BSides Lancashire 2026 — Capture The Flag

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Hosted by Cydena · 26 March 2026 · Duration: 2 Hours · Individual Competition

11 Challenges   **1,500 pts**   **3 Difficulty Tiers**

Test your cybersecurity skills across 11 hands-on challenges covering network recon, web exploitation, AI deepfake forensics, OSINT, hash cracking, and SOC threat hunting. Challenges range from beginner-friendly to advanced. Solve flags, climb the leaderboard, and compete for the top spot — all within 2 hours.

25	**250**	**75**
Min points (single flag)	Max points (single flag)	Points lost per hint used

CHALLENGES & SCORING

CHALLENGE	CATEGORY	DIFFICULTY	PTS
Port Scanner	Network Recon	Beginner	25
The Curious Web	Web Recon	Beginner	75
Port Probe Protocols	Service Enum.	Beginner	100
Client Brief: Prof. Practice	Legal / Ethics	Beginner	100
Hash Cracker	Cryptography	Intermediate	100
Deepfakes & Dollars	AI Forensics	Intermediate	150
Injection Junction	Web App Sec	Intermediate	150
Windows: NTLM Hash & Crack	Active Directory	Intermediate	150
OSINT Reconnaissance	Open-Source Intel	Intermediate	200
Advanced Chess Gambit	Logic / Crypto	Advanced	200
SOC In The Loop	Threat Hunting	Advanced	250

RULES

01 Individual competition — no collaboration between participants.

02 Do not attack, disrupt, or interfere with other participants or the platform.

03 Do not share flags or solutions with other competitors during the event.

04 Automated platform scanning is prohibited unless part of a challenge.

05 Tiebreak is decided by time of last flag submission — earlier wins.

06 Event staff decisions are final. Violations result in disqualification.

SCORING & HINTS

→ Points awarded immediately on correct flag submission.

→ Each challenge offers up to 3 hints at 25 pts each. Use sparingly.

→ Flags use the format FLAG{...} unless stated otherwise in the challenge.

→ Incorrect submissions do not deduct points — keep trying.

→ Live leaderboard updates throughout the event.

CHALLENGE CATEGORIES COVERED

Network Recon & Port Scanning   Web Application Recon   Service Enumeration   Input Injection & Bypass   AI Deepfake Forensics

Logic & Cryptographic Puzzles   SOC Analysis & Threat Hunting

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