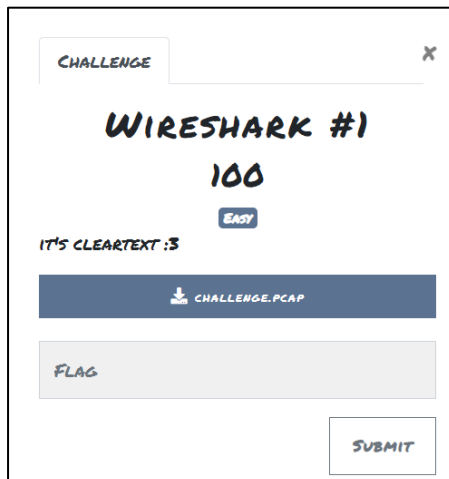


# GCTF 2023 Writeups

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## Forensics

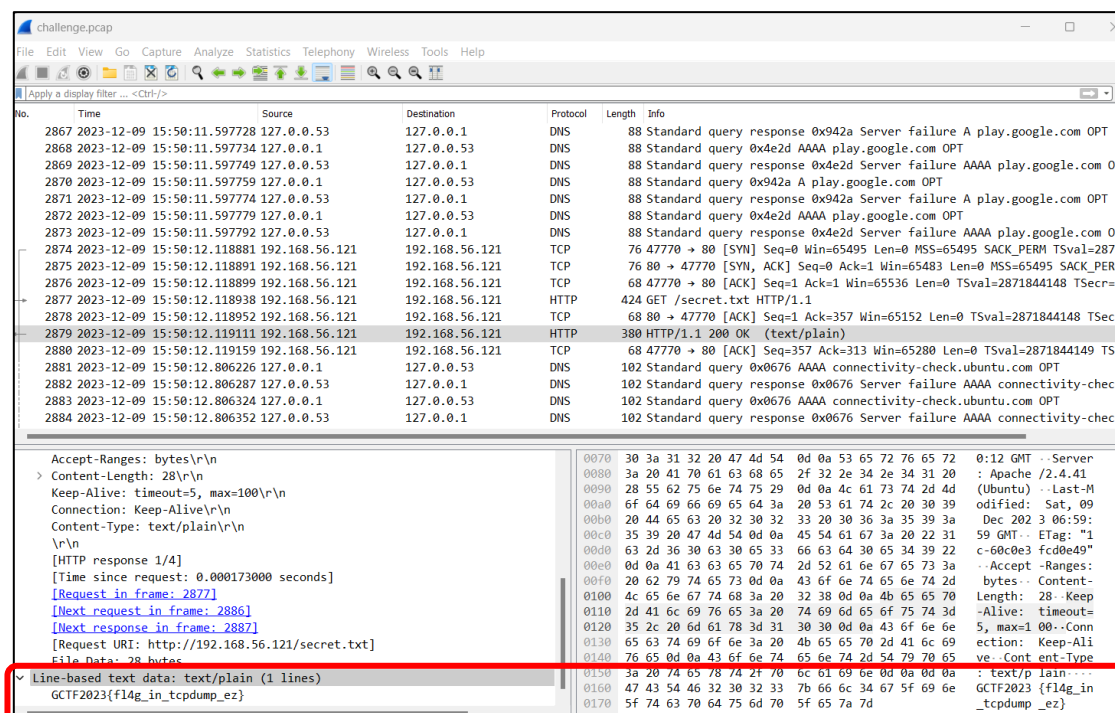
### Wireshark #1



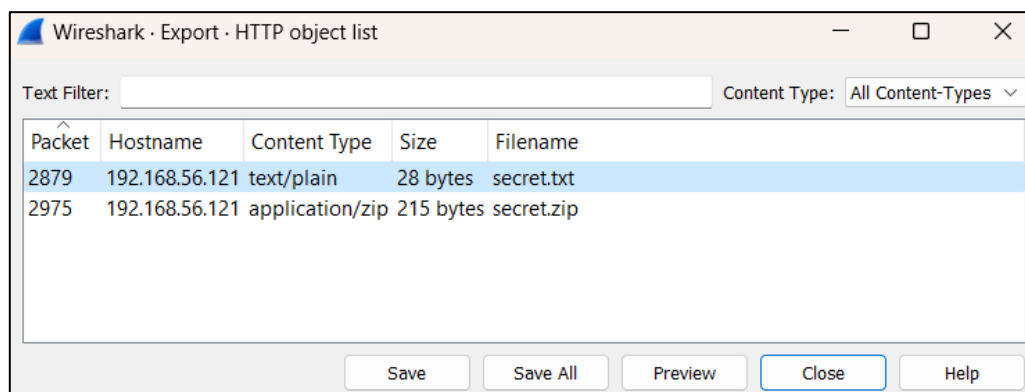
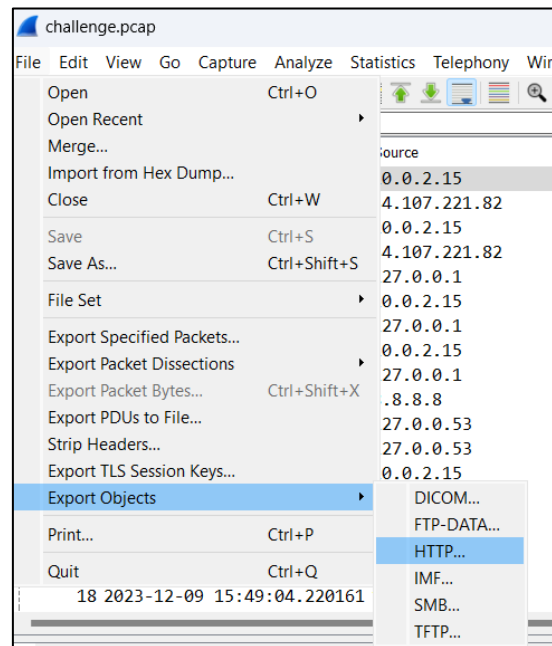
**Attachment:** challenge.pcap

### Solution:

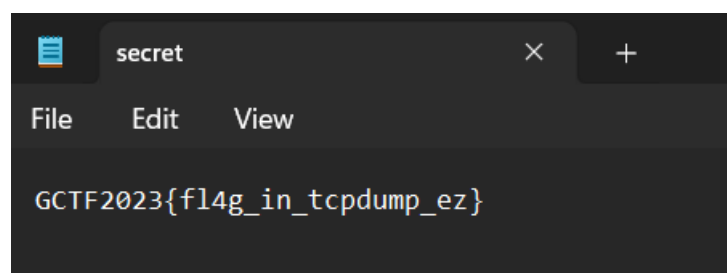
At first, I use Wireshark to randomly scrolled and clicked to search for the flag. Luckily, I found it here:



Afterward, I realized that we could also export the TXT file by clicking “File”, “Export Objects”, and then “HTTP”.



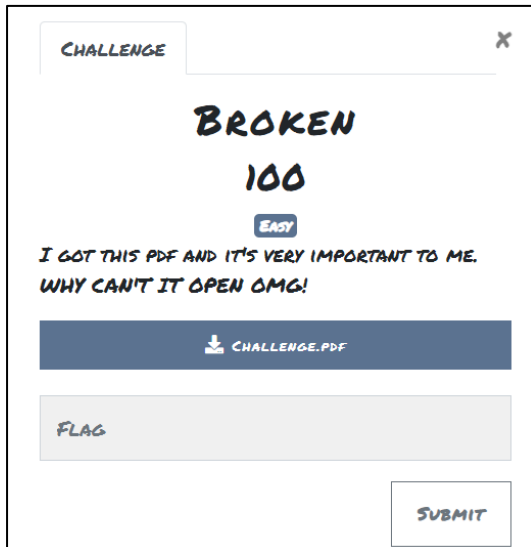
Click on packet 2879, and then click “Preview”. We can see the flag in the secret.txt file.



**Tool:** Wireshark

**Flag:** GCTF2023{fl4g\_in\_tcpdump\_ez}

## Broken

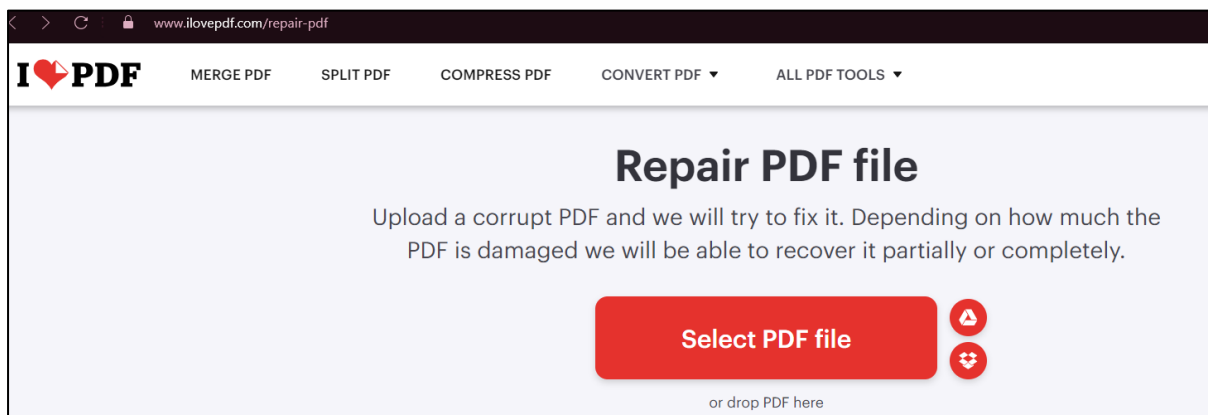


**Attachment:** Challenge.pdf

## Solution:

The provided PDF file is broken, and we can't open it.

Use the online tool <https://www.ilovepdf.com/repair-pdf> to fix the PDF file.



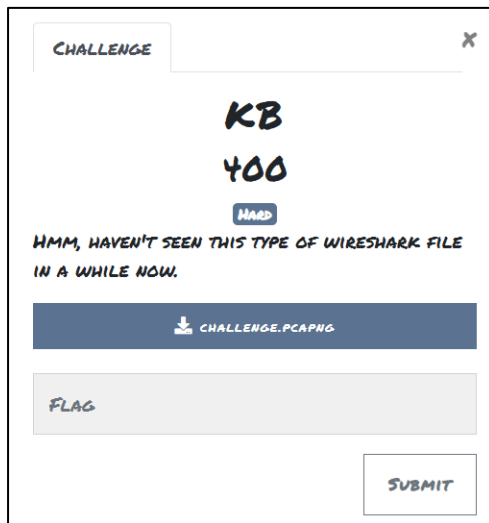
Now, we can open the PDF file successfully, and the flag is in the repaired PDF file.

GCTF2023{M3\_4nd\_my\_Br0k3n\_h3art}

**Tool:** iLovePDF - <https://www.ilovepdf.com/repair-pdf>

**Flag:** GCTF2023{M3\_4nd\_my\_Br0k3n\_h3art}

## KB



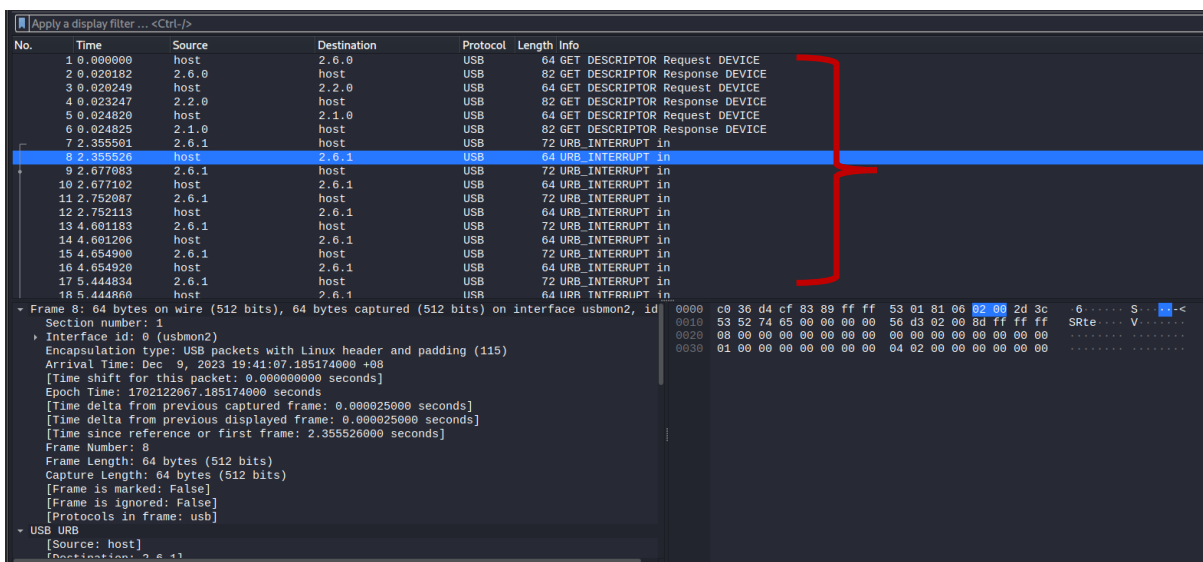
**Attachment:** challenge.pcapng

**Solution:**

Based on the image above, this challenge is with a PCAP file which means that requires to use of Wireshark or TShark.

- PCAP which means packet capture and this kind of file used to store the captured packet of data into a readable file.

First, open the PCAP file with wireshark *\$ wireshark challenge.pcapng* and determine the information in the file.



As you can see, this PCAP file contains the communication through the USB. In the Info column noticed that there are two different info. The relevant packet of the info that you should looking for were “**URB\_INTERRUPT in**” packet.

Noted:

- Is it the Protocol is USB
- The Source and Destination which is different and is using the two-way communication

The info with “**URB\_INTERRUPT in**” packet consists of two type of packets which different in Source, Destination and the length. From the length column you could notice that two different types of packets which have the range of 8 bytes. Those packtes that with extra 8 bytes will have the “**Leftover Capture Data**” field.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	host	2.6.0	USB	64	GET_DESCRIPTOR Request DEVICE
2	0.020182	2.6.0	host	USB	82	GET_DESCRIPTOR Response DEVICE
3	0.020249	host	2.2.0	USB	64	GET_DESCRIPTOR Request DEVICE
4	0.023247	2.2.0	host	USB	82	GET_DESCRIPTOR Response DEVICE
5	0.024820	host	2.1.0	USB	64	GET_DESCRIPTOR Request DEVICE
6	0.024825	2.1.0	host	USB	92	GET_DESCRIPTOR Response DEVICE
7	2.355501	host	2.6.1	USB	72	URB_INTERRUPT in
8	2.355526	host	2.6.1	USB	64	URB_INTERRUPT in
9	2.677083	2.6.1	host	USB	72	URB_INTERRUPT in
10	2.677102	host	2.6.1	USB	64	URB_INTERRUPT in
11	2.752087	2.6.1	host	USB	72	URB_INTERRUPT in
12	2.752113	host	2.6.1	USB	64	URB_INTERRUPT in
13	4.601183	2.6.1	host	USB	72	URB_INTERRUPT in
14	4.601206	host	2.6.1	USB	64	URB_INTERRUPT in
15	4.654900	2.6.1	host	USB	72	URB_INTERRUPT in
16	4.654920	host	2.6.1	USB	64	URB_INTERRUPT in
17	5.444834	2.6.1	host	USB	72	URB_INTERRUPT in
18	5.444860	host	2.6.1	USB	64	URB_INTERRUPT in

Frame 9: 72 bytes on wire (576 bits), 72 bytes captured (576 bits) on interface usbmon2, id 0000

USB URB

Leftover Capture Data: 02000a0000000000

0000 c0 36 d4 cf 83 09 ff ff 43 01 81 06 02 00 2d 00 6 ..... C.....  
0010 53 52 74 65 00 00 00 00 6b bb 07 00 00 00 00 00 SRte.... k.....  
0020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0030 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 02 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0040 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

### Table 12: Keyboard/Keypad Page

Ref: Typical AT-101						
Usage ID (Dec)	Usage ID (Hex)	Usage Name	Position	PC-AT	Mac UNI X	Boot
0	00	Reserved (no event indicated) <sup>9</sup>	N/A	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
1	01	Keyboard ErrorRollOver <sup>9</sup>	N/A	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
2	02	Keyboard POSTFail <sup>9</sup>	N/A	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
3	03	Keyboard ErrorUndefined <sup>9</sup>	N/A	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
4	04	Keyboard a and A <sup>4</sup>	31	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
5	05	Keyboard b and B	50	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
6	06	Keyboard c and C <sup>4</sup>	48	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
7	07	Keyboard d and D	33	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
8	08	Keyboard e and E	19	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
9	09	Keyboard f and F	34	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104
10	0A	Keyboard g and G	35	✓	✓	✓ 4/101/104

From the data length that found in the **“Leftover Capture Data”** field can defined that it is keyboard packet as it consists of 8 bytes. Besides, for the keystroke is at the 3 bytes. Can determine the value by referring the table of key codes for the USB keyboard. The table can be found in [https://www.usb.org/sites/default/files/documents/hut1\\_12v2.pdf](https://www.usb.org/sites/default/files/documents/hut1_12v2.pdf).

```

Leftover Capture Data: 02000a0000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0200000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0200060000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0200000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0200170000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0200000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0200090000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0200000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0000000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 00001f0000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0000000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0000270000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0000000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 00001f0000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0000000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0000200000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0000000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 0200000000000000
Leftover Capture Data: 02002f0000000000

```

To view all the “Leftover Capture Data” field, can use the command `$ tshark -r filename.pcap -V | grep “Leftover Capture Data”` in Kali Linux terminal which can filter out all the data.

```

$ ./decode.py ../challenge.pcapng
gctf2023[1nt3rc3pt1ng-keystr0k3] ..... 36

```

To decode it in an easier and faster way, we found a pcap decode packages to be used. It can be found from here <https://github.com/natesinger/KeyBD-PCAP-Decoder>. After download this packages, you can used the command of `./decode.py ../filename.pcap` to decode the key code and find out the flag.

By following the format of the flag set, the flag that decode should be changed as

- “gctf” to “GCTF”
- “[ ]” to “{ }”
- “\_” to “\_”

**Tool:** Wireshark

**Flag:** GCTF2023{1nt3rc3pt1ng\_keystr0k3}

## MISC

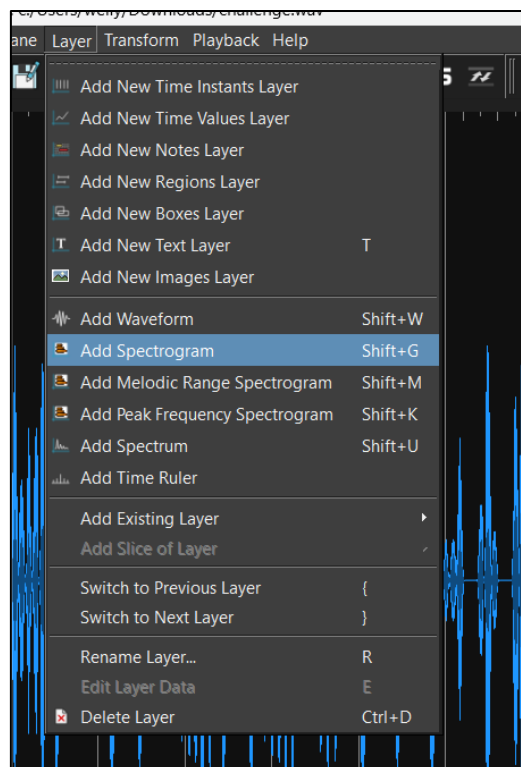
### Frequency



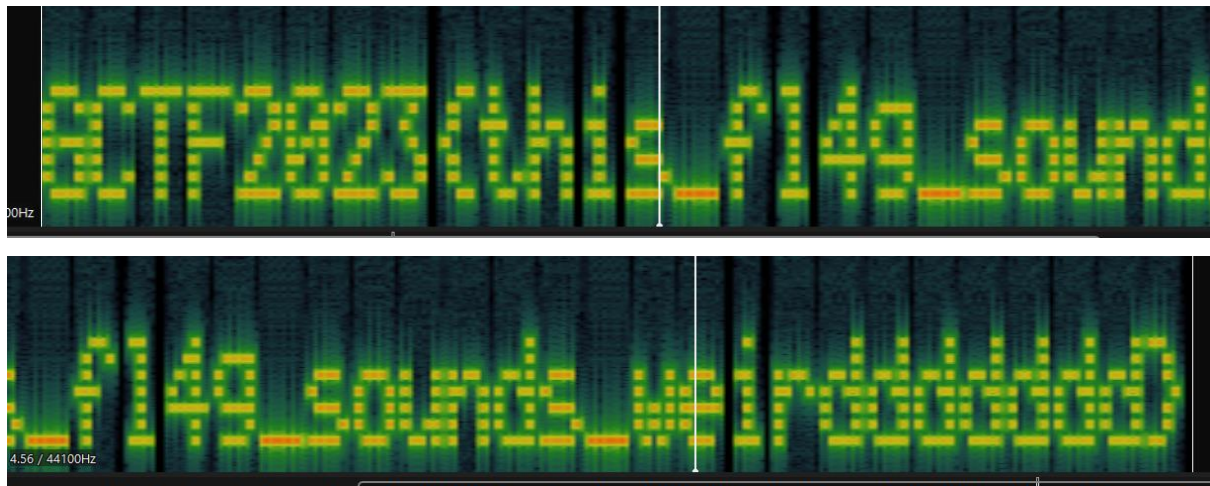
**Attachment:** challenge.wav

### Solution:

Open the audio file in Sonic Visualiser. Then, add a spectrogram.



The flag is displayed.



### Tool: Sonic Visualiser

**Flag:** GCTF2023{this\_fl4g\_sounds\_weirddddddd}



## Office

CHALLENGE

X


OFFICE

436

MEDIUM

I HEARD THERE ARE HIDDEN INFORMATION HERE, CAN YOU FIND IT FOR ME?

VIEW HINT

 CHALLENGE.XLSX

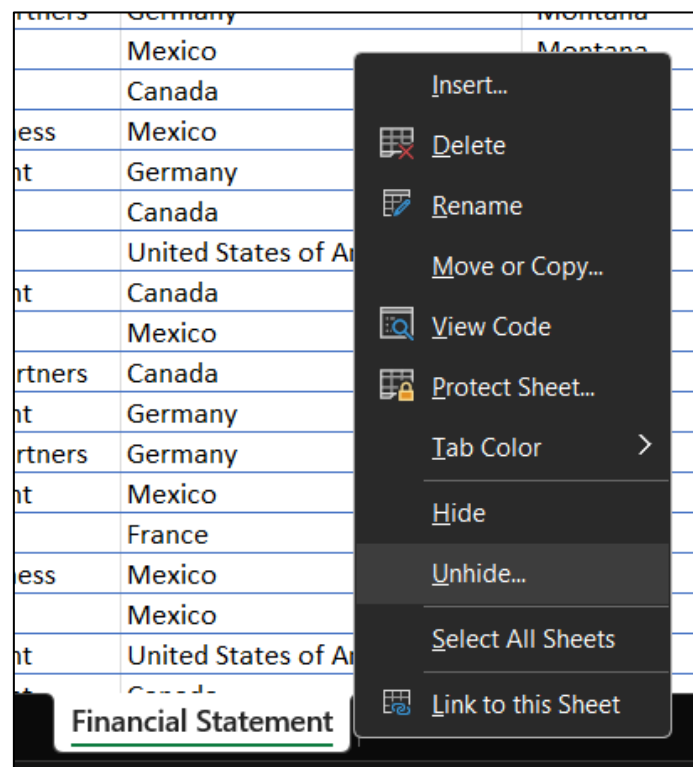
FLAG

SUBMIT

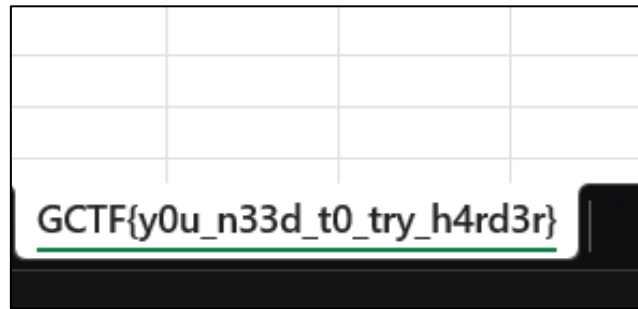
**Attachment:** Challenge.xlsx

### Solution:

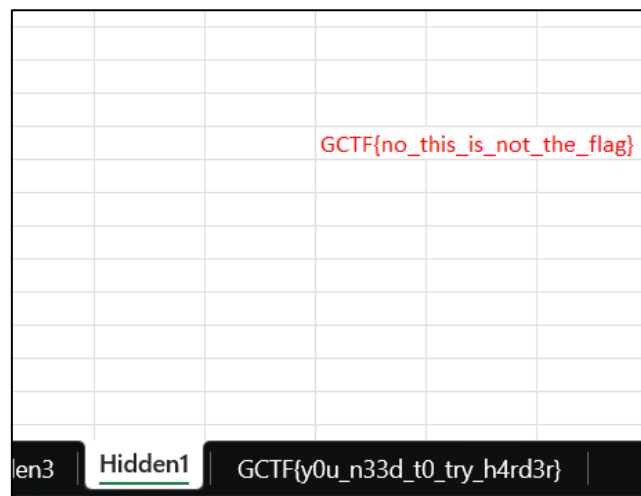
Unhide the sheets in the Excel workbook.



This tab name is not the correct flag.

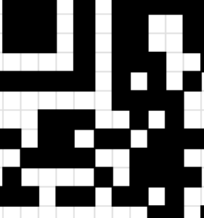


The correct flag is not on this “Hidden 1” tab either.



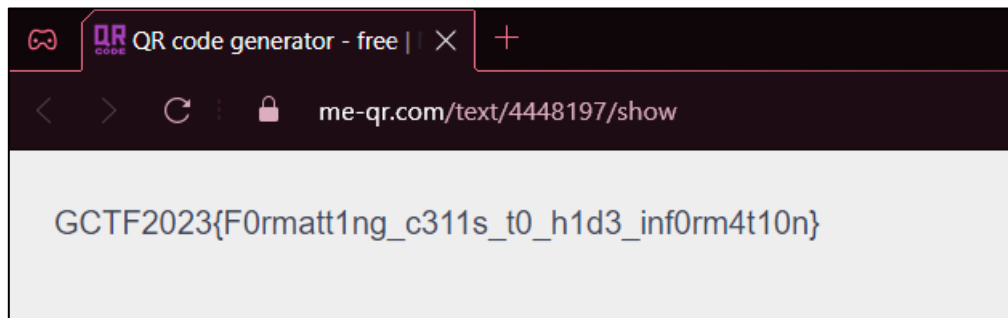
Click on the “Hidden3” tab.



[illegible][illegible]

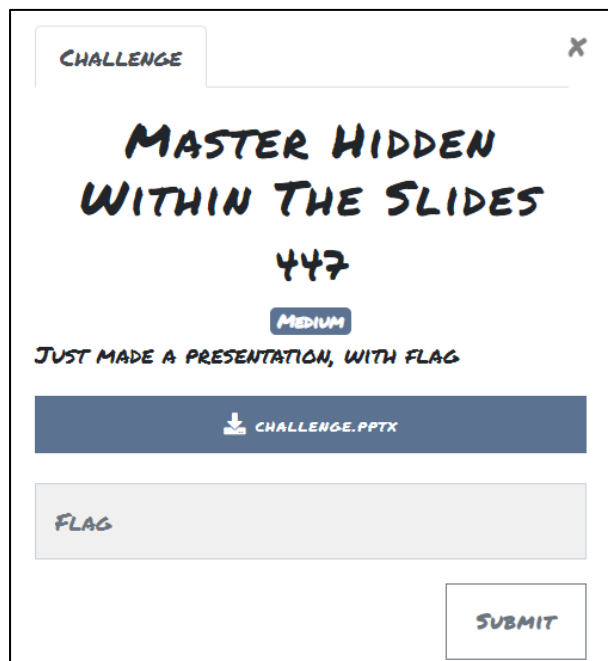
Scan the QR Code to retrieve the flag.

<https://me-qr.com/text/4448197/show>



**Flag:** GCTF2023{F0rmatt1ng\_c311s\_t0\_h1d3\_inf0rm4t10n}

## Master Hidden Within The Slides

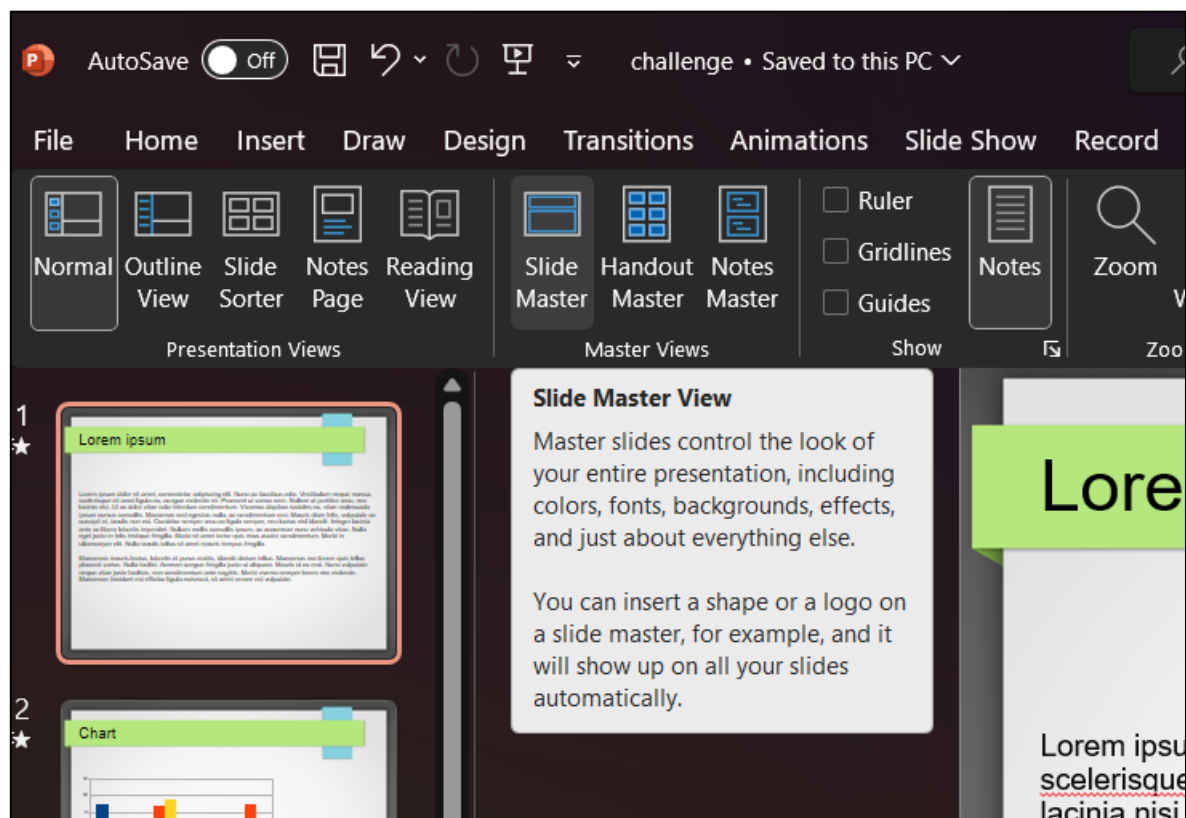


**Attachment:** challenge.pptx

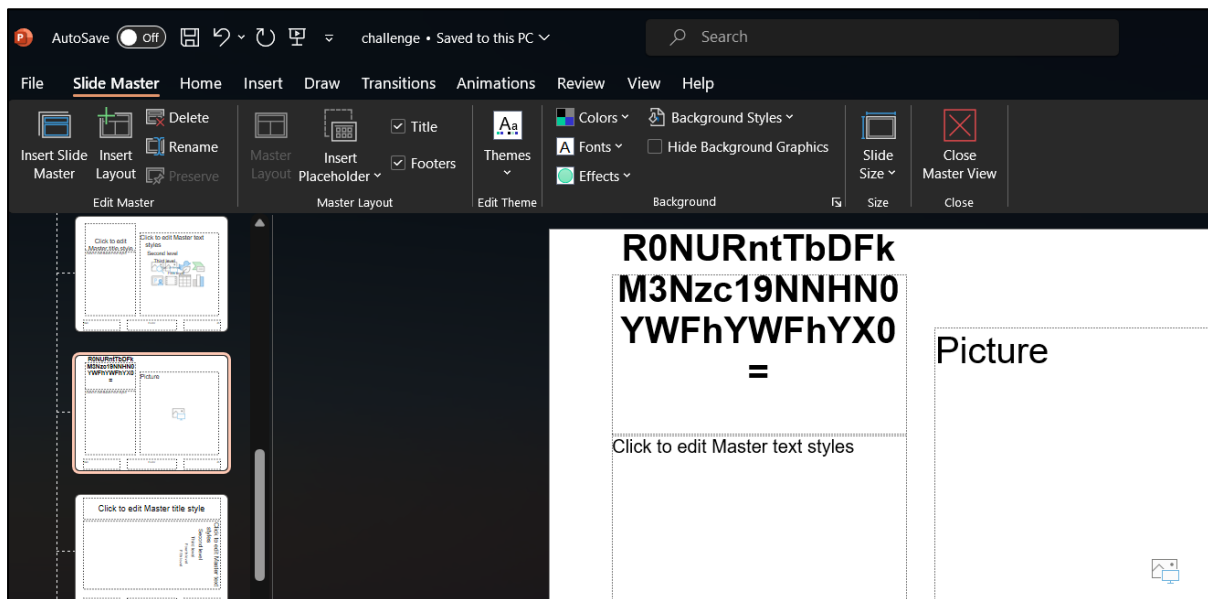
### Solution:

The clue is within the challenge title, which is “Master”.

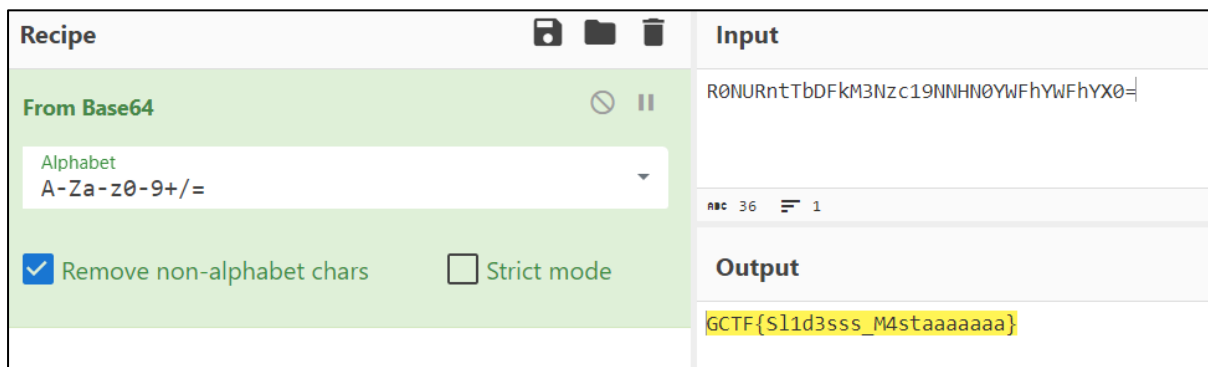
Open the PowerPoint file and enter “Slide Master” view.



The encoded flag is in one of the slides in the Slide Master view.



Decode the flag from Base64.



**Tool:** CyberChef - <https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/>

**Flag:** GCTF{S11d3sss\_M4staaaaaaa}

## I Love PNG!

CHALLENGE

X


# I LOVE PNG!

447

EASY

FLAG IS LITERALLY IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES. NOT OBVIOUS ENOUGH?

VIEW HINT

 CHALLENGE.PNG

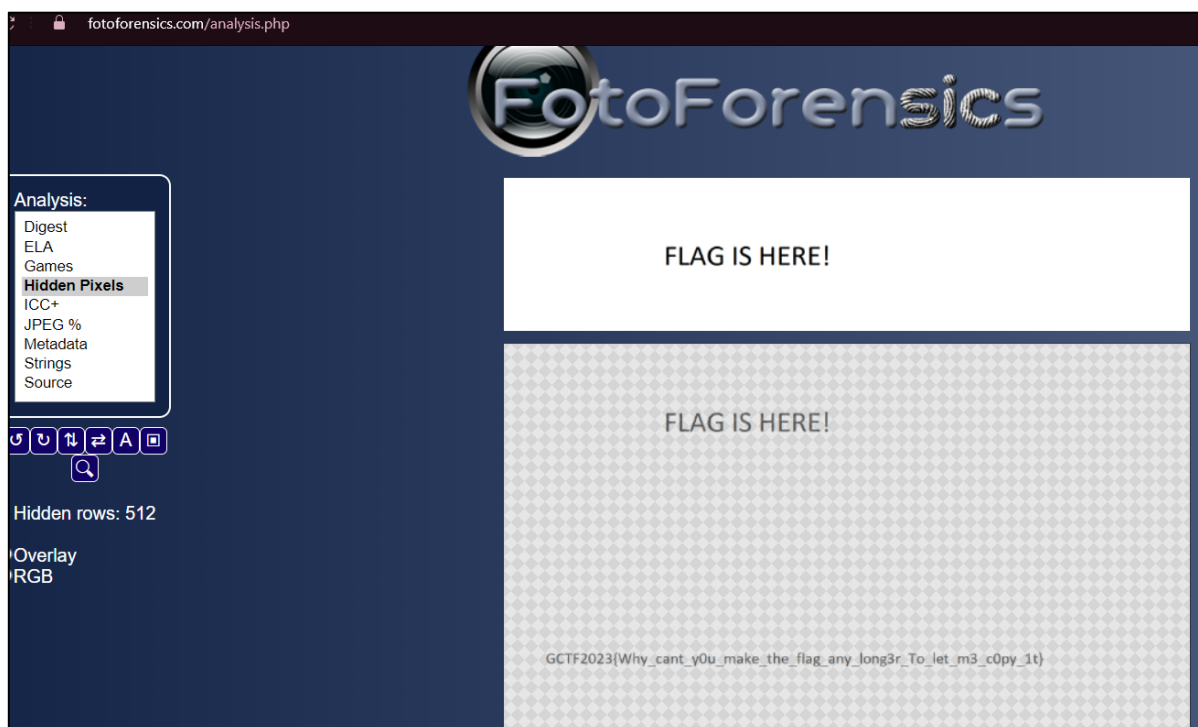
FLAG

SUBMIT

**Attachment:** Challenge.png

### Solution:

Upload the PNG file to the FotoForensics website. Click on “Hidden Pixels” under Analysis, and the flag will be revealed.

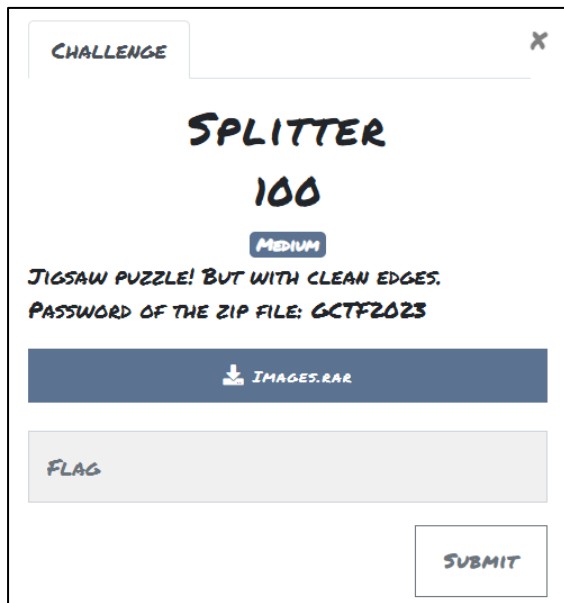


**Tool:** FotoForensics - <https://fotoforensics.com>

**Flag:** GCTF2023{Why\_cant\_y0u\_make\_the\_flag\_any\_long3r\_To\_let\_m3\_c0py\_1t}



## Splitter



**Attachment:** Images.rar

### Solution:

Extract the RAR file. In the 'Images' folder, I found 120 JPG files. These pictures are parts of a larger image. As I combine them in Canva, the flag will be revealed in red words.



**Tool:** Canva - <https://www.canva.com>

**Flag:** GCTF2023{JJK\_SHIBUYA\_ARK\_IS\_INSANE}

## Web

### Secret

CHALLENGE

SECRET

100

EASY

JUST CREATED THIS WEBSITE AND I'VE HIDDEN SOME PAGE. HEHEHE I THINK IT'S SECURE

HTTP://167.172.74.195:8016/

HTTP://167.172.74.195:8017/

FLAG

SUBMIT

### Solution:

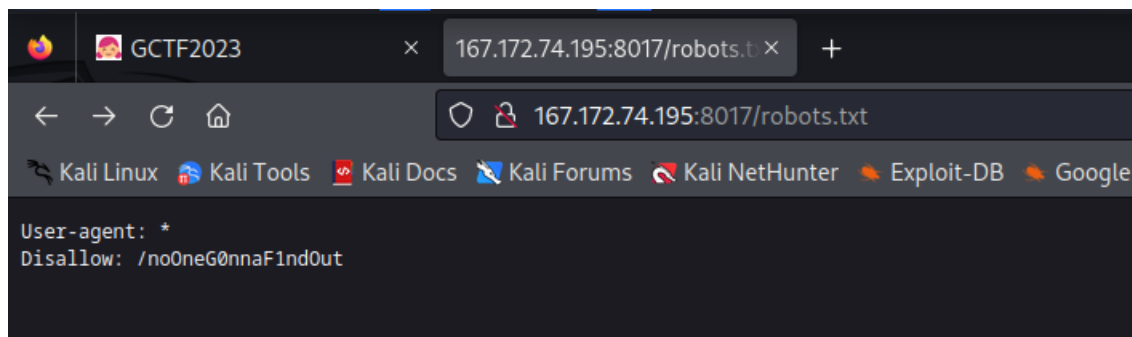
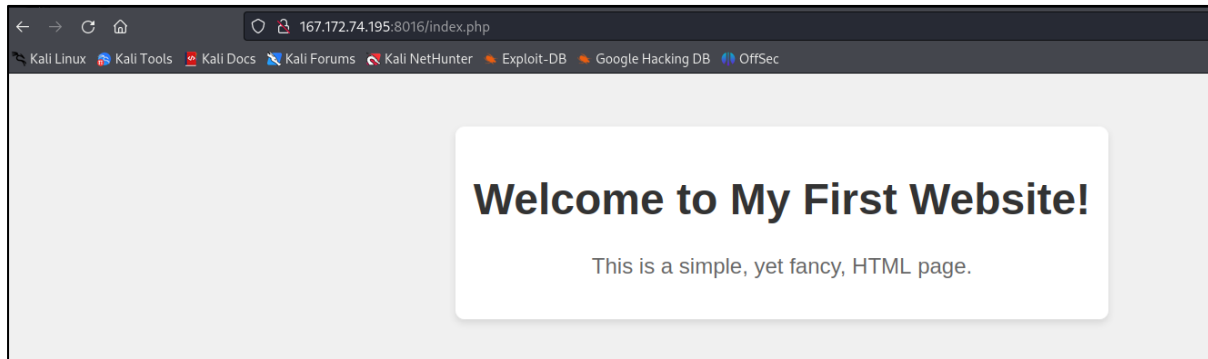
As the question mentioned that hidden pages. To determine that can use the nikto which is an open-source web server scanner. It functions as examines a website and reports back vulnerabilities. By using the command `# nikto -h $webserverurl`, the output provided the page that is hidden.

```
$ nikto -h http://167.172.74.195:8016/
- Nikto v2.5.0

+ Target IP: 167.172.74.195
+ Target Hostname: 167.172.74.195
+ Target Port: 8016
+ Start Time: 2023-12-16 15:10:39 (GMT8)

+ Server: Apache/2.4.52 (Ubuntu)
+ /: The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/headers/x-frame-options
+ /: The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content in a different fashion to the MIME type. See: https://www.netsparker.com/web-vulnerability-scanner/faq/faq-headers/x-content-type-header/
+ No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)
+ /noOneG0nnaF1ndOut/: Directory indexing found.
+ /robots.txt: Entry '/noOneG0nnaF1ndOut/' is returned a non-forbidden or redirect HTTP code (200)
+ /robots.txt: contains 1 entry which should be manually viewed. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/robots.txt
+ /: Server may leak inodes via ETags, header found with file /, inode: 29af, size: 60c250d67a7, etag: "60c250d67a7-60c250d67a7"
+ Multiple index files found: /index.html, /index.php.
+ Apache/2.4.52 appears to be outdated (current is at least Apache/2.4.54). Apache 2.2.34 is the last version of the 2.2.x series.
+ OPTIONS: Allowed HTTP Methods: OPTIONS, HEAD, GET, POST .
```

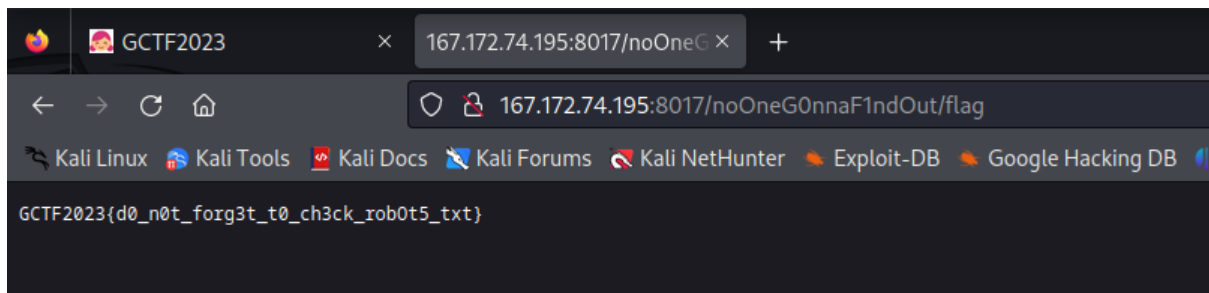
From the above image, you can determine that there are multiple index files which are /index.html and /index.php. The /index.php is the hidden page. Added /index.php at the end of the link. Besides that, there is also a robots.txt which is probably next page that looking for.



The page with /robots.txt will show all the page that does not allow someone to see it. In the picture, we know that the page that disallows to see is /noOneG0nnaF1nd0ut and that page might have the flag.



We found a hidden page named the flag and it is probably the last page of the website to find out.



Here you go for the flag.

**Flag:** GCTF2023{d0\_n0t\_f0rg3t\_t0\_ch3ck\_r0b0t5\_txt}

## Include

CHALLENGE

INCLUDE

400

MEDIUM

CAN YOU FIND THE FLAG? I HEARD THE INJECTION POINT IS VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD.  
FLAG AT /FLAG

HTTP://167.172.74.195:8012 / HTTP://167.172.74.195:8013

FLAG

SUBMIT

## Solution:

< > ↺ ⚠ Not secure 167.172.74.195:8012

Click [HERE](#) if you want hint. (I swear is not phishing :) )

After clicking “HERE” on the given link, it will direct us to another link that shows the flag is not there.

< > ↺ ⚠ Not secure 167.172.74.195:8012/?file=flag.php

Awww too bad, flag is not here. Hehe ( ͡° ͜ʖ ͡° )

I’m not familiar with web challenges, but I think it involves Local File Inclusion (LFI) because the challenge title mentions “Include”. The description also states that “flag at /flag”. So, I added the path to /flag. I tried to navigate to the correct directory by adding a few “../” in front of “flag” in the link until I reached the correct location.

The link that displays the flag is <http://167.172.74.195:8012/?file=../../flag>.

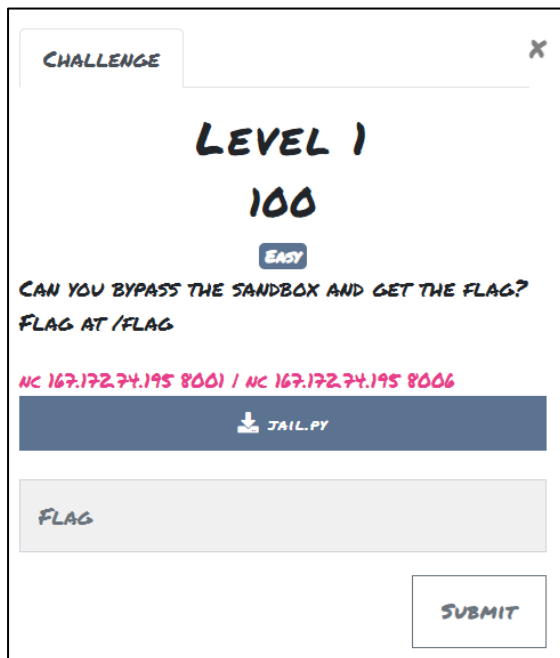
< > ↺ ⚠ Not secure 167.172.74.195:8012/?file=../../flag

GCTF2023{LFI\_1nclud3\_1s\_d4ng3rou3}

**Flag:** GCTF2023{LFI\_1nclud3\_1s\_d4ng3rou3}

## PWN

### Level 1



### Solution:

Type command “nc 167.172.74.195 8001” in terminal. Then, enter command “\_\_import\_\_('os').system('cat /flag')”. The flag is displayed.

The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background. The title bar includes 'File Actions Edit View Help' and 'Kali NetHunter'. The prompt is '(weilyn@kali)-[~]'. The user enters the command '\$ nc 167.172.74.195 8001'. The output shows a ASCII art logo for 'LEVEL 1' and a message: 'Note: Flag at /flag', 'Can you bypass this?', 'Try enter this :)'. The user then enters the command '\_\_import\_\_(\'os\').system(\'cat /flag\')' and the output is 'GCTF2023{R3ady\_P14y3r\_On3 !! }0'. The prompt returns to 'GCTF2023{R3ady\_P14y3r\_On3 !! }0'.

**Flag:** GCTF2023{Ready\_P14y3r\_On3 !! }

## Crypto

### Layers Of Bases


CHALLENGE

LAYERS OF BASES

152

BASE BASE BASE BASE BASE!!!!

VIEW HINT

 FLAG.ENC

FLAG

SUBMIT

### Solution:

I randomly inputting several recipes in CyberChef for a while and managed to obtain the flag. The flag is decoded using Base45 twice, followed by Base64 and Base32.

Recipe

From Base45

Alphabet  
0-9A-Z \$%\*+ \ - . / :

☒ Remove non-alphabet chars

From Base64

Alphabet  
A-Za-z0-9+/=

☒ Remove non-alphabet chars ☐ Strict mode

From Base45

Alphabet  
0-9A-Z \$%\*+ \ - . / :

☒ Remove non-alphabet chars

From Base32

Alphabet  
A-Z2-7=

Input

ITALB9WNA52DS+9AY9\*IA\*UD9JA/A8BUA+UDR+9/A8 \*9EOCK1B/A8T-AIB9YZ9/A8M1B/HACUAA9XM9A+9RY9T2E2O9+UDJ1BIPEBNA\*UDM1B52D\$\*9:BAUCAV\*8/0A:HABT9VX8KZ9/HA

Output

GCTF2023{L4y3rs\_of\_3ncrypt10n}

**Tool:** CyberChef - <https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/>

**Flag:** GCTF2023{L4y3rs\_of\_3ncrypt10n}