

# MysteryTwister C3

THE CRYPTO CHALLENGE CONTEST

## MOLEHUNT (PART 1/3)

Classical Transposition

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# Instructions

- Ciphertext-only Challenge
- Decrypt the message
- Take note of the codeword
- Submit the codeword in UPPER-CASE
- You have at most 15 attempts to submit the codeword

# Prolog

You are a secret agent currently employed with the country of "Disturbed Souls" (DS). Currently you are on an abroad mission. Starting with a few days ago, something strange is going on: some messages sent from your headquarters, the base command 4 (BC4), cannot be decrypted with the access key (Zugangsschlüssel) known to you. You suspect that something important is going on and that the security level has been raised beyond your security clearance. This gives you an uneasy feeling and therefore you decide to dig into this matter ..

# Stage 1 – Columnar Transposition

WHELE SIWLD RTZTX XEEAI RGSTL EESIN XCKNA SAYIE  
IESIE EAEEE UEBMI MNMXD IUYSR SSYWH OXTYX CRLXX  
CNRGN ITRNE ITXGX MXCFC ESCTX IEMDI SEESA TREYD  
NEVXS SMCER TEUXE FRXUS FOUXK LRCSS IXNET EPIER  
IECAE AANXF ITSIE AESOX ETEPE THHUA IHSDE XHYXX  
ITSME RAWHE OTTHX ARRMA VTI XM NENIX OXNEW SIGHV  
IENRD IXEDG SUFRD ATYAE ITAXN SSPNN MRRHN RNLYD  
JESIX RNLIR SRIRT TZCTL DXDXE XXUDS TGHTX XEAXS  
LGXGX OTIXO NORTG TXNEH SXEGX SURUI LELMW DHUDY  
ZEF SZ GIAKX ETENG NETEN EEXAV MXRAH AUIEX NZELD  
BDUUS EENII GETRE NTINE EOXSE TAHLR RAXTX UIXXN  
NXXMG

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success!