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Thread: [Disallow Posting Of "Crack Mes" in The Visual Basic/C# Section](#)

Deceptive - December 16, 2011, 5:33 pm

As the thread title says it would be a great idea to remove the posting of Crack Mes in the Visual Basic/C# section, all they do is flood the section up and the point of them has been lost as all they are is basic protection covered up by obfuscation. The section has been flooded by them completely if you take a look you'll notice 10-20 threads of CrackMes within the first two pages. It isn't a Reverse Engineering section it is a coding section.

[img]http://i.minus.com/jbEneig3vgbcZ.png[/img]

Perplexity - December 16, 2011, 5:34 pm

I support this, I'm sick and tired of seeing dumbass crackmes.

Coleak - December 16, 2011, 5:35 pm

I agree with this, although people may use it to improve their security, the vast majority of the crackmes are simply obfuscated, and thus the crackme is rendered useless.

privTech - December 16, 2011, 5:47 pm

I agree with this to a certain point as most of the crack me's posted (not all of them) but most of them are only simple patch me's covered by obfuscators as OP said so! although it would be nice to start a poll where we could vote to have a reverse engineering section added to the forum?

AirKode - December 16, 2011, 5:57 pm

I do agree with Deceptive on some parts. I don't have a problem with the volume of crackme threads here, but I do have a problem if they're pathetic, just a simple IF statement OR a brute-force. I think it's great for legitimate people to test their security (ONCE OR TWICE) and that is it. If a crackme from a user gets cracked, then they should not make any subsequent crackme threads they must accept their security is shit.

I don't want crackme applications to be banned, I just think we need them regulated by a person who actually knows his stuff and is extremely proficient in the art of cracking .NET applications. This person also needs to be available a lot more.

Marvincmarvin. - December 16, 2011, 6:31 pm

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Resident - December 16, 2011, 6:38 pm

(Dec 16, 2011 07:31 PM)Marvincmarvin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Maybe instead of disallowing them entirely we could have a reverse engineering section.

+1,

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Heyzen - December 16, 2011, 6:41 pm

I agree. These are getting annoying and the forum shouldn't be flooded with this!

Deceptive - December 16, 2011, 7:19 pm

(Dec 16, 2011 07:38 PM)ihijackurhack Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) +1,

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There is a site for for crack mes and the VB.NET/C# section isn't one D:<

RDCA - December 16, 2011, 8:14 pm

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Quote:Wanna stop the Black Hats and Crackers? Do you need help with an infection? Has your site been compromised? This is your section.

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Thank you for your opinion, I'm glad others see the problem with them.

Paradoxum - December 16, 2011, 8:44 pm

I'm all for this thread, but I disagree on the suggestion that it should be moved to the White Hat Help section.

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Are you insane?

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That means you consider the below as the first part:

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If a medium of stopping the above is to move the said programs into the section then you are truly confused. Cracking does not fit the criteria. Reverse engineering may at least be considerable, but the possibility of it being used to crack paid programs instead of reversing malicious files is very high. I believe that is one of the main reasons for Omniscient's disapproval for such a section.

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For simply the purpose of organization, I'd say it should be moved to a "neutral" section -- say, the [Beginner Hacking](#) section, perhaps? The move would mean that how they use whatever they learn there is within their discretion. The site will assume no responsibility for any actions. I think moving it to a claimed "white hat" section will not do its image and definition good. As much as the original poster does not wish for such programs to stay in a coding section (perhaps even the coding tab) I, too, believe it should not reside in the White Hat Help section or the computing tab for that matter.

Livewire - December 16, 2011, 9:10 pm

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Deceptive - December 16, 2011, 9:12 pm

(Dec 16, 2011 10:10 PM)Livewire Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why are people always pushing for topics to be disallowed, then so many people complain when action is finally taken.

I showed evidence with a screen shot, I normally NEVER complain about a trend, but this trend is just going WAY to far. It's becoming more popular than market place shell booters used to be.

Coding4Noobs - December 16, 2011, 9:59 pm

(Dec 16, 2011 06:57 PM)AirKode Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I do agree with Deceptive on some parts. I don't have a problem with the volume of crackme threads here, but I do have a problem if they're pathetic, just a simple IF statement OR a brute-force. I think it's great for legitimate people to test their security (ONCE OR TWICE) and that is it. If a crackme from a user gets cracked, then they should not make any subsequent crackme threads they must accept their security is shit.

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lol you seemed to like mine in the past...

anyways at OP, they are getting annoying, thats why i opend my thread that has alternating shit it in different types xD i was tired of if statements...

Silicon - December 17, 2011, 2:12 am

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Deceptive - December 17, 2011, 2:38 am

(Dec 17, 2011 03:12 AM)AntiHelix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We should probably have a separate section for them. Some are actually quite challenging (while I admit that most are just password search jobs that people think are hard).

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Black Mesa - December 17, 2011, 3:06 am

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Deceptive - December 17, 2011, 3:54 am

(Dec 17, 2011 04:06 AM)Paperbag Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why are you complaining about it while you do it too?

It was a troll thread meaning that there are WAY to many :|

Paradoxum - December 17, 2011, 3:55 am

(Dec 17, 2011 04:06 AM)Paperbag Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why are you complaining about it while you do it too?

You missed the point of his thread. I invite you to read it.

Han. - December 17, 2011, 4:10 am

(Dec 16, 2011 07:31 PM)Marvincmarvin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Maybe instead of disallowing them entirely we could have a reverse engineering section.

+1. People may still need to do them but flooding the C# section with them is not the answer. This is ^ ?

Silicon - December 17, 2011, 4:25 am

(Dec 17, 2011 03:38 AM)Deceptive Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nah' they can go to <http://www.CrackMes.du> if they want to attempt to get it cracked.

You mean crackmes.de? That site has been down for about 5 months now.

RDCA - December 17, 2011, 7:13 am

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Lith - December 17, 2011, 7:37 am

I'd say disallow retarded ones and if you're going to make one, KNOW that it's really hard to break into.

Rhythm - December 17, 2011, 7:51 am

That awkward moment when OP posted one of the threads.

Paradoxum - December 17, 2011, 8:27 am

Quote:People are insane for having an opinion?

I wonder where the generalization came from. I'm very certain it wasn't from me. Calling you insane was an opinion of mine. Don't brand yourself with it too if you disagree. ?

Quote:How would reverse engineering even begin to fit into it?

You need to learn what reverse engineering is. This is why you do not know what you suggested.

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Nope. They are mainly used for -- guess what -- cracking programs. The bigger picture would be -- voilà! -- juicy paid programs.

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Not necessarily. Don't get both confused. The said programs will encourage that, not reverse engineering. Similar to Beginner Hacking, the latter assumes a neutral stand. Anyway, it isn't an issue of whether the forum should have such a forum, since it will encourage malicious activity more than anything else.

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I really do not see the connection between moving the threads and the first sentence of that section. Like I said, if a medium of stopping the above is to move the said programs into the section then you are truly confused.

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I don't see anything wrong with it, besides the fact that it's more of just a help desk rather than a section to learn from.

Quote:I know what you are talking about, but if Omni prevents tutorials then I don't see how it would help them any.

Tell me, do you see any tutorials on how to crack CMs here? ?

Quote:As it will be only people that already know cracking cracking the crack-me's.

Hack Forums is not the only site to learn it from. Also, the known CM crackers here do not even post tutorials on the said subject. I do not see why you think the creation of a sub forum in the White Hat Help section will encourage them to make some, for if they really wanted to, they would have done so without the need for a section. If there were already numerous tutorials on the subject then Omniscient might have created a sub forum for it ages ago.

Also, there is a difference between plain CM cracking and cracking. It latter invokes a negative connotation. If you have not noticed, most forums with a cracking section are generally involved in the distribution of warez.

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This isn't the case here, now is it? ??? Do you see such a scenario here? No, you don't. Hardly any coders here do that. The CMs here are either basic or just plain useless. I see the legitimate side of CMs, however putting it to the White Hat Help section is inappropriate since your definition does not apply to reality.

Quote:If the point of the OP was to basically have a reverse engineering section then I disagree with it even being allowed on the forum, let alone in the WHH.

No. You should read the title. He did not suggest the creation of a new forum, though some may imply that. Like I said, move it elsewhere, but not to the White Hat Help section. It will even be more suited in the Cryptography, Encryption, and Decryption section.

Quote:I agree with this, my point was, since there is no designated section for it, based on the WHH's description it would make the most sense to put it there. ?

And I am offering a counterargument since I do not believe it fits there. The description and your reasoning do not blend well. I'd still say utilize the Beginner Hacking section.

Fluorescent - December 17, 2011, 8:40 am

There should be a sub-categories in each coding language for crack-mes.

Gabe Newell - December 17, 2011, 8:45 am

+1, Crack Me's should rather get a sub-section in Reverse Engineering then in coding.

Han. - December 17, 2011, 9:14 am

LMAO. Nice catch guy above me!

OP posted one himself.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2017609>

/thread

Deceptive - December 17, 2011, 9:18 am

(Dec 17, 2011 10:14 AM)Heinz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) LMAO. Nice catch guy above me!

OP posted one himself.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2017609>

/thread

My post was deleted, I stated it was a troll thread showing how many stupid crack mes have been posted.

Han. - December 17, 2011, 9:19 am

Then you in yourself are a troll. Why post the previous thread to prove a point when you could have just outright made this one in the first place.

Deceptive - December 17, 2011, 9:20 am

(Dec 17, 2011 10:19 AM)Heinz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Then you in yourself are a troll. Why post the previous thread to prove a point when you could have just outright made this one in the first place.

No shit, troll thread is closed and this thread was made. Got the idea to make this thread after I made the troll thread, why do you even give a fuck about it?

Rolex™ - December 17, 2011, 9:22 am

I support this, it's just clutter in the .NET and C# section, I don't know, I would suggest some kind of sub-section but it doesn't seem worth it.

Deceptive - December 17, 2011, 9:24 am

(Dec 17, 2011 10:22 AM)UndeadShadow Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I support this, it's just clutter in the .NET and C# section, I don't know, I would suggest some kind of sub-section but it doesn't seem worth it.

Again I'm going to restate: <http://www.CrackMes.du>

bobolobo - December 17, 2011, 10:43 am

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Deceptive - December 17, 2011, 10:44 am

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bobolobo - December 18, 2011, 4:02 am

(Dec 17, 2011 11:44 AM)Deceptive Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) No nothing remotely close, themes are snippets/code the crack mes are just spammed obfuscated binaries.

Most crackmes is, like most themes is just re-colors...

integer - December 18, 2011, 4:20 am

there should def. be a reverse engineering section to foster these kind of threads.

Deceptive - *December 18, 2011, 7:03 pm*

Seems like my suggestion was taken into consideration and added! Thread closed.