

Introduction to Ethical Hacking

- Ethical hackers
 - Employed by companies to perform penetration tests
- Penetration test
 - Legal attempt to break into a company's network to find its weakest link
 - Tester only reports findings, does not solve problems
- Security test
 - More than an attempt to break in; also includes analyzing company's security policy and procedures
 - Tester offers solutions to secure or protect the network

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The Role of Security and Penetration Testers

- Hackers
 - Access computer system or network without authorization
 - Breaks the law; can go to prison
- Crackers
 - Break into systems to steal or destroy data
 - U.S. Department of Justice calls both hackers
- Ethical hacker
 - Performs most of the same activities but with owner's permission

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The Role of Security and Penetration Testers

- Script kiddies or packet monkeys
 - Young inexperienced hackers
 - Copy codes and techniques from knowledgeable hackers
- Experienced penetration testers write programs or scripts using these languages
 - Practical Extraction and Report Language (Perl), C, C++, Python, JavaScript, Visual Basic, SQL, and many others
- Script
 - Set of instructions that runs in sequence

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It Takes Time to Become a Hacker

- This class alone won't make you a hacker, or an expert
 - It might make you a script kiddie
- It usually takes years of study and experience to earn respect in the hacker community
- It's a hobby, a lifestyle, and an attitude
 - A drive to figure out how things work

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The Role of Security and Penetration Testers

- Tiger box
 - Collection of OSs and hacking tools
 - Usually on a laptop
 - Helps penetration testers and security testers conduct vulnerabilities assessments and attacks

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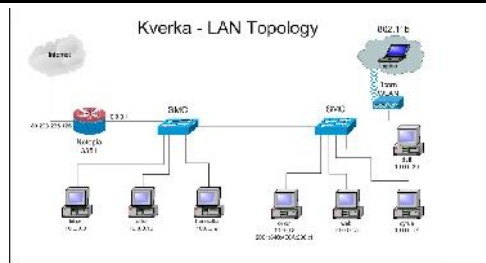
Penetration-Testing Methodologies

- White box model
 - Tester is told everything about the network topology and technology
 - Network diagram
 - Tester is authorized to interview IT personnel and company employees
 - Makes tester's job a little easier

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Network Diagram



- From ratemynetworkdiagram.com (Link Ch 19)

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This is a Floor Plan

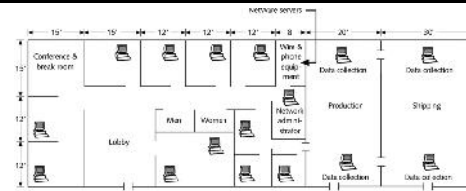


Figure 1-1 A sample network diagram

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Penetration-Testing Methodologies

- Black box model
 - Company staff does not know about the test
 - Tester is not given details about the network
 - Burden is on the tester to find these details
 - Tests if security personnel are able to detect an attack

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Certification Programs for Network Security Personnel

- Certification programs available in almost every area of network security
- Basics:
 - CompTIA Security+ (CNIT 120)
 - Network+ (CNIT 106 or 201)



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Take Certification Tests Here

- CNIT is a Prometric Vue testing center
 - Certification tests are given in S214
 - CompTIA and Microsoft
 - The next tests will be in the second week of April, right after Spring Break
 - Email sbowne@ccsf.edu if you want to take a test

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Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)



- But see Run Away From The CEH Certification

- Link Ch 1e on my Web page

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