

Cybersecurity Assignment - 1

Q1]

The TCP/IP protocol stack consists of 4 core layers

- (i) Application layer :- Topmost layer in the TCP/IP stack is the application layer. Responsible for providing network services directly to end-users or app programs.
- (ii) Transport layer :- Responsible for end to end communication & transfer reliability betⁿ two devices
 - (i) TCP - connectⁿ oriented protocol to ensure data reliable transmissⁿ
 - (ii) UDP :- connectⁿ protocol that provides a light weight way to transmit data.
- (iii) Internet layer :- Core routing & addressing fⁿ of TCP/IP starts
- (iv) Link Layer :- Also known as Interface layer. deals with physical & data link aspect of N.C

Q2]

~~Explain~~ IP addressing and routing are fundamental processes in computer network that enables data transmissⁿ ..

- IP Addressing :-
- (i) IP Address Assignment :- Every device on a network is assigned a unique IP address. IP address can be assigned manually or dynamically.
 - (ii) Subnetting :- Divided into subnets for efficient management.
 - (iii) Default Gateway :- Devices with subnets need to know where to send data when destinatⁿ isn't within their local network

Routing :- Routing tables :- Routers, the device responsible for directing data across network

Packet forwarding :- When device wants to send data to another

Routing protocol helps in efficient data transmissⁿ by path orga
Redundancy & Failover, load balancing, scalability & adaptability

Q3] Ethical Hacking also known as penetratⁿ test or white hat hacking involves authorized & controlled effort to identify & address vulnerability.

a) Planning & preparation:- Define scope, Obtain proper authorizatⁿ & Establish rules of engagement.

b) Reconnaissance:- By collecting informatⁿ & Network scanning to discover open ports etc.

c) Vulnerability:- Identify vulnerability, applicatⁿ & network configuratⁿ & prioritize vulnerabilities.

d) Exploitation:- Exploit vulnerabilities to demonstrate potential impact

e) Documentation:- About successful exploits.

f) Reporting:- Create a detailed report.

g) Remediation:- work with the organizatⁿ

h) Documentation & follow up:- Maintaining proper records & getting continuous improvements.

Q4] TCP/IP

OSI model

- 1) No. of layer = 4
- 2) Developed by US defence
- 3) Link, Internet, Transport, App Layer
- 4) Widely used
- 5) Directly associated with HTTP, DNS, FTP
- 6) Easier to grasp

- 1) No. of layer = 7
- 2) Developed by ISO
- 3) physical, Transport, data link, sessⁿ presentatⁿ, App layers
- 4) less popular, commonly used
- 5) Not directly associated with specific protocol
- 6) More complex

Q5] Gathering & Recon in security Assessment:-

- Essential in security checks exposing
- Ethical hacking phase collects data for attack
- Data includes, network, informatⁿ, aiding multiple vector.

* Footprinting:- Passive & Active:-

Passive: Gather public data (websites, news)

Active: Intrusive methods (hacking, social Engg)

- Recon Obj. - Attackers choose vulnerable target, explore exploits
 - Any org member can be initial target
 - single entry point is enough to begin
- Exploiting Recon Data - Data used for targetted attack, SE
- Preventing Recon Attacks - strong security policies, controls needed

Q6)

Vulnerability Assessment	Penetration Testing
1) Identifies vulnerabilities in system	1) Simulates real-world attacks to exploit vulnerabilities
2) Scans & identifies potential weakness	2) Actively exploits vulnerabilities to assess real-world impact.
3) less intrusive, identifies vulnerabilities vulnerabilities	3) More aggressive, tests how vulnerabilities can be exploited
4) Nessus, Zen, VAS, Qualys	4) Metasploit, Nmap, Burp suite

Q7)

Key characteristics of social Engg (SE) Attacks:-

→ Manipulation of Human psychology:- SE, attacks exploit human emotn & behaviour such as trust, fear, curiosity & authority to manipulate into taking action, that benefit the attacker

→ Pretexting:- Attackers create fabricated scenarios or pretexts to deceive victims into divulging sensitive informatn or performing action they wouldn't normally do

→ Impersonation:- Attackers impersonate legitimate individuals or entities often using fake emails

→ Urgency:- Attackers create a sense of urgency to pressure

victims into making hasty decision

- Scarcity: By creating a perceptn of limited availability, attackers entice victims to act quickly without careful consideration
- Baiting: Attackers offer something enticing like a free software download that ~~contains~~ tricks victims into compromising their security

Q8) ~~Malware~~ Malware stands for malicious software designed to exploit devices, networks or services. it includes viruses, worms & Trojans.

⇒ Viruses: Replicates by modifying other programs & inserting its own code. successful replicatn results in infectn of the affected areas.

⇒ Worms: Independent malware program that self-replicates to spread to other computers

⇒ Trojan Horses (Trojan): spread through SE, tricking users into executing disguised attachments

⇒ Impact & Risks: Malware can steal sensitive data, disrupts networks & damage or destroy data

⇒ Protectn Measures: Implement strong security measures, such as firewalls & antivirus software.