

20 teams this year!

As of 1300

Team	Codes Found	Discovered Relationship between Codewords
Team FDG	1 2 3 4 5	NO
pwnEIP	1 2 3 4 5	NO
Avengers	1 2 3 4 5	NO
Flowers By Irene	1 2 3 4 5	NO
Three blind mice	1 2 3 4 5	NO
Too Many Hobbies	1 2 3 4 5	NO
Krusty Krabs	1 2 3 4 5	NO
Team Memeware	1 2 3 4 5	NO
Moose&Penguin	1 2 3 4 5	NO
SuperDuper	1 2 3 4 5	NO
stormflight	12345	NO

No one figured out the codeword relationship!

11 Passed Stage 1!

7 Passed Stage 2!

5 Passed Stage 3!

Stage Prizes:

1: pwnEIP

2: pwnEIP

3: Team FDG

4: pwnEIP

Stage One: JHSOAH27EOE iPad-enabled Mirror (Smile!) & Mask

- Overtly, just a part of the hotel furnishing (but plugged in)
- Repurposed SquareCam-Swift to recognize faces and present mask graphic through mirror
- Must smile to trigger display of mask and code
- Thanks for not stealing our iPad (before we tethered it)





Stage Two: EOINNUOHCST Arc Reactor Light (Under) Scribe CD-R

- Used crappy LightScribe
 drive on over-priced discs
 to etch the top
- Simply peel the label (in shreds) to reveal the message
- It was not the encoded marks on the central ring of the disk (our budget isn't that big)





Stage Three: RMLINDEAHKO Font Corruption in Threat Letter PDF

- Disc contained a number of random Iron Man and contest references (remember the Stargate?)
- PDF had various fonts used, but some were modified in the PDF markup
- Codeword was part of the erroneous tags

to the Loser - (yea shmark, this is for you)

I have intercepted your communications and monitoring all your moves. You can't hide beHind your mask awymore. The hackers you deploy arE just pathetic recruits allowing to Dad their wallets with bug bounties. Most of them till live in their mom's basement! You are so far behind my technology regime that it is laughAble. Quit now. Stop embarrassing yourself.

Do NOT get in MY way.

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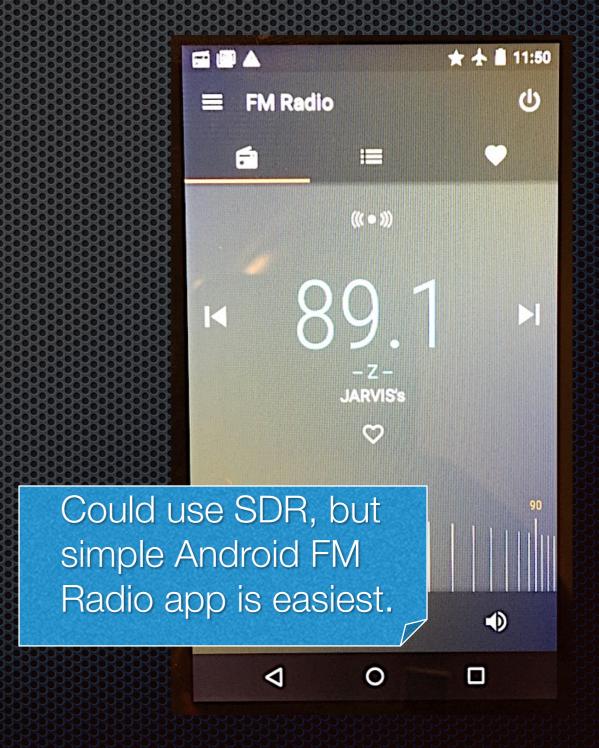
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Inspect PDF Markup

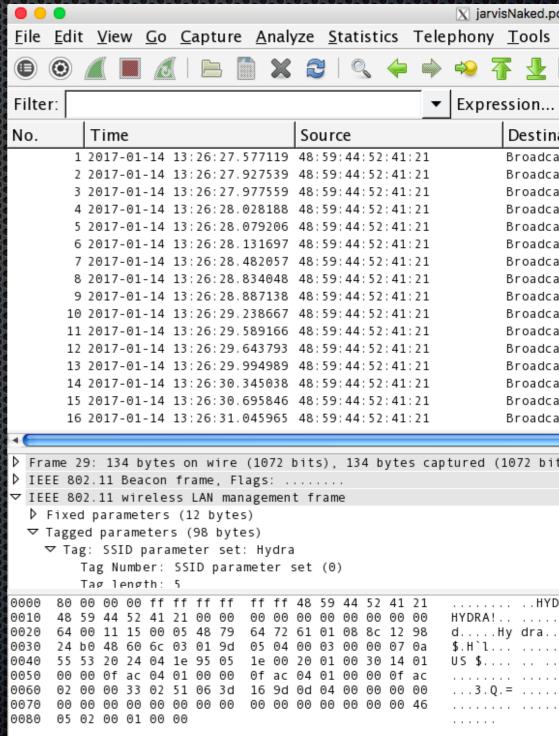
Stage Four: IIECO2XZEEN Raspberry Pi Broadcasting FM RDS

- Used PiFmRds project to emit FM signal on GPIO 4 on Raspberry Pi 2 @ 89.1Mhz
- Audio is just Whiplash (Ivan)clip from Iron Man 2 on loop
- RDS Text containscodeword and clue in 10second increments
- Don't tell the FCC



Stage Five: CSSCN00TXL! Curious WiFi Traffic

- Inspired by packet timing steg research by anfractuosus
- Applied time delay routine to "broadcast" of WiFi beacon packets to encode binary
 - 0 was ~50ms
 - 1 was ~350ms
- 816 beacon packets total



Bonus Stage: Our shirts Code 128 Barcode Made Circular

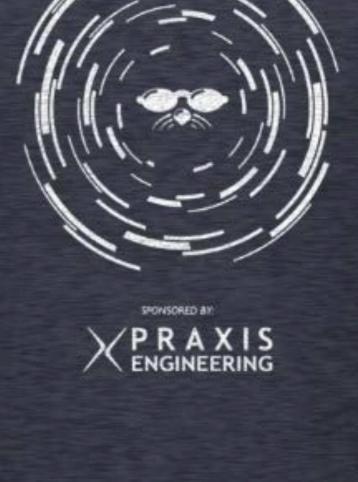
Modeled after JARVIS graphics in Iron Man films





PwnEIP was

so close!



How were the codewords related?

JHSOAH27EOE EOINNUOHCST RMITIDEATKO TTECO2XZEEN CSSCN0OTXL!

Reorder the letters to reveal Stark Industries Weapons: SONG CANNON HUD) 2020 EX(0)7 EXOSKELEON!

Very Special Thanks

for their generous sponsorship, covering our expenses, materials, shirts and prize!

Special Thanks

- Marvel Comics, for not suing our pants off
- NicBow Design Works, for our cool shirt graphics
- No Starch Press, for coordinating gift certificates
- . King & Union, for Aaron and Matt watching our mirror
- UberShirts, for another great last minute turnaround
- Not Just Signs, for super last-minute sign-printing
- Our Wives, for tolerating our annual hiatus
- Bruce & Heidi, for tolerating our endless shenanigans

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Presentation will be available on the contest website soon.

Shirt orders due by 15 February. \$25/each. Email us. No... really this time.