MysteryTwister C3

HEARTBLEED – PART 3

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Introduction

This 3-part-challenge is based on the Heartbleed bug in OpenSSL discovered in April 2014. The group for Privacy and Compliance with the Research Institute Cyber Defence (CODE) at Bundeswehr University Munich provides a server for this challenge, which is specifically prepared to be vulnerable to the Heartbleed bug:

https://heartbleed.datcom-unibw.de/

On the above website, there is also further information about this challenge. To access the third part you have to solve stages 1 and 2 at first. All three stages can be solved by exploiting the Heartbleed bug. When solved correctly, you will find a codeword for each part.



Note

It is explicitly allowed to attack this server by exploiting the Hearbleed bug. This is safe since the server is isolated from the group's productive infrastructure. As long as you are accessing https://heartbleed.datcom-unibw.de/ you are on the isolated bastion server. Additionally, there is no real information stored on it. The used self-signed certificate is considered compromised. All usernames and passwords used are fake and do not provide any real login to any of the group's systems.





Instructions

Please visit the website

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https://heartbleed.datcom-unibw.de/
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and solve the third part of this challenge. The found codeword is required for $\mathsf{MTC3}.$

This challenge is considered level 2, even though there are available tools for solving it. However, even with those tools it is challenging to find the correct codeword.



Remark

We added this challenge to MTC3 as an example for the fact, that in reality most of the times it is not the cryptography itself, which is attacked, but it's implementation.

