Filename: anime.7z

Size: 2.6 MB

**Type:** 7-zip archive data

MD5: 9bb8ac526d789fc811beba9067b25b64

SHA1: c6f41818db02eb995a1f1acbce5e6a9a63207c92

SHA256: a113ac59d3b1c8856a0afd2dee94be1d7669fcf0bf1f819633a980084cddcc72

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#### **Extracted File:**

• Filename: findme

• **Size:** 2.7 MB

• Type: SQLite 3.x database

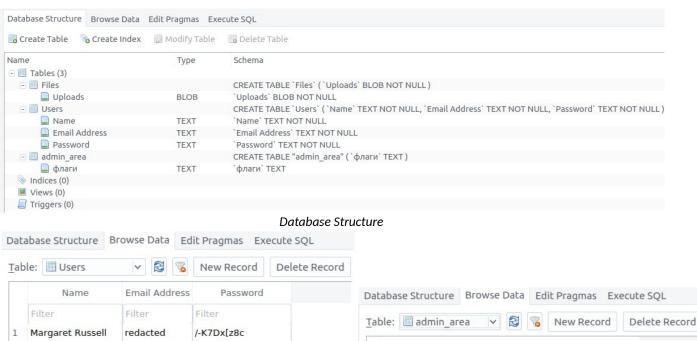
MD5: ac36baf8bf43fde58498ddc2161b0213

SHA1: 5db2cc25513a3f771f1595b287f151fe15c95aeb

SHA256: a13ba0c4c6b8a8c8eeec06ef3a8b458003577c8f3cfc36d7a2482be68bf08316

• Header: 53 51 4C 69 74 65 20 66 6F 72 6D 61 74 20 33 00 (16 bytes, SQLite)

#### **Database**



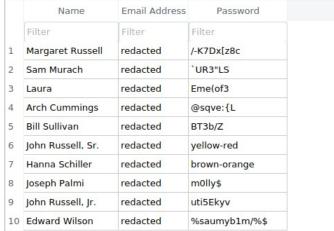
флаги

3 sometimes gifs taste better with hash, tumble dry

1 forwards == backwards

4 steam dry, hmmmm pastie

2 it's all in the past







## **Exported Image:**



#### **EXIF Data**

• File Type: JPEG

• File Type Extension: jpg

• MIME Type: image/jpeg

• Processing Software: pyExifToolGui 0.5

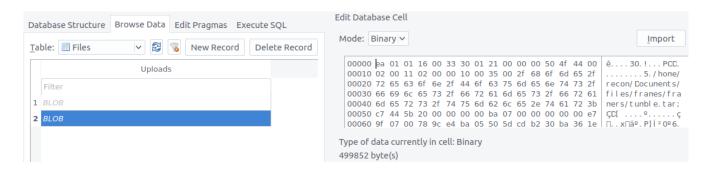
Copyright: reconctf2018

• ELA (Error Level Analysis) Max difference: 17 !!! (Possible Steganography)

**Difference hashing** 349b93f586a6f1cf **Average hashing** 00005910777f3f2f

#### Perception hashing 80781bd4368ae7f9

#### Second File



MD5: 12f895c210b4772b7811d088df64a142

SHA1: 15dc5b6b8cc424e907907c4bc6c2d760de5b8e82

SHA256: 1fa1f3e9b4fcb940323545925611de3b2f178e383a19a70df8b5b94b63c90eb3

**Size:** 489K

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Type: Data (File Magic Fails Us)

TrID: PEA compressed archive (v1.x)\*\* Requires PeaZip to extract

#### **Extracted File**

Filename: tumble.tar

MD5: 6b92a7b4e8c185275cd2e96da1755a19

**SHA1:** a9a860683cbeff1317c70e82053ca5ab4265d5d3

SHA256: e92dbdcf88b9493d8005dae89a6ccdf41511479eb9625b5d14d2533ca3d353dc

**Size:** 495K

#### Extracted File(s)

Filename: recon.jpg

MD5: 41ae8937a9529905db209e486c06f9fd

**SHA1:** e0663d48ace1c8cba05098db00dc7cea6e67a94f

**SHA256:** 5d78a3055aa3d37311b2e485e2759083ba484158e3944243761102a9e1c160d7

First Submission to VT: 2018-11-04 22:28:21

Size: 18K

Filename: tumble.gif

MD5: 495695b3b9dc7949ac972687d0b9ee84

SHA1: 4c2bc05657fd0426c54133573ced12324958b3e4

SHA256: e0d5b477844fbc50b35b3efb9e87c5aeb0df8eaa424916ab1562a12954d9fec8

First Submission to VT: 2018-11-04 22:08:27

**Size:** 474K

# recon.jpg



# EXIF Data:

• File Type: JPEG

File Type Extension: jpgMIME Type: image/jpeg

• Processing Software: pyExifToolGui 0.5

• Artist: sparkly - sheep - chaos

# tumble.gif

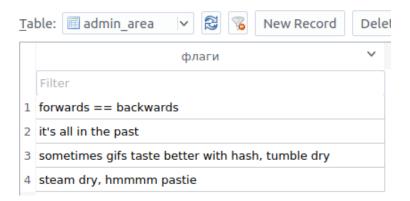
File is an animated gif, here are the extracted frames:
• (extract frames with: convert -coalesce tumble.gif tumble\_%d.png)



Let's solve this ish...

Looking at the database within the initial archive, we see an interesting table "admin\_area"

флаги (Russian) == flags (English)



Judging by the name of the table, it's possible these are clues related to the flags. (protip: they are)

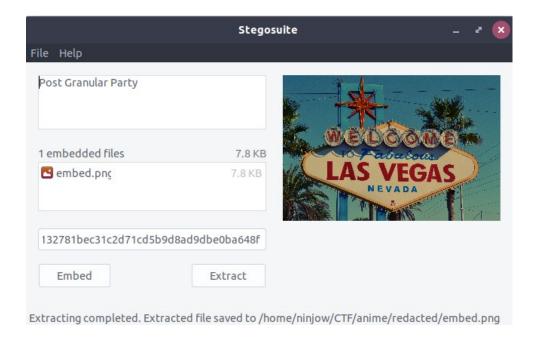
#### **Flag #1:** "forwards == backwards"

When we initially looked at the image exported from the database, it was apparent there was possible steganography at play (*ELA* (*Error Level Analysis*) Max difference: 17). If we look at the EXIF, we can see it was more than likely modified (who would do that?), "Processing Software: pyExifToolGui 0.5".; we can assume something useful has been added. Oh look, "*Copyright: reconctf2018*"...

Hmm, what could one do to manipulate that string? Let's try SHA256!

```
→ ~ echo -n reconctf2018 | sha256sum
9f037becae938906c301b05672a8132781bec31c2d71cd5b9d8ad9dbe0ba648f -
```

Using stegosuite (https://stegosuite.org/), we can see if our hunch is correct:



#### Hooray!

#### Embedded file:

**Filename:** embed.png

MD5: 6a9eb1b1d958578cc011289a681fd5f6

**SHA1:** fc0df19e88e4506253c35293c8915ca6c4f5c104

SHA256: 75fda198429097f615753eca8a1890a749a874b60433d1642ef82a799ae95cdb

Type: PNG image data

```
0x3d 0x3d 0x51 0x5a 0x6b 0x35 0x53 0x59 0x30 0x39 0x6d 0x62 0x68 0x52 0x58 0x64 0x30 0x42 0x45 0x62 0x73 0x56 0x32 0x63 0x7a 0x56 0x6e 0x63 0x75 0x51 0x58 0x5a 0x79 0x46 0x32 0x5a 0x79 0x46 0x57 0x62
```

The HEX string (minus 0x) from the image (yes I made you type it manually) is:

3d3d515a6b35535930396d626852586430424562735632637a566e637551585a7946325a79465762

Since we already used hash sum string manipulation, guessing someone chose to use base64 next:

echo -n

3d3d515a6b35535930396d626852586430424562735632637a566e637551585a7946325a79465762 | xxd -r -p | grep -v %

And the hint is something something reverse:

echo -n '==QZk5SY09mbhRXd0BEbsV2czVncuQXZyF2ZyFWb' | rev | grep -v % | base64 -decode

```
→ redacted echo -n '==QZk5SY09mbhRXd0BEbsV2czVncuQXZyF2ZyFWb' | rev | grep -v % | base64 --decode margaret.russell@tutanota.de%
```

Oooh an email address: margaret.russell@tutanota.de

I wonder if they use PGP? If we look at the message from the stegosuite export, we saw:

"Post Granular Party" == PGP



https://pgp.key-server.io/search/margaret.russell@tutanota.de

## Get: 0xDFE105BC7184B7E2

----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

Version: SKS 1.1.6+

Comment: Hostname: pgp.key-server.io

mQENBFtBNl4BCACUXvHyF7GbpVD7kzFm/eqmNxucuw2Rc5rvoYFPPuoZidqfhk8vQQl3rP4t p70/wx0Cl+FHvy9iXEHqpe8q6kv4McvkMwZhNONkEJpPm26/LbSP/72N0/F08sKflusZvnJL EMzFeAtwmw3z9BVdRt5BW2bMzL49tCvduQY7L0d3QgsesbjeUGGR9FCCBt3NlwHAQNi2PzYD NsfGqU19JP07Ca0Vc+DN87aBa2uo28WU6kFfco2bqagj08grPvVsUiCHIYMb1QjyU10m8aGB 5G656APJ6pLLcvkTZz7IRtzPbob2rSHtTq7SPcjBTLr4Pr0R8KInpJbEy/y31u2toCqnABEB AAGOJUNsb3ZlciA8bWFyZ2FyZXQucnVzc2VsbEB0dXRhbm90YS5kZT6JAU0EEwEIADcWIOTN E0VBmtwpU0/MxuPf40W8cYS34qUCW0E2XqIbAwULCQqHAqYVCqkICwIDFqIBAh4BAheAAAoJ EN/hBbxxhLfiEGUH/26qxQ8hai0V4q4o4GPvlmF/hqB8sCWHl7tk2/uPtFnYh0D7lrswLpBE Ga+iFp30/y03TTSc2p30DvuI+zedT69qc77+rYUefwNvCeDUW09uNrGnH2id0CNqIGBZSZ4c vwwqV3BUaN0AM82udvb5QJvo0UsDyY2KQSNR0DdXJ/99EvBSg2dGd+/4u0L+u7hGnrxVR3oI YvCx4u2lVUvKswn8X3z4nYroS2SxzPIPDpcqdAxtVH1VPQGKmxArR//nhyGfETvoenLPK28M gMtETR/u2DVnm2Q8EuG9IL5lvUI/Ti11wUfXphBxisGDeZlrHQeT60UcIxJk6UFe43IF+Pi5 AQ0EW0E2XgEIAMpX5a1ugve1ncdIY039Mn9HjwY/BFL+cIo+xZYE/VtryIxXgjy930G0031a FpGGvOLGxcLKXni7/RGNkUaXNT50nKN/okva4DEwMnAkel6YbNqKpJdeXiGf+77BxoL8++gg /3qp9YHctoV5Mb/mGouujuiq0LAe2WW1emMuW70nS7F8vbbEB1Mij+rU3+A8ktPAKVlMEeXH nB6vMqKY//b+iR8I+0YCKNw8G4HTR0cuA572inD3X70M6NeMpo768HYnzdwUWR0W076AY0i1 tRWGJDBapOnwh3oPg7ee+hQUNgvsdjBaDdVuZRvLJJbHwGxc/Oa4LOAaSB56GtQta4EAEQEA AYkBNgQYAQgAIBYhBM0TRUGa3ClTT8zG49/hBbxxhLfiBQJbQTZeAhsMAAoJEN/hBbxxhLfi n28IAI5vaQgx6+AM89g1hoJX/Jrfjtji/LaiNLj+GEPMkNxgeCTQo7IJexswieoNoj5g/UnF /AKIRmiPlYIrr8rF/7mh8+G7Nnfi4+p/ldU3850t9zaRmQty7g4A3bzTRdtwxCT8C4dAu6tj 5KblJM4B0iWih+1JcRmFiZKmK6Iri+zBVuUs8WgSL5ImP5ZyrSpJ/dqWB406RgMAbNMcnxmc 42hf7vczkWwt17+Svp0STNS0dz5TH/NvC6fGmc+SR5xBULYrKHNKd+BMjRqRwIHoNJCehDta 4vmOnO3+19Z30DVFbEtEVkgHEBjIS5PIAHv3nxc7vivAF57CakEdwzPAnfs=

----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

https://pgp.key-server.io/pks/lookup?op=get&search=0xDFE105BC7184B7E2

If you search for the key ID, you would have found flag #1:

# flag:{1} - Pastebin.com

0xdfe105bc7184b7e2. RAW Paste Data. We use cookies for various purposes including analytics. By continuing to use Pastebin, you agree to our use of cookies as described in the Cookies Policy, OK, I Understand, create new paste / deals new! / api ...

mpastebin.com/xGK9c2YX

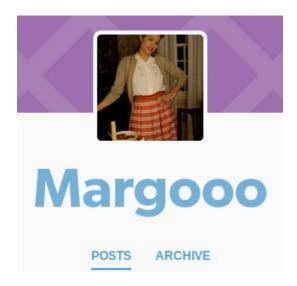


Flag #2: "it's all in the past"

Using the email address from flag #1, you would have come across a Tumblr account (protip: flag #3 would have also given you the pivot to Tumblr)

Looking the Tumblr account up by email address (requires an account) would have led you to:

• margaretclover.tumblr.com



The hint we were given was related to the paste...Now what web service keeps track of pages from the past?

Looks like someone may have deleted a post (flag #2):



https://web.archive.org/web/20180802134854/https://margaretclover.tumblr.com/post/176553424626/this-cant-get-out

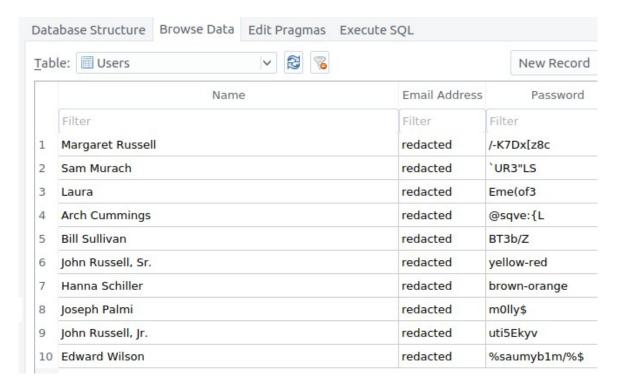
https://pastebin.com/8yNA43wd

"How\_can\_you\_have\_a\_covert\_organization\_if\_you\_have\_people\_looking\_over\_your\_shoulder"

Flag #3: "sometimes gifs taste better with hash, tumble dry"

There are two ways to solve Flag #3

# #1 One of the passwords in the table is not like the others:



- saumyb1m
- inurl:pastebin "saumyb1m"
- "Thepriceofgreatnessisresponsibility"

# flag:{3} - Pastebin.com

https://pastebin.com/saumyb1m ▼

a guest Aug 2nd, 2018 118 Never. Not a member of Pastebin yet? Sign Up, it unlocks many cool features! rawdownloadcloneembedreportprint text 0.16 KB.

If we take each frame out of the gif, we find an email address in the last image:



edward.wilson66@tutanota.com

There's also a hint in the EXIF: "Artist: sparkly - sheep - chaos"

If we reference the hint "tumble dry" we can assume it's related to a Tumblr account; it is!

sparklysheepchaos.tumblr.com (this will be useful later)



Taking the email address, let's apply a SHA512:

→ redacted echo -n edward.wilson66@tutanota.com | sha512sum
3af869dcea82d29cb6f1c37df14e46d892cd8316bb37f1aa44990da2f03b6ad64ab9d2119a775a2d746599c4d237e9924a9106
d11b8c110b838c99615fe24083 -

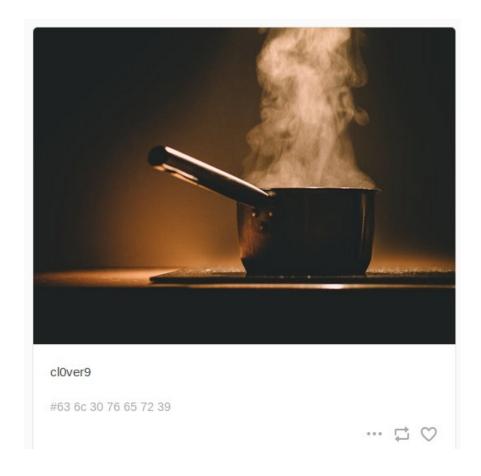
Searching for the string, we also find the flag:

https://pastebin.com/GpRrcvq9 "The price of greatness is responsibility."

Flag #4: "steam dry, hmmmm pastie"

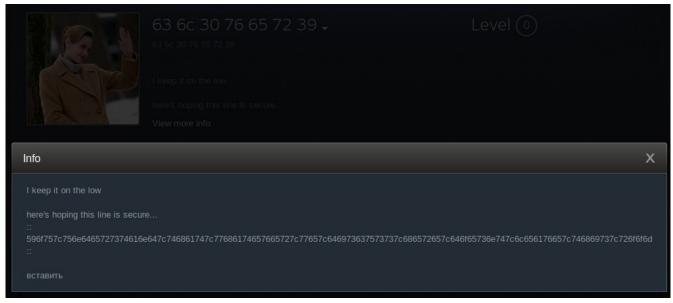
Going back to the Tumblr account discovered previously, we get a hint related to a Steam account:

https://margaretclover.tumblr.com/ (cl0ver9)



## https://steamcommunity.com/id/cl0ver9/





## I keep it on the low

here's hoping this line is secure...

::

596f757c756e6465727374616e647c746861747c77686174657665727c77657c646973637573737c686 572657c646f65736e747c6c656176657c746869737c726f6f6d

::

#### вставить

596f757c756e6465727374616e647c746861747c77686174657665727c77657c646973637573737c686 572657c646f65736e747c6c656176657c746869737c726f6f6d

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'You | understand | that | whatever | we | discuss | here | doesnt | leave | this | room'

#### Created using:

echo -n 'You|understand|that|whatever|we|discuss|here|doesnt|leave|this|room' | od -A n -t x1

## https://pastebin.com/4iccyRGp

