CyberLadies

Community for Underrepresented Folks in Czech Cybersecurity

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About CyberLadies

- Started in late 2023

- Aim is to create a safe space and community for women and marginalized folks in Czechia's cybersecurity environment

- Czech as a main language

- Purely volunteering activity

- Focus on social connections and help/mentoring in the cybersecurity field

- Fostering collaboration between communities with similar goals and different means — to complement, not to compete

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Internal Mindset and Principles

- Inclusivity, LGBTQ+ friendly

- Feminism (even our czech statutes are written in generic feminine form)

- No vendor locks — strong open-source leaning (with a few usability exceptions)

- No potentially restrictive partnerships (ie. no covert advertising)

- Nerdy and informal attitude welcomed (but not required)

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Current Activities

- Discord — main community element, low entry barrier, 250 users in total

- Website — information hub

- Community calendar — events interesting for community (based on Gancio)

- Lightning talks — live stream sessions about cybersecurity topics

- In-person meetups

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Plans

- Stay on course with current activities

- Start local branches in different cities in Czechia

- Start regular blogging

- More regular social media presence

- Organization of a small CTF

- Get more partnering organizations (preferably NGOs and OSS communities)

- Promote more diverse range of people into local public debate

- Participation in Czechia's civil society

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Challenges

Typical ones for a starting community

- The myth of "if you build it, they'll come"

- Volunteering nature of the organization

- Active people for all of the activities and plans

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Questions?

You can find CyberLadies (and me) here:

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