# NCL Fall 2022 Team Game Scouting Report

Dear Nicolas Michel (Team "U3VwZXIgTWVnYSBVbHRyYSBXZWVuaWUgSHV0IEpy"),

Thank you for participating in the National Cyber League (NCL) 2022 Fall 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 Fall Season had 7,690 students/players and 475 faculty/coaches from more than 470 two- and four-year schools & 250 high schools across all 50 U.S. states registered to play. The Individual Game Capture the Flag (CTF) event took place from October 21 through October 23. The Team Game CTF event took place from November 4 through November 6. 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.

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Congratulations for your participation in the NCL 2022 Fall Team 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 FALL TEAM GAME

NATIONAL RANK
114<sup>TH</sup> PLACE
OUT OF 3926
PERCENTILE
98<sup>TH</sup>

YOUR TOP CATEGORIES

FORENSICS
100TH PERCENTILE
PASSWORD
CRACKING
99TH PERCENTILE
EXPLOITATION
99TH PERCENTILE



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Average: 49.6%

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### NCL Fall 2022 Team Game

The NCL Team Game is designed for student players nationwide to compete in realtime in the categories listed below. The Team Game promotes camaraderie and evaluates the collective technical cybersecurity skills of the team members.

4 TH PLACE OUT OF 3926





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98th National Percentile	Average: 649.5 Points	Average: 49.6%	Average: 28.8%	
Cryptography	85 POINT OUT C 310	62.5% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	41.7%
Information is key, but it's not going to messages to learn what is really going	, , ,	hidden		
Enumeration & Exploit	tation 115 s	OINTS UT OF 00 ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	50.0%
Identify actionable exploits and vulner security measures in code and compi		he		
Forensics	210 \$	OINTS 39.1% UT OF 10 ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	90.0%
Utilize the proper tools and technique investigate digital evidence in a comp		/or		
Log Analysis	20 POINT OUT OF 3200	12.5% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	11.8%
Utilize the proper tools and technique operation and identify malicious activ				
Network Traffic Analys	sis 235 §	OINTS UT OF ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	81.0%
Identify malicious and benign network potential security breaches.	ctraffic to demonstrate an unders	tanding of		
Open Source Intelliger	nce 270 §	OINTS UT OF ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	81.3%
Utilize publicly available information s social media, and more to gain in-dep		ositories,		
Password Cracking	255	OINTS UT OF ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	75.0%
Identify types of password hashes an determine plaintext passwords.	d apply various techniques to effic	siently		
Scanning & Reconnais	ssance 0 POINTS OUT OF 315	0.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	0.0%
Identify and use the proper tools to gaservices and potential vulnerabilities.	ain intelligence about a target inclu	uding its		
Web Application Explo	pitation 100 §	OINTS UT OF ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	50.0%
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Note: Survey module (100 points) was excluded from this report.





# Cryptography Module

Information is key, but it's not going to be easy to get it. Decipher these hidden messages to learn what is really going on.

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# TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

100.0%

NATIONAL RANK

84<sup>th</sup> National

Average: 119.3 Points

Average: 78.6%

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COMPLETION:	100.0%

Decodin	g 2	(Easy)	

Decoding 3 (Easy)

Decoding 1 (Easy)

100.0% **ACCURACY** 

Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the data

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33.3% **ACCURACY** 

Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the data

Decoding 4 (Medium)

0.0% **ACCURACY**  COMPLETION: 0.0%

Identify the communication scheme used and decode the message

Decoding 5 (Medium)

0.0% ACCURACY COMPLETION: 0.0%

Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the data

Problem (Medium)

0.0% **ACCURACY**  COMPLETION: 0.0%

Identify the steganography technique used and extract the hidden data

Magnetic (Hard)

0.0% **ACCURACY** 

Convert credit card magnetic stripe audio into numeric data





### **Enumeration & Exploitation Module**

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

ND PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK

PERFORMANCE SCORE

100.0% ACCURACY

Average: 51.7%

50.0% COMPLETION Average: 27.7%

#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

99th National Percentile

Average: 52.0 Points

100.0%

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Analyze Go source code to identify its functionalities and vulnerabilities

Miner (Medium)

Channels (Easy)

100.0% **ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION: 50.0%

Decompile a binary crypto-miner malware to identify its functionalities

Password Manager (Hard)

0.0% **ACCURACY**  COMPLETION: 0.0%

Decompile and analyze a binary that implements a virtual machine (VM) for a custom instruction set architecture (ISA) and break the encryption to a custom password manager program

### Forensics Module

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

4 TH PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK

100<sup>th</sup> National

Average: 106.1 Points



Average: 57.8%



Average: 26.7%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Defense Forensics Cyber Crime Investigator

Cyber Defense Incident Responder

Cyber Defense Analyst

Blocked (Easy)

100 POINTS

100.0% ACCURACY

COMPLETION:

100.0%

Analyze a redacted PDF file to identify techniques to remove the redaction

Hiding (Medium)

0.0% ACCURACY COMPLETION: 0.0%

Identify the compressed data stream without header metadata

Unknown (Hard)

110 POINTS OUT OF

36.4%

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Analyze a ZFS pool to extract hidden files and metadata



### 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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FREORMANCE SCORE

12.5%

11.8% COMPLETION Average: 23.6%

#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

NATIONAL RANK

91 st National

Average: 63.6 Points

Average: 26.9%

16.7%

COMPLETION:

28.6%

Cubes (Easy)

**ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION:

Analyze a DNS server log to identify potentially malicious domains

Lunch (Medium)

0.0% **ACCURACY**  0.0%

Analyze a web server log using MessagePack encoding and identify anomalies

Collection (Hard)

0.0%

COMPLETION: 0.0%

Analyze employee badge and motion sensor logs to compute outliers and identify anomalous behavior

# Network Traffic Analysis Module

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

85 TH PLACE OUT OF 3926

NATIONAL RANK

98<sup>th</sup> National Percentile

PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 111.9 Points

60.7% ACCURACY

Average: 41.6% Average: 46.4%

TOP NICE WORKROLES 81.0% COMPLETION

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

VPN (Easy)

42.1% ACCURACY COMPLETION: 88.9%

Extract sensitive information transferred in a VPN packet capture

WiFi Cracking (Medium)

100.0% **ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION: 75.0%

Identify vulnerable WiFi encryption scheme and crack the WiFi password

Kick Back (Medium)

100.0% **ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Analyze the unencrypted IOT device traffic to extract personal information from a smart home packet capture

Extraction (Hard)

100.0% **ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION:

33.3%

Identify and extract the hidden RTMP video stream transferred in a comprehensive packet capture





### 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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#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

NATIONAL RANK

97th National

Average: 150.0 Points

Investigate commonalities in the locations from a sequence of GPS coordinates

to identify the potential next target location

Rules of Conduct (Easy) COMPLETION: 100.0% 100.0% **ACCURACY** Introductory challenge on acceptable conduct during NCL COMPLETION: 100.0% 33.3% Defense Acquisition (Easy) **ACCURACY** Identify the common organizations responsible for purchases for the government COMPLETION: 100.0% Vehicle (Easy) 100.0% **ACCURACY** Utilize reverse image search tools to identify the make and model of a vehicle COMPLETION: 0.0% Targets (Medium) 0.0% **ACCURACY** Investigate an unknown number scheme to identify the IP address associated with the number COMPLETION: 100.0% District (Medium) 37.5% ACCURACY Utilize Geographic Information System (GIS) to identify land plot and owner data 50.0% COMPLETION: 100.0% Tracking (Hard)





### Password Cracking Module

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

52 ND PLACE OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK 255 POINTS OUT OF 360 PERFORMANCE SCORE

100.0% ACCURACY



TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

99<sup>th</sup> National Percentile

Average: 123.5 Points

Average: 87.0%

100.0% ACCURACY

100.0% ACCURACY

100.0%

**ACCURACY** 

0.0%

**ACCURACY** 

Cracking 1 (Easy)

45 POINTS OUT OF ACCURACY

Crack MD5, SHA1, and SHA256 password hashes

Cracking 2 (Easy)

45 POINTS OUT OF ACCURACY

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45 POINTS OUT OF ACCURACY

Crack Windows NTLM password hashes using rainbow tables

Cracking 3 (Medium) 60 OUTO

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

Cracking 4 (Hard) 55 OUT OF Build a wordlist to crack passwords not found in common wordlists

PPTX (Medium) 50 5

Crack the password for a protected PowerPoint file

WiFi (Hard)  $O_{_{60}}^{_{POINTS}}$  Crack the password hashes stored in a Linux wpa\_supplicant.conf file

COMPLETION: 100.0%

COMPLETION: 100.0%

COMPLETION: 66.7%

COMPLETION: 100.0%

COMPLETION: 100.0%



### Scanning & Reconnaissance Module

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

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PERFORMANCE SCORE

0.0% ACCURACY



#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

36 OUT OF 3926 NATIONAL RANK

94th National

Average: 33.4 Points

Average: 19.0%

0.0% **ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION:

0.0%

Scan the available UDP ports on a target system

Catch Me If You Can (Easy)

Interstellar (Medium)

0.0% **ACCURACY**  COMPLETION:

0.0%

Scan an InterPlanetary File System (IPFS) server and retrieve a file from the service

Tracker (Hard)

0.0% ACCURACY COMPLETION: 0.0%

Scan and analyze the results from an UDP BitTorrent Tracker service

# Web Application Exploitation Module

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

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NATIONAL RANK

PERFORMANCE SCORE

60.0% ACCURACY



TOP NICE WORKROLES Cyber Operator

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

96<sup>th</sup> National

Average: 59.4 Points

Average: 38.0%

Ticket Scalper (Easy)

100.0% **ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Exploit a ticket booking app by analyzing the partial logic in the browser side JavaScript code

Pesto's Pizza (Medium)

0.0%

COMPLETION: 0.0%

Identify and exploit a PHP type juggling vulnerability to gain unauthorized access

Mercury Lotto (Hard)

0.0% **ACCURACY**  COMPLETION: 0.0%

Identify and exploit a seeded random number generator by analyzing the deterministic server behavior