



## Press Advisory

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### **2010 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge Partners with EC-Council**

**LINTHICUM, Md.** — The Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center's (DC3) Digital Forensics Challenge has partnered with EC-Council for the 2010 Digital Forensics Challenge. As part of one of three U.S. Cyber Challenges, 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 challenges ranging from basic forensics to advanced tool development are being provided to all participants for the challenge. The challenges for 2010 are single based challenges and are designed to be unique and separate from one another. This format is different than the whole forensic process scenario, with incorporated challenges, provided for the 2009 DC3 Challenge.

As part of the EC-Council and DC3 partnership, the 2010 DC3 Challenge has expanded the prize award opportunities internationally to Civilian and Commercial teams and for U.S. citizens only to Government and Military teams. Winning teams of each of these categories will receive from EC-Council a plaque, passes to the Hacker Halted Conference, and free EC-Council electronic courseware of choice to select courses.

The 2010 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge now has over 500 teams comprised of both domestic and international team members. The participating teams include 360+ domestic teams, 160+ international players and 30+ teams with mixed U.S. and non-U.S. citizenships. A total of 38 non-U.S. countries have representation as well as 47 U.S. states.

“We're extremely grateful for EC-Council's generous contribution to the DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge. It's partnerships like this that makes our Challenge such a success,” said Special Agent (Retired) Jim Christy, Director of Future Exploration at DC3.

**About EC-Council (<http://www.eccouncil.org>):**

The International Council of Electronic Commerce Consultants (EC-Council) is a world leader in Information Security Certification and Training. With over 450 training locations for its information security courses in over 60 countries, it is a world leader in technical training and certification for the Information Security community. It is a trusted source for vendor neutral Information Security training solutions.

**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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