

The Magic Modbus


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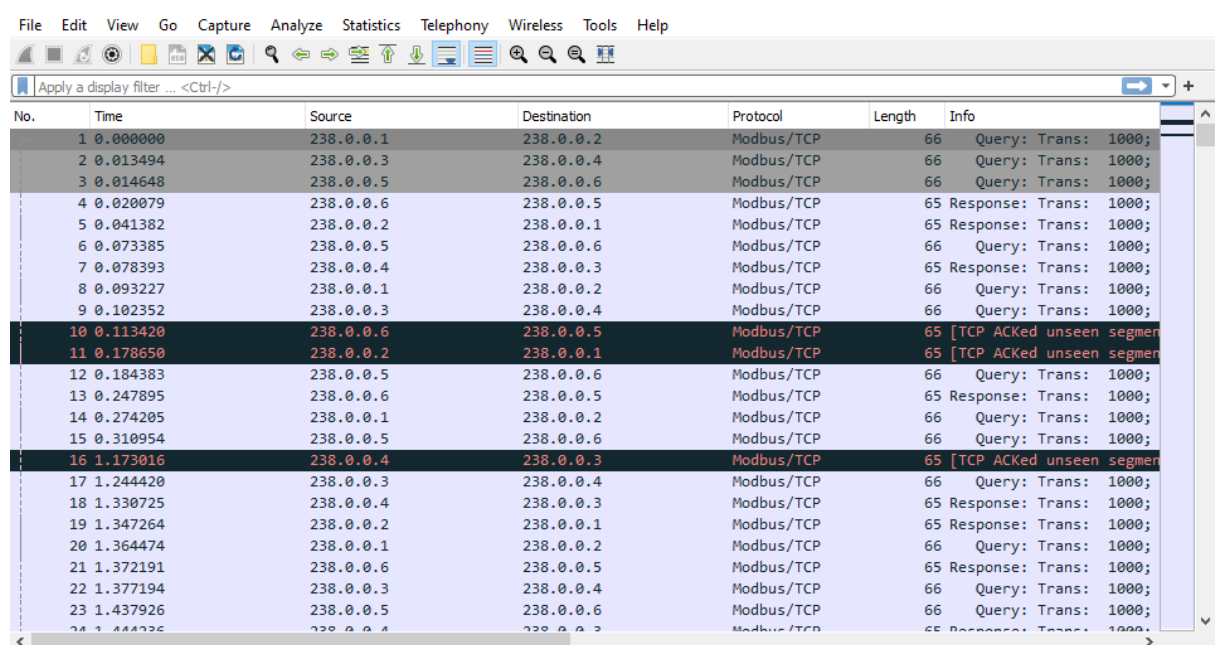
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Initial Research

This challenge presents the security researcher with a pcap file download as the entry point to the challenge.

PCAP Download

Download the pcap file and open it in Wireshark or a related pcap analysis application.



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	238.0.0.1	238.0.0.2	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
2	0.013494	238.0.0.3	238.0.0.4	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
3	0.014648	238.0.0.5	238.0.0.6	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
4	0.020079	238.0.0.6	238.0.0.5	Modbus/TCP	65	Response: Trans: 1000;
5	0.041382	238.0.0.2	238.0.0.1	Modbus/TCP	65	Response: Trans: 1000;
6	0.073385	238.0.0.5	238.0.0.6	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
7	0.078393	238.0.0.4	238.0.0.3	Modbus/TCP	65	Response: Trans: 1000;
8	0.093227	238.0.0.1	238.0.0.2	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
9	0.102352	238.0.0.3	238.0.0.4	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
10	0.113420	238.0.0.6	238.0.0.5	Modbus/TCP	65	[TCP ACKed unseen segment]
11	0.178650	238.0.0.2	238.0.0.1	Modbus/TCP	65	[TCP ACKed unseen segment]
12	0.184383	238.0.0.5	238.0.0.6	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
13	0.247895	238.0.0.6	238.0.0.5	Modbus/TCP	65	Response: Trans: 1000;
14	0.274205	238.0.0.1	238.0.0.2	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
15	0.310954	238.0.0.5	238.0.0.6	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
16	1.173016	238.0.0.4	238.0.0.3	Modbus/TCP	65	[TCP ACKed unseen segment]
17	1.244420	238.0.0.3	238.0.0.4	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
18	1.330725	238.0.0.4	238.0.0.3	Modbus/TCP	65	Response: Trans: 1000;
19	1.347264	238.0.0.2	238.0.0.1	Modbus/TCP	65	Response: Trans: 1000;
20	1.364474	238.0.0.1	238.0.0.2	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
21	1.372191	238.0.0.6	238.0.0.5	Modbus/TCP	65	Response: Trans: 1000;
22	1.377194	238.0.0.3	238.0.0.4	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
23	1.437926	238.0.0.5	238.0.0.6	Modbus/TCP	66	Query: Trans: 1000;
24	1.444336	238.0.0.4	238.0.0.3	Modbus/TCP	65	Response: Trans: 1000;

Figure 1: PCAP Contents

Follow the stream

Note that a few packets have a dark background. These stand out, and provide an opportune entry point. Click the first packet with a dark background and follow the TCP stream.

TCP Stream

Upon inspection of the TCP stream, you can see some key characters of interest. Specifically, { and }. Also, the characters f, l, a, and g.

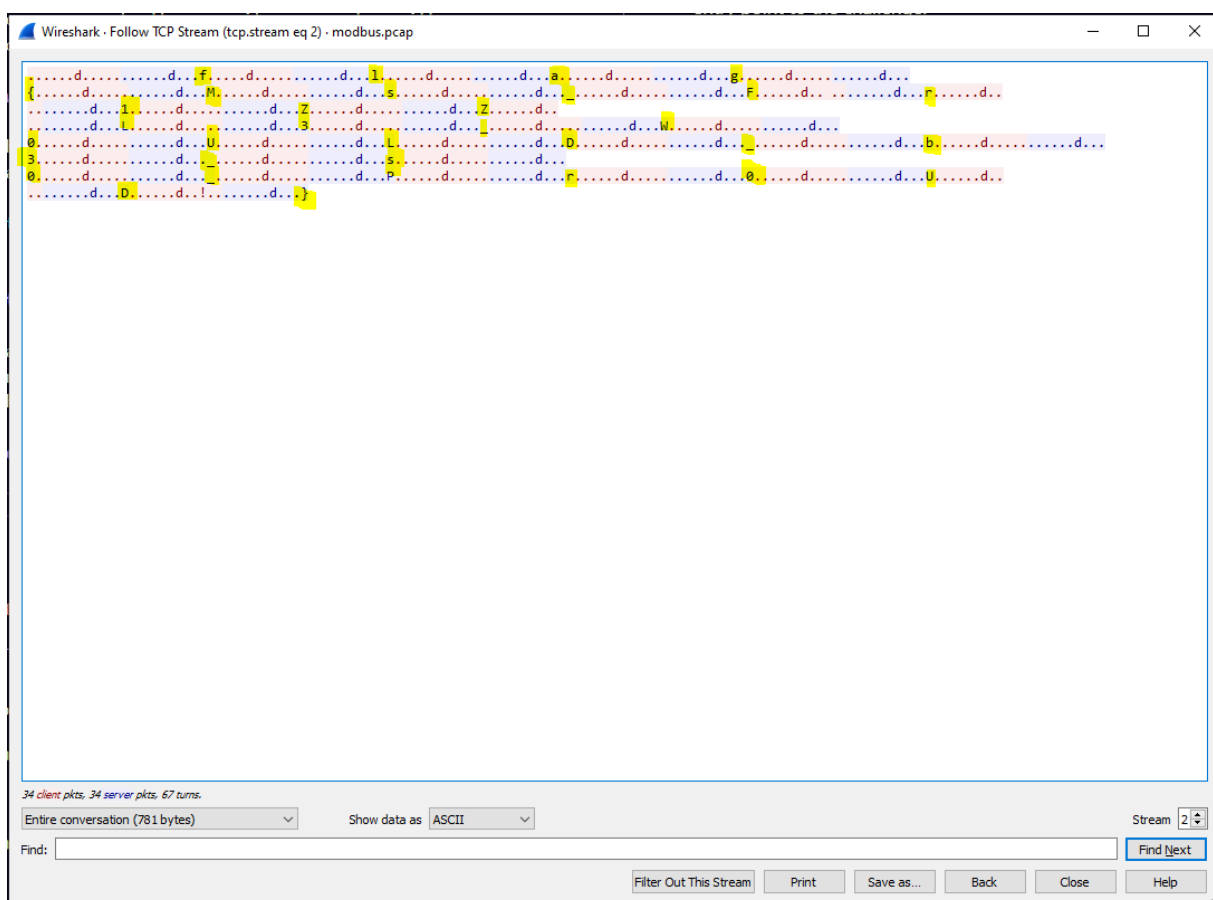


Figure 2: tcp stream

Solution

Following the pattern above, you can decipher the flag.

Submit the flag and claim the points:

flag{Ms_F1ZZL3_W0ULD_b3_s0_Pr0UD}