

Meta

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Kategori: Forensik

A challenge card with a dark background. At the top left is a button labeled "Challenge". To its right is the text "53 Solves". In the top right corner is a red "X" icon. Below this is the challenge title "Meta" in large white letters, followed by the points "100" in a slightly smaller font. A blue button labeled "Easy-Medium" is positioned below the title. The challenge description reads: "'Do you want to play a game?' - A mysterious voice echoed in your computer. You think you've been hacked. Suddenly, a file named 'game.docx' appears on your desktop. You open it and find a riddle inside: 'The code is hidden in plain sight,' the riddle reads." Below the description is a blue download button with a white arrow icon and the text "meta.docx". At the bottom left is a "Flag" button, and at the bottom right is a "Submit" button.

Challenge 53 Solves X

Meta
100

Easy-Medium

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[meta.docx](#)

Flag Submit

Phase 1: Recon

File awal berupa **Meta.docx**. Sesuai standar, file **.docx** hanyalah ZIP berkedok dokumen. Maka langkah pertama:

```
constantine ~/OprecForesty/Meta (solved) 20:05 > unzip meta.docx -d output && cd output
Archive: meta.docx
  inflating: output/[Content_Types].xml
  creating: output/docProps/
  inflating: output/docProps/core.xml
  inflating: output/docProps/flag.7z
  inflating: output/docProps/flag.txt
  inflating: output/docProps/app.xml
  creating: output/_rels/
  inflating: output/_rels/.rels
  creating: output/word/
  inflating: output/word/fontTable.xml
  inflating: output/word/endnotes.xml
  creating: output/word/theme/
  inflating: output/word/theme/theme1.xml
  inflating: output/word/webSettings.xml
  inflating: output/word/document.xml
  inflating: output/word/settings.xml
  inflating: output/word/styles.xml
  creating: output/word/_rels/
  inflating: output/word/_rels/document.xml.rels
  inflating: output/word/_rels/footnotes.xml.rels
  inflating: output/word/_rels/comments.xml.rels
  inflating: output/word/_rels/endnotes.xml.rels
  inflating: output/word/footnotes.xml

constantine .../OprecForesty/Meta (solved)/output 20:05 > ls
drwxr-xr-x  - constantine 11 Nov 13:07 _rels
drwxr-xr-x  - constantine 11 Nov 13:12 docProps
drwxr-xr-x  - constantine 11 Nov 13:24 word
.rw-r--r-- 1.8k constantine 11 Nov 13:07 [Content_Types].xml

constantine .../OprecForesty/Meta (solved)/output 20:05 > _
```

Setelah diekstrak, struktur folder muncul normal seperti file OOXML. Direktori yang paling mencolok adalah:

- `docProps/flag.txt`
- `docProps/flag.7z`

`flag.txt` hanya berisi decoy, jadi satu-satunya target valid adalah `flag.7z`. Saat diekstrak, file tersebut meminta **password**, sehingga kunci harus tersembunyi dalam struktur XML dokumen.

Phase 2: XML Analysis

Fokus beralih ke direktori `/word/` karena semua konten utama .docx berada di sana, khususnya `/word/document.xml`

```
17      <w:highlight w:val="none"/>
16    </w:rPr>
15    <w:t xml:space="preserve">Password?: </w:t>
14  </w:r>
13  <w:r>
12    <w:rPr>
11      <w:highlight w:val="none"/>
10    </w:rPr>
9      <w:t xml:space="preserve">Somewhere :)<!-- https://chat.whatsapp.com/KohSeAlZIIN4uQvpSqhejr --></w:t>
8  </w:r>
7  <w:r>
6    <w:rPr>
5      <w:highlight w:val="none"/>
```

Berkas ini memuat teks yang ditampilkan oleh word processor. Pada bagian scanning manual, ditemukan sebuah paragraf yang secara visual di UI hanya menampilkan:

Password?: Somewhere :)

Tetapi pada level XML, paragraf tersebut menyembunyikan **HTML comment tag**:

```
<!-- https://chat.whatsapp.com/KohSeAlZIIN4uQvpSqhejr -->
```

Parser Word akan **mengabaikan isi komentar**, sehingga ini menjadi tempat yang “aman” bagi pembuat challenge untuk menyembunyikan password.

Phase 3: Execution

Awalnya terlihat passwordnya hanyalah bagian unik dari URL ([KohSeAlZIIN4uQvpSqhejr](https://chat.whatsapp.com/KohSeAlZIIN4uQvpSqhejr)), namun percobaan ekstraksi **flag.7z** menunjukkan:

- Partial string → **Access Denied**
- Full URL → **Password valid**

Correct Password: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KohSeAlZIIN4uQvpSqhejr>

Kita extract aja **flag.7z**:

```
constantine .../Meta (solved)/output/docProps ② 20:17 ls address
.rw-r--r-- 629 constantine 11 Nov 13:07 app.xml
.rw-r--r-- 499 constantine 11 Nov 13:07 core.xml
.rw-r--r-- 186 constantine 11 Nov 13:12 flag.7z
.rw-r--r-- 17 constantine 11 Nov 13:12 flag.txt.decoy

constantine .../Meta (solved)/output/docProps ② 20:17 7z x flag.7z -phttps://chat.whatsapp.com/KohSeAlZlIN4uQvpSqhejr
7-Zip 25.01 (x64) : Copyright (c) 1999-2025 Igor Pavlov : 2025-08-03
64-bit locale=en_US.UTF-8 Threads:32 OPEN_MAX:1024, ASM

Scanning the drive for archives:
1 file, 186 bytes (1 KiB)

Extracting archive: flag.7z
--
Path = flag.7z
Type = 7z
Physical Size = 186
Headers Size = 138
Method = LZMA2:12 7zAES
Solid = -
Blocks = 1

Everything is Ok

Size:      36
Compressed: 186

constantine .../Meta (solved)/output/docProps ② 20:17 cat flag.txt
FORESTY{3@5y??_r1Ght?_lm0aa00a0a00}
```

ls flag.txt:

FORESTY{3@5y??_r1Ght?_lm0aa00a0a00}

Final Flag

FORESTY{3@5y??_r1Ght?_lm0aa00a0a00}