Stage 1

Opening up the zip file and trying to extract it will yield you a nice password prompt, which means we really have to crack the password for this zip file.

Thankfully, the question text has provided and narrowed down the list of passwords to a decent size, so we first generate the password list based on the rules provided:

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
with open('pwlist.txt', 'w+') as f:
  for i in range(0, 0xfffffff + 1):
    f.write('{:06x}\n'.format(i))
```

From there, we can use zip2john to get the password:

```
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ sudo zip2john b1ed57b7cf34d91e7dd1301597ff9101.zip > ./hash.txt; xxd ./hash.txt | head ver 2.0 b1ed57b7cf34d91e7dd1301597ff9101.zip/temp.mess PKZIP Encr: cmplen=89166, decmplen=155774, crc=5FA60D93 00000000: 6231 6564 3537 6237 6366 3334 6439 3165 b1ed57b7cf34d91e 0000010: 3764 6431 3330 3135 3937 6666 3931 3031 7dd1301597ff9101 0000020: 2e7a 6970 2f74 656d 702e 6d65 7373 3a24 .zip/temp.mess:$ 0000030: 706b 7a69 7032 2431 2a31 2a32 2a30 2a31 pkzip2$1*1*2*0*1 0000040: 3563 3465 2a32 3630 3765 2a35 6661 3630 5c4e*2607e*5fa60 00000050: 6439 332a 302a 3237 2a38 2a31 3563 3465 d93*0*27*8*15c4e 00000060: 2a35 6661 362a 3962 3430 2a31 3433 3563 *5fa6*9b40*1435c 00000070: 6361 3233 3530 3730 6333 3533 3365 3238 ca235070c3533a28 00000080: 3965 3731 6331 3639 3963 6239 3863 6161 9e71c1699cb98caa 00000090: 3262 3937 3566 3038 3530 3766 3931 3064 2b975f08507f910d
```

Then we use john to crack the password itself with the wordlist we made:

```
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ sudo john --wordlist=pwlist.txt ./hash.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (PKZIP [32/64])
No password hashes left to crack (see FAQ)
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ sudo john --show ./hash.txt
b1ed57b7cf34d91e7dd1301597ff9101.zip/temp.mess:362459:temp.mess:b1ed57b7cf34d91e7d
d1301597ff9101.zip::b1ed57b7cf34d91e7dd1301597ff9101.zip
1 password hash cracked, 0 left
```

We can finally unzip the encrypted file with the password 362459, only to find that it is a mess.

```
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ unzip b1ed57b7cf34d91e7dd1301597ff9101.zip
Archive: b1ed57b7cf34d91e7dd1301597ff9101.zip
[b1ed57b7cf34d91e7dd1301597ff9101.zip] temp.mess password:
(line too long--try again)
[b1ed57b7cf34d91e7dd1301597ff9101.zip] temp.mess password:
replace temp.mess? [y]es, [n]o, [A]ll, [N]one, [r]ename: y
  inflating: temp.mess
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ file temp.mess
temp.mess: ASCII text, with very long lines, with no line terminators
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ xxd temp.mess | head
00000000: 3166 3862 3038 3030 3439 3937 3261 3566 1f8b080049972a5f
00000010: 3032 6666 3030 3037 3430 6638 6266 6664 02ff000740f8bffd
00000020: 3337 3761 3538 3561 3030 3030 3034 6536 377a585a000004e6
00000030: 6436 6234 3436 3032 3030 3231 3031 3136 d6b4460200210116
00000040: 3030 3030 3030 3734 3266 6535 6133 6531 000000742fe5a3e1
00000050: 6365 3364 6566 6665 3564 3030 3333 3139 ce3deffe5d003319
00000060: 3032 3631 6533 3666 6635 3662 6534 3066 0261e36ff56be40f
00000070: 3932 6637 6437 3831 3830 6361 6331 3431 92f7d78180cac141
00000080: 6633 6335 6131 3833 3832 3239 3136 3465 f3c5a1838229164e
00000090: 3037 6138 6539 3732 6638 3962 3966 6639 07a8e972f89b9ff9
```

From the file, we can see they probably use hex to encode the file, which means we have to unhexlify it and store it as a binary.

```
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ xxd -r -p temp.mess > 0
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ file 0
0: gzip compressed data, last modified: Wed Aug 5 11:26:01 2020, max compression, original size modulo 2^32 77844
```

Unfortunately, it appears that the challenge creator has decided to use tons of compression libraries to obfuscate the final file.

After many hours of trying, I have decided to install pigz to handle zlib files, and just running a python script to handle ripping apart the data (the source code for rip.py is at stage1/rip.py)

```
kali@kali:~/Downloads/tisc1new$ python3 rip.py 0
0 is a gzip file
1 is a XZ file
2 is a hex ASCII file
3 is a XZ file
4 is a zlib file
5 is a bzip file
6 is a gzip file
7 is a gzip file
8 is a gzip file
9 is a hex ASCII file
...
152 is a hex ASCII file
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153 is a zlib file
154 is a base 64 ASCII file
155 is a gzip file
156 is a zlib file
Could not decode: JSON
JSON data

kali@kali:~/Downloads/tisc1new$ ls 15*
150 152 154 155 157
kali@kali:~/Downloads/tisc1new$ cat 157
{"anoroc": "v1.320", "secret": "TISC20{q1_9ae08ad36fa3b76e9716fa22616ef610}",
"desc": "Submit this.secret to the TISC grader to complete challenge",
"constants": [1116352408, 1899447441, 3049323471, 3921009573, 961987163,
1508970993, 2453635748, 2870763221], "sign":
"j8QhSantw08"}kali@kali:~/Downloads/tisc1new$
```

Then finally I just submit the secret to the connection and volia! The flag is there:

```
kali@kali:~/Downloads/tisc1new$ nc fqybysahpvift1nqtwywevlr7n50zdzp.ctf.sg 31081
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CSIT's The Infosecurity Challenge 2020
https://play.tisc.csit-events.sg/
CHALLENGE 1: What is this thing?
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SUBMISSION TOKEN? SPBcjgOrbENajUzGKexGlcNTDYbUHwbDjMDVyTZBsTGDnPrOJgUIIVZpktlbeJjE
We noticed unusually network activity around the time that the user reported being
ransomware-d.
There were files being sent and recieved, some of which we were unable to inspect.
Could you try to decode this?
Reminder! SAVE ANY CODE YOU WROTE / TAKE SCREENSHOTS OF YOUR WORK, THIS WILL NEED
TO BE SUBMITTED IN YOUR WRITEUP!
CLARITY OF DOCUMENTATION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER EVALUATION OF YOUR WRITEUP.
The file is hosted at
http://fqybysahpvift1nqtwywevlr7n50zdzp.ctf.sg:31080/b1ed57b7cf34d91e7dd1301597ff9
101.zip .
```

Flag? TISC20{q1_9ae08ad36fa3b76e9716fa22616ef610}

Reminder! SAVE ANY CODE YOU WROTE / TAKE SCREENSHOTS OF YOUR WORK, THIS WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED IN YOUR WRITEUP!

Winner Winner Vegan Dinner 🤌 🏠 📆 🥎

{"submission":"failed","error":"Already solved!"}kali@kali:~/Downloads/tisc1new\$