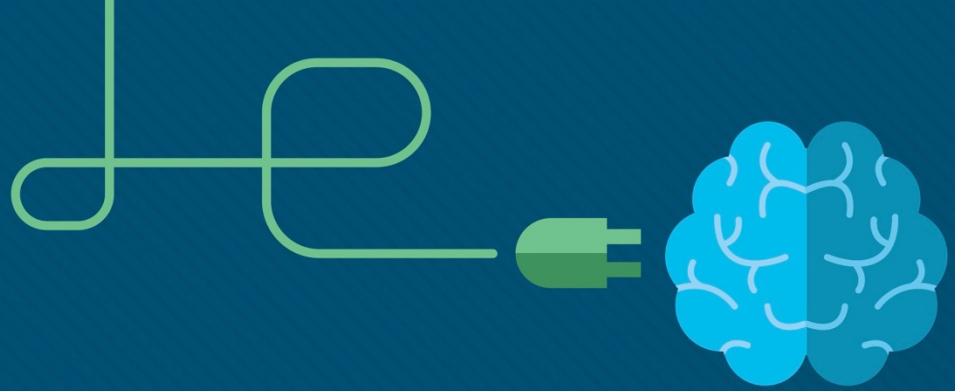

Chapter 8: Protecting the Network

Information Security

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8.2 Access Control

Module Objectives

Module Title: Access Control

Module Objective: Explain access control as a method of protecting a network.

Topic Title	Topic Objective
Access Control Concepts	Explain how access control protocols network data.
AAA Usage and Operation	Explain how AAA is used to control network access.

Communications Security: CIA

Information security deals with protecting information and information systems from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction.

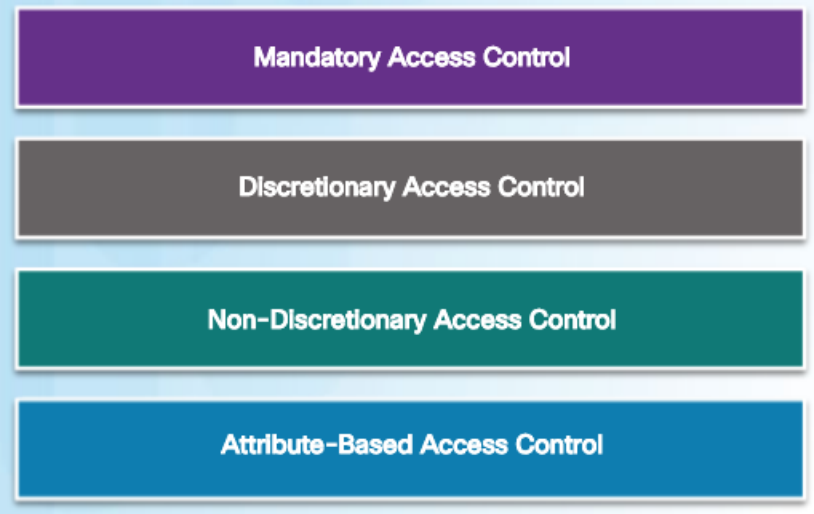
CIA Triad

The CIA triad consists of three components of information security:

- **Confidentiality -** Only authorized individuals, entities, or processes can access sensitive information.
- **Integrity -** This refers to the protection of data from unauthorized alteration.
- **Availability -** Authorized users must have uninterrupted access to the network resources and data that they require.

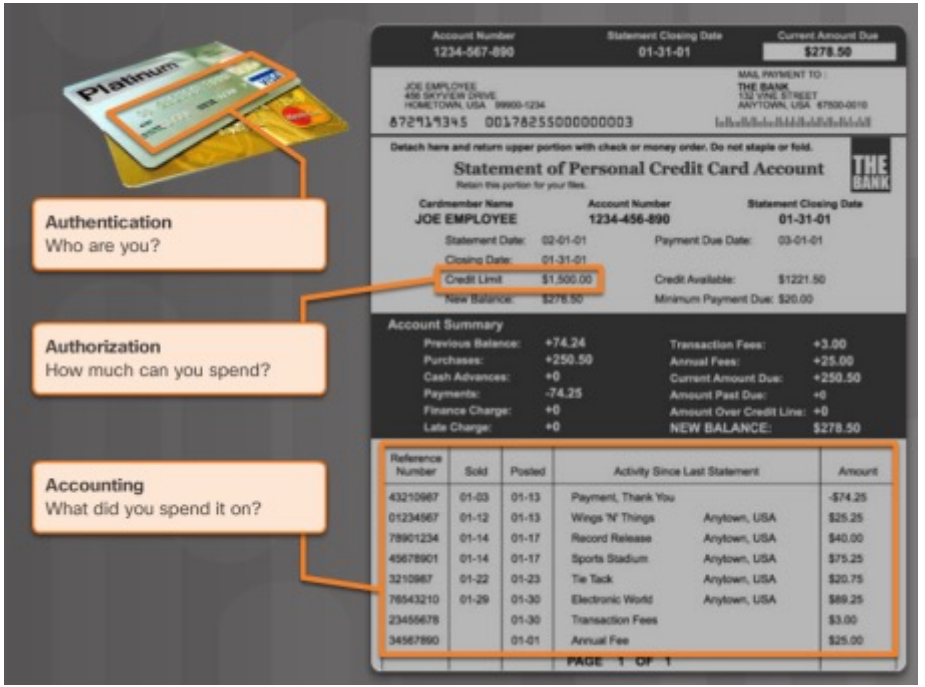
Access Control Models

- Basic access control models include the following:
  - **Mandatory access control (MAC)** – applies the strictest access control, enabling user access based on security clearance.
  - **Discretionary access control (DAC)** – allows users to control access to their data as owners of that data.
  - **Non-Discretionary access control** – access is based on roles and responsibilities; also known as role-based access control (RBAC).
  - **Attribute-based access control (ABAC)** – access is based on attributes of the resource accessed, the user accessing it, and environmental factors, such as time of day.
- Another access control model is the principle of least privilege, which states that users should be granted the minimum amount of access required to perform their work function.



AAA Operation

- Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) is a scalable system for access control.
  - **Authentication** - users and administrators must prove that they are who they say they are.
  - **Authorization** - determines which resources the user can access and which operations the user is allowed to perform.
  - **Accounting** - records what the user does and when they do it.

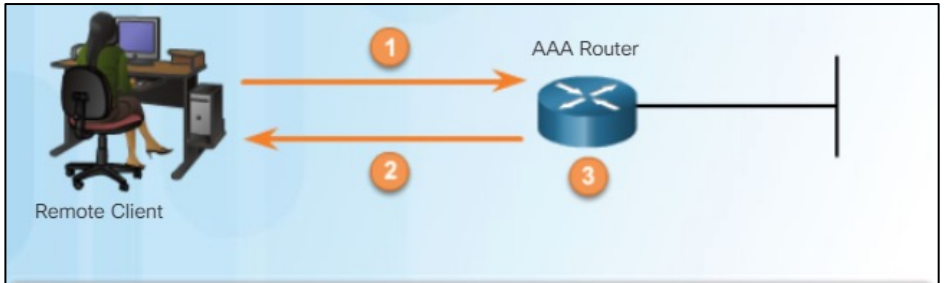


AAA Authentication

- Two common AAA authentication methods include:
  - **Local AAA Authentication** - This method authenticates users against locally stored usernames and passwords. Local AAA is ideal for small networks.
  - **Server-Based AAA Authentication** – This method authenticates against a central AAA server that contains the usernames and passwords for all users. Server-based AAA authentication is appropriate for medium-to-large networks.
- The process for both types are shown on the next slide.

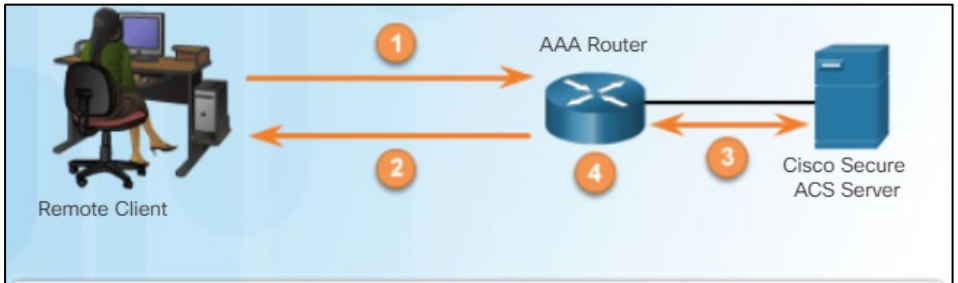
AAA Authentication (Cont.)

Local AAA Authentication



1. The client establishes a connection with the router.
2. The AAA router prompts the user for a username and password.
3. The router authenticates the username and password using the local database and the user is provided access to the network based on information in the local database.

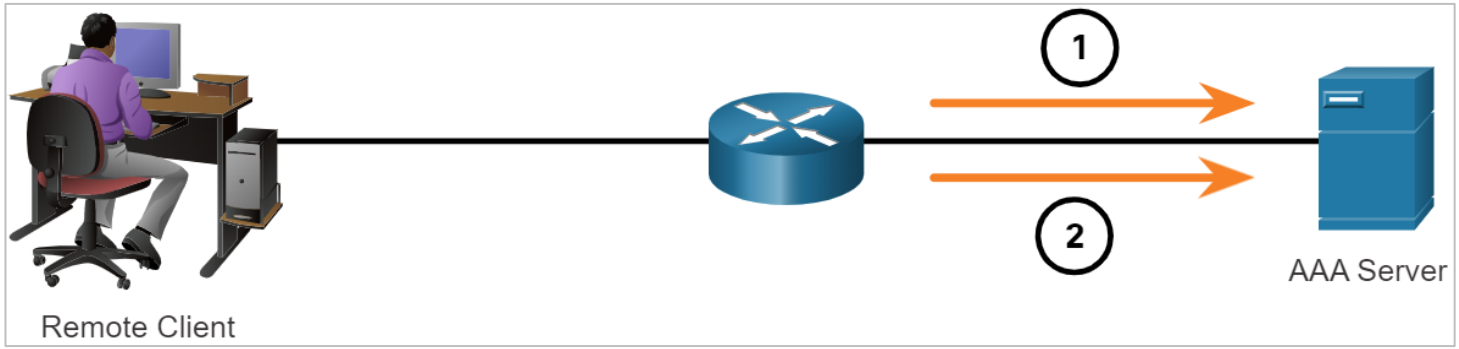
Server-Based AAA Authentication



1. The client establishes a connection with the router.
2. The AAA router prompts the user for a username and password.
3. The router authenticates the username and password using a remote AAA server.
4. The user is provided access to the network based on information in the remote AAA server.

AAA Accounting Logs

- Accounting provides more security than just authentication. The AAA servers keep a detailed log of exactly what the authenticated user does on the device.
- This includes all EXEC and configuration commands issued by the user.
- When a user has been authenticated, the AAA accounting process generates a start message to begin the accounting process.
- When the user finishes, a stop message is recorded and the accounting process ends.



AAA Accounting Logs (Contd.)

The following table describes the types of accounting information that can be collected:

Types of Accounting Information	Description
Network Accounting	It captures information for all Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) sessions, including packet and byte counts.
Connection Accounting	It captures information about all outbound connections that are made from the AAA client, such as by SSH.
EXEC Accounting	It captures information about user EXEC terminal sessions on the network access server, including username, date, start and stop times, and the access server IP address.
System Accounting	It captures information about all system-level events.
Command Accounting	It captures information about the EXEC shell commands for a specified privilege level ,as well as the date and time each command was executed, and the user who executed it.
Resource Accounting	It captures 'start' and 'stop' record support for connections that have passed user authentication.

8.3 Threat Intelligence

Module Objectives

Module Title: Threat Intelligence

Module Objective: Use various intelligence sources to locate current security threats.

Topic Title	Topic Objective
Information Sources	Describe information sources used to communicate emerging network security threats.
Threat Intelligence Services	Describe various threat intelligence services.

Network Intelligence Communities

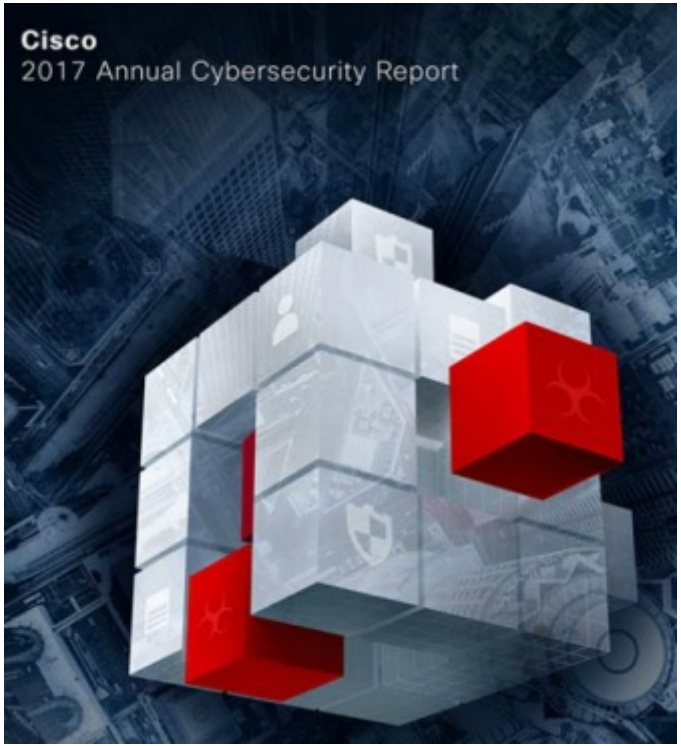
- To effectively protect a network, the security professionals must stay informed about the threats and vulnerabilities.
- There are many security organizations which provide network intelligence, resources, workshops, and conferences to help security professionals.
- To remain effective, a network security professional must:
  - **Keep abreast of the latest threats** – Includes subscribing to real-time feeds regarding threats, routinely perusing security-related websites, following security blogs and podcasts, and more.
  - **Continue to upgrade skills** – Includes attending security-related training, workshops, and conferences.
- **Note**: Network security has a very steep learning curve and requires a commitment to continuous professional development.

Network Intelligence Communities

- Threat intelligence organizations such as CERT, SANS, and MITRE offer detailed threat information that is vital to cybersecurity practices.

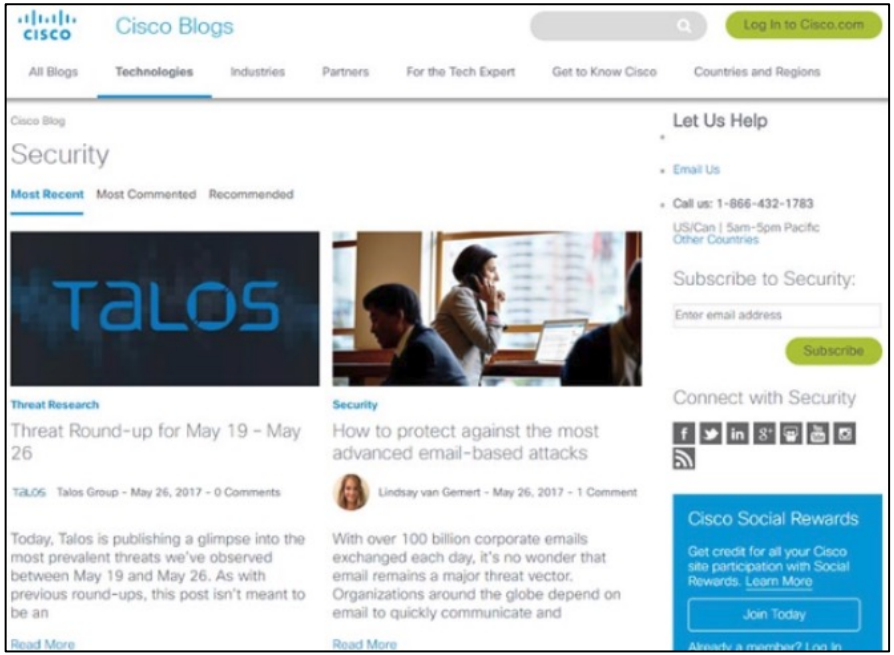
Cisco Cybersecurity Reports

- Resources to help security professionals stay abreast of the latest threats are the Cisco Annual Cybersecurity Report and the Mid-Year Cybersecurity Report.
- These reports provide an update on the state of security preparedness, expert analysis of top vulnerabilities, factors behind the explosion of attacks using adware, spam, and so on.
- Cybersecurity analysts should subscribe and read these reports to learn how threat actors are targeting their networks, and what action can be taken to mitigate these attacks.



Security Blogs and Podcasts

- Blogs and podcasts also provide advice, research, and recommended mitigation techniques.
- Cisco provides blogs on security-related topics from a number of industry experts and from the Cisco Talos Group.
- Cisco Talos offers a series of over 80 podcasts that can be played from the internet or downloaded to your device of choice.



Cisco Talos

- Talos is one of the largest commercial threat intelligence teams in the world, and is comprised of world-class researchers, analysts and engineers.
- The goal is to help protect enterprise users, data, and infrastructure from active adversaries.
- The team collects information about active, existing, and emerging threats, and then provides comprehensive protection against these attacks and malware to its subscribers.

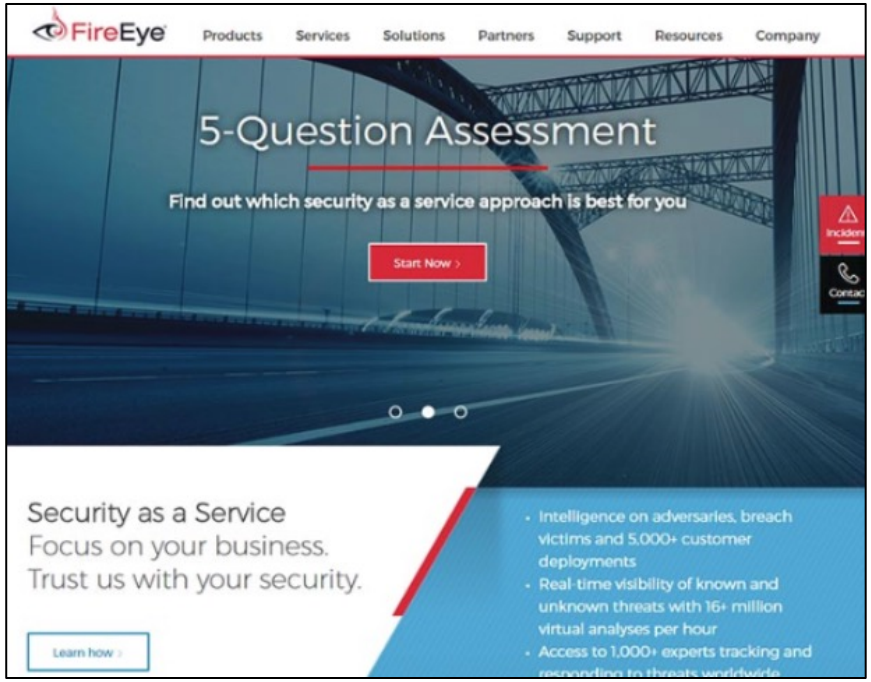
- Cisco Security products can use Talos threat intelligence in real time to provide fast and effective security solutions.
- Cisco Talos also provides free software, services, resources, data and maintains the security incident detection rule sets for the Snort.org, ClamAV, and SpamCop network security tools.

FireEye

- FireEye is another security company that offers services to help enterprises secure their networks.
- FireEye offers emerging threat information and threat intelligence reports.

FireEye Security System:

- The FireEye Security System blocks attacks across web and email threat vectors, and latent malware that resides on file shares.
- It can block advanced malware that easily bypasses traditional signature-based defenses and compromises the majority of enterprise networks.
- It addresses all stages of an attack lifecycle with a signature-less engine utilizing stateful attack analysis to detect zero-day threats.

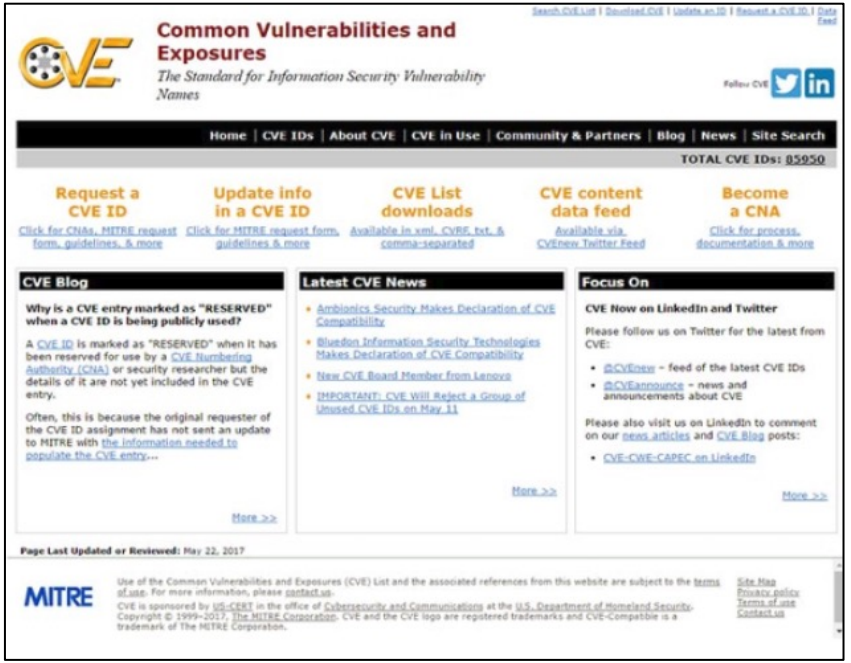


Automated Indicator Sharing

- The Automated Indicator Sharing (AIS) is a free service offered by the U.S Department of Homeland Security(DHS).
- AIS enables the real-time exchange of cyber threat indicators between the U.S. Federal Government and the private sector.
- AIS creates an ecosystem when a threat is recognized. Later, it is immediately shared with the community to help them protect their networks from that particular threat.

Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) Database

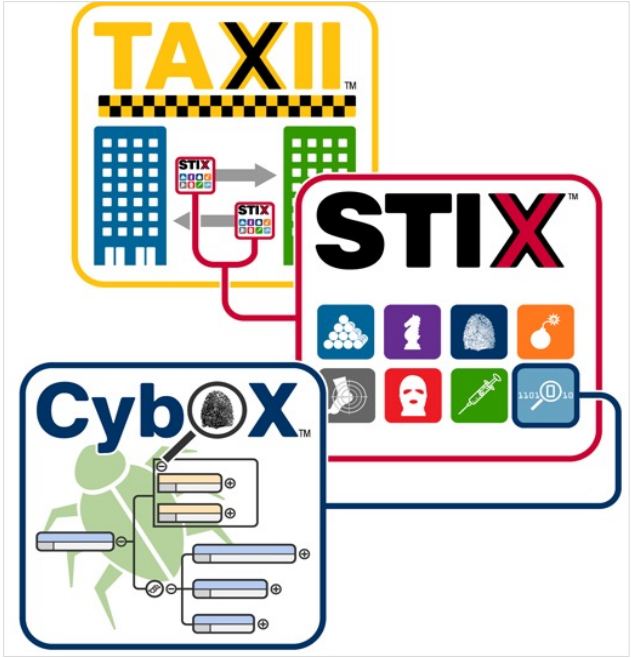
- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) is a database of vulnerabilities that uses a standardized naming scheme to facilitate the sharing of threat intelligence.



Threat Intelligence Communication Standards

Three common threat intelligence sharing standards include the following:

- **Structured Threat Information Expression (STIX)** - This is a set of specifications for exchanging cyber threat information between organizations.
- **Trusted Automated Exchange of Indicator Information (TAXII)** – This is the specification for an application layer protocol that allows the communication of CTI over HTTPS. TAXII is designed to support STIX.
- **CybOX** - This is a set of standardized schema for specifying, capturing, characterizing, and communicating events and properties of network operations that supports many cybersecurity functions.



New Terms and Commands

- Discretionary access control (DAC)
- Mandatory access control (MAC)
- Attribute-based access control (ABAC)
- Role-based access control (RBAC)
- Availability
- Confidentiality
- Network Accounting
- Connection Accounting
- System Accounting
- EXEC Accounting
- Command Accounting
- Resource Accounting
- Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA)
- SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security (SANS)
- Mitre
- Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST)
- International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium $(ISC)^2$
- Cisco Talos
- FireEye
- Automated Indicator Sharing (AIS)
- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)
- Structured Threat Information Expression (STIX)
- Trusted Automated Exchange of Indicator Information (TAXII)
- CybOX

Lab 31 - The Cybersecurity Cube Scatter Quizlet

In this lab, you will identify the three dimensions of the Cybersecurity Cube and the elements of each dimension.