# **Projet SERE**

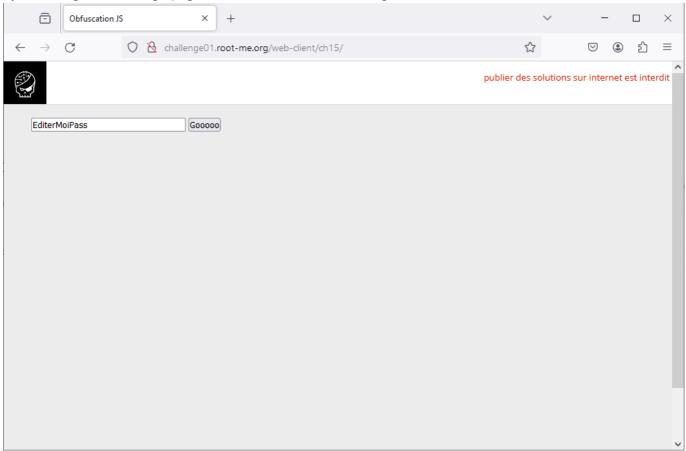
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# Javascript - Obfuscation 5 [Web-Client][70 Points]

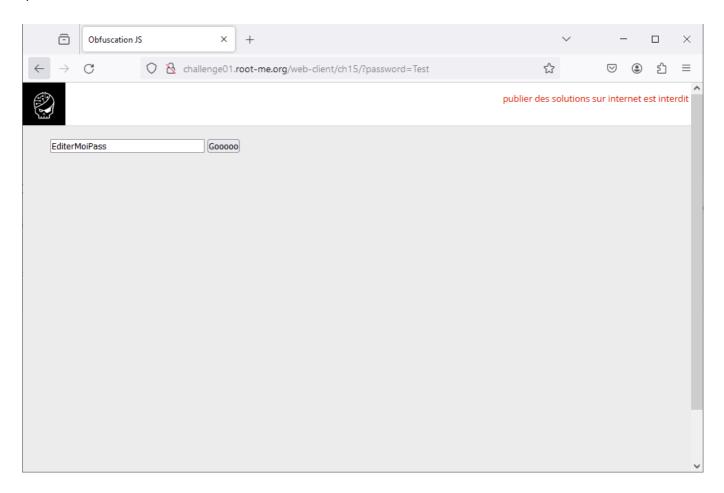
The problem can be found here: https://www.root-me.org/fr/Challenges/Web-Client/Javascript-Obfuscation-5 We have to understand a highly obfuscated Javascript code and find the password.

## First steps

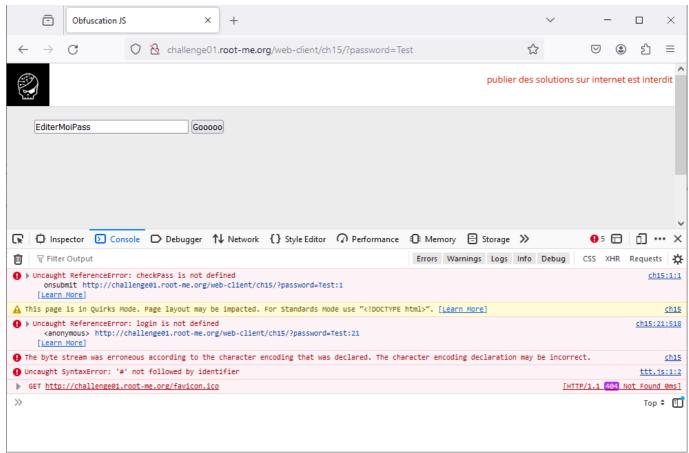
By accessing the challenge page with firefox, we can see a single textbox and a button:



After changing the text and clicking the button, the page redirects to itself with the query ?password=[Text entered]



Using the built-in developper tools of the browser, we can see that there are multiple errors in the page, and several functions are not defined:



We have to look into the html source code which looks like this:

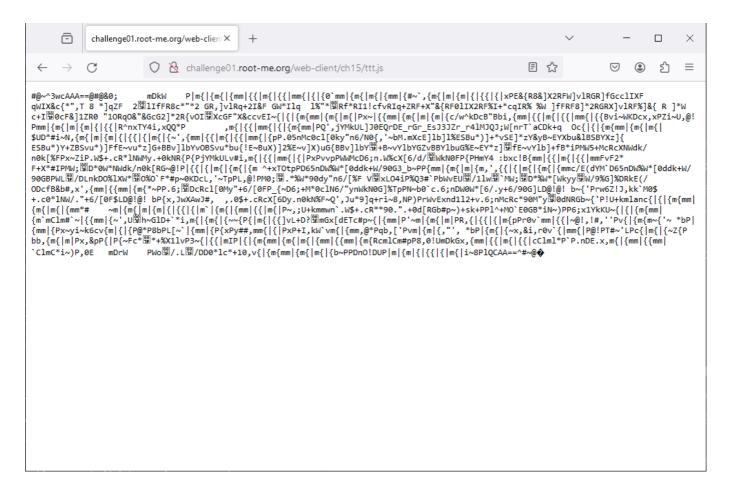
```
<html>
<head>
    <title>Obfuscation JS</title>
<!--
Obfuscation
.Niveau : Très Difficile
.By Hel0ck
.The mission :
    Retrouvez le password :)
    Vous allez en baver НАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАН :x
    INFO !
    Pour que le script marche, vous devez d'abord trouver comment décoder le
    Ce n'est pas trop difficile, faut chercher :D
    You need my help? IRC: irc.root-me.org #root-me
<script type="text/javascript">
    = 'function recfn0().....
</script> <script type="text/javascript" src="ttt.js"></script>
</head>
<body><link rel='stylesheet' property='stylesheet' id='s' type='text/css'
href='/template/s.css' media='all' /><iframe id='iframe' src='https://www.root-
me.org/?page=externe_header'></iframe>
    <form name="login" id="login" action="" method="get" onsubmit="checkPass()">
        <input id="password" name="password" value="EditerMoiPass" size="30"</pre>
maxlength="30" />
        <input type="submit" value="Gooooo">
    </form>
</body>
</html>
```

We can see that the html is pretty normal, but the script isn't: it is divided into two parts, the first part is very long and obfuscated(omitted here), the second part is in the file ttt.js.

We also get the hint that we have to first decode ttt.js

# Decode ttt.js

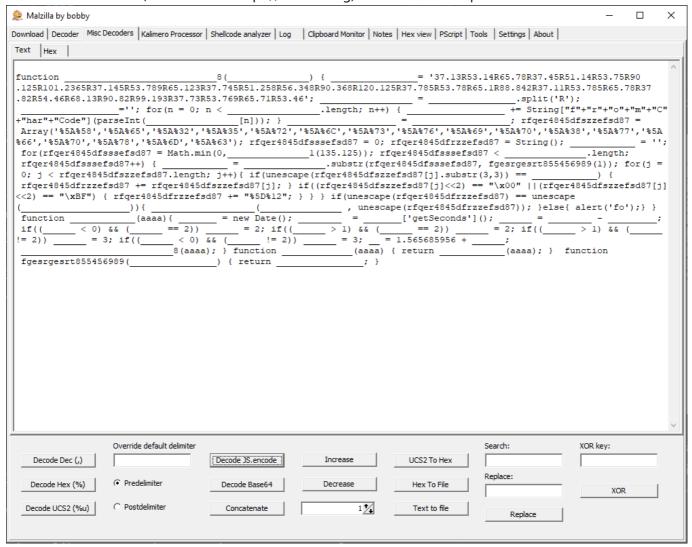
Using the URL http://challenge01.root-me.org/web-client/ch15/ttt.js, we found out that it is indeed encoded into a character string:



After extensive research and numerous trials, we stumbled upon an encoding method called JScript.Encode : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JScript.Encode

which is reverse engineered: http://virtualconspiracy.com/content/articles/breaking-screnc

We used Malzilla tool (available here https://malzilla.org) to decode the script.



Now the 2 parts of javascript can be put together. But still, the script is broken: we got errors when we tried to execute it

# Clean up

The script is messed up and we need to beautify the code using https://beautifier.io The result:

```
_ = 'function recfn0(){ return 0;}';
__ = '';
__ = 0;
eval(_);
for (__ = 0; __ < parseInt(100.15786224552145); _____++) {
    n = __ + 1;
    _ += 'function recfn' + n + '(){ return recfn' + ____ + '();}';
}
eval(__);
eval(recfn100());
__ = this;
for (___ in ___) {
    if (___.length == parseInt(10.125625)) {</pre>
```

```
if (____.charCodeAt(0) == Math.min(115, 12654)) {
          if (____.charCodeAt(9) == 116) break;
       }
   }
}
var _____ = new Date();
    ____ = ____['getSeconds']();
[___]('____("' + login.password.value + '")',
       (2000));
function _____(fgseg87857878562) {
   var fgsog87857878562, fgspg87857878562, fgspg87857878561, fgspg87817878562, d,
r, fgspg87817878162;
   fgsog87857878562 = fgseg87857878562;
   fgspg87857878562 += fgsog87857878562 >> (fgspg87817878562 - fgsog87857878562);
   fgspg87857878561 -= fgspg87817878562 + fgsog87857878562 + 1337;
   fgspg87817878162 = r ^ fgspg87857878561 + fgsog87857878562;
   return fgsog87857878562;
}
function fgspg87857878561(fgspd87857878561) {
  return fgspd87857878561;
}
function _____1(PKDFjidfjezif8756265) {
       _____ = PKDFjidfjezif8756265;
    ____ = 145;
   if (_____ == 1) {
      return parseInt(1.256);
   if (_____ == 2) {
      return parseInt(2.145);
   if (_____ == 3) {
      return parseInt(3.145);
   }
   if (_____ > 3) {
      return _____;
   return _____;
}
         = '8aZ{E$+rT yU}1#2(IOP<qs,DFg.)H*Jk~L6M7]W;X%VxB:N!^-03/9[4&5|"?
Kz';
           = escape(_____ + ____ + "eDer");
   output = "";
   var qrfqfq844568, qrfqfqfq814568, qsfqfqfq814568 = "";
   var _3, _1, _2, _0 = "";
    ____ = 0;
```

```
qrfqfqfq844568 = ____.charCodeAt(____++);
       qrfqfqfq814568 = ____.charCodeAt(____++);
       qsfqfqfq814568 = ____.charCodeAt(____++);
       _3 = qrfqfqfq844568 >> _____1(2);
       _1 = ((qrfqfq844568 & _____1(3)) << 4) | (qrfqfqfq814568 >>
        1(4));
       _2 = ((qrfqfq814568 & _____1(15)) << _____1(2)) |
(qsfqfq814568 >> 6);
       _0 = qsfqfq814568 & 63;
       if (isNaN(qrfqfqfq814568)) {
           _{2} = _{0} = 64;
       } else if (isNaN(qsfqfqfq814568)) {
           _{0} = 64;
       output = output + ____.charAt(_3) + ____.charAt(_1) +
        ____.charAt(_2) + _____.charAt(_0);
       if (arguments.callee.toString().length != 1731) {
          output = "ESF0 ('7p(:5J";
       }
       qrfqfqfq844568 = qrfqfqfq814568 = qsfqfqfq814568 = "";
       _3 = _1 = _2 = _0 = "";
   } while (____ < ___.length);</pre>
   if (fgspg87857878561235(output, __) ==
fgspg87857878561235("}8\(\)iH\(\)5:\}Ypi\\*VL\}", \(\)13\(\) + fgspg87857878561(\(\)^2d2S\*,\(\)"\(\) + \(\):\"
+ String["fr" + "om" + "C" + "harCode"](74, 76, 69, 83, 70, 48, 32, 40, 39, 55,
112, 40, 44, 53, 74, 39, 60, 44, 50, 112, 114, 70, 69, 47, 87)) {
      window.location.href = _____ + ".php";
   } else {
       alert("MOUHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA");
   }
}
function fgspg87857878561235(q45qsdfus8465dfsfgth, __) {
   q45qsdfzf8465dfsfgth = "";
   q45qsdfzf8465dfsfguh = "";
        _____ = 0000000000;
   for (_____; ____ < 13 - 2; ____
       q45qsdfzf8465dfsfgth = q45qsdfus8465dfsfgth.length ^ __;
       if (q45qsdfzf8465dfsfgth != "") q45qsdfzf8465dfsfgth = "";
   q45qsdfzs8465dfsfgth = q45qsdfzf8465dfsfgth;
   q45qsdfzf8465dfsfguh = q45qsdfzs8465dfsfgth;
   for (i = 0; i < q45qsdfus8465dfsfgth.length; i++) {
       if (q45qsdfzs8465dfsfgth == "ESF0 ('7p(,5J')") {
           q45qsdfzs8465dfsfgth +=
String[unescape("66%72%6f%6d%43%68%61%72%43%6f%64%65")](__ ^
q45qsdfus8465dfsfgth.charCodeAt(i) + 12);
       } else {
           q45qsdfzs8465dfsfgth += String.fromCharCode(__ ^
q45qsdfus8465dfsfgth.charCodeAt(i));
       }
   if (arguments.callee.toString().length != 1169) {
       q45qsdfzs8465dfsfgth = "ESF0 ('7p(:5J";
```

```
if (q45qsdfzf8465dfsfguh == "sfeze5825qsde8rfq--") {
       for (____ = 0; ___ > -1; ___ ++) {
           q45qsdfzf8465dfsfguh = "\x6e\x6f\x6f\x62\x20\x6e\x6f\x6f\x62";
   }
   return q45qsdfzs8465dfsfgth;
}
                            8(______) {
function _
'37.13R53.14R65.78R37.45R51.14R53.75R90.125R101.2365R37.145R53.789R65.123R37.745R5
1.258R56.348R90.368R120.125R37.785R53.78R65.1R88.842R37.11R53.785R65.78R37.82R54.4
6R68.13R90.82R99.193R37.73R53.769R65.71R53.46';
                         _____.split('R');
                         _____.length; n++) {
   for (n = 0; n < _____
               _____ += String["f" + "r" + "o" + "m" + "C" + "har" + "Code"]
(parseInt(_____[n]));
   }
   rfqer4845dfszzefsd87 = Array('%5A%58', '%5A%65', '%5A%32', '%5A%35', '%5A%72',
'%5A%6C', '%5A%73', '%5A%76', '%5A%69', '%5A%70', '%5A%38', '%5A%77', '%5A%66',
'%5A%70', '%5A%78', '%5A%6D', '%5A%63');
   rfqer4845dfsssefsd87 = 0;
   rfqer4845dfrzzefsd87 = String();
        ____ = '';
   for (rfqer4845dfsssefsd87 = Math.min(0, _____1(135.125));
rfqer4845dfsssefsd87 < _____.length; rfqer4845dfsssefsd87++) {
           _____ = ____.substr(rfqer4845dfsssefsd87,
fgesrgesrt855456989(1));
       for (j = 0; j < rfqer4845dfszzefsd87.length; j++) {
           if (unescape(rfqer4845dfszzefsd87[j].substr(3, 3)) == _____
              rfqer4845dfrzzefsd87 += rfqer4845dfszzefsd87[j];
          if ((rfqer4845dfszzefsd87[j] << 2) == "\x00" ||
(rfqer4845dfszzefsd87[j] << 2) == "\xBF") {
              rfqer4845dfrzzefsd87 += "%5D%12";
          }
       }
   }
   if (unescape(rfqer4845dfrzzefsd87) == unescape(______)) {
                     ____(____, unescape(rfqer4845dfrzzefsd87));
   } else {
       alert('fo');
   }
}
function _____(aaaa) {
   _____ = new Date();
          _ = ____['getSeconds']();
      ____ = _____;
          ____ < 0) && (____ == 2)) ___ = 2;
   if ((____ > 1) && (___ == 2)) ___ = 2;
```

We tried online deobfuscaters but they didn't do a lot. So we have to do it by hand: Renaming function and variable names, simplify constant functions like parseInt(constant), remove several useless functions, such as those who only returns the input, or those who are never called. There are also a lot of if conditions that won't trigger, and variables that are not used. After all this, the code is readable:

```
globalvar = ∅;
evalstring = '';
function recfn0(){ return 0;}
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
    n = i + 1;
    evalstring += 'function recfn' + n + '(){ return recfn' + i + '();}';
}
eval(evalstring);
eval(recfn100());
for (obj in this) {
    if (obj.length == 10) {
        if (obj.charCodeAt(0) == 115) {
            if (obj.charCodeAt(9) == 116) break;
    }
var date1 = new Date();
seconds1 = date1['getSeconds']();
this[obj]('func4("' + login.password.value + '")', 2000);
function func1(input1, input2) {
    str1 = 8aZ{E$+rT yU}1#2(IOP<qs,DFg.)H*Jk~L6M7]W;X%VxB:N!^-03/9[4&5|"?Kz';
    str2 = escape(input2 + input1 + "eDer");
    output = "";
    var a, b, c = "";
    var _3, _1, _2, _0 = "";
    cnt = 0;
    do {
        a = str2.charCodeAt(cnt++);
        b = str2.charCodeAt(cnt++);
```

```
c = str2.charCodeAt(cnt++);
                                   _3 = a >> 2;
                                   _1 = ((a \& 3) << 4) | (b >> 4);
                                   2 = ((b \& 15) << 2) | (c >> 6);
                                    0 = c \& 63;
                                   if (isNaN(b)) {
                                                     _2 = _0 = 64;
                                   } else if (isNaN(c)) {
                                                    _{0} = 64;
                                   output = output + str1.charAt(_3) + str1.charAt(_1) + str1.charAt(_2) +
str1.charAt(_0);
                                   if (arguments.callee.toString().length != 1731) {
                                                    output = "ESF0 ('7p(:5J";
                                   }
                                   a = b = c = "";
                                   _3 = _1 = _2 = _0 = "";
                 } while (cnt < str2.length);</pre>
                 if (func2(output, globalvar) == func2("\8\infty\H_5:\Ypi\*VL\}", \13) + "^2d2S*,~" +
":" + String["fr" + "om" + "C" + "harCode"](74, 76, 69, 83, 70, 48, 32, 40, 39,
55, 112, 40, 44, 53, 74, 39, 60, 44, 50, 112, 114, 70, 69, 47, 87)) {
                                  window.location.href = input1 + ".php";
                 } else {
                                   alert("MOUHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA");
                 }
}
function func2(input1, input2) {
                 a = "";
                 b = "";
                 for (i = 0; i < 11; i++) {
                                   a = input1.length ^ input2;
                                   if (a != "") a = "";
                 }
                 c = a;
                 b = c;
                 for (i = 0; i < input1.length; i++) {
                                   if (c == "ESF0 ('7p(,5J')") {
                                                     c += String[unescape("66%72%6f%6d%43%68%61%72%43%6f%64%65")](input2 ^
input1.charCodeAt(i) + 12);
                                   } else {
                                                     c += String.fromCharCode(input2 ^ input1.charCodeAt(i));
                 if (arguments.callee.toString().length != 1169) {
                                   c = "ESF0 ('7p(:5J";
                 if (b == "sfeze5825qsde8rfq--") {
                                   for (i = 0; i > -1; i++) {
                                                    b = \text{``x6e} \times \text{6f} \times \text{6f}
                 }
                 return c;
```

```
function func3(input) {
    str1 =
'37.13R53.14R65.78R37.45R51.14R53.75R90.125R101.2365R37.145R53.789R65.123R37.745R5
1.258R56.348R90.368R120.125R37.785R53.78R65.1R88.842R37.11R53.785R65.78R37.82R54.4
6R68.13R90.82R99.193R37.73R53.769R65.71R53.46';
    splited = str1.split('R');
    str2 = '';
    for (n = 0; n < splited.length; n++) {
        str2 += String["f" + "r" + "o" + "m" + "C" + "har" + "Code"]
(parseInt(splited[n]));
    }
    a = Array('%5A%58', '%5A%65', '%5A%32', '%5A%35', '%5A%72', '%5A%6C',
'%5A%73', '%5A%76', '%5A%69', '%5A%70', '%5A%38', '%5A%77', '%5A%66', '%5A%70',
'%5A%78', '%5A%6D', '%5A%63');
    str3 = String();
    str4 = '';
    for (i = 0; i < input.length; i++) {
        str4 = input.substr(i, 1);
        for (j = 0; j < a.length; j++) {
            if (unescape(a[j].substr(3, 3)) == str4) {
                str3 += a[i];
            }
            if ((a[j] << 2) == "\x00" || (a[j] << 2) == "\xBF") {
                str3 += "%5D%12";
            }
        }
    }
    if (unescape(str3) == unescape(str2)) {
        func1(input, unescape(str3));
    } else {
        alert('fo');
    }
}
function func4(aaaa) {
    date2 = new Date();
    seconds2 = date2['getSeconds']();
    delta = seconds2 - seconds1;
    if (delta > 2) delta = 3;
    if (delta < 0) delta = 3;
    globalvar = 1.565685956 + delta;
    func3(aaaa);
}
```

### Dissect the code

Having completed the easier part, we now need to read and understand the code to progress.

### Some return functions

```
evalstring = '';
function recfn0(){ return 0;}
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
    n = i + 1;
    evalstring += 'function recfn' + n + '(){ return recfn' + i + '();}';
}
eval(evalstring);
eval(recfn100());</pre>
```

This part of code creates 100 functions that returns 0. However, since these functions are never called, we can safely delete them.

### A object in this

```
for (obj in this) {
    if (obj.length == 10) {
        if (obj.charCodeAt(0) == 115) {
            if (obj.charCodeAt(9) == 116) break;
        }
    }
}
var date1 = new Date();
seconds1 = date1['getSeconds']();
this[obj]('func4("' + login.password.value + '")', 2000);
```

This part finds a object of this (window) and called it. By running this part of the script on firefox, we found out it is the setTimeout object. This means func4(login.password.value) will execute 2 seconds after the page loads. Even though login is not well defined in the html, we guess that login.password.value should be the text we put in the textbox.

#### func4

```
function func4(aaaa) {
   date2 = new Date();
   seconds2 = date2['getSeconds']();
   delta = seconds2 - seconds1;
   if (delta > 2) delta = 3;
   if (delta < 0) delta = 3;
   globalvar = 1.565685956 + delta;
   func3(aaaa);
}</pre>
```

All func4 does is calculate globalvar and call func3. Delta is always 2 (2 seconds of waiting time) and the globalvar is constant.

#### func3

```
str1 =
'37.13R53.14R65.78R37.45R51.14R53.75R90.125R101.2365R37.145R53.789R65.123R37.745R5
1.258R56.348R90.368R120.125R37.785R53.78R65.1R88.842R37.11R53.785R65.78R37.82R54.4
6R68.13R90.82R99.193R37.73R53.769R65.71R53.46';
splited = str1.split('R');
str2 = '';
for (n = 0; n < splited.length; n++) {
    str2 += String["f" + "r" + "o" + "m" + "C" + "har" + "Code"]
    (parseInt(splited[n]));
}
a = Array('%5A%58', '%5A%65', '%5A%32', '%5A%35', '%5A%72', '%5A%6C', '%5A%73', '%5A%76', '%5A%69', '%5A%70', '%5A%38', '%5A%77', '%5A%66', '%5A%70', '%5A%78', '%5A%6D', '%5A%63');
str3 = String();
str4 = '';</pre>
```

This first part of func3 is constant and can be calculated. array a = {ZX,Ze,Z2,Z5,Zr,Z1,Zs,Zv,Zi,Zp,Z8,Zw,Zf,Zp,Zx,Zm,Zc} if unescaped. The reset of func3:

```
for (i = 0; i < input.length; i++) {
    str4 = input.substr(i, 1);
    for (j = 0; j < a.length; j++) {
        if (unescape(a[j].substr(3, 3)) == str4) {
            str3 += a[j];
        }
        if ((a[j] << 2) == "\x00" || (a[j] << 2) == "\xBF") {
            str3 += "%5D%12";
        }
    }
}
if (unescape(str3) == unescape(str2)) {
    func1(input, unescape(str3));
} else {
    alert('fo');
}</pre>
```

After further inspection, we found out func3 is a check for the password: we iterate through all the character of the password, if it is one of the second character of array a, we put 'Z'+(the character) to a output string. Then it checks if the output string equals to "Z5ZeZ8ZxZXZmZcZ5", and if not, the script ends with a single alert.

We can deduce that for the password to pass this test, it must contain the non-continuous substring "5e8xXmc5", and the rest of the password contains no following characters 258Xcefilmprsvwx (in ASCII order)

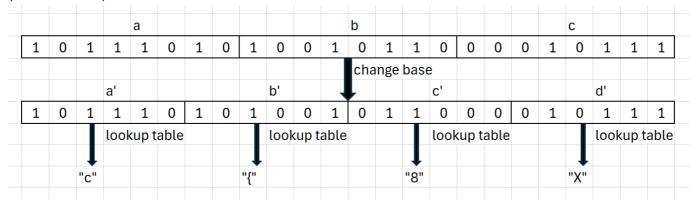
#### func1

```
function func1(input1, input2) {
    str1 = '8aZ{E$+rT yU}1#2(IOP<qs,DFg.)H*Jk~L6M7]W;X%VxB:N!^-03/9[4&5|"?Kz';
    str2 = escape(input2 + input1 + "eDer");
    output = "";
    var a, b, c = "";
    var _3, _1, _2, _0 = "";
    cnt = 0;
    do {
        a = str2.charCodeAt(cnt++);
        b = str2.charCodeAt(cnt++);
        c = str2.charCodeAt(cnt++);
        _3 = a >> 2;
        _1 = ((a \& 3) << 4) | (b >> 4);
        2 = ((b \& 15) << 2) | (c >> 6);
        _{0} = c \& 63;
        if (isNaN(b)) {
            _{2} = _{0} = 64;
        } else if (isNaN(c)) {
            _{0} = 64;
        output = output + str1.charAt(_3) + str1.charAt(_1) + str1.charAt(_2) +
str1.charAt(_0);
        if (arguments.callee.toString().length != 1731) {
            output = "ESF0 ('7p(:5J";
        }
        a = b = c = "";
        _3 = _1 = _2 = _0 = "";
    } while (cnt < str2.length);</pre>
    if (func2(output, globalvar) == func2("8\Box iH\Box 5: Ypi*VL\", 13) + "^2d2S*.~" +
":" + String["fr" + "om" + "C" + "harCode"](74, 76, 69, 83, 70, 48, 32, 40, 39,
55, 112, 40, 44, 53, 74, 39, 60, 44, 50, 112, 114, 70, 69, 47, 87)) {
       window.location.href = input1 + ".php";
    } else {
        alert("MOUHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA");
    }
}
```

At the end of func3, func1 is called with the first argument the entered password and the second argument the constant string "Z5ZeZ8ZxZXZmZcZ5". By simulating the bitwise operations, we found out the first part of the function is basically a encoder that converts char string into a custom base64 code. Instead of using normal base64 sequence, it uses 8aZ{E\$+rT

yU}1#2(IOP<qs,DFg.)H\*Jk~L6M7]W;X%VxB:N!^-03/9[4&5|"?Kz as its character table. A simple illustration

(not real values):



However, if (arguments.callee.toString().length != 1731), which means if the whole function declaration isn't the correct size, the output resets to a specific string each time. The original size of the obfuscated function is 1477, which is different from 1731. Some posts on Internet mentioned that Firefox might optimize the code before calling function.toString(), so we tried to use the deprecated Internet Explorer. Now that Microsoft is promoting Edge browser, we have to open the Internet Explorer using a VBS script:

```
Set objIE = CreateObject("InternetExplorer.Application")
objIE.Navigate "http://challenge01.root-me.org/web-client/ch15/"
objIE.Visible = 1
```

We verified the size of the function, and unfortunately it is the same result as given by Firefox. We are safe to say that the output string will be overridden if the original script is executed. We are curious to find out if it is intend or not.

#### func2

```
function func2(input1, input2) {
    a = "";
    b = "";
    for (i = 0; i < 11; i++) {
        a = input1.length ^ input2;
        if (a != "") a = "";
    }
    c = a;
    b = c;
    for (i = 0; i < input1.length; i++) {
        if (c == "ESF0 ('7p(,5J')") {
            c += String[unescape("66%72%6f%6d%43%68%61%72%43%6f%64%65")](input2 ^
input1.charCodeAt(i) + 12);
        } else {
            c += String.fromCharCode(input2 ^ input1.charCodeAt(i));
    }
    if (arguments.callee.toString().length != 1169) {
        c = "ESF0 ('7p(:5J";
```

```
if (b == "sfeze5825qsde8rfq--") {
    for (i = 0; i > -1; i++) {
        b = "\x6e\x6f\x6f\x62\x20\x6e\x6f\x6f\x62";
    }
}
return c;
}
```

At the end of func1, func2 is called. The second param is either 3 or 13, and is only used in bitwize xor. The escaped string is evidently "fromCharCode", but it missed a %. After deleting useless parts of the code, it is clear that func2 take all the characters of the first argument and xor it with the second argument. The only exception is if (c = "ESF0 ('7p(,5J')")) we have to change a little bit.

However, this appeared to be largely unnecessary, as it checks the length of the function as well, and all it does now is to return a constant sting.

### The goal

```
if (func2(output, 3) == func2("\}8\int iH\int 5:\}\Ypi\}*VL\}", 13) + "^2d2S*,~:JLESF0
('7p(,5J'<,2prFE/W") {
    window.location.href = input + ".php";
}</pre>
```

Finally, if all the tests are passed, the script will redirect the page to (password).php. We guess that this file will give us the answer of the problem. Now the whole program make more sense: the steps to check length of function might be broken during the obfuscation process, and the whole javascript code isn't meant to be executed on the web page; Instead, we just need to find out a password that checks all the tests, and go directly to the php page. We can thus ignore those function length checks.

This is the code that is left after all simplifications:

```
func3("testpassword");
function func1(input) {
    str1 = '8aZ{E$+rT yU}1#2(IOP<qs,DFg.)H*Jk~L6M7\W;X%VxB:N!^-03/9[4&5\"?Kz';
    str2 = escape("Z5ZeZ8ZxZXZmZcZ5" + input + "eDer");
    output = "";
    cnt = 0;
    do {
        var a, b, c = "";
       var _3, _1, _2, _0 = "";
        a = str2.charCodeAt(cnt++);
        b = str2.charCodeAt(cnt++);
        c = str2.charCodeAt(cnt++);
        _3 = a >> 2;
        _1 = ((a \& 3) << 4) | (b >> 4);
        _2 = ((b \& 15) << 2) | (c >> 6);
        _{0} = c \& 63;
        if (isNaN(b)) {
```

```
_{2} = _{0} = 64;
        } else if (isNaN(c)) {
            _{0} = 64;
        output = output + str1.charAt(_3) + str1.charAt(_1) + str1.charAt(_2) +
str1.charAt(_0);
    } while (cnt < str2.length);</pre>
    if (func2(output, 3) == func2("}8\(\)iH\(\)5:\}Ypi\\*VL\}", 13) + \(\)^2d2S\*,\(\):JLESF0
('7p(,5J'<,2prFE/W") {
        window.location.href = input + ".php";
    } else {
        console.log("MOUHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA");
}
function func2(input1, input2) {
    c = "";
    for (i = 0; i < input1.length; i++) {
        if (c == "ESF0 ('7p(,5J')") {
            c += String.fromCharCode(input2 ^ input1.charCodeAt(i) + 12);
        } else {
            c += String.fromCharCode(input2 ^ input1.charCodeAt(i));
    }
    return c;
}
function func3(input) {
    a = Array('\%5A\%58', '\%5A\%65', '\%5A\%32', '\%5A%35', '\%5A\%72', '\%5A\%6C',
'%5A%73', '%5A%76', '%5A%69', '%5A%70', '%5A%38', '%5A%77', '%5A%66', '%5A%70',
'%5A%78', '%5A%6D', '%5A%63');
    ans = '';
    C = '';
    for (i = 0; i < input.length; i++) {
        c = input.substr(i, 1);
        for (j = 0; j < a.length; j++) {
            if (unescape(a[j].substr(3, 3)) == c) {
                ans += a[j];
            }
        }
    if (unescape(ans) == "Z5ZeZ8ZxZXZmZcZ5") {
        func1(input);
    } else {
        console.log('fo');
    }
}
```

# Calculate the password

We start working backwards:

We have to have func2(string, 3) == "p5rdEr87pT}dp'[Ap^2d2S\*,~:JLESF0 ('7p(,5J'<,2prFE/W" And since xor is reversible by simply doing another xor, we calculate the string with func2("p5rdEr87pT}dp'[Ap^2d2S\*,~:JLESF0 ('7p(,5J'<,2prFE/W", 3) which gave us s6qgFq;4sW~gs\$XBs]1g1P)/}9IOFPE3#+\$4s+/6I\$?/1sqEF,T. Fortunately, we never have to deal with the special case while doing the xor.

Then we need to decode it back to char string. Writing a decoder similar to the encoder does the trick:

```
function func1 decode() {
    str1 = '8aZ{E$+rT yU}1#2(IOP<qs,DFg.)H*Jk~L6M7]W;X%VxB:N!^-03/9[4&5|"?Kz';
    func1_output = "s6qgFq;4sW~gs$XBs]1g1P)/}910FPE3#+$4s+/6I$?/1sqEF,T";
    text = "";
    cnt = 0;
    do {
        var a, b, c = "";
        var code1, code2, code3, code4 = "";
        code1 = str1.indexOf(func1 output.charAt(cnt++));
        code2 = str1.indexOf(func1_output.charAt(cnt++));
        code3 = str1.indexOf(func1_output.charAt(cnt++));
        code4 = str1.indexOf(func1_output.charAt(cnt++));
        a = (code1 << 2) | (code2 >> 4);
        b = ((code2 \& 15) << 4) | (code3 >> 2);
        c = ((code3 \& 3) << 6) \mid code4;
        text += String.fromCharCode(a) + String.fromCharCode(b) +
String.fromCharCode(c);
    } while (cnt < func1_output.length);</pre>
    console.log(text);
}
```

It gave us the result Z5ZeZ8ZxZXZmZcZ5753dRe148axXmcD u5eDer.

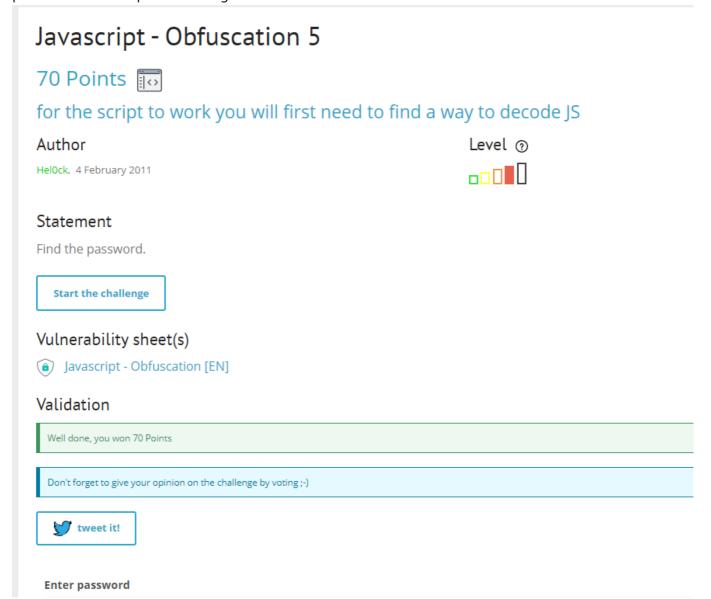
The last character is just from the edge case and is ignored. We immediately recognized the pattern, and by truncating the head and tail, this is what is left: 753dRe148axXmcD\_u5

Luckily, this string checks the first test, meaning that it should be the correct password!

# Capture the flag

Visiting http://challenge01.root-me.org/web-client/ch15/753dRe148axXmcD\_u5.php gave us a blank page, but it also mean that the file is there (or there will be a 404 error). Hence, 753dRe148axXmcD\_u5 must be the

password and we captured the flag!



### Counter measures

The most evident and effective counter measure for this "attack" is NEVER put sensitive code in the public. Verification of the password should be done on the server side, and we should use a encryption method to transfer data.

If we think about the question: Why would anyone obfuscate their code that is given to others? It may deter some attacks, but if the attacker is determined, it is always reversable. All it does is to make reverse engineering harder.

We also found out that obfuscation is commonly used in malware, to evade detection from antivirus programs, and to hide vulnerabilities that it exploits.

In conclusion, avoid situations where code obfuscation is necessary, but if it's unavoidable, aim to make the process more challenging.