

UT Ethical hacking

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① Digital evidence

- Refers to any information that is stored or transmitted in a digital format & is relevant to a criminal investigation

- This can include documents, emails, images, videos etc

rules of digital evidence are

① Admissible

- Digital evidence must be relevant to the case & meet legal requirements to be admissible in court

② Authenticity

- It must be established that the digital evidence has not been tampered in any way.

③ Integrity

- Integrity should be maintained throughout the process.

④ Privacy

- Digital evidence may contain sensitive info, so it must be handled in a manner that protects the privacy rights.

③ Computer forensics

- It is a scientific method of investigation & analysis in order to gather evidence from digital devices which is ~~also~~ suitable for presentation in a court of law
- It involves performing a structured investigation while ~~pr~~ maintaining a documented chain of evidence to find out exactly what happened on a computer & who was responsible.

Uses

- Recovering deleted files
- Recovering deleted emails
- Analyzing internet browsing history
- Identifying & analyzing malware

Challenges

- Rapid evolving technology, can make it difficult to keep up with new devices & storage formats
- The volume & complexity of digital data
- Encryption can prevent access to digital evidence.

② Evidence collection

- It involves the gathering & preservation of physical & digital evidence relevant to a legal investigation.

Type of evidence

- Physical evidence (Real evidence)
 - involves tangible evidence such as documents, flash drive etc
- Digital evidence
 - such as emails, files etc
- Testimonial evidence
 - statement made by witness or suspects
- Hearsay
 - evidence presented by a person who was not a direct witness.

④ Tools used in computer forensics

- * • hardware (advanced)
 - Tools ranges from simple to comprehensive systems & servers.

- ~~Basic~~ Basic & single purpose hardware tool

- ACARD

- AEC-7720WP

- ultra wide SCSI-to-IDE Bridge

- advanced

- FRED system

- DIBS system

* • Software

- SafeBack

- X-way forensics

- Encase

- Access data ftk

⑤ evidence acquisition

- Evidence acquisition involves the process of collecting & preserving digital evidence for forensic analysis.
- Remote acquisition offers with runtime software offers 'HIDHST' programs.
- To use these, it's best to have computer connected on the same local hub with minimal network traffic.

Steps in computer evidence processing includes:

① identification

- identify potential sources of DE (computer)

② collectⁿ

- Collecting the evidence using appropriate Tools

③ preservation

- maintaining integrity

④ analysis (determine the result's accuracy)

⑤ presentation (summarize & present findings)

⑥ documentⁿ (Document findings to use in court)

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⑥ objective of Digital forensics

- Evidence to court (Presentation)
- Identifying the culprit
- Legal procedures
- Data redundancy (recover the deleted files)
- analysis (draw conclusion)

Types of digital forensics

- Disk forensics
 - deals with extracting raw data from the Primary & or Secondary Storage of the device by searching active, modified or deleted files.
- Network forensics
 - Involves monitoring & analyzing the computer network traffic.
- Database forensics
 - deals with study & examination of databases.
- Malware forensics
 - identification of suspicious code, viruses, worm etc
- Email forensics
- Mobile phone f

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Chain of Custody

- The chain of custody is a process that documents the chronological history of evidence from the moment it is collected to its presentation in court.
- The purpose of COC is to establish the integrity & authenticity of the evidence & to prevent tampering.

Process of COC involves

- ① Documenting the collection of evidence (date, time, date, location & individuals involved).
- ② Packaging & Labeling the evidence to prevent tampering or damage.
- ③ Maintaining a detailed record of who has had custody of the evidence & any action taken with it.
- ④ Transporting the evidence securely.
- ⑤ Presenting the evidence in court along with documentation of the COC.

Anti-forensic - it is a term that contradicts cyber forensic

It aims to diminish the amount & reliability of evidence available at crime scene.

Anti-forensic techniques are strategies intended to complicate the investigation process

Their purpose is to diminish both the quality & quantity of digital evidence

Here file hiding, steganography etc technique are used to conceal digital evidence.

- ⑧ Incident response refers to the structured approach an organization takes to address & manage the aftermath of a cybersecurity incident.
- These incidents can range from data breaches & malware infection to ~~DDoS~~ DOS & insider threats
 - The primary goal is to minimize damage, reduce recovery time & cost & mitigate future risk

Roles of CSIRT - Computer Security Incident Response Team

- ① Detection & monitoring (detecting incidents)
- ② Analysis (analyze nature & scope of incident)
- ③ Eradication (removing malware)
- ④ forensic investigation (to determine the root cause of incident)
- ⑤ documenting & reporting