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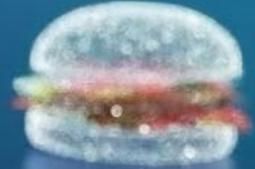
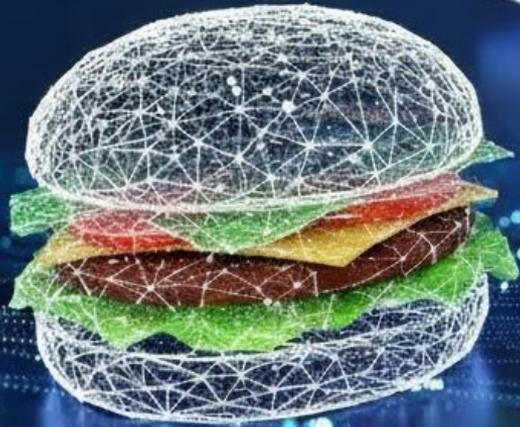
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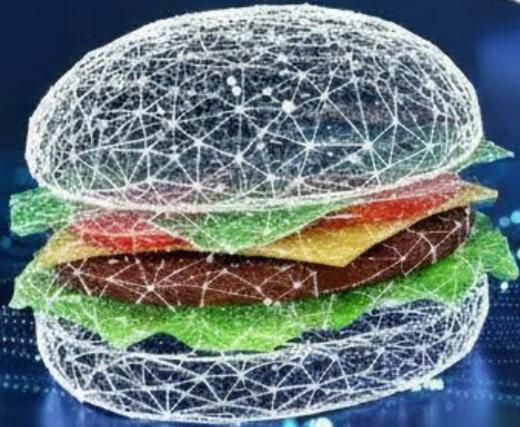
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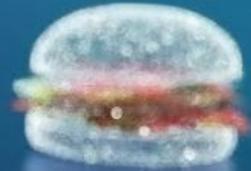
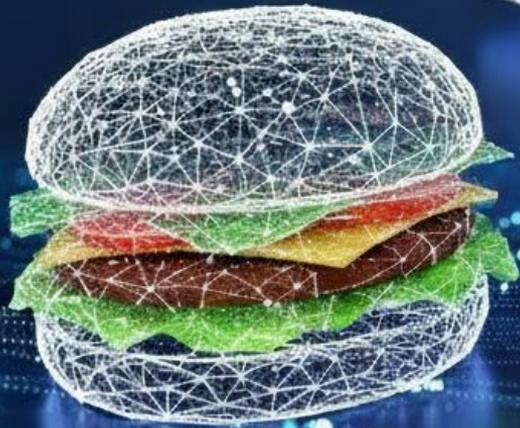
Mass Cyber Trust Exercise



*Meghan Martinez,
CyberTrust Massachusetts
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White Team Debrief



Inject Advice

- Read / re-read directions & instructions → most answers are there!
- If inject requests executive summary → include one (remember audience)
- Ensure you submit correct & timely evidence of what was accomplished
- Not everything that anyone asks for is ok - think security & impact on mission
- Change your default passwords!
- Don't include identifying information ANYWHERE including passwords / usernames
- Become familiar with game tech & infrastructure
- Pay attention to current events & NECCDC presentations
- Any questions re: inject or need clarification or if you have a situation occur beyond your control that affects your inject submission:
 - Ask your moderator(s) to intercede on your behalf to @WhiteTeam - if you don't ask, they won't

White Team Inject Debrief

Inject Title	Average Points	Teams Completed
Preliminary Assessment	42.7%	8/10
Exposed Prometheus	9%	6/10
PowerShell Policy	39.1%	7/10
SIEM Evaluation	47%	10/10
Teleport Upgrade	51.3%	9/10
AD Domain Trust	32.1%	9/10
Branch Windows Teleport	27.5%	10/10

White Team Inject Debrief

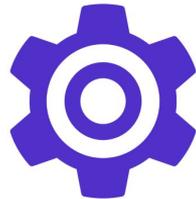
Inject Title	Average Points	Teams Completed
Keycloak OIDC	31.9%	8/10
New Kiosk	40.9%	10/10
ADDC Health	42.1%	10/10
Windows GPO DCSync	54.3%	10/10
PfSense NAT64	24.5%	8/10
AD ACL Audit	54.6%	10/10
Exit Survey	90%	9/10

Mod Feedback: Recommendations for Improvement

- Infrastructure Management
- Documentation & Inventory
- Inject Prioritization
- Early-Game Playbooks
- Ticket Escalation
- Technical Skills

Mod Feedback: Positive Observations

- Resilience Under Pressure
- Collaborative Problem-Solving
- Technical Resourcefulness
- Professionalism

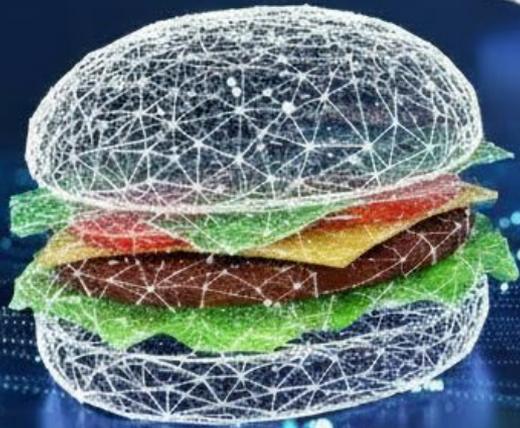


Memorable Overheards & Observations

- "I will attempt to reconnect the default gateway on my neurons next."
- "What'd you do everything is back up?? ... I flushed iptables."
- "Teleport is down, first step is delete the file. Second step is delete python."
- "Someone's in our machines, I'm going to do another nuke."
- "We need to outsmart the red team." (Puts 'any any' rule in place)
- "This box has no filesystem anymore... why am I STILL getting teleport heartbeats?"
- "I am going to do a destructive action, I am updating the firewall"
- "Why can I disable my touchpad?! Why is that even a feature???"
- "Okay if you don't have the inject written by 10 minutes before the end... start drafting the apology."
- "sudo rm -rf so they get nothing"
- "trying to give the red team diabetes will not get them their firewall back"

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Black Team Debrief



General Feedback

- Networking
 - fe80::
- Troubleshooting
- Recognize BT assistance costs
 - Minimize redeploys
 - Break glass accounts

Stats

- Total Network Usage: 241 GB
 - Tunnel Traffic: ~42 GB

APPLICATION	BYTES	SESSIONS
ssh	33.0G 	6.0k 
ssl	8.9G 	32.5k 
ms-rdp	835.1M 	957 

Tickets Stats

- Total: 88
 - Down from 106 tickets last year
- 27 Redeploys or Troubleshooting
- 7 Lockouts

Infrastructure	50
Other	20
Inject	13
Scoring	5

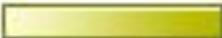
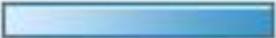
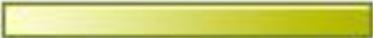


Open Crest Kitchens Integration Team

Generate me a pong game that I can play with an attacker who has reverse shelled into my box. I be left, they be right

  11:24
disabled "allow WAN", issue came after

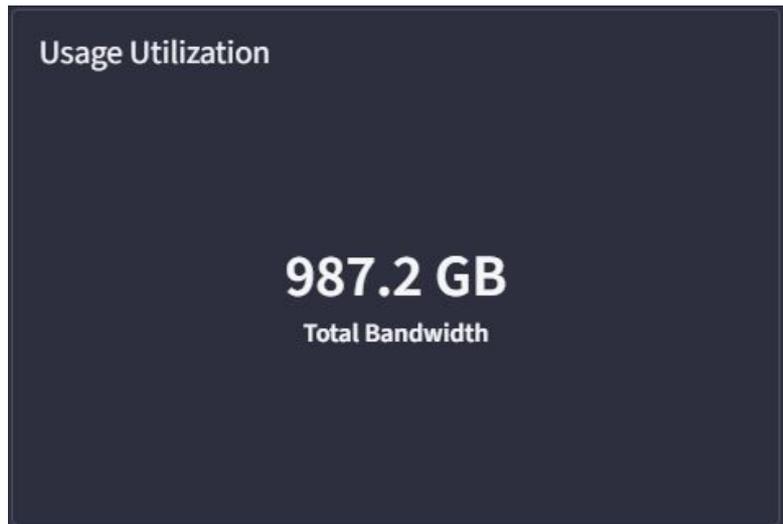
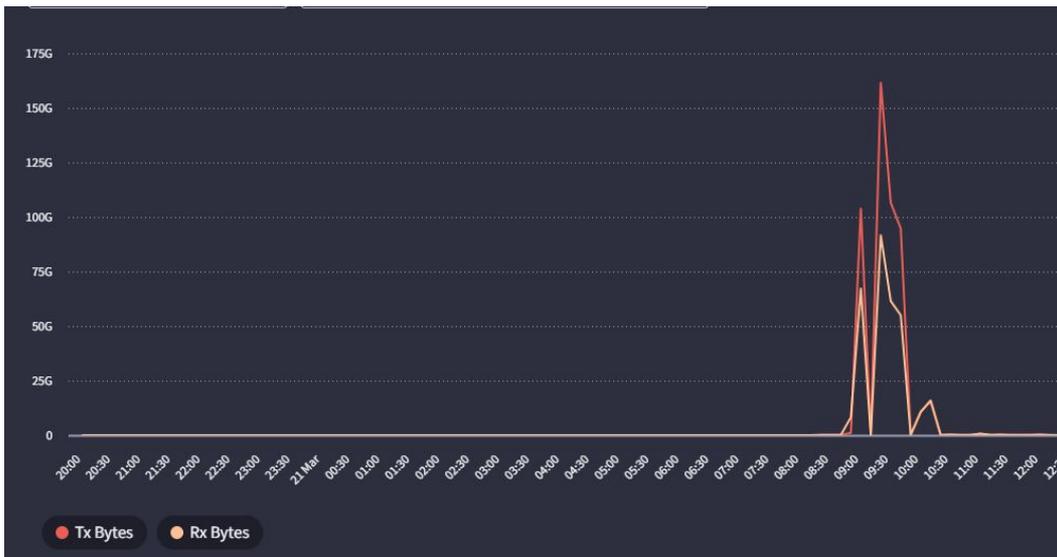
Blue Team AI Usage

APPLICATION	SOURCE ZONE	BYTES	SESSIONS
google-gemini	CCDC-Team	1.6G 	1.3k 
openai-chatgpt	CCDC-Team	1.1G 	2.2k 
claude-base	CCDC-Team	61.4M 	183 



The Gang causes a network loop

The Loop



tldr. Don't be lazy and setup spanning tree

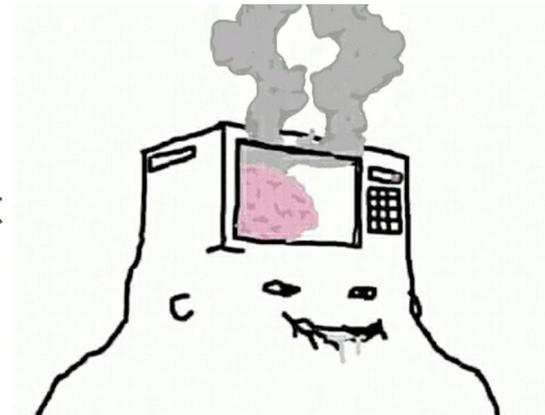
Blue Team Questions

Q: What was the most stupid ticket you received throughout the weekend?

A: Remember that we are in a virtual environment

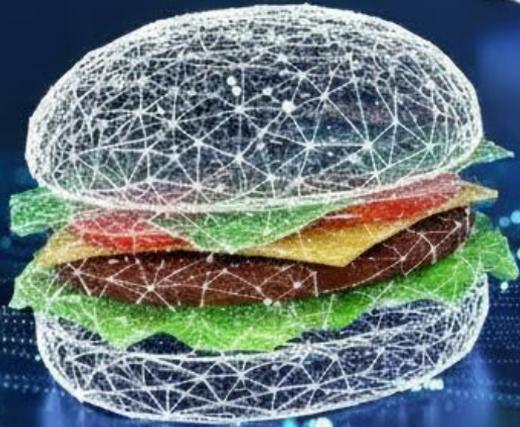
Q: Will Terraform//Ansible be on GitHub

A: Yes



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Red Team Shenanigans



Red Team Shenanigans

- Who ever has the most fun wins! - *Dan B.*
 - If you did not have fun this weekend consider a career change?
- Red Team Members – 10
 - Red Team experience at NECCDC – 70 years
 - Red Team experience at xxCCDC – 34 years
 - Blue Team experience at xxCCDC – 13 years

Red Team Shout Outs

- Black Team & “The Andrews” : They make the magic!
- White Team & Gray Team & Orange Team : Prestidigitators
 - Magician, illusionist, or performer skilled in sleight-of-hand and manual dexterity to entertain audiences.
- Questions?

Red Team Shout Outs

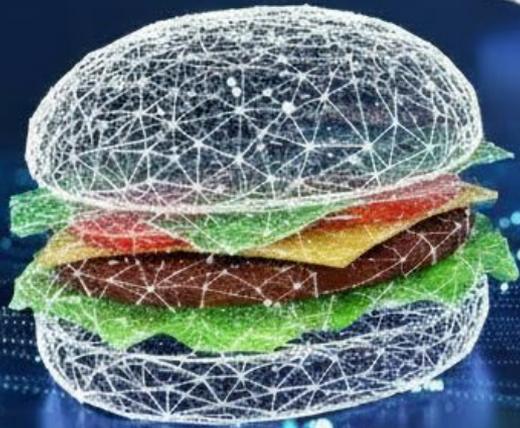
- Claude : Red Team MVP
 - Dollars spent: > \$3,000

APPLICATION	SOURCE ZONE	BYTES	SESSIONS
anthropic-api-base	CCDC-Staff	2.6G	649
claude-base	CCDC-Staff	24.2M	28
openai-chatgpt	CCDC-Staff	6.4M	19

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MCC President

Closing Remarks



Phil Sisson
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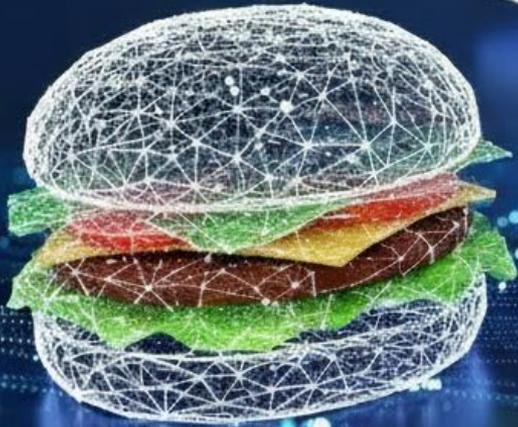
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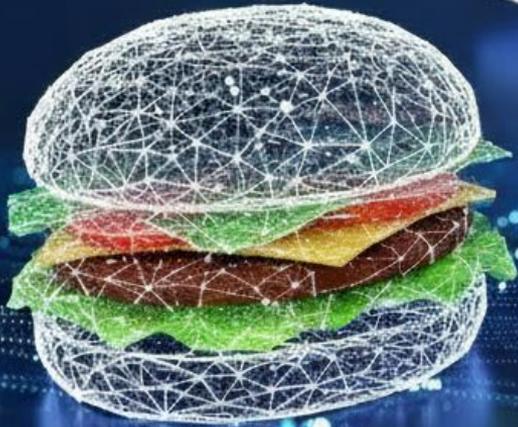


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3rd Place

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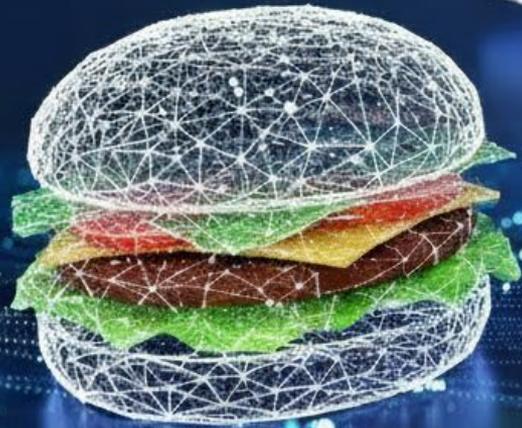


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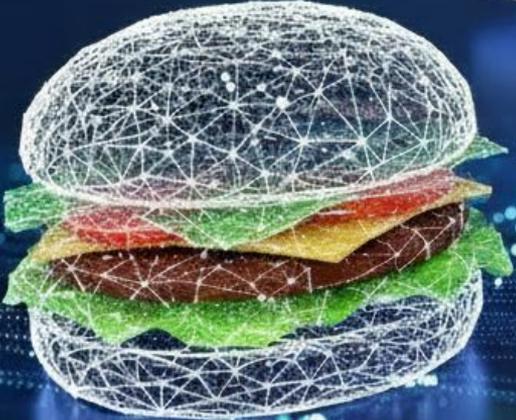
1st Place



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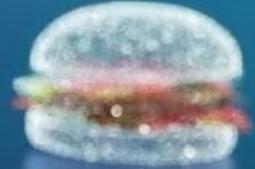
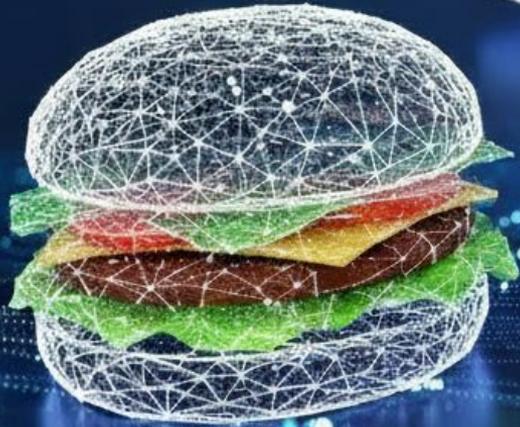
1st Place

A wireframe model of a burger with a bun, lettuce, tomato, cheese, and a patty, set against a blue background with glowing particles and other wireframe objects.

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Special Thanks!



Special Thanks - Regional Staff, Faculty & Students!

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Special Thanks - Regional Volunteers & Staff!

Black Team

Andrew A Andrew I Evan S Jake W Jason G
Justin M Nick M Alex S

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Red Team

Dan B

Meredith K

Dani B

Eric K

Jack M

Jenna D

John-Nicholas F

Jordan M

Tom T

Tom K

Special Thanks - Regional Volunteers & Staff!

White Team - Moderators

Amaan

Anton M

Ben G

Bill P

Bryce R

Chris M

Christopher J

Fabrizio D

Jared R

Mackenzie M

Matt H

Noah B

Oniyinyechukwu U

Patrick L

PJ F

Pranathi R

Ray M

Samir E

Tasneem N

White Team - Jr:

Kira K

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White / Gold Team - Core, Logistics, Inject Dev/Grading

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Jared R Luis R Michael L-W Patrick L

Fiona M Samir E Jaeley B John L

Gray Team (Black Team & White Team - Inject Dev & Grading)

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Justin M Nick M

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