

Cybersecurity Concepts and Network Discovery Techniques

Overview of Cybersecurity Concepts





 CIA Triad (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability) Authentication & Authorization

Cybersecurity Tools



• ENCRYPTION (AES, RSA)

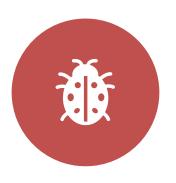


• FIREWALLS



• IDS/IPS

Common Cybersecurity Threats



 MALWARE (VIRUSES, WORMS, RANSOMWARE)



• PHISHING



• DDOS ATTACKS

Other Threats

Man-in-the-Middle (MITM)

Insider Threats Zero-Day Exploits

Network Discovery Techniques





 PORT SCANNING (NMAP, NETCAT) PACKET SNIFFING (WIRESHARK)

Advanced Network Discovery



NETWORK MAPPING



BANNERGRABBING



• TRACEROUTE

Summary

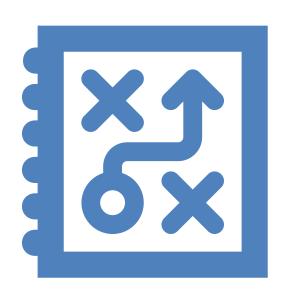




• IMPORTANCE OF CYBERSECURITY MEASURES

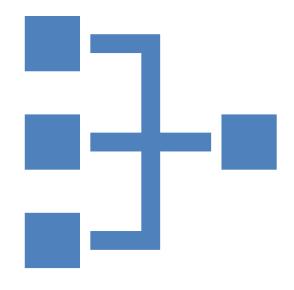
 KEY TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR SECURING NETWORKS

Incident Response Planning



Introduction

Failing to plan is planning to fail."
 A well-defined incident response plan minimizes damage, reduces downtime, and ensures a swift and organized response to cyberattacks.

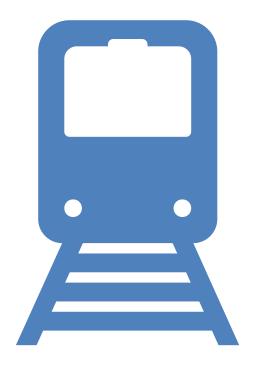


Scope and Roles

Scope: This plan covers all Target Company's systems, networks, and data assets. Key Roles: Incident Commander (leads response), Security Analysts (investigate), Forensic Investigators (gather evidence), Communication Team, Legal Counsel, Management.

Response Phases





Preparation & Detection

- Preparation: Establish policies, train employees, harden systems (vulnerability scanning, strong passwords, MFA).
- Detection: Monitor systems, leverage threat intelligence, establish reporting mechanisms.

Containment & Eradication



Containment: Isolate affected systems, disrupt attacker activity, preserve evidence.



Eradication: Remove malware, restore from backups, patch vulnerabilities.

Recovery & Post-Incident Activities

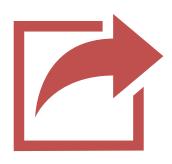




Restore critical systems, validate functionality, communicate progress. Post-Incident

Activities: Review and analyze the incident, document findings, update the plan.

Communication and Legal Considerations





Communication: Establish clear internal and external communication channels.

Legal: Ensure compliance with data protection regulations (GDPR, CCPA), reporting requirements, and legal counsel involvement.

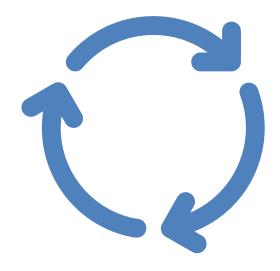
Training and Documentation:





Regular training and exercises are essential for preparedness. Key

Documentation: Incident Response Plan, System Hardening Reports, Incident Reports.



Review and Improvement

 Regularly review and update the plan based on lessons learned, evolving threats, and new technologies. Continuous improvement is key



Conclusion

 A robust incident response plan enables organizations to effectively manage cybersecurity incidents, minimizing their impact and ensuring business cosntinuit

Simulated Incident & Response

Ransomware
Simulation –
Introduction

Practical exercise using Splunk to analyze a simulated ransomware attack on a user's device.



 Scenario: Keegan's machine is suspected of a ransomware attack. Files have unusual extensions, but the machine is operational. Tool: Splunk for log analysis and investigation

Attack Detection with Splunk

Splunk searches reveal suspicious process
 execution (OUTSTANDING_GUTTER.exe),
 PowerShell activity, and network connections to a
 suspicious domain (ngrok.io).

Containment and Eradication - Simulation



Containment: In a real scenario, we would isolate Keegan's machine from the network.



Eradication: Splunk helps identify malicious files for removal. Antimalware scans would be performed.

Recovery and Lessons Learned





Recovery: Restoring Files From Backups Is Crucial. Verify Backup Integrity Before Restoring.

Lessons Learned: Importance Of System Monitoring, Strong Passwords, And Up-to-date Antivirus.

The Power of Data Analytics

 Splunk enables rapid identification of malicious activity, accelerates incident response, and provides valuable insights for future prevention.

