Dearest neighbor,

If you enjoyed reading this little tract, I have some good news and a polite request for you.

Thanks to the fine folks at No Starch Press, our 768 page Book of PoC GTFO is sailing on its merry way across the Pacific ocean! It includes full color file format illustrations by Ange Albertini, as well as every article from our first nine releases on thin paper with gold trim, faux leather binding, and a ribbon to keep your place. Each article has been revised, indexed, and cross referenced.

But today I’m writing to ask for your offering. Not an offering of money, but on offering of writing. Send me your proofs of concept!

Do this: write an email telling our editors how to 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. 8-bit ASCII is also acceptable if generated on TempleOS. Don’t try to make it thorough or broad. Don’t use bullet-points, as this isn’t a damned Buzzfeed listicle. Keep your code samples short and sweet; we can leave the long-form code as an attachment. Do not send us \TEX; it’s our job to do the typesetting!

Don’t tell us that it’s possible; rather, teach us how to do it ourselves with the absolute minimum of formality and bullshit.

Like an email, we expect informal 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 Phrackfolks praise beto them aren’t man-in-the-middling our submission process.

Yours in PoC and Pwnage,
Pastor Manul Laphroaig, TGSB

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