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MISC

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Hash

Message:

A team of cybercriminals was recently busted, but before that they managed to delete an entire directory containing vital information. However, law enforcement managed to recover the directory compressed as `deleted_files.zip` with 100 text files inside. Also, 3 mysterious hash values were left behind by the bad guys.

- 6cff6c25e4198e2b26fb5c7118694092ada6bdc7ef1a344b86d36929cd2d40f5
- 5aa6d31bc63069d9e85f810a14d96e085d822b06b7de9516599aa3d209ba9614
- ae6448234393c9ccf7895c0b98e52dac65248eda15016b4b247e3fb1ef1087e3

Your mission is to identify the files that match these hash values and then retrieve the hidden flag they've tried so hard to conceal.

Hint:

- The hash values provided use a common cryptographic algorithm.
- Found the matching files with the given hash values? Decoding tools like CyberChef may help with the last step!

Objective:

Identify the three files in `deleted_files.zip` that match the given hash values, combine the strings found in each file, decode the base64-encoded string, and reveal the flag.

Instructions:

1. Extract the `deleted_files.zip` archive to get the 100 text files. The challenge provides three hash values but doesn't specify which hashing algorithm is used. The hash values are 64 characters long, which is a typical length for SHA-256 hashes.
2. To find the files that match the given hashes, you need to calculate the SHA-256 hash of the files with the provided hash values. the result shows that the matching files are `file60.txt`, `file62.txt` and `file79.txt`.

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chen@ubuntu:~/Downloads/deleted_files$ shasum -a 256 *.txt | grep -e 6cff6c25e4198e2b26f
b5c7118694092ada6bdc7ef1a344b86d36929cd2d40f5 -e 5aa6d31bc63069d9e85f810a14d96e085d822b0
6b7de9516599aa3d209ba9614 -e ae6448234393c9ccf7895c0b98e52dac65248eda15016b4b247e3fb1ef1
087e3
6cff6c25e4198e2b26fb5c7118694092ada6bdc7ef1a344b86d36929cd2d40f5 file60.txt
5aa6d31bc63069d9e85f810a14d96e085d822b06b7de9516599aa3d209ba9614 file62.txt
ae6448234393c9ccf7895c0b98e52dac65248eda15016b4b247e3fb1ef1087e3 file79.txt
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3. Once you've identified the three files, open each one and locate the flag fragment within. The combined string

"Q1NHX0ZMQUd7aDRzaF9icm93bnNfd2l0aF9vbmIvbnNfNF9icmU0a2Y0c3R9" is a base64-encoded message. Finally decode the message to get the flag! Online decoders such as CyberChef should help you in this process.

Flag is:

CSG_FLAG{h4sh_browns_with_onions_4_bre4kf4st}