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Learning Activity 3: Introduction to Information Security, Part 2



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Topic: Introduction to Information Security, Part 2

Twitter Celebrity Hacks (2020)

Multiple high-profile Twitter accounts were hacked in July 2020 resulting in one of the largest social media cybersecurity incidents. The hackers penetrated Twitter's internal systems through social engineering attacks aimed at employees with administrative rights. The attackers gained control of accounts that belongs to famous individuals like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos and the former US President Barack Obama to distribute fake Bitcoin scam tweets.

- What security characteristics failed? (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability)

 - Confidentiality hackers got into private accounts without permission and took control of these accounts.
 Integrity they changed the account settings (reset email addresses and passwords) to post fake tweets, misleading the users to send Bitcoin.
- At which data state did the attack happen? (Storage, Processing, Transmission)
 - Processing The attack happened while the system was working, they tricked the employees by pretending they were employees and got access to important tools that let them control the accounts.
- What security controls were missing? (Policy, Education, Technology)
 - Policy They were lacking strong policies for restricting and verifying employees access to sensitive tools that protects the accounts of the users.
 - Education They were lacking knowledge about the Mandatory Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) which indicates a lack of cybersecurity training.
- What could have prevented the attack?
 - A cybersecurity training could solve the problem, as it educates the employees including us to secure important information and be informed about what's the latest cybersecurity threats





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Learning Activity 5: legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in



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Topic:	LEGAL,	ETHICAL ar	nd PROFESSIONALISSUES in INFORMATION SECU	JRITY

Read the following case scenario and answer the guided questions below.

Scenario:

A software engineer working for a tech company discovers that the company has secretly collected user data without explicit consent. The data includes browsing history, location, and personal messages. The engineer is concerned about the ethical and legal implications and considers exposing the company's actions.

Guided Questions:

- 1. What ethical concerns are present in this scenario?
- 2. Which laws (Cybercrime Prevention Act, Data Privacy Act, etc.) may be violated?
- 3. What role do due care and due diligence play in this situation?
- 4. How might jurisdiction affect the legal consequences if this happened in another country?

Answers:

- 1. The scenario involves ethical concerns that are aligned with the Ten Commandments of Computer Ethics: (3) Thou shalt not use a computer to snoop around in other people's files; and (10) Thou shalt always use a computer in ways that ensure consideration and respect for other humans. This is about violating user privacy; collecting data from the user without permission is wrong. The company lacks informed consent; users should know how their data is used, and this could lead to unauthorized data collection because the company is collecting data in a way that may not be legal or right. That sensitive data could be misused. Another thing is, having an ethical choice, the software engineer is having a dilemma and must choose whether to report this, which could affect their job.
- 2. The company may be held liable under these laws for secretly collecting data. The laws that could be violated are (1) the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173)—this law protects personal data. Requires companies to ask permission or consent before collecting user information. It punishes those who collect, share, or throw away data without care. (2) Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 (RA 10175)—This law covers crimes like illegal access, data interference, and misuse of devices. Unauthorized data collection could be classified as illegal access or identity theft. (3) Electronic Commerce Act of 2000 (RA 8792)—This law recognizes legal recognition of digital records and online transactions. It punishes hacking, piracy, and unauthorized access to electronic data
- 3. The company failed to take due care by secretly collecting sensitive data without proper consent to inform the users. Users have the right to know their information is being collected and used, it is just basically being transparent to the users. By not doing this, the company ignored its responsibility to protect the user's privacy. The company should have implemented data protection measures in place, such as having clear privacy policies and securing data handling to comply with the privacy laws.
- 4. If the company operates in different countries, it could face legal consequences depending on their privacy laws. For example, in Europe, the company might be penalized under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which ensures strong user data security and follows the rules. In the United States, the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) gives users more control over their personal information, that includes allowing the users to know what data is being collect. In the Philippines, the Data Privacy Act (RA 10173) ensures companies handle data responsibly. Since privacy laws depend by country, the company could rreceive penalties or legal action in multiple places for collecting user data without permission.

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Learning Activity # 1 - Planning for Security



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1. Cite at least five IT-related companies in the Philippines and identify their top cybersecurity concern.

1. PLDT Inc.

- Top Cybersecurity Concern: Phishing Attacks

Cybercriminals are targeting PLDT customers with phishing scams, often using SMS (SMShing) and emails to trick users into revealing personal information or clicking malicious links.

Source: PLDT Home doubles customer protection from cyberthreats, grants 2 years Kaspersky Premium Security to all Fiber subscribers

2. Globe Telecom

Top Cybersecurity Concern: Ransomware

Companies are moving their operations and data to the internet and the cloud, because of remote work (especially after the pandemic), employees and systems are working outside the company network. This makes it harder to protect everything.

Source: Globe Business: Changes in Cyber Threat Exposure - Globe Newsroom

3. Smart Communications

- Top Cybersecurity Concern: Al-powered Phishing Attacks

Cybercriminals are using AI to make phishing emails and messages look more real and convincing. This tricks people to thinking the messages is official, making them more likely to click links or give away personal information.

Source: PLDT — Leading and inspiring Filipinos to create a better tomorrow

4. Converge ICT Solutions

- Top Cybersecurity Concern: Online Child Exploitation

The increasing number of Al-driven cyber threats, particularly related to illegal and harmful website such as Child Sexual Abuse Materials (CSAM) and Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC).

Source: Converge ICT rolls out partnership with Secure64, ensures more secured internet connection

5. DTI (Department of Trade and Industry)

Top Cybersecurity Concern: Data Privacy

As more business move to digital platforms, cybersecurity and data privacy risks faced by *Micro*, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) increased. The pandemic has pushed more businesses and consumers to conduct online transactions.

Source: Cybersecurity for MSMEs in the new business environment | Department of Trade and Industry Philippines

a) Give three cybersecurity concerns and state how the company will deal with them.

Phishing Attacks

 Use two-factor authentication to protect logins, filtering emails to block suspicious messages, and change your password every three months (90 days) as a general security practice.

Ransomware

Regularly backup important data, keep all systems updated, and use reliable antivirus software.

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Source: Disaster recovery options in the cloud - Disaster Recovery of Workloads on AWS: Recovery in the

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Learning Activity # 1: Introduction to Firewall



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1. Define what a firewall is and explain its two main functions in a network.

A firewall is a barrier that acts between trusted and untrusted networks. It monitors and controls the network traffic based on the security rules that are given or set up beforehand. Its two main functions are filtering the incoming and outgoing traffic to keep the network safe and preventing unauthorized access to the network by blocking suspicious traffic.

Differentiate between a Packet-Filtering Firewall and a Stateful Inspection Firewall. Provide one advantage of a stateful firewall over a packet filtering firewall.

A packet filtering firewall works at the network layer and checks the individual data packets against the set rules. It <u>looks things</u> like the source of the IP, destination IP, and protocols to decide whether to allow or block the packet.

On the other hand, a stateful inspection firewall tracks the active network connections and analyzes the context of traffic. It works <u>at the layer</u> 3 and 4 of the OSI model and understands the broader context of the data exchanges.

On advantage of a stateful firewall over a packet-filtering firewall is that it examines the contents of each pocket and understands the context of the connection (data exchange), which gives a better protection because it does not just check the basic packet attributes but also looks at the state and again the context

Imagine you are setting up a firewall for a large enterprise. You want to protect internal confidential
data, segment internal departments, and detect advanced threats like malware hidden in web traffic.
Which type(s) of firewall would you deploy? Explain your choices in 2-3 sentences.

I would deploy the Next-Generation Firewall (NGFW) combined with internal firewalls for department segmentation. The NGRW provides a advanced features to understand application traffic, integrates intrusion prevention, and uses cloud-based threat intelligence to detect to detect malware hidden in web traffic. The internal firewalls would work on the Zero Trust principle to control traffic between different departments to ensure that confidential data stays protected even from inter threats.

In your own words, explain how NAT enhances security for a private network. Give a specific example where NAT would be beneficial.

NAT enhances security by hiding the internal network structure from the outside world. When devices in a private network try to access the internet, NAT changes their private IP address (like 192.168.x.x) into a public IP address, making it harder to hack and see or directly access the internal devices.

A specific example where NAT would be beneficial is in a home network with multiple devices like laptops, phones, and smart TVs. Because all these devices can connect to the internet using just one public IP address provided by the internet service provider. This is not only saves the IP addresses but also adds a layer of security since the actual devices that have private IPs are hidden from potential threats on the internet.

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Deploy a web application firewall in front of the university databases and web applications.

 Set up logging and monitoring to detect any unusual traffic patterns that might indicate security threats.

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Laboratory Activity 1 - The Y2K Bug





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Homework # 1 - Cryptography

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Topic: <u>Cryptography</u>	
1. Choose one of the following cryptographic algorithms: • SHA-1 (Secure Hash Algorithm 1) • MD5 (Message Digest 5) • DES (Data Encryption Standard)	throws Exception (
2. Find a sample code written in either Java or Python that demonstrates the use of your chosen alg	gorithm.
You may:	
 Search for open-source code on GitHub, tutorial sites, or documentation. Write your own simple implementation (optional for bonus points). 	
3. Copy the code into your document or attach it as a separate file. Be sure to: • Add brief comments to explain each step of the code (either your own or the one you found). • Highlight which part is performing encryption, decryption, or hashing. 4. Answer the following questions below the code: a) What does this code do?	
 b) What inputs are required and what outputs does it produce? c) Why is this algorithm considered important in cryptography? d) Are there any security concerns or limitations with this algorithm? 	throws Exception (
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Seat Work 1: Introduction to Information Security, Part 2

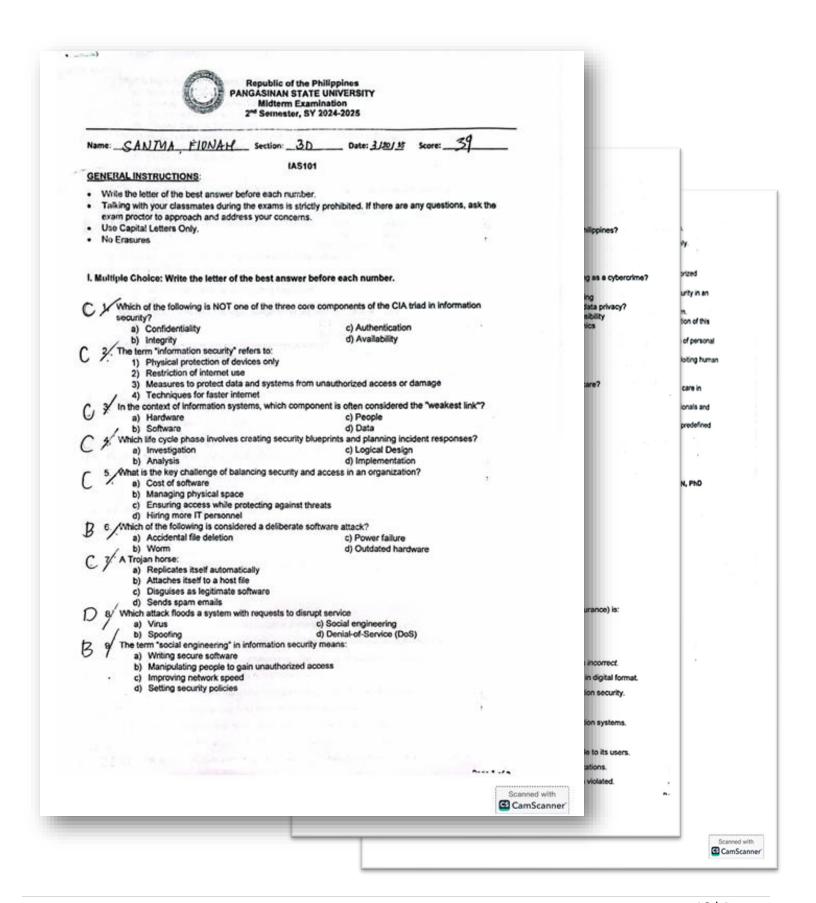
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Midterm Examination





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Reflection

Taking IAS 101 was initially challenging because cybersecurity concepts seemed overwhelming and technical. However, as we progressed through real-world case studies and hands-on activities, I became genuinely excited about understanding how digital threats work. The most difficult part was grasping complex encryption methods, but the activities helped make these concepts clearer. I found myself becoming more aware of security risks in my daily digital activities.

Learning Experience

This course opened my eyes to the critical importance of information security in our interconnected world. I learned fundamental concepts like risk assessment, planning for security, and the CIA triad (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability) that form the backbone of security practices. The various attacks we studied, from social engineering to malware, showed me how vulnerable systems can be without proper safeguards. Most importantly, I gained practical knowledge about implementing security controls and developing a security-first mindset.

Conclusion

IAS 101 has fundamentally changed how I view digital security and privacy in both personal and professional contexts. The knowledge gained about threats, vulnerabilities, and protective measures will be invaluable as technology continues to evolve. This course has not only prepared me for advanced security topics but also made me a more responsible digital citizen. I now understand that information security is everyone's responsibility, not just IT professionals.