
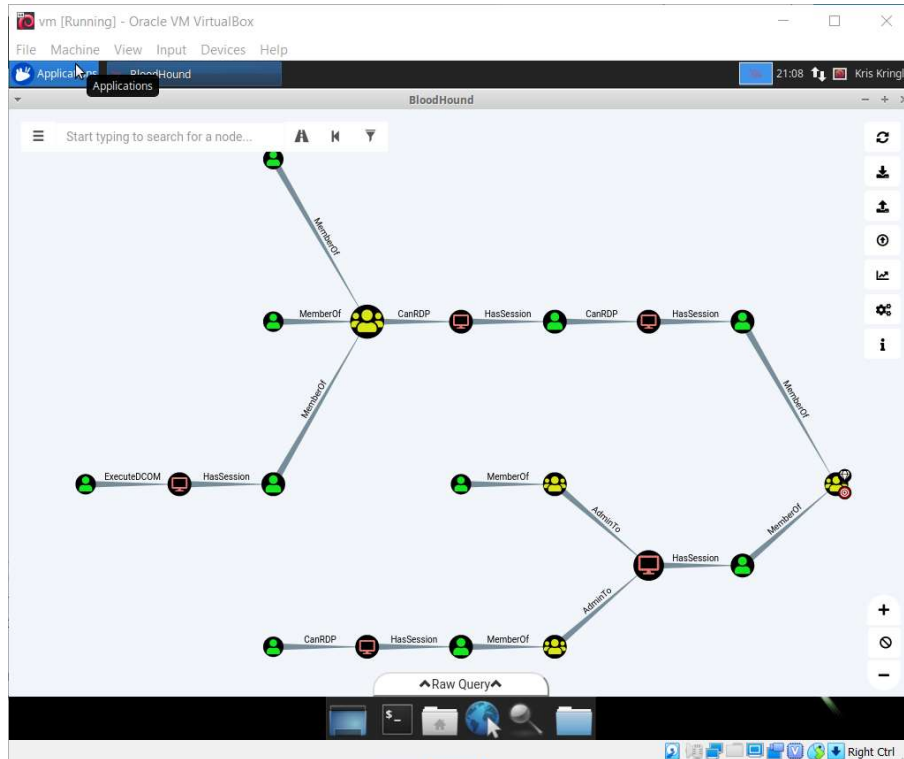


## KringleCon Holiday Hack Challenge 2018

- **Objective 1: Orientation Challenge**
  - A multiple choice quiz? My specialty.
  - Not much to this one. A few simple Google searches help with finding the answers.
  - The flag that is given is “Happy Trails”
- **Objective 2: Directory Browsing**
  - <https://cfp.kringlecastle.com/>
  - This was the site that was provided and when you press “Apply Now!”
    - <https://cfp.kringlecastle.com/cfp/cfp.html> is the site that you are directed to
  - There is clearly a directory here that the html file is located inside
  - Deleting cfp.html yields an index of this directory with a csv file
  - Now find the talk that they are looking for and you get “John McClane”
- **Objective 3: de Bruijn Sequences**
  - My first thought: What in the world is that?  

  - Fortunately for me, there seems to be generators out there to find all combinations
  - As I was going down the list, I found the answer to be 0120 which equates to triangle square circle triangle and the elf says, “Welcome unprepared speaker!”
- **Objective 4: Data Repo Analysis**
  - Finding password to encrypted zip file on git huh?
  - Trufflehog to the rescue
    - Trufflehog –regex –entropy=True  
[https://git.kringlecastle.com/Upatree/santas\\_castle\\_automation](https://git.kringlecastle.com/Upatree/santas_castle_automation)
  - Lo and behold a password is instantly given: “Yippee-ki-yay”
- **Objective 5: Ad Privilege Discovery**
  - Linux image was given and we are supposed to find a reliable path from a Kerberoastable user to the Domain Admins group
  - Hint that was given was to use Bloodhound
  - Opened the vm on VirtualBox (made sure to change to 64 bit or it wouldn’t run)
  - There is an option that says “shortest path to domain admins from kerborastable users”



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- This is pretty straightforward since we know to avoid RDP as a control path
- [LDUBEJ00320@AD.KRINGLECASTLE.COM](mailto:LDUBEJ00320@AD.KRINGLECASTLE.COM)

- **Objective 6: Badge Manipulation**

- Bypass authentication mechanism of room. Sample employee badge is given. Find access control number.



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- Quite the interesting lock
- Tried inputting the badge picture that was given and result was “PNG FILES ONLY”
- Using the power of paint, I converted it to a png file
- Result: “AUTHORIZED USER ACCOUNT HAS BEEN DISABLED!”
- The hint that was received from the elf was that there may have been an SQL injection vulnerability.
- Clearly we need a fake QR code that will work
- I came across a qrcode python library which will probably be extremely helpful
- A test.png file was created using “qr “”” > test.png”
- A long error is displayed:
  - EXCEPTION AT (LINE 96 "user\_info = query("SELECT first\_name,last\_name,enabled FROM employees WHERE authorized = 1 AND uid = '{}'.format(uid))"): (1064, u"You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MariaDB server version for the right syntax to use near " LIMIT 1' at line 1
- The payload I found is ' OR enabled = 1 # found at <https://security.stackexchange.com/questions/200244/sql-injection-mariadb>
- Used the same qr command but added this payload instead of the random single quote.
- It worked :D
- Flag:  (just the numbers)
- **Objective 7: HR Incident Response**
  - Gain access to <https://careers.kringlecastle.com/> and fetch document C:\candidate\_evaluation.docx. Find out which terrorist organization is secretly supported by job applicant starting with K
  - Added a random url to end of link and was greeted with...



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- This shows the public directory that could hold the csv file
- It seems our course of action is to copy the file there and download it from there
- I created a csv file and used the following command and saved it as a csv file
  - =cmd|'/c powershell.exe -W Hidden Copy-Item "C:\candidate\_evaluation.docx" "C:\careerportal\resources\public\csvfile.docx";!A1
- Pushed this file on the site as an attachment
- Entered <https://careers.kringlecastle.com/public/csvfile.docx> into URL to get a file
- Saved the file and opened it

Private (For Your Elf Eyes Only)



Elf Infosec Placement / Access Evaluation

Candidate Name: Kampus

Please use this form as a guide to evaluate the elf applicant's qualifications for positional placement and access to Santa's Castle. Check the appropriate numeric value corresponding to the applicant's level of qualification and provide appropriate comments in the space below.

Rating Scale:	5. Outstanding	2. Below Average—Does not meet requirements
	4. Excellent—exceeds requirements	1. Unable to determine or not applicable to this candidate
	3. Competent—acceptable proficiency	

	Rating				
	5	4	3	2	1
Relevant Background/Special Skill Set: Explore the candidate's knowledge and past working experiences in InfoSec.				2	
Organizational Fit:					1

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- The answer is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page

Furthermore, there is intelligence from the North Pole this elf is linked to cyber terrorist organization Fancy Beaver who openly provides technical support to the villains that attacked our Holidays last year.

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- Fancy Beaver
- **Objective 8: Network Traffic Forensics**
  - A link to a web-based packet analyzer is given. Access and decrypt HTTP/2 network activity to find song described in the document sent from Holly Evergreen to Alabaster Snowball.
  - The clue was to take a look at the HTML so I registered, logged in, and did view page source

- Since there was a lot of information, I just looked at the comment lines for the html and scripts section
- In the script section, there is a file upload function that says "All extensions and sizes are validated server-side in app.js"
- So I tried finding app.js. Most of the javascript files were on /pub/js/ but I could not find app.js there. I tried it on /pub/ and it worked

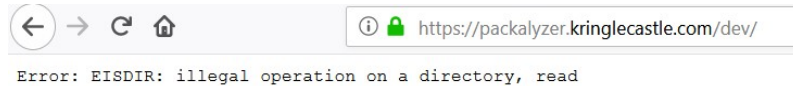
```
#!/usr/bin/node
//pcapalyzer - The web based packet analyzer
const cluster = require('cluster');
const os = require('os');
const path = require('path');
const fs = require('fs');
const http2 = require('http2');
const koa = require('koa');
const Router = require('koa-router');
const mime = require('mime-types');
```

- Lots of information but one thing to note is that are two things of interest: key\_log\_path and a function to create environment variable directories

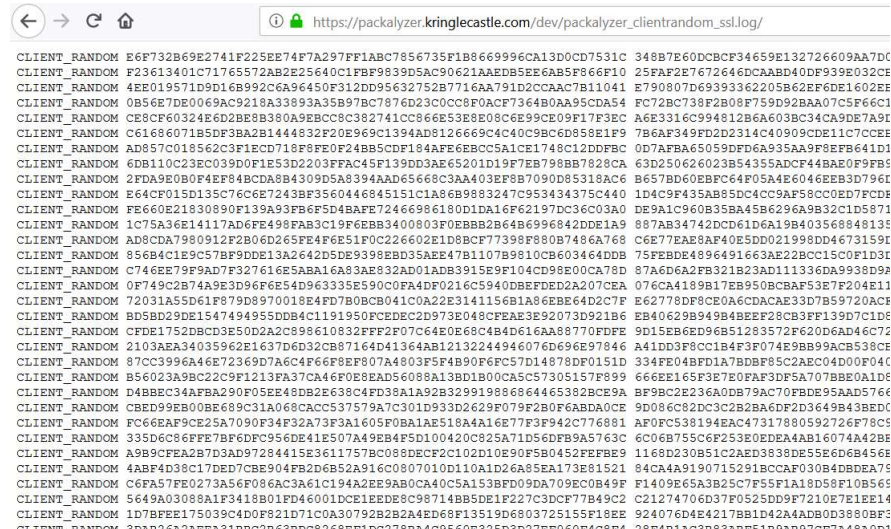
```
const dev_mode = true;
const key_log_path = ( !dev_mode || __dirname + process.env.DEV + process.env.SSLKEYLOGFILE )

function load_envs() {
  var dirs = []
  var env_keys = Object.keys(process.env)
  for (var i=0; i < env_keys.length; i++) {
    if (typeof process.env[env_keys[i]] === "string" ) {
      dirs.push( ( "/" + env_keys[i].toLowerCase() + '/' ) )
    }
  }
  return uniqueArray(dirs)
}
```

- Tried playing around with the directory names in first screenshot



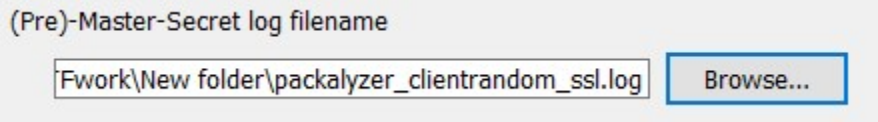
- SSLKEYLOGFILE gave me a logfile directory. I attached this on both dev and sslkeylogfile. Only dev gave a result



- This seems to be a log file of the SSL keys. I sniffed traffic on the site and downloaded it so I could open on wireshark for further use. In order to use this debug file, I saved it as



a log file, went to wireshark edit → preferences → protocols → SSL → and browsed for the log file (Pre)-Master-Secret log filename



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- \*\*\*\*MAKE SURE TO DO IN FOLLOWING ORDER: sniff packet → download to computer → go to link to find keys → save keys → then set wireshark settings to decrypt\*\*\*\*

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	15:45:06.698961	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TCP	74	37631 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=43690 Len=0 MSS=6549
2	15:45:06.698975	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TCP	74	443 → 37631 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=43690 Len=0
3	15:45:06.698987	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TCP	66	37631 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=43776 Len=0 TS
4	15:45:06.709505	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	260	Client Hello
5	15:45:06.709525	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TCP	66	443 → 37631 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=195 Win=44800 Len=0
6	15:45:06.711208	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TLSv1.2	3106	Server Hello, Certificate, Server Key Exchange,
7	15:45:06.711245	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TCP	66	37631 → 443 [ACK] Seq=195 Ack=3041 Win=174720 Le
8	15:45:06.712196	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	TLSv1.2	192	Client Key Exchange, Change Cipher Spec, Finishe
9	15:45:06.713013	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TLSv1.2	117	Change Cipher Spec, Finished
10	15:45:06.713062	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	HTTP2	104	SETTINGS[0]
11	15:45:06.713288	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	HTTP2	119	Magic
12	15:45:06.713340	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	HTTP2	122	SETTINGS[0]
13	15:45:06.713348	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TCP	66	443 → 37631 [ACK] Seq=3130 Ack=430 Win=44800 Len
14	15:45:06.713421	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	HTTP2	104	SETTINGS[0]
15	15:45:06.713447	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	HTTP2	108	WINDOW_UPDATE[0]
16	15:45:06.713510	10.126.0.106	10.126.0.3	HTTP2	221	HEADERS[1]: GET /
17	15:45:06.713518	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	TCP	66	443 → 37631 [ACK] Seq=3168 Ack=627 Win=45952 Len
18	15:45:06.714622	10.126.0.3	10.126.0.106	HTTP2	3068	DATA[1]

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- Wah, I see the http2 protocols
- Since my skill with Wireshark filtering is extremely lacking, I filtered to show all http2 packets and then proceeded to do edit → find packet → and searched for string “password” in packet details, then kept pressing enter until I found credentials for Alabaster Snowball

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with the filter 'http2' applied. The packet list pane shows several HTTP2 packets. The packet details pane is expanded to show the 'HyperText Transfer Protocol 2' section, specifically the 'JavaScript Object Notation: application/json' field. The JSON object contains a 'password' field with the value 'Packer-p@re-turtable192'. The packet bytes pane at the bottom shows the raw hex and ASCII representation of the JSON data.




```

{
  "username": "alabaster",
  "password": "Packer-p@re-turtable192"
}

```

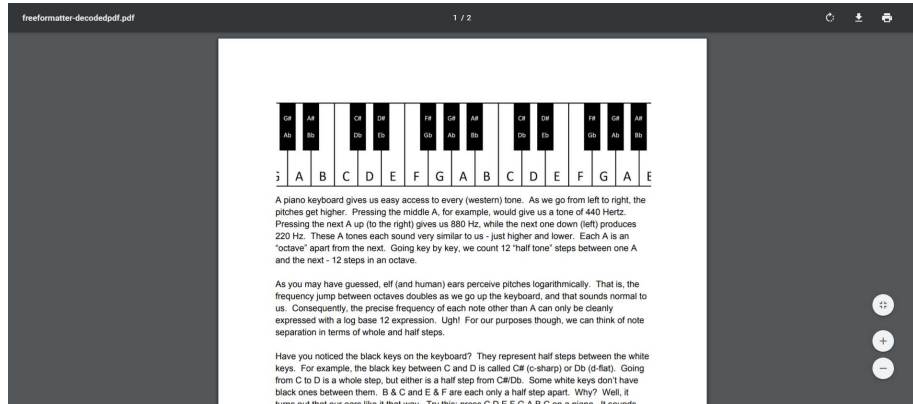
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- Clearly my filtering skills are top notch
- When I login into his account

## Saved Pcaps

Name	Download	Reanalyze	Delete
super_secret_packet_capture.pcap			

CLOSE

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- Opened pcap and followed TCP stream to understand what is going on. The attachment will have our answer
- Since it is encoded in base64, I use a decoder to see that it's a pdf. I save the decoded string as a pdf and everything displays as intended



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- Flag: Mary Had a Little Lamb
- **Objective 9: Ransomware Recovery**
  - **Part 1: Catch the Malware** → build Snort filter to identify malware
    - What in the world is a Snort filter?
      - Snort is an open source IDS and IPS. Interesting~
    - This is beyond my abilities so I will put this on hold until I understand how snort even works.
- **Random Cranberry Pi Terminal Challenges**
  - **Exit out of vim** → :q or :q!
  - **The name game** → All we have is the name "Chan"
    - putting a random server address yields...

```
Validating data store for employee onboard information
Enter address of server: asdf.com
ping: unknown host asdf.com
onboard.db: SQLite 3.x database
Press Enter to continue...:
```
    - "onboard.db: SQLite 3.x database" seems like useful information
    - The elf said you can inject commands into PowerShell using semicolon
    - Time to see if ls works to see if there are any directories or files

```
menu.ps1 onboard.db runtoanswer
```
    - bingo
    - The elf also mentioned a .dump command for databases and obsession over SQLite
    - Googling shows that I can try out ;sqlite3 onboard.db .dump
    - Unfortunately, this gives a ginormous list of info, so grepping "Chan" gives the answer
    - His first name is "Scott" which can be inputted by doing ;runtoanswer

- **Mini forensics on vim** → history command or use up button to scroll through commands and see a hidden directory, cd to it, and cat file to get “NEVERMORE”
  - But that isn’t the answer. His history also shows evidence of him researching on “replacing strings in vim”
  - Doing ls -la shows a .viminfo file and catting that shows that he did the command: “%s/Elinore/NEVERMORE/g”
  - So the answer is “Elinore”
- **Yule Log Analysis** → an .evtx file was given and a python script to convert it to XML for easy grepping
  - Lets take a look with ls
 

```
elf@843a28da75ce:~$ ls
evtx_dump.py  ho-ho-no.evtx  runtoanswer
```
  - Seems like the necessary files are in place, time to run the script on the evtx file. Should be easy, right?
  - “Permission denied” → I guess the python script doesn’t have proper permissions. Nothing a little chmod can’t fix.
  - Running the script results in...quite a lot of information. I’ll probably be in my late 70’s before I finish reading it line by line.
  - I try to find things I can grep and notice there is EventID Qualifier.
    - cat textfile.txt | grep "EventID Qualifier" | sort | uniq -c
  - Googling a list of these event id qualifiers show that’s 4624 means successful login and 4625 is unsuccessful. Considering there is 212 4625s, clearly something is up
  - cat textfile.txt | grep "4625" -B 15 | grep "IpAddress" | sort | uniq -c to find Ip address
  - Now that we know the guilty IP address
    - cat textfile.txt | grep "4624" -B 15 | grep "172.31.254.101" -A11 | grep "TargetUserName"
    - find what was the success
  - ```
<EventData><Data Name= TargetUserName >minty.candycane@EM.KRINGLECON.COM</Data>
elf@c3b46e5d6a91:~$ cat textfile.txt | grep "4624" -B 15 | grep "172.31.254.101" -A
ep "TargetUserName"
<EventData><Data Name="TargetUserName">minty.candycane@EM.KRINGLECON.COM</Data>
```
  - [Minty.candycane@EM.KRINGLECON.COM](mailto:Minty.candycane@EM.KRINGLECON.COM)
- **Stall Mucking Report** → finding passwords in memory
  - Ps aux | less → find previous commands
  - Password can be found to be “directreindeerflatterystable”
  - Next step is to upload the file using this password
  - smbclient -U report-upload //localhost/report-upload -c 'put report.txt' directreindeerflatterystable
- **CURLing master** → something is up with nginx.conf file, send right HTTP request
  - Cat /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
  - Seems like http2 is enabled when taking a look at this configuration file
  - Googling shows that curl command has a --http2-prior-knowledge option
  - Then I am given the instructions “To turn the machine on, simply POST to this URL with parameter "status=on””



- curl --http2-prior-knowledge localhost:8080 POST -d "status=on"
  - Dev Ops Fail → creds were put on github, try to find password
    - First cd into the only directory that I could find and do git log
    - A quick scan shows "removed username/password from config.js"
    - I did git show 60a2ffea7520ee980a5fc60177ff4d0633f2516b which is the commit number of that message

```

-// Database URL
-module.exports = {
-  'url' : 'mongodb://sredberry:twinkletwinkletwinkle@127.0.0.1:27017/node-api'
-};
diff --git a/server/config/config.js.def b/server/config/config.js.def
new file mode 100644
index 0000000..740eba5
--- /dev/null
+++ b/server/config/config.js.def
@@ -0,0 +1,4 @@
+// Database URL
+module.exports = {
+  'url' : 'mongodb://username:password@127.0.0.1:27017/node-api'
+};

```

- The red and green show what changed
    - Therefore the password is: twinkletwinkletwinkle
  - Python Escape from LA → terminal is trapped inside a python, try to escape python interpreter

- Let's try some super basic stuff: quit() and ctrl d
      - Seems like neither works, it goes to a newline and doesn't allow for any inputs

- Maybe I can import subprocess to take arguments and test commands

```

>>> import subprocess
Use of the command import is prohibited for this question.

```

- Maybe as an import function?

```

>>> __import__ subprocess
Use of the command import is prohibited for this question.

```

- Seems like import isn't a valid command so I'll try out eval() to break up this filtered word into 2 sections

```

>>> sub=eval('__im'+ 'port__ ("subprocess") ')
>>>

```

- Success. Subprocess module has a call command so you can do any command.

```

>>> sub.call(['ls', '-al'])
total 5440
drwxr-xr-x 1 elf elf 4096 Dec 14 16:41 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 14 16:40 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 elf elf 220 Aug 31 2015 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 elf elf 3771 Aug 31 2015 .bashrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 elf elf 655 May 16 2017 .profile
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 5547296 Dec 14 16:13 i_escaped
0
>>>

```

- Found the i\_escaped file so now I can run it

```
>>> sub.call(['./i_escaped'])
Loading, please wait.....

DUTCHON
ESCAPED

That's some fancy Python hacking -
You have sent that lizard packing!

-SugarPlum Mary

You escaped! Congratulations!

0
>>>
```

Yay

- The Sleighbell → Help elf win all the time, told to use GNU debugger and PEDA modules

- What we start with

```
elf@26bedacf60d9:~$ ls
gdb  objdump  sleighbell-lotto
```

- Load the binary using GDB → gdb sleighbell-lotto
- Set disassembly-flavor intel
- Disassemble main
- There's a section that says “winnerwinner”
- Break main
- Run
- Jump winnerwinner

```
(gdb) jump winnerwinner
Continuing at 0x55555554fdb.

                  .iiii.
                .; ;;;:coodkkkkkkkkkkkxdy; .
                .';ooukkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkx; .
                '!okkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkx; .
                .;okkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkx; .
                .:xkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkko;.
                'lkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkx;.
                ;xkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkx'
                .xkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkx'
                .kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkx'
                .xkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkx;
                .:lodkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk;
                .....; ;;:ooxkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkko
                .....'; ;;:l; ;;:lxkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk;d.
                .....'; ;;:coxxkkkkk;
                ..... .okd.
                .....
                .....
                .....

With gdb you fixed the race.
The other elves we did out-pace.
And now they'll see.
They'll all watch me.
I'll hang the bells on Santa's sleigh!

Congratulations! You've won, and have successfully completed this challenge.
[Inferior 1 (process 24) exited normally]
(gdb)
```

- I personally have very little experience with assembly and gdb, will definitely need to do more personal study