NCL Spring 2022 Individual Game Scouting Report

Dear Ryan Pearson,

Thank you for participating in the National Cyber League (NCL) 2022 Spring 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 Spring Season had 6,610 students/players and 467 faculty/coaches from more than 500 two- and fouryear schools & 80 high schools across all 50 U.S. states registered to play. The Individual Game Capture the Flag (CTF) event took place from April 8 through April 10. The Team Game CTF event took place from April 22 through April 24. 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/EFH1J539M3JP



Based on the the performance detailed in this NCL Scouting Report, you have earned 2 hours of CompTIA. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) as approved by CompTIA. You can learn more about the NCL -CompTIA alignment via nationalcyberleague.org/comptia.

Congratulations for your participation in the NCL 2022 Spring Individual 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



NATIONAL CYBER LEAGUE SCORE CARD

NCL 2022 SPRING INDIVIDUAL GAME

NATIONAL RANK 644TH PLACE **OUT OF 6010 PERCENTILE** 90TH

FORENSICS NETWORK TRAFFIC 97TH PERCENTILE 91ST PERCENTILE 91ST PERCENTILE



CYBER SKYLINE

Average: 65.7%

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YOUR TOP CATEGORIES



NCL Spring 2022 Individual Game

The NCL Individual Game is designed for student players nationwide to compete in realtime in the categories listed below. The Individual Game evaluates the technical cybersecurity skills of the individual, without the assistance of others.

644 TH PLACE OUT OF 6010

security measures in online services.

1205 POINTS OUT OF 3000

70.4% ACCURACY



90th National Percentile

Average: 730.1 Points

Average: 65.7%

Average: 33.5%

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Cryptography	170 °C	UNTS 100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	71.4%
Identify techniques used to encrypt o extract the plaintext.		ACCOLACT		
Enumeration & Exploi	tation 10 POINTS	100.0%	COMPLETION:	11.1%
Identify actionable exploits and vulne security measures in code and comp	3.			
Forensics	150	55.6% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	62.5%
Utilize the proper tools and technique investigate digital evidence in a comp				
Log Analysis	155 PC 34	56.3% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	52.9%
Utilize the proper tools and technique operation and identify malicious activ		I		
Network Traffic Analy	sis 160 %	80.0% O ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	57.1%
Identify malicious and benign networ potential security breaches.	k traffic to demonstrate an understa			
Open Source Intellige	nce 200 %	66.7% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	80.0%
Utilize publicly available information s social media, and more to gain in-dep				
Password Cracking	160 PC	88.9% OF ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	76.2%
Identify types of password hashes ar determine plaintext passwords.	nd apply various techniques to effici			
Scanning & Reconnais	ssance 100 gr	30.0% O ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	21.4%
Identify and use the proper tools to g services and potential vulnerabilities.	ain intelligence about a target inclu			
Web Application Explo	oitation O POINTS OUT OF 325	0.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	0.0%
Identify actionable exploits and vulne	rabilities and use them to bypass th			

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





Cryptography Module

Identify the steganography technique used and extract the hidden data

Identify techniques used to encrypt or obfuscate messages and leverage tools to extract the plaintext.

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PERFORMANCE SCORE

100.0% ACCURACY

Average: 85.3%



TOP NICE WORKROLES

Security Control Assessor Secure Software Assessor **Exploitation Analyst** Cyber Operator Security Architect

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Average: 111.7 Points

Decoding 1 (Easy)	30 POINTS OUT OF	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
Identify the type of base encoding used and decode	e the data	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
Decoding 2 (Easy)	25 POINTS OUT OF 25	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
Identify the encoding scheme used and decode the	e data			
Decoding 3 (Medium)	20 POINTS OUT OF 35	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	50.0%
Identify the encoding scheme used and decode the	e data			
Decoding 4 (Medium)	40 POINTS OUT OF	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the da	nta			
Decoding 5 (Medium)	OUT OF	0.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	0.0%
Identify the communication scheme used and deco	ode the message			
Decoding 6 (Hard)	O POINTS OUT OF	0.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	0.0%
Identify the communication scheme used and deco	ode the message			
Stego 1 (Easy)	35 POINTS OUT OF 35	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
Identify the steganography technique used and ext	ract the hidden data			
Stego 2 (Medium)	20 POINTS OUT OF	100.0%	COMPLETION:	50.0%

ACCURACY



Enumeration & Exploitation Module

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

396 TH PLACE OUT OF 6010 **TH PLACE** NATIONAL RANK

PERFORMANCE SCORE





TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator Target Developer **Exploitation Analyst** Software Developer Systems Security Analyst

77th National

Average: 83.8 Points

100.0% ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 25.0%

Decompile and analyze Java bytecode

Blocky (Medium)

Validator (Easy)

0.0% ACCURACY COMPLETION: 0.0%

Disassemble and analyze a malicious Chrome browser extension

Exploit (Hard)

0.0% **ACCURACY** COMPLETION: 0.0%

Analyze a remote Linux server for vulnerabilities and demonstrate proof of concept exploit

Forensics Module

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

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Percentile

97th National

PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 70.1 Points

55.6% ACCURACY

Average: 57.4%



TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Defense Forensics Analyst Cyber Crime Investigator Cyber Defense Incident Responder

Cyber Defense Analyst

Archived (Easy)

57.1%

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Extract hidden metadata information from a tar archive file

Puzzle (Medium)

50.0%

COMPLETION: 50.0%

Identify overlapping byte segments to reconstruct a multi-part file

Hacker Flyer (Hard)

OUT OF

0.0%

COMPLETION: 0.0%

Extract sensitive data from a Windows memory dump



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.

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56.3% ACCURACY

Average: 42.8%



COMPLETION:

TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Defense Analyst Systems Security Analyst All-Source Analyst Cyber Defense Forensics Analyst Data Analyst

87th National

IIS (Easy)

Average: 122.7 Points

42.9% **ACCURACY** COMPLETION: 50.0%

Analyze a Windows IIS web server log to identify attacker scanning activity

Devices (Medium)

50.0% **ACCURACY**

50.0%

Analyze an IOT sensors log to identify anomalous behavior

Email (Hard)

100.0%

COMPLETION: 60.0%

Analyze email logs to identify phishing attempts and suspicious email senders

Network Traffic Analysis Module

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

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PERFORMANCE SCORE

80.0% ACCURACY

Average: 52.5%



COMPLETION:

TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Defense Analyst All-Source Analyst Cyber Defense Incident Responder Target Network Analyst Cyber Operator

100.0%

91 st National

Transfer (Easy)

Average: 102.3 Points

Average: 37.5%

100.0%

Extract sensitive information from a FTP packet capture

WiFi Cracking (Medium)

83.3%

77.8% **ACCURACY**

COMPLETION:

Identify vulnerable WiFi encryption scheme and crack the WiFi password

Kryptonite (Medium)

0.0% **ACCURACY** COMPLETION: 0.0%

Decrypt and analyze an intercepted TLS packet capture

AirKeys (Hard)

0.0% **ACCURACY** COMPLETION: 0.0%

Analyze Bluetooth keyboard connection and reconstruct keystrokes to extract credential information





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.

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PERFORMANCE SCORE





TOP NICE WORKROLES

Systems Security Analyst Target Developer System Administrator Research & Development Specialist Cyber Intel Planner

NATIONAL RANK

71 st National

Average: 187.7 Points

Geolocate an individual using cellular tower identification number

Rules of Conduct (Easy) COMPLETION: 100.0% 100.0% **ACCURACY** Introductory challenge on acceptable conduct during NCL COMPLETION: 100.0% 100.0% Whois (Easy) ACCURACY Explore whois registration information on IP addresses COMPLETION: 100.0% Filings (Easy) 60.0% Identify common regulatory filings required in the cybersecurity industry COMPLETION: 100.0% Tor (Medium) 50.0% **ACCURACY** Identify metadata and affiliation information about Tor relay nodes COMPLETION: 0.0% Caller ID (Hard) 0.0% **ACCURACY**



Password Cracking Module

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

869 TH PLACE OUT OF 6010

160 POINTS OUT OF 310 PERFORMANCE SCORE

88.9% ACCURACY



TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator Exploitation Analyst Systems Security Analyst Cyber Defense Incident Responder Cyber Crime Investigator

86th National Percentile

Average: 108.5 Points

30 POINTS OUT OF

40 POINTS OUT OF 145

Average: 88.9%

Average: 48.4%

Hashing (Easy)

Generate password hashes for MD5, SHA1, and SHA256

Cracking 1 (Easy)

Crack MD5 password hashes

Cracking 2 (Easy)

Crack Windows NTLM password hashes
Cracking 3 (Medium)

Cracking 3 (Medium)

Cracking 4 (Hard)

Build a wordlist or pattern config to crack password hashes of a known pattern

Build a wordlist to crack passwords not found in common wordlists

PDF (Medium)

Point
Out Common wordlists

Crack the password of a PDF document file

60.0% COMPLETION: 100.0% COMPLETION:

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COMPLETION: 57.1%

COMPLETION: 0.0%





Scanning & Reconnaissance Module

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



PERFORMANCE SCORE





Average: 30.7%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

Vulnerability Assessment Analyst Target Network Analyst Cyber Operations Planner Target Developer Security Control Assessor

NATIONAL RANK

87th National

FTP Scan (Easy)

Average: 95.2 Points

Average: 62.3%

0.0% ACCURACY COMPLETION:

0.0%

Scan a FTP server to enumerate its contents and possible vulnerabilities

Disclosure (Medium)

100.0% **ACCURACY**

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Identify server configuration and enumerate remote web server paths

Castle (Hard)

0.0% **ACCURACY** COMPLETION: 0.0%

Scan and analyze the results from a LDAP server

Web Application Exploitation Module

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

PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 53.3 Points

0.0% ACCURACY

Average: 52.0%



COMPLETION:

TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator Software Developer **Exploitation Analyst** Systems Security Analyst Database Administrator

Wordly (Easy)

0.0% ACCURACY COMPLETION: 0.0%

Exploit a popular game app by analyzing the partial logic in the browser side JavaScript code

Cookie Game (Medium)

0.0%

0.0%

Identify and exploit hidden backdoor functionality to gain access to the server

PayMo (Hard)

0.0% ACCURACY COMPLETION: 0.0%

Exploit a payment processing app for vulnerabilities that would drain user balance