

Introduction to security hardening

OS hardening

Network hardening

Cloud hardening

Review: Security hardening

Video: Wrap-up

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Reading: Glossary terms from week 4

10 min

Quiz: Weekly challenge 4

10 questions

Quiz: Portfolio Activity: Use the NIST Cybersecurity Framework to respond to a security incident

6 questions

Reading: Portfolio Activity Exemplar: Use the NIST Cybersecurity Framework to respond to a security incident

10 min

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Weekly challenge 4

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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 vulnerabilities in a network or services.

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Correct

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Upgrading the operating system to the latest software version.

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Correct

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

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This should not be selected

Please review [the video about security hardening](#).

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Preventing malicious actors from flooding a network.

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This should not be selected

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2. What is the term for all the potential system vulnerabilities that a threat actor could exploit?  
1 / 1 point

☐ Security challenge

☐ Risk

☒ Attack surface

☐ Security architecture

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Correct

3. Fill in the blank: Hiring a security guard is an example of a \_\_\_\_ security hardening practice.  
1 / 1 point

☐ network-focused

☐ software-based

☒ physical

☐ virtual

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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?  
1 / 1 point

☐ The Ping of Death

☐ Packet sniffing

☒ Penetration testing

☐ A Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack

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Correct

5. What are some methods for hardening operating systems? Select three answers.  
0.75 / 1 point

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Keeping an up-to-date list of authorized users.

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Correct

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Implementing an intrusion detection system (IDS)

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This should not be selected

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Removing unused software to limit unnecessary vulnerabilities

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Correct

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Configuring a device setting to fit a secure encryption standard

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Correct

6. A security analyst notices something unusual affecting their company's OS. To confirm that no changes have been made to the system, the analyst compares the current configuration to existing documentation about the OS. What does this scenario describe?  
1 / 1 point

☐ Responsibly managing applications

☒ Checking baseline configuration

☐ Upgrading the interface between computer hardware and the user

☐ Verifying user identity when accessing an OS

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Correct

7. Fill in the blank: The security measure \_\_\_\_ requires a user to verify their identity in two or more ways to access a system or network.  
1 / 1 point

☐ password policy

☐ network log analysis

☐ baseline configuration

☒ multifactor authentication (MFA)

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Correct

8. Which of the following statements accurately describes port filtering?  
1 / 1 point

☐ A security protocol that provides an encrypted tunnel for issuing commands from a remote server

☐ A process performed by a VPN service that protects data by wrapping it in other data packets

☐ A security technique that divides a network into segments

☒ A firewall function that blocks or allows certain port numbers in order to limit unwanted network traffic

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Correct

9. A security team works to ensure that an issue in one area of the business does not spread to others and create more problems. They design subnets for each department, such as one for research and another for finance. What does this scenario describe?  
1 / 1 point

☐ Patch updating

☐ Penetration testing

☐ Cloud hardening

☒ Network segmentation

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Correct

10. How can a security professional confirm that no unverified changes have occurred within a cloud server?  
1 / 1 point

☐ Use port filtering to block or allow certain updates

☐ Perform a penetration test

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

☐ Establish multifactor authentication (MFA)

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Correct