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**PROJEK SARJANA MUDA 1: PROPOSAL FORM**

**A TITLE OF PROPOSED PROJECT | TAJUK PROJEK YANG DICADANGKAN**

PENETRATION TESTING ANALYSIS OF COMMON VULNERABILITY DATA STORED IN CLOUD COMPUTING

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**(i) Executive Summary of Project Proposal [Maximum 300 words]**

*(Please include the background of the project, problem statements, objectives, and expected outcomes/ proposed solution from the project)*

Cloud computing or on-demand computing emerges as a new computing paradigm which aims to provide reliable, customized and QoS guaranteed dynamic computing environments for end-users. These scalable and affordable environment entices developers and companies into using these cloud functions as their central business operations such as source code synchronization during development. However, these reliant on cloud services may lead to cloud leak which is when sensitive business data stored in a private cloud instant is exposed to the internet. Enterprise data sets handled by third party are often stored unencrypted in the cloud with the expectation that the data lives in privatized space. Plenty of the leaks are also attributed from human mistakes such as misconfiguration, bugs and employees access. The objective of this project is to find common vulnerabilities in cloud environment that allows the the data. Later on this project will simulate these vulnerabilities using tools or other methods to gain access to the stored data and later harden the security of the cloud environment. This project is expected to produce a secure cloud environment from common cyber attacks using one of the cloud computing providers.

(ii)	<b>Detailed Proposal of the Project</b>	
	<b>(a) Introduction</b> <i>(Project Background and Problem Statements)</i>	
	<p><b>1.1 Cloud Computing</b></p> <p>Cloud computing is the on-demand availability of computer system resources, such as data storage and computing power without direct active management by the user. Typical requirements of cloud computing applications target scalability, elasticity, and efficiency. Among the functional aspect of cloud computing are: Hardware as a Service where users buy hardware that are flexible and scalable, Software as a Service, where software or application hosted as a service to ease the burden of software maintenance, and Data as a Service, where data can be accessed, operate and manipulate remotely just like operating on a local disk.</p> <p><b>1.2 Recent source code leaks</b></p> <p>In recent years there are multiple cases of source codes leakage from various corporations ranging from web application to hardware operations such as Twitch and Samsung. While there are no significant customer data was involved, the leak still present some security concerns and vulnerabilities that can be exploited. The leak can rage in size of hundreds gigabytes of data that exposes the companies secrets in their operation and the damage can be very costly for the company.</p> <p><b>1.3 Penetration testing framework</b></p> <p>In this project, we will use penetration testing or ethical hacking as a deliberate search for potential system vulnerabilities within the cloud environment.</p> <div> <pre> graph TD     A[Identify Environment Vulnerabilities] --&gt; B[Test Security Defense to potential attack]     B --&gt; C[Evaluate System]     C --&gt; D[Harden Security System]     D --&gt; E[Report and Document]   </pre> </div>	

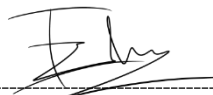
	<b>(b) Objectives of the Project</b>
	<p>This project embarks on the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To investigate the common security vulnerabilities from cloud solutions</li> <li>2. To assess the default security of cloud infrastructure</li> <li>3. To improve upon or harden the security of cloud environment against common vulnerabilities</li> </ol>
	<b>(c) Scope of the Project</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List out common vulnerabilities from a cloud solution</li> <li>2. Assess security of cloud deployment using ethical hacking tools</li> <li>3. Harden the cloud deployment from the common attacks</li> </ol>
	<b>(d) Expected Outcome/ Proposed Solution</b>
	The expected outcome in this project is a secure cloud deployment from common cyber attacks using one of the cloud computing providers.

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