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Walkthrough

This file contains the walkthrough for the challenge Free Drinks.

This challenge requires the participants to analyze the program and find out how to bypass the authentication and have the program to decrypt the flag. The original logic for this challenge is relatively simple, but is made far more sophisticated by compiling the program with movfuscator. The program looks like this in a disassembler:

```
[X] Disassembly
  54690: entry0 (struct sigaction *act, struct sigaction *oldact);
             ; arg struct sigaction *act
               arg struct sigaction *oldact
                                              mov dword [0x84011b0], esp
mov esp, dword [0x84011a0]
                              8925b0114008
                                                                                 [0x84011b0:4]=0 ; [09] -r-x section size 54690 named
                              8b25a0114008
                                                                                 [0x84011a0:4]=0x86011f0
                                              mov esp,
                              8ba42498ff
                                              mov esp,
                                                              [esp - 0x200068]
                              8ba42498ff
                                                              [esp - 0x200068]
                                              mov esp,
                                                               [esp - 0x200068
                              8ba42498ff
                                              mov esp,
                              8ba42498ff
                                              mov esp,
                                                              [esp - 0x200068
                              c704240b0
                                              mov dword
                                                         [esp], 0xb
                                                                            ; [0xb:4]=-1 ; 11 ; int signum
                                                         [act], 0x8601254
[oldact], 0
                              c744240454
                                                                              ; [0x8601254:4]=0x8049050 ; const struct sigaction *act
                                              mov dword
                              c74424080
                                              mov dword
                                                                               struct sigaction *oldact
                                                                            ;[1] ; int sigaction(int signum, const struct sigaction *a
                              e890ffffff
                              8b25a0114008
                                              mov esp,
                                                              [0x84011a0]
                                                                                [0x84011a0:4]=0x86011f0
                              8ba42498ff.
                                                               [esp - 0x200068]
                                              mov esp,
                                                               [esp - 0x200068]
                              8ba42498ff
                                              mov esp,
                              8ba42498ff.
                                              mov esp,
                                                              [esp - 0x200068]
                              c70424040
                                              mov dword
                                                         [esp], 4
                                                                            ; int signum
                              c7442404e0.
                                                         [act], 0x86012e0
                                                                              ; [0x86012e0:4]=0x80490d7 ; const struct sigaction *act
                                              mov dword
                              c7442408
                                                               t], 0
                                              mov dword
                                                                               struct sigaction *oldact
                              e859ffffff
                                                                            ;[1] ; int sigaction(int signum, const struct sigaction *a
                              8b25a0114008
                                              mov esp,
                                                              [0x84011a0]
                                                                                [0x84011a0:4]=0x86011f0
                              a1cc114008
                                                               [0x84011cc]
                                                                                 [0x84011cc:4]=1
                                              mov eax,
                              8b0485c011.
                                                               [eax*4 + 0x84011c0]
                                              mov eax,
                                                         [eax], 1
                                              mov dword
                                                         [0x84011cc], 0
dword [0x84011b0]
                              c705cc1140
                                              mov dword
                                                                              [0x84011cc:4]=1
                              a1b0114008
                                              mov eax,
                                                                              ; [0x84011b0:4]=0
                                              mov edx,
                              a360102008
                                              mov dword [0x8201060], eax
                                                                                 [0x8201060:4]=0
                                                                                 0x8201064:4]=0
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Similar to past movfuscator challenges as seen in other CTF events, participants will need to use tools like demovfuscator and employ other static and dynamic analysis techniques to find out how this program works and where to patch to bypass the authentication so the program could proceed to decrypt the flag. The authentication algorithm can be expressed as:

```
username_hash = djb2(username)
password_hash = djb2(password)
valid ⇔ (username_hash = 967993393) ∧ (password_hash = 2248063266)
```

Basically, it checks if the djb2 hash, with a non-standard of 7741, of the username and password matches the set of preset values. The following credentials were used to generate the preset numbers:

- Username: Lom Tevasseur
- Password: Ihopewegetmoresponsorsnextyear

While it is possible for the participants to brute-force a set of credentials that will produce the same djb2 hashes, it is far too time-consuming. This challenge is purposefully made easier by ensuring that the flag decryption process does not require the correct username and password to be provided. In other words, the

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participants can simply patch the corresponding assembly of the following if-statement to bypass the authentication and make the program decrypt the flag:

```
if (username_hash == expected_username_hash && password_hash ==
expected_password_hash) {
```

The flag, after decryption, will be flag{who_DOeSNT_LiKE_a_FREE_NegRonI}.