

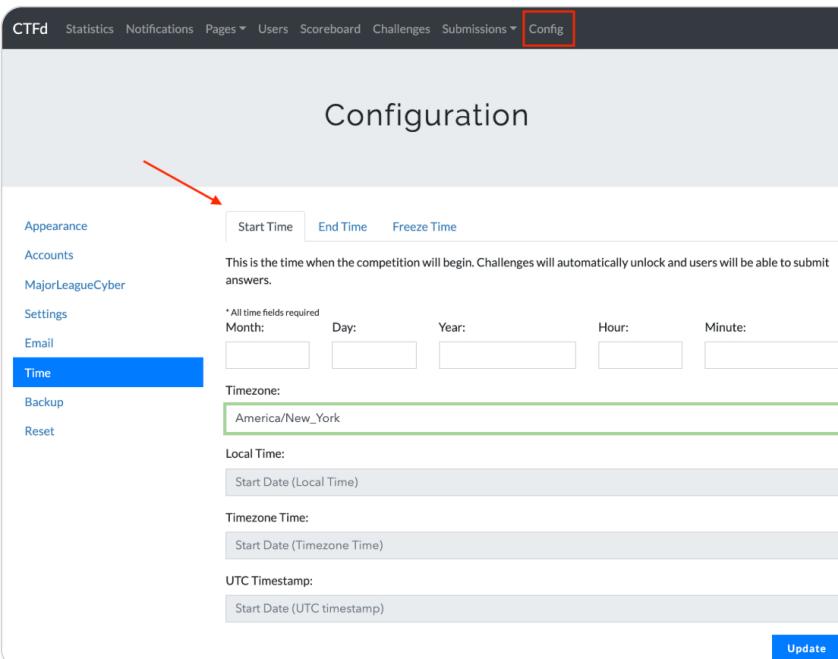
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Competition Times

CTFd was originally designed to be used in time-boxed situations where users can only access the competition content during specific times. CTFd has four time settings: Start Time, End Time, Freeze Time, and pausing the competition.

Start Time

Start Time defines when the competition should begin and all competition content should be accessible.



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This is the time when the competition will begin. Challenges will automatically unlock and users will be able to submit answers.

* All time fields required

Month: Day: Year: Hour: Minute:

Timezone:

Local Time:

Timezone Time:

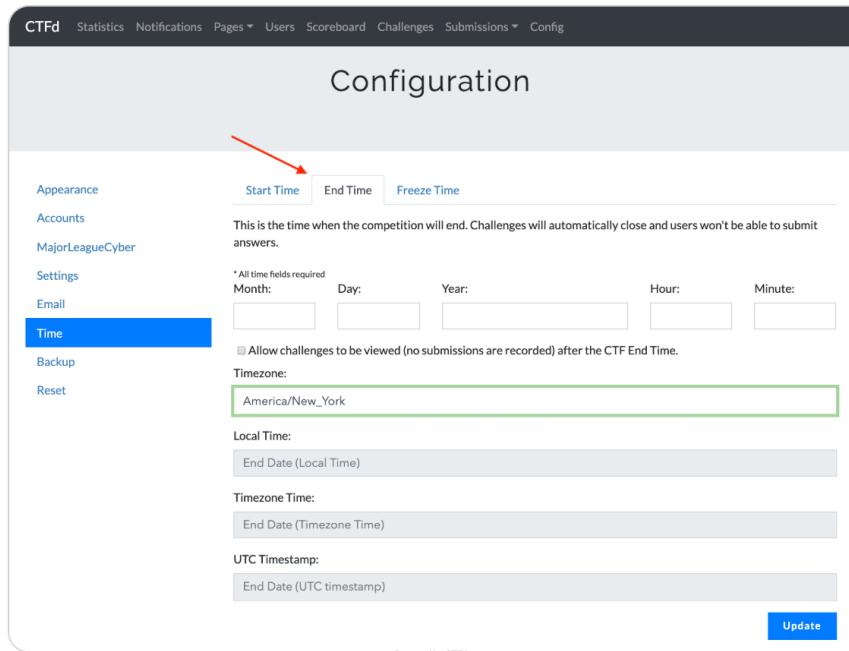
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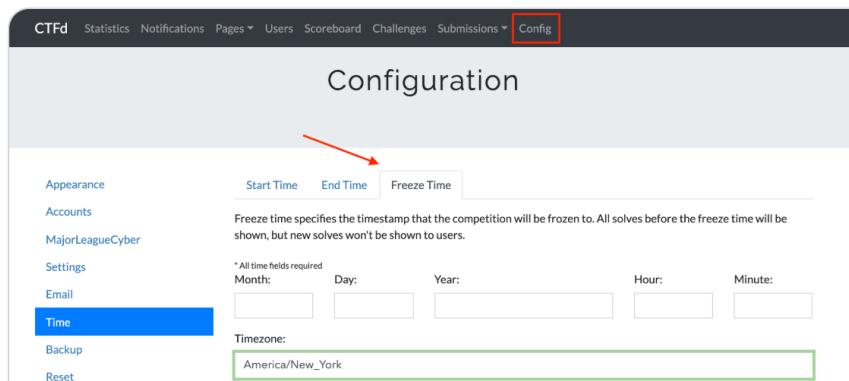
End Time defines when the competition should end and all competition content should be inaccessible.



The screenshot shows the CTFd Configuration page. The 'Time' tab is selected in the sidebar. The 'End Time' tab is highlighted in blue. A red arrow points to the 'End Time' tab. The main content area is titled 'End Time' and contains fields for setting the competition end date and time, including Month, Day, Year, Hour, and Minute. It also includes a checkbox for allowing challenges to be viewed after the end time and a dropdown for the Timezone. The 'Update' button is at the bottom right.

Freeze Time

Freeze Time allows the competition organizer to specify a time where scores will be "frozen" to. Meaning that all submissions after Freeze Time will be recorded however the solves will not be shown to other users. The original purpose for this feature is to hide competition scores in order to generate suspense for a final reveal at the end of the competition.



The screenshot shows the CTFd Configuration page. The 'Time' tab is selected in the sidebar. The 'Freeze Time' tab is highlighted in blue. A red arrow points to the 'Freeze Time' tab. The main content area is titled 'Freeze Time' and contains fields for setting the competition freeze date and time, including Month, Day, Year, Hour, and Minute. It also includes a dropdown for the Timezone. The 'Update' button is at the bottom right.

Local Time:
Freeze Date (Local Time)

Timezone Time:
Freeze Date (Timezone Time)

UTC Timestamp:
Freeze Date (UTC timestamp)

Update

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Pausing a CTF

Pausing a CTF will stop users from being able to submit answers. They will not be able to know if they got it correct or not, but challenges can still be viewed.

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Challenge Visibility
Control whether users must be logged in to see challenges

Private

Score Visibility
Control whether solves/score are shown to the public, to logged in users, hidden to all non-admins, or only shown to admins

Public

This setting should generally be the same as Account Visibility to avoid conflicts.

Account Visibility
Control whether accounts (users & teams) are shown to everyone or only to admins

Public

This setting should generally be the same as Score Visibility to avoid conflicts.

Registration Visibility
Control whether registration is enabled for everyone or disabled

Public

→ **Pause CTF**
Prevent users from submitting answers until unpaused. Challenges can still be viewed.

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