ0IwY1NCd2RXVnZaM1ZsY1dVZ2RIVmxJR0ZwZw1CbWIRmhaSF24W1NCdGVuQWd1MkZsZVdGNF1YtnJ3SFY
ZS0h0eGVmRnt1Wgd1SUZ5MvPtnVZV0YzSUUwZ1RtUjFjWElnVkhWpFptRmtheUJoY21CR2RYbHhJRzFpWm5GdF
pIRndJR0Y2S0daMGNTOk9a5F2tZFdWME1FVn51bkJ0YXlCR2RYbHhGaU0J1Y1dW0xXVnh1SGh4WkNCGRXVn1J5
EpoMkNCdE1HUnh1MkZrY0HxdVpIRnRKM1Y2Y31BeU16Y2dHWE24ZDjVdU1G0nRhWg0xZW5NZ2FXMwxJRzBny25G
NGVHRnBJR0ZS0daMGNTOkVZV3R0ZUNCR11X0TFjV1pyTENCdE1a0FjBkZtZfHseE1IBh1VzV4WkNCaGnpQn1
XSEVnUW1GnlpuVn1kvZ10ZUNCTnIymXdjWgxySudGeU1FVnZkWEY2YjNgBExDQnRlbfkFny1Nca2NX0TFZb1Z4ZW
1ZZ11YsWdab1J4SUVK2NXVjFj5EY2MnSwdGV0LpJWEJ0ZUNCaGnpQ1Na5E24Y0dGnuX0Qn1kSEVnZEHwemRIR
mxaaUJ2ZfdoMMV1VnRlaUJ0YVcxaz2N0qJf1aUJtZEHFZ1IzcDFabkZ3SUVVbWJXWnhaUzRnV1hVZ01QXdnXadn
VkcxcGQzVjZeUjwY1dV21pMTZHM0Z3S0hwbNXXhaQ0F5T1NCMwVpQn1kSEVnVgs1UFHP50F1V1YnMw1GNGV
DQnhjaUJtZEHFZ01UQXdJRK5rY1cxbMNXVn1JRTVrZFdaaGVTXVEUX8Vums1N1dqTn9jVvJmZUP0R1gywLVNMt
11TkdmR2JVund0Vj1UTTJa21N6QxSYM0F3YVZw0U1BPT0=
```

Flag: HTB{N3veR_l3T_th3_b4sTaRd5_G3t_Y0u_d0wN}

18.0 Forest

1. We try to find hidden things inside the photo by using Pixlr online photo editor. We adjust the brightness of the photo to maximum. We find a text appeared in one of the trees in the photo. The text is IsJuS1Af0r3sTbR0. However, this is not the flag.



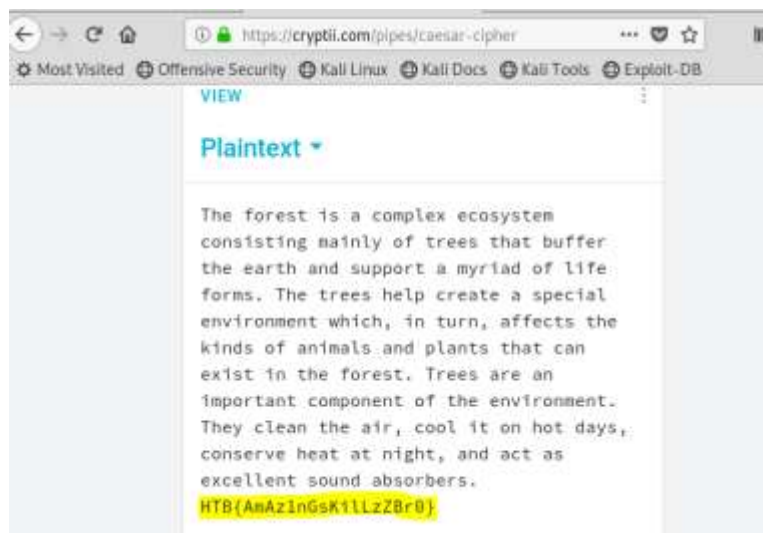
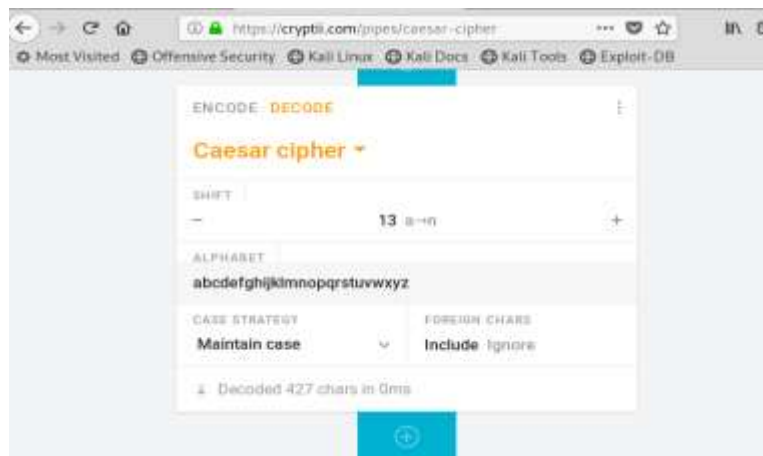
2. We try using steghide to extract hidden files inside the image. We use the text obtained in step1 as a passphrase.

```
root@kali:~# steghide extract -sf forest.jpg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "nothinghere.txt".
```

3. We found an encrypted text in the extracted nothinghere.txt.

```
root@kali:~# cat nothinghere.txt
Gur sberfg vf n pbzcyrk rpbflgrz pbafvfgvat znvayl bs gerrf gung ohssre gur rne
gu naq fhccbeg n zlevnq bs yvsr sbezf. Gur gerrf uryc perngr n fcrpvny raivebazr
ag juvpu, va ghea, nssrpgf gur xvaqf bs navznyf naq cynagf gung pna rkvmg va gur
sberfg. Gerrf ner na vzcbegnag pbzcbareg bs gur raivebazrag. Gurl pyrna gur nve
, pbby vg ba ubg qnlf, pbafreir urng ng avtug, naq npg nf rkpryyrag fbhaq nofbee
ref. UG0{NzNm1aTfXvyYmM0e0}
```

4. We use Caesar cipher decoder and increase the shift until we find the text readable. In this case, it is shift 13. We found the flag.



Flag: HTB{AmAz1nGsKilLzZBr0}

19.0 HDC

1. We come across a login page.



The screenshot shows the login page for the Hades Distribution Company. At the top, there is a header with the company name "HADES DISTRIBUTION COMPANY" in blue and red text, accompanied by a small logo. Below the header, there is a login form with two input fields for "Enter Username / Password" and a "Submit" button. A small instruction at the bottom of the form reads: "Enter your credentials and press [Submit] to access the company's Control Panel."

2. There will be an error message if you submit wrong username and password.

Wrong Credentials baby!
Try harder...

3. After inspecting the code of the login page we find 2 hidden inputs and a doProcess() function.

```
<form id="form1" name="form1" action="/main/index.php" method="post">
  <p align="center">
    "Enter Username / Password"
    <input type="text" name="name1" size="20"/>
    <input type="text" name="name2" size="20"/>
  </p>
  <p align="center">
    <input type="hidden" value="name='name1'" />
    <input type="hidden" value="name='name2'" />
    <input type="button" value="Submit" onclick="doProcess()" />
  </p>
</form>
```

4. Open the developer tools and searching for “doProcess” in the entire document (Ctrl + Shift + F) will lead us to the following code snippet.

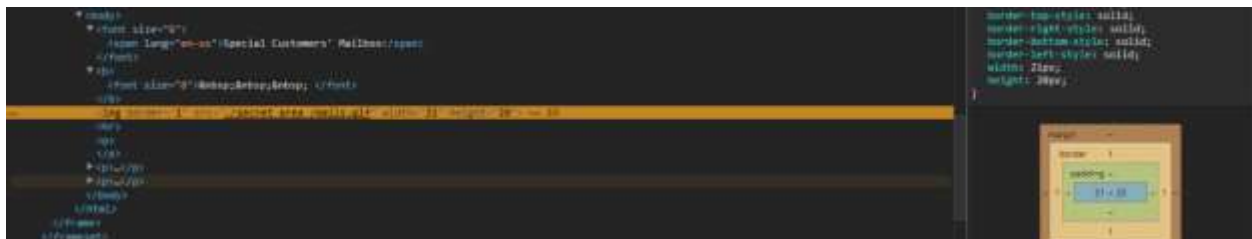
```
function doProcess() {  
  var form = document.createElement("form");  
  form.setAttribute("method", "post");  
  form.setAttribute("action", "main/index.php");  
  form.setAttribute("target", "view");  
  var hiddenField = document.createElement("input");  
  hiddenField.setAttribute("type", "hidden");  
  hiddenField.setAttribute("name", "name1");  
  hiddenField.setAttribute("value", "TXIMaXR0bGU");  
  var hiddenField2 = document.createElement("input");  
  hiddenField2.setAttribute("type", "hidden");  
  hiddenField2.setAttribute("name", "name2");  
  hiddenField2.setAttribute("value", "cDB3bmll");  
  form.appendChild(hiddenField2);  
  form.appendChild(hiddenField);  
  form.appendChild(hiddenField2);  
  document.body.appendChild(form);  
  window.open("", 'view');  
  form.submit();  
}
```

There seems to be suspicious text as highlighted above.

5. We entered the text highlighted above, “TXIMaXR0bGU” and “cDB3bmll” as username and password respectively and we got in.



6. If we inspect the iframe in the ‘Customers Area’ we will see that there is an image tag with its source property set to “./secret_area_/mails.gif”.



7. Visit http://docker.hackthebox.eu:XXX/main/secret_area/, replace 'XXX' with your port instance number. We find some interesting files.

Index of /main/secret_area_

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
<hr/>			
 Parent Directory		-	
 mails.gif	2010-10-23 18:28	71	
 mails.txt	2017-07-08 17:55	705	

Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu) Server at docker.hackthebox.eu Port 33513

8. We find a list of emails. It might be that one of the email owners is the suspect.

```
All good boys are here... hehehehehehe!
-----
Peter Punk CallMePink@newmail.com
Nabuchodonosor BabyNavou@mailpost.gr
Ilias Magkakos imagkakos@badmail.com
Nick Pipshow NickTheGreek@mail.tr.gr
Don Quixote Windmill@mail.gr
Crazy Priest SeVaftise@hotmail.com
Fishroe Salad fishroesalad@mail.com
TaPanta Ola OlaMaziLeme@mail.gr
Laertis George I8aki@mail.gr
Thiseas Sparrow Pirates@mail.gr
Black Dreamer SupaHacka@mail.com
Callme Daddy FuckthemALL@mail.com
Aggeliki Lykolouli FwsStoTounel@Traino.pourxetai
Kompinadoros Yannnnis YannisWith4N@rolf.com
Serafino Titamola Ombrax@mail.gr
Joe Hard Soft@Butter.gr
Bond James MyNameIsBond@JamesBond.com
Endof Text EndOfLine@mail.com
```

9) We can send email to each one of the emails listed in step 8 until we find a message leading us to the suspect by using 'Send Email'.

Hellenic Distribution Company
Central Greece Section

CONTROL PANEL

Enter the email:

Body:

[Send](#) [Back](#)

Re: Hello there!

Hi, I am still alive, don't worry :)

Congratz my friend!!

The flag is:

HTB{FuckTheB3stAndPlayWithTheRest!!}

The bad guy is 'fishroesalad@mail.com'.

Flag: HTB{FuckTheB3stAndPlayWithTheRest!!}

20.0 misDIrection

1.First, we unzip the file using the 'hackthebox' password.

```
root@kali:~# unzip misDIrection.zip
Archive: misDIrection.zip
[misDIrection.zip] .secret/S/1 password:
```

2.The terminal shows that a file is done being extracted.However, when we look at the file browser, the file is not there. It seems that it is hidden.

```
extracting: .secret/u/28ret/2/34OK
```

3.We use 'unzip -t' command to find out what the files extracted are.

```
root@kali:~# unzip -t misDIrection.zip
Archive: misDIrection.zip
testing: .secret/S/1 OK
testing: .secret/S/ OK
testing: .secret/S/ OK
[misDIrection.zip] .secret/S/1 password:
testing: .secret/S/1 OK
testing: .secret/V/ OK
testing: .secret/V/2/34 OK
testing: .secret/V/35 OK
testing: .secret/F/ OK
testing: .secret/F/2 OK
testing: .secret/F/19 OK
testing: .secret/F/27 OK
testing: .secret/o/ OK
testing: .secret/h/ OK
testing: .secret/A/ OK
testing: .secret/f/ OK
testing: .secret/r/ OK
testing: .secret/m/ OK
testing: .secret/B/ OK
testing: .secret/B/23 OK
testing: .secret/a/ OK
testing: .secret/D/ OK
testing: .secret/h/ OK
testing: .secret/t/ OK
testing: .secret/2/ OK
testing: .secret/2/34 OK
```

3)We notice that some of the files were empty and some have a single number for a file name. We copied the output in step3 and paste it to Leafpad.

```
*(Untitled)
File Edit Search Options Help

testing: .secret/S/1 OK
testing: .secret/V/35 OK
testing: .secret/F/2 OK
testing: .secret/F/19 OK
testing: .secret/F/27 OK
|
testing: .secret/B/23 OK

testing: .secret/2/34 OK

testing: .secret/R/7 OK
testing: .secret/R/3 OK

testing: .secret/z/18 OK
testing: .secret/j/10 OK
testing: .secret/j/12 OK

testing: .secret/d/13 OK
```

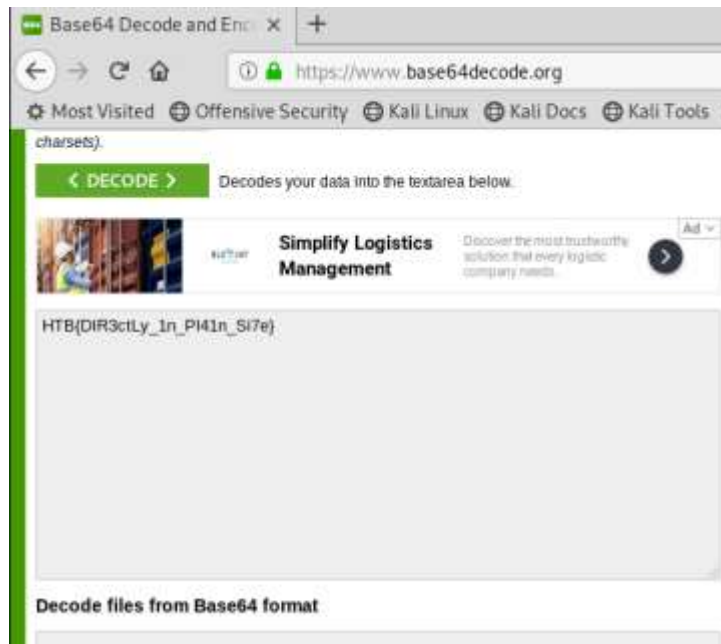

4) We have to arrange the file in a certain order. So, delete the folders which did not contain a number. Arrange the files according to numbers. For example, 1 is S and 2 is F and so on.

```
File Edit Search Options Help
testing: .secret/S/1      OK
testing: .secret/F/2      OK
testing: .secret/R/3      OK
testing: .secret/C/4      OK
testing: .secret/e/5      OK
testing: .secret/0/6      OK
testing: .secret/R/7      OK
testing: .secret/J/8      OK
testing: .secret/U/9      OK
testing: .secret/j/10     OK
testing: .secret/N/11     OK
testing: .secret/j/12     OK
testing: .secret/d/13     OK
testing: .secret/E/14     OK
testing: .secret/x/15     OK
testing: .secret/X/17     OK
testing: .secret/z/18     OK
testing: .secret/F/19     OK
testing: .secret/u/20     OK
testing: .secret/X/21     OK
testing: .secret/l/22     OK
testing: .secret/B/23     OK
testing: .secret/s/24     OK
testing: .secret/N/25     OK
testing: .secret/D/26     OK
```

5) Pay attention to the letters in the middle as we arrange the lines. Use Ctrl+F to find text better. We find a mysterious word after arranging the letters.

```
SFRce0RJUjNjdEx5XzFuX1BsNDFuX1NpN2V
testing: .secret/S/1      OK
testing: .secret/F/2      OK
testing: .secret/R/3      OK
testing: .secret/C/4      OK
testing: .secret/e/5      OK
testing: .secret/0/6      OK
testing: .secret/R/7      OK
testing: .secret/J/8      OK
```

6) We tried decoding it with base64 and found the flag.



Flag: HTB{DIR3ctLy_1n_P141n_S17e}