



Module A

IndiaSkills National Competition

Cyber Security

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Description

The competition has a fixed start and finish time. You must decide how to best divide your time.

Please carefully read the following instructions!

- When the competition time ends, please leave your station in a running state.
- The assessment will be done in the state as it is.
- No reboot will be initiated as well as powered off machines will not be powered on!
- The provided tasks can be completed in any order. Just ensure that all goals are achieved
- Marking for each section has been provided in brackets

Report Submission Link: <https://forms.gle/b94vTvv5HQ2ZTYEfA>

Credentials

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splunk -> splunk:splunk123  
ubuntu(sudo user) -> ubuntu:ubuntu
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Part 1: Hardening (21.75)

1. Windows Hardening (15.5)

- a. Enforce password policy with below configuration

S. No	Policy Options	Configuration
1	Enforce Password History	5 passwords remembered
2	Maximum Password Age	45 days
3	Minimum Password Age	3 days
4	Minimum Password Length	12 characters

- b. Enforce password complexity
- c. Implement the best practice for password storage
- d. Implement the account lockout policy
- User account not to get unlocked automatically
 - User account should get locked out after 5 invalid password attempts
 - Account lockout reset counter to be set to 1 day
- e. Enable all events to be logged for:
- Audit Credential Validation
 - Audit Kerberos Authentication Services
 - Audit Kerberos Service Ticket Operations
 - Audit other account login events
- f. Implement the appropriate rights assignment to the provided user / group.
- Ensure only Administrators and Authenticated Users group are authorized to logon to the computer in the network
 - Restrict the system time and time zone change privilege only to the Administrators group & Local Service
 - Guests user account should not be allowed to login to the system
 - Allow only Administrators and Remote Desktop Users to logon remotely (interactive logon)
 - Allow Administrators and Power Users to force shutdown remotely

- vi. Enable auditing and security log management for Administrators and Power Users
- vii. Administrators alone should have the privilege for taking ownership of the files or other objects
- viii. There should not be any user / group to log on as a service
- ix. Administrators and Power Users should have the privilege for Loading and Unloading Device Drivers
- x. Administrators alone to perform volume maintenance tasks
- g. Implement Security Options for:
 - i. Disabling USB Storage Devices access
 - ii. Not to display logged on user information either when locked
 - iii. Not to display logged on user information either when logged off
 - iv. Display the below text as title whenever any user logs in
“Welcome to IndiaSkills!!!”
 - v. Display the below text as content whenever any user logs in
“This system is restricted to authorized users only!”
 - vi. Printer drivers shall be installed by Everyone
 - vii. Enable Interactive Logon: Machine inactivity limit to 10 minutes
 - viii. Enable Microsoft network server: Digitally sign communication (always)
 - ix. Disable Network access: Allow anonymous SID/Name translation
 - x. Ensure to prompt for credentials for User Account control: Behaviour of the elevation prompt for standard users.
- h. Disable “NetBIOS over TCP/IP”
- i. Disable POSIX subsystem
- j. Disable SMB v1 support
- k. Enforce the stronger encryption protocol (TLS 1.2) and disable legacy/weak protocol (SSL 2.0, SSL 3.0, TLS 1.0, TLS 1.1) support

I. Define the below settings for Event Logging

S. No	Event Log Policy Attributes	Settings
1	Maximum application log size*	1048576 kilobytes
2	Maximum security log size*	1048576 kilobytes
3	Maximum system log size*	1048576 kilobytes
4	Prevent local guest group from accessing application log**	DWORD (1)
5	Prevent local guest group from accessing security log**	DWORD (1)
6	Prevent local guest group from accessing system log**	DWORD (1)

* - to be defined on Group Policy Editor

** - to be defined in Windows Registry

- m. Enable logging for Print auditing
- n. Implement the below security configuration settings on Windows Defender Firewall
 - i. Create an inbound rule for the below condition
 - 1. Create a FTP inbound rule (Port 21) for allowing connections only if it is secure
 - 2. Allow connections only for Administrators group
 - 3. No Exception users / groups
 - 4. Implement the rule for Private networks only
 - 5. Rule Name to be provided as "FTP Rule for Indiaskills"
- o. Configure the system to open .reg file with notepad.exe
- p. Disable below services in the Computer Policy settings
 - i. Cortana
 - ii. Location
 - iii. Sensors
 - iv. Windows Mail
 - v. Force automatic setup for all users (under Work folder)
- q. Define below Windows Security – App and Browser control

Check Apps and files	Warn / On
SmartScreen for Microsoft Edge	Warn / On
SmartScreen for Windows Store apps	Warn / On
Exploit protection	Control flow guard: ON Data Execution Prevention: ON Force randomization for images: OFF Randomize Memory allocation: ON Validate exception chain: ON Validate heap integrity: ON

- r. Disable Multicast Name resolution

- s. Configure NETLOGON and SYSVOL shares as below

Value Name	Value
<u>*\NETLOGON</u>	RequireMutualAuthentication=1, RequireIntegrity=1
<u>*\SYSVOL</u>	RequireMutualAuthentication=1, RequireIntegrity=1

- t. Configure below Remote Desktop session configuration

Setting	Recommendation	Value
Set time limit for disconnected sessions	Enabled	30 Minutes
Set time limit for active but idle Remote Desktop Service sessions	Enabled	1 hours
Set time limit for active Remote Desktop Services Session	Enabled	1 day

2. Linux Hardening (6.25)

- a. Restrict root login to system console
- b. Enable Login Banner with the message “Welcome to IndiaSkills!!!”
- c. Enforce automatic logoff for user accounts after 600 seconds of no activity
- d. Enforce password policy with below configuration
 - i. Maximum Password age – 45 days
 - ii. Minimum Password age – 3 days
 - iii. Password expiry notification – 10 days
- e. Define password rules as below
 - i. Minimum password length – 8 characters
 - ii. Minimum number of lower case letters – 1 letter
 - iii. Minimum number of upper case letters – 1 letter
 - iv. Minimum number of digits – 1 digit
 - v. Minimum number of other (special) character – 1 character
- f. Enable password history to remember past 5 passwords
- g. Secure SSH services with following security configuration / policies
 - i. Setup SSH Policy on the server to only allow access through the provided private key
 - ii. Setup SSH MOTD Banner “**Unauthorized Access is prohibited!**”
 - iii. Limit the SSH protocol to version 2 (disable SSH protocol version 1)
 - iv. Enable logging of login and logout activity
 - v. Restrict SSH X11 forwarding (X11 tunnelling)
 - vi. Disable .rhosts file
 - vii. Set SSH HostbasedAuthentication to NO

- viii. Set SSH PermitEmptyPasswords to NO
- ix. Do not allow users to set environment options
- x. Set login grace time to 60 seconds
- xi. Enable StrictModes
- xii. Restrict SSH from setting up TCP Port forwarding
- xiii. Enable Privilege separation

Part 2: Security Monitoring (3.25)

1. Integration of Windows & Linux

- a. Integrate Windows system with Splunk to collect windows event logs (System, Application, Security)
- b. Integrate Linux logs with Splunk to collect Linux host logs
- c. Integrate Linux logs with Splunk to collect Linux SSH logs

Note: Ensure all logs are flowing to the Splunk platform

2. Creation of Use Case and alerts

- a. Write a correlation rule for detecting brute-force attempts with below criteria
 - i. 3 consecutive failure attempts for the same user account in a span of 3 minutes
 - ii. Alert to be created for the investigation
- b. Write a correlation rule for detecting user account compromise
 - i. instances of active session of a specific user account on multiple systems simultaneously
 - ii. Alert to be created for the investigation
- c. Write a correlation rule for triggering alert when multiple failed logins are observed from the same IP (Windows)
- d. Write a correlation rule for triggering alert when multiple failed logins are observed from the same IP (Linux)
- e. Write a correlation rule for triggering alert when multiple failed logins are observed from the same IP (Linux-SSH)
- f. Write a correlation rule to trigger alert whenever there is a creation of a user account with super user privileges (Linux)
- g. Write a correlation rule to trigger alert whenever there is a creation of a user account with super user privileges (Windows)
- h. Write a correlation rule to trigger alert whenever there is a search for password files using grep or find (Linux)
- i. Write a correlation rule to trigger alert whenever there is a password change activity observed for any user account (Windows)

- j. Write a correlation rule to trigger alert whenever there is a password change activity observed for any user account (Linux)

Part 3: Malware Analysis (4)

On the desktop, analyze the malwares in the folder malware using IDA and leave a comprehensive report on the system. The filename should be

YourState_YourName.pdf. You can use Google docs for creating the report.

Part 4: Network Architecture Review (3.5)

Study the architecture diagram and put answers to the following question in your report:

1. What are the best practices followed in this network architecture?
2. Is there any device placed / positioned wrongly? If so, list down device(s) and justify the reason. Also suggest on the appropriate positioning/placement of the device(s).
3. Any specific recommendation to enhance security on this architecture (can be controls, technology, devices etc)

