AI-Based Threat Intelligence Platform

Team 5.1

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Introduction

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Significance: The AI-Based Threat Intelligence Platform stands to redefine the landscape of cybersecurity by offering a proactive defense strategy, enhanced visibility, and the ability to swiftly respond to threats, reducing the risk of data breaches, financial losses, and reputational damage for organizations of all sizes and sectors.

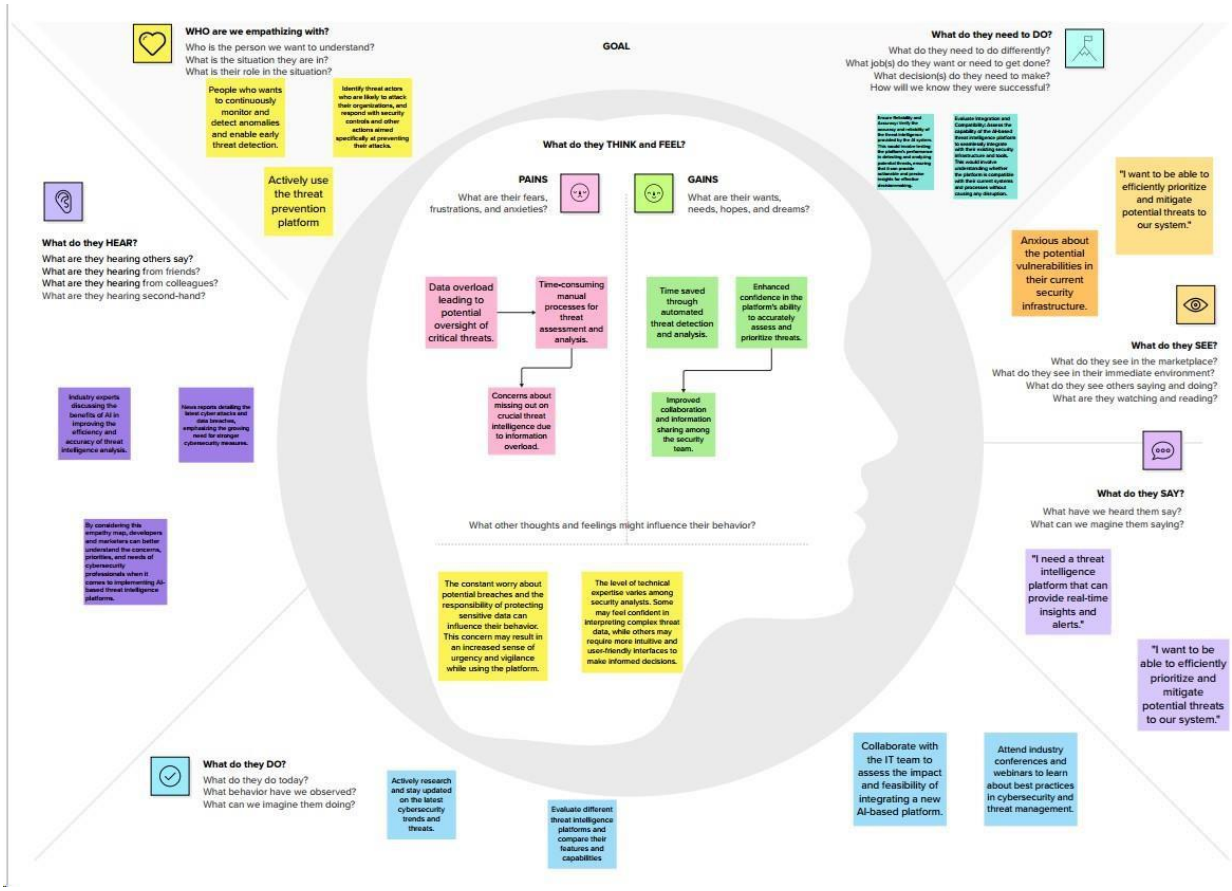
Objectives:

- Real-Time Threat Detection: Implement AI models capable of continuously monitoring and analyzing network traffic, logs, and security events to detect threats in real time.
- Threat Feed Integration: Integrate a comprehensive range of threat intelligence feeds from trusted sources, enriching internal data with the latest threat indicators.
- Automated Alerting: Develop an alerting system that provides timely notifications to security analysts when a potential threat is detected.
- Incident Response Integration: Seamlessly connect with existing incident response processes and tools to expedite mitigation.
- User-Friendly Interface: Create an intuitive user interface with interactive dashboards and reports to enable security analysts to make informed decisions.

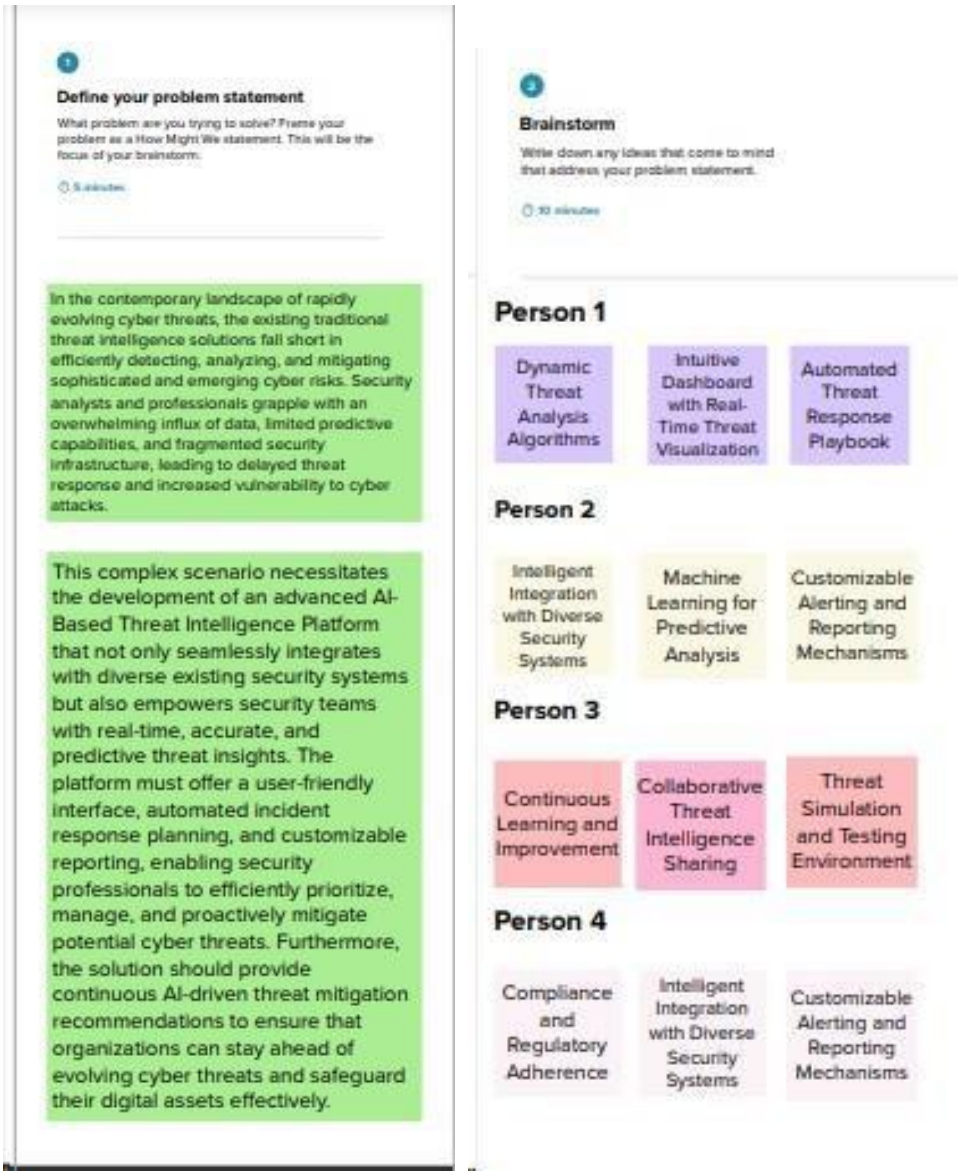
Abstract

The AI-Based Threat Intelligence Platform employs artificial intelligence for real-time threat detection, anomaly identification, and rapid incident response. It integrates diverse data sources, providing a proactive defence strategy. This initiative aims to strengthen cybersecurity across industries, reducing the risk of data breaches and financial losses.

Empathy Map



Brainstorming Map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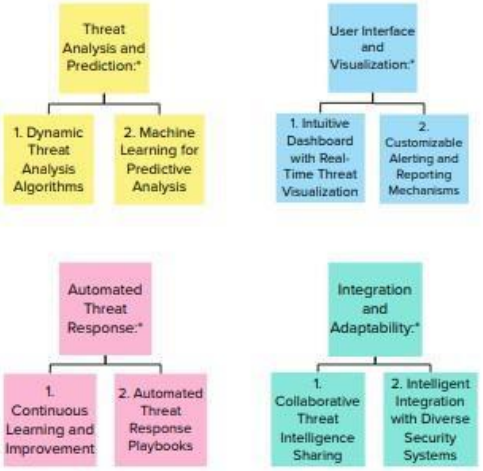
Define your problem statement
What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.
5 minutes
In the contemporary landscape of rapidly evolving cyber threats, the existing traditional threat intelligence solutions fall short in efficiently detecting, analyzing, and mitigating sophisticated and emerging cyber risks. Security analysts and professionals grapple with an overwhelming influx of data, limited predictive capabilities, and fragmented security infrastructure, leading to delayed threat response and increased vulnerability to cyber attacks.
This complex scenario necessitates the development of an advanced AI-Based Threat Intelligence Platform that not only seamlessly integrates with diverse existing security systems but also empowers security teams with real-time, accurate, and predictive threat insights. The platform must offer a user-friendly interface, automated incident response planning, and customizable reporting, enabling security professionals to efficiently prioritize, manage, and proactively mitigate potential cyber threats. Furthermore, the solution should provide continuous AI-driven threat mitigation recommendations to ensure that organizations can stay ahead of evolving cyber threats and safeguard their digital assets effectively.
2
Brainstorm
Write down any ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.
10 minutes
Person 1
Dynamic Threat Analysis Algorithms
Intuitive Dashboard with Real-Time Threat Visualization
Automated Threat Response Playbook
Person 2
Intelligent Integration with Diverse Security Systems
Machine Learning for Predictive Analysis
Customizable Alerting and Reporting Mechanisms
Person 3
Continuous Learning and Improvement
Collaborative Threat Intelligence Sharing
Threat Simulation and Testing Environment
Person 4
Compliance and Regulatory Adherence
Intelligent Integration with Diverse Security Systems
Customizable Alerting and Reporting Mechanisms

Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. Once all sticky notes have been grouped, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you and break it up into smaller sub-groups.

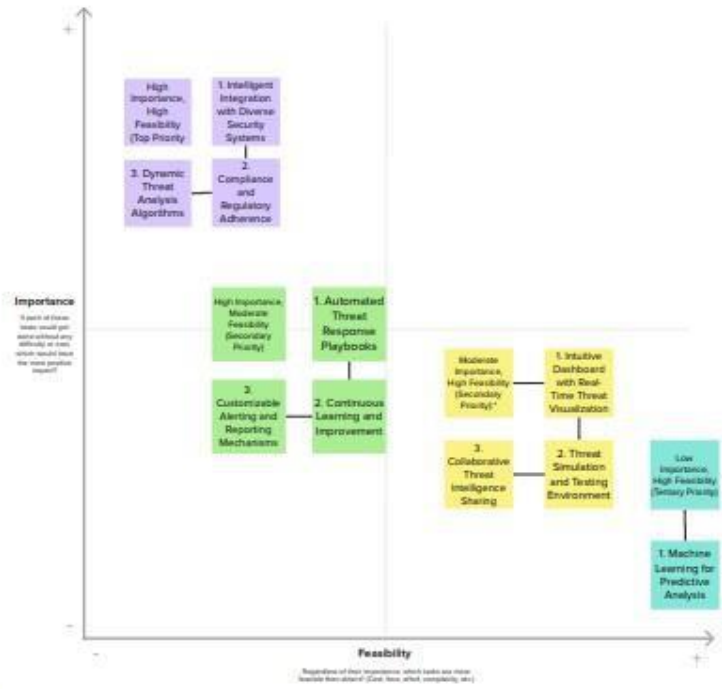
20 minutes



Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

20 minutes



Proposed solution

S.No.	Parameter	Description
1.	Problem Statement (Problem to be solved)	Inadequate integration, limited predictive capabilities, and complex interfaces in traditional threat intelligence solutions hinder timely and comprehensive cyber risk management. The project aims to develop an AI-Based Threat Intelligence Platform for seamless integration, predictive analytics, and user-friendly interfaces to enhance cyber threat detection and response.
2.	Idea / Solution description	The AI-Based Threat Intelligence Platform integrates advanced algorithms and predictive analytics for real-time threat detection. With a user-friendly interface and customizable reporting, it facilitates seamless integration with existing security systems. Automated threat response playbooks and continuous learning mechanisms enable swift and proactive threat mitigation.
3.	Novelty / Uniqueness	The novelty and uniqueness of the AI-Based Threat Intelligence Platform lie in its seamless integration with diverse security systems, leveraging advanced algorithms and predictive analytics for real-time threat detection. Its user-friendly interface, customizable reporting, and automated threat response playbooks set it apart, ensuring swift and proactive threat mitigation, thus establishing a comprehensive and adaptable approach to cybersecurity.
4.	Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction	The AI-Based Threat Intelligence Platform has a significant social impact, as it enhances overall cybersecurity measures, thereby safeguarding sensitive data and digital assets for businesses and individuals. By providing a robust defense against cyber threats, it fosters customer satisfaction and trust, ultimately contributing to a safer and more secure digital environment for all users
5.	Business Model (Revenue Model)	The business model for the AI-Based Threat Intelligence Platform revolves around a subscription-based revenue model, offering tiered packages based on the scale and specific needs of the organization. Additional revenue streams include customized consultancy services, training programs, and the potential for partnerships with cybersecurity firms. Frequent updates and add-on features contribute to ongoing customer engagement and retention.

6.	Scalability of the Solution	The solution's scalability is facilitated through its adaptable architecture, enabling seamless integration with varying organizational infrastructures, regardless of size or complexity. The platform's ability to efficiently handle increasing data volumes and evolving threat landscapes ensures its applicability across diverse industry verticals, from small businesses to large enterprises, thus allowing for effective and scalable threat detection and mitigation capabilities.

Solution architecture

The solution architecture of an AI-based threat intelligence platform typically consists of the following components:

Data ingestion: This component is responsible for collecting security data from a variety of sources, such as system logs, network traffic, user behaviour, and external threat intelligence feeds. The data is then normalized and stored in a centralized location for analysis.

Data preprocessing: This component prepares the ingested data for machine learning by cleaning, transforming, and feature engineering.

Machine learning models: This component uses machine learning algorithms to analyse the pre-processed data and identify patterns and anomalies that may indicate potential threats.

Threat intelligence generation: This component converts the output of the machine learning models into human-readable and actionable threat intelligence reports.

Threat intelligence dissemination: This component distributes the threat intelligence reports to security analysts and other stakeholders across the organization.

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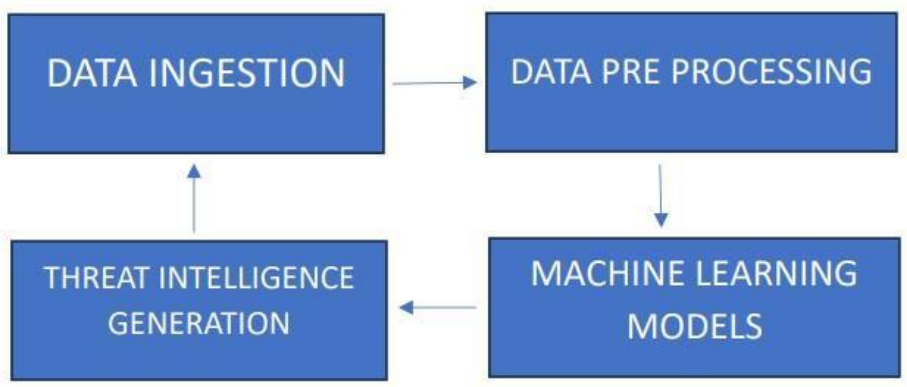


Data ingestion:
The data ingestion component collects security data from a variety of sources, such as:

- System logs (e.g., firewall logs, application logs, operating system logs).
- Network traffic (e.g., NetFlow data, packet captures).
- User behaviour data (e.g., login data, file access data, web browsing data).
- External threat intelligence feeds (e.g., feeds from security vendors, government agencies, and open-source sources).

Data preprocessing:
The data preprocessing component prepares the ingested data for machine learning by cleaning, transforming, and feature engineering. This may involve:

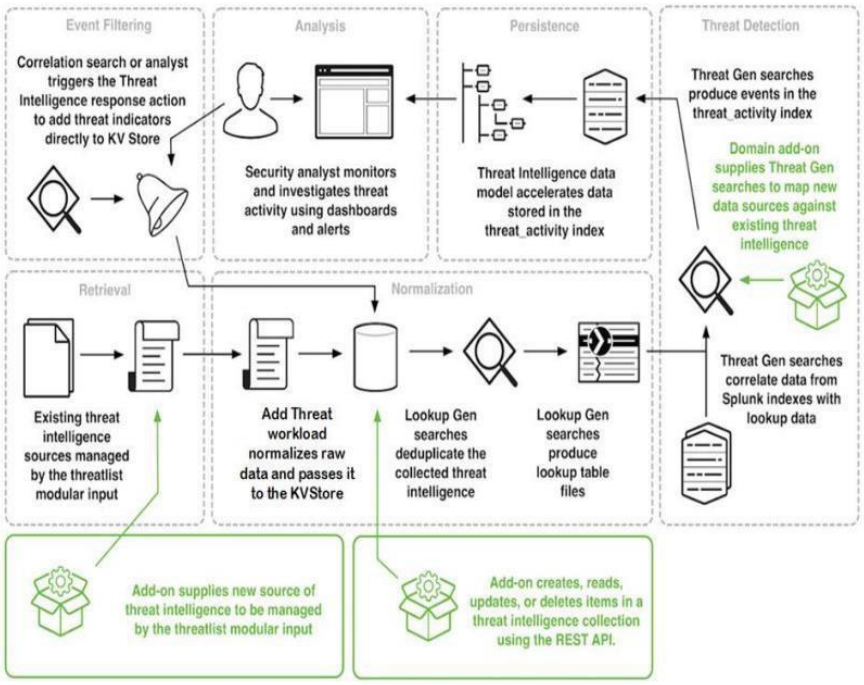
- Removing noise and outliers from the data.
- Transforming the data into a format that is compatible with the machine learning algorithms.
- Creating new features from the existing data that may be more predictive of potential threats.

Machine learning models:
The machine learning models component uses machine learning algorithms to analyse the pre-processed data and identify patterns and anomalies that may indicate potential threats. There are a variety of machine learning algorithms that can be used for this purpose, such as supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and deep learning.

Threat intelligence generation:
The threat intelligence generation component converts the output of the machine learning models into human-readable and actionable threat intelligence reports. This may involve:

- Correlating data from multiple sources to get a more complete picture of a threat.
- Enriching the data with additional information, such as the threat actor's motivations and capabilities.
- Prioritizing the threats based on their severity and impact to the organization.

Technology stack



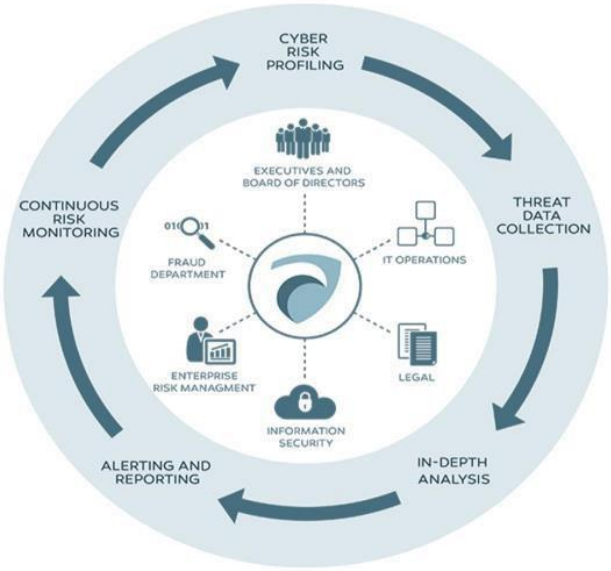


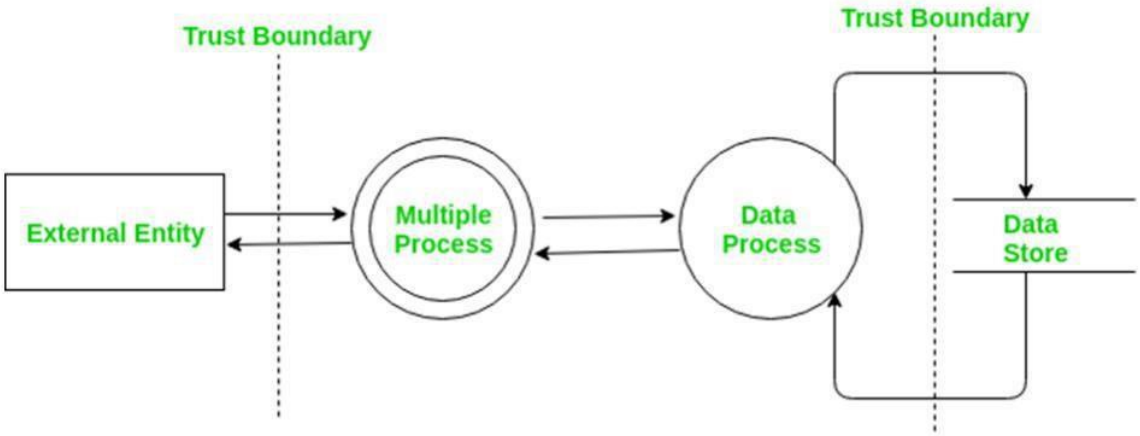
Table 1: Components & Technologies:

S.No	Component	Description	Technology
1	Threat Detection	Real-time identification of potential threats	Machine Learning, AI
2	User Interface	Intuitive and user-friendly platform	Web-based, UI/UX Design
3	Data Integration	Seamless incorporation of diverse data sources|	API Integration
4	Automated Response	Swift initiation of predefined security protocols	Scripting, Automation
5	Predictive Analytics	Forecasting potential future threats	Data Analysis, Machine Learning
6	Reporting and Alerts	Customizable reporting and alerting mechanisms	Data Visualization, Alerts
7	Compliance Management	Adherence to regulatory standards	Compliance Tools, Monitoring
8	Scalability	Adaptable architecture for diverse infrastructures	Cloud Computing, Scalable Technologies
9	Continuous Learning	Feedback loop for continuous improvement	Neural Networks, Data Analysis

Table 2: Application Characteristics:

S.No	Characteristics	Description	Technology
1	Real-Time Monitoring	Continuous monitoring for immediate threat detection	AI Algorithms, Data Streaming
2	Predictive Analysis	Forecasting potential future threats	Machine Learning, Data Analytics
3	Seamless Integration	Smooth integration with diverse security systems	API Integration, Compatibility Solutions
4	User-Friendly Interface	Intuitive and easy-to-navigate platform	UI/UX Design, Web Technologies
5	Automated Response	Swift initiation of predefined security protocols	Scripting, Automation Tools
6	Customizable Reporting	Tailored reporting and alerting mechanisms	Data Visualization Tools, Alert Systems

Data flow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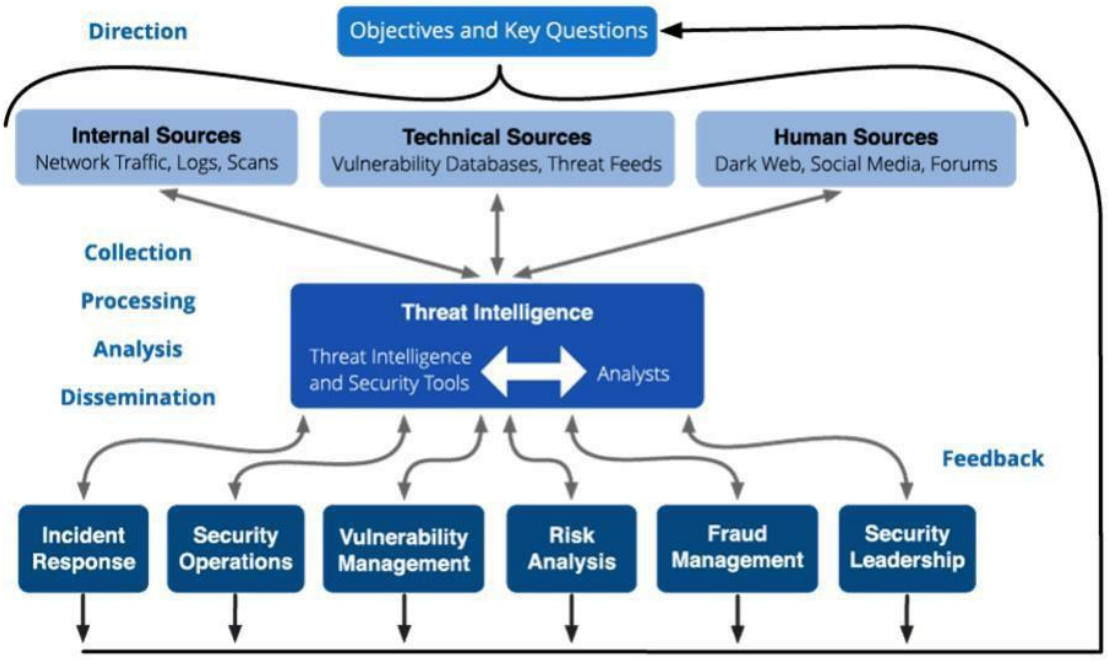
Direction
Objectives and Key Questions
Internal Sources
Network Traffic, Logs, Scans
Technical Sources
Vulnerability Databases, Threat Feeds
Human Sources
Dark Web, Social Media, Forums
Collection
Processing
Analysis
Dissemination
Threat Intelligence
Threat Intelligence and Security Tools
Analysts
Feedback
Incident Response
Security Operations
Vulnerability Management
Risk Analysis
Fraud Management
Security Leadership

User Stories

User Type	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Acceptance Criteria	Priority	Release
Customer (Mobile User)	**AI-based Threat Intelligence**	USN-1	As a user, I can register for the AI-based Threat Intelligence Platform by entering my email, password, and confirming my password.	I can access my AI-based threat intelligence dashboard	High	Sprint-1
Administrator	**AI Model Configuration**	USN-16	As an administrator, I can configure the AI models used for threat intelligence, specifying the sources and data parameters.	AI models are configured and operational	High	Sprint-2
Customer (Web User)	**Real-time Threat Alerts**	USN-17	As a web user, I can receive real-time threat alerts on my dashboard based on AI analysis of incoming data.	I can see real-time threat alerts relevant to my account.	High	Sprint-3
Customer Care Executive	**Incident Handling**	USN-18	As a customer care executive, I can view and respond to AI-generated incident reports and take appropriate action.	I can access incident reports and follow the prescribed action plan.	High	Sprint-3
Administrator	**Data Integration**	USN-19	As an administrator, I can integrate new data sources into the AI-based threat intelligence platform to enhance analysis.	New data sources are successfully integrated and contribute to threat analysis.	Medium	Sprint-4
Customer (Mobile User)	**Profile Customization**	USN-20	As a user, I can customize my threat alert preferences and notification channels within the AI-based platform.	I receive threat alerts through my preferred channels and for the selected types of threats.	Medium	Sprint-2

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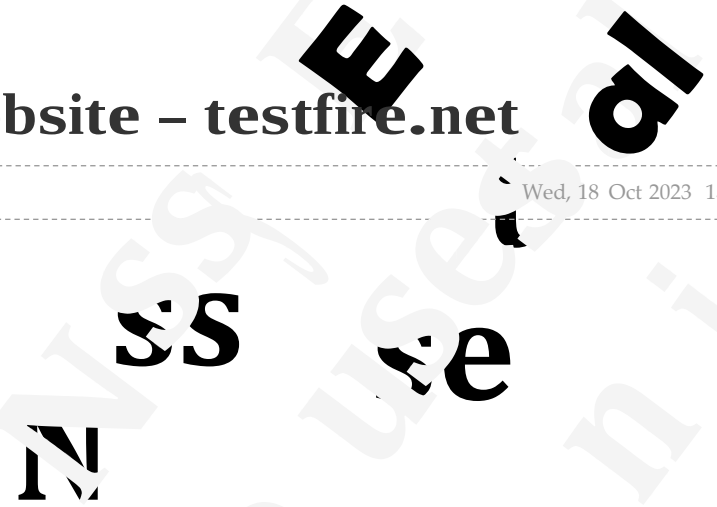

Vulnerabilities by Host

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Vulnerabilities Total: 27

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MEDIUM	6.5	-	104743	TLS Version 1.0 Protocol Detection
MEDIUM	6.5	-	157288	TLS Version 1.1 Protocol Deprecated
LOW	3.7	4.5	83875	SSL/TLS Diffie-Hellman Modulus <= 1024 Bits (Logjam)
INFO	N/A	-	46180	Additional DNS Hostnames
INFO	N/A	-	39446	Apache Tomcat Detection
INFO	N/A	-	45590	Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)
INFO	N/A	-	54615	Device Type
INFO	N/A	-	84502	HSTS Missing From HTTPS Server
INFO	N/A	-	10107	HTTP Server Type and Version
INFO	N/A	-	24260	Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Information
INFO	N/A	-	11219	Nessus SYN scanner
INFO	N/A	-	19506	Nessus Scan Information
INFO	N/A	-	11936	OS Identification
INFO	N/A	-	10919	Open Port Re-check
INFO	N/A	-	56984	SSL / TLS Versions Supported
INFO	N/A	-	10863	SSL Certificate Information
INFO	N/A	-	95631	SSL Certificate Signed Using Weak Hashing Algorithm (Known CA)
INFO	N/A	-	70544	SSL Cipher Block Chaining Cipher Suites Supported

N/A	-	21643	SSL Cipher Suites Supported

INFO	N/A	-	57041	SSL Perfect Forward Secrecy Cipher Suites Supported
INFO	N/A	-	94761	SSL Root Certification Authority Certificate Information
INFO	N/A	-	156899	SSL/TLS Recommended Cipher Suites
INFO	N/A	-	22964	Service Detection
INFO	N/A	-	25220	TCP/IP Timestamps Supported
INFO	N/A	-	121010	TLS Version 1.1 Protocol Detection
INFO	N/A	-	136318	TLS Version 1.2 Protocol Detection
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INFO	N/A	-	11219	Nessus SYN scanner
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Title: Ability of SOC / SEIM and its relevancy to Ai-Based Threat Intelligence Platform

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SOC (Security Operations Center)
A Security Operations Center (SOC) is a centralized unit that deals with security issues on an organizational level. It's responsible for monitoring, detecting, analyzing, and responding to security incidents. It acts as the nerve center for cybersecurity operations, using a combination of technology, processes, and people to protect an organization's information systems.

SOC Cycle
The SOC cycle involves several interconnected processes: Detection, Analysis, Containment, Eradication, Recovery, and Lessons Learned (D.A.C.E.R.L). This continuous cycle ensures that security incidents are consistently monitored, responded to, and analyzed for ongoing improvement in an organization's security posture.

SIEM (Security Information and Event Management)
SIEM is a software solution that aggregates and analyzes security data from a wide range of systems across a network. It provides real-time analysis of security alerts generated by applications and network hardware. SIEM tools offer threat intelligence, real-time monitoring, and advanced analytics to detect and respond to security incidents.

SIEM Cycle
The SIEM cycle involves data collection, normalization, correlation, alerting, and reporting. It collects data from various sources, standardizes it for analysis, correlates events to identify potential threats, generates alerts for suspicious activities, and provides detailed reports for investigation and compliance.

MISP (Malware Information Sharing Platform)
MISP is an open-source threat intelligence platform designed to share structured threat information. It facilitates the sharing, storage, and correlation of information about malware and other threats among trusted partners in the security community.

College Network Information

Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore

Network Size and Architecture

Vellore Institute of Technology's (VIT) campus network encompasses a vast and complex infrastructure, spanning across multiple buildings, lecture halls, classrooms, hostels, administrative offices, research centers, and libraries. The network comprises a multilayered architecture, consisting of multiple layers, each playing a crucial role in ensuring seamless connectivity and security.

- Core Layer: The core layer forms the backbone of the network, handling the high-speed data traffic between various segments. It is composed of high-performance routers and switches that ensure efficient data forwarding and minimize latency.

- Distribution Layer: The distribution layer sits between the core layer and the access layer, responsible for distributing traffic originating from the access layer devices to the appropriate destinations within the network. It acts as a traffic aggregation point and enables load balancing across multiple core routers.

- Access Layer: The access layer serves as the interface between end-users and the network. It consists of switches and wireless access points that connect various devices, such as laptops, desktops, tablets, and mobile phones, to the network.

Security Protocols and Vulnerabilities

VIT's network employs a comprehensive suite of security protocols and measures to safeguard the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of its data and resources. These protocols include:

- Firewalls: Firewalls act as gatekeepers, filtering incoming and outgoing traffic based on predefined security rules. They prevent unauthorized access to the network and protect against malicious attacks.

- Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS): IDS and IPS continuously monitor network traffic for suspicious activity, identifying and blocking potential threats. IDS collects data for analysis, while IPS actively takes countermeasures to mitigate attacks.

- Data Encryption: Sensitive data, such as student records and financial transactions, is encrypted during transmission to prevent unauthorized interception and data breaches.

- Vulnerability Management: Regular vulnerability scans are conducted to identify and remediate potential security flaws in network devices, applications, and operating systems.

Despite these robust security measures, potential vulnerabilities exist due to the dynamic nature of the network and the evolving threat landscape. These vulnerabilities could arise from:

- Outdated software or firmware: Failure to update software and firmware can introduce security loopholes that can be exploited by attackers.
- Misconfigured devices or security settings: Improper configuration or misconfiguration of network devices or security policies can create gaps in the security perimeter.
- Lax user practices: Human error, such as clicking on phishing links or using weak passwords, can provide an entry point for attackers.

Network Assets, Configurations, and Existing Security Measures

VIT's network assets encompass a vast array of devices, including:

- Server Infrastructure: VIT operates a robust server infrastructure to support its academic, administrative, and research activities. These servers host crucial data, applications, and services.
- Wireless Access Points: Wireless access points are strategically deployed across the campus to enable seamless and convenient Wi-Fi connectivity for students, faculty, and staff.
- End-user Devices: A significant portion of the network traffic is generated by end-user devices, such as laptops, desktops, tablets, and smartphones, used by students, faculty, and staff.

The network configuration involves various parameters, including:

- IP addressing scheme: VIT has implemented a hierarchical IP addressing scheme to efficiently allocate IP addresses to network devices.
- Network segmentation: The network is segmented into various VLANs (Virtual Local Area Networks) to isolate traffic and enhance security.
- VLAN routing: VLAN routing allows for controlled communication between VLANs, further enhancing network segmentation and security.

Existing security measures encompass:

- Network segmentation with firewalls: VIT employs firewalls to restrict access between VLANs and the external network, preventing unauthorized access to sensitive data and resources.

- Data encryption: Sensitive data, such as student records and financial transactions, is encrypted during transmission to safeguard its confidentiality.

- Regular security audits: VIT conducts regular security audits to identify and address potential vulnerabilities in the network infrastructure and applications.

Threat Intelligence

Threat intelligence involves the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information regarding potential or current threats that could harm an organization. This information is gathered from various sources, internally and externally, and helps in understanding and mitigating potential risks.

Incident Response

Incident response involves the methods and processes used to manage and address a security incident. It includes preparation, identification, containment, eradication, recovery, and lessons learned from the incident to enhance future response capabilities.

QRadar & Understanding about the Tool

IBM QRadar is a security information and event management (SIEM) product. It provides security teams with centralized visibility into an organization’s security posture. QRadar correlates data from various sources to identify security threats, providing detailed analytics and reporting for effective incident response.

Conclusion :-

Stage 1: Web Application Testing
Web application testing involves evaluating web applications for potential vulnerabilities and security weaknesses. It includes various assessments such as penetration testing, vulnerability scanning, and security auditing. The aim is to identify and mitigate risks that could lead to unauthorized access, data breaches, or other security threats within web applications. This process ensures the application's security, resilience against attacks, and adherence to best security practices.

Stage 2: Understanding the Nessus Report
The Nessus report typically contains detailed information about identified vulnerabilities in a network or system. It provides a comprehensive overview of security issues, their severity levels, affected systems, and potential risks. It often includes the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) scores, which help prioritize vulnerabilities for remediation. The report guides security professionals in understanding and addressing identified weaknesses to improve overall security posture.

Stage 3: Understanding SOC / SIEM / QRadar Dashboard

SOC (Security Operations Center): It is a centralized unit responsible for monitoring, detecting, analyzing, and responding to security incidents on an organizational level.

SIEM (Security Information and Event Management): It's a software solution that aggregates and analyzes security data from various sources, providing real-time analysis of security alerts and offering threat intelligence.

QRadar Dashboard: IBM QRadar is a SIEM product that provides a security dashboard displaying comprehensive data on security events, vulnerabilities, and threats. The dashboard offers real-time monitoring, analytics, and reporting, aiding security teams in managing and responding to potential security incidents effectively.

These tools and concepts (SOC, SIEM, and QRadar) help in centralizing security information, monitoring network activities, identifying potential threats, and aiding in the response to security incidents for improved cybersecurity. They present critical information in a consolidated manner, allowing security professionals to make informed decisions and take proactive measures to safeguard the network and its assets.

Future Scope :-

Stage 1: Future Scope of Web Application Testing
The future scope of web application testing is continually evolving to address the ever-changing cybersecurity landscape. Key advancements include:

Increased Automation: Utilizing AI and machine learning to automate testing processes, reducing manual efforts and improving efficiency.

Focus on APIs and Microservices: With the rise of microservices architecture, testing these smaller, distributed services and their APIs will be crucial.
Emphasis on IoT Security: As the Internet of Things (IoT) expands, there will be a focus on testing the security of interconnected devices and applications.

Enhanced Threat Modeling: Developing more robust threat models to proactively identify and address potential vulnerabilities before they are exploited.

Integrating DevSecOps: Merging security practices into the DevOps process to ensure security is integrated throughout the software development lifecycle.

Stage 2: Future Scope of Testing Processes
The future scope of testing processes encompasses broader technological advancements and methodologies such as:

Shift to Continuous Testing: Implementing continuous testing practices to allow for more frequent testing iterations in line with agile development methodologies.

Increased Adoption of AI/ML: Leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning for predictive analytics, test optimization, and test automation.
Security Testing Advancements: Integrating security testing seamlessly into the testing process to ensure robust security measures from the early stages of development.

Enhanced User Experience Testing: Focusing on user-centric testing methodologies for enhanced user experience and accessibility testing.

Stage 3: Future Scope of SOC / SIEM
The future scope of Security Operations Center (SOC) and Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) involves advancements in:

Threat Intelligence Integration: Improved integration of threat intelligence feeds to enhance the detection and response to sophisticated threats.

Behavioral Analytics: Utilizing advanced behavioral analytics to detect anomalous behavior and potential threats in real-time.

Automation and Orchestration: Implementing more automation for incident response processes and security orchestration to handle threats more efficiently.

Cloud Security Monitoring: Adapting SOC and SIEM to monitor and secure cloud environments more effectively.

Predictive Capabilities: Evolving towards predictive analysis, forecasting potential threats before they manifest, and ensuring a proactive security stance.

These future scopes are crucial for staying ahead in the cybersecurity domain, ensuring robust testing practices and strengthening security measures in an ever-evolving technological landscape.

Topics explored :-

- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
- Cyber Security
- Team Management

Tools explored :-

- Tenable Nessus
- Qrador

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