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Thread: [? \[CONTEST\] WIN \\$1 or \\$5!! - Decryption Puzzle Contest!! ? OVER!!! :D](#)

TheDubWubCub - November 1, 2012, 2:31 pm

The contest has ended!

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Hello HF!

Welcome to my Decryption Puzzle Contest!!

You can either win \$1(easy) or \$5(hard) depending on which challenge you wish to take on! The first person to complete that challenge will be the winner! :D

I reassure you that there is a pattern to this & this isn't just random #'s haha!

Hints:

A Hint will be given when everyone has been stumped & a majority suggests it! :]

Easy = No Hints (sorry:/)

Hard = 1 Hint but reduces prize to \$1 (sorry:/)

If you think you got it:

Post it here & i will check

If you WIN, you will be PM'd with details on getting your prize \$! :D

ONLY 2 CHANCES PER CHALLENGE!

Example:

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You can participate in both challenges (Easy & Hard) but only 2 answers per challenge (2 for Easy & 2 for Hard).

Easy:

winter = [123456]

winter = [654321]

Hard:

numbers = [12] [34] [56]

numbers = [65] [43] [21]

EASY - Cracked by: M?\_D?øød??

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Purpose: Figure out the pattern of the following few words & try to guess the output of the next word !

is = [199]  
this = [199820]  
puzzle = [51226262116]  
easy = [251915]

winter = 1852014923

Good Luck! ?

HARD \*hinted\*

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Purpose: Figure out the pattern of the following few words & try to guess the output of the next word !

is = [18][-5][192]  
this = [18][-5][0]  
puzzle = [9][-8][0]  
hard = [9][-3][14400]

numbers =

Good Luck! ?

HINT! :D

Rules are rules, since i gave a Hint for the Hard, it reduced the prize from \$5 to \$1. The next contest will be a lot more instructive & will have various prizes. Thank you again & good luck everybody! :D

The first digit will either be 18 or 9. The second digit will always be negative or zero. The last digit will either be really small or big. Good luck Hack Forums!

the : [9][-7][0]  
first : [18][-7][0]  
digit : [9][-11][0]  
will : [9][-13][0]  
either : [18][-18][0]  
be : [9][-4][0]  
18  
or : [9][-3][0]  
9.  
the : [9][-7][0]  
second : [9][-3][0]  
digit : [9][-11][0]  
will : [9][-13][0]  
always : [18][-8][0]  
be : [9][-4][0]  
negative : [18][-8][0]

or : [9][-3][0]  
zero. : [18][-8][0]  
the : [9][-7][0]  
last : [18][-12][0]  
digit : [9][-11][0]  
will : [9][-13][0]  
either : [18][-18][0]  
be : [9][-4][0]  
really : [18][-12][0]  
small : [9][-16][0]  
or : [9][-3][0]  
big. : [18][-8][0]  
good : [9][0][0]  
luck : [9][-4][0]  
hack : [9][-9][3840]  
forums! : [18][-7][0]

Note: While making this little cipher decryption contest, i have noticed a major flaw in the Hard. If anything, it will benefit your chances of winning the \$1! So good luck & the next one will be a lot better! :]

I wish you all the best of luck & hope you all have fun doing this! :D

**emceelovin** - November 1, 2012, 2:50 pm

winter = 8150241932

I think i did that right.

Edit, my second guess is: 2391420518

**YekiM** - November 1, 2012, 4:00 pm

I think I have it Winter: 2391420518

**TheDubWubCub** - November 1, 2012, 4:08 pm

(Nov 1, 2012 04:00 PM)Mikeasaurus Rex Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think I have it Winter: 2391420518

(Nov 1, 2012 02:50 PM)emceelovin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) winter = 8150241932

I think i did that right.

Edit, my second guess is: 2391420518

Both of you are too close! First to figure it out will win it!

emceelovin, good try but your answers were close.

Mikeasaurus Rex, you still have one more shot at the Easy :D

You both can still try at the Hard though :D Good Luck!

**YekiM** - November 1, 2012, 4:14 pm

ok last time might have it now, 2051823914

**TheDubWubCub** - November 1, 2012, 4:18 pm

(Nov 1, 2012 04:14 PM)Mikeasaurus Rex Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ok last time might have it now, 2051823914  
Good try man and you guys were the closest so far! But you both can still give it a shot at the  
HARD :D

**SIM-1096442** - November 1, 2012, 5:03 pm

Ok is it 2151923967 :D?Good luck to all nice contest :P

**TheDubWubCub** - November 1, 2012, 5:07 pm

(Nov 1, 2012 05:03 PM)Lottex Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ok is it 2151923967 :D?Good luck to all nice contest :P  
Sorry but nope, one more try for the Easy though & 2 more for the Hard. Thank you! :D

**emceelovin** - November 1, 2012, 5:16 pm

Hard is extremely difficult, I'm stumped, :O

**Blogger** - November 1, 2012, 5:35 pm

Here are my two guesses for the easy:

9123420518  
2319420518

**TheDubWubCub** - November 1, 2012, 5:52 pm

(Nov 1, 2012 05:35 PM)RapBattle.Us Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Here are my two guesses for the easy:

9123420518  
2319420518

Good try but nope :/ All of you have gotten really close though! Analyze them a little more carefully  
:]  
and take a crack at the hard! :D

**Blogger** - November 1, 2012, 5:52 pm

Well fuck, I'm out then 'cause the Hard version is just that, hard.

**TheDubWubCub** - November 1, 2012, 5:59 pm

(Nov 1, 2012 05:52 PM)RapBattle.Us Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well fuck, I'm out then 'cause the Hard version is  
just that, hard.  
well thank you for participating! I really appreciate it! :D

**emceelovin** - November 1, 2012, 6:00 pm

Please give us a clue for the hard, thanks :).

**TheDubWubCub** - November 1, 2012, 7:09 pm

(Nov 1, 2012 06:00 PM)emceelovin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Please give us a clue for the hard, thanks :).  
I'm thinking about giving a clue for the easy lol. Once the Easy has been completed & everyone is  
still stumped on the Hard i will give out a clue for it. :D Good Luck! :]

**Gemini** - November 1, 2012, 10:39 pm

my guess to simple one....  
3219521084

**TheDubWubCub** - November 1, 2012, 10:40 pm

(Nov 1, 2012 10:39 PM)gemini.gemini Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) my guess to simple one....  
3219521084  
Sorry, you still got 1 more try for Easy & 2 more for Hard! :D

**The Decoder** - November 1, 2012, 10:53 pm

Easy

Winter=1852014923

crcking hard :)

**TheDubWubCub** - November 1, 2012, 11:06 pm

(Nov 1, 2012 10:53 PM)M?\_D?ϕød?? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Easy

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crcking hard :)

CONGRATS! :D (pming now)

method:

abc...z = 123...26

winter = 23 9 14 20 5 18

retniw> 18 5 20 14 9 23

winter = [1852014923]

Good Luck on the Hard one! :D

**emceelovin** - November 1, 2012, 11:30 pm

Oh, I did exactly that, but when I typed it out backwards, I f'd it up, lol.

**TheDubWubCub** - November 1, 2012, 11:32 pm

(Nov 1, 2012 11:30 PM)emceelovin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Oh, I did exactly that, but when I typed it out backwards, I f'd it up, lol.

Well at least you tried & you got pretty close! You can still try the Hard one. If no one gets it by tomorrow, i'll give a hint! :D

**The Decoder** - November 2, 2012, 12:31 am

recievd my 1\$

thanks Op/

Working On hard :)

my first answer On Hard is [9][-38][0]

**TheDubWubCub** - November 2, 2012, 5:37 pm

(Nov 2, 2012 12:31 AM)M?\_D?ϕød?? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) recievd my 1\$

thanks Op/

Working On hard :)

my first answer On Hard is [9][-38][0]

Good job on the Easy but your 1st answer for the Hard is wrong :/

You have one more try! Good Luck! :D

**LivinByTheCode** - November 2, 2012, 5:48 pm

numbers = [18] [-45] [294] I think, not sure how i got but i did a few weird things

**Hmei7** - November 2, 2012, 8:18 pm

Mine is

[9][-12][0]

m not sure its correct

**TheDubWubCub** - November 4, 2012, 1:10 pm

[I have updated the thread! Check it out & good luck to everyone! It's a big Hint! :D](#)

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**TheDubWubCub** - November 8, 2012, 4:33 pm

Anyone else want to try? On November 12 if no one has tried then i'll just end the contest & make the next one not so hard or raise the prizes! :D

Congrats to M?\_D?¢ød?? for cracking the first code! :D

Good Luck! :]

**BLKLXVESMATTER!** - November 8, 2012, 5:01 pm

I'm confused as to how to decrypt this shit.

I just saw money & thought I'd check this out.

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**TheDubWubCub** - November 8, 2012, 7:19 pm

(Nov 8, 2012 06:01 PM)Sabretooth Wrote: [CITE](#) I'm confused as to how to decrypt this shit.

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Way out of my reach. ? : Well i will be sure to raise the prizes in the next contest! The Hints should have made the Hard one much easier though. Good luck! :]

**heckofeast** - January 4, 2013, 2:39 am

i m sure this is right winter=2051823914

**heartbreaker** - January 5, 2013, 2:04 am

winter= [18514923]

nice puzzle game

great person who post it

**TheDubWubCub** - January 5, 2013, 5:23 pm

The easy has already been solved! :D

Check out the hint/note for cracking the Hard challenge!

I will end this contest on 1/10/13. I will try to make a new one sometime after that & it will have a bunch for info & various prizes! :D

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**TheDubWubCub** - January 10, 2013, 1:47 pm

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