



# Cyber Security Initiative for Nevada Teachers (CSINT)

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## Implementing Cyber Security & Communications Into the Classroom

### Introduction & Justification

Students will be introduced to a variety of cybersecurity, communications and computer networking concepts that will enrich and deepen their levels of understanding. Among the concepts that students will be introduced to are robotics, cryptography, binary, MetaData, password access and protection, drones (manipulating and programming) along with basic encryption and decryption techniques. The courses that will integrate these concepts are Principles of Business & Marketing, Entrepreneurship and Web Design & Development. The students in Web Design & Development, due to curriculum and standards alignment, will experience more of a range of cybersecurity concepts. For the other courses, cybersecurity will be introduced in a way that creates awareness for students and shows students how to protect their information to the best of their ability. With technology becoming more involved in our daily lives, we must identify best practices for keeping information secure and knowing that there are threats and vulnerabilities that can negatively impact our ability to communicate and network.

### Objectives & Standards

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Students will be able to:
- Understand the various ways to interact and communicate with drones.
  - Develop an understanding on how to create a program using JavaScript (Drones & Web Design)
  - Learn the basic function of cryptography and complete activities based on the Pig Pen and Caesar ciphers
  - Use cryptography to encrypt and decrypt messages and then translate plaintext using the Ascii table
- Standards: Web Design & Development**  
Content Standard 2.0 – Understand Ethical Use of Information – Performance Standard 2.2 - Understand Security Issues in Relation to Web
- 2.2.1 – Explain invasion of privacy in the use of technology
  - 2.2.2 – Model acceptable security practices
  - 2.2.4 – Differentiate between secure and insecure web protocols
- CCSS ELA-Literacy.SL 9-10.1**
- Cite strong/thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly and inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain

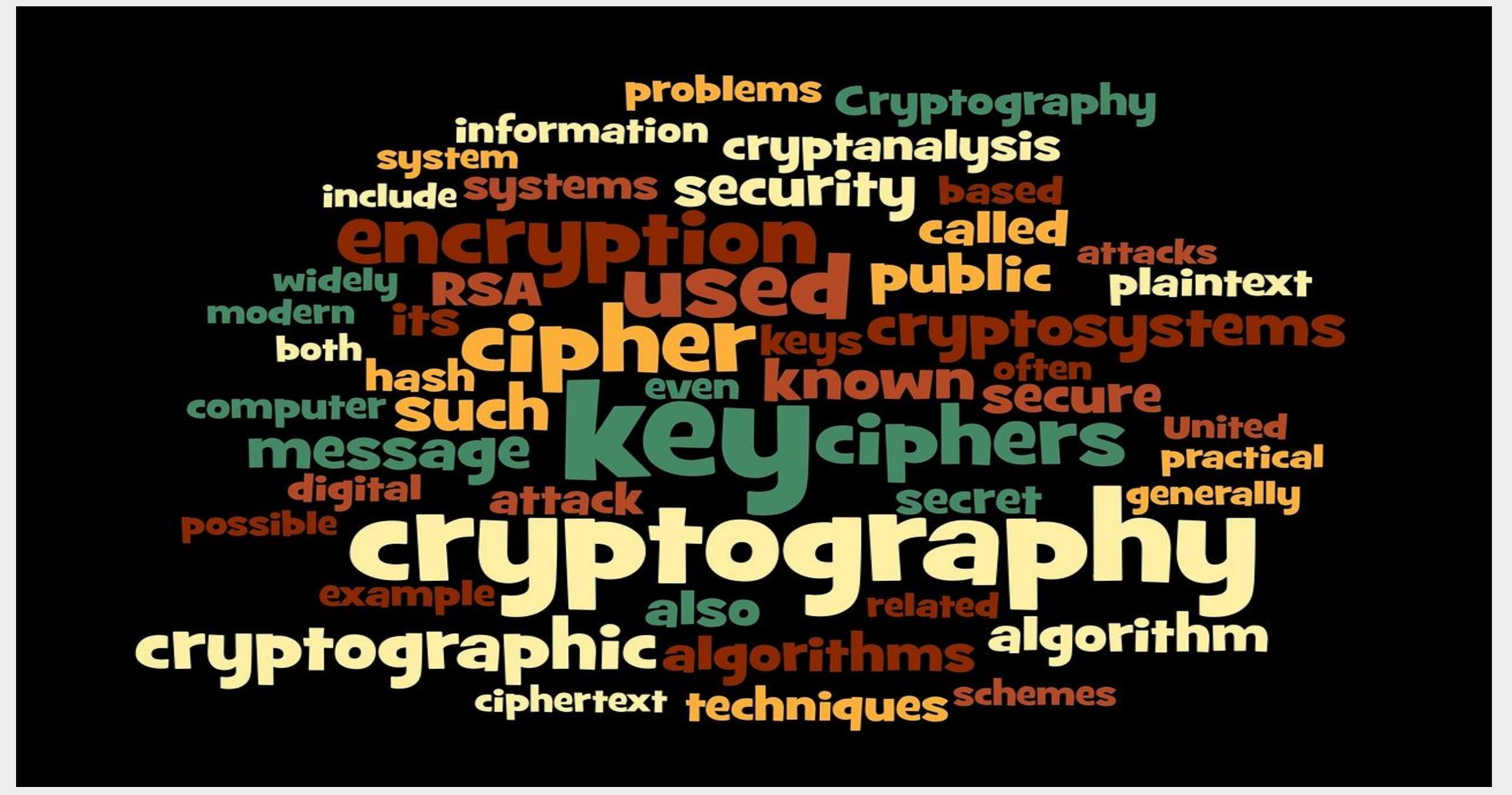


## Drones



Students will be introduced to a drone and will learn ways to interact with the drone. From a web design perspective, students should have an understanding of the JavaScript programming language, which can be used to program a drone to carry out a sequence of functions. From a communications perspective, students will also learn about vulnerabilities with drones and how to integrate security measures to protect a drone from an unwanted attack.

## Cryptography



As an extension of cryptography activities that were carried out during the 2017-2018 school year, students will get both a refresher in basic cryptography as well as learn new strategies and techniques on how to integrate encryption and decryption into their computer communications. Students will learn basic ciphers, such as the Caesar, Pig Pen and Atbash. Students will also use hashing to authenticate digital artifacts, which will require knowledge of various hashing algorithms. Ideally, students will be able to develop their own encryption algorithms and test them with classmates. Students will learn the importance of encrypting communications as a means to ensure that their information is kept private and secure.

## Engage



To engage students in cybersecurity concepts, cryptography worksheets will be used in the classroom as a critical thinking exercise. Students will be required to decrypt a specific message, but will need to collaborate with classmates to identify all of the keys. Once decrypted, the message will be converted to binary, hexadecimal and HTML before. At that time, the message will be included on an HTML5 document that will be displayed in a web browser. Students will see that there are a variety of ways to display plaintext using encryption.

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Dec:Hex:Oct:Chr
0 0 000 000 (null)
1 1 001 001 (start of heading)
2 2 002 010 (start of text)
3 3 003 011 (end of text)
4 4 004 0100 (end of transmission)
5 5 005 01001 (enquiry)
6 6 006 010010 (acknowledge)
7 7 007 010011 (bell)
8 8 010 0100110 (backspace)
9 9 011 01001101 (horizontal tab)
10 10 012 010011010 (line feed, new line)
11 11 013 0100110101 (vertical tab)
12 12 014 01001101010 (form feed, new page)
13 13 015 010011010101 (message return)
14 14 016 0100110101010 (shift out)
15 15 017 01001101010101 (shift in)
16 16 018 010011010101010 (data link escape)
17 17 019 01001101010101010 (device control 1)
18 18 020 010011010101010101 (device control 2)
19 19 021 0100110101010101010 (device control 3)
20 20 022 01001101010101010101 (device control 4)
21 21 023 010011010101010101010 (negative acknowledge)
22 22 024 0100110101010101010101 (synchrouous idle)
23 23 025 01001101010101010101010 (end of trans. block)
24 24 026 010011010101010101010101 (cancel)
25 25 027 0100110101010101010101010 (end of medium)
26 26 028 01001101010101010101010101 (substitute)
27 27 029 010011010101010101010101010 (escape)
28 28 030 0100110101010101010101010101 (file separator)
29 29 031 01001101010101010101010101010 (group separator)
30 30 032 010011010101010101010101010101 (record separator)
31 31 033 01001101010101010101010101010101 (unit separator)

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## Explore

After being introduced to binary and hexademial calculations, students will further their knowledge by converting binary codes to numerical values. Once those values have been calculated, students will then be able to convert numerical values to hexadecimal formats. Tutorial videos will be encouraged as well as collaborative opportunities that allow students to work together to solve problems using creative and effective methods.

In the examples provided below, you will notice that each of the images are representing the same exact statement which helps us accomplish our goal of displaying text and numbers in a variety of ways.

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Welcome of the Fall 2018 semester!
57 65 6c 63 6f 6d 65 20 6f 66 20 74 68 65 65 20 46 61 6c 6c 20 32 30 31
38 20 73 65 6d 65 73 74 65 72 21
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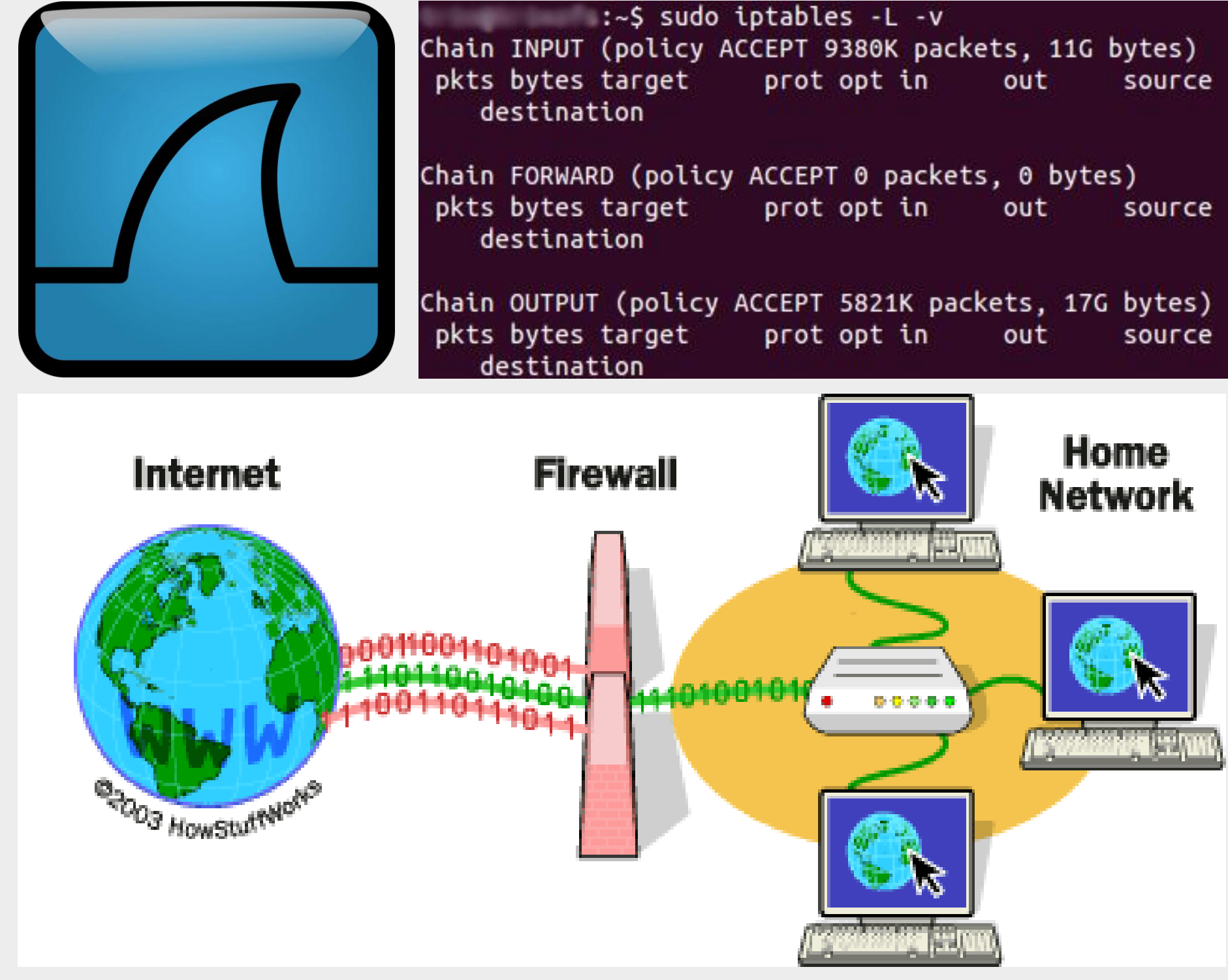
## Elaborate

Binary Number	1	0	1	1	0	1	Decimal Number
Power of base	2 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>0</sup>	
Decimal equivalent	32	16	8	4	2	1	
Magnitude of each term	32	0	8	4	0	1	45

To elaborate on this topic, students could engage in interdisciplinary coursework, mathematics in particular. How does a computer read information? Students, in small groups, will put together a presentation on what binary is, why it is important and how it is calculated. As students teach their math classes, they will distribute worksheets, featuring binary math problems, to students in those classes. Essentially, students will be teaching their math class. We all use technology to some extent. However, how many of us actually understand how technology works? Introducing many students to binary and relating concepts (such as Hexadecimal) can create a connection on the interaction between user and computer interface.

## Explain

Why is it important to program a drone? Why is it important to learn JavaScript? What are the benefits to knowing commands in a terminal? How can vulnerabilities be detected on a network? What measures can be taken to remedy potential vulnerabilities? Once students have experienced different ways in which to interact with a drone, they will become more aware of the networking side. Among the concepts that will be introduced at this time are firewalls, IP tables, Intrusion-Detection Systems (IDS), Wireshark and port scanning.



## Evaluate

