

## Code Wars 2004 Senior Quiz Prelims

1. What is the claim to fame of Dan Bricklin?

*Created VisiCalc*

2. He was born on March 11, 1962, in Lower Downtown Capitol City to John and Michelle. He attended Central West Junior High and Owen Paterson High and worked for a 'respectable software company'. Who is this guy?

*Thomas 'Neo' Anderson*

3. Apple has accused Benjamin 'dotcom billionaire' Cohen of squatting a domain name. What domain name is that?

*itunes.co.uk*

4. What is the correct acronym for 'European Laboratory for Particle Physics'?

*CERN (Conseil Europeen pour la Recherche Nucleaire)*

5. Which company is 'Shaping the Digital World'?

*Seagate*

6. ...And which one gives you the 'Power to choose, freedom to explore'?

*AMD*

7. What are the 'Halloween Documents'? What did they conclude?

*The **Halloween documents** is the name used outside Microsoft for a series of confidential memoranda on potential strategies related to Open source software, and to Linux in particular. The first Halloween document, written by Microsoft engineer Vinod Valloppillil, was leaked to Eric S. Raymond in October 1998, who immediately published an annotated version on his web site. The document contained references to a second memorandum specifically dealing with Linux, and that document, authored by Vinod Valloppillil and Josh Cohen at Microsoft, was also obtained, annotated and published by Raymond. Microsoft has since admitted the documents' authenticity. Marked 'Microsoft confidential', they identify open source software (OSS), and in particular the Linux operating system as a major threat to Microsoft's dominance of the software industry, and suggest ways in which Microsoft could disrupt the progress of open source software.*

8.\* What is War Driving?

***Wardriving** is an activity consisting of driving around with a laptop or a PDA in one's vehicle, detecting Wi-Fi wireless networks. It is also known as WiLDing (Wireless Lan Driving), originating with the Bay Area Wireless Users Group (BAWUG).*

9. Which was the first Hindi movie to be officially released on Kazaa, and users could download the movie after paying a certain amount of money?

*Supari*

10. Name the lead protagonist of the game series *Grand Theft Auto*.

*Tommy Vercetti*

11. What is the name of the new blogging service by MSN?

*MSN Spaces*

12.\* What do you mean by private-key encryption?

*The practice of using the same password (key) for both encryption as well as decryption.*

13. Which company makes CoCoPod?

*CoCoPod from S-Media is a hard-drive based MP3 player and is heavily inspired by iPod from Apple. It resembles the iPod both in terms of size and body color.*

14. Who is known as the father of markup language?

*Charles Goldfarb*

15.\* This computer was designed to find the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything. It's called the ...?

*Earth*

16. Name any three innovations introduced by the IBM PS2 PC.

*PS/2 port, VGA card, ISA Bus, 3 ½ inch floppy drive*

17. Nokia : Finland :: Alcatel : \_\_\_\_\_

*France*

18. What is RJ-45?

*Registered Jack 45; used in Ethernet ports.*

19.\* This is the official mascot of a UNIX version. Which one?

*FreeBSD*



20. Expand these:

- (i) TARGA – *True-vision Advanced Raster Graphics Adapter*
- (ii) TYCLO – *Turn Your Caps Lock Off!*
- (iii) PHP – *PHP Hypertext Preprocessor*
- (iv) DDoS – *Distributed Denial of Service*
- (v) MMORPG – *Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game*
- (vi) EDGE – *Enhanced Data-rates for GSM Evolution*