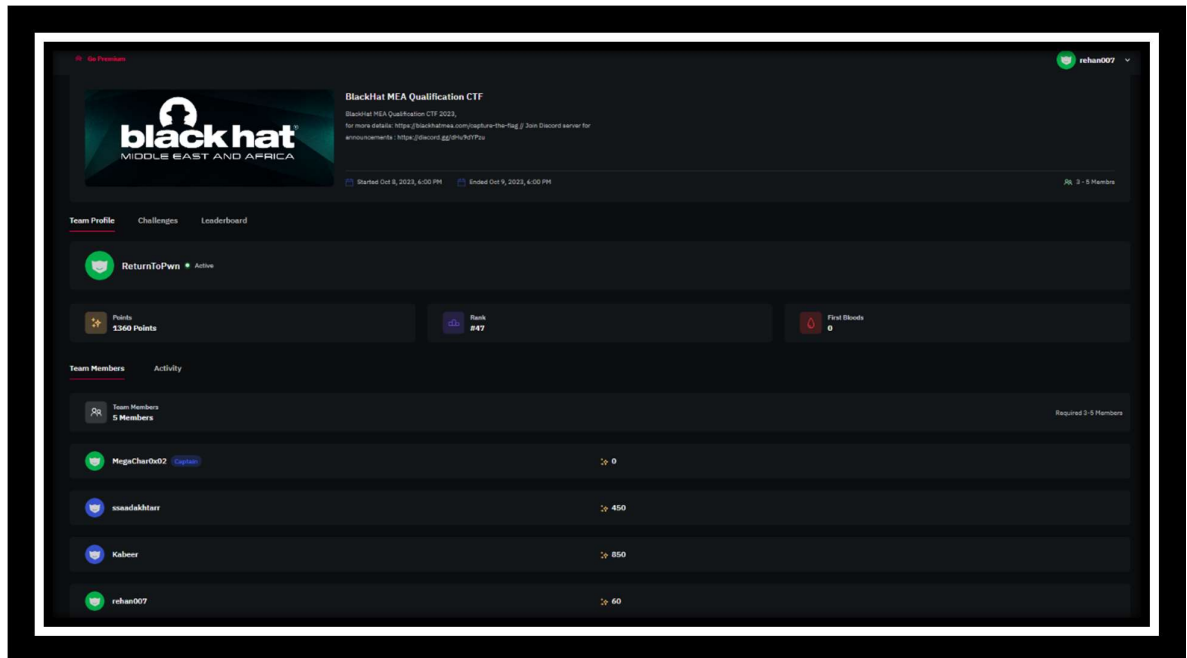


NED Software team Emerges in TOP 50 worldwide at BlackHat MEA Capture the Flag Competition, *Showcasing Exceptional Skills and Innovation*

A lhamdulillah! We are elated to announce the remarkable success of team **returntoPwn** in the highly anticipated Capture the Flag (CTF) event at **BlackHat MEA CTF'23**, an esteemed competition organized by **الدرونز والبرمجة السيبراني للأمن السعودي الاتحاد | SAFCSF** in collaboration with **Offensive Security** and **Mandiant (Google)**. The event, held Online, brought together some of the brightest minds hackers/ cybersecurity researchers worldwide.

With unwavering determination and a relentless pursuit of excellence, team returntoPwn stood among top 50 teams out of 2500 teams worldwide. Their journey was marked by pushing the boundaries of what was thought possible and working alongside exceptionally talented individuals.

The intense CTF challenges tested the participants' technical expertise, problem-solving abilities, and teamwork. Despite the fierce competition, team returntoPwn rose above the rest, securing their 47th place (internationally) & 4th position (in Pakistan) in leaderboard. Their extraordinary performance serves as a testament to their dedication, passion, and tireless efforts.



1. Team Summary

We extend our deepest gratitude to the organizers, **الدرونز والبرمجة السيبراني للأمن السعودي الاتحاد | SAFCSF**, for creating an environment that nurtures talent, encourages innovation, and fosters growth in the cybersecurity domain.

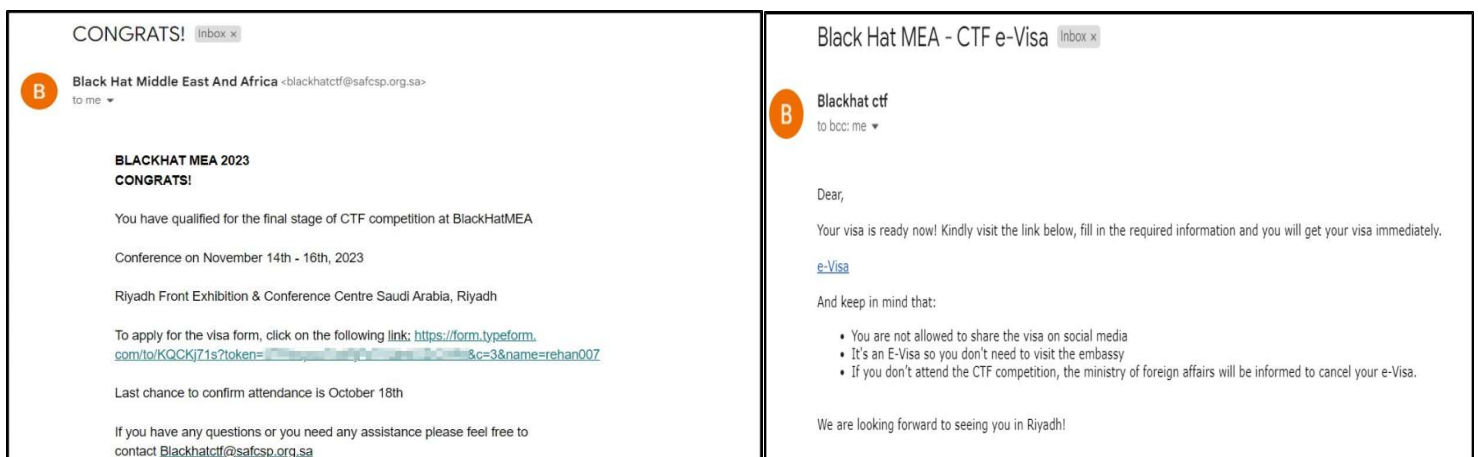
Within team returntoPwn, special recognition to our team members **Rehan Mumtaz, Kabeer Ahmed & Saad Akhtar** for their outstanding contributions. Their hard work, technical expertise, and unwavering commitment played a pivotal role in securing the team's victory. Their dedication and relentless pursuit of knowledge have set a new benchmark for cybersecurity enthusiasts.

The triumph of team returntoPwn in the BlackHat MEA CTF'23 competition highlights their exceptional skills and their ability to thrive in high-pressure situations. Their victory serves as an inspiration to aspiring cybersecurity professionals and demonstrates the incredible potential within our community.



Software Nedians from team returntoPwn (team Picture)

Now, InshaAllah our team will be competing in the final round at Riyadh, KSA among top 250 teams. Government of Saudi Arabia granted us with the VISA for the final round.



We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the teams who participated in the event, showcasing their talent and passion for cybersecurity. The spirit of healthy competition and collaboration was truly remarkable.

#hackingevent #winner #ctf #Innovation #Teamwork #BlackHat MEA CTF23

| Rank | Team Name | Score | Flags | Points |
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| 43 | Deylol | 1390 | 9 | 0 |
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| 45 | Potato | 1390 | 9 | 0 |
| 46 | Sudoers | 1360 | 10 | 0 |
| 47 | ReturnToPwn | 1360 | 10 | 0 |
| 48 | Lexicans | 1300 | 9 | 0 |
| 49 | ITSEC ASIA | 1300 | 9 | 0 |
| 50 | Specters | 1260 | 10 | 0 |

Leaderboard