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NCL Fall 2023 Individual Game Scouting Report

Dear Divyank Patel,

Thank you for participating in the National Cyber League (NCL) 2023 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 2023 Fall Season had 9,770 students/players and 588 faculty/coaches from more than 520 two- and four-year schools & 280 high schools across all 50 U.S. states registered to play. The Individual Game Capture the Flag (CTF) event took place from October 20 through October 22. The Team Game CTF event took place from November 3 through November 5. The games were conducted in real-time for students across the country. You were in the Experienced Students Bracket, consisting of students enrolled in advanced degrees or hold extensive industry working experience.

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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Based on the the performance detailed in this NCL Scouting Report, you have earned **3 hours** of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) as approved by CompTIA. You can learn more about the NCL - CompTIA alignment via nationalcyberleague.org/comptia.

Congratulations for your participation in the NCL 2023 Fall Individual Game! We hope you will continue to develop your knowledge and skills and make meaningful contributions as part of the Information Security workforce!

Dr. David Zeichick
NCL Commissioner



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**EXPERIENCED
STUDENTS RANK
185TH PLACE
OUT OF 581
PERCENTILE
69TH**

NATIONAL CYBER LEAGUE SCORE CARD

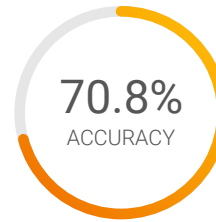
NCL 2023 FALL INDIVIDUAL GAME

YOUR TOP CATEGORIES

**NETWORK TRAFFIC
ANALYSIS
81ST PERCENTILE**

**SCANNING &
RECONNAISSANCE
71ST PERCENTILE**

**PASSWORD
CRACKING
67TH PERCENTILE**



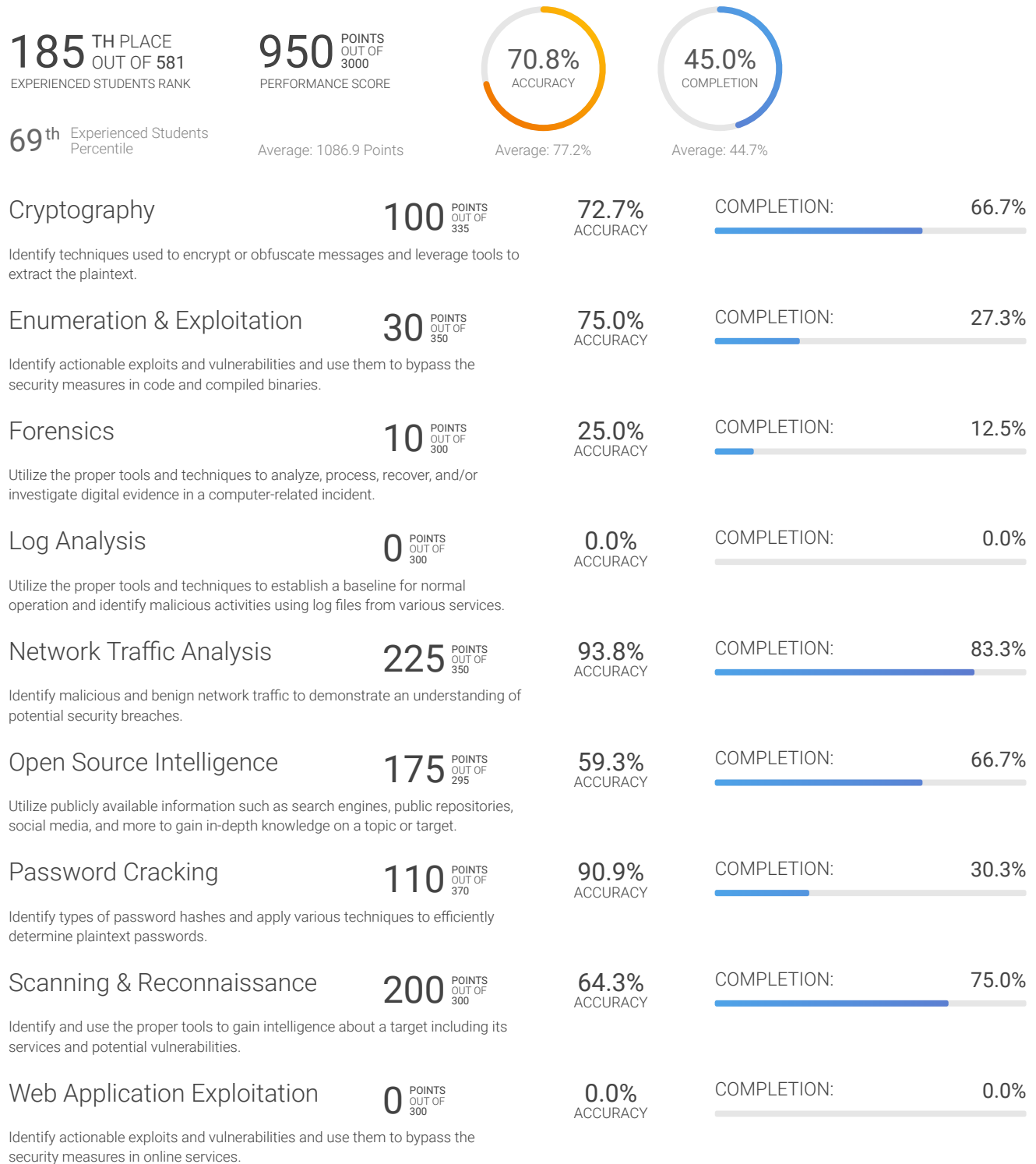
Average: 77.2%

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NCL Fall 2023 Individual Game

The NCL Individual Game is designed for student players nationwide to compete in realtime in the categories listed below. The Individual Game evaluates the technical cybersecurity skills of the individual, without the assistance of others.



Note: Survey module (100 points) was excluded from this report.





Cryptography Module

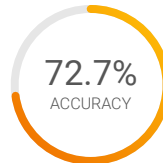
Identify techniques used to encrypt or obfuscate messages and leverage tools to extract the plaintext.

208TH PLACE
OUT OF 581
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

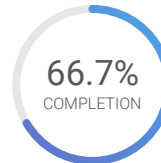
100 POINTS
OUT OF 335
PERFORMANCE SCORE

65th Experienced Students
Percentile

Average: 109.0 Points



Average: 87.5%



Average: 67.3%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

Bases (Easy)

30 POINTS
OUT OF 30

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Obtain plaintext from messages encoded with common number bases

Shift (Easy)

30 POINTS
OUT OF 30

50.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Analyze and obtain the plaintext for a message encrypted with a shift cipher

Earl (Easy)

40 POINTS
OUT OF 40

75.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Obtain plaintext from messages encoded URL encoding

Rulebreaker (Medium)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 60

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Decipher a classic book cipher and find its source material

Encrypted Flag (Hard)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 75

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Recover the plaintext of an image that was encrypted with AES

Zoomers (Hard)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Perform cryptanalysis and break a custom homophonic cipher





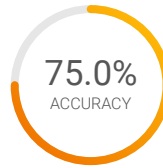
Enumeration & Exploitation Module

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

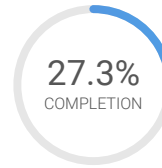
208TH PLACE
OUT OF 581
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

30 POINTS
OUT OF 350
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 151.6 Points



Average: 77.3%



Average: 55.8%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator
Target Developer
Exploitation Analyst
Software Developer
Systems Security Analyst

65th Experienced Students
Percentile

Everywhere (Easy)

10 POINTS
OUT OF 80

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **50.0%**

Analyze JavaScript source code to extract an insecurely stored authentication secret

UDP Hijack (Medium)

10 POINTS
OUT OF 80

50.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **33.3%**

Perform a session hijacking exploit by analyzing a custom network protocol

Throne (Medium)

10 POINTS
OUT OF 90

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **25.0%**

Analyze an obfuscated PowerShell malware using scheduled tasks

Hacktivate (Hard)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Reverse engineer a compiled software program with anti-tamper features

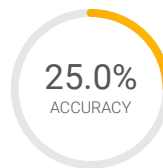
Forensics Module

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

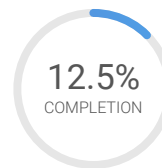
207TH PLACE
OUT OF 581
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

10 POINTS
OUT OF 300
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 111.7 Points



Average: 54.5%



Average: 45.4%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Defense Forensics
Analyst
Cyber Crime Investigator
Cyber Defense Incident
Responder
Cyber Defense Analyst

65th Experienced Students
Percentile

Run (Easy)

10 POINTS
OUT OF 100

25.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **50.0%**

Extract hidden files within an image using tools like binwalk

Download Manager (Medium)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Perform binary data carving on a download manager's metadata file

Redacted (Hard)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Programmatically un-blur text in an image to reveal redacted information





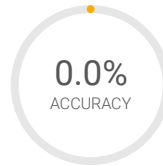
Log Analysis Module

Utilize the proper tools and techniques to establish a baseline for normal operation and identify malicious activities using log files from various services.

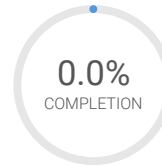
228 TH PLACE
OUT OF 581
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

0 POINTS
OUT OF 300
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 97.5 Points



Average: 53.6%



Average: 33.9%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

Attempt (Easy)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 0.0%

Analyze Windows event logs to build a timeline of a malware attack

Oddity (Medium)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 0.0%

Analyze a log file encoded with bencode to conduct statistical analysis of network requests

What the C (Hard)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 0.0%

Develop a custom method for parsing a non-standard binary log file and conduct statistical analysis

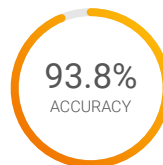
Network Traffic Analysis Module

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

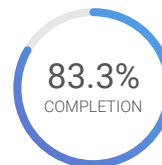
114 TH PLACE
OUT OF 581
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

225 POINTS
OUT OF 350
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 188.2 Points



Average: 74.8%



Average: 62.3%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

Pong (Easy)

80 POINTS
OUT OF 80

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Extract ICMP information from a packet capture

HTTPS (Medium)

100 POINTS
OUT OF 100

83.3%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Decrypt and analyze an intercepted TLS packet capture

Cracking (Medium)

35 POINTS
OUT OF 70

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 75.0%

Analyze a WPA-encrypted network and perform a wordlist attack on the password

Extraction (Hard)

10 POINTS
OUT OF 100

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 33.3%

Recover data that was covertly exfiltrated in TCP sequence numbers





Open Source Intelligence Module

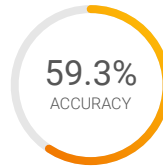
Utilize publicly available information such as search engines, public repositories, social media, and more to gain in-depth knowledge on a topic or target.

239TH PLACE
OUT OF 581
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

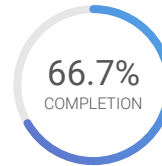
175 POINTS
OUT OF 295
PERFORMANCE SCORE

59th Experienced Students
Percentile

Average: 202.4 Points



Average: 80.1%



Average: 72.3%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

Rules of Conduct (Easy)

15 POINTS
OUT OF 15

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Introductory challenge on acceptable conduct during NCL

PGP Lookup (Easy)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 45

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Query details of PGP public encryption keys shared online

Undersea (Easy)

70 POINTS
OUT OF 70

77.8%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Conduct open-source target research on a public works project

Certificates (Medium)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 45

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Query Certificate Transparency tools to audit historic TLS certificates

Electrified (Medium)

70 POINTS
OUT OF 70

80.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Identify openly available information on EV charging infrastructure

Liber8tion v. Lawyers (Hard)

20 POINTS
OUT OF 50

22.2%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **50.0%**

Identify location of image through reverse image lookup and access publicly available government databases



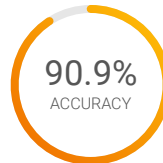


Password Cracking Module

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

195 TH PLACE
OUT OF 581
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

110 POINTS
OUT OF 370
PERFORMANCE SCORE



Average: 92.1%



Average: 42.0%

67th Experienced Students
Percentile

Average: 156.8 Points

Hashing (Easy)

20 POINTS
OUT OF 20

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Generate password hashes for MD5, SHA1, SHA256, and SHA512

Rockyou (Easy)

45 POINTS
OUT OF 45

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Crack MD5 password hashes for password found in the rockyou breach

Windows (Easy)

45 POINTS
OUT OF 45

75.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Crack Windows NTLM password hashes using rainbow tables

Flag Format (Medium)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 60

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

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

Cities (Medium)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Build a wordlist to crack passwords not found in common wordlists

Red Carpet (Hard)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Build a wordlist to crack passwords not found in common wordlists and augment with rules for special characters





Scanning & Reconnaissance Module

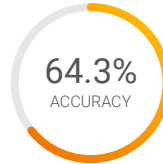
Identify and use the proper tools to gain intelligence about a target including its services and potential vulnerabilities.

172 ND PLACE
OUT OF 581
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

71st Experienced Students
Percentile

200 POINTS
OUT OF 300
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 220.6 Points



Average: 77.7%



Average: 78.0%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

Scan (Easy)

100 POINTS
OUT OF 100

100.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Scan a remote host for open ports and identify running services

Masscan (Medium)

100 POINTS
OUT OF 100

85.7%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Analyze the results of a large scale Internet scan from the masscan tool

Message (Hard)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Capture network traffic sent to a server using tools such as tcpdump

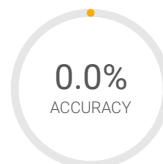
Web Application Exploitation Module

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

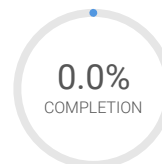
N/A
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

0 POINTS
OUT OF 300
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 120.9 Points



Average: 68.8%



Average: 46.0%

TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator
Software Developer
Exploitation Analyst
Systems Security Analyst
Database Administrator

Witter (Easy)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

De-obfuscate client side JavaScript code and exploit a social media service

Login (Medium)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Conduct SQL injection against an authentication service to sign in as admin

Cryptographic Lottery (Hard)

0 POINTS
OUT OF 100

0.0%
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Exploit a Hash-Based Message Authentication Code using an MD5 length extension attack

