## **ECSC Estonia Prequalifier - covertchannel2**

We are given a pcap file and wished good luck.

Opening it in wireshark all the packets seem fairly identical, a lorem ipsum text is transferred byte by byte through tcp payloads, but that does not seem to be the flag. Scrolling through the packets, Wireshark says that some packets have the Urgent pointer value set, but not the Urgent bit. This is probably a clue.

Using tshark to dump all the values of urgent pointers (I don't remember command, google it) we get values that look like this:

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1088

1072

1968

1776

1632

1632

1520

1568

...
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Look fairly random at first, but when I thought about the flag format, which is  $DDC\{...\}$ , then the first two numbers being the same makes sense.

I tried dividing 1088 by the ASCII decimal value of D, which resulted in the value 16. After dividing all the numbers by 16 and converting the decimals to ascii characters, we get the flag.