
UNIVERSITY CYBER CUP 2026

The Global University Cybersecurity Competition

Where campuses compete. Where cyber talent is born.



WHAT IS THE UNIVERSITY CYBER CUP?

A global, semester-long Capture the Flag competition series where universities go head-to-head in cybersecurity.

Each university runs its own CTF event on the Simulations Labs platform. The best-organized, most-engaged campus takes the crown.

<p>100+</p> <p>UNIVERSITIES</p>	<p>3</p> <p>MONTHS</p>	<p>8+</p> <p>CATEGORIES</p>	<p>1</p> <p>CHAMPION</p>
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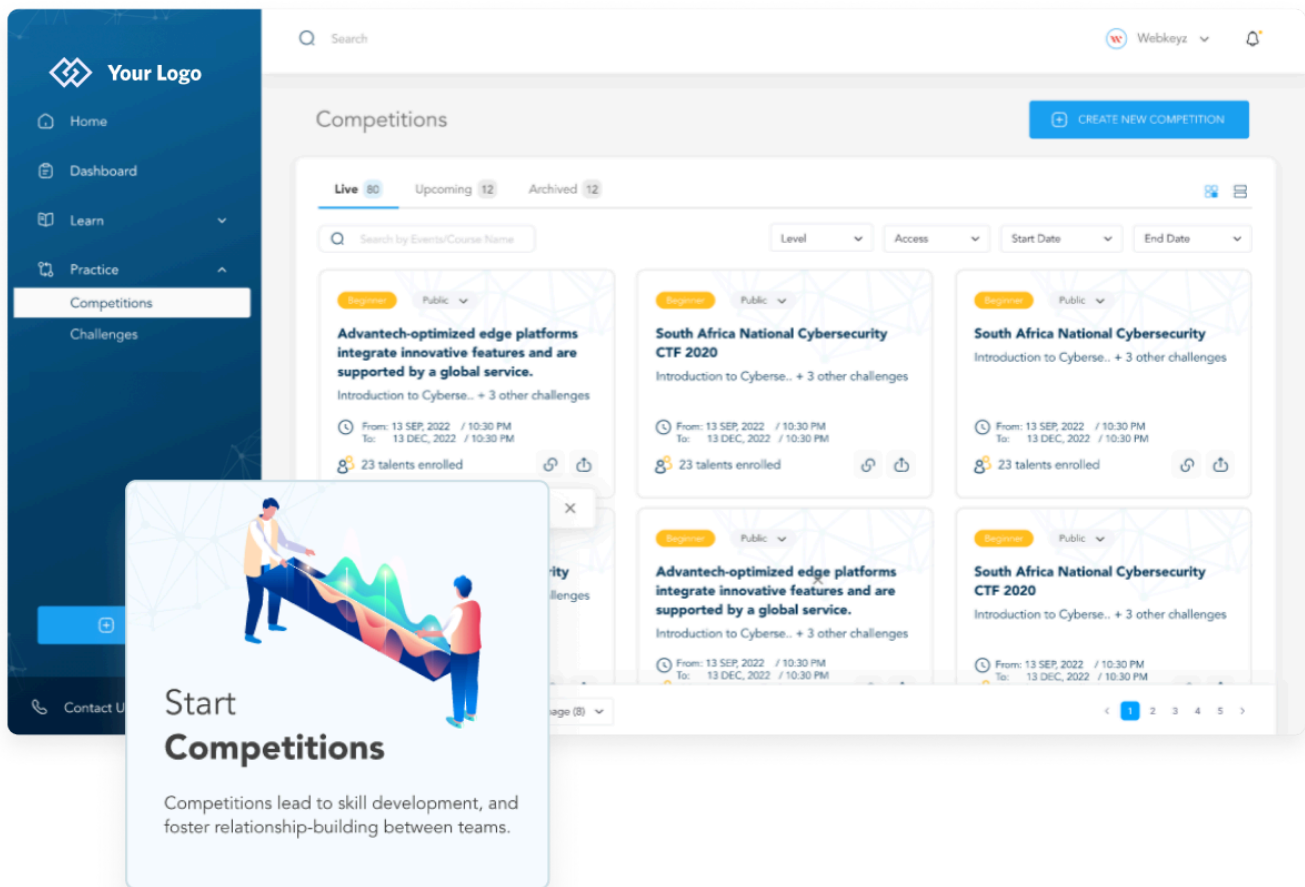


HOW IT WORKS

<p>Month 1: Onboard</p> <p>Platform training, templates, and your first guided CTF event.</p>	<p>Month 2: Expand</p> <p>Run your second CTF independently. Grow participation. Customize.</p>	<p>Month 3: Own It</p> <p>Full ownership. Your cybersecurity lab is live. Rankings finalized.</p>
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Simulations Labs — AI-Powered Simulations Platform

<p>⚡ AI-Powered Challenge Library</p> <p>Hundreds of pre-built challenges across all difficulty levels, curated by AI.</p>	<p>🚀 One-Click Deployment</p> <p>Launch custom CTF environments instantly. No DevOps required.</p>
<p>🎯 CTF as a Service</p> <p>End-to-end: hosting, scoreboard, team tools, and analytics.</p>	<p>🎓 Academic Integration</p> <p>Course-aligned challenges, progress tracking, grade-ready reports.</p>




The screenshot displays the Simulations Labs web interface. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with navigation options: Home, Dashboard, Learn, Practice, Competitions (highlighted), and Challenges. The main content area is titled 'Competitions' and features a 'CREATE NEW COMPETITION' button. Below this, there are filters for 'Live' (80), 'Upcoming' (12), and 'Archived' (12). A search bar and several dropdown menus (Level, Access, Start Date, End Date) are present. The main area shows a grid of competition cards. Each card includes a difficulty level (e.g., 'Beginner'), access type ('Public'), a title, a description, and a date range. For example, one card is titled 'Advantech-optimized edge platforms integrate innovative features and are supported by a global service.' Another is 'South Africa National Cybersecurity CTF 2020'. Each card also indicates '23 talents enrolled' and has share icons. A callout box in the foreground reads 'Start Competitions' and states 'Competitions lead to skill development, and foster relationship-building between teams.'


CHALLENGE CATEGORIES


Web Exploitation SQL injection, XSS, and auth bypass	Reverse Engineering Binary analysis & decompilation	Cryptography Cipher breaking & protocol attacks	Binary Exploitation Buffer overflows & ROP chains
Forensics File carving, logs, memory dumps	Network Security Packet analysis & exploitation	OSINT Open-source intel & recon	Threat Hunting Adversarial detection in telemetry

Basic Public

Admin has the power

 Creation Date
19/10/2023

 Category
Web Security

 Points
100

Challenge Details

Challenge Link

<http://35.197.204.100/admingatesecond/>

Description







The challenge involves exploiting vulnerabilities within the city's web infrastructure to gain access to hidden treasures.

Hints

Start by exploring the city's main gate, where the gods' blessings and vulnerabilities coexist. Check for common web exploits such as SQL

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

It's not just about winning — it's about building.

<p> Best Program Overall</p> <p>Top cumulative score across all criteria. Wins a 3-month Premium Simulations Labs subscription.</p>	<p> Most Engaged University</p> <p>Highest student participation relative to enrollment. Quality over quantity.</p>
<p> Best Custom Challenge</p> <p>Most creative, well-calibrated original challenge published on the platform.</p>	<p> Fastest Rising University</p> <p>Most improvement from Month 1 to Month 3. Every school has a shot.</p>
<p> Community Champion</p> <p>Campus cybersecurity culture leader — events, outreach, mentoring.</p>	<p> First Blood King</p> <p>Most first-solves across the entire series. A crowd favorite.</p>

All participants receive digital certificates. Top teams earn special recognition across Simulations Labs channels and the global cybersecurity community.



WHY JOIN?

FOR PROFESSORS

- ✓ Zero infrastructure overhead
- ✓ AI-curated challenges aligned to syllabi
- ✓ Build internal cyber lab capability
- ✓ Win premium subscriptions
- ✓ Recognition as a cybersecurity champion

FOR STUDENTS

- ✓ Real-world cybersecurity experience
- ✓ Portfolio-worthy skills & certificates
- ✓ Compete without leaving campus
- ✓ Regional & global recognition
- ✓ Pathway to career opportunities

PAST EVENTS

Our community has hosted cybersecurity events across multiple countries. Here's a look back.



READY TO COMPETE?



We're selecting a limited number of universities for the 2026 cycle.

Secure your university's spot today.

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