
POLYU X NUTTYSHELL
CYBERSECURITY
CTF 2026
CYBERSECURITY CAPTURE-THE-FLAG COMPETITION
PolyU x NuttyShell 網絡安全奪旗賽 2026

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
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PolyU x NuttyShell Cybersecurity CTF 2026

Date: 6-8 March 2026

Unlimited teams per secondary school

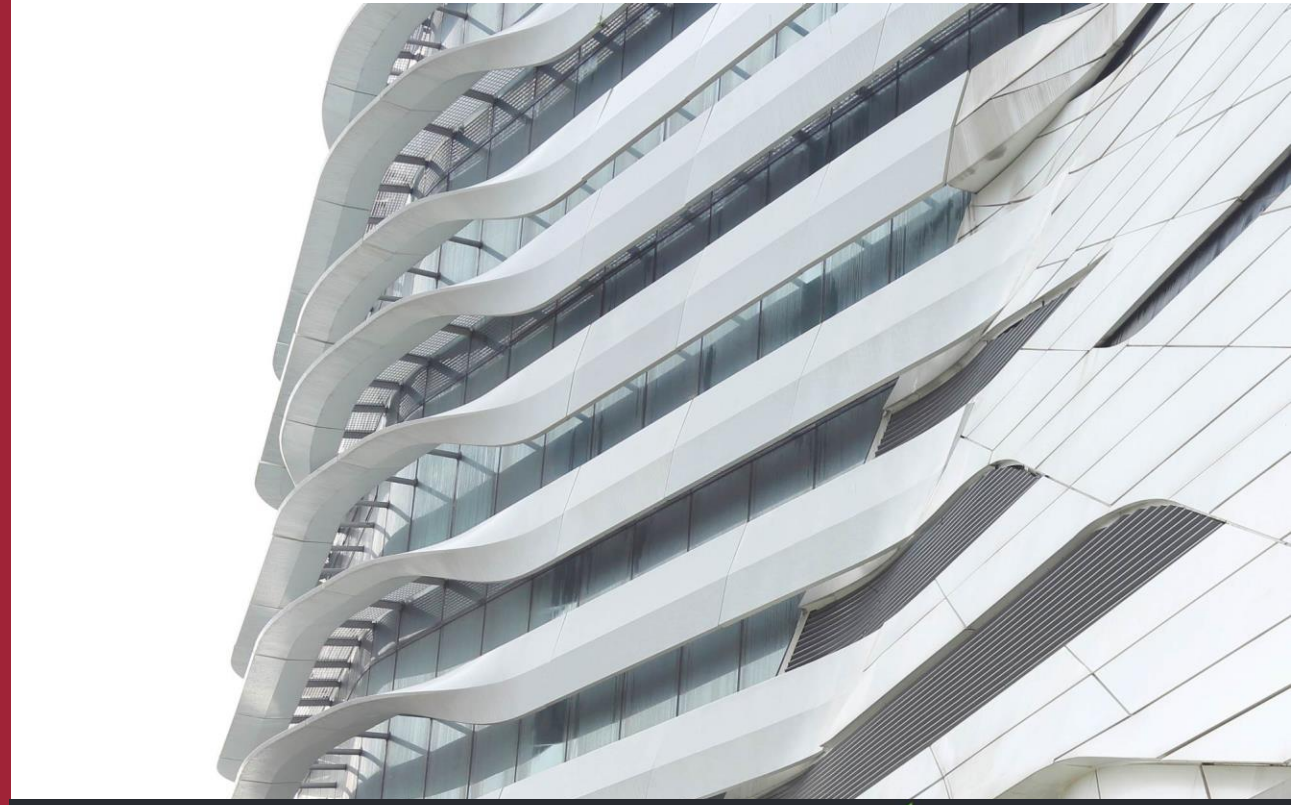
4 Students per team

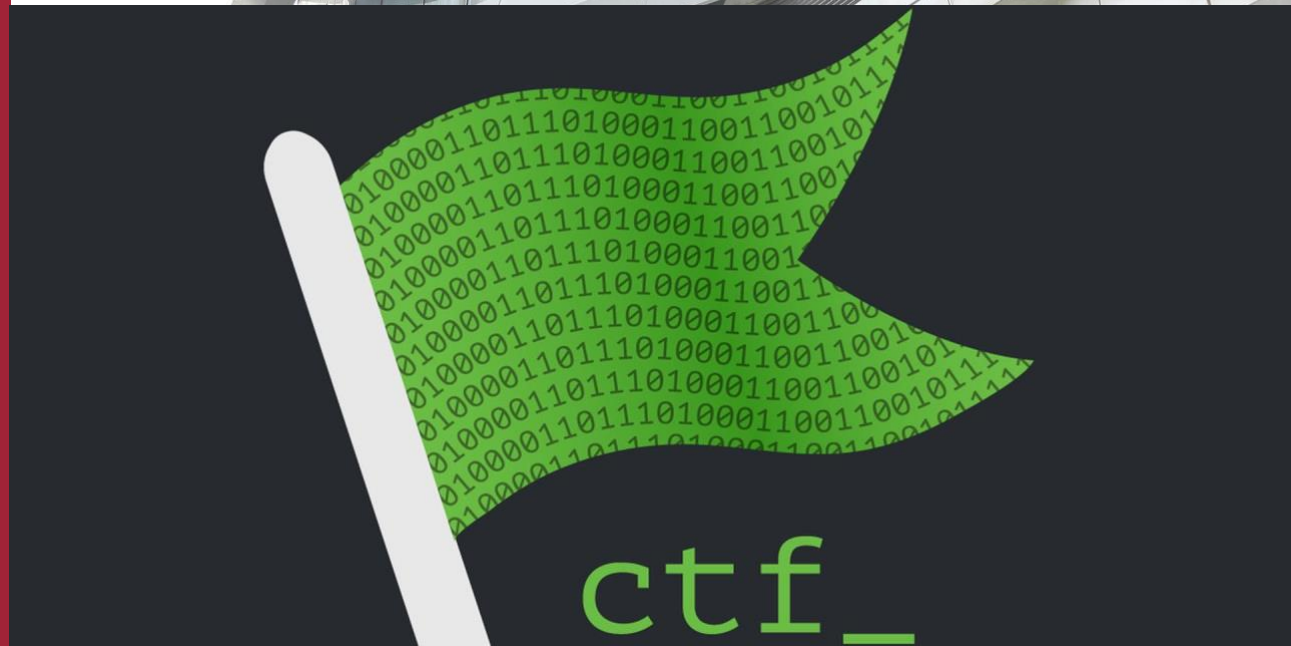


Registration: https://2026.polyuctf.com/ (Till 1-Mar-2026)

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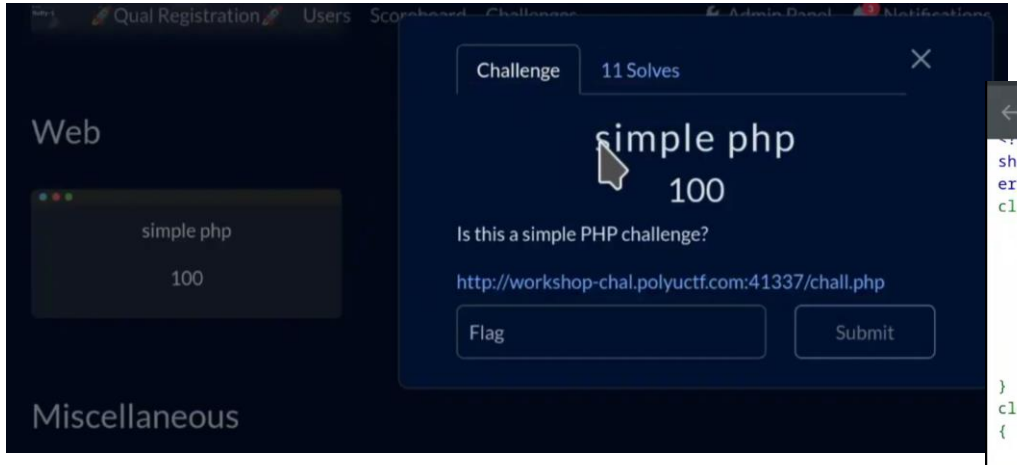
What is Capture the Flag (CTF)?

- “**C**apture **T**he **F**lag”
- In cybersecurity, a CTF is;
  - Fun way to learn hacking skills
  - Gamified competitive cybersecurity event
  - Multi-aspect (categories)
  - You are given a piece of software (or hardware)
    - Web application
    - Binary / Pwn / Reverse Engineering
    - Cryptographic
    - AI System / Chatbot
    - …
  - Objective: Find all of the hidden flags before other teams
  - “Flags”: Typically is a string of code hidden in a document or application file

Wiki: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capture_the_flag_%28cybersecurity%29

What is Capture the Flag (CTF)?

- “**C**apture **T**he **F**lag”
- Closely related to STEM and TechEd
- PolyU / EEE: Ug Programme: BSc(Hons) in Information Security









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在現今的數碼時代，網絡威脅日益嚴重，令網絡安全成為社會穩定發展不可或缺基石。香港理工大學今年再度與理大電機及電子工程學系CTF團隊NuttyShell和理大新智能系統安全與私隱技術研究中心聯手舉辦「PolyU x NuttyShell CTF Competition 2025」，賽事更獲得政府數字政策辦公室及Check Point、OpenText和Keysight等業界領先企業支持，旨在搭建學術界和業界的橋樑，並為香港培育具備實戰能力的網絡安全新生代。

攝影：陳葦慈

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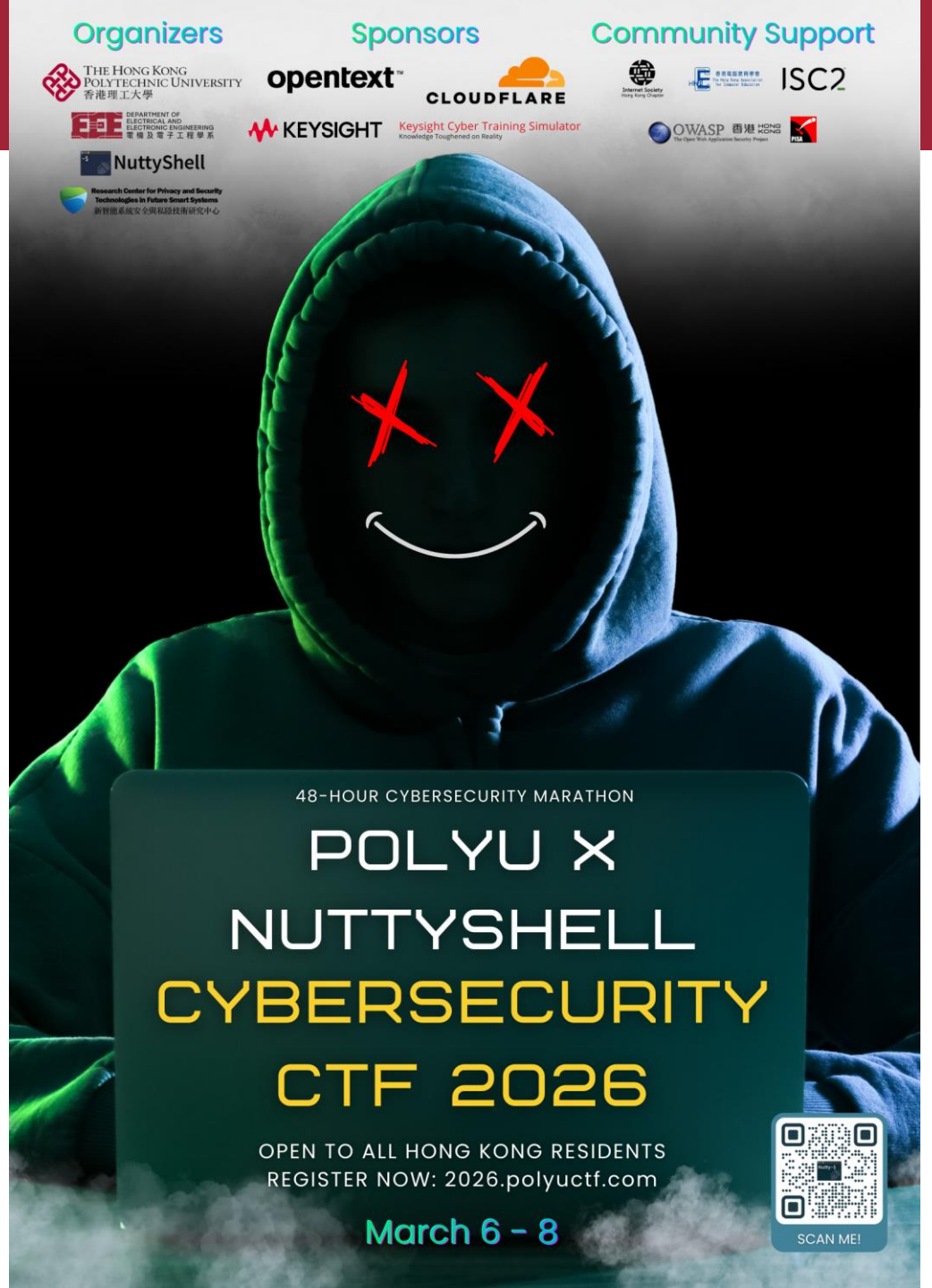
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- Type: Online Jeopardy-style CTF Competition
- Prize Pool: >HKD$120,000
- Application Deadline: 1 March 2026, 23:59 HKT
- *Advantageous admission conditions may apply*
- Prize Ceremony: Tentatively in May, 2026

Category	Eligibility
Secondary School	All **full-time** secondary school (or equivalent qualification) students in **Hong Kong**
Higher Education	**Full-time students** currently enrolled in a **Higher Diploma** or **Associate Degree** programme in Hong Kong who are 28 years old or younger during the competition period
Tertiary Institution	**Full-time students** currently enrolled in a **Bachelor's Degree** programme in Hong Kong who are 28 years old or younger during the competition period
Open Team	All members are Hong Kong residents (Holding a valid Hong Kong Identity Card within the meaning of the Registration of Persons Ordinance - Cap. 177)

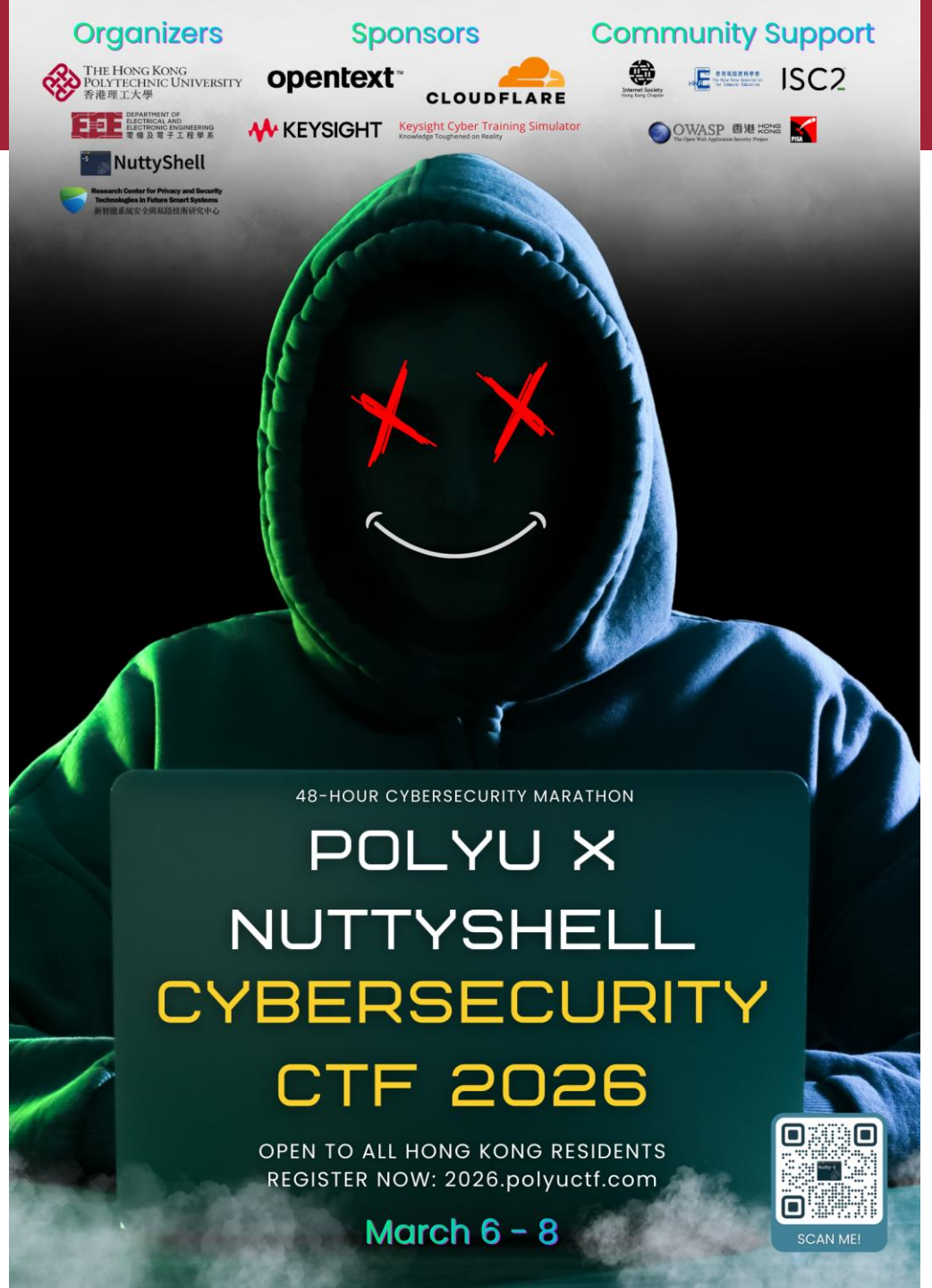


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Challenge Types

- Artificial Intelligence (LLM)
- Cryptography
- Reverse Engineering
- Miscellaneous
- Binary Exploitation (PWN)
- Forensics
- Web Exploitation
- and more...



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