

TRAINING DAY 22 REPORT:

- **Spy Any Android Phone**

Definition: Spying on Android phones involves using spyware or monitoring tools to remotely access and monitor activities on a target Android device.

Purpose:

- **Legitimate:** Parental control, employee monitoring (with consent), lost phone tracking.
- **Malicious:** Stalking, stealing data, or blackmail.

Common Features:

1. GPS location tracking
2. Call logs and message access
3. Browsing history
4. Social media/chat app access (WhatsApp, Facebook, etc.)
5. Real-time camera/microphone access

Popular Tools:

- mSpy
- FlexiSPY
- Hoverwatch
- Spyzie

Installation: Usually requires physical access to the phone for installation. Some advanced tools can be installed remotely through phishing techniques.

- **Keylogger**

Definition: A **keylogger** (keystroke logger) is software or hardware that secretly records keyboard inputs.

Types:

1. Software-based: Installed as malware, often hidden in Trojans or bundled software.

2. Hardware-based: Devices plugged into keyboards to intercept keystrokes.

Uses:

- Password and banking detail theft
- Monitoring user activity
- Forensics and parental control (when used ethically)

Detection/Prevention:

- Use good antivirus software
- Regularly scan for suspicious processes
- Monitor active background applications

• **Adware**

Definition: **Adware** is a type of malware or unwanted software that displays ads (pop-ups, banners, redirects) on your device, usually without consent.

Symptoms:

- Sudden browser redirects
- Pop-ups and auto-downloading software
- Ads embedded in system tools

Risks:

- Slows down the system
- Steals browsing behavior and user data
- Installs additional malware

Common Adware:

- **Fireball**
- **DollarRevenue**
- **CoolWebSearch**

Prevention:

1. Avoid downloading cracked/pirated software
2. Use ad-blockers and antivirus tools
3. Don't install unknown browser extensions

• **Introduction to Steganography**

Definition: Steganography is the practice of hiding secret data within an ordinary file (image, audio, video, etc.) in such a way that no one can detect it.

Difference from Cryptography:

Cryptography: Scrambles the content (encrypted)

Steganography: Hides the content (invisible)

Uses:

- Covert communication
- Digital watermarking
- Malware and spyware (to hide code)

History:

1. Ancient Greece: Wax tablets with hidden messages under wax
2. WW2: Invisible ink
3. Digital era: Hiding data in media files using binary manipulation

• **Steganography - Hide Text File in Images**

Concept: Secret text is embedded in an image file using LSB (Least Significant Bit) technique. The image looks the same but contains hidden information.

How it works:

- A .txt file is embedded inside a .jpg or .png file
- Tools modify the image's binary data without affecting visual quality

Tools:

1. Steghide

2. OpenStego

3. SilentEye

Command example (Linux):

```
steghide embed -cf image.jpg -ef secret.txt
```

• Steganography - Hide Text in Video and Audio

Concept: Text or files are hidden in video (.mp4) or audio (.wav) files using advanced algorithms.

Techniques:

1. **LSB:** Modify least significant bits of sound frames or video pixels
2. **Echo hiding:** Uses slight echoes to encode information in audio
3. **Phase coding:** Modifies phase shifts in audio

Tools:

1. DeepSound
2. Coagula
3. AudioStego

Use case: Secure, undetectable transmission of confidential messages.

• Hide Files in Images

Concept: You can hide any file type (like PDFs, zip files, scripts) inside an image without visibly changing the image.

Method (CMD - Windows):

```
copy /b image.jpg + secret.pdf output.jpg
```

Result: output.jpg behaves like an image but contains the hidden secret.pdf.

Extraction: Open the file using **WinRAR**, **Steghide**, or specific extraction tools.

- **Convert Images into Sound**

Concept: An experimental method in steganography where an image is converted into audio by converting pixel data into waveforms.

Process:

1. Image brightness = sound amplitude
2. Rows = time progression in the audio file
3. Specialized tools convert this sound back into an image

Tools:

1. **Photosounder**
2. **Coagula**
3. **Sonic Visualiser**

Use:

- Data art
- Experimental music
- Advanced data hiding