

Google Capture the Flag 2018 Official Rules

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. CONTEST IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE 50 UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND WORLDWIDE, EXCEPT FOR QUEBEC, CRIMEA, CUBA, IRAN, SYRIA, NORTH KOREA, and SUDAN.

This Contest consists of two events: the first is a distributed, wide-area security exercise, whose goal is to test the security skills of the participants (the “qualification round”). From this first exercise Google will select a number of finalists to compete in another exercise that will be held on-site at a Google office (the “final round”).

The qualification round will consist of a set of challenges for participants to solve. There are two ways for participants to achieve rewards based on solving these challenges: two independent components: (1a) by submitting written challenge solution descriptions (“write-ups”) rewards, where Google will give cash rewards to the best and more creative challenge solution descriptions that participants submit; and (2b) by earning points for solving challenges within the Contest time period—as described further below, teams earning the most points will qualify to participate in a final round contest where additional cash awards are possible.

The final round will consist of an on-site contest at a Google office where selected teams will compete to solve another set of challenges.

Term of qualification round: The Contest begins at 00:00:01 A.M. UTC on **June 23 2018** and ends at 23:59:59 UTC on **June 24 2018** (“Contest Period”). ENTRANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE CORRESPONDING TIME ZONE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.

Sponsor: Google Inc. located at 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043 is the sponsor of this Contest (“Google”).

Eligibility: The Contest is open to individuals who are (1) over the age of eighteen (18) at the time of entry; (2) not a resident of Quebec, Cuba, Iran, Syria, North Korea, Sudan, or Crimea; (3) an individual who is not restricted by applicable export controls and sanctions programs; and (4) people who have registered at capturetheflag.withgoogle.com. Employees, officers, and directors of the member companies of Google Inc., their subsidiaries and affiliated companies and their immediate families and those living in their households, are not eligible to participate in the Contest. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Google reserves the right to verify eligibility and to adjudicate on any dispute at any time.

How to Enter: Eligible participants may enter by registering at capturetheflag.withgoogle.com and completing the tasks as detailed on the site. Participants may enter only once. Participants may work in groups; however, the prize money will be awarded solely to the person whose name is listed on the team registration. It is the sole responsibility of the registrant to distribute any potential winnings. Google takes no liability for the distribution of payment to other group members.

Any entries, points or flags are void if they are in whole or in part illegible, incomplete, damaged, irregular, altered, counterfeit, produced in error, forged or obtained through fraud or theft. By entering you agree to be bound by these Official Rules and that all decisions of Google are final. If you are entering on behalf of your employer, these rules are binding on you, individually, and your company, and your company has consented to your entry and potential receipt of the Prize.

Qualification round rewards:

Write-up Rewards: There will be a write-up submission form on the website capturetheflag.withgoogle.com, where all participating teams will be allowed to voluntarily submit a summary on how they solved a challenge on the online qualification round, and any code or tools used to solve those challenges. The write-up rewards do not award participants any points on the online qualification round, nor in the final round. Google will select **21** of the best submissions and give them a reward of **100** US dollars per write-up, as well as **11** of the most creative solutions and also give them a reward of **500** US dollars per write-up. The selection of the **32** winning submissions will be decided at Google's sole discretion.

The list of write-up rewards recipients will be announced on or about **July 31, 2018**, and they will be contacted and asked to claim the prize. If a potential reward recipient does not respond to the notification attempt within 3 days from the first notification attempt, then such potential reward recipient will be disqualified and an alternate potential reward recipient will be selected from among all eligible entries based on Google's sole discretion.

Rewards for Points Accumulated: There will be a scoreboard where points will be assigned at the end of the competition based on the challenges that were completed. Each challenge will have an amount of points based on the number of teams that solved it. Winners will be selected based on the greatest number of points earned. In case of a tie, the team with the earlier submission of the last flag will be the winner. Note that write-up rewards do not give any points for the qualification round.

At the conclusion of the qualification round, Google will select those teams that have earned the ten highest points scores. On or about **June 30 2018** these potential finalist(s) will be selected and notified by email. If a potential finalist does not respond to the notification attempt within 3 days from the first notification attempt, then such potential finalist will be disqualified and an alternate potential finalist will be selected from among all eligible entries received based on the judging criteria described herein.

If no entries are received, no prize will be awarded. Determinations of the judges are final and binding.

Final round: Finalists chosen from the qualification round will be invited to visit **the final event venue for a weekend in October or November 2018**, where they will have to solve more challenges. From this final round, Google will select the 3 final winners. Google may offer travel grants for those participants that might not have the funds to visit the final venue. Google will not issue a travel grant of more than **8 000** US dollars per team. Only **four** people from each finalist team will be allowed to visit **the final event venue**. The exact dates and location will be communicated to the qualifying finalists before **June 30 2018**.

During the final round, there will be a scoreboard where points are assigned based on challenges completed. The winner will be based on highest points score achieved, and in case of a tie the, first to reach those points will be the deciding factor.

Privacy: Google will be collecting personal data about participants when they register and enter the Contest. Google will treat this data in accordance with its privacy policy, located at <http://www.google.com/intl/en/privacypolicy.html>.

Final Round Prize: First place winner will receive **13 337** US dollars. Second place winner will receive **7 331** US dollars, and third place winner will receive **3 133.7** US dollars. Prize may be subject to terms, restrictions and conditions imposed by Google.

Google and its affiliates, subsidiaries and related companies, or their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents will not be liable for unsuccessful efforts to notify a winner. The prize will be delivered within 60 days after the conclusion of the contest. No prize transfer, assignment or substitution by winner permitted except at Sponsor's sole discretion. If the prize becomes unavailable, Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value. All federal, state and local taxes, fees and surcharges on prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner. If a potential winner declines the prize, does not respond to the prize notification, fails to claim the prize, is unavailable for prize fulfillment, fails to abide by the Official Rules, or is ineligible, Google may select the next highest scoring team as the winner.

Publicity: By entering, entrant agrees to permit Google and its agencies to use of his or her name and/or likeness, write-ups and code for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law.

Intellectual Property Rights: By submitting a code in this Contest, the entrant warrants and represents that the code, including the programming and related material, is open source and is released subject to the Apache License 2.0 or any suitable BSD (Berkeley Software Distribution) license and not subject to the proprietary rights of any person or entity.

Warranty, Indemnity and Release: Entrants warrant that their codes are their own original work and, as such, they are the sole and exclusive owner and rights holder of the submitted code and that they have the right to submit the code in the Contest and grant all required licenses. Each entrant agrees not to submit any code that (1) infringes any third party proprietary rights, intellectual property rights, industrial property rights, personal or moral rights or any other rights, including without limitation, copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret, privacy, publicity or confidentiality obligations; or (2) otherwise violates the applicable state or federal law.

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Entrant releases Google from any liability associated with: (a) any malfunction or other problem with the Contest Site; (b) any error in the collection, processing, or retention of entry information; or (c) any typographical or other error in the printing, offering or announcement of any prize or winners.

Right to Cancel: If for any reason the Contest is not capable of running as planned, including tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, printing errors, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of the Contest, Google reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the

Contest. Google further reserves the right to disqualify any entrant who tampers with the submission process, cheats, deceives, abuses, annoys, or threatens any other entrants or Judges.

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Governing Law. This Contest is governed by the laws of California without regard to the conflict of laws provision.

Winners List. You may request a list of finalists after **June 30 2018** and you may request the list of winners after **November 30 2018** by writing to: google-ctf@google.com