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nerotone - August 28, 2016, 4:36 am

This puzzle came into my possession under very strange circumstances. About a year ago, I was approached on worlds.com by a user with the handle of Hermes Trismegistus, who sent me this image. He then promptly logged off, and that was the last time I saw him.

Who was this mysterious character, and what is hidden in the puzzle? The first person to tell me will be admitted into the Illuminati.

Good luck...

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Update: 8/30/16

[Mr. Robot has solved the first archive!](#) But it's still anyone's game! Note the step 2 image posted is only a screenshot - you'll need to figure out the first password for the real one. Read the thread and follow along if you get stuck.

Update: 8/28/16

In response to a few PM's I've received about teams, and to encourage cooperation (since this is turning out to be a greater undertaking than I first thought), I am now offering up to three membership slots. You can have teams larger than this, but only the three biggest contributors will actually get the membership, so if you would like to be recognized as a team, please name who you'd like to nominate.

bandors - August 28, 2016, 4:38 am

This my GF. I endorse this thread.

Undefined - August 28, 2016, 4:39 am

oh bandors, you mysterious motherfucker

YinYang - August 28, 2016, 4:42 am

Some spooky shit.

Did you get any text along with this, and was his username an indication of anything?
It's also possible that this was a troll to confuse you aha.

bezbo - August 28, 2016, 4:42 am

Vouch for nerotone.

She's a female!

is available - August 28, 2016, 4:46 am

this means literally nothing. now let me in.

nerotone - August 28, 2016, 4:47 am

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minimalist - August 28, 2016, 4:48 am

If you scroll really quickly, the squares are wavy.
David Hasselhoff from The SpongeBob Movie?
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Mr.Peanut - August 28, 2016, 4:50 am

Where's Nicolas Cage when you fucking need him? This would have to do with some sort of symmetry with shapes and anatomy. Kinda like Davinci's famous work.

The username leads to this religious belief. A religion that connects with science. This is probably a religious text

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermeticism>

YinYang - August 28, 2016, 4:50 am

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If you can identify the name, or the Latin name of the bug in the top left I might be able to work with this.

But It's very unlikely I'm getting anything from this, I'll try my best.

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 4:54 am

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what you on about son
I got into my group via userCP lmao
why don't I deserve to be in it, 160 other people are :))

nerotone - August 28, 2016, 4:59 am

(Aug 28, 2016 04:54 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Whats funny about the url of the image <https://img.installgentoo.com/di/IZZG/step333333.png>

I can change step3 to step99999999999999999999999999999999 or anything and it will still load.Oh yeah I just mirrored it there. The location of the image isn't significant, it's just free as in freedom

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alright idc anymore this is unsolvable bullshit anyways XMR is at 0.013, i've made huge profit, this is glorious. https://poloniex.com/exchange#btc_xmr

stop wasting time and invest idiot

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 5:02 am

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Best of luck guys.

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<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=3158082>

I'm sure OP will laugh at this but I tried "Hermes Trismegistus?" as the "mysterious character"

:P

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is available - August 28, 2016, 5:34 am

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Fistsworn - August 28, 2016, 5:37 am

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Hermes Trismegistus- Thought to be re-incarnation of the Egyptian god Ra father of Alchemy and founder of the path for chemistry.

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Good luck!

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I wish I had good eyesight ;(

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As far as I can tell, it's unimportant either way.

Might come up later on tho - I wont throw it out just yet.

minuteman - August 28, 2016, 5:44 am

Its a trippy image only those who are High can have some success.
get high and try.

Valuehunter - August 28, 2016, 5:45 am

Can someone tell me which animal is bottom left side? Maybe that would help me.

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 5:48 am

(Aug 28, 2016 05:45 AM)Mangata Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can someone tell me which animal is bottom left

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Stingray presumably.

Louis Vos - August 28, 2016, 5:49 am

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Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 5:51 am

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bandors - August 28, 2016, 5:51 am

Someone help mr disabled mr robot lol

Fistsworn - August 28, 2016, 5:52 am

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[img]<http://www.thefakebusters.com/scarabs/photos%20scarabs/real/ancient%20Egyptian%20scarab%2014a1.jpg>[/img]

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The Grand Oracle - August 28, 2016, 5:53 am

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I have 20/15 vision, PM me and i'll help.

I'll try find the letter from my options, I have vision good enough to pilot an F22 lmao.

It might be better for me to print it off, though. LCD's can be a pain.

Fistsworn - August 28, 2016, 6:01 am

(Aug 28, 2016 05:54 AM)Louis Vos Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You think toooo complex. It's really not that of a big deal ?

Not really, I took in consideration the Username aswell, that brought me towards an alchemic view, wich is quite possible giving the form of the puzzle, it could deffinetelly be an Alchemic Puzzle by the times people hid them in this sort way to not get burned by the church/priests?

The scarab and LadyBug make me ponder quite a bit, while the fish and the stingray have various propertis in alchemy specially their Fats but that is quite too complex because we do not know if it is actually alchemic puzzle from a long time ago or a modern puzzle designed through ancient methods.

Scarab- Egypt/Ra/Gold

LadyBug-Luck

Fish-Glue

Stingray-???

nerotone - August 28, 2016, 6:08 am

(Aug 28, 2016 05:53 AM)Overseer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) if this was actually given to you by someone with ties to cicada 3301 no one on this forum will be able to solve it 1000000%

I think that it was likely made by someone who was inspired by Cicada, rather than someone who actually took part.

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 6:11 am

I will let someone else take over because I am tired.

There is a rar/zip inside the png - obvious reasons as to the images file size and why it's a png. Use winrar or similar to try extract it.

The "password" is on the image itself in small text, wont say where but look closely. Could have quite easily put the password itself on a single pixel. Password isn't that exactly unfortunately, you will need to find part of the passphrase there and the other 4-5 characters from the image itself, presumably from the creatures shown.

One would assume something like

Scarab

Flounder

Stingray

Ladybug

So SFSL but try different permutations and see where you get.

Good luck to you all and will be browsing HF if you need help once you get past this.

?BORNE? - August 28, 2016, 6:11 am

This story you are telling is such bullshit lmao.

Gary - August 28, 2016, 6:11 am

Seen this before. The answer to it doesn't make any sense and is pointless

nerotone - August 28, 2016, 6:14 am

(Aug 28, 2016 06:11 AM)Gary. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Seen this before. The answer to it doesn't make any sense and is pointless

okay, what's the answer then? I'll let you into the group right now if you post the answer and show your work

Gary - August 28, 2016, 6:17 am

(Aug 28, 2016 06:14 AM)nerotone Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) okay, what's the answer then? I'll let you into the group right now if you post the answer and show your work

- 1) Im not working for a spot in the group
- 2) I'm not in school so I don't have to show you my work
- 3) you're a shemale
- 4) don't quote me again

nerotone - August 28, 2016, 6:19 am

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yeah ok ?

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 6:23 am

(Aug 28, 2016 06:19 AM)nerotone Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) yeah ok ?

Ignore Gary. He's just butt hurt that his teacher told him $2+2=4$ and his redneck parents taught him $1+3=4$.

Different ways to live your life.

Fistsworn - August 28, 2016, 6:24 am

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Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 6:25 am

(Aug 28, 2016 06:24 AM)Fistsworn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But $2+2=5$ We all know that!

One would also argue $2+2=$ up to 16 or more.

$2+2$ at an orgy having octuplets each.

TheVBScripser - August 28, 2016, 6:26 am

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The cult he's in, is looking for high intelligent people on the internet.

I did some research and found this:

"Open only to "highly intelligent individuals," a hacker game called Cicada 3301 has begun

again—with a dearth of details about its provenance."

As well as this image (they got a lot of puzzles, if I have to believe the website).
large image ([Click to View](#))

[img]http://d.fastcompany.net/multisite_files/fastcompany/imagecache/1280/poster/2014/01/3024861-poster-p-1-cicada-3301.jpg[/img]

I'm this far with the puzzle (doing research)

Stingray: > Could be meaning: (anesthetic / medicine / healing)

- Ancient medicine

Ancient Greek dentists used the venom from the stingray's spine as an anesthetic.

Ladybug: > Could be meaning: (power / centre of the universe / death and rebirth / being fearless)

- Ancient power animal symbol

Ladybug's medicine includes carrying the golden strand that leads to the centre of the universe, past lives, spiritual enlightenment, death and rebirth, renewal, regeneration, fearlessness, protection, good luck, wishes being fulfilled, protection.

So far, I know that Stingray's were used as "anesthetic".

The Ladybug is a power animal symbol, so it could mean "good luck" / "wishes being fulfilled" or "protection" or "fearlessness".

My english isn't my native tongue, so I'm having a hard time expressing what I'm thinking about this puzzle.

I believe that this could be about the "laws" of Illuminati perhaps (like Law 6, Law 4, etc.)

Anyway, so far I got no clue what's this is about.

And although I'd really love to join the illuminati group, I sent a message to Bandors a few days ago and he didn't even replied to me.

That felt pretty demotivating. Especially because I asked him if he could PM me back because it was a long PM that took a lot of time / effort, yet without any result. I just got plain ignored.

Don't get me wrong, I'd highly appreciate a place in your group, yet being ignored by PM after I explicitly asked for a PM back, is pretty harsh.

So I don't know if it's a good idea for me to join the group, even if I'll solve this puzzle.

I don't think I'd be welcome in the group if I'm already ignored by the Illuminati Leader, Bandors (no offense).

Anyway. I won't give up and I hope Bandors will PM me ever back ?

Gary - August 28, 2016, 6:27 am

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Different ways to live your life.

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Ignore Mr. Robot he might ask you for money to buy food cause he spends too much on his meds

nerotone - August 28, 2016, 6:27 am

(Aug 28, 2016 06:24 AM)Fistsworn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But $2+2=5$ We all know that!
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TheVBScripter - August 28, 2016, 7:16 am

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Thinking about the laws of Illuminati when I see this pussle.
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nerotone - August 28, 2016, 9:10 am

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Aww thanks. I was initiated and am being made a group leader because I'm ex-A.'.A.'. and occult as fuck. You'll see why I am where I am when I finish with the design for the occult section.

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)assuming you get in

mvmt - August 28, 2016, 11:03 am

This is very interesting, posting here to come back.

Zexo - August 28, 2016, 1:10 pm

I would put time into this but not interested in the group. But I think my robot is on to something.

Juan The Young Chef Don - August 28, 2016, 1:16 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 01:10 PM)Zexo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would put time into this but not interested in the group. But I think my robot is on to something.

I might take a crack at this l8r.

mvmt - August 28, 2016, 1:34 pm

I was able to extract the compressed file from the image, searching for the password now.

minimalist - August 28, 2016, 2:16 pm

I scraped all 5 character strings from this thread (using a regex with \b set instead of spaces) and tried to bruteforce the file with that word list. No luck.

I suspect that the 5 mystery characters are to be obtained from that image because, shit, I'm not sitting through an eternity for a spot in the group.

nerotone - August 28, 2016, 2:31 pm

Bruteforcing is of course a viable alternative, though perhaps a little less fun.

Faith Connors - August 28, 2016, 2:40 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 02:31 PM)nerotone Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Bruteforcing is of course a viable alternative, though perhaps a little less fun.

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nerotone - August 28, 2016, 2:51 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 02:40 PM)Faith Connors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I know :(Tryna figure it out but it's been bothering me all day so far.

Well, think about it this way, how are the four animals related to the geometric figures? How might you distill that into a password?

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 4:07 pm

Keeping this alive, might have another go today (maybe)

Maybe something similar to

square?

or a 5 character word that describes the shape/geometrics we see.

Faith Connors - August 28, 2016, 4:30 pm

Maybe if I just call the freaking number they'll give me the password lmao

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26 lower case letters

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10 digits (0-9)

31 odd random characters on the keyboard(/.,<>?;:'''[{}]\|=+_-)(*^%\$#@!~`)

Just with that info clearly missing some there are 41,321,978,664 different 5 letter combinations. We also still don't know if the word is 4 characters long with the final character being ? which at 4 characters to brute force ending with ? is 600,610,155 combinations.

So besides that the only information I can really gather from the way the animals are lined up, we have squares and rectangles, triangles and the direction the animals are facing.

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$26 + 10 = 36$

36^5 (number of chars) = 60,466,176

And we just add the alt30 on the end for each possibility. Which doesn't change the number of possibilities.

Still, that's an incredibly high number and I don't wanna try to crack it because I'll be here for a week with my processing power lmao.

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And we just add the alt30 on the end for each possibility. Which doesn't change the number of possibilities.

Still, that's an incredibly high number and I don't wanna try to crack it because I'll be here for a week with my processing power lmao.

I doubt it would be mixed Ualpha as it would make little sense however it could be full caps or full lower case.

I'll make a word list for someone to brute force with at 5 characters ending with ? if people want.

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 4:45 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 04:44 PM)DigitalEye Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Don't bruteforce yet, lets see where this is going.

Does anyone here know how to add ascii characters to crunch?

Copy pasting the unicode gives me "Notice: detected unicode characters. If you are piping crunch output to another program such as john or aircrack please make sure that program can handle unicode input.

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You can open it in Emeditor later on and change all the newline characters to alt30 then newline later on, just generate the 5char

Wakka - August 28, 2016, 4:50 pm

So i worked it out, it's a series of co-ordinates and instructions that lead to the albert dock liverpool and the final clue is a padlock with the name davey mier.. Probably just a hoax but whatever i ain't going to the albert dock to search for this padlock.

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 4:52 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 04:49 PM)Faith Connors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You can open it in Emeditor later on and change all the newline characters to alt30 then newline later on, just generate the 5char I'll check this output.

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sudo crunch 6 6 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz @@@@? -o ascii.txt
```

Here's a link to the results in lower case. Any ideas on how I can add ? to the suffix?

```
sudo crunch 5 5 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz @@@@ -o 5charnoascii.txt
```

<https://filetea.me/t1sTqQyl4wsQW69lvN6DJMi6w>

figured I could do it with emeditor with alt left click and drag but too many lines to scroll through. Faster way?

When I do ctrl+shift+f8 it crashes when trying to replace the characters.

Never mind got it.

5char with ascii in lower case

Example

aaaaa?
aaaab?
aaaac?
aaaad?
aaaae?
aaaaf?
aaaag?
aaaah?

aaaai?
aaaaj?
aaaak?
aaaal?
aaaam?
aaaan?
aaaao?
aaaap?

Anyone want to try use this list to dictionary attack the rar? If so, I will make a Ualpha list and try it in capitals.

5 char ascii lower case

<https://mega.nz/#!NB5nQSpS!RwEEeSjgoYYaG0DFEJFSDi2yC0gdugf3R9WYaiNkM9k>

5 char ascii upper case

https://mega.nz/#!9lpgGAJL!Fov23LoG0TRRL53NEBbv31tK6_-R646TOhasl447jBo

Well shit, let's see where this leads

Some other ideas I have had.

Squares behind images? 1/2/4/2

Ascii code to represent the squares? couldn't find anything significant.

5 numbers associated with Illuminati? Couldn't find any 5 set numbers.

5 numbers associated with Hermes Trismegistus? Nothing significant.

Was sent this by another user which you will need to extract.

Contains the png and rar file separated.

https://mega.nz/#!ocRTHbgD!ESUqzt6ZeDhe3ITNuBbYODywkI2s6C2_Ei54lc4VI-c

Kind user who sent it to me.

<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=1054655>

Big ups to "Josh" aka Hampo

Chrylix - August 28, 2016, 6:14 pm

Dope puzzle, hope ya'll get closer.

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 6:43 pm

We are now onto flipping the image and re-trying to cut it out.

Thornzzz - August 28, 2016, 6:45 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 04:42 AM)bezbo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Vouch for nerotone.

She's a female!

Actually I thought it was a guy?

minimalist - August 28, 2016, 6:45 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 06:43 PM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We are now onto flipping the image and re-trying to cut it out.

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Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 6:47 pm

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I spent a bit of time playing with these shapes:

and overlaying them on one another, and then putting them over each of the 4 quadrants of the 4 creatures. Idk what I'm doing ?

Shoe - August 28, 2016, 6:55 pm

Posting here to easily access the thread. Giving this a go w/ Mr. Robot

bandors - August 28, 2016, 7:01 pm

I hope you guys are having fun on this quest :)

D?ath - August 28, 2016, 7:01 pm

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Pass: Harambe?

Shoe - August 28, 2016, 7:05 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 07:01 PM)Bandors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I hope you guys are having fun on this quest :)

Seems like fun, though the set up is taking me for-fucking-ever.

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 7:06 pm

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Agreed, password is Harambe? - tried it and it works but it's lowercase H like harambe?

Have a good sleep.

D?ath - August 28, 2016, 7:17 pm

Our team:

Mr. Robot

Shoe

Death

What we intend to accomplish. Just self validation. The fact we are completing a puzzle for access

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Damn straight. If anyone else legitimately wants to join - just PM me.

The GRim - August 28, 2016, 7:45 pm

Offer up some money and will get this solved somehow.

Shoe - August 28, 2016, 7:46 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 07:45 PM)The GRim Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Offer up some money and will get this solved somehow.

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Shoe.

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Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 7:56 pm

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minimalist - August 28, 2016, 8:00 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 07:56 PM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You are putting in plenty of effort.
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Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 8:03 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 08:00 PM)Minimalist Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'd appreciate an add for sharing that brilliant tool
Invited you :)

Also OP

.Rotenone

Where's the shotgun

Shoe - August 28, 2016, 8:05 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 08:03 PM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) .Rotenone
Rotenone is an odorless, colorless, crystalline isoflavone used as a broad-spectrum insecticide, piscicide, and pesticide.

wat

Juan The Young Chef Don - August 28, 2016, 8:33 pm

Anyone print this out. I see the boxes on the side of the picture are cut off so that means the picture is not complete. In art class we'd get these and have to make a cube using glue etc and thus it'd be a cube with some next shit. The manta/string ray has four dissects as does the ladybug, The flounder and scarab only have on at the 1/3 mark on each of the thing. I'm saying something with that. These need to be printed out and folded same with the circle and triangle. Good luck with the rar cracks fellas.

CheGuevara? - August 28, 2016, 9:39 pm

The answer is: Infinity

See you in the group & thanks for the journey ?

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you fucking wish, It didn't work.

Adding on to what I was saying earlier he chose the name Hermes Trismegistus for a reason. Hermeticism is based on religion, philosophy and other shit. I was thinking about the animals per say and while I was digging hermetica is based on this "Three Parts of the Wisdom of the Whole Universe" Alchemy, Astrology and Theurgy. Theurgy I would think is out of the picture due to it being "magic" and Alchemy doesn't quite fit the picture. Astrology is one of the only logical answers right now that I've come up with, now I may beleive that the animals have something to do with the Astrological Clock in Venice and certain animals are certain roman numerals. This is all I've come up for now.

UPDATE: I was looking into Corpus Hermeticum and I think it may be one of these from the scripts.

- I. Pœmandres, the Shepherd of Men
- (II.) The General Sermon
- II. (III.) To Asclepius
- III. (IV.) The Sacred Sermon
- IV. (V.) The Cup or Monad
- V. (VI.) Though Unmanifest God is Most Manifest
- VI. (VII.) In God Alone is Good and Elsewhere Nowhere
- VII. (VIII.) The Greatest Ill Among Men is Ignorance of God
- VIII. (IX.) That No One of Existing Things doth Perish, but Men in Error Speak of Their Changes as Destructions and as Deaths
- IX. (X.) On Thought and Sense
- X. (XI.) The Key
- XI. (XII.) Mind Unto Hermes
- XII. (XIII.) About the Common Mind
- XIII. (XIV.) The Secret Sermon on the Mountain
- XIV. (XV.) A Letter to Asclepius
- (XVI.) The Definitions of Asclepius unto King Ammon
- (XVII.) Of Asclepius to the King
- (XVIII.) The Encomium of Kings

The following are the titles given by John Everard:

- The First Book
- The Second Book. Called Poemander
- The Third Book. Called The Holy Sermon
- The Fourth Book. Called The Key
- The Fifth Book
- The Sixth Book. Called That in God alone is Good
- The Seventh Book. His Secret Sermon in the Mount Of Regeneration, and The Profession of Silence. To His Son Tat
- The Eighth Book. That The Greatest Evil In Man, Is The Not Knowing God
- The Ninth Book. A Universal Sermon To Asclepius
- The Tenth Book. The Mind to Hermes
- The Eleventh Book. Of the Common Mind to Tat
- The Twelfth Book. His Crater or Monas
- The Thirteenth Book. Of Sense and Understanding
- The Fourteenth Book. Of Operation and Sense
- The Fifteenth Book. Of Truth to His Son Tat
- The Sixteenth Book. That None of the Things that are, can Perish
- The Seventeenth Book. To Asclepius, to be Truly Wise

nerotone - August 28, 2016, 10:03 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 07:47 PM)Faith Connors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) i am ripping my hair out i dont care about membership at this point i just want a solution not even the whole thing just the password :(whatever I need sleep

Hey so I'm headed to bed, friendly remember this is just a fun puzzle, please don't lose sleep over it if you have work or something else important you need to dedicate your time to. There will be other fun events and challenges like this in the future.

Thornzzz - August 28, 2016, 10:06 pm

I've already seen this riddle before, so I'll give a hint. Hermes Trismegistus is meant to be the Greek god Hermes and the Egyptian god Thoth combined; the animals in the picture are all found either around or in the Mediterranean sea which is what separates Egypt and Greece. After you find out that connection you put the pieces together and they make a map. You'll find the answer after that.

Reven?nt - August 28, 2016, 10:07 pm

Do you have the complete version of this, OP?

I am trying to figure out if there is simply a message behind it, or if the images are supposed to be aligned in a certain way.

Cryptic™ - August 28, 2016, 10:10 pm

The answer to the puzzle is: bacon.

nerotone - August 28, 2016, 10:14 pm

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As I recall there was one other puzzle, a hill cipher, that this Hermes fellow passed to a different Worlds user, but that one has long since been lost. To my knowledge it was unrelated to this one.

TheSuspect - August 28, 2016, 10:16 pm

posting here to subscribe so i can see how this pans out

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Do you have the actual answer to this puzzle, though? Or are we just throwing stuff out there until one makes sense.

Tonight - August 28, 2016, 10:36 pm

This shit straight corny as hell

Mr. Robot - August 28, 2016, 11:00 pm

Damn went for some air and still nobody has the answer to the rar file.

informal - August 29, 2016, 12:56 am

(Aug 28, 2016 10:31 PM)Reven?nt Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you have the actual answer to this puzzle, though? Or are we just throwing stuff out there until one makes sense.

There is a final answer yes, you gotta find it though. It's not easy stuff.

Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 2:04 am

(Aug 29, 2016 12:56 AM)Ninesquare Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There is a final answer yes, you gotta find it though. It's not easy stuff.

Your sig is it's own cryptography challenge.

TheVBScripiter - August 29, 2016, 3:13 am

(Aug 28, 2016 09:10 AM)nerotone Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Aww thanks. I was initiated and am being made a group leader because I'm ex-A.'.A.'. and occult as fuck. You'll see why I am where I am when I finish with the design for the occult section.

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#) assuming you get in

No problem. I'll be waiting for you to finish it and blow my mind with the reason why you're here ;) And you got my compliments (appreciate it or not) because you're a relative new member with already 12 pages of replies.

That's one hell of a puzzle you got there, I'm not sure if I can crack it (and still not sure if I want to join a group if the leader is already ignoring me haha) but I'm still curious as f*ck how this is going to end.

Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 3:37 am

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hill cipher....first polygraphic cipher in which it was practical to operate on more than three symbols at once.

One of these might help someone see something I can't.

TheChi?f - August 29, 2016, 4:07 am

Gonna do this when I'm back home. Fk

Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 4:26 am

Was considering something like this for the middle area.

BTCEXchangez - August 29, 2016, 5:12 am

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I looked into that at first and found some interesting stuff.

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The first two images have the .png extension while the real one has .jpeg!
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Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 5:16 am

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Sorry to disappoint.

<https://img.installgentoo.com/di/IZZG/asd.jpeg>

It's the way it's hosted.

minimalist - August 29, 2016, 5:28 am

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0 words left for all lower case and number combinations. A kind user is running all permutations which could take a while including symbols.

I would still prefer to figure out the code itself however I am not spending 100+ hours trying to figure out OPs interpretation if that's what it is.

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Stingray's venom of the spine were used as "anesthesia".

Beetle:

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In its life cycle, an adult flounder has two eyes situated on one side of its head, while at hatching one eye is located on each side of its brain.

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I thought she received the puzzle from a member (the link included).

I wasn't aware of the fact that she created it.

I though assume(d) that it was from Cicada 3301, due to the animals print on the picture (like they're doing in their puzzles).

About the rar..

You're saying it's a rar file that needs to be "cracked" with a 5 character password?

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minimalist - August 29, 2016, 6:11 am

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Also yes as you said it can contain more ascii key codes such as alt+30 but then there would be no point in specifically pointing out that there is 1 alt+30 at the end of the passcode. Does that make sense? There is no reason to say there is ? at the end of the passcode if there were more characters similar in it.

That would lead us to assume all capitals for the 5 characters or a mix of Ualpha numerical (Aa1) Symbols I highly doubt as 5 characters is still significant and it would be hard to hide a symbol mixed with the letters/numbers in the image/images influence elsewhere.

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Thank you fam :)

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nerotone - August 29, 2016, 6:51 am

(Aug 29, 2016 05:12 AM)Ghost?????? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The URL of this uploaded image is:

<https://img.installgentoo.com/di/IZZG/step1.png>

I looked into that at first and found some interesting stuff.

After a while I found another exact image and it was named "step 2":

<https://img.installgentoo.com/di/IZZG/step2.png>

And it doesn't end there! I think that everyone has been analyzing the wrong image because after the step2 I found another one named "this is the real image":

https://img.installgentoo.com/di/IZZG/this_is_the_real_image.jpeg

The first two images have the .png extension while the real one has .jpeg!

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At this point we don't know if the 5 characters are in the english language *symbols included

Keeping in mind it's Hermes we are discussing, it could be Enoch? / Egypt? / Flood? / Idris? / Islam? / Greek?

If someone can try those because I currently can't.

Maybe it's a place name where you can find each of those animals north, south, east and west of there.

Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 7:30 am

(Aug 29, 2016 07:27 AM)DigitalEye Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just tested them, did not work.

There's also a specific curve if you look at the bottom images that look like "cutouts"- their shapes match some shapes found in the animals images.

Maybe someone can take a look at that and see if something pops up.

wander is a multi dwc - August 29, 2016, 8:25 am

The stingray and the flounder swim under the land, while the lady and the beast fly over the land. Oh, the irony. ?

TheVBScripiter - August 29, 2016, 8:46 am

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I tried Pagan, Satan, almost every "evil" beast that I heard of + the Alt 30, but without success.

I won't give up tho. Too bad that I'm really busy today, I really want to get this solved.

Juan The Young Chef Don - August 29, 2016, 10:45 am

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Josh? - August 29, 2016, 10:48 am

(Aug 29, 2016 05:31 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A kind user is running all permutations which could take a while including symbols.

My PC crashed, which is a shame ?

I'll see if I can get it running on a more stable machine.

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I can firmly say this isn't cicada 3301 puzzle. I went through their wikipedia [uncovering-cicada wikipedia](#) and that picture is not mentioned. I was going through their twitter account and the latest puzzle was this <https://t.co/LxS3RDz2AC> but it is down. There was a whole bunch of onion websites that we'd have to go through but most of them are dead and required old pgp's. It's nothing now, this was I suppose a sham. The same user Hermes posted on the 4chan/x/ board a looong time ago and no one paid attention to it I suppose. He doesn't seem to have any cicada ties.

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mvmt - August 29, 2016, 2:22 pm

For some reason I have a feeling this is unsolvable.

D?ath - August 29, 2016, 3:33 pm

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Juan The Young Chef Don - August 29, 2016, 5:34 pm

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what what??

Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 5:50 pm

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Reven?nt - August 29, 2016, 5:53 pm

Is there a cut-off time limit? If no one can figure this out then please enlighten us, OP.

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Shoe - August 29, 2016, 6:03 pm

(Aug 29, 2016 05:55 PM)TechyBatman Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have a feeling it may have to do with Stenography. Maybe there is a hidden message?
We've tried stenography unfortunately.

Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 6:03 pm

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Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 6:36 pm

If it has something to do with that particular ladybug/ladybird or the animal locations, that particular one is presumed to be *Adalia bipunctata* from this area.

The fish is this - 100%

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winter_flounder

The top left corner of the "scarab" is missing the white color -

BTCEXchangez - August 29, 2016, 7:07 pm

(Aug 29, 2016 05:16 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Another thing I keep heading back to is that the scarab/lady bug are bugs per say and the stingray+flounder are both fish.

So Bug+fish?

Sorry to disappoint.

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It's the way it's hosted.RIP thought I was onto something.

Jo3Shmo - August 29, 2016, 7:17 pm

We got the answer in discord! Finally after all this time!

Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 7:28 pm

(Aug 29, 2016 07:27 PM)Pillows Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nerfed down version of Cicada 3301 I see
Nerfed down? Good luck.

Cicada 3301 wasn't filled with personal interpretations - was more factual.

Thornzzz - August 29, 2016, 7:47 pm

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(Aug 28, 2016 10:06 PM)Thornzzz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've already seen this riddle before, so I'll give a hint. Hermes Trismegistus is meant to be the Greek god Hermes and the Egyptain god Throth combined; the animals in the picture are all found either around or in the Mediterranean sea which is what separates Egypt and Greece. After you find out that connection you put the pieces together and they make a map. You'll find the answer after that.
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Mr. Robot - August 29, 2016, 7:50 pm

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You say that yet you don't have the answer.

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Even this image here is closer to the original.

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Would be nice as at this point (tried a list of all 5 character place names within a large radius of Egypt/Greece, with the suffix ? - I still have nothing)

The passphrase is 100% not a number permutation like 11111? - it can be a number combination with letters.

The passphrase is 100% not a lower case permutation like aaaaa? - it can be a combination of lower case with uppercase and or numbers.

I don't believe it is symbols from the American US keyboard such as ?/>.<? and highly doubt it contains symbols.

It could possibly have greek characters or other ascii symbols such as ? in the password such as ?1abA?

I would almost put money on the fact it is something such as this

Place?

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Lovely? - August 29, 2016, 8:17 pm

(Aug 29, 2016 08:11 PM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I mentioned that on page 1 however the "answer" we are after for the file is 6 characters ending with ? for example

Apple?

Would be nice as at this point (tried a list of all 5 character place names within a large radius of Egypt/Greece, with the suffix ? - I still have nothing)

The passphrase is 100% not a number permutation like 11111? - it can be a number combination with letters.

The passphrase is 100% not a lower case permutation like aaaaa? - it can be a combination of lower case with uppercase and or numbers.

I don't believe it is symbols from the American US keyboard such as ?/>.<? and highly doubt it contains symbols.

It could possibly have greek characters or other ascii symbols such as ? in the password such as ?1abA?

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skelly76 - August 30, 2016, 1:31 am

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TheVBScripiter - August 30, 2016, 3:54 am

(Aug 29, 2016 05:58 PM)Reven?nt Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How are you inputting numbers into an image? Or did you guys find the answer to this puzzle in a rar file?

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"relation of 4 animals to 4 geometric figures".

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Mr. Robot got already the Illuminati userbar.
It's up to him if he "wears" it or not.
About the extra benefits of the group I can't tell, but I sure can agree that they will never be the "original Illuminati".

The "original" families, that are part of the group are (according to some sites):
the names of the 13 families - the Secret Government.

1. Astor
2. Bundy
3. Collins
4. DuPont
5. Freeman
6. Kennedy (Pres. Kennedy got killed, was an "inside job as well" according to some sites I visited)
7. Li (Chinese)
8. Onassis
9. Rockefeller (who doesn't know the "family" who got it all)
10. Rothschild (who doesn't know the "family" who got it all)
11. Russell
12. van Duyn
13. Merovingian (European Royal Families)

The following families are also interconnected with those above:

1. Reynolds
2. Disney (Like the Disney channel, they're still broadcasting Illuminati drawings in cartoons. Took recently photo's of this.)
3. Krupp
4. McDonald

Anyway.
Real or not. Replying to my PM's or not. Mr. Robot accepting the group or not.
I really want to know what the password is thanks to all all these hints / attempts to break it ?

D?ath - August 30, 2016, 11:12 am

the answer is literally a unicode based answer. What i got from it was "asdfghjkl"

bandors - August 30, 2016, 4:10 pm

Mr robot accepted the invite a while ago idk what you guys are saying lol

nerotone - August 30, 2016, 5:48 pm

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You're not quite there yet, but you're on the right track. Try to think about the concepts more generally.

D?ath - August 30, 2016, 6:43 pm

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wander is a multi dwc - August 30, 2016, 7:50 pm

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Mr. Robot - August 30, 2016, 8:04 pm

The golden rectangle

The golden triangle

Right now it's looking like a pentagram.

SIM-1980240 - August 30, 2016, 8:29 pm

Here is the wireframe I made earlier.

Mr. Robot - August 30, 2016, 9:06 pm

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I'm going to assume the next passcode is read from left to right and if we put in a graph, each line could be a letter.

symbol in the middle of step 2 is this. (phi)

[img]http://www.utf8icons.com/character_image/934-greek-capital-letter-phi-utf-8-character.png[/img]

Maybe something like

[img]http://saeedabdullah.com/files/images/blog/mayzner_top_5000_unigram_count.png[/img]

YayHar - August 31, 2016, 2:57 am

Lets start a petition to get Mr. Robot Ub3r.

nerotone - August 31, 2016, 3:28 am

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Yeah for sure I am serious but might make you feel a bit young. I haven't been to a Defcon before but I have been to Blackhat.

Meow - August 31, 2016, 4:26 am

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If it's any consolation, you could try solving the puzzle just for fun, and you could decline the invitation afterwards.No, you don't gte me haha.

I'm not complaining about being "left out" the group, I'm complaining about me taking a lot of time and even more effort to put a PM together which was made out of:

- my skills
- my threads
- my "helpfull" skills for Illuminati group
- what I know about the Illuminati
- etc..

All that, written in the best English I possibly could do.

So it's not about "No, you're not accepted", but more about "I don't care about your PM, so I ignore it" feeling that I got now, after PM'ing bandors, who seemed very HQ when I first noticed him and his posts.

Thanks for the tip, but it's only about me finding him pretty rude to ignore my longest and best PM I ever wrote to a member.

And about the puzzle.

It really motivated me, especially to work with Mr. Robot about ideas, although I didn't do as much as I'd love too, I did almost as much as I could.

I'd like to work on more puzzles, it's not really about that, it's about lack of time because I was really focussed at earning money.

Thanks anyway and I hope you could PM bandors with a polite request to PM me back.

No need "accept" me, although that's what I wanted the most in the beginning, now I only want to receive a PM back from him (and acceptance would be nice, yet I understand if he doesn't want a "HQ" member who cries about being ignored by PM in his Illuminati group).

Thanks again for the tip and explanation, but it wasn't about the puzzle or the acceptance, it was about being ignored after putting all this effort ?

(Aug 31, 2016 04:02 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) aww thanks for the encouragement man. I will try my best with our collective minds over at discord to eliminate possibilities and maybe learn something new.Haha that's great to hear man :) I bet you're learning something new almost everyday, if I already see what kind of knowledge you got and that creative thinking on yours is as HQ as it can be.

Amazing man ?

(Aug 31, 2016 04:27 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah like I hope nobody thinks I am being an asshole for wanting to do this - I just love this kind of thing and enjoy it. I don't want to be taking other peoples interest out of this, I am trying to post all the steps I do and every option I come across in hopes people can learn different ways of thinking. Nobody will think that. Those who claim they do, are just jealous they can't solve it on their own.
Don't worry about others, you're doing really great!

(Aug 31, 2016 04:26 AM)Meow? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think it would be fair to let TheVBScripter in Illuminati since he & Robot did most of the work. If Robot gets this one too then atleast let him invite a member that he wants to Illuminati

Good luck anyway, hopefully you will do more of these in the future & more members will actually try to solve themWow haha no need to say such thing man. I honestly appreciate the kind words and suggestion, yet I didn't do much of the work.

I thought a lot & tested a lot, yet I wasn't in the right direction (couldn't crack the pass at least)..

Anyway, I don't want to be "accepted" in a group because other members "push" the group leader into accepting me.

I'd like to be accepted for the skills, kindness, intelligence, temper, classified information, etc that I got (some random examples).

So thanks a lot Meow, you're the best for vouching like this for me, but I rather have an "honest & fair" acceptance than a pushed one haha ?

(Aug 31, 2016 04:38 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We have Hello Kitty, Shoe, Mr. Bulldops and Machciavelli on discord all working towards the next step - (if I am forgetting someone I apologize) Indeed. I can't take any credit for the Rar file, the cracked password or such thing.

I thought a long with you guys (Mr. Robot and such) but I wasn't any part of solving the puzzle, rar or anything that was in the puzzle really, Meow, so no idea why you think I did haha but I talked a lot about it, but I wasn't even close to were Mr. Robot was ??

Conscious - August 31, 2016, 6:27 am

Very interesting!

Mr.Robot you really showed some skills on this one wow! :)

Personally I am looking over all of this and I am still very confused, I don't think i'll be solving this but I'll be sure to follow this thread, amazing puzzle "Illuminati" !

Ash Ketchum - August 31, 2016, 7:01 am

it's a bunch of animals and some weird triangle shit with a weird looking spine thing

you're welcome i'll be waiting on my invite.

nerotone - August 31, 2016, 9:06 am

(Aug 31, 2016 04:25 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah for sure I am serious but might make you feel a bit young. I haven't been to a Defcon before but I have been to Blackhat.

Ahhh you've been missing out! Defcon has these electronic circuit board badges, with some sort of puzzle built into them, and if you're the first person to solve the puzzle, they'll give you a black badge, which gets you free admission for life, and there's also scavenger hunts that are pretty entertaining. That and some really great parties, and raves and stuff like that. Last year Bandors and I met up with a few other HF members, and took Omni out to dinner.

Their badge challenge really was what got me into steganography and code breaking, and since this one seems to be going well I'm thinking about trying my hand at making more challenges in the future, in partnership with Illuminati or some of the other groups on HF (if they'll have me).

But definitely, if you wind up solving this puzzle too I will personally buy you a steak at Caesar's Palace.

D?ath - August 31, 2016, 9:21 am

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that being said, is there anything that has to do with puzzles in your avatar?

nerotone - August 31, 2016, 9:47 am

(Aug 31, 2016 09:21 AM)D?ath Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) that being said, is there anything that has to do with puzzles in your avatar?

Well, I feel like Ed's an accessible symbol for a lot of people, as a chaotic-good sort of "childish genius" that I think fits the role of puzzle master well. So instead of being exclusive about how hard the puzzle is I try to make it seem easy or simple so that more people will feel more confident about trying, and realizing it's not as hard as they might have thought otherwise.

I'm sure everyone's feeling the divide now that Mr. Robot has solved something that a lot of other users considered impossible, but I really want to stress that just because it caught some people off guard and took three days to get past step 1 doesn't mean it was actually a hard problem when you look at it without stress or worry. It's a lot better to take a lighthearted approach, and think of it like a game, as it's been scientifically proven that people are more adept and productive when they're enjoying what they're doing.

I made this one, too. Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

Juan The Young Chef Don - August 31, 2016, 9:53 am

I'm loosing sleep over this next fucking step. It's like 100 different variables with this shit. It could be this or that no maybe this ffs. Any1 know where I can get mass bulk of rockstar or redbull even monster?

bandors - August 31, 2016, 9:59 am

Don't be upset if you didn't get a PM back when you tried to apply. I got a lot of PMs and only shot a few back out.

If you win this though, it's basically a golden ticket for you and a buddy or two.

nerotone - August 31, 2016, 10:05 am

(Aug 31, 2016 09:53 AM)Machiavelli™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm loosing sleep over this next fucking step. It's like 100 different variables with this shit. It could be this or that no maybe this ffs. Any1 know where I can get mass bulk of rockstar or redbull even monster?

I dunno about you but I can't think well when I'm running on rockstars and no sleep. It keeps the

body awake, but the mind is still drowsy. If you don't have any nootropics around, you'd do better going to bed and coming back to it with a fresh perspective.

If you're going to stay up, my personal favorite study drink is crystallized ginger mixed with green tea for a double punch of wakefulness and focus.

bandors - August 31, 2016, 10:07 am

(Aug 30, 2016 10:29 PM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm going to assume the next passcode is read from left to right and if we put in a graph, each line could be a letter.

symbol in the middle of step 2 is this. (ϕ)

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Maybe something like

[img]http://saeedabdullah.com/files/images/blog/mayzner_top_5000_unigram_count.png[img]
Ayy good job on solving that part man.

Juan The Young Chef Don - August 31, 2016, 10:56 am

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tbh I might just pop some adderall maybe i'll start seeing equations and figure this out.

Creating - August 31, 2016, 11:11 am

offset 00018420 73 74 65 70 step2.png

Juan The Young Chef Don - August 31, 2016, 11:31 am

(Aug 31, 2016 11:11 AM)Simple???? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) offset 00018420 73 74 65 70 step2.png
mate what

bandors - August 31, 2016, 2:15 pm

Lol at half the people trying to solve it and half the stoners confused and amazed.

Jaxo - August 31, 2016, 2:47 pm

(Aug 31, 2016 02:15 PM)Bandors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lol at half the people trying to solve it and half the stoners confused and amazed.

I am the latter, minus the stoner part.

Oh christ I actually got it. I have work tomorrow, I can't stop... send help

Tunechi - August 31, 2016, 4:03 pm

Ok I've managed to get passed the first stage, now i'm with Robot. I have no clue just yet of what this might be.

Jaxo - August 31, 2016, 4:06 pm

(Aug 31, 2016 04:03 PM)Tunechi Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ok I've managed to get passed the first stage, now i'm with Robot. I have no clue just yet of what this might be.

I've tried applying different filters to this stage in photoshop, such as colourblind assist etc, but nothing seems obvious.

Comic Books - August 31, 2016, 6:14 pm

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Mr. Robot - August 31, 2016, 6:29 pm

(Aug 31, 2016 06:14 PM)TechyBatman Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Could it be morse code related? Like one color stands for a . and the other a -?

Possibly but I think it's more similar to the graph I posted for a Unigram.

Anyone still working on this?> Will be up and at 'em in 5-6 hours on voice chat and looking for people who might be interested to join our crew.

TheVBScripiter - September 1, 2016, 6:22 am

(Aug 31, 2016 06:29 PM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Possibly but I think it's more similar to the graph I posted for a Unigram.

Anyone still working on this?> Will be up and at 'em in 5-6 hours on voice chat and looking for people who might be interested to join our crew.

Sorry, but I'm no longer working on this.

I gave it a try when I had time, but without success.

Good luck Mr. Robot, I don't know what you mean with "join our crew" but good luck with it! ?

You've taught me a lot, even though I wasn't able to solve the Puzzle.

bandors - September 1, 2016, 11:39 am

I think a lot of people gave up but this thread will be around for a while probably.

Hamilton123 - September 1, 2016, 12:37 pm

(Sep 1, 2016 11:39 AM)Bandors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think a lot of people gave up but this thread will be around for a while probably.

Oh for sure, it's multiple puzzles in a puzzle and I'm sure they get harder as you proceed. Good luck everyone

Comic Books - September 1, 2016, 1:57 pm

(Sep 1, 2016 11:39 AM)Bandors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think a lot of people gave up but this thread will be around for a while probably.

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Mr. Robot - September 1, 2016, 2:32 pm

(Sep 1, 2016 11:39 AM)Bandors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think a lot of people gave up but this thread will be around for a while probably.

I think we are damn close with my last picture post on this thread, maybe moving towards DNA/Double helix or similar, maybe closer to fibonacci sequence (from user Hello Kitty)

(Sep 1, 2016 01:57 PM)TechyBatman Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I dont know much about this but i havent given up. I just went on vacation however and dont have a computer with me

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We can talk about it then mate.

Putting the 2 "codes" we need next to each other reveal the last 2/3 characters should theoretically be the same.

At this point we think the red square on it's own is most likely a 1 or a decimal [.]

We also think it might be read as each character is a vertical line of pixels, for example the first image on the left above is 11 characters in length.

Could possibly be binary.

D?ath - September 1, 2016, 7:13 pm

I tried going ahead and tried to see if there were common things with the pictures
So i overlapped them. what do you think of this?

im gonna make the pic better tmrw

Comic Books - September 1, 2016, 8:36 pm

(Sep 1, 2016 07:13 PM)D?ath Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I tried going ahead and tried to see if there were common things with the pictures

So i overlapped them. what do you think of this?

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Im glad you did that because i was thinking the same thing but i dont have a computer with me until sunday

So after overlapping just the red part on to the other image i get this by reading red as ones and blue. Column by column top to bottom Binary ([Click to View](#))
100100 100 1000100 110101 110111
100010 1101111 1 1010011 10001 101101 101001

When translated to text this reads
\$@D57"o S -)

I am also very tired however so I will be double checking this tomorrow. I doubt this solves it, but at least it saves someone else the trouble of doing later lmao.

D?ath - September 2, 2016, 11:52 am

here is the better quality pic of the overlay

SIM-2015410 - September 2, 2016, 6:14 pm

(Sep 2, 2016 11:52 AM)D?ath Wrote: ([CITE](#)) here is the better quality pic of the overlay

To be honest, I don't think the overlay is relevant. It looks like there are 2 different messages encoded, one is the password and one is the 'next step', not sure what that means though. Any idea what the thing on the left is called? It might be important

Mr. Robot - September 2, 2016, 6:32 pm

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Agreed.

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SIM-2015410 - September 2, 2016, 6:47 pm

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I tried representing the blue and red pixels as 1s and 0s respectively, but the problem is that each column is a different height so that indicates it isn't encoded with something like ASCII (esp. not ascii because the whole thing is only 7 pixels high). Morse code was also a dead end I think, because letters are only 4 dots/dashes long and numbers are 5 so I don't see it working out.

I have a funny feeling that the column with 1 red square only is a space, but I'm not sure...

I have to wonder though, after the first stage when everyone was overthinking it quite a bit, I wonder if we are doing the same thing here and overlooking a more simple solution

Is the solution going to be the same format as the previous stage? 5 characters followed by ??

EDIT: re-looking at the thing on the left, I notice that the black half is based on the Fibonacci series but the white half is based on powers of 2. Only thing I can think of that links those 2 sequences is Pascals triangle, which would fit in with the whole Illuminati theme (it being a triangle and all XD). Perhaps there is a way to use Pascal's triangle to decode the grid on the right....

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That's where Hello Kitty was at on Discord, I think if you get a chance, PM me and I will chuck you in - might be a great addition to the team,

SIM-1980240 - September 2, 2016, 7:44 pm

(Sep 2, 2016 06:32 PM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Agreed.

I do think the picture on the left is eulers formula mixed with fibonacci but to be honest I am a bit busy right now to focus on it. Actually it's the fibonacci formula mixed with the binary counting sequence.

Mr. Robot - September 2, 2016, 7:46 pm

(Sep 2, 2016 07:44 PM>Hello Kitty Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Actually it's the fibonacci formula mixed with the binary counting sequence.

My mistake, thanks for that.

Keeping this alive. I'll chuck this in for later use.

Josh? - September 3, 2016, 6:38 am

Posting just so I don't have to scroll through all the pages to get to where I'm up to. The work been done on this is mind blowing.

Mr. Robot - September 3, 2016, 6:39 am

Everything we know so far.

I have had it with these mother f#\$% ^ pixels, on this mother f#\$% ^ image.

Image we are working off.

What we know so far.

The images on the left hand side run by Wolframs Binary counting sequence.

Images in spoiler

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

The middle image is phi

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://www.utf8icons.com/character_image/934-greek-capital-letter-phi-utf-8-character.png[/img]
]

The "next password" box is most likely 11 characters long if read vertically and if each pixel across in a vertical line = 1 letter/number.

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

From that we can also see that the "next password" box and the "next-step" box are similar and share "characters"

That's illustrated by the yellow I have marked in these pictures.

The blue and red that's constant in the picture may represent where we can put each character. If the answer is binary, we will most likely need to convert it as it wouldn't fit the character spacing.

The characters may or may not be all completely different if the 4th and 5th spaces are the same due to different sizes and layouts of red/blue.

SIM-2015410 - September 3, 2016, 2:25 pm

To add to Mr.Robots post above, we also know that the black/left half of that thing on the left of the image is based on the Fibonacci series, notice the length of each segment is 1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55.

Juan The Young Chef Don - September 3, 2016, 4:00 pm

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SIM-2015410 - September 3, 2016, 4:23 pm

(Sep 3, 2016 04:00 PM)Machiavelli™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The left column is Fibonacci sequence and the right column is doubling the Fibonacci sequence

What? No it isnt, like we said earlier, it's the binary counting sequence or powers of 2, I.e. 1,2,4,8,16,32,64....

Juan The Young Chef Don - September 3, 2016, 5:35 pm

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oh lol rip. Didn't read that part. When I was on the discord with all of them they said it doubled the other column. I've been away for a while not bothering with the puzzle. It's beyond me at this point.

SIM-2015410 - September 3, 2016, 5:51 pm

(Sep 3, 2016 05:35 PM)Machiavelli™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) oh lol rip. Didn't read that part. When I was on the discord with all of them they said it doubled the other column. I've been away for a while not bothering with the puzzle. It's beyond me at this point.

Why would you come and try post what we were saying on discord if you didn't even understand it lol

Juan The Young Chef Don - September 3, 2016, 5:55 pm

(Sep 3, 2016 05:51 PM)MeshCollider Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why would you come and try post what we were saying on discord if you didn't even understand it lol

This is what we assumed at first before you were in the discord.

Mr. Robot - September 3, 2016, 11:27 pm

Anyone still working on this?

Ataskuri - September 4, 2016, 12:04 am

(Sep 3, 2016 11:27 PM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Anyone still working on this?

I honestly want to start, but when big names on hf are working on it already I fear I won't be much help. I'll try my best to continue figuring out the puzzle however. ?

SIM-2015410 - September 4, 2016, 12:39 am

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Big names on HF doesn't mean anything, many ub3rs would have no clue how to solve this and many nonupgraded members are super intelligent so definitely give it a go man :)

Disco. - September 4, 2016, 12:41 am

(Aug 30, 2016 09:06 PM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Currently looking at the golden ratios and ??u???

2 images at the top overlapped.

2 images at the bottom overlapped.

OMFG I GOT IT

Step 2 - I have removed any exif data and taken a screenshot so you fools can't try say you have it.

This is why you deserve UB3R.

pr0sper - September 4, 2016, 3:23 am

Would we be allowed to sell the solution to someone who wants in Illuminati?

SIM-2015410 - September 4, 2016, 3:33 am

(Sep 4, 2016 03:23 AM)pr0sper Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Would we be allowed to sell the solution to someone who wants in Illuminati?

Have you solved it? No one could stop you selling the solution if you wanted to anyway lol

bandors - September 4, 2016, 12:17 pm

Please don't sell the solution, lol

SIM-1980240 - September 4, 2016, 12:21 pm

(Sep 4, 2016 12:17 PM)Bandors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Please don't sell the solution, lolHey Bandors is your girlfriend still going to give us a hint?

bandors - September 4, 2016, 12:25 pm

(Sep 4, 2016 12:21 PM>Hello Kitty Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hey Bandors is your girlfriend still going to give us a hint?

If she feels like it, I donno

SIM-1980240 - September 4, 2016, 12:28 pm

(Sep 4, 2016 12:25 PM)Bandors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If she feels like it, I donnoOh okay thanks for the reply. We've been making some progress but it's been quite the challenge. ?

Mr. Robot - September 4, 2016, 9:43 pm

(Aug 28, 2016 10:06 PM)Thornzzz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've already seen this riddle before, so I'll give a hint. Hermes Trismegistus is meant to be the Greek god Hermes and the Egyptian god Thoth combined; the animals in the picture are all found either around or in the Mediterranean sea which is what separates Egypt and Greece. After you find out that connection you put the pieces together and they make a map. You'll find the answer after that.

Still laughing so hard at this. Nice one Thornzzz - attempt at trying to be a cool kid = failed.

VersaceBoy100 - September 5, 2016, 2:38 am

how do you join the illuminati also have you solved this puzzle yet?

Josh? - September 5, 2016, 3:24 am

(Sep 5, 2016 02:38 AM)VersaceBoy100 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) how do you join the illuminati also have you

solved this puzzle yet?

Solving this puzzle is one method of joining. And no it hasn't, at least not publicly.

SIM-2015410 - September 5, 2016, 3:58 am

(Sep 5, 2016 03:24 AM)Josh? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Solving this puzzle is one method of joining. And no it hasn't, at least not publicly.

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Im gone brah - September 5, 2016, 5:47 am

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bandors - September 5, 2016, 4:50 pm

Surly someone will figure it out.

D?ath - September 6, 2016, 6:05 pm

Just contacted a guy i met at defcon 3 years ago and he is looking at this with me right now. He is actually really intrigued.

SIM-2015410 - September 6, 2016, 6:08 pm

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Shoe - September 6, 2016, 6:19 pm

(Sep 6, 2016 06:08 PM)MeshCollider Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm beginning to feel like even the OP doesn't know how to solve stage 2

We have yet to received promised information. :(

SIM-2015410 - September 6, 2016, 6:44 pm

(Sep 6, 2016 06:19 PM)Shoe Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) We have yet to received promised information. :(Also ignored the PM I sent yesterday after reading it so I'm guessing OP doesn't actually know the solution and is just hoping someone else solves it for them lol

Josh? - September 8, 2016, 4:04 am

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Unfortunately yep seems that way, my guess is that OP couldn't figure it out so posted it on HF in the hope we could for them. Wonder that OPs real incentive is for solving this ?

Mr. Robot - September 8, 2016, 6:37 am

Going to try bruteforce it today as I have a particular set that I think will work.

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Wouldn't mind knowing what pattern you are trying as currently I have a 0-9 / 11 character going which could take months, and a @@@@.@@@ going

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If the answer is a graph, how would that give a password lol. The password must be a string of text to enter in the password box. Clearly there is no way to enter a graph into the password box unless you encode it again as an adjacent matrix/list which is repeating the data and related in no way to the image on the left or the "next step" box

Tbh I have no idea why you wrote an essay on the efficiency and usage of adjancency matrices either xD

SIM-1980240 - September 9, 2016, 4:25 pm

(Sep 9, 2016 02:11 AM)Mr. Robot Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Easiest way to explain what I am doing currently. Distribution analysis can only work when there is large pool of repeating characters that can show the distribution. How do you expect to use distribution analysis to reveal a password?

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SIM-2015410 - September 11, 2016, 3:50 am

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Any progress yet?

Juan The Young Chef Don - September 24, 2016, 5:34 pm

Bump? Any1 solve this???????

King of Diamonds - September 24, 2016, 7:14 pm

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(Sep 24, 2016 07:14 PM)King of Diamonds Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Someone's name just randomly popped in my head. I'm just going to go ahead and say Grievous.
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King of Diamonds - September 25, 2016, 10:20 am

(Sep 25, 2016 08:22 AM)Machiavelli™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't think it works like that fam.
Probably not, but hey. Who knows? Guessing shouldn't hurt.

J. McCarthy - September 25, 2016, 1:14 pm

Has anyone else actually solved this yet?

The answer is in the quaaludes

SaintAres - September 25, 2016, 1:18 pm

Has anybody ever tried to print this page and cut some things with a scissor and then fold the parts?
Maybe thats the answer.

SIM-2015410 - November 1, 2016, 11:10 pm

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Marshmallow - November 2, 2016, 4:09 pm

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SIM-2015410 - November 2, 2016, 11:29 pm

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No one (at least those I talked to) ever really cared about the reward, it was only a group spot so not too worried. More about the challenge of solving it :)

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I wondered whether the colours were only chosen because they were clear contrasts to make the image obvious to read though

kienhoangtu7 - November 24, 2016, 3:43 am

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?Necrosys - November 24, 2016, 8:52 am

OP isn't even a member of Illuminati anymore.

kienhoangtu7 - December 22, 2016, 4:12 am

guys i think on the left of the puzzle the blue one (i guess) part is Zeckendorf representation of n i think he took it from the sequence A014417 in oeis . And the red one part is just normal binary representations.

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It is definitely not a cicada challenge.

Congratulations Kitty, you truly are the HF master of puzzles. Nice work, I'm still super impressed this got solved.

bandors - February 7, 2017, 1:20 pm

holy shit if this checks out ima add u right now

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