

Proactive Computer Security

Capture The Flag

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- You get a computer with a number of services running.
- Reverse engineer the services. Patch the vulnerabilities.
- Write exploits. Hack the other teams' computers.

There are a lot of these. The most prestigious one is DEF CON CTF.

It's held every year in Las Vegas during the DEF CON security conference.

Examples of services

- Virtual machines
- Services that are patched runtime
- Machine code calling java code
- Every binary format you can imagine

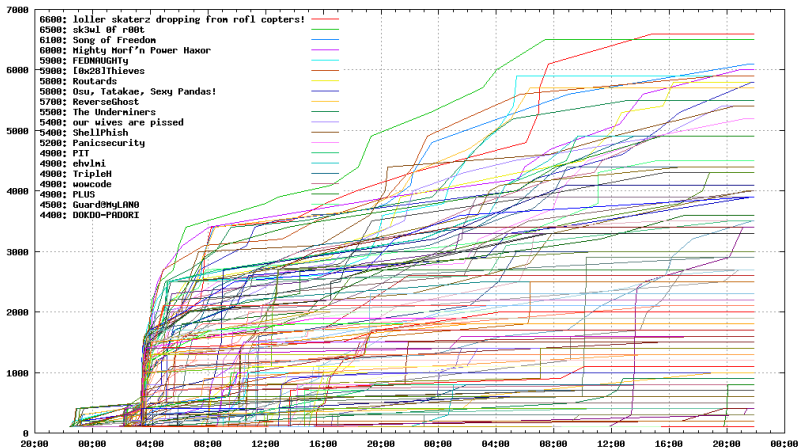




But first you have to qualify...



2007 DefCon CTF Frequal Scores



European nopsled team



Quals timeline

- work work work
- frustration
- WIN we made it

- step 1: Setup our equipment
- step 2: Lets play the game
- step 3: No network we are blind
- step 4: The day of pain
- step 5: We finished 6th. not good but we learned the lesson
- step 6: There are rules but . . .

DEF CON 18 (2011) CTF Qualifications

Registration ends: **03 June 2011 00:00:00 UTC**

Qualifications open: **03 June 2011 19:00:00 UTC**

Qualifications ends: **06 June 2011 00:00:00 UTC**

DIKU should play. Register a team. It's free and it's a lot of fun.

UCSB iCTF

<http://ictf.cs.ucsb.edu/>

The DEF CON CTF Organizers

<http://www.ddtek.biz/>

DEF CON CTF Forum

<https://forum.defcon.org/forumdisplay.php?f=499>

DEF CON CTF Writeups

<http://nopsr.us/>

DEF CON CTF Videos

<http://urlju.mp/jf>

<http://urlju.mp/0q>