

Welcome to the Age of AI

Secure Code Warrior is excited to launch **Cybermon 2025 – The Age of AI**.

This year, Cybermon, our annual gamified campaign for Cybersecurity Awareness Month, is entering a new era, where AI isn't just changing how developers write code, but how vulnerabilities surface, spread, and scale.

Cybermon 2025 is built to meet this moment, combining fun, awareness, and hands-on secure coding challenges that help developers stay sharp in an AI-assisted world.

What is Cybermon?

Cybermon is a four-week interactive campaign where developers “battle” security vulnerabilities - personified as quirky, digital monsters called cybermon. Each one represents a common software vulnerability, brought to life with a unique story, signature move, and an exploit pattern.

To defeat a Cybermon, participants complete short secure coding activities on the Secure Code Warrior platform.

How It Works

- A new Cybermon is released each Monday during October for 4 weeks
- Learners complete **3 activities** to earn a weekly badge (all activities now count equally—**1 completion each**)
- Learners can become a **Cyberhero** by defeating all 4 weekly Cybermon
- Each Cybermon has an evolved, more powerful form: **Cybermon Prime**
- Learners who defeat all 4 Cybermon and their Prime forms become a **Cyberhero Prime**

Cybermon Prime: AI-enhanced Boss Levels (NEW)

Each Cybermon now has a **Prime version**, an AI-enhanced boss-level evolution.

Once a standard Cybermon is defeated, its **Prime version** unlocks. Prime Cybermon are harder, representing how vulnerabilities intensify in the AI era.

These tougher missions are optional, but great for experienced participants who want to level up and earn the **Cyberhero Prime** title.

Cybermon Schedule

Starting 6 October, a new cybermon will be released each week:

- Week 1: 6 October
- Week 2: 13 October
- Week 3: 20 October
- Week 4: 27 October

Rewards & Recognition

Participants can earn:

- Weekly badges for defeating each Cybermon
- Prime badges for defeating each Cybermon Prime
- **Cyberhero badge** for completing all 4 Cybermon
- **Cyberhero Prime badge** for completing all 4 Cybermon and all 4 Cybermon Prime

Prize Draw Entries

Eligible participants who earn **Cyberhero** and **Cyberhero Prime** titles enter a random prize draw to win one of the mechanical keyboards.

- **Cyberhero** = 1 entry
- **Cyberhero Prime** = 2 entries

into the random prize draw for limited-edition Cybermon 2025 swag (T&Cs apply).

Why you should participate

Cybermon 2025 is built for engagement:

- **Relevant in today's world:** Content reflects how AI is changing development, and what secure coding looks like in this new era.
- **Bite-sized format:** Most activities take under 10 minutes, with weekly time commitment of only 20-30 minutes.
- **High engagement:** Based on past years, the Cybermon campaign delivers 3–4x higher participation than standard training.
- **Awareness, not assessment:** This is about sparking secure coding habits, not testing individuals.
- **Org-wide visibility:** Participation dashboards available for admins and team managers.

Promo assets & how to get involved

There's no setup or registration required beyond adding users to the platform. **Everything runs directly on the Secure Code Warrior platform.** Promotional emails will be sent from the SCW platform, unless you have opted out of promotional communications.

To promote Cybermon 2025 internally, leverage the **Promo toolkit** for communication templates and visual assets.

Encourage team managers to create a little friendly competition of which team can bring most participants, and watch engagement take off.

Customers are also encouraged to run internal promo campaigns, recognising users who participate in Cybermon 2025.

FAQs

General Information

Q: What is Cybermon?

Cybermon is Secure Code Warrior's annual gamified cybersecurity awareness campaign. Starting 6 October 2025, each week, developers face off against a new Cybermon, a digital monster symbolizing a real-world vulnerability. To defeat them, developers complete secure coding activities on the SCW platform.

Q: What's the theme for 2025?

This year's theme is "*The Age of AI.*" The campaign explores how AI is reshaping software development, surfacing new risks, and reviving old vulnerabilities. Each week's content is designed to be relevant in an AI-assisted development environment.

Q: Who can participate?

All customers and prospects with a live Proof of Value instance will be able to access Cybermon in 2025. If you would like to learn more, [reach out to us](#).

Q: When does it start?

Cybermon 2025 starts on **Monday, October 6, 2025** and runs for four weeks. Cybermon Release Schedule:

- **Week 1:** October 6
- **Week 2:** October 13
- **Week 3:** October 20

- **Week 4:** October 27

How It Works

Q: How do I defeat a Cybermon?

Complete any 3 activities on the Cybermon page. Each activity counts as 1 completion.

Q: What is Cybermon Prime?

Each Cybermon has a Prime version - an evolved, harder boss-level challenge unlocked after defeating the base version. Defeat all 4 Primes to become a Cyberhero Prime.

Q: How long are the activities?

Each takes 6–10 minutes. Weekly badges take ~20–30 minutes. Prime challenges add ~20–30 more.

Q: Can users choose their language?

Yes. Most major programming languages are supported. If a preferred language isn't available for a specific Cybermon, users can switch to an alternate language to complete the challenge.

Q: Do developers need to register?

No. Cybermon is automatically available to all Secure Code Warrior customers. A new Cybermon tab will appear in the SCW platform closer to October 6.

Q: How will learners know when it starts?

Participants will receive email invitations when each new cybermon is live, unless you have previously opted out of direct communications to your users. To reinstate, please contact your CSM. Platform banners will also direct users to Cybermon 2025.

Q: Will activities be the same for every user?

Activities vary slightly based on selected languages and content availability, but the core structure remains the same for all.

Q: Is there a time limit for individual activities?

No. As long as users complete the activities before the end of campaign - 31 October 2025.

Q: Will results be shared with other organizations?

No. Participation and performance data are only visible to your company admins and team managers within your SCW environment.

Q: What do I get for participating?

Cyberheroes earn 1 entry into the prize draw, Cyberhero Primes earn 2 entries. Prizes include limited-edition Cybermon 2025 swag. (T&Cs apply).

For Company Admins & Team Managers

Q: What do I need to do to activate Cybermon 2025 for my team?

Nothing technical! The campaign runs on the SCW platform. All you need to do is invite relevant users to the platform and **promote it internally** to maximize participation.

Q: Will SCW provide marketing materials?

Yes. Use this link to access **Promo toolkit**.

Q: Can I track team participation?

Yes. Company admins & team managers will have access to reporting dashboards showing:

- Who participated
- Which badges were earned
- Progress over the four weeks

Q: Can I run internal competitions?

Absolutely! Many customers run team or regional contests using the data provided in the dashboards.