

CTF Quest

Challenge Name: Docker Layer Leak

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Challenge Overview

An internal build artifact named image.tar was provided. The description suggested sensitive data was removed but might still exist inside the file.

Step 1 – Extract Archive

The archive was extracted using tar -xf image.tar to reveal Docker image layers.

Step 2 – Inspect Layers

Each directory contained a layer.tar file representing filesystem changes in Docker.

Step 3 – Search for Flag

A recursive search was performed to find any flag-related files.

Step 4 – Whiteout Discovery

A file named .wh.flag.txt was discovered, indicating deletion of flag.txt in a newer layer.

Step 5 – Recover Flag

The original flag.txt was located in an earlier layer and contained the hidden data.

Final Flag

SECE{layers_never_forget}

Conclusion

Docker images retain data in previous layers. Deleted files may still be recovered from older layers.