

## **40.) Title: Understanding Web Application Security and Attack Mitigation**

### **Objective:**

The objective of this lesson is to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of web application architecture, security risks, and attack methodologies. By the end of the session, participants will be able to identify common web application threats, implement security measures to protect web applications, and understand the methodologies used by attackers to exploit vulnerabilities.

### **Module Outline:**

- **Web Application Architecture**
  - Overview of Web Application Components: Client-side, Server-side, and Database
  - Understanding the Interaction Between Components in a Web Application
  - Common Web Application Technologies: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, ASP.NET, etc.
- **Web Application Threats**
  - Identification of Common Threats Targeting Web Applications
  - Examples of Web Application Threats: SQL Injection, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF), etc.
  - Impact of Web Application Threats on Data Integrity, Availability, and Confidentiality
- **Web Application Security Risks**
  - Explanation of Security Risks Associated with Web Applications
  - OWASP Top 10: Overview of the Top 10 Most Critical Web Application Security Risks
  - Understanding Vulnerabilities Such as Injection, Broken Authentication, Sensitive Data Exposure, etc.
- **Web Application Hacking Methodology**
  - Overview of the Methodology Used by Attackers to Hack Web Applications
  - Phases of Web Application Hacking: Reconnaissance, Scanning, Enumeration, Exploitation, Post-Exploitation, etc.
  - Techniques Used by Attackers to Exploit Web Application Vulnerabilities
- **Webhooks and Web Shell**
  - Definition and Functionality of Webhooks in Web Applications
  - Understanding Web Shells and Their Role in Exploiting Web Application Vulnerabilities
  - Detection and Mitigation Strategies for Webhooks and Web Shell Attacks
- **Web API**

- Introduction to Web APIs and Their Importance in Modern Web Applications
- Understanding the Functionality and Communication Protocols Used in Web APIs
- Risks Associated with Web API Usage and Security Best Practices
- Web API Hacking Methodology
  - Methodology Used by Attackers to Target and Exploit Web APIs
  - Techniques for Reconnaissance, Scanning, Enumeration, and Exploitation of Web APIs
  - Case Studies Highlighting Real-world Examples of Web API Hacking Incidents
- Web Application Security
  - Importance of Web Application Security in Protecting Against Cyber Threats
  - Best Practices for Securing Web Applications: Input Validation, Authentication, Authorization, Session Management, etc.
  - Role of Security Testing and Code Reviews in Ensuring Web Application Security

**Delivery Method:**

This learning module will be delivered through a combination of lectures, case studies, practical demonstrations, group discussions, and interactive activities. Participants will actively engage in learning about web application security principles and exploring strategies for mitigating web application attacks.

**Duration:**

The duration of this module will depend on the depth of coverage and the number of topics included. A recommended timeframe would be 1 day, allowing sufficient time for comprehensive coverage and interactive discussions.