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## NCL Fall 2022 Team Game Scouting Report

Dear Sophie Gleadell (Team "ret3rev"),

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



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### NATIONAL CYBER LEAGUE SCORE CARD

NCL 2022 FALL TEAM GAME

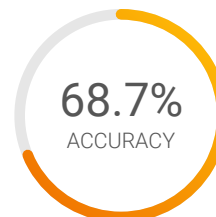
#### YOUR TOP CATEGORIES

WEB APPLICATION  
EXPLOITATION  
100TH PERCENTILE

FORENSICS  
99TH PERCENTILE

SCANNING &  
RECONNAISSANCE  
97TH PERCENTILE

NATIONAL RANK  
**267<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
**OUT OF 3926**  
PERCENTILE  
**94<sup>TH</sup>**



Average: 49.6%

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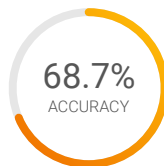


## NCL Fall 2022 Team Game

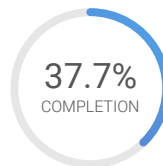
The NCL Team Game is designed for student players nationwide to compete in realtime in the categories listed below. The Team Game promotes camaraderie and evaluates the collective technical cybersecurity skills of the team members.

**267<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**960** POINTS  
OUT OF 3000  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



Average: 49.6%



Average: 28.8%

**94<sup>th</sup>** National  
Percentile

Average: 649.5 Points

### Cryptography

**85** POINTS  
OUT OF 310

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **41.7%**

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.

### Enumeration & Exploitation

**30** POINTS  
OUT OF 300

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **33.3%**

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

### Forensics

**195** POINTS  
OUT OF 310

**57.1%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **80.0%**

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

### Log Analysis

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 320

**50.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **5.9%**

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

### Network Traffic Analysis

**5** POINTS  
OUT OF 370

**25.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **4.8%**

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

### Open Source Intelligence

**140** POINTS  
OUT OF 315

**78.6%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **68.8%**

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

### Password Cracking

**170** POINTS  
OUT OF 360

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **55.0%**

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

### Scanning & Reconnaissance

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 315

**50.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **7.7%**

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

### Web Application Exploitation

**215** POINTS  
OUT OF 300

**41.7%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **83.3%**

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

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





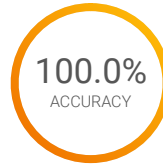
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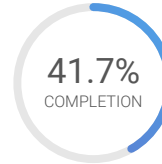
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OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**85** POINTS  
OUT OF 310  
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 119.3 Points



Average: 78.6%



Average: 54.1%

### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

**88<sup>th</sup>** National  
Percentile

### Decoding 1 (Easy)

Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the data

**30** POINTS  
OUT OF 30

100.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

### Decoding 2 (Easy)

Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the data

**20** POINTS  
OUT OF 20

100.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

### Decoding 3 (Easy)

Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the data

**35** POINTS  
OUT OF 35

100.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

### Decoding 4 (Medium)

Identify the communication scheme used and decode the message

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 20

0.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 0.0%

### Decoding 5 (Medium)

Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the data

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 55

0.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 0.0%

### Problem (Medium)

Identify the steganography technique used and extract the hidden data

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 50

0.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 0.0%

### Magnetic (Hard)

Convert credit card magnetic stripe audio into numeric data

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

0.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 0.0%





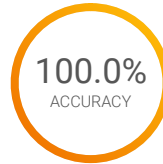
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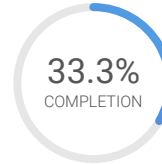
**277<sup>TH</sup>** PLACE  
OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**30** POINTS  
OUT OF 300  
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 52.0 Points



Average: 51.7%



Average: 27.7%

### TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator  
Target Developer  
Exploitation Analyst  
Software Developer  
Systems Security Analyst

**93<sup>RD</sup>** National  
Percentile

### Channels (Easy)

**15** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

100.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 50.0%

Analyze Go source code to identify its functionalities and vulnerabilities

### Miner (Medium)

**15** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

100.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 50.0%

Decompile a binary crypto-miner malware to identify its functionalities

### Password Manager (Hard)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

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

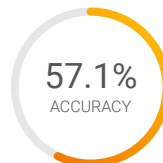
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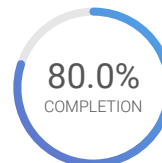
**43<sup>RD</sup>** PLACE  
OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**195** POINTS  
OUT OF 310  
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 106.1 Points



Average: 57.8%



Average: 26.7%

### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

**99<sup>TH</sup>** National  
Percentile

### Blocked (Easy)

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

100.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

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

### Hiding (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

0.0%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 0.0%

Identify the compressed data stream without header metadata

### Unknown (Hard)

**95** POINTS  
OUT OF 110

53.8%  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 87.5%

Analyze a ZFS pool to extract hidden files and metadata





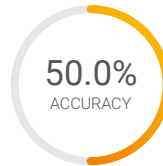
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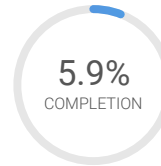
**418<sup>TH</sup>** PLACE  
OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 320  
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 63.6 Points



Average: 26.9%



Average: 23.6%

### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

### Cubes (Easy)

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **14.3%**

Analyze a DNS server log to identify potentially malicious domains

### Lunch (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Analyze a web server log using MessagePack encoding and identify anomalies

### Collection (Hard)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 120

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

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

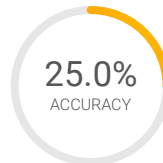
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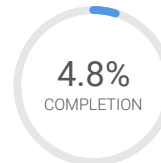
**661<sup>ST</sup>** PLACE  
OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**5** POINTS  
OUT OF 370  
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 111.9 Points



Average: 41.6%



Average: 46.4%

### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

### VPN (Easy)

**5** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**25.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **11.1%**

Extract sensitive information transferred in a VPN packet capture

### WiFi Cracking (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 70

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Identify vulnerable WiFi encryption scheme and crack the WiFi password

### Kick Back (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

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

### Extraction (Hard)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

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





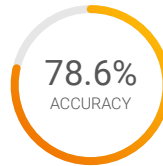
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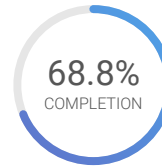
**432** ND PLACE  
OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**140** POINTS  
OUT OF 315  
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 150.0 Points



Average: 49.7%



Average: 65.4%

### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

### Rules of Conduct (Easy)

**25** POINTS  
OUT OF 25

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Introductory challenge on acceptable conduct during NCL

### Defense Acquisition (Easy)

**45** POINTS  
OUT OF 45

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Identify the common organizations responsible for purchases for the government

### Vehicle (Easy)

**50** POINTS  
OUT OF 50

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Utilize reverse image search tools to identify the make and model of a vehicle

### Targets (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 45

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Investigate an unknown number scheme to identify the IP address associated with the number

### District (Medium)

**20** POINTS  
OUT OF 50

**50.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **66.7%**

Utilize Geographic Information System (GIS) to identify land plot and owner data

### Tracking (Hard)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Investigate commonalities in the locations from a sequence of GPS coordinates to identify the potential next target location





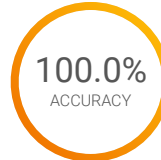
## Password Cracking Module

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

**206** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**170** POINTS  
OUT OF 360  
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 123.5 Points



Average: 87.0%



Average: 39.5%

### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

### Cracking 1 (Easy)

Crack MD5, SHA1, and SHA256 password hashes

**45** POINTS  
OUT OF 45

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

### Cracking 2 (Easy)

Crack Windows NTLM password hashes using rainbow tables

**45** POINTS  
OUT OF 45

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

### Cracking 3 (Medium)

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

**60** POINTS  
OUT OF 60

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

### Cracking 4 (Hard)

Build a wordlist to crack passwords not found in common wordlists

**20** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **33.3%**

### PPTX (Medium)

Crack the password for a protected PowerPoint file

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 50

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

### WiFi (Hard)

Crack the password hashes stored in a Linux wpa\_supplicant.conf file

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 60

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**





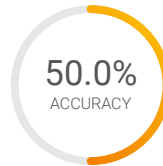
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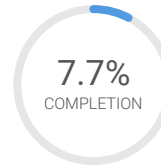
**141** ST PLACE  
OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 315  
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 33.4 Points



Average: 19.0%



Average: 9.3%

### TOP NICE WORKROLES

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

**97<sup>th</sup>** National  
Percentile

### Catch Me If You Can (Easy)

Scan the available UDP ports on a target system

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

### Interstellar (Medium)

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

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

### Tracker (Hard)

Scan and analyze the results from an UDP BitTorrent Tracker service

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 115

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **12.5%**

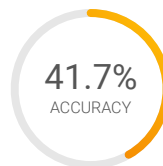
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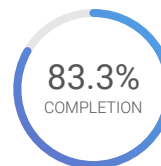
**28** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 3926  
NATIONAL RANK

**215** POINTS  
OUT OF 300  
PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 59.4 Points



Average: 38.0%



Average: 29.5%

### TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator  
Software Developer  
Exploitation Analyst  
Systems Security Analyst  
Database Administrator

**100<sup>th</sup>** National  
Percentile

### Ticket Scalper (Easy)

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

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

### Pesto's Pizza (Medium)

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

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

### Mercury Lotto (Hard)

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

**15** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**12.5%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **50.0%**

