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Thread: [Looking to start a Beginner's group locally, any advice?](#)

The Social Engineer - December 16, 2018, 11:37 pm

Hello fellow hackers, modders, crackers, trolls, and assholes, ?

As the title states, I am looking to start a local group dedicated to teaching beginners.

I've been to only a handful of security cons, and seen a few CTF events online. Most of it is pretty advanced for someone just starting out in this, so I've been wanting to start a training / practice group for high school and college students to come to.

Was wondering if any of you have been to / hosted events like this in the past, and what kind of advice you could give?

Thanks,

- Daedalus

Faith Connors - December 17, 2018, 1:40 am

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- the actual admission requirements (no use teaching something to someone who has absolutely zero fundamental knowledge)
- what kind of stuff do you want to cover
- how are you going to cover it
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sh4moon - December 17, 2018, 7:43 am

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CyberStrike - December 17, 2018, 10:09 am

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either way, <http://hnkansai.org/>

The Social Engineer - December 17, 2018, 5:39 pm

That's a good point. I've looked into chapters in the past, but found that they were at LEAST 4-6 hours from my location... I could, however, look into starting my own 2600 and/or DefCon chapters here in Hiroshima!

I'll be sure to make note of it!

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OWASP sounds like a good one, but the only issue would be the fees. I'm practically broke right now :-P

Apart from that, I'm an online university teacher, not a high school student ;-)

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I think you had it right on the first line. If you're currently studying - it's "shimasu", but if you previously studied, it would be "shimashita" ;-)

Anyway, I know that Tokyo, Kanagawa, and Osaka are the tech hubs of Japan - but that's also my crux, as I live in rural Hiroshima, 30 minutes from Down-Town. Hiroshima has SOME tech companies and schools - but the focus is more on agriculture, accounting, steel, cars, and medical. Not to mention the ratio of English speakers is drastically different :-P

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