

# CPTC 9

# Dev

# Team

# Slides



# What makes a CPTC?

- 48 Volunteers
- ~15k Volunteer hours
- 9 Development Teams
- Never enough sleep



What's  
new for  
this year?



# Dev Team Updates



16 New Volunteers



2 New Directors



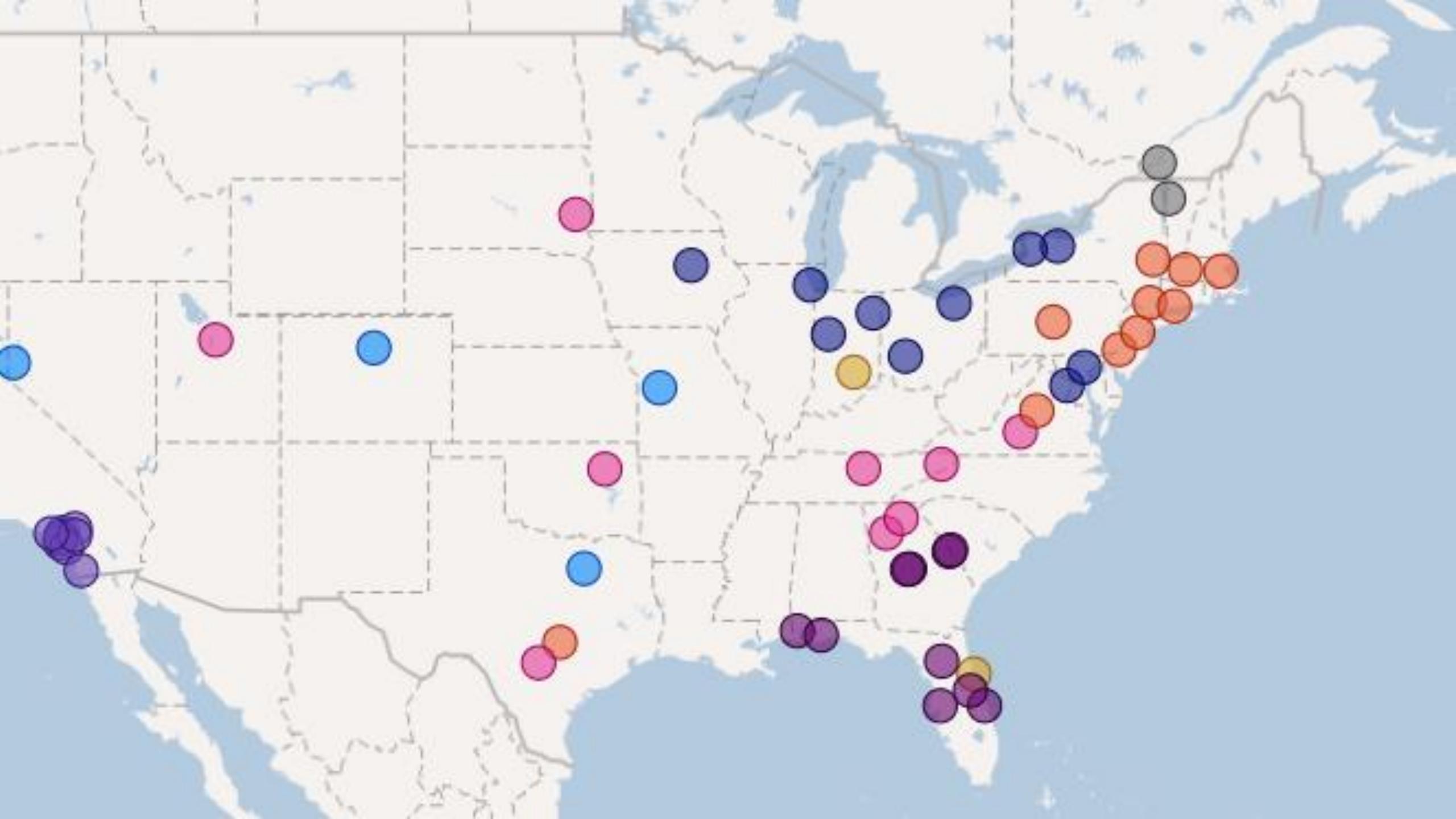
22 New Teams



1 Google -> Microsoft Migration

# A look back at #CPTC9

- @Meredith
- 8 Regional Events
- All US-based in-person regions filled



# Infra



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@AUSTIN



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#Forrest bash magic. look away!!!

```
ssh-keygen -q -t rsa -N '' -f /root/.ssh/id_rsa <<< y >/dev/null 2>&1  
cat /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub >> /root/.ssh/authorized_keys  
ssh root@127.0.0.1 -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no -o UserKnownHostsFile=/dev/null -i  
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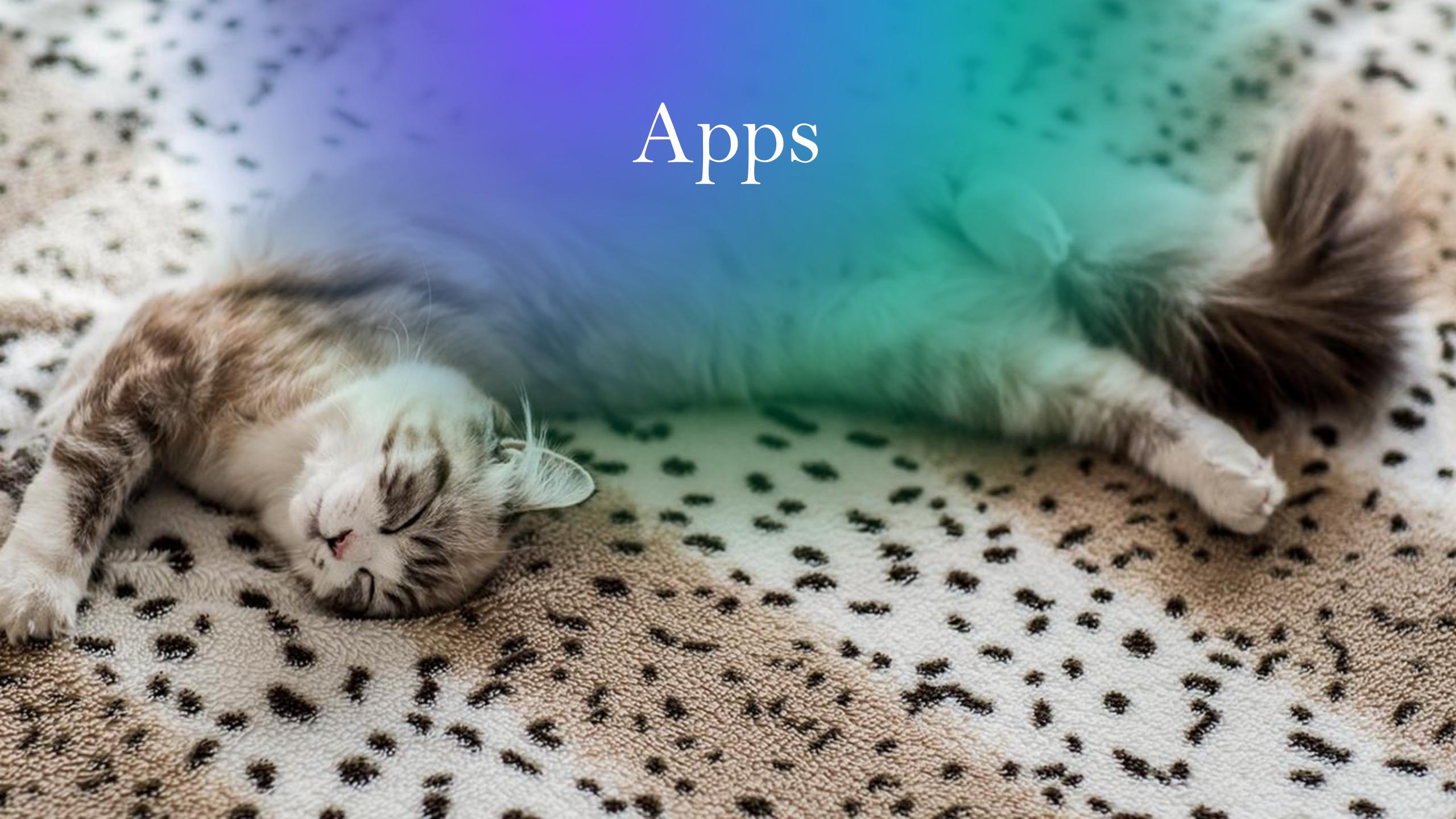
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**RUBY IS BANNED ON INFRA**

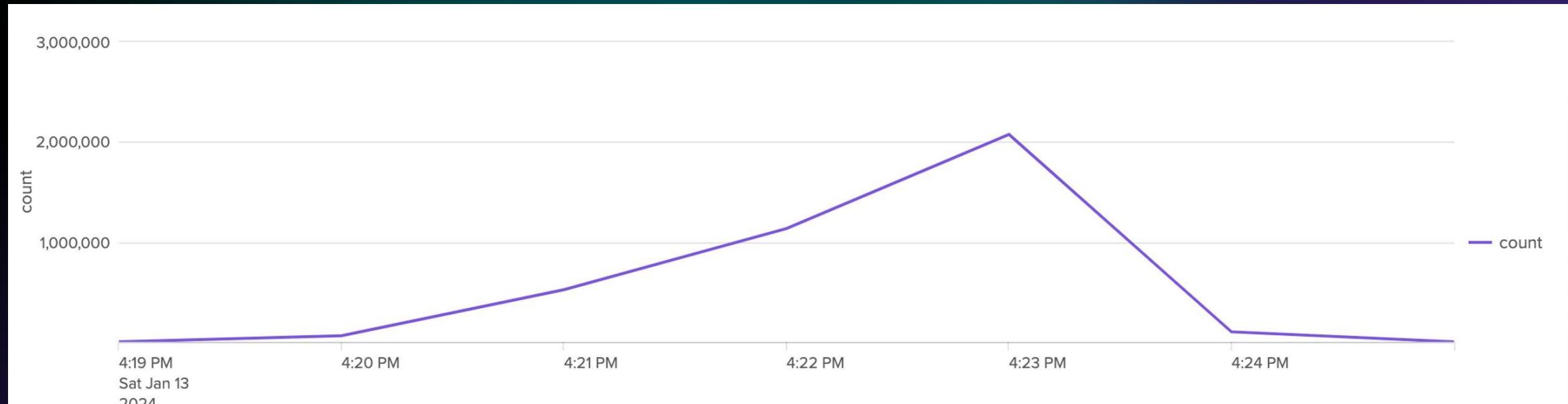
A close-up photograph of a small, light-colored kitten with dark stripes, possibly a tabby or tortoiseshell. The kitten is curled up in a tight ball, sleeping soundly with its eyes closed. It has a white patch on its forehead and a white belly. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient from purple to green, creating a calm and cozy atmosphere.

Apps

# Apps

- Tram-Ops and Trams
  - Marshall
- TSA & Pilot PMI (Pilot Medical Information)
  - Jason
- Baggage Check-in
  - Gideon
- Flight Tracker
  - Izzie & Chris
- Employee Timecard / DB
  - Charles

# Apps



# Apps

time	hostname	cmd
2024-01-13 15:51:15 EST	vdi-kali01	ruby exploit.rb
2024-01-13 15:51:06 EST	vdi-kali01	nano exploit.rb
2024-01-13 15:51:03 EST	vdi-kali01	ruby exploit.rb
2024-01-13 15:50:24 EST	vdi-kali01	nano exploit.rb
2024-01-13 15:50:22 EST	vdi-kali01	ruby exploit.rb
2024-01-13 15:49:57 EST	vdi-kali01	nano exploit.rb
2024-01-13 15:49:53 EST	vdi-kali01	ruby exploit.rb
2024-01-13 15:49:16 EST	vdi-kali01	nano exploit.rb
2024-01-13 15:49:11 EST	vdi-kali01	ruby exploit.rb
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# World



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Sock Accounts, Website, Phishing Content, Injects

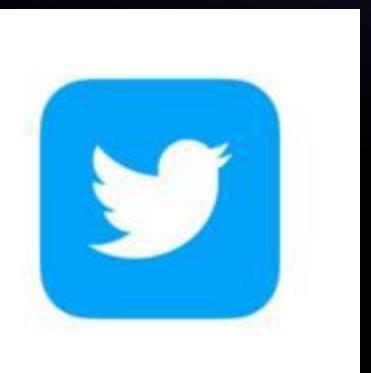
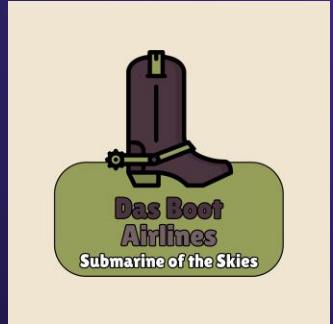
- Greg
- Rachel
- Stuart
- Meredith
- Ian
- Tom
- Cathy

11ish Injects

21 fake employee profiles

24+ Pieces of OSINT

12 Polar Bears saved through RAKMS Charity Work



# World



Robert A. Kalka

Metropolitan Skyport

## Finals Injects.....

- Amazing Special Projects team injects!
- For other injects, emphasis on strategic thinking and business skills
  - Threat Prioritization RFI
  - AI Applications Presentation
  - GPS Spoofing Engagement Proposal
  - SME engagement (AWS Environment, Mitigation Review)
  - Rogue Interns!



# Special Projects



# Special Projects

The Special Projects Team makes small, cool things to add additional flavor to the world laid out by the Infrastructure and Apps teams!

Team Members & Projects:

- Dan - Orchestration & AWS design
- Jasmine - Boarding Passes & Barcodes
- Joe & Forrest - RF Baggage Claim
- Matt & Jennifer - Airport Map, Tool Ordering, Fox Hunt

# AWS Challenge – Boarding Passes

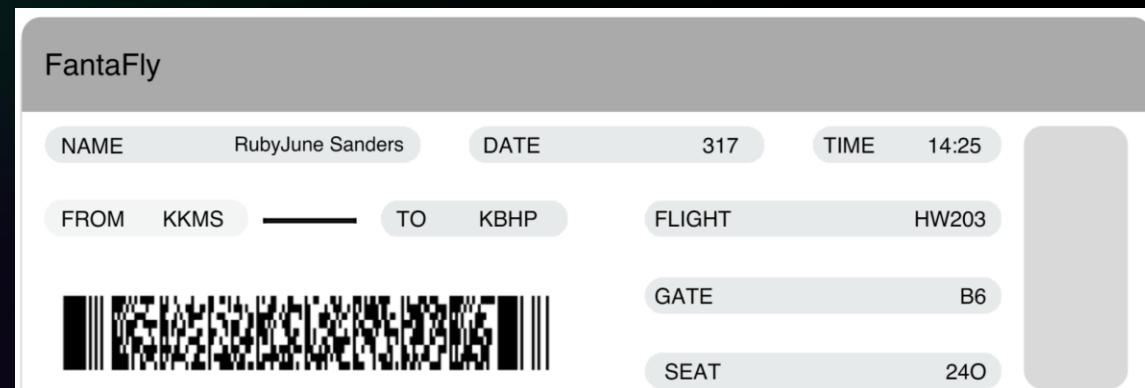


kalka-passes / rakmsbarcode  
AWS S3 and Lambda



Jasmine  
Discord handle: cofine#6069

- Publicly accessible S3 bucket with dummy data boarding passes
- Lambda based PDF417 barcode generator for boarding passes captures PII without any particular safeguards or controls
- Inspired by the Tony Abbot boarding pass event - Australian PM posted picture of boarding pass on Instagram and it had his passport number in it
- Custom generated boarding pass barcode + boarding pass template = MAJOR security issue



# AWS Challenge – Airport Map



rakmslocationservice  
AWS S3 and Lambda

- Based on Bluetooth beaconing indoor location systems
- API only but basically walks you through how to exploit it
- Can exfiltrate all of the beacon info via the API or as a hidden layer in the map SVG
- Location data includes sensitive areas without any authentication - can enumerate the entire map database including TSA, Alstom Cityflo Control Room, EOC, Confiscated Weapons Storage, and the CPTC Server Room



Matt & Jennifer



# AWS Challenge – Tool Ordering



rakmstoolrequisition

AWS S3, Lambda, DynamoDB, Rekognition

- AI is everywhere, so why not use it for ordering tools too!
- Images of all valid tools are in a folder leaked in the HTML
- Lots of data leaks in error messages – PNG or non-tool images, zero quantity, etc.
- Easter egg if you uploaded a picture of a pet animal
- No access restrictions (world accessible)
- "Photo" auth for big purchases doesn't do any liveness checks and a photo that will work is in the leaked demo items folder
- Quantity limits aren't checked server-side
- Nothing pairs the recognized tools to the finalized purchases, so requisition database is enumerable and finalized without having made the initial request



Matt & Jennifer

Jealous of a coworker's tool? Upload a photo here to order one!



Choose File  1 photo

(PNG not yet supported)

Submit

# IRL Exercise - Fox Hunt

- Tasked cross-team groups to work together to locate a source of radio interference.
  - "Foxes" were low-power ham radio transmitters hidden in various areas of the building.
  - Groups were given a radio receiver tuned to their beacon with a slightly directional antenna.
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- All groups found their beacon! Fastest group was 8 minutes, others were around 30 minutes.
  - Cross-team task, a first for CPTC!



# RF Analysis Challenge – Baggage Claim

```
Manual Transmission IDC 28405
Team Number: 5
Message Type ID: 48
Message Packet(
    Channel=5
    Message Type=48
    Separator=False
    Nested=False
    Message Size=9
    Current Time=1704848777
    Update Time=1704848777
    Temperature=55
    Status=C
    Message=TEST 1234
    Format(
        SOM=809648455
        Separator=59
        EOM=1111574320
    )
    Packet Size=40
)
RAW Bytes:
30 42 41 47 05 30 3B 09
43 65 9D ED 89 65 9D ED
89 00 37 54 45 53 54 20
31 32 33 34 00 00 20 5B
42 41 47 30 00 00 00 00
```

## MessageTypes (Enum)

**NORMAL\_MESSAGE=48**

**STATUS\_MESSAGE=49**

**PRIORITY\_MESSAGE=50**

**RAW\_MESSAGE=51**

**EVACUATION\_EMERGENCY = 52**

**WEATHER\_EMERGENCY = 53**

**FLIGHT\_ARRIVING=54**



## 100% Custom Python Software send and receive packets

Utilizes CC1101 Chipset via SPI Bus allowing for ~64-128 byte average messages a second

Had an api service (bccs), had a transmitter (bctx), and a receiver (bcrx)

Message encoded in bytes and bits, utilizes bit shifts and other tricks. Completely dynamic.

Live weather reports thanks to OpenWeatherMap

```
cur_byte = 0xFF & b
for _ in range(0, 8):
    if (crc & 0x0001) ^ (cur_byte & 0x0001):
        crc = (crc >> 1) ^ poly
    else:
        crc >>= 1
    cur_byte >>= 1
crc = (~crc & 0xFFFF)
crc = (crc << 8) | ((crc >> 8) & 0xFF)

return crc & 0xFFFF

def extract_message_type_data(self,byte):
    contains_separator = (byte & 0b10000000) != 0
    contains_nested_data = (byte & 0b01000000) != 0
    contains_bits = byte & 0b00011111
```



Joe (wasabi) and Forrest



## Kali Laptops - Preloaded with GNU Radio, RTL433, and Universal Radio Hacker

Each team given a RTL SDR, Basic instructions, and access to the transmission page

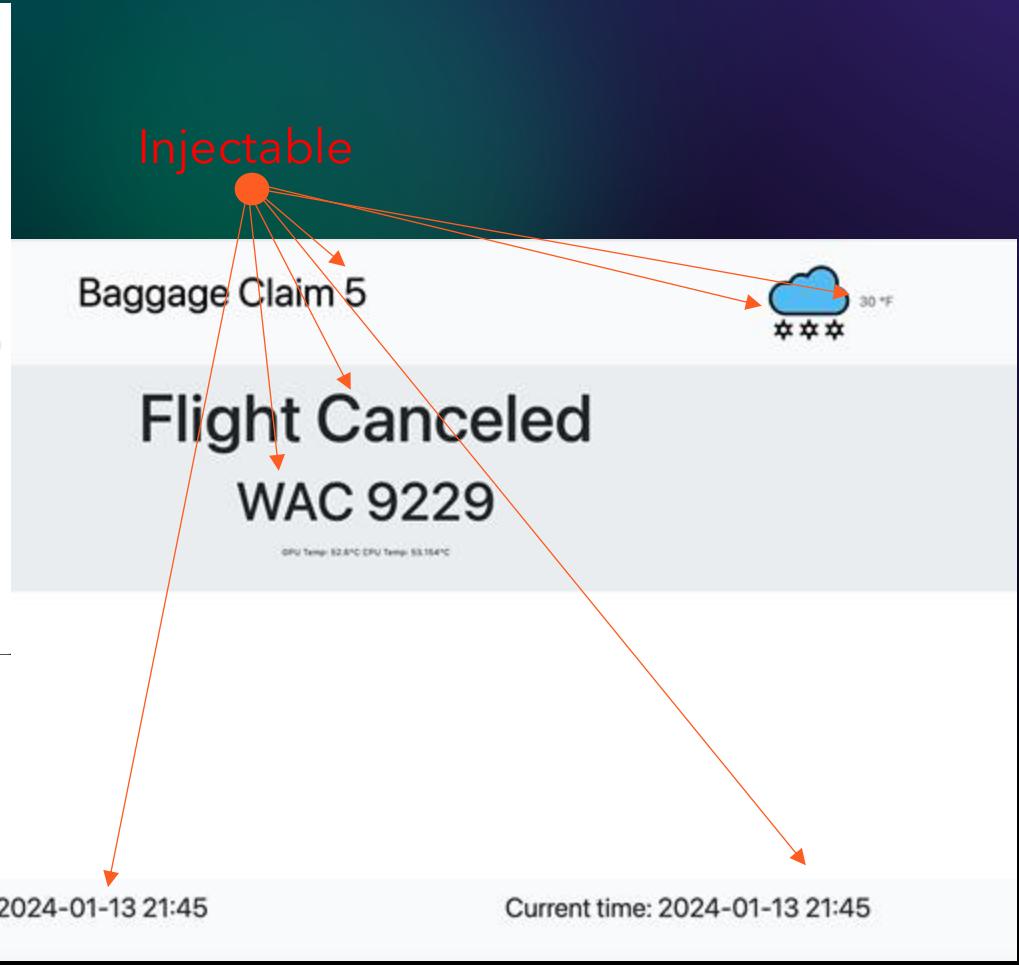
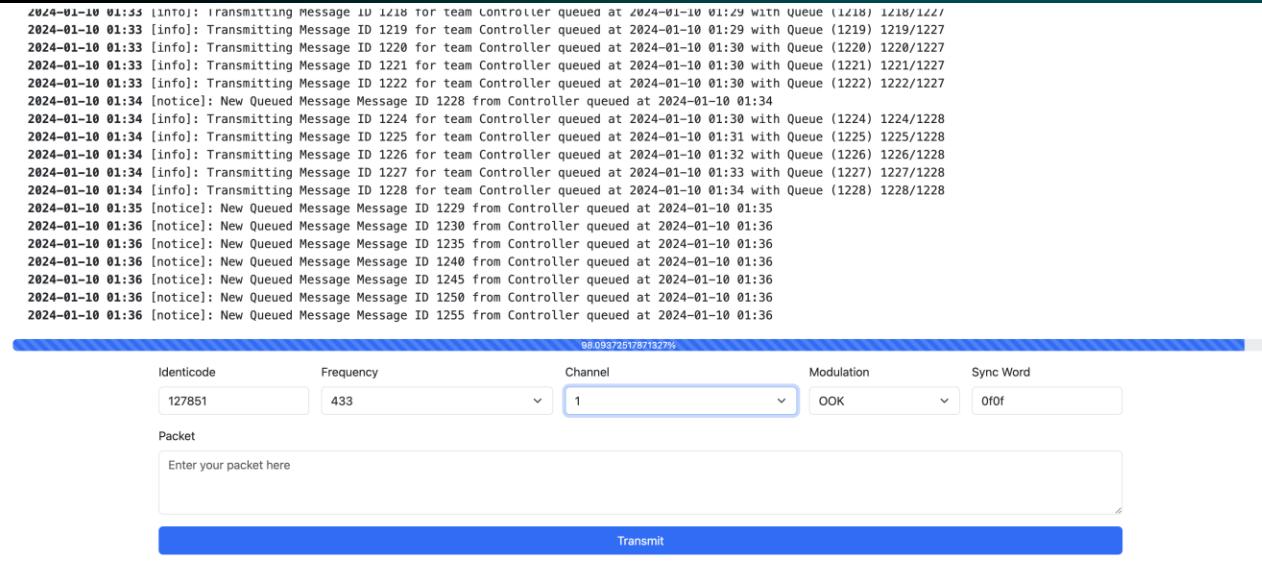
Transmitter page let teams transmit anything as bytes

Forrest and I spent several days over Christmas ensuring teams could properly use this challenge

Challenge was meant to be challenging. But open to suggestions

How much did you find?

# Transmission and Status Pages



# Comms



# Comms

- 239 total tickets during competition hours
- 50+ scheduled/automated emails during the events to support injects
- 1161 total tickets this season



# Monitoring



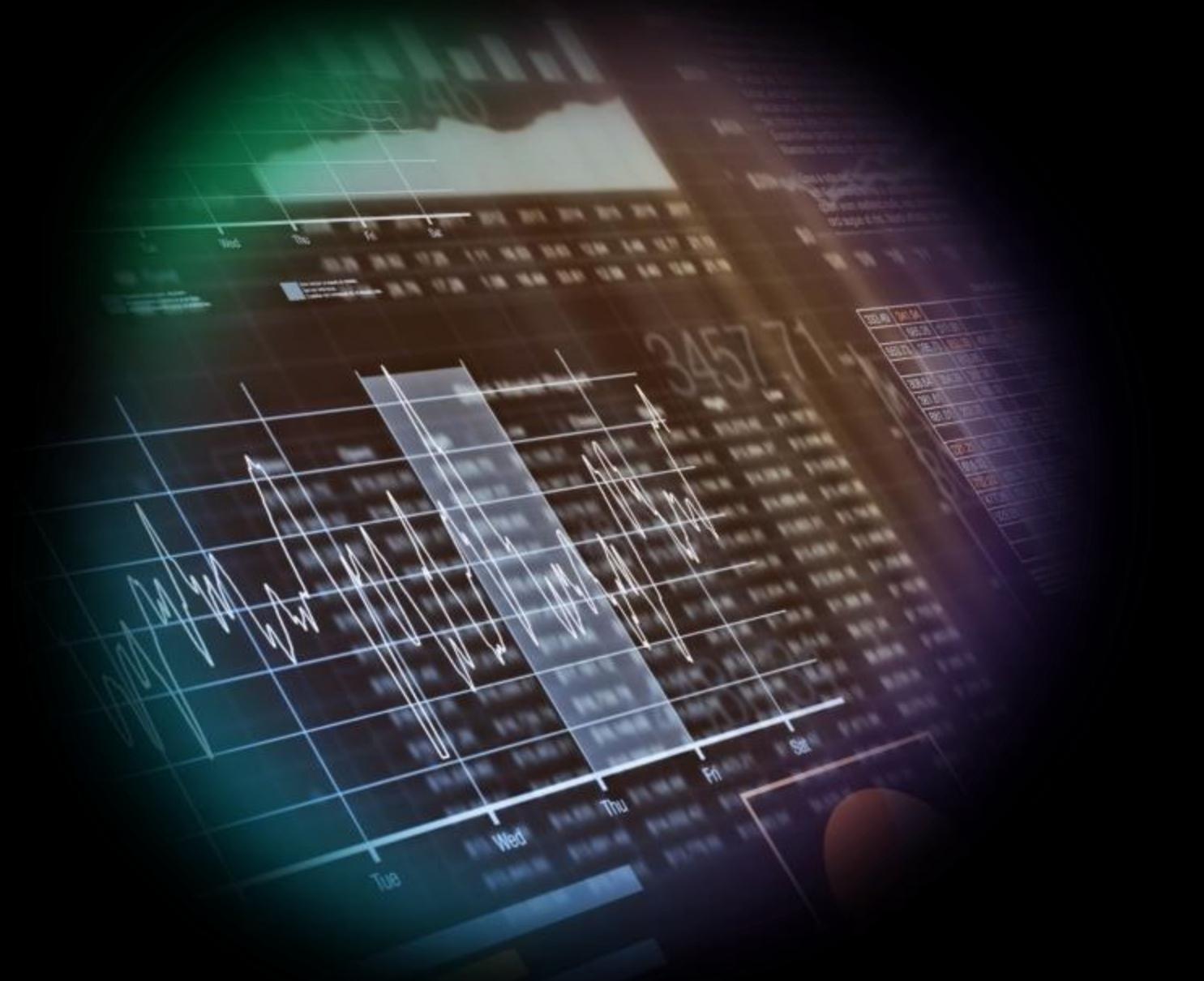
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## Our Jobs:

- Splunk Engineering (Infra Setup, Data Ingestion)
- SOC
- ThreatHunting
- SOAR Automation and Receipt Printing

## Quick Statistics:

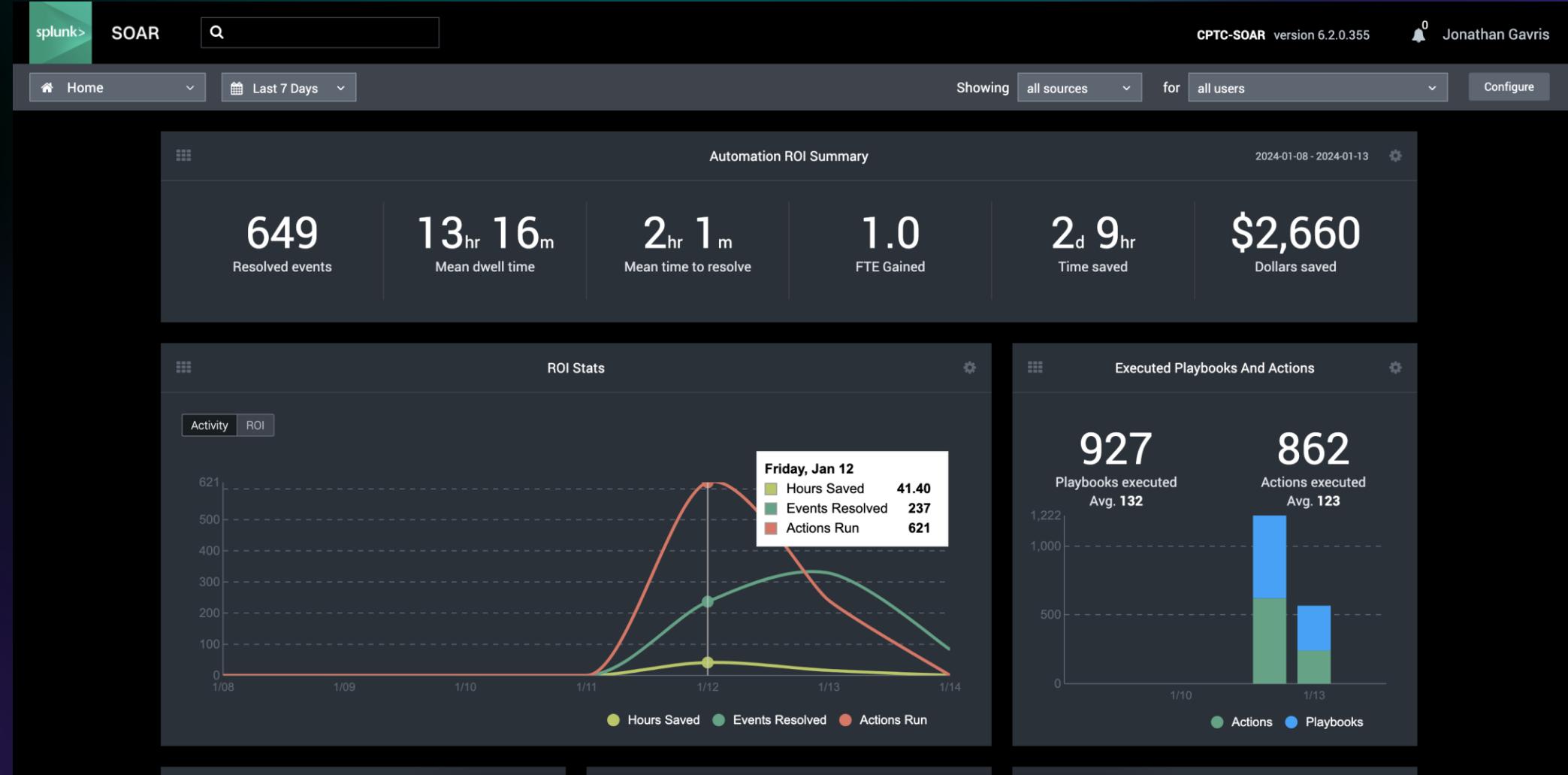
- Ingestion Volume: 476 GB
- Command Tracking: 40000+



# Command Statistics

cmd_root	team_count	total_count
ls	15	6673
cd	15	3781
aws	14	3770
nmap	15	2130
cat	15	1600
curl	15	1289
clear	14	1172
nano	15	1087
crackmapexec	13	957
ffuf	10	838
git	15	738
nxc	2	708
vim	11	674
sqlmap	11	595
apt	15	531
ssh	15	506
gobuster	13	469
evil-winrm	13	388
proxychains	8	385

# Alert Handling



# Directory Brute Force

- Teams love directory brute forces
- A team used ffuf to generate 9M+ requests to Baggage Checkin Apps

cmd	team_count	total_count
ffuf	10	838
gobuster	13	476
hydra	11	278
dirb	8	239
wfuzz	8	140
feroxbuster	3	128
dirsearch	3	104
dirbuster	6	27

# Others

```
echo "canSPlunkkkkkKKadminsssseeee this??? mwahaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa"
```

```
echo "Your response time was fast for that one message on VDI #3. Take care, SOC folks."
```



# New Detection!

## Correlation Search

Search Name

CPTC Potential ZeroLogin

App

Enterprise Security

App Context

Enterprise Security

Set an app to use for links such as the drill-down search in a notable event or email adaptive response action. If set to None, the setting defaults to the current application context.

Description

Looks for computer account password changed.

Mode

Guided

Manual

Search

```
index=windows_security EventCode=4742 user=*$ NOT PasswordLastSet="-" src_user="ANONYMOUS LOGON"
| stats values(EventCode) as EventCode values(name) as name values(PasswordLastSet) as PasswordLastSet count by src_user user host
| `cptc_get_team_from_host(host)`
| rename host as orig_host
```

A close-up, colorful portrait of a fluffy, multi-colored kitten with blue eyes and a white patch on its nose. The kitten has a mix of brown, black, and white fur. It is looking directly at the camera with a slightly grumpy expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

Scoring



# Scoring

- @Stuart
- Jason - talk about redaction
- This was the year of educational opportunities
- Key takeaways for teams

# Engagement



# On a Scale of Stuart to John How Do You Feel Today?



Did I Even  
Wake Up?  
-Stuart



This Is The  
Flavor of  
Life  
-Dan



What Was  
The Question  
Again?  
-Raul



I Need  
Emotional  
Support  
-Austin



But Did  
You Die?  
-John

# Do It For The 'Gram:

- Follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter for all the latest updates
- SURPRISE! Photos will be getting added to the website within the next few weeks.(CPTC 8-CPTC9)  
We will post to social media to announce.
- YouTube- Upcoming Panel Alert  
**"Unveiling the Professional Journey of Collegiate Penetration Testing Rivals turned Volunteers"**



# This is Our Inclusion Era:

- This year has been a historic year for CPTC. We have the highest number of Female identifying Competitors, Coaches, Volunteers, Staff, and Sponsors.
- According to most recent Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS) report Women make up only 24% of the Cybersecurity workforce.
- We will be working this year to gather resources to help with recruitment and retaining of diverse teams.



# What About The Coaches?

Banquet Networking



Coach Talks with Alex Levinson,  
Head of Security at Scale AI

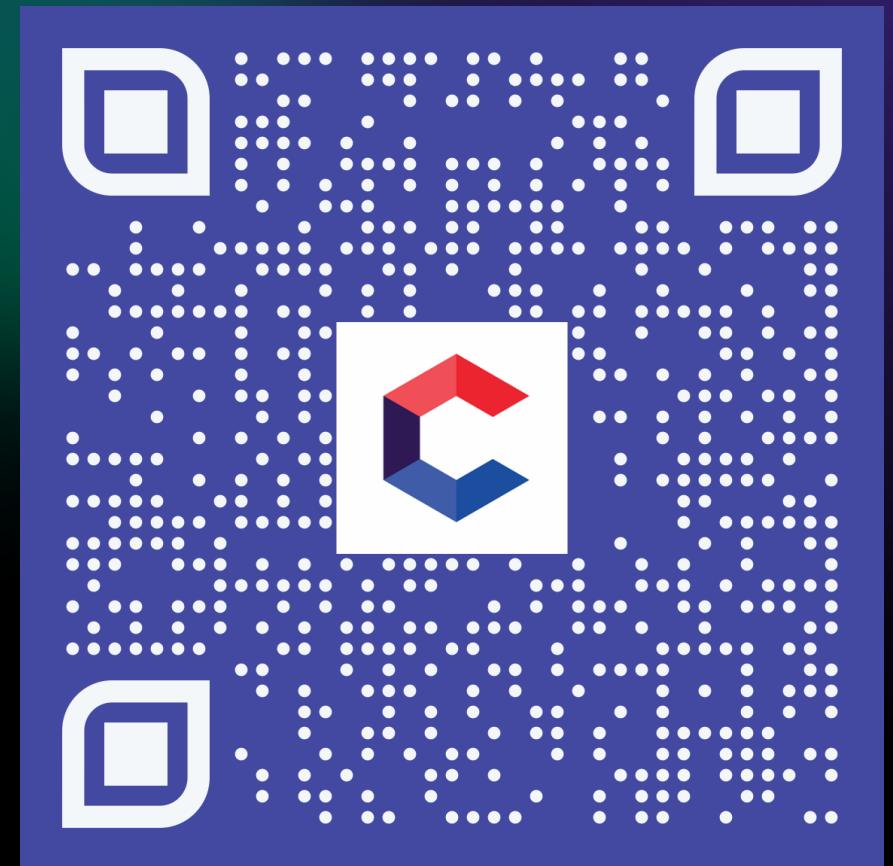


Coaches  
Fox Hunt

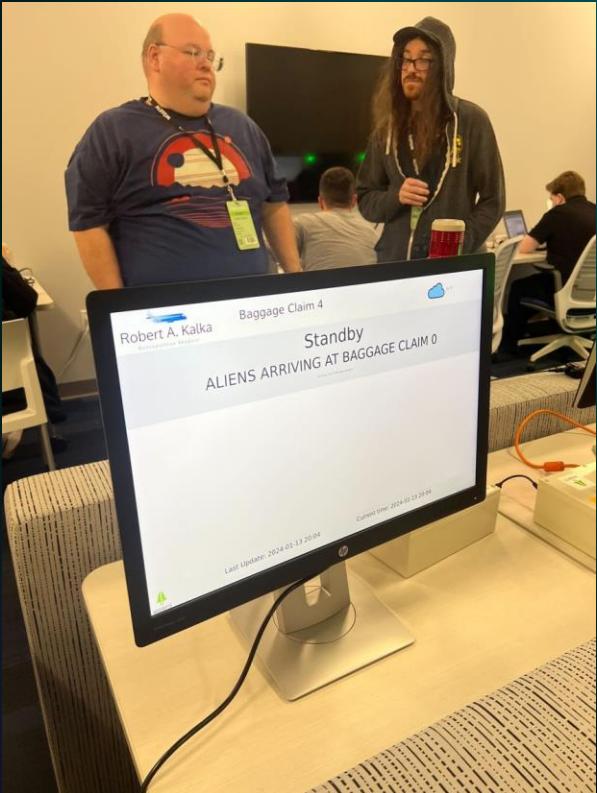


# We Want to Hear From You?

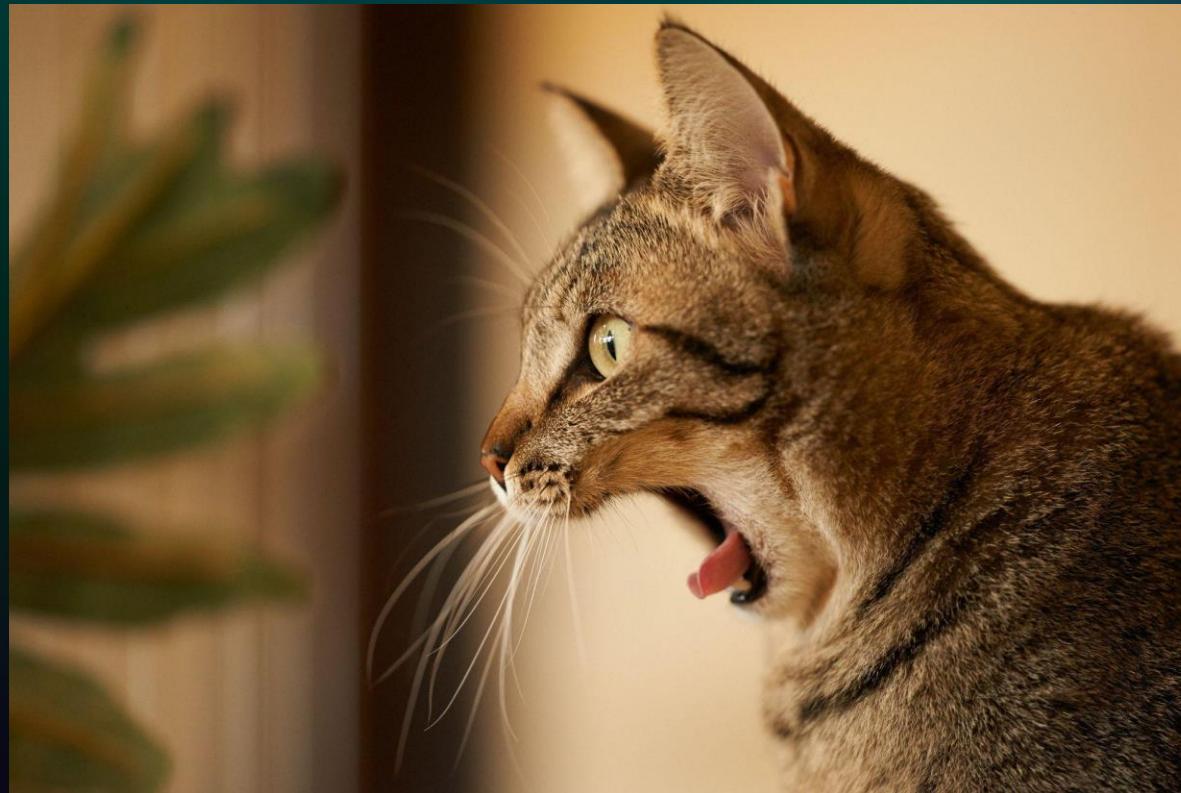
Calling all participants of the Collegiate Penetration Testing Competition! We invite you to share your valuable insights by completing a brief student survey, helping our staff enhance the competition experience for future participants.



# Fun stuff we saw



# Scary stuff we saw



A close-up photograph of a young, fluffy cat with a mix of white and brown fur. The cat has large, expressive yellow eyes with dark pupils, and its gaze is directed straight at the viewer. It appears to be resting on a wooden surface, with its front paws visible. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

VM and Log Export

# Researchy stuff



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