9  Tithe us your Alms of 0day!

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Howdy, neighbor!

One Sunday, a man and his son were hiking the Appalachian Trail, when they came upon a small church in rural New Hampshire. The boy insisted, so the father begrudgingly attended the morning service. Because he forgot to bring cash, the father fished a dime out of his pocket for the collection plate.

After the service, when they were walking back to the woods, the father started griping. “The sermon was too long,” he said, “and the hymns were off key!”

After the few minutes of silence, the boy spoke up. “Dad, I think it was pretty good for a dime!”

Do this: write an email telling our editors how to do reproduce ONE clever, technical trick from your research. If you are uncertain of your English, we’ll happily translate from French, Russian, Southern Appalachian and German. If you don’t speak those languages, we’ll draft a translator from those poor sods who owe us favors.

Like an email, keep it short. Like an email, you should assume that we already know more than a bit about hacking, and that we’ll be insulted or—WORSE!—that we’ll be bored if you include a long tutorial where a quick reminder would do.

Just use 7-bit ASCII if your language doesn’t require funny letters, as whenever we receive something typeset in OpenOffice, we briefly mistake it for a ransom note. Don’t try to make it thorough or broad. Don’t use bullet-points, as this isn’t a damned Powerpoint deck. Keep your code samples short and sweet; we can leave the long-form code as an attachment. Do not send us \LaTeX; it’s our job to do the typesetting!

Do pick on quick, clever trick and explain it in a few pages. Teach me how to repair Dakarand from PoC∥GTFO 1:2 and 2:9. Show me a fancy game in a boot sector, like PoC∥GTFO 3:8. Port the worst features from Visual Basic to C, like PoC∥GTFO 8:8. Don’t tell me that it’s possible; rather, teach me how to do it myself with the absolute minimum of formality and bullshit.

Like an email, we expect informal (or faux-biblical) language and hand-sketched diagrams. Write it in a single sitting, and leave any editing for your poor preacher man to do over a bottle of fine scotch. Send this to pastor@phrack.org and hope that the neighborly Phrack folks—praise be to them!—aren’t man-in-the-middling our submission process.

Yours in PoC and Pwnage,
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