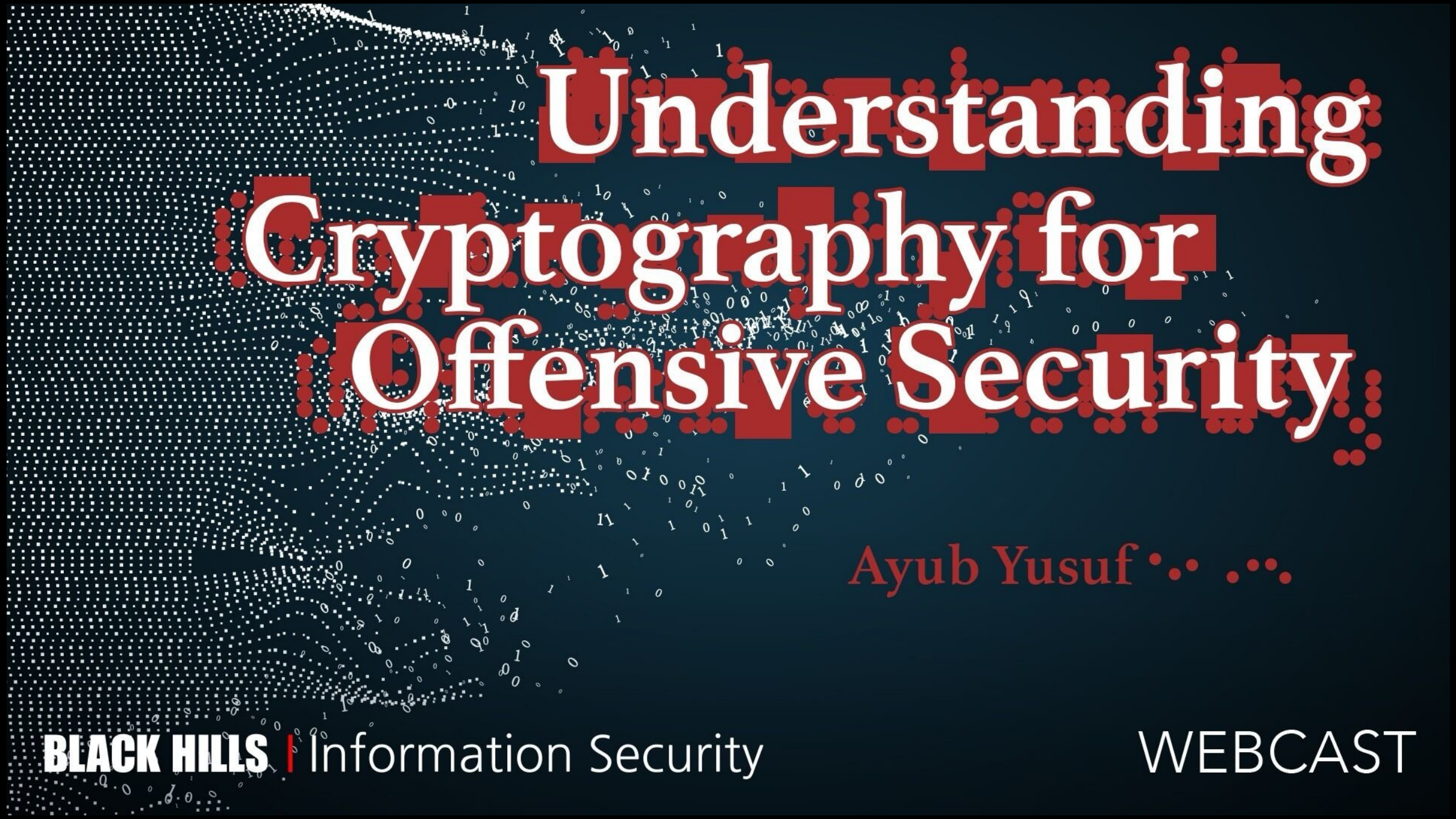
Understanding
Cryptography for
Offensive Security
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- Hacker at BHIS
- GSE, OSCP
- Scared of Bees and Math

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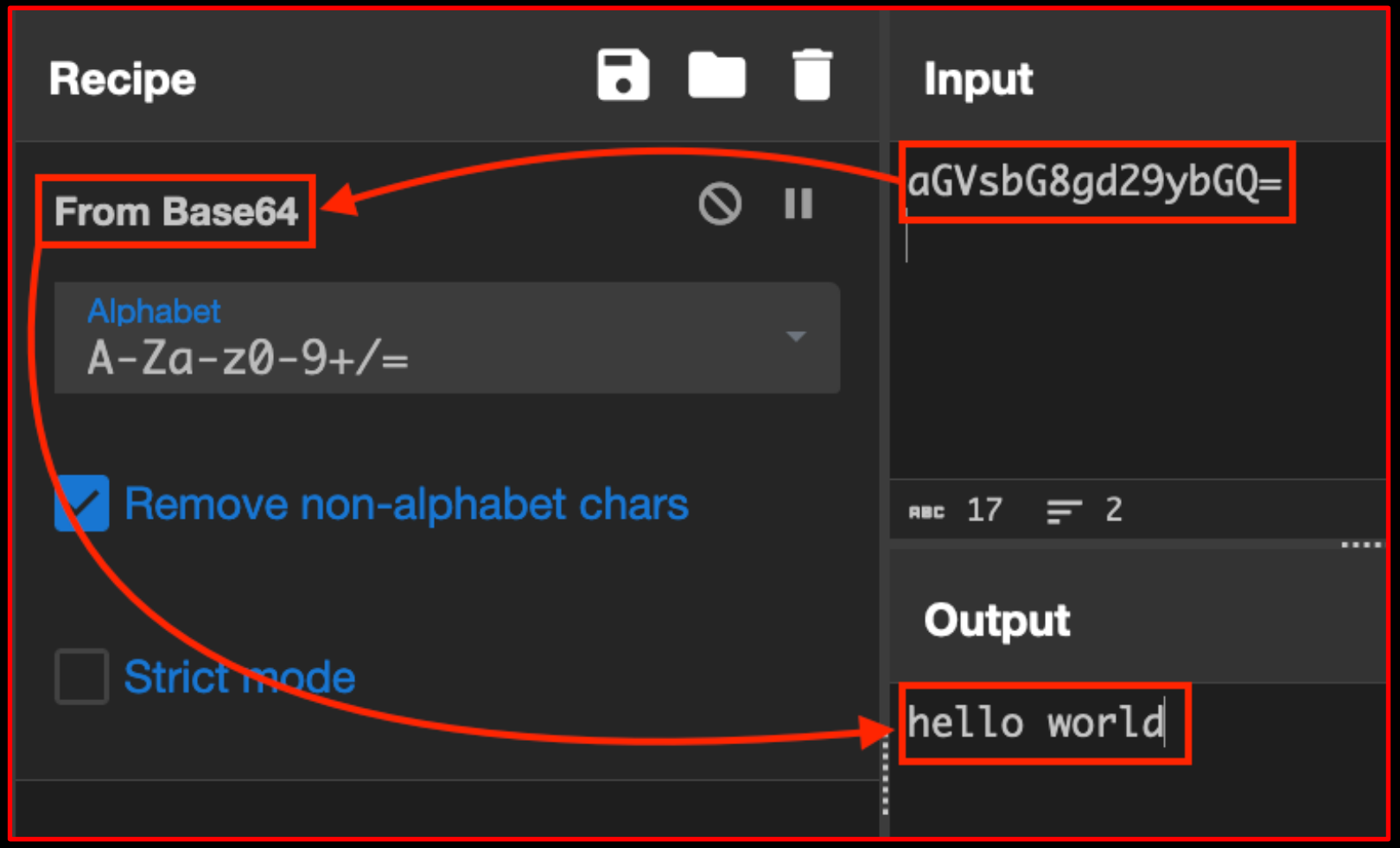
Encoding

Encoding is how we transmit information

Examples
- ASCII
- UTF-8 (most everything)
- UTF-16LE (windows, for some reason)
- base64

`aGVsbG8gd29ybGQ=`



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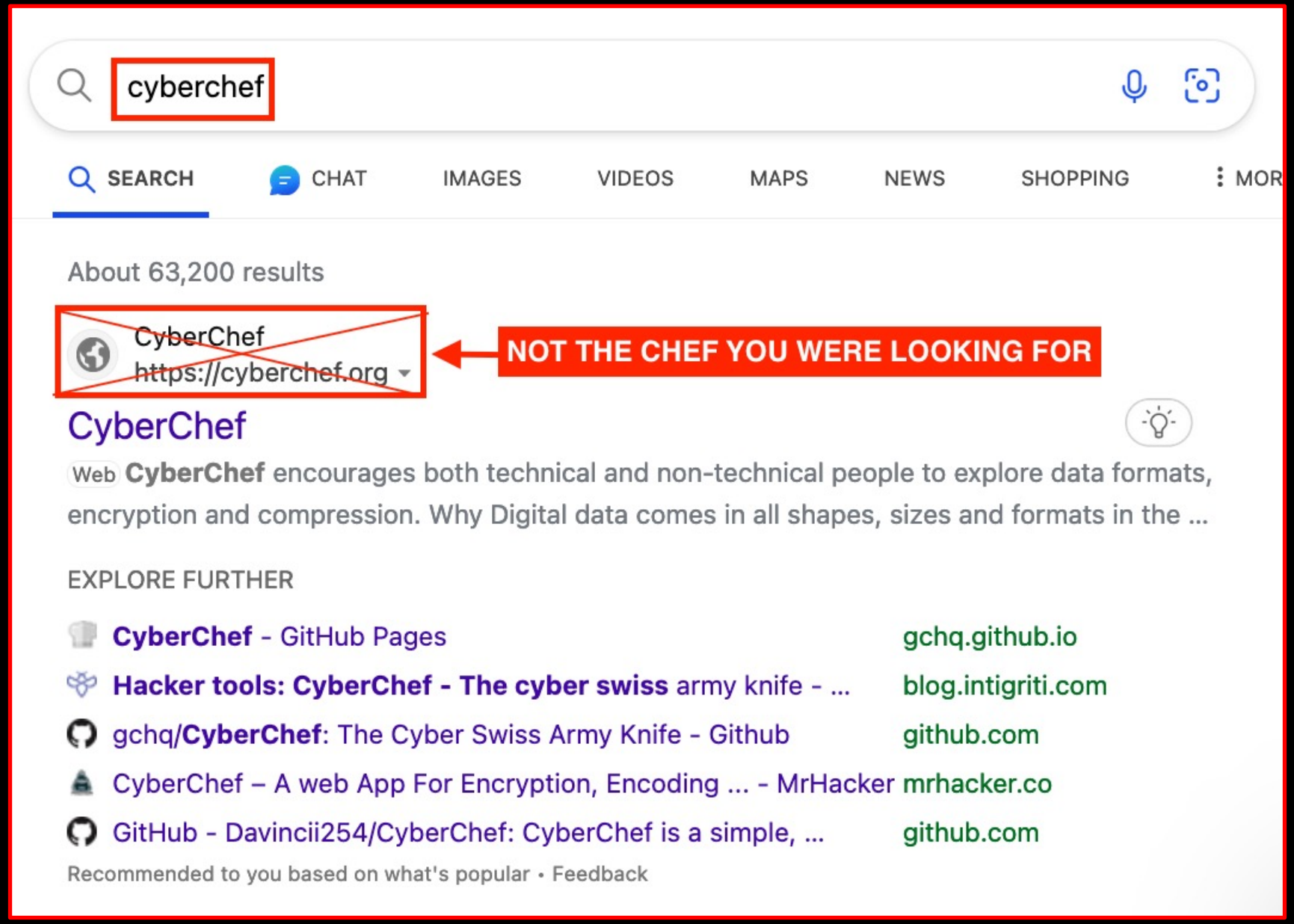


https://www.bing.com

Hashing

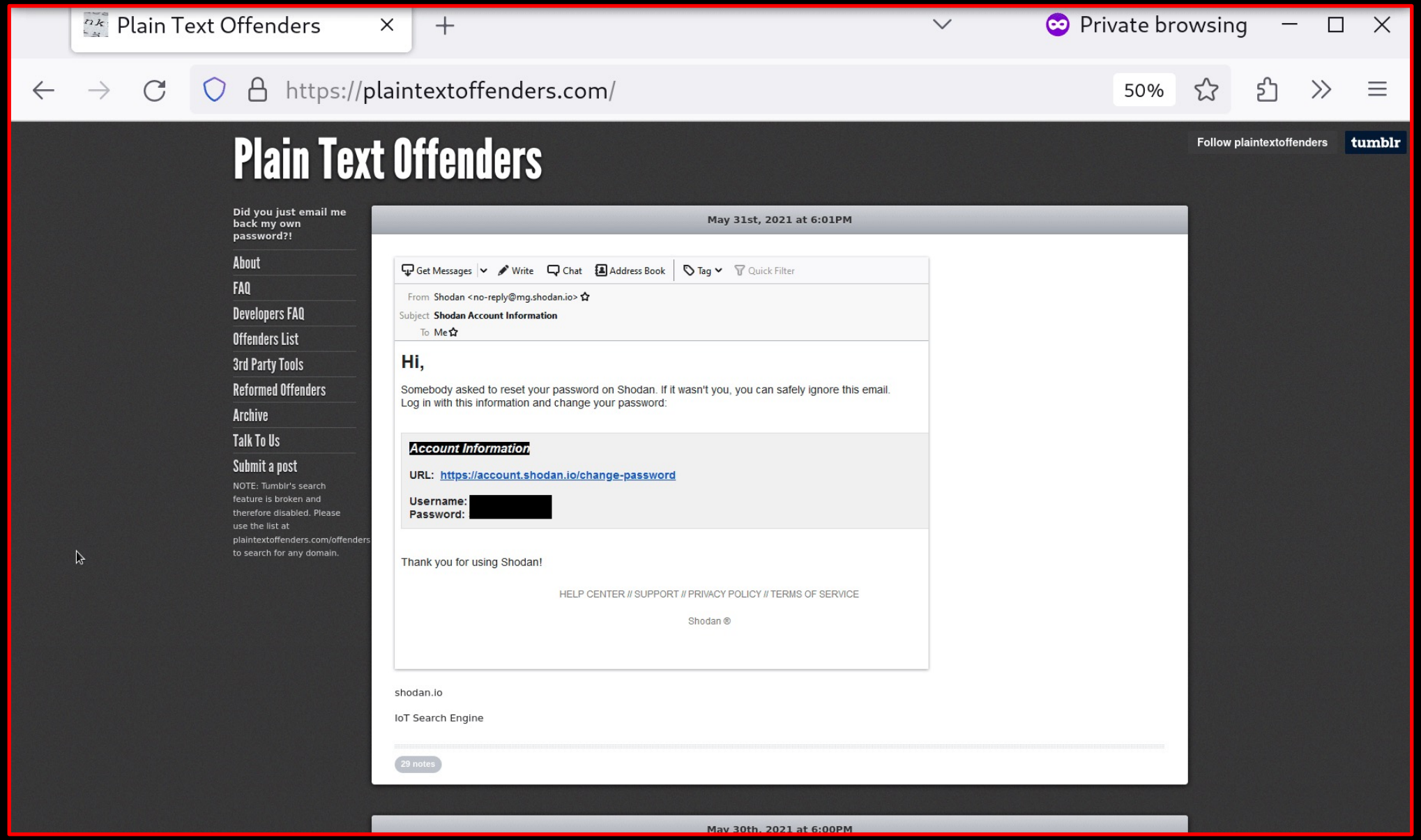
Used to uniquely identify an input.

A good hashing algo

- Is unique and has rare and unpredictable collusions
- Irreversible

Example

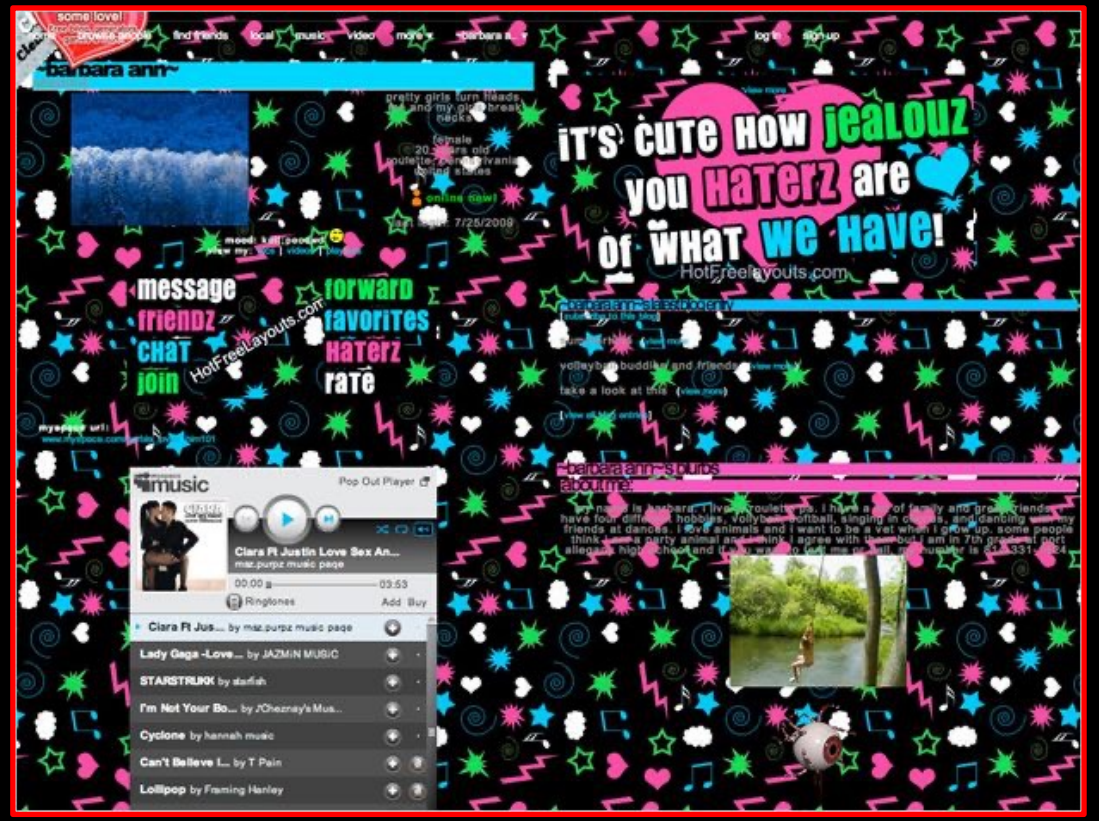
- **MD4**
  - NT hashes
- **MD5**
- SHA family



https://plaintextoffenders.com/

Origins of rockyou.txt

- Developed widgets for MySpace
- In 2009, they suffered a data breach that exposed over 14 million plaintext passwords
- People aren’t random generators

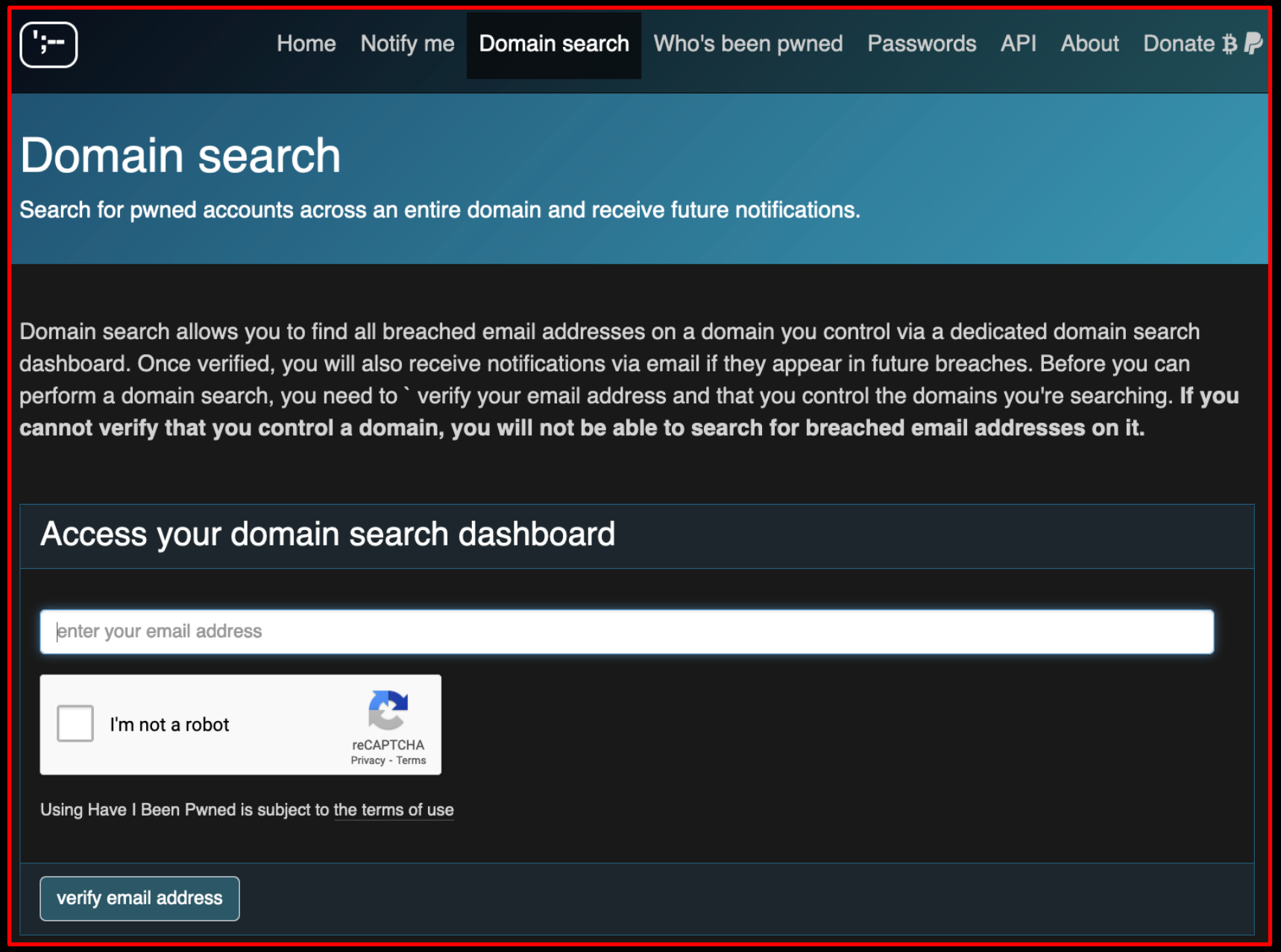


# of Characters	Lowercase Letters Only	At Least 1 Uppercase Letter	At Least 1 Uppercase Letter + Number	At Least 1 Uppercase Letter + Number + Symbol
1	Instantly	Instantly	-	-
2	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	-
3	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
4	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
5	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
6	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
7	Instantly	Instantly	1 Minute	6 Minutes
8	Instantly	22 Minutes	1 Hour	8 Hours
9	2 Minutes	19 Hours	3 Days	3 Weeks
10	1 Hour	1 Month	7 Months	5 Years
11	1 Day	5 Years	41 Years	400 Years
12	3 Weeks	300 Years	2,000 Years	34,000 Years
13	1 Year	16,000 Years	100,000 Years	2 Million Years
14	51 Years	800,000 Years	9 Million Years	200 Million Years
15	1,000 Years	43 Million Years	600 Million Years	15 Billion Years
16	34,000 Years	2 Billion Years	37 Billion Years	1 Trillion Years

A

B

Source:
https://www.security.org/



https://haveibeenpwned.com/DomainSearch

Linux Hashing

ID	Method	Hashcat (-m {#})	John the Ripper (--format={name})
1	MD5	500	md5crypt
$2*$	Blowfish	3200	bcrypt
5	SHA-256	7400	sha256crypt
6	SHA-512	1800	sha512crypt
y	yescript	N/a	crypt

Windows Hashing

Method	Hashcat (-m {#})	John the Ripper (--format={name})
LM	3000	LM
NT	1000	NT
NetNTMLv1	5500	netntlm
NetNTLMv2	5600	netntlmv2
Kerberos 5 AS-REQ	18200	krb5asrep
Kerberos RC4	13100	krb5tgs

Encryption

Two types

- Asymmetric
- Symmetric

Foundational Problem

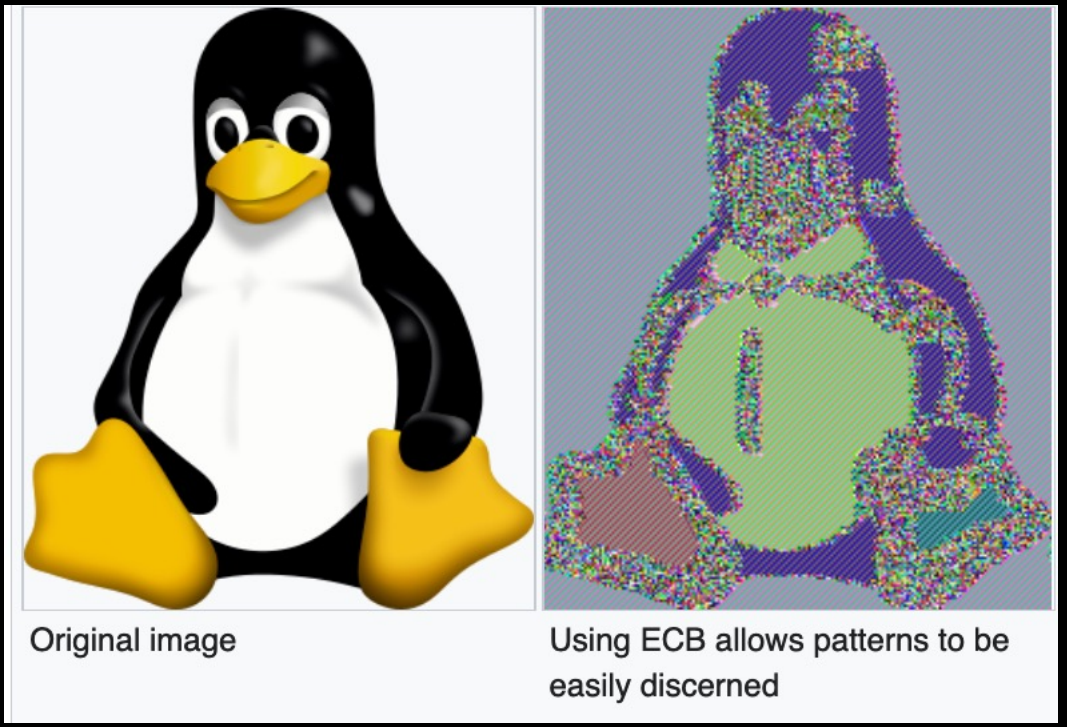
- Key management

Examples

- DES
- AES
- RSA

Block Cipher Modes

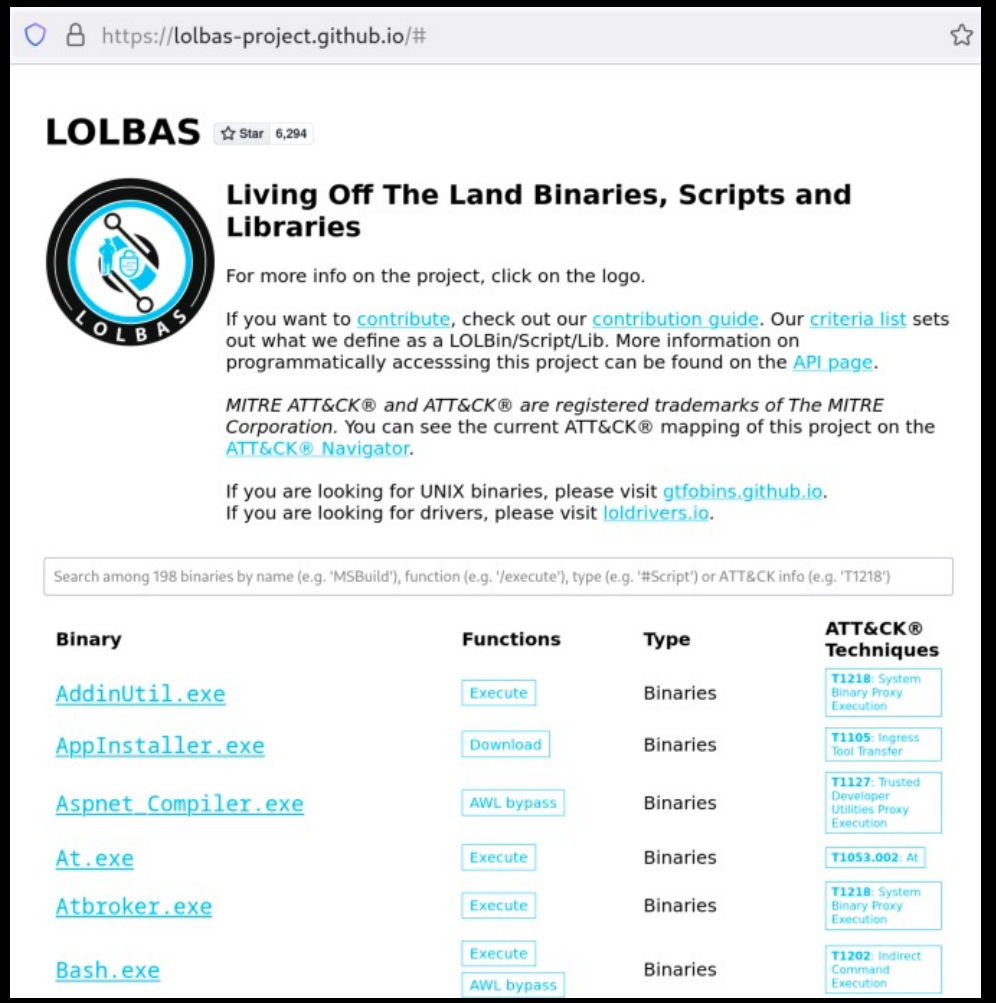
- Electronic Codebook (ECB)
- Cipher Block Chaining (CBC)
- Galois/Counter Mode (GCM)



Original image

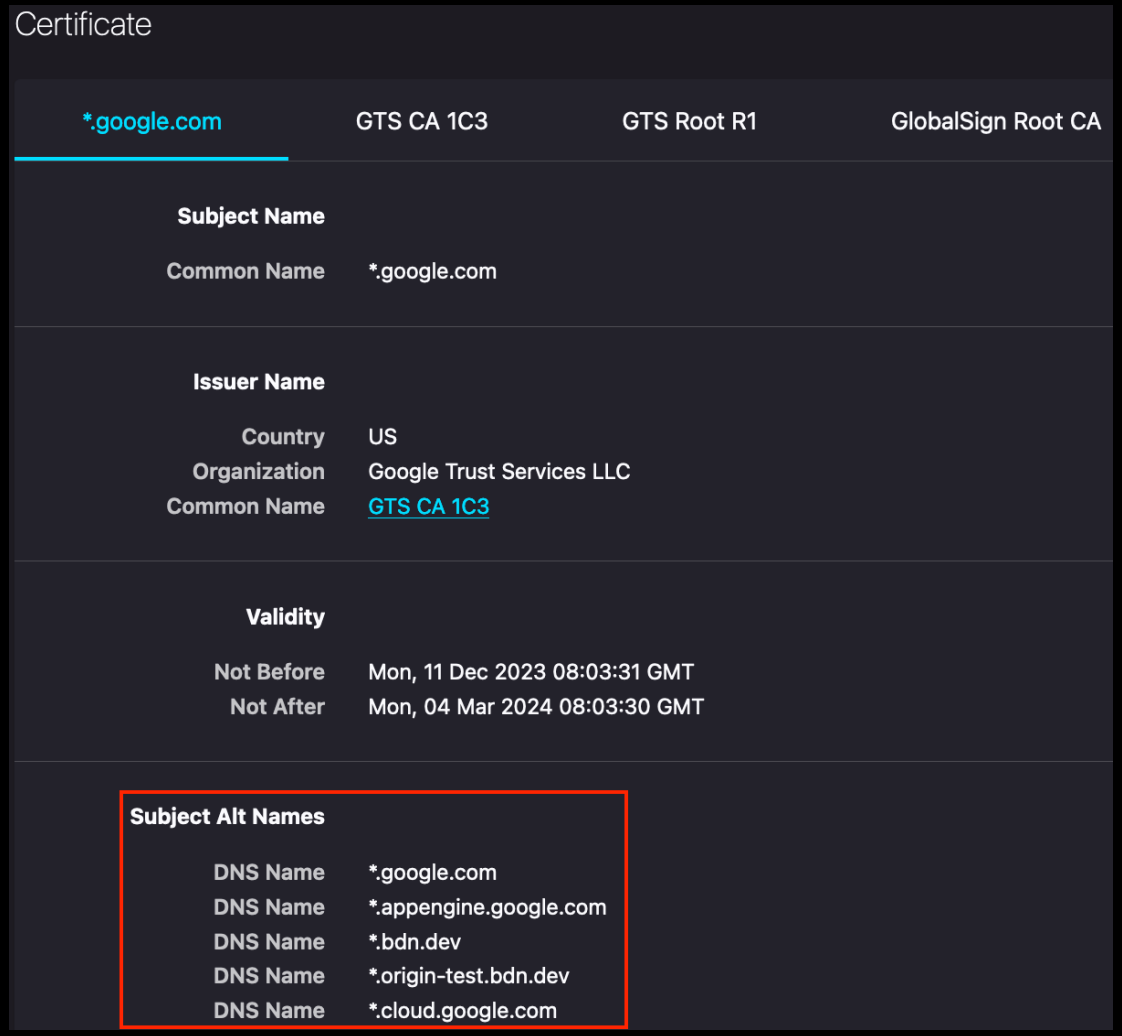
Using ECB allows patterns to be easily discerned

Digital Signature

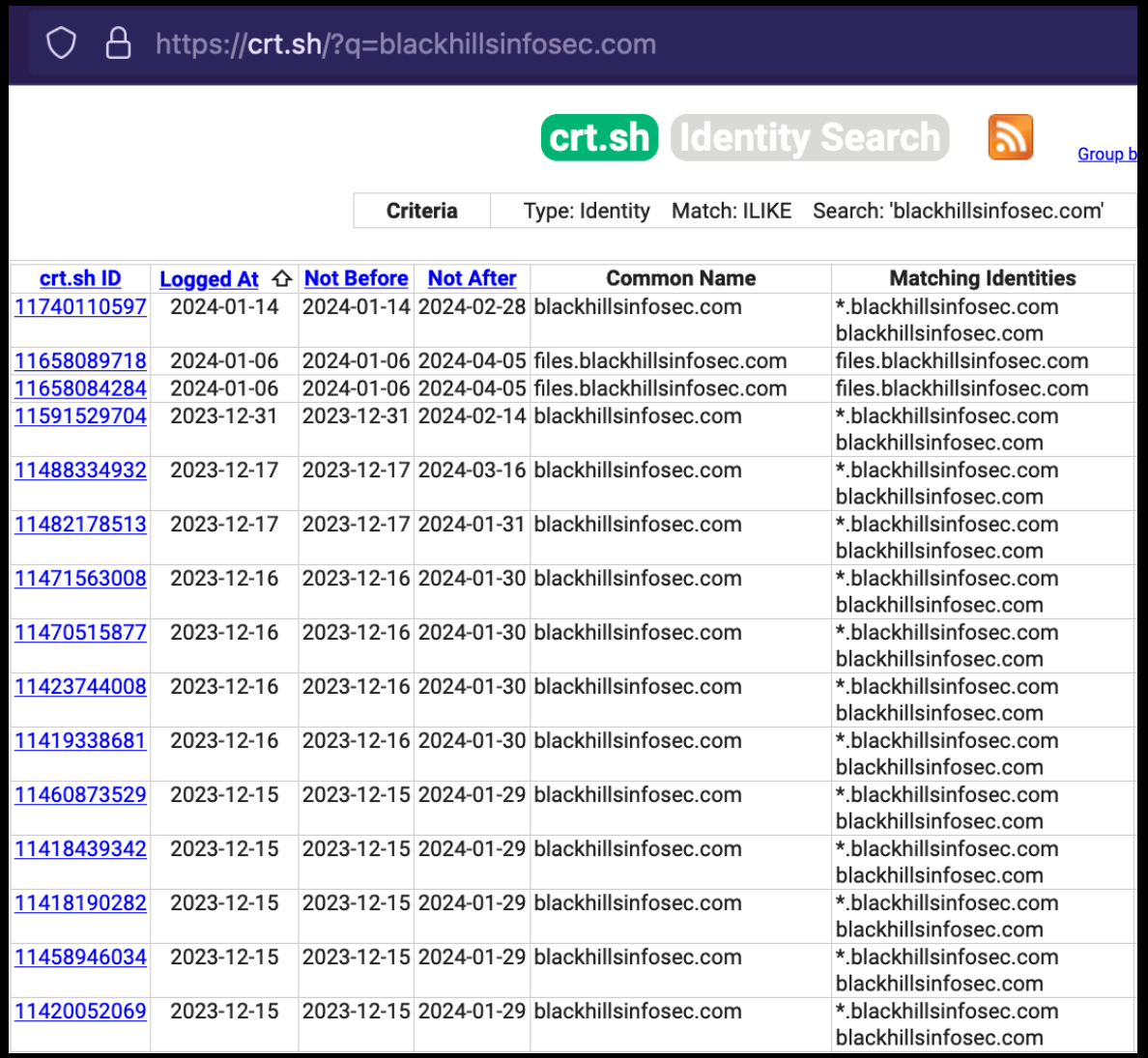


https://lolbas-project.github.io/#

Certificates



crt.sh



crt.sh ID	Logged At	Not Before	Not After	Common Name	Matching Identities
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11658089718	2024-01-06	2024-01-06	2024-04-05	files.blackhillsinfosec.com	files.blackhillsinfosec.com
11658084284	2024-01-06	2024-01-06	2024-04-05	files.blackhillsinfosec.com	files.blackhillsinfosec.com
11591529704	2023-12-31	2023-12-31	2024-02-14	blackhillsinfosec.com	*.blackhillsinfosec.com blackhillsinfosec.com
11488334932	2023-12-17	2023-12-17	2024-03-16	blackhillsinfosec.com	*.blackhillsinfosec.com blackhillsinfosec.com
11482178513	2023-12-17	2023-12-17	2024-01-31	blackhillsinfosec.com	*.blackhillsinfosec.com blackhillsinfosec.com
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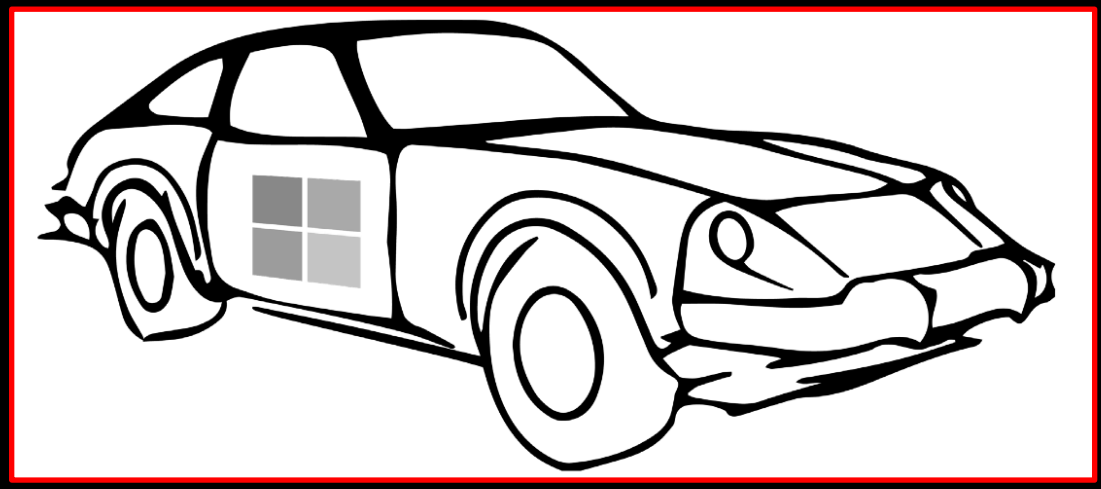
11420052069	2023-12-15	2023-12-15	2024-01-29	blackhillsinfosec.com	*.blackhillsinfosec.com blackhillsinfosec.com

Active Directory Certificate Services

- In 2021, Certified Pre-Owned paper described eight escalation paths.
- Currently, there are 11 and counting…
- Most dangerous one: ESC1
  - Client Authentication: **True**
  - Enabled: **True**
  - Enrollee Supplies Subject: **True**
  - Requires Management Approval: **False**
  - Authorized Signatures Required: **0**

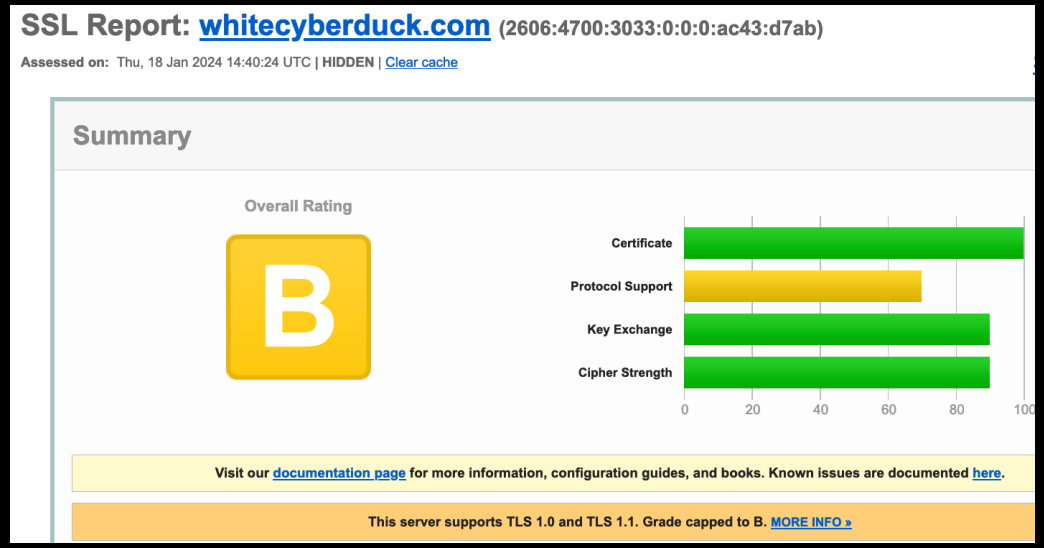


https://specterops.io/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/Certified_Pre-Owned.pdf

https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/abusing-active-directory-certificate-services-part-one/

SSL/TLS

Version	Status
SSLv2	Depreciated in 2011
SSLv3	Depreciated in 2015
TLS 1.0	Depreciated in 2021
TLS 1.1	Depreciated in 2021
TLS 1.2	Active since 2008
TLS 1.3	Active since 2018



https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/
https://github.com/drwetter/testssl.sh
https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/testssl-sh-assessing-ssltls-configurations-at-scale/

Thank you!

Conclusion

- Protect your keys
  - Long (15+) and unique passwords are the best way to protect yourself online
  - Monitor breach data
- Use the best cryptography available with proper configuration
  - TLS 1.2+
  - Avoid weak hashing: MD5 or SHA1
  - Avoid weak encryption: DES
  - Avoid weak modes: ECB or CBC
- One more thing… **tryhackme.com/jr/pineappleonpizza**