Flag Command Challenge Hack The Box

❇️ Challenge Overview

Name: Flag Command
Category: Web
Difficulty: Very Easy

Description

Embark on the "Dimensional Escape Quest" where you wake up in a mysterious forest maze that's not quite of this world. Navigate singing squirrels, mischievous nymphs, and grumpy wizards in a whimsical labyrinth that may lead to otherworldly surprises. Will you conquer the enchanted maze or find yourself lost in a different dimension of magical challenges? The journey unfolds in this mystical escape!

Challenge View

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You abruptly find yourself lucid in the middle of a bizarre, alien forest.
How the hell did you end up here?
Eerie, indistinguishable sounds ripple through the gnarled trees, setting the hairs on your neck
on edge.
Glancing around, you spot a gangly, grinning figure lurking in the shadows, muttering 'Xclow3n'
like some sort of deranged mantra, clearly waiting for you to pass out or something. Creepy
much?
Heads up! This forest isn't your grandmother's backyard.
It's packed with enough freaks and frights to make a horror movie blush. Time to find your way
out.
The stakes? Oh, nothing big. Just your friends, plunged into an abyss of darkness and despair.
Punch in 'start' to kick things off in this twisted adventure!



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The challenge seems to be a simple text-based game. However, after playing multiple rounds, it becomes clear that:

- Every available option leads to a dead end.

- No gameplay path reveals the flag.

This suggests the flag is hidden elsewhere, likely outside the visible interface.

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SOLUTION STEPS

1. Open Developer Tools (right-click on the page → *Inspect*).
   Inspect is a built-in browser tool that lets you see a website's hidden parts, like its code and network traffic. Think of this as stepping into the back room of a post office — you see how mail is sorted, not just delivered.
2. Go to the **Network** tab and reload the page.
   The Network tab is like a mail log — it records every letter sent and received.
3. Look for a request labeled *options*.
4. Click it and check the **Response** tab. Inside is the hidden message that leads to the flag.
   Think of the Response tab like opening the envelope of a letter. The Network tab shows that a letter was sent and received, but the Response tab lets you read what's actually inside. In this challenge, the hidden message (and eventually the flag) is inside that envelope.
   Example: "Zippity-zap, through the cracks with a flap! Wobble-wonk"
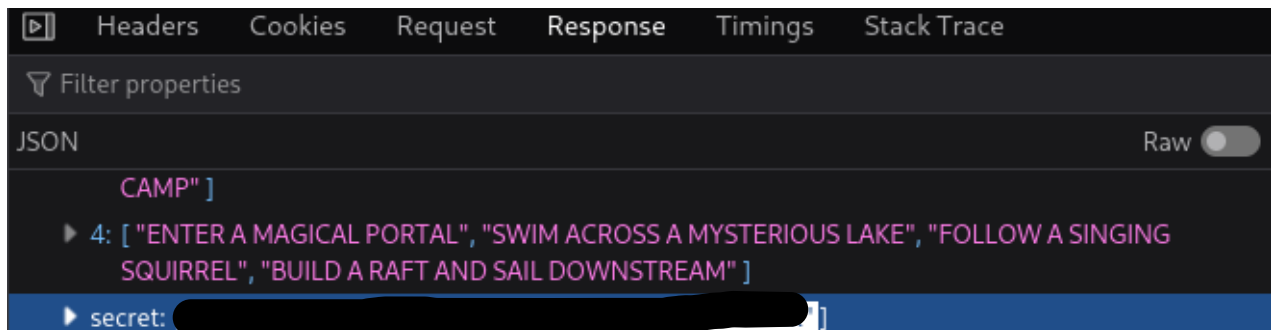
Lastly, enjoy the game and grab the flag! This challenge is a reminder that in cybersecurity, the real answers often hide in the background traffic, not the visible interface.

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