

Cryptohorrific



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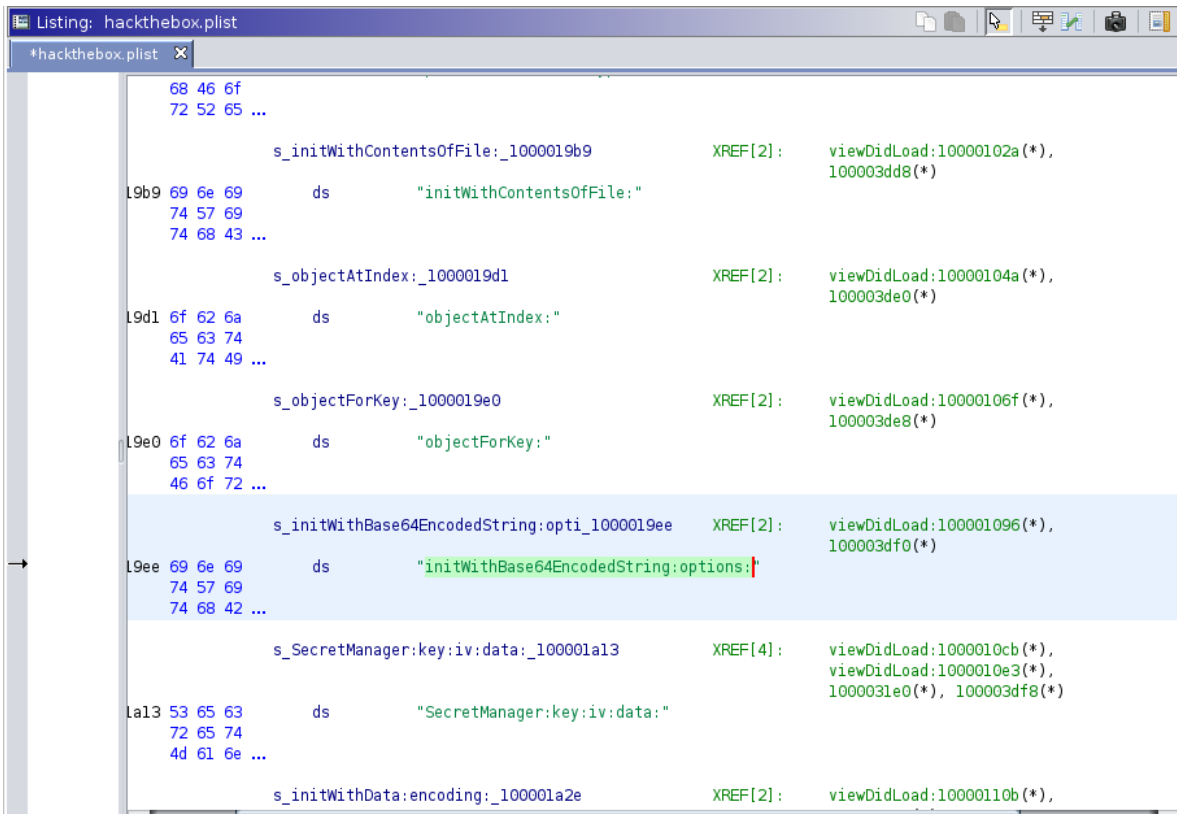
1. Change extension file (challenge) .plist to .xml with plistutils and see the content. Query: `plistutils -i challenge.plist -o challenge.xml`

```
kali@kali:~/Downloads/hackthebox.app$ ls -la
total 72
drwxr-xr-x 4 kali kali 4096 May 3 2018 .
drwxr-xr-x 5 kali kali 4096 Aug 6 05:49 ..
drwxr-xr-x 4 kali kali 4096 May 3 2018 Base.lproj
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 185 May 3 2018 challenge.plist
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 May 3 2018 _CodeSignature
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 32352 May 3 2018 hackthebox
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 9793 May 3 2018 htb-company.png
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 1132 May 3 2018 Info.plist
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 8 May 3 2018 PkgInfo
kali@kali:~/Downloads/hackthebox.app$ plistutil -i challenge.plist -o read2.xml
kali@kali:~/Downloads/hackthebox.app$ cat read2.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>flag</key>
    <string>Tq+CWzQS0wYzs2rJ+GNrPLP6qekDbwze6fIeRRwBK2WXH0hba7WR20GNUFKoAvyW7njTCMlQzlwIRdJvaP2iYQ==</string>
    <key>id</key>
    <string>123</string>
    <key>title</key>
    <string>HackTheBoxIsCool</string>
  </dict>
</array>
</plist>
```

2. Analyze the content file (We got the flag encoded) and some possible GCM tags

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>flag</key>
    <string>Tq+CWzQS0wYzs2rJ+GNrPLP6qekDbwze6fIeRRwBK2WXH0hba7WR20GNUFKoAvyW7njTCMlQzlwIRdJvaP2iYQ==</string>
    <key>id</key>
    <string>123</string>
    <key>title</key>
    <string>HackTheBoxIsCool</string>
  </dict>
</array>
</plist>
```

3. After analyzing the decompiled code application (hackthebox) we see an interested function (initWithBase64EncodedString)! This is meaning our flag is encoded in base64



```
Listing: hackthebox.plist
*hackthebox.plist x

68 46 6f ...
72 52 65 ...

s_initWithContentsOfFile:_1000019b9 XREF[2]: viewDidLoad:10000102a(*),
19b9 69 6e 69 ds "initWithContentsOfFile:" 100003dd8(*)
74 57 69
74 68 43 ...

s_objectAtIndex:_1000019d1 XREF[2]: viewDidLoad:10000104a(*),
19d1 6f 62 6a ds "objectAtIndex:" 100003de0(*)
65 63 74
41 74 49 ...

s_objectForKey:_1000019e0 XREF[2]: viewDidLoad:10000106f(*),
19e0 6f 62 6a ds "objectForKey:" 100003de8(*)
65 63 74
46 6f 72 ...

s_initWithBase64EncodedString:opti_1000019ee XREF[2]: viewDidLoad:100001096(*),
19ee 69 6e 69 ds "initWithBase64EncodedString:options:" 100003df0(*)
74 57 69
74 68 42 ...

s_SecretManager:key:iv:data:_100001a13 XREF[4]: viewDidLoad:1000010cb(*),
1a13 53 65 63 ds "SecretManager:key:iv:data:" viewDidLoad:1000010e3(*),
72 65 74 1000031e0(*), 100003df8(*)
4d 61 6e ...

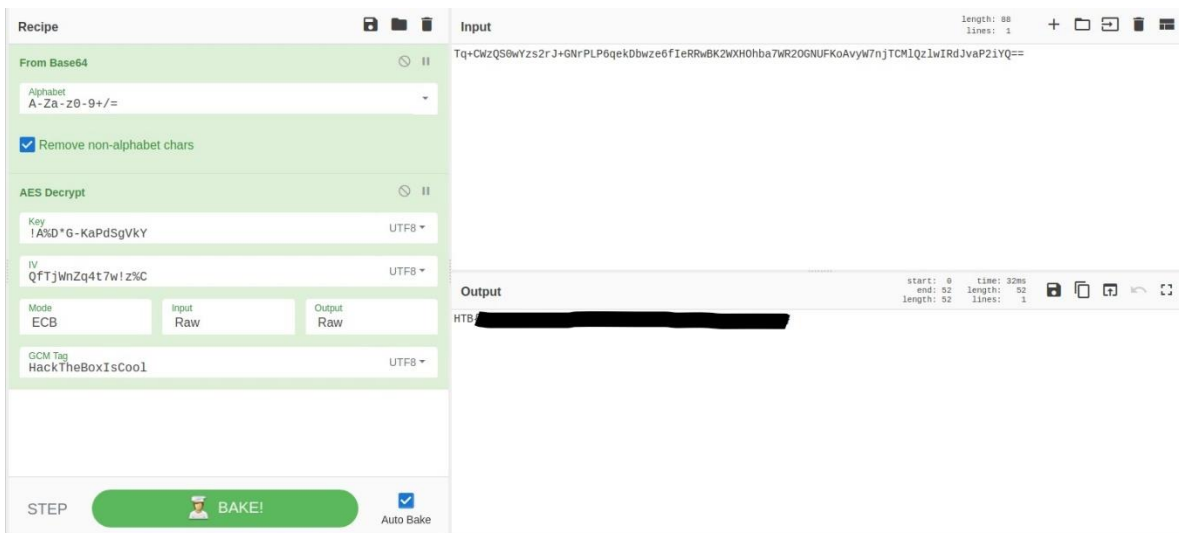
s_initWithData:encoding:_100001a2e XREF[2]: viewDidLoad:10000110b(*),
```

4. If you search more in the decompiled code we see two interested strings, probably one is the key and iv in aes encryption



```
//  
// __cstring  
// __TEXT  
// ram: 1000024cb-10000257b  
//  
1000024cb 21 41 25 s_!A%D*G-KaPdSgVky_1000024cb XREF[1]: 1000030a8(*)  
44 2a 47 ds " !A%D*G-KaPdSgVky"  
2d 4b 61 ...  
  
1000024dc 51 66 54 s_QfTjWnZq4t7w!z%C_1000024dc XREF[1]: 1000030c8(*)  
6a 57 6e ds "QfTjWnZq4t7w!z%C"  
5a 71 34 ...
```

5. Go to cyberchef, decode and decrypt the flag!




Recipe

- From Base64
 - Alphabet: A-Za-z0-9+/=
 - ☒ Remove non-alphabet chars
- AES Decrypt
 - Key: !A%D*G-KaPdSgVky (UTF8)
 - IV: QfTjWnZq4t7w!z%C (UTF8)
 - Mode: ECB | Input: Raw | Output: Raw
 - GCM Tag: HackTheBoxIsCool (UTF8)

Input (length: 88, lines: 1)
Tq+CwzQ\$0wYz\$2rJ+GNrPLP6qekDbwze6fIeRRwBK2W0H0hba7wR20GnUFkoAvyW7njTCM1Qz1w1RdJvaP21YQ==

Output (start: 0, end: 52, length: 52, time: 32ms, lines: 1)
HTB: [REDACTED]

STEP  ☒ Auto Bake