



LAB 9: ADMINISTERING A SECURE NETWORK

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1. Using a Secure Email Feature

- a. How valuable is this feature?
 - i. This feature is valuable as it prevents unauthorized access, forwarding and download to an email messages.
- b. Is it easy to use?
 - i. Yes as it is straightforward and easy to set up.
- c. What are the limitations?
 - i. The receiver can still copy the messages if they have a software for the said purpose. This feature also does not help in preventing screenshot of the email messages.

2. Viewing Logs Using the Microsoft Windows Event Viewer

- a. What is the importance of viewing logs?
 - i. It provides early threat detection as logs can reveal early signs of potential security threats before they escalate into a full-blown attack.
 - ii. We can also identify patterns and spot anomalies by analysing log data.
- b. Explain what information you can get from Windows Logs?
 - i. System health and stability
 - Security events by monitoring failed login attempts
 - Windows updates and service Events. Details on the installed updates, service startup and shutdown and diagnose issues related to Windows core functionality
 - ii. User activity and system usage
 - Tracking login and logout events including local and remote login
 - Monitor which files were accessed or modified by different users and applications.
- c. Explain for each section: Application, Security, Setup, System and Forwarded Events.
 - i. Application

- It tracks events generated by installed applications and services which could be useful for troubleshooting application crashes and understanding application activity.
- ii. Security
 - It provides log events related to system security and user access which is critical for monitoring access attempts and potential security breaches.
- iii. Setup
 - It records events related to system installations, upgrades and configuration changes which is important in troubleshooting installation and upgrade issues, tracking configuration changes and diagnosing potential compatibility issues.
- iv. System
 - It shows log events generated by core system components and drivers which is crucial for troubleshooting performance problems and diagnosing hardware problems.
- v. Forwarded Events
 - It captures events forwarded from other machines or applications within the network.
- d. Explain what information you can get from Application and Services Logs?
 - i. Application crashes and errors by analyzing which application is crashing and the frequency of these crashes.
 - ii. Failed login attempts, and unauthorized access can be useful for detecting potential malware or unauthorized access.
- e. Explain for each section; Hardware Events, Internet Explorer, Key Management Service, Media Center
 - i. Hardware Events
 - Tracks event generated by the system's hardware devices and their drivers
 - ii. Internet Explorer
 - Record events related to the activity of the Internet Explorer
 - iii. Key Management Service
 - Log events related to managing and using cryptographic keys used for data encryption and security