

# Tales from the Trenches – Learning from the Misery of Others.

*Confessions of a Sh\*tty SysAdmin*

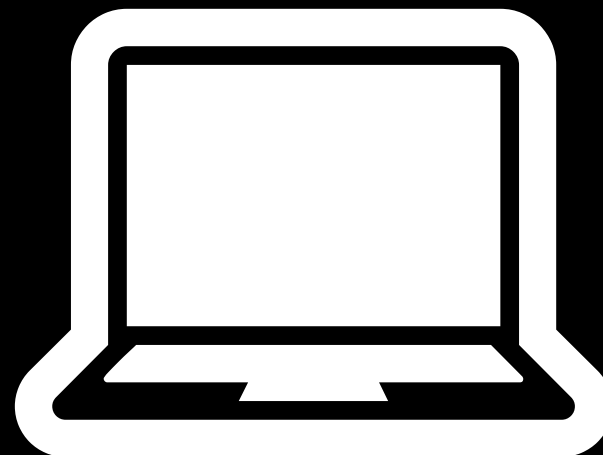
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- Travel-Hacker
- Shitty SysAdmin









# WARNING!

- Lots of TLA's ahead.
- Take notes.
- Quiz later.



The background of the image is a dark, slightly blurred photograph of a computer mouse and a keyboard. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the text 'HELP DESK' in large, 3D, metallic letters. The main title 'Service Level Agreement' is positioned on the left side, with the first letter of each word in yellow and the rest in white.

# Service Level Agreement



**F**irst

**C**all

**90%**

**R**esolution

Helpdesk  
Level 1

**We've got  
to help her!**

Helpdesk  
Level 2

**They're my friends,  
I've got to help them!**

Helpdesk  
Level 3

**I can save him,  
I have to try!**

Sysadmin

**Who are you?  
Go away!**

**SYSTEM  
ADMINS**



**I AM THE KEYMASTER**



**ARE YOU THE GATEKEEPER?**

DEVELOPERS

DESIGNERS

PROJECT  
MANAGERS

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SYSADMINS

SEEN BY

WE TOOK THE HOSTAGES,  
SECURED THE BUILDING, AND  
CUT THE COMMUNICATION  
LINES LIKE YOU SAID.



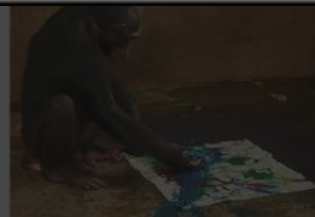
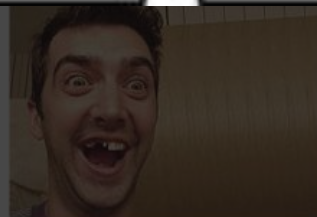
BUT THEN THIS GUY CLIMBED UP  
THE VENTILATION DUCTS AND WALKED  
ACROSS BROKEN GLASS, KILLING  
ANYONE WE SENT TO STOP HIM.



NO, HE IGNORED THEM.  
HE JUST RECONNECTED  
THE CABLES WE CUT,  
MUTTERING SOMETHING  
ABOUT "UPTIME".



SEEN BY  
SYSADMINS



**C**onfidentiality

**I**ntegrity

**A**vailability



Availability

Availability

Availability



# SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR



What my friends think I do



What society thinks I do



What my boss thinks I do



What my users think I do



What I think I do



What I actually do

# How I took the name Rainmaker?

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FREE WIFI





MFA















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# Compliance!



**YOU'RE BAD**

**AND YOU SHOULD FEEL BAD**

**i've seen things...**

**terrible things...**



# Exposed Passwords



If you're dumb enough to leave your login on a PostIt on your desk, it's not a hack. It's barely social engineering. It's more like natural selection.

- *Gilfoyle*














According to Gartner, through 2023 at least **99%** of cloud security failures will be the customer's fault.

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## 540 Million Facebook Records Leaked by Public Amazon S3 Buckets

By Sergiu Gatlan

APR 8, 2019 12:50 PM



More than 540 million records of Facebook users were exposed by publicly accessible Amazon S3 buckets used by two third-party apps to store user data such as plain text app passwords, account names, user IDs, interests, relationship status, and more.

As discovered by the UpGuard Cyber Risk team, Mexico-based media company [Cultura Colectiva](#) stored the records of roughly 540 million of its users within a 146 GB database called "cc-datalake," stored in a misconfigured Amazon S3 bucket which gave anyone download permissions.

This huge collection of Facebook records contained "comments, likes, reactions, account names, FB IDs and more," allowing Cultura Colectiva to "tune an algorithm for predicting which future content will generate the most traffic."

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**IT'S APRIL**

**FOOLSI**









**YOU KEEP USING THAT WORD**

**I DON'T THINK IT MEANS WHAT YOU  
THINK IT MEANS**



**PING**



**TO BE HONEST...**





**BURNING THE SHIPS**



**BRAND-JACKING**

# OPEN THE KIMONO






**HACKING**  
**IS NOT A CRIME**

**HACKING**



A close-up photograph of a small, light-colored hedgehog, possibly a pygmy hedgehog, being held gently in a person's hand. The hedgehog has white and light brown fur with visible spines. Its small, dark eyes and pinkish nose are prominent. The person's fingers are visible, supporting the animal from underneath. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

I've seen some good  
things too...

File Edit Format View Help

```
@echo off
```

```
echo Easy Ransomware Protection
```

```
echo By: Andy Thompson
```

```
echo www.MeteorMusic.com
```

```
echo @R41nM4kr
```

```
assoc .js=poss_bad
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assoc .jse=poss_bad
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assoc .wsf=poss_bad
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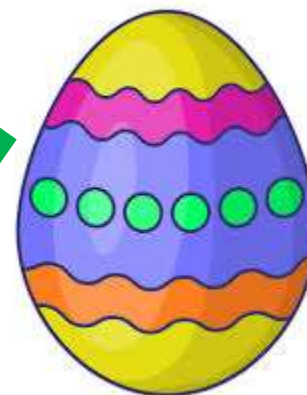
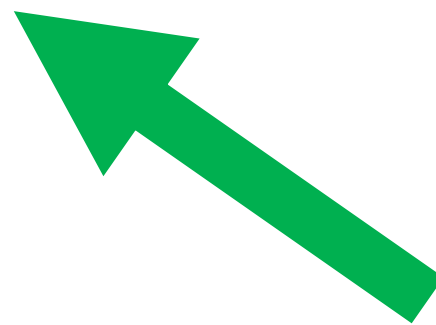
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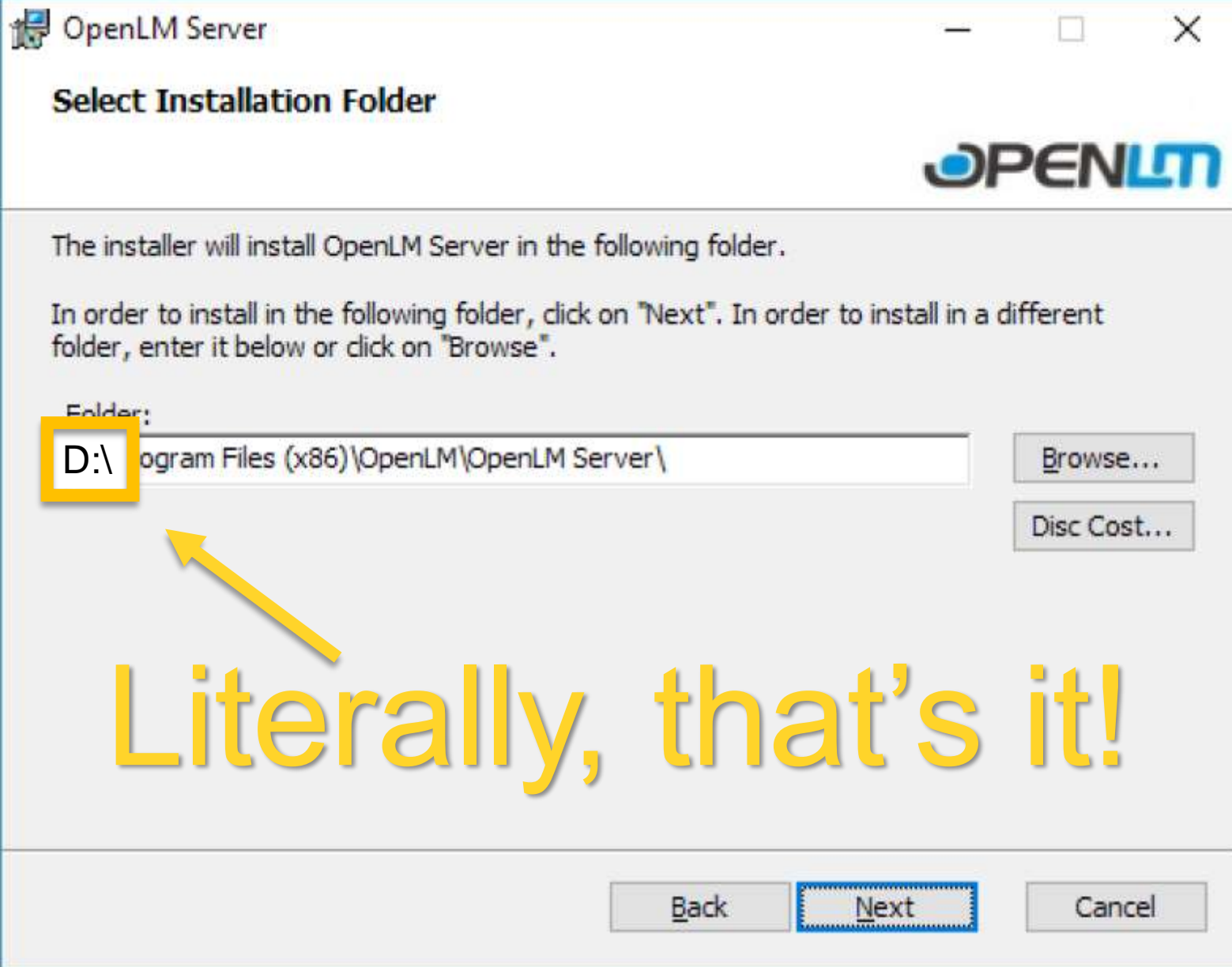
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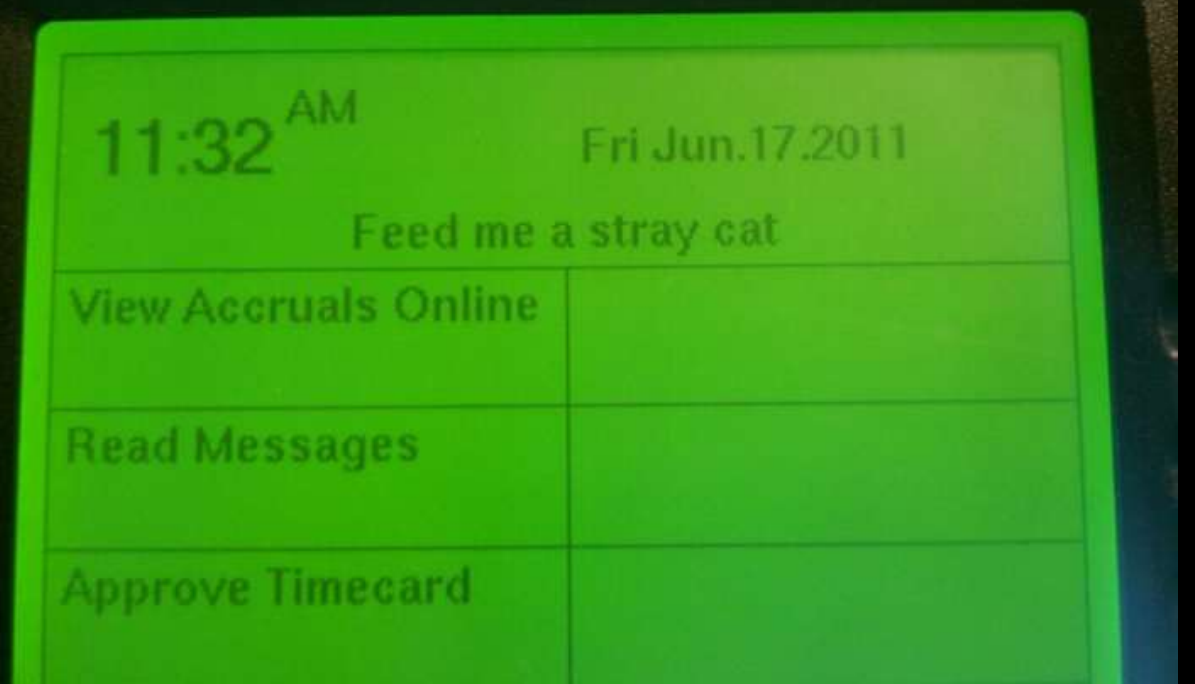
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assoc .vbe=poss_bad
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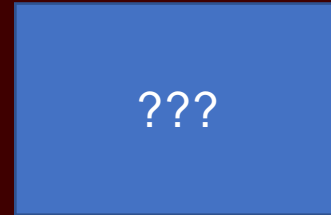


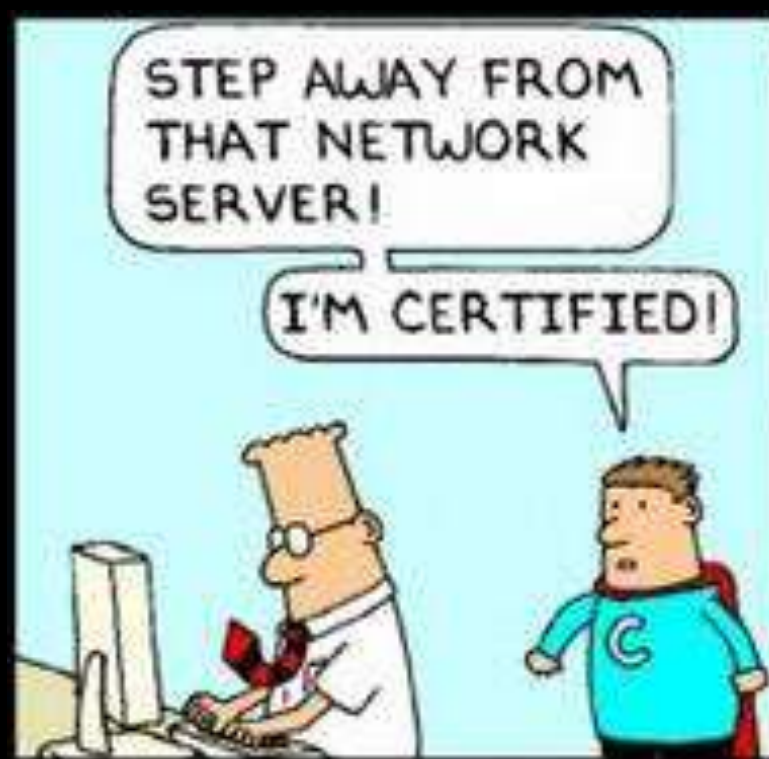
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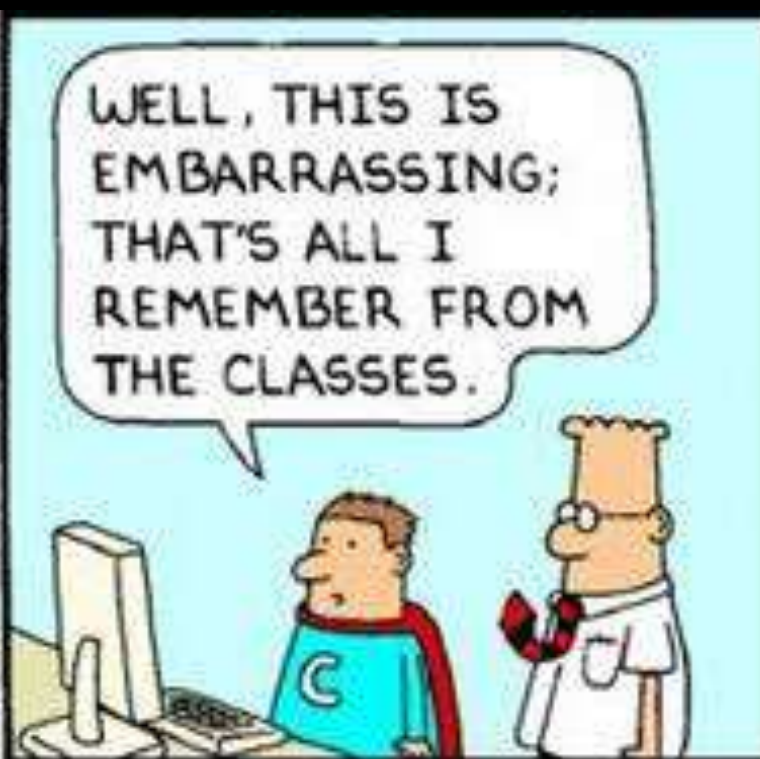




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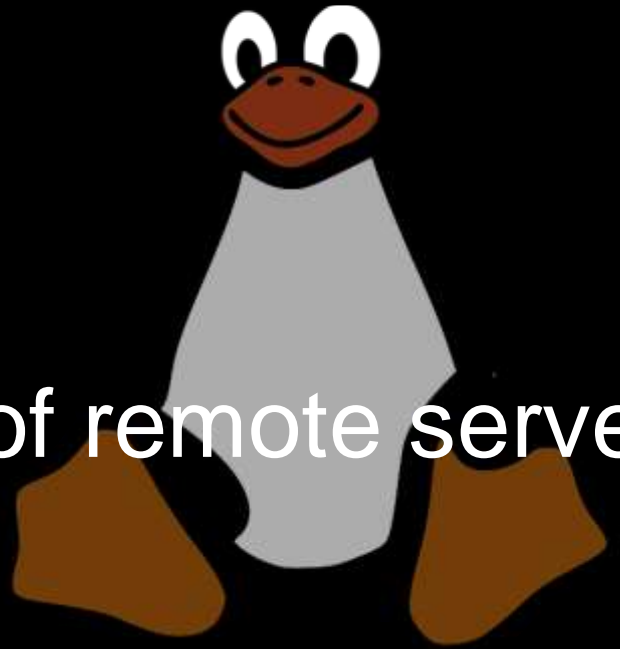




Dragnet video here

# uname -s

Checks machine name properties of remote server



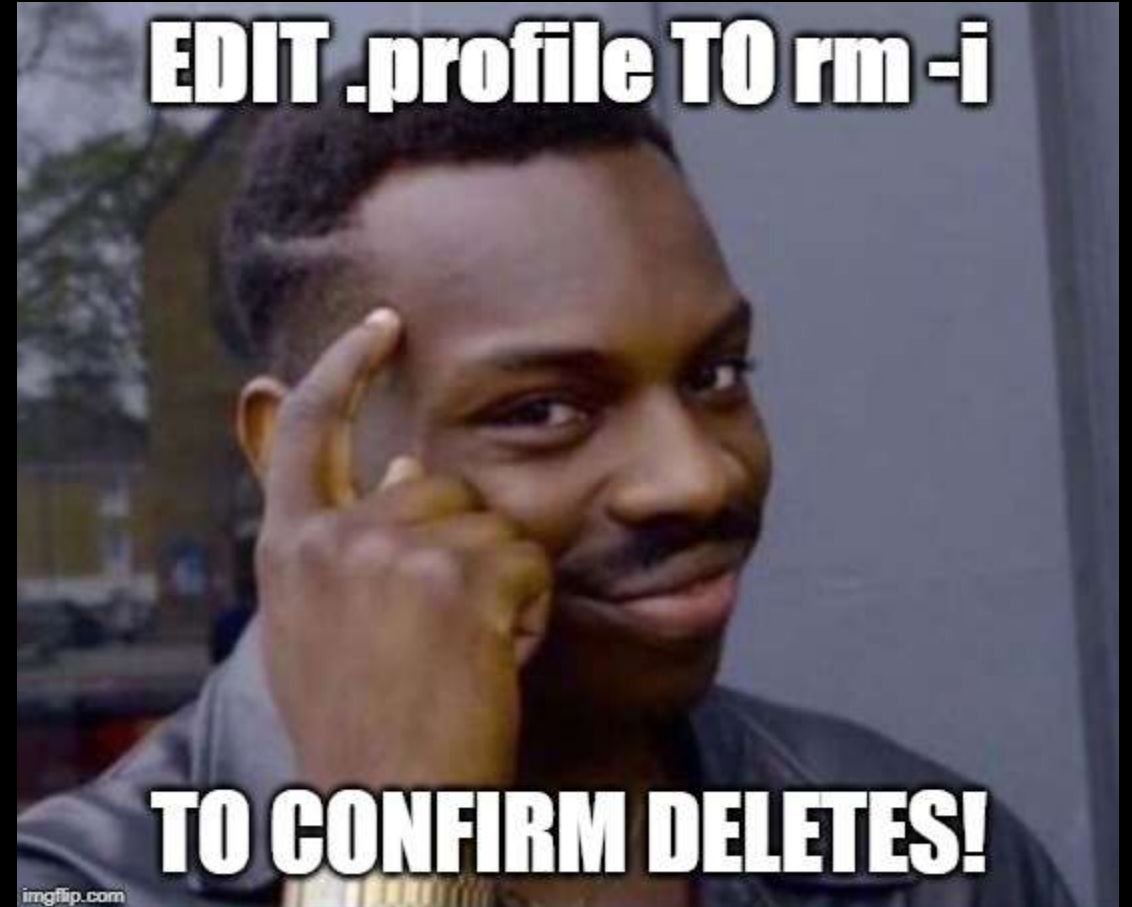
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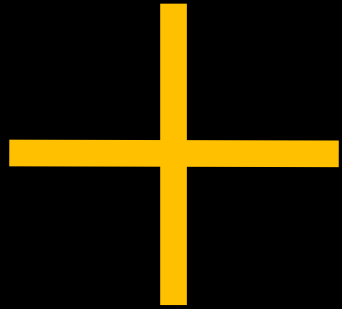
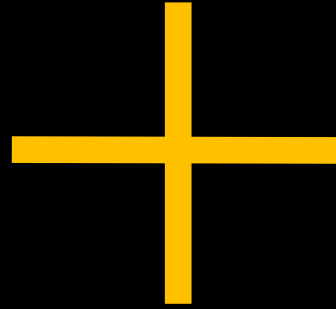
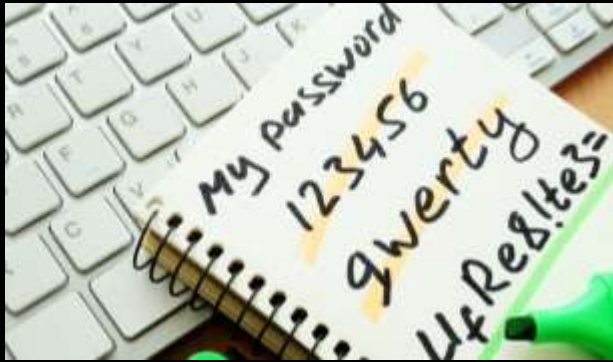
**RENAMES HOST**





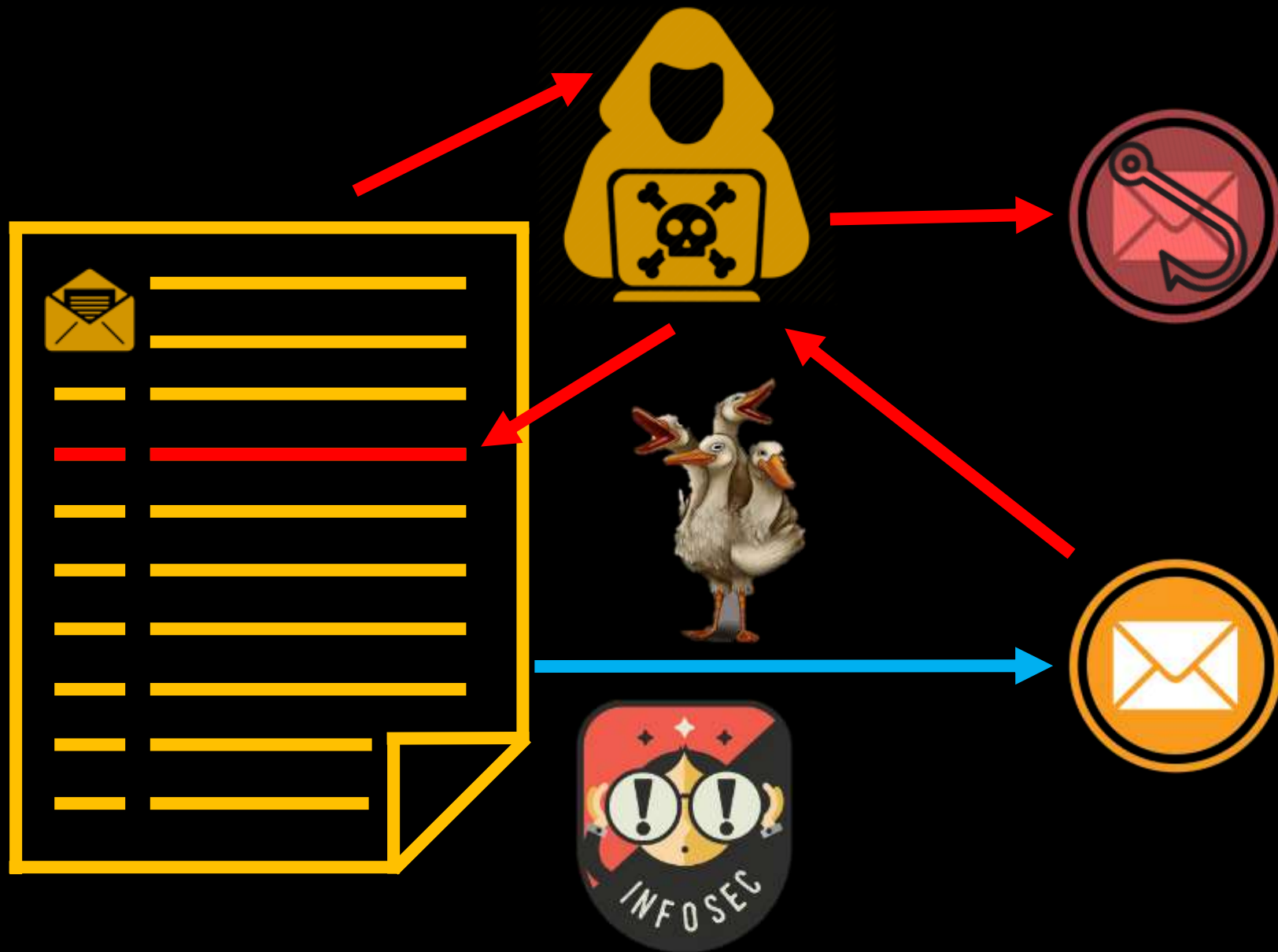
# rm -rf /





# WayBackMachine







# SysAdmin Quiz

- SLA Service Level Agreement
- FCR First Call Resolution
- CIA Confidentiality
- AAA Integrity^3
- WTFBBQ Availability

# Key Takeaways

- Prioritize Security.
- Don't cut corners.
- Watch the Watchers
- Systems are more vulnerable to misconfiguration vs traditional exploits.
- SysAdmins are people too.



# WARNING!

- Risk is EVERYWHERE.
- Learn from these mistakes.
- Don't let this happen to you.



# Parting Advice

- Blame the previous sysadmin.
- Blame the vendor.
- Prepare 3 envelopes.





# Thank You!

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