Internship Final Report

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Major: Cyber Security Internship

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Company: ShadowFox

Domain: Cyber Security

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Coordinator: Mr. Aakash

Objectives:

My primary objectives for this internship were to:

- I learned a lot about cybersecurity.
- I gained practical knowledge in this domain, such as scanning, analyzing, mitigating, and identifying threats.
- I also learned how to create reports for these tasks.
- Additionally, I became familiar with a few tools that were new to me.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

During my internship, I was involved in the following key tasks:

 Open Ports and CVEs with Nmap: I learned how to find open ports and CVEs on a target website using the Nmap scanning tool (a tool in Kali Linux).

- **Hidden Directories with Dirb**: I performed brute force attacks to find hidden directories using the Dirb tool (another Kali Linux tool).
- **Network Traffic Analysis with Wireshark**: I also learned how to use Wireshark to intercept network traffic and find sensitive information, such as login credentials.
- **File Decryption with VeraCrypt**: Additionally, I learned how to use the VeraCrypt tool (a disk encryption tool) to decrypt password-protected files and retrieve secret codes, as well as how to decode hash values into plaintext.
- Executable Analysis with PE Explorer: I also became familiar with a new tool, PE Explorer, to find the entry point of executable files and gather other relevant information.
- Reverse Shell with Metasploit: I performed reverse shell engineering using Metasploit (a Kali Linux tool), created a payload, and executed the reverse shell.
- **Website Penetration Testing:** In my final task, I learned how to pen test a target website and retrieve sensitive information using tools like Dirb, Nmap, and John the Ripper.

Learning Outcomes:

- Knowledge in Hacking Phases and Tools: I gained technical and practical knowledge in various tools and techniques, as well as in different phases of hacking, such as reconnaissance, scanning, gaining access, maintaining access, and cryptanalysis.
- Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Enhancement: I faced some challenges due to unfamiliar tools, which enhanced my critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Improved Communication and Teamwork: Additionally, I improved my communication skills, which helped me work effectively with a team and complete tasks within the given time frame.

Challenges and Solutions:

- Learning and Overcoming Tool Challenges: I'm new to tools like VeraCrypt, PE Explorer, and Metasploit, which were challenging for me. To improve my knowledge, I used tutorials, articles, and courses to learn how to use these tools.
- **Support and Real-World Security Understanding:** The tasks were also challenging due to the need for a deep understanding of real-world security threats. I am grateful to my coordinator for helping me when I got stuck on some tasks.

Conclusion:

My internship at ShadowFox was a great experience. It felt like working as a professional intern at a company. During this internship, I learned a lot about the cybersecurity field and gained practical knowledge. My interest in cybersecurity grew even more after this experience, and the internship improved me in many ways.

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This report reflects my experience, highlighting the practical knowledge and skills I gained. It documents my growth, learning, and improvements in this field.