

GENERAL INFORMATION

“THE CYBERSECURITY STUDENT CONTEST VIETNAM 2025”

Scope and Eligibility

1. Scope: The contestant teams are from 10 ASEAN member states and Korea, Japan, Russia...
2. Eligibility: Students from higher-education schools. Up to 04 students (from same school) shall form a team.
3. The participation of all members in each team shall be voluntary. All the participating teams shall respect and comply with the rules set by the Organizer and other relevant legal regulations.

Theme, format and timeline of the Contest

1. Theme: Compete on cybersecurity knowledge and skills following CTF format.
2. Contest format: The contest consists of 02 rounds: the Qualifying Round and the Final Round.
 - a) The Qualifying Round: All teams compete online CTF (Jeopardy) on **October 18th, 2025**, with its duration of roughly 8 hours.
 - The format of this round includes: Pwnable (exploiting software errors, buffer overflow, format string, shellcode...); Reverse engineering (software source code reverse engineering, unpacking the packers, crypters to protect the software); Web (web application attack techniques); Forensic (investigate, analyze, trace digital cases); Crypto/ACM (decode puzzles, attack cryptographic algorithms, use programming/algorithmic skills to solve games, mazes...).
 - Regarding the number of competing teams: There is no limit to the number of competing teams from all schools in this round.
 - b) The Final Round: Onsite and online CTF, on **November 15th, 2025** (8 hours). This round divided into 2 groups:
 - + Group A (Attack-Defense): include 20 teams representing 20 schools with the highest results in the Qualifying Round (1 team per school, onsite with teams from Vietnam, online with other teams).
 - + Group B (Jeopardy online): include teams representing schools, each school has 1 Team with the highest results in the Qualifying Round (but not part of the Group A Team). The format includes: Pwnable, Web, Reverse, Cypto, Forensic, IoT, Blockchain and AI.

Each school has no more than 2 Teams participating in the Final Round (no more than 1 Team per group), Teams that do not score points in the Qualifying Round cannot compete in the Final Round.

Detailed description of the contest and the award-winning criteria shall be communicated to every participating team prior to each stage of the contest.

The Organizer shall reserve the right to change the timings of the contest in each round to meet the actual requirements. Any changes as such shall be informed to the participating teams directly and via the official website of the Organizer.

** The timeline may be adjusted as appropriate*

3. Sign-up schedule:

- The team registration is no later than **October 10th, 2025**.
- The online application form can be downloaded from the Organizer's official website and sent to its email address at info@cscv.vn upon completion.

The list of successfully registered teams and their relevant information shall be made available on event's website so that all the participating teams can review and report any inaccurate information. Requests for correction, if any, need to be sent to the Organizer at least 01 week prior to the commencement of each round.

- Strictly follow the instructions in the test rooms and the contest's rules.

Awards

1. Number of Prizes:

- The Final Round: Each group has 01 First Prize, 02 Second Prizes, 03 Third Prizes and 10 Consolation Prizes (total prize value up to 10,000 USD).

The list of teams winning will be show on the website <https://www.cscv.vn/en>

2. Prizes include:

- Certificates of Vietnam National Cybersecurity Association (NCA).
- Cash or cash equivalents

** The winning teams from outside Vietnam will receive cash prize via PayPal. Please send the team leader's PayPal account to the Organizer if your team wins.*

Extra information

1. The Cybersecurity Student Contest Vietnam 2025 (CSCV 2025) is annual Capture the Flag (CTF) contest hosted by Vietnam. This contest is the inherited from the ASEAN Students Contest on Information Security (ASCIS), last year, the ASCIS was the 17th time for Vietnamese students and the 6th time for ASEAN students with more 200 teams attended.

2. Contact information of the Organizer:

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