

Cyber Security Overview for Absolute Beginners

A beginner's guide to Cyber Security

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

In Chapter 1, you will learn on the internet so call cyber space.

In Chapter 2, you will learn about hackers, classification or categories of hackers, understanding cracker.

In Chapter 3, you will learn about malwares, various purposes of malwares, types of malwares in cyber-attacks and similar use cases.

In Chapter 4, you will learn all about cybercrimes, categories, different types of cybercrimes, impact in our society.

In Chapter 5, you will learn about authentication in cybersecurity. Ensuring digital identity and security understanding authentication, The importance of authentication, methods of authentication, authentication in action.

In Chapter 6, you will learn in detail about encryption in cybersecurity, how does encryption work, benefits and use cases.

In Chapter 7, you will learn about digital signatures in cybersecurity, The consequence of digital signatures, applications in real-world.

In Chapter 8, you will learn about Antivirus in Cybersecurity, The importance of antivirus, applications in real-world.

In Chapter 9, you will learn about understanding firewalls, firewall mechanisms: how they work, the importance of firewalls: safeguarding digital frontiers applications in real-world.

In Chapter 10, you will learn about steganography and little more about the significances of steganography.

In Chapter 11, you will learn about investigating cybercrimes: introduction to computer forensic, computer forensic applications and impact, challenges and future trends.

In Chapter 12, you will learn about various certifications on cyber security. Learn about certified ethical hacker (CEH), Comptia Security+, CISSP and more.

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to beginners who are interested in learning about cyber security and ethical hacking. This book is primarily intended for Application developers, Programmers, Software Engineers, DevOps, IT managers, technology architects, Teachers and Students who study in IT. If you are also ready to learn about new technologies, then this book is ideal for you.

To all those who tirelessly strive to protect the digital realm. Your dedication, attention, and expertise in the field of cyber security are an encouragement of hope in an interconnected world. May your efforts continue to boost our defenses, secure our data, and preserve the integrity of the digital landscape for generations to come.

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OVERVIEWS

Cybersecurity is the practice of protecting digital systems, networks, devices, and data from malicious attacks, unauthorized access, and potential threats. In an increasingly connected world, where technology is integral to our daily lives, understanding the basics of cybersecurity is essential for everyone, from individuals to businesses. This overview provides a foundational understanding of key concepts in cybersecurity for beginners.

With all of these developments, it is important to acquire the necessary background knowledge of the fundamentals of cybersecurity. While it involves good technical knowledge, it is still possible even for a complete computer novice to gain a thorough understanding of the concepts and properties of cybersecurity and its prop.

The book is written in a way that is easy to understand. The technical concepts have been developed and explained in such a way that they will not be confusing for beginners.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION TO CYBERSPACE

Cyberspace is the interconnected realm of digital systems, networks, and information. Individuals, businesses, and governments communicate, exchange data, and conduct transactions using electronic devices and the internet. It's a virtual environment that has become an integral part of modern society, shaping how we interact, learn, work, and entertain ourselves.

The Internet is among the most important inventions of the 21st century which have affected our lives. Internet have crossed every barrier and have changed the way we used to talk, play, work, shop, make friends, listen to music, see movies, order food, pay bill, greet your friends on their birthday anniversary, etc., you name it. And we have an app in place for that. It has facilitated our lives by making it comfortable. Gone are the days when we have to stand in a long queue for a utility bill, pay phone and electricity bills. Now we can pay it at a click of a button from our home. The technology have reached to an extent that we don't even require a computer for many tasks. Now we have Internet enabled smartphone TomTom's, et cetera, through which we are always connected to our friends, family and office 24 by seven, not only Internet has simplified our lives but also it has brought many things within the reach of the middle class by making them more affordable and effective.

Not long back while making an IED or even an STD call, the eyes were stricken on the phone. The calls were very costly IED and were used to pass on urgent messages only and routine communication was done using letters since it was a relatively very cheap.

came, let us discuss the brief history of Internet and learn how this Internet was born and how it evolved to an extent that now we cannot think of our lives without it.

In conclusion, internet has transformed the way we live, work, and interact, creating unprecedented opportunities for communication, innovation, and collaboration. However, to fully enjoy the benefits of this interconnected realm, it's important to be mindful of the challenges and security concerns it presents. Balancing the advantages with responsible online behavior and robust security practices is essential for harnessing the full potential of cyberspace.

History of internet:

Now what the Cold War between USA and Russia gave to the world, but defiantly, the USA was one of those very useful inventions whose foundation was laid during Cold War of nuclear era. The USA launched the world's first satellite, Sputnik, into the space on 4th October 1957. The USA, after the victory of Russia over the cyberspace and as a counter step, Advanced Research Projects Agency, the research arm of Department of Defense United States, declared the launch of ARPANET Advanced Research Projects Agency network in early 1960s. This was an experimental network and was designed to keep the computers connected to this network to communicate even if any of the node due to the bomb attack fails to respond. The first message sent over the ARPANET, a packet switching network by Leonard Kleinrock Laboratory of University of California, Los Angeles, UCLA. You will be surprised to know that the first message sent over the Internet was 'lo actually'. They intended to send 'work log in and connect' but only the first two letters reached its destination at Second Network Node at Stanford Research Institute. And before the last three letters could reach the destination, the network was down. Soon the error was fixed and the message was resenting it. The major test that ARPANET can play is to develop rules for communication, i.e. protocols for communicating over ARPANET. The ARPANET in particular led to the development of protocols for packet switching, in which multiple separate networks could be joined into a network of networks. This was a key step in the development of the protocol suite, which specifies the rules for joining and communicating over ARPANET. Soon after, in 1986, and as Foundational Science Foundation grant, one was created, two and five U.S. universities, computing centers were connected to form NSFNET, the successor of ARPANET, become popular by 1990 and ARPANET was decommissioned. There were many parallel networks developed by other universities in other countries like the United Kingdom. In 1965, National Physical Laboratory NGPL packet switching network, Michigan Educational Research Information Tribe formed a network in 1966, which was funded and supported by State of Michigan and the National Science Foundation NSF. France also developed a packet switching network no facilities in 1973.

provided backbone even as popular among the corporate, to facilitate the commercial work. The Senate was decommissioned in 1995 and now the Internet could handle commercial traffic. So, this was the history of Internet where it came from.

Security Models

In this section, we will learn about the CIA Triangle, Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability, known as the CIA Triangle, which is a security model created to guide security principles for confidentiality in an enterprise. The three elements of the CIA triangle of confidentiality, integrity, and availability are considered the three most important components of security. This information is very useful if you work in the IT field or are planning to enter the field.

Confidentiality, confidentiality is the security principle that controls access to information to ensure the wrong people cannot gain access to sensitive information while ensuring that people can access it. Access to information must be restricted only to those who are authorized to view the required data.

Data can be categorized according to the type and severity of damage that could happen if it falls into unauthorized hands. According to these categories, strict measures can be implemented. Protecting confidentiality may also include special training for those who handle the data, including familiarizing authorized users with security risk factors and teaching them how to guard vulnerable data assets. In addition to training, strong passwords and password management practices must be used, as well as information about social engineering attacks to avoid falling victim to them. From unwittingly avoiding proper data handling rules and potentially causing data breaches.

An example of a method used to ensure confidentiality is the use of data encryption to protect sensitive information. Encryption is now becoming the