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Mobile device enforcement and monitoring. MDM tools often manage devices differently depending on who owns them. If the organization owns the device, the MDM tool typically will download and install all required apps and ensure they are up to date. If the device is employee owned, MDM tools will monitor them for compliance and block access to the network.

Unauthorized software

Obtain apps only through approved sources.

Jailbreaking refers to removing all software restrictions from an Apple device. After jailbreaking, devices users can install software from any source. Rooting is the process of modifying an Android device to give the user root level access to the device. Updates to the OS overwrite firmware using over-the-air update techniques. Firmware OTA updates the device.

Sideload is the process of copying an application package in the application package format to the device and then activating it.

**Jailbreaking removes all software restrictions from an Apple device. Rooting modifies an Android device, giving users root level access. Overwriting the firmware on an Android with custom firmware is another way to root an Android device. Sideload is the process of installing software on an Android device from a source that is not authorized.**

**\*\*RCS** Communication services is a newer communication protocol designed to replace SMS for text messaging. Similar to MMS, RCS can transmit multimedia but it has additional features.. **\*\***

**\*\*USB-C**... universal serial bus on the go. cables

Unauthorized connections..

Tethering can be used within an organization. They can bypass security such as firewalls and proxy servers.

**\*\*\*Tethering** and mobile hotspots allow devices to access the net and bypass network controls. WiFi Direct is a standard that allows devices to connect without a wireless access point or wireless router. MDM tools can block access to devices using tethering, mobile hotspot, or WiFi Direct access to the internet.

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**SELinux**.. SECURITY ENHANCED ANDROID SECURITY MODEL USES SECURITY ENHANCED LINUX SELinux ENFORCE ACCESS SECURITY. WHEN ENABLED SELinux SUPPORTS TWO MODES..

**ENFORCING MODE.** ENFORCES THE SELinux POLICY

**PERMISSIVE MODE.** DOES NOT ENFORCE POLICY .

SEANDROID ONLY USES ANDROID DEVICES.

**\*\*EXPLORING EMBEDDED SYSTEMS.** AND EMBEDDED SYSTEM IS ANY DEVICE THAT HAS A DEDICATED FUNCTION AND USES A COMPUTER SYSTEM TO PERFORM THAT FUNCTION. DESKTOP PCS LAPTOPS AND SERVERS ALL USE CENTRAL PROCESSING UNITS, OPERATING SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS TO PERFORM

A FIELD PROGRAMMABLE GATE ARRAY.. FPGA .. A PROGRAMMABLE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT INSTALLED ON A CIRCUIT BOARD.

ARDUINO... IS A MICROCONTROLLER BOARD AND THE CIRCUIT BOARD CONTAINS THE CPU. AND RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY.

### **UNDERSTANDING INTERNET OF THINGS. IOT**

\*.....REFERS TO THE WIDE ASSORTMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES THAT INTERACT WITH THE PHYSICAL WORLD THEY COMMONLY HAVE EMBEDDED SYSTEMS AND TYPICALLY CONNECT TO A DEVICE OR APP AND COMMUNICATE VIA INTERNET.

**\*\*\*INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS.** IS A BROAD TERM ENCOMPASSING SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION SCADA SYSTEMS DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROL (PLC) SYSTEMS. THESE SYSTEMS ARE WIDELY USED IN POWER GENERATION CHEMICAL PROCESSING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRIES.. STUXNET A LETHAL COMPUTER WORM THAT INFECTED SCADA AND PLC SYSTEMS USED TO CONTROL IRANIAN NUCLEAR CENTRIFUGES.

ICS AND SCADA SYSTEMS.

**\*\*ICS** typically refers to systems with large facilities such as power plants and water treatment facilities a supervisory control and data acquisition system, typically controls an ICS by monitoring and sending it commands.

Manufacturing and industrial.. uses include any plants used to manufacture products.

Facilities uses include monitoring the temp and humidity and keeping environment relatively stable.

Energy uses include oil and gas power processing.

Logistics uses include monitoring process within shipping facilities.

**\*\*A** supervisory control and data acquisition system has embedded systems that control industrial control systems ICS such as one used at a power plant or water treatment facility .. embedded systems are also used for special purposes like medical devices automotive vehicles aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles

wearables..... refers to any device you can wear or have implanted these devices can then be used to interact with other devices. +++microchips for pets.

Camera systems home automation. wireless thermostats lighting coffee makers

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System On a Chip SOC. an integrated circuit that includes all the functionality of a computing system within the hardware it typically includes an application contained within onboard memory. a real time operating system. reacts to input within a specific time. it can't respond within a specified time. it doesn't process data and typically reports error.

\*\*An embedded system is any device that has a dedicated function and uses a computer system to perform that function. it includes any devices in the internet of things IoT category such as wearables and home automation systems.

security implication of embedded systems. ;;;;when vendors discover vulnerabilities in computers and apps they write and release patches. when you apply the patch the system is no longer vulnerable to the exploit.

Embedded system constraints

\*\*compute.....limited

\*\*crypto

\*\*power.. most use batteries.

\*\*range connect to other devices using wireless protocol

\*\* network. interface to configure devices..

\*\*cost the cost of the device can be minimized by sacrificing features..

\*\*inability to patch

\*\*implied trust a lot of devices are vulnerable

\*\*weak defaults..

\*\*Understanding threat actors. \*\*

\*\*APT advanced Persistent Threat is a group of organized threat actors that engage in targeted attacks against organizations.

while APTs can be any group.. APT can be state actors these state actors typically have specific targets such as a certain company organization and government agency..

APT sponsored by many governments..

++\*China

\*Iran

\*North Korea

\*Russia

\*\*An advanced persistent threat refers to an organized and sophisticated group of threat actors nation

states govt sponsor them and give them specific targets and goals criminal syndicates are groups of individuals involved A CRIME.

**\*\* criminal syndicates** are composed of a group of individuals working together in criminal activities. usually the goal is money.

crowdstrike..

**\*\*hacker** WAS KNOWN AS SOMEONE PROFICIENT WITH COMPUTERS WHO WANT TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE WITH OTHERS HOWEVER THE DEFINITION HAS MORPHED

A **\*\*SCRIPT KIDDIE** IS AN ATTACKER WHO USES EXISTING COMPUTER SCRIPTS OR CODE TO LAUNCH ATTACKS. NO AGE LIMIT.

A **\*\*HACKTIVIST** LAUNCHES ATTACKS AS PART OF AN ACTIVIST MOVEMENT OR TO FURTHER A CAUSE.. HACKTIVISTS TYPICALLY AREN'T LAUNCHING THESE ATTACKS FOR THEIR BENEFIT.

WHITE, BLACK, GREY HATS.. (WHITE= PENTESTERS) BLACK(CRIMINAL) GREY.. BOTH.

**\*\*insider threat** is anyone who has legit access to an organization's internal resources.

(revenge, money)

**\*\*Attack vectors.** are the paths that attackers used to gain access.

**\*\*email..** attackers frequently send out spam with malicious links or attachments. it's estimated that 91 % of all attacks start with an email.

**\*\*social media attackers** often use social media to gather info on targets via social media this includes social media sites such as facebook and twitter.

**\*\*Shadow IT.** refers to any unauthorized systems or applications within an organization most organizations have specific processes in place to approve new systems and apps.

**\*\*malware..** includes a wide range of software that has malicious intent

**\*\*virus** is a malicious code that attaches itself to a host application.

**\*\*\*shadow IT** refers to unauthorized systems or apps installed on a network without authorization or approval

**\*\*\*worms** self replicating malware that travels through a network without the assistance of a host application or user interaction. a worm resides in memory and can use different transport protocols to travel over the network .

**\*\*\*a logic bomb** is a string of code embedded into an app or script that will execute in response to an event. the event might be a specific date or time.

**\*\*a logic bomb executes in response to an event such as when a specific application is executed.**

**\*\*A backdoor provides another way of accessing a system similar to how a backdoor in a house provides another mode of entry**

**\*\*trojan also called a horse typically looks like something beneficial**

**\*\*\*A backdoor provides another way to access a system many types of malware create backdoors allowing attackers to access systems from remote locations. exemployees have also created backdoors in apps and systems.**

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**malware includes a wide variety of malicious code including viruses worms trojans and ransomware and more. a virus is malicious code that attaches itself to an application and runs when the application is started. a worm is self replicating and doesn't need user interaction to run**

**\*\*\*A trojan appears to be something useful but includes a malicious component such as installing a backdoor on a user's system many trojans are delivered via drive-by downloads. they can also infect systems from fake antivirus software pirated software games...**

**\*\*RAT remote access trojan type of malware that allows attackers to control systems from remote locations it is often delivered via drive-by downloads or malicious attachments in email. once installed on system attackers can access the infected computer..**

**KEYLOGGERS attempt to capture keystrokes. the keystrokes are stored in a file either to send immediately or store.**

**\*\*\*spyware is software installed on users' system without their awareness or consent its purpose is often to monitor the users' computer and the user's activity spyware takes some level of control of computer.**

**\*\* Key loggers capture keystrokes. spyware monitors user computer often uses keyloggers.**

**\*\*ROOTKIT>**

**a group of programs or in rare instances 1 program.. that hides the fact that a system has been infected or compromised. by malicious code. a user might suspect something is wrong but antivirus scans and other checks indicate....**

**Rootkits have system level or kernel access and can modify system files and system access. rootkits hide their running process to avoid detection**

**\*\*BOTS are software robots. for example google uses bots in search engine spiders to travel through the internet looking for pages.**

**\*\*command and control. resources to control infected computers. after a computer is infected with malware .. the attempts to connect to a command and control resource for instructions.**

**\*\*\*some criminals have migrated to peer to peer botnets(P2P)**

**\*\*Botnets** are groups of computers controlled by attackers and computers in a botnet check in command and control server periodically for instructions.. attackers frequently use botnets to launch DDOS attacks.

RANSOMWARE and cryptomalware. (trojans) attackers take control of computers or networks. locking out users. with cryptomalware attackers encrypt the data computers within the network to prevent access.

**VCPI(VIRTUAL CARE PROVIDER INCO.. SUFFERED A MASIVE RANSOMWARE ATTACK IN 2009)**

**\*\*\*RANSOMWARE IS A TYPE OF MALWARE THAT USES A SYSTEMS DAT. CRYPTOMALWARE ENCRYPTS USERS DATA. CRIMINALS THEN ATTEMPT TO EXTORT PAYMENT FROM THE VICTIM. RANSOMWARE OFTEN INCLUDES THREATS OF DAMAGING A USERS SYSTEM OF DATA IF THE VICTIM DOES NOT PAY THE RANSOM. AND ATTACKERS INCREASINGLY TARGET HOSPITALS CITIES AND OTHER LARGER ORGANIZATIONS.**

(pup)**\*\*POTENTIALLY UNWANTED PROGRAMS. ...**

**\*\*A FILELESS VIRUS ALSO CALLED FILELESS MALWARE. IS A TYPE OF MALICIOUS SOFTWARE THAT RUNS IN MEMORY IN CONTRAST MOST MALWARE IS WRITTEN TO DISK.**

**\*\*\*FILELESS VIRUSES RUN IN MEMORY INSTEAD OF FROM A FILE ON A DISK. THEY ARE OFTEN SCRIPTS THAT ARE INJECTED INTO LEGITIMATE PROGRAMS. THEY CAN ALSO BE HIDDEN IN VCARDS**

**\*\*MEMORY CODE INJECTION.. THE MALWARE INJECTS CODE INTO LEGITIMATE APPS USING KNOWN UNPATCHED VULNERABILITIES IN THESE APPS**

**\*\*\*SCRIPT BASED TECHNIQUES TWO COMMON EXAMPLES ARE SANSAM RANSOMWARE AND OPERATION COBALT KITTY .. SANSAM USED ENCRYPTED CODE THAT IS ONLY DECRYPTED WHEN RUN. MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO DETECT.**

**\*\*WINDOWS REGISTRY MANIPULATION. THE MALWARE USES A WINDOWS PROCESS TO WRITE AND EXECUTE CODE INTO THE REGISTRY..**

POTENTIAL INDICATORS OF MALWARE ATTACK.

**\*\*EXTRA TRAFFIC**

**\*\*DATA EXFILTRATION (UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF DATA)**

ENCRYPTED TRAFFIC

TRAFFIC TO SPECIFIC IPS

OUTGOING SPAM.**\*\*Social engineering. is the practice of using tactics to gain information. its often low**

tech encourages individuals to do something they wouldn't normally do.

\*\*Social engineering uses social tactics to trick users into giving up information and performing actions they wouldn't normally take. social engineering attacks can occur in person over the phone or while surfing the internet.

\*\*tricking and hoaxes. a hoax is a mess

\*\*\*encouraging someone to perform risky action

\*\*\*encouraging someone to reveal sensitive information

\*\*\*impersonating someone such as an authorized tech.

\*\*\*using flattery and conning

\*\*\*assuming a position of authority

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\*\*A social engineer can gain unauthorized information just by looking over someone's shoulder. This might be a person, such as when a user is at a computer or remotely using a camera. Screen filters help prevent shoulder surfing by obscuring people's view unless they are directly in front of the monitor.

\*\*impersonation..

shoulder surfing... simply looking over someone's shoulder.

age often circulated through email. which tells of impending doom from a virus or security threat.

\*\*Tailgating is the practice of one following too closely behind another without showing credentials

\*\*Dumpster diving is the practice of yet .. searching through trash or recycling containers to gain information from discarded documents.

\*\*Zero Day vulnerabilities.

... a vulnerability bug that is unknown to trusted sources such as OS system and antivirus vendors.

\*\*\*Tailgating is a social engineering tactic that occurs when one user follows closely behind another user without credentials. Access control vestibules also called mantraps, allow a single person to pass a time. sophisticated mantraps can identify and authenticate individuals before allowing dumpster divers search through trash. Looking for info, shredding or burning papers instead of throwing them away mitigates the threat.

\*\*\*zero day exploits the advantage of vulnerabilities that don't have available patches. It could be because vendors don't know about the vulnerability or haven't written patches to fix it. zero day exploits can evade up to date antivirus software.

\*\*\*watering hole attacks attempt to discover which websites a group of people are likely to visit then infects those websites with malware that can infect the visitors

\*\*\*typosquatting also called URL hijacking occurs when someone buys a domain name that is close to a legitimate domain name.

**\*\*hosting a malicious site**

**\*\*earning ad revenue**

**\*\*reselling the domain.**

**\*\*eliciting information.** is the act of getting information without asking for it directly social engineers often use casual conversation to gather info without giving the targets any idea the attacker is trying to gather info.

**\*\*active listening**

**\*\*reflective questioning.\*\*pretexting and prebending.** are similar and some use the terms interchangeably however there is a subtle difference..

**\*\*false statements.**

**\*\*bracketing.**

a pretext is a fictitious scenario added to a conversation to make a request more believable.

prebending simply means to add something to the beginning of something else.

Identity theft and fraud. when someone steals personal information about you.

## **GASLIGHTING AND INFLUENCE CAMPAIGNS.**

**\*\*\*GASLIGHTING IS A FORM PSYCHOLOGICAL MANIPULATION TO GET INDIVIDUALS TO QUESTION THEIR SANITY.. THE TERM COMES FROM THE 1938 PLAY GAS LIGHT WHERE A HUSBAND ATTEMPTS TO CONVINCE HIS WIFE SHE IS INSANE BY CHANGING THINGS IN THE ENVIRONMENT THEN INSISTING THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CHANGED**

**\*\*INVOICE SCAMS. SOME CRIMINALS USE INVOICE SCAMS TRYING TO TRICK PEOPLE OR ORGANIZATIONS INTO PAYING FOR GOODS OR SERVICES THEY DIDN'T REQUEST.**

**\*\*\*PHISHING. IS THE PRACTICE OF SENDING EMAIL TO USERS WITH THE PURPOSE OF TRICKING THEM INTO REVEALING PERSONAL INFORMATION BY CLICKING ON A LINK .**

**\*\*\*SPAM IS UNWANTED EMAIL PHISHING IS MALICIOUS SPAM ATTACKERS ATTEMPT TO TRICK USERS INTO REVEALING SENSITIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION BY CLICKING ON A LINK.**

**\*\*\*BEWARE OF EMAILS FROM FRIENDS.**

PHISHING TO INSTALL MALWARE.

PHISHING TO VALIDATE EMAILS.

PHISHING TO GET MONEY

SPEAR PHISHING .... IS A TARGETED FORM OF PHISHING. INSTEAD OF SENDING THE EMAIL OUT TO EVERYONE, IT ATTEMPTS TO TARGET SPECIFIC GROUPS AND PEOPLE.

**\*\*whaling is a form of spear phishing that attempts to target high level executives large corporations refer to big spenders as whales.**



\*\*\*a spear phishing attack targets specific groups of users it could target employees within a company or customers of a company digital signatures provide assurances to recipients about who sent an email and can reduce the success of spear phishing

++vishing. attacks use phone systems to trick users into giving up personal and financial information vishing often uses voice over IP voip technology. allowing the attacker to spoof caller ID

\*\*smishing a mashup of sms and phishing is a form of phishing that uses text instead of email..

\*\*vishing is a form of phishing that uses the phone system or voip some vishing attempts are fully automated. others start as automated calls but an attacker takes over at some point during the call smishing is a form of phishing that using text messages.

one click lets them in.. \*\*

blocking malware and other attacks. spam filter on mail gateways phishing attacks are delivered with malicious spam.

\*\*smishing. is a form of phishing that uses text instead of email. some smishing texts include malicious attachments and some try to trick the user into giving up personal information.

\*\*vishing is a form of phishing that uses the phone system or VOIP so some vishing attempts are fully automated. others start as automated calls but an attacker takes over at some point during the call. smishing is a form of phishing using text messages.

\*\*one click lets them in. the attacker use open source intelligence to identify a target.

\*\*next the attacker crafts a spear phishing email. with a malicious link.

\*\*the attacker sends the spear phishing email to the target from an internet based system.

\*\*the user clicks on the link it takes the user to a website that looks legitimate but.

\*\*if the malicious link tricked the user into entering credentials.

\*\*attacker uses credentials to access malicious system

the original target may have limited access within the network. a

\*\*malware searches for data within the network such as emails files computers and servers.

\*\*\*blocking malware and other attacks.

\*spam filter on mail gateways

\*\*antimalware software on mail gateways

\*\*all systems.

\*\*boundaries or firewalls.

**spam filters**

((the challenge with an SPAM FILTER is to filter out spam only and never filter out legitimate email.))

\*\*\*Antivirus software detects and removes malware, such as viruses, trojans and worms. Signature-based antivirus software detects known malware based on signature definitions. Heuristic based software detects previously unknown malware based on behaviour.