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Cybersecurity Layers

1. Perimeter Security Layer

What It Does: Protects the organization's network from external threats by controlling what enters and exits the network.

Examples:

- **Firewalls:** Filter incoming and outgoing traffic to block unauthorized access.
 - *Examples:* Cisco ASA, Palo Alto Networks Firewalls
 - **Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS):** Monitors network traffic for suspicious activity.
 - *Examples:* Snort, Suricata
 - **Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS):** Actively prevents detected threats from entering the network.
 - *Examples:* Cisco Firepower, McAfee Network Security
 - **Virtual Private Network (VPN):** Secures remote access to the network by encrypting data.
 - *Examples:* OpenVPN, Cisco AnyConnect
 - **Web Application Firewalls (WAF):** Protects web applications from threats like SQL injection and cross-site scripting (XSS).
 - *Examples:* Cloudflare, AWS WAF
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2. Network Security Layer

What It Does: Secures the internal network by preventing unauthorized access, detecting threats, and ensuring the integrity of communications.

Examples:

- **Network Access Control (NAC):** Ensures that only authorized devices can access the network.
 - *Examples:* Cisco ISE, Aruba ClearPass
 - **Segmentation:** Divides the network into smaller, isolated segments to contain threats.
 - *Examples:* VLANs, Firewalls
 - **IDS/IPS:** Monitors network traffic and prevents intrusions.
 - *Examples:* Snort, Suricata, Cisco Firepower
 - **VPNs:** Encrypts network traffic for secure communication over public networks.
 - *Examples:* OpenVPN, Cisco AnyConnect
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3. Endpoint Security Layer

What It Does: Secures devices such as laptops, desktops, and mobile phones that access the network, ensuring that they are protected from malware and unauthorized access.

Examples:

- **Antivirus/Antimalware:** Protects against malicious software and malware.
 - *Examples:* Symantec, McAfee, Windows Defender
 - **Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR):** Detects and responds to threats on endpoints.
 - *Examples:* CrowdStrike, Carbon Black, SentinelOne
 - **Mobile Device Management (MDM):** Manages and secures mobile devices that access the network.
 - *Examples:* VMware AirWatch, MobileIron
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4. Application Security Layer

What It Does: Secures software applications from vulnerabilities that could be exploited by attackers.

Examples:

- **Web Application Firewalls (WAF):** Protects web applications from common attacks like SQL injection.
 - *Examples:* Cloudflare, AWS WAF
 - **Static/Dynamic Application Security Testing (SAST/DAST):** Scans code for vulnerabilities during development.
 - *Examples:* Veracode, Checkmarx, Burp Suite
 - **Secure Code Review:** Manual or automated review of code to find security flaws.
 - *Examples:* GitHub security features, SonarQube
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5. Data Security Layer

What It Does: Protects data both at rest (stored) and in transit (during communication) from unauthorized access and breaches.

Examples:

- **Encryption:** Encrypts data to ensure confidentiality and integrity.
 - *Examples:* AES, TLS/SSL
 - **Data Loss Prevention (DLP):** Monitors and prevents unauthorized data transfer.
 - *Examples:* Symantec DLP, Digital Guardian
 - **Backup and Recovery:** Ensures that data is regularly backed up and recoverable in case of an attack or disaster.
 - *Examples:* Veeam, Acronis
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6. Identity and Access Management (IAM) Layer

What It Does: Manages user identities and controls access to network resources based on roles and policies.

Examples:

- **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):** Requires multiple verification methods before granting access.
 - *Examples:* Google Authenticator, Microsoft Authenticator
 - **Single Sign-On (SSO):** Allows users to authenticate once and gain access to multiple systems.
 - *Examples:* Okta, Microsoft Azure AD
 - **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC):** Assigns access based on roles to limit user permissions.
 - *Examples:* Azure AD, AWS IAM
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7. Cloud Security Layer

What It Does: Secures cloud-based infrastructures, applications, and data, protecting them from threats unique to cloud environments.

Examples:

- **Cloud Access Security Brokers (CASB):** Enforces security policies for cloud services.
 - *Examples:* Netskope, McAfee MVISION
 - **Cloud Firewalls:** Protects cloud resources from malicious access.
 - *Examples:* AWS Security Groups, Azure Firewall
 - **Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM):** Ensures compliance and secures cloud configurations.
 - *Examples:* Prisma Cloud, Dome9
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8. Monitoring and Response Layer

What It Does: Monitors network traffic and system activities in real-time to detect, investigate, and respond to incidents quickly.

Examples:

- **Security Information and Event Management (SIEM):** Collects and analyzes security logs to detect threats.
 - *Examples:* Splunk, IBM QRadar
 - **Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR):** Automates response actions and orchestrates incident management workflows.
 - *Examples:* Palo Alto Networks Cortex XSOAR, Splunk Phantom
 - **Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR):** Detects and investigates security threats on endpoints.
 - *Examples:* CrowdStrike Falcon, SentinelOne
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9. Security Awareness and Training Layer

What It Does: Educates employees and users on cybersecurity best practices, potential threats, and how to avoid common risks.

Examples:

- **Phishing Simulations:** Simulates phishing attacks to train users on how to identify suspicious emails or messages.
 - *Examples:* KnowBe4, Cofense
- **Security Awareness Programs:** Provides regular training sessions and resources to educate employees on cybersecurity threats and best practices.
 - *Examples:* SANS Security Awareness, CybSafe
- **Compliance Training:** Educates users on industry-specific regulations and security compliance, such as GDPR or HIPAA.

- ***Examples:*** Proofpoint, Infosec Skills
- **Password Management Training:** Educates employees on creating strong passwords and using password managers to store them securely.
 - ***Examples:*** LastPass, Dashlane