

# The Game of Bandit

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## Level 0: Entering the Game!

```
C:\Users\Ashique>ssh bandit0@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```



```
This is an OverTheWire game server.  
More information on http://www.overthewire.org/wargames
```

```
bandit0@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:
```



```
Welcome to OverTheWire!
```

The Password was *bandit0* provided on the website

Username: [bandit0@bandit.labs.overthewire.org](ssh://bandit0@bandit.labs.overthewire.org)

Port: 2220

## Level 0-1: First Steps

```
bandit0@bandit~$ ls
readme
bandit0@bandit~$ cat readme
Congratulations on your first steps into the bandit game!!
Please make sure you have read the rules at https://overthewire.org/rules/
If you are following a course, workshop, walkthrough or other educational activity,
please inform the instructor about the rules as well and encourage them to
contribute to the OverTheWire community so we can keep these games free!
```

The password you are looking for is: ZjLjTmM6FvvyRnrb2rfNWOZOTa6ip5lf

```
bandit0@bandit~$ |
```

The password was found in the "readme" file

## Level 1-2: Capturing Password from the (-) Dash filename

```
bandit1@bandit~$ ls
-
bandit1@bandit~$ cat ./
263JGPfgU6LtdEvgfWU1XP5yac29mFx
bandit1@bandit~$ |
```

## Level 2-3: -spaces in this filename-

```
bandit2@bandit~$ ls
--spaces in this filename--
bandit2@bandit~$ cat "./--spaces in this filename--"
MNk8KNH3Usiio41PRUEoDFPqfxLPlSmx
bandit2@bandit~$ |
```

### Level 3-4: Hidden file in the inhere directory

```
bandit3@bandit~$ ls  
inhere  
bandit3@bandit~$ cd inhere  
bandit3@bandit~/inhere$ ls -sl  
total 0  
bandit3@bandit~/inhere$ ls -al  
total 12  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 28 19:03 .  
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jul 28 19:03 ..  
-rw-r----- 1 bandit4 bandit3 33 Jul 28 19:03 ...Hiding-From-You  
bandit3@bandit~/inhere$ cat "./...Hiding-From-You"  
2WmrDFRmJlq3IPxneAaMGhap0pFhF3NJ  
bandit3@bandit~/inhere$ |
```

### Level 4-5: Only human-readable file in the inhere directory

```
bandit4@bandit~$ ls
inhere
bandit4@bandit~$ cd inhere
bandit4@bandit~/inhere$ ls -al
total 48
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 28 19:03 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jul 28 19:03 ..
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file00
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file01
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file02
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file03
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file04
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file05
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file06
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file07
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file08
-rw-r---- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Jul 28 19:03 -file09
bandit4@bandit~/inhere$ cat ./-file07
4oQYVPkxZOOEOO5pTW81FB8j8lxXGUQw
bandit4@bandit~/inhere$ |
```

## Level 5-6: Hidden in the inhere directory with some properties

```
bandit5@bandit~/inhere$ find ./maybehere17 -type f -size 32c
bandit5@bandit~/inhere$ find ./maybehere18 -type f -size 32c
bandit5@bandit~/inhere$ find ./maybehere19 -type f -size 32c
bandit5@bandit~/inhere$ find . -type f -exec grep -Eo '\b[a-zA-Z0-9]{32}\b' {} \;
HWasnPhtq9AVKe0dmk45nxy20cvUa6EG
bandit5@bandit~/inhere$ |
```

Code Explanation:

`find . -type f` = Find files only, not directories

`-exec grep -Eo '\b. . . . .\b' {} \;` = Execute Command

`grep -Eo '\b[a-zA-Z0-9]{32}\b' {} \;` = the command is finding the files that contain capital and small letters, also all decimal numbers.

```
{32} = The Password of the file will only be 32 characters, noticed earlier
```

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\b'{}\'; = Executable closing clause
```

## Level 6-7: somewhere on the server with properties

```
bandit6@bandit~$ find / -user bandit7 -group bandit6  
find: '/sys/kernel/tracing': Permission denied  
find: '/sys/kernel/debug': Permission denied  
find: '/sys/fs/pstore': Permission denied  
find: '/sys/fs/bpf': Permission denied
```

The properties were:

```
owned by user bandit7  
owned by group bandit6  
33 bytes in size
```

Note: I just noticed that it is 33 bytes in size, so if I add “**-size 33c**” with the command, then it could have found me the exact file.

```
find: '/home/bandit31-git': Permission denied  
bandit6@bandit~$ cat /var/lib/dpkg/info/bandit7.password  
morbNTDKSW6jllUc0ymOdMaLnOlFVAaj  
bandit6@bandit~$ |
```

Found the password.

## Level 7-8: data.txt next to the word millionth

```
bandit7@bandit~$ grep -i millionth data.txt  
millionth dfwvzFQi4mU0wfNbFOe9RoWskMLg7eEc  
bandit7@bandit~$ |
```

**Level 8-9:** data.txt only line of text is password; others were binary

```
bandit8@bandit:~$ sort data.txt | uniq -u  
4CKMh1J191bUIZZPXDqGanal4xvAg0JM  
bandit8@bandit:~$ logout  
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.  
[kali㉿ kali:~] $
```

Code Explanation

```
sort data.txt = Puts all the lines in lexicographical order  
| uniq = Removes duplicate lines  
-u = Print the unique lines
```

**Level 9-10:** stored in the file data.txt with conditions.

Conditions were

- Few human-readable strings
- Preceeded by several (==) characters

```
==i(==?==E==?==?"J==6==?==<LuGg==?==L5@&h0p  
==?==?nli?  
==?d?w?n?!=?==kZM9(Q?2==b?==?U==?==T<+?  
==?j==?bandit9@bandit:~$ strings data.txt | grep "=="  
===== the  
D===== password  
w===== is  
|2m==  
===== FGUW5iLVJrxX9kMYMmlN4MgbpfMiqey  
bandit9@bandit:~$ |
```

## Code Explanation

```
strings data.txt = string only print ASCII strings  
| grep"==" = And also find with several (==) Characters\
```

**Level 10-11: Stored in data.txt, which contains base64 encoded data**

```
bandit10@bandit~$ ls -la  
total 24  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 28 19:03.  
drwxr-xr-x 150 root root 4096 Jul 28 19:06 ..  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 220 Mar 31 2024 .bash_logout  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3851 Jul 28 18:47 .bashrc  
-rw-r----- 1 bandit11 bandit10 69 Jul 28 19:03 data.txt  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 807 Mar 31 2024 .profile  
bandit10@bandit~$ cat data.txt  
VGhlHBhc3N3b3JkIGlzGR0UjE3M2ZaS2lwUUzREZTR3NnMUJbnBOVmozcVJyCg==  
bandit10@bandit~$ base64 data.txt  
VkdobEliQmhjM04zYjNKA0lHbHpJR1lwVVwFM00yWmFTMkl3VVxKeUFWlRSM05uTWxKWGJuQk9W  
bW96Y1ZKeUNnP0K  
bandit10@bandit~$ base64 -d data.txt  
The password is dtR173fZKb0RRsDFSGsg2RWnpNVj3qRr  
bandit10@bandit~$ |
```

Code Explanation :

**base64 -d data.txt = base64 (-d) decode the file data.txt**

## Level 11-12: Playing with Rot13

```
bandit11@bandit:~$ ls -al
total 24
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 28 19:03 .
drwxr-xr-x 150 root root 4096 Jul 28 19:06 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 220 Mar 31 2024 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3851 Jul 28 18:47 .bashrc
-rw-r----- 1 bandit12 bandit11 49 Jul 28 19:03 data.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 807 Mar 31 2024 .profile
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt
Gur cnffjbeq vf 7k16JArUVv5LxVuJfsSVdbbtHGlw9D4
bandit11@bandit:~$
bandit11@bandit:~$
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | rot13 ="tr 'A-za-z' 'N-ZA-Mn-za-m' "
Command 'rot13' not found, but can be installed with:
apt install bsdgames # version 2.17-30, or
apt install hxtools # version 20231101-1
Ask your administrator to install one of them.
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | tr A-za-zN-ZA-Mn-za-m
tr: missing operand after 'A-za-zN-ZA-Mn-za-m'
Two strings must be given when translating.
Try 'tr --help' for more information.
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | tr A-za-z N-ZA-M n-za-m
tr: extra operand 'N-ZA-M'
Try 'tr --help' for more information.
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | tr a-zA-Z n-za-mN-ZA-M ←
The password is 7x16WNeHli5YklhWsfFlqoognUTyj9Q4
bandit11@bandit:~$ ^C
bandit11@bandit:~$ logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
```

### Code Explanation

```
cat data.txt = Reads data.txt
| tr a-zA-Z n-za-mN-ZA-M = Translate the rot13 combination
```