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- ↳ Security threats and Vulnerabilities
- ↳ Network Architecture
- ↳ Secure a Network

⇒ MODULE 2 : Network Operations

- ↳ Network Protocols
- ↳ Network Communications → VULNS
- ↳ Common security measures

⇒ MODULE 3 : Secure against network intrusion

- ↳ Types of network attacks & techniques
- ↳ Malicious actors exploit vulnerabilities
- ↳ Identify and close potential loopholes.

⇒ MODULE 4 : Security hardening

- ↳ Network hardening practices
- ↳ Defend against malicious actors and intrusion method
- ↳ Security challenges posed by cloud infrastructure

➡ Module 1:

➔ Introduction to networks

➔ Network:

A group of connected devices

➔ Local Area Network: [LAN]

A network that spans a small area like an office building, a school, or a home.

➔ Wide Area Network: [WAN]

A network that spans a large geographic area like a city, state, or country.

➔ Hub:

A network device that broadcasts information to every device on the network.

➔ Switch:

A device that makes connections between specific devices on a network by sending and receiving data between them

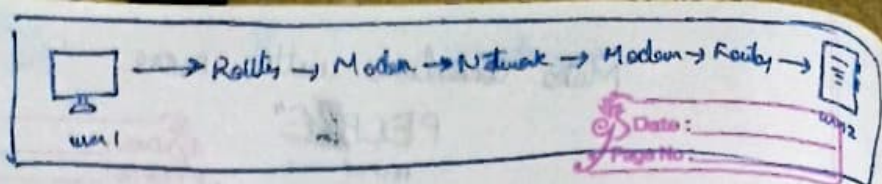
➔ Router:

A network device that connects multiple networks together.

➔ Modem:

A device that connects your router to the internet and brings internet access to the LAN.

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⇒ Virtualization tools:-

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Pieces of software that performs network operations.

- Network devices send data packets.
↳ provide info about the source and destination of the data.
- Each devices and desktop computers has a unique MAC and IP addresses

⇒ Firewall:

It is a network security device that monitors traffic to or from your network. It is like your first line of defense.

⇒ Servers:

→ from database
Servers provide information and services for devices like computers, smart home devices, and smartphones on the network.

- Ex: DNS server → lookup domain names

⇒ Network Diagrams ⊗

⇒ Cloud Computing:

The practice of using remote servers, applications, and network services that are hosted on the internet instead of on local physical devices.

⇒ Cloud Network:

A collection of servers or computers that stores resources and data in remote data centres that can be accessed through the internet.

⇒ Cloud services provides:-

- On demand Storage
- Processing Powers
- Analytics

⇒ Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) provide:

- (1) Software as a service (SaaS)
- (2) Infrastructure as a service (IaaS)
- (3) Platform as a service (PaaS)

⇒ Hybrid Cloud environments:

When organizations use a CSP's services in addition to their on-premise computer, networks and storage, it is referred to as a hybrid cloud enviro.

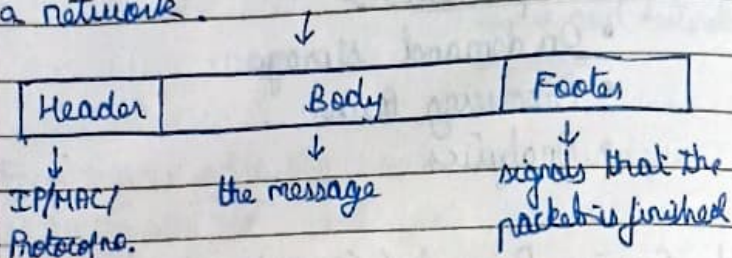
⇒ Software Defined networks: [SDN]

These are made up of virtual network devices and services.

⇒ Network Communication:-

⇒ Data Packet:

A basic unit of information that travels from one device to another within a network.



⇒ Bandwidth:

The amount of data a device receives every second.

$$\text{Bandwidth} = \frac{\text{Quantity of data}}{\text{Time (s)}}$$

⇒ Speed:

The rate at which data packets are received or downloaded.

⇒ Packet Sniffing:

The practice of capturing and inspecting data packets across a network.

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⇒ Transmission Control Protocol: [TCP]

An internet communication protocol that allows two devices to form a connection and stream data.

⇒ Internet Protocol: [IP]

A set of standards used for routing and addressing data packets as they travel between devices on a network.

⇒ Port :-

A software-based location that organizes the sending and receiving of data between devices on a network.

⇒ TCP/IP model :

A framework used to visualize how data is organized and transmitted across the network.

• Layers of the TCP/IP model :

- (1) Network access layer
- (2) Internet layer
- (3) Transport layer
- (4) Application layer

Application layer → HTTP, TLS, DNS

Transport layer → TCP, UDP

Internet layer → IP (v4, v6)

Network access layer → LAN, Wireless LAN, Ethernet

⇒ The OSI model:

It is a more abbreviated concept of TCP/IP model. Also it is a standardized concept that describes the seven layers computers use to communicate and send data over the network.

- (1) Physical layer
- (2) Data link layer
- (3) Network layer
- (4) Transport layer
- (5) Session layer
- (6) Presentation layer
- (7) Application layer

⇒ IP address:

A unique string of characters that identifies the location of a device on the internet.

- (1) IP version 4 IPv4
- (2) IP version 6 IPv6

(1) IPv4 :-

19.117.63.126

(2) IPv6 : (32 char)

684D:1111:222:3333:4444:5555:6:77

⇒ MAC address : [Media Access Control]

A unique alphanumeric identifier that is assigned to each physical device on a network.

→ MODULE 2 :-

→ Introduction to network protocols

⇒ Network Protocols:-

A set of rules used by two or more devices on a network to describe the order of delivery and structure of the data.

⇒ Address Resolution Protocol : [ARP]

A network protocol used to determine the MAC address of the next router or device on the path.

⇒ Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure : [HTTPS]

A network protocol that provides a secure method of communication between clients and website servers.

⇒ Domain Name System : [DNS]

A network protocol that translates internet domain names into IP addresses

- when you visit any one website our device uses 4 different protocols



TCP → ARP → HTTPS → DNS

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⇒ IEEE 802.11: (WIFI)

A set of standards that define communication for wireless LANs

⇒ WiFi Protected Access: [WPA]

A wireless security protocol for devices to connect to the internet.

⇒ System Identification :-

⇒ Firewall :-

A network security device that monitors traffic to and from your network.
(allows & blocks)

• Port filtering :-

A firewall function that blocks or allows certain port numbers to limit unwanted communications.

(1) Hardware firewall

(2) Software firewall

(3) Cloudbased firewall

⇒ Stateful :

A class of firewall that keeps track of information passing through it and proactively filters out threats.

⇒ Stateless :

A class of firewall that operates based on predefined rules and does not keep track of information from data packets.

⇒ Next generation firewalls : [NGFW]

- Deep packet inspection
- Intrusion protection
- Threat intelligence

⇒ Virtual Private Networks : [VPN]

A network security service that changes your public IP address and hides your location so that you can keep your data private when you are using a public network like the internet.

• Encapsulation :

A process performed by a VPN service that protects your data by wrapping sensitive data in other data packets.

⇒ Security Zone :

A segment of a network that protects the internal network from the internet.

• Network Segmentation :

A security technique that divides the network into segments.

~~(1) Uncontrolled~~

(1) Uncontrolled zone

(2) Controlled zone

↳ DMZ - demilitarized zones

↳ Internal network

↳ Restricted zone

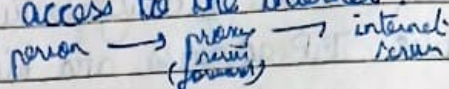
Proxy vs VPN

⇒ Proxy server:

A server that fulfills the requests of a client by forwarding them on to other servers.

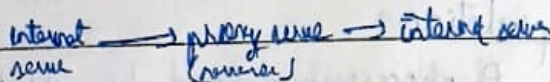
(1) Forward proxy servers:-

It regulates and restricts a person's access to the internet.



(2) Reverse proxy servers:

It regulates and restricts internet's access to an internal server.



➡ MODULE 3 :

➡ Introduction to network intrusion attacks

➡ Common network intrusion attacks :-

- Malware
- Spoofing
- Packet Sniffing
- Packet flooding

➡ Network Interception attacks :-

➡ Backdoor attacks

➡ Denial of Service attack : [DoS]

An attack that targets a network or server and floods it with network traffic.

➡ Distributed Denial of Service attack :- [DDoS]

A type of denial of service attack that uses multiple devices or servers in different locations to flood the target network with unwanted traffic.

➡ Network level DoS attack :-

1) SYN (Synchronizing) flood attack :

A type of DoS attack that simulates a TCP connection and floods a server with SYN packets.

• ICMP : [Internet Control Message Protocol]

An internet protocol used by devices to tell each other about data transmission errors across the network.

(2) ICMP flood attack:

A type of DoS attack performed by an attacker repeatedly sending ICMP packets to a network server.

(3) Ping of death:

A type of DoS attack caused when a hacker pings a system by sending it an oversized ICMP packet that is bigger than 64KB.

⇒ Network Protocol analyser / Packet Sniffer:

A tool to capture and analyse data traffic within a network.

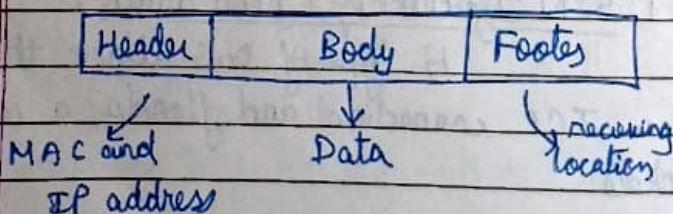
Ex: SolarWinds NetFlow

tcpdump

Wireshark ✓

⇒ Network attack tactics and defense:

⇒ What do packets contain?



Learn how to hack data packets in public places because those places does not have encrypted wifi

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⇒ Passive packet sniffing:-

A type of attack where data packets are read in transit.

⇒ Active Packet Sniffing:-

A type of attack where data packets are manipulated in transit.

⇒ How to prevent Packet Sniffing:-

- Use a VPN tunnel

→ because hackers cannot be able to read the data packets because they are encrypted

- HTTPS

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this encrypts data to and from

⇒ IP spoofing:-

A network attack performed when an attacker changes the source IP of a data packet to impersonate an authorized system and gain access to a network.

- (1) On-path attack
- (2) Replay attack
- (3) Smurf attack

(1) On-path attack:-

An attack where a malicious actor places themselves in the middle of an authorized connection and intercepts or alters the data in transit.

(2) Replay attack:

A network attack performed when a malicious actor intercepts a data packet in transit and delays it or re-represents it at another time.

(3) Snooping Attack: (Combination of DDos and IP spoofing)

A network attack performed when an attacker sniffs an authorized user's IP address and floods it with packets

⇒ Protect from IP spoofing:

- Encrypt data
- Use a firewall

⇒ Network hardening :-

- Port filtering
- Network access privileges
- Encryption

⇒ Tasks performed:

- Firewall rules maintenance
- Network log analysis
- Patch updates
- Server backups

⇒ Network log analysis :-

The process of examining network logs to identify events of interest.

➡ MODULE 4 :-

→ software update, ... etc

⇒ Security hardening :

The process of strengthening a system to reduce its vulnerability and attack surface.

• Attack surface :

All the potential vulnerabilities that a threat actor could exploit

* Security hardening is conducted on :-

- (1) Hardware
- (2) OS
- (3) Applications
- (4) Computer Networks
- (5) Databases

⇒ Penetration test :-

A simulated attack that helps identify vulnerabilities in systems, networks, websites, applications, and processes.

➡ OS hardening :-

⇒ Operating System :- [OS]

The interface between computer hardware and the user.

⇒ Patch update :

A software and operating systems update that addresses security vulnerabilities within a program or product.

⇒ Baseline configuration : (baseline image)
A documented set of specifications within a system that is used as a basis for future builds, releases, and updates.

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The process of examining network logs to identify events of interest.

- SIEM tools are used to do this.

⇒ Port filtering :-

A firewall function that blocks or allows certain port numbers to limit unwanted communication.

⇒ Intrusion Detection System :- [IDS]

An IDS is an application that monitors system activity and alerts on possible intrusions.

⇒ Intrusion Prevention System :-

An IPS is an application that monitors system activity for intrusive activity and takes action to stop the activity.

⇒ Cloud hardening :

⇒ Cloud network :

A collection of servers or computers that stores resources and data in remote data centres that can be accessed through the internet.

* learn more about it!!