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for the Cybersecurity Project:

Exploring Cyber Security: Understanding Threats and Solutions in the Digital Age

- Vulnerability Scanning Tools:
 - Nessus
 - OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy)
- Web App Hacking Tools:
 - o Burp Suite
 - Metasploit
- OS:
 - Kali Linux
- Scripting:
 - o Python
- Reporting:
 - o Microsoft Word, Google Docs
- Other Useful Stuff:
 - o Nmap
 - Wireshark

Detailed Explanation and Implementation (Informal Style)

Vulnerability Scanning Tools

- Nessus:
 - Why Chosen: Nessus is a heavy-duty scanner that can find a ton of weaknesses in systems and apps. It gives you detailed reports telling you what's wrong and how bad it is.
 - Implementation: We'd install Nessus on a machine (probably a virtual one).
 Then, we'd set up scans by pointing it at the website we're testing. Nessus does its thing and spits out reports that we go through to find the problems.
- OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy):
 - Why Chosen: ZAP is a free, open-source scanner that's awesome for web app security. It's great for finding stuff like XSS and SQL Injection.
 - Implementation: We'd use ZAP as a proxy to watch and mess with the traffic between our browser and the website. This helps us spot vulnerabilities. ZAP also has automated scanners to help speed things up.

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Web App Hacking Tools

• Burp Suite:

- Why Chosen: Burp Suite is the go-to toolkit for web app security testing. It's got everything you need – a proxy, scanner, and tools for all sorts of hacking tasks.
- o **Implementation:** Burp's proxy lets us see and change web traffic. We use it to find vulnerabilities and try to exploit them. The scanner automates some of the work, and the other tools help with things like brute-forcing and playing with sessions.

Metasploit:

- Why Chosen: Metasploit is a framework with tools for creating and running exploits. We use it to double-check if the vulnerabilities we found are actually exploitable.
- o **Implementation:** After finding vulnerabilities, we'd use Metasploit to try and exploit them. This shows how dangerous those weaknesses really are.

OS

Kali Linux:

- Why Chosen: Kali Linux is a Linux distro specifically made for hacking and security stuff. It comes with a bunch of security tools pre-installed, making it super convenient.
- Implementation: We'd install Kali Linux on a computer or virtual machine.
 It'd be our main platform for doing all the security testing, giving us access to all the tools we need.

Scripting

Python:

- Why Chosen: Python is a flexible scripting language that's really popular in cybersecurity. We use it to automate tasks and create our own security tools.
- Implementation: We'd use Python to write scripts to automate stuff like scanning, reporting, and analyzing data. We can also use it to build custom tools or tweak existing ones.

Reporting

• Microsoft Word, Google Docs:

- Why Chosen: These are common tools for creating reports and getting them formatted nicely.
- Implementation: We'd use these tools to write up our project reports, detailing the vulnerabilities we found, how we tested them, the results, and what we recommend to fix them.

Other Useful Stuff

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• Nmap:

- Why Chosen: Nmap is a network scanner that helps us find hosts and services on a network. It's useful for getting an idea of the network setup.
- Implementation: We'd use Nmap at the beginning of the project to gather info about the network and identify potential targets for testing.

• Wireshark:

- Why Chosen: Wireshark is a network protocol analyzer that lets us capture and look at network traffic. It's helpful for troubleshooting and spotting security issues.
- Implementation: We could use Wireshark to analyze network traffic to and from the website, helping us find security problems or understand how vulnerabilities are being used.

Key Changes and Why They're Good:

- More Casual Language: Words like "heavy-duty," "go-to," "awesome," and phrases like "does its thing" make it more approachable.
- **Simplified Explanations:** The descriptions of the tools and their implementation are less technical and easier to understand.
- **Focus on Practicality:** The explanations emphasize how the tools are used in real-world security testing scenarios.