

Chapter 3

Identity and Account Management

Episode 3.01

Episode title: **Identification, Authentication, and Authorization**

Objective: **2.4 Summarize authentication and authorization design concepts.**

Multifactor Authentication (MFA)

- Using more than one factor of authentication
- Factors
 - Something you know
 - Something you have
 - Something you are

Authentication Attributes

- Something you do
- Something you exhibit
- Someone you know
- Somewhere you are

Quick Review

- Identification is claiming an identity
- Authentication is proving that identity
- Authorization is permitting specific actions once a user has been authenticated
- Authentication factors include something you know, have, or are
- Authentication attributes include something you do, exhibit, know, or somewhere you are

Episode 3.02

Episode title: **Enabling Multifactor Authentication**

Objective: **2.4 Summarize authentication and authorization design concepts.**

Identification and AAA

- Identification
- Authentication
- Authorization
- Accounting
 - Auditing

Quick Review

- Identification and authentication allow for authorization on a system
- Accounting is the process of auditing, or accounting for, the activities of a user while they are on a system
- Multifactor authentication (MFA) is more secure than single-factor authentication

Episode 3.03

Episode title: **Authorization**

Objective: **2.4 Summarize authentication and authorization design concepts.**

Authorization

- Based on permissions granted
- Determines resource permissions
- Can only occur after authentication
- Resources
 - Targets that have permissions applied to them
 - Example: files, database rows, Web app

Accounting/Auditing

- Track permissions usage for accountability purposes
- Who or what accessed which resource, how long, on what date?

Quick Review

- Authorization is based on permissions that are granted to a user or entity
- Authorization can only occur after authentication
- Accounting is tied to authentication in that a user's activity is audited based on what a user has permission to do on a system

Episode 3.04

Episode
title: **Accounting**

Objective: **2.4 Summarize authentication and authorization design concepts.**

Accounting

- Often called auditing
- Track activity
- Must have separate user accounts for each user
- Types of auditing
 - Resource access
 - Failed logon attempts
 - Changes to files/ database records

Quick Review

- Accounting (or auditing) is the process of tracking user activity on a system
- Separate user accounts are important to assure accurate accounting
- Event (or accounting) logs can be used to identify unusual or malicious activity

Episode 3.05

Episode title: **Authentication Methods**

Objective: **2.4 Summarize authentication and authorization design concepts.**

Authentication Methods

- Username/password
 - Security risk because they are both something you know and can be guessed
 - Also a security risk because common passwords are still widely used
 - Mitigation is to use different passwords for each resource

Authentication Methods

- Password vaults
 - Also called "password managers"
 - Examples: LastPass, cloud-based vaults to store password keys
 - A master key protects the vault
 - Don't forget it!

One-Time Password (OTP)

- Unique password (code) generated for single use
 - Static code sent via e-mail or SMS text
- Time-based OTP (TOTP)
 - Code is only valid for a short period of time
- Software notification methods (push notification)
 - Phone call
 - Short message service (SMS) text
 - E-mail
- HMAC-based one-time password (HOTP)
 - HMAC encrypts a hash to ensure authenticity

Certificate-Based Authentication

- PKI certificates are issued by a trusted authority to an individual entity
 - Device, VPN, app access
 - Can be stored on a smart card
 - Called a Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card
 - Common access card (CAC) can authenticate to everything

SSH Public Key Authentication

- Sign in with username and password (passphrase) as well as a private key
- Public key stored on server
- Private key stored on admin device

Biometrics

- Fingerprint
- Retina
- Iris
- Facial
- Voice
- Vein
- Gait analysis
- Efficacy rates
 - False acceptance
 - False rejection
 - Crossover error rate

Quick Review

- Password vaults provide centralized password storage and are protected with a master key
- One-time passwords (OTPs) are a single-use code used to enhance authentication
- Time-based OTPs are called TOTP
- HMAC-based OTPs (HOTP) use encryption for added authentication
- Biometric authentication uses physical characteristics to authenticate people

Episode 3.06

Episode title: **Access Control Schemes**

Objective: **3.8 Given a scenario, implement authentication and authorization solutions.**

Credential Policies

- Defines who gets access to what
 - Employees
 - Contractors
 - Devices
 - Service accounts
 - Administrator/root accounts
 - Privileged access management (PAM)

Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC)

- Uses attributes to determine permissions
 - Example: date of birth or device type

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

- A role is a collection of related permissions
- Role occupants get permissions of the role

Rule-Based Access Control (RBAC)

- Uses conditional access policies
- Examples
 - MFA
 - Device type
 - Location

Mandatory Access Control (MAC)

- Resources are labeled
 - Devices, files, databases, network ports, etc.
- Permission assignments are based on resource labels and security clearance

Discretionary Access Control (DAC)

- Data custodian sets permissions at their discretion

Physical Access Control

- Limited facility access
- Examples
 - Access control vestibules, door locks, proximity cards, key fob, etc.

Quick Review

- Credential policies determine how credentials are managed and used to access resources
- Resource permissions can be based on user and device attributes (ABAC), rules (RBAC), or roles (RBAC)
- Resource permissions can also be controlled via labels and security clearance levels (MAC) or set by a resource custodian (DAC)
- Physical access control methods include access control vestibules, door locks, limited facility access

Episode 3.07

Episode title: **Account Management**

Objective: **3.7 Given a scenario, implement identity and account management controls.**

User Accounts

- Unique account per user
- Assign permissions to groups
- Principle of least privilege
- User account auditing
- Disablement

Account Management

- Rights/privileges
- Account types
 - User, device, service
 - Administrator/root
 - Privileged
 - Guest

Account Policies

- Employee onboarding
- Password policies
 - Complexity
 - History
 - Reuse
- Account lockout
- Time-based logins
 - Enforce login/logout times

Account Policies

- Geolocation
 - Where a user is located
 - Geofencing
 - User geolocation determines resource access
 - Geotagging
 - Adding location metadata to files and social media posts
- Impossible travel time
- Risky login
 - A baseline of normal activity is required first

Quick Review

- Different types of user accounts can have different account policies applied
- Each user should have their own account with only the permissions required to perform job tasks
- Password policies control password complexity, history, and expiration
- Assigning permissions to groups is scalable
- Geofencing uses the device's physical location to determine resource access

Episode 3.08

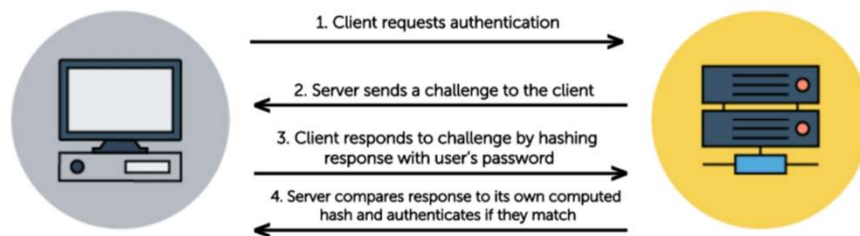
Episode title: **Network Authentication**

Objective: **3.8 Given a scenario, implement authentication and authorization solutions.**

Network Authentication Protocols

- Password Authentication Protocol (PAP)
 - Outdated
 - Cleartext transmissions
- Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (MS-CHAPv2)

Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol MS-CHAPv2



Microsoft New Technology LAN Manager (NTLM)

- Supersedes older LANMAN protocol
- Used on Windows workgroup computers
- Password hashes with NTLM are not salted
- NTLM v2 passwords are salted

Kerberos

- Microsoft Active Directory authentication
- Kerberos Key Distribution Center (KDC)
- Authentication Service (AS)
- Ticket-Granting Service (TGS)
- Ticket-Granting Ticket (TGT)

Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)

- Network authentication framework
- Examples
 - PKI certificate authentication
 - Smart card authentication
- Uses TLS transport
- Applies to wired and wireless networks

IEEE 802.1x

- Port-based network access control
- Centralized RADIUS server authentication
- Wired and wireless network edge devices
 - Ethernet switches
 - Wi-Fi routers
 - VPN appliances

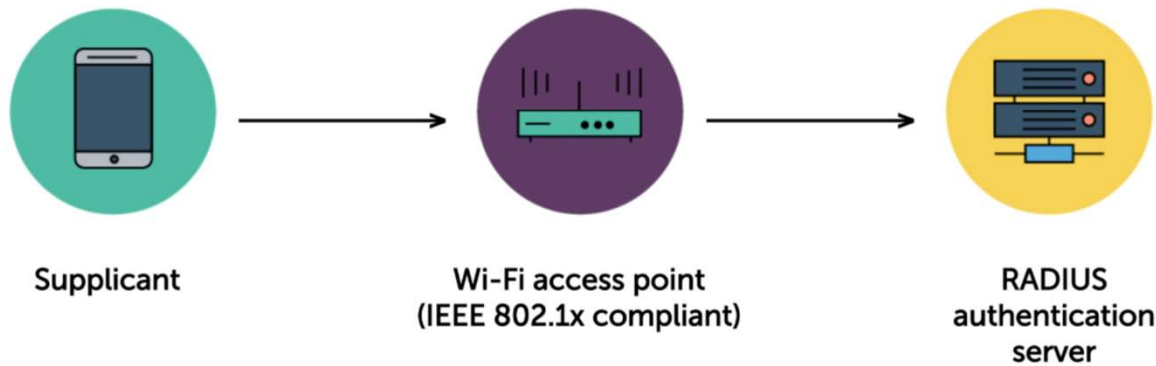
Remote Access Dial-in User Service (RADIUS)

- Centralized authentication
- RADIUS clients
 - Network switch
 - VPN appliance
 - Wireless router
- RADIUS supplicant

RADIUS Variations

- Terminal Access Controller Access Control System (TACACS)
- Terminal Access Controller Access Control System Plus (TACACS+)
- Extended TACACS (XTACACS)

Remote Access Dial-in User Service (RADIUS)



Quick Review

- PAP and MS-CHAPv2 are older network authentication protocols
- NTLM is used for authentication in a Windows workgroup environment
- Kerberos is used for authentication and resource access in an Active Directory environment
- Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) is an authentication framework supporting many authentication standards
- RADIUS uses a centralized authentication server as opposed to an edge device performing authentication

Episode 3.09

Episode title: **Identity Management Systems**

Objective: **2.4 Summarize authentication and authorization design concepts.**
3.7 Given a scenario, implement identity and account management controls.
3.8 Given a scenario, implement authentication and authorization solutions.

Single Sign-On (SSO)

- User credentials are not requested after initial authentication
- Protocols
 - OpenID
 - OAuth

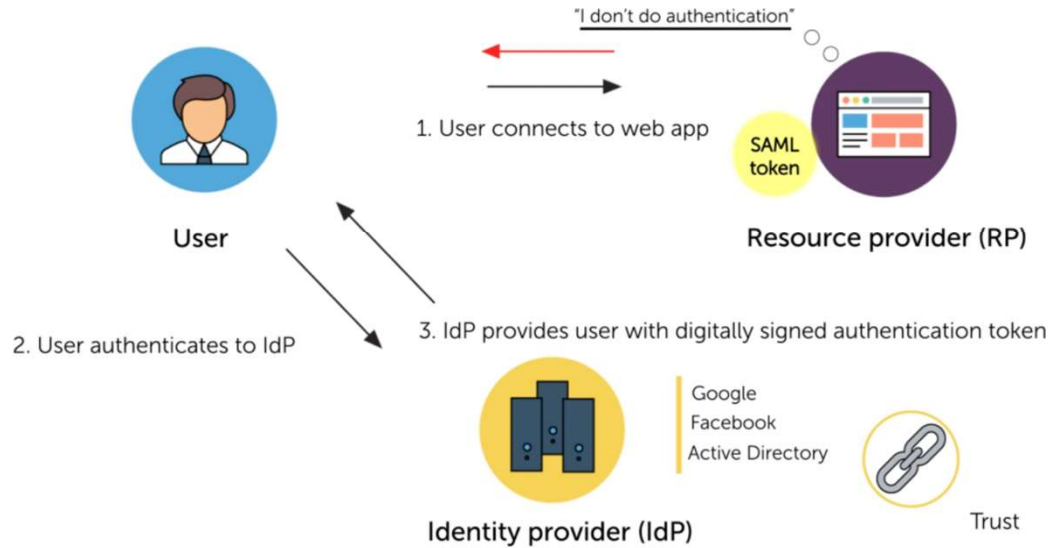
Identity Federation

- Multiple resources that trust a single authentication source
- Centralized trusted identity provider (IdP)
 - Trusted by resource provider (RP)

Identity Federation

- Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)
 - SAML token is a digital security token that proves identity

Identity Federation



Quick Review

- SSO allows users to sign in once yet access many services without re-entering credentials
- Identity federation uses a centralized, trusted identity provider that provides authentication tokens consumed by other resources such as Web sites