

✍ **Explanation:** Ethical Hacking sometimes called as Penetration Testing is an act of intruding/penetrating into system or networks to find out threats, vulnerabilities in those systems which a malicious attacker may find and exploit causing loss of data, financial loss or other major damages. The purpose of ethical hacking is to improve the security of the network or systems by fixing the vulnerabilities found during testing. Ethical hackers may use the same methods and tools used by the malicious hackers but with the permission of the authorized person for the purpose of improving the security and defending the systems from attacks by malicious users. Ethical hackers are expected to report all the vulnerabilities and weakness found during the process to the management.

12. The amateur or newbie in the field of hacking who don't have many skills about coding and in-depth working of security and hacking tools are called _____

- a) Sponsored Hackers
b) Hactivists
c) Script Kiddies
d) Whistle Blowers

Ans: c

✍ **Explanation:** Script Kiddies are new to hacking and at the same time do not have many interests in developing coding skills or find bugs of their own in systems; rather they prefer downloading of available tools (developed by elite hackers) and use them to break any system or network. They just try to gain attention of their friend circles.

13. The full form of Malware is _____

- a) Malfunctioned Software
b) Multipurpose Software
c) Malicious Software
d) Malfunctioning of Security

Ans: c

✍ **Explanation:** Different types of harmful software and programs that can pose threats to a system, network or anything related to cyberspace are termed as Malware. Examples of some common malware are Virus, Trojans, Ransomware, spyware, worms, rootkits etc.

Full description about malicious software

Introduction

Viruses, worms, Trojans, and bots are all part of a class of software called "malware." Malware is short for "malicious software," also known as malicious code or "malcode." It is code or software that is specifically designed to damage, disrupt, steal, or in general inflict some other "bad" or illegitimate action on data, hosts, or networks.

Malware can infect systems by being bundled with other programs or attached as macros to files. Others are installed by exploiting a known vulnerability in an operating system (OS), network device, or other software, such as a hole in a browser that only requires users to visit a website to infect their computers. The vast majority, however, are installed by some

action from a user, such as clicking an email attachment or downloading a file from the Internet.

Some of the more commonly known types of malware are viruses, worms, Trojans, bots, ransomware, backdoors, spyware, and adware. Damage from malware varies from causing minor irritation (such as browser popup ads), to stealing confidential information or money, destroying data, and compromising and/or entirely disabling systems and networks.

Classes of Malicious Software

Two of the most common types of **malware** are

1. viruses and
2. worms.

These types of programs are able to self-replicate and can spread copies of themselves, which might even be modified copies.

Ransomware

Ransomware is a type of malicious software that threatens to publish the victim's data or perpetually block access to it unless a ransom is paid. While some simple ransomware may lock the system in a way that is not difficult for a knowledgeable person to reverse, more advanced malware uses a technique called *cryptoviral extortion*, which encrypts the victim's files, making them inaccessible, and demands a ransom payment to decrypt them.

Viruses

A computer virus is a type of malware that propagates by inserting a copy of itself into and becoming part of another program. It spreads from one computer to another, leaving infections as it travels. Viruses can range in severity from causing mildly annoying effects to damaging data or software and causing denial-of-service (DoS) conditions. Almost all viruses are attached to an executable file, which means the virus may exist on a system but will not be active or able to spread until a user runs or opens the malicious host file or program.

Worms

On a computer, a worm is similar to a virus, in that it replicates itself. But unlike viruses, worms don't need to be attached to other files. In contrast to viruses, which require the spreading of an infected host file, worms are standalone software and do not require a host program or human help to propagate. To spread, worms either exploit a vulnerability on the target system or use some kind of social engineering to trick users into executing them.

Trojans

A Trojan is another type of malware named after the wooden horse that the Greeks used to infiltrate Troy. It is a harmful piece of software that looks legitimate. Users are typically tricked into loading and executing it on their systems. After it is activated, it can achieve any number of attacks on the host, from irritating the user (popping up windows or changing desktops) to damaging the host (deleting files, stealing data, or activating and spreading other malware, such as viruses). Trojans are also known to create backdoors to give malicious users access to the system.

Bots

"Bot" is derived from the word "robot" and is an automated process that interacts with other network services. Bots often automate tasks and provide information or services that would otherwise be conducted by a human being. A typical use of bots is to gather information, such as web crawlers, or interact automatically with Instant Messaging (IM), Internet Relay Chat (IRC), or other web interfaces. They may also be used to interact dynamically with websites.

Keylogger

A **keylogger**, or **keystroke logger**, is a type of malware that records all keystrokes that a user types on their computer. A keylogger can also be a hardware device, connected somewhere between a keyboard and a computer. Keyloggers can record all sorts of personal information, such as user names, passwords, credit card numbers, and personal documents such as emails and reports. Keyloggers can be useful to obtain information that can be later used to access a user's online accounts, or for espionage.

How malware spread :

Advanced malware typically comes via the following distribution channels to a computer or network:

- Drive-by download—Unintended download of computer software from the Internet
- Unsolicited email —Unwanted attachments or embedded links in electronic mail
- Physical media—Integrated or removable media such as USB drives
- Self propagation—Ability of malware to move itself from computer to computer or network to network, thus spreading on its own

Difference between Virus, Worm and Trojan Horse:

Virus	Worm	Trojan Horse
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Virus is a software or computer program that connect itself to another software or computer program to harm computer system.	Worms replicate itself to cause slow down the computer system.	Trojan Horse rather than replicate capture some important information about a computer system or a computer network.
Virus replicates itself.	Worms are also replicates itself.	But Trojan horse does not replicate itself.
Virus can't be controlled by remote.	Worms can be controlled by remote.	Like worms, Trojan horse can also be controlled by remote.
Spreading rate of viruses are moderate.	While spreading rate of worms are faster than virus and Trojan horse.	And spreading rate of Trojan horse is slow in comparison of both virus and worms.
The main objective of virus to modify the information.	The main objective of worms to eat the system resources.	The main objective of Trojan horse to steal the information.
Viruses are executed via executable files.	Worms are executed via weaknesses in system.	Trojan horse executes through a program and interprets as utility software.

14. Which of the following is an anti-virus program?

- a) Norton b) K7 c) Quick Heal d) All of these **Ans: d**

15. All of the following are examples of real security and privacy threats except:


- a) Hackers b) Virus c) Spam d) Worm **Ans: c**

16. Viruses are _____.

- a) Man Made b) Naturally Occur
c) Machine Made d) All of these **Ans: a**

17. Firewall is a type of _____.

- a) Virus b) Security Threat
c) Worm d) None of these **Ans: d**

 **Explanation:** Firewall is a network security system that monitors and controls incoming and outgoing network traffic based on predetermined security rules.

instances, the DoS attack deprives legitimate users (i.e. employees, members, or account holders) of the service or resource they expected.

Victims of DoS attacks often target web servers of high-profile organizations such as banking, commerce, and media companies, or government and trade organizations. Though DoS attacks do not typically result in the theft or loss of significant information or other assets, they can cost the victim a great deal of time and money to handle.

There are two general methods of DoS attacks: flooding services or crashing services.

6. DNS spoofing

This malware is also known as DNS cache poisoning. It engages that old cache data you might have forgotten about.

Vulnerabilities in the domain name system allow hackers to redirect traffic from your website to a malicious one. Moreover, hackers can program this attack so the infected DNS server will infect another DNS and so on.

7. SQL injection

If your website has vulnerabilities in its SQL database or libraries, hackers can get access to your confidential information by deceiving the system. So there is no surprise that SQL injections can also be a simple tool. But this simple tool can allow a hacker to access vital information of your website.

8. Keylogger injection

The Keylogger that very simple and dangerous malicious code.

The malware records keystrokes, captures all of the user's actions on the keyboard, and to send all that has been recorded to the hacker; it also installs a malicious script that produces an in-browser cryptocurrency miner.

If a hacker succeeds in obtaining data, then the result of the hacking will be stolen admin credentials that can allow hackers to easily log into your website

9. Non-targeted website hack

In most cases, hackers don't target a specific website. They are more interested in massive hacking.

It is easy to suffer from a non-targeted attack – you just need to overlook any CMS, plugin or template vulnerability. Any gap is a chance to get into the hacker's sight and become a victim during the next attack.

Hackers can find websites with similar weaknesses easily. They can always use Google's Hacking Database to receive a list of vulnerable websites that have the same properties. For example, hackers can find all indexed websites that have a vulnerable plugin installed. Or websites with unhidden catalogues.

unauthorized people (for example, in a breach of confidentiality). These measures include file permissions and user access controls.

Integrity, in the world of information security means maintaining the accuracy, and completeness of data. It is about protecting data from being modified or misused by an unauthorized party. Integrity involves maintaining the consistency and trustworthiness of data over its entire life cycle. Data must not be changed in transit, and precautionary steps must be taken to ensure that data cannot be altered by unauthorized people.

For example, in a breach of integrity, a hacker may seize data and modify it before sending it on to the intended recipient.

Measures to maintain the integrity of information include:

1. Encryption
2. User Access Controls
3. Version Control

Authenticity

Authenticity is verification of a message or document to ensure it wasn't forged or tampered with. Examples include digital signature and HMAC.

Availability

Availability means that information is accessible to authorized users. It is basically an assurance that your system and data are accessible by authorized users whenever it's needed. Similar to confidentiality and integrity, availability also holds a great value.

Different between Authentication and Authenticity


Authentication is the act of certifying authenticity. So if something is authentic it's real. In security it means that something is what it purports to be. For example a user really is who they claim, a program has not been tampered with, that server really does belong to your bank.

Authentication in computer security typically involves shared secrets (eg passwords, symmetric encryption keys) or asymmetric aka public key encryption where only one party knows the key but the other can mathematically authenticate that knowledge.

28. This is the model designed for guiding the policies of Information security within a company, firm or organization. What is "this" referred to here?

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| a) Confidentiality | b) Non-repudiation |
| c) CIA Triad | d) Authenticity |

Ans: c

 **Explanation:** Various security models were being developed till date. This is by far the most popular and widely used model which focuses on the information's confidentiality, integrity as well as availability and how these key elements can be preserved for a better security in any organization.

29. When you use the word _____ it means you are protecting your data from getting disclosed.

- a) Confidentiality b) Integrity c) Authentication d) Availability **Ans: a**

✈ **Explanation:**

Confidentiality is what every individual prefer in terms of physical privacy as well as digital privacy. This term means our information needs to be protected from getting disclose to unauthorised parties, for which we use different security mechanisms like password protection, biometric security, OTPs (One Time Passwords) etc.

30. _____ means the protection of data from modification by unknown users.

- a) Confidentiality b) Integrity c) Authentication d) Non-repudiation **Ans: b**

31. When integrity is lacking in a security system, _____ occurs.

- a) Database hacking b) Data deletion c) Data tampering d) Data leakage **Ans: c**

✈ **Explanation:** The term data tampering is used when integrity is compromised in any security model and checking its integrity later becomes costlier. Example: let suppose you sent \$50 to an authorised person and in between a Man in the Middle (MiTM) attack takes place and the value has tampered to \$500. This is how integrity is compromised.

32. _____ of information means, only authorised users are capable of accessing the information.

- a) Confidentiality b) Integrity
c) Non-repudiation d) Availability **Ans: d**

✈ **Explanation:** Information seems useful only when right people (authorised users) access it after going through proper authenticity check. The key element availability ensures that only authorised users are able to access the information.

33. Transit time and response time measure the _____ of a network

- a) Performance b) Reliability c) Security d) Longevity **Ans: a**

34. Network failure is primarily a _____ issue.

- a) Performance b) Reliability c) Security d) Longevity **Ans: b**

35. _____ is a network reliability issue.

- a) The number of users b) The type of transmission medium
c) The frequency of failure d) Unauthorized access **Ans: c**

36. Why these 4 elements (confidentiality, integrity, authenticity & availability) are considered fundamental?

- a) They help understanding hacking better
b) They are key elements to a security breach
c) They help understands security and its components better
d) They help to understand the cyber-crime better **Ans: c**

✎ **Explanation:** The four elements of security viz. confidentiality, integrity, authenticity & availability helps in better understanding the pillars of security and its different components.

37. This helps in identifying the origin of information and authentic user. This referred to here as _____

- a) Confidentiality b) Integrity c) Authenticity d) Availability **Ans: c**

✎ **Explanation:** The key element, authenticity helps in assuring the fact that the information is from the original source.

38. Data _____ is used to ensure confidentiality.

- a) Encryption b) Locking c) Deleting d) Backup **Ans: a**

✎ **Explanation:** Data encryption is the method of converting plain text to cipher-text and only authorised users can decrypt the message back to plain text. This preserves the confidentiality of data

39. Which of these is not a proper method of maintaining confidentiality?

- a) Biometric verification
b) ID and password based verification
c) 2-factor authentication
d) switching off the phone **Ans: d**

✎ **Explanation:** Switching off the phone in the fear of preserving the confidentiality of data is not a proper solution for data confidentiality. Fingerprint detection, face recognition, password-based authentication, two-step verifications are some of these.

40. Data integrity gets compromised when _____ and _____ are taken control off.

- a) Access control, file deletion
b) Network, file permission
c) Access control, file permission
d) Network, system **Ans: c**

✎ **Explanation:** The two key ingredients that need to be kept safe are: access control & file permission in order to preserve data integrity.

41. One common way to maintain data availability is _____

- a) Data clustering b) Data backup
c) Data recovery d) Data Altering **Ans: b**

✎ **Explanation:** For preventing data from data-loss, or damage data backup can be done and stored in a different geographical location so that it can sustain its data from natural disasters & unpredictable events.

42. _____ is the practice and precautions taken to protect valuable information from unauthorised access, recording, disclosure or destruction.

- a) Network Security b) Database Security

c) Information Security

d) Physical Security

Ans: c

✈ **Explanation:** Information Security (abbreviated as InfoSec) is a process or set of processes used for protecting valuable information for alteration, destruction, deletion or disclosure by unauthorised users.

43. From the options below, which of them is not a threat to information security?

a) Disaster

b) Eavesdropping

c) Information leakage

d) Unchanged default password

Ans: d

✈ **Explanation:** Disaster, eavesdropping and information leakage come under information security threats whereas not changing the default password of any system, hardware or any software comes under the category of vulnerabilities that the user may pose to its system.

44. From the options below, which of them is not a vulnerability to information security?

a) flood

b) without deleting data, disposal of storage media

c) unchanged default password

d) latest patches and updates not done

Ans: a

✈ **Explanation:** Flood comes under natural disaster which is a threat to any information and not acts as a vulnerability to any system.

45. Compromising confidential information comes under _____

a) Bug

b) Threat

c) Vulnerability

d) Attack

Ans: b

✈ **Explanation:** Threats are anything that may cause damage or harm to a computer system, individual or any information. Compromising of confidential information means extracting out sensitive data from a system by illegal manner.

46. Lack of access control policy is a _____

a) Bug

b) Threat

c) Vulnerability

d) Attack

Ans: c

✈ **Explanation:** Access control policies are incorporated to a security system for restricting of unauthorised access to any logical or physical system. Every security compliance program must need this as a fundamental component. Those systems which lack this feature is vulnerable.

47. _____ is the kind of firewall is connected between the device and the network connecting to internet.

a) Hardware Firewall

b) Software Firewall


c) Stateful Inspection Firewall

d) Microsoft Firewall

Ans: a


51. Packet filtering firewalls are deployed on _____

- a) routers b) switches c) hubs d) repeaters **Ans: a**

 **Explanation:** Packet filtering firewalls are deployed on routers that help in connecting internal network worldwide via the internet.

52. In the _____ layer of OSI model, packet filtering firewalls are implemented.

- a) Application layer b) Session layer
c) Presentation layer d) Network layer **Ans: d**

 **Explanation:** In the network layer, which is the third layer of the OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) model, packet filtering firewalls are implemented.