

Networking

Network Devices:

Router:

Router is a network device that forwards data based on a logical address. In the case of TCP/IP networks, the router forward data based on ip addresses of systems. Example: When we want to visit google.com, our request go trough the router (DNS convert name to IP), and the request will be sent over the internet to the google.com web server IP.

Hub:

Network device that connects all devices on a LAN. When a device send data to the hub on one port, the hub will broadcast there to all other attached devices.

Switch:

A switch is a smart version of a hub, because it understands where to send data, instead of sending it to everyone. It achieves this by using MAC addresses as unique identifiers for recipients of incoming data, so it can send it to the right system.

Bridge:

A network bridge device connects separate networks to make them into one larget network. This is different than a router, which allows networks to be connected but work independently.

Firewall:

A firewall is a network device that provides fundamental network security, by monitoring incoming and outgoing traffic and determine whether to allow or block it, based on rules.

Firewalls can come in software form or hardware form as a physical devices that are plugged into the network infrastructure.

Ports and services:

Port 20,21 - File transfer protocol (FTP):

This protocol is used to transfer files between systems, where users can connect to an FTP and can view, upload or download files.

Port 22 - Secure Shell (SSH):

SSH allows users to connect to a remote host, such as a server if they have SSH open. This channel is encrypted so any data moved between two connected systems will not be clearly visible.

Port 23 - Telnet:

This service was used before SSH and offers the same functionality, however Telnet does not use encryption, so the traffic can be captured and read by an attacker.

Port 25 - Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP):

This protocol is used to send emails between servers within the network, or to external networks, such as over the internet. This is just a transport method, to download or view e-mails we need an email client and POP3 OR IMAP

Port 53 - Domain Name System (DNS):

DNS Operates on TCP and UDP ports 53 and uses relational databases to convert human-readable hostnames and domain names (such as google.com) into their respective IP.

Example: securityblue.team -> 3.9.68.12

Port 67,68 - Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP):

DHCP is designed to assign IP address-related information to any hosts on the network automatically, such as the subnet mask and IP address.

Port 80 - Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP):

HTTP allows clients to connect to web servers and request content, which appears in the form of file downloads, web pages, and streaming services.

HTTP is not encrypted it is possible to conduct sniffing attacks, and see cleartext data as it is transmitted between the client and the server, such as passwords.

Port 443 - Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS):

HTTPS is a secure version of HTTP, and has the same functionality of retrieving content from web servers. However, the difference between the two is that HTTPS uses encryption to protect the transfer of data between a web server and a client. To turn HTTP into HTTPS, it uses Transport Layer Security (TLS) formerly known as secure socket layer (SSL). Sites that use HTTP are less susceptible to man-in-the-middle and sniffing attacks.