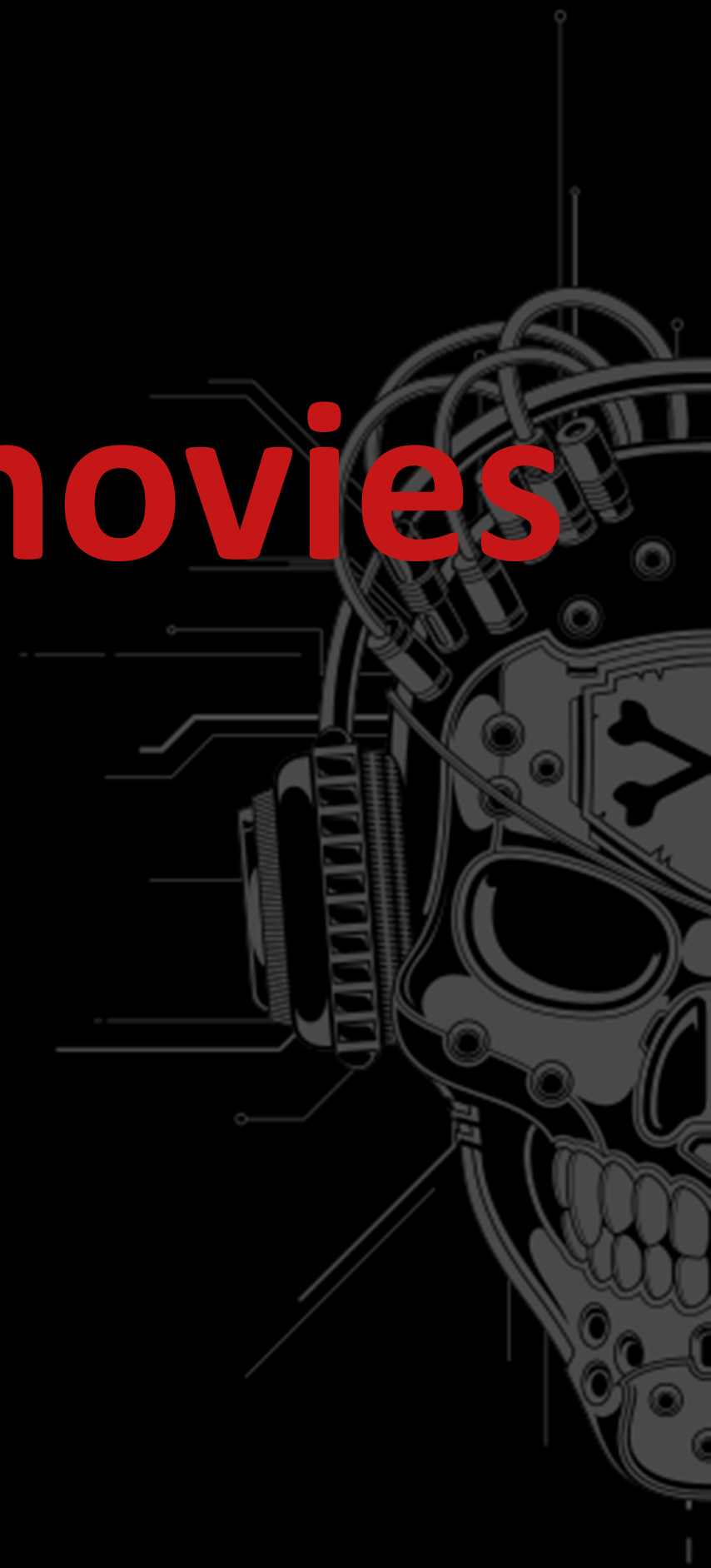


Hacking like in the movies

Insomni'hack 2015 CTF
writeups



Intro | Insomni'hack ?

- Organized by SCRT
- First edition in 2008
- Security talks since 2011
- Official CTF teaser since 2014
- Next edition :
 - Teaser January 16
 - CTF March 18 2016

INSOMNI'HACK



Intro | CTF ?

- Capture The Flag
- Security challenges
- Time limited
- Jeopardy or attack/defense
- <https://ctftime.org/>



Intro | CTFs are good for you

- Pros
 - Get out of your comfort zone
 - Learn new tricks
 - Fun experience
- Cons
 - Time consuming



Intro | Insomni'hack 2015 teaser

- Theme: Mocking Hollywood hacking
- Online for 36h
- ~370 teams
- 5 challenges
- Pwnable, reversing and web



Intro | Insomni'hack 2015 CTF

- ~350 participants (56 teams)
- Won by Dragon Sector
- Several international teams present
- 28 challenges
- Pwnable, shellcoding, reversing, web, network, forensics, hardware and mobile



Intro | Mocking Hollywood hacking

- Hollywood is terrible @hacking
- Like... really.
- Except for a very few select movies
- 3d malwares, IPv5, manual password bruteforcing, progress bars, image zooming, etc.



Intro | Mocking Hollywood hacking

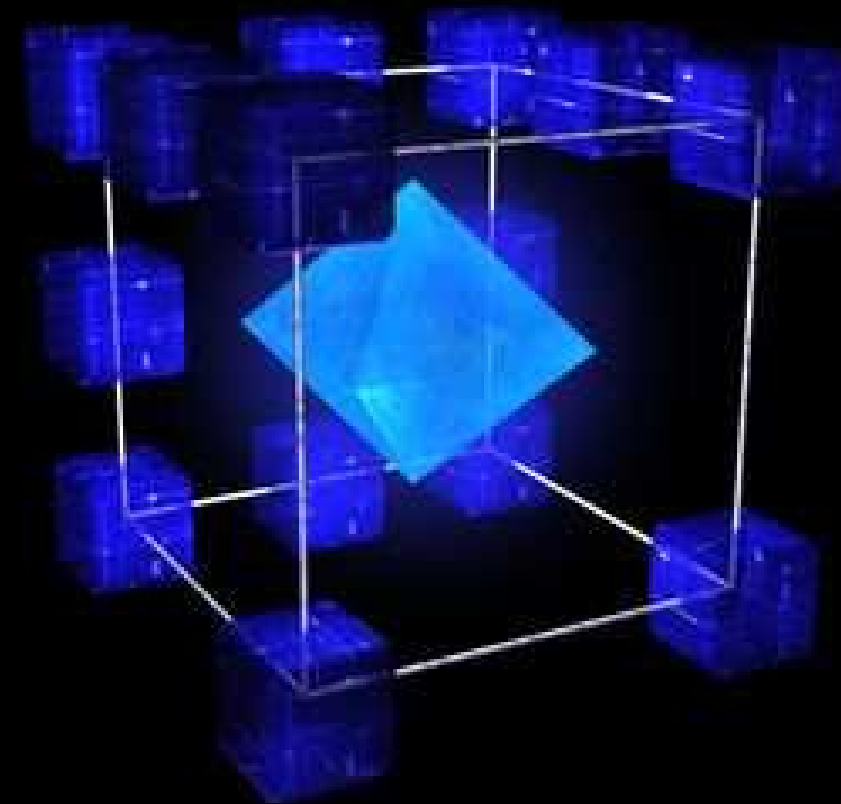
WORM GENERATOR TOOL V.1.0



4000 0400 0070 0100 7000 4700 7010	0000
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HACKSTASY

ASSEMBLING CRYPTO ALGORHYTHM



Intro | Mocking Hollywood hacking



Intro | Mocking Hollywood hacking



Tools

Web,reverse,exploit,forensic



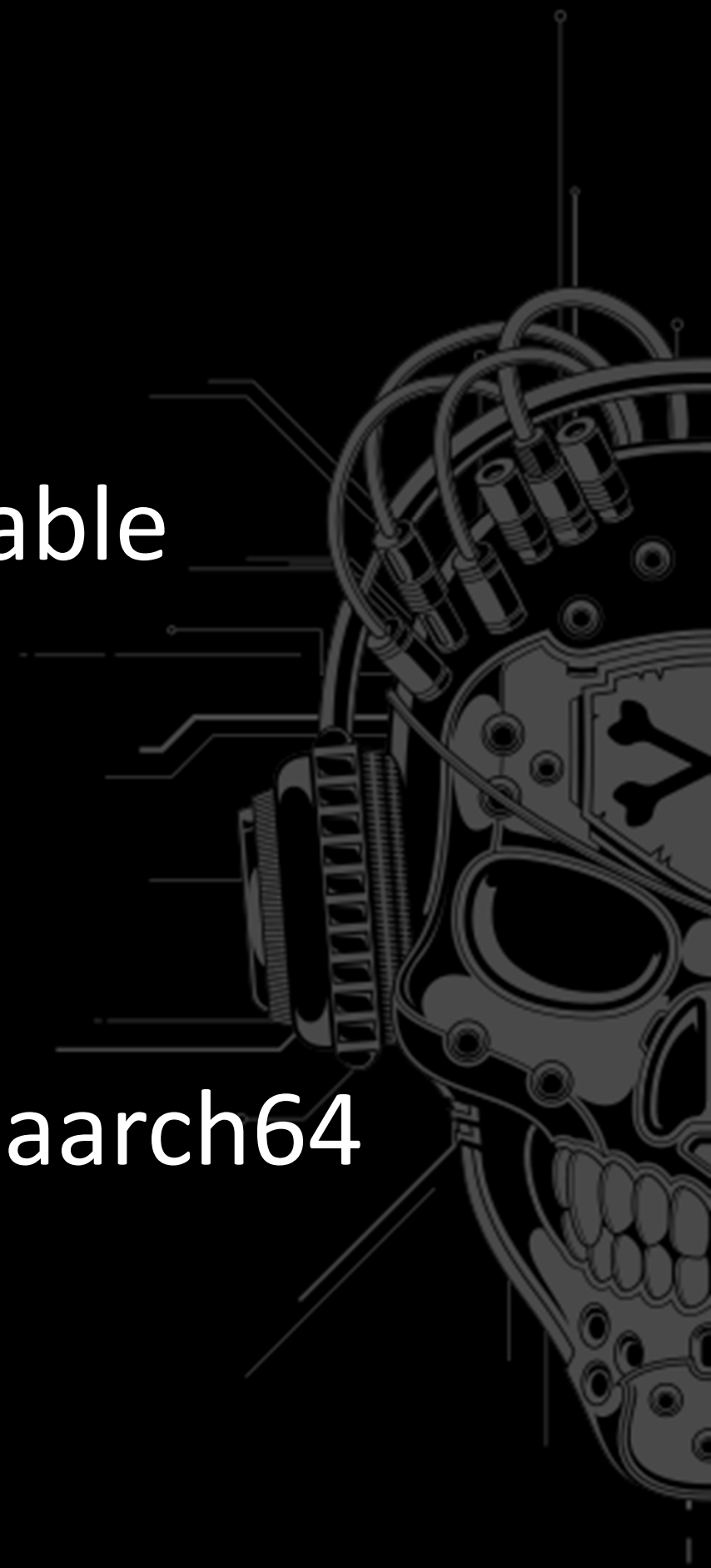
Tools | web

- Burpsuite / Webscarab
- LiveHTTPHeaders / Firebug / Tamper Data / Hackbar
- Python requests
- curl



Tools | reverse

- IDA Pro
 - Expensive but the most powerful available
 - Supports many architectures
 - Hex-Rays decompiler
- Hopper
 - Cheap but supports x86, x64, arm and aarch64
 - Decompiler for x86, x64 and arm



Tools | reverse

- Snowman
 - IDA pro decompiler plugin
 - Also a standalone version
 - ARM, x86 and x64
- Radare : r2
 - Open source disassembler with console or web interface



Tools | reverse

You're planning to do this ctf only with r2 ?



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Tools | reverse/exploit

- gdb & peda
 - The Linux pwner's toolbag
 - searchmem
 - telescope
 - pretty print of changed regs
 - branching indications



Tools | exploit

- checksec.sh

RELRO

Partial RELRO

STACK CANARY

Canary found

NX

NX enabled

PIE

No PIE

- rp++

- One of the best gadget finders for x86 / x64
- Supports Linux, Windows, FreeBSD and Mac OSX

- ROPgadget Tool



Tools | forensics

- Volatility
 - Powerful for process reconstruction (net connections, process image, etc.)
 - Easy to use
- Wireshark
 - Network analysis swiss army knife



The challenges

Web, hardware, reversing, network,
exploits, shellcoding, forensics, mobile



Web | n00bs gonna win!

56 solves

- Easy challenge that anyone can solve
- What is the best hacking movie
- Read the HTML source, edit form value to submit hidden field value Matrix
- Obvious bad choices : «Swordfish», «Hackers», etc.



Web | Smell of the lamp

32 solves

- Hint: edited with vim
- Get the source from `index.php~`
- SQL Injections everywhere
- Query results not printed
- Error-based SQL Injection



Web | Hacker News

30 solves

- SQL Injection in an integer field

```
1 <?php
2 function protect($var) {
3     $return1 = (int) $var;
4     if($return1 == 0) {
5         $return2 = mysql_real_escape_string($var);
6         return $return2;
7     }
8     else {
9         return $return1;
10    }
11 }
```



Web | Serial Hackers

19 solves

- Unsafe unserialize

```
82 <?php
83 if(isset($_COOKIE['Following'])) {
84     $c=unserialize(base64_decode($_COOKIE['H4ck3rs']));
85 ?>
```

- Modify handle attribute \Rightarrow SQL Injection

```
26 function __wakeup(){
27     $row=mysql_query("SELECT * from hackers where handle='$this->handle'");
28     $r=mysql_fetch_assoc($row);
29     $this->__construct($r);
30 }
```

- Find and dump secret table



Web | Smelly lamp got makeup

4 solves

- Forum about hacking movies
- Vuln in comments / search

```
188 function match_and_highlight($query, &$s) {  
189     if (preg_match("/$query/", $s) == 1) {  
190         $s = preg_replace("/$query/e", 'highlight("$0")', $s);  
191         return true;  
192     }  
193     return false;  
194 }
```

- `$query = '\${system\(\$_REQUEST\[code\]\)\}';`
- `$s = '${system($_REQUEST[code])}';`



Web | Hacker Idol

2 solves

- Neo4j graph database
- Traversal REST endpoint
- SSJI in `return_filter`
- sandboxed context
- Create direct relations to actors get the flag
 - Bypass the huge agency commission!



Web | Jack the clicker

1 solve

- Clickjacking!
- PhantomJS bot visits the link and clicks at random locations
- Include the application in an iframe, put the target button under the cursor with Javascript



Web | Hack like it's 1999!

0 solve

- PERL... Need to login to server
- LFI to get file source
- reval in download.pl
- No imports allowed

```
9  sub check_credentials {
10      $creds = shift;
11      $user = shift;
12      $password = shift;
13      $ctx = new Safe;
14      $ctx->share('&md5_hex');
15      $hash = $ctx->reval("md5_hex($password)");
16      return ($creds eq "$user:$hash");
17  }
```

Web | Hack like it's 1999!

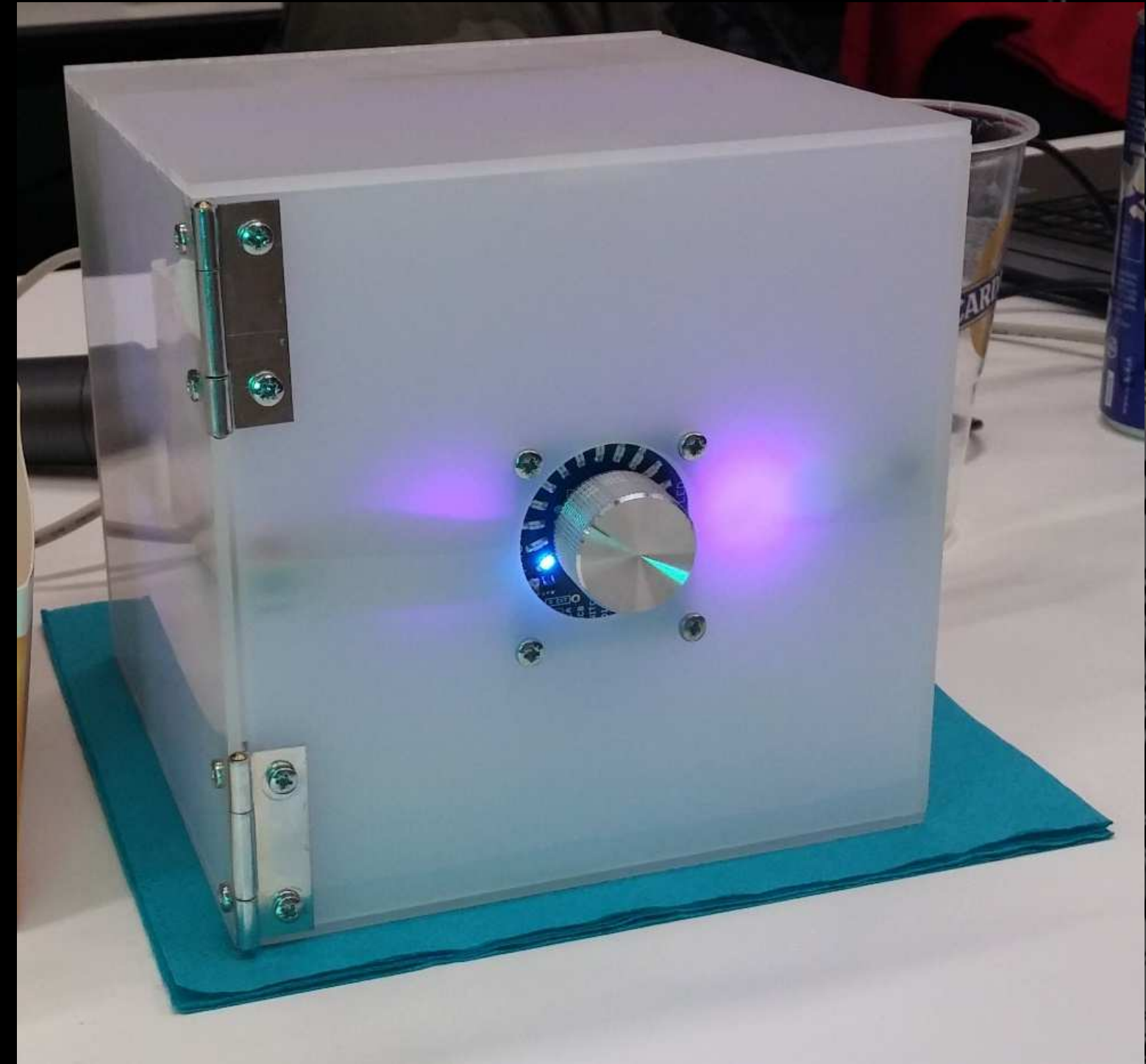
0 solve

- `$_` contains hash and username
- Can close the parenthesis in order to run arbitrary perl code
- Leak the username and hash char by char using loop function to "sleep"
- use tricks of `reveal("md5_hex($password), hex_value")` so it actually returns hex_value

Hardware | 1-2-3-4

3 solves

- What's inside the box ?
- AVR (arduino) binary
- Reverse the logic
- Find the combination



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EXPLICIT CONTENT

Reversing | Swordfish

43 solves

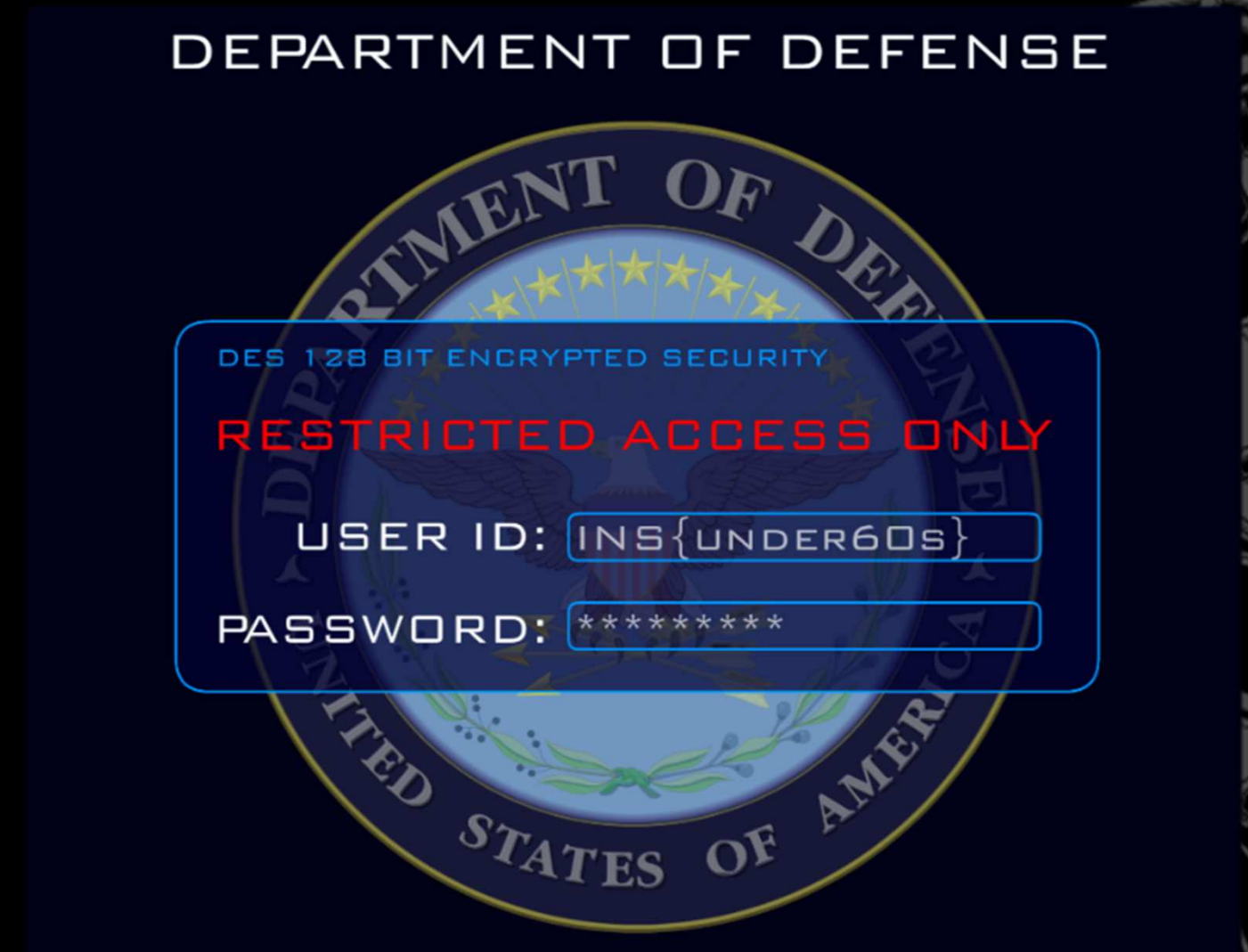
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfy5dFhw3ik>



Reversing | Swordfish

43 solves

- Flash with hardcoded password
- Decompile with JPEXS (or other)



Reversing | Swordfish password 12 solves

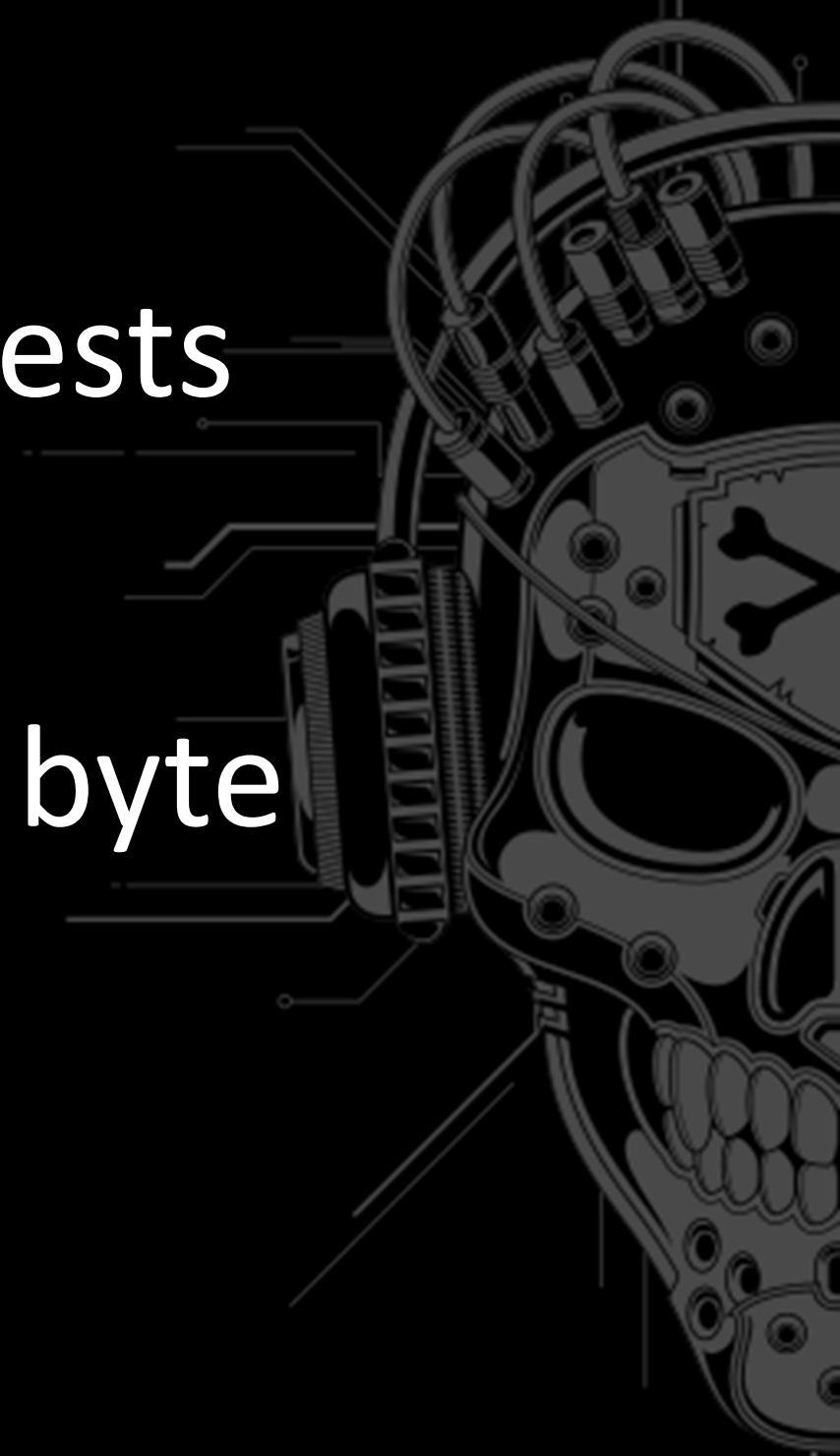
- Password stored in DES 128
- Hardcoded key
- Patch bytecode to invert the DES mode
- Patch bytecode to change the argument
- Launch Flash in debug mode
- Read the log

```
valid_pass = 0;
if(useridctl.getLineText(0) == "INS{under60s}")
{
    password_entered = new ByteArray();
    password_correct = new ByteArray();
    keybit = new ByteArray();
    password_entered.writeUTFBytes(passwdctl.getLineText(0));
    keybit.writeUnsignedInt(2.269828658E9);
    keybit.writeUnsignedInt(3.591495756E9);
    keybit.writeUnsignedInt(3.148489867E9);
    keybit.writeUnsignedInt(129626371);
    password_correct.writeUnsignedInt(1718639212);
    password_correct.writeUnsignedInt(891307963);
    des = new TripleDESKey(keybit);
    des.encrypt(password_entered);
    str_password_entered = Hex.fromArray(password_entered).toUpperCase();
    trace(str_password_entered);
    str_password_correct = Hex.fromArray(password_correct).toUpperCase();
    trace(str_password_correct);
    if(str_password_entered == str_password_correct)
    {
        valid_pass = 1;
    }
}
if(valid_pass)
{
    txt.textColor = 52275;
    txt.text = "ACCESS GRANTED";
}
```


Network | TimeToLeak

10 solves

- Pcap with ICMP traffic
- Host selectively replies to echo requests
- TTL "port knocking"
- Use raw sockets, guess the flag byte byte



Network | Hollywood network

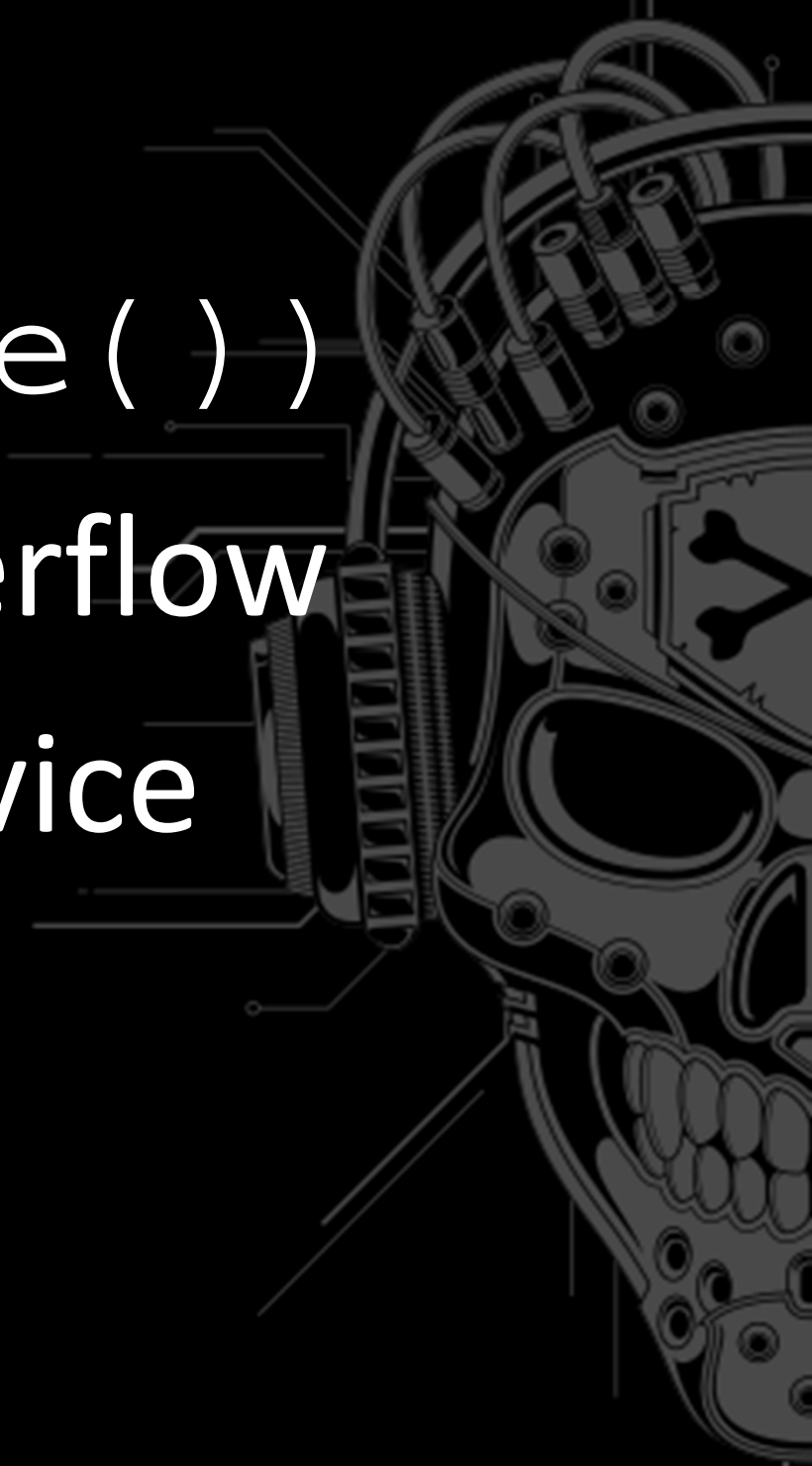
0 solve

- Connect to a fake z/OS IBM server
- FLAG command sends flag
- Running on IPv5, ex: 312.5.125.833
- Sniff with Wireshark and notice ARPv5 packets
- Craft reply ARPv5 packet using raw sockets
- Server will send IPv5 packet with the flag in cleartext

Exploit | mastermind

9 solves

- Mastermind game
- Combination based on `srand(time())`
- Win in one attempt to be able to overflow
- Trick is to connect 2 times to the service
- Fail in one of the sessions to get the combination



Exploit | smtpwn

5 solves

- SSH challenge. Creates an unreadable temporary mail file with a random token, some constants, the flag, and your input
- `ulimit` tricks
 - limit number of open fds \Rightarrow file descriptor exhaustion
 \Rightarrow cannot open `/dev/urandom`
 - limit file size \Rightarrow use the checksum to guess the flag byte by byte

Exploit | Sql inject flow

2 solves

- Forking service using MySQL to store data
- Stack: [buffer][pointer]...
- sscanf off-by-one
- Stack: [AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA][\x00pointer]...
- Function pointer gets fixed
- Stack: [AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA][pointer]...
- Buffer is inserted in MySQL: leak!

Exploit | Sql inject flow

2 solves

- SQL Injection, output leads to a buffer overflow
- Build a ropchain in SQL using the previous leak to bypass PIE
- Alternative: brute ASLR byte by byte (fork trick)

Exploit | The Firm(ware)

0 solve

- Small MIPS firmware to reverse
- Obvious overflow in the HTTP lang parameter
- Jump directly to a nopsled + shellcode like old times (No ASLR, No NX)



Exploit | Jurassic Sparc

0 solve

- Sparc64 service, custom protocol
- Provided python client
- Credentials + magic word = flag
- 8 byte stack buffer overflow in the reboot feature
- Overwrite file descriptors \Rightarrow leak database during backup operation
- `strcmp` of a raw hash \Rightarrow easy collision



Exploit | Jurassic Sparc

0 solve



Exploit | SH1TTY

0 solve

- TTY keylogger, kernel module
- Special feature to log only passwords
- Linux kernel stack buffer overflow
- More details tomorrow!



Shellcoding | blue pill

8 solves

- `read(0, buf, 4); jmp buf;`
- 4 bytes shellcode, chrooted
- Return Oriented Shellcoding
 - Stager, « enlarge your shellcode »



Shellcoding | tldr

6 solves

- Chroot and sandboxed environment (`seccomp-bpf`)
- Blocked syscalls include `open` and `read`
- RTFM!
- ```
int openat(int dirfd, const char *pathname, int flags);
```

  
"""If `pathname` is relative and `dirfd` is the special value `AT_FDCWD`, then `pathname` is interpreted relative to the current working directory of the calling process."""
- ```
ssize_t sendfile(int out_fd, int in_fd, off_t *offset, size_t count);
```

Forensic | ZoomIn

43 solves

- Use exif tools to extract a thumbnail
- Thumbnail in the thumbnail
- We need to zoom deeper



Forensic | Lost In Memories

26 solves

- Memory dump of an infected Windows machine communicating with a C&C.
- Use your favorite forensic tool to find the C&C address (requires creds) and get the flag:
 - volatility
 - ... or strings | grep 😊

Forensic | Elysium ropchain analysis 1 solve

- Provided: PCAP + binary + libc
- Exploitation of the teaser « Elysium » task
- Mix exploit/forensics
- Exploit leaks `/proc/self/maps`
- First ropchain is a stager and pivots to stage 2

Forensic | Elysium ropchain analysis 1 solve

- Stage 2:
 - `memfrob()` to decrypt structure and filename (/flag)
 - Read flag and `cbc_decrypt()` it in DES
 - `cbc_decrypt()` stage 3 ropchain

Forensic | Elysium ropchain analysis 1 solve

- Stage 3:
 - Sends the encrypted flag hidden in the TTL (byte by byte)



Conclusions | Hack the planet!

- 8 hours is short, one must pwn fast
- CTFs don't teach PowerPoint 😞
 - But are great to keep your other skills sharp!
- Challenge sources on <https://github.com/Insomnihack/Insomnihack-2015>



Conclusions | Questions/Contact

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