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Hi halo there, this is my first article that didn't use my native language. So if the language is less precise, please be advised.

This challenge is about cryptography. When i open it, i got this task

Note: The flag is the entire thing decrypted

[eps1.7_wh1ter0se_2b007cf0ba9881d954e85eb475d0d5e4.m4v](#)

I download the decrypted file from the link, and i got this hash:

```
EOY XF, AY VMU M UKFNY TOY YF UFWHYKAXZ EAZZHN. UFWHYKAXZ ZNMXP HN. UFWHYKAXZ EHMOYACOI. VH'JH EHHX CFTOUHP FX VKMY'U  
IFFQAXZ MY VKMY'U MEFJH OU.
```

i try to decrypt this hash using some rotation but certainly not as easy as it :p

So I tried to figure it manually

The method I use is to consider "if there is one letter alone, surely it is a word suffix as an "A", and we get our first character substitution.

M UKFNY = A UKFNY

first try, all hash looks like this

```
EOY XF, AY VAU A UKFNY TOY YF UFWHYKAXZ EAZZHN. UFWHYKAXZ ZNAXPHN. UFWHYKAXZ EHAOYACOI. VH'JH EHHX CFTOUHP FX VKAY'U  
IFFQAXZ AY VKAY'U AEFJH OU.
```

but still not readable :p

Second charater. Now let's look at the word "EHHX", it could be "LOOK" "SEEN" or "DEEP" . But, let's assume it's a vowel. And for the second

```
EOY XF, AY VAU A UKFNY TOY YF UFWHYKAXZ EAZZEN. UFWHYKAXZ ZNAXPEN. UFWHYKAXZ EEA OYACOI. VE'JE EEEX CFTOUHP FX VKAY'U A  
IFFQAXZ AY VKAY'U AEFJE OU.
```

still not readable :)

Now, let's looking for this word "VE'JE" and i am absolutely sure this word are "WE'VE" :)

so, lets substitute V to W, and J to V

```
EOY XF, AY WAU A UKFNY TOY YF UFWYKAXZ EAZZEN. UFWYKAXZ ZNAXPEN. UFWYKAXZ EEAUYACOI. WE'VE EEEX CFTOUHP FX WKAY'U  
IFFQAXZ AY WKAY'U AEFVE OU.
```

and the word "WAU" looks like "WAS", then substitute it again, U=S

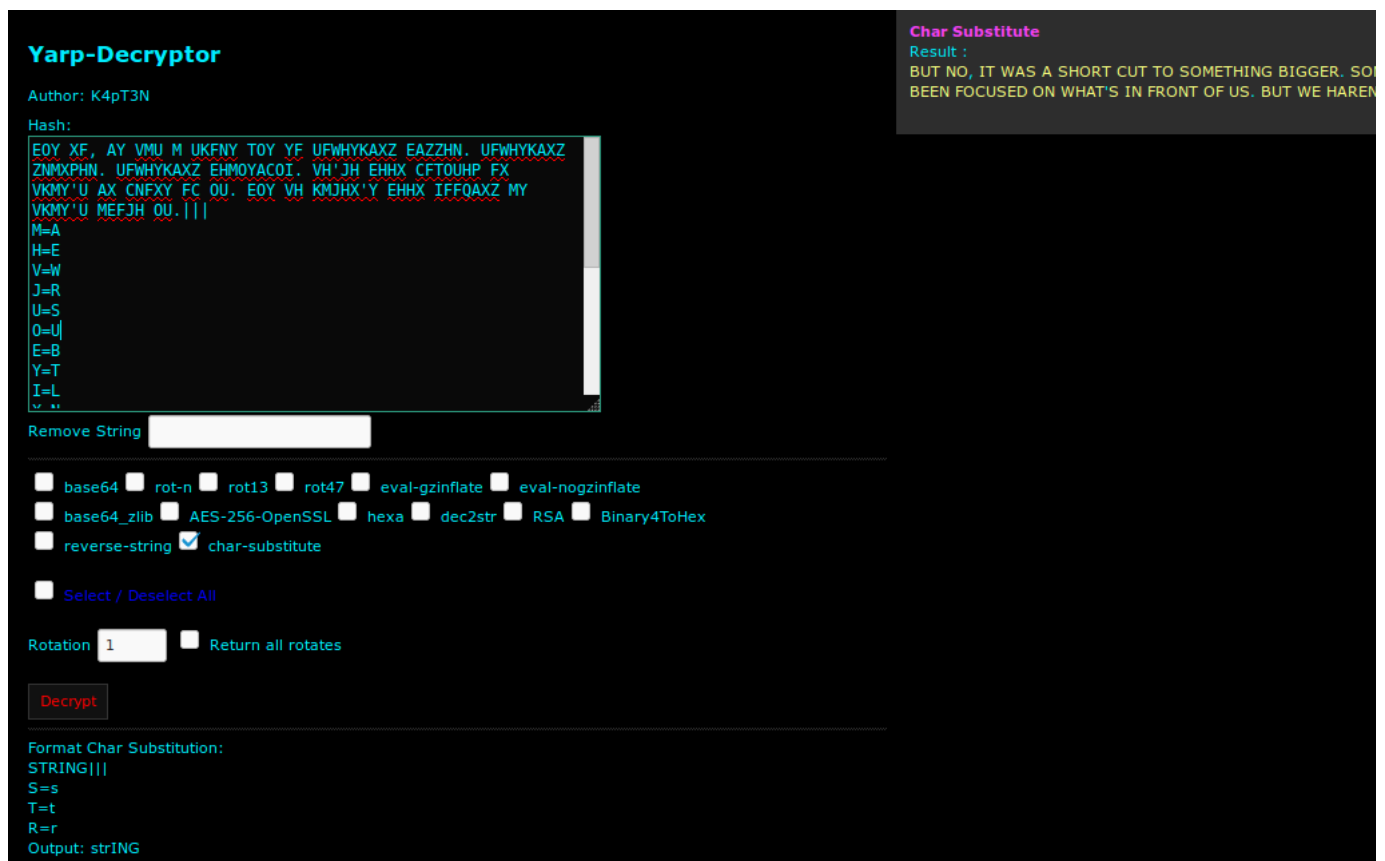
```
EOY XF, AY WAS A SKFNY TOY YF SFWEYKAXZ EAZZEN. SFWEYKAXZ ZNAXPEN. SFWEYKAXZ EEAUYACOI. WE'VE EEEX CFTOSEP FX WKAY'S A  
IFFQAXZ AY WKAY'S AEFVE OS.
```

i think i;m on the right track. Next, i'll guess OS as US. So, O=U

```
EUY XF, AY WAS A SKFNY TUY YF SFWEYKAXZ EAZZEN. SFWEYKAXZ ZNAXPEN. SFWEYKAXZ EEAUYACUI. WE'VE EEEX CFTUSEP FX WKAY'S A  
IFFQAXZ AY WKAY'S AEFVE US.
```

still, now looks at this word "EEAUYACUI" it's looks like "BEAUTIFUL". One more right track :)

But for this challenge, I do not really do it manually. Because it is really a waste of time. So, i coding it. Yarp. I made my own decryptor for th Challenges.



and after all, i got the flag

BUT NO, IT WAS A SHORT CUT TO SOMETHING BIGGER. SOMETHING GRANDER. SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL. WE'VE BEEN FOCUSED ON WHAT'S
BEEN LOOKING AT WHAT'S ABOVE US.

:)

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