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Posted by EditorDavid on Saturday April 30, 2016 @01:30PM from the supporting-the-EFF dept.

An anonymous reader writes: *Humble Bundle announced a special "[pay what you want](#)" sale for four ebooks from No Starch Press, with proceeds going to the Electronic Frontier Foundation (or to the charity of your choice). This "hacker edition" sale includes two relatively new titles from 2015 -- "Automate the Boring Stuff with Python" and Violet Blue's "Smart Girl's Guide to Privacy," as well as "Hacking the Xbox: An Introduction to Reverse Engineering" by Andrew "bunnie" Huang, and "The Linux Command Line".*

Hackers who are willing to pay "more than the average" -- currently \$14.87 -- can also unlock a set of five more books, which includes "The Maker's Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse: Defend Your Base with Simple Circuits, Arduino, and Raspberry Pi". (This level also includes "Bitcoin for the Befuddled" and "Designing BSD Rootkits: An Introduction to Kernel Hacking".) And at the \$15 level -- just 13 cents more -- four additional books are unlocked. "Practical Malware Analysis: The Hands-On Guide to Dissecting Malicious Software" is available at this level, as well as "Hacking: The Art of Exploitation" and "Black Hat Python."
Nice to see they've already sold 28,506 bundles, which are DRM-free and available in PDF, EPUB, and MOBI format. (I still remember [Slashdot's 2012 interview with Make magazine's Andrew "bunnie" Huang](#), who Samzenpus described as "one of the most famous hardware and software hackers in the world.")

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Hahaha (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

["The Maker's Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse: Defend Your Base with Simple Circuits, Arduino, and Raspberry Pi".

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you on tell me, O wise one of the deep knowledge, what's so awful about using a cheap linear regulator when you're not in a power or thermally limited situation?

Re: (Score:1)
by [gweihir \(88907 \)](#)
Amateur-level reverse psychology from an AC. That is a first for me. I did laugh though.
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Re: (Score:2)
by [gweihir \(88907 \)](#)
Still funny. Because I know it is not true. I got to admit that Eben Upton managed to sucker millions of people into buying badly designed hardware and praising him for it, but my aspirations in life do not run to "con-man". Incidentally, nobody is ever more irrelevant than an AC.

Re: (Score:2)
by [SirSlud \(67381 \)](#)
Are you sure you've ever read your own signature?

Re: (Score:2)
by [serviscope_minor \(664417 \)](#)
AC nailed it.
Plus, Marathon? That takes me back...
But yes, there's a reason the RPi is popular despite not being the cheapest, most powerful or most capable. And it's not because everyone else is the most appalling hipster who can't recognise the glorious TRUTH of gwehir.

Re: (Score:2)
by [serviscope_minor \(664417 \)](#)
You can recognize them by them eventually developing a strong disdain for these toys that essentially cater to the stupid.
Yeah well, snobs abound. Nothing that can be done about that.
While Arduino hardware has some merit
Arduino hardware has plenty of merit. It's a like a cheaper, more widely available, standardised pinout version of vendor's devkits. Useful little devices.
the Raspberry Pi is an unmitigated disaster,
Except, no it isn't. For what it's for, it does the job well. I have one and it runs OctoPi t

Re: (Score:2)
by [Aighearach \(97333 \)](#)
I have a box full AVRs, and no Arduinos. I do things the way the snobs want. But they're mostly full of shit; this way is better for me, and perhaps better for engineers, but that doesn't tell me about what is good for other people. And I sure as heck am not going to pay \$50, or \$250, for a dev kit. If I was worried about providing the correct amount of power or whatever, or wanted a pre-installed bootloader, arduino would be a good starting place. You can use normal non-arduino AVR code on them, anyways.
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Indeed. I think I do too: I tend to use g++ and a Makefile directly. I don't use the Arduino environment for a variety of reasons, some good some not. Sometimes I need more precise timing, so that rules it out. Otherwise, I'm not really a fan of IDEs, I quite like poring over microcontroller datasheets and t

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As somebody who mostly agrees with the sentiment, I think you're overstepping by slagging on the stuff that you don't respect.
I'd rather use an AVR directly than use the Arduino, probably because I would have read the data sheet either way, and the Arduino C code doesn't appear to provide any benefits other than not being compatible with other AVR code.
But the pi is only intended to be an educational toy. They weren't trying to make an engineering platform. It sucks in various ways, but they needed it to be

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As to AVR, that is why I wrote Arduino "Hardware".
My impression is just that a student that actually wants to learn more about the RPi and then finds they cannot even get a decent datasheet and in addition find that most of it does not follow good engineering practices, then that is exactly the wrong message to send. My other impression is that unreliable network and USB is not something that will make working with this thing fun at all. Sure, by now there are enough work-arounds that it is mostly reliable.

Ick (Score:1, Interesting)
by Anonymous Coward
Violet Blue is a feminazi cunt.

"Hacking" the word that means nothing now (Score:1)
by [kuzb \(724081 \)](#)
Half of this stuff isn't hacking. I wish the mainstream would stop co-opting the culture for its own ends. I mean automate stuff with python? A privacy guide? Fuck that.
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Re:"Hacking" the word that means nothing now (Score:5, Insightful)
by [serviscope_minor \(664417 \)](#) on Saturday April 30, 2016 @02:35PM (#52019375) [Journal](#)
It is meant for people that want to see themselves as "hackers" or "makers" and as superior to any actual engineer
Well, the important thing is that you've managed to feel superior to them.
Bunny is pretty good though, definitely deserved than engineering PhD for hacking the xbox.
It's cool and he's a very smart guy, but that's not the sort of thing that PhDs are generally awarded for.
I know several people (including myself) that could likely have done it
Talk, as they say, is cheap.

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Re: (Score:3)
by [serviscope_minor \(664417 \)](#)
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Except you said yourself that you and serveral people you know could have done it. In other words, the tools and techniques while tricky are already in existence and so no new research is required.
But what do I know? I've only supervised and examined a few engineering PhDs. It's not all that much of a surprising claim either: I used to be an academic and that's part of the standard duties.
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Re: (Score:1)
by [gweihir \(88907 \)](#)
You have no clue what people I know and what they did for their engineering PhD work or what they are now doing in academic and industrial research. Not everything gets published. And where did I actually imply that I was talking about _recreating_ Bunny's work? I rather obviously talked about doing the initial research. But you are probably so full of yourself that you cannot grasp that.

Re: (Score:3)
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No, but for a PhD it usually needs to be of publishable quality. It's a rare PhD with no published papers, and it's usually important to find rather easygoing examiners who owe you a favour for those cases.
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No, you really didn't.

Proceeds are the same as always (Score:2)
by [guises \(2423402 \)](#)
I've heard this line before, that the Humble Bundle is for charity. "Proceeds go to charity X." Bullshit. They can, if that's what you choose in the checkout section, but by default only 15% of the purchase goes to charity. Many many stores will allow ask for a donation to some charity at checkout, the only extra-charitable thing about the Humble Bundle is that option to divert a greater portion of your purchase to charity if you so choose.

I don't want to denigrate that, that's good, but the Humble Bundl
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Thanks (Score:2)
by [mushroom blue \(8836 \)](#)
for the list. I went to kickass.to and paid what I wanted for the books. Even got the \$15-tier books.

Designing BSD Rootkits (Score:2)
by [manu0601 \(2221348 \)](#)
"Designing BSD Rootkits". Seems cool stuff, but very specialized, indeed!

Searched for the title + pdf on Google (Score:1)
by [TechFurryFox \(4327457 \)](#)
All of these books are complete crap. They're not worth a cent IMO and Humble Bumble should be ashamed for even using these titles. I wasted 10 minutes of my life, I want them back.

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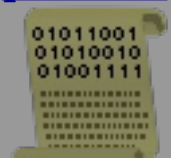
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