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Thread: [Hack Forums Scavenger Hunt #1 \(\\$50 in HF awards/upgrades!\)](#)

Steve - January 8, 2018, 8:57 pm

Hack Forums Scavenger Hunt

Hello HF members. Today [Xerotic](#) and I are launching our first scavenger hunt for members. We will give you a series of clues that you must solve in order to complete the hunt and win the prize. These may require you to use problem solving, mathematics, programming, HF knowledge, and a little bit of luck.

Solving each clue will yield a key. Whichever member sends either Xerotic or I all of the keys will receive up to \$50 HF awards/upgrades of their choice (no option for a cash prize instead). You can mix and match any awards/upgrades for yourself or your team as long as the total is \$50 or less. The clues are given sequentially, so to win you must send them to us in the correct order. There is no need to send us the keys as you gather them; simply wait until you have obtained them all.

You may feel compelled to work with other members. This is totally fine and even encouraged, but there will be only ONE winner, which is the user that sends either Xerotic or Steve all of the keys in the correct order first, so be aware of this if you decide to work together!

Also note that this is a Hack Forums Scavenger Hunt, so elements of HF will be used often throughout the hunt.

This contest will continue until somebody completes the hunt and Xerotic and I will make subsequent scavenger hunts as they are completed.

So with all of that out of the way, here is the first clue. Have fun!

Code A Sad Child Is III

PID: 057 054 048 054 050 050 057

NOTE: Despite there being only one prize, we highly encourage users to work together and post their progress in the thread. The puzzle will get more challenging and you will need help.

Remember that in order to win, a user must send us ALL the keys IN ORDER. This means that if you are a few clues in and you get help from someone who isn't as far as you, it doesn't necessarily make them catch up to you because they might be missing keys in between. Also you can choose not to post the encrypted message that goes along with the key you're looking for so that even if you do find the solution, those who helped cannot proceed because they won't have the encrypted message until they get to that point on their own. (Encryption is explained when you get the first key)

This makes it beneficial for someone to help because they could get a key out of it, but beneficial for you because you also got the key without those helping you being fast tracked to where you are in the puzzle. So post a hint in the thread if you're stuck!

Xerotic - January 8, 2018, 8:58 pm

Hack Forums Scavenger Hunt

Thank you for participating in this hunt created by [Steve](#) and [Xerotic](#)! We spent a lot of time coming up with these questions and making this as fun as possible. If members enjoy this we will continue to make these challenges. We plan on making about four (4) of these per year and hopefully turning

it into an officially HF sanctioned event. Some of these challenges are easy while others are (in our opinion) quite difficult. We hope to see a lot of activity surrounding this competition but remember to enjoy yourselves all the same.

Happy hunting!

PS.... You will be receiving further instructions once you solve the first hint.

?BowmanBot? - January 8, 2018, 9:00 pm

You stole my idea!

All seriousness good on you guys for doing this!

Best of luck to anyone who wants to participate.

Copywriter - January 8, 2018, 9:59 pm

I don't even know how to get past the first damn clue.. feels bad man.

Vyxn - January 8, 2018, 10:09 pm

Interesting contest. Let me try my luck.

Good luck with everyone who attempt to join this event.

ColeIsABoy - January 9, 2018, 1:13 am

Oh my god this sounds amazing. Keep up the good work.

000 - January 9, 2018, 2:31 am

Seems very interesting. Posting here to participate. Good luck to everyone else! :)

Malicious` - January 9, 2018, 2:50 am

I think I found this. PM'ing you now.

000 - January 9, 2018, 5:36 am

(Jan 9, 2018 03:50 AM)Malicious` Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think I found this. PM'ing you now.

I think we need to wait before all the keys are posted.

Quote:There is no need to send us the keys as you gather them; simply wait until you have obtained them all.

Malicious` - January 9, 2018, 5:43 am

(Jan 9, 2018 06:36 AM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think we need to wait before all the keys are posted.

Dang, I missed that part ?

Saving it then.

Xerotic - January 9, 2018, 6:13 am

I am waiting for Steve to wake up to discuss if he's alright with posting a hint. The first clue is a clue that will lead you to the next part of the hunt WITHOUT any need of interaction from me or Steve. The way we designed the puzzle is that by posting this thread we shouldn't need to provide any more info. Once Steve is online we will edit the hint so it'll make a lot more sense.

PS... feel free to post here your progress. The challengers are going to be getting difficult and you might need to work together on some of them. Just remember... one winner :)

Malicious` - January 9, 2018, 6:52 am

(Jan 9, 2018 07:13 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I am waiting for Steve to wake up to discuss if he's alright with posting a hint. The first clue is a clue that will lead you to the next part of the hunt WITHOUT any need of interaction from me or Steve. The way we designed the puzzle is that by posting this thread we shouldn't need to provide any more info. Once Steve is online we will edit the hint so it'll make a lot more sense.

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One extra hint it is. ?

Once you figure out what the first line stands for, you can easily find the solution in the second line.

Xerotic - January 9, 2018, 7:02 am

(Jan 9, 2018 07:52 AM)Malicious` Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) One extra hint it is. ?

Once you figure out what the first line stands for, you can easily find the solution in the second line.
The second line is not the key :)
It points you to the key.

Vyxn - January 9, 2018, 7:23 am

(Jan 9, 2018 08:02 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The second line is not the key :)

It points you to the key.

Still waiting on what to do with the key. I guess I'm the first solver here? ?

Steve - January 9, 2018, 9:13 am

I may post a hint when Xerotic gets back to me. Despite there being only one prize, we highly encourage users to work together and post their progress in the thread. The puzzle will get more challenging and you will need help.

Remember that in order to win, a user must send us ALL the keys IN ORDER. This means that if you are a few clues in and you get help from someone who isn't as far as you, it doesn't necessarily make them catch up to you because they might be missing keys in between. Also you can choose not to post the encrypted message that goes along with the key you're looking for so that even if you do find the solution, those who helped cannot proceed because they won't have the encrypted message until they get to that point on their own.

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(Jan 9, 2018 07:52 AM)Malicious` Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) One extra hint it is. ?

Once you figure out what the first line stands for, you can easily find the solution in the second line.
Posting hints in the thread and working together is definitely in the best interest of those who want to solve it! ?

(Jan 9, 2018 08:23 AM)Vyxn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Still waiting on what to do with the key. I guess I'm the first solver here? ?

The hunt is set up in such a way that you should get the next clue upon finding a key. If you found the key then you should be able to move on.

JELLY?IsH - January 9, 2018, 10:24 am

Ok, I've got the first part, what now? I need to wait for more info?

P.S Good to see something like this on HF, love riddles

Steve - January 9, 2018, 10:29 am

(Jan 9, 2018 11:24 AM)symbiø Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ok, I've got the first part, what now? I need to wait for more info?

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If you've decoded the hint in the OP then you'll have to figure out what it is used for ?

4158996621556 - January 9, 2018, 10:29 am

What the fucc man I solved the first clue BUT WAT DO I WITH THE KEY
mad doge.
i want to continue this game
lets team up guys

ohxerxe - January 9, 2018, 10:39 am

Well completely stuck after the first clue might come back to this after work good luck everyone

4158996621556 - January 9, 2018, 10:39 am

(Jan 9, 2018 11:36 AM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Duude.. trust me. first clue is nothing compared to the next ones ?

why do u want to emotionally ruin me already

i just started goddamit

r u trying to make a doge give up?

YOULL HAVE TO TRY HARDER BUDDY

i dont give up easily

edit: guys i gave up

bark jk I WANNA FIGURE THIS OUT... just want to test my skills...

i have none it seems like

4158996621556 - January 9, 2018, 10:46 am

(Jan 9, 2018 11:44 AM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm not trying to emotionally ruin you Xd I'm giving you some hype to think osside da box
and move on to next clue!

I need help myself cuz I'm stuck too :p

if theres 1 thing i learned in life

help a doge out

the doge will help u out 10 times more in the future

worthy investment i think

yes trustworthy

i swear IM GOING TO FINISH THIS

im motivated guys.

bark

ok so i have found out a us patent with the number of the key

guys i think im in the mainframe.
wow the patent is about intrusion detection

can confirm im on the right track
or im insane yes yes i think its more likely

Xerotic - January 9, 2018, 10:47 am

Glad to see everybody posting :)

Let's see some teams form up! Steve and I love seeing your progress.

JELLY?IsH - January 9, 2018, 11:14 am

Are you going to give any clues maybe?

Steve - January 9, 2018, 11:18 am

(Jan 9, 2018 12:14 PM)symbiø Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you going to give any clues maybe?

We're still considering giving one more hint for the very first clue to help people get started. Other than that we do not plan on giving more hints at this time.

Updated the OP with last hint for the first clue. The first clue was meant to be an easy preliminary clue before you actually start. Remember I said that this is a Hack Forums Scavenger Hunt and therefore elements of Hack Forums will be often used throughout the hunt.

To the user who already figured out that part: Don't worry, as the hunt is long enough to where giving this hint will not affect you.

We don't want to undermine how far others have progressed on their own, so from here there will be no more hints unless special circumstances arise.

Xerotic - January 9, 2018, 4:42 pm

(Jan 9, 2018 12:14 PM)symbiø Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you going to give any clues maybe?

The initial clue was updated to be:

Code A Sad Child Is Ill

PID: 057 054 048 054 050 050 057

After this we do not plan on posting any clues as we encourage members to work together and post their progress. If you are stuck we would rather another member help than us help you.

Pope - January 9, 2018, 8:40 pm

The hint:

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))Hint: Before Omniscient was purple he had been pink. Before he was pink he had bin _____.

Got up to key 4 before I hit a wall. I feel like its one of the easier keys to figure out but every combination of the answer I got doesn't seem to be right. It's a colour. A GOD DAMN COLOUR!! There are only so many colours and I tried oh so many. I'm pretty sure the answer is blue, or a shade of blue. I've even got the HEX of Omni's old colours as well.

As I've only been around long enough to see Omniscient be pink, I had to use the way back machine to find earlier versions of the forum. Up to about 2013 - 2014, Omni disabled the ability for non-members to open threads which pretty much halted the flow of data that I needed from the way

back machine. From what I can make out with the data I had, Omni's colour before pink must be blue or he had another colour between the turn of 2013 to 2014 (which is when the forum's theme changed which also correlates to Omni's colour change) and the time I joined the forum (since I only remember Omni being pink).

I know I'm super close but I just can't anymore. I've spent more than a justifiable amount of time looking for this one easy answer. Maybe someone can point out the obvious for me.

JELLY?IsH - January 9, 2018, 8:50 pm

(Jan 9, 2018 09:40 PM)YTadF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The hint:

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Stuck at the same thing. I took hex colors too, I tried every single shade of blue and it's not working. Maybe it's not even blue?

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Bin as in something binary maybe.

Pope - January 10, 2018, 12:15 am

Well, I thought key 4 was bad. Key 5 is hell. This is probably as far as i'll be able to get as a person without any knowledge of coding. Making something calculate 362880 permutations (if my thinking is correct) then checking if any of those keys are correct is beyond what I can do.

If for some wild reason you have key 5 and don't have key 1-4... Well, you know who to call. Maybe we can strike up a deal.

Good luck for anyone else attempting this.

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Good luck for anyone else attempting this.

Check your messages, let's finish this together :)

Joaquin - January 10, 2018, 1:15 am

who wants to partner up with me?

onsomeshiz - January 10, 2018, 1:26 am

This is absolutely amazing, I sadly cannot contribute a thing, but what I can do is say thanks for setting this up for HF you guys are awesome.

Joaquin - January 10, 2018, 1:27 am

(Jan 10, 2018 01:36 AM)symbiø Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Check your messages, let's finish this together :) can i team up with you?

4158996621556 - January 10, 2018, 5:22 am

(Jan 10, 2018 04:55 AM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) stuck here :C I'm starting to lose my mind.

CAN SOMEONE GIMME HINT TO THIS? :

Before Omniscient was purple he had been pink. Before he was pink he had bin _____.

BEFORE I SMASH MY HEAD INTO A FREAKING WALL

i tried blue light blue cyan sky blue aqua fukin turquoise and everything

even tried some hex codes

and binary codes

with and without spaces

wtf

this is a scam ? ? ? ?

jk this is a fun game.. :)

I'm really trying every way possible to crack this

i even found an old picture of omniscient (cuz i didnt know which color he had before) and look at his status...

BALANCE IS KEY

OK OK I GOT IT nvm it doesnt work

Joaquin - January 10, 2018, 5:48 am

i have already passed with color. i am on the computing stage.

if someone wants to team up with me, pm me.

??Zèp* - January 10, 2018, 8:07 am

How the hell did y'all even get past the first one?

4158996621556 - January 10, 2018, 9:14 am

(Jan 10, 2018 08:57 AM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I THINK WE SHOULD TEAM UP DOGE!! FUCK THAT IM DONE...

CAN YOU SEND ME THE COLOE HEXES AND NAMES PLS?

YES ,

as warren buffet always says in his coca cola sponsor videos:

humans and doges together
make history better than ever
when they manage to team up
they never really fuck up

the doges problem isnt the brain
and no, its not even the rain
the doges are actually very smart
when they actually get to do their part

the humans just act as a tool
i like the term, its really cool
The doges think, the humans act
together they really do an impact

Well that's for the team at least,
others just see doges as a beast
they simply dont know how to react
simply because, with doges, some people just cannot interact

im still stuck

Steve - January 10, 2018, 11:15 am

Since there are nonupgraded members participating we've expanded the prize options to include upgrades as well. The winner(s) may choose any combination of awards and upgrades for themselves or their team so long as the total is \$50 or less. Those getting UB3R must be approved by the time they submit the winning set of keys.

JELLY?IsH - January 10, 2018, 12:32 pm

5th step is amazing, still didn't find out result but I'm working on it :)

Xerotic - January 10, 2018, 12:44 pm

(Jan 10, 2018 01:32 PM)symbiø Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 5th step is amazing, still didn't find out result but I'm working on it :)

Glad you like it :)

We needed something to slow members down. Made the first set easy so you wouldn't be discouraged from the start.

Steve - January 10, 2018, 12:49 pm

(Jan 10, 2018 01:44 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Glad you like it :)

We needed something to slow members down. Made the first set easy so you wouldn't be discouraged from the start.

Note that the 5th question everyone is on is part of the first set.

JELLY?IsH - January 10, 2018, 12:50 pm

(Jan 10, 2018 01:44 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Glad you like it :)

We needed something to slow members down. Made the first set easy so you wouldn't be discouraged from the start.

Can we know how many steps are there anyway?

4158996621556 - January 11, 2018, 4:56 am

(Jan 10, 2018 05:05 PM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ok. I'm done with this.

[img]http://gifimage.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/im-done-gif-15.gif[/img]

Good luck guys.

& Thank you doge for making this a fun challenge.

I'M OUT.

hey i mean thanks for thanking me but you could have thanked the other peeps too i guess... dont discriminate humans human

Vyxn - January 11, 2018, 5:45 am

Chatted with Joaquin the first guy I think who passed the color. Fuck that color.

We are on the computing stage and run multiple possibilities but ended up with nothing.

Dyrr - January 11, 2018, 7:49 am

9 6 0 6 2 2 9

9 /

6 ,

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2 c

2 c

9 /

???

Is it a fucking us patent number ?

The first clue has me stumped

Vyxn - January 11, 2018, 5:26 pm

(Jan 11, 2018 10:19 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Same thing happened with me.

Want to try to collab and work together on it?
You want? I'm not good with numbers. :shy:

(Jan 11, 2018 08:49 AM)TrivialFowl Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 9 6 0 6 2 2 9

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6 ,
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6 ,
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2 c
9 /

???

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The first clue has me stumped
You don't upgrade me to EP1C but let me help you.
Use it as a pid.

Vyxn - January 12, 2018, 10:03 pm

(Jan 12, 2018 02:16 PM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) programming step. the (15, 13, 14, 19, 3, 9, 5, 14, 20)..
I'm still computing that shit. ?

Xerotic - January 14, 2018, 8:48 pm

Did anyone make any more progress? A lot of people have been working on ...5?

Steve - January 14, 2018, 10:54 pm

(Jan 14, 2018 11:43 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I need confirmation on the 2 UID's before I rewrite the logic for my two programs :(
But anyone I message has no idea what is going on
If you narrow down the UID's perhaps you could try every combination of UID's you suspect could be the correct two ?

Vyxn - January 15, 2018, 4:11 am

(Jan 14, 2018 09:48 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Did anyone make any more progress? A lot of people have been working on ...5?
Still computing. :(

TopSeller - January 15, 2018, 9:33 pm

Interesting contest. Let me try my luck.
Good luck with everyone who attempt to join this event.

Vyxn - January 19, 2018, 6:12 pm

Day 11 and still computing the challenge 5. Argh.
Has anyone here already done that challenge?

Steve - January 19, 2018, 9:50 pm

(Jan 19, 2018 07:12 PM)Vyxn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Day 11 and still computing the challenge 5. Argh.
Has anyone here already done that challenge?

Perhaps you should post what UUIDs you're using to see what other members think.

Vyxn - January 20, 2018, 4:25 am

(Jan 19, 2018 10:50 PM)Steve Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Perhaps you should post what UUIDs you're using to see what other members think.

Great idea!

[iBruteforce](#) & [Judge Dredd](#)

I hope it helps you. :)

000 - January 22, 2018, 3:36 pm

Can anyone give me a hint for this?

Code Hint: intval(Minecraft) . intval(Python) . intval(Hosting) . intval(Keyloggers) . intval(Gamertags)
Tried everything but I'm stuck. :c

000 - January 22, 2018, 4:44 pm

(Jan 22, 2018 05:24 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hint: those are all sections on HF.

I figured that. But since there was a intval tag in the hint, I tried my luck with the code's output as decryption key (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX) but nothing as of yet.. definitely doing something wrong. Give me a hint; are we supposed to do something else beside obtaining the -SNIPPED-? Guessing there's more to the scene here..

Edit: Lmao, nevermind. I messed up Hosting with Hosting Services.

Thank you.

Steve - January 22, 2018, 5:35 pm

Hint for 5:

O m - n + i ? s / c ? i ? e ? n t

Heart tears - January 23, 2018, 12:27 am

participating looks fun !

000 - January 24, 2018, 6:49 pm

(Jan 24, 2018 11:34 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't think users are going to be able to solve step 5 even with my tools.

So let's make it easy:

64002771822

I can't even figure out the hex code for omni's username color let alone solving the fifth one. Lmao!

Steve - January 25, 2018, 9:31 am

(Jan 24, 2018 11:34 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't think users are going to be able to solve step 5 even with my tools.

So let's make it easy:

64002771822

This is very generous of you. This will help a lot of members who were stuck.

caveofwonders - January 25, 2018, 9:31 am

I really wanted to participate in this scavenger hunt -- I have been following and trying to get some clues, but boy oh boy, am I so lost.

Whoever wants to walk me through in the first step (and possibly the second), PM me your xmpp account (or we can just talk on PM, that's fine).

This is exciting stuff, thank you!

caveofwonders - January 25, 2018, 7:20 pm

Was anyone able to solve for key 6? I tried epoch in UTC, CST, PST, EST and GMT...
Special shoutout to xadamxk for putting me up to speed :)

000 - January 25, 2018, 9:06 pm

(Jan 25, 2018 09:06 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I gave you 3 of the 5 answers lol.

It is your turn now ;)

Let me know when you find something. ?

caveofwonders - January 26, 2018, 12:51 pm

(Jan 25, 2018 10:35 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) No more hints for you.
You actually have to solve parts of the puzzle yourself.

Edit: JK, wrong member xD

way to make me look bad :P

nah you did help me, i was able to solve 4 of them but 1 of them you posted, so im like, yup, not solving that one!

onto solving... well... continuing solving key 6!

Xerotic - January 27, 2018, 2:11 pm

How is everybody doing on number 6?

caveofwonders - January 27, 2018, 9:30 pm

(Jan 27, 2018 03:11 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How is everybody doing on number 6?
Spent hours.

I even went looking for users that may have changed their name too...

Starting to think my time is wrong. My time was March 13, 2012 @ 4:32:56 AM UTC.

xadamxk -- did you solve it already?

Vyxn - January 28, 2018, 2:33 am

(Jan 27, 2018 03:11 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How is everybody doing on number 6?
Any tips on how to get the user based on time? I'm pretty new here. :'(

000 - January 28, 2018, 4:07 am

(Jan 28, 2018 03:33 AM)Vyxn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Any tips on how to get the user based on time? I'm pretty new here. :'(

The hint points you to the username but the key isn't the username. :p

~Avalerion

Vyxn - January 28, 2018, 4:25 am

(Jan 28, 2018 05:07 AM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The hint points you to the username but the key isn't the username. :p

~Avalerion

Yeah but the problem is I don't know how to get that username in the first place with the numbers that I have in my hand. :(

000 - January 28, 2018, 5:26 am

(Jan 28, 2018 05:25 AM)Vyxn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah but the problem is I don't know how to get that username in the first place with the numbers that I have in my hand. :(

Have you given it a thought how they were able to convert the date into that format? I haven't solved it myself, yet, but there's no mention of GMT, it could be different since there's no user registered at that time. Or maybe the integer in the hint is not timestamp at all? Who knows.. :p

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Vyxn - January 28, 2018, 6:36 am

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000 - January 28, 2018, 7:45 am

(Jan 28, 2018 07:36 AM)Vyxn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I know how to but my problem is on how to use this info in my hand to find that user. Maybe I'll try to search more.

Some points to note:

- 1) MyBB stores the user registration date as UNIX, EPOCH, e.g, 1779035203.
- 2) It is indeed odd that the integer mentioned in the hint is 1331613176.001336 and not 1331613176.
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Up till now we were given hints that were more of programming or HF knowledge, I think this has to do with mathematics. Personally, I have tried every possible solution that I could come up with, having no luck so far.

I tried mass-decryption using Adam's script, with every member's username registered in that 24-hour time period but it did not work. I tried decrypting with their UIDs, nothing. I tried decrypting with the usernames converted to binary formats, nothing. I tried with decimals, nothing. So I am guessing it's not about converting that integer to any date. There's more to this, it's not that simple,

at least that's what I think. I can be wrong, though, let me know if I am missing out something.

~Avalerion

000 - January 28, 2018, 9:45 am

(Jan 28, 2018 10:38 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's a pretty bold point for someone that doesn't know the key yet ;p

An educated guess, you could say. xD

~Avalerion

Xerotic - January 28, 2018, 1:56 pm

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Thank you. Going to give it another shot. Will post updates if I come up with anything. :p

caveofwonders - January 30, 2018, 9:14 am

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Hey,

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caveofwonders - January 31, 2018, 9:16 am

(Jan 30, 2018 03:31 PM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What difference do you see in these two? ;p
The placement of the question.

(Jan 28, 2018 05:07 AM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The hint points you to the username but the key isn't the username. :p

I hope this isn't the answer to the question lol.

I just came online to check if there were any updates. I'll work on it tonight or tomorrow and figure out what you mean.

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Steve - January 31, 2018, 10:09 am

(Jan 31, 2018 10:59 AM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Figured it. The date is correct, the key is the username. Check your PM, and good luck! :p

~Avalerion

Very impressive. If you need help in the future perhaps you could offer this key in exchange for another members assistance.

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(Jan 31, 2018 11:09 AM)Steve Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Very impressive. If you need help in the future perhaps you could offer this key in exchange for another members assistance.

That's actually a good idea. Thank you for the suggestion. :p

~Avalerion

Steve - January 31, 2018, 1:19 pm

(Jan 31, 2018 02:11 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I thought you and Xerotic wanted people to work together ;p

How can you work together if everyone is on different steps?

We encourage members to work together. It did not seem like he wanted to share the key, so I gave him a suggestion to barter it so that he is still encouraged to work with others instead of continuing on alone. If he is generous enough to share his methods like you did, then that's even better.

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I see you have edited your post, haha. Don't get me wrong I will share my method.. after all we have 3 more steps to clear, don't we? ;p

I am on my cellphone right now, I will edit this post exactly after 14 hours.

Edit:

Okay, here goes nothing. The clue is: "What is the username of the member that registered at about this time? (2855.5780923 * x) | x = TID of first thread about an official HF holiday in June".

Quoting my previous post:

Quote:Some points to note:

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TID of first thread about an official HF holiday in June is 466320.

Multiplying that number by 2855.5780923 we get 1331613176.001336.

Since MyBB stores date of registration in UNIX, EPOCH, timestamp format we convert 1331613176.001336 to human-readable format and we get GMT: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 4:32:56.001 AM.

There is no user registered at that time so we need to figure how Steve and Xerotic were able to get that date. The hint mentions going back to check a thread from June is how we figure out we need to check WayBackMachine.

We find there is a snapshot taken exactly on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 4:32:56 AM (<https://web.archive.org/web/20120313043256/https://hackforums.net/>) so that must be it.

000 - February 3, 2018, 5:22 am

Anyone figured what "y" could be for the seventh step? :)

Elitas - February 3, 2018, 6:06 am

So, I have found answers/hints for later steps and can jump in there but would like to start from the beginning to get a better understanding.

I really can't figure out the first one, have tried several showthread.php?pid= on lots of different combinations of the numbers mentioned.

Nevermind, I got it. That was confusing.

Hmm, stuck on Omni's name color. :/

000 - February 3, 2018, 8:00 am

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Sent you PM regarding that. :)

stuntman1017 - February 3, 2018, 8:11 am

Great idea and best of luck fellas ;)

Elitas - February 3, 2018, 11:33 am

(Feb 3, 2018 09:00 AM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sent you PM regarding that. :)

Thank you! I was using the wrong hex code (got it elsewhere).

Now looking at the member who registered at that time. Have tried brute forcing members but not working. :/

000 - February 3, 2018, 11:57 am

(Feb 3, 2018 12:33 PM)Elitas Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you! I was using the wrong hex code (got it elsewhere).

Now looking at the member who registered at that time. Have tried brute forcing members but not working. :/

You may want to read my previous post on this thread. :)

~Avalerion

Elitas - February 3, 2018, 12:36 pm

(Feb 3, 2018 12:57 PM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You may want to read my previous post on this thread. :)

~Avalerion

I got it already anyway, but thanks! I'm now onto the x,y. Seems like co-ordinates, have got a location but it's not working. Hmm, will try assuming x as input and y as output and come up with a function/equation for it, maybe I'm overthinking this but gonna spend an hour trying this.

Curious to how many people have solved this part yet. If nobody has got this far, I'll happily give some extra hints (due to all the help that has been posted here so far).

Elitas - February 5, 2018, 10:35 am

Gonna bump this back to the top because I've had little to no progress thus far on the value of x.

Solved for y but need x to get the key. :/

000 - February 5, 2018, 5:51 pm

(Feb 5, 2018 11:35 AM)Elitas Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Gonna bump this back to the top because I've had little to no progress thus far on the value of x.

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Lmao, I'm telling y'all it's not as simple as you think it is. And it's not about finding the right locatio, and using it as decrypt key as far as I'm concerned.

Oh, and Ellitas, let me know when you figure out something. XD

000 - February 9, 2018, 9:18 am

Anyone having any luck so far? I'm going to give it another shot tonight. Let's see if I figure out something. Will update this post with some key points.

caveofwonders - February 9, 2018, 1:47 pm

(Feb 9, 2018 10:18 AM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Anyone having any luck so far? I'm going to give it another shot tonight. Let's see if I figure out something. Will update this post with some key points.

no, been busy. i didn't wanna go through the memberlist to get the clue, let alone trying to figure out what im supposed to do with the two clues.

keep us updated! maybe i'll work on it on sunday.

Crypt - February 9, 2018, 1:54 pm

Posting to see who wins this. Already lost with the first clue. There is a child that is ill and PID stands for Pelvic inflammatory disease, but I don't know where the "057 054 048 054 050 050 057" comes into play. Obviously you have to decrypt it but I don't know jack shit about that.

000 - February 9, 2018, 4:32 pm

(Feb 9, 2018 04:28 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Let me stop you right there and tell you that no diseases were spread in the creation of this puzzle.

So there's no secret biological warfare formula in the last step? :C

Elitas - February 10, 2018, 6:27 am

I think it's time for some help with this. I know Steve/Xerotic didn't want to interfere, but I don't think we will find the value for X.

Have been trying for hours already.

Crypt - February 10, 2018, 11:16 am

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Is it some kind of math equation or what?

Steve - February 10, 2018, 12:15 pm

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The hint is that this question isn't that hard. If you have your HF knowledge this shouldn't be difficult.

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I think I have the value for X.

But when keying in the co-ordinates, it doesn't give a location! I've looked everywhere, put them on earth, even looked on mars/moon/the sky for them, NOTHING!

I have the value for y 100%, around 60% sure about X.

When looking at y, I tried brute forcing the co-ordinates, by going straight across the earth, moon, mars and the sky and found only a few areas of interest intersecting. All of which's names did not work as the key.

Crypt - February 12, 2018, 4:13 pm

I take it that no one has figured this out haha.

I gave up after the first clue. Decoded it but couldn't figure out what it went to. It wasn't a members ID number either.

Update: Okay, Post ID, but gives an error. I suck at scavenger hunts haha.

000 - February 14, 2018, 2:00 am

Bumping thread to see if anyone has figured something. I haven't really tried solving the new one, I was hoping someone would do that and make life easy but oh, well, it's time I better solve it for good.

Xerotic - February 14, 2018, 8:24 am

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Crypt - February 14, 2018, 12:08 pm

(Feb 14, 2018 09:24 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Let's see some of the progress everybody has made. Who is the furthest hint so far?

I think I am?

I found the fat child camp in South Africa with the X and Y. Think i'm close.

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)I'm still on the first clue ?

000 - February 14, 2018, 1:09 pm

(Feb 14, 2018 09:24 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Let's see some of the progress everybody has made. Who is the furthest hint so far?

Here's what I think,

Code A way of expressing happiness is to: _

Maybe it's just me but I think since there's only one underscore so the integer of x should be not more than range 1. Since we have to figure out the expression and there's this colon ":" it could be either ":" or ":D"? Maybe it's smile or laugh.. who knows?

Let's suppose my assumption about the range is correct, we can easily check integer from range 0-9 and add 0.5980738:

Code 0.5980738

1.5980738

2.5980738

3.5980738

4.5980738

5.5980738

6.5980738

7.5980738

8.5980738

9.5980738

But none the less list of possible users:

Quote:<https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=2242151> (1)

WILL ADD MORE.

Code Find how many times this user has changed his username and add: 0.5980738. The user should be at least L33T to be able to change his username.

What if the user changes his username? Wouldn't that make the ciphered text impossible to decrypt? Maybe the user is banned or not active? Maybe the user knows not to change his username. Same for y. y can create threads unless he is banned or knows not to.

Code This 2010 member's name..First thing to note here is to look for a name and not a username. I am guessing we should check Hackforums Wikipedia for this (

http://hackforumswiki.net/index.php/Category:2010_Members)?

List of possible names:

Code Joey Tribbiani
Makaveli The Don
Morchid
Zach
Vitani's Mate?

Tony Stark

Sasori

Code is also used to refer to a compilation of highlights.

Can't figure out this part. This is where I'm stuck.

Code x,yTried mass-decrypting using Adam's script for the x,y format, nothing.

Maybe it's GPS coordinates? That makes it even harder. :p

By any chance does these coordinates have anything to do with this step?

Code 33.4484,-112.0740

37.7510,-97.8220

37.751,-97.822

40.7357,-74.1724

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Elitas - February 16, 2018, 6:31 am

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000 - February 18, 2018, 11:19 pm

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Once Steve is available I'll ask if he wants to post a hint for the current clue. I'll need to look through the posts and find out exactly what people are getting stuck on.

Pain - February 19, 2018, 6:07 am

This is so confusing, I am not even sure where to start .__.

000 - February 19, 2018, 7:23 am

(Feb 19, 2018 07:07 AM)PAIN Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is so confusing, I am not even sure where to start

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You can start by solving the first key. :p

Steve - February 19, 2018, 3:01 pm

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Elitas - February 19, 2018, 4:11 pm

(Feb 19, 2018 04:01 PM)Steve Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) They are GPS coordinates.

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Y: HighlightReel

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Damn, was so certain for Y lmao.

caveofwonders - February 22, 2018, 3:08 pm

Does anyone have issues on trying to decrypt here <https://codebeautify.org/encrypt-decrypt> ?

nvm, it works now. i guess it was down for that period of time.

for those of you who were able to use twofish cbc in python, would you be so kind and send them to me?

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000 - February 25, 2018, 8:34 pm

How's everyone doing? Still lost? :p

Anticipate - February 25, 2018, 9:17 pm

Fun, interesting thread. Unfortunately don't know where the first clue's code is supposed to lead me. But I'm assuming it would be pretty fun when you don't have a below average IQ like myself.

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To help you understand the first clue: "A Sad Child Is Ill" is ASCII. You need to decode the integers to get PID.

caveofwonders - February 26, 2018, 7:12 am

(Feb 22, 2018 11:46 PM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What python script are you talking about? I don't know the python script, which is why I'm asking for help here. I tried using the library pycrypto, but it doesn't seem to use twofish (I couldn't find twofish in the manual)

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I gave up on trying to find the Y - so I went on Google Map and since we know what X is, I

incremented Y until result shows up. Nothing came up, mostly just land. Then...

My thought process...

- since the Y needs to be a negative number, it means that it's in the western hemisphere.
- As a result, I limit my search from -124 (edge of west coast) to -52 (edge of east coast)
- Also skipped over Atlantic Ocean and started again at -2 and up to 0.
- Opened up memberlist, made it so that there is 500 members in one page, and ordered by thread count
- thread count needs to be from 0 to 2, as well as 52 to 124
- search 2010 for join date, and happy searching :)

I started at 124, and stopped at 117 I think?

My next question... Is there any way that I can extract all members into a file? My reason? This way, I can order the thread count, and only limit the extraction to join date of 2010.

As for now, good luck everyone!

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(Feb 26, 2018 12:02 PM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You mean to scarpe usernames and their details? Nope, you'll get banned.

Thanks for the heads up.

I'm down to 93 thread counts, and now taking a break.

Anticipate - February 26, 2018, 5:57 pm

(Feb 26, 2018 12:25 AM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Let me know if you need help with solving. I'll be happy to help you if you can help me with the sixth step. No one else seems to be active here anymore, lol.

To help you understand the first clue: "A Sad Child Is Ill" is ASCII. You need to decode the integers to get PID.

I only have time here and there, and I'd doubt I'd be much of help on anything remotely difficult. And I appreciate it, I actually figured out the first one, I just don't actually know what to do with the PID once you do decode it, hehe.

000 - February 27, 2018, 1:50 am

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Once you have the post ID, you'll be able to move on to the next step.

Elitas - February 27, 2018, 1:16 pm

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Anticipate - February 27, 2018, 10:38 pm

(Feb 27, 2018 02:50 AM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Once you have the post ID, you'll be able to move on to the next step.

DERP! My lack of forum knowledge was giving me tunnel vision. Thought the PID was the process ID and was pretty impressed that pretty much everyone here knew what the hell to do with a random process ID, haha.

000 - February 28, 2018, 12:46 am

(Feb 27, 2018 11:38 PM)Anticipate Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) DERP! My lack of forum knowledge was giving me tunnel vision. Thought the PID was the process ID and was pretty impressed that pretty much everyone here knew what the hell to do with a random process ID, haha.

Quote:Also note that this is a Hack Forums Scavenger Hunt, so elements of HF will be used often throughout the hunt.

This. :)

(Feb 27, 2018 02:16 PM)Elitas Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Brute forced through the x co-ordinates: NOTHING, nada! ?

True. I'm guessing once you have the correct value for x and y, you'll be able to figure out what to do next. :)

000 - March 4, 2018, 1:16 am

How's everyone doing? Did anyone figure anything? :)

000 - March 4, 2018, 12:38 pm

(Mar 4, 2018 06:51 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Everyone still stuck on (x,y)? ;)

On y actually. :(

Elitas - March 4, 2018, 3:44 pm

I still haven't got a value for y. Brute forced, searched through thousands of members. This is getting frustrating all over again. O_o ?

Biggy - March 5, 2018, 12:29 pm

I'd love to see Omniscient give this a try. :)

000 - March 6, 2018, 11:22 pm

(Mar 5, 2018 01:29 PM)Biggy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'd love to see Omniscient give this a try. :)

I don't think that's ever going to happen. ?

(Feb 19, 2018 04:01 PM)Steve Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) They are GPS coordinates.

List all usernames you think could possibly be x and we will tell you if the correct one is in that list. Same for y.

Is "he" typo error or an actual hint, Steve?

Elitas - March 7, 2018, 12:15 am

(Mar 7, 2018 12:22 AM)Avalerion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't think that's ever going to happen. ?

Is "he" typo error or an actual hint, Steve?

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000 - March 7, 2018, 4:15 am

(Mar 7, 2018 01:15 AM)Elitas Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't really see how that could be a hint, would imagine it's a typo, but how knows I guess? ?

I don't know but I am going to consider every tiny bit information a hint. That's how you solve it when everyone else gives up. But yeah, how knows? :p

luke - March 9, 2018, 4:24 pm

Hmph. On the 5th now, catching up :)

luke - March 9, 2018, 5:16 pm

(Mar 9, 2018 06:06 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How're you going to solve it? ;p
On the x,y one now, going smoothly! :)

edit: Done it, that was easy.

luke - March 9, 2018, 5:21 pm

(Mar 9, 2018 06:20 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You finished with the x,y step in 20 minutes? ?
Yep. Onto the video game one now. Guessing this one is gonna be time-consuming. ?

edit: welp I'm stuck, gonna sleep and try again tommorow. cant seem to find the key for the games one, unsure why not.

Short update, scoured the internet for hours for the key to question, no luck.

Seems too simple but I've had no luck at all.

caveofwonders - March 10, 2018, 11:31 am

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luke - March 10, 2018, 11:41 am

(Mar 10, 2018 12:31 PM)caveofwonders Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Where did he come from??? He's solving problems like it's nothing. I'm out. (no not really, not out. but I would love to know what he did to solve it in 20 minutes)

x,y is easy compared to #8, spent all day looking for the key with no avail ?

The hint seems easy but I'm not sure what I'm doing wrong on it.

edit: No idea where I'm going wrong

Guessing gonna have to bruteforce or some shit.

Elitas - March 12, 2018, 6:59 am

Alright, time to give x,y another go, lmao.

Xerotic - March 12, 2018, 7:47 am

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luke - March 12, 2018, 10:26 am

(Mar 12, 2018 07:47 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Bet if you posted here and collaborated with a member that you would get this hint easy. ?

I might have to. Literally grabbed every store from every page of yelp and google maps and tried them as keys, no luck.

luke - March 15, 2018, 9:17 am

Anyone here willing to help me out on the one after x,y?

Will provide x,y key if you help me solve it.

GoneGaming - March 15, 2018, 1:55 pm

Im lost at where to even start. Could someone point me to the starting line please.

luke - March 15, 2018, 2:42 pm

(Mar 15, 2018 01:55 PM)GoneGaming Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Im lost at where to even start. Could someone point me to the starting line please.

Glad to see some new people trying.

A Sad Child Is III

PID: 057 054 048 054 050 050 057
(Post ID)

GoneGaming - March 15, 2018, 4:03 pm

(Mar 15, 2018 01:55 PM)GoneGaming Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Im lost at where to even start. Could someone point me to the starting line please.

Thank you so much

For the second key for the text is the hint about someone who has had there account closed? If so I might have to stop here because I haven't been around long enough.

luke - March 17, 2018, 8:57 am

(Mar 15, 2018 04:03 PM)GoneGaming Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you so much

For the second key for the text is the hint about someone who has had there account closed? If so I might have to stop here because I haven't been around long enough.

Second key is about a previous staff member who deleted a bunch of posts.

Maybe you should do some research on HF wiki.

Xerotic - March 17, 2018, 12:09 pm

(Mar 17, 2018 08:57 AM)Stratify Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Second key is about a previous staff member who deleted a bunch of posts.

Maybe you should do some research on HF wiki.

This Scavenger Hunt is 100% possible to complete with searching HF and the Wiki (and maybe Google). All the hints should point you in the direction of search terms.

Elitas - March 17, 2018, 2:39 pm

If anyone wants to post the hint for the video game one, I'd be happy to help out. I feel sick every time I look for that 2010 member, been doing so for a good 48 hours altogether and it's getting really boring. Read the Wiki's notable members twice going through each member and nothing....

?BIG Punisher™ - March 17, 2018, 2:48 pm

Awesome idea, good luck to participants.

luke - March 17, 2018, 5:47 pm

(Mar 17, 2018 02:39 PM)Elitas Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If anyone wants to post the hint for the video game one, I'd be happy to help out. I feel sick every time I look for that 2010 member, been doing so for a good 48 hours altogether and it's getting really boring. Read the Wiki's notable members twice going through each member and nothing....

Are you still on the x,y one or the video game one now?

Xerotic - March 17, 2018, 7:59 pm

(Mar 17, 2018 06:07 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) He was in our discord, so odds are he got them when I sent them to you.

Considering he was stuck on the x,y for like 2 week ;p

I remember when we made the x,y hint that we were debating on how difficult it really was. We decided that it was tough, but plain once you understand.

luke - March 17, 2018, 8:20 pm

(Mar 17, 2018 07:59 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I remember when we made the x,y hint that we were debating on how difficult it really was. We decided that it was tough, but plain once you understand. Different people find different ones hard I guess.

I got x,y in like 2 mins but couldn't do game shop, adam got the game shop but couldn't do x,y.

Xerotic - March 23, 2018, 7:26 pm

(Mar 17, 2018 08:20 PM)Stratify Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Different people find different ones hard I guess.

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Yup. Can't wait to how everyone does on the next hints... who made it any further?

Elitas - March 24, 2018, 8:11 am

I am still on the x,y one. I just don't get it. Would appreciate any assistance on this from anyone at all as it's making me angry lol..

luke - March 24, 2018, 10:06 am

(Mar 23, 2018 07:26 PM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yup. Can't wait to how everyone does on the next hints... who made it any further?

On the birthday one, not put much time into it but will have a go tonight.

Crystallize. - April 14, 2018, 4:24 pm

I am surprised people haven't completed this yet haha an awesome challenge Steve and Xerotic and fun one too!

luke - April 28, 2018, 2:19 pm

Anyone still trying this? Completely forgot about it, might give it another go.

Paimon - April 28, 2018, 6:53 pm

Looks like no one has solved this yet but step 1 already has me scratching my head ? .

luke - April 29, 2018, 3:15 am

(Apr 28, 2018 06:53 PM)Jincos Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looks like no one has solved this yet but step 1 already has me scratching my head ? .

A Sad Child Is Ill

PID (POST ID): 057 054 048 054 050 050 057

Paimon - April 29, 2018, 8:06 am

(Apr 29, 2018 03:15 AM)Stratify Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A Sad Child Is Ill

PID (POST ID): 057 054 048 054 050 050 057

Got it, thanks a lot ?

Vyxn - April 29, 2018, 8:30 pm

Surprised nobody still got to the end. I might continue where I stop when I finish all my works here.
I'm currently at challenge 6.

Originalkillit - April 30, 2018, 2:27 am

Great treasure hunt contest,I think I am too late still giving a try ?

LastSession - April 30, 2018, 2:44 am

Is it still worth to try this or did someone already got all keys?

000 - April 30, 2018, 5:17 am

(Apr 30, 2018 02:44 AM)LastSession Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is it still worth to try this or did someone already got all keys?

Still worth it and nope. :p

MrHappy - May 1, 2018, 5:02 am

Ok I've got the first part, I only started this today.

Stuck on Task 3, tried multiple methods but can't decipher

luke - May 6, 2018, 4:38 pm

(May 1, 2018 05:02 AM)-mdK Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ok I've got the first part, I only started this today.

Stuck on Task 3, tried multiple methods but can't decipher

PM me what Task 3 was and I'll help you out.

000 - May 16, 2018, 1:40 am

I don't think anyone can solve all the steps. I think Steve/Xerotic should just post the solutions and close this. :p

Popdog - May 16, 2018, 1:45 am

I'll try this when I'm home :) seems funny.

- rax0r

000 - May 16, 2018, 1:48 am

(May 16, 2018 01:44 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've got pretty far.

I just haven't had time to continue wherever I left off.

What step are you on, Adam?

000 - May 16, 2018, 2:20 am

(May 16, 2018 01:49 AM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not entirely sure... 11 or 12 I think?

Shit. There are more than 10 steps? Haha

Nonetheless good luck! If you have reached that far you deserve the \$50 more than anyone. :p

MaxoKream - May 16, 2018, 9:23 pm

Been going at it this looks really hard haha, guess Im gonna have to give up on it :(

Lavish Living - July 20, 2018, 7:31 pm

(Jul 20, 2018 07:30 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Close this shit. No one's going to finish it lol
The OSRS scavenger hunt took 2yrs for someone to finish... give it time!

luke - July 21, 2018, 11:13 am

(Jul 20, 2018 07:30 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Close this shit. No one's going to finish it lol
Ever get past the Birthday one?

No Sports - July 22, 2018, 5:43 am

Just started and working on key 3.

It's a lot of fun and even if you are new (like me) with help of the wiki you can answer the questions.

Thank you very much for the challenge. I try my best to advance tomorrow!

B FOR BADASS - July 23, 2018, 3:31 pm

Do we need to have high programming skills to solve the puzzles?

Xerotic - August 5, 2018, 11:13 am

We are ending the hunt because after 7+ months nobody was able to fully solve it. I have provided xadamxk with some hints so that he could reach completion and publish a guide for those who wish to complete this hunt for fun. Thanks for all who have tried.