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# CC.IT warm up

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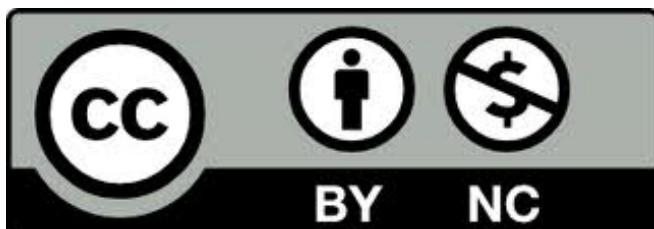
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# Outline

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- Ethical Hacking
- Capture the Flag
- CyberChallenge.IT Training

# The context

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- Cyber security has become something nobody can afford to ignore



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WannaCry\\_ransomware\\_attack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WannaCry_ransomware_attack)

# The context

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- Many job reports publish data on cyber security skills shortage



[...] there will be 3.5 million unfilled cybersecurity positions by 2021. [...] Europe faces a projected cybersecurity skills gap of 350,000 workers by 2022

# Ethical hacking

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- Hacker
  - a computer expert, who tries to understand how systems operate and communicate over a network, how they are designed and how they are protected, whether they are vulnerable, ...
- Unfortunately the word **hacker** today has a **negative** connotation

# Ethical hacking

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Cerca...

## Hacker attaccano gli Archivi di Stato: “Più di 5 mila password rubate”

Che si tratti di vandalismo o protesta, le iniziative condotte dai collettivi di pirati informatici dimostrano ancora una volta l'inadeguatezza dei sistemi delle pubbliche amministrazioni



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Cybersecurity: con “Exodus” un migliaio di italiani spiai per errore dagli hacker di stato

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# Ethical hacking

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## Hackers



### White Hat

People who specialized hacking check the faults of the system



### Grey Hat

Exploit a security to the attention of the owners



### Black Hat

People who break into networks and harm to the network and property

# Ethical hacking

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**White Hat**

People who specialized hacking check the faults of the system

We are looking for  
cyber defender!

# Ethical hacking

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- CyberChallenge.IT philosophy

hack to learn  
NOT learn to hack

# Ethical hacking

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- Bug Bounty Program
  - allow the developers to discover and resolve bugs before the general public is aware of them, preventing incidents of widespread abuse. Bug bounty programs have been implemented by a large number of organizations...
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bug\\_bounty\\_program](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bug_bounty_program)

# Ethical hacking

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- EU-FOSSA Bug Bounties

- [https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/eu-fossa-bug-bounties-full-force-2019-apr-05\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/eu-fossa-bug-bounties-full-force-2019-apr-05_en)

```
try {
    var platform = new BugBounty();
    var date = new Date(2019, "Jan", 16*2);
    // TODO: find bugs.
    Participate.toFindBugs().sendToAll();
} catch (NotFoundException ex) {
    std.out("Keep trying", ex);
}
```



# Capture the Flag

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# Capture the Flag

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- Cyber security competitions that span over many aspect of computer science, information technology and security education
- Different types
  - Jeopardy
  - Attack/Defense
  - Mixed



<https://ctftime.org/>

# Jeopardy CTF

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## Competition

- Multiple categories of challenges
  - web, binary, crypto, network, misc, ...

## Skills

- Jeopardy CTFs allow participants to **think adversariarly**, i.e., to think as an attacker would

# Jeopardy CTF

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## Flag

- Participants must exploit vulnerabilities present into the challenges to find the **hidden flags**

## Format

flag{Th1s\_is\_4\_flag\_3x@mpl3}

CCIT{this\_is\_CyberChallenge\_flag}

# Jeopardy CTF

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- Flags are **submitted** to get the associated **scores**
- **Open source software platforms exist** to manage registration of the participants, publication of the challenges, submission of the flags, scoreboard
- We will use CTFd <https://ctfd.io/about/>

# Jeopardy CTF

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- The final score is computed by adding up the value of each correctly submitted flag
- Scores can be
  - Static
  - Dynamic

# Jeopardy CTF

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- The local competition of June will be a Jeopardy CTF



challenges

TIME LEFT 05:23:28

0 pts carbon cyber web/browser	350 pts CyberNotes! web/server	10 pts defcon fun/recon/rot13	250 pts i8https crypto/symmetric
0 pts mining mind 1 web/server	350 pts mining mind 2 web/server	250 pts minuscole cave a... reversing/x86	200 pts Security Check pwn/x86
0 pts SpeedyGen crypto/rsa	400 pts unsafesha pwn/ROP/x86	200 pts whistleblower stego	

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A screenshot of a Jeopardy-style challenge interface. It shows a grid of challenges with their names, point values, solver counts, and categories. The challenges include "carbon cyber", "CyberNotes!", "defcon", "i8https", "mining mind 1", "mining mind 2", "minuscole cave a...", "Security Check", "SpeedyGen", "unsafesha", and "whistleblower". The interface also displays a timer at 05:23:28 and a note about joining on Slack.

# Attack / Defense CTF

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## Competition

- Teams run an identical machine or network injected with vulnerable services
- Participants must exploit vulnerabilities in opponent' machines while fixing or mitigating flaws in their own

## Skills

- Attack/Defense CTFs allow participants to gain experience with both **offensive** and **defensive** related skills

# Attack / Defense CTF

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## Competition

- Usually teams have a couple of hours to understand the playing scenario before the competition starts

## Flags

- Are injected in the system at regular intervals called **rounds**
- **Expire** after some rounds

# Attack / Defense CTF

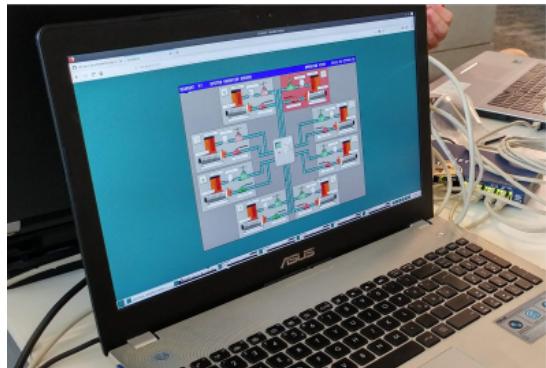
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- The final score is computed taking into account:
  - The number of flags catched during the competition (**attack** phase)
  - The number of flags lost during the competition (**defense** phase)
  - The amount of time in which the services are available and correctly functioning (**SLA**)

# Attack / Defense CTF

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- The national competition of July will be an Attack / Defense CTF



# Final: July 8-9 2020

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- Florence
- Istituto di Scienze  
Militari Aeronautiche



# The National Cyberdefender team

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It attends international competitions, such as the European CyberSecurity Challenge (ECSC)



# The National Cyberdefender team

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Coach



Mario POLINO - PoliMi

Captain



Andrea BIONDO - UniPd



# Before ECSC 2019

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Two weeks  
of training  
in Lucca





# Before ECSC 2019: in Rome!

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# ECSC 2019: in Bucharest

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Bucharest, October 8-11, 2019

# ECSC 2019: Silver Medal!

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# The next three months

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# CC.IT Training

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- We must be realistic...
- You cannot become an expert in three months
  - We will try to give you some foundation on cyber defense on which you can build on during the next three months, and possibly in your professional future
  - We will **have fun and grow up together**

# CC.IT Training

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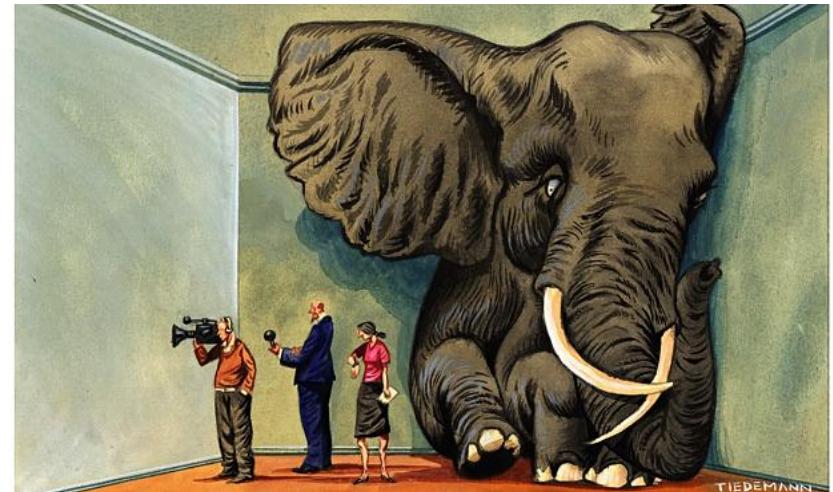
- The elephant in the room ...
- Some of you already attended
  - university courses
  - coding competitions
  - CTFs



# CC.IT Training

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- The elephant in the room ...
- In addition to technical skills,  
we seek for **team players**
  - no “first women”
  - no slackers



# CC.IT Training

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- 6 hours per week for 3 months
  - 2 hours of theory (including soft skills)
  - 4 hours of hands-on



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# CC.IT Syllabus

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- Week #1: Introduction & Ethics
- Week #2: Network Security
- Week #3: Web Security 1
- Week #4: Cryptography 1
- Week #5: Software Security 1
- Week #6: Cryptography 2
- Week #7: Software Security 2
- Week #8: Cryptographic Protocols
- Week #9: Web Security 2
- Week #10: Software Security 3
- Week #11: Access Control
- Week #12: Hardware Security 1

# CC.IT Rules

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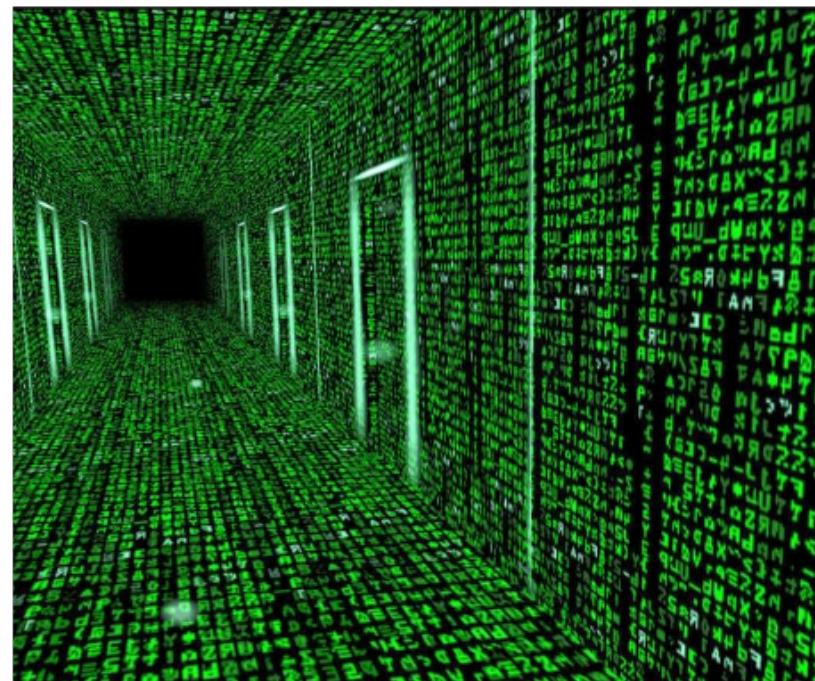
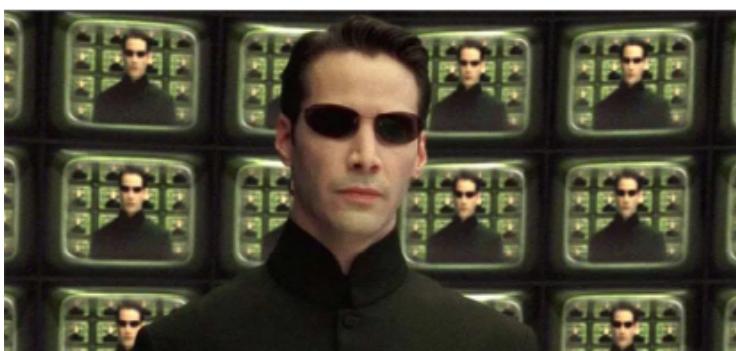
## ➤ Rules of engagement

- After 3 consecutive absences you are out (see FAQ)
- After too many non consecutive absences you are out
- You will use your own laptop
- We will provide Wi-Fi access

# CC.IT Training

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- You imagine it will be like this



# CC.IT Training

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- Most often it will be like this



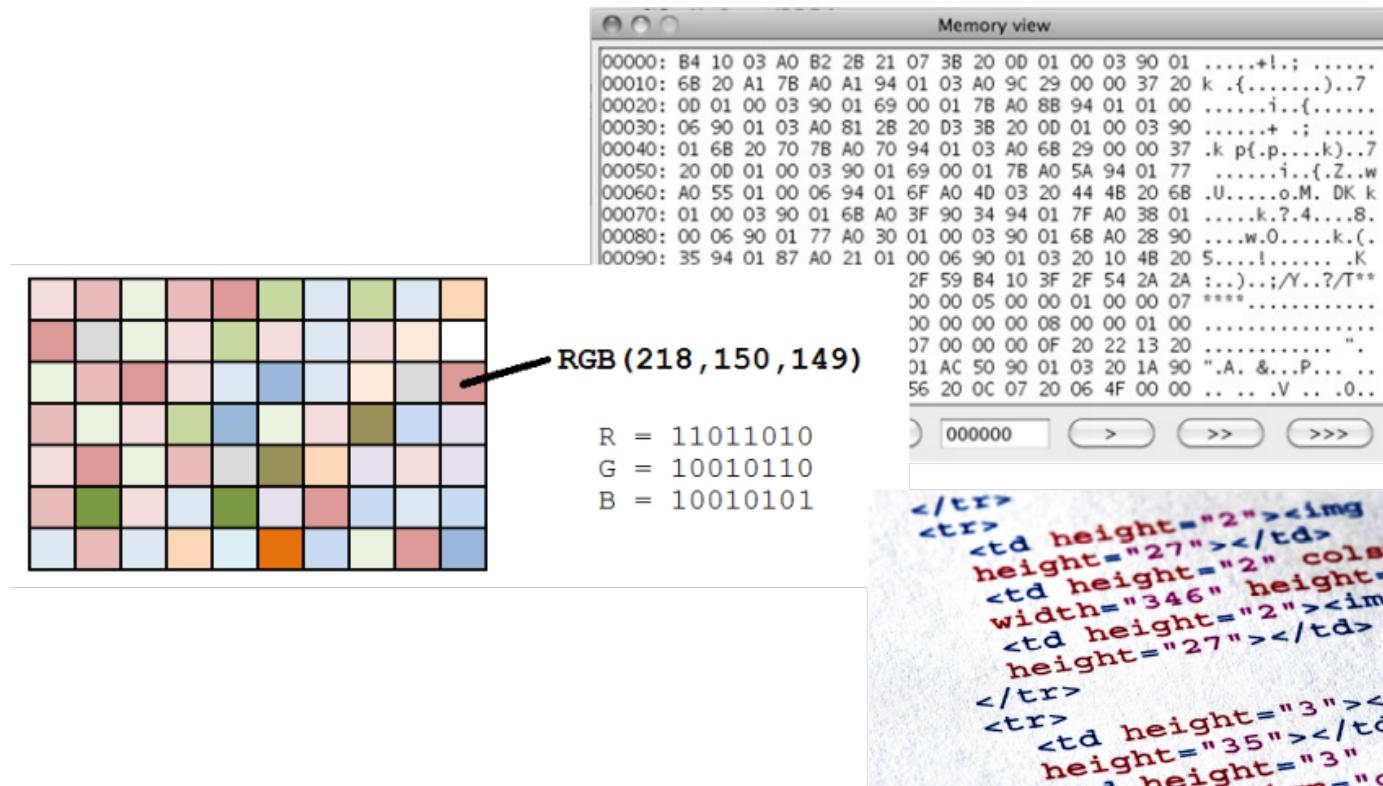
# CC.IT Training

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- But it will be fun!
- To start
  - <https://ctf.cyberchallenge.it>
  - Log in to check user credentials
  - Submit you first flags!

# Homework: warm up challenges

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# CC.IT warm up

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