



The Hague

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## HÂCK THE HAGUE 2024 – OT EDITION

Please note: the rules of engagement are still being finalised and are therefore subject to change.

### Method, monitoring and disruptions

Hâck The Hague 2024 takes place in OT environments and are representative of our live systems. Every contestant will receive a network connection for a public IP address within the municipality's own IP-range that must be used during the event.

About 40 ethical Hackers will explore and research the OT environments. Please take into account that other teams might want to investigate an environment as well. The excessive generating of traffic with automatic tools such as Dirbuster, Nmap, Skipfish and so on to scan the environment broadly, must therefore be limited (non-intrusive).

#### The following methods are NOT permitted:

- any form of Denial-of-Service attack;
- brute-forcing and "flood based" attacks;
- emptying of databases or changing records.

If you suspect that you may have irreversibly changed or damaged a device, stop your work immediately and inform the triage team (ZeroCopter) or someone from the organisation.

## GENERAL RULES

- Not all devices may be demounted. Each OT device/environment will state clearly if you may touch it or take it apart.
- Devices may be demounted from 14:00. If you want to take apart a device, write a report at the ZeroCopter platform about what you want to do or expect. If there's more than one team who wants to demount that device, the triage team will decide based on the reports which team will be the first.
- Findings may not be exploited beyond the minimum requirement to proof their existence.
- Demonstrate the vulnerability with a Proof of Concept which you will show in a demo to the triage team.

- Your findings may only be shared on the ZeroCopter platform, and within your own team.
- Your work must be stopped immediately at the organisation's request.

### Reporting findings

Findings need to be reported using the ZeroCopter platform. Make sure you register on the ZeroCopter platform with the same email address used in the registration form, so we can trace the findings to the right person or team. The jury will only assess the findings that are submitted through an account and look at the argumentation of your finding. Make sure you document your findings in a human-readable way, Explain the vulnerability, the way you found it and how you exploited it. Make sure to include how to reproduce your finding. Use screenshots or pictures to clarify if necessary. Please check that your finding has been accepted, as the description may not be adequate or the finding may have already been found by someone else.

The Municipality of The Hague has a [Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure](#). The rules in this policy also apply to Hâck The Hague 2024, but not all suppliers agree to public disclosure. Please ensure you review the rules outlined in the CVD policy as well as the specifics regarding suppliers.

### Media

The organisation has the right to record and/or stream video during the day and award ceremony, including the use of images for promotional purposes of Hâck The Hague. If you do not wish to be recorded or have your image used, please inform us in advance, and we will provide you with a red lanyard instead of a black one.

In addition, the press or organisation might ask a few team captains or hackers for an interview. We strive to limit these distractions during the event as much as possible.

In case you have any questions, please reach out to the organisation at: [hackthehague@denhaag.nl](mailto:hackthehague@denhaag.nl)