ROOTCON

CON-GOERS GUIDE

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ROYCE HOTEL & CASINO, CLARK, PAMPANGA

ROOTCON XX

ROOTCON 20: Homecoming is deeply personal for me.

For twenty years, ROOTCON has never been just an event — it's been a proving ground, a classroom, a playground, and for many of us... a second home.

This community was built by people who showed up.
Not just to listen — but to contribute. People who stayed late at the villages helping strangers.

People who shared tools, dropped knowledge, introduced newbies, and kept the spirit alive year after year.

This year isn't only about looking back.

It's about coming back stronger.

Because if you've ever been part of ROOTCON — even once — you already know the truth: it was never about the venue, the stage, or the schedule.

It's always been the people.

— semprix

HOMECOMING

For twenty years, ROOTCON has been more than a cybersecurity conference.

It has been a place where people showed up—not only to learn, but to contribute. Where tools were tested, skills were sharpened, and ideas turned into action. Where first-timers found their footing, and veterans gave back. Where strangers became friends, and friends became community.

ROOTCON 20: Homecoming is our invitation to return.

Return to the villages where learning happens by doing.
Return to the hallway conversations that sparked curiosity.
Return to the shared spaces where knowledge was passed around freely.
Return to the people who made ROOTCON what it is.

Homecoming isn't nostalgia—it's recognition.

Recognition of how far we've come, and how much we've built together. The threats evolved. The tools changed. The landscape shifted. But the ROOTCON spirit stayed the same: a community driven by curiosity, skill, respect, and the willingness to share.

This year is both a celebration and a continuation.

VENUE

ROOTCON 20 will be held at Royce Hotel and Casino, a premier leisure and entertainment destination known for its modern style, warm hospitality, and high-energy atmosphere—making it the perfect venue for our biggest Homecoming yet. More than just a hotel, Royce is a complete experience: a place where guests can settle into well-appointed rooms, enjoy great dining options, and recharge in comfort between conference days—without ever leaving the excitement behind.

With its vibrant entertainment scene and signature gaming floor, Royce Hotel and Casino brings a unique energy that matches the ROOTCON spirit: bold, dynamic, and built for people who thrive in action-packed environments. Whether you're coming in as a first-timer ready to discover the community, or a veteran returning to reconnect with familiar faces, Royce sets the stage for conversations that run late, new friendships built between sessions, and that unmistakable ROOTCON buzz you can feel the moment you walk in.

ROOTCON 20: Homecoming isn't just another event—it's a return to where we belong. And this year, at Royce, we're bringing it all together: the learning, the villages, the culture, and the community—under one roof.

NEAR-BY ATTRACTIONS

Air Force City Park

Aqua Planet

Mimosa Golf Course

CFP REVIEW BOARD

ROOTCON XX isn't built by accident.

Every year, people ask: "How does ROOTCON always manage to put together a program that hits hard?" The answer is simple: because the talks aren't just accepted—they're earned.

Behind the scenes is the ROOTCON CFP Review Board—a crew of respected hackers, researchers, engineers, and community builders trusted to shape what ends up on the ROOTCON stage. They go through every submission and filter for what matters: signal over noise, substance over hype, and impact over ego.

They look for sessions that are:

- technically strong,
- worth learning from,
- relevant to where security is headed,
- and aligned with ROOTCON's ethics and culture.

Because ROOTCON has never been about "who's popular." It's about what's real.

So when you're looking at the final schedule, hopping between tracks, and walking out of a talk feeling inspired, challenged, or straight-up fired up—remember: it started here, with a board that took the work seriously.

This is where the stage is forged.
This is where ROOTCON is curated.

And for the speakers who make it through—welcome to the big leagues.

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VILLAGES

Villages are one of the most iconic parts of the ROOTCON experience —interactive spaces built by community teams, specialists, and builders who come to share not just knowledge, but hands-on skills. This is where con-goers don't just watch security happen—they touch it, break it, rebuild it, and learn directly from the people who live and breathe the craft.

Think of villages as mini-worlds inside the conference: labs, demos, workshops, challenges, hardware tables, live tool-building, and deep-dive conversations happening all day. Some villages feel like hacker classrooms. Others feel like a controlled chaos lab. But they all share the same spirit: community-first learning.

Whether you're a complete beginner or a veteran, Villages are designed for you to jump in.
Ask questions. Try tools. Participate in challenges. Meet builders. Watch someone reverse something in real time. Learn by doing. You'll discover that some of the best ROOTCON moments happen not inside a talk room—but in a village table surrounded by strangers who quickly become friends.

Village Line-Ups
- Car Hacking Village
- Hardware Hacking Village
- Red Team Village
- Bug Bounty Village
- Cellular Assault Village

TRAININGS

RC202026-01
Title: Cryptocurrency Investigations and Analysis

Cryptocurrency has become the financial bloodstream of modern eCrime. Ransomware, extortion, harvested credentials, fraud, sanctions evasion, and large-scale theft all converge on the blockchain. This course pulls back the curtain and shows how illicit crypto activity can be traced, dissected, and exposed with precision.

RC202026-02
Title: Breaching the Black Box: Applied Strategies for LLM Red Teaming

As Large Language Models (LLMs) become integrated into critical business applications, from automated customer support to autonomous agents, the attack surface for organizations is shifting. Traditional network security is no longer enough; security professionals must now understand how to manipulate the probabilistic nature of AI.

RC202026-03
Title: Drone Hacking: Cracking the Black Box

In the era of widespread UAV adoption across the Asia-Pacific – where DJI commands over 70% market share in commercial drones – these devices are increasingly pivotal in criminal probes, accident investigations, and security incidents. From illegal surveillance to smuggling ops, drones hold critical telemetry data locked behind encryption and proprietary barriers.

More details in our website

CONTESTS

Across ROOTCON 20, challenges are woven into the experience—some announced, some discovered, some unfolding quietly as you explore. These contests are designed to encourage curiosity, collaboration, and problem-solving, turning con-goers from spectators into participants.

Think of contests as mini-adventures inside the conference. Some are fast and competitive. Others reward patience and observation. All of them reflect the ROOTCON spirit: learn by doing and enjoy the process.

Capture The Flag (CTF)
Hands-on technical challenges across web, binaries, crypto, forensics, OSINT, and more. Solve alone or as a team and test both skill and persistence.

Mystery Challenge
A con-wide puzzle that reveals itself slowly. Clues may appear anywhere, and progress depends on curiosity, attention, and connecting the dots.

Hacker Jeopardy
A high-energy trivia showdown blending technical knowledge, pop culture, and ROOTCON lore. Fast, fun, and unpredictable.

Hacker Karaoke
Where hackers trade keyboards for microphones. No skill required—just the courage to take the stage and have fun.

ROOTCON Wi-Finders
A wireless exploration challenge focused on discovery, signals, and the unseen networks around the venue.

REASONS TO ATTEND

ROOTCON isn't just a conference—it's a gathering of people who build, break, defend, and question technology every day.

Learn from practitioners, not just presenters.
Talks, villages, and workshops are led by people who do the work in real environments. What you hear here is shaped by experience, not slides alone.

Get hands-on.
ROOTCON is built around participation. Villages, contests, and challenges let you touch the tools, break things safely, and learn by doing.

Be part of the community.
ROOTCON brings together hackers, engineers, defenders, students, researchers, and leaders in one shared space. Conversations here often matter as much as the sessions.

Explore beyond your specialty.
Whether you're into red team, blue team, hardware, wireless, OSINT, or policy, ROOTCON exposes you to adjacent skills and perspectives that make you better at what you do.

Grow at your own pace.
First-timer or veteran, ROOTCON is designed to be accessible without being watered down. You choose how deep you go.

Create memorable moments.
Some of the best experiences happen outside the talk rooms—at village tables, during contests, or in late-night conversations that turn strangers into collaborators.

ROOTCON is where learning feels alive, curiosity is rewarded, and the community comes first.

Invitation Request
https://rootc.onl/invitationrequest

GALLERY

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ROOTCON XX RATES

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Village Tracks access

Contests

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Contests

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BDO Account Number: 012858003578
SWIFT Code: BNORPHMM

2. GCash
GCash Number: +63.917.852.9423

3. Paypal
registration@rootcon.org

Note: Electronic badges will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis during on-site check-in, while supplies last. If you don't manage to snag one, you'll receive the Type-B badge — a simpler, non-electronic version. While more basic, it still reflects ROOTCON's signature style and stands out from your typical conference badge.

ACCOMMODATION RATES

PREMIUM TOWER

PREMIUM KING	₱13,000.00
PREMIUM TWIN	₱13,000.00
PREMIUM SUITE	₱13,000.00
ADDITIONAL PAX	₱13,000.00
Rates per room per night *Comes with buffet breakfast*	

DELUXE TOWER

DELUXE KING	₱5,900.00
DELUXE TWIN	₱6,200.00
DELUXE TRIPLE	₱7,800.00
ADDITIONAL PAX	₱2,000.00
Rates per room per night *Comes with buffet breakfast*	

For ROOTCON attendees who want to stay close to the action, the official conference venue offers special room rates across two accommodation towers. Whether you're looking for added comfort or a more budget-friendly option, both towers provide convenient access to the conference spaces and amenities.

Room availability is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Rates are subject to hotel policies and availability at the time of booking.

Staying on-site means less time commuting and more time connecting—with talks, villages, contests, and the ROOTCON community.

BOOK NOW!

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INFORMATION

ROOTCON 20 Dates

September 23, 24 & 25, 2026

Venue

Royce Hotel & Casino, Clark, Pampanga

Registration

Early Bird 15% Discount Opens April 8 - May 20
Blackcard Members 20% from Regular Rate Only!
Visit rootcon.org for updates

ABOUT ROOTCON

ROOTCON is the Philippines' premier and largest hacking conference, founded in 2008 by Dax Labrador, better known in the community as Semprix. What started as a grassroots gathering of hackers and security enthusiasts has grown into a internationally recognized platform for knowledge sharing, responsible disclosure, and community-driven innovation. ROOTCON continues to uphold its mission of bringing together cybersecurity professionals, developers, students, and researchers under one roof to explore and challenge the ever-evolving digital frontier.

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