

What failed:

After taking a quick look at the log file we can see that the following line multiple times:

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WARNING [ssh] $ip already banned
```

We can easily guess that fail2ban is used to protect ssh
The flag was then: ssh

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After searching the following string on google:

“michael bolton” “DEFCON”

I’ve found this video:

<https://twitter.com/pwnEIP/status/1290862455439028226>

Which gave me the flag: “mundane details”

Who failed

The log file show that an IP has been baned with the following string;

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WARNING [ssh] Ban $ip
```

We just have to count the number of occurences of ‘ Ban ‘

We failed

The log file shows an unrecoverable state using the following string:

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CRITICAL Unable to restore environment
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We just have to count the number of occurences of this string