

# 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.**
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# 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](https://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](https://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](https://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



[cyber.army.mil/Our-Work/Jack-Voltaic](https://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](https://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](http://igm.rit.edu)
- Focus on entertainment games, serious games, gamification, ...

The logo consists of the letters "RIT" in a large, orange, serif font.The text "Rochester Institute of Technology" is displayed in a black, sans-serif font, stacked in three lines: "Rochester", "Institute of", and "Technology".

## Side Note: Convergence of Games and Cl...



## 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](https://www.cisa.gov/topics/critical-infrastructure-security-and-resilience/critical-infrastructure-sectors)
  - Think "Model UN" or RPG



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[Communications Sector](#)



[Critical Manufacturing Sector](#)



[Dams Sector](#)



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# 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](https://attack.mitre.org) for screen captures
- Physical and natural disasters inspired by news articles and [hazards.colorado.edu](https://hazards.colorado.edu)

# ATT&CK®

Phase	Resource Development		Initial Access		Execution		Persistence		Privilege Escalation		Defense Evasion	
	8 techniques		11 techniques		16 techniques		23 techniques		14 techniques		45	
Techniques	11	Acquire Access	11	Content Injection	11	Cloud Administration Command	11	Account Manipulation (7)	11	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (6)	11	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (6)
		Acquire Infrastructure (8)		Drive-by Compromise		Command and Scripting Interpreter (12)		BITS Jobs		Access Token Manipulation (5)		Access Token Manipulation (5)
		Compromise Accounts (3)		Exploit Public-Facing Application		Container		Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (14)		Account		BITS Jobs
		Compromise										Build Image



✓ 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



✓ Phishing.png



✓ Ransom.png



✓ Renovate facility.png



✓ Review Access Privilege.png



✓ Safety and Control Implemented Together.png



✓ Service Modification Malware.png



✓ Spreading lies on Social Media.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



✓ Virtual Meeting.png

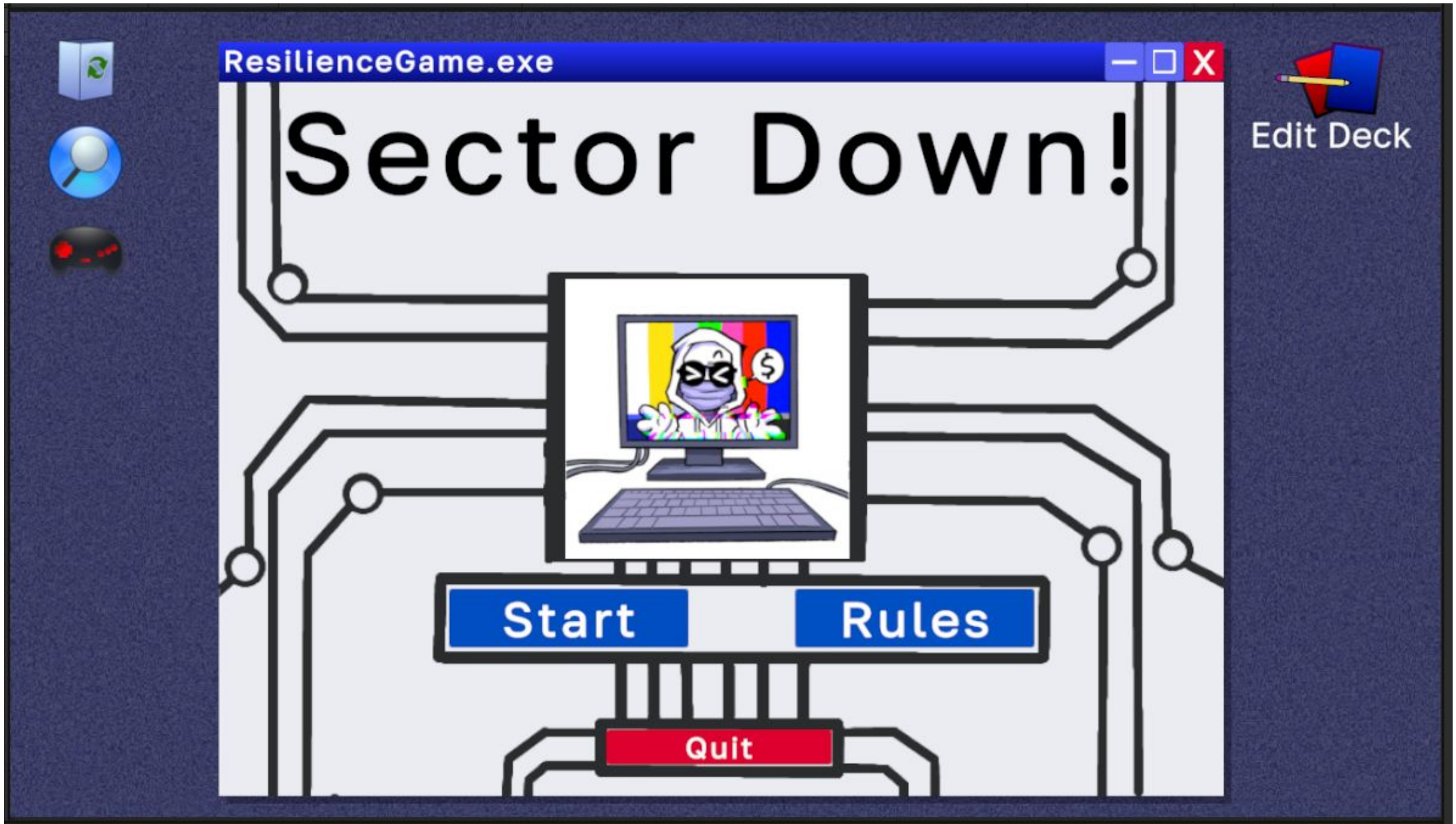


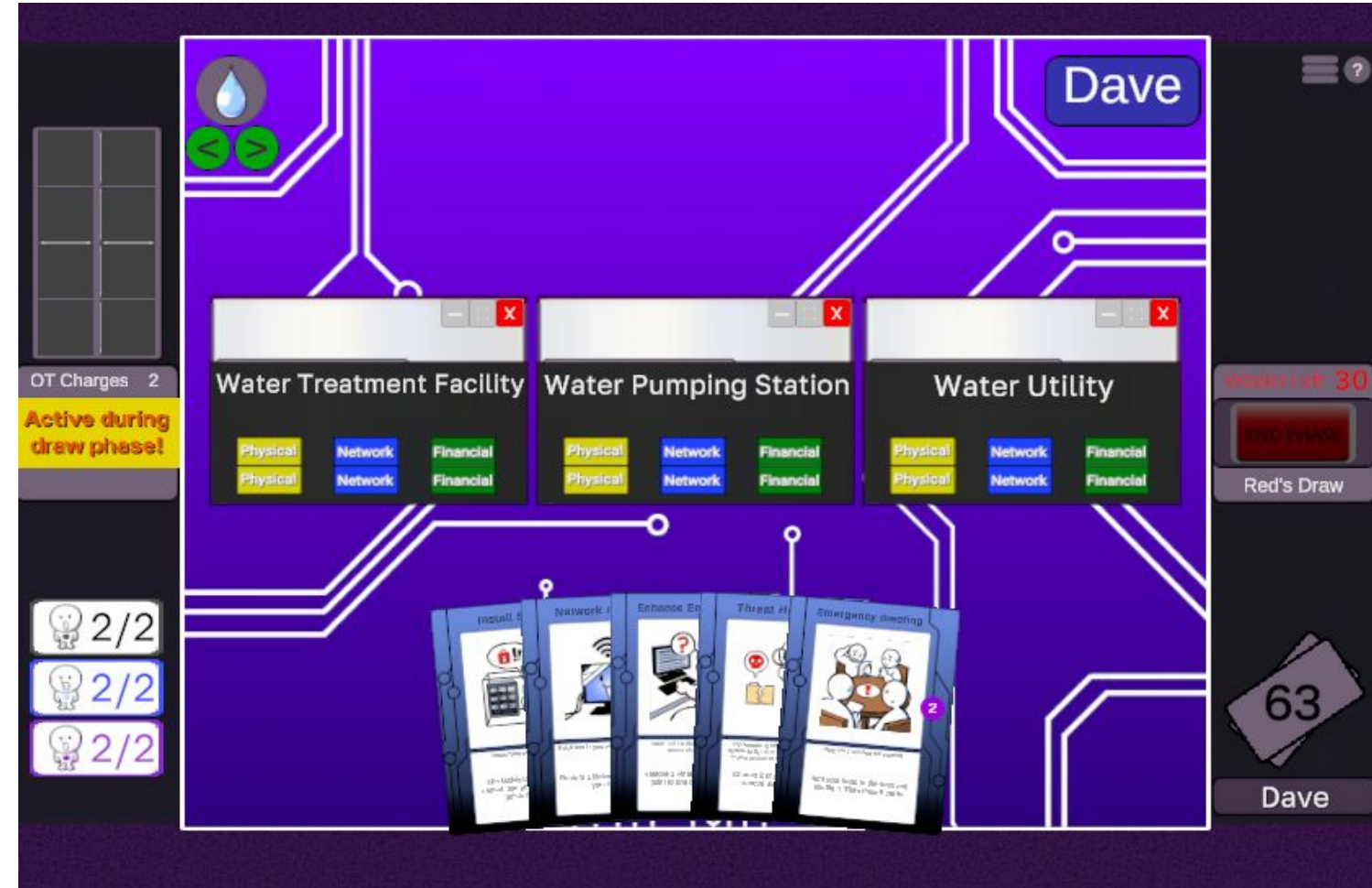
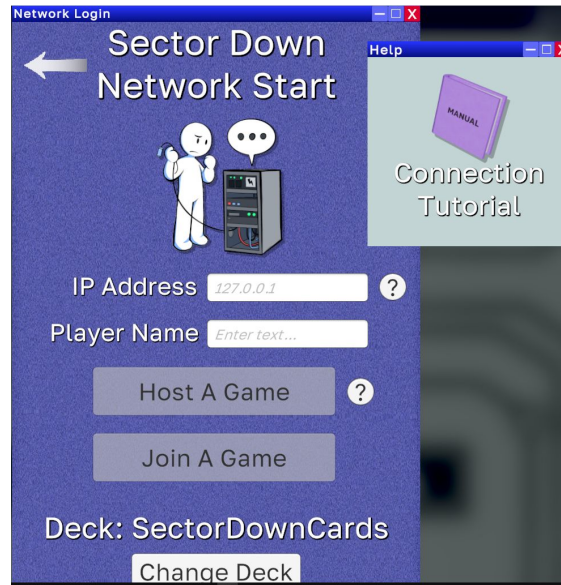
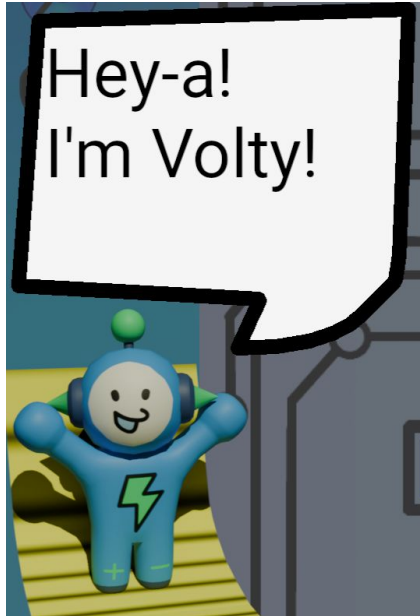
✓ Web Access Restriction.png



✓ Work Retreat.png











Below is the played card history panel, see who played what here.

This icon represents the currently selected Sector, use the arrows or press TAB to change the sector you are viewing.

**Discard**

Drag card here to discard

**Dave**

Name of the owner of the sector is listed above.

Television Studio Broadcast Tower Cable Provider

A core sector is downed when two of its facilities goes down. A facility is downed when one of the **physical**, **network** or **financial** bars have none left.

Shows the meeples available to the maximum amount of meeples.

Cards in your hand have a cost represented by colored circles.

Red players get no overtime

Wildcard Worker (Can be used for any color)

1/1 2/2 2/2 2/2

If weeks left reaches 0, you lose. Each round of play is a week.

Weeks Left: 30

END PHASE

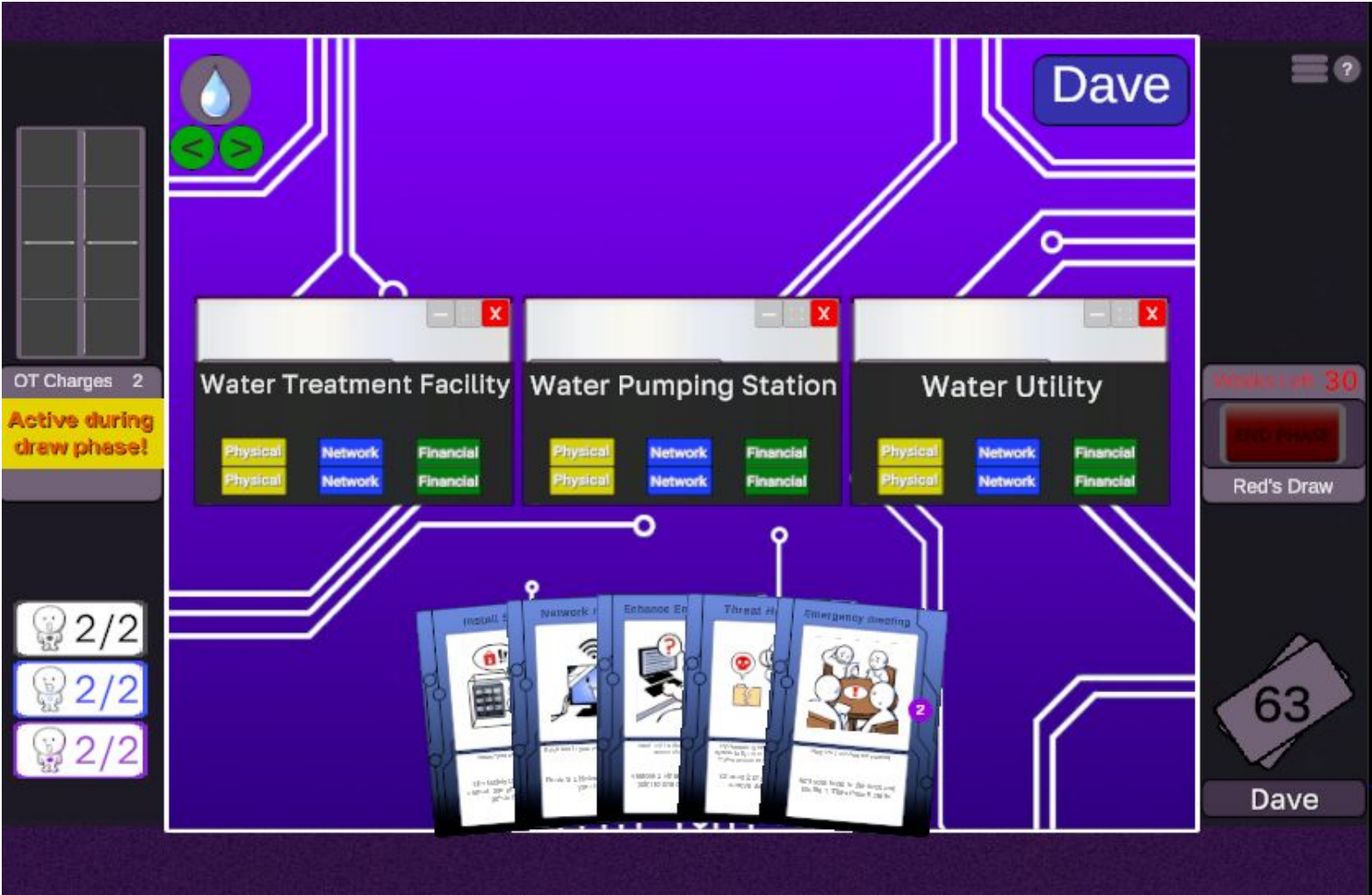
Red's Draw

Current Player Phase

Number of cards left in your deck to draw from.

90

DrEvil







Open a Deck to begin

Open Deck

Save

Save As

←

Return

Title:

# In Deck:

Action:

Target:

Team:

Cards Drawn:

Cards Removed:

Sectors Affected:

Number of Targets:

Black Cost:

Blue Cost:

Purple Cost:

Duration:

Dice Roll:

Description: 

Enter text...

Flavor: 

Enter text...

Doom? ☒

Obfuscate? ☒

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



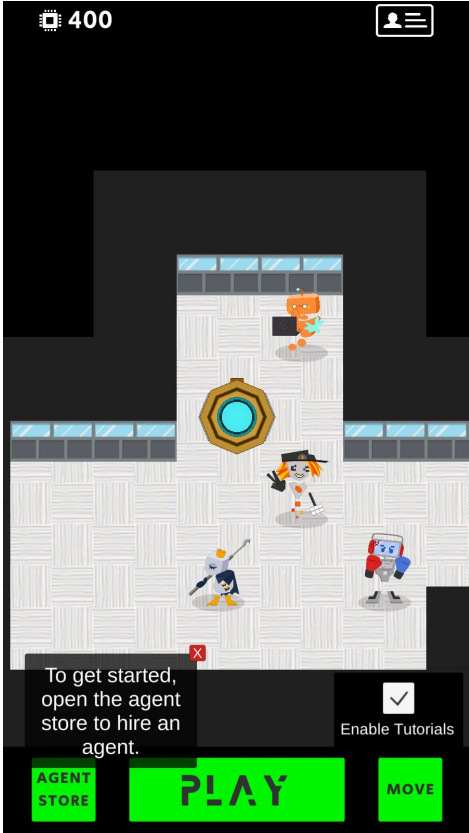
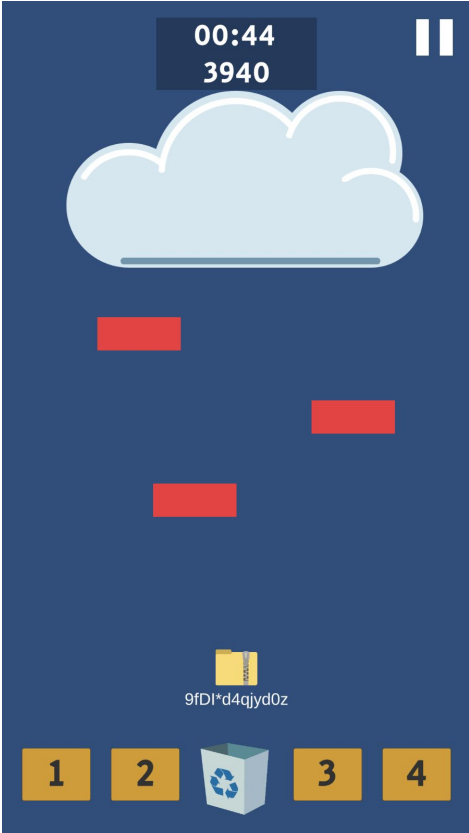
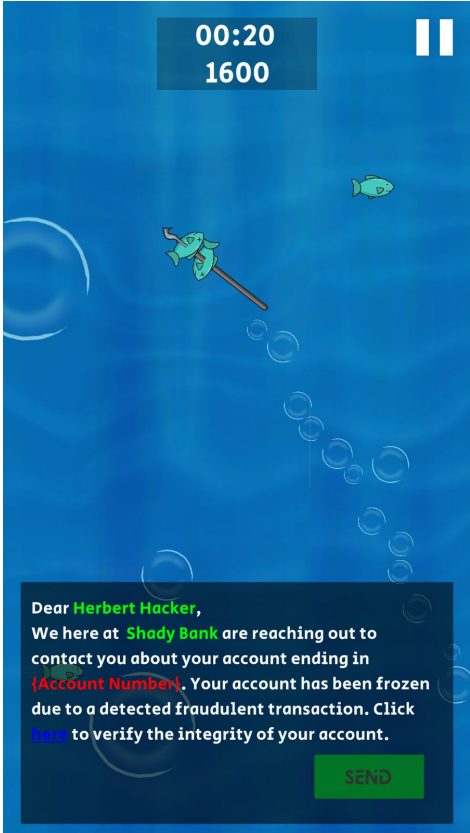
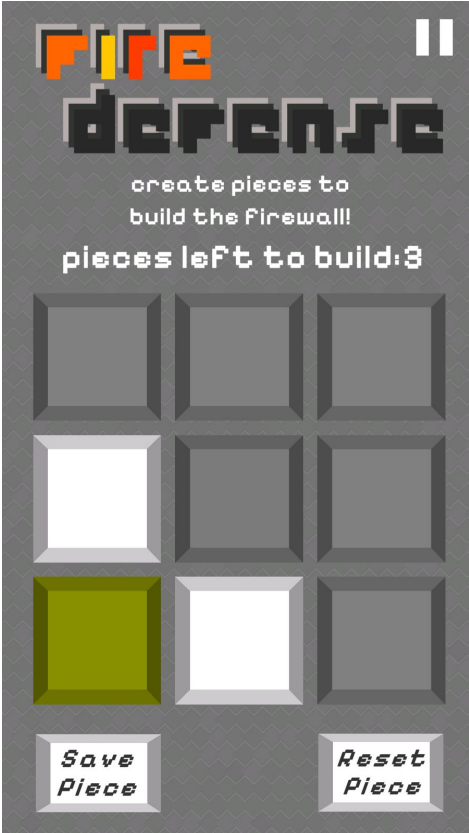
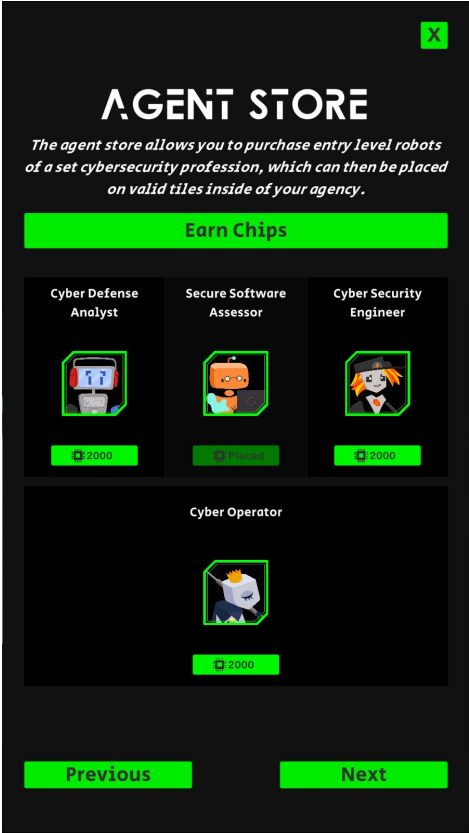


## DEFCON a few weeks ago

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



# H4ckC0rps



# Help!

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

# Acknowledgements



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# Current Resources | Q/A

## Everything

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

## Access Denied

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

## Sector Down

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

## Project “H4ckB0x”

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