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Thread: [Looking to create a CTF crew](#)

Fladrif - November 9, 2016, 8:59 am

Hello everyone!

After taking part in a few online CTFs on my own, it has become apparent that it's impossible to compete against teams of 3 or more people due to the fact that they can work on multiple targets whilst I am having to concentrate on one.

So my solution: go to HF and a few other places and gather some like-minded people to form a casual CTF-ing team!

My thoughts on the team:

Some kind of realtime central point of contact during a CTF - IRC perhaps, Im happy to host this

A location for planning and discussion of upcoming events and write-ups (possibly use HF for some of this, or maybe just IRC and github)

No obligation or pressure to take part in any particular CTF, but a willingness to get involved even just for a few hours if you are available

Members are to have some verifiable skill in a given area, even if it is just beginner level - anyone can pitch in and help. Topics are likely to be the common CTF flag categories such as reverse engineering, exploitation, forensics, cryptography, web.

Access to a selection of CTF VMs in order for people to practice their skills. Again I am happy to host this, but will only make this available to trusted users.

Members can remain anonymous if they prefer - no requirement to give up your identity.

An openness and willingness to learn, and a good attitude towards the rest of the team

I am not new to the pentesting game. If you think this is something you would be interested in then lets start a discussion. I think we probably need at most a ten person team to call on for a CTF, with a hope that 3 or 4 would be available to take part.

Get in touch!

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sup3r_n0va - November 9, 2016, 12:52 pm

Yes I'm interested in joining your team I'm still a beginner , but i'm always looking to learn more and i have done some ctf's before by myself , not with much success though.

Sajuuk - November 9, 2016, 1:00 pm

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ffatsehtnahtretrams - November 9, 2016, 1:15 pm

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Sajuuk - November 9, 2016, 1:17 pm

(Nov 9, 2016 02:15 PM)ffatsehtnahtretrams Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What does CTF stand for? Is it an acronym or an abbreviation?

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ffatsehtnahtretrams - November 9, 2016, 1:37 pm

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Sajuuk - November 9, 2016, 1:47 pm

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Usually certification and certified are abbreviated to "cert".

Colonel Panic - November 10, 2016, 4:48 am

I would be interested in joining this, pm me

Fladrif - November 10, 2016, 10:30 am

(Nov 9, 2016 02:00 PM)Sajuuk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Joined today, first post today, creates group today. Well observed.

Is that a problem? I specified that I came here for that very purpose...

And to you other guys, once I've got my post count up I will PM you, thanks for expressing an interest, this could be fun!

Kyle1995 - November 10, 2016, 1:43 pm

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Not too many people on here that can actually hack, and I've never been a fan of CTF but best of luck with the group brother

Travelers - November 10, 2016, 3:11 pm

Count me in. Still a beginner but not a certifiable newb either. I'll stay tuned in to this thread. ?

PoloGTIJaune2016 - November 11, 2016, 9:58 am

I have some experience in linux day to day administration, some knowledge in hacking, so interested in this post.

LittleBobbyTables - November 11, 2016, 10:05 am

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Fladrif - November 11, 2016, 10:09 am

(Nov 11, 2016 11:05 AM)LittleBobbyTables Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I already do too many, otherwise I would join you guys :(

Yeah I have participated in quite a few now (I was in the hackthevote one which I think you said you were in too?), but working with a team is the next logical step for me. Thanks for the interest though, maybe in future if you would like to team up then please get in touch :)

(Nov 11, 2016 10:58 AM)PoloGTIJaune2016 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have some experience in linux day to day administration, some knowledge in hacking, so interested in this post.

Sounds good - I've created an IRC channel ready to start a discussion once everyone who wants to get involved has expressed an interest!

I'll PM those who have requested to get involved with the IRC details soon and lay down a plan of upcoming CTFs and how I can get in touch with people to organise their involvement or availability.

Then we can decide peoples roles in the CTF - for example, a decent reverse engineer could have the support of a less experienced person who could be trying more automated testing and doing research on Google etc.

exploit.c - November 12, 2016, 10:35 am

I'll pitch in if needed. CTF are fun.

Fladrif - November 13, 2016, 12:29 am

(Nov 12, 2016 11:35 AM)exploit.c Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'll pitch in if needed. CTF are fun.

Great news! The more the merrier :)

?heshire - November 13, 2016, 11:14 pm

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Let me know if you still have room and if youd like to have me.

semendaemon - November 13, 2016, 11:26 pm

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Fladrif - November 14, 2016, 9:27 am

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Yep sounds good!

(Nov 14, 2016 12:26 AM)semendaemon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Would love to pich in within Web / Pwning / Reversing (ELF)

Brilliant - I'm not great at reversing so that will be a big benefit!

I will do some research right now regarding upcoming online CTFs and then get the IRC channel out to you all.

captn_nemo - November 14, 2016, 9:37 am

I would be interested in joining, pm me! (SQLi / privilege escalation)

Fladrif - November 14, 2016, 1:55 pm

(Nov 14, 2016 10:37 AM)captn_nemo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would be interested in joining, pm me! (SQLi /

privilege escalation)
Will do!

I have now written up a welcome message that I will send out to each of you (I can only send to one person at a time, and will do this tomorrow) - basically the IRC chan is setup and registered and I plan to take part in a CTF this weekend, anyone free to join me for at least a few hours will be more than welcome.

Details to follow in PM tomorrow :)
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Fladrif - November 21, 2016, 1:23 pm

The first CTF we participated in this past weekend was a success with the team placing a solid 170-ish out of 600 or more teams. Exact ranking to be confirmed (the site is currently down following the event).

There was some great team participation and collaboration in the IRC channel, and overall I think it went really well for a first attempt!

Roll on the next one.

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P.S. I have written up how I obtained the flags I got, but github have currently blocked my account so whilst I wait for it to be unlocked, the details are on pastebin: <http://pastebin.com/4xLJUH7D>

PoloGTIJaune2016 - November 21, 2016, 3:58 pm

See you next CTF ;) It was hard but really fun.

Thalos - May 4, 2017, 12:48 pm

I know some may consider this necro'ing but I'd rather breath new life into a thread than create a new thread about the same topic.

Is there still a CTF group alive or has the team already run dry?
I have participated in a few CTF's and I am even part of a 'team' at my University, but they are also mainly idle and prefer being spoon fed rather than learning new stuff by trying.

PoloGTIJaune2016 - May 4, 2017, 2:32 pm

Hi Thalos, it was a "one time" team.

if you need a new member I can join ;)

Thalos - May 5, 2017, 1:04 am

Hi,
thank you for the info.

The team I am part of is actually a subgroup of our local club. Thus we know each other personally and 'strangers' won't really fit in - sorry.