

13 Fast Cash for Cyber Munitions!

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Howdy, neighbor!

Are you one of those merchants of cyber-death that certain Thought Leading Technologists keep warning us about? Have you been hoarding bugs instead of sharing them with the world? Well, at this church we won't judge you, but we'd be happy to judge your proofs of concept, sharing the best ones with our beloved readers.

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 draft a translator from those poor sods who owe us favors.

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.

Just use 7-bit ASCII if your language doesn't require funny letters, as whenever we receive something typeset in OpenOffice, we briefly mistake it for a ransom note. Don't try to make it thorough or broad. Don't use Powerpoint bullet-points. Keep your code samples short and sweet; we can leave the long-form code as an attachment.

Do pick one quick, clever low-level trick and explain it in a few pages. Teach me how to distinguish real errors from intentionally mistransmitted symbols over radio. Show me how to reverse engineer firmware from a combine harvester. 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.

Yours in PoC and Pwnage,
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