

Introduction to Ethical Hacking

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- Overview of Current Security Trends
- Understanding the Elements of Information Security
- Understanding Information Security Threats and Attack Vectors
- Overview of Hacking Concepts, Types, and Phases
- Understanding Ethical Hacking Concepts and Scope



- Overview of Information Security Management and Defense-in-Depth
- Overview of Policies, Procedures, and Awareness
- Overview of Physical Security and Controls
- Understanding Incident Management Process
- Overview of Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing
- Overview of Information Security Acts and Laws





Course Outcome

- Web and Network Penetration Testing
- Network scanning
- Ethical hacking including website and databases
- SQL injection
- Designing secure web application

Career

- Security Officer
- Security Professional

Cyber Crime

- Offences against computer data and systems
- Illegal access
- Illegal interception
- Data interference
- System interference
- Misuse of devices

Types of Cyber Crime

- Hacking
- Denial of service attack
- Virus Dissemination
- Computer Vandalism
- Cyber Terrorism
- Software Piracy

Motivations of Hacking

Attacks = Motive (Goal) + Method + Vulnerability

- A motive originates out of the notion that the **target system stores or processes** something valuable and this leads to threat of an attack on the system
- Attackers try various tools and attack techniques to **exploit vulnerabilities** in a computer system or security policy and controls to achieve their motives



Motives Behind Information Security Attacks

- Disrupting business continuity
- Information theft
- Manipulating data
- Creating fear and chaos by disrupting critical infrastructures
- Propagating religious or political beliefs
- Achieving state's military objectives
- Damaging reputation of the target
- Taking revenge

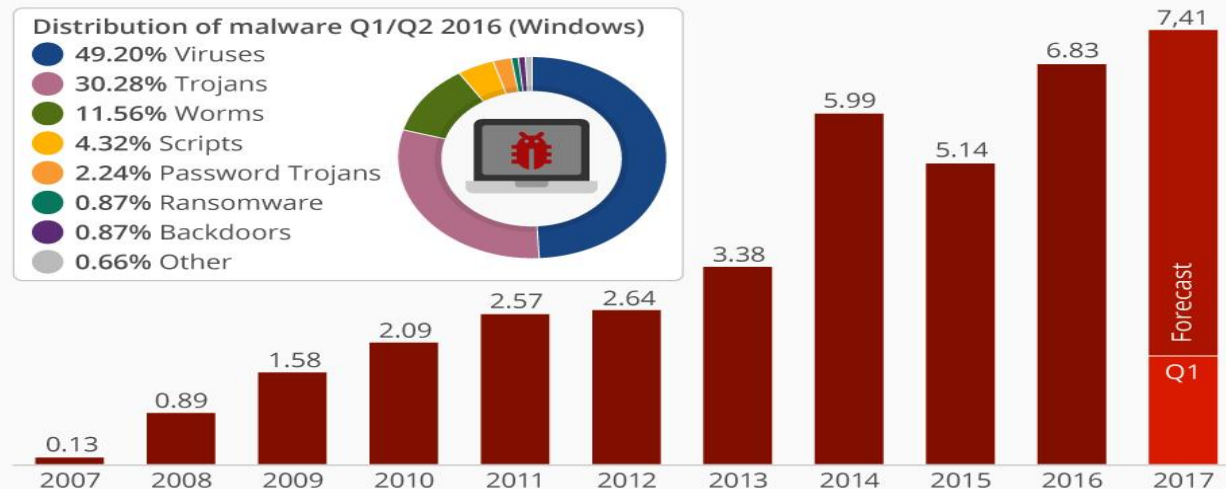
Distributed Attacks

Viruses, Worms and Trojan Horses

Number of new malware specimen (in millions)

Distribution of malware Q1/Q2 2016 (Windows)

- 49.20% Viruses
- 30.28% Trojans
- 11.56% Worms
- 4.32% Scripts
- 2.24% Password Trojans
- 0.87% Ransomware
- 0.87% Backdoors
- 0.66% Other



Incidents

56 million debit and credit
card numbers were stolen



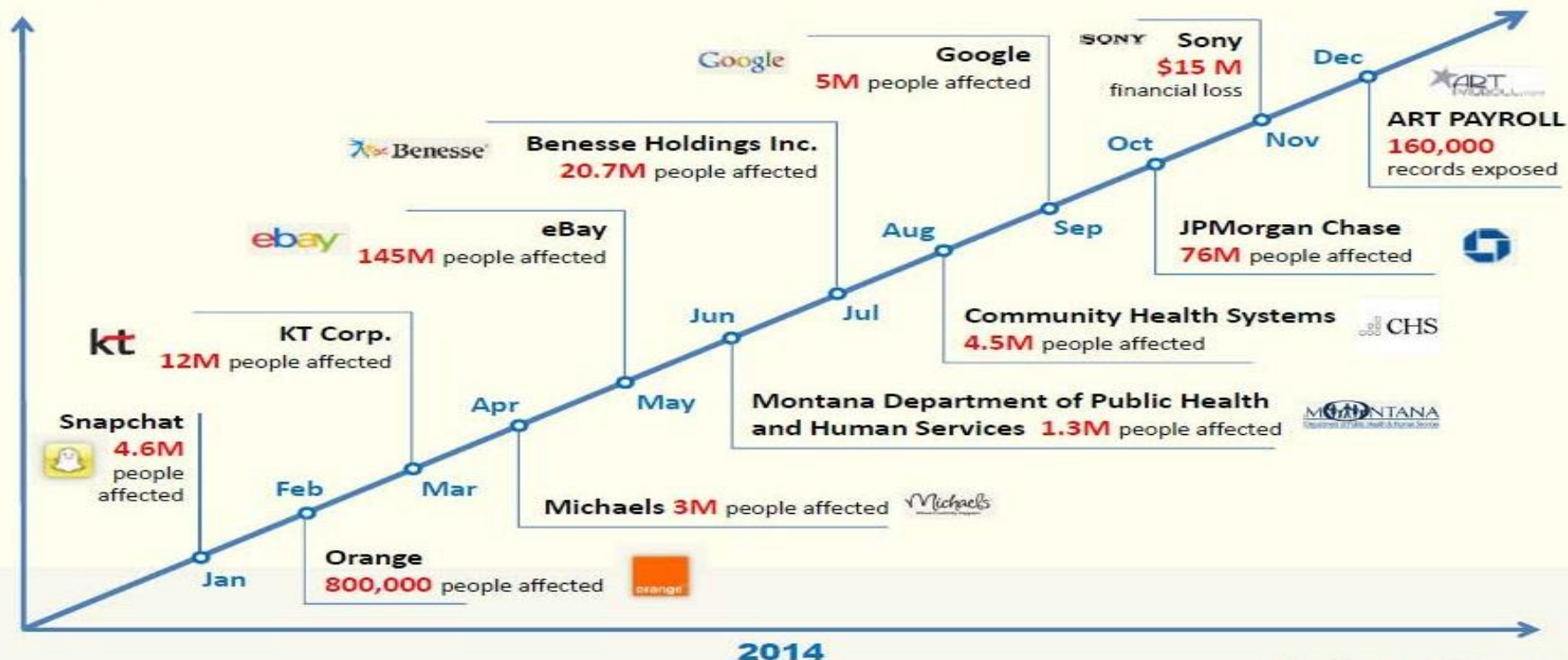
Incident occurred due
to **custom-built
malware**



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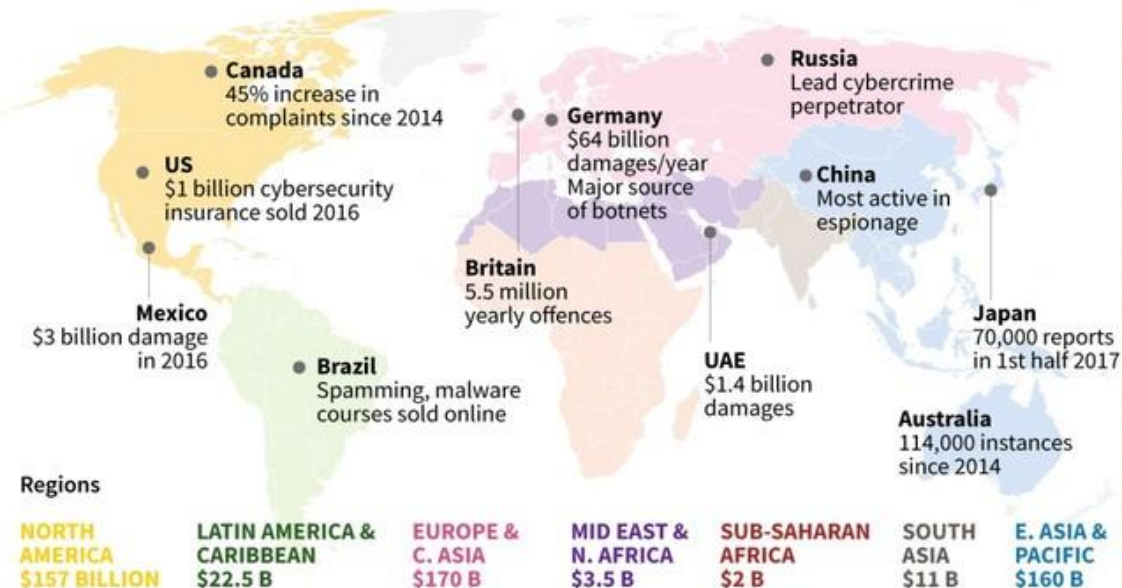
Cyber Crime Global Cost

Cybercrime highlights

Economic impact: McAfee report, February 2018

Estimated annual global cost: \$600 billion

Selected highlights





Cyber Law

- Very Strict Law
- Borderless
- Can arrest without warrant
- No witness is required



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Country Name	Laws/Acts	Website
United States	Section 107 of the Copyright Law mentions the doctrine of "fair use"	http://www.copyright.gov
	Online Copyright Infringement Liability Limitation Act	
	The Lanham (Trademark) Act (15 USC §§ 1051 - 1127)	http://www.uspto.gov
	The Electronic Communications Privacy Act	https://www.fas.org
	Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act	https://www.fas.org
	Protect America Act of 2007	http://www.justice.gov
	Privacy Act of 1974	http://www.justice.gov
	National Information Infrastructure Protection Act of 1996	http://www.nrotc.navy.mil
	Computer Security Act of 1987	http://csrc.nist.gov
	Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)	http://www.foia.gov
	Computer Fraud and Abuse Act	http://energy.gov
	Federal Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act	http://www.ftc.gov

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Australia	The Trade Marks Act 1995	http://www.comlaw.gov.au
	The Patents Act 1990	
	The Copyright Act 1968	
	Cybercrime Act 2001	
United Kingdom	The Copyright, Etc. and Trademarks (Offenses And Enforcement) Act 2002	http://www.legislation.gov.uk
	Trademarks Act 1994 (TMA)	
	Computer Misuse Act 1990	
China	Copyright Law of People's Republic of China (Amendments on October 27, 2001)	http://www.npc.gov.cn
	Trademark Law of the People's Republic of China (Amendments on October 27, 2001)	http://www.saic.gov.cn
India	The Patents (Amendment) Act, 1999, Trade Marks Act, 1999, The Copyright Act, 1957	http://www.ipindia.nic.in
	Information Technology Act	http://www.dot.gov.in
Germany	Section 202a. Data Espionage, Section 303a. Alteration of Data, Section 303b. Computer Sabotage	http://www.cybercrimelaw.net

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Italy	Penal Code Article 615 ter	http://www.cybercrimelaw.net
Japan	The Trademark Law (Law No. 127 of 1957), Copyright Management Business Law (4.2.2.3 of 2000)	http://www.iip.or.jp
Canada	Copyright Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-42), Trademark Law, Canadian Criminal Code Section 342.1	http://www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca
Singapore	Computer Misuse Act	http://www.statutes.agc.gov.sg
South Africa	Trademarks Act 194 of 1993	http://www.cipc.co.za
	Copyright Act of 1978	http://www.nlsa.ac.za
South Korea	Copyright Law Act No. 3916	http://home.heinonline.org
	Industrial Design Protection Act	http://www.kipo.go.kr
Belgium	Copyright Law, 30/06/1994	http://www.wipo.int
	Computer Hacking	http://www.cybercrimelaw.net
Brazil	Unauthorized modification or alteration of the information system	http://www.mosstingrett.no
Hong Kong	Article 139 of the Basic Law	http://www.basiclaw.gov.hk

Hacking



Hacking refers to exploiting **system vulnerabilities** and **compromising security** controls to gain unauthorized or inappropriate access to the system resources

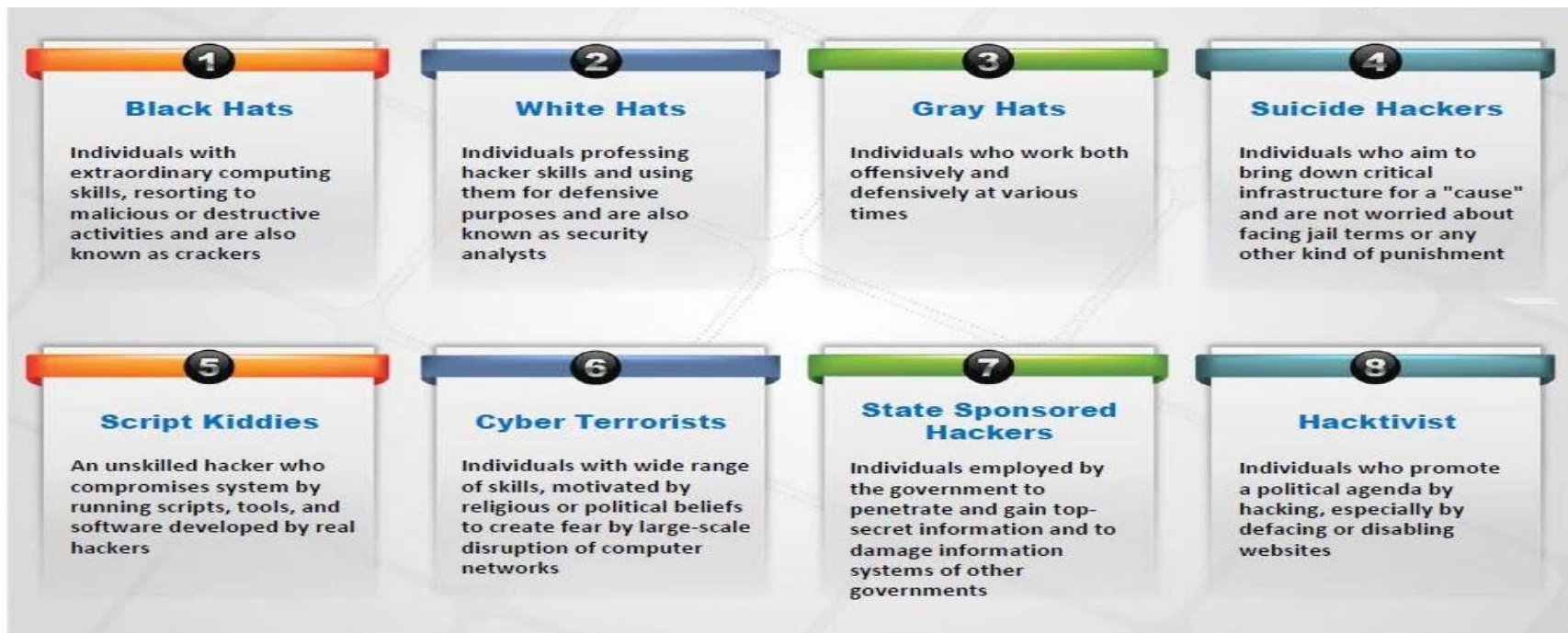


It involves **modifying system** or **application features** to achieve a goal outside of the creator's original purpose



Hacking can be used to steal, pilfer, and redistribute intellectual property leading to **business loss**

Types of Hacker



Ethical Hacking



Ethical hacking involves the use of hacking tools, tricks, and techniques to **identify vulnerabilities** so as to ensure system security

It focuses on simulating techniques used by attackers to **verify the existence of exploitable vulnerabilities** in the system security



Ethical hackers performs security assessment of their organization **with the permission of concerned authorities**

Ethical Hacking

To beat a hacker, you need to think like one!

Ethical hacking is necessary as it **allows to counter attacks from malicious hackers** by anticipating methods used by them to break into a system

Reasons why Organizations Recruit Ethical Hackers



To **prevent hackers** from gaining access to organization's information systems

To **uncover vulnerabilities** in systems and explore their potential as a risk

To analyze and **strengthen an organization's security posture** including policies, network protection infrastructure, and end-user practices

Ethical Hackers Try to Answer the Following Questions



What can the intruder see on the **target system**? (Reconnaissance and Scanning phases)

What can an **intruder do** with that information? (Gaining Access and Maintaining Access phases)



Does anyone at the target **notice the intruders' attempts** or successes? (Reconnaissance and Covering Tracks phases)

If all the **components of information system** are adequately protected, updated, and patched



How much effort, time, and money is required to obtain **adequate protection**?

Are the **information security measures** in compliance to industry and legal standards?



Skills of Hacker

1 Technical Skills

- Has in-depth **knowledge of major operating environments**, such as Windows, Unix, Linux, and Macintosh
- Has in-depth **knowledge of networking** concepts, technologies and related hardware and software
- Should be a **computer expert** adept at technical domains
- Has **knowledge of security areas** and related issues
- Has **“high technical” knowledge** to launch the sophisticated attacks

2 Non-Technical Skills

Some of the non-technical characteristics of an ethical hacker include:

- Ability to learn** and adapt new technologies quickly
- Strong work ethics**, and good problem solving and communication skills
- Committed to **organization’s security policies**
- Awareness of **local standards and laws**



Hacking Terminology

Hack Value

It is the notion among hackers that **something is worth doing** or is interesting

Zero-Day Attack

An attack that exploits **computer application vulnerabilities** before the software developer releases a patch for the vulnerability

Vulnerability

Existence of a **weakness, design, or implementation error** that can lead to an unexpected event compromising the security of the system

Daisy Chaining

It involves **gaining access to one network and/or computer** and then using the same information to gain access to multiple networks and computers that contain desirable information

Exploit

A **breach** of IT system security through vulnerabilities

Doxing

Publishing personally identifiable information about an individual collected from publicly available databases and social media

Payload

Payload is the **part of an exploit code** that performs the intended malicious action, such as destroying, creating backdoors, and hijacking computer

Bot

A “bot” is a software application that can be **controlled remotely to execute or automate predefined tasks**

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- Reconnaissance refers to the preparatory phase where an **attacker seeks to gather information** about a target prior to launching an attack
- Could be the future point of return, noted for ease of entry for an attack when more about the **target is known on a broad scale**
- Reconnaissance **target range** may include the target organization's clients, employees, operations, network, and systems

Reconnaissance Types

Passive Reconnaissance

- Passive reconnaissance involves acquiring information **without directly interacting with the target**
- For example, searching public records or news releases

Active Reconnaissance

- Active reconnaissance involves **interacting with the target directly by any means**
- For example, telephone calls to the help desk or technical department

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Pre-Attack Phase

Scanning refers to the pre-attack phase when the attacker **scans the network** for specific information on the basis of information gathered during reconnaissance

Scanning can include use of dialers, **port scanners**, network mappers, ping tools, vulnerability scanners, etc.

Port Scanner

Extract Information

Attackers extract information such as **live machines**, port, port status, OS details, device type, **system uptime**, etc. to launch attack

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Gaining access refers to the point where the attacker obtains access to the **operating system or applications** on the computer or network



The attacker can **escalate privileges** to obtain complete control of the system. In the process, intermediate systems that are connected to it are also compromised



The attacker can gain access at the **operating system level, application level, or network level**



Examples include **password cracking**, buffer overflows, denial of service, **session hijacking**, etc.



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Maintaining access refers to the phase when the attacker tries to retain his or her **ownership of the system**

02

Attackers may prevent the system from being owned by other attackers by securing their exclusive access with **Backdoors, RootKits, or Trojans**

03

Attackers can upload, download, or **manipulate data**, applications, and configurations on the **owned system**

04

Attackers use the compromised system to **launch further attacks**



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Covering tracks refers to the activities carried out by an attacker to **hide malicious acts**

02

The attacker's intentions include: **Continuing access** to the victim's system, remaining **unnoticed and uncaught**, deleting evidence that might lead to his prosecution

03

The attacker overwrites the server, system, and application logs to **avoid suspicion**

Attackers always cover tracks to hide their identity

- Incident management is a set of defined processes to **identify, analyze, prioritize, and resolve security incidents** to restore normal service operations as quickly as possible and prevent future recurrence of the incident

Incident Management

Vulnerability Handling

Artifact Handling

Announcements

Alerts

Incident Handling

Triage

Reporting
and Detection

Incident
Response

Analysis

Other Incident Management Services



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1

Preparation for Incident Handling and Response

2

Detection and Analysis

3

Classification and Prioritization

4

Notification

5

Containment

6

Forensic Investigation

7

Eradication and Recovery

8

Post-incident Activities

Responsibility of Incident Management Team

Managing security issues by taking a **proactive approach** towards the customers' security vulnerabilities and **by responding effectively** to potential information security incidents

Providing a **single point of contact** for reporting security incidents and issues



Developing or reviewing the processes and procedures that must be followed in response to an incident

Reviewing **changes in legal and regulatory requirements** to ensure that all processes and procedures are valid

Managing the response to an incident and ensuring that **all procedures are followed** correctly in order **to minimize and control the damage**

Reviewing existing controls and recommending steps and technologies **to prevent future security incidents**



Identifying and analyzing what has happened during an incident, including the impact and threat

Establishing **relationship with local law enforcement agency, government agencies, key partners, and suppliers**

Vulnerability Assessment



Vulnerability assessment is an **examination of the ability of a system or application**, including current security procedures and controls, to withstand assault



It recognizes, measures, and classifies security vulnerabilities in a **computer system, network, and communication channels**

A vulnerability assessment may be used to:



Identify weaknesses that could be exploited



Predict the effectiveness of additional security measures in protecting information resources from attack

Vulnerability Assessment Types



Active Assessment

Uses a network scanner to find hosts, services, and vulnerabilities



Passive Assessment

A technique used to sniff the network traffic to find out active systems, network services, applications, and vulnerabilities present



Host-based Assessment

Determines the vulnerabilities in a specific workstation or server



Internal Assessment

A technique to scan the internal infrastructure to find out the exploits and vulnerabilities



External Assessment

Assesses the network from a hacker's point of view to find out what exploits and vulnerabilities are accessible to the outside world



Application Assessments

Tests the web infrastructure for any misconfiguration and known vulnerabilities



Network Assessments

Determines the possible network security attacks that may occur on the organization's system



Wireless Network Assessments

Determines the vulnerabilities in organization's wireless networks

Network Vulnerability Assessment Method

Phase I – Acquisition

- Collect documents required to:
 - Review **laws and procedures** related to network vulnerability assessment
 - Identify and review document related to network security
 - Review the list of previously discovered vulnerabilities

Phase II - Identification

- Conduct **interviews with customers and employees** involved in system architecture design, and administration
- Gather **technical information about all network components**
- Identify different industry standards which network security system complies to



Phase III - Analyzing

- Review interviews
- Analyze the results** of previous vulnerability assessment
- Analyze security vulnerabilities and **identify risks**
- Perform **threat and risk analysis**
- Analyze the effectiveness of **existing security controls**
- Analyze the effectiveness of **existing security policies**

Network Vulnerability Assessment Method

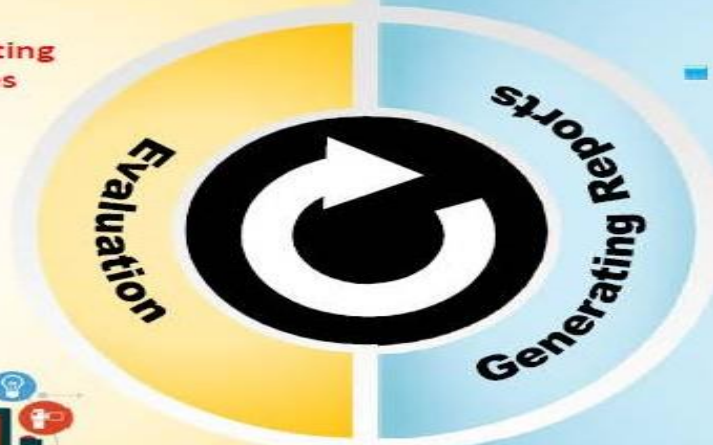
Phase IV - Evaluation

- Determine the probability of exploitation of **identified vulnerabilities**
- Identify the gaps between **existing and required security measures**
- **Determine the controls** required to mitigate the identified vulnerabilities
- **Identify upgrades** required to the network vulnerability assessment process



Phase V - Generating Reports

- The result of analysis must be presented in a **draft report** to be evaluated for further variations
- **Report should contain:**
 - Task rendered by each team member
 - Methods used and findings
 - General and specific recommendations
 - Terms used and their definitions
 - Information collected from all the phases
- All documents must be **stored in a central database** for generating the final report



Vulnerability Research

- The process of **discovering vulnerabilities and design flaws** that will open an operating system and its applications to attack or misuse
- Vulnerabilities are classified based on **severity level** (low, medium, or high) and **exploit range** (local or remote)



An administrator needs vulnerability research:

To gather information about **security trends, threats, and attacks**

To know **how to recover** from a network attack



To find **weaknesses**, and alert the network administrator before a **network attack**

To **get information** that helps to prevent the security problems

Vulnerability Research Websites



CodeRed Center
<http://www.eccouncil.org>



Microsoft Vulnerability Research (MSVR)
<http://technet.microsoft.com>



Security Magazine
<http://www.securitymagazine.com>



SecurityFocus
<http://www.securityfocus.com>



Help Net Security
<http://www.net-security.org>



HackerStorm
<http://www.hackerstorm.co.uk>



SC Magazine
<http://www.scmagazine.com>



Computerworld
<http://www.computerworld.com>



HackerJournals
<http://www.hackerjournals.com>



WindowsSecurity
<http://www.windowsecurity.com>

Penetration Testing

01

Penetration testing is a method of evaluating the security of an information system or network by **simulating an attack to find out vulnerabilities** that an attacker could exploit



02

Security measures are actively analyzed for design weaknesses, technical flaws and vulnerabilities



03

A penetration test will not only point out vulnerabilities, but will also **document** how the weaknesses can be exploited



04

The results are delivered comprehensively in a **report**, to executive management and technical audiences



Why Penetration Testing

Identify the threats facing an **organization's information assets**

Reduce an organization's expenditure on IT security and enhance **Return On Security Investment (ROSI)** by identifying and remediating vulnerabilities or weaknesses

Provide assurance with comprehensive **assessment of organization's security** including policy, procedure, design, and implementation

Gain and maintain certification to an **industry regulation** (BS7799, HIPAA etc.)

Adopt **best practices** in compliance to legal and industry regulations

For testing and validating the efficacy of **security protections and controls**

For changing or upgrading **existing infrastructure** of software, hardware, or network design

Focus on **high-severity vulnerabilities** and emphasize **application-level security issues** to development teams and management

Provide a comprehensive approach of **preparation steps** that can be taken to prevent upcoming exploitation

Evaluate the efficacy of **network security devices** such as firewalls, routers, and web servers

Types of Penetration Testing

01

Black-box

No prior knowledge of the infrastructure to be tested

- Blind Testing
- Double Blind Testing



02

White-box

Complete knowledge of the infrastructure that needs to be tested



03

Grey-box

- **Limited knowledge** of the infrastructure that needs to be tested



Phase of Penetration Testing

Pre-Attack Phase

- Planning and preparation
- Methodology designing
- Network information gathering

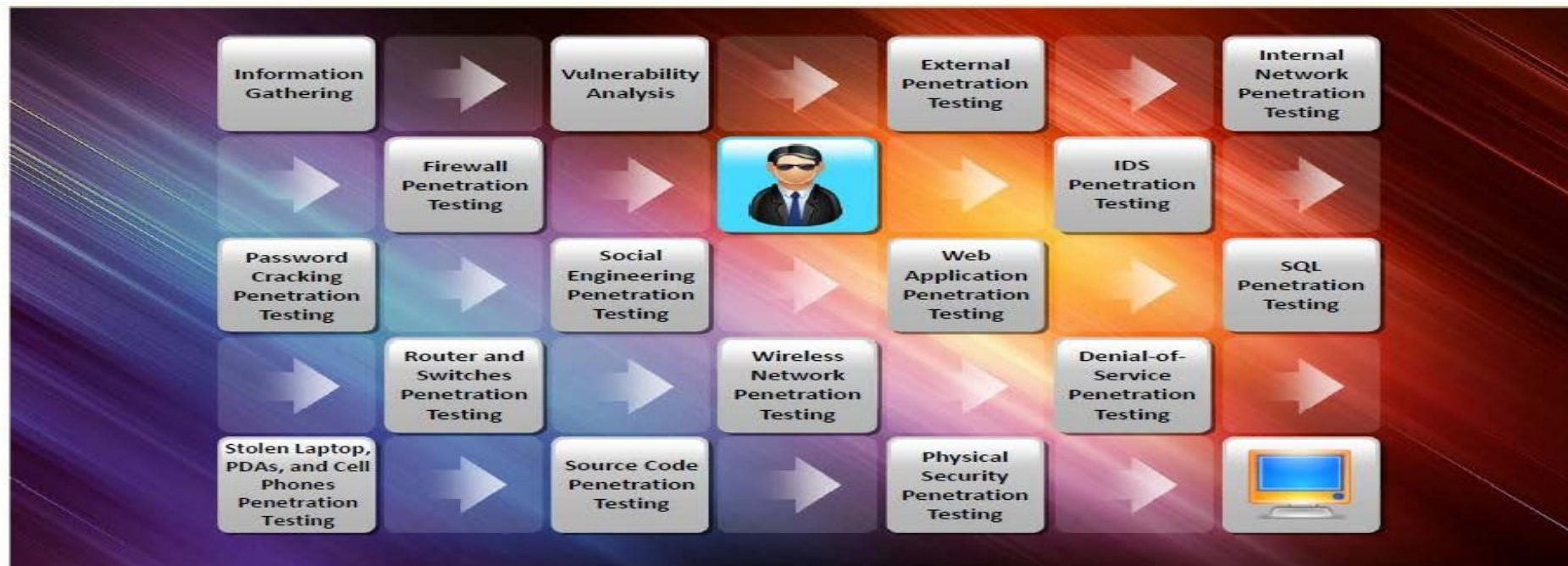
Attack Phase

- Penetrating perimeter
- Acquiring target
- Escalating privileges
- Execution, implantation, retracting

Post-Attack Phase

- Reporting
- Clean-up
- Artifact destruction

Penetration Testing





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