

Defending against badness

CSC 8: Malware Defenses

Malware Defenses

Control the installation, spread, and execution of malicious code at multiple points in the enterprise, while optimizing the use of automation to enable rapid updating of defense, data gathering, and corrective action.

Utilize Centrally Managed Anti-malware Software	Utilize centrally managed anti-malware software to continuously monitor and defend each of the organization's workstations and servers.
Ensure Anti-Malware Software and Signatures Are Updated	Ensure that the organization's anti-malware software updates its scanning engine and signature database on a regular basis.
Enable Operating System Anti-Exploitation Features/Deploy Anti-Exploit Technologies	Enable anti-exploitation features such as Data Execution Prevention (DEP) or Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) that are available in an operating system or deploy appropriate toolkits that can be configured to apply protection to a broader set of applications and executables.
Configure Anti-Malware Scanning of Removable Devices	Configure devices so that they automatically conduct an anti-malware scan of removable media when inserted or connected.
Configure Devices to Not Auto-Run Content	Configure devices to not auto-run content from removable media.
Enable DNS Query Logging	Enable Domain Name System (DNS) query logging to detect hostname lookups for known malicious domains.
Enable Command-Line Audit Logging	Enable command-line audit logging for command shells, such as Microsoft PowerShell and Bash.

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What is the profile of running services?

CSC 9: Limitation and Control of Network Ports, Protocols, and Services

Limitation and Control of Network Ports, Protocols, and Services

Manage (track/control/correct) the ongoing operational use of ports, protocols, and services on networked devices in order to minimize windows of vulnerability available to attackers.

Associate Active Ports, Services, and Protocols to Asset Inventory	Associate active ports, services, and protocols to the hardware assets in the asset inventory.
Ensure Only Approved Ports, Protocols, and Services Are Running	Ensure that only network ports, protocols, and services listening on a system with validated business needs are running on each system.
Perform Regular Automated Port Scans	Perform automated port scans on a regular basis against all systems and alert if unauthorized ports are detected on a system.
Apply Host-Based Firewalls or Port-Filtering	Apply host-based firewalls or port-filtering tools on end systems, with a default-deny rule that drops all traffic except those services and ports that are explicitly allowed.
Implement Application Firewalls	Place application firewalls in front of any critical servers to verify and validate the traffic going to the server. Any unauthorized traffic should be blocked and logged.

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