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Sentinel-X: A Comprehensive Cybersecurity Toolkit

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Introduction

The increasing dependency on digital communication and online systems has led to a surge in cyber threats such as data breaches, ransomware, and unauthorized intrusions. Traditional security mechanisms are often static and lack adaptability to real-time threats. **Sentinel-X** is developed as a solution to this problem by combining secure real-time communication with a suite of cybersecurity tools, including a password strength checker, vulnerability scanner, and port scanner—all integrated into a unified, user-friendly toolkit.

Significance of Comprehensive Cybersecurity

Sentinel-X ensures proactive defense by offering:

- **Real-Time Adaptability** to counter evolving cyber threats.
- **Scalability** across different environments from individual to enterprise levels.
- **User Control** with customizable settings and full visibility.
- Advanced Technologies, including AES encryption, real-time monitoring, and automated analysis.

Literature Review

Research reveals the limitations of existing cybersecurity tools:

- **Limited User-Controlled Encryption**: Proprietary encryption limits transparency.
- **Fragmented Toolsets**: Users must juggle between separate applications.
- Lack of Real-Time Adaptability: Static configurations can't respond to dynamic threats.
- **Low Transparency**: Users cannot audit or customize how data is secured.

Sentinel-X addresses these gaps with an integrated, open-source platform offering encryption, scanning, and user-driven customization.

Research Gaps

- **Fragmentation**: Lack of unified platforms.
- **Limited User Control**: Centralized encryption dominates the market.
- Accessibility: Tools are too technical for general users.
- **Adaptability**: Static systems can't react quickly to threats.
- **Transparency**: Proprietary tools offer no auditability.

Objectives

- Build a **secure chat system** with AES encryption.
- Provide tools for **vulnerability scanning** and **port scanning**.
- Develop a password strength checker.
- Offer **real-time adaptability** to detect evolving threats.
- Ensure full **user control** and **auditability**.
- Support **multi-client scalability**.
- Enable custom security configurations.
- Create a **user-friendly GUI**.

Modules Included

- 1. Secure Chatting Application
 - Tech Stack: Supabase, JavaScript, AES-GCM
 - Features:

- End-to-end encrypted chat.
- Typing indicators, friend search, and online status.
- Hacker-themed responsive UI.
- Supabase for authentication and real-time messaging.

2. **Vulnerability Scanner**

• **Backend**: Flask, Python libraries (requests, beautifulsoup4)

Frontend: HTML/JS

• Capabilities:

- Crawling and link extraction.
- Header checks, SQLi, and XSS detection.
- Admin panel discovery.
- Generates plain-text report.

3. Port Scanner

Backend: Flask, Python (socket)

Frontend: HTML/JS

Features:

- Fast, threaded scanning of common ports.
- Input-based targeting.
- Real-time UI feedback.

■ Implements Flask APIs to interact with the frontend.

4. **Password Strength Checker** (In Progress)

• **Tech Stack**: HavelBeenPwned API, Regex, entropy-based methods

Features:

- Analyzes password complexity.
- Compares with breach patterns from the HavelBeenPwned API.
- Suggests improvements visually.

Methodology

1. Requirements & Intelligence Gathering

- Use CVE databases, security advisories.
- o Identify attack vectors and user environments.

2. **System Architecture**

- Develop a modular design using **Flask** and **Supabase**.
- o Integrate modules with a central web interface hosted on **Vercel** and **Render**.

3. **Implementation**

- **Chat Encryption**: AES-256 with SHA-256 hashes for end-to-end encryption.
- **Scanning**: Uses **requests**, **socket**, and **beautifulsoup4** for vulnerability and port scanning.
- Password Checks: Uses Regex and entropy-based methods along with the HavelBeenPwned API for breach checks.

4. Simulation & Testing

- Unit testing for all modules.
- Controlled environment simulations.
- Real-time attack response scenarios to ensure proper adaptation to evolving threats.

5. **Performance Analysis**

- Log scan activity, encryption throughput.
- Benchmarking against other tools.
- Gather user feedback for refinements.

Expected Outcomes

- A deployable, full-featured cybersecurity toolkit.
- Enhanced encryption, threat detection, and reporting capabilities.
- Visual dashboard for scan results, integrating **port scanner**, **vulnerability scanner**, and **password strength checker**.
- A modular, scalable, open-source solution that is adaptable to both individual users and enterprise-level systems.

Deployment Strategy

- **Frontend** (Vercel): HTML/JS files hosted under one domain for easy access.
- **Backend** (Render): **Flask** APIs for scanning accessed via **fetch()** requests.

• **Cross-Origin**: Enabled using **Flask-CORS** to allow the frontend and backend to communicate seamlessly across different domains.

Conclusion

Sentinel-X demonstrates a comprehensive approach to digital security through a unified platform. With **real-time encrypted chat**, **vulnerability and port scanners**, and a **password strength checker**, users gain full visibility and control over their cybersecurity posture. Its **open-source architecture** ensures transparency and future extensibility, making it both a **learning resource** and a **practical security toolkit** for various environments.