# 2019 Midwest Invitational CCDC Team Pack



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#### **CCDC Mission and Objectives**

The Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) is designed to provide a controlled competitive environment that will permit each participating institution to assess their students' depth of understanding and operational competency in managing the challenges inherent in protecting an enterprise network infrastructure and business information systems.

#### Overview

CCDC is managed on a national level by The Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS) which is part of the The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). The CCDC is managed across ten regions of the country, where each region hosts a Regional CCDC and winners are eligible to compete in the National CCDC (see <a href="www.nationalccdc.org">www.nationalccdc.org</a>).

The competition is designed to test each student team's ability to secure a networked computer system while maintaining standard business functionality. The teams are expected to manage the computer network, keep it operational, and prevent unauthorized access. Each team will be expected to maintain and provide public services per company policy and mission. Each team will start the competition with a set of identically configured systems.

The objective of the competition is to measure a team's ability to maintain secure computer network operations in a simulated business environment. This is not just a technical competition, but also one built upon the foundation of business operations, policy, and procedures. A technical success that adversely impacts the business operation will result in a lower score as will a business success which results in security weaknesses.

Student teams will be scored on the basis of their ability to detect and respond to outside threats, including cyber attack while maintaining availability of existing network services such as mail and web servers, respond to business requests such as the addition or removal of additional services, and balance security against varying business needs.

### **Invitational CCDC**

The CCDC is a very challenging event, and can be daunting even for experienced teams. New teams can especially be disconcerted with the need to quickly assimilate to a completely new and different environment. It seems that teams need to participate in a CCDC to discover its nature, and be able to integrate their skills successfully.

An invitational CCDC is intended to give student teams a somewhat small-scale version of a real CCDC in order to provide the initial experience needed for first participants, and to enable experienced teams to hone their skills.

The Invitational CCDC is hosted via a CSSIA Cyber Stadium powered by NETLAB+™ VE. Thus the Invitational also allows teams to acclimate to the CSSIA Cyber Stadium environment.

## **Competition Goals**

- 1. To promote fair and equitable standards for cyber defense and technology based competitions that can be recognized by industry
- To evaluate the defensive and responsive skills of each team under exact hardware, software application, and operating system configurations using a joint academic and industry rating scale
- 3. To demonstrate the effectiveness of each participating institution's academic security program
- 4. To be executed by a preponderance of industry professionals
- 5. To have industry recognition, participation and acceptance of each competition
- 6. To rate the effectiveness of each competition against a predefined standard of competition rules
- 7. To provide a cooperative and competitive atmosphere among industry partners and academia in the area of cyber defense education
- 8. To provide recognition for participating teams
- 9. To increase public awareness of academic and industry efforts in the area of cyber defense education
- 10. To select an educational team to represent the Midwest at the National CCDC.

## **Institutional Requirements for Participation**

Rules for participation in the Invitational CCDC are less stringent than those of a real CCDC event where national rules are followed. Participants are expected to be students registered at the same institution of higher learning. Schools with multiple campuses are expected to field a team from a single campus. Only students are expected to compete, so assistance from faculty, advisers, or security professionals is not permitted. On the other hand, there may or may not be room judges, and in their absence, the invitational works on an honor system. Students should be aware that the best Invitational experience is where students work independently.

Student teams should expect an invite to a WebEx session that will engage all invitational CCDC participants, and can be used to facilitate all aspects of the event. Teams are advised to have a workstation equipped with mic, speakers, and overhead video projector. While using the WebEx audio keep in mind all teams can hear the audio.

#### **Competition Team Identification**

• **Blue Team** - student team representing a specific academic institution competing in this competition; each team is up to eight (8) members.

Teams may wish to anticipate future CCDC events by consulting national rules - <a href="https://www.nationalccdc.org">www.nationalccdc.org</a>

Each team will designate a Team Captain for the duration of the competition to act as the team liaison between the competition staff and the team before and during the competition. Team Captains should identify themselves to the White Team by team number, and not by institution.

- **Red Team** Professional network penetration testers from industry approved by the competition director and industry representatives
  - Scan and map the network of each competition team
  - Attempt to penetrate the defensive capabilities of each Blue Team network and modify any acquired environment
  - Assess the security of each Blue Team network
  - Attempt to capture specific files on targeted devices of each Blue Team network
  - Attempt to leave specific files on targeted devices of each Blue Team network
  - Follow rules of engagement for the competition
- White Team Representatives from industry who serve as competition judges, remote site judges, and scoring management. Judges will assess the competition team's ability to maintain their network and service availability based upon a business inject and a scoring instrument, delivering inject scenarios, scoring of injects, creating log entries, securing log files, issuing or controlling the timing of injects, etc. Each competing Blue Team may have a White Team member present in their room that will assist judges by observing teams, confirming proper inject completion as well as reported issues.

#### Chief Judge:

- Serves as the final authority on scoring decisions or issues relating to equity or fairness of events or activities
- Cannot be from any institution that has a competing Blue team or have any interest in any team outcome
- Ideally, should be a representative from industry or law enforcement
- Final authority of all judging decisions, including assessment of final scores and winners of the competition
- Gold Team Comprised of the CSSIA Competition Director, as well as representatives
  from industry and academia who make up the administration team both in planning and
  during the exercises. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to,
  - Administration and staffing of the invitational competition
  - Works with industry partners to orchestrate the event
  - Along with Industry White Team approves the Chief Judge
  - Has the authority to dismiss any team, team member, or visitor for violation of competition rules, inappropriate or unprofessional conduct
- **Green Team** Tech support assists with any technical needs necessary to maintain the integrity of the competition.

#### **Initial Connection & the Start Flag**

Using a NETLAB $^{+}^{\text{m}}$  VE powered Cyber Stadium to compete is simple and straightforward. There are two separate systems that are used which interact to provide the services and communication necessary to meet the goals of the CCDC.

<u>System 1</u> - ISE (Inject Scoring System)/Team Portal - This system is totally separate from the competition environment and is used by Blue Teams to display current services, as viewed

by the indigenous scoring engine, communicate to the White Team, and receive inject tasks and notifications.

This system is accessed via a browser,

#### ccdcadmin1.morainevalley.edu

Note that CSSIA supports additional ISE/Team Portals,

ccdcadmin2.morainevalley.edu ccdcadmin3.morainevalley.edu ccdcadmin4.morainevalley.edu

Follow the instructions from your competition manager for the specific ISE/Team Portal that will be used for your CCDC Invitational.



**Students should login to the ISE first.** There is one account per team that may be used to connect to the ISE where multiple logins using the same account is permissible. The accounts are.

team1, team2, team3, ......

The team password required to access the ISE is distributed, along with team assignment, by a competition manager prior to the scheduled start of the competition. When first connecting to the ISE, a member of the team should check for an initial inject task, usually identified as "Welcome" or something similar. The task simply requests a response back to the competition judges, signaling that access to the ISE has been successful, and that the responding team is ready to compete.

Once the competition judges have verified that all teams are ready to compete, or have provided ample time to respond, the competition judges will release a second inject,

providing the team password (applicable to all accounts for a particular team) required to access,

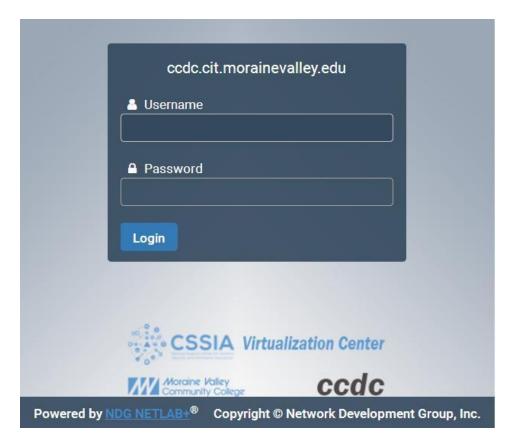
<u>System 2</u> - The NETLAB<sup>+™</sup> VE Competition Stadium system used to access and manage the competition network. This too is accessed via a browser,

## ccdc.cit.morainevalley.edu

Client requirements for the Blue Team workstations must conform to NDG guidelines. See, http://www.netdevgroup.com/products/requirements/ >> Supported Clients

Generally the client requirements are easily met with simple browser. The bandwidth requirement is 256 kb/s up and down per client minimum. Ports 80, 443 must be allowed outbound. A 10 Mb/s minimum synchronous service is recommended. It is the responsibility of each participating school to assure that client requirements are met, and that proper internet service is provided.

The Competition Stadium login screen is shown below.



There are eight accounts per team that may be used to connect to the Cyber Competition Stadium. For team1 they are,

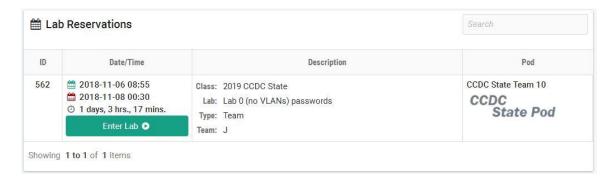
v1u1, v1u2, v1u3, ...., v1u8

Accounts for other teams follow the same pattern. For team2 the accounts are,

v2u1, ....

**Note that teams initially only have access to the ISE/Team Portal.** Team assignments are issued prior to the event so the proper accounts are known. The password needed to access the Competition Stadium is issued by the ISE via an inject to inform teams of their initial password applicable for all team accounts.

Once authenticated you will be asked to change your password and confirm a few details regarding your profile. Remember your new password! Subsequently you should see a lab reservation for your competition network, similar to the following:



Each team member can click on 'ENTER LAB' for their respective lab/pod reservation to gain access to their competition network. The competition network topology, shown later in this document, should be clearly visible. To access individual VMs simply click on the respective VM name at the top of the screen.

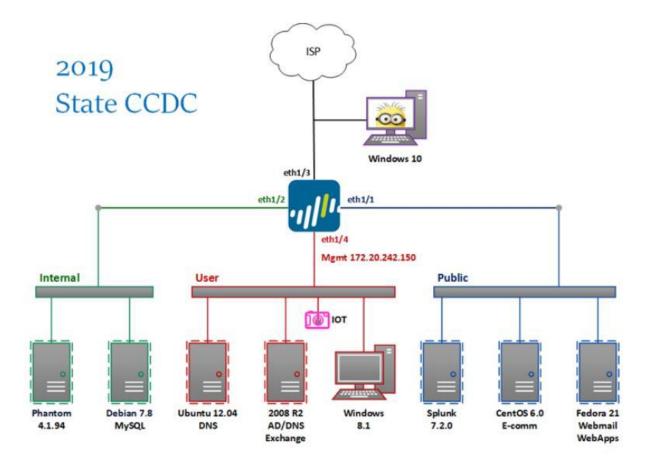


Users might wish to work on a VM in a separate window which they can do by the 'Undock' feature.

# ccdc



# **Competition Topology**



- Teams have access to 10 VMs 7 serves, 2 workstations, and the Palo Alto firewall.
- There is no IOT device for the invitational.
- All servers, workstations, and Palo Alto firewall are virtual machines under the management of NETLAB<sup>+™</sup>VE.
- Teams do not have access to the underlying layer 2 switch.
- The firewall shown in the topology is a Palo Alto VM, version 8.0.0, which is licensed by Palo Alto.

You can access the Palo Alto VM either directly, which yields a command window, or via a browser 172.20.242.150 from any of the User LAN VMs. The PA user/password are,

#### admin/changeme

Note that this is different from the default username/password that you may have used in an MSEC+ pod.

• Each team has the following Palo Alto internal addresses:

Internal, e1/2 172.20.240.254/24 User, e1/4 172.20.242.254/24 Public, e1/1 172.20.241.254/24

# • Core IP addresses are the following:

|      |                  | 5                  |                  |
|------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|      | Palo Alto e1/3   | Core connection to |                  |
| Team | Outbound to Core | Palo Alto          | "Public" IP pool |
| 1    | 172.31.21.2/29   | 172.31.21.1        | 172.25.21.0/24   |
| 2    | 172.31.22.2/29   | 172.31.22.1        | 172.25.22.0/24   |
| 3    | 172.31.23.2/29   | 172.31.23.1        | 172.25.23.0/24   |
| 4    | 172.31.24.2/29   | 172.31.24.1        | 172.25.24.0/24   |
| 5    | 172.31.25.2/29   | 172.31.25.1        | 172.25.25.0/24   |
| 6    | 172.31.26.2/29   | 172.31.26.1        | 172.25.26.0/24   |
| 7    | 172.31.27.2/29   | 172.31.27.1        | 172.25.27.0/24   |
| 8    | 172.31.28.2/29   | 172.31.28.1        | 172.25.28.0/24   |
| 9    | 172.31.29.2/29   | 172.31.29.1        | 172.25.29.0/24   |
| 10   | 172.31.30.2/29   | 172.31.30.1        | 172.25.30.0/24   |
| 11   | 172.31.31.2/29   | 172.31.31.1        | 172.25.31.0/24   |
| 12   | 172.31.32.2/29   | 172.31.32.1        | 172.25.32.0/24   |
| 13   | 172.31.33.2/29   | 172.31.33.1        | 172.25.33.0/24   |
| 14   | 172.31.34.2/29   | 172.31.34.1        | 172.25.34.0/24   |
| 15   | 172.31.35.2/29   | 172.31.35.1        | 172.25.35.0/24   |
| 16   | 172.31.36.2/29   | 172.31.36.1        | 172.25.36.0/24   |
| 17   | 172.31.37.2/29   | 172.31.37.1        | 172.25.37.0/24   |
| 18   | 172.31.38.2/29   | 172.31.38.1        | 172.25.38.0/24   |
| 19   | 172.31.39.2/29   | 172.31.39.1        | 172.25.39.0/24   |
| 20   | 172.31.40.2/29   | 172.31.40.1        | 172.25.40.0/24   |

# • VM data are as follows:

|                           | Version       | IP             | Username       | Password     |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| INTERNAL                  |               |                |                |              |
| Phones                    | 4 1 04        | 172.20.240.10  | root           | !Password123 |
| Phantom                   | 4.1.94        | 172.20.240.10  | admin (Web UI) | !Password123 |
| Debian 7.8 MySQL          | Debian 7.8    | 172.20.240.20  | root           | !Password123 |
| Debian 7.8 MySQL          |               |                | sysadmin       | !Password123 |
|                           |               |                |                |              |
| USER                      |               |                |                |              |
| Ubunbtu 12.04 DNS         | Ubunbtu 12.04 | 172.20.242.10  | sysadmin       | !Password123 |
| 2008 R2 AD/DNS/Exchange   | 2008 R2       | 172.20.242.200 | administrator  | !Password234 |
| Windows 8.1               | Windows 8.1   | 172.20.242.100 | binddn         | !Password123 |
|                           |               |                |                |              |
| PUBLIC                    |               |                |                |              |
| Splunk                    | 7.2.0 172.20  | 172.20.241.20  | root           | changemenow  |
| Spidik                    | 7.2.0         | 172.20.241.20  | admin (Web UI) | changeme     |
| CentOS 6.0 E-comm         | CentOS 6.0    | 172.20.241.30  | root           | !Password123 |
| Fedora 21 Webmail/WebApps | Fedora 21     | 172.20.241.40  | root           | !Password123 |
|                           |               |                |                | )#           |
| Palo Alto                 | PAN OS 8.0.0  | 172.20.242.150 | admin          | changeme     |
|                           | 3             | 47             |                |              |
| Windows 10                | Windows 10    | 172.31.xx.5    | minion         | kingbob      |
|                           |               |                |                |              |

This table is accessible on the topology tab of NETLAB+™ VE, via the "Content" upper left.

Specific NAT translations are as follows:

| INTERNAL                | Local IP       | 'Public' IP        |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Phantom                 | 172.20.240.10  | 172.25.20+team#.97 |
| Debian MySQL            | 172.20.240.20  | 172.25.20+team#.20 |
|                         |                |                    |
| USER                    |                |                    |
| Ubuntu DNS              | 172.20.242.10  | 172.25.20+team#.23 |
| 2008 R2 AD/DNS/Exchange | 172.20.242.200 | 172.25.20+team#.27 |
| Windows 8.1             | 172.20.242.100 | dynamic            |
|                         |                |                    |
| PUBLIC                  |                |                    |
| Splunk                  | 172.20.241.20  | 172.25.20+team#.9  |
| CentOS E-Comm           | 172.20.241.30  | 172.25.20+team#.11 |
| Fedora Webmail/WebApps  | 172.20.241.40  | 172.25.20+team#.39 |

- Teams should be attentive to monitor inject requests and notifications via the Team Portal/ISE.
- Red Team activity will be active throughout the event. At no time will the Red Team
  have access outside the Cyber Stadium perimeter. Neither will the Red Team be given
  direct access to any Team network directly via the NDG NETLAB<sup>+™</sup> VE system.
- Each Blue Team network will be monitored by a scoring system operating within the remote network. An indication of services, as viewed by the indigenous scoring engine, will be made available to each Blue Team via the Team Portal/ISE.
- While every effort is made to provide a stable and well defined competition topology, it is subject to change and /or modification as decided by the CCDC Competition Director.

#### **Functional Services**

Certain services are expected to be operational at all times or as specified throughout the competition. In addition to being up and accepting connections, the services must be functional and serve the intended business purpose. At random intervals, certain services will be tested for function and content where appropriate. Precise services to be scored are configured by the scoring management team, but will be delineated via the ISE/Team Portal.

#### **HTTP**

A request for a specific web page will be made. Once the request is made, the result will be stored in a file and compared to the expected result. The returned page must match the expected content for points to be awarded.

#### **HTTPS**

A request for a page over SSL will be made. Again, the request will be made, the result stored in a file, and the result compared to the expected result. The returned page needs to match the expected file for points to be awarded.

#### **SMTP**

Email will be sent and received through a valid email account via SMTP. This will simulate an employee in the field using their email. Each successful test of email functionality will be awarded points.

#### POP3

POP3 connections will be performed against the system using usernames from Active Directory. Once connected a series of commands will be run and the output examined. Correct responses will be awarded points.

#### SSH

An SSH session will be initiated to simulate a vendor account logging in on a regular basis to check error logs. Each successful login and log check will be awarded points.

#### **DNS**

DNS lookups will be performed against the DNS server. Each successfully served request will be awarded points.

#### Schedule – All Times are CST!

Saturday, November 16, 2019 Saturday, November 23, 2019

8am All Participants join WebEx

Welcome Inject Released; teams login to ccdcadmin1.morainevalley.edu

8:30 -9am Welcome & Opening Presentation

Question & Answer from Teams

9am Drop Flag – Cyber Stadium access inject released

9am-3pm Active Scoring

3-3:30pm Closing Dialogue & Wrap-up

#### Systems

- 1. Each team will start the competition with identically configured systems.
- 2. Teams may not add or remove any computer, printer, or networking device from the designated competition area.
- 3. Teams will be provided the password to access the CSSIA Cyber Stadium on the morning of the competition via an access inject released by the ISE.
- 4. Teams should not assume any competition system is properly functioning or secure.
- 5. Throughout the competition, Green Team and White Team members will occasionally need access to a team's systems for scoring, troubleshooting, etc. Teams must allow

- Green Team and White Team member access when requested. This includes access to the remote system.
- 6. Network traffic generators may be used throughout the competition to generate traffic on each team's network. Traffic generators may generate typical user traffic as well as suspicious or potentially malicious traffic from random source IP addresses throughout the competition.
- 7. Teams must maintain specific services on the "public" IP addresses assigned to their team. Moving services from one public IP to another is not permitted unless directed to do so by an inject. Likewise, teams are not permitted to change the internal addressing or VLAN scheme of the competition network unless directed to do so by an inject.
- Teams are not permitted to alter the system names or IP address of their assigned systems unless directed by an inject; this may affect the results of the scoring mechanism.
- 9. Teams are permitted to move services to another platform, provided that the same "public" IP address and DNS naming convention is maintained, along with other requirements of the service. Teams must also notify the White Team if services are moved to another platform, with a rationale for the change.
- 10. Teams must maintain "public" services as available from all source IP addresses.

  Attempts to restrict or filter by IP source address may adversely affect scoring directly, and may also incur a penalty when detected.
- 11. In the event a VM locks or fails, teams will be able to power cycle the VM from their NETLAB+<sup>TM</sup> VE console. Note that the NETLAB+<sup>TM</sup> VE system does not support scrubbing a device as with the NETLAB+<sup>TM</sup> PE system. As such, **teams will not have the ability to scrub or revert to snapshot a VM during the invitational.**
- 12. Systems designated as user workstations within the competition network are to be treated as user workstations and may not be re-tasked for any other purpose by teams.
- 13. Teams may not modify the hardware configurations of workstations used to access the competition network.
- 14. Servers and networking equipment may be re-tasked or reconfigured as needed.

#### **Competition Rules: Acknowledgement & Agreement**

Competition rules are applicable to all participants of the Invitational CCDC. They provide structure for the makeup of student teams, permitted actions during competition play, guidelines for scoring, and contingencies for handling disputes. They also document expectations for appropriate conduct during the entire time. Participation in the Invitational CCDC is tacit agreement with the rules contained in this document.

Team advisers and team captains are responsible for deploying the competition rules to the remaining members of their team. Local institutions reserve the right to stipulate additional rules conforming to local policies and guidelines.

#### **Competition Rules: Professional Conduct**

- 1. All participants are expected to behave professionally at all times including all preparation meetings.
- 2. Local site policies and rules apply throughout the competition.
- 3. All CSSIA hosted Cyber Defense Competitions are alcohol free events. No drinking is permitted at any time during the competition.
- 4. Activities such as swearing, consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs, disrespect, unruly behavior, sexual harassment, improper physical contact, becoming argumentative, or willful physical damage have no place at the competition.
- 5. In the event of unprofessional conduct, student team members and their advisor will meet with Gold Team members upon request. The consequence of unprofessional conduct will be determined by the Site Administrator with the recommendation of the Gold Team. This may be a warning, point penalty, disqualification, or expulsion from the campus.
- 6. The Site Administrator or a Gold Team member from CSSIA reserves the right to disqualify an offender or team from participation in future competitions.

#### **Competition Rules: Competition Play**

- During the competition team members are forbidden from accessing another Team network, either through their competition network, or by remote access to another team.
- All requests for items such as software, service checks, system resets, and service
  requests must be submitted to the White Team. Requests must clearly show the
  requesting team by number, action or item requested, and date/time requested. Teams
  should not identify the school they represent to the White Team.
- 3. Teams must compete without outside assistance from non-team members which includes team advisors and sponsors. All private communications (calls, emails, chat, directed emails, forum postings, conversations, requests for assistance, etc.) with non-team members are forbidden and are grounds for disqualification.
- 4. No PDAs, memory sticks, CD-ROMs, electronic media, or other similar electronic devices, are allowed in the room during the competition unless specifically authorized by the White Team in advance. All cellular calls must be made and received outside of team rooms. Any violation of these rules will result in disqualification of the team member and a penalty assigned to the appropriate team.
- Teams may not bring any computer, tablets, PDA, or wireless device into the competition area, including Nook and Kindle. MP3 players with headphones will be allowed in the competition area provided they are not connected to any system or computer in the competition area.
- 6. Printed reference materials (books, magazines, checklists) are permitted in competition areas and teams may bring printed reference materials to the competition.
- 7. Team sponsors and observers are not competitors and are prohibited from directly assisting any competitor through direct advice, suggestions, or hands-on assistance. Any team sponsor or observers found assisting a team will be asked to leave the competition area for the duration of the competition and a point penalty will be assessed against the team.

- 8. An unbiased Red Team will probe, scan, and attempt to penetrate or disrupt each team's operations throughout the competition.
- 9. Teams are permitted to replace applications and services provided they continue to provide the same content, data, and functionality of the original service. For example, one mail service may be replaced with another provided the new service still supports standard SMTP commands, supports the same user set, and preserves any pre-existing messages users may have stored in the original service. Failure to preserve pre-existing data during a service migration will result in a point penalty as deemed appropriate by the White Team for each user and service affected.
- 10. Teams are free to examine their own systems but no offensive activity against other teams, the White Team, or the Red Team will be tolerated. This includes port scans, unauthorized connection attempts, vulnerability scans, etc. Any team performing offensive activity against other teams, the White Team, the Red Team, or any global asset will be immediately disqualified from the competition. If there are any questions or concerns during the competition about whether or not specific actions can be considered offensive in nature contact the White Team before performing those actions.
- 11. Blue Team members may not change usernames within their respective environment, unless directed to do so by the White Team. Blue Team members may change passwords for administrator and user level accounts. Changes to passwords affecting services must be communicated to the White Team using the Team Portal. Changes to administrator and root accounts may be changed without notification. Competitors should bear in mind that changes to passwords may affect scoring on certain services. Changes to passwords affecting services may be subject to a policy determined by the White Team. Teams should be attentive to monitor Team Portal notifications.
- 12. Blue Team members should maintain ICMP on all competition devices and systems, including the router and pix, unless directed otherwise by the White Team. Teams are allowed to use active response mechanisms such as TCP resets when responding to suspicious/malicious activity. Any active mechanisms that interfere with the functionality of the scoring engine or manual scoring checks are exclusively the responsibility of the teams. Any firewall rule, IDS, IPS, or defensive action that interferes with the functionality of the scoring engine or manual scoring checks are exclusively the responsibility of the teams.
- 13. Each Blue Team will be provided with the same objectives and tasks.
- 14. Each Blue Team will be given the same inject scenario at the same time during the course of the competition.
- 15. Blue Teams may request information from the White Team and Scoring Manager as to why a particular service is not scoring properly. Disclosure of information regarding non-scoring of services is at the discretion of the White Team. Nevertheless, if core system or scoring system faults are discovered, every effort will be made towards corrective action together with modification of scores to maintain equity and fairness.
- 16. The White Team is responsible for implementing the scenario events, refereeing, team scoring and tabulation.
- 17. Scoring will be based on keeping required services up, controlling/preventing unauthorized access, and completing business tasks in a timely manner that will be provided throughout the competition.
- 18. Scores for inject completion and incident reports will be maintained by the White Team, and will not be shared with Blue Team members. Running totals will not be provided

- during the competition. Some debriefing of a general nature is likely at the end of the competition.
- 19. If a scenario or event arises that may negatively impact the integrity or fairness of any aspect of the competition that was not previously anticipated, it is the final decision and discretion of the Chief Judge to make adjustments in scores, or deploy new policies.

### **Competition Rules: Internet Usage**

- 1. Competition systems will have access to the Internet for the purposes of research and downloading patches. Internet activity will be monitored and any team member caught viewing inappropriate or unauthorized content will be immediately disqualified from the competition. This includes direct contact with outside sources through AIM/chat/email or any other non-public services. For the purposes of this competition inappropriate content includes pornography or explicit materials, pirated media files or software, sites containing key generators and pirated software, etc. If there are any questions or concerns during the competition about whether or not specific materials are unauthorized contact the White Team immediately.
- 2. Internet resources such as FAQs, how-to's, existing forums and responses, and company websites are completely valid for competition use provided there is no fee required to access those resources and access to those resources has not been granted based on a previous purchase or fee. Only resources that could reasonably be available to all teams are permitted. For example, accessing Cisco resources through a CCO account would not be permitted but searching a public Cisco support forum would be permitted.
- 3. Teams may not use any external, private electronic staging area or FTP site for patches, software, etc. during the competition. All Internet resources used during the competition must be freely available to all other teams. Internet activity will be monitored for access to staged sites as well, and penalties levied for infractions.
- 4. Public sites such as Security Focus or Packetstorm are acceptable. Only public resources that every team could access if they chose to are permitted. No peer to peer, distributed file sharing clients or servers are permitted on competition networks.
- All network activity that takes place on the competition network may be logged and is subject to release. Competition officials are not responsible for the security of any personal information, including login credentials that competitors place on the competition network.

#### **Competition Rules: Scoring**

- Scoring will be based on keeping required services up, controlling/preventing unauthorized access, mitigating vulnerabilities, and completing business tasks that will be provided throughout the competition. Teams accumulate points by successfully completing injects, maintaining services, and by submitting incident reports. Teams lose points by violating service level agreements after services have been unavailable, usage of recovery services, and successful penetrations by the Red Team.
- 2. Scores will be maintained by the White Team. Individual tracking of services will be available to respective teams during the competition. Blue Team members should use available service reports and internal testing to assess the integrity of their network.

- Blue Team members should refrain from making direct requests to the White Team for routine service verification.
- 3. Any team action that interrupts the scoring system is exclusively the fault of that team and will result in a lower score. Should any question arise about specific scripts or how they are functioning, the Team Captain should immediately contact the competition officials to address the issue.
- 4. Any team that tampers with or interferes with the scoring or operations of another team's systems will be disqualified.
- 5. Teams are required to provide incident reports for each Red Team incident they detect. Incident reports can generally be completed as needed throughout the competition and submitted to the White Team. The White Team reserves the right to stipulate the times and manner in which incident reports may be submitted. Incident reports must contain a description of what occurred (including source and destination IP addresses, timelines of activity, passwords cracked, etc), a discussion of what was affected, and a remediation plan. The White Team will assess scores for incident report submission based on clarity, thoroughness, and accuracy. The White Team may also, at their discretion, assess negative scores for frivolous, unnecessary, or excessive communication.
- 6. The winner will be based on the highest score obtained during the competition. Point values are broken down as follows:

| 35-50% | Functional services uptime as measured by scoring engine  |
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| 35-50% | Successful completion of inject scenarios will result in varying points, depending upon the importance or complexity of the inject scenario |
| 10-20% | Incident Response and Red Team Assessment   |

Precise percentage breakdown will be determined by the White Team.

#### **Business Tasks**

Throughout the competition, each team will be presented with identical business tasks. Points will be awarded based upon successful completion of each business task. Tasks will vary in nature and points will be weighted based upon the difficulty and time sensitivity of the assignment. Tasks may contain multiple parts with point values assigned to each specific part of the tasking. Each business task may have an indication of relative importance or value assigned and a specific time period in which the assignment must be completed. Business tasks may involve modification or addition of services.

# **Questions and Disputes**

 Team captains are encouraged to work with the Competition Director, the White Team, and contest staff to resolve any questions or disputes regarding the rules of the competition or scoring methods before the competition begins. Protests by any team will be presented by the Team Captain to the competition officials as soon as possible. Competition Gold Team officials will be the final arbitrators for any protests or

- questions arising before, during, or after the competition and rulings by the competition officials are final.
- In the event of an individual disqualification, that team member must leave the
  competition area immediately upon notification of disqualification and must not reenter the competition area at any time. Disqualified individuals are also ineligible for
  individual awards or team trophies.
- 3. In the event of a team disqualification, the entire team must leave the competition area immediately upon notice of disqualification and is ineligible for any individual or team award.

## **Aftermath**

Members of CSSIA, Gold, White, and Green Teams strive to make the Invitational CCDC enriching experiences. All management and administrative teams are open to feedback and suggestions for improvement after the completion of the competition. This may include areas of concern or dissatisfaction.

Whether feedback is positive or negative, participants are forbidden from publishing, posting on the internet, or publicly communicating details of the competition other than what is available at www. cssia.org/ccdc. They are also forbidden from publishing, posting on the internet, or publicly communicating assessments of the Invitational CCDC, nor assessments of the performance of any team, nor speculations concerning different possible outcomes. Institutions that fail to adhere to this rule may be refused participation in future competitions.

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