Student Transcript

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HTB ACADEMY

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Certifications obtained: 1
Paths completed: 4
Targets compromised: 376
Ranking: Top 1%

CERTIFICATIONS OBTAINED

CERTIFIED ON

HTB Certified Penetration Testing Specialist

28 Modules | Medium | Penetration Testing

HTB Certified Penetration Testing Specialist (HTB CPTS) is a highly hands-on certification that assesses the candidates' penetration testing skills. HTB Certified Penetration Testing Specialist certification holders will possess technical competency in the ethical hacking and penetration testing domains at an intermediate level. They will also be able to assess the risk at which an infrastructure is exposed and compose a commercial-grade as well as actionable report.

September 01 2025

PATHS COMPLETED

PROGRESS

Web Penetration Tester

20 Modules | Medium

The Web Penetration Tester Job Role Path is for individuals who want to enter the world of web penetration testing with little to no prior experience in it. This path covers core web security assessment and web penetration testing concepts, and provides a deep understanding of the attack tactics used during web penetration testing. Armed with the necessary theoretical background, multiple practical exercises, and a proven web penetration testing methodology, students will go through all web penetration testing stages, from reconnaissance and vulnerability identification to exploitation, documentation, and communication to vendors. Upon completing this job role path, you will have become proficient in the most common web penetration testing and attack techniques against web applications and APIs, and be in the position of professionally reporting vulnerabilities to a vendor.

100% Completed

Cracking into Hack the Box

3 Modules | Easy

To be successful in any technical information security role, we must have a broad understanding of specialized tools, tactics, and terminology. This path introduces core concepts necessary for anyone interested in a hands-on technical infosec role. The modules also provide the essential prerequisite knowledge for joining the main Hack The Box platform, progressing through Starting Point through easy-rated retired machines, and solving "live" machines with no walkthrough. It also includes helpful information about staying organized, navigating the HTB platforms, common pitfalls, and selecting a penetration testing distribution. Students will complete their first box during this path with a guided walkthrough and be challenged to complete a box on their own by applying the knowledge learned in the Getting Started module.

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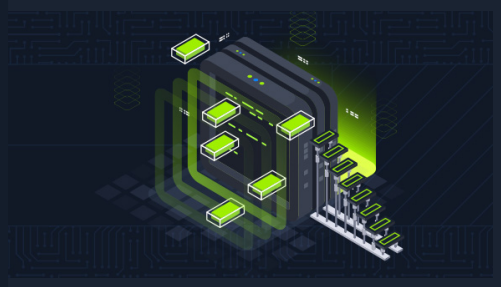

Local Privilege Escalation

2 Modules | Medium

Privilege escalation is a vital phase of the penetration testing process, one we may revisit multiple times during an engagement. During our assessments, we will encounter a large variety of operating systems and applications. Most often, if we can exploit a vulnerability and gain a foothold on a host, it will be running some version of Windows or Linux. Both present a large attack surface with many tactics and techniques available to us for escalating privileges. This path teaches the core concepts of local privilege escalation necessary for being successful against Windows and Linux systems. The path covers manual enumeration and exploitation and the use of tools to aid in the process.

100% Completed

Penetration Tester

28 Modules | Medium

The Penetration Tester Job Role Path is for newcomers to information security who aspire to become professional penetration testers. This path covers core security assessment concepts and provides a deep understanding of the specialized tools, attack tactics, and methodology used during penetration testing. Armed with the necessary theoretical background and multiple practical exercises, students will go through all penetration testing stages, from reconnaissance and enumeration to documentation and reporting. Upon completing this job role path, you will have obtained the practical skills and mindset necessary to perform professional security assessments against enterprise-level infrastructure at an intermediate level. The Information Security Foundations skill path can be considered prerequisite knowledge to be successful while working through this job role path.

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MODULE

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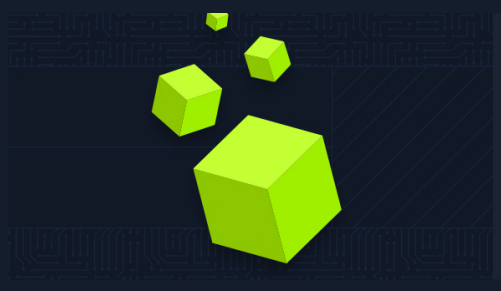


Intro to Academy

8 Sections | Fundamental | General

Your first stop in Hack The Box Academy to become acquainted with the platform, its features, and its learning process.

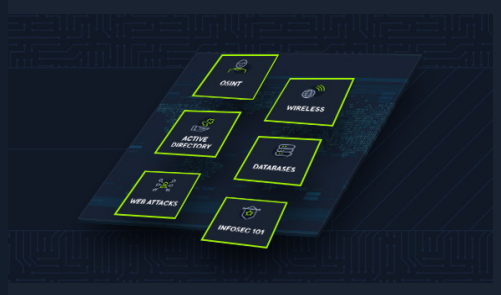
100% Completed

Hacking WordPress

16 Sections | Easy | Offensive

WordPress is an open-source Content Management System (CMS) that can be used for multiple purposes.

37.5% Completed



Learning Process

20 Sections | Fundamental | General

The learning process is one of the essential and most important components that is often overlooked. This module does not teach you techniques to learn but describes the process of learning adapted to the field of information security. You will learn to understand how and when we learn best and increase and improve your learning efficiency greatly.

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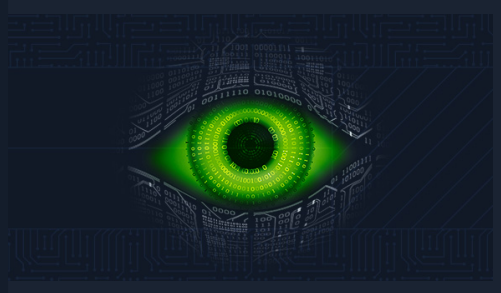

Network Enumeration with Nmap

12 Sections | Easy | Offensive

Nmap is one of the most used networking mapping and discovery tools because of its accurate results and efficiency. The tool is widely used by both offensive and defensive security practitioners. This module covers fundamentals that will be needed to use the Nmap tool for performing effective network enumeration.

100% Completed

File Transfers

10 Sections | Medium | Offensive

During an assessment, it is very common for us to transfer files to and from a target system. This module covers file transfer techniques leveraging tools commonly available across all versions of Windows and Linux systems.

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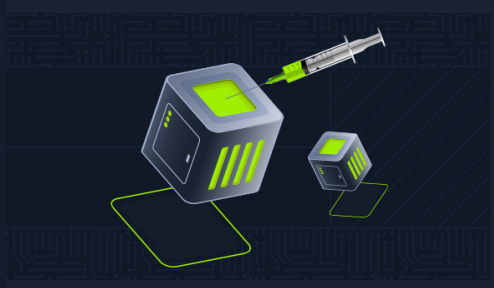

SQL Injection Fundamentals

17 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Databases are an important part of web application infrastructure and SQL (Structured Query Language) to store, retrieve, and manipulate information stored in them. SQL injection is a code injection technique used to take advantage of coding vulnerabilities and inject SQL queries via an application to bypass authentication, retrieve data from the back-end database, or achieve code execution on the underlying server.

100% Completed

Web Requests

8 Sections | Fundamental | General

This module introduces the topic of HTTP web requests and how different web applications utilize them to communicate with their backends.

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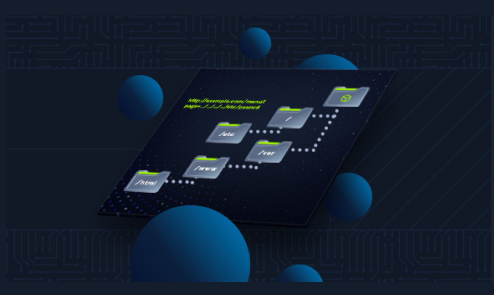

File Inclusion

11 Sections | Medium | Offensive

File Inclusion is a common web application vulnerability, which can be easily overlooked as part of a web application's functionality.

100% Completed

Using the Metasploit Framework

15 Sections | Easy | Offensive

The Metasploit Framework is an open-source set of tools used for network enumeration, attacks, testing security vulnerabilities, evading detection, performing privilege escalation attacks, and performing post-exploitation.

100% Completed

JavaScript Deobfuscation

11 Sections | Easy | Defensive

This module will take you step-by-step through the fundamentals of JavaScript Deobfuscation until you can deobfuscate basic JavaScript code and understand its purpose.

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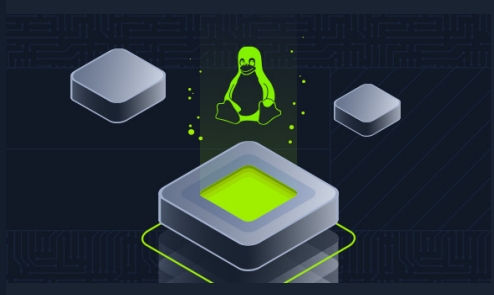

Linux Privilege Escalation

28 Sections | Easy | Offensive

Privilege escalation is a crucial phase during any security assessment. During this phase, we attempt to gain access to additional users, hosts, and resources to move closer to the assessment's overall goal. There are many ways to escalate privileges. This module aims to cover the most common methods emphasizing real-world misconfigurations and flaws that we may encounter in a client environment. The techniques covered in this module are not an exhaustive list of all possibilities and aim to avoid extreme "edge-case" tactics that may be seen in a Capture the Flag (CTF) exercise.

100% Completed

Attacking Web Applications with Ffuf

13 Sections | Easy | Offensive

This module covers the fundamental enumeration skills of web fuzzing and directory brute forcing using the Ffuf tool. The techniques learned in this module will help us in locating hidden pages, directories, and parameters when targeting web applications.

100% Completed

Login Brute Forcing

13 Sections | Easy | Offensive

The module contains an exploration of brute-forcing techniques, including the use of tools like Hydra and Medusa, and the importance of strong password practices. It covers various attack scenarios, such as targeting SSH, FTP, and web login forms.

100% Completed

SQLMap Essentials

11 Sections | Easy | Offensive

The SQLMap Essentials module will teach you the basics of using SQLMap to discover various types of SQL Injection vulnerabilities, all the way to the advanced enumeration of databases to retrieve all data of interest.

100% Completed

Windows Privilege Escalation

33 Sections | Medium | Offensive

After gaining a foothold, elevating our privileges will provide more options for persistence and may reveal information stored locally that can further our access in the environment. Enumeration is the key to privilege escalation. When you gain initial shell access to the host, it is important to gain situational awareness and uncover details relating to the OS version, patch level, any installed software, our current privileges, group memberships, and more. Windows presents an enormous attack surface and, being that most companies run Windows hosts in some way, we will more often than not find ourselves gaining access to Windows machines during our assessments. This covers common methods while emphasizing real-world misconfigurations and flaws that we may encounter during an assessment. There are many additional "edge-case" possibilities not covered in this module. We will cover both modern and legacy Windows Server and Desktop versions that may be present in a client environment.

100% Completed

Introduction to Web Applications

17 Sections | Fundamental | General

In the Introduction to Web Applications module, you will learn all of the basics of how web applications work and begin to look at them from an information security perspective.

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Getting Started

23 Sections | Fundamental | Offensive

This module covers the fundamentals of penetration testing and an introduction to Hack The Box.

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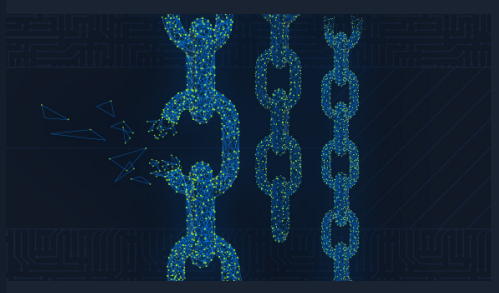

Broken Authentication

14 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Authentication is probably the most straightforward and prevalent measure used to secure access to resources, and it's the first line of defense against unauthorized access. Broken authentication is listed as #7 on the 2021 OWASP Top 10 Web Application Security Risks, falling under the broader category of Identification and Authentication failures. A vulnerability or misconfiguration at the authentication stage can impact an application's overall security.

100% Completed

Penetration Testing Process

15 Sections | Fundamental | General

This module teaches the penetration testing process broken down into each stage and discussed in detail. We will cover many aspects of the role of a penetration tester during a penetration test, explained and illustrated with detailed examples. The module also covers pre-engagement steps like the criteria for establishing a contract with a client for a penetration testing engagement.

100% Completed

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

10 Sections | Easy | Offensive

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities are among the most common web application vulnerabilities. An XSS vulnerability may allow an attacker to execute arbitrary JavaScript code within the target's browser and result in complete web application compromise if chained together with other vulnerabilities. This module will teach you how to identify XSS vulnerabilities and exploit them.

100% Completed

Vulnerability Assessment

17 Sections | Easy | Offensive

This module introduces the concept of Vulnerability Assessments. We will review the differences between vulnerability assessments and penetration tests, how to carry out a vulnerability assessment, how to interpret the assessment results, and how to deliver an effective vulnerability assessment report.

100% Completed

Command Injections

12 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Command injection vulnerabilities can be leveraged to compromise a hosting server and its entire network. This module will teach you how to identify and exploit command injection vulnerabilities and how to use various filter bypassing techniques to avoid security mitigations.

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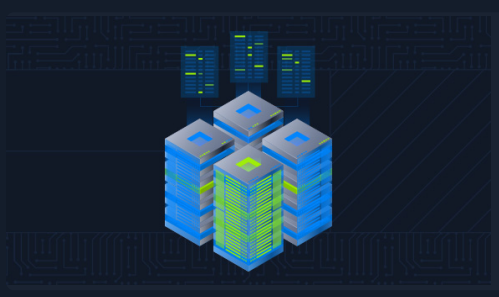

Using Web Proxies

15 Sections | Easy | Offensive

Web application penetration testing frameworks are an essential part of any web penetration test. This module will teach you two of the best frameworks: Burp Suite and OWASP ZAP.

100% Completed

Footprinting

21 Sections | Medium | Offensive

This module covers techniques for footprinting the most commonly used services in almost all enterprise and business IT infrastructures. Footprinting is an essential phase of any penetration test or security audit to identify and prevent information disclosure. Using this process, we examine the individual services and attempt to obtain as much information from them as possible.

100% Completed

Attacking Common Applications

33 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Penetration Testers can come across various applications, such as Content Management Systems, custom web applications, internal portals used by developers and sysadmins, and more. It's common to find the same applications across many different environments. While an application may not be vulnerable in one environment, it may be misconfigured or unpatched in the next. It is important as an assessor to have a firm grasp of enumerating and attacking the common applications discussed in this module. This knowledge will help when encountering other types of applications during assessments.

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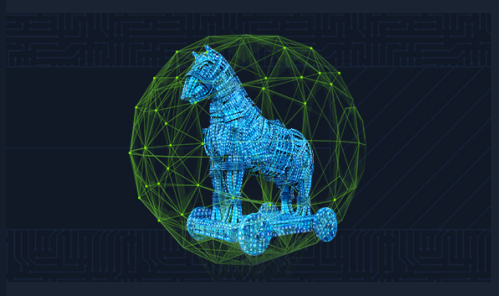

Shells & Payloads

17 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Gain the knowledge and skills to identify and use shells & payloads to establish a foothold on vulnerable Windows & Linux systems. This module utilizes a fictitious scenario where the learner will place themselves in the perspective of a sysadmin trying out for a position on CAT5 Security's network penetration testing team.

100% Completed

Attacking Common Services

19 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Organizations regularly use a standard set of services for different purposes. It is vital to conduct penetration testing activities on each service internally and externally to ensure that they are not introducing security threats. This module will cover how to enumerate each service and test it against known vulnerabilities and exploits with a standard set of tools.

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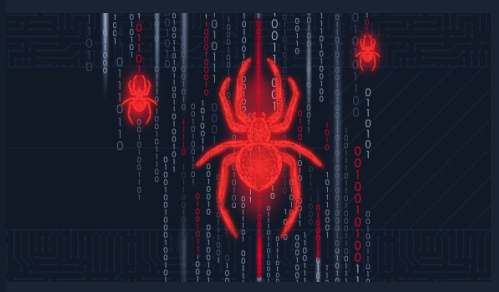

Web Attacks

18 Sections | Medium | Offensive

This module covers three common web vulnerabilities, HTTP Verb Tampering, IDOR, and XXE, each of which can have a significant impact on a company's systems. We will cover how to identify, exploit, and prevent each of them through various methods.

100% Completed

Information Gathering - Web Edition

19 Sections | Easy | Offensive

This module equips learners with essential web reconnaissance skills, crucial for ethical hacking and penetration testing. It explores both active and passive techniques, including DNS enumeration, web crawling, analysis of web archives and HTTP headers, and fingerprinting web technologies.

100% Completed

File Upload Attacks

11 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Arbitrary file uploads are among the most critical web vulnerabilities. These flaws enable attackers to upload malicious files, execute arbitrary commands on the back-end server, and even take control over the entire server and all web applications hosted on it and potentially gain access to sensitive data or cause a service disruption.

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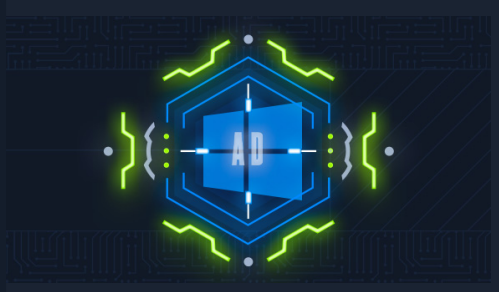

Active Directory Enumeration & Attacks

36 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Active Directory (AD) is the leading enterprise domain management suite, providing identity and access management, centralized domain administration, authentication, and much more. Due to the many features and complexity of AD, it presents a large attack surface that is difficult to secure properly. To be successful as infosec professionals, we must understand AD architectures and how to secure our enterprise environments. As Penetration testers, having a firm grasp of what tools, techniques, and procedures are available to us for enumerating and attacking AD environments and commonly seen AD misconfigurations is a must.

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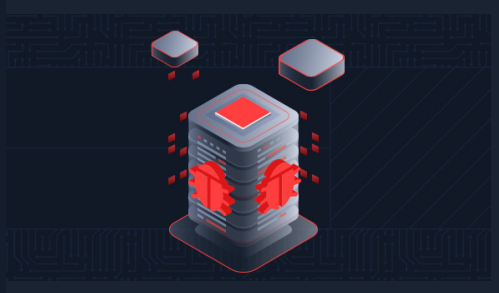

Server-side Attacks

19 Sections | Medium | Offensive

A backend that handles user-supplied input insecurely can lead to devastating security vulnerabilities such as sensitive information disclosure and remote code execution. This module covers how to identify and exploit server-side bugs, including Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF), Server-Side Template Injection (SSTI), and Server-Side Includes (SSI) injection attacks.

100% Completed

Password Attacks

26 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Passwords are still the primary method of authentication in corporate networks. If strong password policies are not enforced, users often choose weak, easy-to-remember passwords that can be cracked offline and leveraged to escalate access. As penetration testers, we encounter passwords in many forms during our assessments. It's essential to understand how passwords are stored, how they can be retrieved, methods for cracking weak passwords, techniques for using hashes that cannot be cracked, and how to identify weak or default password usage.

100% Completed

Incident Handling Process

11 Sections | Easy | General

Security Incident handling has become a vital part of every organization's defensive strategy, as attacks constantly evolve and successful compromises are becoming a daily occurrence. In this module, we will review the process of handling an incident from the very early stage of detecting a suspicious event to confirming a compromise and responding to it.

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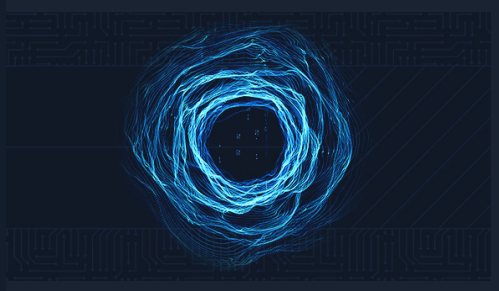

Pivoting, Tunneling, and Port Forwarding

18 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Once a foothold is gained during an assessment, it may be in scope to move laterally and vertically within a target network. Using one compromised machine to access another is called pivoting and allows us to access networks and resources that are not directly accessible to us through the compromised host. Port forwarding accepts the traffic on a given IP address and port and redirects it to a different IP address and port combination. Tunneling is a technique that allows us to encapsulate traffic within another protocol so that it looks like a benign traffic stream.

100% Completed

Bug Bounty Hunting Process

6 Sections | Easy | General

Bug bounty programs encourage security researchers to identify bugs and submit vulnerability reports. Getting into the world of bug bounty hunting without any prior experience can be a daunting task, though. This module covers the bug bounty hunting process to help you start bug bounty hunting in an organized and well-structured way. It's all about effectiveness and professionally communicating your findings.

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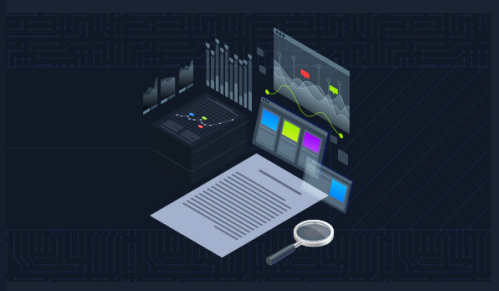

Documentation & Reporting

8 Sections | Easy | General

Proper documentation is paramount during any engagement. The end goal of a technical assessment is the report deliverable which will often be presented to a broad audience within the target organization. We must take detailed notes and be very organized in our documentation, which will help us in the event of an incident during the assessment. This will also help ensure that our reports contain enough detail to illustrate the impact of our findings properly.

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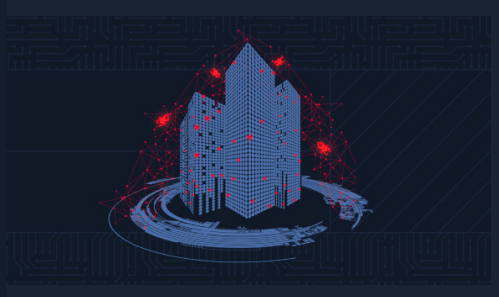

Attacking Enterprise Networks

14 Sections | Medium | Offensive

We often encounter large and complex networks during our assessments. We must be comfortable approaching an internal or external network, regardless of the size, and be able to work through each phase of the penetration testing process to reach our goal. This module will guide students through a simulated penetration testing engagement, from start to finish, with an emphasis on hands-on testing steps that are directly applicable to real-world engagements.

100% Completed

Introduction to Malware Analysis

9 Sections | Hard | Defensive

This module offers an exploration of malware analysis, specifically targeting Windows-based threats. The module covers Static Analysis utilizing Linux and Windows tools, Malware Unpacking, Dynamic Analysis (including malware traffic analysis), Reverse Engineering for Code Analysis, and Debugging using x64dbg. Real-world malware examples such as WannaCry, DoomJuice, Brbbot, Dharma, and Meterpreter are analyzed to provide practical experience.

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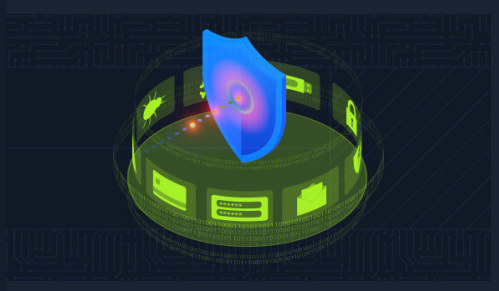

API Attacks

13 Sections | Medium | Offensive

Web APIs serve as crucial connectors across diverse entities in the modern digital landscape. However, their extensive functionality also exposes them to a range of potential attacks. This module introduces API Attacks, with a specific focus on the OWASP API Security Top 10 - 2023.

100% Completed

Attacking GraphQL

9 Sections | Medium | Offensive

GraphQL is a query language for APIs as an alternative to REST APIs. Clients are able to request data through GraphQL queries. If improperly configured or implemented, common web security vulnerabilities such as Information Disclosure, SQL Injection, and Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) may arise.

100% Completed

Web Fuzzing

12 Sections | Easy | Offensive

In this module, we explore the essential techniques and tools for fuzzing web applications, an essential practice in cybersecurity for identifying hidden vulnerabilities and strengthening web application security.

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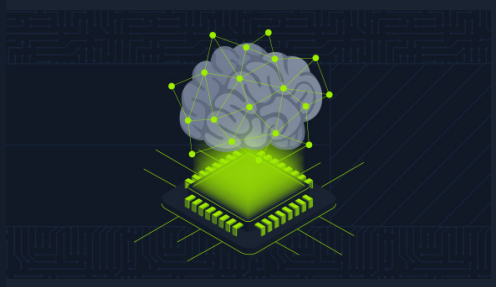

Fundamentals of AI

24 Sections | Medium | General

This module provides a comprehensive guide to the theoretical foundations of Artificial Intelligence (AI). It covers various learning paradigms, including supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning, providing a solid understanding of key algorithms and concepts.

95.83% Completed

Introduction to Information Security

24 Sections | Fundamental | General

This theoretical module provides a comprehensive introduction to the foundational components of information security, focusing on the structure and operation of effective InfoSec frameworks. It explores the theoretical roles of security applications across networks, software, mobile devices, cloud environments, and operational systems, emphasizing their importance in protecting organizational assets. Students will gain an understanding of common threats, including malware and advanced persistent threats (APTs), alongside strategies for mitigating these risks. The module also introduces the roles and responsibilities of security teams and InfoSec professionals, equipping students with the confidence to advance their knowledge and explore specialized areas within the field.

58.33% Completed

Introduction to Red Teaming AI

11 Sections | Medium | Offensive

This module provides a comprehensive introduction to the world of red teaming Artificial Intelligence (AI) and systems utilizing Machine Learning (ML) deployments. It covers an overview of common security vulnerabilities in these systems and the types of attacks that can be launched against their components.

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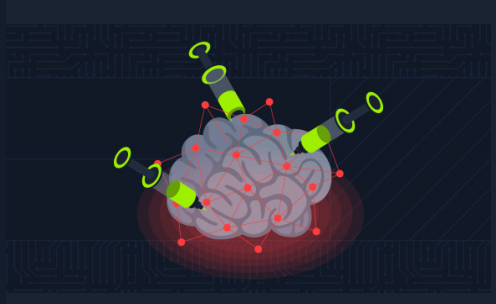

Prompt Injection Attacks

12 Sections | Medium | Offensive

This module comprehensively introduces one of the most prominent attacks on large language models (LLMs): Prompt Injection. It introduces prompt injection basics and covers detailed attack vectors based on real-world vulnerability reports. Furthermore, the module touches on academic research in the fields of novel prompt injection techniques and jailbreaks.

83.33% Completed

LLM Output Attacks

14 Sections | Medium | Offensive

In this module, we will explore different LLM output vulnerabilities resulting from improper handling of LLM outputs and insecure LLM applications. We will also touch on LLM abuse attacks, such as hate speech campaigns and misinformation generation, with a particular focus on the detection and mitigation of these attacks.

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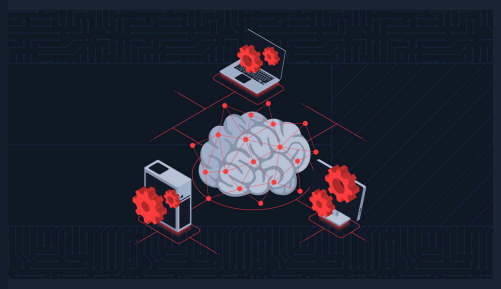

Attacking AI - Application and System

14 Sections | Medium | Offensive

In this module, we will explore security vulnerabilities in the application and system components of AI deployments. We will also discuss the Model Context Protocol (MCP), an orchestration protocol for AI deployments introduced in 2024, including a deep dive into how the protocol works and how security vulnerabilities may arise.

71.43% Completed