

Introduction

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- Identify threat
- Respond to event
- Investigate effects of threat further

CIA Triad

Confidentiality

Data remains private to those with proper access

Integrity

Data remains accurate - can check hash values of data and downloaded data

Availability

Routine maintenance, upgrading software and hardware

KEY TERMS

Vulnerability

Flaw, loophole, oversight, error that can be exploited

Threat

Event: natural or man-made that can cause negative impact

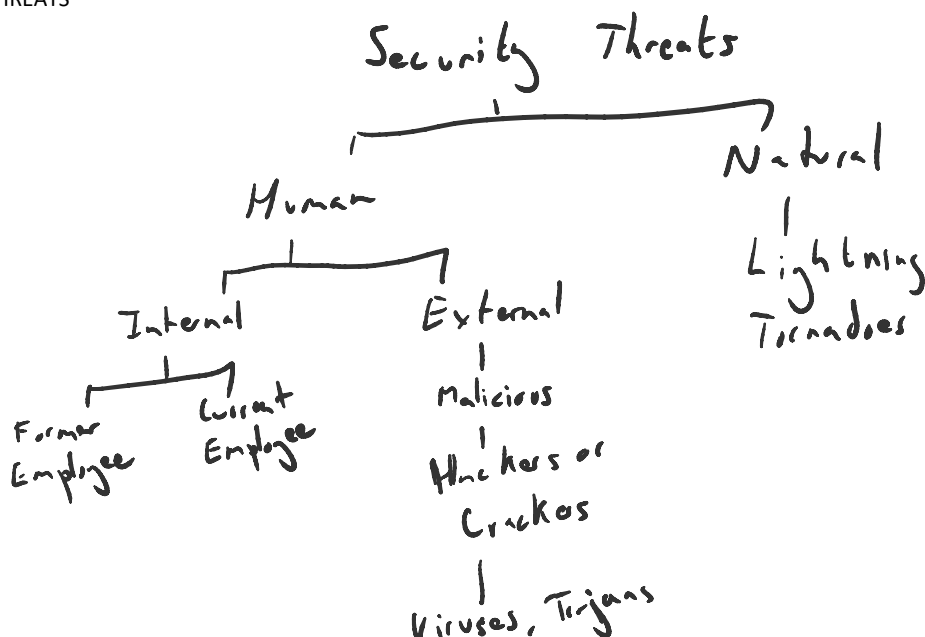
Exploit

A way to breach a system through a vulnerability

Risk

Probability of event happening

SECURITY THREATS



VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Search for weaknesses in order to apply a patch or a fix to prevent compromise

How do they occur?

- Products shipped with known or unknown bugs and faults
- Vulnerabilities as a result of misconfiguration by user/administrator

ROLES

Common roles:

CISO (chief information security officer) - high level, supervisor of security of entire department / company

Information Security Architect

IS Consultant

IS Analyst - analyse events, alerts, alarms and collect information that could be used to identify threats

IS Auditor - testing effectiveness of computer systems and reporting (ISO 27001/2?)

Security Software Developer

Penetration Tester/ Ethical Hacker aka part of Red Team

Vulnerability Assessor (blue team)

Early military operations:

Clipper chip - installing spy chips in phones

Moonlight Maze - dumping of linux system passwords (Russians did this attack using tool called lucky tool)

Solar Sunrise - series of attacks on department of defense computer network. Creating a backdoor

Buckshoot Yankee - significant, USB drive insertion, trojan horse, 14 months

Desert Storm and Bosnian wars - radars tampered with fake information

Setup a Cybersecurity Program

Security Program

Identify threats and risk
Create teams

Admin Controls

Procedures, standards, user education
Incident response, disaster recovery, physical security

Asset Management

Classification, implementation, assets
Documentation

Tech controls

Network infrastructure, endpoints, servers, id management
Vulnerability management, monitoring, logging

Additional Security Challenges

Simple requirement can have many complex solutions

Security architectural decisions

Key management

Protectors have to be right all the time - attackers just once

No one likes security until its needed - often an afterthought and not baked in

CRITICAL THINKING

Challenge Assumptions

Question your way of thinking
Gather more data

Consider Alternative Explanations

Our brain can piece something together with very little data
Failure to consider missing data can be dangerous

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Question your way of thinking
Gather more data
Take a systematic and logical approach
Assess each assumption

Evaluate Data

Establish a baseline of what normal is
Establish anomaly detection, what's inconsistent?
Assess against multiple hypotheses to see goodness of fit
(Scientific method)

Understand Context

Understand operation environment
Consider perspective of others
Problem Framing - if a problem can't be solved in it's given frame then try reframing
I.e. Slow elevator problem = waiting is boring problem

Explanations

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Brainstorm, consider who/what/when etc.
Null hypothesis

Identify Key Drivers

Significantly impact a situation
Technology, regulation, society, supply chain, employees, threat actors