



European Cyber Security Challenge CTF System

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- Today, most European countries **lack sufficient and talented** IT security professionals to protect their IT infrastructure.
- To help mitigate this problem, Europe is setting up national cyber security competitions for **finding** young cyber talents and for **encouraging** them to pursue a **career** in **cyber security**.



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- The **E**uropean **C**yber **S**ecurity **C**hallenge (**ECSC**) leverages these competitions in that it adds a pan-European layer to them:
- The top cyber talents from each country meet to network and collaborate and finally **compete against each other** to determine which country has the best cyber talents.

ECSC is a 3-step competition



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Online
Qualifying

May – August

Online CTF

CTF Mode: Jeopardy

National
CTF

September & October

On-Site CTF

CTF Mode: Jeopardy

EU
CTF

November

On-Site CTF

CTF Mode: Attack and
Defense (mixed mode)

European Cyber Security Challenge 2015



Bundesamt
für Sicherheit in der
Informationstechnik



Cyber
Security
Challenge UK



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
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CYBER SECURITY
AUSTRIA





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- Who is allowed to participate?
 - Everyone between **14-30 years old**
 - **without** a **master** diploma (MSc)
- What is the size of the teams per country?
 - **5** people between **14 and 20** years old
 - **5** people between **21 and 30** years old
 - **2 coaches** (not allowed to help during the CTF competition)
 - TOTAL = **12 people** per country

What is the CTF about?



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- Exploiting & Penetration Testing
- Reverse Engineering
- Crypto
- Fixing Vulnerabilities & Hardening
- IT Operations -> System Engineering Tasks
- IT Development -> Secure Programming
- Incident Handling -> Forensics -> APT Analysis
- Communication -> Presentation

What is this talk about?



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- Speak more technical and **geek style**

To Ivan Buetler
Cc rip
i You replied to this message on 29.03.2016 23:33.

hi Ivan,

That's make sense. Thank you.
And attendees are teachers from colleagues with experiences with CTF. They would like to know more how international CTF is provided and how CTF can help with the security personnel training.
So pls speak more technical and geek style.
It is estimated to have 100 attendees.

Thank you!

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CTF Details

geek language

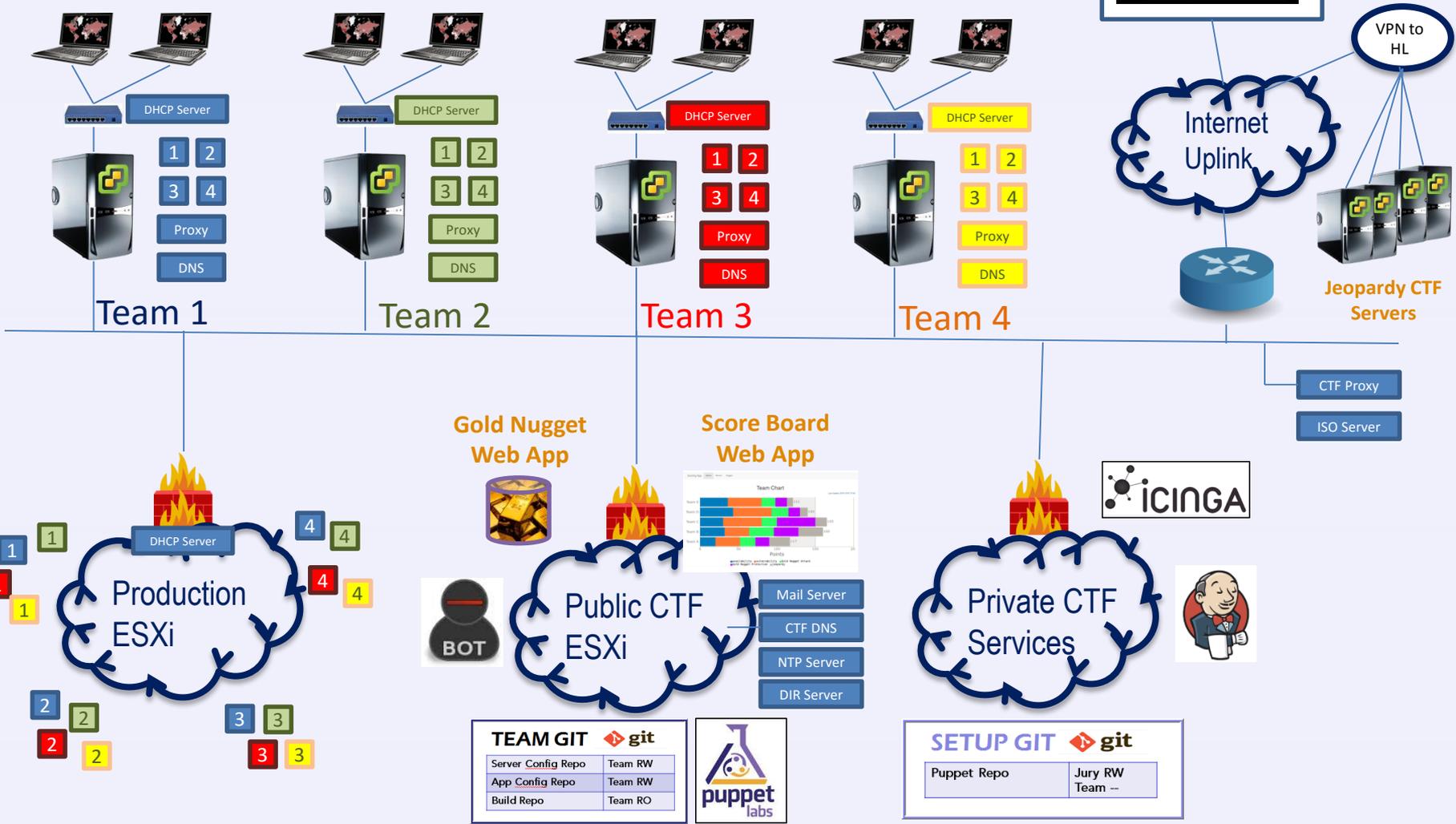
CTF Architecture

Mobile CTF App



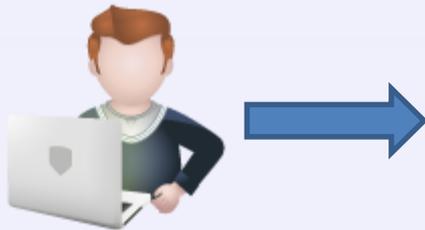
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CTF Tasks



Challenges	
1_Achievement	
2_Attack	
3_Availability	
4_Code Patch	
5_Defense	
6_Jeopardy	
7_Powned	

Setup and maintain a service like DNS, Proxy, E-Mail, Apache, WordPress, ...

Hack in other CTF team servers and services and steal the gold nugget (EXPLOITATION)

Keep own services up and running (IT OPS)

Fix vulnerable software & services (IT DEV)

Safe guard own gold nuggets

Solving jeopardy challenges

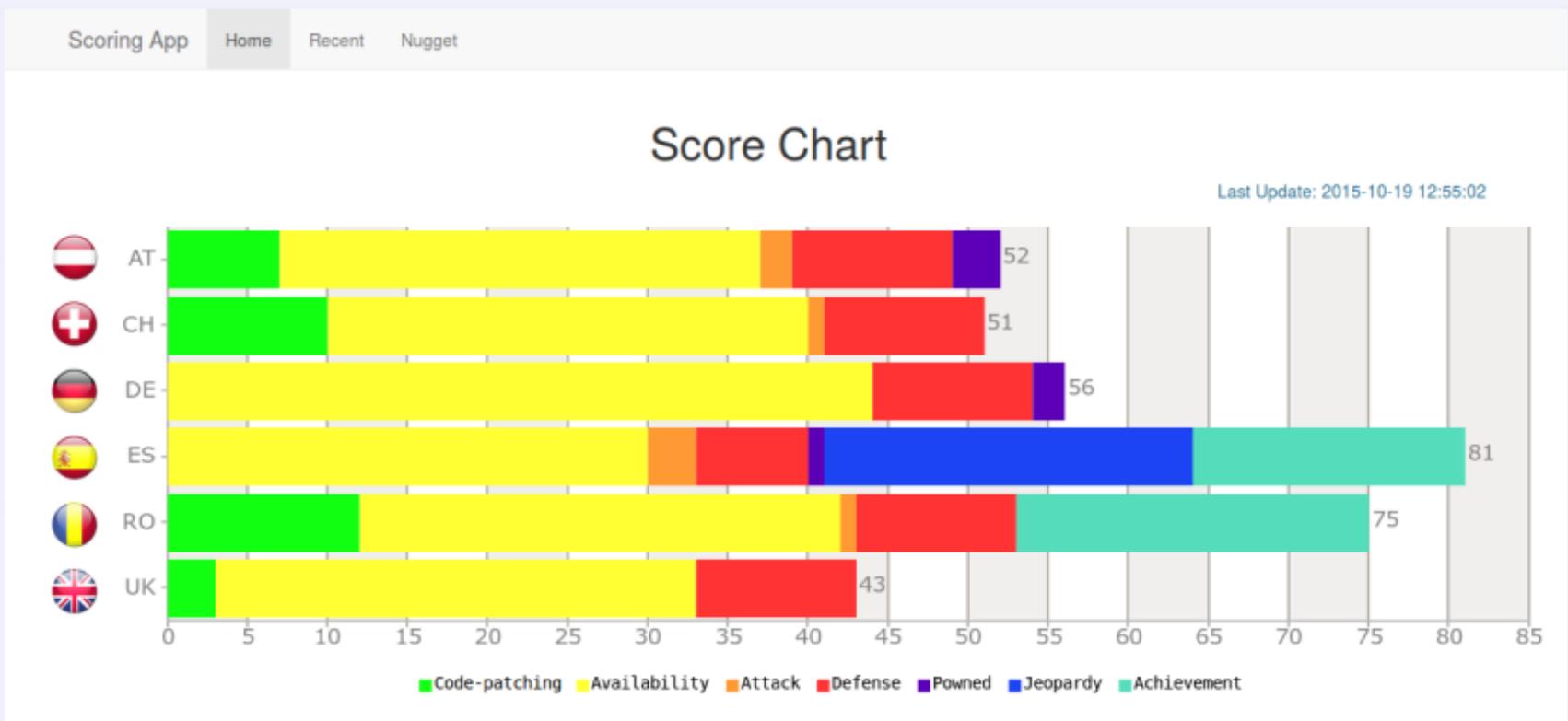
Own a device/server and prove the attack by leaving a special gold nugget, known ad evidence nugget (0-day)



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- Code Patching & Availability & Attack ...





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CTF players must find/hack/disclose a string, known as **gold nugget**,  from the 'vulnerable' services of the other teams

The purpose of the gold nugget is to **claim points** for a successful attack



Gold Nugget App



Advanced Attack/Defense Framework





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The CTF Glue Gold Nuggets



Gold Nuggets are **digitally signed strings**. The gold nugget app is issuing them. The gold nugget app knows, who owns what gold nugget

Home Attack Defense Jeopardy Achievement History Logout

Defense

My Gold Nuggets

This is the list of gold nuggets you have to protect! We don't show you the content of the nugget. If you click on "NEW", a new gold nugget will be generated. This starts the automatic jenkins building process and the new app with the new gold nugget gets automatically deployed to the prod and dev system. Please use the "NEW" button with care, because changing the gold nugget will stop the scoring bot checking your app (anti-cheating penalty) for the next 10 minutes.

Application	Location	Date	Time	🇸🇰	🇬🇧	🇩🇪	🇪🇸	🇷🇺	Status
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	PROD	2015-10-15	16:27:05						SECURE
	DEV	2015-10-15	16:29:54						SECURE
	PROD	2015-10-13	13:06:57						SECURE



- Every CTF team gets a **physical** server (ESXi) and the proper vSphere credentials
- The ESXi is pre-configured with several pre-installed VM's
- The team ESXi is named as "**DEV**" system



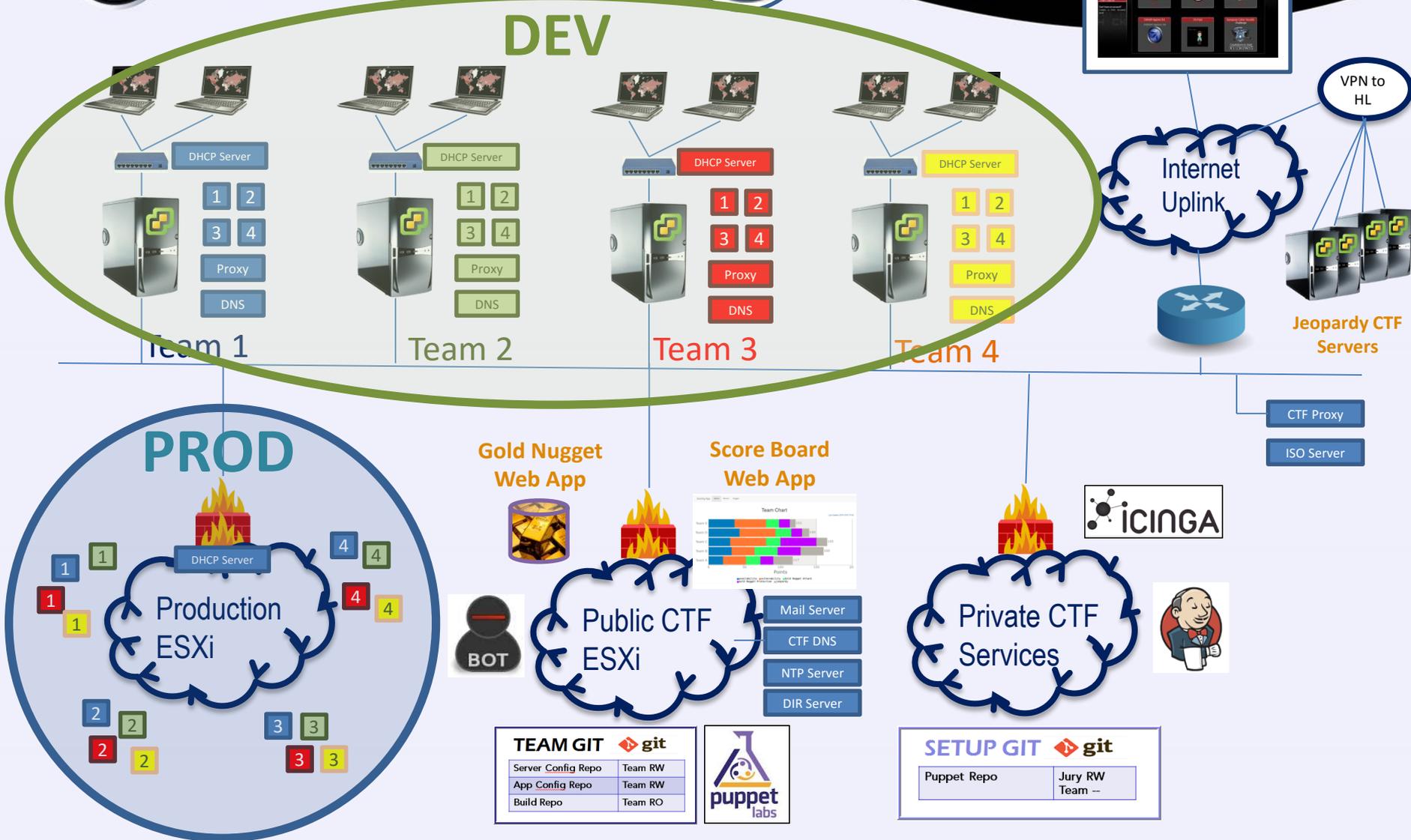
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Mobile CTF App



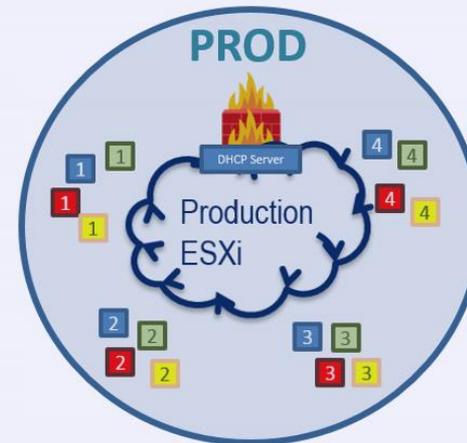
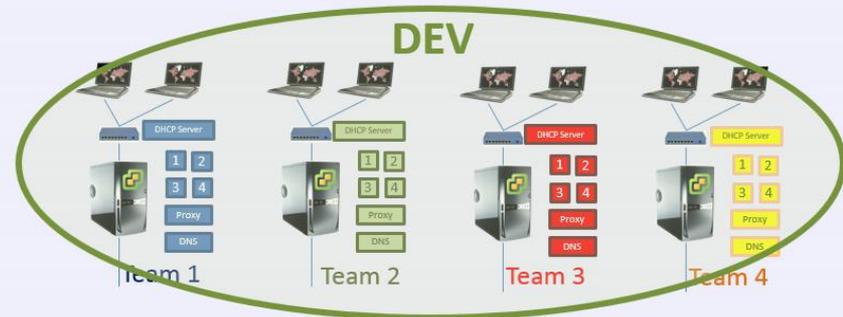
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- The apps on **DEV** is 'equal' or 'identical' as on **PROD**
- On **DEV**, teams have root access (SSH)
- On **PROD** teams do ***NOT*** have root or interactive access





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Attacking

Challenges		
1_Achievement		
2_Attack		Stealing Gold Nugget
3_Availability		
4_Code Patch		
5_Defense		
6_Jeopardy		
7_Powned		



- Every team is allowed to attack other teams on the **DEV** or **PROD** environment
- On success, the attacking team discloses the gold nugget  from the victim team
- The gold nugget is different in **DEV** and **PROD** for any team and app (every gold nugget is unique)
- The gold nugget must be used **to claim** points using the gold nugget app

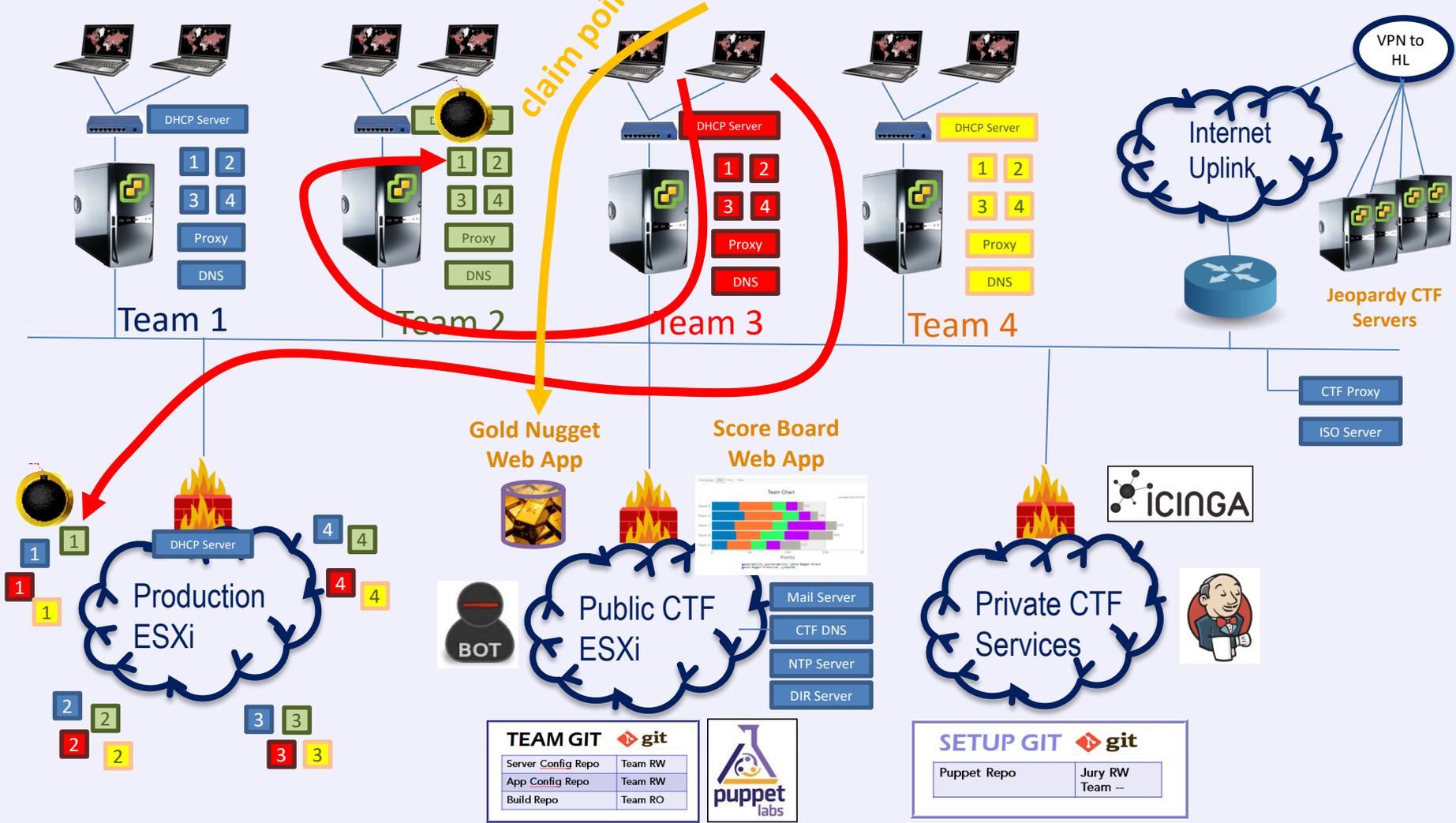
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claim points for gold nugget



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Gold Nugget Web App



ATTACK/DEFENSE

team 2



team2 is requesting an new gold nugget



the previous gold nugget becomes invalid

team 2

team 3

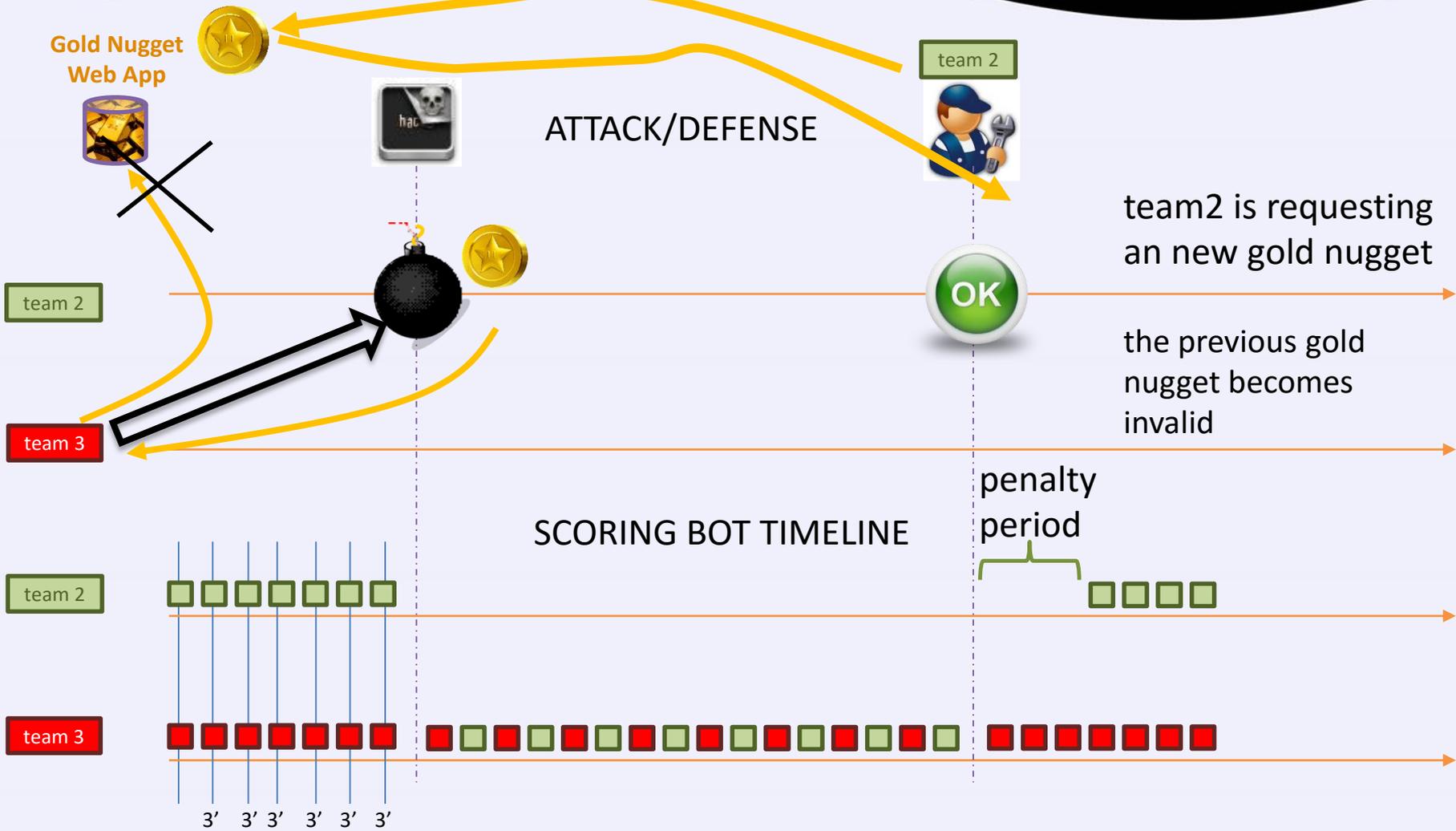
SCORING BOT TIMELINE

penalty period

team 2

team 3

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Fixing Vulnerable Apps

Challenges		
1_Achievement		
2_Attack	←	Stealing Gold Nugget
3_Availability		
4_Code Patch	←	Fix vulnerable software & services
5_Defense	←	Safe guard own gold nuggets
6_Jeopardy		
7_Powned		

Fixing vulnerable apps





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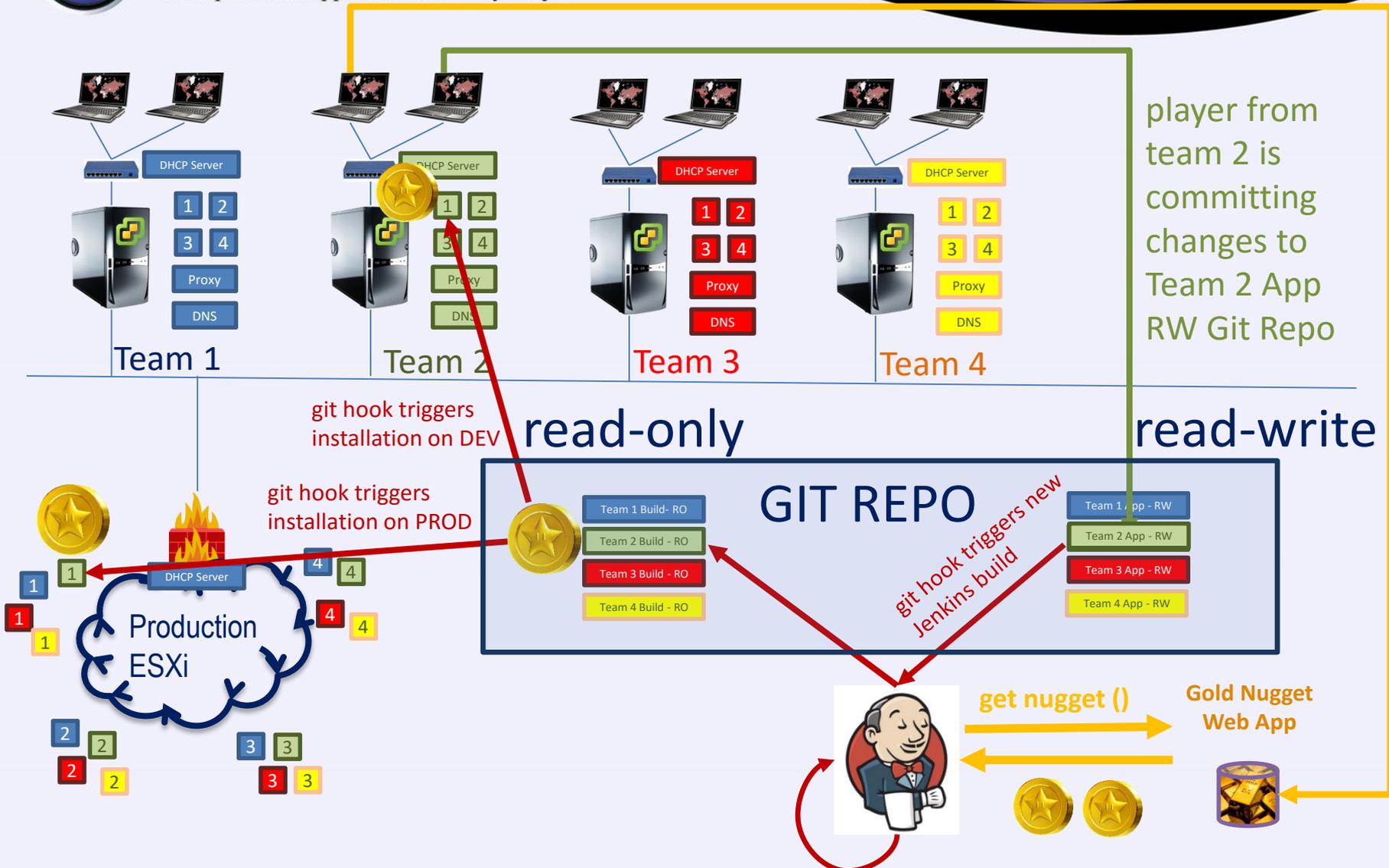
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- Teams have access to the **source code** of the vulnerable apps
- Teams must fix the vulnerabilities and commit changes to the **source code repository** = GIT
- The  **Jenkins**-based building infrastructure is building the new release of the app
- The  **Jenkins**-based building infrastructure is packaging the current team's gold nugget  into the new release
- The building infrastructure is automatically deploying the new app to **DEV** and **PROD**

TEAM GIT 	
Server Config Repo	Team RW
App Config Repo	Team RW
Build Repo	Team RO

Fixing vulnerable apps

player is issuing a new gold nugget for App 01 of team 2



Fixing vulnerable apps



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read-only

read-write

Team 1 Build - RO	HTML/JSF App 01	Team 1 App - RW
Team 2 Build - RO		Team 2 App - RW
Team 3 Build - RO		Team 3 App - RW
Team 4 Build - RO		Team 4 App - RW

During the CTF, teams must attack and defend the vulnerable apps

Team 1 Build - RO	NodeJS App 02	Team 1 App - RW
Team 2 Build - RO		Team 2 App - RW
Team 3 Build - RO		Team 3 App - RW
Team 4 Build - RO		Team 4 App - RW

On **DEV**, teams could apply infrastructure mitigations (mod_security, iptables, WAF, ...)

Team 1 Build - RO	C++ App 03	Team 1 App - RW
Team 2 Build - RO		Team 2 App - RW
Team 3 Build - RO		Team 3 App - RW
Team 4 Build - RO		Team 4 App - RW

On **PROD**, teams must fix the source code in order to make the app secure!! That's why teams do not have ssh or root access on **PROD**

Team 1 Build - RO	Ruby/PHP App 04	Team 1 App - RW
Team 2 Build - RO		Team 2 App - RW
Team 3 Build - RO		Team 3 App - RW
Team 4 Build - RO		Team 4 App - RW



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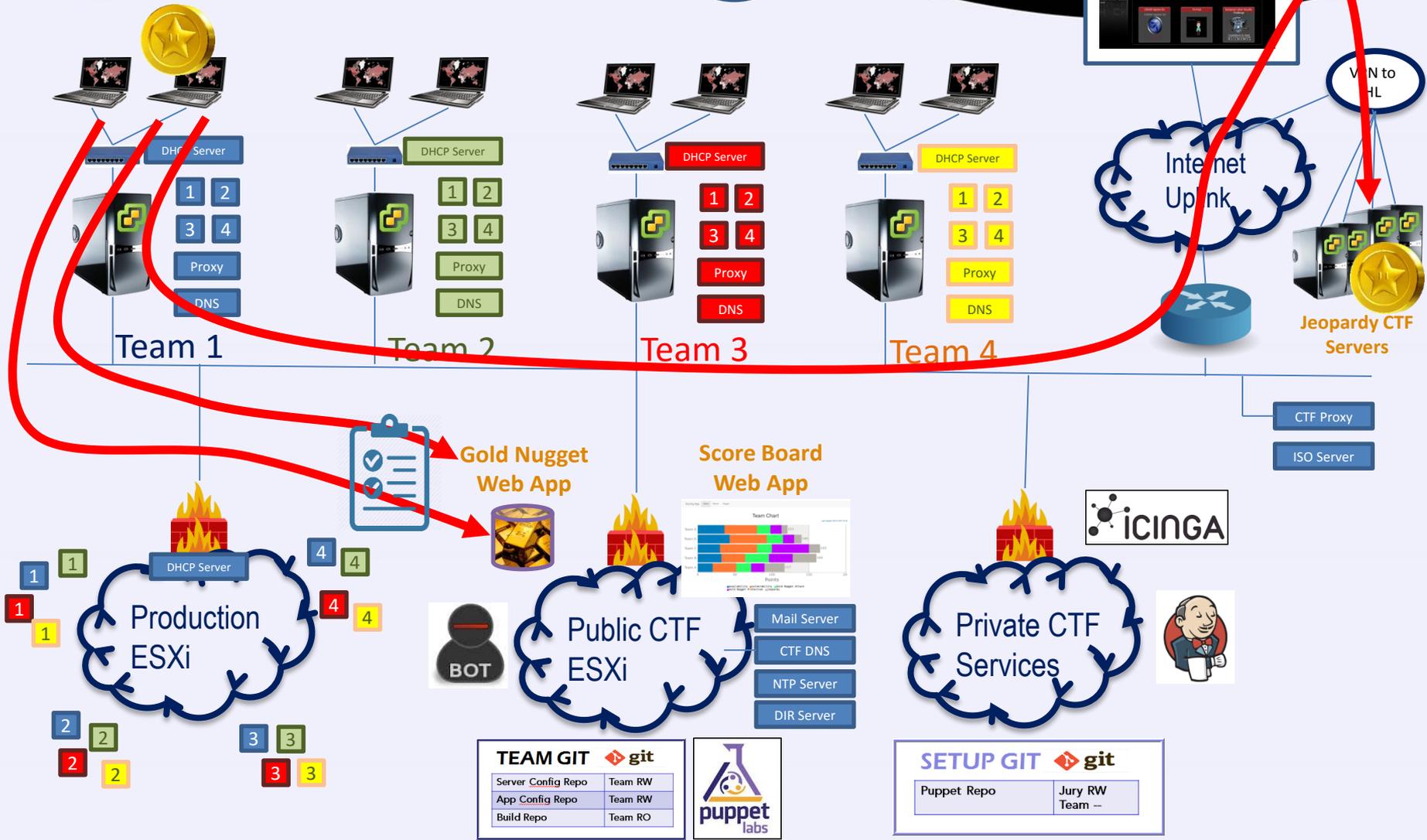
Jeopardy Challenges

Challenges		
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5_Defense	←	Safe guard own gold nuggets
6_Jeopardy	←	Solving jeopardy challenges
7_Powned		



- Jeopardy-style CTFs have a couple of tasks in range of categories. For example, Web, Reverse Engineering, Crypto, Binary, Forensics, ...
- Gold Nugget app is introducing the task (mission)
- Teams gain points for every solved task
- More points for more complicated tasks
- Teams are not fighting against each others
- The earlier a team solves the challenge, the more points they get

Jeopardy-style CTF



TEAM GIT

Server Config Repo	Team RW
App Config Repo	Team RW
Build Repo	Team RO



SETUP GIT

Puppet Repo	Jury RW
	Team --

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Mission 1
Crypto
solved by
team 3



team 3

Mission 2
Stegano
solved by
team 2



team 2

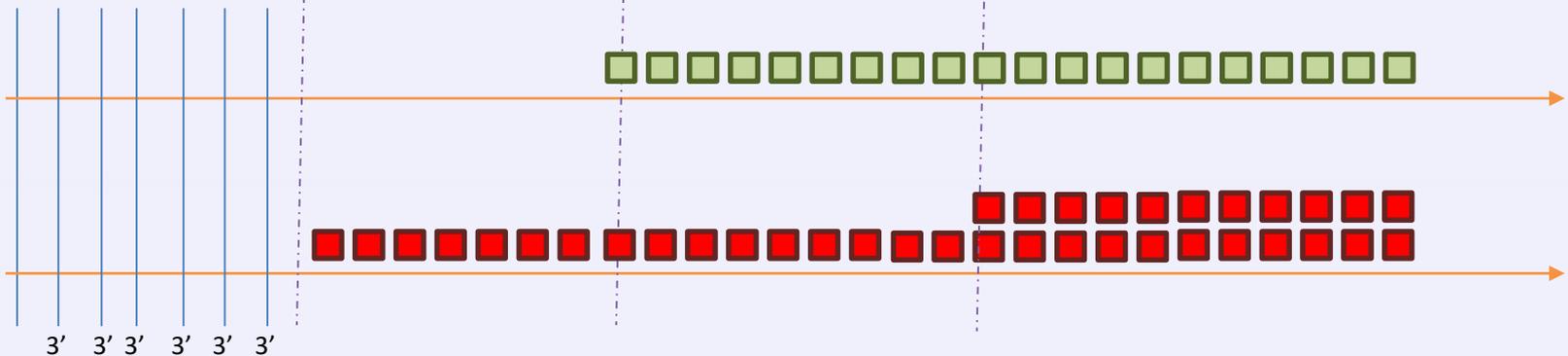
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solved by
team 3



team 3

team 2

team 3





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Achievements

Challenges		
1_Achievement	←	Setup and maintain a service
2_Attack	←	Stealing Gold Nugget
3_Availability		
4_Code Patch	←	Fix vulnerable software & services
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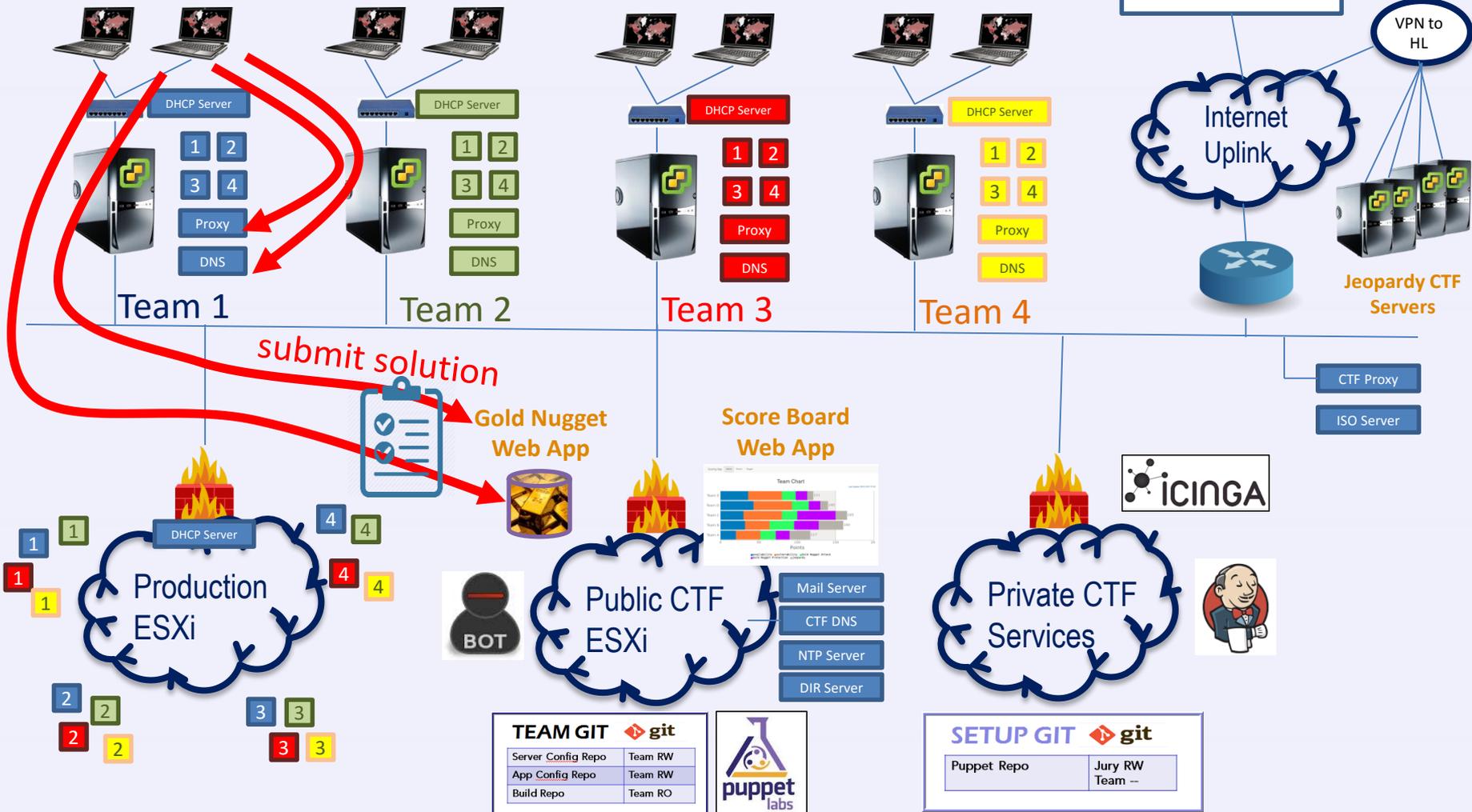
- Technical Achievements
 - Teams must setup and maintain services
 - DNS, Proxy, Apache, NodeJS, AngularJS, ...
- Non-Technical Achievements (Management)
 - Write press release
 - Announce news
 - Create crisis organization during CTF game
 - Presentation / Talk

Achievements



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Achievement 1
solved by
team 3



team 3

Achievement 1
solved by
team 2

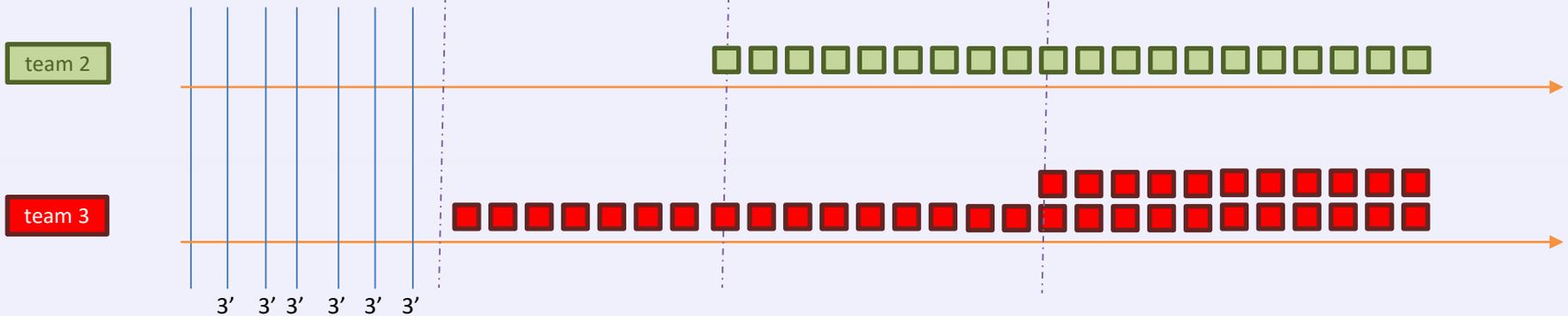


team 2

Achievement 1
solved by
team 3



team 3





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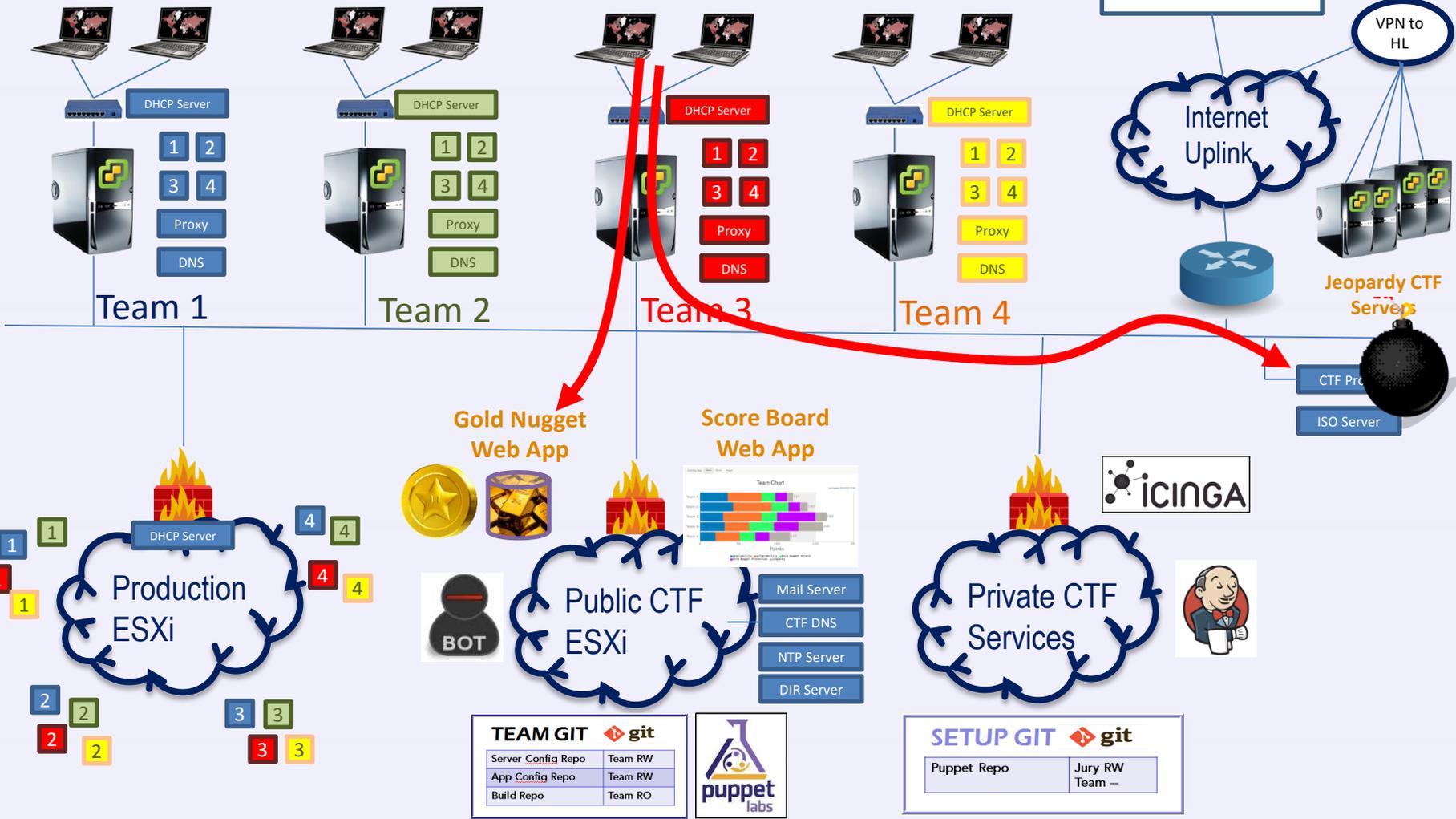
Pown'ed

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6_Jeopardy		Solving jeopardy challenges
7_Powned		Own a device/server



- Teams may find vulnerabilities that are not known to the CTF jury
- If a team could hack such a service, then the team could get a special  gold nugget and leave it on the hacked server as 'evidence'
- This special  gold nugget is defined as the "evidence gold nugget"
- Teams can request such an evidence gold nugget from the gold nugget app, but only one at a time until it's being verified by the jury

Pown'ed



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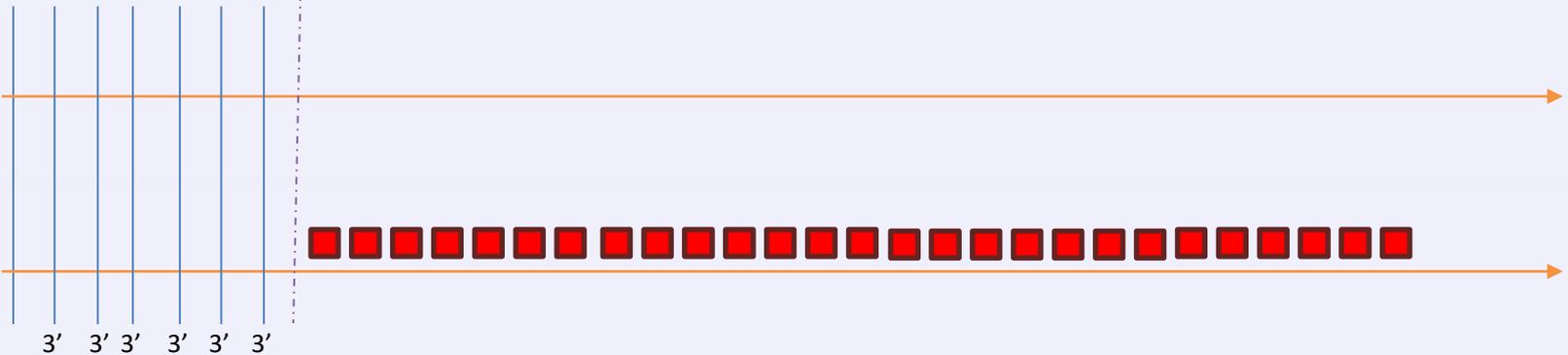
team 3 found a 0-day exploit and left an evidence nugget on the server



team 3

team 2

team 3





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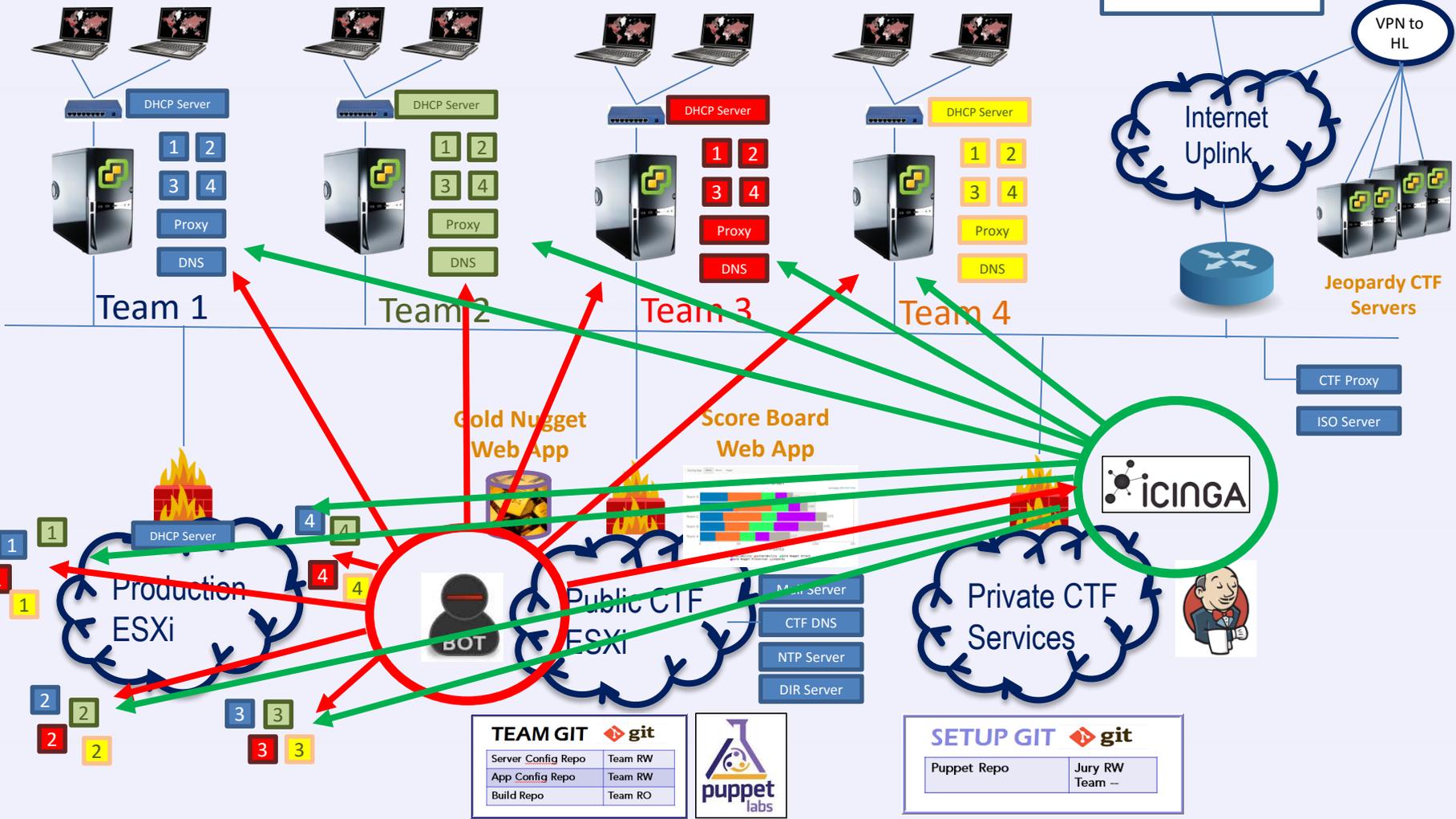
Availability

Challenges		
1_Achievement		Setup and maintain a service
2_Attack		Stealing Gold Nugget
3_Availability		Keep own services up and running
4_Code Patch		Fix vulnerable software & services
5_Defense		Safe guard own gold nuggets
6_Jeopardy		Solving jeopardy challenges
7_Powned		Own a device/server

Availability



Mobile CTF App



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one service from team 3
is not available

team 3 fixed the
problem, everything ok

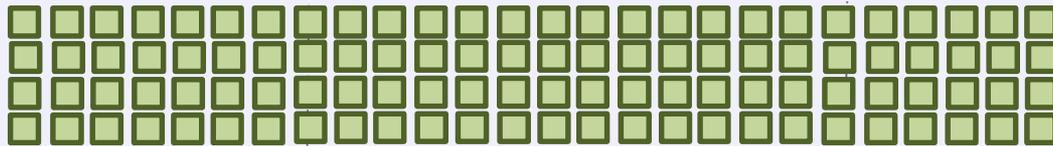


team 3

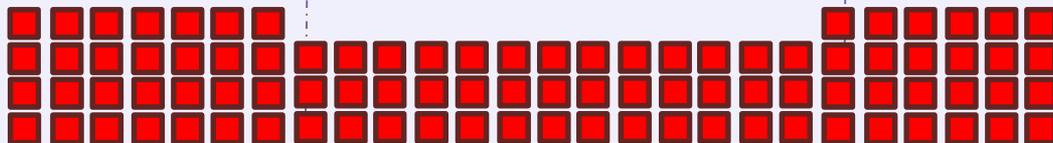


team 3

team 2



team 3





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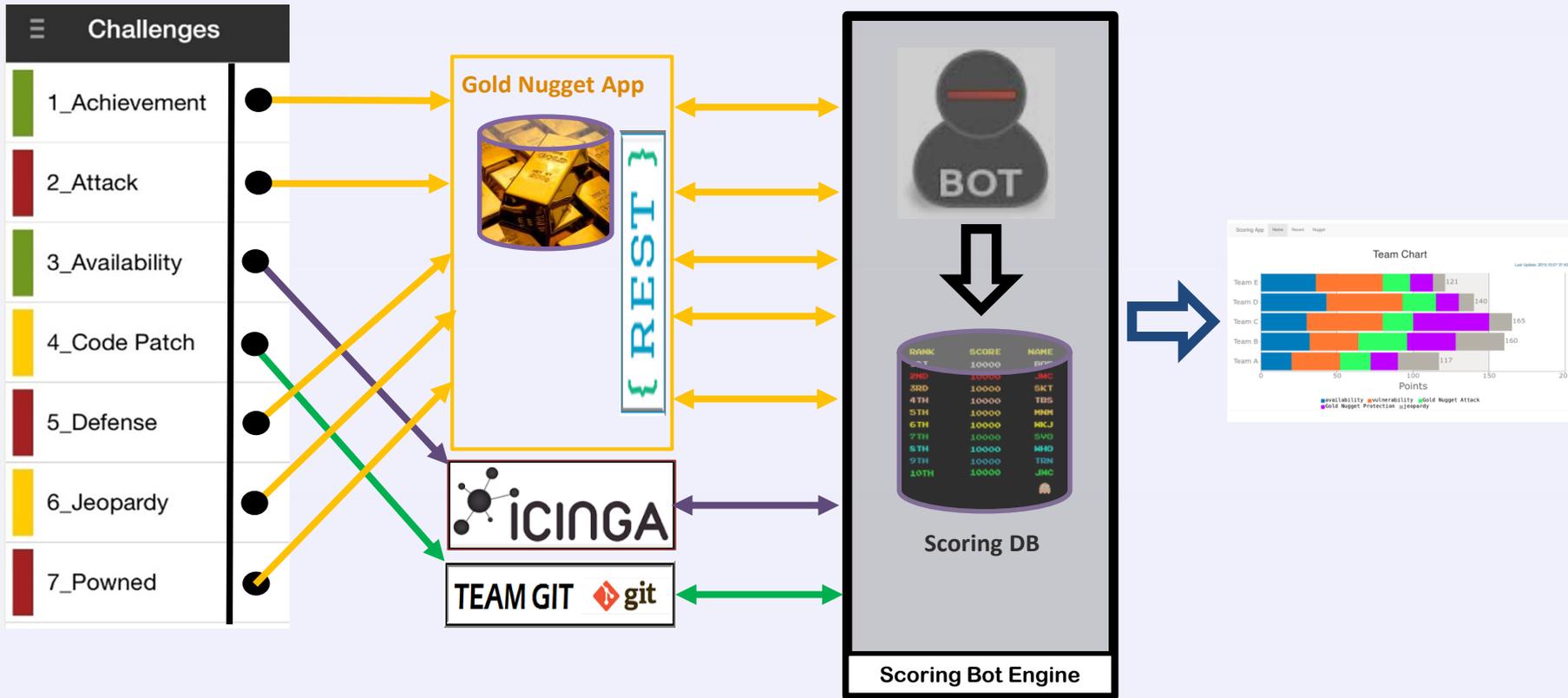
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ECSC Award Ceremony 2015



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Thank You!

Open Question

- World-Championship?
- CTF in China ?



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Appendix A

CTF Mobile App

(available and used in ECSC 2015)

CTF Architecture

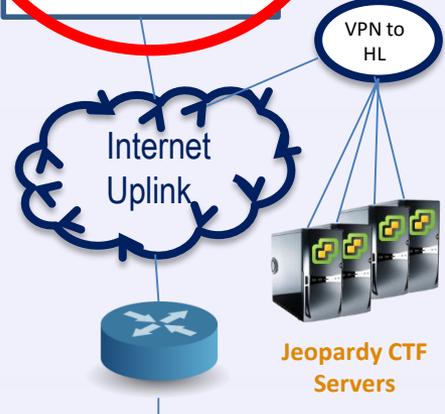
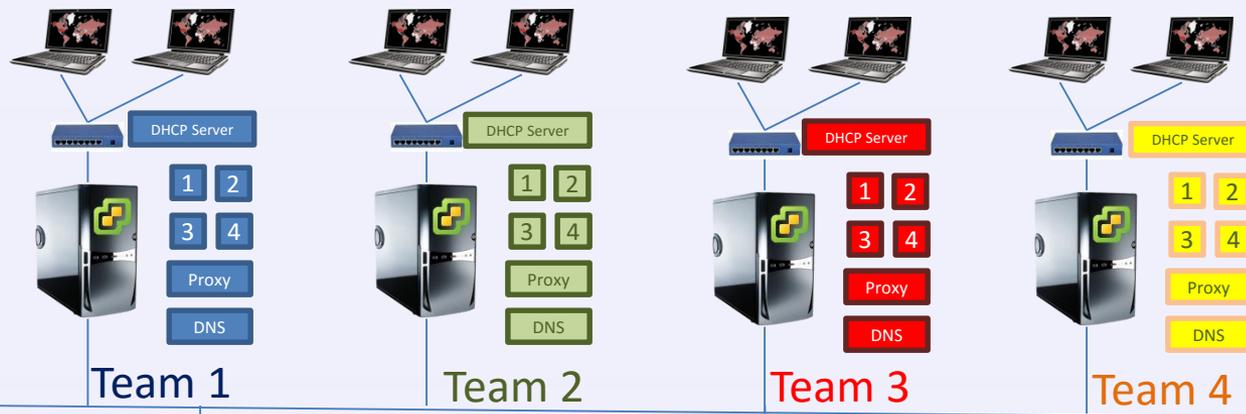


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Mobile CTF App



Hacking-Lab



Gold Nugget Web App



Score Board Web App



TEAM GIT

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Build Repo	Team RO



SETUP GIT

Puppet Repo	Jury RW
	Team --

- CTF Proxy
- ISO Server

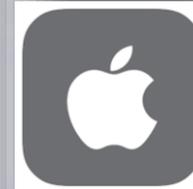
Confoxy CTF Mobile App



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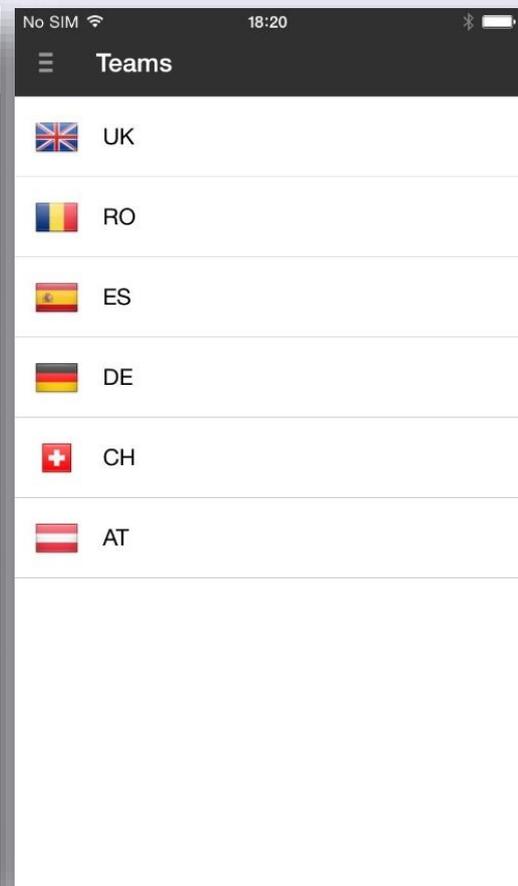
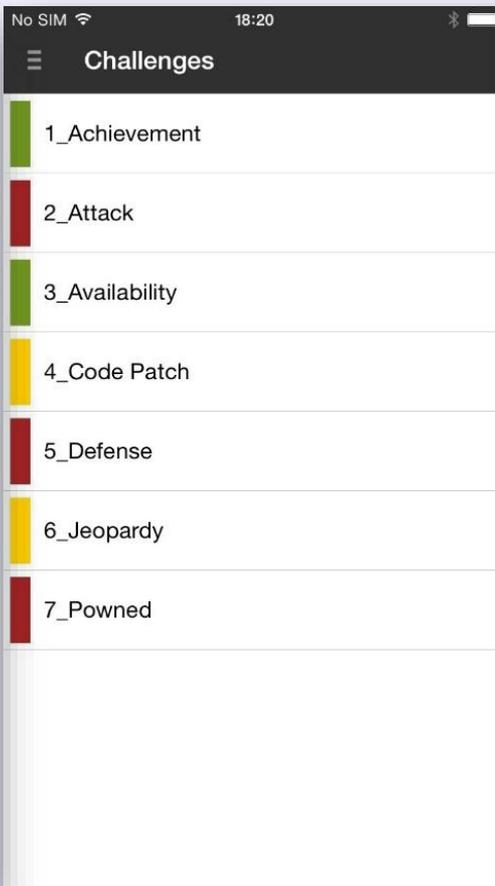
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The screenshot shows the iTunes App Store page for 'ConFoxy'. The title is 'ConFoxy' by 'Compass Security Cyber Defense AG'. It is categorized as 'Entertainment' and is free. The description reads: 'ConFoxy - The Conference Fox! ConFoxy is a conference app used for events hosted by hacking-lab.com. It contains the following features: Compass Security Cyber Defense AG Web Site, ConFoxy Support'. There are 'View in iTunes' and 'View More by This Developer' buttons. An 'iPhone Screenshot' section shows two preview images: one of a 'Social Feed' with a post from 'Siegfried' saying 'Siegfried is coaching the team!', and another of an 'Agenda' screen for 'Sat 9/12/15' showing a 'Frühstück' event from 6:00 to 7:00.



- CTF Mobile App





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Appendix B

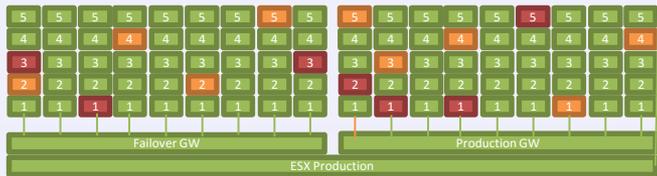
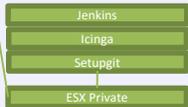
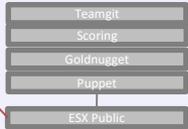
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Hacking-Lab

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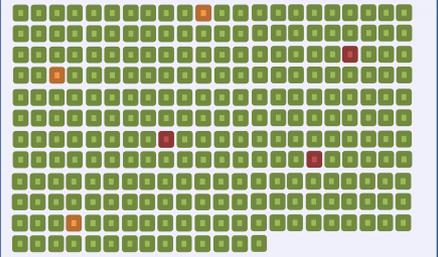
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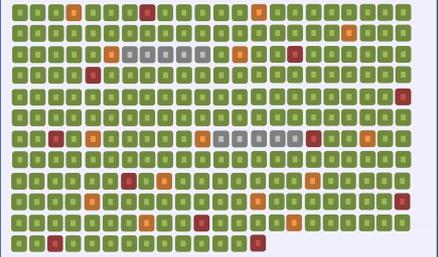
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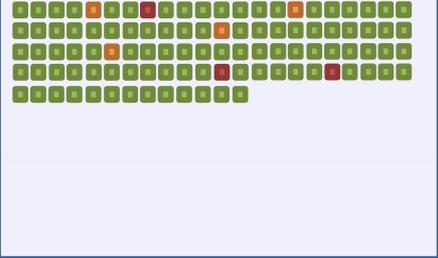
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Systems

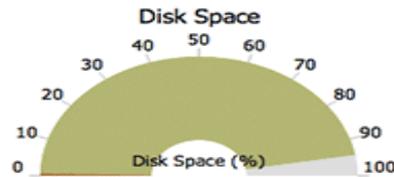
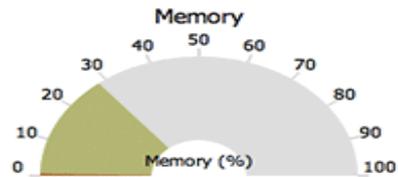
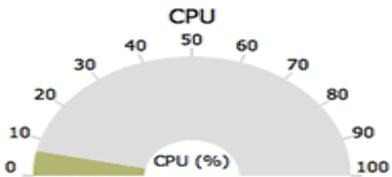


Apps



Gold Nugget Server

SYSTEM Overview



APP Gold Nugget Agent



gold nugget agent is running
 PID: 2065
 Since: 2016/04/04 10:00 am

there are warnings in the log file

Log:

gold nugget for team 1 could not be issued
 gold nugget for team 2 successfully generated
 gold nugget for team 3 successfully generated
 gold nugget for team 4 successfully generated

APP Gold Nugget Master



gold nugget master is running
 PID: 13054
 Since: 2016/04/03 10:24 am

Log:

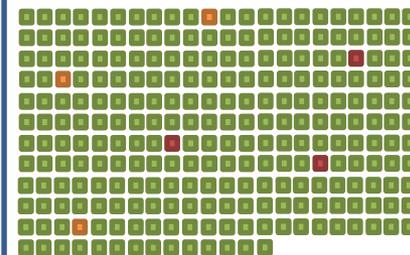
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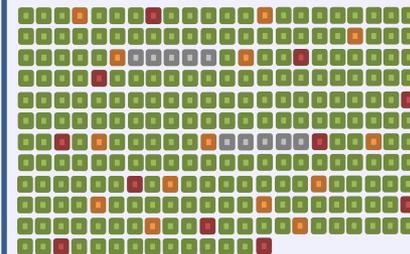
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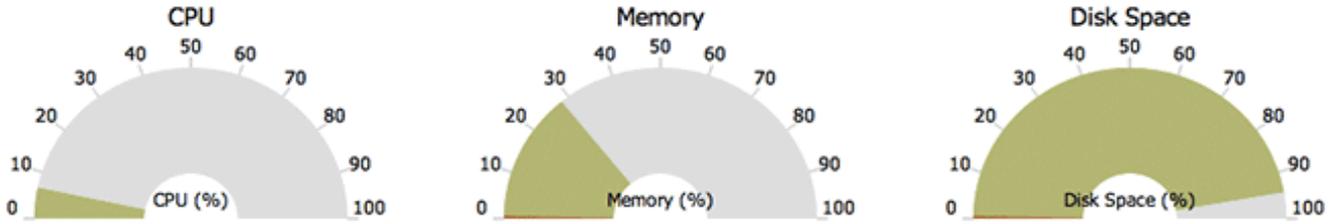


Apps



Jenkins Server

SYSTEM Overview



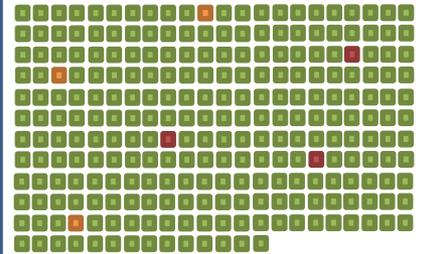
APP Jenkins

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		build-team01-app-01	1 Monat 21 Tage - #98	2 Monate 8 Tage - #66	31 Sekunden
		build-team02-app-01	1 Monat 21 Tage - #33	Unbekannt	33 Sekunden
		build-team03-app-01	1 Monat 21 Tage - #53	2 Monate 13 Tage - #24	2 Sekunden
		build-team04-app-01	1 Monat 22 Tage - #36	2 Monate 7 Tage - #22	3.2 Sekunden
		build-team05-app-01	2 Monate 7 Tage - #20	2 Monate 7 Tage - #21	6.5 Sekunden
		build-team06-app-01	2 Monate 7 Tage - #19	Unbekannt	13 Sekunden
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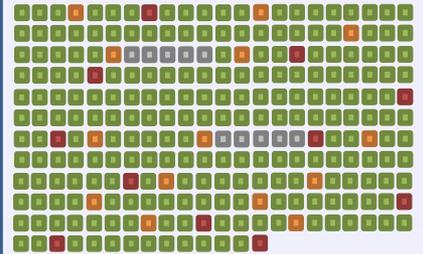
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