



AFRIHACKBOX 9JA HACKATHON COMPETITION 2024

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REPORT*
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A Post Event Report Submitted by The FULAFIA

Participants

To The Vice Chancellor Federal University of Lafia

Through The Registrar,

Through The Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics

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INTRODUCTION

AfriHackBox is one of the leading hacking competitions designed specifically for Africans. They have partnered with various companies to foster a vibrant cybersecurity community across the continent. Their mission is to nurture ethical hackers by providing a competitive platform where individuals and schools can test their skills, collaborate, and learn. The competition strives to empower participants with practical experience in finding vulnerabilities and securing systems.

The Just concluded AfriHackbox hackathon is a pioneer event which they deemed fit to invite schools across Africa to participate, other individuals not under a school also participated.

A total of 167 persons across the continent registered, we were asked to form teams to participant and a total of 42 teams were formed. Participants from FULAFIA formed two teams comprising of three (3) students each. The teams and its members are
Team FULAFIA WAKANDA

1. Tasiu Kwaplong Saeed
MAS/PG/SC/CSC/0006
2. George Imhandegbelo
2019/SC/CSC/0066
3. Prosper Emmanuel Otuogbai
2019/SC/CSC/0053



Team **FULAFIA JHACK**

1. Mercy Amaefule Chimnonso

2019/SC/CSC/0077

2. Abdullahi Abduljalal Shama

2021/CP/CSC/0292

3. Bowofola Osemudismen Juwon

2019/SC/CSC/0024

The Hackathon

The competition took place at the ICT computer Lab within the Faculty of Computing building provided us with wired internet service, six (6) computers from the Computer Science Software Lab were used for the competition, The hackathon started on 28th September from 10am to 29th September 3pm. During the competition, all participants were tasked with finding vulnerabilities across 15 virtual computers. These machines simulated real-world environments, challenging us to identify and exploit security weaknesses within a limited time. Despite not finding all the vulnerabilities on the 15 virtual computers, and with no team being able to do so, our teams performed exceptionally well, with Team FULAFIA JHACK securing 6th place and FULAFIA WAKANDA coming in 7th. Our performance earned us a spot in the top 10, and we were invited to the physical AfriHackbox event called CYBERSECURE SUMMIT in Lagos on the 17th of October 2024.

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CYBERSECURE SUMMIT 2024

We want to use this medium to inform you about our invitation to the Cybersecure Summit 2024 in Lagos, we are requesting sponsorship for two participating students out of the six to attend the event. This event presents a unique opportunity for our students to engage with industry experts and receive recognition for their exceptional performance in the cybersecurity competition.

Event Details:

Event Name: Cybersecure Summit 2024

Location: Lagos

Date: 17th October 2024

Reasons for Sponsorship:

Recognition and Awards and Inspiration and Motivation

Sponsorship Request:

We kindly request sponsorship to cover the following expenses for two representing students:

- Transportation to and from Lagos
- Accommodation and Feeding for the duration of the event

Benefits to the School:

- a) Enhanced reputation: Our students' participation and the school's award recognition will reflect positively on Federal University Lafia.
- b) Talent Development: Sponsorship will support the growth of our students' skills, benefiting the school's cybersecurity programs.

c) Networking Opportunities: The summit provides a platform for the school to establish connections with industry professionals and potential partners.

Thank you for considering our request. We believe this sponsorship will have a lasting impact on our students' educational and professional journeys.

CONCLUSION

We want to use this medium to appreciate the school administration for providing us with all the necessary tools and resources in a short amount of time, which enabled us to compete effectively in this Hackathon competition.

To further enhance student performance and competitiveness in future cybersecurity events, we recommend the following:

1. **Support for Existing Software Clubs:** The school should actively support and promote existing software clubs such as the NACOS Software club, the Google Developer's Student Club (GDSC FULAFIA). These clubs play a vital role in building the technical skills necessary for thriving in the tech industry.
2. **Access to Lab and Network Facilities:** It would greatly benefit students if the school could grant access to the computer labs and network resources, allowing club leaders to conduct practical, hands-on sessions outside of normal class hours.
3. **Practical-Based Curriculum:** The Faculty of Computing should consider incorporating more practical, real-world scenarios into the curriculum. By doing so, students will be better equipped to meet the evolving demands of the tech ecosystem, ensuring that they remain competitive in various fields, including cybersecurity.

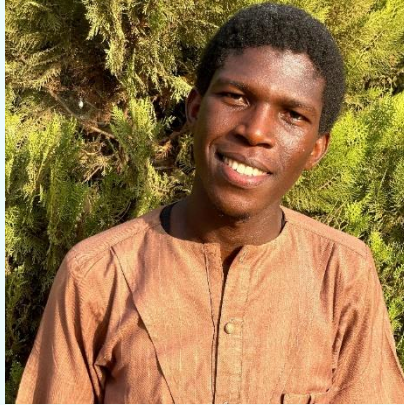
Our participation in the AfriHackBox competition has provided invaluable experience for us as students, and we are confident that with continued support and curriculum enhancement, we can achieve even greater success in the future.

PICTURE SPEAKS

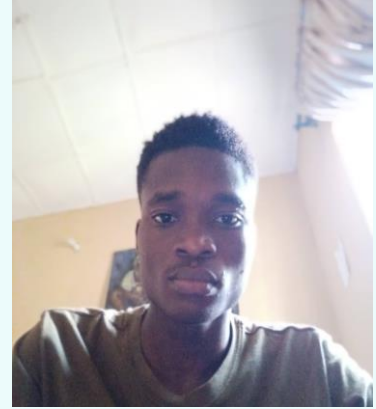
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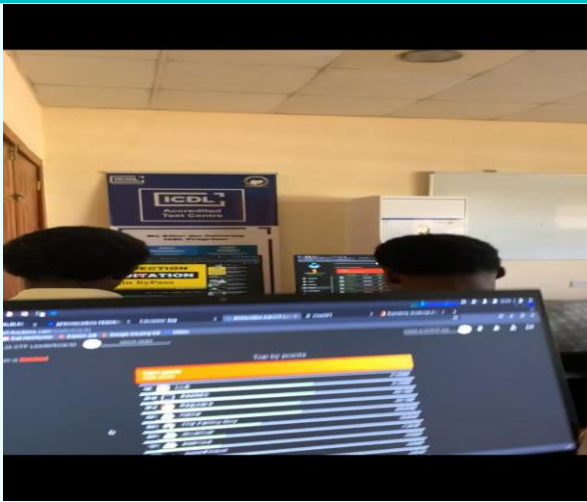
PARTICIPANTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT DURING COMPETITION



Team mates collaboarting



The Lab before competition



Team mates collaboaring



Fulafia Jhacker exhausted after event

