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SOUTHEASTERN CYBER CUP CAPTURE THE FLAG COMPETITION 2024

OFFICIAL RULES NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN

The Southeastern Cyber Cup Capture the Flag Competition (the “**Competition**”) is co-sponsored by Deloitte & Touche LLP (“**D&T**”) and Georgia Institute of Technology (“**Event Organizer**”) (together, the “**Sponsors**”). Competition participants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsors, which are binding and final on matters relating to this Competition. The Competition is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws. Void where prohibited by law.

REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration begins on 1 August 2024 at 07:00 AM [eastern time (“ET”)] and ends 17 September 2024 at 4:00 PM [ET].

COMPETITION PERIOD

The Competition will have 3 total rounds and two skill levels. The skill levels will consist of expert and novice. The top 50% of the scoring teams of round 1 will compete in round 2, and the top 50% of scoring teams in round 2 will compete in the finals.

Round 1 will commence on 19 September 2024 at 12:00 PM ET and end on 19 September 2024 at 11:59 PM ET.

Round 2 will commence on 26 September 2024 at 12:00 PM ET and end on 26 September 2024 at 11:59 PM ET.

The finals will commence on 4 October 2024 at 10:00 AM ET and end on 4 October 2024 at 2:45 PM ET.

Two cyber capture the flag bootcamps will be held on 10 & 12 September from 3:00 PM ET until 5:00 PM ET. These bootcamps are optional and have no bearing on the competition.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Open only to legal residents of the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia who are age 18 or older (if age of majority in their jurisdiction is different than 18, they must be at least 18 or the age of majority in their jurisdiction) and who (i) register for the event on the <https://sites.gatech.edu/cybercup/> by 17 September 2024 and (ii) register for the Competition in accordance with the instruction in the “How to Participate” section below. **Current partners, principals, and employees of Deloitte LLP and its subsidiaries and Georgia Institute of Technology (as of the start date of the Competition) are not eligible to participate in the Competition. Federal, state and local government officials and employees may participate but are not eligible to win a prize.**

COMPETITION OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Competition is to solve practical cyber challenges in a simulated environment.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Participants may only register for the Competition as a team. To register for the Competition, participants must complete an online form which can be found on the Website. Each team member must acknowledge and agree to these Official Rules.

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The goal of each challenge is to find a “flag,” which is a string of characters. The flags for each challenge are submitted to D&T on their website, <https://us.hackazon.org/> (“**Competition Website**”) in order to receive points. Points are assigned for each challenge based on the level of difficulty. The participant with the most points at the end of the Competition wins. The scoreboard is automatically updated to reflect the current standings within the Competition. The scoreboard on the Competition Website will reflect the final rankings at the end of the Competition Period. In the event of a tie, the fastest participant wins.

For the purpose of these Official Rules, a participating individual and a participating team will each be referred to as a “**participant.**”

TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams may have no more than three (3) members. Participants will participate virtually from anywhere in the United States. Participants must use their own computers/laptops.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Teams will compete in their selected skillset category.

Teams will compete in a virtual 24-hour round 1 on 19/20 September 2024 beginning at 00:01 a.m. and concluding at 23:59 p.m. [ET].

The top 50% teams from round 1 will compete in a virtual 24-hour round 2 on 26/27 September 2024 beginning at 00:01 a.m. and concluding at 23:59 p.m. [ET].

The top 50% teams from round 2 will compete in a hybrid 7-hour finals event on 4 October 2024 beginning at 00:01 a.m. and concluding at 23:59 p.m. [ET].

The top scoring teams (on the Competition Website) will participate in the finals competition (see “Awards” section below). In the event of a tie, the fastest participant, as determined by the Competition Website, wins.

GROUND RULES

Sponsors’ decisions are final and binding on all matters.

- **No Outside Help** - Participants are not allowed to use outside help during the Competition (i.e. no remote and/or unregistered players are allowed). Google/internet research is allowed.
- **No Collateral Damage** - Only attack systems for which they have explicit permission and are running in the Competition infrastructure (these will be clearly indicated) provided by D&T. No attacks on any systems or equipment outside of this environment are allowed.
- **Competition Area** - Participants are not allowed to take any of the equipment outside of the Competition area unless explicitly permitted by the Sponsors. Also, please take any phone calls outside the area.
- **No Brute Forcing** - Avoid generating large amounts of traffic and/or brute forcing; none of the challenges can be solved by running automated scanners, so please do not do so. This includes scanning with Nikto, Skipfish, Vega, Nessus, etc. (Nmap and Sqlmap are fine!)
- **No Fratricide** - Sabotaging or in any way hindering the progress of other participants is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification. This includes attempting to alter or disrupt a challenge or service after you have completed it.
- **One Team/Multiple Challenges** - Each participant may work on multiple challenges at one time, with some restrictions, based on the portal backend software.

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- **Challenge Progression** - Challenges may be attempted in any order. If you are stuck on a challenge, move on to a different challenge.
- **Bring Your Own Attack Platform** - All teams need to bring their own attack platform(s). We recommend Kali Linux, but this is not a requirement.

Sponsors reserve the right to disqualify any participant for any reason, in its sole and absolute discretion. Sponsors reserve the right to remove any participant from the Competition who does not conform to the ground rules for any reason, in its sole and absolute discretion.

AWARDS

Sponsors will distribute the awards after the Competition Period. Virtual participants will receive their awards in the mail.

Awards are subject to verification of eligibility and compliance with these Official Rules. A winner may not substitute, assign or transfer their award, but Sponsors reserve the right, at its sole discretion, to substitute an award of comparable or greater value. Winner is responsible for all federal, state and local taxes associated with acceptance and use of an award as well as any other costs and expenses associated with award acceptance and use not specified herein as being awarded. All award details are at Sponsor's sole discretion.

WINNER NOTIFICATION

Sponsors will notify potential winners following the completion of the Competition entry period. The participants with the top three (3) point values will be chosen as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Each winner may be required to execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability and, unless prohibited by law, Publicity Release ("**Affidavit/Release**"), which must be received fully-executed within seven (7) days of date printed on notification or be disqualified. In the event it is determined that any winner has not complied with these Official Rules, or has failed to execute and return any required documents within the specified time period, or has made false statements in any document required by Sponsors, then winner will be disqualified and required to promptly return to Sponsors the award. If a winner is disqualified for any reason, at Sponsors' discretion, the award may be given to another participant.

The decisions of the Sponsors are final and binding on all matters.

CODE OF CONDUCT / HONOR CODE

Professional behavior is expected. Each participant is required to maintain the highest standards of integrity throughout the Competition. Any violation of these Official Rules, including but not limited to, the ground rules or breaches of integrity will subject a participant to immediate disqualification.

DATA COLLECTION

All personal information submitted to Deloitte & Touche LLP in relation to this Competition will be handled in accordance with the privacy policy of Deloitte & Touche LLP, which may be found at <https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/legal/privacy.html>. Your personal information will only be used in connection with the Competition and as provided for in these Official Rules.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Released Parties (as defined below) are not responsible for any lost, late, incomplete, inaccurate, stolen, misdirected, undelivered, delayed or garbled entries or email; or for lost, interrupted or unavailable network, server, Internet Service Provider (ISP), Competition Website, Website, or other connections, availability or accessibility or miscommunications or failed computer, satellite,

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telephone or cable transmissions, lines, or technical failure or jumbled, scrambled, delayed, or misdirected transmissions or computer hardware or software malfunctions, failures or difficulties, or other errors or malfunctions of any kind whether human, mechanical, electronic, network typographical, printing or otherwise relating to or in connection with the Competition, including, without limitation, errors or malfunctions which may occur in connection with the administration of the Competition, the processing or judging of entries, the announcement of the prizes or in any Competition-related materials.

Released Parties are also not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by site users, tampering, hacking, or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Competition.

Released Parties are not responsible for injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating in this Competition or downloading materials from or use of Competition Website and/or Website. Persons who tamper with or abuse any aspect of the Competition, Competition Website, or Website, as solely determined by Sponsors, will be disqualified.

Should any portion of the Competition be, in Sponsors' sole opinion, compromised by virus, worms, bugs, non-authorized human intervention or other causes, or in the event the Competition is unable to run as planned for any other reason, which, in the sole opinion of the Sponsors, corrupt or impair the administration, security, fairness or proper play, or submission of entries or comments, Sponsors reserve the right at its sole discretion to suspend, postpone or modify the Competition to address the impairment and resume the Competition in a manner that best conforms to the spirit of these Official Rules, or terminate the Competition and select the potential winners from all eligible, non-suspect entries received prior to action taken.

Participants, by participating, agree that Deloitte LLP, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Deloitte Tax LLP, Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP, Deloitte Consulting LLP, Deloitte Transactions and Business Analytics LLP, Deloitte Services LP, Deloitte USA LLP, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, a UK private company limited by guarantee (“**DTTL**”), and any and all DTTL associate and member firms, all their respective, past, present and future parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, related entities, joint venturers, subcontractors, agents, attorneys, insurers, subrogees, co-insurers and reinsurers, all their respective, past, present and future officers, directors, employees, members, partners, principals, shareholders and owners, and all their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, predecessors, successors, transferees and assigns and [enter sponsor here] (collectively, the “**Released Parties**”) will have no liability whatsoever for, and shall be held harmless by participants against, any liability for any injuries, losses or damages of any kind, including death, to persons, or property resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from acceptance, possession, misuse or use of the prize or participation in this Competition.

Each participant in the Competition, except where legally prohibited, grants permission to Sponsors and their designees to use their name, address (city and state), photograph, voice and/or other likeness and prize information for advertising, trade and promotional purposes, in any manner, without further compensation, in all media now known or hereafter discovered, worldwide, and on the Internet and world wide web, in perpetuity, without notice or review or approval.

In the event of a dispute regarding entries received from multiple users having the same e-mail account, the authorized subscriber of the e-mail account at the time of entry will be deemed to be the entrant and must comply with these rules. Authorized account subscriber is the natural person who is assigned the e-mail address by the Internet Service Provider (ISP), on-line service provider,

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or other organization responsible for assigning e-mail addresses by or on behalf of the Sponsors or any Released Party or recognized by the Sponsors or any Released Party.

GOVERNING LAW/DISPUTES

By entering the Competition, participants agree that (i) any and all disputes shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York to the extent permitted by law; (ii) any legal action or proceeding relating to the Competition shall be instituted in a state or federal court in New York, New York; (iii) they will submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of, and agree that venue is proper in, these courts in any such action or proceeding, to the extent permitted by law.

WINNERS LIST

For the names of the winners, which will be available after 3:00 PM [ET] on 4 October 2024, send an email request to mlamanna@deloitte.com.

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