

❖ **Cybersecurity** is the practice of ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of information by protecting networks, devices, people and data from unauthorized access or criminal exploitation.

❖ **Key Cybersecurity terms and concepts:**

- **Compliance** is the process of adhering to internal standards and external regulations and enables organizations to avoid fines and security breaches.
- **Security Frameworks** are guidelines used for building plans to help mitigate risks and threats to data and privacy.
- **Security Controls** are safeguards designed to reduce specific security risks. They used with security frameworks to establish a strong security posture.
- **Security Posture** is an organization's ability to manage its defense of criminal assets and data and react to change.
- **Threat Actor (Malicious Attacker)** is any person or group who presents a security risk. This risk can relate to computers, applications, networks, and data.
- **An internal threat** can be a current or former employee, an external vendor, or a trusted partner who poses a security risk. At times, an internal threat is accidental
- **Network security** is the practice of keeping an organization's network infrastructure secure from unauthorized access.
- **Cloud security** is the process of ensuring that assets stored in the cloud are properly configured, or set up correctly, and access to those assets is limited to authorized users.

❖ **Transferable skills** are skills from other areas of study or practice that can apply to different careers, such as:

- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Time management
- Growth mindset
- Diverse perspectives

❖ **Technical skills** typically require knowledge of specific tools, procedures, and policies, such as:

- Programming languages
- Security information and event management (SIEM) tools
- Intrusion detection systems (IDSs)
- Threat landscape knowledge
- Incident response