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Introduction

Day 15 addressed Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) threats and the defensive role of TLS, including certificate pinning, and strong certificate management practices.

Key Concepts Discussed

We reviewed how interception and relay of traffic can expose credentials and data. The trainer explained how TLS works at a conceptual level and how weak practices undermine trust.

Lab Preparation in Theory

The course described safe MITM simulation plans, stressing that any interception should be performed in authorized lab networks only. We discussed observing certificates and understanding trust anchors.

Practical Understanding (Theory)

We emphasized the role of HSTS, certificate pinning, and proper CA management in reducing MITM effectiveness. Operational best practices for certificate rotation and revocation were also covered.

Key Takeaways

Trust in TLS depends on operational discipline; defenders must monitor and respond to certificate anomalies.

Conclusion

We will next start a module on memory and exploit basics, beginning with buffer overflows.