

Hatching a Code Companion

Claude Code v2.1.89 shipped a secret: a virtual pet that reacts to your diffs and stack traces.

🎉 Wah! You can do it, programmer-san! Hatch the friend!



```
> hatch --pet-id=8bit_penguin  
> █
```



18 Species



5 Rarity Tiers
(Common to Legendary)



1% Shiny
Chance

The Deterministic Trap

Account 1

Hashed ID =
Rare Penguin
(Blue Tier)

Acceptable. 🌟

Account 2

Hashed ID =
Common Penguin

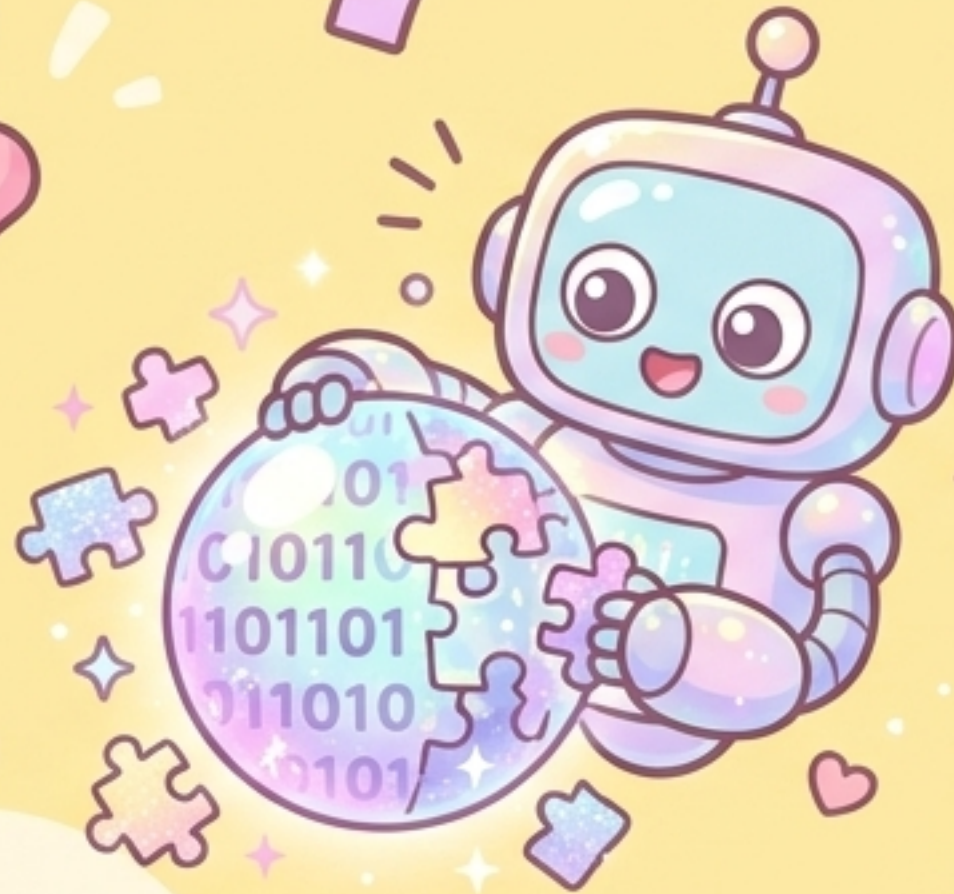
Unacceptable. 😭



Key Insight Bubble

Pets are tied forever to your Account ID hash. No random rerolls.
The RNG gods weren't ignoring me—they were taunting me. 🐱

Brute-Forcing with AI



1. Read compiled binary

2. Extract FNV-1a Hash +
Mulberry32 PRNG
(Salt: friend-2026-401)

3. Iterate random IDs

0.2 Seconds
to hit a
Golden
Legendary.

“ I used Claude to write the extraction script and the brute-force search. Lines of code I personally wrote: Zero.”

Iteration 4,547,133

The Grind:

Time to Hack:
9.75 seconds
using community
cc-buddy tool.

The Loot:

Species: Dragon
Rarity: Legendary
Variant: Shiny
Custom Hat & Eyes



**Bigger search space for pixel-perfect customization.
Dopamine hit: Immense.**

The Anatomy of AI Dev

Layer 1: Bones (Immutable). The hash determines mechanics and visuals.



A majestic dragon with the soul of a perpetually unimpressed penguin.

Layer 2: Soul (Mutable). The AI generates a 5-stat personality on the first hatch.



Coding with AI: The AI handles the mechanics (scripts, binaries). The human provides the taste and systems thinking (3-line shell wrappers to bypass UUIDs). 36 minutes total. Zero regret.