

NCL Fall 2022 Team Game Scouting Report

Dear Axel Zublena (Team "AU_PHISH3RSOFM3N"),

Thank you for participating in the National Cyber League (NCL) 2022 Fall Season! Our goal is to prepare the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, and your participation is helping achieve that goal.

The NCL was founded in May 2011 to provide an ongoing virtual training ground for collegiate students to develop, practice, and validate their cybersecurity skills in preparation for further learning, industry certifications, and career readiness. The NCL scenario-based challenges were designed around performance-based exam objectives of CompTIA certifications and are aligned to the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

As you look to a future career in cybersecurity, we hope you find this report to be valuable in both validating skills and identifying areas for improvement across the nine NCL skills categories. You can use this NCL Scouting Report to:

- Validate your skills to employers in any job application or professional portfolio;
- Show case your achievements and strengths by including the Score Card view of your performance as part of your résumé or simply sharing the validation link so that others may view the detailed version of this report.

The NCL 2022 Fall Season had 7,690 students/players and 475 faculty/coaches from more than 470 two- and fouryear schools & 250 high schools across all 50 U.S. states registered to play. The Individual Game Capture the Flag (CTF) event took place from October 21 through October 23. The Team Game CTF event took place from November 4 through November 6. The games were conducted in real-time for students across the country.

NCL is powered by Cyber Skyline's cloud-based skills evaluation platform. Cyber Skyline hosted the scenario-driven cybersecurity challenges for players to compete and track their progress in real-time.



To validate this report, please access: cyberskyline.com/report/TFDL4N2L6DPB

Congratulations for your participation in the NCL 2022 Fall Team Game! We hope you will continue to develop your knowledge and skills and make meaningful contributions as part of the Information Security workforce!

David Zeichick NCL Commissioner



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NCL Fall 2022 Team Game

The NCL Team Game is designed for student players nationwide to compete in realtime in the categories listed below. The Team Game promotes camaraderie and evaluates the collective technical cybersecurity skills of the team members.

80 TH PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK	1600 POINTS OUT OF 3000 PERFORMANCE SCORE	26.9% ACCURACY	63.9% COMPLETION	
98 th National Percentile	Average: 649.5 Points	Average: 49.6%	Average: 28.8%	
Cryptography	260	OINTS UT OF 10 ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	91.7%
Information is key, but it's not going messages to learn what is really go	y to be easy to get it. Decipher these ving on.	hidden		
Enumeration & Explo	pitation 115	OINTS UT OF ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	50.0%
Identify actionable exploits and vul security measures in code and con	nerabilities and use them to bypass t npiled binaries.			
Forensics	145	UT OF 22.7%	COMPLETION:	50.0%
Utilize the proper tools and techniq investigate digital evidence in a cor	ues to analyze, process, recover, and nputer-related incident.			
Log Analysis	100 §	UT OF ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	41.2%
	ues to establish a baseline for norma tivities using log files from various s			
Network Traffic Anal	ysis 210 §	OINTS UT OF 70 ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	81.0%
Identify malicious and benign netw potential security breaches.	ork traffic to demonstrate an unders	tanding of		
Open Source Intellige	ence 315 §	OINTS UT OF 15 ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
	n such as search engines, public rep epth knowledge on a topic or target.	ositories,		
Password Cracking	220	OINTS 59.1%	COMPLETION:	65.0%
Identify types of password hashes determine plaintext passwords.	and apply various techniques to effic	siently		
Scanning & Reconna	aissance 35 POINT 315	6.7%	COMPLETION:	15.4%
Identify and use the proper tools to services and potential vulnerabilitie	gain intelligence about a target inclu			
Web Application Exp	loitation 100	aints 37.5%	COMPLETION:	50.0%
Identify actionable exploits and vul	nerabilities and use them to bypass t			

Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in online services.

Note: Survey module (100 points) was excluded from this report.





Cryptography Module

Information is key, but it's not going to be easy to get it. Decipher these hidden messages to learn what is really going on.

50 TH PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK 99 th National Percentile	260 POINTS OUT OF PERFORMANCE SCORE Average: 119.3 Points	44.0% ACCURACY Average: 78.6%	91.7% COMPLETION	TOP NICE WORKROLES Security Control Assessor Secure Software Assessor Exploitation Analyst Cyber Operator Security Architect			
Decoding 1 (Easy)	30 POINTS OUT OF	100.0%	COMPLETION:	100.0%			
Identify the cipher scheme used and o	decrypt the data	AUGUNAUT					
Decoding 2 (Easy)	20 POINTS 20	100.0%	COMPLETION:	100.0%			
Identify the cipher scheme used and o	decrypt the data	AUGUNAUT					
Decoding 3 (Easy)	35 POINTS	100.0%	COMPLETION:	100.0%			
Identify the cipher scheme used and o	decrypt the data						
Decoding 4 (Medium)	20 POINTS OUT OF	11.1% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%			
Identify the communication scheme u	used and decode the message						
Decoding 5 (Medium)	55 POINTS	100.0%	COMPLETION:	100.0%			
Identify the cipher scheme used and o	Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the data						
Problem (Medium)	O POINTS OUT OF 50	0.0%	COMPLETION:	0.0%			
Identify the steganography technique	Identify the steganography technique used and extract the hidden data						
Magnetic (Hard)	100 POIN 100	TS 100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%			
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Convert credit card magnetic stripe audio into numeric data





Enumeration & Exploitation Module

Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in code and compiled binaries.

186 TH PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK 96 th National Percentile	115 POINTS OUT OF PERFORMANCE SCORE Average: 52.0 Points	30.0% ACCURACY Average: 51.7%	50.0% COMPLETION	TOP NICE WORKROLES Cyber Operator Target Developer Exploitation Analyst Software Developer Systems Security Analyst	
Channels (Easy)		s 25.0%	COMPLETION	l: 100.0%	
Analyze Go source code to identify it	s functionalities and vulnerabilities				
Miner (Medium)	15 POINTS OUT OF 100	50.0%	COMPLETION	l: 50.0%	
Decompile a binary crypto-miner malware to identify its functionalities					
Password Manager (I	Hard) $0_{\frac{\text{POINTS}}{100}}$	0.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION	l: 0.0%	
Channels (Easy) Analyze Go source code to identify it Miner (Medium) Decompile a binary crypto-miner ma	ts functionalities and vulnerabilities 100 POINTS 100 DIT OF 100 DIT OF	S 25.0% ACCURACY 50.0% ACCURACY 0.0%	Average: 27.7% COMPLETION COMPLETION	l: 100.0' l: 50.0'	

Decompile and analyze a binary that implements a virtual machine (VM) for a custom instruction set architecture (ISA) and break the encryption to a custom password manager program

Forensics Module

Utilize the proper tools and techniques to analyze, process, recover, and/or investigate digital evidence in a computer-related incident.

162 ND PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK 96 th National Percentile	145 COULT OF OUT OF PERFORMANCE SCORE	22.7% ACCURACY Average: 57.8%	50.0% COMPLETION Average: 26.7%	TOP NICE WORKROLES Cyber Defense Forensics Analyst Cyber Crime Investigator Cyber Defense Incident Responder Cyber Defense Analyst	
Blocked (Easy)		TS 100.0%	COMPLETI	ON: 100.0%	
Analyze a redacted PDF file to identif	y techniques to remove the redaction				
Hiding (Medium)	O POINTS OUT OF 100	0.0%	COMPLETI	ON: 0.0%	
Identify the compressed data stream without header metadata					
Unknown (Hard)	45 POINTS OUT OF	20.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETI	ON: 50.0%	

Analyze a ZFS pool to extract hidden files and metadata





Log Analysis Module

Utilize the proper tools and techniques to establish a baseline for normal operation and identify malicious activities using log files from various services.

181 ST PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK 96 th National Percentile	100 POINTS OUT OF PERFORMANCE SCORE Average: 63.6 Points	11.1% ACCURACY Average: 26.9%	41.2% COMPLETION Average: 23.6%	TOP NICE WORKROLES Cyber Defense Analyst Systems Security Analyst All-Source Analyst Cyber Defense Forensics Analyst Data Analyst	
Cubes (Easy)		17.1%	COMPLETI	DN: 100.0%	
Analyze a DNS server log to identify p	otentially malicious domains	7,000,0,01			
Lunch (Medium)	O POINTS OUT OF 100	0.0% Accuracy	COMPLETI	O.0%	
Analyze a web server log using MessagePack encoding and identify anomalies					
Collection (Hard)	O POINTS OUT OF 120	0.0% Accuracy	COMPLETI	DN: 0.0%	

Analyze employee badge and motion sensor logs to compute outliers and identify anomalous behavior

Network Traffic Analysis Module

Identify malicious and benign network traffic to demonstrate an understanding of potential security breaches.

155 TH PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK 97 th National Percentile	210 POINTS OUT OF PERFORMANCE SCORE	33.3% ACCURACY Average: 41.6%	81.0% COMPLETION Average: 46.4%	TOP NICE WORKROLE: Cyber Defense Analyst All-Source Analyst Cyber Defense Incident Responder Target Network Analys Cyber Operator	t
VPN (Easy)	60 POINTS OUT OF UUT OF	23.3% ACCURACY	COMPLETI	ON: 77	.8%
Extract sensitive information transfer	red in a VPN packet capture				
WiFi Cracking (Mediur	m) 30 POINTS OUT OF 70	50.0%	COMPLETI	ON: 75	.0%
Identify vulnerable WiFi encryption sc	heme and crack the WiFi password				
Kick Back (Medium)		50.0%	COMPLETI	ON: 100	.0%
Analyze the unencrypted IOT device traffic to extract personal information from a smart home packet capture					
Extraction (Hard)	$20^{\frac{\text{POINTS}}{\text{OUT OF}}}$	40.0%	COMPLETI	ON: 66	.7%

Identify and extract the hidden $\ensuremath{\mathsf{RTMP}}$ video stream transferred in a comprehensive packet capture





Open Source Intelligence Module

Utilize publicly available information such as search engines, public repositories, social media, and more to gain in-depth knowledge on a topic or target.

54 TH PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK 99 th National Percentile	315 POINTS OUT OF PERFORMANCE SCORE Average: 150.0 Points	27.6% ACCURACY Average: 49.7%	100.0% COMPLETION Average: 65.4%	TOP NICE WORKROLES Systems Security Analyst Target Developer System Administrator Research & Development Specialist Cyber Intel Planner		
Rules of Conduct (Eas	(5y) 25 POINTS 210 F	100.0%	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		
Introductory challenge on acceptable	conduct during NCL	ACCONACT				
Defense Acquisition (I	Easy) 45 POINTS OUT OF	27.3% ACCURACY	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		
Identify the common organizations re	esponsible for purchases for the gov					
Vehicle (Easy)	50 POINTS OUT OF	100.0%	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		
Utilize reverse image search tools to i	dentify the make and model of a veh	licle				
Targets (Medium)	45 POINTS OUT OF 45	18.8% ACCURACY	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		
Investigate an unknown number scheme to identify the IP address associated with the number						
District (Medium)	50 POINTS 50 DIT OF	14.3% ACCURACY	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		
Utilize Geographic Information Syster	m (GIS) to identify land plot and own	er data				
Tracking (Hard)		OF 25.0%	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		

Investigate commonalities in the locations from a sequence of GPS coordinates to identify the potential next target location





Password Cracking Module

Identify types of password hashes and apply various techniques to efficiently determine plaintext passwords.

131 ST PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK 97 th National Percentile	Performance score	59.1% ACCURACY Average: 87.0%	65.0% COMPLETION Average: 39.5%	TOP NICE WORKROLES Cyber Operator Exploitation Analyst Systems Security Analyst Cyber Defense Incident Responder Cyber Crime Investigator		
Cracking 1 (Easy)	45 POINTS	100.0%	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		
Crack MD5, SHA1, and SHA256 pass	+5	ACCURACY				
Cracking 2 (Easy)	45 POINTS OUT OF 45	100.0%	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		
Crack Windows NTLM password has	hes using rainbow tables					
Cracking 3 (Medium)	60 POINTS OUT OF	37.5% ACCURACY	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		
Build a wordlist or pattern config to c	rack password hashes of a known pa					
Cracking 4 (Hard)	20 POINTS OUT OF	33.3% ACCURACY	COMPLETIO	N: 33.3 %		
Build a wordlist to crack passwords not found in common wordlists						
PPTX (Medium)	50 POINTS OUT OF	100.0%	COMPLETIO	N: 100.0%		
Crack the password for a protected PowerPoint file						
WiFi (Hard)	$0^{\frac{POINTS}{OUTOF}}$	0.0% Accuracy	COMPLETIO	N: 0.0%		
Crack the password hashes stored in a Linux what supplicant configle						

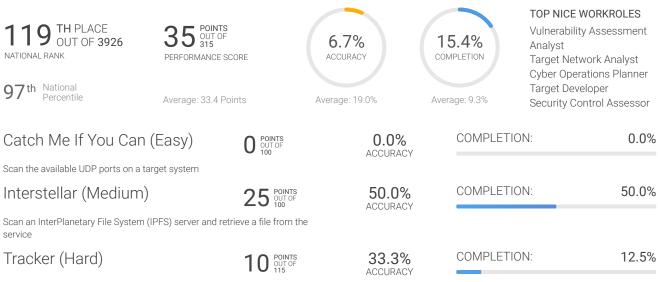
Crack the password hashes stored in a Linux wpa_supplicant.conf file





Scanning & Reconnaissance Module

Identify and use the proper tools to gain intelligence about a target including its services and potential vulnerabilities.



Scan and analyze the results from an UDP BitTorrent Tracker service

deterministic server behavior

Web Application Exploitation Module

Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in online services.

2227 TH PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK 95 th National Percentile	100 POINTS OUT OF PERFORMANCE SCORE Average: 59.4 Points	37.5% ACCURACY Average: 38.0%	50.0% COMPLETION	TOP NICE WORKROLES Cyber Operator Software Developer Exploitation Analyst Systems Security Analyst Database Administrator	
Ticket Scalper (Easy)		60.0%	COMPLETI	DN: 100.0%	
Exploit a ticket booking app by analyz JavaScript code	ring the partial logic in the browser sic				
Pesto's Pizza (Mediun	$O) \qquad \qquad 0_{\substack{\text{OUT OF}\\100}}$	0.0%	COMPLETIC	DN: 0.0%	
Identify and exploit a PHP type juggling vulnerability to gain unauthorized access					
Mercury Lotto (Hard)	O POINTS OUT OF 100	0.0%	COMPLETI	O.0%	
Identify and exploit a seeded random number generator by analyzing the					

