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We are given $n = \prod_{i=1}^{128} p_i$ where p_i are ~~primes~~ 32 bit primes. ~~It is~~
The secret flag is encoded as an integer m . $e = 65537$ is chosen. We are also given $m^e \bmod n$.

The problem is ~~not quite~~ to find m .

$$m = \sqrt[e]{m^e} \bmod n$$

This is just the problem of finding the e^{th} root of $m^e \bmod n$. ~~For~~

Now, if N was ~~pr~~ this problem is simple ~~if~~ in $(\bmod p)$:

$$\sqrt[e]{m^e} \bmod p \quad \sqrt[e]{x^e} \bmod p$$

can be solved by finding $d = 1/e \bmod (p-1)$

Assuming e^{-1} exists $\bmod (p-1)$ (i.e. $e, p-1$ are coprime) (which is true as e is prime $e = 65537 = 2^{16} + 1$ is prime)

$$(x^e)^d \bmod p = \cancel{(x^e)^d} = (x^{ed}) \bmod p$$

$$= x^{k(p-1)+1} \bmod p$$

$$= \cancel{x^{kp-k+1}} \bmod p$$

$$= (x^{p-1})^k * x \bmod p$$

$$= 1^k * x \bmod p = x \bmod p$$

(By Fermat's Little Theorem).

To reduce this problem to one in prime modulo, we ~~do~~ factorise n into its prime factors, (on Sage ~~this takes 10 secs~~) and then:

$$\begin{aligned} m^e &\leadsto = x_1 \pmod{p_1} \\ &= x_2 \pmod{p_2} \\ &\vdots \\ &= x_{128} \pmod{p_{128}} \end{aligned}$$

Applying the previous logic gives us

$$y_1, \dots, y_{128} \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1^e &= x_1 \pmod{p_1} \\ y_2^e &= x_2 \pmod{p_2} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

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unique $m \pmod{\prod_{i=1}^{128} p_i}$ s.t.

$$m \pmod{p_i} = y_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, 128\}$$

This m is the solution.

N.B. Use Sage's CRT_list() function to solve CRT systems as above.