

Introduction to security hardening

OS hardening

Network hardening

Cloud hardening

Review: Security hardening

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Video: Wrap-up

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Review Learning Objectives

1. What are the purposes of performing a patch update for security hardening? Select all that apply.

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☒ Fixing known security vulnerabilities in a network or services.

☐ Preventing malicious actors from flooding a network.

☐ Requiring a user to verify their identity to access a system or network.

☒ Upgrading an operating system to the latest software version.

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2. What is the term for all the potential system vulnerabilities that a threat actor could exploit?

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☐ Security architecture

☐ Security challenge

☒ Attack surface

☐ Risk

🕒 Correct

3. Fill in the blank: Hiring a security guard is an example of a ____ security hardening practice.

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☐ network-focused

☐ virtual

☒ physical

☐ software-based

🕒 Correct

4. To help improve the security of a business, its in-house security team is approved to simulate an attack that will identify vulnerabilities in business processes. What does this scenario describe?

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☐ The Ping of Death

☐ A Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack

☐ Packet sniffing

☒ Penetration testing

🕒 Correct

5. Which of the following statements accurately describe OS hardening tasks? Select three answers.

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☐ Multi-factor authentication is a security measure requiring users to change passwords every month.

☒ When disposing of software, it is a best practice to delete any unused applications.

☒ Some OS hardening tasks are performed at regular intervals, while others are performed only once.

☒ OS hardening is a set of procedures that maintain and improve OS security.

🕒 Correct

6. A security analyst reviews documentation about a firewall rule that includes a list of allowed and disallowed network ports. They compare it to the current firewall to ensure no changes have been made. What does this scenario describe?

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☒ Checking baseline configuration

☐ Responsibly managing applications

☐ Upgrading the interface between computer hardware and the user

☐ Verifying user identity when accessing an OS

🕒 Correct

7. Fill in the blank: The security measure multi-factor authentication (MFA) requires a user to verify their identity ____ before accessing a system or network.

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☐ at least once

☐ within 60 seconds

☒ in two or more ways

☐ every day

🕒 Correct

8. In what way might port filtering be used to protect a network from an attack?

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☐ To create isolated subnets for different departments in an organization

☐ To increase the attack surface in a network

☐ To inspect, analyze, and react to security events based on their priority

☒ To disable unused ports in order to reduce the attack surface

🕒 Correct

9. A security team considers the best way to handle the different security zones within their network. They prioritize protecting the restricted zone by separating from the rest of the network and ensuring it has much higher encryption standards. What does this scenario describe?

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☒ Network segmentation

☐ Patch updating

☐ Cloud hardening

☐ Penetration testing

🕒 Correct

10. How can a security professional confirm that no unverified changes have occurred within a cloud server?

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☐ Perform a penetration test

☒ Compare the server baseline image to the data in cloud servers

☐ Use port filtering to block or allow certain updates

☐ Establish multifactor authentication (MFA)

🕒 Correct