



## Press Advisory

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### **2010 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge Partners with the Cyber Security Challenge UK**

**LINTHICUM, Md.** — The Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center's (DC3) Digital Forensics Challenge has partnered with the Cyber Security Challenge UK for the 2010 Digital Forensics Challenge. As one of the original three U.S. Cyber Challenges and now the Cyber Security Challenge UK, the DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge is an annual call to the digital forensics community to pioneer new investigative tools, techniques, and methodologies.

The 2010 DC3 Challenge encourages innovation from a broad range of individuals, teams, and institutions to provide technical solutions for computer forensic examiners in the lab as well as in the field. Approximately 20 different unique, single based challenges ranging from basic forensics to advanced tool development are being provided to all participants for the challenge.

In sponsorship with DC3, the Cyber Security Challenge UK will be offering two prizes for top UK team participating in 2010 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge:

- Two weeks at the new UK Cyber Security Academy, which develops the skills required of next-generation cyber security specialists, including courses on digital forensics, threat and risk management, cyber-crime and emerging security technologies.
- Invitations to take part in the Cyber Security Challenge UK's masterclass challenge to compete against other successful contestants from other UK Challenge competitions

These prizes will be open to all UK citizens residing in the UK as participants of the 2010 DC3 Challenge. To qualify, UK teams in the DC3 Challenge must also register at the UK Challenge website at <http://CyberSecurityChallenge.org.uk> to meet eligibility requirements.

The 2010 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge now has over 675 teams comprised of both domestic and international team members. The participating teams include 450+ domestic teams, 200+ international players and 30+ teams with mixed U.S. and non-U.S. citizenships. A total of 45 non-U.S. countries have representation as well as 47 U.S. states.

“I’m proud to partner with the Cyber Challenge UK. We are all dealing with the same issues and trusted partnerships are essential to success”, said Special Agent (Retired) Jim Christy, Director of Futures Exploration at DC3.

**About Cyber Security Challenge UK (<http://CyberSecurityChallenge.org.uk>):**

Cyber Security Challenge UK is a program of national challenges, designed by experts, to identify and nurture the UK’s future cyber security workforce. Established by a management consortium of key figures in cyber security, it will test the nation’s cyber skills, excite and inspire entrants to develop their talents, and clarify and enable pathways to the increasingly challenging and diverse range of cyber security jobs.

**About DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge (<http://www.dc3.mil/challenge>):**

The DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge’s purpose is to promote and generate interest in digital forensics; establish relationships within the digital forensics community; address the major obstacles and dilemmas confronting digital forensics investigators and examiners; and develop new tools, techniques, and methodologies. It is hosted by the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center with sponsorships and partnerships from the Digital Forensics community.

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