



# NCL Spring 2024 Team Game Scouting Report

Dear Sarah Ogden (Team "NKU WiCys"),

Thank you for participating in the National Cyber League (NCL) Spring 2024 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 Spring 2024 Season had 8,020 students/players and 584 faculty/coaches from more than 480 two- and four-year schools & 240 high schools across all 50 U.S. states registered to play. The Individual Game Capture the Flag (CTF) event took place from April 5 through April 7. The Team Game CTF event took place from April 19 through April 21. 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.



To validate this report, please access: [cyberskyline.com/report/XWGVKXFLLTJ6](https://cyberskyline.com/report/XWGVKXFLLTJ6)

Congratulations for your participation in the NCL Spring 2024 Team 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

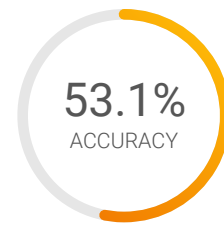


## NATIONAL CYBER LEAGUE SCORE CARD

NCL SPRING 2024 TEAM GAME

EXPERIENCED  
STUDENTS RANK  
**136<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
**OUT OF 386**  
PERCENTILE  
**65<sup>TH</sup>**

### YOUR TOP CATEGORIES



Average: 74.5%

[cyberskyline.com/report](https://cyberskyline.com/report/XWGVKXFLLTJ6)  
ID: XWGVKXFLLTJ6

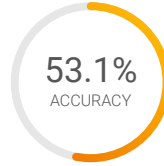


# NCL Spring 2024 Team Game

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.

**136** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**1445** POINTS  
OUT OF 3000  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**65**th Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 1821.5 Points

Average: 74.5%

Average: 64.2%

## Cryptography

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 345

**77.8%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **63.6%**

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

## Enumeration & Exploitation

**160** POINTS  
OUT OF 300

**55.6%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **62.5%**

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

## Forensics

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 300

**22.2%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **50.0%**

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

## Log Analysis

**315** POINTS  
OUT OF 415

**42.1%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **94.1%**

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

**210** POINTS  
OUT OF 300

**75.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **70.6%**

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

## Open Source Intelligence

**225** POINTS  
OUT OF 325

**38.5%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **83.3%**

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

**105** POINTS  
OUT OF 300

**75.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **34.6%**

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

## Scanning & Reconnaissance

**120** POINTS  
OUT OF 300

**66.7%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **42.9%**

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

## Web Application Exploitation

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 315

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **11.1%**

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.



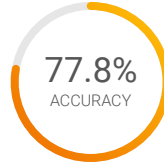


# Cryptography Module

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

**153** RD PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 345  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



Average: 81.4%



Average: 76.2%

**61<sup>st</sup>** Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 179.9 Points

## Decoding 1 (Easy)

**45** POINTS  
OUT OF 45

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Analyze and obtain plaintext from messages encrypted with a shift cipher

## Decoding 2 (Easy)

**30** POINTS  
OUT OF 50

**60.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **75.0%**

Analyze and obtain plaintext from messages encoded with common number bases

## Decoding 3 (Medium)

**25** POINTS  
OUT OF 50

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **50.0%**

Analyze and obtain plaintext from messages encrypted with the Rail Fence transposition cipher

## Secure Communication (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Decrypt and encrypt PGP messages using the provided public and private keys

## Message (Hard)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Analyze and decode a message by using frequency analysis



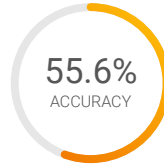


## Enumeration & Exploitation Module

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

**133** RD PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**160** POINTS  
OUT OF 300  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



Average: 81.2%



Average: 76.5%

**66**<sup>th</sup> Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 178.6 Points

### Gopher (Easy)

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Analyze Go source code to exploit an insecurely-stored secret that uses an XOR cipher

### Drop (Medium)

**60** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**75.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **75.0%**

Analyze a sample of malware written in Powershell to identify its behavior

### Playground (Hard)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

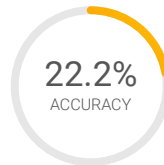
Exploit a binary program by using ROP gadgets and stack pivoting to gain command execution

## Forensics Module

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

**156** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 300  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



Average: 82.7%



Average: 74.0%

**60**<sup>th</sup> Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 200.9 Points

### Filesystem (Easy)

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**22.2%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Analyze a filesystem image and utilize forensic tools to extract a sensitive file

### Word (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Extract hidden data from Word documents and reassemble the data to form a viewable image

### Analog (Hard)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Recover an image by programmatically converting raw VGA voltages to RGB pixel values



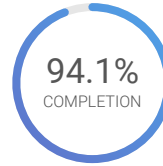
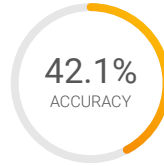


## Log Analysis Module

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

**123** RD PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**315** POINTS  
OUT OF 415  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**69<sup>th</sup>** Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 318.5 Points

Average: 61.9%

Average: 79.7%

### Secure Shell (Easy)

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**22.7%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:

**100.0%**

Analyze a SSH server log to identify compromise attempts from threat actors

### NASA Servers (Medium)

**145** POINTS  
OUT OF 145

**61.5%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:

**100.0%**

Analyze a web server log and identify traffic patterns

### Employee Access (Hard)

**70** POINTS  
OUT OF 170

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:

**75.0%**

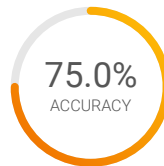
Analyze data transfer logs to find anomalies and identify an insider threat

## Network Traffic Analysis Module

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

**90** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**210** POINTS  
OUT OF 300  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**77<sup>th</sup>** Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 219.5 Points

Average: 73.8%

Average: 73.1%

### Announcement (Easy)

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**60.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:

**100.0%**

Analyze a network packet capture of SSDP traffic to identify devices on a network

### Wire (Medium)

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:

**100.0%**

Dissect the raw binary of an ARP packet

### Kickback (Hard)

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:

**16.7%**

Analyze the raw data from an IR remote capture to identify the behavior that occurred



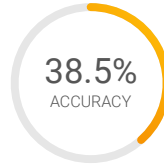


## Open Source Intelligence Module

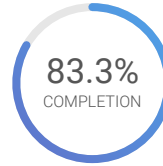
Utilize publicly available information such as search engines, public repositories, social media, and more to gain in-depth knowledge on a topic or target.

**172** ND PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**225** POINTS  
OUT OF 325  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



Average: 84.6%



Average: 93.5%

**56<sup>th</sup>** Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 288.8 Points

### Rules of Conduct (Easy)

**25** POINTS  
OUT OF 25

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Introductory challenge on acceptable conduct during NCL

### Lucky Charms (Easy)

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Locate a physical location by performing conversions between different coordinate systems

### Hidden in Plain Sight (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Utilize open source tools to identify and decode a message encoded using an esoteric language

### Lost (Hard)

**100** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Utilize open source tools to perform an analysis on a slightly redacted photo and geolocate the subject of the image



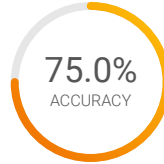


# Password Cracking Module

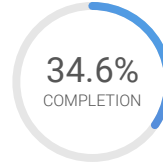
Identify types of password hashes and apply various techniques to efficiently determine plaintext passwords.

**145** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**105** POINTS  
OUT OF 300  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



Average: 91.3%



Average: 49.6%

**63rd** Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 161.6 Points

## Hashing (Easy)

**30** POINTS  
OUT OF 30

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Generate password hashes for MD4, MD5, SHA512

## Rockyou (Easy)

**45** POINTS  
OUT OF 45

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Crack SHA1 password hashes for password found in the rockyou breach

## Defaults (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Build a custom wordlist to crack passwords not found in common wordlists

## DOCX (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 45

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Crack the password for a protected Microsoft Word file

## Fantasy (Hard)

**30** POINTS  
OUT OF 80

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **37.5%**

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



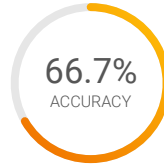


## Scanning & Reconnaissance Module

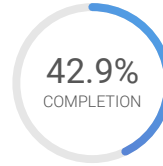
Identify and use the proper tools to gain intelligence about a target including its services and potential vulnerabilities.

**141** ST PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**120** POINTS  
OUT OF 300  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



Average: 76.4%



Average: 69.6%

**64<sup>th</sup>** Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 205.3 Points

### Blocked (Easy)

**70** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**80.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **80.0%**

Conduct reconnaissance on a server by identifying blocked IPs and ports

### Scan (Medium)

**50** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**50.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **50.0%**

Perform a UDP port scan and identify services running on a remote host

### Paper (Hard)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

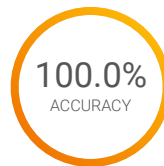
Conduct reconnaissance on an LDAP server to identify the users within an organization

## Web Application Exploitation Module

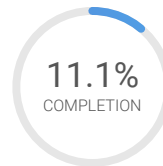
Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in online services.

**115** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 386  
EXPERIENCED STUDENTS RANK

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 315  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



Average: 65.1%



Average: 47.6%

**71<sup>st</sup>** Experienced Students  
Percentile

Average: 132.9 Points

### Jojamart (Easy)

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **50.0%**

Identify and exploit a SQL injection vulnerability to gain unauthorized access to sensitive data

### Records (Medium)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 100

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Conduct an automated attack to crawl a web server and obtain sensitive information

### File Share (Hard)

**0** POINTS  
OUT OF 115

**0.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **0.0%**

Identify and exploit a NoSQL injection vulnerability to gain unauthorized access to a web server database

