

# TRAINING DAY 5 REPORT:

## • Risk Management & Methodology

Today, I learned about **Risk Management**, which helps organizations **identify, analyze, and handle potential risks** to minimize negative impacts.

### **What is Risk Management?**

**Risk Management** is the process of **identifying, assessing, and controlling threats** to an organization's assets, operations, or reputation. These threats could come from cyberattacks, natural disasters, human error, or other sources.

### **Why is it Important?**

- Protects **business continuity**.
- Reduces **financial losses**.
- Improves **decision-making** and organizational resilience.
- Ensures **legal and regulatory compliance**.

### **Risk Management Methodology :**

The risk management process includes these key steps

#### 1. *Establish Context*

- Define the **scope, objectives, and environment** of risk management.
- *Understand the **internal and external factors** affecting the organization.*

#### 2. *Risk Identification*

- Identify all **possible risks** that could affect the organization's goals, operations, assets, or reputation.
- *Use methods like brainstorming, checklists, interviews, or historical data.*

#### 3. *Risk Analysis*

- Analyze identified risks to determine **likelihood (probability) and potential impact**.
- *Tools like risk matrices or quantitative methods help prioritize risks.*

#### 4. *Risk Assessment and Evaluation*

- **Compare analyzed risks with risk criteria** set during context establishment.
- *Decide which risks need treatment, acceptance, or monitoring.*
- 5. *Risk Mitigation (Treatment)*
  - Develop strategies to **reduce, transfer, accept, or avoid risks**.
  - *Implement security controls, policies, insurance, or contingency plans.*
- 6. *Risk Monitoring*
  - Continuously **track identified risks and detect new ones**.
  - *Assess effectiveness of risk controls and update strategies as needed.*
- 7. *Communicate and Consult*
  - Keep **stakeholders informed** throughout the risk management process.
  - Engage with relevant teams to gather feedback and ensure everyone understands the risks and controls.

## • **Software and Hardware Requirements**

### **Hardware Requirements**

These are the **physical components of a computer system**, which determine how well it can perform tasks:

1. *Processor (CPU)*
  - A modern multi-core processor (e.g., Intel i5/i7, AMD Ryzen 5/7) for faster performance.
  - *Higher clock speeds improve system responsiveness.*
2. *RAM (Memory)*
  - Minimum **8 GB RAM** recommended.
  - **16 GB or more** preferred for tasks like virtual machines, pentesting tools, and running multiple applications.
3. *GPU (Graphics Processing Unit)*
  - *Not always required for ethical hacking, but a dedicated GPU (e.g., NVIDIA/AMD) is useful for tasks like password cracking or GPU-based computations.*

#### 4. *Hard Disk / Storage*

- Minimum **250 GB SSD or HDD** recommended.
- **SSD preferred** for faster boot times and data access.
- *More storage needed for large datasets, logs, and virtual machines.*

#### 5. *Network Adapters*

- Integrated Ethernet/Wi-Fi adapter for connectivity.
- **External USB Wi-Fi adapters** supporting monitor mode and packet injection (e.g., Alfa AWUS036NHA) for wireless pentesting.

### **Software Requirements**

These include **operating systems, tools, and applications** needed for the work:

#### 1. *Operating System*

- Linux distributions like **Kali Linux, Parrot Security, or BlackArch** for pentesting.
- *Windows (10/11) or macOS for compatibility with general tools.*

#### 2. *Virtualization Software*

- **VMware Workstation, VirtualBox, or Hyper-V** to run virtual machines for safe testing.

#### 3. *Pentesting Tools*

- *Tools like **Nmap, Metasploit, Wireshark, Burp Suite, John the Ripper, etc.***

#### 4. *Programming Languages*

- **Python, Bash, or Perl** interpreters for scripting and automation.

#### 5. *Text Editors/IDEs*

- **VS Code, Sublime Text, Atom, or any code editor.**

#### 6. *Other Utilities*

- Web browsers with extensions for testing, password managers, and encryption tools.

## • Dual Boot vs. Virtual Machine

### Dual Boot

- Dual booting means **installing two (or more) operating systems on separate partitions** of your hard drive.
- At startup, you choose which OS to load (e.g., Windows or Linux).
- Both OSs have **full access to the system's hardware**, giving **better performance**.
- Best when you need **maximum speed** or use resource-heavy apps.
- Example: Installing **Kali Linux alongside Windows** for pentesting.

### Advantages

1. Full hardware performance
2. Good for gaming, graphics work, or heavy tasks
3. Stable and reliable

### Disadvantages

1. Requires restarting to switch OS
2. Risk of accidentally deleting data or corrupting bootloader
3. Harder to share files live between OSs

## Virtual Machine (VM)

- A VM lets you **run an OS inside another OS**, like a computer within a computer.
- Uses **virtualization software** (e.g., VMware, VirtualBox) to create virtual systems.
- Easier to **run multiple OSs simultaneously** (e.g., using Windows while testing Linux in a VM).
- Great for **testing, ethical hacking, development, or learning**.

### Advantages

1. Run multiple OSs at the same time

2. Easy snapshots & backups
3. Safer testing of malware or exploits
4. Easy to delete or recreate VMs

### **Disadvantages**

1. Requires **more RAM and CPU power**
2. Performance not as fast as native install
3. Relies on host OS stability

## • **Downloading VMware**

### **How to Download VMware Workstation Player**

- VMware Workstation Player is a **free virtualization software** you install on your computer to create and run virtual machines.

- To download:

- Go to the official VMware website:  
Download VMware Workstation Player
- Choose the version for your operating system (Windows or Linux).
- Click **Download Now**.
- Once downloaded, **install it like any other software**:

Open the installer → Click **Next** through the steps → Accept license → Finish installation.

### **Downloading a Virtual Machine (ISO)**

- The **ISO file** is like the installation disk of the operating system you want to run inside VMware.

- Examples of popular Linux ISOs for ethical hacking or learning:

**Kali Linux ISO** (for pentesting):

- Download Kali Linux ISO

**Ubuntu ISO** (for general Linux use):

Steps:

- Open the download link.
- Choose the right version (usually the latest stable release).
- Download the ISO file and **save it to your computer** (remember the folder location).

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