



University Capture the Flag

Online Qualifier Mechanics



2023 University Capture the Flag (uCTF) Online Qualifier Mechanics

ONLINE QUALIFIER

- This will be an online quiz using the Moodle system
- Teams will login to Moodle and answer multiple-choice questions.
- Maximum of 1 Login per team (Team Leader account only)
- Teams will be scored based on the number of correct answers.
- The Online Qualifier will start at 3:00pm on Oct 23, 2023
- The Qualifier will have the following flow:
 - Time0-minus-3days – Connection Check (Oct 20,2023)
 - Teams are encouraged to login the Moodle System to verify Internet connectivity
 - Teams can try out sample quizzes to be familiar with the Moodle system
 - Time0-minus-20mins – Final Connection Check (Oct 23, 2023 @ 2:40pm)
 - Teams to start logging-in to the Moodle System.
 - Teams should be familiar with schedule of the different Phases below
 - Time0 - Phase 1: EASY-Difficulty Questions (Oct 23, 2023 @ 3:00pm)
 - 40 questions to be answered in 20 minutes
 - Quiz will automatically close after 20 minutes, all answers will automatically be submitted at the end of 20 minutes. Teams can also opt to submit their answers early.
 - Coverage: CompTIA Security+ concepts (see Online Reference notes)
 - Time0+21mins – Rest (Oct 23, 2023 @ 3:21pm)
 - Scoreboard will be updated and displayed
 - Time0+30mins – Phase 2: MEDIUM-Difficulty QUESTIONS (Oct 23, 2023 @ 3:30pm)
 - 30 questions to be answered in 20 minutes

- Quiz will automatically close after 20 minutes, all answers will automatically be submitted at the end of 20 minutes. Teams can also opt to submit their answers early.
- Coverage: CompTIA Security+ concepts (see Online Reference notes)
- Time0+51mins – Rest (Oct 23, 2023 @ 3:51pm)
 - Scoreboard will be updated and displayed
- Time0+60mins – Phase 3: HARD-Difficulty QUESTIONS (Oct 23, 2023 @ 4:00pm)
 - 30 questions to be answered in 20 minutes
 - Quiz will automatically close after 20 minutes, all answers will automatically be submitted at the end of 20 minutes. Teams can also opt to submit their answers early.
 - In case of tie, the team that submits first will have higher ranking.
 - Coverage: Trend Micro Information (see Online Reference notes)
- Time0+81mins – END OF ONLINE QUALIFIER (Oct 23, 2023 @ 4:21pm)
- Total of 100 questions 40 Easy, 30 Medium, 30 hard
- Final score and winners will be announced at a later date
- Top 10 will be selected and announce in the social media page

Fig 1: Online Qualifier Flow



ONLINE QUALIFIER REFERENCES FOR STUDENTS: CompTIA Security+ Course

- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Intro to Security+
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2afokvpVEI>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Cybersecurity Overview and Roles
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DeTQa6ajVA>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Security Controls & Frameworks
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO4yc6RHaSw>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Attack and Attacker Categories
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdSJcbvtlko>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Threat Intelligence
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ454es_RFW
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Network Reconnaissance
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WpKRRlmkp4>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Security Assessments and Vulnerabilities
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jhng1Pom8KI>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Vulnerability Scanning
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLfkrpEN8dE>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Pentesting and Active Defense
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIAiA1FNN5M>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Social Engineering
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lyt6LXkbXEc>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Malware Attacks
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h79V4i5IkE>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Cryptography Explained
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTkjr9eq0G4>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Cryptography Use Cases
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6xZAtCkqUk>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhWXqUXLuz0>

- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Identity, Access Management & Password Cracking
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNq6dbP5mEs>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Securing Networks
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4jgpCZYW6c>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Switching and Routing Security
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M07Aqe4YE1Q>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Securing Wireless
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdBWoexTW74>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: DDoS Attacks and Connection Balancing
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58LPGqZq9q8>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Firewalls and Proxies
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89VKon6QFMs>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Security Network Monitoring & SIEMs
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZfADqZNjfl>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Account Management
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xT8Gw-sVlrc>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Classifying and Securing Data
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhFkbOukFcE>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Incident Response
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99yjZ5Qu5Ck>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: SIEM and Log Analysis
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHV45MPB-OQ>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Mitigating Security Incidents
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poODkPNHY_E
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Digital Forensics
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LCuM2O53dA>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Risk Management
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxkBIIOyrEw>
- CompTIA Security+ Full Course: Physical Security
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyok8f4tQ4U>
- Cybersecurity Careers: Where Do You Fit?
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rP88ibIVyO8>

ONLINE QUALIFIER REFERENCES FOR STUDENTS: TREND MICRO Information

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- In Review: What GPT-3 Taught ChatGPT in a Year
https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/research/23/b/review-what-gpt-3-taught-chatgpt-in-a-year.html
- RETHINKING TACTICS: Annual Cybersecurity Roundup 2022
<https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/research-and-analysis/threat-reports/roundup/rethinking-tactics-annual-cybersecurity-roundup-2022>
- THE LINUX THREAT LANDSCAPE REPORT
<https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/news/cybercrime-and-digital-threats/the-linux-threat-landscape-report>
- Hype vs. Reality: AI in the Cybercriminal Underground
<https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/news/cybercrime-and-digital-threats/hype-vs-reality-ai-in-the-cybercriminal-underground>