

Hexa

HEXA OSINT CTF V3

Contestant guide

Engagement rules

HEXA OSINT CTF V3 is an online investigation game in which you are OSINT investigators. For everyone to have a good time during their investigation, here are some rules every contestant agrees to abide by participating to HEXA OSINT CTF V3:

General rules

Administrators

We, as Hexa administrators (Baboon, IWH and ALS), made this challenge for everyone to test their OSINT skills in a fictional context. It is a lot of work, that is why we set some rules to follow.

During your investigation, if you have any technical problem, or a miscomprehension about what we created, reach one of us on Discord on your team channel.

HEXA OSINT CTF is a Capture The Flag type of game whose objective is to browse open source resources to find information to elucidate an investigation. The characters and events depicted in it are purely fictitious, any similarity to names or incidents are entirely coincidental.

If a team do not follow these rules, HEXA administrators can disqualify a team at any moment at our discretion.

Age

Participants must be of legal age and in full possession of their means at the time of the event.

Trigger warnings

HEXA OSINT CTF V3 is based on a fictional scenario created by HEXA Administrators. Even if all events depicted in the scenario are fictional, we want to share some trigger warning, so you know what to expect:

- Death.
- Murder.
- Drug.
- Theft.
- Threats.
- Blackmail.
- Gambling.

If you feel uneasy with one of these subjects, even in a fictional context, contact an HEXA administrator.

Discord team channel

Having a team channel on Discord is mandatory. This channel must be created before the start of the CTF. The team channel is the only means of communication between participants and administrators. This channel will be used in two situations:

- You need administrative support in case of technical issues (administrators will not assist with solving challenges).
- Administrators need to contact your team. If you do not have a team channel and administrators need to contact you, you will be disqualified without warning.

Fair play

We think that for everyone to have a good time investigating on HEXA OSINT CTF V3, every player should show fair play, following these rules:

- Do not create content meant to disturb other players investigation. Especially, if you are an OSINT CTF creator, you **MUST NOT** use sock puppets used in a past CTF.
- Do not share flag and/or hints before the end of the CTF. Any flag or hint shared will result in both teams being disqualified.
- If you have a doubt about a challenge being technically feasible, reach an HEXA administrator on your Discord team channel.

Challenges

Each challenge allows you three attempts (except in cases of mentioned exception) so be careful to the requested format. Answers are case insensitive.

Only submit a response if you are confident. If you get stuck after three incorrect submissions, you can contact us via your team channel on the Discord server. We will unlock the challenge and deduct the points accordingly.

After completing all the challenges on CTFd, an investigation report will be required from you. This report will be used to distinguish the top teams.

The report will need to be posted to your team's Discord channel. Only one submission per team will be allowed, and once submitted, it cannot be changed. Reports must be received before 7:00 PM UTC on April 14, 2024, or they will not be considered.

OSINT specific rules

OSINT definition not being standardized, here are the engagement rules you agree to follow during your investigation:

- You are legally responsible for every action you take during your investigation.
 - Hacking is forbidden (including but not limited to active scan, bruteforce, privilege escalation...). **Attacking and/or damaging HEXA infrastructure and/or its providers will result in immediate disqualification and prosecution.**

- Doxing is forbidden. **Attacking HEXA members and/or its contacts will result in immediate disqualification and prosecution.**
- If you have any doubt about using a specific technique, contact an HEXA administrator.
- You **MUST** remain as discreet as possible.
 - Do not post any comment on social media or websites.
 - Use OPSEC techniques to preserve your anonymity (including but not limited to: VPN, sock puppet...).

Social engineering specific rules

Some of the actions in your investigation will require to make active contact with your targets.

These social engineering actions will be identified. You can only proceed to a social engineering action if you see the following eye emoji 👁️.

Ensuring the quality of your social engineering tactics is crucial for achieving desired outcomes.

Agreement

I accept the rules of HEXA OSINT CTF V3.