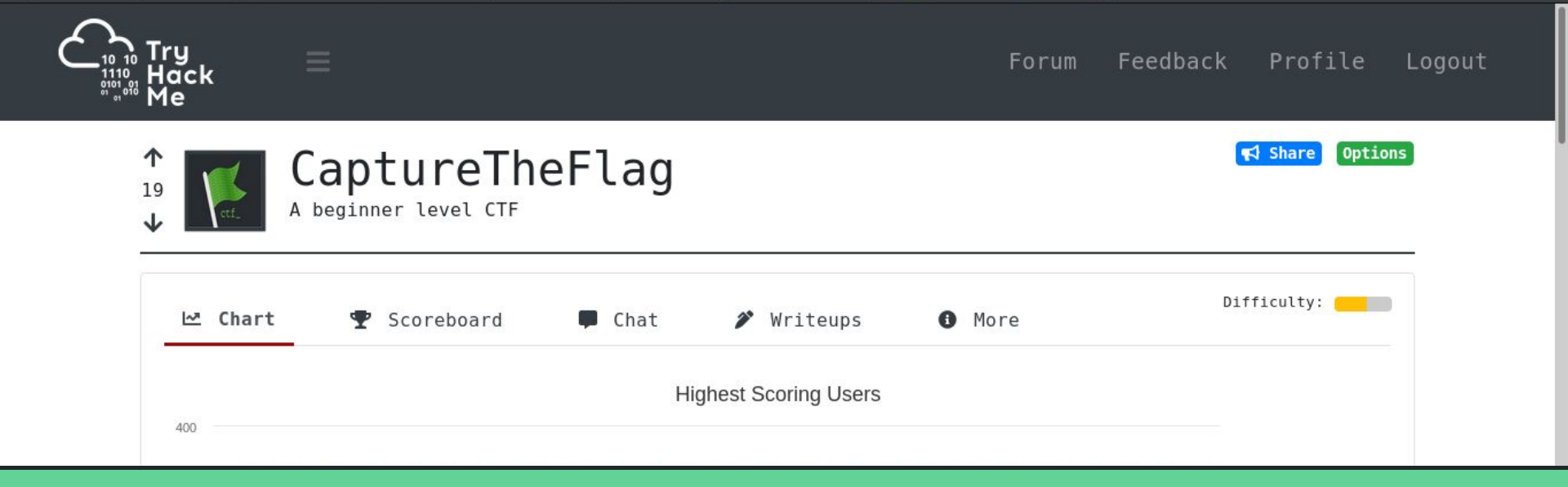
Forensics and Codes

CTF: CaptureTheFlag

https://www.tryhackme.com/room/functf

No SSH Connection Required



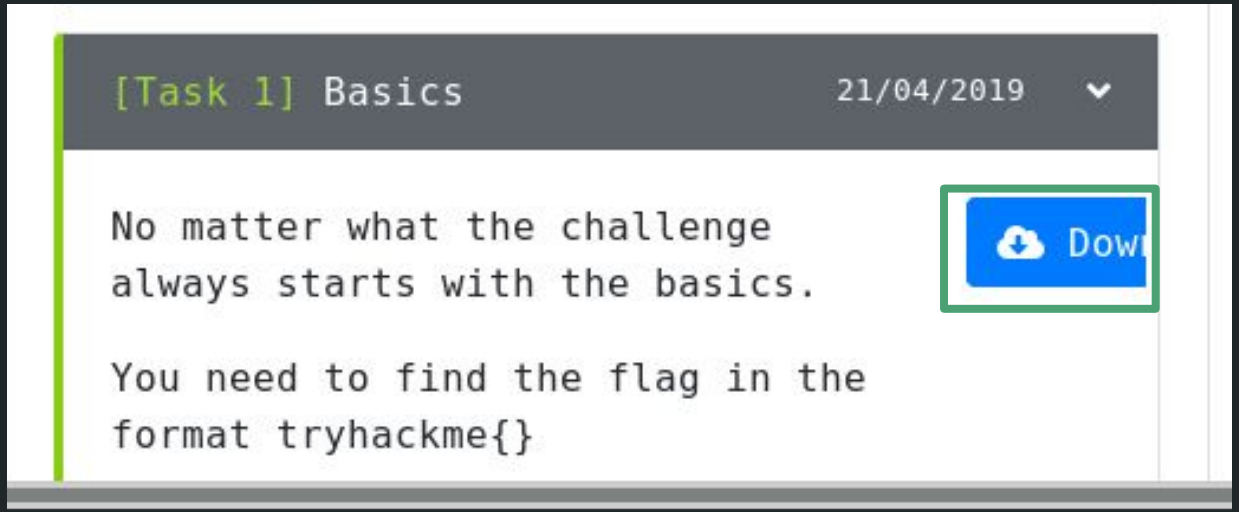
Tools you need:

- stegosuite
- Img_cat
- strings

- For some part of the challenge is choosing the right tool

How to play:

Download the image and read the hint



[Part 1] #1 Do Images have strings?

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The hint here is strings

strings - print the sequences of printable characters in files

root@kali:~/Downloads# strings Basic.jpg

JFIF
ICC_PROFILE
...

tryhackme{7h1s_i5_wh4t_strings_d0es} ⇐ ANSWER TO #1

[Part 1] #2 Metadata or EXIF data?.....ah!! I'm so confused

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➜ Metadata or Exif data can be viewed with exiftool

root@kali:~/Downloads# exiftool Basic.jpg

...

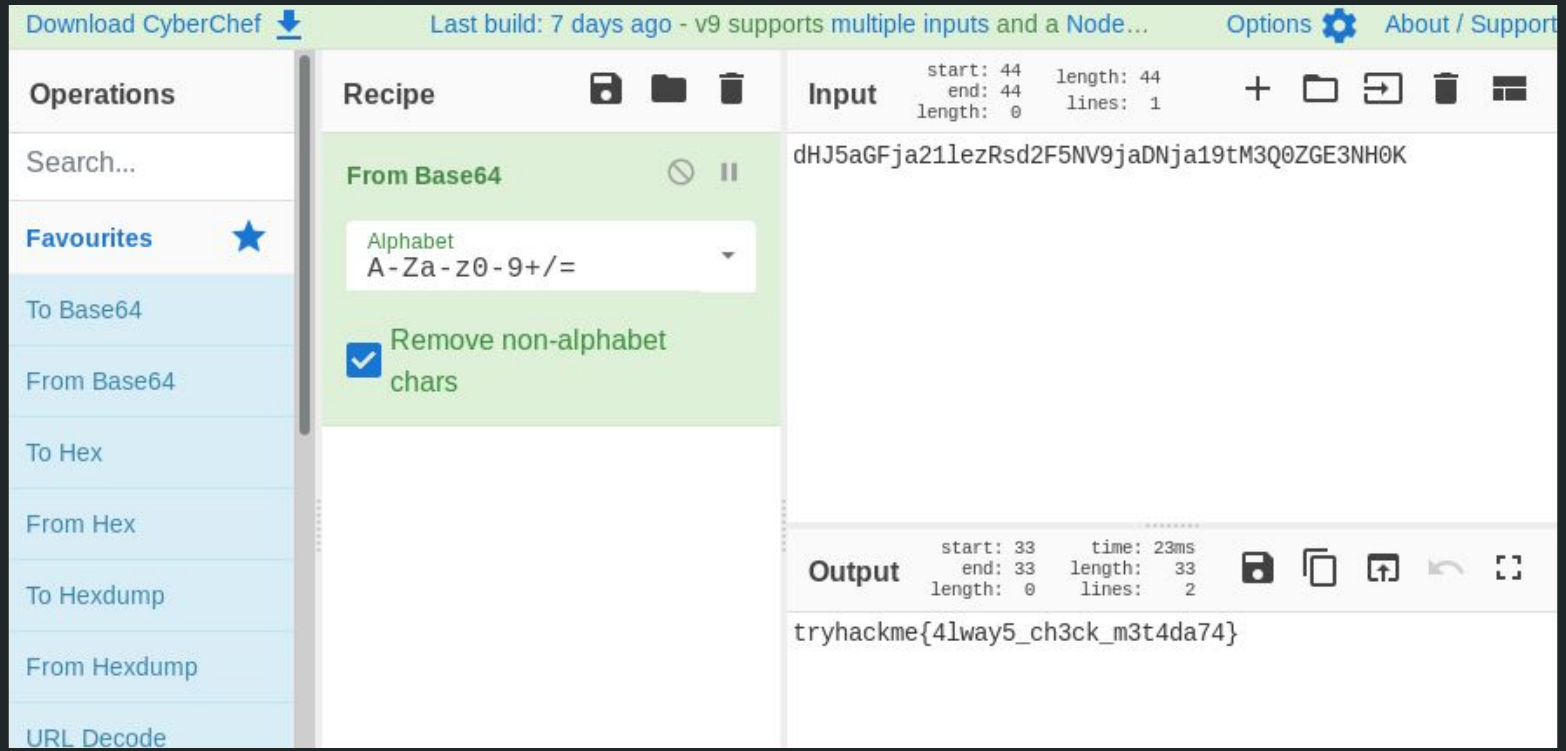
Comment : dHJ5aGFja21lezRsd2F5NV9jaDNja19tM3Q0ZGE3NH0K

Image Width : 404

Image Height : 404

Encoding Process : Progressive DCT, Huffman coding

#2 Metadata or EXIF data?.....ah!! I'm so confused



[Part 2] #1 Find the flag.

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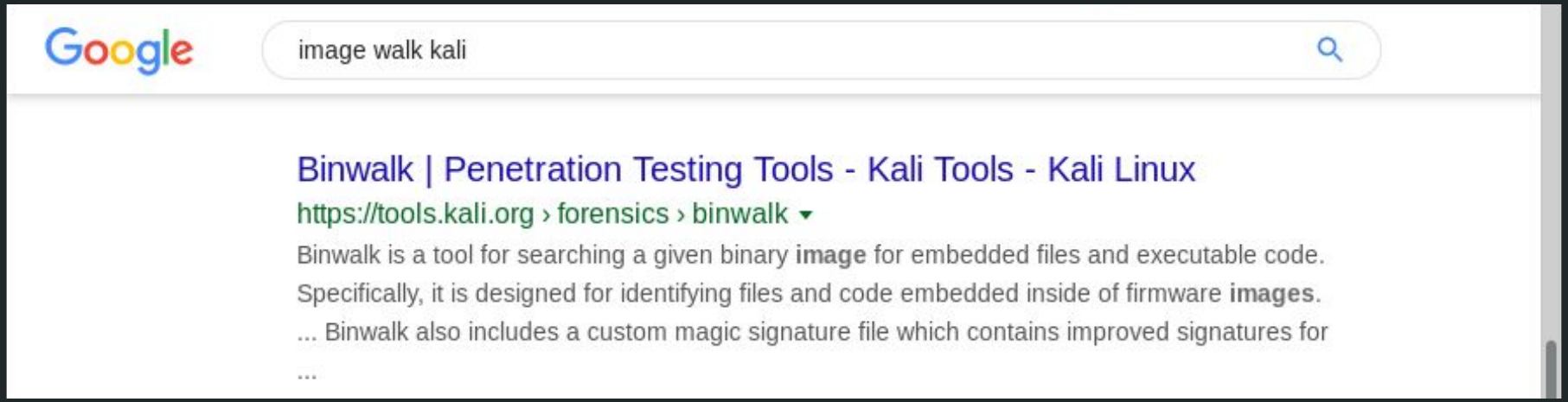
Download the next image: walk.jpg

I can make this easy just by telling you the tool or maybe you can read the title again and figure out your self.

P.S - It's a very famous, open source tool :)

#1 Find the flag.

The image name is walk, so:



The tool is binwalk

#1 Find the flag.

binwalk:

binwalk - tool for searching binary images for embedded files and executable code

Param:

-e, --extract Automatically extract known file types

#1 Find the flag.

root@kali:~/Downloads# binwalk -e walk.jpg

DECIMAL HEXADECIMAL DESCRIPTION

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0 0x0 JPEG image data, JFIF standard 1.01

30 0x1E TIFF image data, big-endian, offset of first image directory: 8

170610 0x29A72 gzip compressed data, from Unix, last modified: 2019-04-21 08:25:56

root@kali:~/Downloads#ls

_walk.jpg.extracted

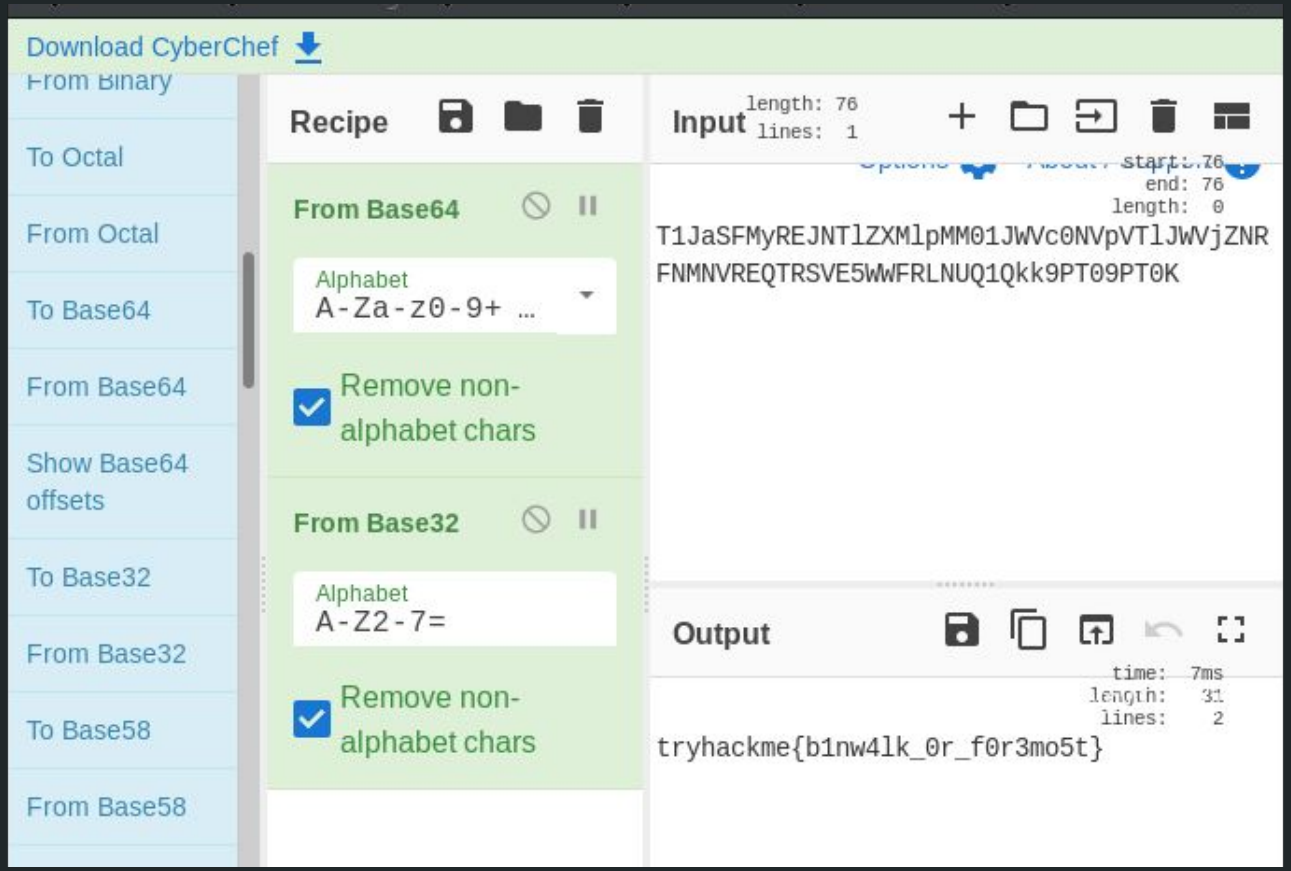
#1 Find the flag.

root@kali:~/Downloads# cd _walk.jpg.extracted/
root@kali:~/Downloads/_walk.jpg.extracted# ls
29A72 29A72.gz
root@kali:~/Downloads/_walk.jpg.extracted# cat 29A72
PaxHeader/flag.txt000644 001750 001751 00000000066 13457024252 014506
xustar00mzfrmzfr000000 000000 30 mtime=1555835050.729934811
24 SCHILY.fflags=extent
flag.txt000644 001750 001751 00000000352 13457024252 012533
0ustar00mzfrmzfr000000 000000 hmm..So you've got the flag.txt file good!!
Now let's play a bit with bases
This is the flag but it's encoded twice with 2 different bases. Figure it out

T1JaSFMyREJNTlZXMlpMM01JWVc0NVpVTlJWVjZNRFNMNVREQTRSVE5WWFRL
NUQ1Qkk9PT09PT0K

#1 Find the flag.

I love cyberchef



[Part 3] #1 Find the Flag

#1 Find the flag.

Download the next image: hide.jpg

Hint: You know the drill, focus on the Title.

#1 Find the flag.

This tool is really popular:

steghide - a steganography program

To extract:

Example:

$ steghide extract -sf picture.jpg

Enter passphrase:

wrote extracted data to "secret.txt".

#1 Find the flag.

root@kali:~/Downloads# steghide extract -sf hide.jpg

Enter passphrase:

steghide: could not extract any data with that passphrase!

root@kali:~/Downloads#

Oh No. The passphase must be hidden in the image.

#1 Find the flag.

You can find the password 2 ways:

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root@kali:~/Downloads# strings hide.jpg
JFIF
ORZHS2BUMNVW2MYK
$3br
%&'()*456789:CDEFGHIJSTUVWXYZcdefghijstuvwxyz
        #3R
&'()*56789:CDEFGHIJSTUVWXYZcdefghijstuvwxyz
H@9l|
3_`x
NM+U
V[$2\
```

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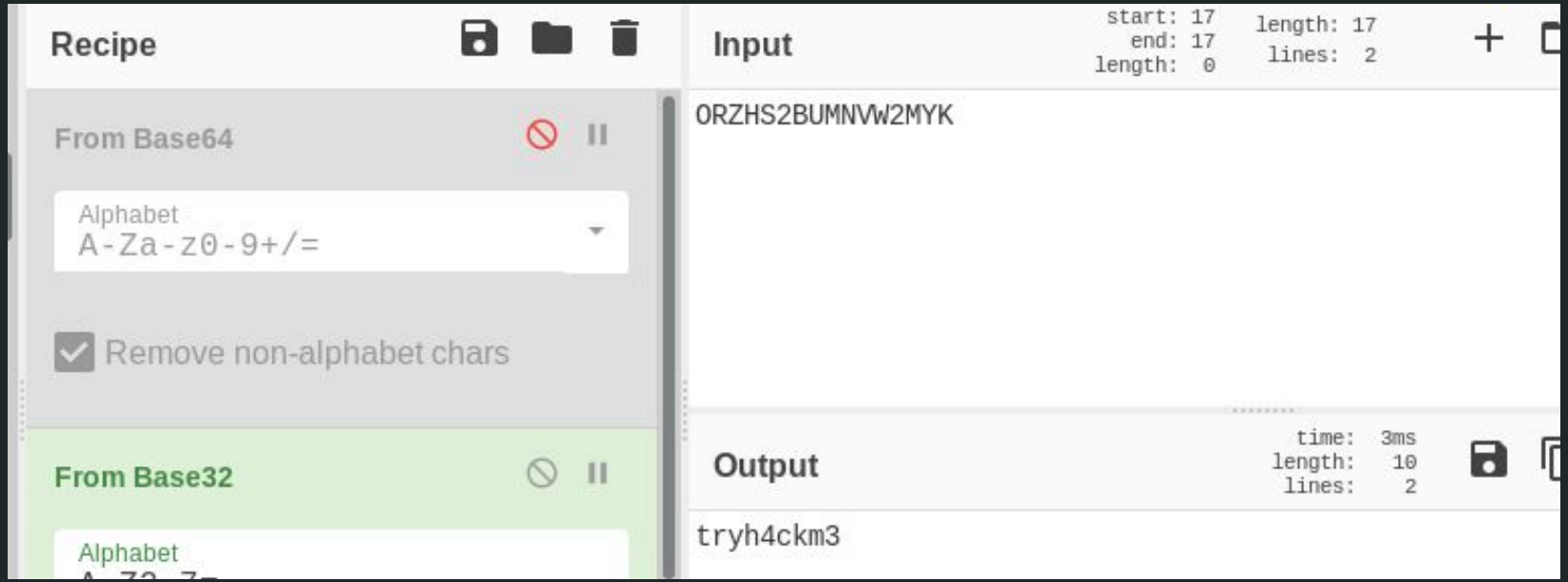
EAuy-
root@kali:~/Downloads# exiftool hide.jpg
ExifTool Version Number         : 11.77
File Name                       : hide.jpg
Directory                       : .
File Size                       : 56 kB
File Modification Date/Time     : 2019:12:27 19:23:3
File Access Date/Time           : 2019:12:27 19:28:4
File Inode Change Date/Time     : 2019:12:27 19:23:4
File Permissions                : rw-r--r--
File Type                       : JPEG
File Type Extension             : jpg
MIME Type                       : image/jpeg
JFIF Version                    : 1.01
Resolution Unit                 : inches
X Resolution                    : 300
Y Resolution                    : 300
Comment                         : ORZHS2BUMNVW2MYK
Image Width                     : 426
```

#1 Find the flag.

- Tried ORZHS2BUMNVW2MYK
- Realized it was encoded
- Used cyberchef



#1 Find the flag.

root@kali:~/Downloads# steghide extract -sf hide.jpg
Enter passphrase:

wrote extracted data to "flag-1.txt".

root@kali:~/Downloads# cat flag-1.txt
Steghide is a great tool to find some hidden data that couldn't be extracted using binwalk.

Note: steghide doesn't need password always

tryhackme{st3gh1d3_i5_l0v3}

[Part 4] #1 Find the flag.

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Download: stegano.png

Hint:

Hiding data in LSB are a very common process. Especially in CTFs.

The most famous tool used for this is KDE68

P.S: Name of the tool is encrypted in a version of ROT cipher.

P.P.S: I repeat decode KDE68 to find the name of the tool.

(Hint look up ROT13 variants)

#1 Find the flag.

Decode KDE68

- Tried a bunch of different things until something worked

#1 Find the flag.

➜ You have to download zsteg

https://github.com/zed-0xff/zsteg

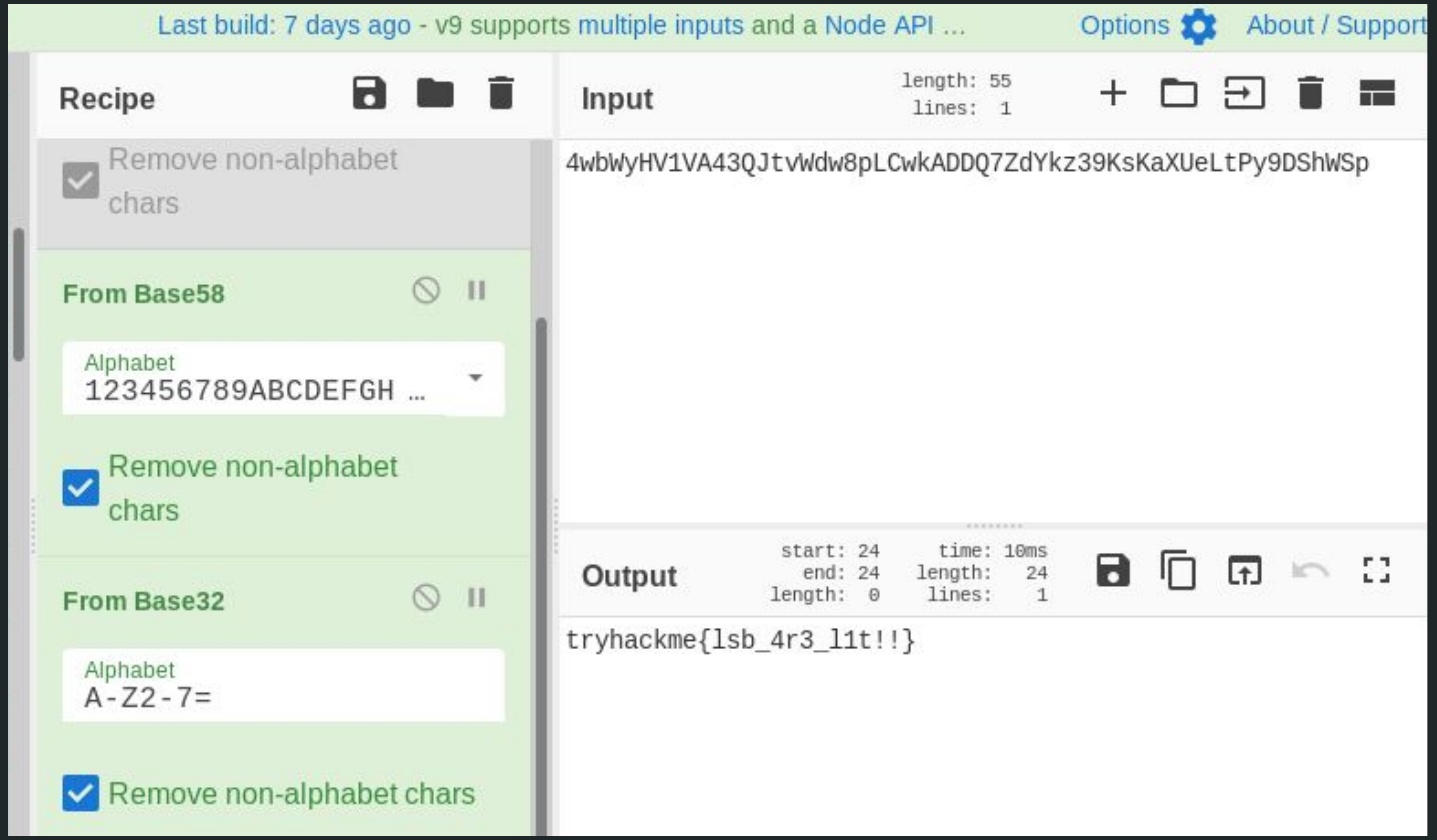
➜ Extract and run:
root@kali:~/zsteg-master# gem install zsteg

#1 Find the flag.

root@kali:~/Downloads# zsteg stegano.png
imagedata .. text: "ywx46+%)"
b1,bgr,lsb,xy .. text: "=flag=4wbWyHV1VA43QJtvWdw8pLCwkADDQ7ZdYkz39KsKaXUeLtPy9DShWSp\n
....

#1 Find the flag.

I love cyberchef



[Part 5] #1 Since you've been working hard..I wanted to hand out the flag to you but my dumb friend messed the whole image. Fix the image to get the flag.

#1 Fix the image.

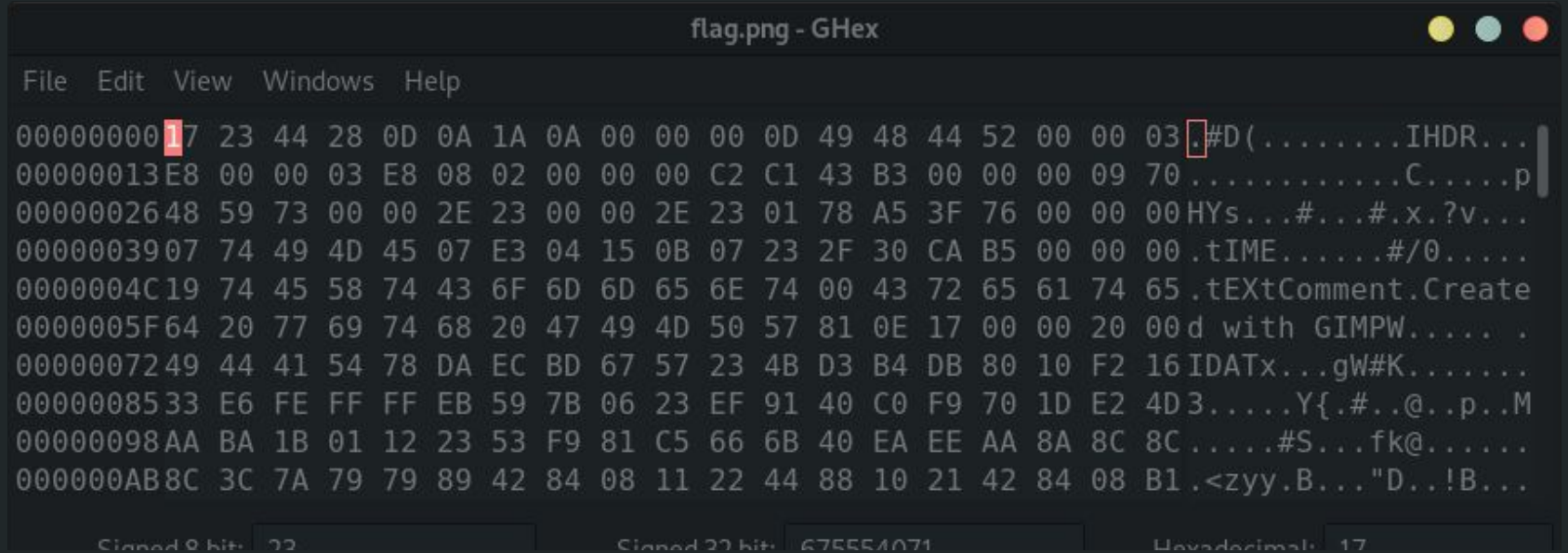
Download: flag.png

There are a lot of ways to mess a file. The most common one is to play with its headers.

NOTE: The flag is not in the tryhackme{}. For submission add tryhackme{} around the found flag.

#1 Fix the image.

Open the image with ghex and check the file signature: 17 23 44 28 0D 0A 1A ..



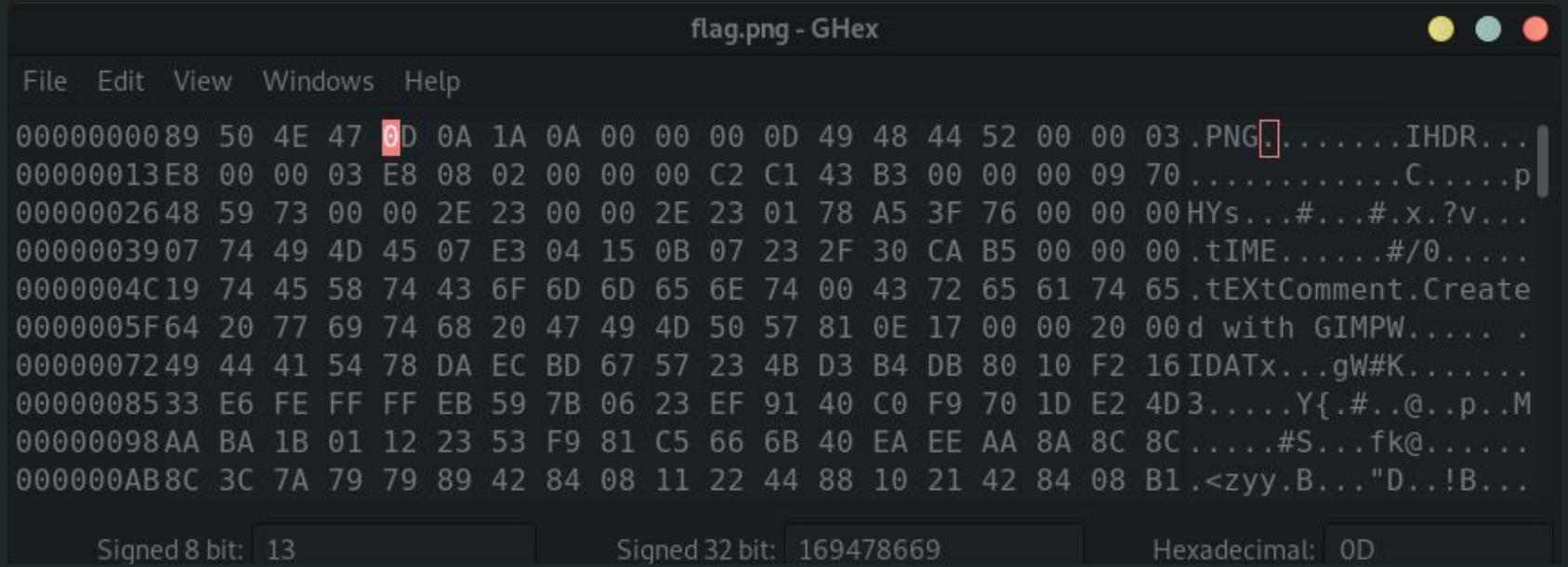
#1 Fix the image.

Lookup the file signature for png and compare it with:
17 23 44 28 0D 0A 1A ..

89 50 4E 47 0D 0A 1A 0A	.PNG....	0	png	Image encoded in the Portable Network Graphics format[13]

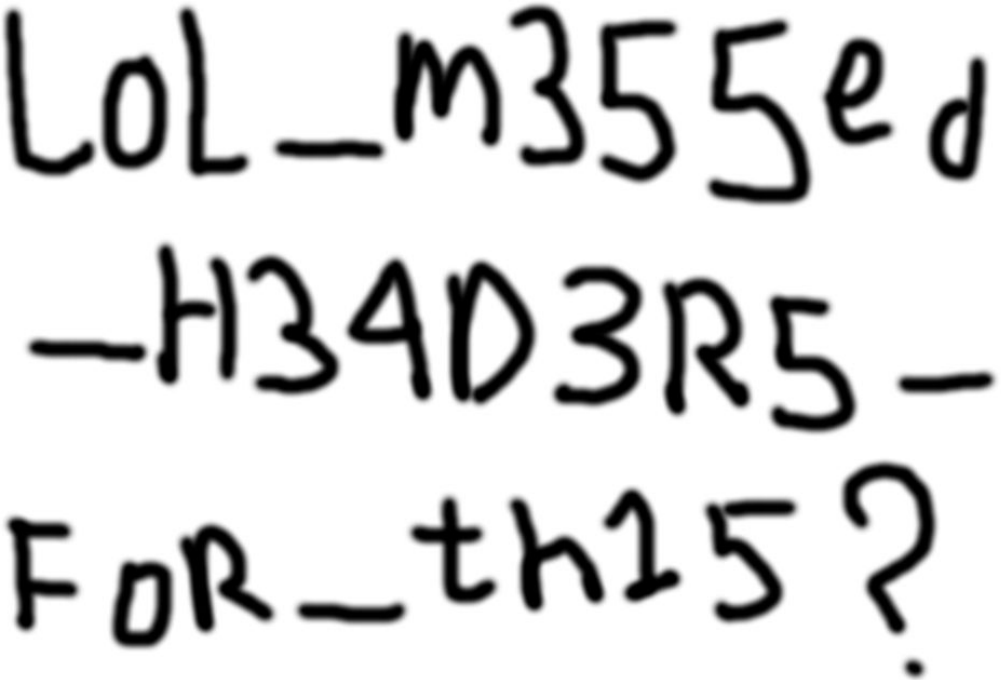
This doesn't match.
Edit the hex on flag.png to match, and then save it.

#1 Fix the image.



#1 Fix the image.

The fixed image is:
And the flag is:
tryhackme{LoL_m355ed_H34D3R5_FoR_th15?}



[Part 6] #1 Audio?!

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Download flag.wav
Hint:

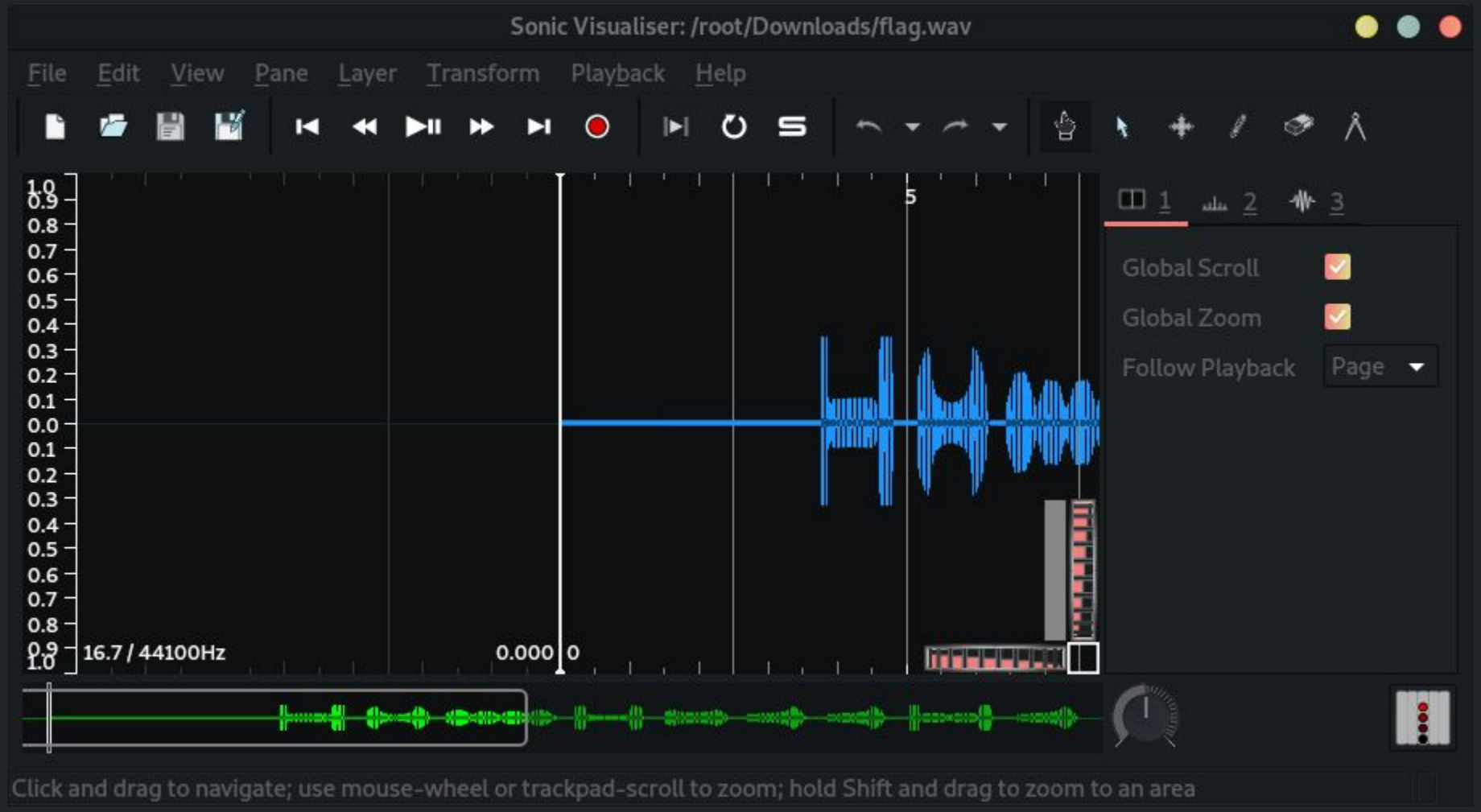
HACKER1: FBI is onto me that is why I am sending you a hidden message in an audio file.
HACKER2: What? Audio file...how the hell is that safe.
H1: It is because audio has nothing to do with it.
H2: So how can I see it.
H1: Just check the spectro.....
-----DISCONNECTED----------
This was the conversation intercepted by FBI between two hackers. FBI has provided you with the audio file can you help then find the message?

#1 Audio?!

In the hint it says check the spectro
After much searching I found a tool:

sonic-visualiser/kali-rolling 4.0-1 amd64
  viewing and analysing the contents of music audio files

Downloaded it and opened the file


Sonic Visualiser: /root/Downloads/flag.wav
File Edit View Pane Layer Transform Playback Help
1.0 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0
16.7 / 44100Hz
0.000 0
1 2 3
Global Scroll
Global Zoom
Follow Playback
Page
Click and drag to navigate; use mouse-wheel or trackpad-scroll to zoom; hold Shift and drag to zoom to an area

#1 Audio?!

To reveal the flag:
Layer > Add Spectrogram


Sonic Visualiser: /root/Downloads/flag.wav (modified)
File Edit View Pane Layer Transform Playback Help
10.263 452608
dBFS
16.7 / 44100Hz
flag.wav: Spectrogram
flag.wav: Waveform
Ruler
Color Green
Scale dBV None
Window 1024 50 % 1x
Bins All Bins Linear
Show
Visible: 0.394 to 16.700 (duration 16.305)

#1 Audio?!

That is so cool...
Flag is:
tryhackme{NOWUS33M3}

[Part 7] #1 Let's start with the basic

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Aopz pz h Jhlzhy jpwoly zopmalk zlclu wvzpapvuz zv h pz lxbpchslua av o huk zv vu.

Doha fvb ullk pz h mshn ypnoa ayfohjrtl{Uv_jhlzhy_Uv_Jyfwav}

#1 Let's start with the basic

Text has been shifted. We have to figure out how much.

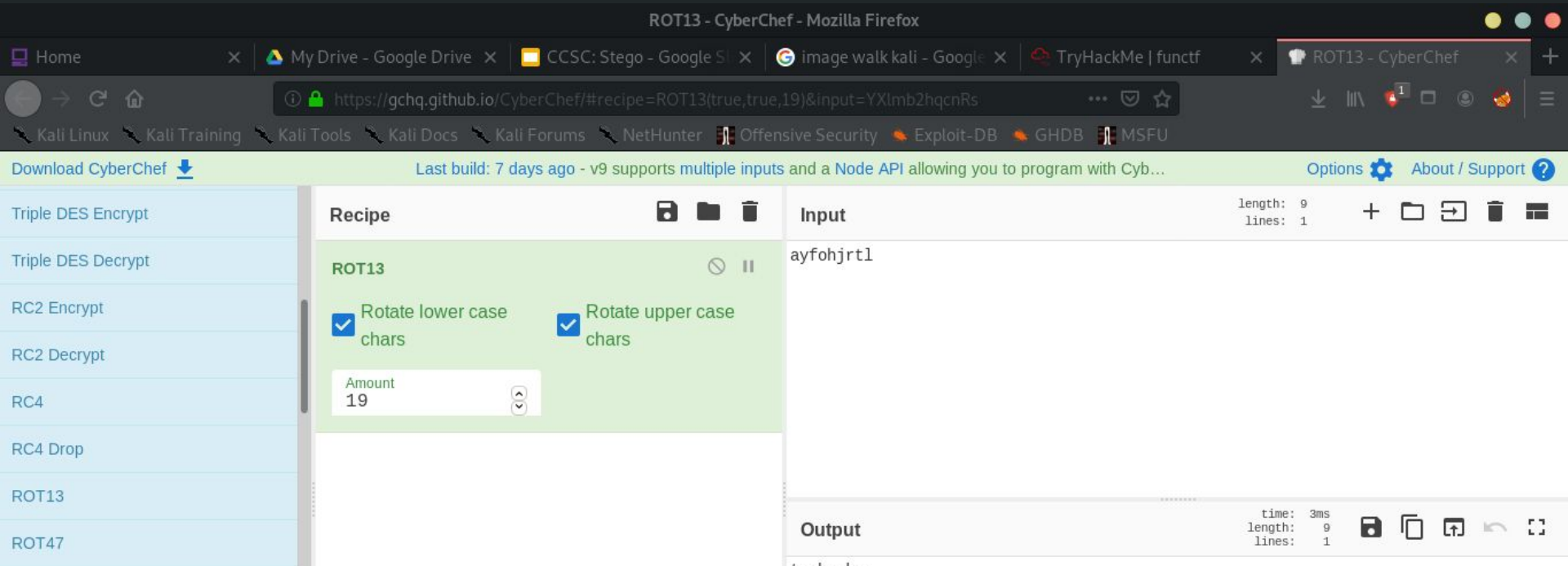
The last bit in the phrase is obviously the flag:

ayfohjrtl{Uv_jhlzhy_Uv_Jyfwav}

ayfohjrtl == tryhackme

#1 Let's start with the basic

Using ROT13



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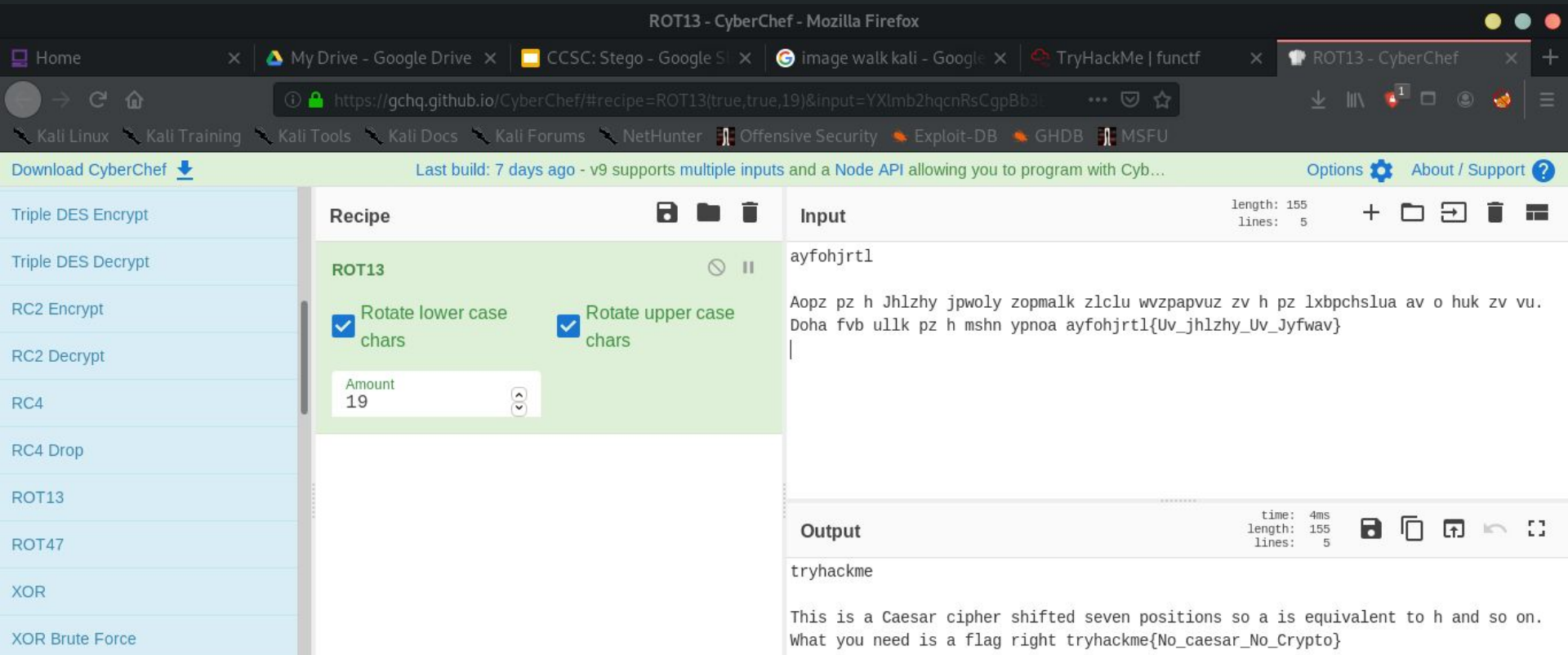

[Part 7] #2 Let's start with the basic

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Guvf gvzr gurl ner fuvsgrq guvegrra cbfvgvbaf gung vf jul vg'f pnyyrq EBG guvegrra.

SYNT: gelunpxzr{ebg_guvegrra_vf_nyfb_pnrfne_pvcure}

#2 Let's start with the basic

Focusing on this

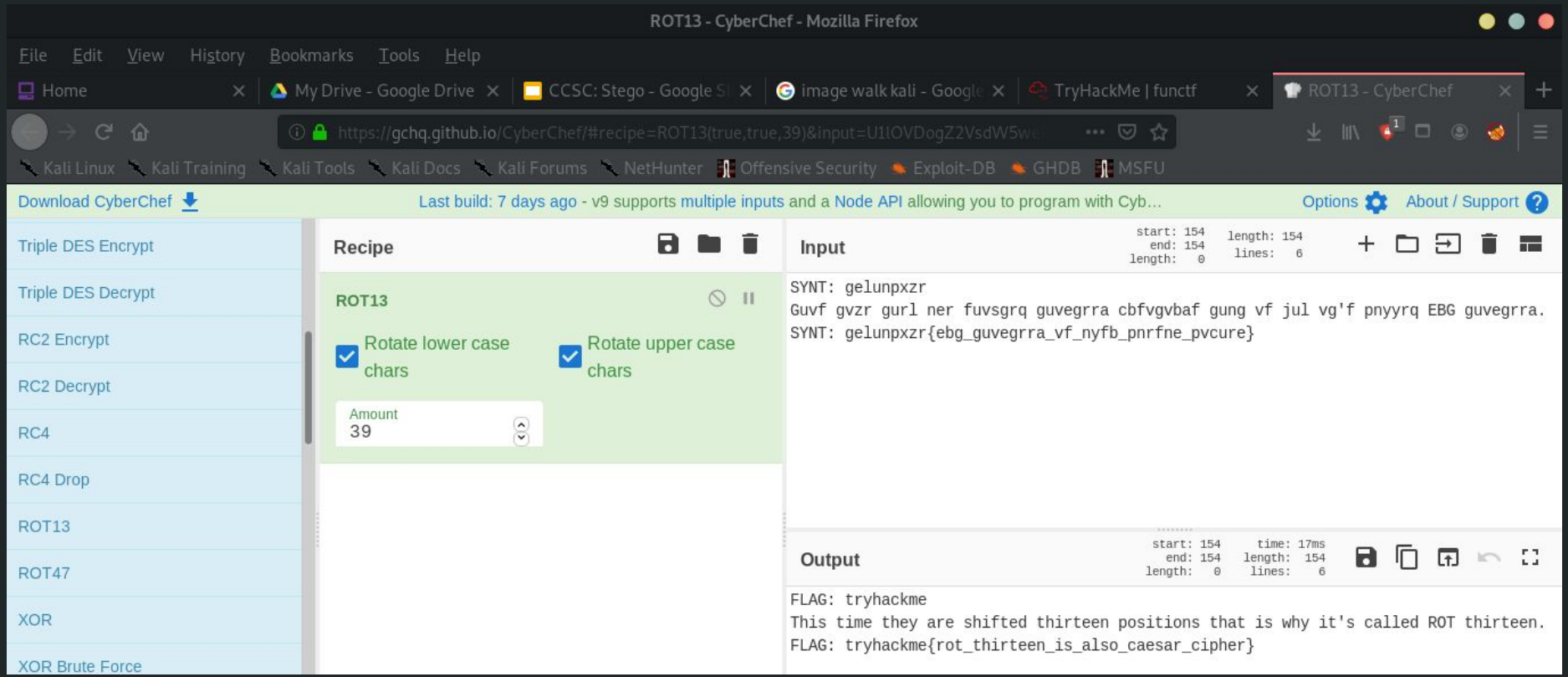
SYNT: gelunpxzr{ebg_guvegrra_vf_nyfb_pnrfne_pvcure}

SYNT is hint maybe?

➜ (Its actually flag)

➜ Using the same technique

#1 Let's start with the basic



[Part 7] #3 What the hell is this?

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(@29]]]H:== E9:D 6G6C DE@An x >62? H6 42? ;FDE D9:7E E@ 2?J 2>@F?E @7 A@D:E:@?D H:E9 H926G6C 492C24E6C D6E]
ECJ924<>6Lu=2v0xD0p==0x0Hp?E0?@0q$N

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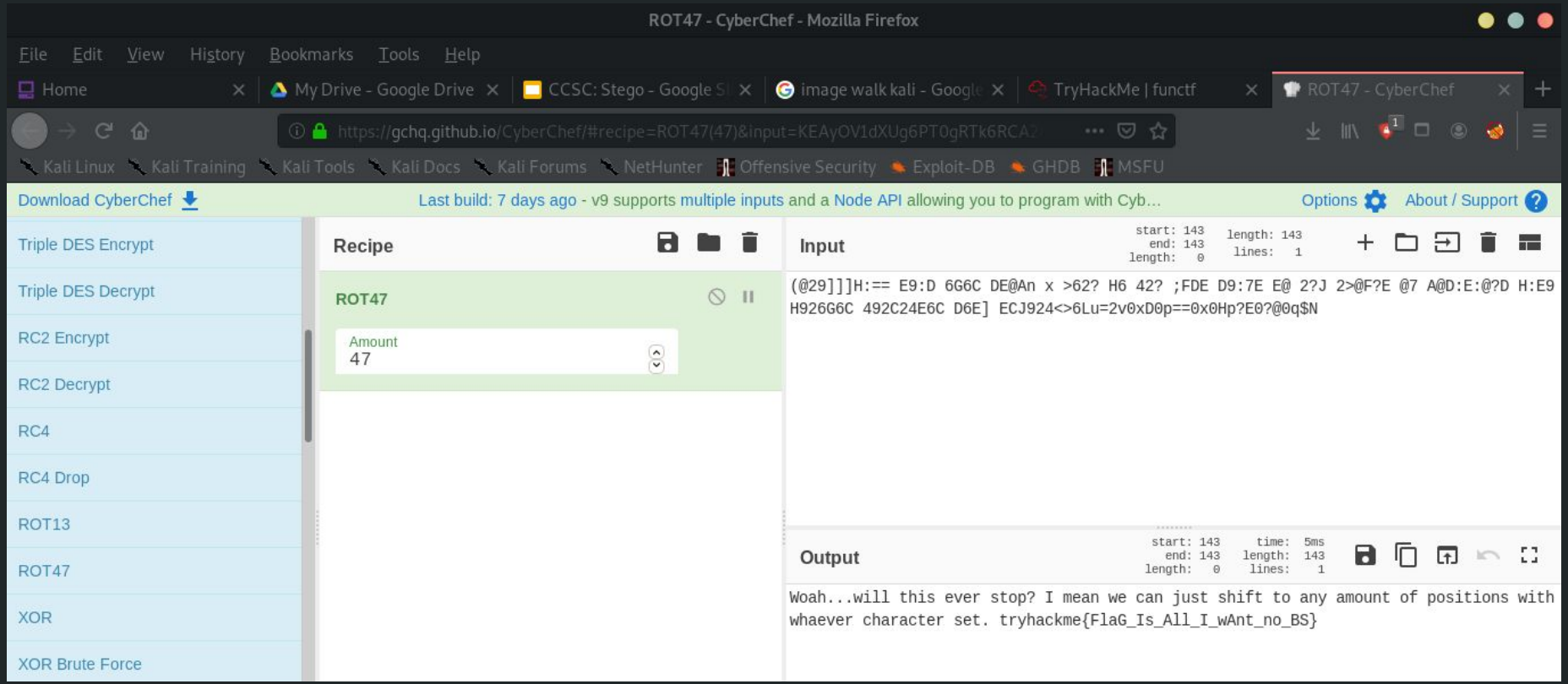
ECJ924<>6Lu=2v0xD0p==0x0Hp?E0?@0q$N

➜ They have probably shifted more than just letters

⇒ The encoding that does that is ROT47

#3 What the hell is this?



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Fmeorcbi gc rmd gyowyb sp sw gd. Afy gybiq gi hewr geld xfo jjkk rbcfkgiwi{TsKcxipo_gGzLcB_mQ_MeCcep_mmNrlp}

P.S: Don't forget to use your brain ;)

#4 What the hell is this?

Keeping only the flag part:

Three different amounts that were shifted by:

tdehmikyk{VuMezkrq_iIbNeD_oS_OgEegr_ooPtKr}

hrsvawymy{JiAsnyfe_wWpBsR_cG_CuSsuf_ccDhYf}

nxybgcese{PoGytelk_cCvHyX_iM_IaYyaI_iiJnEl}

--> You can see that together they make tryhackme

#4 What the hell is this?

--> Replace the characters that are in the wrong position with # to make clearer

t##h##k##{V##e##r#_#I##e#r_#s_##E#r_##P##r}

#r##a##m#{#i##s##e_##p##R_##_C##s##_c##h##}

##y##c##e{##G##e##_c##H##_i#_#a##a#_#i##E#}

the flag is:

tryhackme{ViGesere_cIpHeR_iS_CaEsar_ciPhEr}

--> I figured this out with pencil and paper I am sure there is faster way

[Part 8] #1 Ancient Times

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- Looked around until I found out what it was
- Pigpen cipher
- Found a site to decode it

Kali Linux Kali Training Kali Tools Kali Docs Kali Forums NetHunter Offensive Security

Search for a tool

SEARCH A TOOL ON DCODE BY KEYWORDS:

e.g. type random GO

Results

↑↓	↑↓
(Original) #,#•,×,×•	LOOKEDLIKESOMEALIENLANGUAGETOMETRYHACKMEPIGANDPEN
#,×,#•,×•	PSSOEDPIOEJSQEAPIERPARGLAGEKSQEKVYHACOQETIGARDTER
La Buse	EKKCJHERCJTKGJBERJIEBINVBNJTKGJTQUPBFCGJMRNBIHMJI
Heinrich von Nettelsheim	JMMKEDJIKEPMKEAJIELJALGUAGEQMKEQOYHACKKENIGALDNEL
#•,×•,#,×	CFFBRQCVBRWFDRNCVRECNETYNTRXFDRXILUNPBDRGVTNEQGRE
	TWWSMLTQSMAWUMITQMVTIVOCIOMBWUMBZ

Pigpen Cipher

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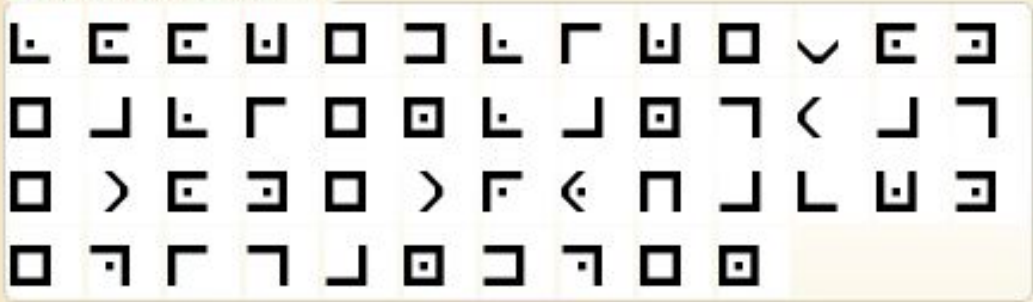
PigPen Decoder

SYMBOLS OF THE PIGPEN ALPHABET (CLICK TO ADD)

PIG-PEN CIPHERTEXT



DECRYPT

[Part 9]: #1 Genetics

#1 Genetics

I heard scientist found ways to hide data in DNA and stuff. Is it really true?

CTCAAAATAATCTTGATTACAATGATTAGTACATTGAAACACACATTGCCACAG
AGAATCACGTTGAAAATCCGACATACTAGAATCACGTTGCATATGTTGATAAAA
AGGACATTGCATACTACAAGACACTTGATAACACAGCAGAAAACGACATTGCA
GACAAAGCCACACACATTTTTGTAAACAAGTAGTTTGCCGACTATGTTGAAGAA
ACACACACAGTTGGAGTTGAGCCCACAGCATTTGATCACAACAAATTTGATAC
GATTGAATAAAATAATCTTGACCAGTAAAACGTTGGAAACAGCTTCGCATTCAA
AGTGAGACCCAGAC

#1 Genetics

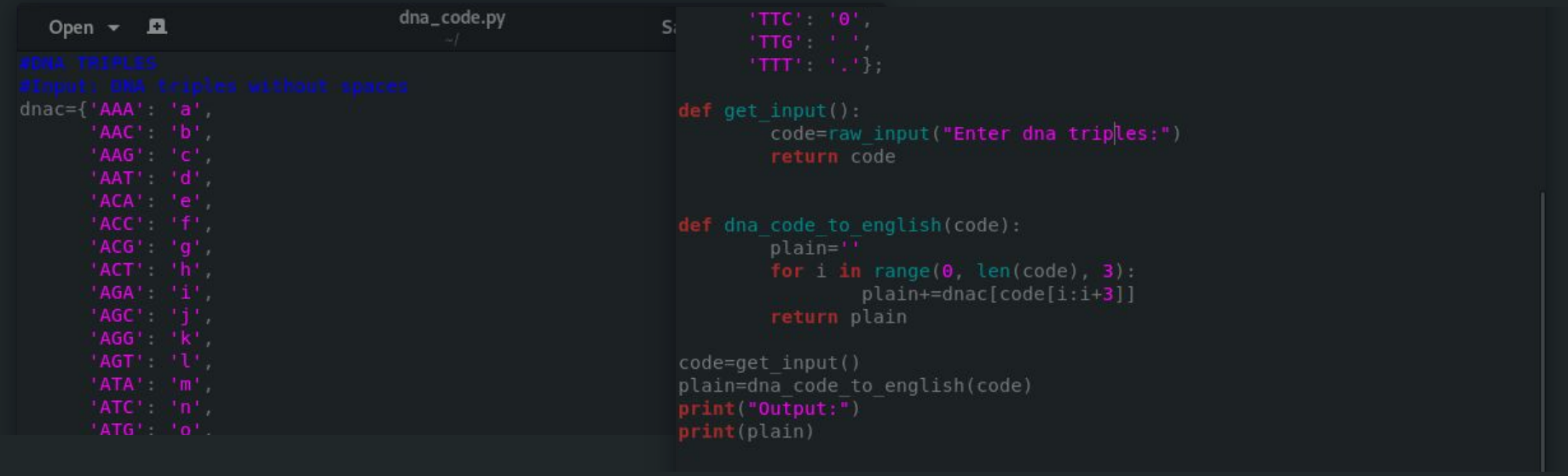
(This actually took me a long time to figure out)
First I looked up dna code to english and scrolled until I found this promising table:

DNA CODE

Codon	English	Codon	English	Codon	English	Codon	English
AAA	a	CAA	q	GAA	G	TAA	W
AAC	b	CAC	r	GAC	H	TAC	X
AAG	c	CAG	s	GAG	I	TAG	Y
AAT	d	CAT	t	GAT	J	TAT	Z
ACA	e	CCA	u	GCA	K	TCA	1
ACC	f	CCC	v	GCC	L	TCC	2
ACG	g	CCG	w	GCG	M	TCG	3
ACT	h	CCT	x	GCT	N	TCT	4
AGA	i	CGA	y	GGA	O	TGA	5
AGC	j	CGC	z	GGC	P	TGC	6
AGG	k	CGG	A	GGG	Q	TGG	7
AGT	l	CGT	B	GGT	R	TGT	8
ATA	m	CTA	C	GTA	S	TTA	9
ATC	n	CTC	D	GTC	T	TTC	0
ATG	o	CTG	E	GTG	U	TTG	space
ATT	p	CTT	F	GTT	V	TTT	. (period)

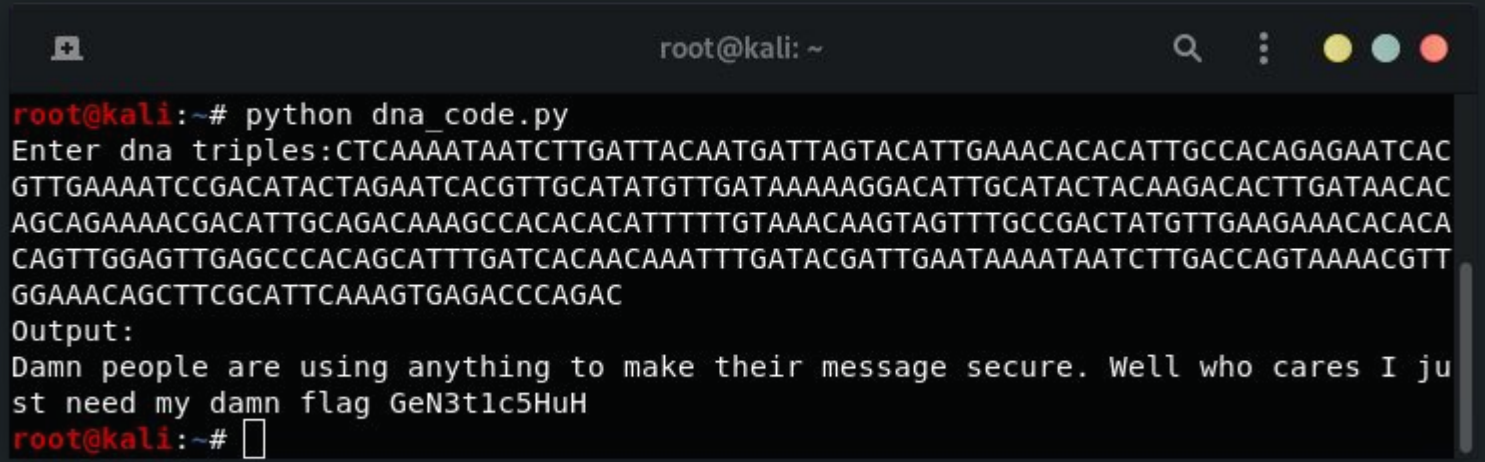
#1 Genetics

I started manually translating it, but then gave up and wrote a program to do it for me.



#1 Genetics

Program Output:



Flag: tryhackme{GeN3t1c5HuH}

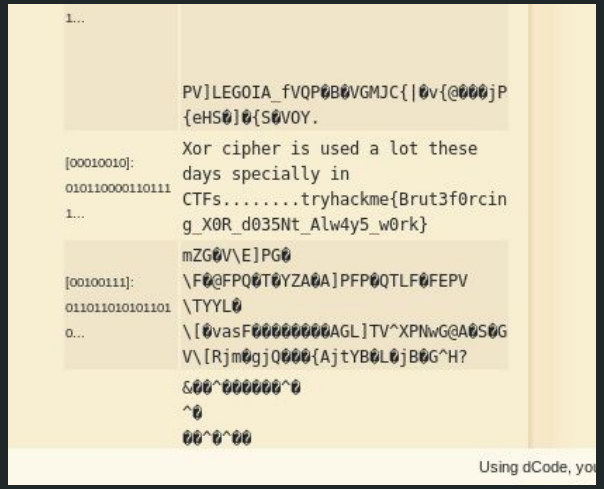
[Part 10] #1 Exclusive Or Random

#1 Exclusive Or Random

Hint: You know you can take any two beautiful messages(strings) and mesh them together and they'll come out complete random.

4a7d6032717b627a7760327b6132676177763273327e7d6632667a7761773276736b6132616277717b737e7e6b327b7c32514654613c3c3c3c3c3c3c66606b7a7371797f7769506067662174226071 7b7c754d4a22404d762221275c664d537e65266b274d652260796f18

#1 Exclusive Or Random



You have to brute force it:

[00010010]: 0101100001101111...Xor cipher is used a lot these days specially in CTFs.....tryhackme{Brut3f0rcing_X0R_d035Nt_Alw4y5_w0rk}

[Part 11] #1 Morse Code

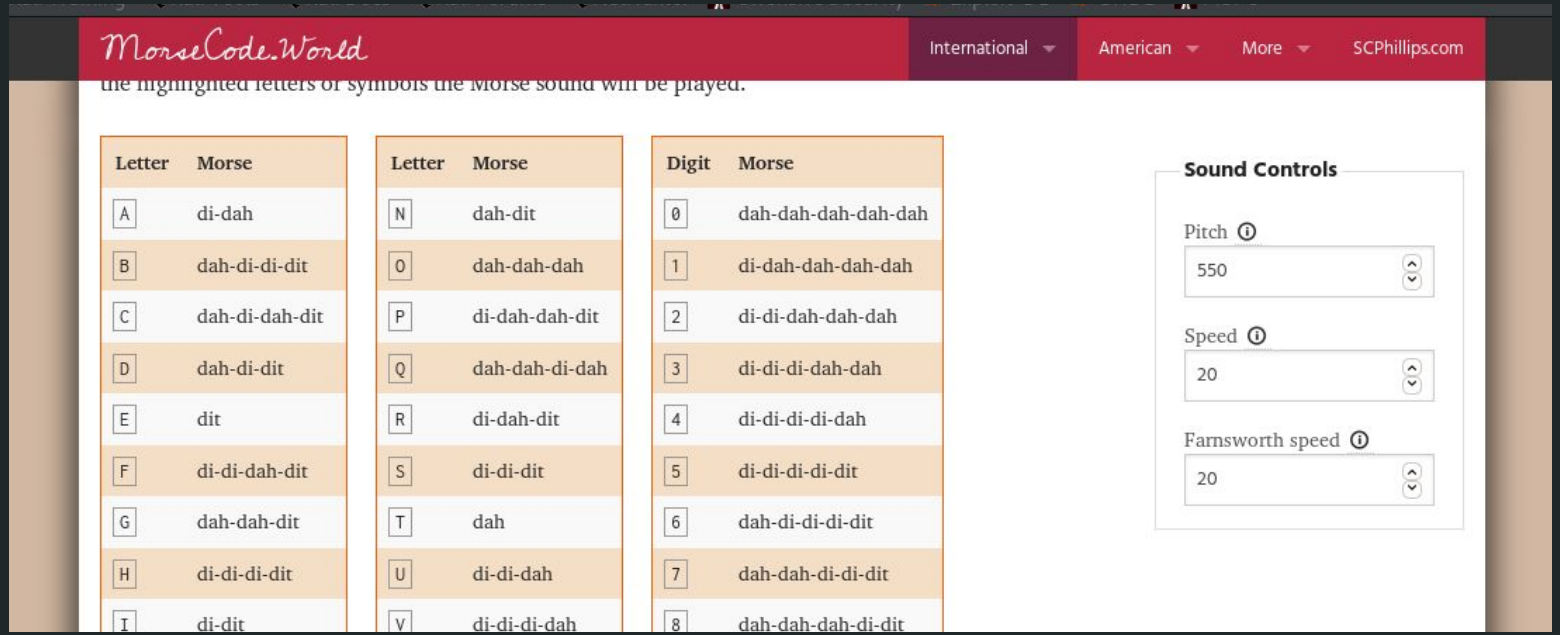
#1 Morse Code

Download the file: morse.txt

Hint: Morse code is being used for a very long time. And since then there has been a lot of versions like using your eyebrows, flashing torches, tapping etc.

#1 Morse Code

Found a table that had the conversion:



MorseCode.World

International American More SCPhillips.com

the highlighted letters or symbols the Morse sound will be played.

Letter	Morse
A	di-dah
B	dah-di-di-dit
C	dah-di-dah-dit
D	dah-di-dit
E	dit
F	di-di-dah-dit
G	dah-dah-dit
H	di-di-di-dit
I	di-dit

Letter	Morse
N	dah-dit
O	dah-dah-dah
P	di-dah-dah-dit
Q	dah-dah-di-dah
R	di-dah-dit
S	di-di-dit
T	dah
U	di-di-dah
V	di-di-di-dah

Digit	Morse
0	dah-dah-dah-dah-dah
1	di-dah-dah-dah-dah
2	di-di-dah-dah-dah
3	di-di-di-dah-dah
4	di-di-di-di-dah
5	di-di-di-di-dit
6	dah-di-di-di-dit
7	dah-dah-di-di-dit
8	dah-dah-dah-di-dit

Sound Controls

Pitch 550

Speed 20

Farnsworth speed 20

#1 Morse Code

Wrote a program to perform the decoding:

```
root@kali:~# python morse_to_en.py
Enter morse code:dah dah-dah-dah di-dah-di-dit dah-di-dit dah-di-dah-dah dah-dah
-dah di-di-dah dah di-di-di-dit dit dah-di-dah-dah di-dah di-dah-dit dit di-di-d
ah di-di-dit di-dit dah-dit dah-dah-dit di-dah dah-dit dah-di-dah-dah dah di-di-
di-dit di-dit dah-dit dah-dah-dit dah dah-dah-dah dit dah-dit dah-di-dah-dit di-
dah-dit dah-di-dah-dah di-dah-dah-dit dah dah di-di-di-dit dit di-di-dit dit dah
-di-dit di-dah dah-di-dah-dah di-di-dit di-dah-di-dah-di-dah di-di-dah-dit di-da
h-di-dit di-dah dah-dah-dit di-dit di-di-dit di-dit dah-dit dah di-di-di-dah-dah
 di-dah-dit dah-dit di-di-di-di-dah dah di-dit dah-dah-dah-dah-dah dah-dit di-di
-di-di-dah di-dah-di-dit dah-dah dah-dah-dah-dah-dah di-dah-dit di-di-dit di-di-
di-dah-dah dah-di-dah-dit dah-dah-dah-dah-dah dah-di-dit di-di-di-dah-dah
Output:
TOLDYOUTHEYAREUSINGANYTHINGTOENCRYPTTHESEDAYS.FLAGISINT3RN4TI0N4LM0RS3C0D3
root@kali:~#
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```
'dah-di-dah-di-dah-dah': '!',
'di-dah-di-dah-di-dah':'.',
'dah-di-di-di-di-dah':'-',
'di-dah-di-dah-dit':'+',
'di-dah-di-di-dah-dit':'"',
'di-di-dah-dah-di-dit':'?',
'dah-di-di-dah-dit':'\\'
};

def get_input():
        code=raw_input("Enter morse code:")
        return code


def morse_code_to_english(code):
        plain=''
        code_arr=code.split(' ')
        for i in range(0, len(code_arr)):
                plain+=morse_dict[code_arr[i]]
        return plain

code=get_input()
plain=morse_code_to_english(code)
print("Output:")
print(plain)
```

End.

There are about 5 more. But they are about reverse engineering, and are unrelated to the topic.

There are a ton of challenges similar to these on this site, and hack the box.

I used to do these challenges in first year:

https://cryptopals.com/sets/1/challenges/

https://www.mysterytwisterc3.org/en/challenges/