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?ULL - January 13, 2015, 7:57 pm

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Any help you can provide would be appreciated.

chick3nman - January 13, 2015, 8:20 pm

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Neither of those works from what i can tell. Do it like this:

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You can download the GUI from hashkiller + read https://hashcat.net/wiki/doku.php?id=mask_attack

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Thanks guys for helping,

@chick3nman
I have also tried it that way and it still says incorrect.
@Forezza

I will try the GUI, thanks for the link and the suggestions! I will report back if it works properly

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Haha yeah that's true. I was going for working at all, not working well :P