



CHES 2017 Capture the Flag Challenge

The WhibOx Contest

An ECRYPT White-Box Cryptography Competition

Organisation

- Organised by the ECRYPT-CSA project



- Submission server developed by CryptoExperts

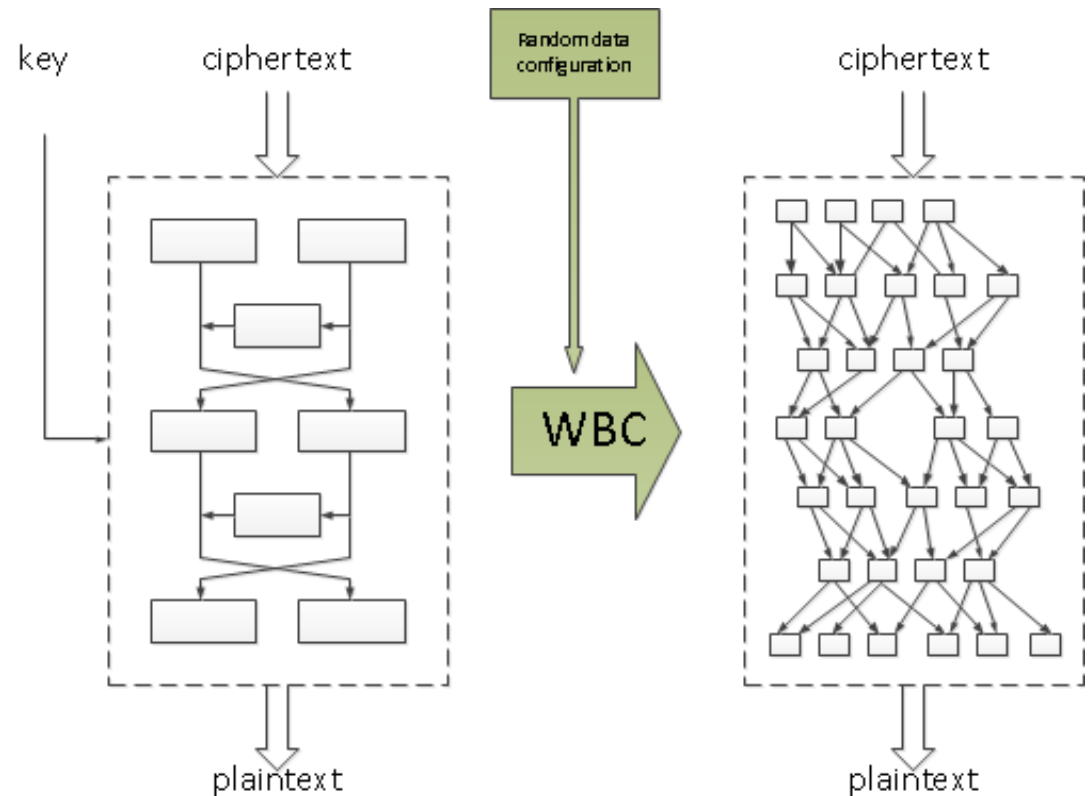


- Submission server hosted by TU Eindhoven



White-box crypto

- Obfuscation for crypto implementations
- Should at least be secure against key extraction
- Every published scheme broken
- Big trend in the industry (mobile payment, DRM, ...)
- Deployed implementations based on secret technologies



(picture source: <http://www.whiteboxcrypto.com/>)

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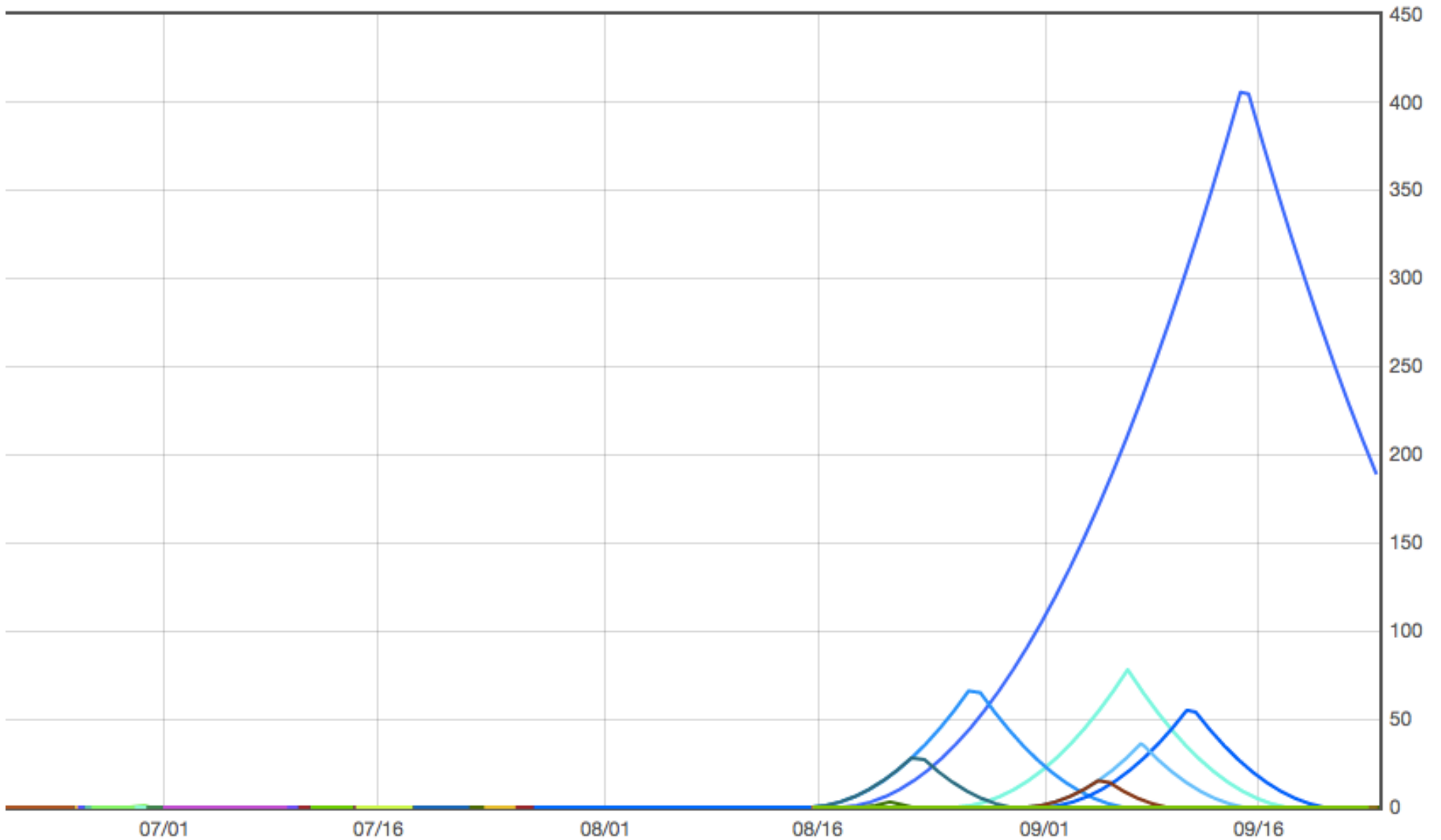
- Following an open discussion at the **WhibOx** workshop (co-located with CHES & CRYPTO 2016)
- Goal: confront designers and attackers of **practical white-box crypto**
- Designers can submit WB AES implementations st:
 - **C source code** at most **50MB**
 - **Executable** at most **20MB**
 - Use at most **20MB of RAM**
 - Run in at most **1sc**
- Attackers can try to recover the keys of submitted implem.

Contest rules

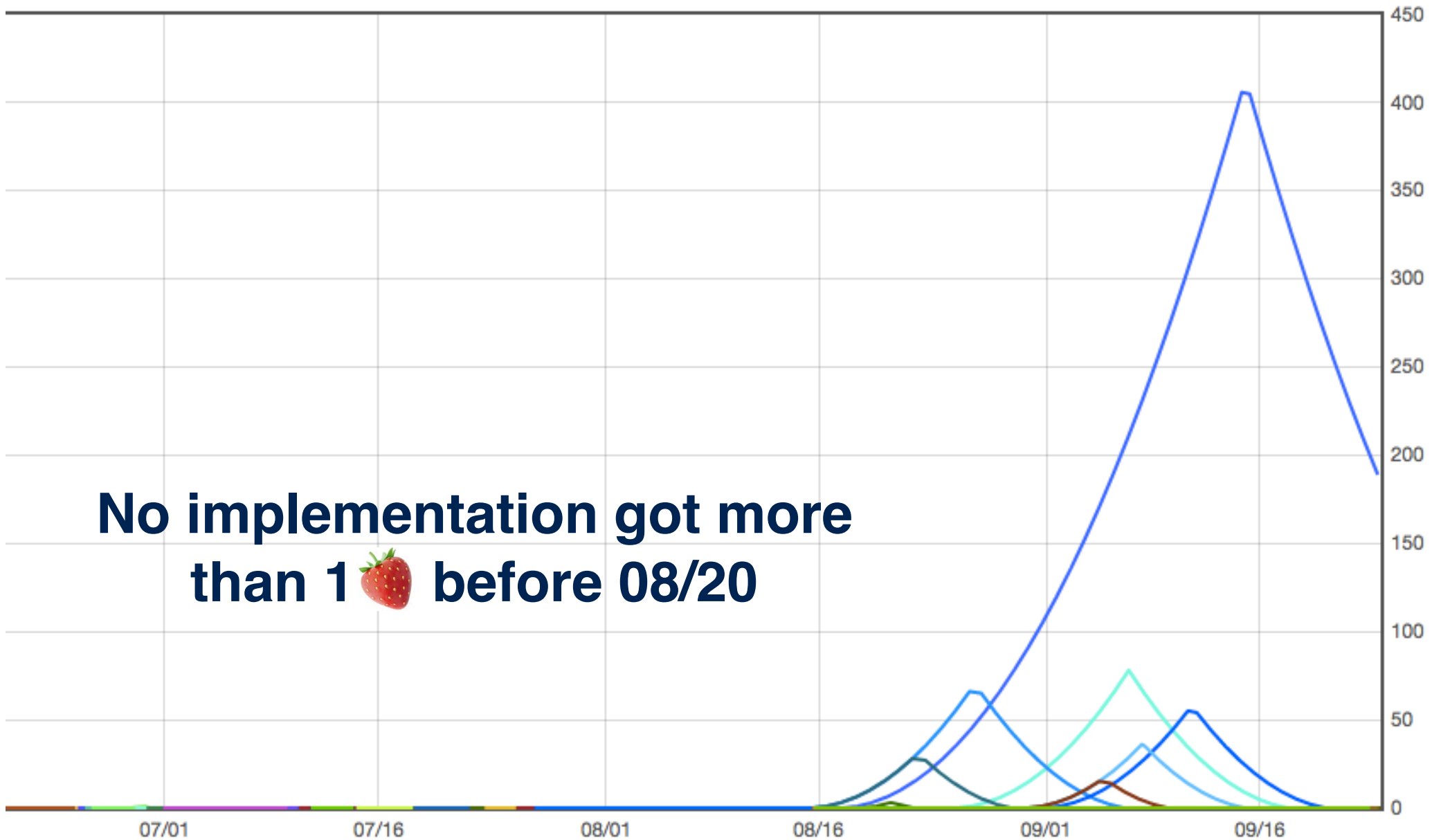


- A WB implem. gets 🍓 points as long as it stays unbroken
- n new 🍓 on day n (quadratic growth)
- When a WB implem. with q 🍓 is broken:
 - the attacker gets q 🍌 points (with max rule)
 - the 🍓 score of the implem. starts to decrease symmetrically down to **0**
 - the designer of the implem. gets q 🍓 points

Strawberry scores over time



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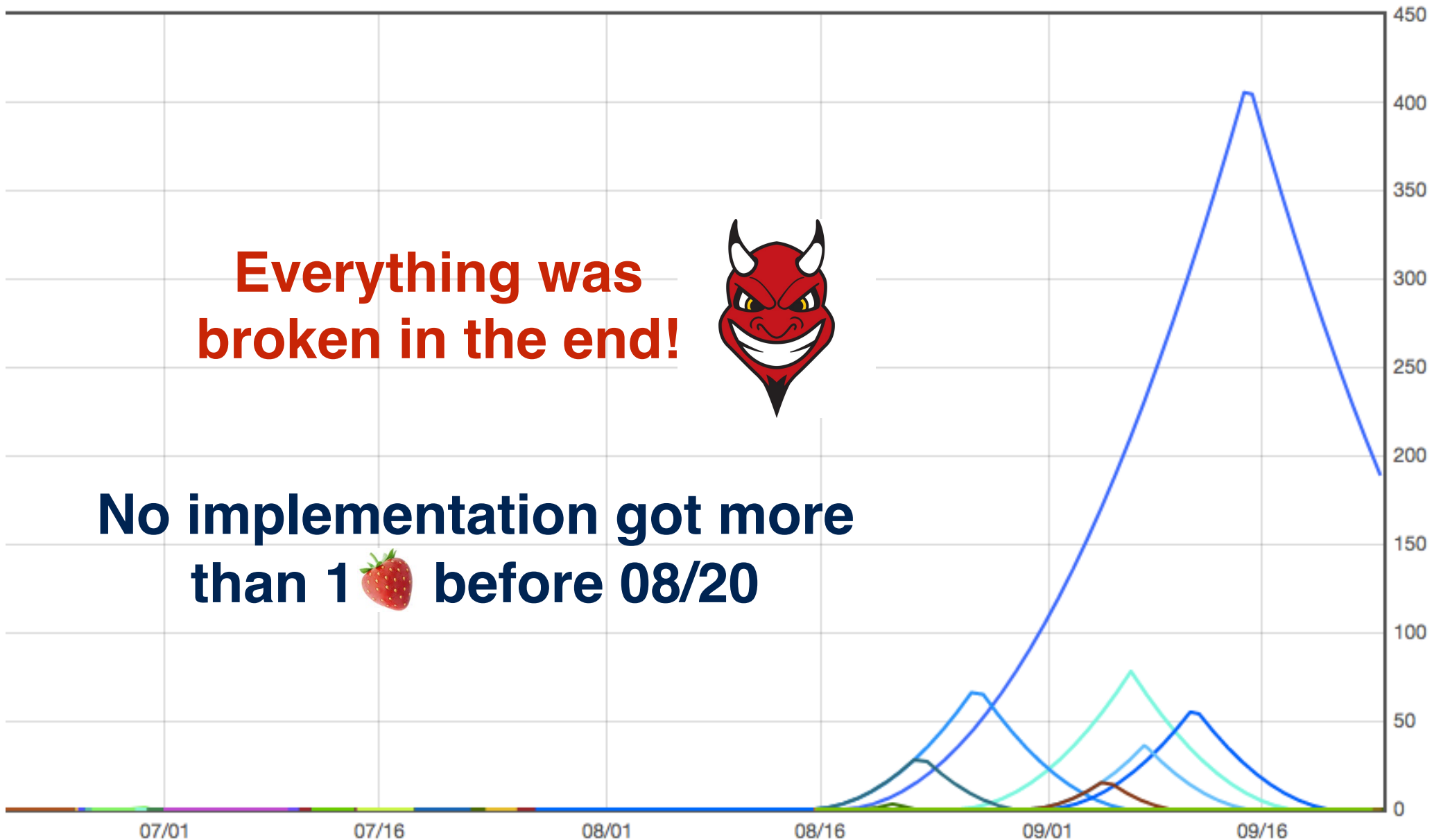
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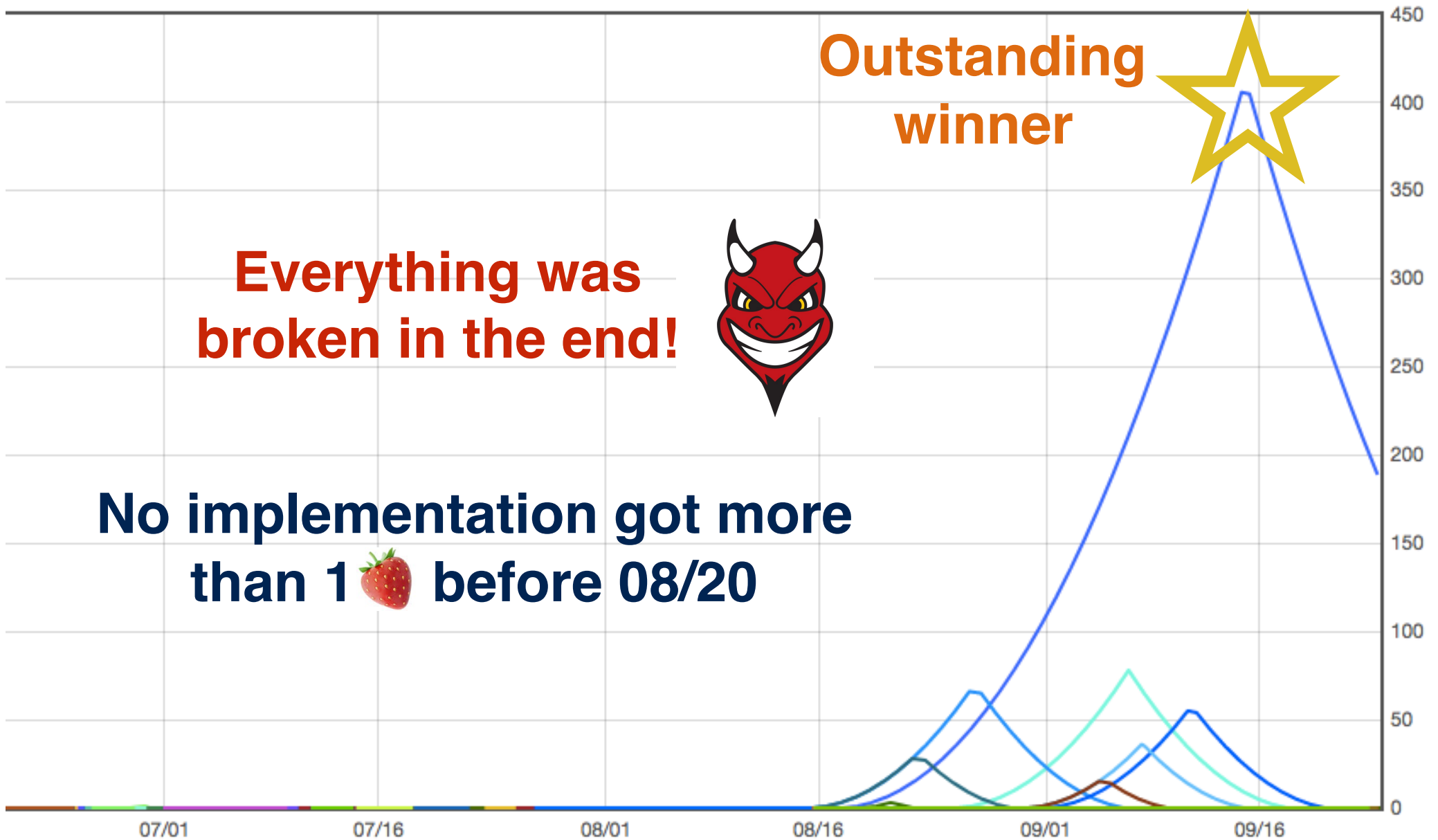
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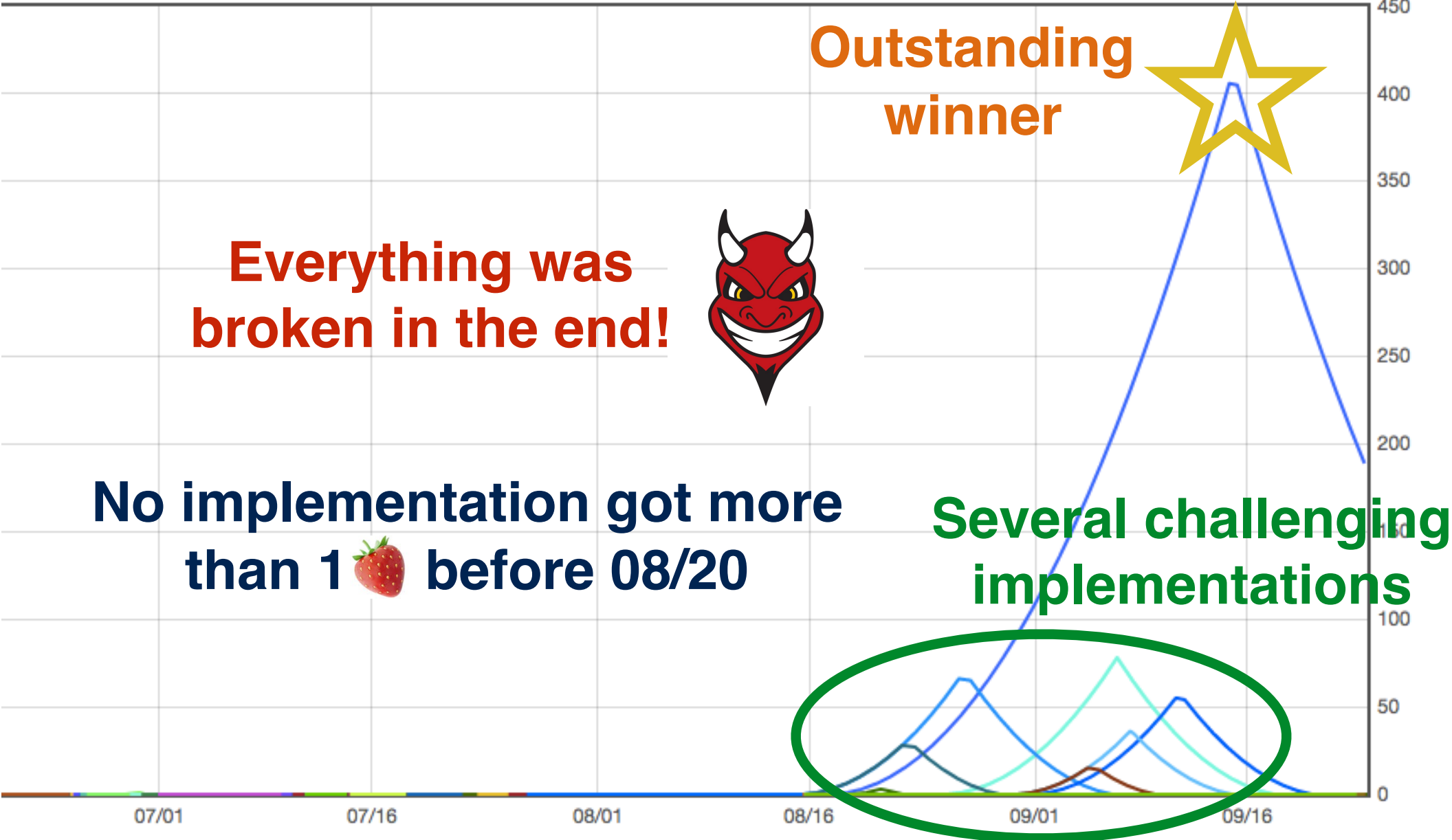
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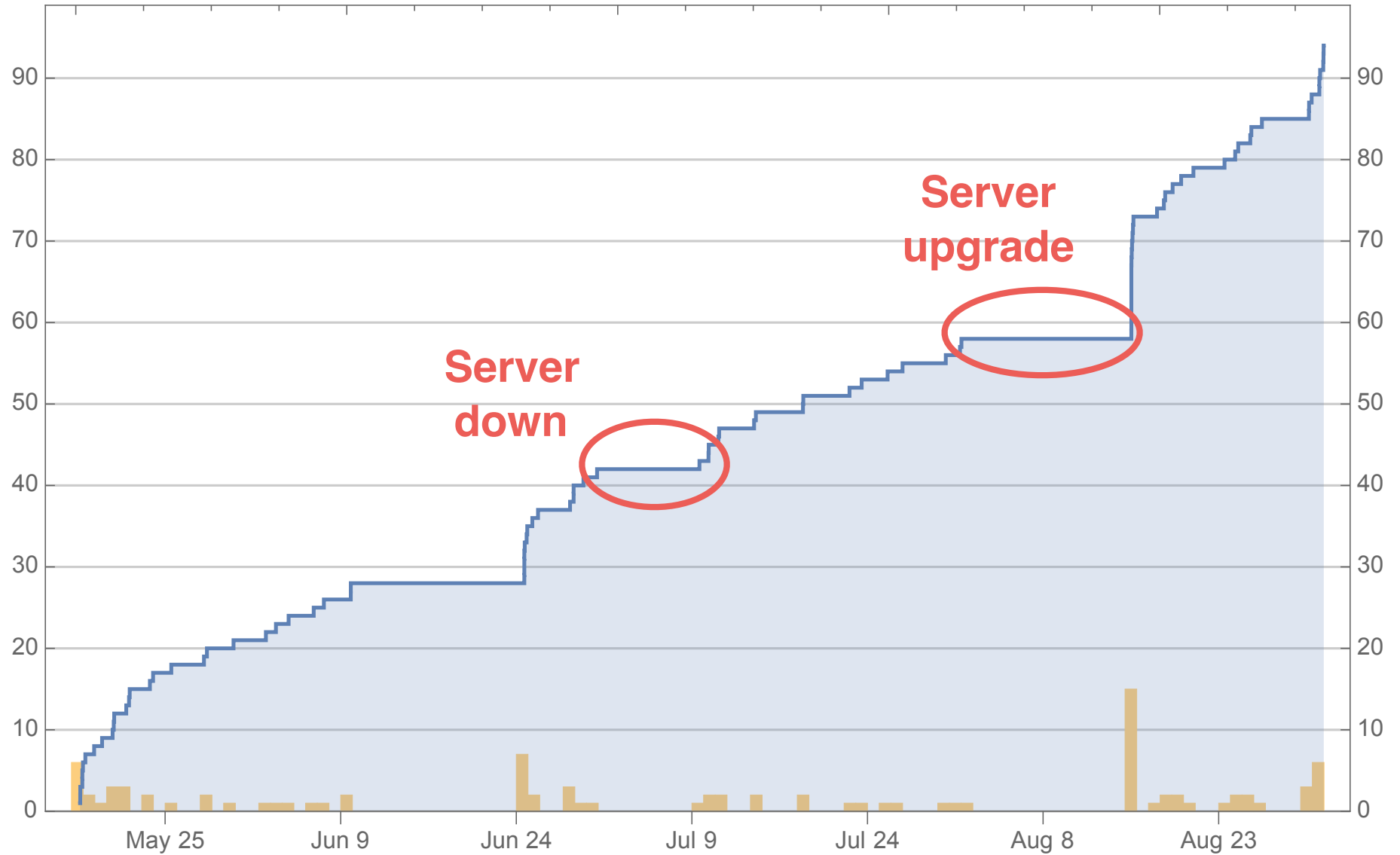
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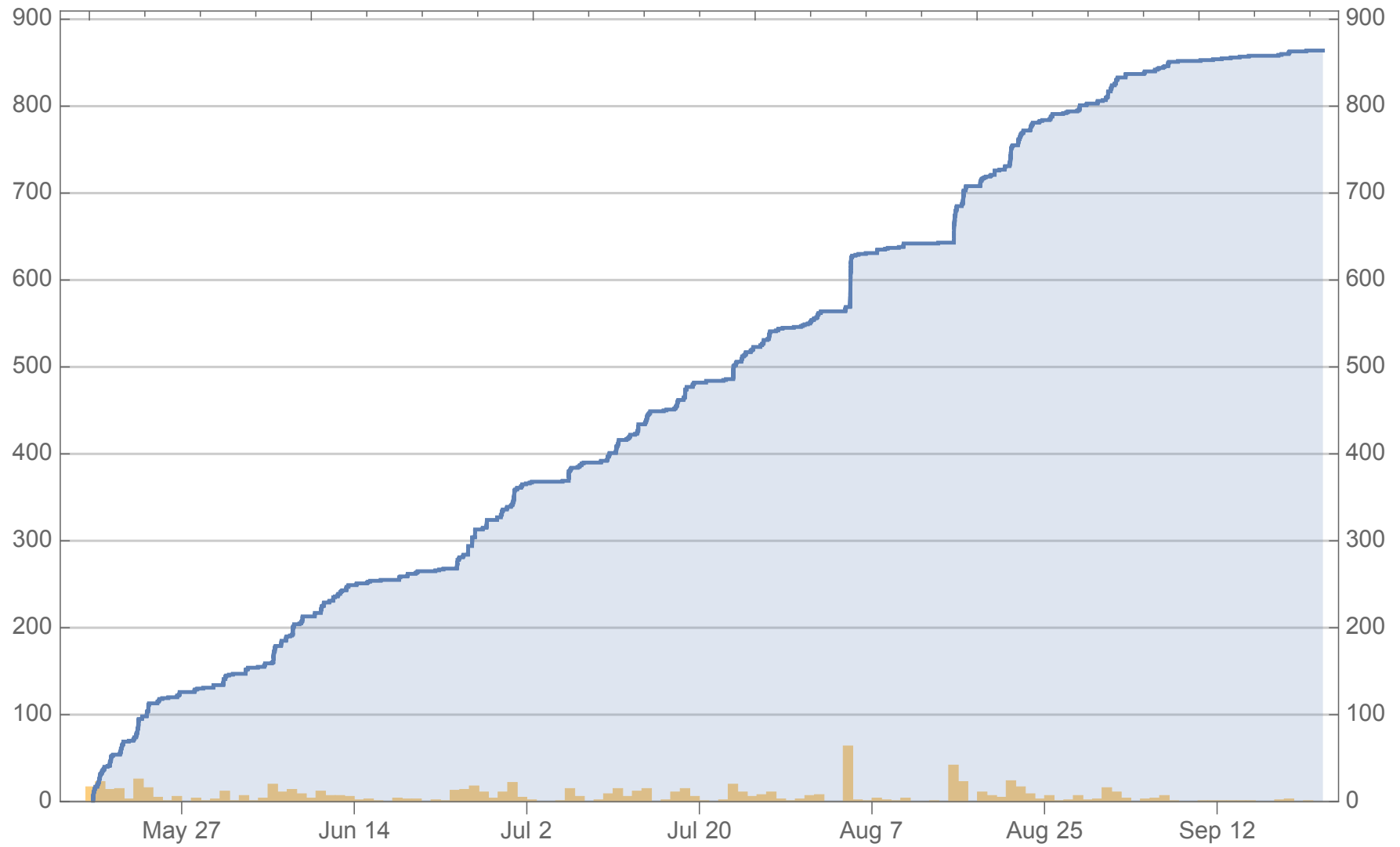
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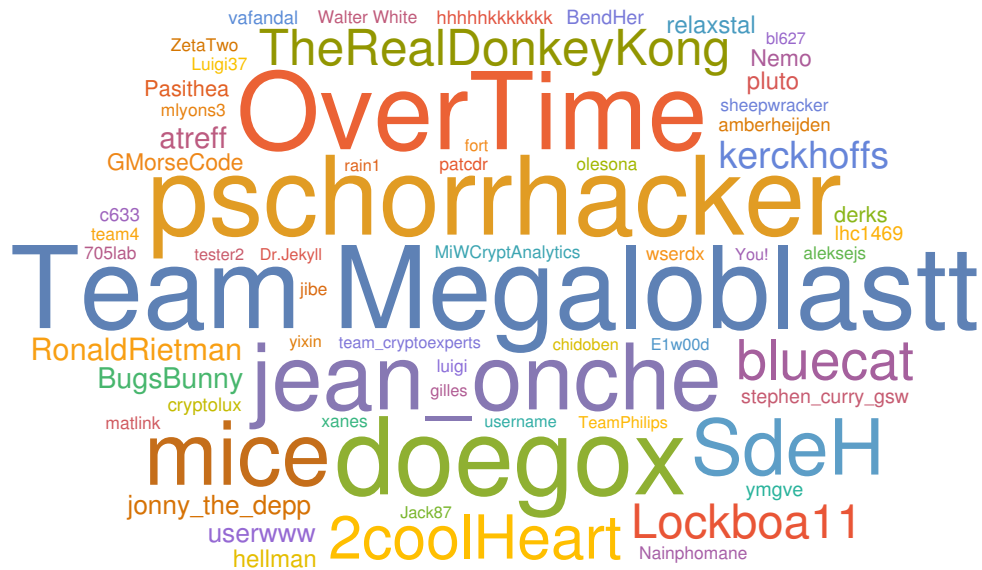
Submissions over time



Number of breaks over time



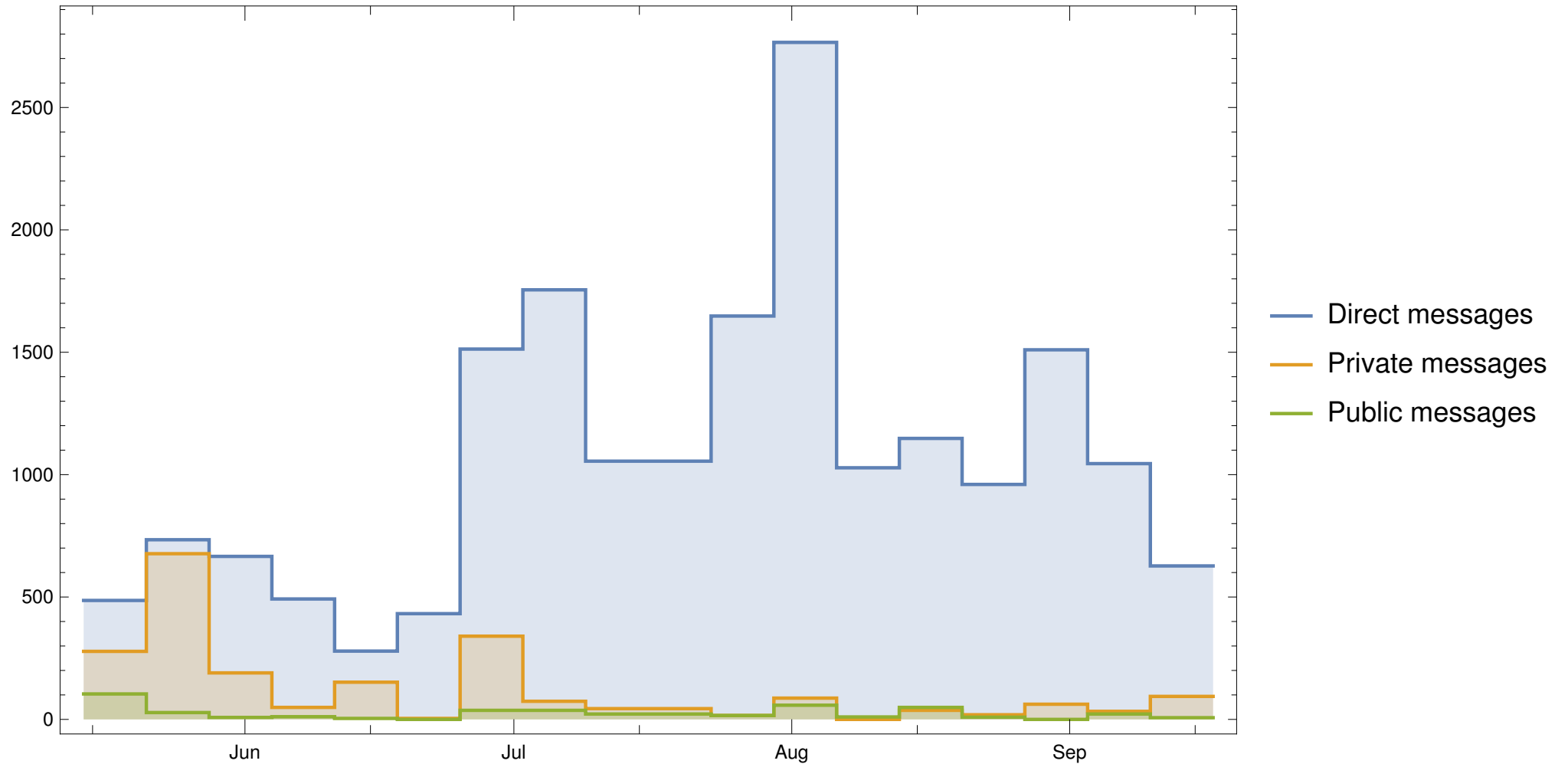
Breakers



89	Team Megaloblastt	3	c633
85	pschorrhacker	3	amberheijden
83	OverTime	2	ZetaTwo
83	doegox	2	xanes
69	jean_onche	2	Walter White
66	mice	2	team4
56	SdeH	2	sheepwracker
41	2coolHeart	2	patcdr
36	bluecat	2	olesona
31	TheRealDonkeyKong	2	Nainphomane
29	Lockboa11	2	mlyons3
20	kerckhoffs	2	MiWCryptAnalytics
14	RonaldRietman	2	matlink
13	atreff	2	Luigi37
12	BugsBunny	2	luigi
10	userwww	2	jibe
10	jonny_the_depp	2	aleksejs
8	relaxstal	2	705lab
8	pluto	1	You!
8	hellman	1	yixin
7	Nemo	1	username
7	GMrorseCode	1	tester2
6	Pasithea	1	TeamPhilips
6	derks	1	team_cryptoexperts
4	yngve	1	rain1
4	stephen_curry_gsw	1	Jack87
4	lhc1469	1	gilles
4	BendHer	1	fort
3	wserdx	1	E1w00d
3	vafandal	1	Dr.Jekyll
3	hhhhhhhhhhhh	1	chidoben
3	cryptolux	1	bl627

Slack activity

20772 messages + 615 files exchanged



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Third (11 days / 66 🍓)

Second (12 days / 78 🍓)

Winner (28 days / 406 🍓)

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Brent Carmer, Tancrede Lepoint,
Alex Malozemoff, Mariana Raykova
(iO with degraded parameters)

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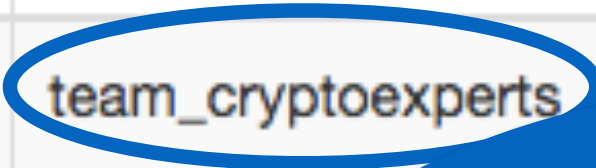
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Reveal Secrets in Adoring Poitras

A victory of reverse engineering and cryptanalysis over challenge 777

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Downloading and Compiling the code Code

- Browsers stuck at loading it...
- Editors are broken by it...
- Some compilers (e.g., llvm) keep compiling and reporting warnings...



11:55 PM

777 broke my editor 🙄



8:14 AM

So was my compiler.

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Untidy Code

More than 1k functions

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void xSnEq(uint UMNsVlp, uint KtFY, uint vzJzQ) {if(n!ajqq(!=IFWBUN(UMNsVlp, KtFY)) Ewvon(vzJzQ);}
void qRGCrsk() {kIKfgI=bCkIKr(!)}
void mlcazn(uint EwREsc, uint cLOJY) {if(BrZa(!=Y=
void SNGcJY(uint CnnyTFv, uint lLRoit, uint XT
void rNUIPyD(uint hFqeIO, uint jvXpt) {xkpRp
void qoRf(uint QRFOI, uint CoCI, uint aLPXp
void UfJtwb(uint HCOLC, uint ISRFdIP, uint urvWX)
void dLJT(uint RouDUC, uint TSCaT) {return ooGoRv[763216uL]|qscwtk(RouDUC+(kIKfgI<<17),TSCaT);}
void WnCuwS(uint AKUifh, uint xtvA) {xkpRp[AKUifh]=xKuuIdu(xtvA);}
void cknL(uint ZxWvn, uint dywdcQ) {return ooGoRv[(ZxWvn+dywdcQ)|196983];}
uint mgXny(uint cdIq, uint aLEJS) {return TzXSSe(cdIq+(kIKfgI>>18),aLEJS);}
void gtdkKbX(uint OImodrC, uint TuIqIX) {xkpRp[OImodrC]=WuqR(TuIqIX);}
void TdswL(uint WYARFXG, uint wNbx) {VDPRwo=ooGoRv[WYARFXG]swNbx;}
void puBLD(uint XBzm, uint aZGhLR) {xpJQT(XBzm, Puix[aZGhLR]);}
uint MpfN(uint ghpctSg, uint UeGvXS) {return nPLEFT(ghpctSg+(kIKfgI<<18),UeGvXS);}
void zSBu(uint NcJbw, uint OMQBqX, uint AyoLFz, uint BmXtVx) {uint dyfS=(ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+AyoLFz)|6262143]|BmXtVx)&1;ooGoRv[(kIKfgI
void CnuL(uint UtdaJEs, uint vKT0Yz) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI-UtdaJEs)|113092]=ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+vKT0Yz)|66421ZJ]}
void ZAPuRa(uint maFih, uint GzIW) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI-maFih)|128149]=ooGoRv[(((ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+GzIW)|142194])|16981)<<1)+437+(((
void eoyLacs(uint GAULGs, uint xVRz, uint bTUAfhw) {if(!jDdGL(!=MpfN(GAULGs, xVRz)) toez(bTUAfhw)}
void ghaIi(uint EFrhZ, uint HMaOVm, uint xkAobL) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI-EFrhZ)&6262143]=((ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+HMaOVm)&6262143]>>57)&(ooGoRv[
void balserP(uint ktkk, uint gqaAS, uint aPbCdV) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI-ktkk)^168728]=ooGoRv[(((ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+gqaAS)|196972])|ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+ai
uint gTcE(uint gTcE, uint gTcE) {return ooGoRv[(gTcE+gTcE)|6262143];}
void XcHfHe(uint IXObG, uint bLPPtU) {VDPRwo=ooGoRv[IXObG|bLPPtU]}
void hKYPrt(uint cTcE, uint udoXEs, uint eozq) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+eTGI)&6262143]|ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+mezi
uint dnEmK(uint WAdV, uint ZcVd) {return ooGoRv[(WAdV+ZcVd)|6262143];}
void QIko(uint KLedYCW, uint lRjmJ) {ludBCin(KLedYCW,xKuuIdu(lRjmJY-kIKfgI));}
void koPLBY(uint wamXCeW) {kIKfgI= wamXCeW;}
void BndSNQh(uint eFUSN, uint qSia) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+eFUSN)|211401]=ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+qSia)^129545]<<25;}
void zbuYmHS(uint MnjJKh, uint LZWNw) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI-MnjJKh)|230690]=ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+LZWNw)&6261457]>>9;}
void TUNc(uint DqPwV, uint chNeV, uint xTaz) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI-DqPwV)&6262143]=(ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+chNeV)&6262143]<<23)^(ooGoRv[(kIKfgI|
void SUCt(uint bRrR, uint eVey) {lDgabw(hrRro,InG5+(eVey-kIKfgI)|
void dzjBpV(uint YfnT, uint JkTW) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI-YfnT)&6262143]=ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+JkTW)&626143R];}
void Utrr(uint eMObkz, uint Bqoq, uint oBShK7) {!(ooGoRv[(eMObkz, Bqoq)]&ooGoRv[(Bqoq, eMObkz)])&ooGoRv[(Bqoq, eMObkz)]}
void qDYtO(uint mziXRVL, uint LXNTNT) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI-mziXRVL)&6203567]=ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+LXNTNT)|200567]<<8;}
void seclU(uint mztVI, uint FzTgaE) {xkpRp[mztVI]=GCHMT(FzTgaE);}
void kPPK() {kIKfgI=lwBfvf(!);}
void WgTDY(uint vq0lh, uint lllIKxA) {xkpRp[vq0lh]=ruPEw(IIIkxA);}
void fPHXPpL(uint SteQld, uint ZubEP, uint ZIQz) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+SteQld)&6262143]=ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+ZubEP)&6262143]+ZIQz;}
uint SCXkC(uint TPoff, uint McQB) {return ooGoRv[(TPoff+McQB)&61943]}
uint mPqHeVs(uint uWjyIQc, uint yXJD, uint GAgXcLT) {if(!jDdGL(!=hVUd(!=yXJD))&6262143)=ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+uWjyIQc)&6262143]+yXJD;}
uint feTzoI() {return fCOyyDK((kIKfgI<<18)+1592,(VDPRwo>>6)+(VDPRwo)}
void MOAI(uint YeHpb, uint yuiqAh) {VDPRwo=ooGoRv[YeHpb]|yuiqAh;}
void vGqvpMu(uint fCHT) {kIKfgI= fCHT;}
void wnaEGIA(uint aDJFaul, uint DdwxIQu) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+aDJFaul)&6262143]|DdwxIQu;}
void kWeKSB() {kIKfgI=feTzoI();}
void xtuYXfZ(uint loTKN, uint zMuXy) {ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+loTKN)&6262143]=ooGoRv[(kIKfgI+zMuXy)&6262143];}
uint optuShc() {return fCOyyDK((kIKfgI>>18)+877,(VDPRwo>>4)+((VDPRwo>>4)<<1)|148197);}
```

random naming

0x3ffff

not used

duplicate

Readability Processing

- Duplicate / redundancy / unused codes elimination
- Functions / variables renaming
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Only 20 functions are remaining

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void copy(uint KLedyCW, uint lRjmjY) {int_arr[(a+KLedyCW) & 0x3ffff] = int_arr[lRjmjY & 0x3ffff];}
void encode(uint owj0, uint nLbqXn) {assign(owj0, in_ptr[nLbqXn]);}
void decode(uint hFqeIO, uint jvXpt) {out_ptr[hFqeIO]=int_arr[(a+jvXpt)&0x3ffff];}
void rshift_xor(uint HcCOL, uint ISRfdIp, uint uYFPMX) { int_arr[HcCOL&0x3ffff]^=1&(int_arr[(a+ISRfdIp)&0x3ffff]>>ufYFPMX); /*pri
void lshift_xor(uint NcJBw, uint OMQBQxa, uint AyoLFz) { uint dyfS=(int_arr[(a+AyoLFz)&0x3ffff])&1;int_arr[(a+NcJBw)&0x3ffff]^=dyfS;
void expand_bit(uint SteQlD, uint ZubEP, uint ZiQz) {int_arr[(a+SteQlD)&0x3ffff]=!(int_arr[(a+ZubEP)&0x3ffff]>>ZiQz)&1);}

uint lookup1(uint AKBKig) {return int_arr[(a+AKBKig)&0x3ffff];}
uint lookup2(uint WAdV, uint ZcVdJ) {return int_arr[(WAdV+ZcVdJ)&0x3ffff];}

void assign(uint UbEj1, uint UmwjUh0) {int_arr[(a+UbEj1)&0x3ffff]=UmwjUh0;}
void assign_a(uint wE0kx) {a = wE0kx;}
void assign_b(uint fnmqxL) {b=int_arr[fnmqxL]&0x07fff;}
void update_a() {a=lookup2(1592,mix(b)); printf("%lu\n",a);}
void update_b() {b=0x7fff&lookup2(522,mix(b));}

void mystery(uint wJxea, uint QBGXUN) {uint t = (~int_arr[(a+QBGXUN)&0x3ffff])&0x7fff; assign(wJxea,lookup2(2979,mix(t)));}

// bitwise operation
void xor(uint oEHmwk, uint KCZu, uint MtCA) {int_arr[(a+oEHmwk)&0x3ffff]=int_arr[(a+KCZu)&0x3ffff]^int_arr[(a+MtCA)&0x3ffff];}
void and(uint bmmFp, uint UNFg, uint PqCtZYz) {uint t = int_arr[(a+UNFg)&0x3ffff]&int_arr[(a+PqCtZYz)&0x3ffff];}
void or(uint eTGI, uint udoXFs, uint mezPNN) {int_arr[(a+eTGI)&0x3ffff]=int_arr[(a+udoXFs)&0x3ffff]|int_arr[(a+mezPNN)&0x3ffff];}
void not(uint YfnT, uint JKTW) {int_arr[(a+YfnT)&0x3ffff]=~int_arr[(a+JKTW)&0x3ffff];}

// jump
void goto_f(uint LKh0C) {pc = bop + LKh0C;}
void jump_if(uint DbvJ0, uint FleFNIf, uint LeHf) { if(lookup2(2979,mix(b))==lookup2(DbvJ0, FleFNIf) || count >= 64) {printf("%d"
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    QiEb = (void*)funcptrs[*pc++];
    uint *Anezsv = (uint*)pc;
    pc += eMmr*8;
    // QiEb(Anezsv[0], Anezsv[1], Anezsv[2]);
#ifdef SIMULATE
    printf("%8s(%d,%d,%d);\n", flist[*pc-1-eMmr*8], Anezsv[0], Anezsv[1], Anezsv[2]);
#endif
}
else if (eMmr == 4) {
    void (*QiEb)(uint, uint, uint);
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We get a bitwise-based program (600k operations).

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Bitwise-based program

Input: plaintext bits (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{128})

Output: ciphertext bits (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{128})

for $i = 1$ to 128 **do**

$t[addr_1, i] \leftarrow 0b b_i b_i \dots b_i$

▷ expand b_i to unsigned long integer (64 bits)

for $j = 1$ to 64 **do**

$t[addr_2, i + j * 2^{12}] \leftarrow t[addr_1, i]$

end for

end for

BITWISEOPERATIONLOOP1

▷ loop for 64 times

BITWISEOPERATIONLOOP2

...

BITWISEOPERATIONLOOP2573

for $i = 1$ to 129 **do**

$t[addr_3, i] \leftarrow v_i$

▷ $v_i \in GF(2)$ is a constant

for $j = 1$ to 64 **do**

$tmp \leftarrow t[addr_4, i + j * 2^{12}] \oplus t[addr_5, i + j * 2^{12}]$

$t[addr_3, i] \leftarrow t[addr_3, i] \oplus \text{PARITY}(tmp)$

▷ PARITY computes the number of 1-bit modulo 2

end for

end for

BITWISEOPERATIONLOOP2574

...

BITWISEOPERATIONLOOP2582

for $i = 1$ to 128 **do**

$c_i \leftarrow t[addr_6, i]$

end for

From Bitwise Program to Boolean Circuits

- 64 (loop length) * 64 (number of bits in a unsigned long integer) independent AES computations operated in boolean circuits
- 3 out of 64*64 are the real and identical AES computations (e.g., bit 42 of loop 26)
- Hence, the bitwise-based program can be simplified as a boolean circuits with 600k gates (XOR, AND, OR, NOT).

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Boolean Circuits Minimization

- Constant variable detection and propagation
- Dead code elimination
- Deduplication
- “Potential” pseudorandomness detection and removal
- Repeat the above steps until no more constant / duplicate / “potential” pseudorandomness can be detected

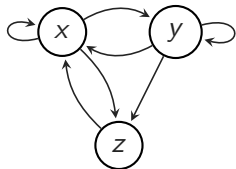
Finally, the circuits is reduced to 280k boolean gates (53% smaller)

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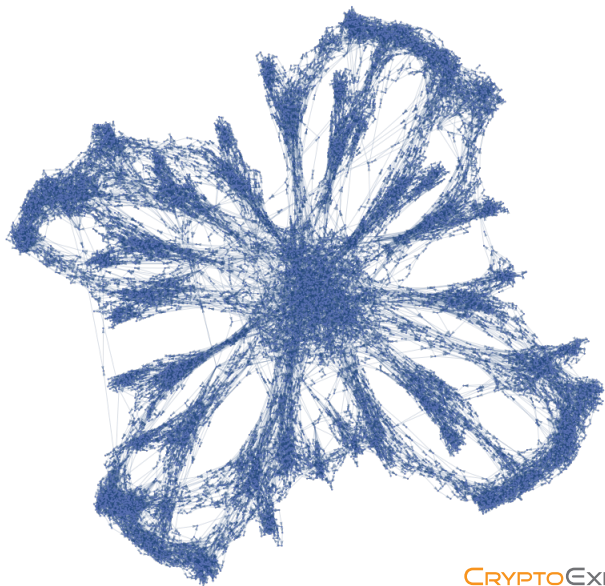
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Data Dependency Graph (DDG)

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x = a;  
y = b;  
x = y + x;  
y = x * y;  
z = x - y;  
x = z * x;
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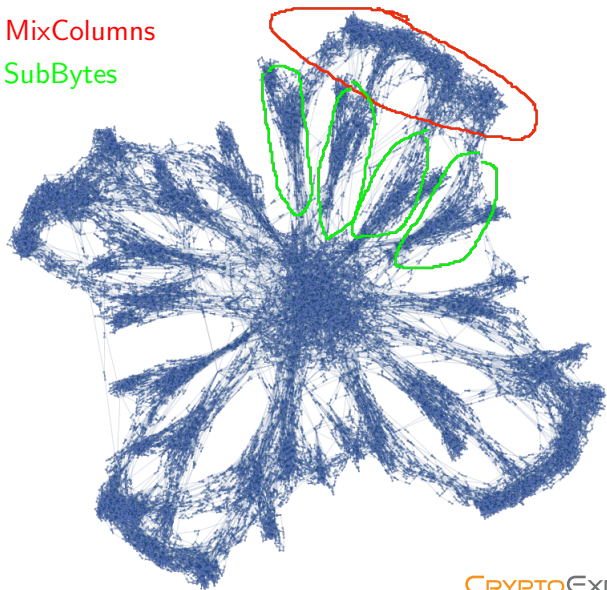
DDG of the Circuits (First 5%)



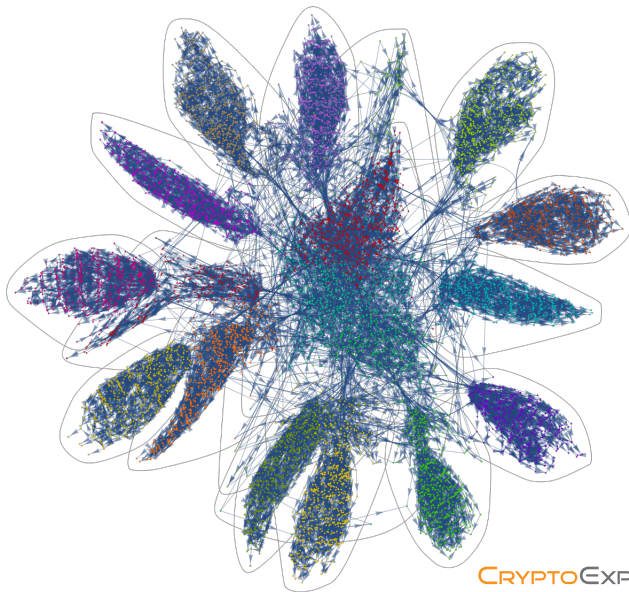
First Round Computation of AES

MixColumns

SubBytes



Extracting the Branches (Clustering)



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Assumption

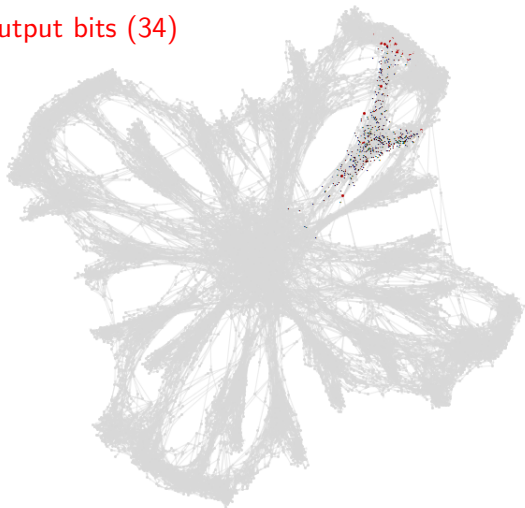
Assumption (Informal)

Each of the green "branch" corresponds to an individual S-Box computation in the first round of AES, the t -bit output (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_t) of which is a linear encoding of a real S-Box output bit.

Output Bits of A Branch

Bits in a branch (530)

S-Box output bits (34)



Solve a Systems of Linear Equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_1^{(1)} & s_2^{(1)} & \dots & s_{34}^{(1)}, 1 \\ s_1^{(2)} & s_2^{(2)} & \dots & s_{34}^{(2)}, 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s_1^{(n)} & s_2^{(n)} & \dots & s_{34}^{(n)}, 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{34} \\ a_{35} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{SBox}(x^{(1)} \oplus \hat{k})[i] \\ \text{SBox}(x^{(2)} \oplus \hat{k})[i] \\ \vdots \\ \text{SBox}(x^{(n)} \oplus \hat{k})[i] \end{bmatrix}$$

If $n \geq 35 + 8 + \lambda$, $\Pr[\hat{k} \neq k^* \text{ has a solution}] \leq 2^{-\lambda}$.

Results

```
In[488]: LinearBreak[data]
key=0x0
key=0x10
key=0x20
key=0x30
key=0x40
key=0x50
key=0x60
key=0x70
key=0x80
key=0x90
key=0xa0
key=0xb0
key=0xc0
!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 2 - 0 - 0xcf !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 2 - 1 - 0xcf !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 2 - 2 - 0xcf !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 2 - 3 - 0xcf !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 2 - 4 - 0xcf !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 2 - 5 - 0xcf !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 2 - 6 - 0xcf !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 2 - 7 - 0xcf !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
key=0xd0
key=0xe0
key=0xf0
```

Thank you!