# **Ethical Haking**

Lesson 2: Intro to Exercise Settings

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### **Preliminaries**



- highly <u>recommended</u> Ubuntu
  - a Virtual Machine is enough
  - it allows you to focus on the exercises and not on installation issues



#### **Preliminaries**



- set of CTF provided in each lesson
- CTF = Capture the Flag
  - a code / program with security vulnerabilities
  - by exploiting a vulnerability, you obtain a flag
- several languages to study
  - o Python, js, C, ...



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- each set of exercise focuses on a specific vulnerability threat
  - different difficulty levels
- we provide additional hints
  - help you if you are stuck



# Methodology



- 1. You are given a challenge
- 2. You identify the macro-area
  - a. e.g., web, crypto
  - b. they can be also combined
- 3. You define a set of suitable vulnerabilities (injection, ...)
- 4. You search on Google how to do it (how to SQL injection,...)
- 1. Repeat until you solve it



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- Sometimes there are <u>multiple</u> ways to hack
- Try to keep open multiple solutions
- In particular for complex systems

Additional games are available online at PicoCTF



### **Questions? Feedback? Suggestions?**







