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INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY CAPTURE THE FLAG (CTF) 2026 "Defense. Encryption. Attack."

We invite you to participate in the Cybersecurity CTF 2026 competition.

Central Asian University invites undergraduate students to participate in the **International Cybersecurity Capture the Flag (CTF) 2026** competition. The competition will take place on **March 27, 2026, in Tashkent, at Central Asian University.**

This one-day intensive competition provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in:

- Ethical hacking
- Cybersecurity
- Network security
- Digital forensics

The **CTF** format develops real-world problem-solving skills, analytical thinking, teamwork, and decision-making under time pressure.

Participation in this competition is highly valuable for students, as it expands their technological knowledge and prepares them for professional careers in the rapidly evolving field of cybersecurity.

About Central Asian University

The **CAU School of Engineering** offers high-quality educational programs in cybersecurity, information technology, software engineering, and digital innovation.

Through international partnerships, modern technologies, professional training, and access to the global academic environment, CAU provides students with strong opportunities for professional development.

Organizer: Central Asian University (CAU)

In Collaboration With: Cisco Networking Academy

Event Date: March 27, 2026

Venue: CAU Campus, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Format: On-site participation

1. OVERVIEW

CAU CTF 2026 (Capture the Flag) is a hands-on cybersecurity competition for undergraduate students, designed to test and develop practical skills in ethical hacking, system defense, and digital forensics.

The competition focuses on building real-world cybersecurity expertise while promoting teamwork, ethical awareness, and technical excellence.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

CAU CTF 2026 aims to:

- Promote cybersecurity awareness and hands-on learning
- Strengthen practical technical skills in a competitive environment
- Reinforce collaboration between Central Asian University and Cisco Networking Academy
- Encourage teamwork, leadership, and innovation
- Position CAU as a regional leader in cybersecurity education
- Foster inter-university collaboration and technical excellence

3. PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

3.1 Eligibility

- The competition is open to undergraduate students from any university worldwide.

3.2 Team Formation

- Each team must consist of 4 members
- Selected teams will be invited to participate on-site at CAU

4. COMPETITION FORMAT

- Date: March 27, 2026
- Venue: Central Asian University, Tashkent
- The competition is conducted as an on-site CTF challenge

**Participants are required to:**

- Bring their own laptops and tools
- Work in a real-time competitive environment

4.1 Challenge Categories

The competition includes challenges in the following areas:

- Web exploitation
- Reverse engineering
- Cryptography
- Network security
- Digital forensics
- System exploitation and defense

5. WHAT IS CAPTURE THE FLAG (CTF)

A Capture the Flag (CTF) competition in cybersecurity is an interactive event where teams solve a variety of technical challenges to discover hidden digital “flags”.

Each successfully solved challenge earns points for the team.

The team with the highest total score, or the team that completes all challenges first, is declared the winner.

6. EVALUATION AND JUDGING**6.1 Evaluation Criteria**

Teams are ranked based on:

- The number and difficulty of captured flags;
- Speed of solving challenges;
- Quality of exploit documentation.

6.2 Judging Process

- Judging is conducted entirely by Cisco Networking Academy.
- Central Asian University does not perform manual evaluation.
- Cisco's official CTF platform automatically:
 - tracks scores,
 - records results,
 - generates final rankings.

6.3 Winner Determination

- Final standings are based on official scores provided by Cisco.
- The winning team is the one with the highest total score (or the first to complete all challenges).



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7. PRIZES

- First Place: USD 5,000
- Second Place: USD 3,000
- Third Place: USD 2,000

8. REGISTRATION

- Teams must register via the official Microsoft Form:
Cybersecurity Capture the Flag (CTF) 2026.
- Only registered and confirmed teams are eligible to participate.
- [Link](#)

9. CONTACT INFORMATION

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