

# Offensive Security 101

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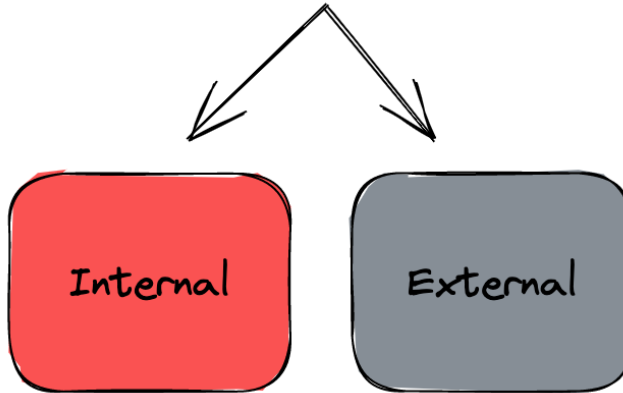
# Offensive Security

**Definition:** refers to the proactive approach of identifying and exploiting vulnerabilities in computer systems, networks, and applications with the aim of improving their security posture.

Basic Terminologies

Assessment Types

where to begin



career prospectives

# Basic Terminologies

# Types of Teams

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**Red Team**

A blue rounded square with a black outline and a slight drop shadow, containing the text "Blue Team" in black.

**Blue Team**

Full Scope

External Assessment

Internal Assessment



# External Assessment (1/3)

## Application Layer

- Web Applications
- Mobile Applications
- Thick-client applications
- Network/Cloud

# External Assessment (2/3)

## Human Layer/Social Engineering

- Phishing/Smishing
- Vishing



# External Assessment (3/3)

## Physical Layer

- Wireless Security
- Tailgating
- Lockpicking
- Dumpster diving

# Internal assessment

## Low-privilege user assessment

- hardened machine
- low privileged Active Directory user

## High-privilege user assessment

- Service accounts
- Domain admins
- Local admins

# Other Important Terminologies (1/2)

## Crown Jewels \$

- AV server
- Domain controller
- Customer Transaction database

# Other Important Terminologies (2/2)

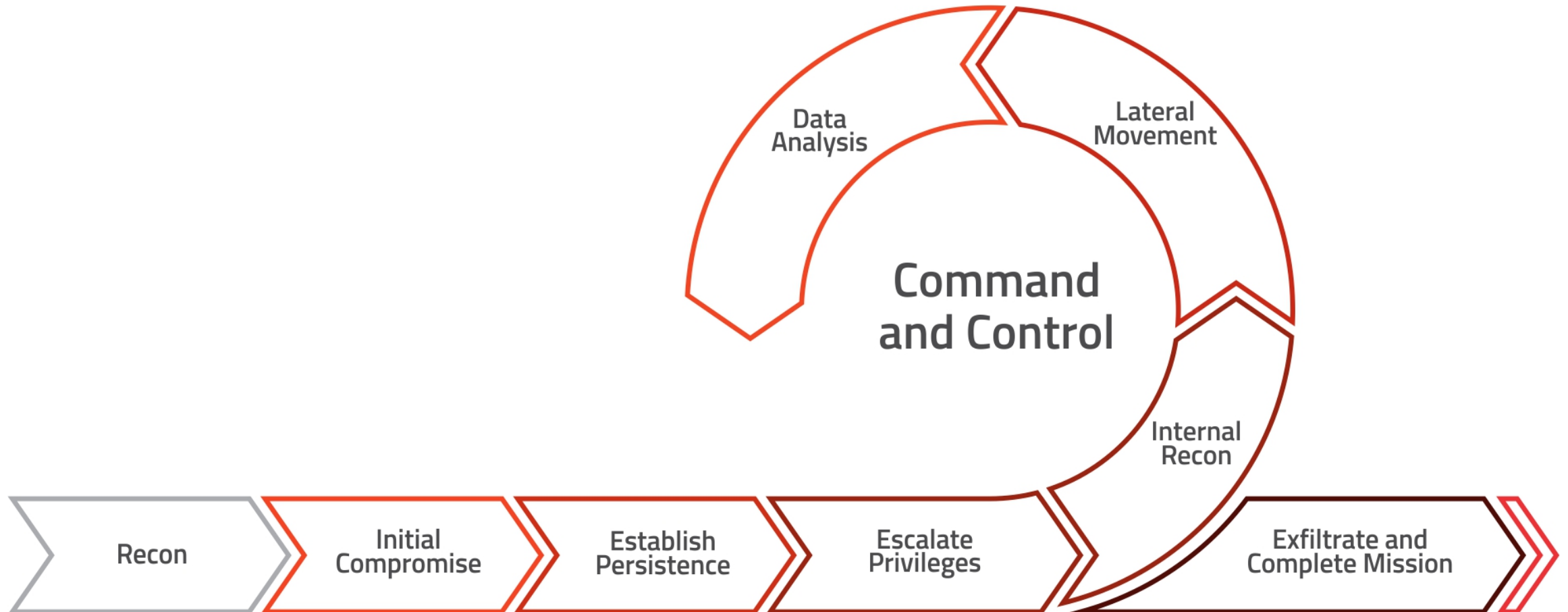
## Full Scope Assessment

- Depends on the maturity of the organization
- Generally, involve both internal and external assets in-scope with listed crown jewels

## Out of Scope assets and attacks

- Non prod assets
- DDoS/Phishing
- Live Hacking Event (Casinos were out of scope)

# Red Team Assessment Lifecycle



# External Assessment

# Reconnaissance (1/3)

## Asset Discovery

- Identifying the assets present in the scope of the assessment
- Active enumeration
- Passive enumeration
- Tool: amass ([setup](#)) [walkthrough]

# Reconnaissance (2/4)

## Content Discovery

- Identifying files, folders, etc
- Tool: ffuf

## Wordlists

- Assetnote [[link](#)]
- Seclists [[link](#)]
- can be used for exploitation as well\*\*



# Reconnaissance (3/4)

## Network Monitoring

- Masscan for identifying active hosts and open ports (Quickscan)
- NMAP for identifying the most common ports and service enumeration
- Shodan for monitoring (free credits)
- Write your own script for Network Monitoring\*\*
  - CIDR -> resolve -> massscan -> nmap -> save results >> iterate

# Reconnaissance (4/4)

## Resources

- Jason Haddix Tesla recon [[link](#)]
- [TraceLabs CTF](#) (OSINT)

# Exploitation (1/3)

## Web Application Security

- OWASP Top 10
- Proxy Tools: BurpSuite [Walkthrough]

## Resources:

- Jason Haddix [Application Analysis](#)
- Web Application Hacker's Handbook Chapter 21

1. A1-Injection
2. A2-Broken Authentication and Session Management
3. A3-Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
4. A4-Insecure Direct Object References
5. A5-Security Misconfiguration
6. A6-Sensitive Data Exposure
7. A7-Missing Function Level Access Control
8. A8-Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
9. A9-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities
10. A10-Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards

# Exploitation (2/3)

## API Security

- OWASP Top 10 for APIs
  - IDORS, Injections, Misconfigurations
- Resources
  - Hacking APIs (Corey J Ball)

API1:2019 — Broken object level authorization

API2:2019 — Broken authentication

API3:2019 — Excessive data exposure

API4:2019 — Lack of resources and rate limiting

API5:2019 — Broken function level authorization

API6:2019 — Mass assignment

API7:2019 — Security misconfiguration

API8:2019 — Injection

API9:2019 — Improper assets management

API10:2019 — Insufficient logging and monitoring

# Exploitation (3/4)

## Social Engineering

- Phishing tools ([GoPhish](#))
- SECTF [[link](#)]
- What Every BODY is Saying- Joe Navarro





Your PC ran into a problem and needs to restart. We're just collecting some error info, and then we'll restart for you.

# Internal Assessment

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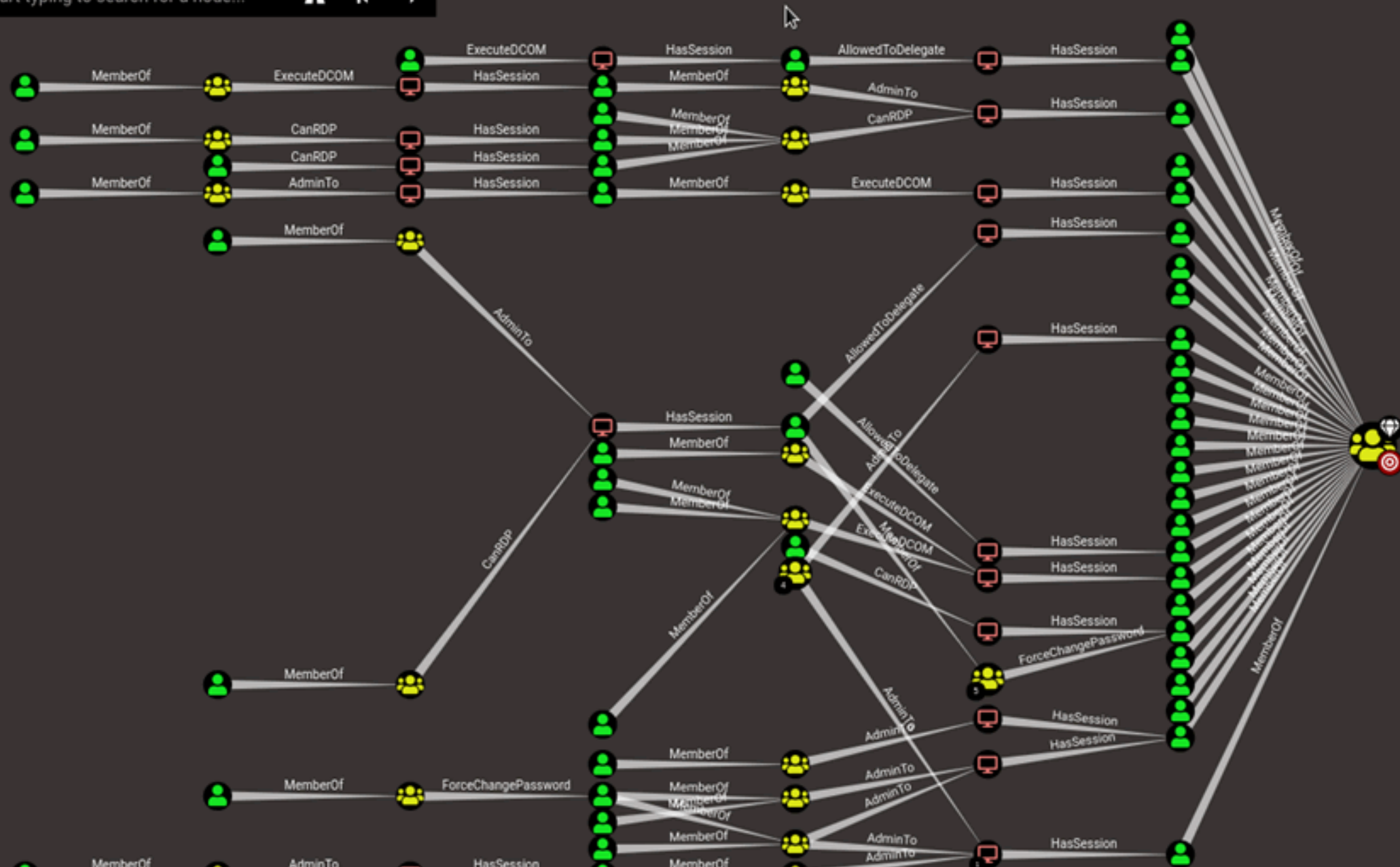
For more information about this issue and possible fixes, visit <https://www.windows.com/stopcode>

If you call a support person, give them this info:

Stop code: CRITICAL\_PROCESS\_DIED



Start typing to search for a node...



# Lateral Movement and Persistence

## Kerberos Authentication\*\* [\[link\]](#)

- Pre-Auth disabled Attacks
- Kerberoasting
- Golden Ticket (persistence)
- Silver Ticket
- DSRM (Directory Services Restore Mode)
- DC-Sync Attack



# Problem with learning

Lack of infrastructure

- VPS for automation
- Setup an active directory?

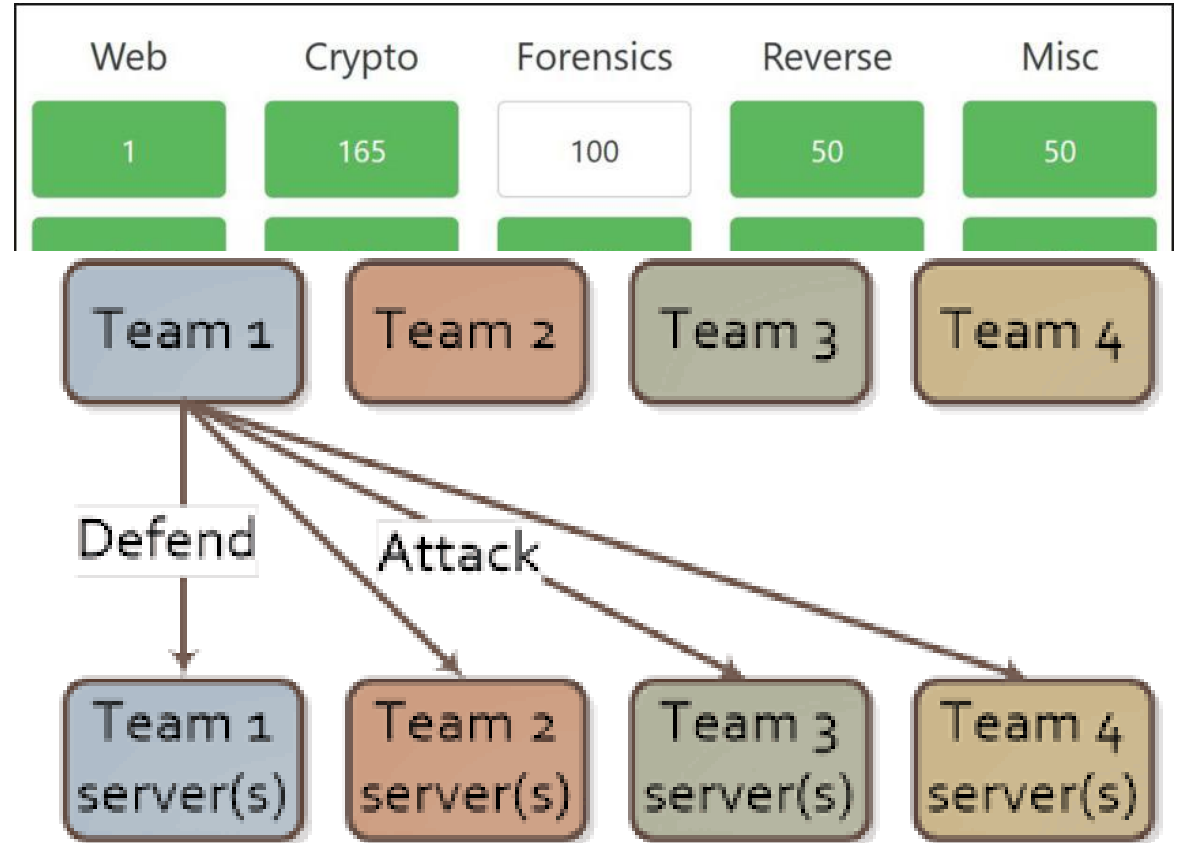
Overwhelmed with resources

Lack of Debugging skills

# Where to begin? (1/3)

## Capture the Flags (CTFs)

- Jeopardy style
- Attack and Defense
- CTF archives [\[link\]](#) (walkthrough)



# Where to begin? (2/3)

Web Security Hands-on labs



# Where to begin? (3/3)

## Machines/Boxes

- IPPSEC [[link](#)]



# Scripting/Coding (1/2)

## Automation

- Network Port Monitoring
- Subdomain Monitoring
- Chaining Tools
  - Network scan -> Amass -> ffuf -> slack/discord notification
  - `/?id=xss` check -> Basic XSS regex -> check reflection -> notification

# Scripting/Coding

## Python/Golang

- Learn 3 things:
  - File manipulation (R/W a file)
  - Web Requests (JSON manipulation, GET/POST requests)
  - Web scraping (Beautiful Soup)
- Tools (ffuf/httpx/nuclei/gobuster/subfinder)

## Bash Scripting

- Data manipulation on the fly
- cut, grep, awk, jq

# Note Taking

The screenshot displays the PWK Labs web application. On the left, there is a sidebar with a navigation menu containing links to 'Twitter Notes', 'PT\_Lab Notes', 'Portswigger Academy', and 'MISC'. Below these, there are sections for 'Open Redirection', 'Host-Header Attacks', and 'RCE'. The main content area is titled 'PWK Labs' and features a tabbed interface with 'All machines' selected. Below the tabs, a table lists various machines with columns for IP, solved status, name, OS, and difficulty. The table shows 15 machines, all of which are marked as 'Solved'. The difficulty levels range from 'EASY' to 'HARD'. On the right side of the interface, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of links, including 'ke-workshop/#0' and 'tatus/13692780596149'.

Aa IP	✓ Solved	Name	OS	Difficulty
10.11.1.5	✓	ALICE	Linux	EASY
10.11.1.7	✓	Pedro	Windows	Dependent EASY
10.11.1.8	✓	phoenix	Cent-OS	MEDIUM
10.11.1.10	✓	NA	Windows	EASY
10.11.1.13	✓	Disco	Windows	EASY
10.11.1.14	✓	BOB	Windows	EASY
10.11.1.20	✓	SV-DC01	Windows	EASY
10.11.1.21	✓	SV-FILE01 (SVCORP)	Windows	EASY
10.11.1.22	✓		Windows	EASY
10.11.1.24	✓	SVCLIENT73	Windows	EASY
10.11.1.31	✓	ralph	Windows	EASY
10.11.1.35	✓	pain [Big-4]	Cent-OS	MEDIUM
10.11.1.44	✓	Trícia	Linux	Dependent
10.11.1.39	✓	leftturn.thinc	Cent-OS	EASY
10.11.1.50	✓	bethany	Windows	HARD

# Certification Route

- ~~CEH~~
- Security+
- eJPT
- OSWA
- PNPT
- OSCP
- CRTP
- OSWE





# Networking/Conferences

## Offensive/Red Teaming

- Defcon

## Research

- USENIX

## SWAGS

- Black Hat/BSides

**Don't attend talks at Conferences\*\***

# Career Prospects in Offensive Security

Red Teaming

Security Engineer (Automation)

Penetration Testing

- Web Application
- Android/IOS
- Network
- Thick Client
- Source Code analysis

# Career Prospects in Offensive Security

## Bug bounties \$\$\$

- Vulnerability Disclosure Programs (VDPs)
- Vulnerability Reward Programs (VRPs)
- Google Dorks [[link](#)]
- Good VDPs programs to begin with
  - Depart of Defense [[link](#)]
  - US Department of State [[link](#)]
  - any programs where you have paid/premium access to products\*\*

A meme featuring a close-up of a man with glasses and a light blue shirt, looking directly at the camera with a neutral, somewhat blank expression. In the background, another person in a light blue shirt is visible, slightly out of focus. The text "QUESTION" is overlaid at the top, and "DOES ANYONE HAVE QUESTIONS?" is overlaid at the bottom.

**QUESTION**

**DOES ANYONE HAVE  
QUESTIONS?**

# Get Involved Today!

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