

Merry Christmas!

Congratulations! You've successfully unlocked the challenge box. A true feat, if you ask me; and I built it, so I should know!

This lock box has been something of an interest for me for a long time. I've always enjoyed the idea of constructing an intricate puzzle box with multiple electronic locks. This, of course, is the result of that interest. I hope you've enjoyed playing with it.

I wish to welcome you to the contents, but by unlocking this box, you must know that you've now entered a contractual obligation. You see, the contents now belong to you, but the box must be returned to me before next Halloween so that I may again prepare it with new contents for next year. That's right, so long as we play this game, you'll continue to receive the box, updated with new, hopefully challenging locks to make solving the puzzle even more fun.

To borrow the old line "it's the gift that keeps on giving," but in this case, that's because it will continue to reappear with new challenges that I hope you'll enjoy.

Should you ever decide that you've tired of the box, or you'd rather not play our little game any longer. You need only mention it. I hope to never make you feel as though you *must* continue to accept it each year. This has been a lot of fun for me, and I hope it is for you as well; but if ever it isn't, just let me know!

This box is completely open source, as all the code is available on GitHub:

<https://github.com/engineerjoe440/stanley-lock-box>

You're welcome to explore the code, but I caution you, please don't spoil your own fun. Lest I'll need to take drastic action and make changes for next year in secret.

Thank you, for playing along and hacking your way into this box. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Joe Stanley