[johndoe@bnc234 ~]\$

Day 3: Cyber Security Workshop

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[johndoe@bnc234 ~]$ sudo su
[sudo] password for johndoe:
```

<u>Agenda</u> <u>Overview:</u>

- 1. Staying Safe Online + Netiquette recap
- 2. Intro to OSINT
- 3. Intro to Cryptography
- 4. Terminal Basics

Time-permitting Activities

- More picoCTF

Staying Safe Online

Who remembers some dangers related technology in today's world?

How can we protect against them?

From Monday:

- Sharing Personal Information on Social Media
- Malware
- Social Engineering
- Cyber Bullying

<u>Netiquette</u>

Who remembers some Netiquette principles?

Why are they important?

From Monday:

- Avoid ALL-CAPS
- Think before you type
- Check your Grammar
- Avoid flaming
- Be kind

Intro to OSINT

Professional Googling

- 1. What is OSINT?
- 2. Why is it important?
- 3. OSINT Practice Problems

[johndoe@bnc234 ~]\$ sudo su
[sudo] password for johndoe:
[root@bnc234 johndoe]# clear

What is OSINT?



OSINT: Open Source Intelligence

This is the ability to utilize publicly available resources on the internet to find and apply information.

With regards to OSINT against individuals and corporations, publicly available resources can include news articles, Google search results, and especially in the last decade, Social Media sites.

However, basic OSINT skills are extremely useful in many other areas of Cyber Security as well...

Why is it important?

Basic OSINT, simple and straightforward as it may seem, is the backbone of many areas of Cyber Security.

Applications:

- Quickly finding information related to a task
- Quickly researching information related to a vulnerability
- Researching a target during a Red-Team (Offensive Cyber Security) operation

[root@bnc234 johndoe]#

OSINT Practice

Open a web browser on your computers and take a crack at these OSINT problems

(Raise your hand as soon as you have your answer!)

[root@bnc234 johndoe]# cd /etc/

OSINT Practice: Question 1 - Presidents

Who was the president of the United States in 1940?

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[root@bnc234 johndoe]# cd /etc/
[root@bnc234 etc]# cp passwd /home/johndoe/; clear
```

OSINT Practice: Question 2 - Shell Shock

What was the year that the security bug, now known as "Shell Shock", was discovered?

[root@bnc234 johndoe]#

OSINT Practice Question 3 - Location

A suspect was seen entering the below building. What are the coordinates (in Latitude, Longitude) of their approximate location?

Link to image: https://bit.ly/osintLoc

(Tip: Reverse image search)

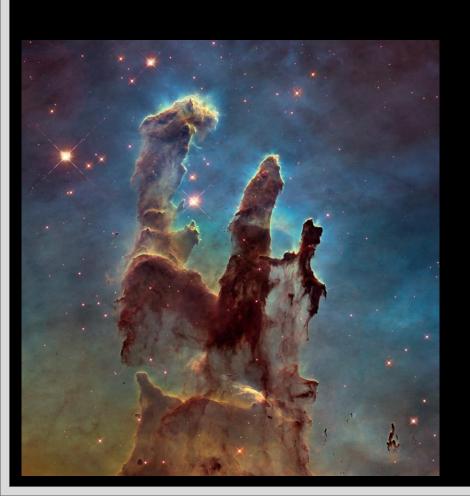




Flight Fiasco

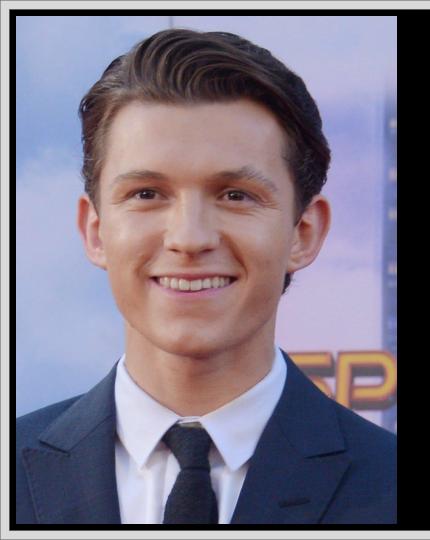
Our agent tracked a mysterious individual to an airport and deduced they are boarding flight #634. The agent managed to take a picture of the departure board. We need **you** to get the following information:

- What is the name of this airport?
- What's the date?
- Where is the individual's flight going, and from what gate?



Telescopic Transmissio n

What space telescope took this image?

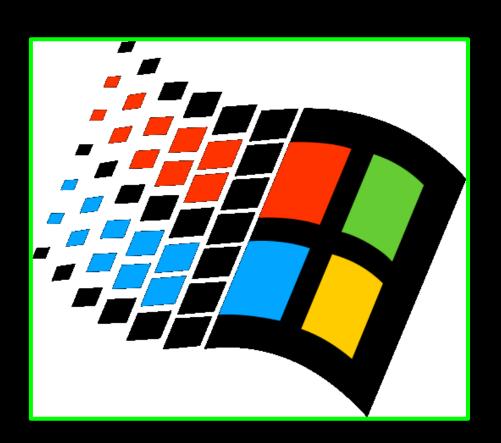


Famous Figure

Who is this Actor?

What was the most recent movie he was featured in?

What character did he play in that move?



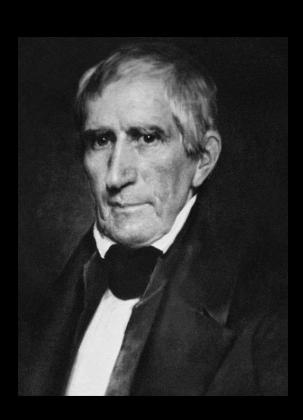
The Ancient OS

What version of Windows was released with this logo?

What year was this version of Windows discontinued

(No image link provided)

Famously Forgettable President



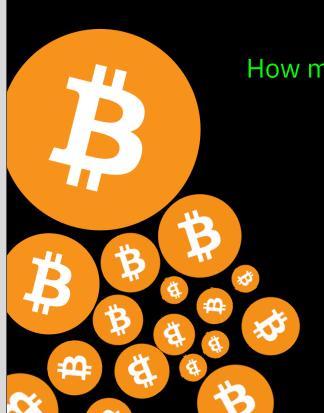
Who was the first U.S. President to die while in office?

Bonus: Brilliant Buildings and More



- What is the name of this building?
- What city is this building located in?
- Who designed it?
- In what year did it's construction begin?
- Who became Canada's prime minister on December 5th of that year?

Imagine owning Bitcoin lol



How much money (in USD), did Mt Gox lose in their 2014 hack?

Intro to CTFs

- 1. What are CTFs?
- 2. picoCTF
- 3. What is a terminal?
- 4. picoCTF webshell
- 5. Basic Shell Commands

What are CTFs?

Cyber Security CTFs (aka. Capture the Flag), are gamified practice exercises that let you learn and practice a wide variety of Cyber Security Topics in a fun and rewarding manner.

The goal of CTF challenges are almost always to find a "flag", often in the format of nameOfCTF{xxxxx}.





picoCTF: A very beginner friendly CTF website built by students at Carnegie Mellon University designed specifically for Middle and High School students new to Cyber Security.

Navigate to https://picoctf.org/, make an account, and log in.

Click on the "Practice" tab in the Navigation Header, and then click on the "Practice picoGym" Button to be taken to a list of practice CTF problems.



<u>picoCTF: Obedient Cat</u>

Navigate to https://play.picoctf.org/practice/challenge/147

Take 5 minutes to try this problem on your own.

Note: There is NO penalty to using hints on this website. Sometimes, it is even impossible to solve a problem without them!

Solution Demo for Obedient Cat

Intro to Cryptography

Secret Messages

secret Messages

- 1. What is Cryptography?
- 2. Common Ciphers
- 3. Practice Problems



What is Cryptography?



Cryptography: The art of writing or solving codes.

- Oxford Languages Dictionary

Cryptography is an extremely broad, rapidly evolving, and at times, complex topic with many subfields and applications, especially in those related to security and privacy.

However, we will be focusing on some of the more fun and beginner-friendly areas today.

What are Ciphers?

Ciphers are one of the oldest Cryptography techniques, with some even dating back all the way to Ancient Greece in 400 BCE!

Ciphers apply a direct, predetermined transformation to the message text.

Common Ciphers: Substitution, Caesar, ROT13,



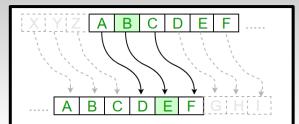
<u>Caesar Cipher</u>

The Caesar Cipher is a type of Substitution Cipher that relies on shifting the letters in a message based on a given offset.

Example: "Hello abcdz" shifted with an offset of 3 becomes "Khoor defgc" (Notice how the 'z' wrapped around the alphabet to end up at 'c')

Weakness: Because there are only 26 letters in the alphabet, it is relatively simple and straightforward for a human to look at all 26 transformations and determine which one is likely the decoded message.

Rot 13: A Caesar Cipher with an Offset of 13



(Go back to previous slide)

Cyber Chef



https://bit.ly/CyberChefLink

Powerful online set of web tools.

Includes many resources for Cryptography challenges.

To Base64
From Base64
То Нех
From Hex
To Hexdump
From Hexdump
URL Decode
Regular expression
Entropy
Fork
Magic

Caesar Cipher Practice

Try to reverse the following Caesar Ciphers!

Rot 13: SnfgEnoovg

Shifted +10: Wyexdksx

Shifted +21: Hvmodvi

Shifted +??: Akzrogdlx

Shifted +??: Bdynawxej

Finish Early? Try these picoCTF problems!

- 13 | Rot 13
- Mod 26 | Rot 13
- <u>caesar</u> | Caesar Cipher

(7 minutes)

Text Encoding

There are many ways to represent the same text.

To the right is an ASCII table, various different ways to represent the numbers that correspond to different computer characters.

Note: Cyber Chef has options to convert from these other formats to text. Try typing the "From" keyword into the search box to get started.

```
Dec Hx Oct Char
                                       Dec Hx Oct Html Chr
                                                             Dec Hx Oct Html Chr Dec Hx Oct Html Chr
 0 0 000 NUL (null)
                                        32 20 040 6#32; Space
                                                              64 4N 1NN &#64: R
                                                                                  96 6N 14N &#96:
 1 1 001 SOH (start of heading)
                                        33 21 041 6#33; !
                                                              65 41 101 A A
                                                                                  97 61 141 @#97; @
                                        34 22 042 6#34; "
                                                              66 42 102 &#66: B
                                                                                  98 62 142 4#98;
    2 002 STX (start of text)
                                                              67 43 103 C C
                                                                                  99 63 143 @#99; 0
    3 003 ETX (end of text)
                                        35 23 043 4#35; #
                                                              68 44 104 @#68; D
                                                                                 100 64 144 @#100; d
              (end of transmission)
                                        36 24 044 $ $
      005 ENQ (enquiry)
                                        37 25 045 6#37; %
                                                              69 45 105 E E
                                                                                 101 65 145 @#101; e
                                        38 26 046 6#38: 6
                                                              70 46 106 &#70: F
                                                                                 102 66 146 f f
    6 006 ACK (acknowledge)
                                                              71 47 107 @#71; G
                                                                                103 67 147 @#103; g
    7 007 BEL
              (bell)
                                        39 27 047 @#39; '
                                                              72 48 110 @#72; H
                                        40 28 050 6#40; (
                                                                                 104 68 150 @#104; h
    8 010 BS
              (backspace)
              (horizontal tab)
                                        41 29 051 6#41; )
                                                              73 49 111 6#73;
                                                                                 105 69 151 @#105; i
              (NL line feed, new line)
                                        42 2A 052 @#42; *
                                                              74 4A 112 @#74: J
                                                                                 106 6A 152 @#106; j
                                        43 2B 053 + +
                                                              75 4B 113 @#75; K
                                                                                107 6B 153 k k
    B 013 VT
              (vertical tab)
                                                              76 4C 114 @#76; L
      014 FF
              (NP form feed, new page)
                                        44 2C 054 @#44;
                                                                                 |108 6C 154 l <mark>1</mark>
13 D 015 CR
                                        45 2D 055 6#45;
                                                              77 4D 115 6#77: M
                                                                                 |109 6D 155 m ™
              (carriage return)
                                                                                 110 6E 156 @#110; n
   E 016 SO
              (shift out)
                                        46 2E 056 .
                                                              78 4E 116 @#78; N
15 F 017 SI
                                        47 2F 057 / /
                                                              79 4F 117 O 0
                                                                                 111 6F 157 @#111: 0
              (shift in)
              (data link escape)
                                        48 30 060 4#48; 0
                                                              80 50 120 6#80; P
                                                                                 112 70 160 @#112; p
                                                              81 51 121 @#81; 0
                                        49 31 061 6#49; 1
                                                                                 1113 71 161 @#113; q
      021 DC1 (device control 1)
18 12 022 DC2 (device control 2)
                                        50 32 062 6#50; 2
                                                              82 52 122 @#82; R
                                                                                 114 72 162 @#114; r
              (device control 3)
                                        51 33 063 6#51; 3
                                                              83 53 123 6#83; $
                                                                                1115 73 163 4#115; 3
                                        52 34 064 @#52; 4
                                                              84 54 124 6#84; T
                                                                                 |116 74 164 @#116; t
20 14 024 DC4 (device control 4)
              (negative acknowledge)
                                        53 35 065 4#53; 5
                                                              85 55 125 @#85; <del>U</del>
                                                                                 |117 75 165 @#117; <mark>u</mark>
                                        54 36 066 @#54: 6
                                                              86 56 126 V V
                                                                                 |118 76 166 v ♥
              (synchronous idle)
23 17 027 ETB
              (end of trans. block)
                                        55 37 067 4#55; 7
                                                              87 57 127 4#87; ₩
                                                                                 119 77 167 w ₩
24 18 030 CAN (cancel)
                                        56 38 070 4#56; 8
                                                              88 58 130 X X
                                                                                120 78 170 x X
                                                              89 59 131 4#89; Y
                                                                                 121 79 171 @#121; Y
25 19 031 EM
              (end of medium)
                                        57 39 071 4#57; 9
26 1A 032 SUB
              (substitute)
                                        58 3A 072 6#58; :
                                                              90 5A 132 6#90; Z
                                                                                 122 7A 172 @#122; Z
27 1B 033 ESC
                                        59 3B 073 4#59; ;
                                                              91 5B 133 @#91; [
                                                                                 123 7B 173 { -
              (escape)
              (file separator)
                                        60 3C 074 @#60; <
                                                              92 5C 134 @#92; \
                                                                                 124 7C 174 @#124;
28 1C 034 FS
29 1D 035 GS
                                        61 3D 075 = =
                                                              93 5D 135 ]
                                                                                 125 7D 175 @#125; )
              (group separator)
30 1E 036 RS
              (record separator)
                                        62 3E 076 > >
                                                              94 5E 136 @#94;
                                                                                 126 7E 176 ~ ~
                                                                              127 7F 177 @#127; DEL
31 1F 037 US
              (unit separator)
                                        63 3F 077 4#63; ?
                                                              95 5F 137 @#95;
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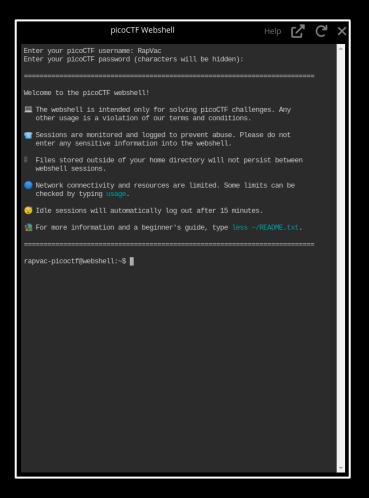
Source: www.LookupTables.com

What is a terminal?

- The shell is an interface that takes text commands and gives them to an operating system to execute.
- Used to be the only way to control Unix-like operating systems.
- Now we have nice graphics to make the user experience better.
- The **terminal** lets you feed commands to the **shell**.

picoCTF webshell

- picoCTF handily provides users with a terminal in the web browser.
- Allows you to do many of the linuxspecific CTFs on any operating system.
- Same commands as you would find on the Linux OS.



<u>Netcat</u>

Allows you to connect to and communicate with a specific port on a foreign computer from your terminal in a 2-way connection.

Example:

\$ nc test.server.com 1234

Let's break it down and explain each part:

- nc: Invoke the Netcat command.
- test.server.com: The foreign computer you want to connect to.
- 1234: The port on that computer you want to connect to.

Text Encoding Practice

Try to convert the following encoded messages into regular English text.

Decimal: 82 111 98 111 116

78 101 98 117

108 97

Hex: 4e 69 6f 62 69 75 6d

43 6c 6f 75 64

Base 64: Um9ja2V0ZHluZQ==

Finish Early? Try these picoCTF problems!

- The Numbers
- Bases
- what's a net cat?
- Lets Warm Up
- 2Warm
- Nice netcat...
- <u>Based</u> (Hard)

TWF0aGVtYXRpY3M=

Basic Shell Commands

ls

List all files in a directory (aka folder).

Format: *ls*

file

Get information about a file, such as it's type.

Format: file <filename>

<u>cd</u>

Change your directory. File paths in linux are written starting at root (the first '/'). Ex: /home/username/somedir

Format: *cd <path>*

Display the contents of a file.

Format: cat <filename>

mkdir

Create a directory branching from your current one. Ex: if you are in /home/username/ and do *mkdir test*, *ls* will reveal **test**

Format: *mkdir < name>*

wget

Download a file from a link

Format: *wget <link>*

*Note: <filename> can optionally be substituted for the absolute path of a file.

Your turn now! Navigation:

We found a file in your `/usr/share/evil_files/` directory. Use your terminal to tell us the name of that file. (Hint: use the cd and ls commands)

> What is the flag inside the file? (Hint: use the cat command)

We noticed a hidden file in your `/dev/secret/` directory. What is the name of the file? (Hint: use the `ls -a` command to show hidden files)

- > What type of file is this? (Hint: use the 'file' command to reveal the file type)
- We used a Caesar cipher to hide the flag inside the file.
 - > What is the unciphered flag? (Hint: use a tool like Cyberchef to decode the flag)

picoCTF: Shell Command Practice

- First Grep | Hint: grep command or Ctrl+F
- strings it | Hint: strings command
- extensions | Hint: file command
- Information | Hint: View image metadata, the flag is hidden in Base-64

Note:

These questions are very hard relative to the ones you have seen earlier today.

If you get stuck, try to use our hints with your OSINT skills to move forward!

(10 minutes)

More picoCTF Practice:

- First Grep (Done)
- Lookey Here
- Tab, Tab, Attack
- Wave a flag
- information (Done)
- Nice netcat... (Done)
- crackme.py
- Extensions (Done)
- The Numbers (Done)
- Let's Warm Up (Done)
- 2Warm (Done)

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