As for the first exercise, we must reverse the password to enter the account. The exercise description already provides us with the username "john galt".

We open the program in IDA, and we see the program asking for the password and its comparison with a static value:

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loc C30:
sub
       esp, 8
       eax, (password - 3000h)[ebx]; "this-password-is-a-secret-to-everyone!"
lea
push
       eax, [ebp+var_52]
lea
push
       eax
call
        _strcmp
add
       esp, 10h
test
       eax, eax
       short loc_C5E
```

We insert this password, and it is correct.

The program asks for the option to take, and we select to read email. It contains the flag.

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--Please login--

Username: john galt

Password: this-password-is-a-secret-to-everyone!

Welcome john galt!

You have 1 unread email.

1) Read Email

2) Quit

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From: Leeroy Jenkins To: whoisjohngalt

Subject: RE: I need a flag

Hey John it's Leeroy.

You were asking about a fun flag to use in your next challenge and I think I got one. Tell me what you think of:

TUCTF{d0n7\_h4rdc0d3\_p455w0rd5}

Get back to me as soon as you can. Thanks!

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