**Project Overview:**

**The purpose of this report is to provide the status of all tasks throughout the project lifecycle. The report includes the following:**

* **Project Overview**
* **Project Outcomes throughout the project lifecycle**
* **Challenges and Issues encountered throughout the project lifecycle**
* **Ongoing Risks throughout the project**
* **Milestone II Key Accomplishments throughout the project lifecycle**
* **Project key deliverables associated with each task assigned**
* **Status updates throughout the project**

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**Outcome I:**

**Researched Scholarly and academic literature reviews relating to project**

**Reviewed several articles and case studies relating to the project**

* **Conducted a data analysis associated with vulnerabilities which could be useful to the project**

**Outcome II:**

**A member on the team conducted research to develop a survey on the types of software organizations would implement in their environment.**

* **This research led to the development of a survey to be used for data analysis associated with the project.**
* **The data from the survey’s was used to perform analysis of the project. The type data used along with the variables was helpful in using different scenarios in modeling.** 
  + **The data captured was used for the NetLogo modeler which was considered a milestone achievement**

**Project Issues and Challenges;**

* **Challenge: Availability of project personnel (work, personnel issues, test environment, etc.**
* **Solution: Team was able to meet outside of meeting to discuss tasks and milestone updates**
* **Challenge: Understanding the data elements which would need to be fed into the NetLogo application**
* **Solution: Team was able to discuss different data types, data elements and variables to feed into the NetLogo Model**
* **Challenges: Performance, optimization, speed and latency issues due to internet service provider**
* **Solution: One member on the team was able to connect internet by other resources available**
* **Challenges: Training on how to program of the use of the SCALA application**
* **Solution: One member of the team was able to successfully learn the SCALA application to use for the NetLogo Model. The team will also use existing NetLogo models from the NetLogo Library or other outside sources.**
* **Challenges: There are not enough survey respondents to distribute survey questions to.**
* **Solution: There will be presentation and survey conducted at DEFCON II. The meeting will generate enough feedback from respondents to answer survey questions. The surveys will provide feedback relating to the team’s project.**
* **Challenge: Data analysis will be dependent based upon the number of respondents surveyed**
* **Solution: Will need to tailor survey questions to present to respondents throughout private and industrial sectors. Survey will be opened until the end of the Milestone II project.**
* **Challenges: Brainstorming on how to put together the project outline**
* **Solution: Will work together as a team to provide inputs and help build the project outline**

**Ongoing Risks**

* **Project Scope Creep: Some assigned tasks currently have been moved to the left**
  + **Due to members on the team having other personal commitments, (.i.e., family issues, personal issues, place of employment), etc.**
* **NetLogo Data Modeling Diagram will need to be developed**
* **Visualization and display of data for use in the Environmental Setup will need to be developed**
* **Time and availability of personnel conducting testing for the deliverable**
* **Environmental factors which affected the project**
  + **On March 4, 2025, a blizzard affected the Nebraska regional area**
    - **This weather event produced widespread power outages**

**Milestone II Key Accomplishments:**

* **Researched Case Congressional Report for JBS Foods**
* **Researched Case Study for CrowdStrike**
* **Obtained Report CrowdStrike**
* **Obtained Congressional Report for CrowdStrike**
* **Obtained Common Vulnerabilities Enumerations(CVE) for CrowdStrike**
* **Received several responses and feedback based upon survey conducted from private and public sectors**
* **The types of data and variables used generated different scenarios for the NetLogo model**

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**Project key deliverables associated with each task assigned and status updates:**

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| **Name:** | **Description** | **Start Date:** | **End Date:** | **Status:** |
| **Cummings/Flood/Gilbert/Thompson** | **Kick-Off meeting to discuss requirements and tasks for the project** | **02/24/2025** | **2/24/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Uploaded CrowdStrike Case Study Report** | **2/24/2025** | **2/24/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Uploaded CrowdStrike Incident Root Cause Analysis PDF** | **2/24/2025** | **2/24/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Uploaded CrowdStrike Report** | **2/24/2025** | **2/24/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Uploaded both FTC and DOJ 2023 Merger Guidelines** | **2/24/2025** | **2/24/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Working on Milestone II Report** | **2/24/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Worked on Project Risks** | **2/24/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Added Sources to Milestone II** | **2/24/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Inputting tasks assigned to each team member for Milestone II report** | **2/26/2025** |  | **In progress** |
| **Ryan Thompson** | **Upload Initial Qualtrics Survey for Milestone II** | **2/24/2025** | **3/6/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Reviewed Initial Survey Questions/Tweaked Questions** | **3/6/2025** | **3/6/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Uploaded JBS Ransomware Case Study Report** | **2/28/2025** | **2/28/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Ryan Thompson** | **Milestone II Research Paper Outline** | **2/17/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Ryan Thompson** | **Milestone II Meetup at DEFCON402** | **3/12/2025** | **3/12/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Ryan Thompson** | **Milestone II Presentation** |  |  | **Not Started** |
| **Connor Flood** | **Milestone II Visual/Display NetLogo Modeling** | **3/1/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Connor Flood** | **Milestone II Environment Setup** | **2/17/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Connor Flood** | **Milestone II Test Environment for Issues** |  |  | **Not Started** |
| **Brian Gilbert/Connor Flood** | **Learn Scala to Program NetLogo** | **2/17/2025** | **3/10/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Brian Gilbert/Connor Flood** | **Milestone II Diagram Generation** | **2/17/2025** |  | **Not Started** |
| **Brian Gilbert** | **Document Product Increments for Milestone II** |  |  | **Not Started** |
| **Connor Flood** | **Milestone II Summary of Outcomes** | **3/17/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Ryan Thompson/Sheryl Cummings** | **Milestone II Analyze Qualtrics Code Survey Data** | **3/2/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Sheryl Cummings/Ryan Thompson/Connor Flood** | **Milestone II Team Meeting/Discussions included status updates to the project** | **3/3/2025** | **3/3/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Sheryl Cummings** | **Updated Risks Table for Milestone II** | **3/5/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Ryan Thompson** | **Publish Survey Results for Milestone II** | **3/5/2025** |  | **Not Started** |
| **Cummings/Thompson/Flood** | **Milestone II Team Meeting/Discussions included status updates to the project** | **3/10/2025** | **3/10/2025** | **Completed** |
| **Brian Gilbert** | **Milestone II NetLogo Data Set** |  |  | **Not Started** |
| **Connor Flood** | **Milestone II NetLogo Food Security Metrics** | **3/10/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Connor Flood** | **Milestone II Test Environment and Enhance Useability** | **3/10/2025** |  | **In Progress** |
| **Ryan Thompson** | **Milestone II Presentation** |  |  | **Not started** |
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**Summary:**

**This progress report covers our team's accomplishments during Milestone II. Our key accomplishments included conducted several research literatures to help understand the information we would need to accomplish our project.**

**Another key accomplishment for the team included developing a survey to use build out metrics for the NetLogo model. Conducting the survey helped the team understand which variables we could use for our NetLogo data model.**

**We also encountered several issues and challenges associated with our project. For example, some of the issues we encountered included availability of personnel, loss of power and understanding the data to generate different scenarios. The team was able to overcome these obstacles by meeting to discuss the assigned tasks in completing this milestone II deliverable.**