

DEFCON 9



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Welcome to DEF CON Nine!

This is the biggest and baddest show ever. More speakers than ever, a bigger wireless network than ever, longest running show ever, and more hotel space than ever. Let me take this opportunity to put the rumors to rest. This year we have more space than H2K2 will next year, and next year we will have another 10,000 feet. If you count the entire hotel grounds we have them beat by a few acres. You are at the largest hacker party / conference on the planet!

Now none of this would not be possible with out the speakers or the staff. Unlike Black Hat, the speakers do not get paid for their time. They are doing this because they want to present neat new stuff to the community. Buy a speaker a drink for their hard work, but do it after their speech!

The staff is all volunteer, and they do a great job considering there are over 4,500 people here. Please don't mess with the staff. They are not here to make your life tough, they are here to make the show go. If a hallway is over crowded and they ask you to please move, it is not because they are out to get you. It is because they don't want the fire marshall pissed off. So buy the staff two drinks, after their shift of course!

I have selected a wide range of speakers on the most number of topics. Take some time out of your parting and see some talks this year! We have tried to make more space available to speakers so there will be less crowding.

OK, I am (as usual) up late and behind work so I am off to finish the rest of this program. Welcome to my party!

The Dark Tangent

Thanks

to the following people who made DEF CON possible (In no particular order) Noid, Zac, Noid, Preist, Artimage, AX, IRA, Dead Addict, Bink, Waz, Xylorg, The People, Josh, Tina, Dianna, Ping, Major Malfunction, Metal Head, Queeg, Videoman, ArcLight, Evil Pete, Dr. Kool, Russ, Evil, Megsusa, Lockheed, The Jinx Crew, TSOK, Charel, All of the speakers who worked hard to bring you new information, The Alexis Park Staff for putting up with us, Stevyn, Penguino, Winn Schwartz, The California Car Caravan people, anyone who did something cool for the convention like set up a wireless AP or a low power micro FM station, or just helped out a fellow hacker. With out everyone working together none of this chaos would have been possible. I will have a drink and toast your studliness.



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It is not in the scope of the presentation to suggest a best practice, but rather to give some information on the threats of these new ecnologies, so that risk management can make their own decisions based on that.



Jay Beale
ATTACKING & SECURING RED HAT AKA HOW EFFECTIVE HAS BASTILLE LINUX BEEN?

This talk will demonstrate each of the major (widely available) exploits against Red Hat 6.x, before and after hardening the system with Bastille Linux. The idea is to show, very concretely, how Bastille Linux was effective at stopping/containing attacks, before the exploit was ever written. This is not simply a "product demo" for an Open Source tool, though! We'll describe exactly what hardening steps are taken to combat each attack and illustrate how these prevented/contained a compromise.

Daniel J. Burroughs, Research Engineer
APPLYING INFORMATION WARFARE THEORY TO GENERATE A HIGHER LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE FROM CURRENT IDS

The two greatest weaknesses of Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) are the ease of which they may be evaded and their tendency to generate vast amounts of false alarms. Sophisticated attackers are able to easily avoid detection, maintaining a low profile by spreading out the attack both in time and (network) space. Meanwhile alerts are generated by normal user activity. IDS have not yet reached a level where they can reliably detect and assess advanced attacks while being able to separate normal user activities. This presentation discusses the use of Information Warfare theory, combined with multiple target tracking algorithms to generate a higher level of knowledge from current IDS. Instead of looking at IDS as the final stage in attack determination, it becomes the first stage. The IDS are treated as sensors on our network gathering information that is fed into a data fusion engine. By gathering information from different types of IDS and other sensors distributed throughout one or more networks, we aim to generate a higher level of knowledge, a situational awareness, that paints a much clearer picture of the activity on out networks.

By combining and fusing data gathered from many independent networks, it is possible to move away from the traditional defensive posture of network security. In its place we are given more of bird's eye view of the scene, and are able to see the activity of individual attackers spread out across many networks.

This presentation is based on research being conducted at the Institute for Security Technology Studies (ISTS), a federally funded research institute housed at Dartmouth College. A demonstration of the data fusion / target tracking system will be provided during the presentation.

Dr. Ian Goldberg, Zero-Knowledge Systems
ARRANGING AN ANONYMOUS RENDEZVOUS: PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR INTERNET SERVERS

As the Internet grows in popularity around the world, we are beginning to see clashes between individuals and governments from different cultural backgrounds. Corporations, organizations, and legislatures are using local laws in order to enforce their wishes on others worldwide.

Much work has been put into producing privacy-enhancing technologies that protect clients of online interactive Internet services. In this talk, we present the _rendezvous server_, a primitive which allows the transformation of any such technology into one which can equally protect the providers of those services.

It is our hope that being able to provide privacy for providers of online services, such as mailing lists, discussion groups, web sites, file servers, and chat rooms, they will be less susceptible to attack, and so will help prevent the Internet from becoming a place where the powerful can control the availability of content worldwide.

William L. Tafoya, Ph.D., Professor of Criminal Justice, Governors State University

GENERAL SESSION OPENING TALK

Keith Nugent

WINDOWS 2000 SECURITY: HOW TO LOCK DOWN YOUR WIN2K BOXES

Windows 2000 provides a lot of new security features that were previously not available in earlier versions. The NT line, however, has never been considered very secure right out of the box. We'll be talking about how to use NTFS permissions, Default Security templates, Custom Security templates, and Group Policy to lock down a Win2k box.

We'll look at what level of security is applied by default on a Win2k box, how to analyze these settings against proposed settings, and how to apply identical settings across multiple boxes.

Brenno de Winter, CEO, DeWinter Information Solutions

IP V6 SECURITY

What's new. What are new risks? What are new opportunities. HC NTFS Alternate Data Streams

Windows NT (WNT) and Windows 2000 (W2k) have powerful graphical user interfaces that make the job of assessing the security condition of and securing these operating systems considerably easier. Changing the bad logon limit is, for example, relatively easy to both understand and do in both of these Windows operating systems.

Providing adequate security does not, however, always involve working with mainstream features of applications, operating systems, and networks. Alternate data streams (ADSs) are an example. This little-known feature available with the NT File System (NTFS) in WNT 4.0 and Win2K (RICH98) has been available since the advent of NTFS in the first WNT release, WNT 3.1. Although this feature is relatively unknown by the vast majority of WNT users and administrators, it provides a potentially very powerful attack mechanism for malicious individuals intent on compromising and exploiting WNT and W2k systems.

What is an ADS? How can ADSs be created and how can executables be run in them? How can they be misused (e.g., by having malicious executables run in them)? How can they be found? This paper addresses these and other related issues concerning ADSs and security considerations.

James Bamford, author, researcher

RESEARCHING SECRETS

Bryan Glancey

WEAKEST LINK

Presentation and demonstration of attack attempts against common security software. Highlighting use of common hacking tools to attack Boot Protection, File Encryption, and other misplaced ideas. Seeking out the weakest section of security architecture and attacking based upon it

Demonstrations include:
sector editors
Windows based password attack programs (password grenades)
Windows window password broadcasting (the **** thing)

Simple Nomad

WIDDERSHINS: DE-EVOLUTION AND THE POLITICS OF TECHNOLOGY



Enrique Sanchez

DISTRIBUTED INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM EVASION (DIDSE)

A fast connection is the new era, but your IDS system can handle it?, your Operating System can handle it?. Can you handle it?. A DDoS is not the worse thing that an attacker can do in a distributed way. A evasion attack can take place while your IDS is just dropping packets, while it is just there checking an innumerable amount of unused packets with unused connections.

There is no tool such as this, or is it? DIDSE distributes the attack ranging the amount of packets to be sent to the network to cause a flood to even modem connections in a timing and hidden way the is virtually impossible to hide it, combined with some accuracy in penetration an attacker could easily bypass the new era security systems. He can bypass your IDS.

Bruce Schneier

BRUCE SCHNEIER ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Meet The FED Panel

JIM CHRISTY WILL BE MODERATING

This years panel will build on last years format: A brief introduction and statement from each of the panel members, and then right into Audience Questions and Answers. So far the Panel includes: OSD - Paul Smulian (Information Assurance); GAO - Keith Rhodes (Chief Tech Officer); Arizona State Representative Wes Marsh; NSA - Ray Semko, Interagency OPSEC Support Staff

Newbie Sessions

Lite Elam

RENAGADE WIRELESS NETWORKS, CREATING CONNECTIVITY ON DEMAND

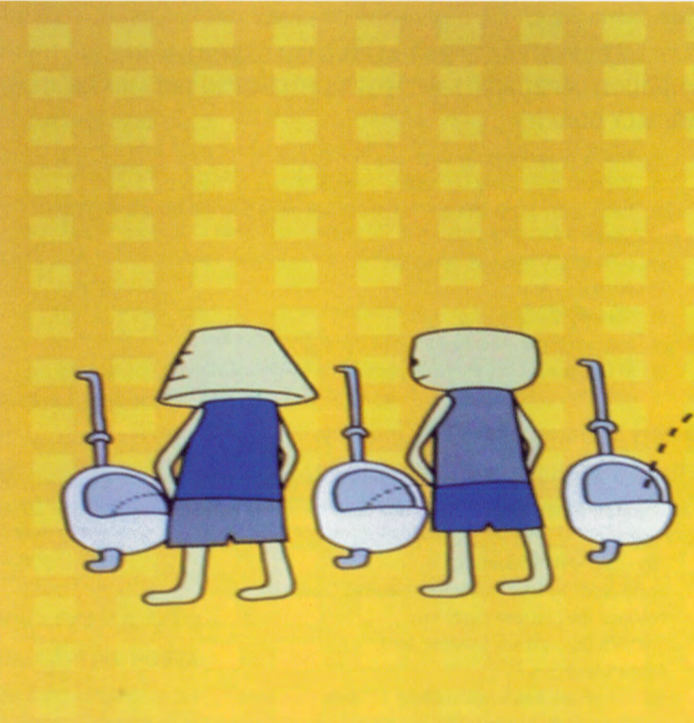
A panel of wireless hackers will describe how adhoc open wireless networks have been successfully set up for various events and places. From small/large happenings to local neighborhood access, learn how to create open wireless networks for all to use. After all, what is hacking without connectivity!

Dennis Salguero

THE BUSINESS SIDE OF STARTING YOUR OWN CONSULTING FIRM AND HOW THEY CAN SUCCEED

I currently run my own computer consulting firm and I think that I can help others. I don't specialize in security, but obviously, there are similar tasks that need to be done. I would cover things like:

- Incorporation
- Taxes
- Marketing
- Keeping the client happy
- Billing and getting paid



Dr. Cyrus Peikari

AN OPEN-SOURCE, INTERNATIONAL, ATTENUATED COMPUTER VIRUS

The unchecked proliferation of global information networks has left society vulnerable to a digital Armageddon. Computer viruses can counter this vulnerability by stabilizing and strengthening information systems. Using analogies from medicine, this paper demonstrates the pressing need for well-designed computer viruses. This paper also proposes the design, implementation, and distribution of an open-source, international, attenuated computer virus.

Shatter

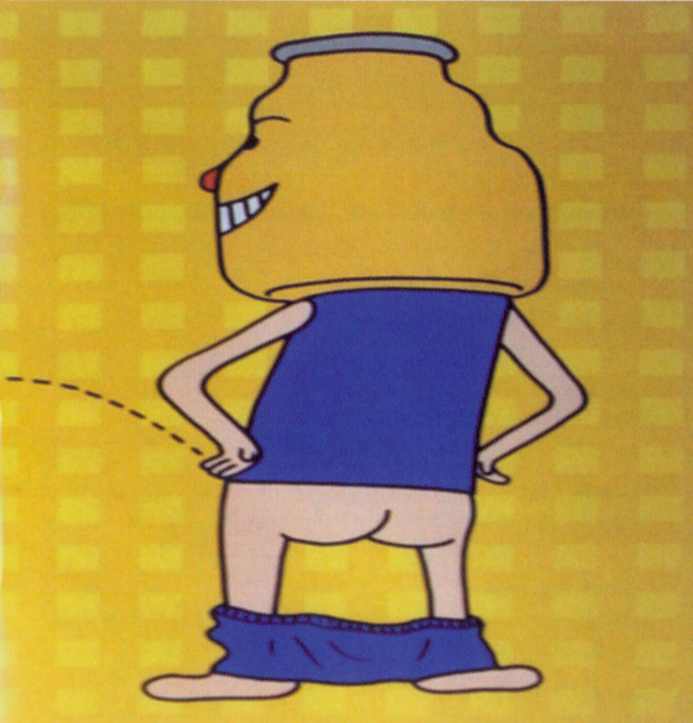
FAQ THE NEWBIES: INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE NEW TO SECURITY, HACKING OR DEFCON.

ETTIQUITE: How to aproch people, talk with people, introduce yourself and how not to be a lamer. Example will include real life anecdotes, stories from past cons, and even things that happened the night before.

PHILOSOPHY: Why are you here, and what are you doing? What is your motivation to be here? Why do you hack?

Also included in this section is the concept of ethics: How your actions effect yourself, others, and the net at large, responsibility for your actions, and the differences of white/grey/black hat hacking, and why real hackers don't wear hats. LEARNING: Where to go to learn, proper steps to true knowledge, and how to avoid the trappings of being a script kiddie. Knowing the difference from downloading a useful tool for your set and grabbing a script and wrecking havok.

REAL WORLD: What the media doesn't tell you, why hacking is easier on tv and the



movies, and the you don't get 6 figure jobs by getting busted for hacking a .gov installation. Debunking some of the myths that the gov't and private sector look for the best hackers to hire from the lists of convicted hackers.

WHERE TO GO FROM HERE: What you can get out of defcon, what you can learn, and where to go after you nurse a major hangover. This is the general idea of the lecture, same overall concept from last year, but the content is dynamic and updated to always remain current.

Len Sassaman, Security Architect & Technology Consultant

WHAT IS SSL, A CA AND FREECERT?

The goal of FreeCert is to provide free or low-cost certificate authority services to individuals and organizations with limited budgets, as well as raise awareness of the services that CA's currently provide.

Many users of the Internet today are unaware of what role a CA plays in the process of secure website viewing. In my presentation, I intend to give a brief explanation of how SSL works and what it is that a CA does. I will explain what the browser warning messages mean to the user, and what to do when encountering them. I will discuss the dangers of trusting CAs, and methods of ensuring that certificates are valid when the CA cannot be ultimately trusted.

Following this, I will present details about FreeCert: what it does and does not intend to accomplish, who can benefit from it, and how it will execute these goals. Information on becoming involved in the development of FreeCert will be provided, and questions about FreeCert will be answered.

Jennifer Granick

EUROPEAN CYBERCRIME TREATY

Go to <http://www.defcon.org/html/defcon-9-speakers.html> for speaker biographies.

Ryan Lackey

HAVENCO: ONE YEAR LATER

HavenCo provides secure colocation in the Principality of Sealand, in the North Sea, to a wide range of clients. We've gotten a lot of press in the past year, still, we get a lot of questions:

- Why do people go offshore in the first place?
- What can they gain?
- Aren't they all just software pirates and pornographers?
- Can existing companies restructure offshore after they get sued?
- What is life like on Sealand?
- Do you have photographs?
- Can I visit?
- Why don't you offer shell accounts?
- Is Sealand really a country? Is the UK going to invade?
- Are you going to set up other datahavens?

I will try to answer these questions, and will present a slideshow walkthrough of Sealand, information about our network and physical infrastructure, and information about current clients. In addition, I'll discuss some of our current development projects, and how our services can be useful to pro-liberty forces around the world.

David Gessel\Super Dave, of the DoC

INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY

The subject is Quantum Cryptography, and the scope of the paper will be targeted toward a lay audience with a basic understanding of physics (what is an electron, a photon, etc.), computers (that they deal with binary information), and cryptography (that combining data with noise makes the data unreadable unless the noise is removed).

I will move quickly and at a basic level through the quantum physics involved and the cryptographic principles and leave the audience with an understanding of the state and potential of quantum computing and quantum cryptography.

John L. Dodge, Bernadette H. Schell

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY HACKER STUDY UPDATE

Laurentian University's Hacker Research Team from Sudbury Ontario Canada interviewed and surveyed self-professed hackers at Def Con 8 in Las Vegas and H2K in New York City in July 2000. The objective of the study was an attempt to give a balanced view on hackers - including the "white hats" and the "back hats". Its intent was to collect information that would give a realistic picture of the way hackers think, feel, and behave rather than some unbalanced and contrived picture based on the media or innuendo. The 22-page questionnaire had five parts: (I) hacker demographics, (II) health and mind-body symptoms, (III) routine behaviors, (IV) respondents' likes and dislikes and (V) decisions regarding work and/or school.

The media and academic writers have created many hacker myths based on their feelings or observations. Are they supported by fact or are they just fiction? Of the 20-hacker myths investigated we will present which are supported by the questionnaire data and which are not. We begin to crack the myths with a balance view.

Sharad

SECURITY & PRIVACY ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ISSUES IN TODAY'S DIGITALLY CONNECTED AGE

The typical netizen is blissfully unaware of the dangers that lurk each time he or she gets connected. Others consider security to be a "black art", too complex to understand - and therefore studiously avoid anything to do with it.

This session serves as an introduction to the dangers that abound in today's networked existence. Besides presenting an overview of various attacks, the talk tries to demystify them by explaining the "how it works" of the attacks.

We move from basic to more sophisticated attacks, cover a "proof of concept" case study and consider the counter measures possible. The session aims to serve as a starting point for all those interested in safe guarding their online existence, for those responsible for their organization's security issues and for just about anyone who is interested in security.

Dan Moniz

THE IMPACT OF P2P ON SECURITY IN THE ENTERPRISE

Increasing democratization of the network means more and more users are finding interesting things to do with the resources at their disposal. In the wake of watershed decentralized applications such as Napster, many commercial and open source efforts are producing so-called "peer-to-peer" (P2P) or decentralized applications and computing frameworks. The genesis of P2P, decentralization, and distributed computing as a fundamental architecture has serious implications for the way security is handled, not only in the wilds of public networks like the Internet, but also in closed enterprise environments. Like it or not, users will be using these apps and participating in these networks. It behooves every security administrator to become familiar with the nature of P2P systems and to understand both the potential threats and possible benefits of such systems, as well as to anticipate user adoption and related issues.

John Q. Newman

HOW BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONDUCTED & HOW THEY CAN BE DEFEATED



Freaky

OS/X AND MACINTOSH SECURITY

Macintosh Security has gone unnoticed by the public for many years, only recently it has become a topic due to the release of Apple's Mac OS X. With BSD functionality there is a whole new realm of security issues to be discussed.

This years discussion will include the following:
Secure Installation of Mac OS X
Configuring the firewall functionality
SSH on Mac OS X
Mac OS X Virus/Protection
Mac OS X Security Bugs/Fixes
sudo security risk 101
Obtaining Root
Denial of Service attacks
Mac OS X Hacks & Cracks
You will also learn about the latest Macintosh security / hacking tools and see demonstrations of new apps. Plus Q&A at the end, and a guest speaker from the Macintosh Underground group Team2600 have a special announcement!



FRIDAY • JULY 13			
Defcon 2001 Schedule	Uber Haxor	General	Newbie
10:00 - 10:50	Biing Jong Lin, Chieh Chun Lin, Jan Che Su A Survey of Country-Wide Web Server Security	William L. Tafoya General Session Opening Presentation	Freaky OS/X and Macintosh Security
11:00 - 11:50	Jason Peel Cypherpunk Grade Covert Network Channels	Bruce Schneier Bruce Schneier Answers Questions	Sharad Security & Privacy—An Introduction To Some Interesting Concepts
12:00 - 12:50	FX Attacking Control, Routing & Tunneling Protocols	James Bamford Researching Secrets (Book signing immediately following)	Shatter FAQ For The Newbies: Information For People New To Security, Hacking or Defcon
13:00 - 13:50	Mark Grimes TCP/IP Intelligent Agents: The Future of Electronic Warfare & Defense	Simple Nomad Widdershins De-evolution & the Politics of Technology	Dennis Salguero The Business Side of Starting Your Own Consulting Firm and How They Can Succeed
14:00 - 14:50	photek Writing Back Doors	Kevin McPeake & Chris Goggans Falling Dominos	Robert Graham Principles of Cyber Anarchy
15:00 - 15:50	TechnoDragon Hardware Mods, How To Look For Them		Barry J. Stiefel NAT For Newbies and Not-So-Newbies: A Tutorial
16:00 - 16:50	Raven Alder A Perl Script that Tracks Denial of Service Attacks Across Cisco Backbones	Marcus Andersson Firewalling Wireless Devices	DJ Area Set-up
17:00 - 17:50			DJ Area Opens 'till 6AM
18:00 - 18:50	Adam Bresson Data Mining with PHP	CyberEthical Survivor: The Game	
19:00 - 19:50	Nick Farr Designing Secure Interfaces "for Dummies"		
20:00 - 20:50		Movie: TBA	
23:00 - 23:50		Haxor Jeopardy Round 1	
SATURDAY • JULY 14			
10:00 - 10:50	Optyx KIS—Kernel Intrusion System	Daniel J. Burroughs Applying Information Warfare Theory to Generate a Higher Level of Knowledge From Current IDS	Dr. Cyrus Peikari An Open-source, International, Attenuated Computer Virus
11:00 - 11:50	Bruce Potter & Adam The Captive Portal	Dr. Ian Goldberg Arranging an Anonymous Rendezvous: Privacy Protection for Internet Servers	Lile Elam Renegade Wireless Networks
12:00 - 12:50	Ofir Arkin Introducing X - Playing Tricks with ICMP	Jay Beale Attacking & Securing Red Hat AKA How Effective Has Bastille Linux Been?	Len Sassaman What is SSL, a CA & FreeCert?
13:00 - 13:50	Robert Grill, Michael Cohen Windows NT and Novell Host Based Intrusion Detection Using Native Logging & 3rd Party Log Reporting Tools	Thor Grabbing User Credentials via W2k ODBC Libraries	Dario D. Diaz Digital Millennium Copyright Act
14:00 - 14:50	D-Krypt Web Application Security	cDc Hacktivism Panel	John Q. Newman How Background Investigations Are Conducted & How They Can Be Defeated
15:00 - 15:50		Jim Christy Meet the FED Panel	Michael Wilson Hacker Doctrine in Information Warfare
16:00 - 16:50	Thomas J. Munn Using Open BSD, Snort, Linux & a Few Other Tricks To Set-up a Transparent, ACTIVE Ids	Bryan Glancey Weakest Link	The Defendant So You Got Your Lame Ass sued: A Legal Narrative
17:00 - 17:50			DJ Area Set-up
18:00 - 18:50	K2 Polymorphic Shellcode API	Peter Shipley 802.11b War Driving	DJ Area Open
19:00 - 19:50	Rob Shein Evaluating VPN Solutions	Enrique Sanchez Distributed Intrusion Detection System Evasion	
20:00 - 22:50		Social Engineering Contest	Black & White Ball
22:00 - 22:50		TCP/IP Drinking Game	DJ Area Opens 'till 6AM
23:00 - 23:50		Haxor Jeopardy Round 2	
SUNDAY • JULY 15			
10:00 - 10:50	Anders Ingeborn Designing Small Payloads	Richard Thieme Hacking a Trans-Planetary Net: The Essence of Hacking in a Context of Pan-global Culture, the Wetware / dryware Interface, and Going to Europa	David Gessel Intro to Quantum Cryptography
11:00 - 11:50	Robert Muncy Securing Cisco Routers	Brenno de Winter IPV6 Security	Jennifer Granick European Cybercrime Treaty
12:00 - 12:50	Phil King 8 Bits and 8 Pins: More Fun With Micro Controller Hacking	Keith Nugent Windows 2000 Security: How To Lock Down Your Win2k Boxes	Ryan Lackey HavenCo
13:00 - 13:50	Dan Kaminsky & Andy Malyshev Gateway Cryptography: Hacking Impossible Tunnels Through Improbable Networks with OpenSSH & the GNU Privacy Guard		John L. Dodge & Bernadette H. Schell Laurentian University Hacker Study Update
14:00 - 14:50	Dmitry Sklyarov eBooks Security—Theory and Practice	HC NTFS Alternate Data Streams	Dan Moniz The Impact of P2P on Security in the Enterprise
15:00 - 15:50	DEF CON Awards Ceremony: CTF, Scavenger Hunt, Coffee Wars & Social Engineering Contest Prizes Awarded		
16:00 - 16:50	Thanks for coming! DEF CON closes up, but feel free to hang out		