

ASSIGNMENT-1

SECURITY IN COMPUTING

Q1] Differentiate between Lollipop model & onion model.

Ans:- Lollipop Model

Onion Model.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also known as <u>perimeter security</u> • involves building a <u>single wall</u> around the objects of value. • It is like a lollipop with <u>hard crunchy shell on outside</u> & <u>soft on the inside</u> • fails to address <u>inside threats</u> & provides no protection against a perimeter breach. • <u>Firewall</u> is the only <u>network security strategy</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also known as <u>defense in depth</u> • Has <u>multiple layers</u> of wall around the objects of value. • It is like a onion with <u>multiple layers</u> & plenty of <u>crying while peeling each layer</u>. • A <u>layered security architecture</u> provides <u>multiple levels of protection</u> against <u>internal & external threats</u>. • There are <u>many layers</u> rather than <u>firewall</u> which also shows <u>better protection</u> against threats. |
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Q2] Differentiate between authentication and authorization.

Ans:- Authentication Authorization.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In authentication process, the <u>identifying of users</u> are checked for accessing the system. • users are <u>verified</u> • Done <u>before</u> the <u>authorization</u> process • usually need user's <u>login</u> credentials • <u>determines</u> whether the <u>person is user or not</u> • <u>Transmits</u> info through <u>ID token</u> • eg. employees in a company are required to authenticate through the network before accessing their company email | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In authorization process, users <u>authorities</u> are <u>checked</u> for accessing resources. • users are <u>validated</u>. • done <u>after</u> the <u>authentication</u> process • needs user's <u>privilege</u> or security levels • <u>determines</u> what <u>permission</u> do user have? • <u>transmits</u> info through an <u>Access token</u> • eg. After an employee successfully authenticates, the system determines what info the employee are allowed to access. |
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Q3] Write down the steps performed to create Digital signature & explain it with proper example.

Ans:- • A digital signature is a mathematical technique used to validate the authenticity & integrity of a message, software or digital document.

• Steps to create digital signature:-

① Message digest- is computed by applying hash function on the message & then message digest is encrypted using private key of sender to form the digital signature.

② Digital signature is then transmitted with the message.

③ Receiver decrypts the digital signature using the public key of sender.

④ The receiver now has the message digest.

⑤ The receiver can compute the message digest from the message.

⑥ The message digest computed by receiver & the message digest need to be same for ensuring integrity.

- To create a digital signature, signing algorithms like email programs create a one-way hash of the e-data which is to be signed.
- The signing algo then encrypts the hash value using private key.
- This encrypted hash along with other info like the hashing algo is the digital signature.
- This digital signature is appended with data & sent to the verifier.
- The reason for encrypting the hash instead of entire message is that a hash function converts any arbitrary input into a much shorter fixed value.

Q4] Differentiate between public key cryptography & private key cryptography.

Private Key

- Private key is faster than public key
- the same key & algo is used to encrypt & decrypt the message
- The key is kept as a secret.
- Private key is symmetrical because there is only one key that is secret key
- Sender & receiver need to share the same key
- Performance testing checks the reliability, scalability & speed of the system.

Public Key

- It is slower than private key.
- 2 keys are used, one key used for encryption & other for decryption.
- one of the 2 keys is kept as a secret.
- Public key is asymmetrical because there are 2 types of key: private & public.
- Sender & receiver does not share the same key
- Load testing checks the sustainability of the system.

Q5] Write a short note on PKI.

Ans:- Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) is a technology for authenticating users & devices in the digital world. The basic idea is to have one or more trusted parties digitally sign documents certifying that a particular cryptographic key belongs to a particular user or device. The key can then be used as an identity for the user in digital networks.

The users & devices that have keys are often just called entities. In general, anything can be associated with a key that it can use as its identity. Besides a user or device, it could be a program, process, manufacturer, component, or something else. The purpose of a PKI is to securely associate a key with an entity.

A ~~pub~~ PKI relies on digital signature technology, which uses public key cryptography. The basic idea is that the secret key of each entity is only known by that entity & is used for signing. This key is Private key. There is another key derived from it called public key which is used for verifying signatures.