

# Security Capture the Flag

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# Hacker (def.)

~ A person who enjoys the intellectual challenge of creatively overcoming or circumventing limitations



# Cosa è una CTF?

“gioco” orientato alla **sicurezza informatica**

si prova a rompere dei sistemi (finti)  
“*per divertimento*” e **per imparare**

L'obiettivo è **catturare delle flags**

FLAG{THi5\_iS\_4\_f1aG}

# Perché?

- **Divertimento**
- Maturare **esperienza** in Information Security
- Sfide modellate sulla base di **problemi reali**
  - A volte problemi reali modellati sulla base delle CTF?
- **Reputazione** (a volte)

# Online o sul posto



# Come?

HOME SCOREBOARD CONTEST LOGOUT RULES CONTACT

FLAG:  PointsUp

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0/150pts	0/500pts	0/600pts	0/200pts	0/300pts	0/50pts
Cry	IMAFRERR	H95	mentOrpwn2	fontastic	H94
0/100pts	0/400pts	0/350pts	0/450pts	75/75pts	250/250pts

H93  
350/350pts

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Jeopardy



Attack - Defense

# Tipi di challenges

**cryptography**

**reverse engineering**

**binary exploitation**

**web application**

**stego / forensics**

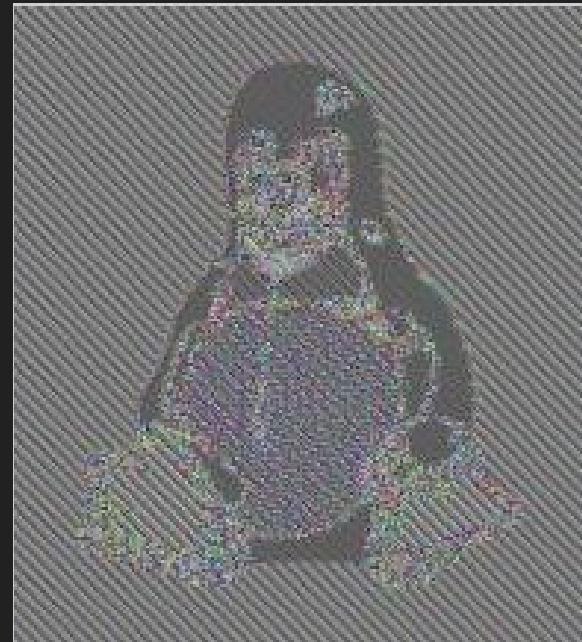
**... e altri**

team forti hanno  
generalmente  
skills e  
esperienza in  
tutte queste  
aree

# Cryptography

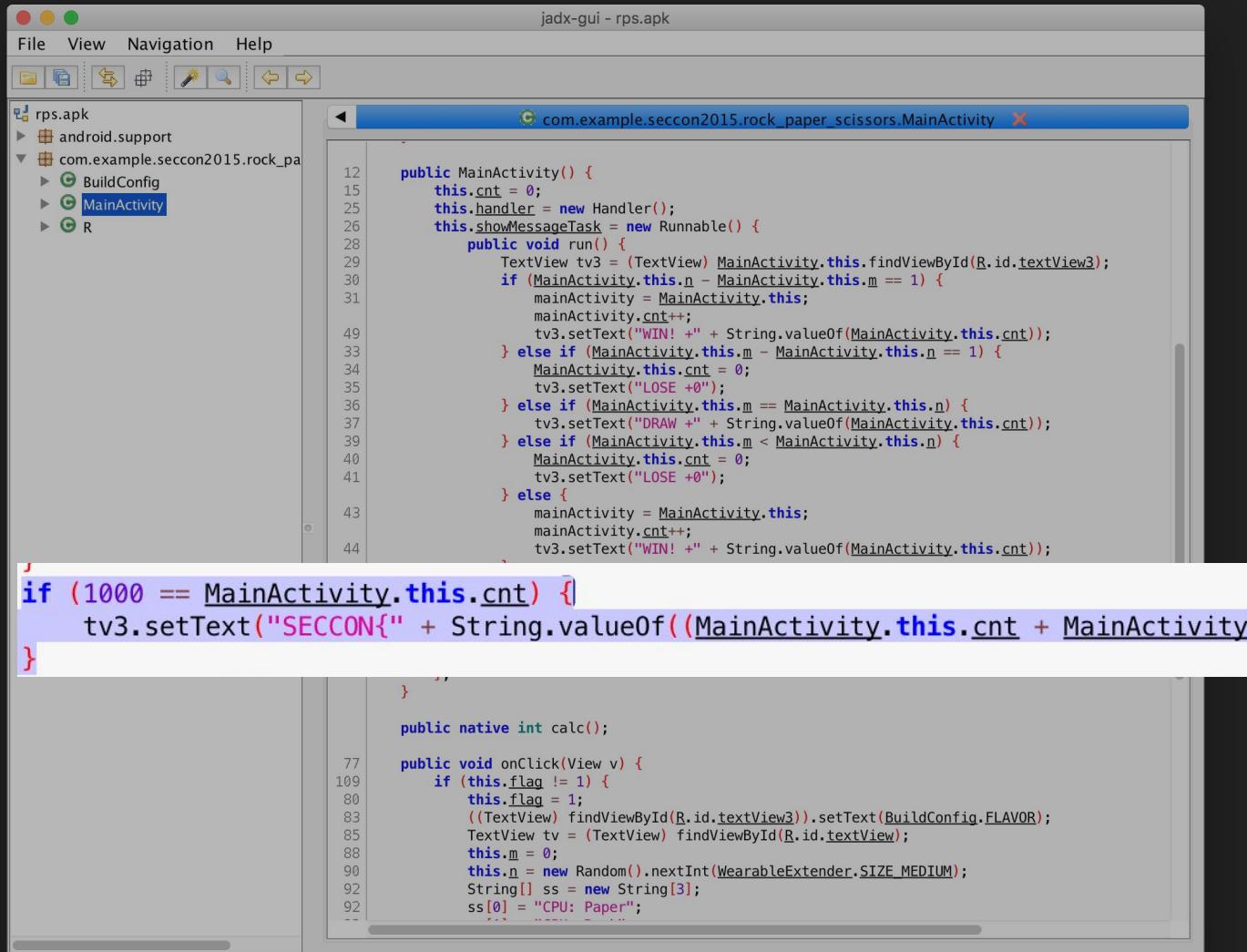


Tux



Tux cifrato (male)

# Reverse Engineering



The screenshot shows the jadx-gui interface with the APK file "rps.apk" open. The main window displays the Java code for the `MainActivity` class. The code handles the result of a game by updating a `TextView` with the outcome based on the difference between two counters (`cnt` and `m`). A red arrow points to the conditional statement at line 65, which checks if the counter `cnt` equals 1000.

```
jadgui - rps.apk
File View Navigation Help
rps.apk
com.example.seccon2015.rock_pa
MainActivity.java
public MainActivity() {
    this.cnt = 0;
    this.handler = new Handler();
    this.showMessageTask = new Runnable() {
        public void run() {
            TextView tv3 = (TextView) MainActivity.this.findViewById(R.id.textView3);
            if (MainActivity.this.n - MainActivity.this.m == 1) {
                mainActivity = MainActivity.this;
                mainActivity.cnt++;
                tv3.setText("WIN! +" + String.valueOf(MainActivity.this.cnt));
            } else if (MainActivity.this.m - MainActivity.this.n == 1) {
                MainActivity.this.cnt = 0;
                tv3.setText("LOSE +0");
            } else if (MainActivity.this.m == MainActivity.this.n) {
                tv3.setText("DRAW +" + String.valueOf(MainActivity.this.cnt));
            } else if (MainActivity.this.m < MainActivity.this.n) {
                MainActivity.this.cnt = 0;
                tv3.setText("LOSE +0");
            } else {
                mainActivity = MainActivity.this;
                mainActivity.cnt++;
                tv3.setText("WIN! +" + String.valueOf(MainActivity.this.cnt));
            }
        }
    };
}

if (1000 == MainActivity.this.cnt) {
    tv3.setText("SECCON{" + String.valueOf((MainActivity.this.cnt + MainActivity
}

}
}

public native int calc();

public void onClick(View v) {
    if (this.flag != 1) {
        this.flag = 1;
        ((TextView) findViewById(R.id.textView3)).setText(BuildConfig.FLAVOR);
        TextView tv = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textView);
        this.m = 0;
        this.n = new Random().nextInt(WearableExtender.SIZE_MEDIUM);
        String[] ss = new String[3];
        ss[0] = "CPU: Paper";
        ss[1] = "User: Rock";
        ss[2] = "User: Scissors";
        this.handler.post(this.showMessageTask);
    }
}
```

# Binary Exploitation (pwn)

```
= [0x400efc]
| (fcn) sym.phase_2 71
| ; CALL XREF from 0x00400e56 (sym.phase_2)
| 0x00400efc 55      push rbp
| 0x00400efd 53      push rbx
| 0x00400efe 4883ec28 sub rsp, 0x28
| 0x00400f02 4889e6    mov rsi, rsp
| 0x00400f05 e852050000 call sym.read_six_numbers ;[a]
| 0x00400f0a 833c2401 cmp dword [rsp], 1 ; [0x1:4]=0x2464c45
| 0x00400f0e 7420    je 0x400f30 ;[b]

=----- f t -----
| 0x400f10
| 0x00400f10 e825050000 call sym.explode_bomb ;[f]
| 0x00400f15 eb19    jmp 0x400f30 ;[b]
=----- v -----
| 0x400f30
| ; JMP XREF from 0x00400f15 (sym.phase_2)
| ; JMP XREF from 0x00400f0e (sym.phase_2)
| 0x00400f30 48d5c2404 lea rbx, [rsp + 4] ; 0x4
| 0x00400f35 488d6c2418 lea rbp, [rsp + 0x18] ; 0x18
| 0x00400f3a ebdb    jmp 0x400f17 ;[c]
=----- v -----
| .
```

## Exploits:

- Buffer overflow
- String format exploit
- ....

reverse  
↓  
analyse  
↓  
exploit

# Web application security

## Login Here

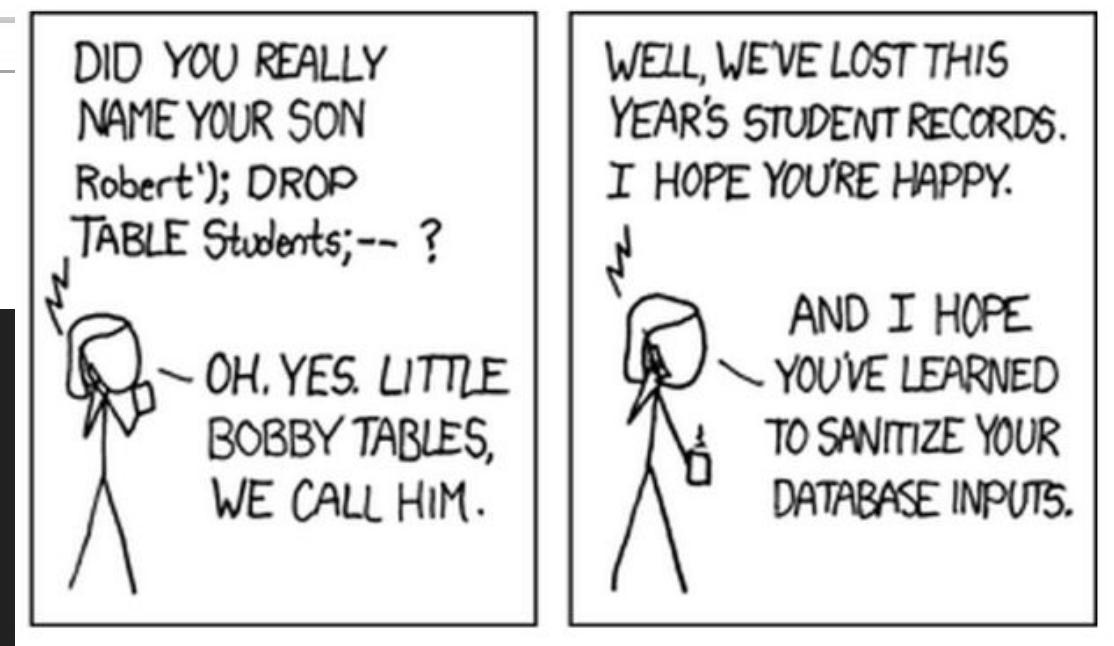
Source file : [Here](#)

Username

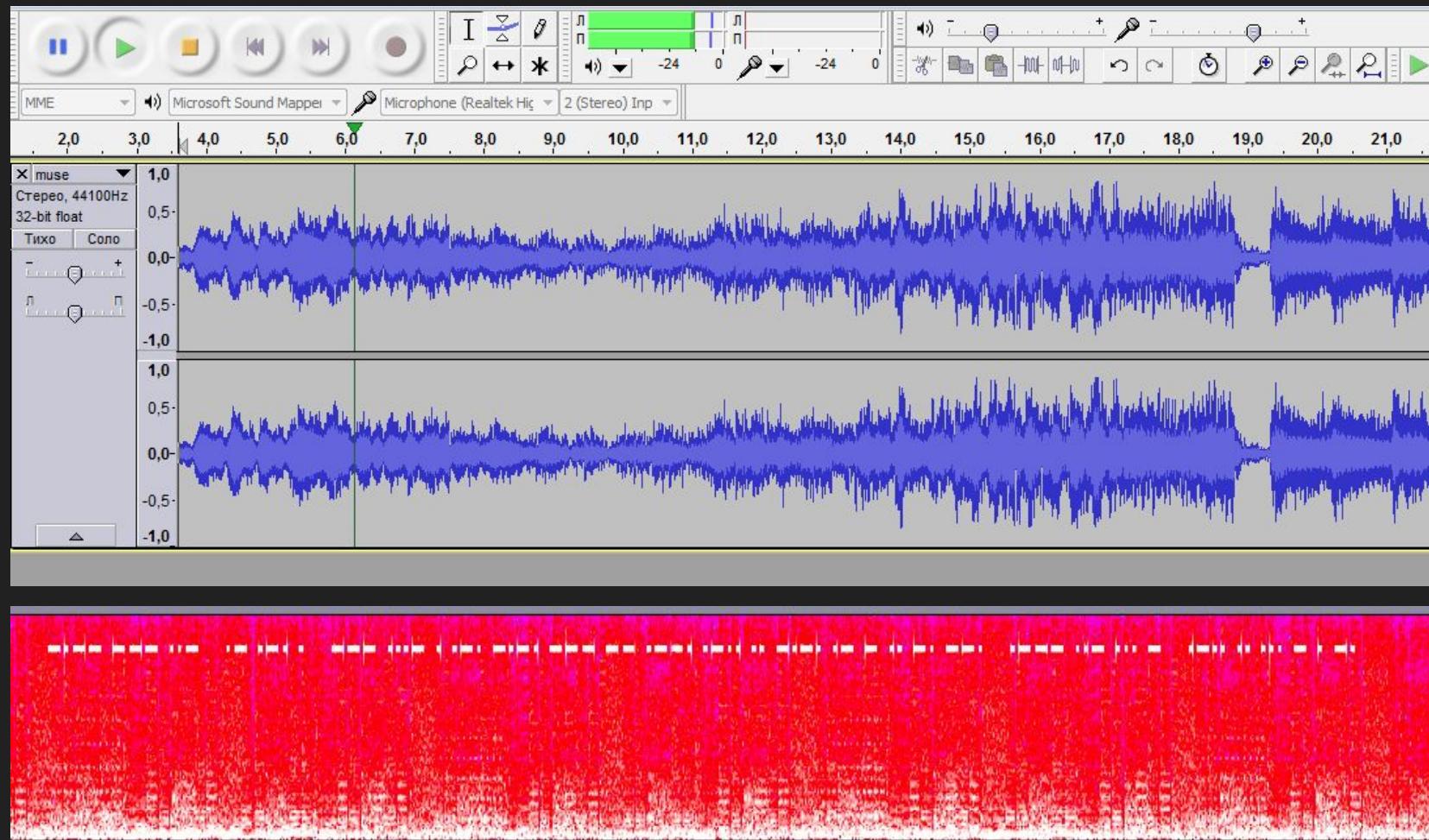
Password

Login

- SQL injection
- Cross Site Scripting
- Local File Inclusion
- ...



# Steganography



# Forensics

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## ITALIAN SPIES LOST A FILE

250 Points

HEY THESE ARE THE BEST ITALIAN SPIES TALKING. WE SENT OUR COLLEGE TO DO A LITTLE JOB, HE SHOULD STOLE A SECRET CODE FROM A BAD GUY. BUT THE BAD GUY STILL DOESN'T HAVE A COMPUTER! -> !!!THAT'S CRAZY!!! INSTEAD, **HE HAS A VERY GOOD STYLOGRAPHIC PEN.** BUT OUR COLLEGE WAS SO SMART THAT HE DID IT! HE STOLE THE SECRET FROM THAT BAD GUY! HE TOLD US "HEY GUYS, I STOLE THAT!" AAANDDD... WE KILLED HIM BECAUSE HE KNOWS TOO MUCH AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH! NOW WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO OPEN THE FILE THAT HE SENT US. PLZ HELP US :)

CPT3 key: LaTroyhawPheuInExdecieUiturybsqfLakd

[Download](#)

# Forensics

```
$ cat italian-spies-lost-a-file
```

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# Forensics

```
In [1]: import struct  
  
In [2]: data = open('italian-spies-lost-a-file').read()  
  
In [3]: data[:48]  
Out[3]: '\x00\x00\x00\x00k\x a3\xbe\xc0\x a0\xccK\xc2y"\x1dA\x14\x00\x00\x00\xae\xbdI@\\x96\x8e\x00B\x e9c\x1fA(\x00\x00\x00v<->;0L@\\x99\x e1\x1cA'  
  
In [4]: struct.unpack('f'*12, data[:48])  
Out[4]:  
(0.0,  
 -5.957448482513428,  
 -50.9498291015625,  
 9.820916175842285, ←  
 2.802596928649634e-44,  
 3.1522021293640137,  
 32.139244079589844, ←  
 9.961892127990723, ←  
 5.605193857299268e-44,  
 0.16917595267295837,  
 3.190443754196167,  
 9.80507755279541) ←
```

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# Forensics

```
In [1]: import struct
```

```
In [2]: data = open('italian-spies-lost-a-file').read()
```

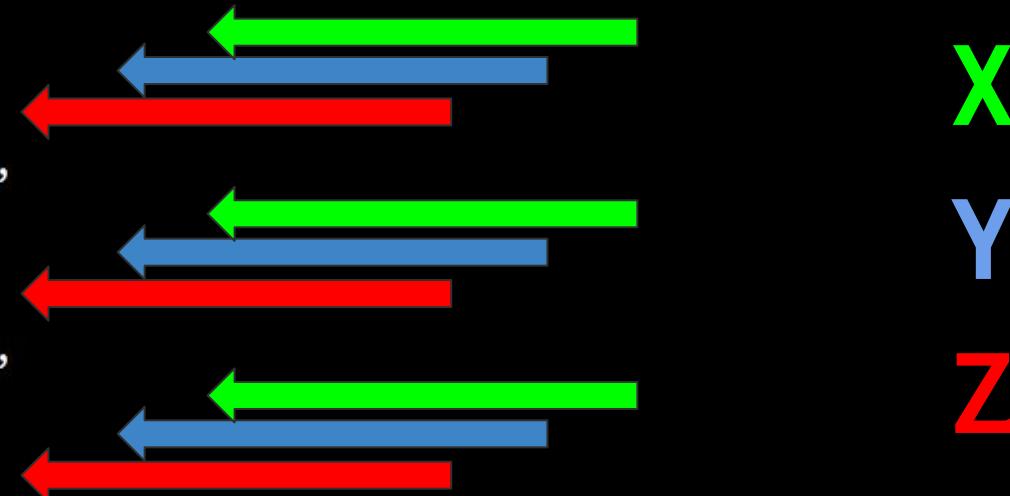
```
In [3]: data[:48]
```

```
Out[3]: '\x00\x00\x00\x00k\x a3\xbe\xc0\x a0\xccK\xc2y"\x1dA\x14\x00\x00\x00\xae\xbdI@\x96\x8e\x00B\xe9c\x1fA(\x00\x00\x00v<->;0L@\x99\xe1\x1cA'
```

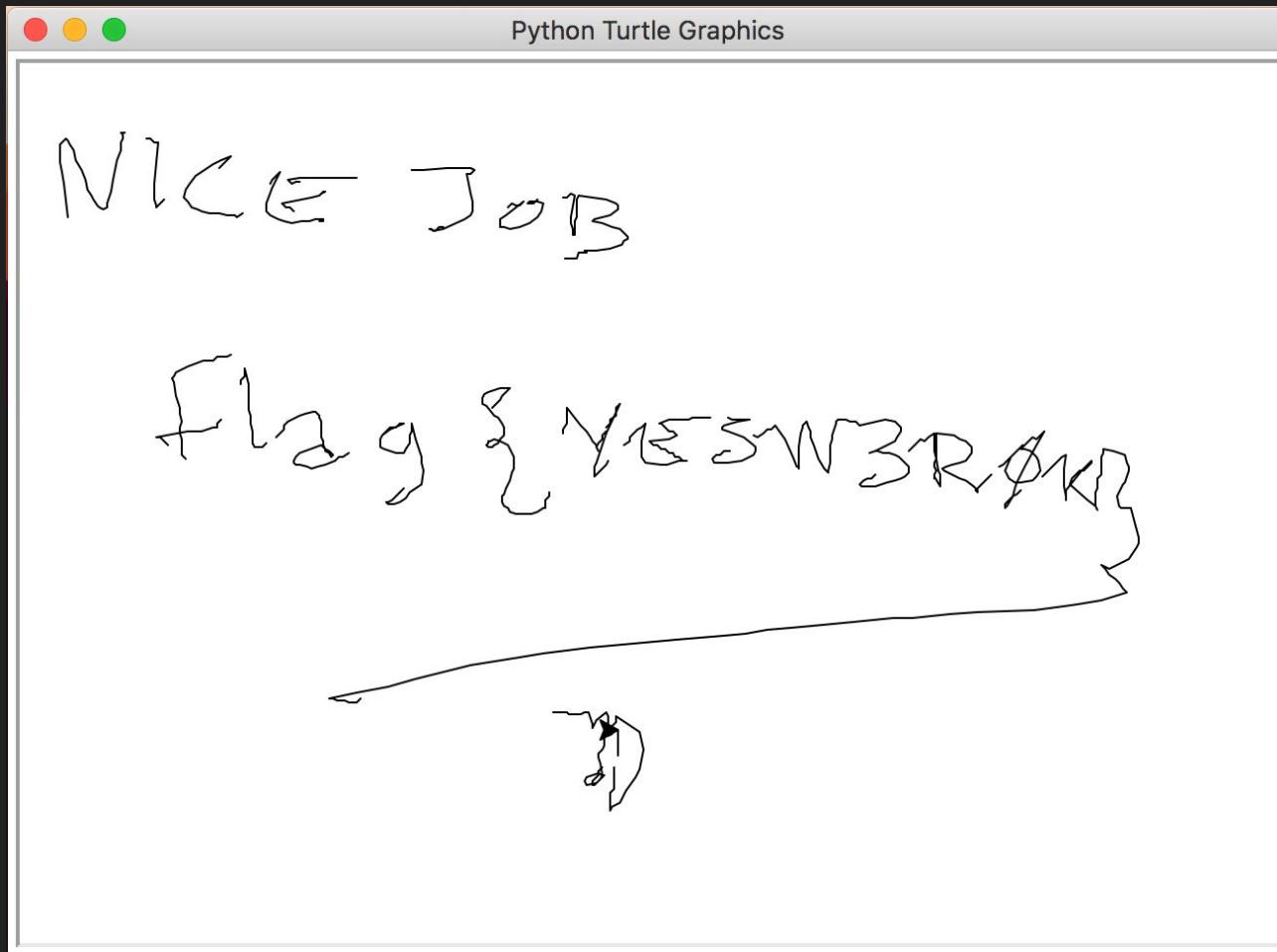
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In [4]: struct.unpack('f'*12, data[:48])
```

```
Out[4]:
```

```
(0.0,  
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 2.802596928649634e-44,  
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 3.190443754196167,  
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```



# Forensics



# Good challenges = fun

- No **guessing**
  - Non si deve tirare ad indovinare
- No **bruteforcing**
  - sfida le persone, non i loro processori
- No **standard challenges**
  - Google non deve saper risolvere le challenges
- Se ha il formato di una flag e sembra una flag, **è una flag!**

## Gli scripts sono tuoi amici

- Sii a tuo agio ad automatizzare
- Usa lo strumento più comodo:
  - Bash, zsh, ...
  - Python

# AUTOMATE



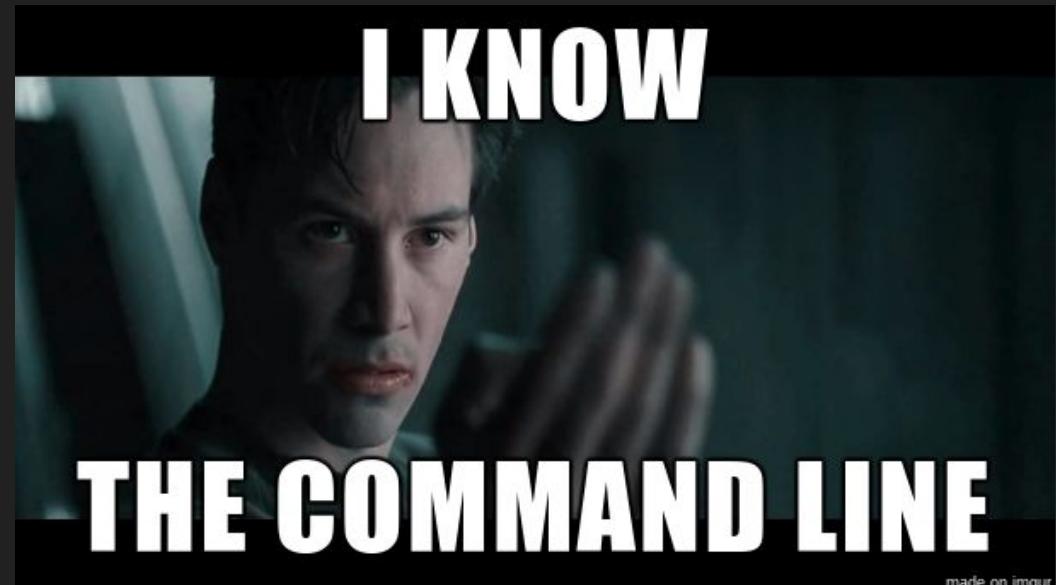
# Livello automazione: OVER 9000!



# command-line-fu

- **GNU/Linux utilities:** grep, sed, awk, sort, cut, uniq
- **Network utilities:** nc, dig, nmap
- **HTTP:** curl, wget
- ...

Usa le UNIX pipes  
per concatenare  
i comandi tra loro



# È solo un gioco?



- **Google**
  - CTF <https://capturetheflag.withgoogle.com>
- **Facebook**
  - Piattaforma per CTF open source  
<https://github.com/facebook/fbctf>
- **Stripe**
  - CTF su web application security e sistemi distribuiti
- MOLTI altri

*“ a fool with a tool is still a fool ”*

# CTF Time ( prossimi eventi )

CTF TIME

## Upcoming events

Format	Name	Date	Duration
	<a href="#">Hack.lu CTF 2016</a>  On-line	Wed, Oct. 19, 10:00 — Thu, Oct. 20, 10:00 UTC	1d 0h 82 teams
	<a href="#">EKOPARTY CTF 2016</a>  On-line	Thu, Oct. 27, 01:00 — Sat, Oct. 29, 01:00 UTC	2d 0h 55 teams
	<a href="#">Hack The Vote 2016</a>  On-line	Fri, Nov. 04, 23:00 — Sun, Nov. 06, 23:00 UTC	2d 0h 52 teams

<https://ctftime.org/event/list/upcoming>

# CTF Time ( write-ups )



CTF TIME

## New writeups

Team	Event	Task	Action
pony7	Hackover CTF 2016	are_you_serialz [22]	read writeup
CInsects	TUM CTF 2016	hiecss [150]	read writeup
CInsects	TUM CTF 2016	zwiebel [50]	read writeup
GoN	HITCON CTF 2016 Quals	ROP [250]	read writeup
NUSGreyhats	CSAW CTF Qualification Round 2016	Warmup [50]	read writeup
Bits For Everyone	HITCON CTF 2016 Quals	Flame [150]	read writeup
NUSGreyhats	HITCON CTF 2016 Quals	Beelzemon [150]	read writeup
PiggyBird	HITCON CTF 2016 Quals	Angry Seam [500]	read writeup
GNUConn	UConn CyberSEED 2016	Missing Flag #2 [300]	read writeup
GNUConn	UConn CyberSEED 2016	Missing Flag #1 [100]	read writeup

<https://ctftime.org/writeups>

# CTF Time ( classifica )

CTF TIME

Place	Team	Country	Rating
1	dcua	Flag of Ukraine	1231.332
2	Plaid Parliament of Pwning	Flag of United States	1048.410
3	Dragon Sector	Flag of Poland	869.926
4	p4	Flag of Poland	848.341
5	217	Flag of Taiwan	846.303
6	LC†BC	Flag of Russia	840.375
7	Tasteless		720.011
8	Shellphish	Flag of United States	641.266
9	TokyoWesterns	Flag of Japan	572.156
10	Bushwhackers	Flag of Russia	472.713

<https://ctftime.org/stats>

# GitHub - CTF Write-ups

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the 'CTFs' organization. At the top, there's a blue flag icon and the text 'CTFs'. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Repositories' (selected) and 'People 3'. A search bar with the placeholder 'Find a repository...' is also present. Two repository cards are displayed:

- write-ups-2016**: Wiki-like CTF write-ups repository, maintained by the community. 2016. Updated 2 days ago. Stars: 668, Forks: 234.
- write-ups-2015**: Wiki-like CTF write-ups repository, maintained by the community. 2015. Updated 4 days ago. Stars: 1,368, Forks: 531.

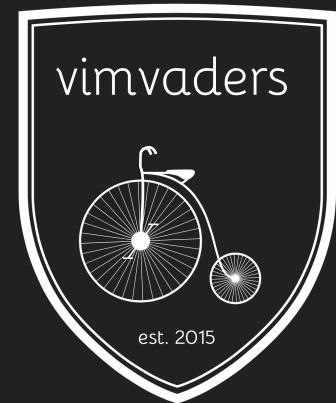
<https://github.com/ctfs>

# vimvaders: unibg-seclab CTF team

- Gruppo di persone interessate a temi di sicurezza informatica
- Principalmente studenti/ricercatori **UniBG**
  - ma siamo aperti a proposte esterne
  - magari anche tu!

vimvaders: <http://vimvaders.github.io>

UniBG seclab: <http://seclab.unibg.it>



# domande ?

