

Final Group Project Task Breakdown

General Project Management (Juliana Garza)

1. Develop GitHub repository:

- [] Create main folders: /docs, /scans, /presentation, /images.
- [] Create hierarchy within main folders

2. Initialize README.md:

- [] Write an intro paragraph explaining the project goals and scope.
- [] List each team member's role and responsibilities.
- [] Include links to each major section (docs, scans, final report).

3. Set up GitHub Project Kanban Board:

- [] Add columns: "To Do," "In Progress," "Done."
 - [] Create cards for each task (as listed below) and assign to appropriate members.
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Initial Endpoint Setup (Juliana Garza)

1. Install and configure the OS on the VM:

- [] Download and install chosen OS (e.g., Windows/Linux) on a virtual machine.
- [] Configure basic settings (hostname, user account, password policies).
- [] Screenshot each step and save to /docs/initial-setup/screenshots/.

2. Document initial OS setup steps:

- [] Write step-by-step instructions in docs/initial-setup/os-setup.md.
- [] Detail any system settings changes (e.g., disabling guest accounts, enabling firewalls).

3. Install and list standard applications:

- ☐ Install standard tools (e.g., browsers, productivity software).
- ☐ List each tool, version, and purpose in docs/initial-setup/software-list.md.
- ☐ Include commands for installation if on Linux or detailed steps for Windows.

4. Document initial configurations:

- ☐ List initial configuration settings
- ☐ Save details to docs/initial-setup/configuration.md for reference.

5. Research and select vulnerability scanning tools:

- ☐ Compare popular tools (e.g., Nessus, OpenVAS) and record findings in docs/research-tools.md.
- ☐ Justify chosen tool(s) based on features and applicability.

Initial Vulnerability Assessment (Sunwook Kang)

1. Introduce Known Vulnerabilities on the VM:

- ☐ Research vulnerabilities found in Ubuntu
- ☐ Introduce vulnerabilities to the system
- ☐ Document added vulnerabilities

2. Run vulnerability scans:

- ☐ Install and configure the selected scanning tool on the VM.
- ☐ Perform a full scan, saving results as .txt or .pdf in /scans/baseline-scan/.
- ☐ Take screenshots of key findings and save in /docs/initial-scan/screenshots/.

3. Document vulnerabilities found:

- ☐ Summarize high, medium, and low-severity vulnerabilities in docs/initial-scan/scan-summary.md.
- ☐ Include CVE numbers and brief descriptions of each vulnerability.

4. Create a visual summary of high-severity issues:

- ☐ Take close-up screenshots of the top 3-5 critical vulnerabilities.
- ☐ Label each screenshot and save to /docs/initial-scan/screenshots/.

5. Review and prioritize vulnerabilities:

- ☐ Study initial scan results and identify vulnerabilities to address.
 - ☐ Record top priorities in docs/hardening-priorities.md with justification.
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System Hardening and Security Policy Implementation (Joshua Orozco)

1. Implement OS hardening techniques:

- ☐ Disable unnecessary services and take screenshots at each step.
- ☐ Document steps (e.g., registry changes, disabling guest accounts) in docs/hardening/os-hardening.md.

2. Apply network security configurations:

- ☐ Set up firewall rules to block unneeded ports and services.
- ☐ Save all firewall configuration details to docs/hardening/network-config.md.

3. Screenshot each major hardening action:

- ☐ Take screenshots showing firewall rules, user account permissions, and other major changes.
- ☐ Save to docs/hardening/screenshots/.

4. Implement security settings for applications:

- ☐ Adjust application-specific settings (e.g., secure browser settings).
- ☐ List settings changed in docs/hardening/applications.md.

5. Configure encryption for data at rest and in transit:

- ☐ Enable disk encryption or secure storage methods.
- ☐ Document these settings in docs/hardening/encryption.md (include screenshots).

6. Export updated VM:

- ☐ Export the VM to share with teammates, or document steps for replicating changes.
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Post-Hardening Vulnerability Assessment (Joseph Montez)

1. Test encryption and application security settings:

- ☐ Conduct basic tests to confirm settings work as expected.
- ☐ Record any issues and successful configurations in docs/hardening/test-results.md.

2. Capture screenshots of critical configurations:

- ☐ Screenshot any encryption settings or application security settings and save to /docs/hardening/screenshots/.

3. Re-run vulnerability scans:

- ☐ Conduct a full scan using the same tool(s) as in the initial scan.
- ☐ Save results to /scans/post-hardening/.

4. Analyze differences in vulnerability counts:

- ☐ Compare baseline and post-hardening scan results.
- ☐ Summarize changes in docs/post-hardening-analysis.md.

5. Document remaining vulnerabilities:

- ☐ List unresolved vulnerabilities with explanations for each in docs/post-hardening/remaining-vulnerabilities.md.

6. Capture screenshots of post-hardening scan results:

- ☐ Take screenshots of the final scan results and save to /docs/post-hardening/screenshots/.

Final PowerPoint Creation

Initial PowerPoint Layout and Sharing (Juliana Garza)

1. ☐ Outline Presentation Structure:

- ☐ Define the main sections: Introduction, Methodology, Findings, Conclusion, and Recommendations.
- ☐ List key slides needed for each section, including title slide and reference slide.
- ☐ Create placeholders for each slide with basic headings to guide content creation.

2. ☐ Create PowerPoint Template:

- ☐ Choose a cohesive color scheme and font style.
- ☐ Set up consistent formatting (e.g., headers, footers, page numbers).
- ☐ Apply layout to all placeholder slides.

3. ☐ Save and Share Initial Layout:

- ☐ Save the initial PowerPoint layout as initial-presentation-layout.pptx.

Slide Content Creation (Juliana Garza, Sunwook Kang, Joseph Orozco, Joseph Montez)

Content Creation (Juliana Garza- Project Introduction & Initial Setup)

1. ☐ Complete slides for project goals and objectives.
2. ☐ Complete slides covering the initial setup steps:
 - ☐ Include screenshots or visuals, if available.
 - ☐ Briefly describe the baseline configuration and any challenges faced.
3. ☐ Add bullet points, images, and speaker notes for clarity.

Content Creation (Sunwook Kang- Initial Scanning)

1. ☐ Complete slides covering the initial scanning steps:
 - a. ☐ Include screenshots or visuals, if available.
 - b. ☐ Briefly describe the baseline configuration and any challenges faced.

Content Creation (Joshua Orozco - Hardening Process)

1. ☐ Create slides detailing the hardening process:

- [] Describe changes made to improve security (e.g., firewall rules, OS hardening).

2. [] Create slides for security settings and encryption

3. [] Add bullet points, images, and speaker notes.

Content Creation (Joseph Montez – Post-Hardening, Conclusion & Recommendations)

1. [] Complete slides for the post-hardening vulnerability assessments:

- [] Summarize key vulnerabilities identified.
- [] Use visuals like charts or screenshots of scan results.

1. [] Complete slides for findings and comparison of pre- and post-hardening scans.

- [] Summarize the impact of hardening efforts on vulnerabilities.

2. [] Create conclusion and recommendations slides:

- [] Offer key takeaways and suggest any future improvements.

3. [] Add bullet points, images, and speaker notes.