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by Pastor Manul Laphroaig
to many neighbors,
but especially to
the neighbors we've been begging for PoC.
(You know who you are, you scruffy PoC-hoarders!)

Howdy, neighbor! Is that a fresh new PoC you are hugging so close? Don't stifle it, neighbor, it's time for it to see the world, and what better place to do it than from the pages of the famed International Journal of PoC or GTFO? It will be in a merry company of other PoCs big and small, bit-level and byte-level, raw binary or otherwise, C, Python, Assembly, hexdump or any other language. But wait, there's more—our editors will groom it for you, and dress it in the best Sunday clothes of proper church English. And when it looks proudly back at you from these pages, in the company of its new friends, won't that make you proud? So set that little PoC free, neighbor, and let it come to me, pastor@phrack.org!

Do this: Write an email telling our editors how to do reproduce *ONE* clever, technical trick from your research. If you are uncertain of your English, we'll happily translate from French, Russian, or German. If you don't speak those languages, we'll dig up a translator.

Like an email, keep it short. Like an email, you should assume that we already know more than a bit about hacking, and that we'll be insulted or—WORSE!—that we'll be bored if you include a long tutorial where a quick reminder would do. Don't try to make it thorough or broad.

Do pick one quick, clever low-level trick and explain it in a few pages. Teach me how to forge fake OTR histories of the Eliza chatbot; teach me a subset of the X86 architecture that can be easily assembled by hand; or, teach me how to identify Matilda's backdoor by the random numbers being better than Bochs ought to provide. Show me how to build a floppy that boots on multiple architectures. Don't tell me that it's possible; rather, teach me how to do it myself with the absolute minimum of formality and bullshit.

Like an email, we expect informal (or faux-biblical) language and hand-sketched diagrams. Write it in a single sitting, and leave any editing for your poor preacherman to do over a bottle of fine scotch. Send this to pastor@phrack.org and hope that the neighborly Phrack folks—praise be to them!—aren't man-in-the-middling our submission process.

You can expect PoC‖GTFO 0x06, our seventh release, to appear in print soon at a conference of good neighbors. We've not yet decided whether to include crayons, but you can be damned sure that it'll be a good read.