

Responding to Injects - Your Opportunity for Success

The response to all injects must be in a PDF document. Other document formats, such as Word or RTF will not be accepted and the inject not scored. The inject scoring engine is built around the standard of using PDF documents. For some injects you may be asked to supply a second, ZIP file with a particular file, such as a log or packet capture. These are not frequent.

Part of the CCDC scenario is the simulation of a business or other organization. Responses should be of the type that would be used in these organizations. You will need to demonstrate your business communication skills in inject responses -- this is part of the score.

Construct your response in the form of a business memo. Use language and sentence structure that would be used if responding to an executive or management layer individual. These job functions are often not staffed with technically knowledgeable people. The business form and content is part of the inject score.

The memo should concisely (not a lot of words) and succinctly respond to the specifics of the inject. When including tabular, graphical or screenshot content, be sure to explain what the reader is looking at, and why that content is relevant to the response.

The inject response is your opportunity to convince a judge that the team is knowledgeable and skilled in the particular area/topic. The judge is looking for that level of competence and the proof that the goal was really accomplished. When preparing screen shots and other images, be sure they are readable, and the caption/title clearly describes what the image is telling the reader.

The use of AI tools, such as CHAT/GPT to generate responses to injects will result in zero points. The use of these tools as reference materials from which to develop inject responses are the same as using any other reference materials. As in using any reference materials, direct quotation requires attribution in order to avoid plagiarism issues.

Lastly, judges are reading a lot of injects, so to score the most points, it is to the team's advantage to produce a document that quickly guides the reader to the key elements in the response. Much like a resume, if the reader has to analyze the document in order to ascertain what is being described then the score is likely to be lower.