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Posted by u/psygnisfive **Mirrorshades** 7 years ago

Cicada 3301 is a mysterious secret society or think tank that recruits via complex Internet puzzles.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C...](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cicada_3301)

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cybelechild 7 years ago

Damn, I was just coming here to post about that.

Here is a very cyberpunk-y article: <http://mentalfloss.com/article/31932/chasing-cicada-exploring-darkest-corridors-internet>

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yekis 7 years ago

"In 10 days, Kinkle traveled across more of the Web than most people will in a lifetime. The journey stoked his curiosity. Today, he spends his days poring over the underbelly of the Internet. "

Really?..


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psygnisfive **Mirrorshades** 7 years ago


That's the frontpage effect. :) Someone mentioned it in a comment on the frontpage, so everyone's seeing it. It's spreading like wildfire now. I'm sure the Cicada 3301 people aren't thrilled about it. Or are they?


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/down the hole I go...?

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Well - I'm assuming that what I "found" is right; but I am not sure whether it is mis-direction or not. I'll have to think on this - a lot.

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 CoffeeMetalandBone サイバーパンク 7 years ago


[http://uncovering-cicada.wikia.com/wiki/What_Happened_Part_1_\(2013\)](http://uncovering-cicada.wikia.com/wiki/What_Happened_Part_1_(2013))

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 proto_ziggy 7 years ago

[I should never have come here...](#)


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Definitely very interesting; seeing as how this "contest" or whatever is pretty much "closed" at this point to anyone just now finding out about it, I'm not sure that attempting to go further with anything is in my best interest.


Maybe someday I'll step into one of these and go somewhere with it (but I doubt it - I never get that lucky).

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Your insecurity proves you have no chance

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 cr0sh 7 years ago

You're probably right; I mean, I suppose if one were really tenacious, and went after solving the clues long after the fact of the "close" of this "contest" (or whatever it is), you'd probably be noticed by someone - I suppose it would depend on how many of the nodes (puzzles?) are still active, and the likelihood of them being currently monitored?

I'm fairly certain that if I applied myself, I could continue on; the problem is that - given how much is already "public", to me it feels like cheating - like having the map and a walk-thru to a game. Not really my "own" work, so to speak.






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I'm not insecure about my abilities - I have long known that I can, with confidence, do or learn anything that I set my mind to doing. That isn't the issue here; I definitely enjoy solving puzzles that involve "outside of the box" thinking. I just don't enjoy them as much after they have already been solved and more or less disseminated to the world (as in that wiki). While I know that not everything has been "given away", I know that enough has that "solving" what still exists out there would feel like being a poseur, a "copycat" or such.



Maybe I'd feel different had I not seen the OP; and had somehow stumbled upon it myself, and worked alone at it. Knowing myself, though, I would have googled it all, and ended up right here, at the wikipedia or wiki, or somewhere like that, just ruining it ultimately.

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 cr0sh 7 years ago
Ok - I'm just stupid; the article above lays out everything - well, to a certain depth (I just skimmed it). I kinda now wish I had known about this (ie - the original post on 4chan) from the beginning; now it's like plot spoilers to a great movie.


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 cr0sh 7 years ago
Hmm - stuck at the outguess point; compiled the software, got it running - but the only "key" that does anything is "duck" - and it produces gibberish...

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 CptBoots 7 years ago
are you sure it's gibberish?


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 KaptainKraken **The Weaponeer** 7 years ago
i'm certain they where expecting it at some point.





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that was exiting to read

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Morigain 7 years ago

Dude, that reads like a veritable cyberpunk novel :D Loved it!

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perri93 7 years ago

It's secretly an Anime Club.


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90s anime only.

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Oh. I'm more interested now.

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I-baLL **There's no place like ~** 7 years ago

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I'm more of an 80's anime fan myself, but (early)90's will do.


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https://www.reddit.com/r/Cyberpunk/comments/1mfiwg/cicada_3301_is_a_mysterious_secret_society_or 4/8




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group" and engaged in illegal activities. Cicada 3301 responded to this claim by issuing a PGP-signed statement **denying any involvement in illegal activity**.^[4]

Well, it certainly can't be the NSA.


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ILikeLeptons 7 years ago

HEY EVERYBODY WE'RE A SECRET SOCIETY


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CWagner 7 years ago

Well, if no one can find you, you can shout it from the rooftops and still be secret in so far that everything besides your existence is secret which seems to be the case :)


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IkiBan 没有人 7 years ago

The wikipedia article reads like the group has written it themselves. It's very... attention-seekery.


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justablur 7 years ago

Wait, so if I actually DO click the duck in the ad, I can not only win an iPad but join a secret society?


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UnReal31337 7 years ago

I was asking about this on the IRC back in the beginning of the year, no one on there had any idea what it was. I recruited some friends as to solve some of the puzzles but I got stuck where I had to telnet via TOR into a place with a ASCII drawing of a cicada and factored any number[s] you typed in.


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Jigsus 7 years ago



I thought /b/ had agreed that this was just marketing.

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
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lastres0rt 7 years ago




Second this. The thing's been going on too long for a movie campaign.


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mechs 7 years ago



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jojr4 7 years ago



the finalists are invited to hong kong to compete in a tournament in which they will fight to the death. the winner will become the next dpr


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gronke 7 years ago

Spoiler alert: It's for a bunch of fedora wearing neckbards who think they're the shit and hang out in Guy Fawkes masks all fucking day.

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bureX **v2.0** 7 years ago

fedora wearing neckbards

I live for the day when this overused term dies an agonizing death.

Also, this secret society wouldn't stand a chance because people would just post all the chewed up info out there just for fun.




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Hellisothersheeple **Cyborg Psycho Coming Through** 7 years ago

Exactly.




Fedoras and Trilbys are completely different.


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Daughter_of_Darkness 7 years ago

Neckbards? Like neck bearded poets writing Zen koans in obscure programming languages? Because if so then you are absolutely right.

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That made me sad.

