51.506 Security Tools Lab 1

Assignment 1 – Hashing & passwords

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1. Objectives

- Hash password using MD5
- Crack MD5 hashes using brute-force and rainbow tables
- Strengthen MD5 hash using salt and crack again the salted hashes by rainbow tables and rule-based extension of dictionary attack using hashcat
- Compete in the hash breaking competition

2. Setup

- This lab can be done in Windows or Linux. We'll be using mostly Linux to do the demo.
- Note that in this laboratory you should use python3

3. Hashing password using MD5

To warm up, compute a couple of MD5 hashes of strings of your choice using python's command line. use import hashlib module and its md5() function. For example:

```
C:\Users\MSSD>python

Python 3.7.0 (v3.7.0:1bf9cc5093, Jun 27 2018, 04:59:51) [MSC v.1914 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32

Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

>>> import hashlib

>>> hashlib.md5("password".encode()).hexdigest()

'5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99'
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You can also use the provided demo file called hashing_demo.py

Observe the length of the output, and whether it depends on length of input.

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      hashed = hashlib.md5("password".encode()).hexdigest()
       print(hashed)
       hashed_2 = hashlib.md5("a super long password".encode()).hexdigest()
       print(hashed_2)
       print(len(hashed_2))
      hashed_3 = hashlib.md5("another even more longer password".encode()).hexdigest()
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      print(hashed_3)
      print(len(hashed_3))
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PS C:\Users\DerkeXue\Documents\adir\SUTD\Lab1\week1\lab\homework> python ./hashing_demo.
 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
 e49fc2551773154e99850ead9118d383
 74c00b8f322c224d33a8258f1c522012
 PS C:\Users\DerkeXue\Documents\adir\SUTD\Lab1\week1\lab\homework>
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With different input string length, the hash function will always produce the hash digest of constant length.

So, it's not depends on the length of the input.

4. Brute-Force VS Dictionary Attack

For this exercise, use the 15 hash values from the <STUDENT ID>-hash5.txt

Create a Python 3 script called md5_lab1.py, which will find the corresponding input plaintext that was used for making the hash values in file <STUDENT_ID>-hash5.txt.

Consider only passwords with 5 characters (lowercase and/or numeric characters).

To help reduce the search space we provide a dictionary with newline separated common words in words5.txt. Use the dictionary as the first resort.

It might not be enough to crack all hashed plaintexts, then compute a hash value for each possible combination of lowercase letters, and then with each possible combination from union of all lowercase letters and digits.

Take note of the computation time of your algorithm to reverse all 15 hashes. You will need it in later step. Consider bash utility time (only for Linux users) or the timeit python module: https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/timeit.html

Final script should support three mandatory arguments:
-i <INPUT_FILE>, -w <DICTIONARY-_FILE>, and -o <OUTPUT_FILE>
Respect the format: one hash/plaintext/dictionary entry per line

```
import time import argparse
           start_time = time.time()
           parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Script description')
           parser.add_argument('-i', '--input', type=str, help='Path to the input file', required=True)
parser.add_argument('-w', '--word', type=str, help='Path to the word file', required=True)
parser.add_argument('-o', '--output', type=str, help='Path to the output file', required=True)
           args = parser.parse_args()
           inputs = open(args.input).read().splitlines()
words = open(args.word).read().splitlines()
           output = open(args.output, 'w')
               for w in words:
                    if h == hashlib.md5(w.encode()).hexdigest():
                       output.write('{} : {}\n'.format(w, h))
cracked_count += 1
           end_time = time.time()
output.write('Dictionary attack completed! Cracked {} out of {}, time taken {}s\n'.format(cracked_count, len(inputs), end_time - start_
       except Exception as e:
    print("An unexpected error occurred:", str(e))
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                    ≣ output.txt M ×
  Lab1 > week1 > lab > homework > q4 > ≡ output.txt
     1 lhega: e06726335493239a3d004b7ce64295f3
     2 tcapi : 9b0c0ef2300a32fd086263b120c22bcb
          oamun : bcc7b6153a2523ad4eb736786ba0f9e4
         aredd : 4826d90cf969cbe5a20bc8c0b0964940
         tpaci : 89b988338341d7c67f7d8eadba5de55e
          tirun : 9fbebe0ae115cd4ec518b5c60383f7a6
          onsli : af1653fff50a0960adb421e207357f28
          lrebe : b35ba3603146c953c58ecc4afd48d6ee
     9 Dictionary attack completed! Cracked 8 out of 15, time taken 11.3941650390625s
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(q4.py attached inside zip folder)

5. Creating Rainbow Tables

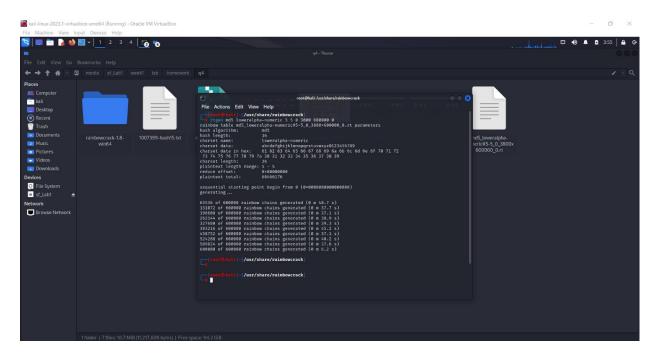
Install the program rainbowcrack: http://project-rainbowcrack.com/

Use rtgen (http://project-rainbowcrack.com/generate.htm) to generate rainbow tables with the characteristics shown below.

- Five characters input
- Only lower case letters and numeric characters.
- Chain length is 3800.
- Chain number is 600000.
- Part index is 0.
- Table index is 0. (d, screen shot)

The chain length and chain number values maybe suboptimal? If yes, find better ones.

Answer 1:



yes, Chain length is 3800, Chain number is 600000 is suboptimal,

base on the better one can find is Chain length of 1900, Chain number of 300000 with better time value ratio base on 2nd result screen shoot in answer 4.

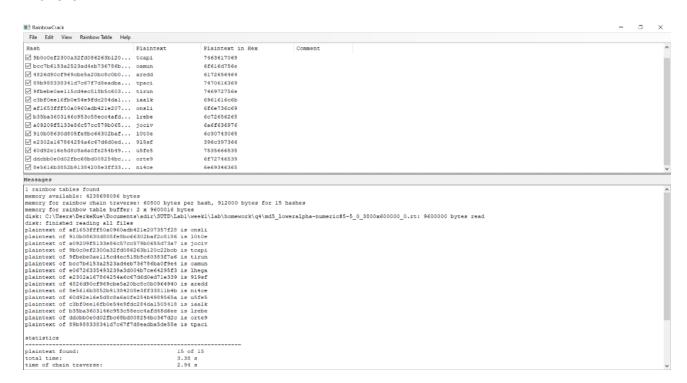
Use rtsort to sort the rainbow table to make searchable by rcrack.

Answer 2:



Use rcrack (http://project-rainbowcrack.com/crack.htm) to crack the list of fifteen passwords from hash5.txt

Answer 3:



You can see that there are $35^5 \approx 60M$ combinations for brute force attack. and the number of plaintexts covered by rainbow table is $3:800\ 600:000 = 2:280:000:000$. So, the ratio is $\approx 40:1$. Try to decrease size of the rainbow table e.g., to ratio 20, 10 and 5, and observe whether all hashes are cracked (use chain number parameter).

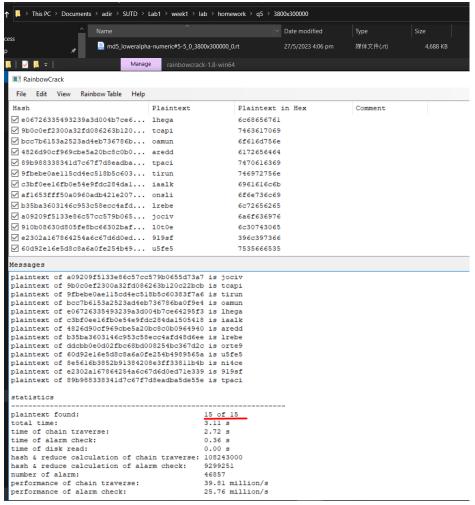
Answer 4:

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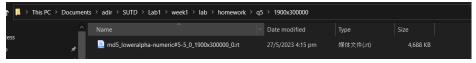
- Chain length is 3800.
- Chain number is 600000.
- => ratio is ~ 40:1

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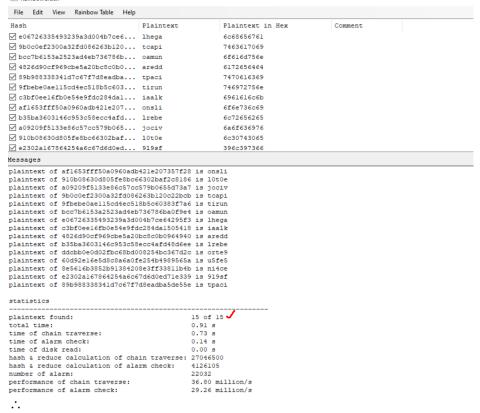
- Chain length is 3800.
- Chain number is 300000.
- => ratio is ~ 20:1



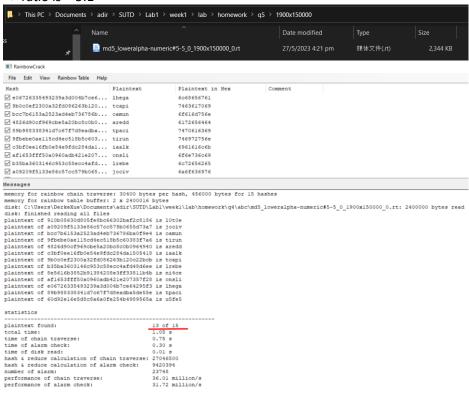
- *:*.
- Chain length is 1900.
- Chain number is 300000.
- => ratio is ~ 10:1



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- Chain length is 1900.
- Chain number is 150000.
- => ratio is ~ 5:1



6. Salting

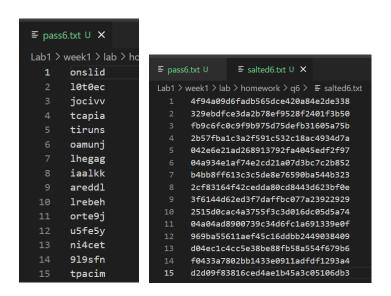
Extend your Python script to append one random lowercase character as salt value to all the elements of the list of passwords you recovered in the previous part of this exercise.

Rehash the password using MD5, and store the newly hashed passwords into a new file called salted6.txt (remember to store the new password as well, maybe in a pass6.txt file). The functional definition of our salt strategy is the following: saltedhash(password) = hash(password||salt), where operator || represents concatenation.

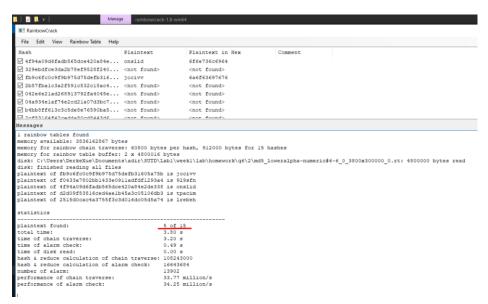
Generate a new rainbow table using **rtgen** (with new parameters) to break the hash values. As before, sort the table using **rtsort**.

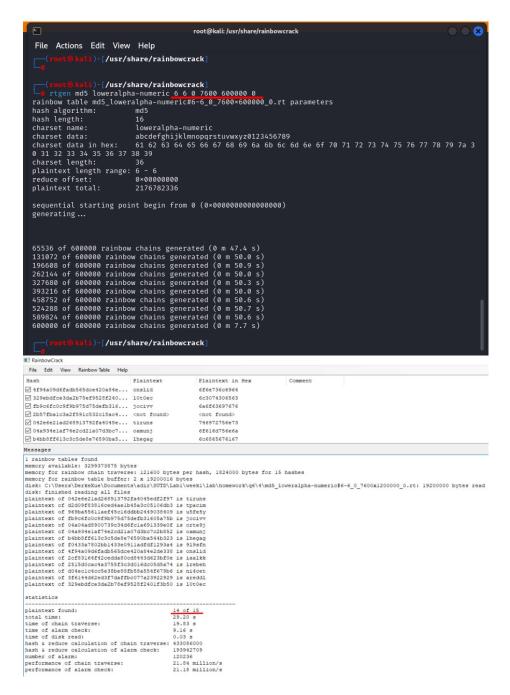
Compare the timing of the new table generation and lookup vs the previous values Try to break as many salted hashes as possible.

In your writeup explain the differences between salted and non-salted rcrack strategies and compare the timings.









As can see with password with salt of length 6 greatly increase the cracking timing from 0.9s to 29.2s compared to non-salted password of length 5.

7. Hashcat

For windows users,

Download hashcat tool https://hashcat.net/files/hashcat-5.1.0.7z

Extract to a folder and navigate to that folder to find your hashcat executable. For Windows 64 bit, it will be hashcat64.exe

You can test by running the following command in the directory.

• hashcat -m 0 -a 0 -o cracked.txt target_hashes.txt /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt

Open the file cracked.txt to reveal the cracked hash.

\$1\$uOM6WNc4\$r3ZGeSB11q6UUSILgek3J1:hash234

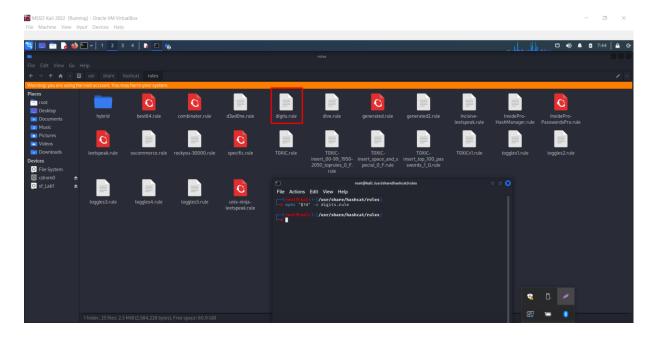
Here, -m is the mode of hashcat (500 = md5crypt), -a is the attack mode (0 = straight mode), -o is the output file, and then following files contain hash values and dictionary, respectively. Note that you may try to use the -force if hashcat will complain about OpenCL drivers/unsupported OS. See https://hashcat.net/wiki/doku.php?id=hashcat for quick documentation and parameter description.

First, try to write simple hashcat **rule-based attack** using dictionary, which will exploit the knowledge of how salting was performed. You should consider -r parameter for rule file and -m equal to 0, as you are cracking raw hash of MD5.

See description for creating rules at URL https://hashcat.net/wiki/doku.php?id=rule based attack, and please consider using maskprocessor that can generate rule set according to input mask — https://github.com/hashcat/maskprocessor/releases. For example, to generate rules file covering salted passwords from a dictionary by salting strategy hash(password | | any_digit), use:

O mp64 '\$?d' -o digits.rule

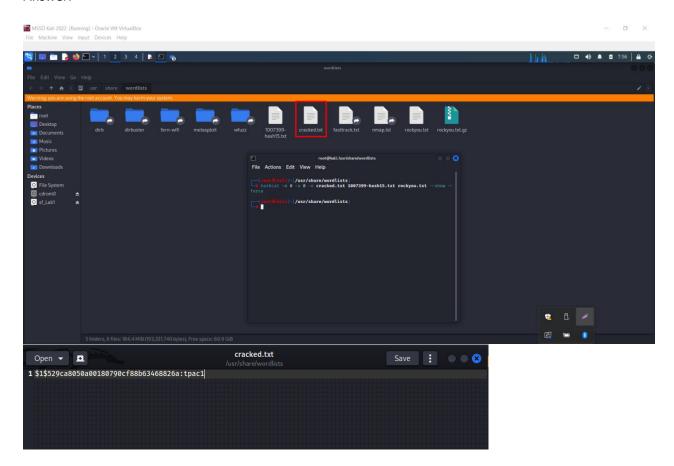
where -o specifies output file for generated rules, operator \$ represents concatenation, and ?d is the wildcard representing all digits.



Nice tutorial how to crack password by hashcat using rules is at URL https://labs.mwrinfosecurity.com/blog/a-practical-guide-to-cracking-password-hashes/

How many passwords did you crack? Why you did not crack some passwords?

Answer:



1 password cracked, not all cracked may because:

- 1. digits.rule matching pattern is not fully covered
- 2. rockyou.txt password source is not completely covered.

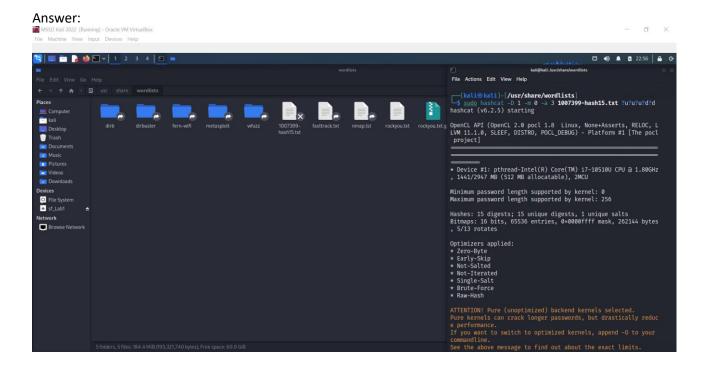
Second, try to execute **mask attack** that considers knowledge of character set in particular positions (including knowledge of how salting was performed) and also leverages parallelism of you CPU/GPU thanks to openCL library.

See URL https://hashcat.net/wiki/doku.php?id=mask attack for quick introduction.

For example, to crack passwords having 3 upper case characters followed by 2 digits, hashcat can be run as:

• hashcat -D 1 -m 0 -a 3 some_hashes.txt ?u?u?u?d?d

Compare the timings with brute force that you implemented in your custom python script. If your computer has Intel graphic card, then you can also try parameter -D 2 and take note about the differences in timings.



Compare timings with Rainbowcrack and include it into the previous writeup. Also mention rules and commands that you used for cracking the hashed and salted passwords.

Answer:

Cracking Speed:

RainbowCrack: RainbowCrack is known for its speed in cracking password hashes. It utilizes precomputed rainbow tables, which are generated in advance to accelerate the cracking process. These tables allow RainbowCrack to quickly match password hashes, resulting in faster cracking speeds for certain types of hashes.

Hashcat: Hashcat is a highly optimized password cracking tool that supports various cracking techniques, such as brute-force, dictionary attacks, and rule-based attacks. It utilizes the computational power of modern GPUs (Graphics Processing Units) to accelerate the cracking process. With the right hardware setup, Hashcat can achieve impressive speeds for cracking a wide range of password hashes.

Flexibility:

RainbowCrack: RainbowCrack primarily focuses on cracking LM and NTLM hashes, which are commonly used in older Windows operating systems. It excels in cracking these specific types of hashes due to its efficient use of precomputed tables. However, it may not be as versatile when it comes to cracking other types of hashes.

Hashcat: Hashcat is highly flexible and supports a wide range of hash types, including popular ones like MD5, SHA1, bcrypt, and more. It can handle various hashing algorithms and formats, making it suitable for cracking passwords from different sources and platforms. Additionally, Hashcat offers extensive customization options, allowing users to define specific attack modes, rules, and masks to adapt to different password cracking scenarios.

In summary, RainbowCrack is known for its speed when cracking LM and NTLM hashes using precomputed tables, while Hashcat is a versatile and powerful tool that can handle multiple hash types and provides customization options for different cracking techniques. The choice between the two tools depends on the specific hashes you want to crack and the level of flexibility and customization requirements.

8. Hash breaking competition

We provide a list of hashes in hashes.txt

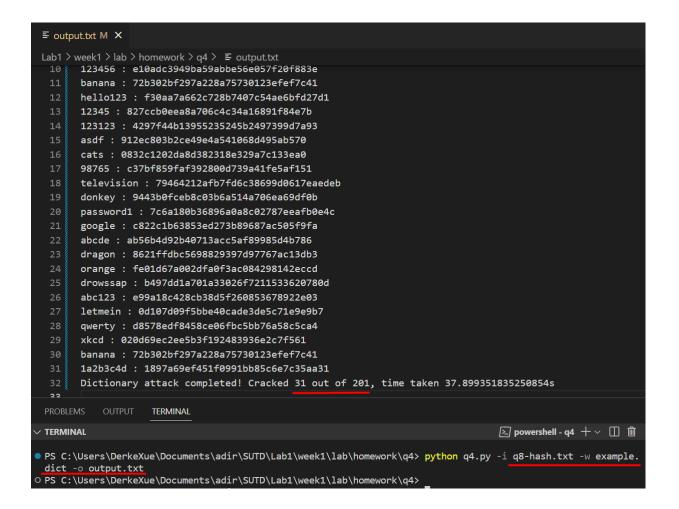
They are of various difficulty – not all are equally hard. There are no easy rules about length or characters allowed anymore!

Implement an optimized script and try to reverse as many of those hashes as possible. You can also use other tools as you want (hashcat, rainbowcrack)

Write a short explanation on the approach you use to crack those passwords. Submit the answers as a CSV file called competition.csv containing two columns. The first column is the md5 hash of the password you break, and the second column is the plain text password.

Answer:

1. dictionary attack (reuse q4.py in question 4, together with example.dict):



2. rainbow crack:

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root@kali:/usr/share/rainbowcrack

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Tytgen md5 loweralpha-numeric 5 8 0 7600 600000 0 rainbow table md5_loweralpha-numeric#5-8_0_7600×600000_0.rt parameters hash algorithm: md5
hash length: 16
charset name: loweralpha-numeric
charset data: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789
charset data in hex: 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6a 6b 6c 6d 6e 6f 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 7 7 78 79 73 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39
charset length: 36
plaintext length range: 5 - 8
reduce offset: 0×000000000
plaintext total: 2901711320064

sequential starting point begin from 0 (0×00000000000000)
generating...

65536 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 7.3 s)
196608 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 1.4 s)
227680 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 1.4 s)
327680 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 1.4 s)
3293216 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 1.6 s)
393216 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 1.3 s)
524288 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 1.3 s)
524288 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 1.3 s)
524280 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 1.8 s)
600000 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (1 m 4.8 s)
600000 of 600000 rainbow chains generated (0 m 11.3 s)
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RainbowCrack

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memory available: 2850023014 bytes
memory for rainbow chain traverse: 60800 bytes per hash, 11856000 bytes for 195 hashes
memory for rainbow table buffer: 2 x 9600016 bytes
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disk: finished reading all files
plaintext of 0832cl202da8d382318e329a7cl33ea0 is cats plaintext of 912ec803b2ce49e4a541068d495ab570 is asdf
statistics
plaintext found:
                                                        2 of 195
total time:
time of chain traverse:
time of alarm check:
time of disk read:
                                                        0.01 s
0.00 s
time of disk read:
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hash & reduce calculation of alarm check: 2
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number of alarm:
performance of chain traverse:
performance of alarm check:
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0.00 million/s
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3. hashcat:

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ashcat (v6.2.5) starting
OpenCL API (OpenCL 3.0 ) - Platform #1 [Intel(R) Corporation]
 Device #1: Intel(R) UHD Graphics, 3168/6453 MB (1613 MB allocatable), 24MCU
Minimum password length supported by kernel: 0
Maximum password length supported by kernel: 31
Hashes: 201 digests; 195 unique digests, 1 unique salts
Bitmaps: 16 bits, 65536 entries, 0x0000ffff mask, 262144 bytes, 5/13 rotates
Rules: 1
 Optimized-Kernel
  Zero-Byte
 Precompute-Init
Meet-In-The-Middle
 Early-Skip
Not-Salted
 Not-Iterated
Single-Salt
 Raw-Hash
Watchdog: Hardware monitoring interface not found on your system.
Watchdog: Temperature abort trigger disabled.
INFO: Removed 27 hashes found as potfile entries or as empty hashes.
Host memory required for this attack: 1462 MB
Dictionary cache hit:pass [c]heckpoint [f]inish [q]uit => Finished self-test
 Filename..: example.dict
Passwords.: 128416
 Bytes....: 1069601
Keyspace..: 128416
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     4297f44b13955235245b2497399d7a93:123123
     e10adc3949ba59abbe56e057f20f883e:123456
     827ccb0eea8a706c4c34a16891f84e7b:12345
     1897a69ef451f0991bb85c6e7c35aa31:1a2b3c4d
     c37bf859faf392800d739a41fe5af151:98765
     ab56b4d92b40713acc5af89985d4b786:abcde
      e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03:abc123
     912ec803b2ce49e4a541068d495ab570:asdf
     72b302bf297a228a75730123efef7c41:banana
     0832c1202da8d382318e329a7c133ea0:cats
     9443b0fceb8c03b6a514a706ea69df0b:donkey
     8621ffdbc5698829397d97767ac13db3:dragon
     b497dd1a701a33026f7211533620780d:drowssap
     c822c1b63853ed273b89687ac505f9fa:google
     f30aa7a662c728b7407c54ae6bfd27d1:hello123
     2ab96390c7dbe3439de74d0c9b0b1767:hunter2
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     fe01d67a002dfa0f3ac084298142eccd:orange
     5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99:password
      7c6a180b36896a0a8c02787eeafb0e4c:password1
      d8578edf8458ce06fbc5bb76a58c5ca4:qwerty
      5ebe2294ecd0e0f08eab7690d2a6ee69:secret
      8632c375e9eba096df51844a5a43ae93:security1
      79464212afb7fd6c38699d0617eaedeb:television
     020d69ec2ee5b3f192483936e2c7f561:xkcd
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(Cracked 27 out of 201)

competition.csv (attached in zip folder):

dictionary attack:

1660fe5c81c4ce64a2611494c439e1ba e10adc3949ba59abbe56e057f20f883e 5ebe2294ecd0e0f08eab7690d2a6ee69 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 2ab96390c7dbe3439de74d0c9b0b1767 72b302bf297a228a75730123efef7c41 8632c375e9eba096df51844a5a43ae93 7d9ad0211d6493e8d55a4a75de3f90a1 d8578edf8458ce06fbc5bb76a58c5ca4 e10adc3949ba59abbe56e057f20f883e 72b302bf297a228a75730123efef7c41 f30aa7a662c728b7407c54ae6bfd27d1 827ccb0eea8a706c4c34a16891f84e7b 4297f44b13955235245b2497399d7a93 912ec803b2ce49e4a541068d495ab570 0832c1202da8d382318e329a7c133ea0 c37bf859faf392800d739a41fe5af151 79464212afb7fd6c38699d0617eaedeb 9443b0fceb8c03b6a514a706ea69df0b 7c6a180b36896a0a8c02787eeafb0e4c c822c1b63853ed273b89687ac505f9fa ab56b4d92b40713acc5af89985d4b786 8621ffdbc5698829397d97767ac13db3 fe01d67a002dfa0f3ac084298142eccd b497dd1a701a33026f7211533620780d e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03

123456 secret password hunter2 banana security1 nintendo qwerty 123456 banana hello123 12345 123123 asdf cats 98765 television donkey password1 google abcde dragon orange drowssap abc123

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020d69ec2ee5b3f192483936e2c7f561	xkcd
72b302bf297a228a75730123efef7c41	banana
1897a69ef451f0991bb85c6e7c35aa31	1a2b3c4d
rainbow crack:	
0832c1202da8d382318e329a7c133ea0	cats
912ec803b2ce49e4a541068d495ab570	asdf
hashcat:	
4297f44b13955235245b2497399d7a93	123123
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827ccb0eea8a706c4c34a16891f84e7b	12345
1897a69ef451f0991bb85c6e7c35aa31	1a2b3c4d
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72b302bf297a228a75730123efef7c41	banana
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9443b0fceb8c03b6a514a706ea69df0b	donkey
8621ffdbc5698829397d97767ac13db3	dragon
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9. Hand-in

Submit your md5_lab1.py script that breaks the supplied hash values in hash5.txt, generate the salted hashes and the relevant files. Put your username and mention the timings in your header.

Prepare the writeups for all sections where explanations are requested. Include your conclusions and learning points.

Include the found plaintexts/hashes (competition.csv) in your writeup.