

Creating an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Objective: Understand the importance of an **Acceptable Use Policy** and its role in managing user behavior and ensuring compliance within an organization.

Steps:

1. Understanding AUP:

- **What is an AUP?:** An Acceptable Use Policy defines what is and isn't acceptable in terms of technology use (including company-owned devices, networks, and internet usage).
- Discuss examples of acceptable vs. unacceptable behaviors (e.g., accessing inappropriate websites, installing unauthorized software).

2. Drafting an AUP:

- Research the structure and common components of an AUP (e.g., purpose, scope, prohibited activities, consequences of violations).
- Draft an **Acceptable Use Policy** that can be implemented in a fictional company, specifying the acceptable use of company devices, internet access, email, and social media.

3. Review & Refinement:

- Feedback on the AUP draft, ensuring clarity and completeness.
- Consider real-world scenarios like BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) and remote work.

Deliverables:

- A written **Acceptable Use Policy** document.
- A short explanation of the key points of the policy and why each is important for cybersecurity.