

Secure Software Development

Memory Corruption I

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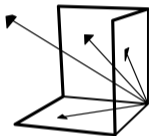
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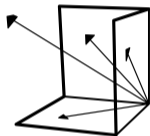
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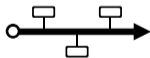
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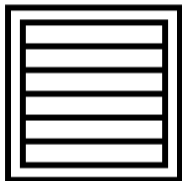


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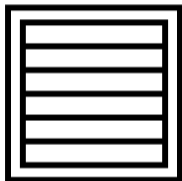
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- Format string
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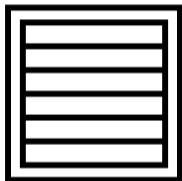
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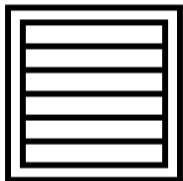
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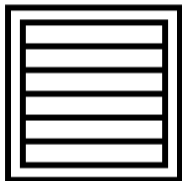
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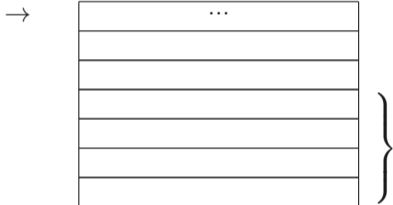
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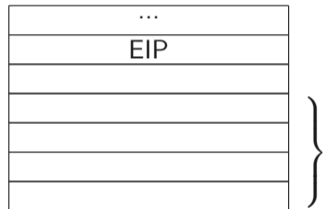




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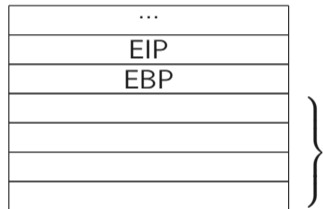
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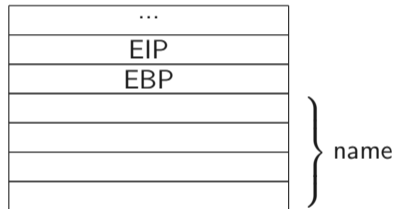




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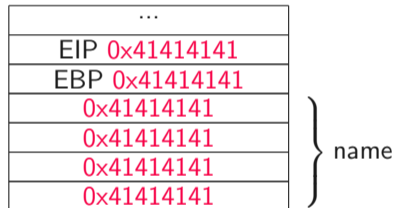




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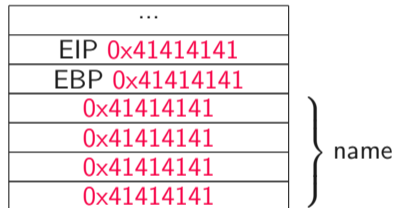
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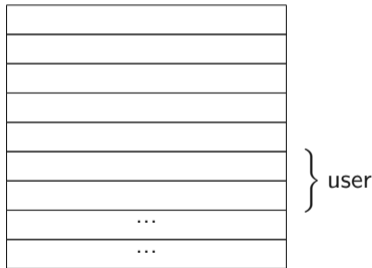


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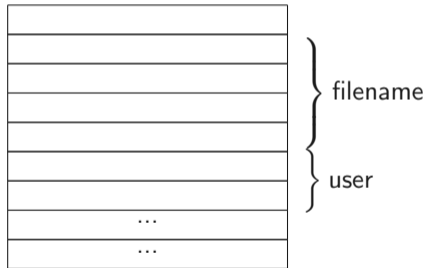


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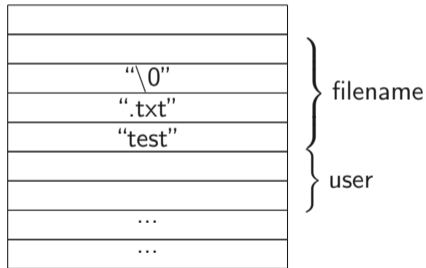


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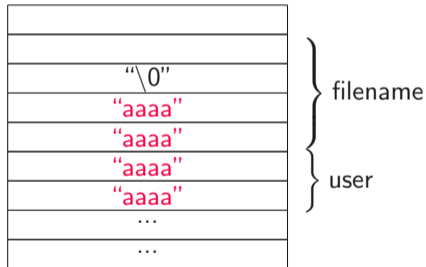


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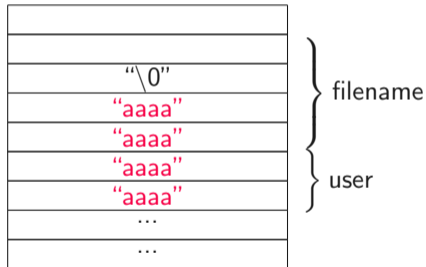


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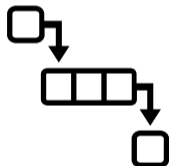
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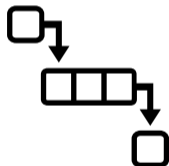
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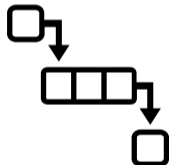
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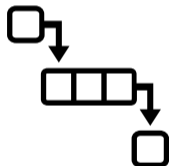
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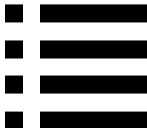
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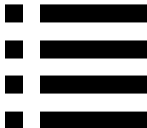
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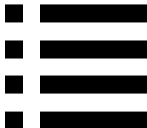
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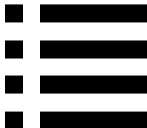
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Fun Example: Heap Overflow with vtable

Buffer Overflow (Heap) - Overwrite vtable



```
#include <iostream>
class A {
    public: virtual const char* name() { return "A"; };
};
const char* secret() {
    return "secret!";
}
int main() {
    size_t* buffer = new size_t[2];
    A* a = new A();
    std::cout << a->name() << std::endl;

    // craft vtable: first entry is pointer to 'secret'
    buffer[0] = (size_t)secret;
    // overflow into 'a', 'buffer' is now our crafted vtable
    buffer[4] = (size_t)buffer;

    std::cout << a->name() << std::endl; // calls first entry in vtable
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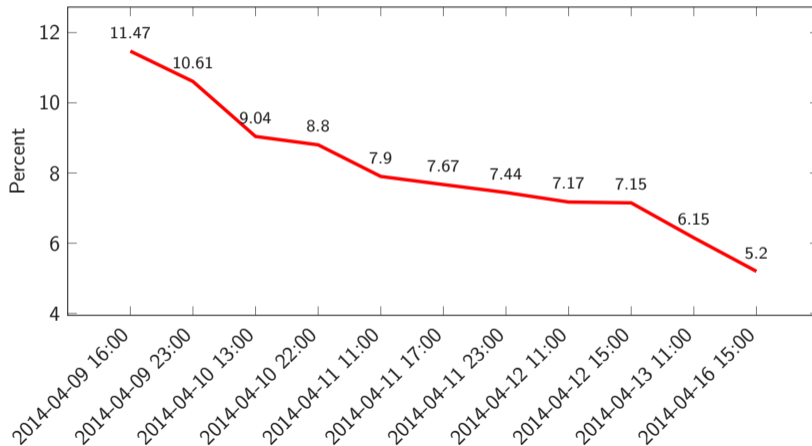
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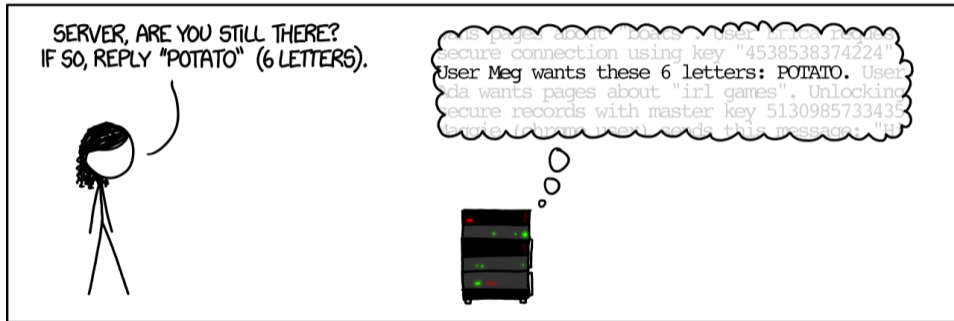
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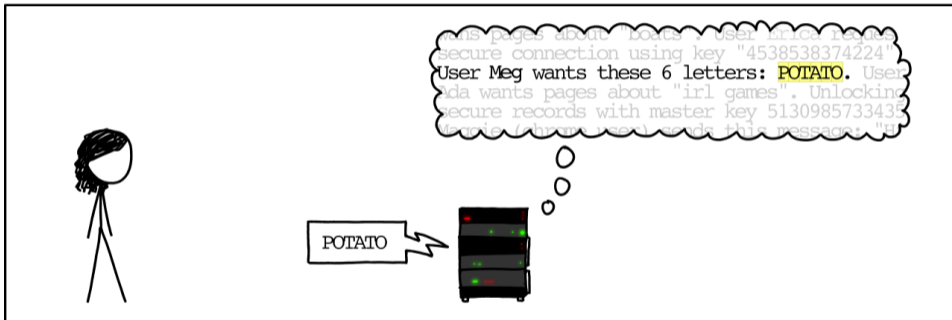
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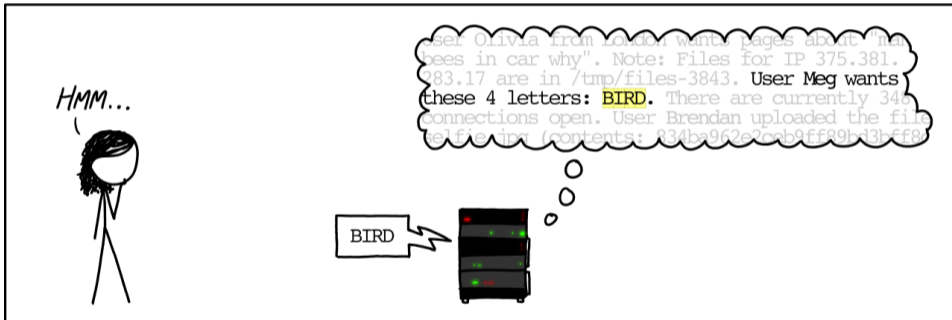


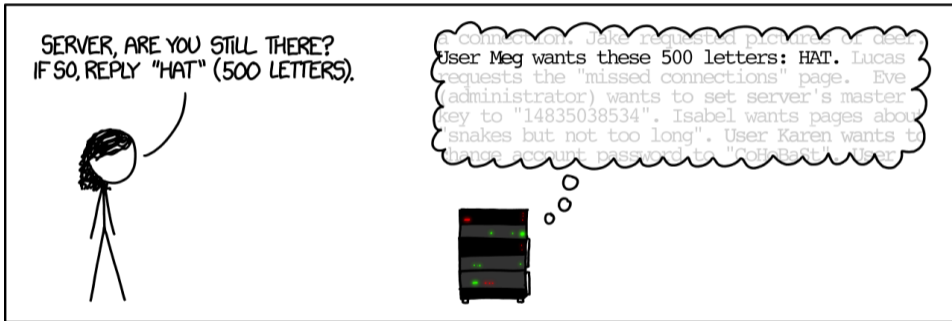
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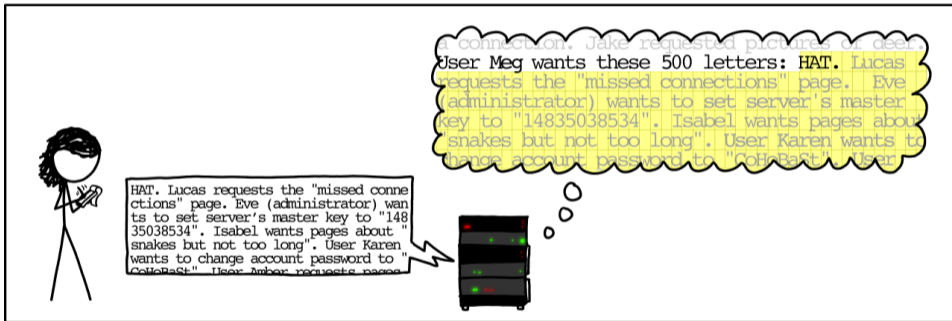












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Live Demo

Heartbleed - Ubuntu with Apache



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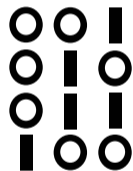
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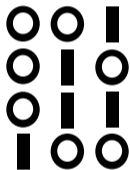


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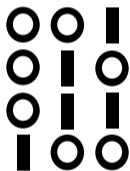




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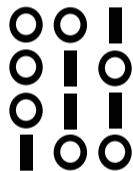
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printf("%.4f\n", f); // prints 3.3125
```



Given the number “**-135253521335.224627**”, convert it to IEEE 754 quadruple-precision binary floating-point format (binary128)

- The solution is the **decimal interpretation** of the fraction part (cf. lecture slides example)
- **Example:** 9876543210.5 has the decimal interpretation of the fraction part 777707189321679122429254123388928
- You can do it **manually** or use **any program** you like
- Format description: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quadruple-precision_floating-point_format



Real-world Example: (Abusing) Numbers in Memory



```
float Q_rsqrt( float number )
{
    long i;
    float x2, y;
    const float threehalfs = 1.5F;

    x2 = number * 0.5F;
    y = number;
    i = * ( long * ) &y;          // evil floating point bit level hacking
    i = 0x5f3759df - ( i >> 1 ); // what the fuck?
    y = * ( float * ) &i;
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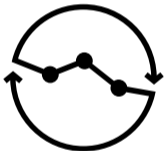
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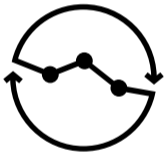
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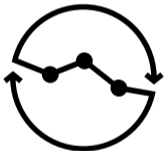


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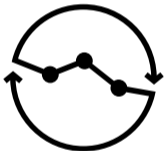
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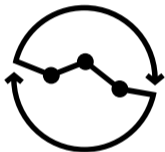


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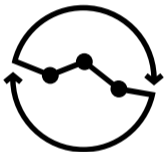
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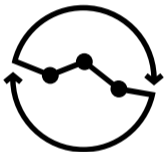
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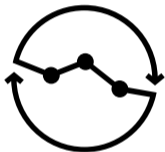
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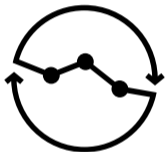
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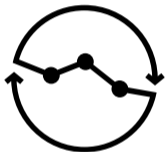
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[†] rank is similar to size, an integer contains at least as many bits as the types ranked below it



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signed long int s2 = -4;
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        std::cout << "Some men just want to watch the world burn." << std::endl;
```

```
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```

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```

equal rank, signed converted to unsigned

```
% ./compare
```

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Practical Example: Integer Overflow



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```
% ./value 0
Hello
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World
% ./value 2
Invalid ID
% ./value -1
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```
% ./value 255
```

```
secret
```



Practical Example Analysis: Integer Overflow



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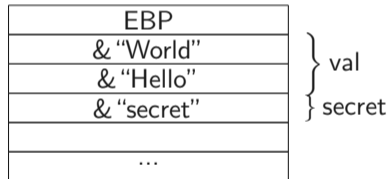




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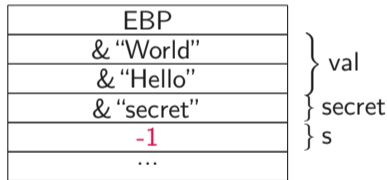




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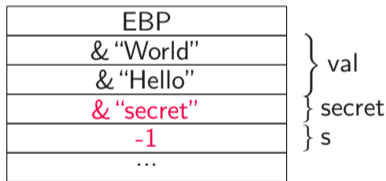




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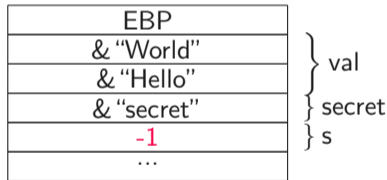




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Real-world Example: Integer Overflow



```
public static int binarySearch(int [] a, int key) {  
    int low = 0;  
    int high = a.length - 1;  
    while (low <= high) {  
        int mid = (low + high) / 2;  
        int midVal = a[mid];  
        if (midVal < key)  
            low = mid + 1  
        else if (midVal > key)  
            high = mid - 1;  
        else  
            return mid; // key found  
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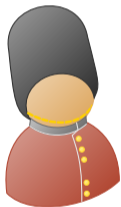

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    return data;
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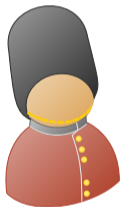
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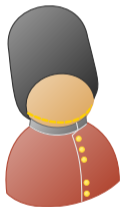
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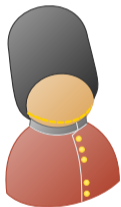
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What if `width == 0`?

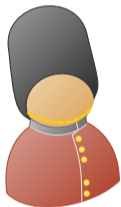


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    if(!width || (UINT_MAX / width < height)) return NULL;
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    if(__builtin_umul_overflow(width, height, &memory)) {
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COMING UP NEXT ON

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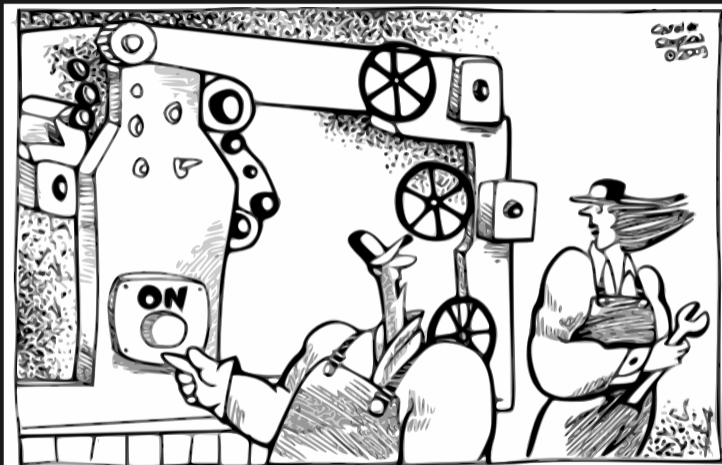


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