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What is HAX?

School-year-long CTF for people of all skills levels



- The purpose is to help students build desirable technical skills for cybersecurity through challenges
- New set of challenges every ~1½ months
- Each set corresponds to a topic
- After new set is released, solutions for the previous set of challenges will be released and the challenges will stay live for ~1 week for students to review

Topics Schedule

- Linux/Unix (ending mid-Nov)
 - a. Bash scripting
 - b. Unix system basics and forensics
- 2. Windows
 - a. Powershell scripting
 - b. Windows basics, AD and forensics
- 3. Web/Database
 - a. OWASP Top 10
- 4. Reverse Engineering/Binary Exploitation
 - a. Stack overflows
 - b. Assembly
- 5. Cryptography
 - a. RSA
 - b. Elliptic curve cryptography
 - c. Cryptocurrencies
- 6. Network forensics
 - a. Wireshark
 - b. Bro
 - c. Scapy





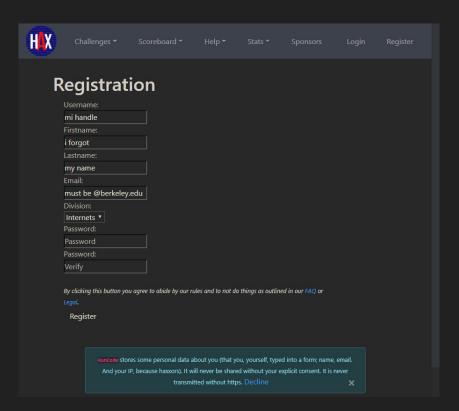
Prize

- Top rank gets mad rep yo
 - o jk... everyone's a winner if you've learned a single thing from these challenges
- Challenge coins
 - o no, you can't pay for coffee with this
- Gift cards
 - o okay. yes, you can pay for coffee with this
- Also, highest overall scoring student will have an opportunity to intern at Grimm (tentative)



Getting Started

- 1. Go to scoreboard.hax.works/quick_reg
- 2. Register with berkeley.edu email
- Hack away at challenges at scoreboard.hax.works/challenges



Example of a Challenge



Resources

- I compiled a list of useful blog posts and tools at <u>Oxedward.com/awesome-infosec</u> (shameless plug)
- Shoot me a message on Slack (@0xedward) if you:
 - Want see a talk to go over any topic on the list, such as unix basics.
 - Got a question about a challenge you are working on
 - Feel like you are missing any resources that would be helpful in your learning
- Jaime (super talented contact at Grimm) is willing to work with anyone through a challenge over email and possibly over the phone

Opportunity to be a hero!

- Challenges are created by college security clubs participating in the program
- UC Berkeley and RPI was assigned Reverse Engineering and Binary Exploitation
- Anyone willing to help write challenges for RE/BinEx? Message me on slack!



Contact Info

- Feel free to contact me (<u>@0xedward</u>) on Slack or Twitter with any other questions or if you want to work together on HAX
- Jaime Geiger

Another easy challenge: Get on HAX and beat my ranking!

