FRIGIDSEC

Code of Conduct: FrigidSec Blog

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Introduction

FrigidSec is a cybersecurity community "By Students, For Everyone". The FrigidSec blog is a platform for Cyber Enthusiasts to share their ideas and technical write-ups to reach a wider audience. It aims to create a cyber-aware society in times of growing cyber threats. We hope for detailed and extensive discussions pertaining to the burning topics in the cybersecurity world. It is necessary to maintain a safe and friendly environment to facilitate these discussions. Keeping this in mind certain rules, which are outlined below, need to be followed by each and every person using this blog. Violation of these rules has consequences that have also been outlined below.

Publishing an Article

1. **Publishing an Article:**

    (a) To submit an article for the Community Blog, a submitter must fork the FrigidSec GitHub repository and push the article in the Submission Directory of the master branch within a new folder named as <date_title> (e.g. 2020-08-02-BoF) with proper folder structure. Then a pull request for master-branch must be created to ensure that your article is under review. **Alternatively, an article can also be mailed to frigidsec@gmail.com for review with 'Article for Submission' as the subject of the email.** For more detail on the submission of the article refer to *THIS POST*

    (b) The content of the article must be relevant to Cybersecurity.

    (c) Any factual information in the articles must mention its source to ensure the validity and integrity of the content. **Proper citation to all resources used in your article is compulsory.**

    (d) The language of the article can be semi-casual but should not use any slang or profanities or miss out on technical details.

    (e) **Plagiarized content is not acceptable.** You must own the rights to any content published on the blog.

    (f) We apply **CC BY 4.0 license by default**[6] on all original content in the articles submitted for publication on the FrigidSec blog unless and until the author requests otherwise via an E-mail sent to frigidsec@gmail.com with 'Alternative licensing options' as the subject of the mail. For full details on what the CC BY 4.0 license means please refer to the **LICENSE**[6] section of this document.

    (g) If your article has been published on another platform previously, you must mention on that platform that the same article is also published on the FrigidSec Blog. **If you post**

any article first published on FrigidSec on another platform, you must cite FrigidSec as the original source of the article on the secondary platform.

(h) A request to post your article anonymously might be considered by FrigidSec administrators. To make such an appeal, email the article with your request for anonymity to frigidsec@gmail.com. Please note that your identity while not being disclosed to the community will be known to the FrigidSec administrators for management and legal cause.

(i) **It is the author's responsibility to ensure that no resource used in their article is in violation of the Indian Copyright Act 1957.** Any content in violation of the Indian Copyright Act 1957 is not permissible. If you are unsure of whether using a certain resource is in violation of the Indian Copyright Act 1957 it is advised to check the licensing of the said resource. FrigidSec is in no way responsible for any violations of the Indian Copyright Act 1957 by any author as the articles posted on FrigidSec are the author's intellectual property being used and modified by FrigidSec with the author's permission in compliance with CC BY 4.0 license.

(j) Inclusion of shortened URLs in posts is not allowed.

(k) **Peer Review Policy:**

    i. To ensure the quality of articles published on the blog each draft article will be reviewed before publishing. **FrigidSec follows a peer review format** wherein each article will be checked for grammatical, spelling, and technical inconsistencies by other registered members of the community. After being reviewed by two registered members of the community the article may be checked by an editor before it is published.

    ii. *An article needs to be reviewed by two members or anyone editor to be eligible for publication.*

    iii. **If an article has already been published on another platform it will be exempt from peer review.**

iv. To submit reviews of an article a pull request must be generated on the FrigidSec GitHub repository or the updated article could be emailed to frigidsec@gmail.com with the subject 'Article <article name> review'.

v. The reviewers and editors shall be credited for their assistance in improving the quality of an article.

vi. If the reviewer of an article claims to find any technical inconsistency, in the article, they must quote their source of information showing how the fact mentioned in the article is incorrect.

vii. A reviewer must explain why certain changes are recommended to the article for the changes to be accepted.

viii. The changes proposed to the article will be subject to the author's scrutiny before they can be implemented.

ix. **Editors and reviewers must keep all content under their purview strictly confidential.**

x. Constructive Criticism by reviewers pertaining to the article is welcome. Nevertheless, any form of hate speech, harassment, bullying, threats, or profanities claiming to be criticism is not welcome and will be met with severe consequences outlined in the violations section of the code of conduct. If any reviewer has difficulty in differentiating between Criticism and hate speech, harassment, bullying, threats or profanities, they may refer to **Section 2**[3] of the code of conduct. A good litmus test to ensure whether your comment is acceptable is to ensure that even while criticizing your tone is polite and professional.

Acceptable Behaviour

2. Acceptable Behaviour:

(a) **No Hate Speech:**

    i. Any content including but not limited to text, images, or videos that incite violence, hatred or is prejudiced on the basis of ethnicity, caste, creed, race, nationality, religion, disability, disease, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender will be categorized as hate speech and is completely unacceptable.

    ii. Any posts with scientific claims that dehumanize, degrade or disempower others are undesirable.

    iii. **FrigidSec is a community of cyber enthusiasts and as such is open to anyone passionate about cybersecurity irrespective of their ethnicity, caste, creed, race, nationality, religion, disability, disease, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender. Any calls for discrimination, intolerance, exclusion, or segregation based on the above criteria against any individual or group will not be tolerated.**

(b) **No Harassment:**

    i. Any disparaging posts that spread malicious rumors about an individual or group with the intention to humiliate or defame will be categorized as Cyber Bullying.

    ii. Any posts that threaten another individual are unacceptable.

    iii. Posts that contain gender-based slurs, insults, profanities, media, or are sexually objectifying in nature are unwelcome.

    iv. Doxing, which is defined as broadcasting private or confidential information of an individual or organization with the intent to harm, coerce, harass, shame, or extort another

individual or organization is strictly prohibited.

   v. Spamming the GitHub repository of FrigidSec or its administrators' mailbox is prohibited.

(c) **<u>Restricted Categories:</u>**

   i. Posts or content that can be categorized under the following sections are not permitted:

     A. Posts promoting harmful conspiracies.

     B. Posts facilitating gambling, betting, or sexual services.

     C. Posts that facilitate copyright violations.

     D. Posts containing text, images, or videos that are either pornographic in nature or unnecessarily and explicitly disturbing. This is especially true for content that promotes the exploitation of a minor.

     E. Posts and comments that promote and glorify self-harm. If any such content is found it should be immediately reported as mentioned in **Section 3**[4] of the code of conduct.

     F. Posts containing private communications between private individuals without the consent of all parties involved in the communication.

     G. Posts that disclose someone's confidential and sensitive information like phone numbers, E-mail ID, house address, Aadhar Card number without their explicit permission.

     H. Images or content acting as third-party ads.

     I. Posts promoting multi-level marketing.

(d) All rules mentioned in the FrigidSec Community Code of Conduct are also applicable here.

Violations-Reporting and Consequences

3. <u>**Violations-Reporting and Consequences:**</u>

  (a) <u>**Reporting:**</u>

     i. Should the blog editors, admin or a member of the community find any post in violation of the above-mentioned rules they may flag it or create an issue in GitHub to give a detailed report of the violation. They may also send an email at frigidsec@gmail.com with 'Reporting Violations' as its subject to report the violation. **Anonymous reporting of issues and violations is permitted.**

     ii. If any member or reader faces any other issues they may send an email at frigidsec@gmail.com with the subject 'Miscellaneous issues'.

     iii. As members of the FrigidSec community, it is our responsibility to ensure that a safe and friendly environment is created to discuss issues in the cybersecurity domain. Keeping this in mind it is an obligation for members of the FrigidSec community to report any violations they come across with utmost dedication.

  (b) <u>**Consequences of violations:**</u>

     i. **FrigidSec retains the rights to remove any content, without notice for any reason especially if it is in violation of the above rules.**

     ii. **FrigidSec retains the rights to remove any registered member of the community, without notice for any reason especially if the member has been found to repeatedly violate the above rules or has been responsible for a severe violation of the above rules.**

iii. The first time violators of the FrigidSec Blog Code of Conduct will be warned.

iv. The second time violators of FrigidSec Blog Code of Conduct may be warned and **barred from publishing anything on the blog for fifteen days.**

v. If it is the third violation of FrigidSec Blog Code of Conduct by a member of the FrigidSec community his or her **membership to the FrigidSec Community may be revoked.**

vi. Unless notifying a user of the actions taken against them, due to them being found in violation of the above rules, can cause harm to another individual, notification of removal of post shall be provided.

vii. When deciding the actions to be taken against a member in violation of the above rules their past behavior in the community shall be taken into account.

(c) **Appeals:**

i. If you believe that we have made an error in the removal of your content or account or you can bring to light some information that may justify your actions you can email us at frigidsec@gmail.com with the subject 'Appeal' to appeal and reinstate your content or account.

Amendments

4. **<u>Amendments:</u>**

(a) FrigidSec Blog Code of conduct is subject to change. Users shall be notified of any changes in the code of conduct. In case a user does not agree with the modified code of conduct they may send an appeal with reasons stating why they are against the modifications. FrigidSec may or may not decide to entertain any such appeal.

(b) If a user does not wish to follow the modified code of conduct they may terminate the membership.

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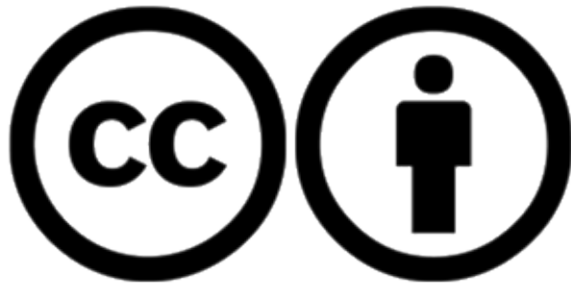
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