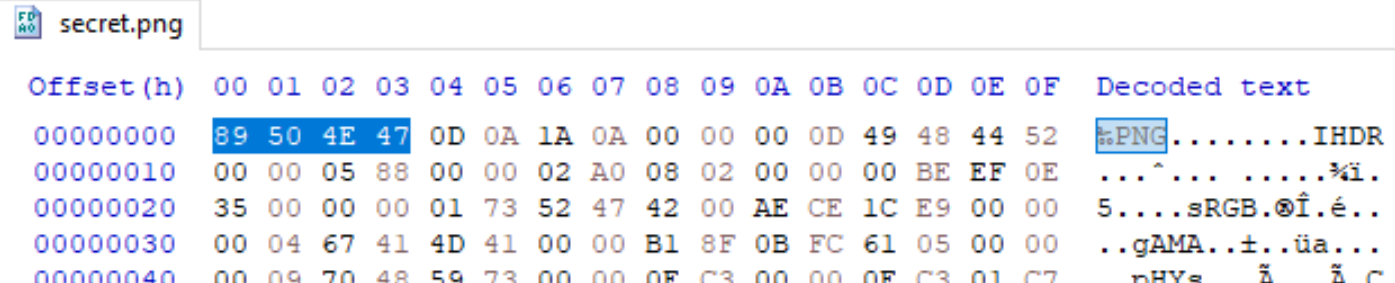
**BlackBox 2**

1. First, when I opened the folder I realized that there are 2 files which should be extracted but I don’t have their password so may I find them in the next stages.
2. Second, I tried to open the image file **secret.png** using a basic images program(like **Photos** on windows platform) but the file didn’t open.
3. Then I opened the image using hex editor (I used **HxD**) and found out that the **magic number** of the **png** format file was wrong, so I changed it to the right one and it worked! You can see that in the following image:



The image is:



1. In the image I saw a combination of characters **ODQxMjM0==** which looked like an encoded text in **UTF-8** encryption. Therefore, I wrote this script in python using **base64** library to decrypt it:

import base64

def decrypt(s:str):

    # The function gets a string.

    # The function returns the string after decrypting it.

    return base64.b64decode(s.encode()).decode()

print(decrypt("ODQxMjM0=="))

The output: **841234**

1. Then, I thought about what to do with this number. I tried using it as the password to check if it’s possible to extract the **secret.rar** folder and it worked!
2. Afterwards, I ran the **secret.exe** file using cmd which printed this text:

**>secret.exe**

**This software was valid up until 2011-11-11 11:11:11**

This output led me to change my machine’s time to a date before that: **2011-11-11 11:11:11**.

1. I run **secret.exe** again and it printed this:

**>secret.exe**

**Date Validation was previously done. Skipping condition check.**

**Current license value: a43fa**

**The current license registry value is invalid.**

**Expected that the sum of the hex values should be above 0x50 and also can also can be divived by 3 without a reminder.**

**Traceback (most recent call last):**

**File "secret.py", line 57, in <module>**

**File "secret.py", line 42, in check\_licence\_registry**

**NameError: name 'exit' is not defined**

**[33332] Failed to execute script 'secret' due to unhandled exception!**

Now I figured that it worked because of the message: “**Date Validation was previously done**”. In addition, I found that the **current license value** that showed, “**a43fa**”, is invalid because it’s hex value should be above 0x50 and dividable by 3 without a reminder.

1. Therefore, I tries to change this **current license value** to another value which following the requirements (like: “\_\_\_\_”) using \_\_\_\_,