

Notes on the Final Exam

On 11 May, 2026

Agenda

- Schedule
- Pre-exam : Preparation notes
- During exam: Challenge notes
- Cheating prevention

Schedule

- Suggested arrival time:
 - 8h30 to 9h00 : Exam preparation (details in next slide)
 - Arrive as early as possible within that time slot.
- Exam starts: 9h30
- Exam period: 90 mins
 - 48 MCQs (Multiple Choice Questions): Open from 0 (min) ~ 50 (min)
 - 10 Practical Labs: Open from 40 (mins) ~ 90 (mins)
- Turning-in your works:
 - You can finish after 1hours (at ~ 10h30)
 - You should confirm with ME before leaving. *Return your Information ticket to ME.* After leaving, you are no longer able to log in.

Preparation

- Identity verification:
 - YOU should bring your student card/identity card.
- Setling down:
 - Find your seat according to Information tickets placed at each seat.
 - Keep the ticket at your seat during exam time. I will use it to know who you are and to give YOU the correct password
- Configure your laptop
 - Power and network
 - You should set DNS server to a given dummy IP and change your hosts file (details will be in your information ticket). This will effectively prevent you to access the Internet but still allow you to access the CTFd site.

Preparation: Configure your laptop

- Configure your laptop (cont.)
 - You should check that you can ONLY access my CTFd site.
 - Just being able to load the Internet sites considered CHEATING.
 - URL, and your credential of the CTFd site will be provided in your information ticket.

During exam

- 48 MCQ challenges: 10 points each
 - only one attempt
 - Available from 0 to 50 minutes
- Lab challenges : 50 points each
 - Hints to solve. Hints cost you points (10 points typically)
 - You need container to solve. Just start it. At most 1 running container at a time.
 - You can stop a container 1 minute after starting it.
 - Container may have up to 2 links to access (Web and/or Shell)
 - Available from 40 to 90 minutes
- You can see your points in "Profile" menu.

Cheating Prevention

- No INTERNET: Just being able to access some internet website considering ***cheating***
- DO NOT sent your account/password/url to someone else.
 - I can check who are online and how many log-in sessions are there for a particular account. I will show online sessions in realtime
 - A student with 2 or more online sessions = ***cheating***
 - A student that does not login but having an active session = ***cheating***
- ***cheating*** = (disqualified right away from the exam)
- See you at Thursday morning (11-May)