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Urchin recently hosted their ctf on 3/5/2022 which was in form of jeopardy. This was an interesting ctf which I would rate it as a fair one due to the fact that the challenges were not complicated. I for the other hand focused solely on the web, forensics, OSINT, and discord challenges.

Bellow are the challenges that I managed to solve, on the web you can see that I didn't do refer because the challenge was discarded by the author due to technical difficulties, for the Virxx I didn't do it simply because I was out of time.



# FORENSICS CHALLENGES

In this category there were 4 challenges and I managed to do 3 out of the 4. Here is my approach on how I solved the challenges in this category

## 1. Streams

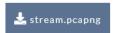
This challenge was based on wireshark. Wireshark is a tool that is used to capture and analyse network packets. The challenge had 100 points.

# Streams 100

forensics easy

We were able to capture some packets that we believe to have some information about what the hacker had done after installing a backdoor on our server system, can you figure out what took?

author: @tahaafarooq#9056



I started by downloading the file on my machine, then opened wireshark in order to analyse the file. Based on the information that we have we are supposed to find out what the hacker did on the system after installing a backdoor.

Opening file, I could see different type of protocols that were captured. On the top bar I clicked on **statistics** then selected **protocol hierarchy** to see the different protocols that are there all together in a tree like structure as shown below.

rotocol	Percent Packets	Packets	Percent Bytes	Bytes	Bits/s	End Packets	End Bytes	End Bits/s
Frame	100.0	574	100.0	214812	69k	0	0	0
<ul> <li>Linux cooked-mode capture</li> </ul>	100.0	574	4.3	9184	2,972	0	0	0
▼ Internet Protocol Version 6	8.5	49	0.9	1960	634	0	0	0
<ul> <li>User Datagram Protocol</li> </ul>	0.2	1	0.0	8	2	0	0	0
Multicast Domain Name System	0.2	1	0.1	118	38	1	118	38
<ul> <li>Transmission Control Protocol</li> </ul>	8.4	48	2.6	5514	1,784	40	3191	1,032
<ul> <li>Hypertext Transfer Protocol</li> </ul>	1.4	8	1.8	3914	1,266	4	2067	669
Line-based text data	0.7		0.6	1195	386		1195	386
<ul> <li>Internet Protocol Version 4</li> </ul>	91.5	525	4.9	10500	3,398	0	0	0
<ul> <li>User Datagram Protocol</li> </ul>	1.2	7	0.0	56	18	0	0	0
Multicast Domain Name System	0.2	1	0.1	118	38	1	118	38
Domain Name System	1.0	6	0.1	301	97	6	301	97
<ul> <li>Transmission Control Protocol</li> </ul>	90.2	518	87.1	187053	60k	262	22335	7,229
Transport Layer Security	24.7	142	9.8	20948	6,780	142	20948	6,780
Data	19.9	114	63.7	136754	44k	114	136754	44k

After seeing all the protocols, the protocol of interest was the HTTP which its data was transmitted in text format which would be easy for us to read. I right clicked on the line based text data, then selected **apply as filter** and then clicked on **selected** and a filter was applied as shown below.



Examining the contents of the first 3 packets they had information which was not useful but on the third packet we had obtained our flag as shown below.

```
Frame 530: 88 bytes on wire (704 bits), 88 bytes captured (704 bits) on interface any, id 0
Linux cooked capture v1
Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: ::1, Dst: ::1
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 8000, Dst Port: 56274, Seq: 461, Ack: 525, Len: 0
[3 Reassembled TCP Segments (460 bytes): #526(163), #528(297), #530(0)]
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
Line-based text data: text/html (12 lines)
  \t<head><title>wannabe flag</title><head>\n
  \t<body>\n
  \t\t<form action="" method="get">\n
  \t\t<input type="text" name="cmd" placeholder="cmd"/>\n
  \t\t<input type="submit" value="exec"/>\n
   \t\t</form>\n
  \t\t<div class="output">\n
  \t\t\cp>urchin{wireshark_1s_pr3tty_g00d_f0r_analys!NG}\n
  \t\t</div>\n
  t</body>n
  </html>\t\n
```

## 2. Duck duck dock

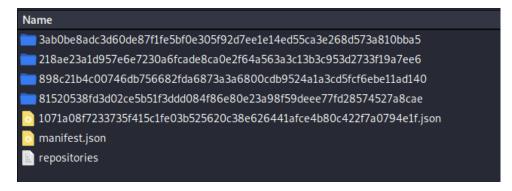
This challenge was about analysing different type of files like bash scripts and json files. This challenge had 150 points.

# **Duck Duck Dock**

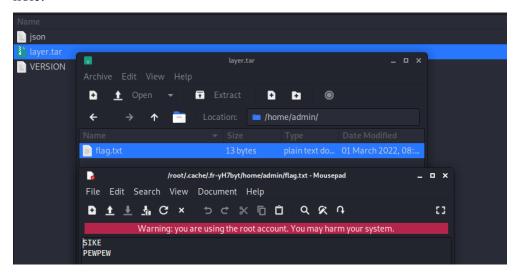
150

forensics medium  Ashes everywhere , my past has turned into ashes , i'm about to lose it!			
Download File			
author:@tahaafarooq#9056			
Flag	Submit		

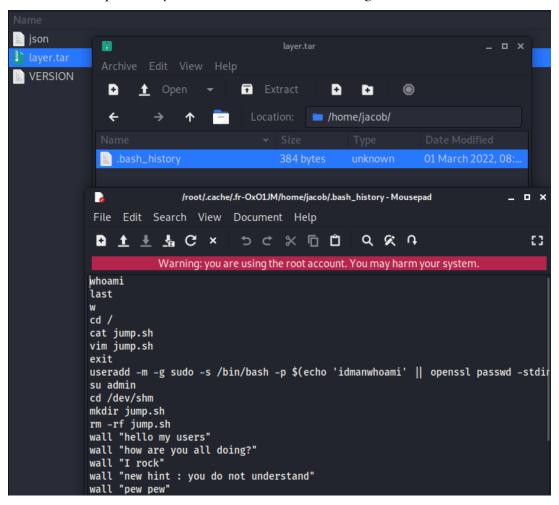
I downloaded the file, and it was zipped, I unzipped it and found different files on it as shown below



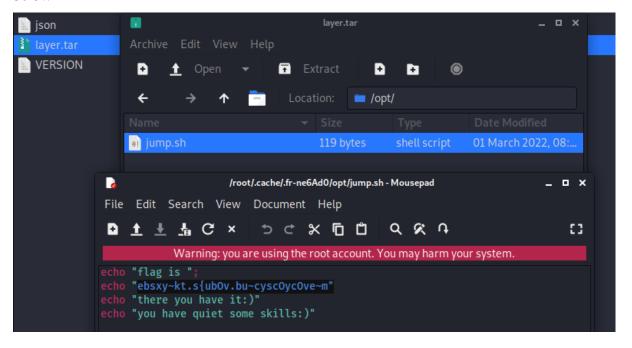
I started with the first file, and I quickly realized at the end of the file that it was a rabbit hole.



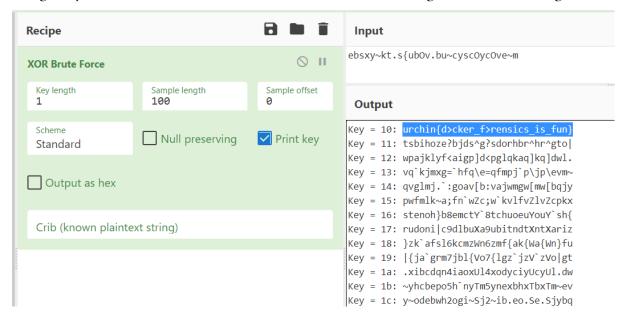
I went to the second file I found a bash script which contained all the commands that were executed previously. Which was still not interesting for me.



I went to the third file and found the flag but unfortunately it was encoded as shown below



My task now was to decode the string and get the flag in plain text, I took the encoded string to cyberchef and used XOR brute force to decode the string and I found the flag.



#### 3. Meta

This challenge was a very straight forward challenge, just as the challenge suggests Meta, we are going to have to analyse the metadata of the given image file. This challenge has 150 points.

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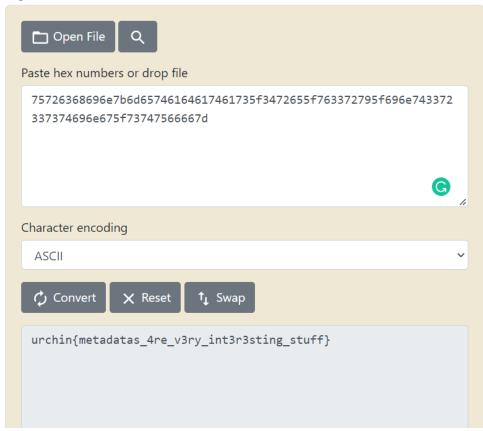
I downloaded the file, and it was an image of the urchin logo. Examining the metadata using a tool called exiftool we could view the metadata of this image. Going through the meta data under artist I realized there was a long string which was a HEX string.

```
ExifTool Version Number
                                      : 12.32
File Name
                                       urchin.png
Directory
File Size
File Modification Date/Time
                                      : 43 KiB
                                       2022:03:05 18:47:07-05:00
File Access Date/Time
File Inode Change Date/Time
                                      : 2022:03:05 18:47:08-05:00
                                      : 2022:03:05 18:47:07-05:00
File Permissions
                                       -rw-rw-rw-
File Type
                                      : PNG
File Type Extension
MIME Type
Image Width
                                        png
                                       image/png
300
Image Height
                                      : 300
Bit Depth
Color Type
                                       RGB with Alpha
Compression
Filter
Interlace
                                       Deflate/Inflate
                                       Adaptive
                                      : Noninterlaced
Pixels Per Unit X
Pixels Per Unit Y
Pixel Units
Artist
Image Size
                                      : 75726368696e7b6d65746164617461735f3472655f763372795f696e743372337374696e675f73747566667d
                                       300x300
Megapixels
                                      : 0.090
```

It was time to decode the string and see what information it has and inserting it on an online decoder tool I managed to get the flag as shown below.

#### Hex to ASCII Text Converter

Enter hex bytes with any prefix / postfix / delimiter and press the  $\it Convert$  button (e.g. 45 78 61 6d 70 6C 65 21):



The other method that I could use is through the terminal with the xxd command which is used to decode the hexadecimal file and got the answer as shown below.

# WEB SECURITY CHALLENGES

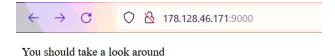
There were a total of 8 challenges, I managed to do 7/8 due to one of the challenges was not working.

#### 1. Around

This challenge was very interesting because as the name suggested around, well you had to look around the webpage for the flag because the flag was scattered in different locations. At first, I couldn't connect the dots but I eventually managed to solve the challenge. This challenge had 100 points.



I open up the link, which was provided, and the page had a note which said you should look around.



I went and checked robots.txt and found the first bit of the flag



Then next I went and inspected the source code and found the second part of the flag on the JavaScript file as shown below.

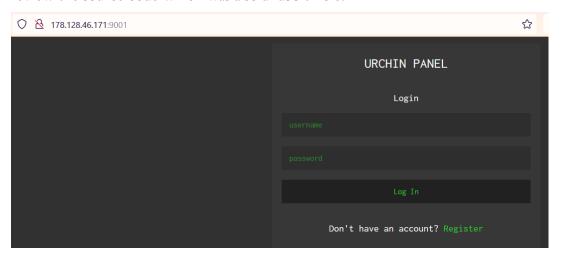


# 2. Panel

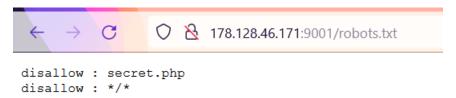
This was quite an interesting challenge, I initially struggled with it by getting into rabbit holes, but I eventually got to the solution. This challenge is 100 points.



Opening the link, we are introduced to a login page where I tried default logins but it didn't work, then I tried registering which also didn't work and went further to review the source code which was also a rabbit hole.



I finally decided to check robots.txt which I had found a file called secret.txt as shown below



Then I opened the file and found a code which needed to be reviewed. Upon reviewing the code, I realized that the variable pass\_string has the encrypted string of the password which was encrypted by base64 3 times so in order to get the password we needed to decode the password string 3 times. But also, we can see that the username is admin.

```
O & 178.128.46.171:9001/secret.php
<?php
    Smsq = '';
    $username_log = $_POST['username'];
   $password_log = $_POST['password'];
$pass_string = "V1ZkU2RHRlhOV2hrUjFaclRWUkplazVCYnowSwo=";
    $dec_1 = base64_decode($pass_string);
    $dec_2 = base64_decode($dec_1);
    $dec_3 = base64_decode($dec_2);
    $loginbtn = $_POST['login'];
    if(isset($loginbtn) && !empty($username_log) && !empty($password_log))
        if($username log == 'admin' && $password log == $ dec3) {
            $_SESSION['valid'] = true;
            $\_SESSION['timeout'] = time();
            $ SESSION['username'] = 'admin';
            $msg = '[REDACTED FLAG]';
        } else {
            $msg = 'Wrong Username or Password';
   highlight_file('secret.php');
```

Decoding the string for the first time we get the first base64

#### **Decode from Base64 format**

"V1ZkU2RHRlhOV2hrUjFacIRWUkplazVCYnowSwo=

Decodes in real-time as you type or paste (supports only the UTF-8 character set).

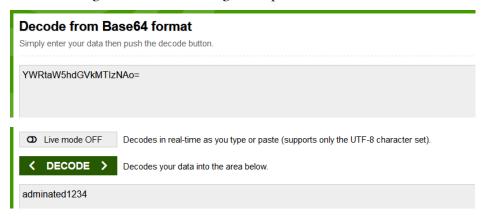
Decodes your data into the area below.

WVdSdGFXNWhkR1ZrTVRJek5Bbz0K

Decoding the base64 again we get another base64



And decoding the last base64 we get the password



Using the username admin and password adminated 123 we get flag as shown below



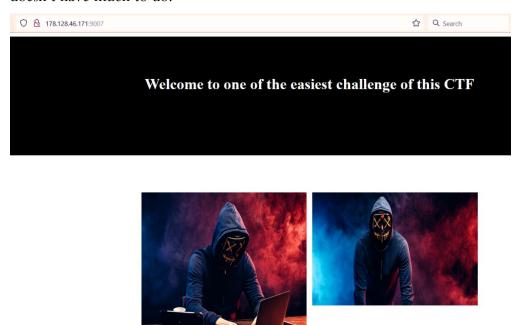
Another method of decoding the base64 is using the command line as shown below

# 3. En-code

This challenge was very easy and straight forward. As the challenge name called encode there was a string which was encoded, and we had to decode it to get the flag. The challenge was 100 points.



Opening the link that we have been provided with we find a static page which doesn't have much to do.



Opening the source code, I found an encoded string as shown below

```
diew-source:http://178.128.46.171:9007/
  <!DOCTYPE html>
  <html>
  <head>
  <title>INDEx</title>
  </head>
10 <div style="background-color:black;color:white;padding:60px;">
   <h1><center>Welcome to one of the easiest challenge of this CTF</center></h1>
    \label{lem:continuous} $$\operatorname{cmarquee} \le p>0nly the best of the best will make it out of here successful. </marquee>
 </div>
 <img src="hehackss.jpeg" alt="Forest" width="350" height="350"></center>
22 <div>
    <center><h2>Nothing more to see here</h2>
    &nbsp <!-- F`Lu*B1892FDYh:01nII0JI<k -->
28 </body>
29 </html>
```

The string was a base 85 which I decoded it using an online tool as shown below and I got the flag.



#### 4. Headstart

This challenge was very interesting to me because it mainly focused on playing with the http headers in order for you to get the flag. This challenge had 150 points.

# HeadStart 150 web-security medium pew pew >.< author: @tahaafarooq#9056 http://178.128.46.171:9003/

Going to the link provided we find a static age which states that it doesn't recognize the endpoint.

```
← → C û v I78.128.46.171:9003

{
    error: "Endpoint Specified Is Not Recognized"
}
```

Then I had to directory brute force the page to get hidden directories and we found two, source and console.

Console was a rabbit hole and I moved forward to source, and reading the source I realized that for you to get the flag, the header was supposed to be PEWPEW with the directory /getflag

```
C 0
                                178.128.46.171:9003/source
from flask import Flask, request, jsonify, render_template, url_for
from decouple import config
import jinja2_highlight
class MyFlask(Flask):
    jinja_options = dict(Flask.jinja_options)
    jinja_options.setdefault('extensions',[]).append('jinja2_highlight.HighlightExtension')
app = MyFlask(_ name
flag = config('FLAG')
@app.route('/')
def index():
    data = {'error':'Endpoint Specified Is Not Recognized'}
    return jsonify(data)
@app.route('/getflag', methods=["PEWPEW"])
def getflag(7:
    if request.method != 'PEWPEW':
   data = {'error':'something went wrong'}
        return jsonify(data)
    else:
        data = {'success':f'{flag}'}
        return jsonify(data)
@app.route('/source')
def source():
    return render_template('index.html')
            == '__main__':
    name
    app.run()
```

Inserting the header **PEWPEW** and directory / **getflag** and we get the flag as shown below

```
Request
Pretty Raw Hex \n ≡
 1 PEWPEW /getflag HTTP/1.1
 2 Content-Length: 387
4 Host: 178.128.46.17.19003

5 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:78.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/78.0

6 Accept: text/html.application/xhtml+xml.application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8

7 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

8 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

9 Connection: close

10 Cookie: PHPSESSID=c4b698e125d30e0e250e3e493c2dd438
11 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
12 Cache-Control: max-age=0
   Response
   Pretty Raw Hex Render \n ■
   1 HTTP/1.0 200 OK
   2 Content-Type: application/json
   3 Content-Length: 51
   4 Server: Werkzeug/2.0.3 Python/3.7.2
   5 Date: Sat, 05 Mar 2022 12:28:22 GMT
   6
   7
   8
            "success": "urchin{m3th0ds_4re_F4scin@ting}"
   9 }
```

## 5. Route

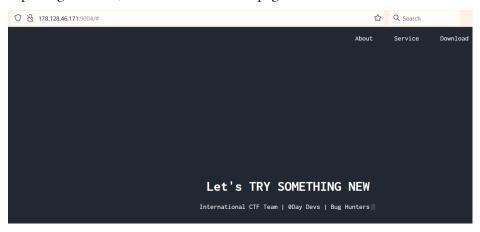
This challenge was all about local file inclusion. This challenge had 150 points.

# Route

#### 150

web-security medium					
Some routes lead to pretty dangerous directions:) Can you					
check the directory that is reserved for all software					
installation and add on packages? see if you can get flag.txt					
author: @tahaafarooq#9056					
http://178.128.46.171:9004/					
Flag	Submit				

Opening the link, we find a static web page as shown below



All tabs were not doing anything, but the download button downloaded a txt file which was also another rabbit hole.

```
document - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

HELLO WORLD , i'm just joking lmao!
```

Upon downloading the file I realized that I was specifying the type of file which was being downloaded in the url as shown below <a href="https://download.php?file=xyz.txt">https://download.php?file=xyz.txt</a> changing the download file to flag.txt and I found the flag.



# 6. Login

This was yet another interesting challenge which didn't involve any form of logging in which was actually a rabbit hole, rather It involved a lot of decoding in order to get the flag. This challenge had 150 points



Opening the link provided and there was a login page, I attempted using default credentials It didn't work





Reviewing the source code and I found main.js as shown below

Clicking on main.js and find a long java string as shown below

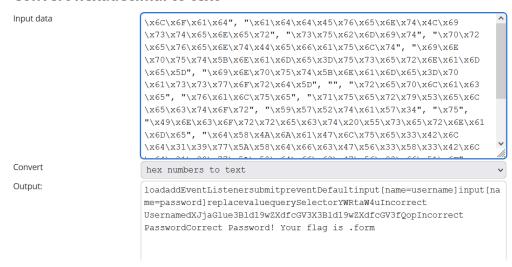


Inserting the code in java beautifier and this is how the output looked like as shown below.

```
Output
          0x18b3 = ["\x6C\x6F\x61\x64"]
         "\x61\x64\x64\x45\x76\x65\x6E\x74\x4C\x69\x73\x74\x65\
         x6E\x65\x72", "\x73\x75\x62\x6D\x69\x74",
          "\x70\x72\x65\x76\x65\x6E\x74\x44\x65\x66\x61\x75\x6C\
         x74", "\x69\x6E\x70\x75\x74\x5B\x6E\x61\x6D\x65\x3D\x7
         5\x73\x65\x72\x6E\x61\x6D\x65\x5D",
          "\x69\x6E\x70\x75\x74\x5B\x6E\x61\x6D\x65\x3D\x70\x61\
         x73\x73\x77\x6F\x72\x64\x5D", ""
         "\x72\x65\x70\x6C\x61\x63\x65", "\x76\x61\x6C\x75\x65"
            "\x71\x75\x65\x72\x79\x53\x65\x6C\x65\x63\x74\x6F\x7
         2", "\x59\x57\x52\x74\x61\x57\x34", "\x75",
         "\x49\x6E\x63\x6F\x72\x72\x65\x63\x74\x20\x55\x73\x65\
         x72\x6E\x61\x6D\x65",
          "\x64\x58\x4A\x6A\x61\x47\x6C\x75\x65\x33\x42\x6C\x64\
         x31\x39\x77\x5A\x58\x64\x66\x63\x47\x56\x33\x58\x33\x4
         2\x6C\x64\x31\x39\x77\x5A\x58\x64\x66\x63\x47\x56\x33\
         x66\x51\x6F", "\x70",
          "\x49\x6E\x63\x6F\x72\x72\x65\x63\x74\x20\x50\x61\x73\
         x73\x77\x6F\x72\x64",
         "\x43\x6F\x72\x72\x65\x63\x74\x20\x50\x61\x73\x73\x77\
         x6F\x72\x64\x21\x20\x59\x6F\x75\x72\x20\x66\x6C\x61\x6
         7\x20\x69\x73\x20", "\x2E", "\x66\x6F\x72\x6D"];
  2 (async () => {
  3 -
       await new Promise(((_0x1f3ax1) => {
         return window[ 0x18h3[1]]/ 0x18h3[0]
                                                  Ox1f3ax1)
Ln: 1 Col: 274
                             size: 1.69 KB
```

Taking the value's of var \_0x18b3 and decoding it we got the below clear text.

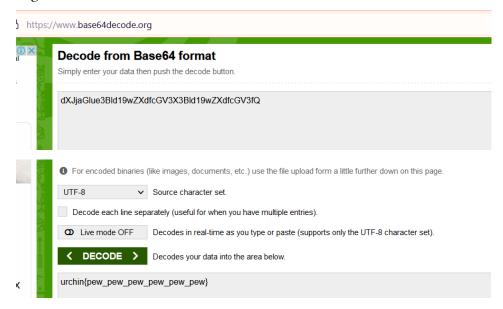
#### Convert hexadecimal to text



We can see on the output there is base64 strings which are underlined as shown below.

loadaddEventListenersubmitpreventDefaultinput[name=username]input[name=password]replacevaluequerySelectorYWRtaW4uIncorrect
UsernamedXJjaGlue3Bld19wZXdfcGV3X3Bld19wZXdfcGV3fQopIncorrect
PasswordCorrect Password! Your flag is .form

Decoding the first base64 it says admin, decoding the second base64 it displays the flag as shown below

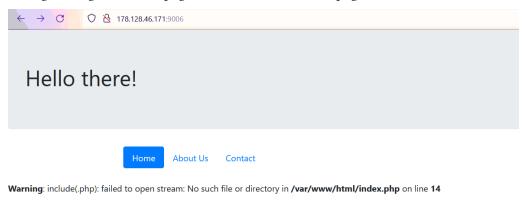


## 7. Route II

This is another challenge which was straight forward. This challenge had 150 points.



Going through the web page I found a static home page as shown below



Warning: include(): Failed opening '.php' for inclusion (include\_path=':./usr/local/lib/php') in /var/www/html/index.php on line 14

Then did a directory brute force after not finding anything interesting on the home page, and I found a flag.txt file. Inserting the **flag.txt** on the url, I got the flag.



# **OSINT CHALLENGES**

There were a total of 3 challenges in this category which were quite easy except for one which was the zipped challenge, its was not hard for me but it was hard for guys who don't live in Tanzania and will explain why in the tutorial.

## 1. Dummies

Dummies was a very interesting challenge but yet a very simple challenge. This challenge had 100 points.

# Dummies

100



I come from sections 1.10.32 and 1.10.33 of "de Finibus Bonorum et Malorum" by Cicero. I am a simply dummy text of the printing and typesetting industry and I have been the industry's standard dummy text ever since the 1500s.

Flag Format: urchin{sometexthere} If needed, separate your answer with (\_)

author: @nicholaus#3245

Google searching the first statement and got hits which indicated the answer to be Lorem Ipsum, submitting the answer indeed it was the answer.



## 2. Welcome to OSINT

This challenge was also another easy straight forward challenge which carried 100 points.

# Welcome To OSINT 100

osint easy

A form of malware that holds a victim's data hostage on their computer typically through robust encryption. This is followed by a demand for payment in the form of Bitcoin (an untraceable digital currency) in order to release control of the captured data back to the user. Remember, we all speak cyb3r language:)

author: @nicholaus#3245

As a cybersecurity expert who has been in the industry for quite some time, I didn't have to google this because the answer is known. The answer was ransomware.

# 3. Zipped

This challenge was another one of my favourite challenge though as I mentioned initially for guys who were outside Tanzania wouldn't be able to solve this hence it would have been considered hard to them. I must say this was a very creative challenge which I really enjoyed solving. The challenge had 150 points.

# Zipped 150

osint easy

One of our team members in UrchinSec who is currently living in Chicago has recently got a job from a company with the building of it on the attached photo , He has never been there physically and he is willing to travel there but before that , The company gave him a simple task that he has to know and submit the ZIP Code of the building on the attached photo. Help him win his job .

author: @nicholaus#3245

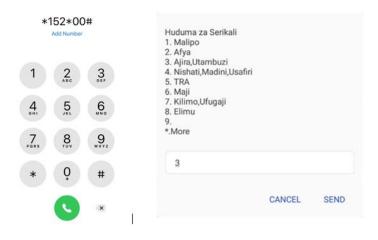
There was a file which we were supposed to download, downloading the file it was a picture of a building which is located in Tanzania, I recognized the building, and it was the building of the HQ of a telecommunication company called Airtel.



There were two methods on how I solved this challenge, the first one being going through a PDF file which I had obtained previously from my friends, going through the pdf I found the flag as shown below. the answer was 14112

REGION	POSTCODE	WARD	POSTCODE	MTAA/VILLAGE
				Kisutu
				Mkunguni
				Mkunguni B
		KINONDONI	14110	Kumbukumbu
				Kinondoni Mjini
				Kinondoni Shamba
				Ada Estate
		MSASANI	14111	Oysterbay
				Masaki
				Mikoroshoni
				Bonde la Mpunga
				Makangira
		MIKOCHENI	14112	Mikocheni "A"
				Mikocheni "B"
				Regent Estate
				Ally H. Mwinyi
				T. P. D. C.
				Darajani

The second method was to dial the code \*152\*00#



FIRST STEP

SECOND STEP

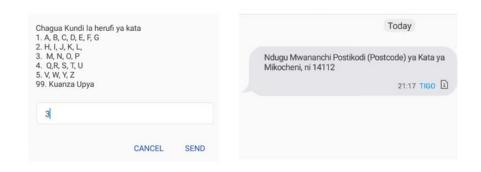
When you dial a menu will popup and then select 3 a further popup will appear



THIRD STEP

FOURTH STEP

You will select 2 then select 2 again for dar es salaam since that's where the building is located



FIFTH STEP

#### LAST STEP:

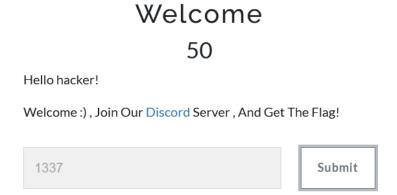
The last step you select M because the building is located in mikocheni and finally you receive the flag on your message.

# DISCORD CHALLENGES

This category involved finding the flag on the discord channel which was very interesting and fun at the same time. There were a total of two challenges in this category

# 1. Welcome

This was the easiest challenge which had a total of 50 points.



The flag could be found on ctf-rules as shown below.

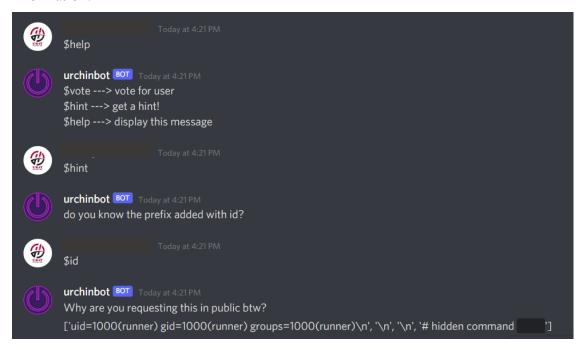


## 2. UrchinBot

This was an interesting challenge too where we had to interact with a bot in order to get the flag. The challenge had a total of 150 points.



Getting into discord on the **bots-cmd** channel we had to interact with the bot and the first command I had typed was **\$help** to see what options I would get. Then I got a list of commands I could run; next I typed the command **\$hint** and I got a direct message from the bot. saying whether I know the prefix id? My logic was prefix should be the **\$** sign so I just added **\$id** as shown below, and I got more information.



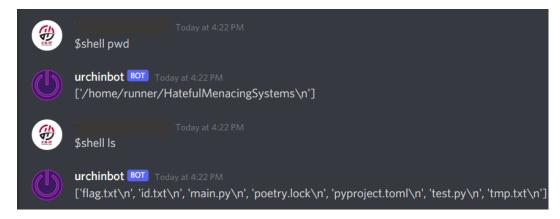
Viewing the hidden text, I saw that it was another command which was **\$shell** which I had assumed would allow me to run shell commands.

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urchinbot Today at 4:21 PM

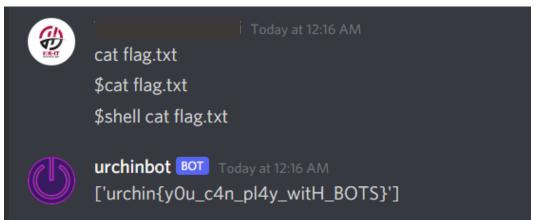
Why are you requesting this in public btw?

['uid=1000(runner) gid=1000(runner) groups=1000(runner)\n', '\n', '\n', '\text{hidden command $shell'}]
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I started with something small which is the print directory and I saw that it worked, next I listed the files to see what files are there as shown below



Upon seeing the flag, I decided to try and cat the file to get the contents, I did some trials and errors but eventually I managed to read the content of the file flag.txt and got the flag.



The CTF had other challenge categories of binary, reverse engineering and cryptography and two machines which I didn't do because I wanted to focus on the challenges that I did.