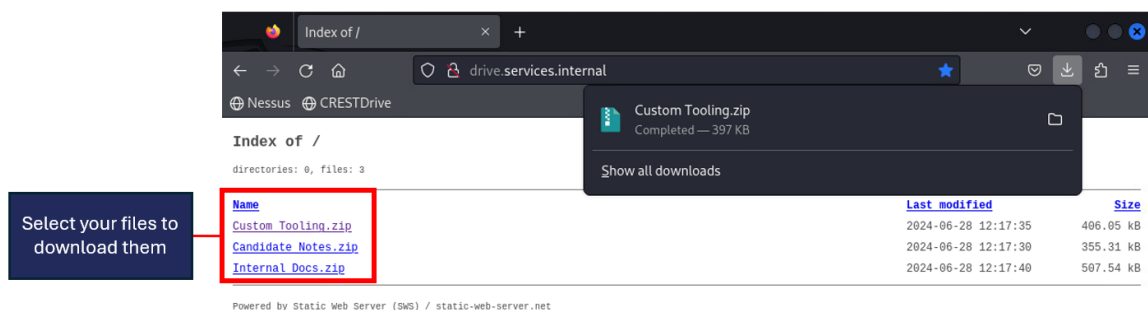


## CREST Practical Exams at Pearson VUE

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### Lab Environment

- Each CREST practical exam provisions a unique, dedicated lab environment ensuring a secure and personalised exam experience.
- Lab environments are created using fully tested and standardised templates, guaranteeing consistency and reliability across all exams.
- In the unlikely event of a setup issue, the lab environment will not be presented to the candidate, safeguarding the integrity of the exam process.
- Candidate machines are configured with a unique IP address and a DNS server.
- The DNS search path is set to **exam.internal**, enabling hostname resolution without requiring fully qualified domain names.
- Targets within the exam are located in different subnets from the candidate machines unless explicitly specified in the question.
- Once your exam starts, Your files uploaded in CRESTDrive will be available at <http://drive.services.internal>. There will also be a bookmark saved in the bookmark bar on your browser to the CRESTDrive downloader.



### Candidate Machines

- Candidates are provided with one or more pre-configured virtual machines (candidate machines) to complete exam tasks. These machines undergo extensive testing to ensure they are equipped with all necessary tools and configurations for the exam.
- While updates are made periodically, the machines may not include the latest versions of some software. To help candidates prepare, CREST provides AMIs (Amazon Machine Images) of the candidate machines in advance, allowing candidates to review the pre-installed tools and their versions. Check our dedicated exam web pages to find the respective AMIs.

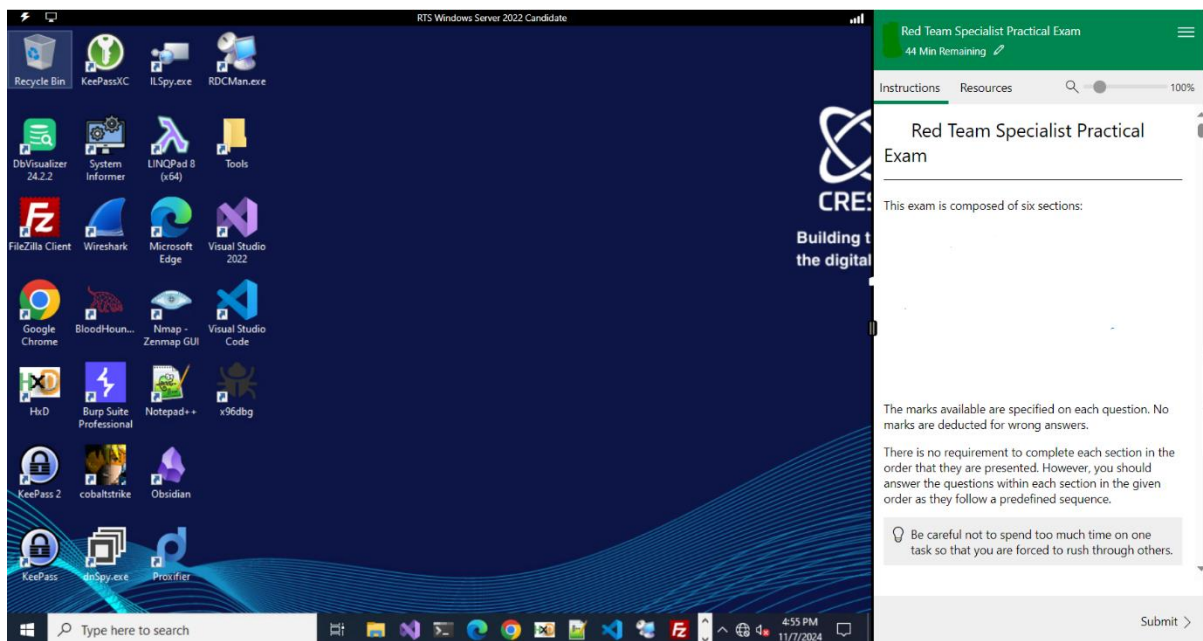


- While on the candidate machine, do not change the keyboard layout from US as this will result in issues with keyboard translations.
- Candidates can further tailor their exam environment by uploading scripts or configurations to **CRESTDrive**, which can then be accessed and applied during the exam to support their workflows or preferences.

## Exam Sidebar Features

The exam sidebar, located on the right-hand side of the screen, is a key navigation tool for candidates, providing access to critical information and resources:

- **Instructions Tab:** Displays comprehensive instructions, helping candidates understand the structure, requirements, and expectations of each exam section.





Candidates will also use the Instructions Tab to type their answers.

The “Next” button at the bottom right of the screen will prompt you to end the exam.

- **Resources Tab:** Allows candidates to seamlessly switch between multiple candidate machines, ensuring smooth access to all necessary environments.

A screenshot of the CREST Exam interface. At the top, there is a green header with "CREST Exam". Below it is a navigation bar with "Instructions", "Resources", and "Help" tabs, along with a search icon and a progress indicator showing "100%". The main content area displays a question titled "Final Challenge: The Budget Battle" with two bullet points: "Convince the board to invest in cybersecurity before a breach. You'll need the charm of a salesperson and the patience of a saint. Good luck, you'll need it!" and "Hint: It's easier to convince someone with an EV to fill their car with petrol." Below the question is a text input field. A blue callout box with a red line pointing to the input field contains the text "Text Answer: Type answer in the area provided". At the bottom of the interface, there is an "Exam Info" button and a red "Next" button with a right-pointing arrow. A red callout box with a white background and black text points to the "Next" button, stating "This will prompt you to end your exam".

CREST Exam

Instructions Resources Help 🔍 100%

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- Final Challenge: The Budget Battle
  - Convince the board to invest in cybersecurity before a breach. You'll need the charm of a salesperson and the patience of a saint. Good luck, you'll need it!
  - Hint: It's easier to convince someone with an EV to fill their car with petrol.

Remember, in this company, cybersecurity is like a game of poker; you gotta know when to hold 'em, fold 'em, and when to walk away... to update your resume. May the odds and the budget be ever in your favor!

Questions

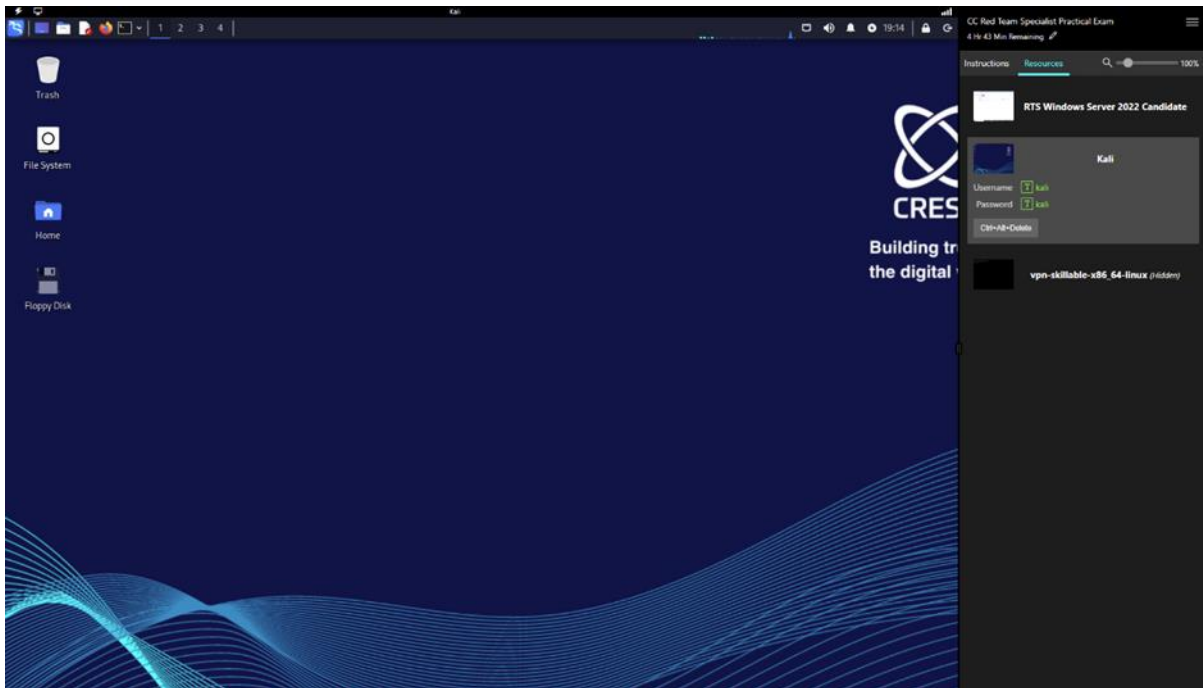
Q2. You've just discovered the 'ultimate' USB drive in your company's car park. It's labelled 'Top Secret' and 'Definitely Not Malicious.' What do you do?

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



- **Zoom Slider:** Enables zooming in and out of the text in the sidebar for better readability.

This streamlined interface ensures candidates can focus on their tasks without unnecessary distractions or confusion.

### Useful Icons

The exam sidebar utilises a set of icons to identify different pieces of information give to candidates:

Icon	Description
<b>Type text</b> 	Used to copy green text into the candidate machines. Selecting the text in the lab instructions will automatically type the text into the candidate machine.
<b>Alerts</b> 	Used to highlight important information about your exam.
<b>Notes</b> 	These will help you to locate and access resources.
<b>Help</b> 	Provides essential information about how to type your answer in the correct format.
<b>Hint Block</b> 	Used to provide a hint for the for the section of the lab that the student is working on.



## Important Notes

- **Copy and Paste Restrictions:** Due to technical constraints, candidates cannot copy content from the candidate machines into the instruction/answer panel. However, content can be copied from the instruction panel into the candidate machine. Candidates should double-check their input to avoid errors.
- **No Internet Access:** Internet connectivity is not available within the exam labs. All resources required for the exam are provided within the lab environment.
- **Auto-Submission:** Exam answers will be automatically submitted when time expires, so candidates must manage their time effectively.
- **Proctor Support:** If technical issues arise during the exam, candidates should immediately inform the Pearson VUE proctor. Note that proctors do not have knowledge of the exam content or environment and cannot provide guidance on exam-related queries.