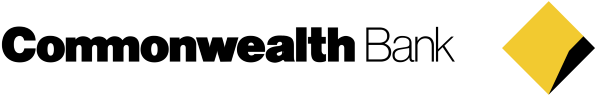
**Solution**

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*Write your solution in a summary report that details the steps you took to analyse the file in question, and why, in your professional opinion, the file seems suspicious.*

1. I have extracted the word doc into XML files by 7zip. It shows the folders \_rels, docProps, word
2. I opened each folder to inspect their contents.
3. Inside the folder word, there is a subfolder called media containing two images, with a file containing the phrase ‘This-is-odd- Q0JBe3cwcmRfZXF1NGxzX3oxcH0=’.
4. The phrase Q0JBe3cwcmRfZXF1NGxzX3oxcH0= looks like Base64 encoding (because of the strange text followed by =) so I put it inside a Base64 decoder
5. As expected the result contains curly brackets, which is what a Base64 decoded looks like.