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Thread: [What's your Preference... Botnets , loaders and RATs](#)

CyberXero - August 15, 2026, 6:44 pm

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Are you still actively engaging with these activity's now

How did your first victory feel!

TooBuck - August 20, 2026, 8:57 pm

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bandors - August 20, 2026, 9:51 pm

I got banned from a minecraft server in '12 for an unjust reason, and I had to work hard to get my vengeance >:)

aaahhh to be a punk teen hacker without a care in the world again....

CyberXero - August 20, 2026, 10:51 pm

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oh man, wish i was around the right crowd back then, times may have changed but i am willing to poke around till i figure out the direction imma take, back then i was just looking at other types of markets cant really say aloud

Snakesss - August 22, 2026, 2:31 am

Nostalgia at its finest lol - mIRC cut my teeth here.

Pretending to be an adult as a brand new teenager - Moderating and eventually Administrating private servers.

That's probably the heaviest thing I hold that got me into the love of tech.

Sneaking out of bed to finish my dialog box for my socks5's to load into then sending a hail storm of input that resulted in the attacker simply unplugging before I had to type out the /kline.

Kinda like an old Yahoo chat flood bot but a bit more technical.

Man, how the times have changed.

WraithTools - August 29, 2026, 4:13 pm

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closedeyeknight - August 31, 2026, 5:57 pm

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This is exactly what motivates people to dip their toes in water!

That's a great success story for real !

Honestly motivating

Machete911 - September 1, 2026, 2:04 pm

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CyberXero - September 1, 2026, 2:07 pm

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Not anymore

i_r_blitzer - September 17, 2026, 1:53 pm

I just randomly googled this website to check if it's still alive and to my surprise it's still running. Damn I miss the good old days. It's so nostalgic for me just to be here and make a post talking about botnets etc. I was never a programmer/hacker etc but I have always been around the scene/community from the early days and was always fortunate enough to have the right people who liked me and always helped me do anything I needed. I miss the times of mIRC and all the cool people who were around and willing to help you for free without wanting anything in return, but the world and humans have changed a lot since those days because now everything is about money. I can vividly remember the first time I had my first botnet, it was so exciting experimenting with the features, finding ways to make my .EXE files FUD, infecting more machines etc etc. I could talk about this for days but i don't want to bore you all :) it's really hard to understand unless if you were around in those days yourself. I hope all those people are doing well in life today <3

keranoe - September 17, 2026, 4:25 pm

I miss IRC the most (PMA my love <3), I think that was the most fun I had when looking to start off. I miss those kind of clients that had the "retro" vibe I guess. 2016 was the big IoT which got me more into the programming and not just ripping existing software. Then with help from people long gone to the internet, shifting into windows malware and the evolution for years until recently p2p. Interplanetary Storm was one that got me looking into it and how it's been utilized both in the past and now :)

I would throw it all away for the old days of the internet

CyberXero - September 18, 2026, 3:47 am

The golden age was great!

hoangthang - September 22, 2026, 12:50 pm

ok verigood [warn]

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(Sep 22, 2026 12:50 PM)hoangthang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ok verigood
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roker8866 - September 26, 2026, 8:58 pm

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