

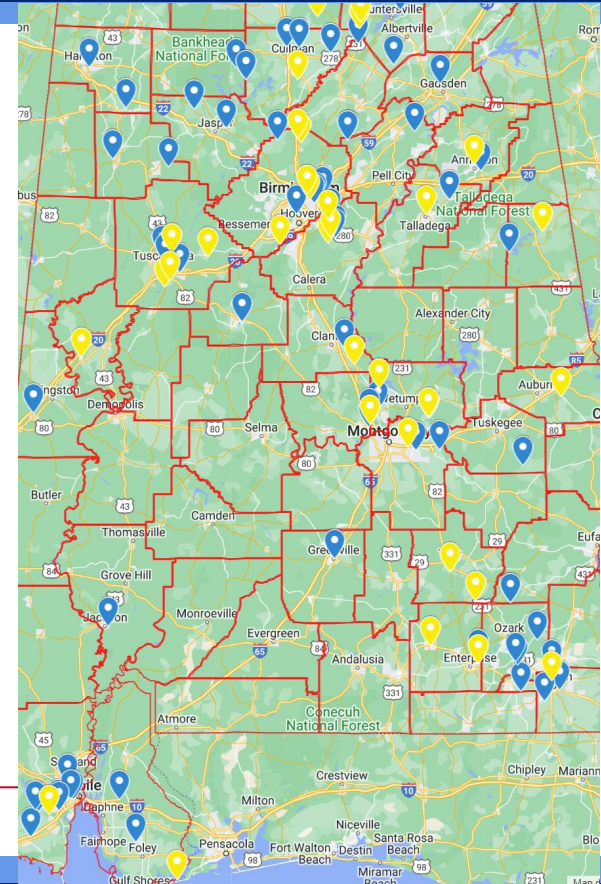
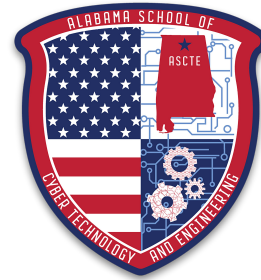
Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering

**Advancing Cyber and Engineering Education
to Bridge the Workforce Gap**



About ASCTE

- Public, state-wide magnet school
- Serves students throughout Alabama
- Free tuition & housing
- Enrollment is application based
- Average class size 15-25
- Earn certifications while attending ASCTE
- Internships and co-op opportunities
- Instruction from subject matter experts
- Instruction focus based on embedding cyber protections into the engineering life cycle.







Why Create ASCTE?

To create a growing pipeline of high school graduates capable of advanced placement in postsecondary education and a highly technical workforce pool that is prepared in theory and practice for immediate employment in industry or government.

"ASCTE is the only high school in the country teaching students how to integrate cyber into the engineering field. We are continuing to invest in the school."

Governor, Kay Ivey
April 14, 2022



**6,000+ Alabama
cyber job openings**



**504,316 U.S.
cyber job openings**



**3.5 mil Global
cyber job openings**

CYBERSECURITY SUPPLY/DEMAND HEAT MAP

- All
- Public sector data...
- Private Sector...
- Total job openings

Reset

Cybersecurity talent gaps exist across the country. Closing these gaps requires detailed knowledge of the cybersecurity workforce in your region. This interactive heat map provides a granular snapshot of demand and supply data for cybersecurity jobs at the state and metro area levels, and can be used to grasp the challenges and opportunities facing your local cybersecurity workforce.

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Current date 2024

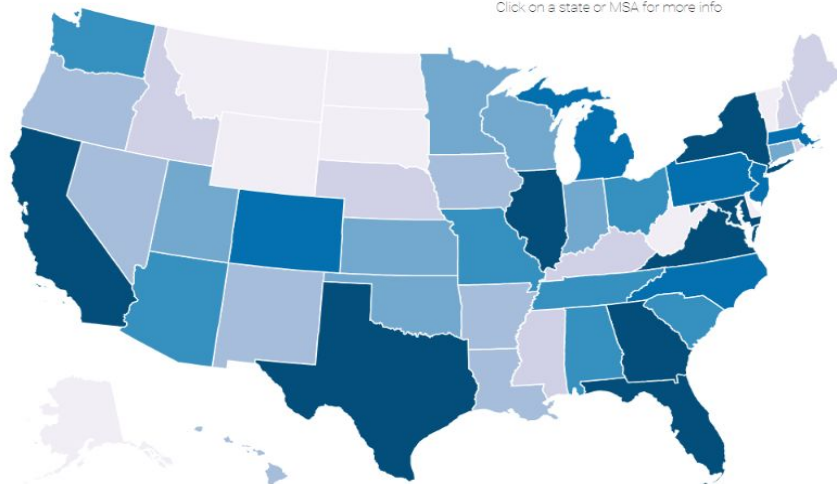
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Metro Areas

Search State



Click on a state or MSA for more info



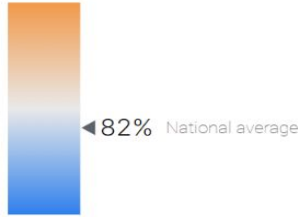
TOTAL JOB OPENINGS

- 626 - 1,567
- 1,568 - 3,383
- 3,384 - 4,166
- 4,167 - 5,018
- 5,019 - 10,731
- 10,732 - 14,510
- 14,511 - 50,022

National Level

SUPPLY/DEMAND RATIO ⓘ

NATIONAL, 2024



TOTAL CYBERSECURITY JOB OPENINGS ⓘ

NATIONAL, 2024

448,033



TOTAL EMPLOYED CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE ⓘ

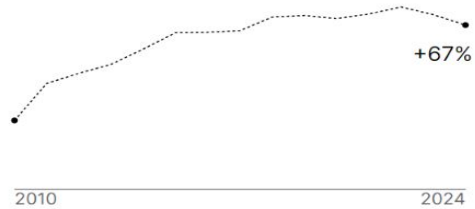
NATIONAL, 2024

1,098,481



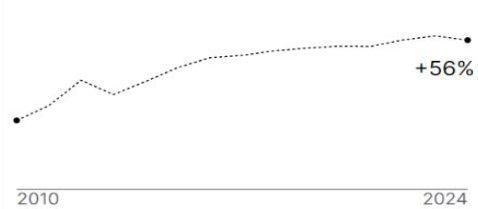
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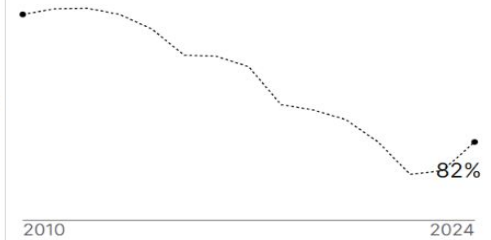
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HISTORICAL SUPPLY/DEMAND FOR CYBERSECURITY [BETA] ⓘ

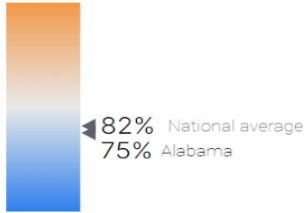
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Alabama

SUPPLY/DEMAND RATIO ⓘ

ALABAMA, 2024



TOTAL CYBERSECURITY JOB OPENINGS ⓘ

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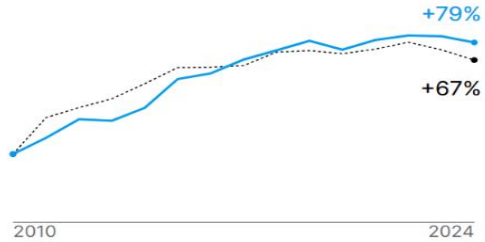
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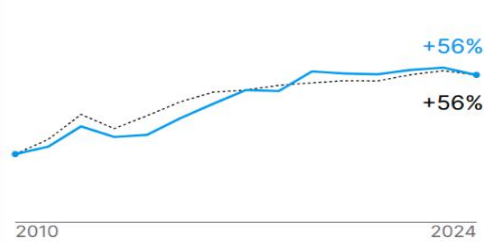
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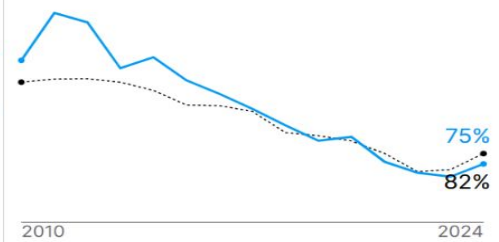
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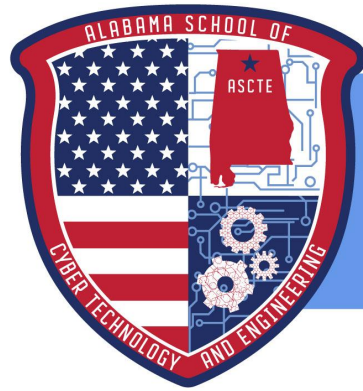


Our Mission

To ensure that **all students** achieve high levels of learning to be successful in implementing cyber protections into the engineering lifecycle.

Our Vision

ASCTE envisions **a team with common goals and mutual accountability** for student achievement that will become a national model in collaboration with governmental agencies, industry, and higher education specializing in cyber & engineering.



A S C T E
F O U N D A T I O N

MISSION

Foster and facilitate a healthy ecosystem between federal/ state/ local/ academia/ industry for the longevity/sustainability of the Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering (ASCTE) to empower the next generation's cyber, technology, and engineering workforce.

VISION

Be a well-structured, trusted non-profit organization that raises awareness, advocacy and funds to create equitable opportunities for education that enable the cyber technology and engineering workforce.

ASCTE Board of Trustees

Appointed by Legislation		Appointed by Governor	
Alabama Senate	ASCTE Foundation	Congressional District 1	Congressional District 2
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Alabama Dept of Education			



Stakeholders

City, State, & Federal Agencies

- City of Huntsville donated 26 acres in Cummings Research Park (\$1.8M)
- Governor Kay Ivey signed legislation creating independent boarding school.
- FY23 budget appropriation approximately \$10M
- Endorsed by Senator Shelby: "Alabama is the cyber hub and Huntsville is the cyber city."
- Partnership with NSA, FBI, US ARMY Support through SMDC, DEVCOM, AvMC, S3I, US ARMY Cyber Command

Academia

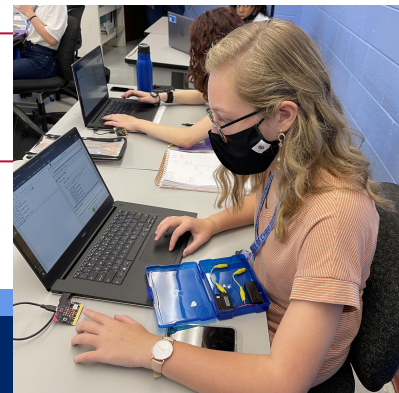
- Six university presidents serve on Board of Trustees plus additional partners: University of Alabama, Auburn University, University of Alabama Huntsville, Alabama A&M, Tuskegee University, University of South Alabama, Drake State, Calhoun CC, MIT, Mississippi State University.

Industry

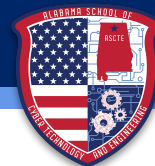
- Partner with industry sectors including Health, IT, Cyber, Finance, Engineering, & Utilities.

Non-Profits

- HEALS, AMIIC, Housing Authorities, Boys and Girls Clubs, Scouts, Girls Inc, AIDB



Snapshot of Growth



Aug 2020

Year 1
72 Students
32 Residential
Oakwood Univ

Aug 2021

Year 2
150 Students
60 Residential

Aug 2022

Year 3
256 Students
112 Residents
229 Wynn

Aug 2023

Year 4
330 Students
120 Residents

Aug 2024

Year 5
360 Students
135 Residents

Aug 2025

Year 6
360 Students
135 Residents

Aug 2020
229 Wynn
Ground
Breaking

Aug 2022
Opening of
Permanent Site

Jan 2024
Ground Breaking
Sentinel Center

2023-24 School Demographics

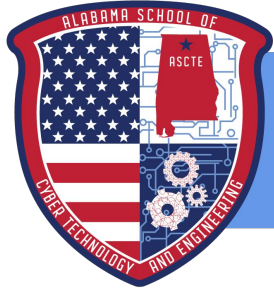
34% Female 35% Minority 23% Black

2023-24 Soph-Seniors

24% Female 35% Minority 22% Black

2023-24 Freshmen

41% Female 41% Minority 25% Black



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Partners In Education

TITAN

Raytheon

PATRIOT

Redstone FCU

GUARDIAN

SAIC

LEGACY

City Land Donation

Leidos

Northrop Grumman

GATEKEEPER

Colsa

Radiance

Alabama Power

DEFENDER

Aetos

CACI

Davidson

Deloitte

Intuitive

Lockheed Martin

META

Monte Sano Research

Sentar

Torch Technologies

Trideum

PROTECTOR

APT Research

AT&T

Blue Cross Blue Shield

DESE

Huntsville Utilities

PPG

Regions

TCU

Yulista

GROUNDBREAKER

Adtran

Aerojet Rocketdyne

Chugach

Cyber Huntsville

DCS Corp

The Sullivan Family

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Calhoun College

DevCom

Drake State College

NSA

Succeed (UAH & SMDC)

Goal: \$36,000,000

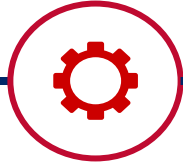
Currently Raised: >\$16M

Benefits for Partners



Pipeline

Direct access to ASCTE students as future workforce



Recognition

National recognition supporting the development of innovative educational program.



Outreach

Community outreach including traditionally underserved and underrepresented communities in Alabama.

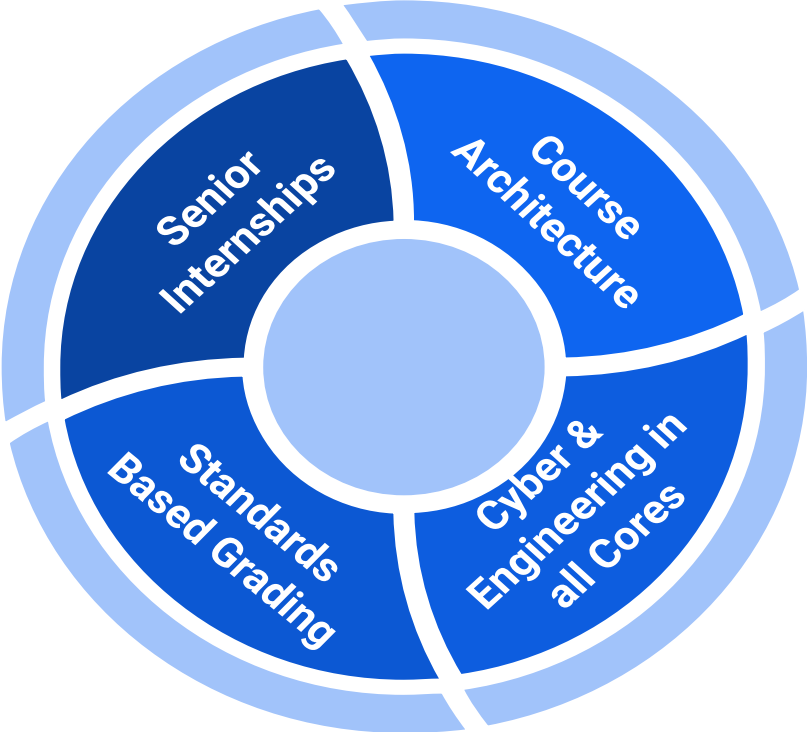
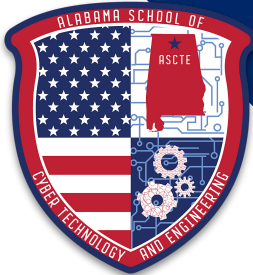


Development

Positions partners well with clients in the community



The Sentinel Experience



All Students Participate in a Club/Sport/Activity

AHSAA Sports

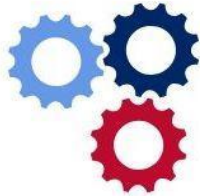
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Swim
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Soccer

Clubs

- Archery
- Drama
- Scholars Bowl
- Drone Racing
- E-Sports
- CyberPatriot
- Radio
- News Crew
- Walking
- Sentinel Service
- Stress Management
- Ambassadors
- Band
- Beta
- National Honor Society
- SGA
- Board Games
- Literary Club
- Shop Club
- Robotics

Activities

- Halloween Party
- Winter Formal
- Hiking
- Board Gaming
- Community Outreach
- Six Flags Trip
- Spring Dance
- Residential Life Activities
- Senior Trip
- Trash Pandas



Course Architecture

Electives

Diverse electives giving students choice

Internship

Three & four year plan ensures senior internship opportunity

Grading

Standard based grading ensures students demonstrates essential skills/knowledge.

Embedded Cyber/Eng

Courses linked to national/industry standards while embedding cyber & engineering



Learning-Based Grading



Grade	Grade Points	Grading Descriptions
Mastery M	4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student successfully performs identified skill without assistance. • Student demonstrates a firm understanding of the topic, and at times; exceeds proficiency. • Student demonstrates knowledge while working in collaboration or assisting peers. • Student has complete proficiency in the learning target/skill.
Proficient P	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student requires minimal guidance to perform this skill successfully. • Student meets the expectation of understanding the target and can coherently discuss almost all of the terminology and concepts. • Student meets the expectations of basic proficiency in the learning target/skill but could still use more development in applying and enhancing the knowledge or skill.
Emerging E	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student requires some guidance to perform this skill successfully. • Student demonstrates limited understanding of the target and can moderately discuss some of the terminology and concepts. • Student demonstrates limited understanding and needs additional development to obtain proficiency in this learning target/skill
Beginning B	1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student requires steady assistance to perform this skill successfully. • Student demonstrates a limited understanding of the target and labors discussing the terminology and concepts. • Student does not demonstrate proficiency in this learning target/skill.
Insufficient Evidence I	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very rare case. • Extreme work completion issues. • Not enough assessment evidence to indicate this student's proficiency.

Work Ethic Grading



Work Ethic Rubric

Work ethic scores represent student actions and inactions demonstrated in the learning process.

Score	Explanation
3	<p>The student consistently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completes and submits work on time • demonstrates determination in overcoming obstacles • uses communication tools in a timely and consistent manner • demonstrates leadership abilities and successfully works independently and with peers
2	<p>The student mostly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completes and submits work on time • demonstrates determination in overcoming obstacles • uses communication tools in a timely and consistent manner • demonstrates leadership abilities and successfully works independently and with peers
1	<p>The student occasionally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completes and submits work on time • demonstrates determination in overcoming obstacles • uses communication tools in a timely and consistent manner • demonstrates leadership abilities and successfully works independently and with peers

The following are general examples as to how a teacher may assign a score. Teacher discretion will be applied and teachers will communicate specific expectations to their students.

Examples of how to score a 3	Examples of how to score a 2	Examples of how to score a 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student leads the engagement in the classroom - Student is rarely driven to distraction by electronics (phone/AirPods/computer games, etc.) - Assignments are consistently submitted on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students is engaged in the classroom - Student is occasionally driven to distraction by electronics (phone/AirPods/computer games, etc.) - Assignments are mostly submitted on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student is rarely engaged in the classroom and has to frequently be redirected - Student is repeatedly driven to distraction by electronics (phone/AirPods/computer games, etc.) - Assignments are rarely submitted on time

Attitude Grading



Attitude Rubric

Attitude scores represent student demeanor demonstrated in the learning process.

Score	Explanation
3	<p>The student consistently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respectfully communicates thoughts, ideas, and actions Supports diversity through applying awareness of cultural differences to support positive interactions with others Upholds an attitude of willingness in all aspects of the classroom
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Examples of how to score a 3	Examples of how to score a 2	Examples of how to score a 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student always uses comments and body language that illustrate an attitude of respect and encouragement even with those of differing views Student rarely disrupts/interrupts classroom instruction Student rarely whines, complains or uses inappropriate body language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student mostly uses comments and body language that illustrate an attitude of respect and consideration even with those of differing views On occasion, student disrupts/interrupts classroom instruction Student occasionally whines, complains or uses inappropriate body language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student rarely uses comments and body language that illustrate an attitude of respect and consideration especially with those of differing views Student repeatedly disrupts/interrupts classroom instruction Student frequently whines, complains or uses inappropriate body language

Freshmen Vs Sophomore

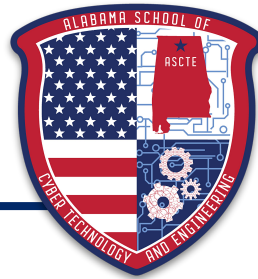
Incoming Freshmen Four Year Plan													
FRESHMAN YEAR			SOPHOMORE YEAR			JUNIOR YEAR			SENIOR YEAR				
	Fall Term Aug - Oct	Winter Term Nov - Feb	Spring Term Mar - May	Fall Term Aug - Oct	Winter Term Nov - Feb	Spring Term Mar - May	Fall Term Aug - Oct	Winter Term Nov - Feb	Spring Term Mar - May	Fall Term Aug - Oct	Winter Term Nov - Feb	Spring Term Mar - May	
Core	Math	*MA 101- Mathematics for Engineers		MA 201- Pre-Calculus		MA 301 Advanced Math Trigonometry		MA 401- AP Calculus			Internship 501	Internship 502	Internship 503
	Science	SCI 101- Physics		SCI 201- Chemistry		SCI 301- Biotechnology		SCI 401-AP Physics with Calculus - Mechanics					
	Social Science	SS 101- History of Engineering		SS 201- History of Cryptology		SS 301- Cyber Economics & Government		SS 401- Evolution of Social Engineering					
	Language	LANG 101- Foundations of English		LANG 201- Technical & Analytical Writing		LANG 301- AP Language & Composition		LANG 401- Seminar					
	Cyber	CYB 101- Intro to Cyber & AP CS Principles		CYB 201 - CyberSecurity Foundations		CYB 301 - Offensive Security & Assurance		CYB 401- Special Topics					
	Engineering	ENGR 101- Foundations		ENGR 201- Applications		ENGR 301- Systems		ENGR 401- Special Topics					

Incoming Sophomore Three Year Plan										
SOPHOMORE YEAR				JUNIOR YEAR			SENIOR YEAR			
	Fall Term Aug - Oct	Winter Term Nov - Feb	Spring Term Mar - May	Fall Term Aug - Oct	Winter Term Nov - Feb	Spring Term Mar - May	Fall Term Aug - Oct	Winter Term Nov - Feb	Spring Term Mar - May	
Core	Math	MA 101- Mathematics of Data		MA 201- Pre-Calculus		MA 301 Advanced Math Trig		MA 401- AP Calculus		Internship 501
	Science	SCI 101- Physics		SCI 201- Chemistry		SCI 301- Biotechnology		SCI 401-AP Physics with Calculus		
	Social Science	SS 101- History of Engineering		SS 201- History of Cryptology		SS 301- Cyber Econ & Gov		SS 401- Evolution of Social Engineering		
	Language	LANG 201- Technical & Analytical Writing		LANG 301- AP Language & Comp		LANG 401- Seminar		CAPSTONE		
	Cyber	CYB 101- Intro to Cyber & CS		CYB 201		CYB 301		CYB 401- Specialized		
	Engineering	ENGR 101- Foundations		ENGR 201- Applications		ENGR 301- Systems		ENGR 401- Specialized		

Core Courses & Electives

FRESHMAN			SOPHOMORE			JUNIOR			SENIOR		
Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring
CYB101		CYB201		CYB301		CYB401					
ENGR101		ENGR201		ENGR301		ENGR401					
MA101		MA201		MA301		MA401					
LANG101		LANG201		LANG301		LANG401					
SS101		SS201		SS301		SS401					
SCI101		SCI201		SCI301		SCI401					
										Internship	CAPSTONE

Mon/Tue	Wed/Thr	Mon/Tue	Wed/Thr	Monday - Thursday	
Career Prep: Boseck Crigger	AP Physics C E&M: Krome	Career Prep: Boseck Crigger	AP Environmental Science	Graphic Arts 1: Matthews	AP Starts Oct 16
AP Cal BC: Massey	Math for College: Joly	Drivers Education: Wright	Networking: Yancey	Math Foundations: Joly	AP Comp Sci A: Bohon
AP US History: Reese & Watson		Poetry: Taylor	Maker: Pelle/Elliott	Music Technology: Taylor	AP Biology: Watson
Cyber Special Topic: Robbins	Music Theory: Taylor	Graphic Arts 2: Matthews	ACCESS: Crigger	Maker Space Drones: Elliott	AP Physics 1: Crowder
Networking: Yancy	Maker: Elliott/Pelle/Elliott	Recovery/Reinforcement: (WIN)		Career Prep: Boseck	AP Chemistry: Dalton
Graphic Arts 3: Matthews	Strength/Conditioning: Matthews			Drama: Krause	AP Literature: Bryan
BioChem: Carden/Dalton/Crowder	AP Psychology: Blair			Engineering Elective: Staff	AP Statistics
Early College or ACCESS: Crigger	Early College or ACCESS: Crigger				



Course Descriptions: Cyber 101

Cyber 101: Cybersecurity and Computer Science Fundamentals (520101)

Brief Description

There is a national need for engineers that think about cybersecurity from the very beginning of a product's lifecycle. Cyber 101 is an introduction to cybersecurity and computer science principles that begins to address that critical need. Not only will students develop their own program by the end of the class, but they will also consider cybersecurity every step along the way. Upon completing Cyber 101, students will be able to define the purpose and scope of cybersecurity, understand computer fundamentals, and proficiently write basic scripts.

The course doubles as an opportunity for the students to take the AP Computer Science Principles exam. All students will be expected to attempt the exam at the end of their first school year. Cyber 101 dedicates copious time to teaching the fundamentals of programming needed to pass the APCSP exam and excel in their future coursework at ASCTE.

Essential Learning Targets:

- ELT 1: Explain the fundamental principles of cybersecurity.
- ELT 2: Identify the core components of computing devices.
- ELT 3: Represent values of different data types using variables.
- ELT 4: Use conditional statements and boolean logic to alter the flow of a program.
- ELT 5: Create and manipulate data structures including lists, tuples, and dictionaries.
- ELT 6: Perform iteration on data structures.
- ELT 7: Define and call functions.
- ELT 8: Submit a completed Create Task to AP Classroom.



Course Descriptions: Cyber 201

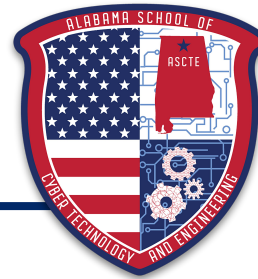
Cyber 201: CyberSecurity Technical Principles (520102)

Brief Description

Cyber 201 will build off foundational technical skills acquired in Cyber 101. This course is a collegiate-level survey of cyber-physical systems designed to provide an overarching understanding of cyber security with respect to engineering life cycles. Throughout the survey process, students will organically be prepared to master the six domains of the CompTIA Security+CE certification. In addition, students will have the exciting opportunity to conduct cryptography, password cracking, enumeration, and social engineering.

Essential Learning Targets:

- ELT 1: Identify the core components of computer hardware and distinguish between the various types of computing devices.
- ELT 2: Install and configure operating systems on physical computers and virtual machines.
- ELT 3: Create and configure a computer network.
- ELT 4: Locate and manipulate files using the Linux terminal.
- ELT 5: Write and successfully execute programs in a Linux environment.
- ELT 6: Use original code and established libraries to encrypt data.
- ELT 7: Create scripts capable of interacting with a computer's operating system.
- ELT 8: Use basic security tools in Linux to assess system vulnerabilities.



Course Descriptions: Cyber 301

Cyber 301: Computer Network Security (520103)

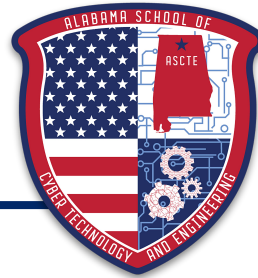
Brief Description

Networking is such an important foundational skill in cybersecurity that it deserves its own class. In Cyber 301, students will be doing a deep dive into networking concepts and network security. By the end of this course, students will be able to configure a secure network and interpret communication between two computers.

Essential Learning Targets:

- ELT 1: Explain data transmission and encapsulation using network communication models.
- ELT 2: Differentiate common network protocols and ports.
- ELT 3: Create and configure a computer network.
- ELT 4: Orient and navigate a computer network.
- ELT 5: Examine strengths and weaknesses of a network and associated protocols.
- ELT 6: Design a secure network architecture by securely configuring network devices.
- ELT 7: Design a secure network architecture using cyber resiliency principles.
- ELT 8: Troubleshoot a failed network connection.

Course Descriptions: Cyber 401



Cyber 402 - Special Topics (520104a)

Brief Description

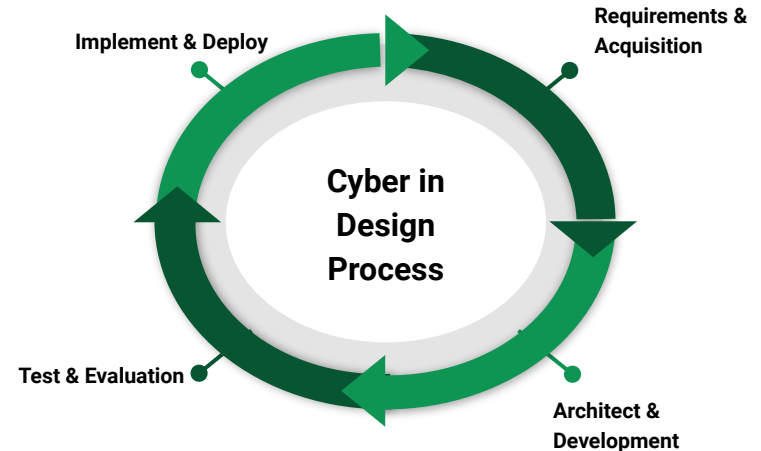
Cyber 402 is the crowning course of the cybersecurity curriculum at ASCTE. In this class, students will be expected to perform the tasks of a cybersecurity analyst. This is an important role at ASCTE because the skills of a cybersecurity analyst enable the implementation of cyber protections throughout the engineering lifecycle. Upon completion of this course, the students will have experience evaluating system vulnerabilities which they can apply in their future academic or industry efforts. This course is only available for students who entered ASCTE as freshmen.

Essential Learning Targets

- ELT 1: Configure a computer network to enable the use of security tools.
- ELT 2: Design a secure network architecture by securely configuring network devices.
- ELT 3: Examine strengths and weaknesses of a wireless network and associated protocols.
- ELT 4: Configure policy according to standards, frameworks, or organizational directives.
- ELT 5: Assess a computer's alignment to security policy.
- ELT 6: Evaluate the security of a system using a vulnerability scanner and report findings.
- ELT 7: Exploit a system using the Metasploit Framework.
- ELT 8: Given a system, perform a risk assessment.
- ELT 9: Apply virtualization technologies to configure a secure network architecture.
- ELT 10: Configure a security information event manager (SIEM) to detect threats.
- ELT 11: Develop and execute an incident response plan.

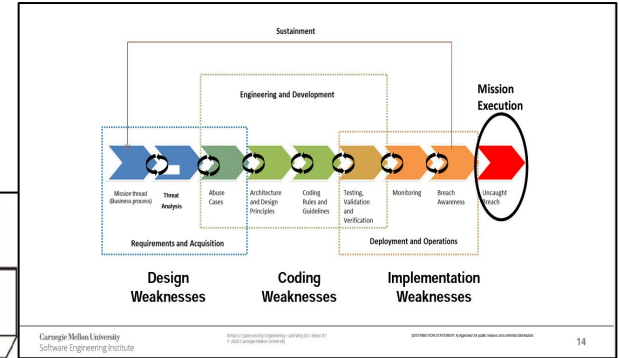
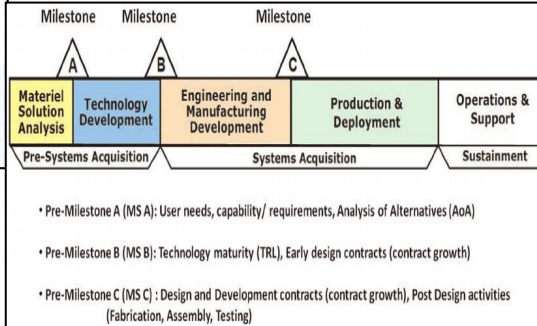
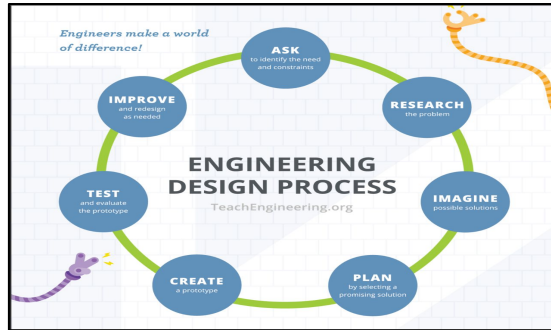
The Integration of Cyber and Engineering

- Going beyond traditional schools of thought:
 - Cyber and Engineering aren't executed in a vacuum
 - Exposure to cyber-physical systems in Space, Critical Infrastructure, and Defense
 - Disciplines are introduced with respect to the design/technology acquisition lifecycle



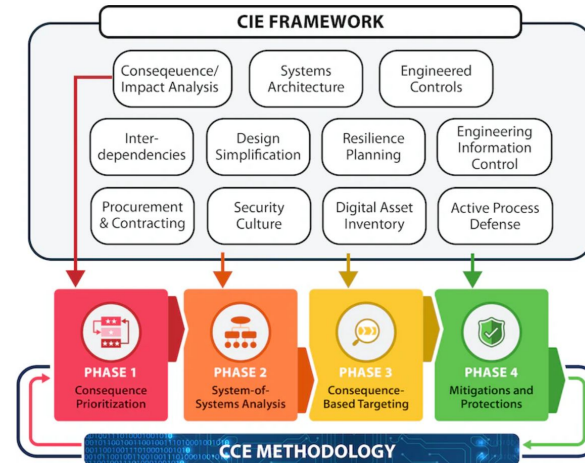
Bridging Models

- Developing technologies and capabilities is an engineering process
- Integrating means shifting security to the ← Left
- Must continually weigh risk against functional requirements



Secure and Resilient Technologies

- Emphasis on “baking in security” and resiliency of design
- Produces well-rounded technical professionals and security practitioners
- Aligns with initiatives and frameworks such as CISA’s “Secure by Design” Campaign and Department of Energy’s “Cyber Informed Engineering” framework



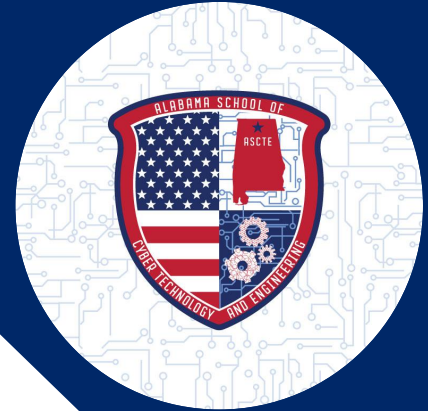
Integration into all Courses

An Integration Project

LANG101 & ENG101

With connections to other 100 level courses

*While reading the **Boy Who Harnessed the Wind** in LANG101, students construct a functional wind turbine in Engineering mirroring the experiences of the book's central character.*



Interdisciplinary Collaboration

DESIGN #1



Trying to figure out laser cut version (1st version).
For this, the shape will have to be 2D design.
Not complete idea.

DESIGN #2

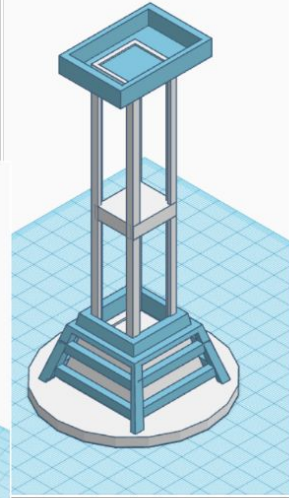
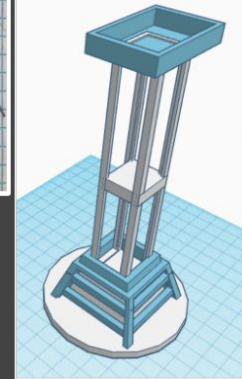
A lot less detailed than first one.
Also no laser cut version for this one. Group already decided on the first one. But this design is nice too.



BRAINSTORMING



ISOMETRIC VIEW
DESIGN #1



ORTHOGONAL VIEW
DESIGN #1

REMINDER: THIS IS NOT THE FINISH DESIGN IDEA. THE TINKERCAD MODEL ALSO ISN'T IN CORRECT DIMENSIONS. THIS IS TO GET IDEA OFF THE PAPER. BEFORE CONVERTING INTO LASERCUT, CHANGES WILL BE MADE

Decided to hollow it out



A Collaborative Project:

Cyber 301 and Biotechnology 301 students conducted DNA genotyping for a variant within the TAS2R38 gene in Biotechnology and utilized the data to populate a machine learning model to predict their bitter taste phenotype in the Cyber 301 course

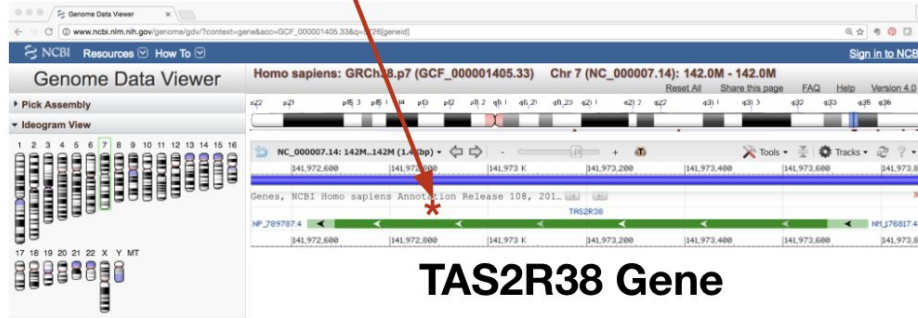
TAS2R38

The question

A DNA change is identified at position
141972905 on chromosome 7.

Does this DNA change lead to increased sensitivity to the taste of bitter foods like Brussels sprouts?

ANSWER: NO - it actually leads to a decreased sensitivity to the taste of bitter foods



Testing

Table 1: Three SNPs in the TAS2R38 gene control the ability to taste PTC. AVI is the non-taster (recessive) variant and PAV is the taster (dominant) variant.

Nucleotide Position (bp)	Nucleotide Change		Codon Change		Amino Acid Change	
	Non-taster	Taster	Non-taster	Taster	Non-taster (AVI)	Taster (PAV)
145	G	C	GCA	CCA	Alanine (A)	Proline (P)
785	T	C	GTT	GCT	Valine (V)	Alanine (A)
886	A	G	ATC	GTC	Isoleucine (I)	Valine (V)

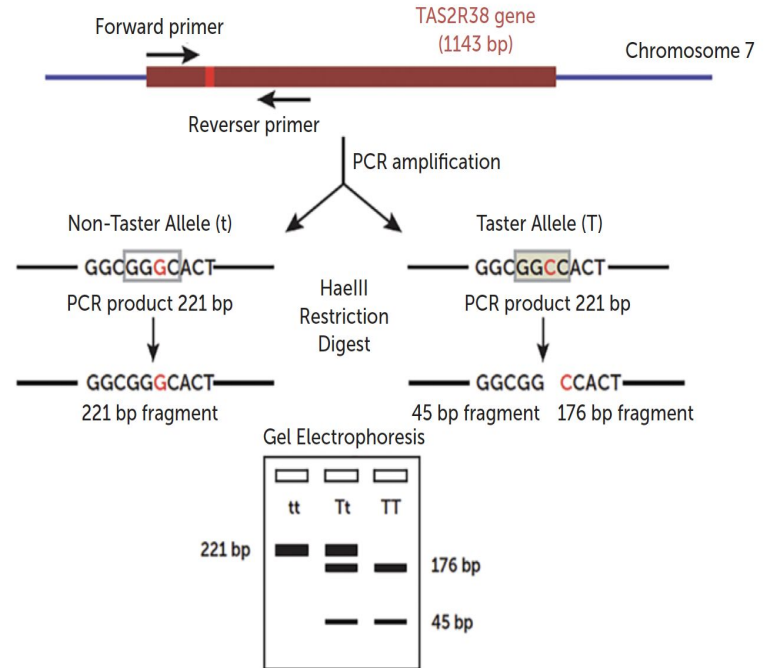


Figure 4. Overview of PTC taster genotyping using PCR, HaellI restriction analysis, and gel electrophoresis.

Python Pandas Library

The file shows how the prediction is achieved via loading in the data and producing a predictive output.

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.metrics import precision_score
from sklearn.metrics import recall_score

### Objective: Predict the phenotype of a person based on genetic input data
### using a K-Nearest Neighbors classifier.

# Read the dataset from the CSV file
seeds = pd.read_csv('TAS2R38_dataset_normalized.csv')

# Split the dataset into data and labels
data = seeds.iloc[:, 0:7]
labels = seeds.iloc[:, 7]

# Split the dataset into training and testing sets - 60% training, 40% testing
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(data, labels, test_size=0.4, random_state=1)

# Create a K-Nearest Neighbors classifier with 30 neighbors
knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=30)

# Train the classifier
knn.fit(x_train, y_train)

# Run the predictions on the test set
y_pred = knn.predict(x_test)

# Calculate the accuracy, precision, and recall
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred, average='micro')
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred, average='micro')

print("Accuracy:", accuracy)
print("Precision:", precision)
print("Recall:", recall)
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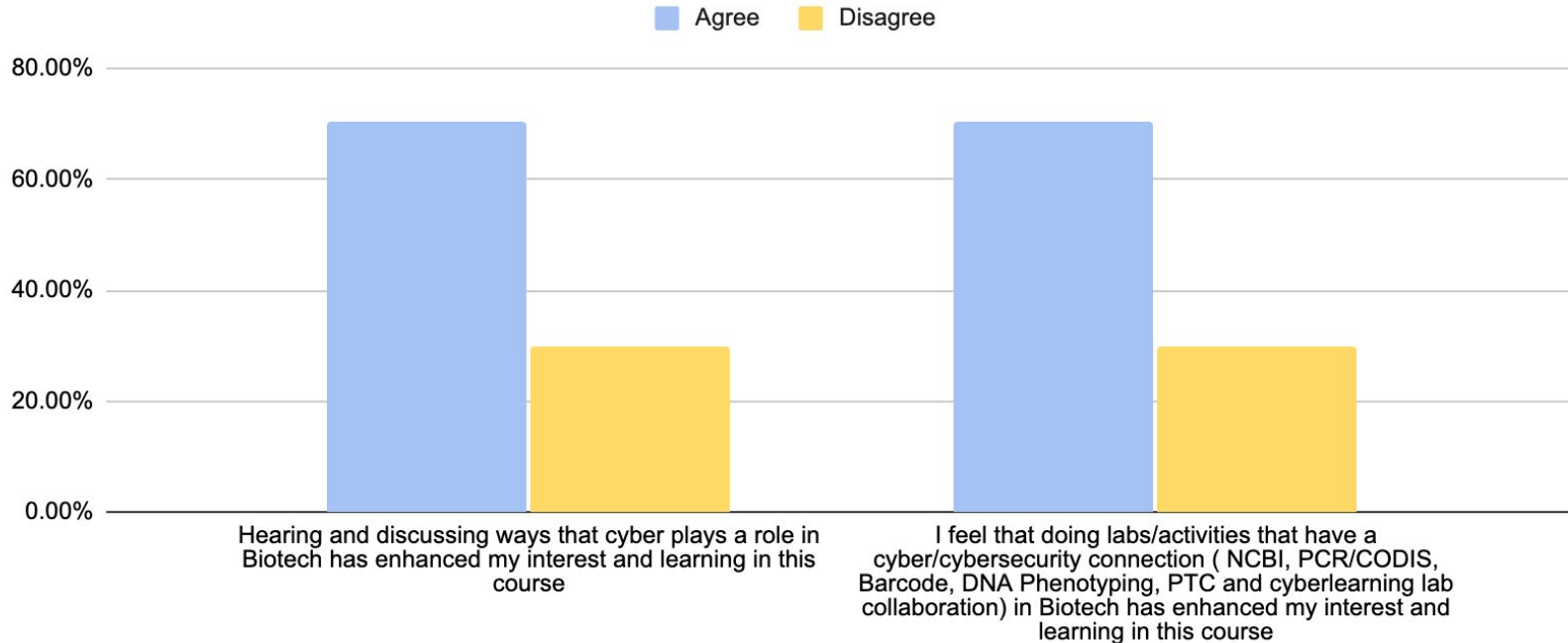
Output

```
● (env) PS C:\Users\DanielRobbins\Repos\TAS2R38> .\k_nearest_neighbor_predict.py  
Accuracy: 0.95  
Precision: 0.95  
Recall: 0.95  
○ (env) PS C:\Users\DanielRobbins\Repos\TAS2R38> █
```

The output of the model running the predictions (displays the accuracy, precision, and recall).

Survey Results

Impact of cyber collaboration on interest and learning in Biotech





Curriculum

What we've learned

- Ensuring Student Success
 - Not all students start in the same place or learn at the same pace
- Instructors need time and PD to imbed and ensure alignment relevant to industry standards
- Internships:
 - Partners want ASCTE students
 - Possible pay via Scholarships
- Offer diverse electives
 - Arts
 - STEM Deep Dives (Robotics, APs, A.I.)



State Legislative Mandates

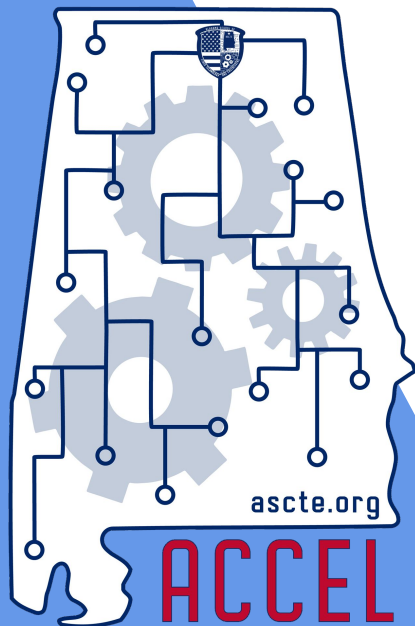
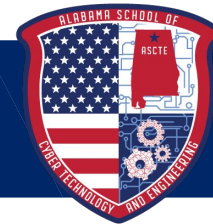
Alabama State Code establishing the Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering Section 16-26D-1 mandates two things:

Mandate #1: Establishment of the independent school.

Mandate #2: Section 16-26D-1

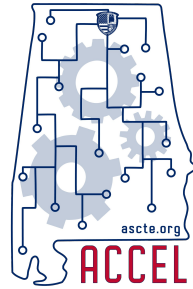
*"It is the intent of the Legislature to establish an independent, residential school for academically motivated and gifted Alabama students with educational opportunities and experiences in the rapidly growing fields of cyber technology and engineering **and to assist teachers, administrators, and superintendents across the state in replicating cyber technology and engineering studies in their own schools.**" (Act 2018-480, §1.)*

What is ACCEL?



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• Services

- Outreach & Engagement
- Curriculum, Modules, and Challenges
- Observation, Training, and Professional Development

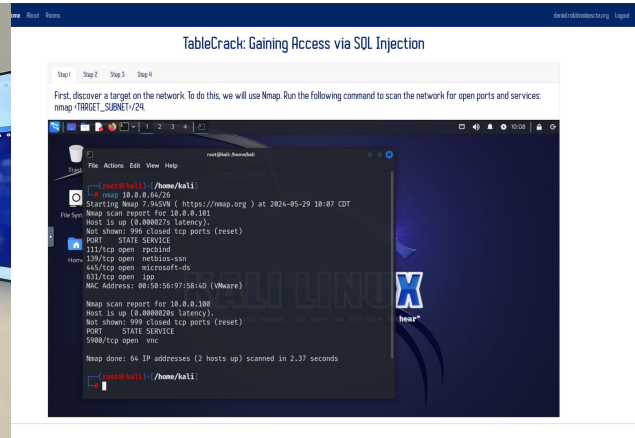
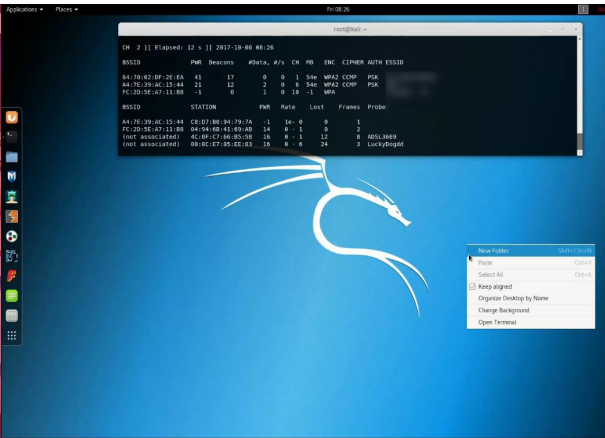
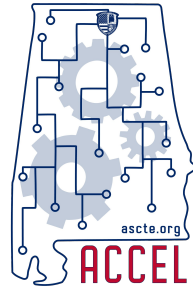
• Plans

- Alabama Cyber Range
- On-demand & Extension Activities
- Emerging Concepts & Tech Programming

<h3>ADVANCING CYBER CONCEPTS & ENGINEERING LEARNING (ACCEL)</h3> <p>The Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering (ASCTE) is proud to announce the launch of a new statewide program: Advancing Cyber Concepts and Engineering Learning. The Alabama Legislation that created ASCTE also mandates that the school assist teachers, administrators, and superintendents across the state in replicating cyber technology & engineering studies within their own schools.</p> 	<h3>ACCEL RESOURCES</h3> <p>Explore Our Onsite and Virtual Activities!</p> <h4>STEM LABS</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploratory Cyber and Engineering Projects• Interactive & Hands-on ISnap Circuit Challenge• Unplugged / Accessible Tech Available <h4>EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hosted Observation Sessions at the ASCTE• Professional Development Events• Modeled Instruction / Be the Student Activities <h4>K-12 CURRICULUM DESIGN</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modules / Units / Projects Mapped to Alabama Digital Literacy Standards• Activities by Alabama Educators Tailored to Your School <h4>CYBER AND ENGINEERING RESOURCES</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources and information sharing for interested programs, teachers, and IT staff <h4>STANDARDS-BASED GRADING PEDAGOGIES</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authentic Assessments• Alternative Evaluation Methods• Managing Project Based Learning
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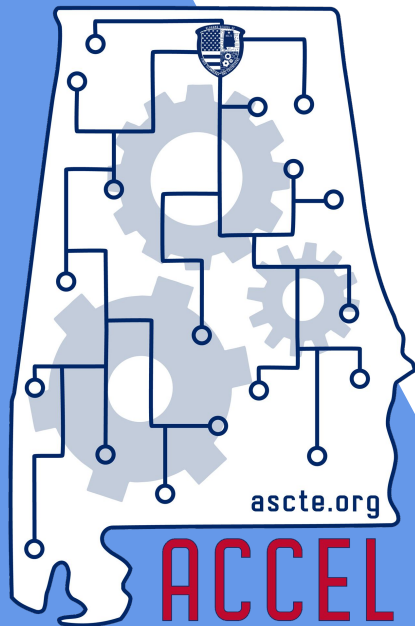
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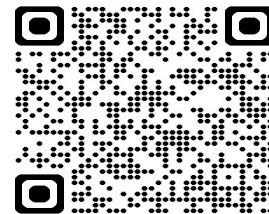
Security & Engineering Network for Technological Innovation & Exploratory Learning

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- Isolated from IT enterprise and the web
- Tailored for ease of administration and scalable for all needs

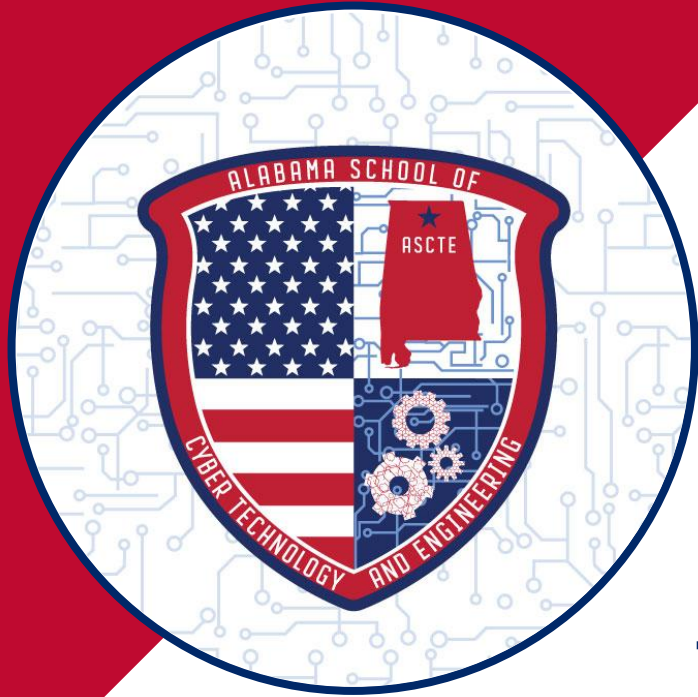
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