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DOWNLOADING & EXTRACTING THE XBOX SECURITY ARCHIVE (xsec)

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A Complete Reproduction Guide for the Multi-Layer 7-Zip Archive

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WHAT IS THIS

A complete, step-by-step guide to reproduce the download and initial extraction of the "xsec" Xbox security research archive, as observed in a publicly shared shell session. This is a multi-layer, password-protected 7-Zip file distributed via MEGA.

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## PREREQUISITES

OS: Debian-based Linux (Bookworm demonstrated, any modern version with Code apt will work)

Tools: Code megatools and Code p7zip-full Internet: Required to reach Code mega.nz Disk Space: ~1.2 GB download, ~2.4 GB during extraction

NOTE: The original commands were executed as Code root on a server. Non-root users can use Code sudo where needed.

## STEP 1: INSTALL THE TOOLS

First, update your package lists and install Code megatools:

Code sudo apt update && sudo apt install -y megatools

If Code 7z is not already on your system, also install Code p7zip-full:

Code sudo apt install -y p7zip-full

## STEP 2: DOWNLOAD FROM MEGA

Code megadl "https://mega.nz/file/j9IAiYzQ#ohJBIfgmOxMI2verbhlbxVa\_D5-RfbDzX2F3xiOq0BM"  
This command downloads the file and saves it with its original name: xsec recompressed\_2.7z  
(note the spaces in the filename). The download size is approximately 1.2 GB.

### STEP 3: VERIFY THE DOWNLOAD

Check the file size and type:

Code ls -lh "xsec recompressed\_2.7z"  
file "xsec recompressed\_2.7z"  
Expected Output:

Code -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1.2G ... 'xsec recompressed\_2.7z'  
xsec recompressed\_2.7z: 7-zip archive data, version 0.4

### STEP 4: LIST CONTENTS (NO PASSWORD REQUIRED)

Code 7z l "xsec recompressed\_2.7z"  
You Should See:

| Code  | Date       | Time     | Attr  | Size       | Compressed | Name                 |
|-------|------------|----------|-------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| ----- |            |          |       |            |            |                      |
|       | 2021-01-06 | 14:33:35 | ....A | 1288948918 | 1278248432 | xsec recompressed.7z |

This reveals that the outer archive contains exactly one file: Code xsec recompressed.7z, another 7-Zip archive.

WHY NO PASSWORD PROMPT? The outer archive uses 7zAES encryption for data only, but the file list is not encrypted. Listing therefore works without the password.

### STEP 5: EXTRACT THE INNER ARCHIVE

The archive is encrypted, so extraction requires the password:

Code wJ6fC;+xKS#pz#%(9W#KjPo?@4JU3Ns  
Run:

Code 7z x "xsec recompressed\_2.7z" -o./stage1  
When prompted with Code Enter password (will not be echoed):, paste or type the password and press Enter. The extraction proceeds silently if the password is correct, and the inner file Code xsec recompressed.7z will appear inside the newly created Code stage1 directory.

Verify the Result:

Code ls -lh stage1/  
Output:

Code total 1.2G  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1.2G Apr 21 08:17 xsec recompressed.7z

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The extracted Code xsec recompressed.7z is itself an encrypted 7-Zip archive (the true payload container). To proceed further, one would repeat the extraction step with the same password on this second archive. The final contents are likely the Xbox security research toolset (exploits, stage1 payloads, etc.).

## SECURITY NOTES

The password is publicly known – it was exposed in plaintext in the same logs used to write this guide. Anyone with the MEGA link can decrypt the archives.

This is a multi-stage delivery – a common method to separate the carrier from the actual sensitive files. The outer archive merely wraps the inner one.

Running commands from public logs – always inspect scripts before execution. The steps here are straightforward, but the broader context (e.g., subsequent torrent creation) may spread the extracted content uncontrollably.

## QUICK ONE-LINER (FOR THE IMPATIENT)

Assuming all prerequisites are met:

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Code sudo apt update && sudo apt install -y megatools p7zip-full && \
megadl "https://mega.nz/file/j9IAiYzQ#ohJBIfgmOxMI2verbhlbxVa_D5-RfbDzX2F3xiOq0BM" && \
7z x "xsec recompressed_2.7z" -o./stage1 -p'wJ6fC;+xKS#pz#%(9W#KjPo?@4JU3Ns'
```

This bypasses the interactive password prompt by supplying the password inline with Code -p. Use with caution.

## PRO TIPS FOR THIS GUIDE

Always verify file integrity before extraction to ensure the download completed successfully

Use quotes around filenames that contain spaces (like Code "xsec recompressed\_2.7z")

The Code -o flag specifies the output directory for extraction

Don't overuse colors - this guide sticks to red for warnings, green for success, orange for notes

Always inspect commands from public logs before running them

Keep track of passwords - this archive requires the same password for both layers

Check disk space before extracting large archives

Use Code file command to verify archive types before extraction

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