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## Their eyes were watching god hurricane

URL of this page: Also called: Cyclones, Typhoons In the aftermath of Hurricane Florence striking the Carolinas in mid-September, banks, consumer watchdogs and regulators continue to warn consumers across the country about financial scams invading your social media feeds, inboxes and elsewhere. Be skeptical. Be careful, says Trevor Buxton, assistant vice president of fraud communications with PNC Bank and a certified fraud investigator. Buxton's advice underscores the growing risk of financial fraud: After a disaster, scammers move to strike with fake charities and other scams designed to steal your money or identity. Mischievous actors rely on sympathetic consumers to help people affected by a natural disaster. They prey on this sensitivity, says Buxton. While some scams take months to detect, here are four financial scams to watch out for.1 Counterfeit charitiesThis is showing signs that fake charities are showing up to raise donations for the victims of Hurricane Florence. In advance of the storm making landfall, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center published an advisory that said it found a spike in registered domains with words like relief and funds that were likely related to Hurricane Florence - an indicator of potential fraud. It is highly likely that more fraud and malware will follow during the recovery period, so Internet users need to be careful before opening related emails, clicking on links, visiting websites or donating assistance, MS-ISAC wrote in the Advisory Council. This week, well-known security blogger Brian Krebs also warned consumers about Hurricane Florence-related charity scams. In a post on Krebs on Security, Krebs wrote: A slew of new areas apparently related to Hurricane Florence relief efforts are now accepting donations on behalf of victims without much responsibility for how the money will be spent. 2. Phishing scamsSung attacks, which are a persistent problem, will continue to strike as a result of the storm. These attacks often involve emails that appear to have come from something legitimate, such as a bank. In fact, this is an attempt to click on a link that contains, for example, malware. The Department of Homeland Security's National Center for Cybersecurity integration and communications has issued a warning that users should exercise caution when processing any emails with a hurricane-related subject matter, attachments or hyperlinks, even if they appear to come from a trusted source. Scammers can also contact you via text messages or phone calls and lure you to social media asking for help in stealing your personal information. If the requests are unsolicited, you should be automatically skeptical Investment scamsYeed to investment scams that promise great returns in a period of storm recovery. Before the hurricane, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority issued a warning to investors to be wary of unsolicited communication about hurricane-related opportunities, such as stocks related to solving future flood-related problems. The best bets on fraud include stocks related to cleaning, rebuilding, and breakthroughs in science and technology to address current and future flood-related problems, Finra wrote in its warning.4 People knocking on doors to offer offersFor those who live in the affected areas, the question of people who knock on the door. They may say they are housing inspectors or contractors, but they may be scammers trying to steal your money. After each disaster, we see these problems pop up over and over again, says Adam Garber, consumer watchdog at the American Public Interest Research Group.The federation of state PIRGs is urging consumers to ask for their identification and to avoid giving away personal information such as Social Security numbers and bank account numbers. The group also recommends that consumers do not give someone a large deposit before receiving goods or services. Be aware of what information you provide and to whom, garber says. Think about it before you give it up. What else can you do to prevent crimes? While it's hard to distinguish between something that's legitimate and something that isn't, there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of getting duped, including: Be careful before donating. Before donating, use websites such as Charity Navigator or GuideStar to verify that the charity is indeed a charity. Don't open links or attachments from emails with addresses you don't recognize. Also keep in mind that illegitimate emails might look authentic, so take a close look at con tracks like price promises. If you notice a fraudster, report it to the Advocate General to help others avoid falling for the scam and alert your network. Warn your friends and neighbors, Garber says. Listen to those who come to your door and claim to be contractors or from the government. The quiz is about why something is so cheap or why they want certain information like your Social Security number. Bottom line: If it sounds too good to be true, it's too good to be true, garber says. Cut about 7 length thinner wire, depending on the color you want for the inside. Connecting wires to get started is the hardest part. (You can use glue if you wanted to attach two flattened pieces together while you start, but this is not necessary.) Holding two flat pieces so as to cross, wrap the end of a smaller wire around the intersection, wrap the short end around to get a firm hold. Start packing as soon as possible with a long end. This will anchor the pieces together the best. You can tuck the remaining short end from the starting point under the back of the wraps. Pattern: The package here is basically like a four-way figure of eight. You can wrap around the other side of the post, around the back, and on the other hand another post. In the picture, the cover moves counterclockwise (so the far side is on the left) and the order is red, blue, green. Hurricane is an exciting remake of the classic arcade game Cyclone. In this game we placed 16 LEDs around the circle with the LED closest to you is a different color than all the others. The main purpose of this game is to collect as many tickets as possible in each round you play. The round starts by pressing the coin button and ends when you press the stop button. When you are actually in the round, you need to try to stop the light as close to the bright LED as possible. The closer you get to the clear LED, the more tickets you get! And actually stopping the light on the bright LED leads to a huge 8 ticket bonus! Now around this time you may be wondering how you can track the number of tickets you have received. After all, how will you know what prices you can get if you don't know how many tickets you have earned. Well, you can see the number of tickets you have on the seven segment displays on the nexys board. And at the end of each round the game automatically adds the number of tickets that you just got to the previous total. This way all the time you play you will know exactly how many tickets you have! This game, while simple, is a good way to introduce yourself to basic hardware, wiring and ISE design suite. This project is perfect for all newbies who want to gain experience making basic games to build their skills or show off to friends. Each of these aspects of making the game will be covered in a separate step, so you can collect the tools needed for each at your own pace. To create Hurricane hardware you will need some components:Hardware parts: 1 8 inch wooden disc1 dremel, exacto knife, or other way, how to cut wood1 1/8 inch drill or some other way to punch holes for LEDsWiring/electronic parts: 1 nexys board1 breadboard16 LEDs16 resistors 33 connecting cablesOptional components: SolderElectrical tape if you would like to isolate thingsSoftware parts: a computer with ISE Design SuiteYou can collect parts separately for each step, or all at once. It's up to you, whatever pace you want to have really. Once you get all your components you need to make the game it's time to prepare the real wooden boards that the game will be played on. We decided to use an 8 inch diameter disc for gaming boards however the size is really up to you. The first step is to cut out the hole in which you expect the seven-court display and buttons to be placed so that you can score and have easy access to all controls. Next, we had to do was cut a hole in the bottom, in the middle of the disc, so that you will have access to the seven segment displays and buttons that control the game. No matter how big the hole is, all that matters is that you can see the display and touch the buttons. According to the diagram, cut along the orange dotted line. And then you can drill holes around the outside of the drive where you expect to place LEDs. This step is quite difficult just because it is difficult to get the right spacing, so just watch out for it. After you have completed this last step of drilling holes for LEDs you should be done preparing the disc and will be ready to wire your board! THE LED connection is done in 5 simple steps: Step 1: Soldering the 100 ohm resistor to positive or long LED lines. Note: If you don't have access to soldering soldering or don't want to get burned, you can probably turn the leads together and have things right. Electrical tape would probably help in this case. Step 2: Solder the wire to both the negative lead and the resistance you just soldered to the LED. Step 3: Take the wire soldered to the resistor (positive) and plug it into the correct pin that you have assigned to the hardware description Step 4: Then take the wire soldered to short lead (negative) and plug it into the ground post on the chochon. Step 5: Fix the LEDs to the disc so that they remain in place, we used glue. One more thing you'll need to do to keep your hardware working is to run the wire from the designated ground pin on the board into your ground column on your choce. After completing these steps, you are completely ready to implement the code on your nexys board. Nexys 2, which is common to many fans, uses ISE Design Suite. If you want to edit any of the code, you'll need the entire set. We have attached our project file, called cyclonesecond arbitrarily. If you open it in ise design, you can edit it with everything you want to add or change its options. If you're not interested in editing, skip to the last paragraph. Our file called clockdiv determines how fast, or difficult, the game is. If you want to change the clock speed, just search for the constant word in the code. Then change the number on the same line to make it higher if you want it to be simpler or lower if you want it to be more difficult. If you just want to use the software as is, just upload the attached .bit file which should work well if you followed the instructions correctly. After uploading the code, your game should be ready to play! At this point, the game should work! To play, there are only 3 buttons that you need to use: The 1 button stops the light and awards you however many light tickets are worth it. Button 2 starts the movement of the light as if you had inserted a coin. Button 3 (optional) is a cheat button, and if you hold it down when you press button 1, you will always get 4 tickets. Button 4 resets your number of tickets as if you had cashed out your tickets. Have fun, we hope you enjoyed doing it as much as we do!-Andrew Hostler, David Maulick, and Wes Archbold Archbold