

Critical Infrastructure in Your Home Town

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General Questions

- Disclaimer
- Motivation
- Jack Voltaic®
- Resources and Q/A

Disclaimer

- I am not a representative of the Army Cyber Institute at West Point.
- I am the recipient of a grant from which my team and I have worked with the ACI.
- Full attribution and formal disclaimer near end of slides.

What could possibly go wrong?

- [SolarWinds Attack & Details You Need To Know About It | Simplilearn](#)
- [Drinking Water Warning Issued Nationwide - Newsweek](#)
- [Amid ongoing cybersecurity crisis, workflows remain disrupted at Ascension Seton | KUT Radio, Austin's NPR Station](#)
- [East Palestine, Ohio, train derailment - Wikipedia](#)
- [Fukushima nuclear accident - Wikipedia](#)
- [80 percent of organizations not ready for CISA rules on security practices | BetaNews](#)
- [Cybersecurity incident disrupts services in Newburgh](#)
- [Disinformation Fed Far-Right Riot in England After Deadly Stabbing - The New York Times](#)
- [Radioactive waste from atom bomb-making headed to Wayne Co. landfill](#)
- [Information Security vs. Cybersecurity](#)
- [Judge grants restraining order against cybersecurity expert who exposed extent of city's data breach](#)
- [Shipment of radioactive waste from Western New York halted before it starts | wgrz.com](#)
- [Cyber security expert calls ransomware attack on UMC a 'national security issue'](#)
- [In the wake of Hurricane Helene, questions about government response emerge](#)
- ['It's mindblowing': US meteorologists face death threats as hurricane conspiracies surge](#)
- [8/20 → FBI warns of Russian hacks targeting US critical infrastructure | Reuters](#)
- And, unfortunately, so it goes

What if...?

- **Civilian, non-military, and private resources for military “stuff” and deployment**
- **What can hamper or block everything?**
 - physical, natural, cyber
 - what else?
 - are we all prepared for emergencies?
 - what if all these emergencies converge?
- **The Army Cyber Institute (ACI) asked those questions:**
 - short videos at cyber.army.mil/Our-Work/Jack-Voltaic/JV-Media
 - convergence of disasters affecting critical infrastructure (CI)

Jack Voltaic® (JV) History

- cyber.army.mil/Our-Work/Jack-Voltaic
 - series of tabletop exercises (TTXes)
 - researching critical infrastructure response
 - cyber.army.mil/Our-Work/Jack-Voltaic/Research-Reports
- JV1–3, 2016–2020:
 - 1.0: “first step in building a framework to prepare, prevent, and respond to multi-sector cyberattacks on major cities”
 - 2.0: “assembled critical infrastructure partners to study cybersecurity and protection gaps”
 - 2.5: “series of one day training workshops to share insights from JACK VOLTAIC® 2.0 and discuss how similar efforts have the potential to strengthen the cyber resiliency of DoD missions”
 - 3.0: “use a regionally-focused scenario where civilian infrastructure influences military deployment”
- **JACK VOLTAIC 3.0:** JV3 fact sheet link summarizes JV1–3



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cyber.army.mil/Our-Work/Jack-Voltaic

Boil it down for us

- When participants/players showed up, some passed around business cards.
- “If you need to know who you need to know when you need to know, you’ve already lost.”
- What could ACI do next?



JV 4.0

- ACI is a research organization, not a TTX organization
- More funding appeared given JV1–3 success (Army Doctrine)
- JV 4.0 coalition built:
 - cyber.army.mil/Our-Work/Jack-Voltaic
 - RIT, Stanford, Norwich, Indiana, Trends Global
 - Community development, media, research resources, TTX development
 - JV is research and a TTX

IGM

- What happens to a TTX or wargame given to the *other* game designers?
- What happens when game designers consider security and CI?
- School of Interactive Games and Media | igm.rit.edu
- Focus on entertainment games, serious games, gamification, ...



Side Note: Convergence of Games and CI...



Could JV4 Be ...

- **Easy to install?**
- **Easy to play? Perhaps within an hour or less?**
- **Involve multiple players?**
- **Engage and encourage replay?**
- **Allow for customization?**
- **Convince stakeholders of CI to seek additional help?**
- **A self-adjudicating TTX or wargame that handles CI resilience against a convergence of attacks?**

Resilience Games

- Wargaming focused on sustaining critical infrastructure and mitigating cascading failures under crisis conditions
- Decision-makers navigate systemic disruptions and ensure operational continuity

Disaster Resilience + Wargame

JV4: the game(s)

- **Digital card game framework**

- MTG, Backdoors & Breaches, and many others
- common format and platform
- can go analog, too

- **CISA's 16 CI sectors**

- www.cisa.gov/topics/critical-infrastructure-security-and-resilience/critical-infrastructure-sectors
- Think “Model UN” or RPG



Chemical Sector



Commercial Facilities Sector



Communications Sector



Critical Manufacturing Sector



Dams Sector



Defense Industrial Base Sector



Emergency Services Sector



Energy Sector



Financial Services Sector



Food and Agriculture Sector



Government Services and Facilities Sector



Healthcare and Public Health Sector



Information Technology Sector



Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector



Transportation Systems Sector



Water and Wastewater Systems

Multiple Products

- **ACI contracted for a modifiable game, and now:**
 - Sector Down: “Critical Infrastructure TTX: The LAN Party”
 - Access Denied: “Cybersecurity: The Card Game”
 - H4ckC0rps: “Cybersecurity meets CandyCrush”
- **All open source and free**
 - Everything can be modified via GitHub (forking)
- **Sector Down and Access Denied can be edited**
 - They’re both games and rudimentary game engines
- **Still getting tweaked**
 - Need more testers!

Access Denied Cards

- Basis of AD and SD
- HC uses different art
- Everything leverages MITRE ATT&CK
- See attack.mitre.org for screen captures
- Physical and natural disasters inspired by news articles and hazards.colorado.edu

ATT&CK®

ICE	Resource Development 8 techniques	Initial Access 11 techniques	Execution 16 techniques	Persistence 23 techniques	Privilege Escalation 14 techniques	Defe
Acquire Access	Content Injection	Cloud Administration Command	Account Manipulation (7)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (6)	Abuse E Control	45
Acquire Infrastructure (8)	Drive-by Compromise	Command and Scripting Interpreter (12)	BITS Jobs	Access Token Manipulation (5)	Access Manipul	
Compromise Accounts (3)	Exploit Public-Facing Application	Container	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (14)	Account	BITs Jol	
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✓ Alert boss.png



✓ Defense in Depth.png



✓ Disable Unnecessary features.png



✓ Disk wipe.png



✓ Earthquake.png



✓ Fake Spare Part.png



✓ Fatberg.png



✓ Fire.png



✓ Follow up emails.png



✓ Gas Station.png



✓ Hire Workers (1).png



✓ Hire Workers.png



✓ Interface Mockup (Monitor).png



✓ Malware Artifacts.png



✓ Media Coverage.png



✓ Multi-factor Authentication.png



✓ New User Training.png



✓ Old Style Forensics Capability.png



✓ Pay Ransom.png



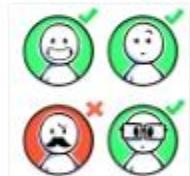
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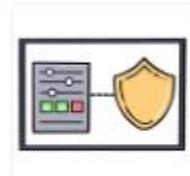
✓ Ransom.png



✓ Renovate facility.png



✓ Review Access Privilege.png



✓ Safety and Control Implemented Together.png



✓ Service Modification Malware.png



✓ Service Modification Malware.png



✓ Staff Injury.png



✓ Strike.png



✓ Supply Chain Compromise (1).png



✓ Supply Chain Compromise physical.png



✓ Supply Chain Compromise.png



✓ System Error.png



✓ System Overhaul.png



✓ Threat Hunting.png



✓ Update Software.png



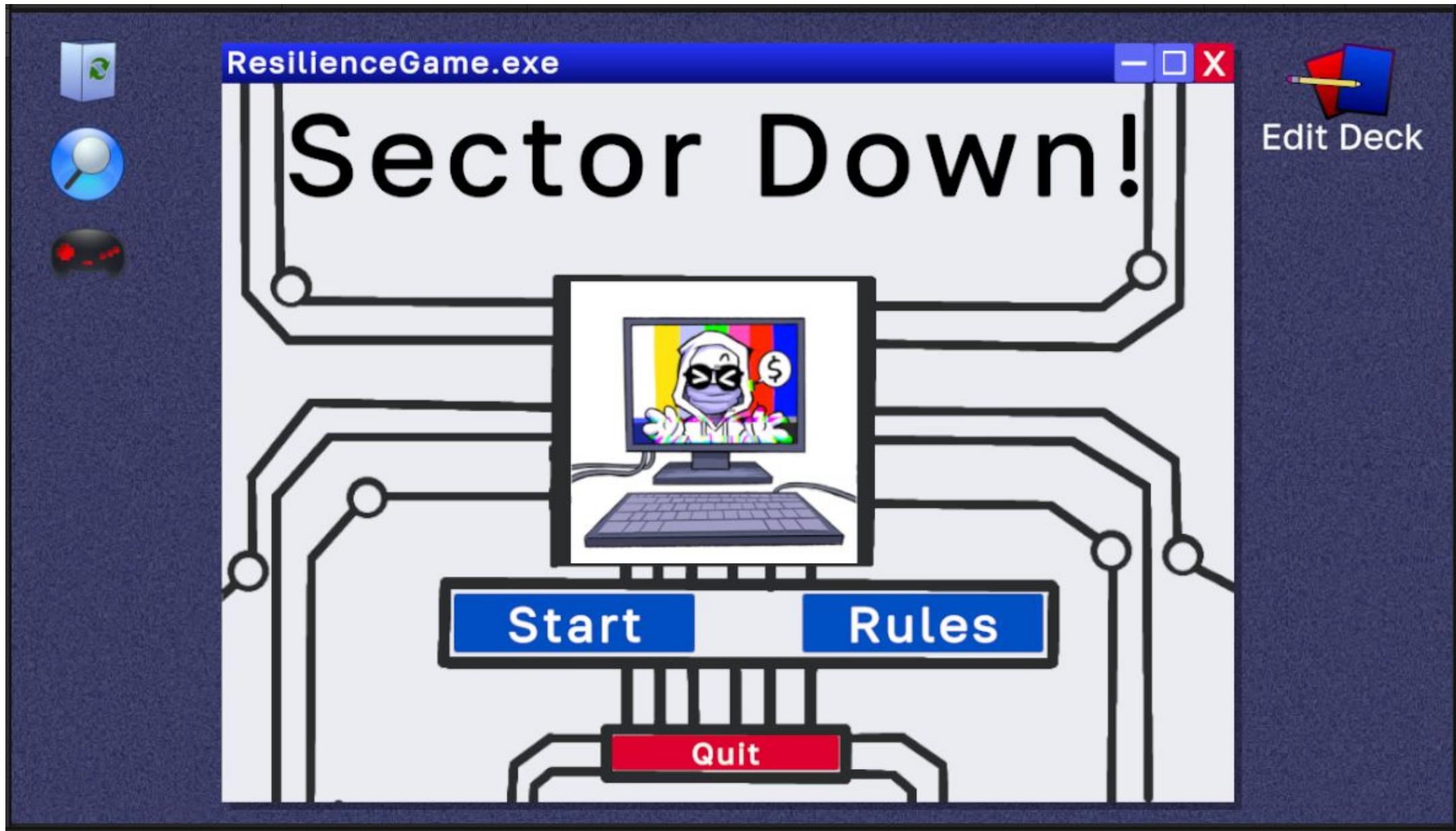
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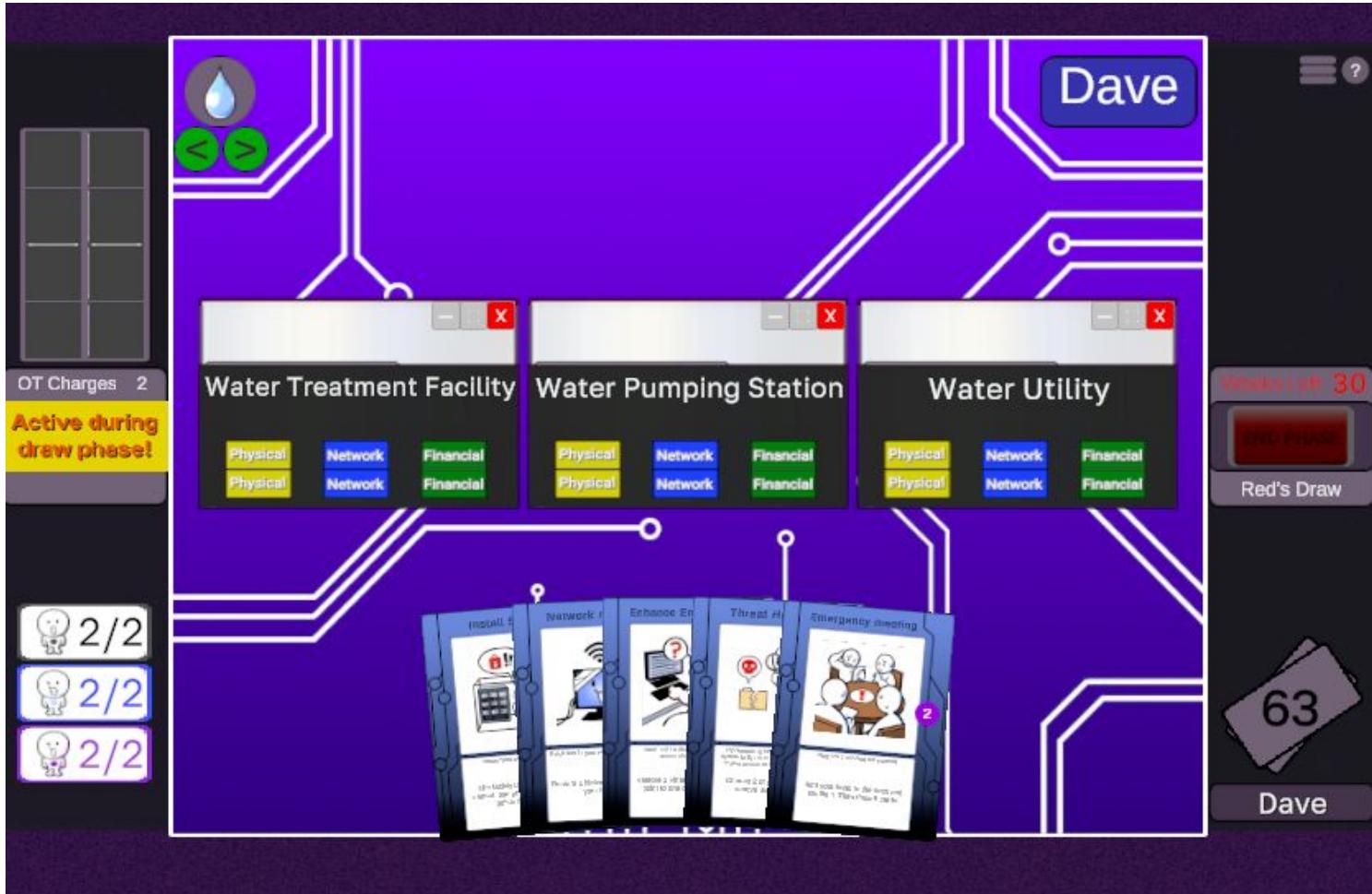
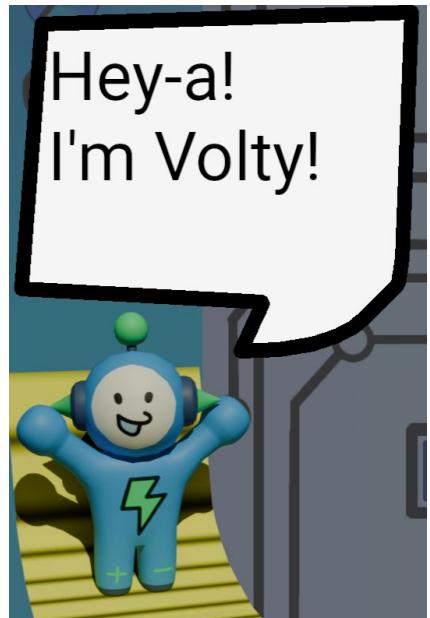


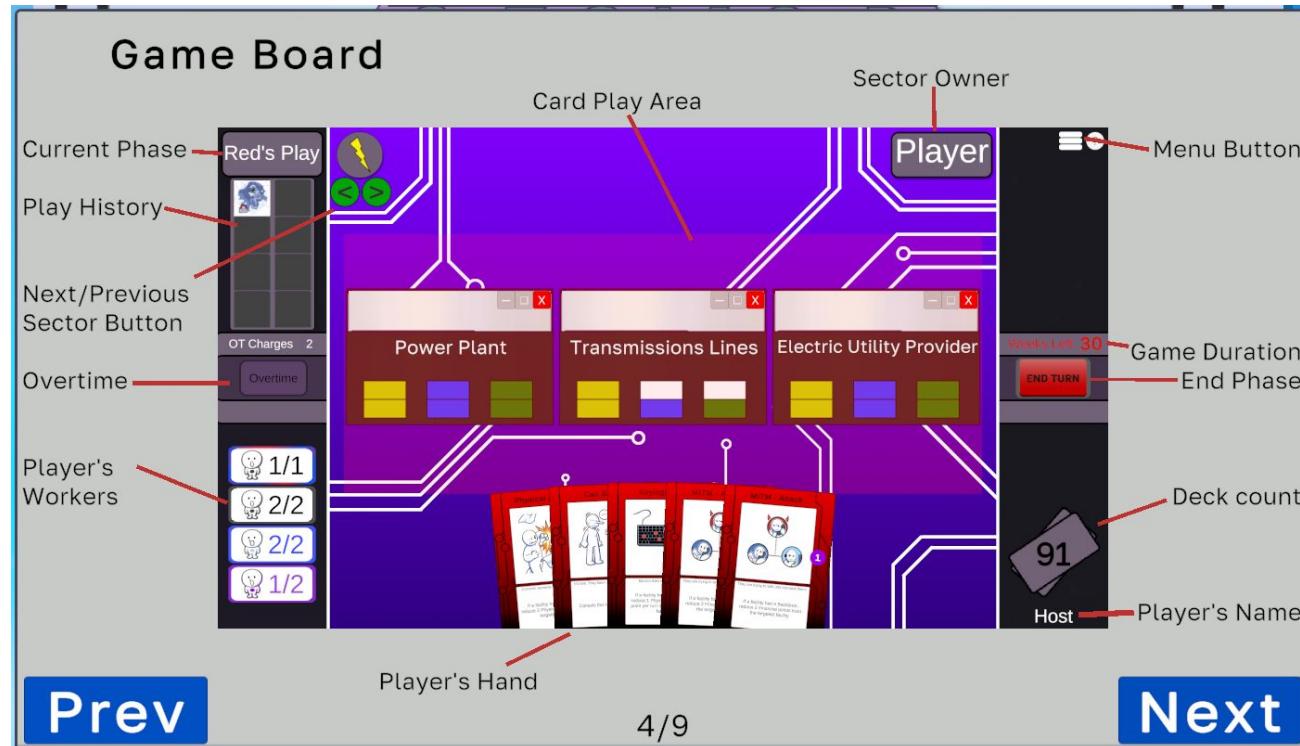
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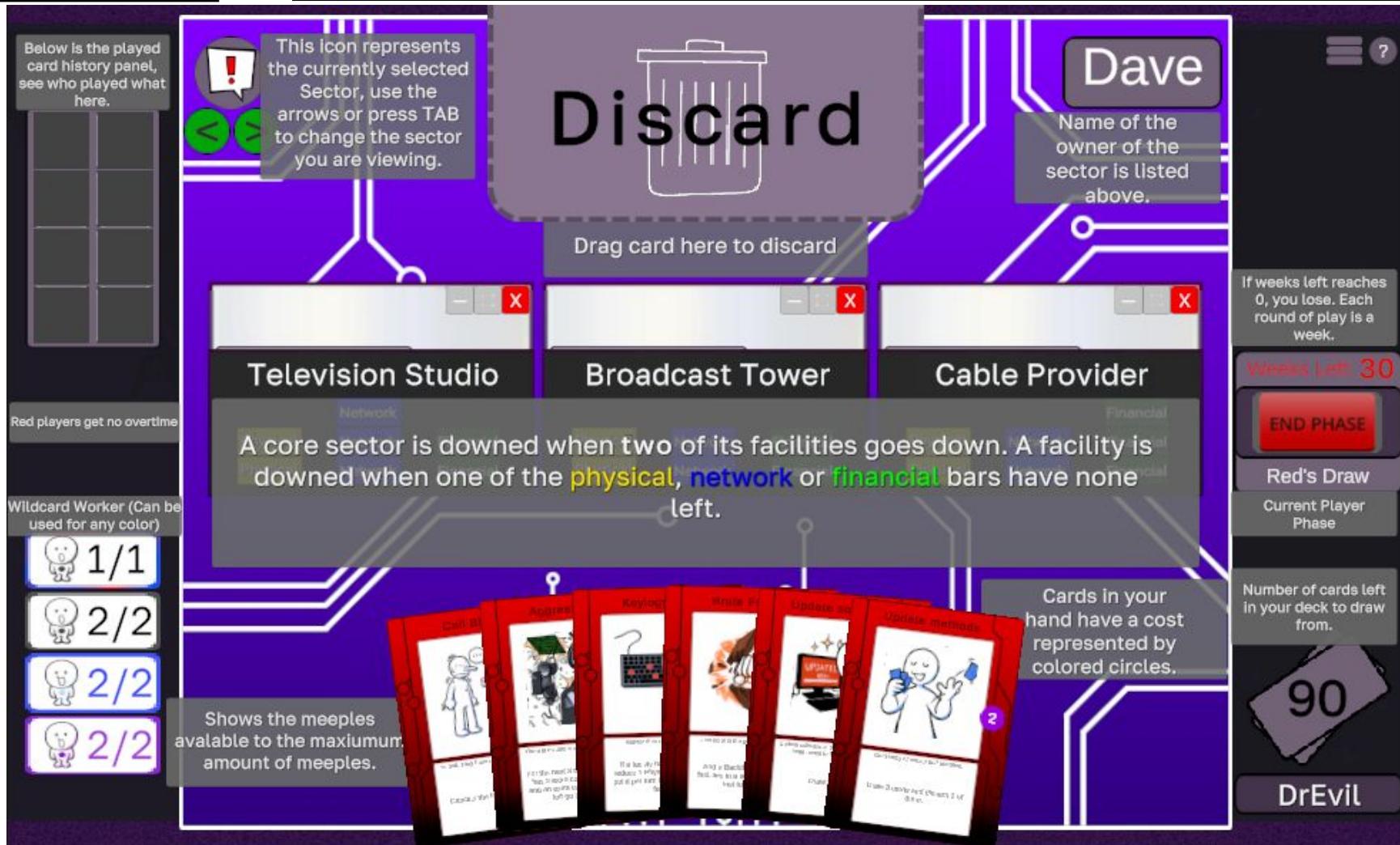


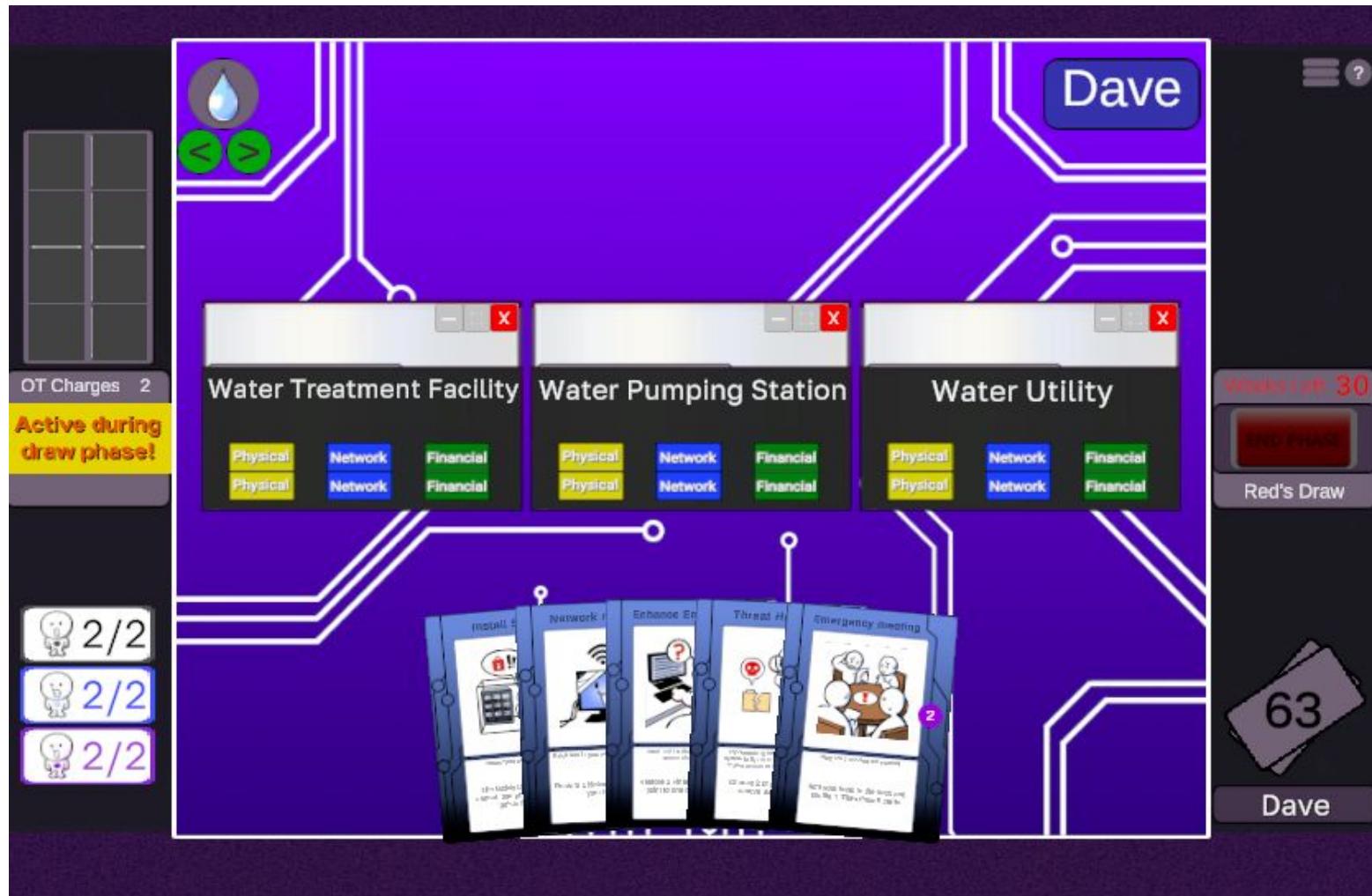
✓ Work Retreat.png













Open a Deck to begin

Open Deck

Save

Save As

Return

Title: *Enter text...*

In Deck: *Enter text...*

Action: DrawAndDiscardCards

Target: Hand

Team: *Enter text...*

Cards Drawn: *Enter text...*

Cards Removed: *Enter text...*

Sectors Affected: *Enter text...*

Number of Targets: *Enter text...*

Black Cost: *Enter text...*

Doom?

Blue Cost: *Enter text...*

Purple Cost: *Enter text...*

Obfuscate?

Duration: *Enter text...*

Dice Roll: *Enter text...*

Description:

Enter text...

Flavor:

Enter text...

User Training

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Train your in good cyber hygiene.

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Access Denied

- Digital and Analog
- Learn some basics about cybersecurity through learning attack and mitigation terms

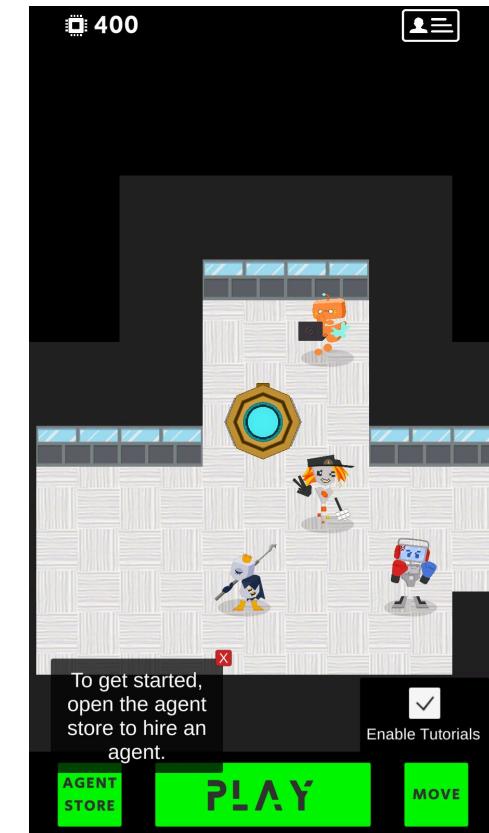
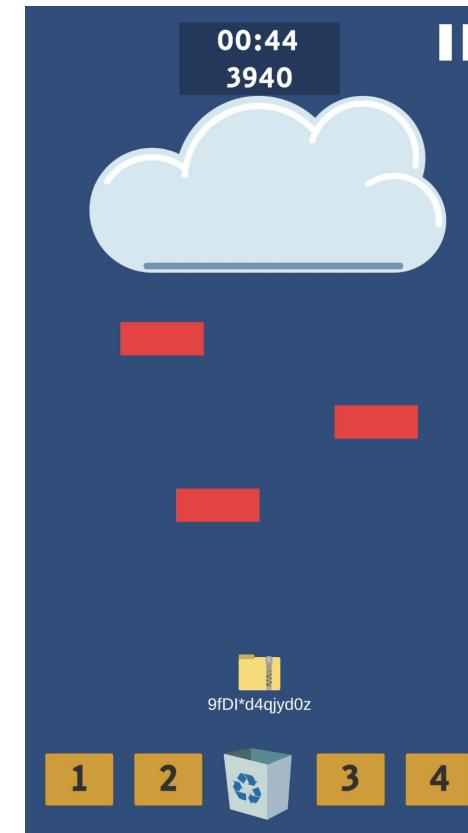
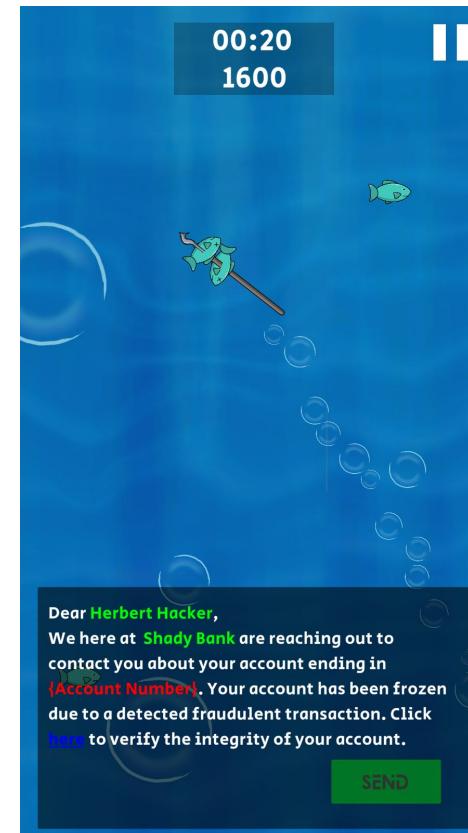
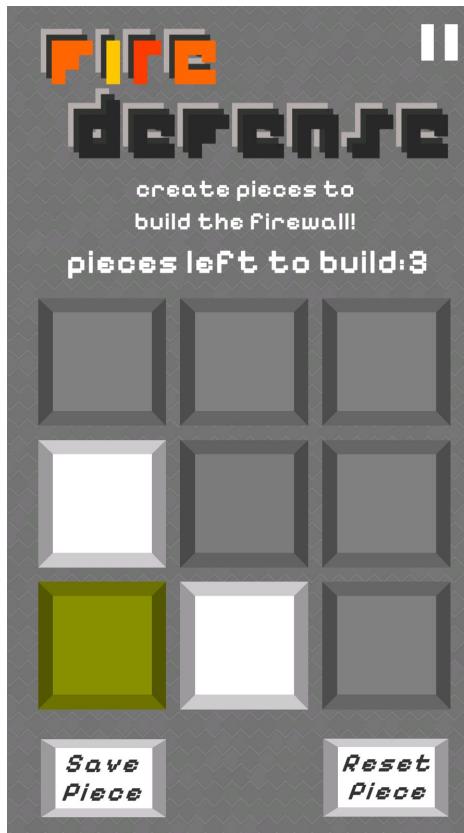
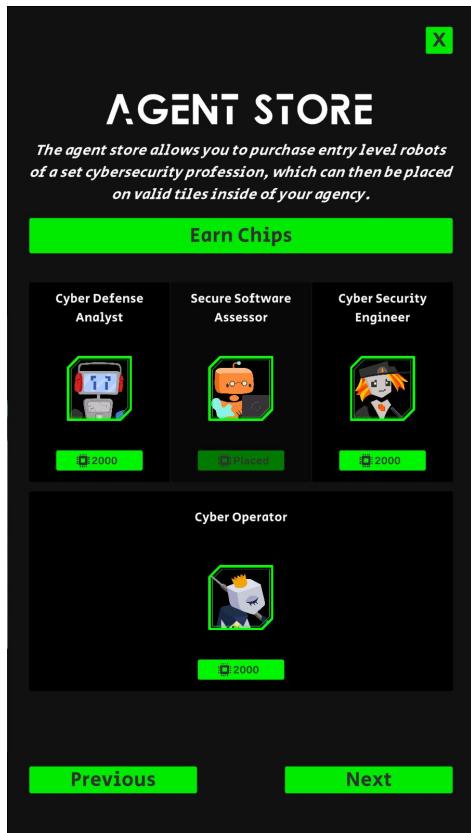


DEFCON a few weeks ago

- Free! Open!
- We gave all the current decks away—more coming



H4ckC0rps



Help!

- We want to help you
- But we need help → testing!

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Current Resources | Q/A

Everything

- bit.ly/rit-jv (where we have posted everything, including this presentation)
- github.com/profjdbayliss/RIT-Resilience-Game (all builds)
- cyber.army.mil/Our-Work/Jack-Voltaic (official site)
- www.rit.edu/directory/disvks-david-schwartz (primary contact)

Access Denied

- github.com/profjdbayliss/accessDenied (everything for free!)
- See also: bit.ly/access-denied-game
- Order a copy!
www.thegamecrafter.com/games/access-denied2

Sector Down

- voltyjv.itch.io/sd (direct download of DefCon build)
- bit.ly/sector-down-game (instructions and alternative build)
- github.com/profjdbayliss/RIT-Resilience-Game (source code)

Project “H4ckB0x”

- bit.ly/h4ckc0rps-game (Android APK) (supported in part by NSA)
- bit.ly/h4ckc0rps-images (game images)