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## Exam Questions CS0-003

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### NEW QUESTION 1

A technician is analyzing output from a popular network mapping tool for a PCI audit:

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PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp open  ssh Cisco SSH 1.25 (protocol 2.0)
443/tcp open  ssl/http OpenResty web app server
|_ http-server-header: openresty
|_ ssl-enum-ciphers:
|_ TLSv1.1:
|_ ciphers:
|_ TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (rsa 2048) - F
|_ TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (secp256r1) - F
|_ compressors:
|_ NULL
|_ cipher preference: server
|_ warnings:
|_ Insecure certificate signature (SHA1), score capped at F
|_ TLSv1.2:
|_ ciphers:
|_ TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (secp256r1) - F
|_ TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (secp256r1) - F
|_ TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 (secp256r1) - F
|_ TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256 (rsa 2048) - F
|_ TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (secp256r1) - F
|_ TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (rsa 2048) - F
|_ TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (rsa 2048) - F
|_ TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (rsa 2048) - F
|_ TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (rsa 2048) - F
|_ TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (secp256r1) - F
|_ compressors:
|_ NULL
|_ cipher preference: server
|_ warnings:
|_ Insecure certificate signature (SHA1), score capped at F
|_ least strength: F
```

Which of the following best describes the output?

- A. The host is not up or responding.
- B. The host is running excessive cipher suites.
- C. The host is allowing insecure cipher suites.
- D. The Secure Shell port on this host is closed

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

The output shows the result of running the `ssl-enum-ciphers` script with Nmap, which is a tool that can scan web servers for supported SSL/TLS cipher suites. Cipher suites are combinations of cryptographic algorithms that are used to establish secure communication between a client and a server. The output shows the cipher suites that are supported by the server, along with a letter grade (A through F) indicating the strength of the connection. The output also shows the least strength, which is the strength of the weakest cipher offered by the server. In this case, the least strength is F, which means that the server is allowing insecure cipher suites that are vulnerable to attacks or have been deprecated. For example, the output shows that the server supports SSLv3, which is an outdated and insecure protocol that is susceptible to the POODLE attack. The output also shows that the server supports RC4, which is a weak and broken stream cipher that should not be used. Therefore, the best description of the output is that the host is allowing insecure cipher suites. The other descriptions are not accurate, as they do not reflect what the output shows. The host is not up or responding is incorrect, as the output clearly shows that the host is up and responding to the scan. The host is running excessive cipher suites is incorrect, as the output does not indicate how many cipher suites the host is running, only which ones it supports. The Secure Shell port on this host is closed is incorrect, as the output does not show anything about port 22, which is the default port for Secure Shell (SSH). The output only shows information about port 443, which is the default port for HTTPS.

### NEW QUESTION 2

A SOC analyst recommends adding a layer of defense for all endpoints that will better protect against external threats regardless of the device's operating system. Which of the following best meets this requirement?

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

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

EDR stands for Endpoint Detection and Response, which is a layer of defense that monitors endpoints for malicious activity and provides automated or manual response capabilities. EDR can protect against external threats regardless of the device's operating system, as it can detect and respond to attacks based on behavioral analysis and threat intelligence. EDR is also one of the tools that CompTIA CySA+ covers in its exam objectives. Official References:

- > <https://www.comptia.org/certifications/cybersecurity-analyst>
- > <https://www.comptia.org/blog/the-new-comptia-cybersecurity-analyst-your-questions-answered>
- > <https://resources.infosecinstitute.com/certification/cysa-plus-ia-levels/>

### NEW QUESTION 3

An organization recently changed its BC and DR plans. Which of the following would best allow for the incident response team to test the changes without any impact to the business?

- A. Perform a tabletop drill based on previously identified incident scenarios.
- B. Simulate an incident by shutting down power to the primary data center.
- C. Migrate active workloads from the primary data center to the secondary location.
- D. Compare the current plan to lessons learned from previous incidents.

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Performing a tabletop drill based on previously identified incident scenarios is the best way to test the changes to the BC and DR plans without any impact to the business, as it is a low-cost and low-risk method of exercising the plans and identifying any gaps or issues. A tabletop drill is a type of BC/DR exercise that involves gathering key personnel from different departments and roles and discussing how they would respond to a hypothetical incident scenario. A tabletop drill does not involve any actual simulation or disruption of the systems or processes, but rather relies on verbal communication and documentation review. A tabletop drill can help to ensure that everyone is familiar with the BC/DR plans, that the plans reflect the current state of the organization, and that the plans are consistent and coordinated across different functions. The other options are not as suitable as performing a tabletop drill, as they involve more cost, risk, or impact to the business. Simulating an incident by shutting down power to the primary data center is a type of BC/DR exercise that involves creating an actual disruption or outage of a critical system or process, and observing how the organization responds and recovers. This type of exercise can provide a realistic assessment of the BC/DR capabilities, but it can also cause significant impact to the business operations, customers, and reputation. Migrating active workloads from the primary data center to the secondary location is a type of BC/DR exercise that involves switching over from one system or site to another, and verifying that the backup system or site can support the normal operations. This type of exercise can help to validate the functionality and performance of the backup system or site, but it can also incur high costs, complexity, and potential errors or failures. Comparing the current plan to lessons learned from previous incidents is a type of BC/DR activity that involves reviewing past experiences and outcomes, and identifying best practices or improvement opportunities. This activity can help to update and refine the BC/DR plans, but it does not test or validate them in a simulated or actual scenario

**NEW QUESTION 4**

A security program was able to achieve a 30% improvement in MTTR by integrating security controls into a SIEM. The analyst no longer had to jump between tools. Which of the following best describes what the security program did?

- A. Data enrichment
- B. Security control plane
- C. Threat feed combination
- D. Single pane of glass

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

A single pane of glass is a term that describes a unified view or interface that integrates multiple tools or data sources into one dashboard or console. A single pane of glass can help improve security operations by providing visibility, correlation, analysis, and alerting capabilities across various security controls and systems. A single pane of glass can also help reduce complexity, improve efficiency, and enhance decision making for security analysts. In this case, a security program was able to achieve a 30% improvement in MTTR by integrating security controls into a SIEM, which provides a single pane of glass for security operations. Official References:

<https://www.eccouncil.org/cybersecurity-exchange/threat-intelligence/cyber-kill-chain-seven-steps-cyberattack>

**NEW QUESTION 5**

An incident response team is working with law enforcement to investigate an active web server compromise. The decision has been made to keep the server running and to implement compensating controls for a period of time. The web service must be accessible from the internet via the reverse proxy and must connect to a database server. Which of the following compensating controls will help contain the adversary while meeting the other requirements? (Select two).

- A. Drop the tables on the database server to prevent data exfiltration.
- B. Deploy EDR on the web server and the database server to reduce the adversaries capabilities.
- C. Stop the httpd service on the web server so that the adversary can not use web exploits
- D. use micro segmentation to restrict connectivity to/from the web and database servers.
- E. Comment out the HTTP account in the / etc/passwd file of the web server
- F. Move the database from the database server to the web server.

**Answer:** BD

**Explanation:**

Deploying EDR on the web server and the database server to reduce the adversaries capabilities and using micro segmentation to restrict connectivity to/from the web and database servers are two compensating controls that will help contain the adversary while meeting the other requirements. A compensating control is a security measure that is implemented to mitigate the risk of a vulnerability or an attack when the primary control is not feasible or effective. EDR stands for Endpoint Detection and Response, which is a tool that monitors endpoints for malicious activity and provides automated or manual response capabilities. EDR can help contain the adversary by detecting and blocking their actions, such as data exfiltration, lateral movement, privilege escalation, or command execution. Micro segmentation is a technique that divides a network into smaller segments based on policies and rules, and applies granular access controls to each segment. Micro segmentation can help contain the adversary by isolating the web and database servers from other parts of the network, and limiting the traffic that can flow between them. 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 6**

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 7**

A security analyst is performing vulnerability scans on the network. The analyst installs a scanner appliance, configures the subnets to scan, and begins the scan of the network. Which of the following would be missing from a scan performed with this configuration?

- A. Operating system version
- B. Registry key values
- C. Open ports
- D. IP address

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Registry key values would be missing from a scan performed with this configuration, as the scanner appliance would not have access to the Windows Registry of the scanned systems. The Windows Registry is a database that stores configuration settings and options for the operating system and installed applications. To scan the Registry, the scanner would need to have credentials to log in to the systems and run a local agent or script. The other items would not be missing from the scan, as they can be detected by the scanner appliance without credentials. Operating system version can be identified by analyzing service banners or fingerprinting techniques. Open ports can be discovered by performing a port scan or sending probes to common ports. IP address can be obtained by resolving the hostname or using network discovery tools. <https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1112/>

**NEW QUESTION 8**

A company is in the process of implementing a vulnerability management program, and there are concerns about granting the security team access to sensitive data. Which of the following scanning methods can be implemented to reduce the access to systems while providing the most accurate vulnerability scan results?

- A. Credentialed network scanning
- B. Passive scanning
- C. Agent-based scanning
- D. Dynamic scanning

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Agent-based scanning is a method that involves installing software agents on the target systems or networks that can perform local scans and report the results to a central server or console. Agent-based scanning can reduce the access to systems, as the agents do not require any credentials or permissions to scan the local system or network. Agent-based scanning can also provide the most accurate vulnerability scan results, as the agents can scan continuously or on-demand, regardless of the system or network status or location.

**NEW QUESTION 9**

During an incident, an analyst needs to acquire evidence for later investigation. Which of the following must be collected first in a computer system, related to its volatility level?

- A. Disk contents
- B. Backup data
- C. Temporary files
- D. Running processes

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

The most volatile type of evidence that must be collected first in a computer system is running processes. Running processes are programs or applications that are currently executing on a computer system and using its resources, such as memory, CPU, disk space, or network bandwidth. Running processes are very volatile because they can change rapidly or disappear completely when the system is shut down, rebooted, logged off, or crashed. Running processes can also be affected by other processes or users that may modify or terminate them. Therefore, running processes must be collected first before any other type of evidence in a computer system

**NEW QUESTION 10**

Security analysts review logs on multiple servers on a daily basis. Which of the following implementations will give the best central visibility into the events occurring throughout the corporate environment without logging in to the servers individually?

- A. Deploy a database to aggregate the logging.
- B. Configure the servers to forward logs to a SIEM
- C. Share the log directory on each server to allow local access,
- D. Automate the emailing of logs to the analysts.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The best implementation to give the best central visibility into the events occurring throughout the corporate environment without logging in to the servers individually is B. Configure the servers to forward logs to a SIEM.

A SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) is a security solution that helps organizations detect, analyze, and respond to security threats before they disrupt business<sup>1</sup>. SIEM tools collect, aggregate, and correlate log data from various sources across an organization's network, such as applications, devices, servers, and users. SIEM tools also provide real-time alerts, dashboards, reports, and incident response capabilities to help security teams identify and mitigate cyberattacks<sup>2345</sup>.

By configuring the servers to forward logs to a SIEM, the security analysts can have a central view of potential threats and monitor security incidents across the corporate environment without logging in to the servers individually. This can save time, improve efficiency, and enhance security posture<sup>2345</sup>.

Deploying a database to aggregate the logging (A) may not provide the same level of analysis, correlation, and alerting as a SIEM tool. Sharing the log directory on each server to allow local access © may not be scalable or secure for a large number of servers. Automating the emailing of logs to the analysts (D) may not be timely or effective for real-time threat detection and response. Therefore, B is the best option among the choices given.

**NEW QUESTION 10**

Patches for two highly exploited vulnerabilities were released on the same Friday afternoon. Information about the systems and vulnerabilities is shown in the tables below:

Vulnerability name	Description
inter.drop	Remote Code Execution (RCE)
slow.roll	Denial of Service (DoS)

System name	Vulnerability	Network segment
manning	slow.roll	internal
brees	inter.drop	internal
brady	inter.drop	external
rogers	slow.roll; inter.drop	isolated vlan

Which of the following should the security analyst prioritize for remediation?

- A. rogers
- B. brady
- C. breees
- D. manning

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Brady should be prioritized for remediation, as it has the highest risk score and the highest number of affected users. 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. Brady has a risk score of  $9 \times 0.8 = 7.2$ , which is higher than any other system. Brady also has 500 affected users, which is more than any other system. Therefore, patching brady would reduce the most risk and impact for the organization. The other systems have lower risk scores and lower numbers of affected users, so they can be remediated later.

**NEW QUESTION 11**

An organization has experienced a breach of customer transactions. Under the terms of PCI DSS, which of the following groups should the organization report the breach to?

- A. PCI Security Standards Council
- B. Local law enforcement
- C. Federal law enforcement
- D. Card issuer

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Under the terms of PCI DSS, an organization that has experienced a breach of customer transactions should report the breach to the card issuer. The card issuer is the financial institution that issues the payment cards to the customers and that is responsible for authorizing and processing the transactions. The card issuer may have specific reporting requirements and procedures for the organization to follow in the event of a breach. The organization should also notify other parties that may be affected by the breach, such as customers, law enforcement, or regulators, depending on the nature and scope of the breach. Official References: <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/>

**NEW QUESTION 15**

A security analyst at a company called ACME Commercial notices there is outbound traffic to a host IP that resolves to <https://office365password.acme.co>. The site's standard VPN logon page is [www.acme.com/logon](http://www.acme.com/logon). Which of the following is most likely true?

- A. This is a normal password change URL.
- B. The security operations center is performing a routine password audit.
- C. A new VPN gateway has been deployed
- D. A social engineering attack is underway

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

for the outbound traffic to a host IP that resolves to <https://office365password.acme.co>, while the site's standard VPN logon page is [www.acme.com/logon](http://www.acme.com/logon). A social engineering attack is a technique that exploits human psychology and behavior to manipulate people into performing actions or divulging information that benefit the attackers. A common type of social engineering attack is phishing, which involves sending fraudulent emails or other messages that appear to come from a legitimate source, such as a company or a colleague, and lure the recipients into clicking on malicious links or attachments, or entering their credentials or other sensitive information on fake websites. In this case, the attackers may have registered a domain name that looks similar to the company's domain name, but with a typo (office365 instead of office365), and set up a fake website that mimics the company's VPN logon page. The attackers may have also sent phishing emails to the company's employees, asking them to reset their passwords or log in to their VPN accounts using the malicious link. The security analyst should investigate the source and content of the phishing emails, and alert the employees not to click on any suspicious links or enter their credentials on any untrusted websites. 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 20**

A security analyst is trying to identify possible network addresses from different source networks belonging to the same company and region. Which of the following shell script functions could help achieve the goal?

- A. `function w() { a=$(ping -c 1 $1 | awk-F "/" 'END{print $1}') && echo "$1 | $a" }`
- B. `function x() { b=traceroute -m 40 $1 | awk 'END{print $1}' } && echo "$1 | $b" }`
- C. `function y() { dig $(dig -x $1 | grep PTR | tail -n 1 | awk -F "." '{print $1}').origin.asn.cymru.com TXT +short }`
- D. `function z() { c=$(geoipllookup$1) && echo "$1 | $c" }`

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The shell script function that could help identify possible network addresses from different source networks belonging to the same company and region is:

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function y() { dig $(dig -x $1 | grep PTR | tail -n 1 | awk -F "." '{print $1}').origin.asn.cymru.com TXT +short }
```

This function takes an IP address as an argument and performs two DNS lookups using the dig command. The first lookup uses the -x option to perform a reverse DNS lookup and get the hostname associated with the IP address. The second lookup uses the origin.asn.cymru.com domain to get the autonomous system number (ASN) and other information related to the IP address, such as the country code, registry, or allocation date. The function then prints the IP address and the ASN information, which can help identify any network addresses that belong to the same ASN or region

**NEW QUESTION 22**

After conducting a cybersecurity risk assessment for a new software request, a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) decided the risk score would be too high. The CISO refused the software request. Which of the following risk management principles did the CISO select?

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

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Avoid is a risk management principle that describes the decision or action of not engaging in an activity or accepting a risk that is deemed too high or unacceptable. Avoiding a risk can eliminate the possibility or impact of the risk, as well as the need for any further risk management actions. In this case, the CISO decided the risk score would be too high and refused the software request. This indicates that the CISO selected the avoid principle for risk management.

**NEW QUESTION 25**

Which of the following is the first step that should be performed when establishing a disaster recovery plan?

- A. Agree on the goals and objectives of the plan
- B. Determine the site to be used during a disaster
- C. Demonstrate adherence to a standard disaster recovery process
- D. Identify applications to be run during a disaster

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The first step that should be performed when establishing a disaster recovery plan is to agree on the goals and objectives of the plan. The goals and objectives of the plan should define what the plan aims to achieve, such as minimizing downtime, restoring critical functions, ensuring data integrity, or meeting compliance requirements. The goals and objectives of the plan should also be aligned with the business needs and priorities of the organization and be measurable and achievable.

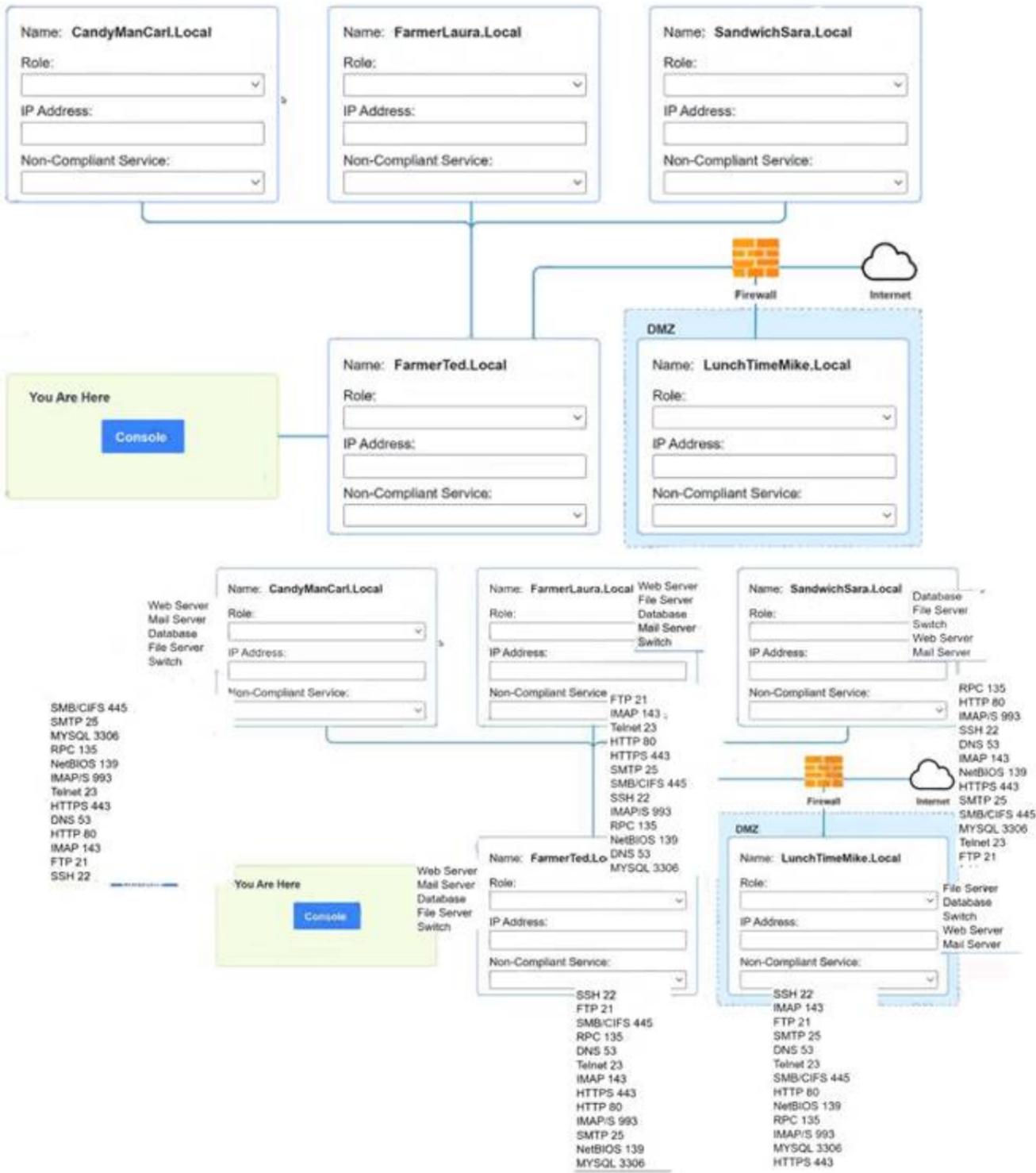
**NEW QUESTION 28**

You are a penetration tester who is reviewing the system hardening guidelines for a company. Hardening guidelines indicate the following.

- > There must be one primary server or service per device.
- > Only default port should be used
- > Non-secure protocols should be disabled.
- > The corporate internet presence should be placed in a protected subnet
- Instructions :
- > Using the available tools, discover devices on the corporate network and the services running on these devices.

You must determine

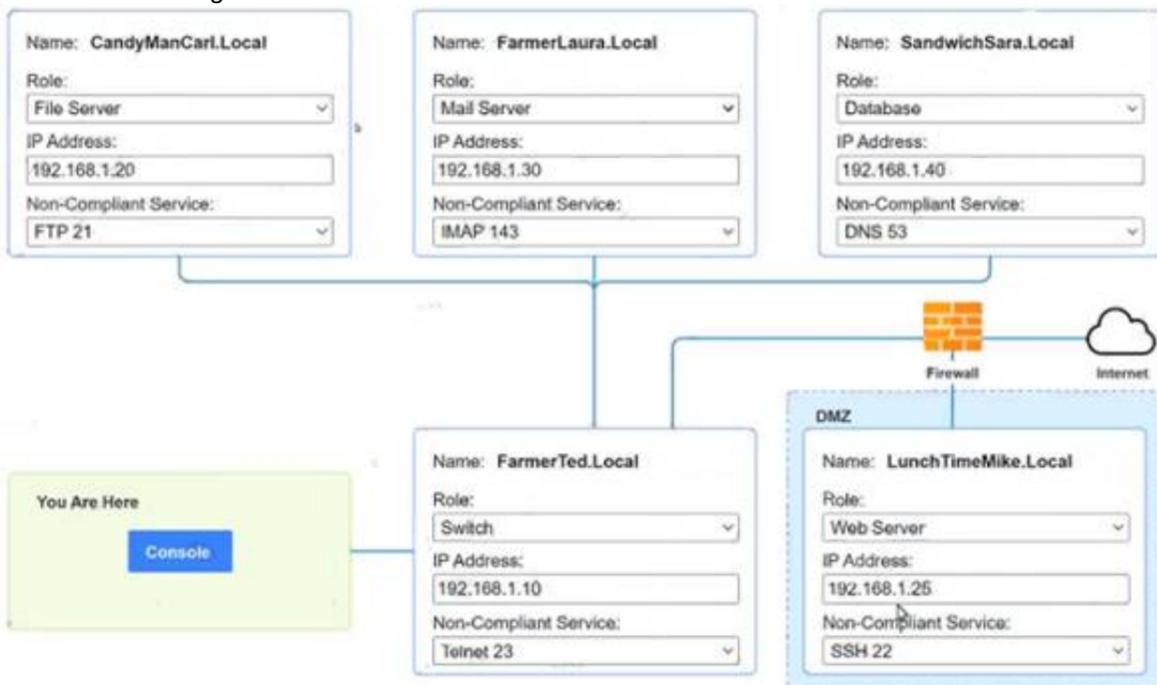
- > ip address of each device
- > The primary server or service each device
- > The protocols that should be disabled based on the hardening guidelines



- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:  
 Answer below images



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PC1
nmap <host>
ping <host>
help

[root@server1 ~]# nmap candymancarl.local

Starting Nmap 7.01 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2016-03-02 16:20 EST
Interesting ports on CandyManCarl.Local (192.168.1.20):
Not shown: 1676 closed ports
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
21/tcp    open       ftp
135/tcp   open       msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp   open       netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open       microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 09:00:27:D9:8E:D4 (Symmetrical Systems Industries Consortium)

Nmap finished: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.420 seconds

[root@server1 ~]# nmap farmerlaura.local

Starting Nmap 7.01 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2016-03-02 16:20 EST
Interesting ports on FarmerLaura.Local (192.168.1.30):
Not shown: 1678 closed ports
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
143/tcp   open       imap
993/tcp   open       imap/s
MAC Address: 09:00:27:D9:8E:D3 (Symmetrical Systems Industries Consortium)

Nmap finished: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.420 seconds

[root@server1 ~]# nmap sandwichsara.local

Starting Nmap 7.01 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2016-03-02 16:20 EST
Interesting ports on SandwichSara.Local (192.168.1.40):

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PC1

Starting Nmap 7.01 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2016-03-02 16:20 EST
Interesting ports on SandwichSara.Local (192.168.1.40):
Not shown: 1677 closed ports
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
22/tcp    open       ssh
53/udp    open       dns
3306/tcp  open       mysql
MAC Address: 09:00:27:D9:8E:D1 (Symmetrical Systems Industries Consortium)

Nmap finished: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.420 seconds

[root@server1 ~]# nmap farmerted.local

Starting Nmap 7.01 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2016-03-02 16:20 EST
Interesting ports on FarmerTed.Local (192.168.1.10):
Not shown: 1678 closed ports
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
22/tcp    open       ssh
23/tcp    open       telnet
MAC Address: 09:00:27:D9:8E:D6 (Symmetrical Systems Industries Consortium)

Nmap finished: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.420 seconds

[root@server1 ~]# nmap lunchtimemike.local

Starting Nmap 7.01 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2016-03-02 16:20 EST
Interesting ports on LunchTimeMike.Local (10.10.10.25):
Not shown: 1677 closed ports
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
22/tcp    open       ssh
80/tcp    open       http
443/tcp   open       https
MAC Address: 09:00:27:D9:8E:D5 (Symmetrical Systems Industries Consortium)

Nmap finished: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.420 seconds

[root@server1 ~]#

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**NEW QUESTION 30**

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 34

A security analyst needs to ensure that systems across the organization are protected based on the sensitivity of the content each system hosts. The analyst is working with the respective system owners to help determine the best methodology that seeks to promote confidentiality, availability, and integrity of the data being hosted. Which of the following should the security analyst perform first to categorize and prioritize the respective systems?

- A. Interview the users who access these systems,
- B. Scan the systems to see which vulnerabilities currently exist.
- C. Configure alerts for vendor-specific zero-day exploits.
- D. Determine the asset value of each system.

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Determining the asset value of each system is the best action to perform first, as it helps to categorize and prioritize the systems based on the sensitivity of the data they host. The asset value is a measure of how important a system is to the organization, in terms of its financial, operational, or reputational impact. The asset value can help the security analyst to assign a risk level and a protection level to each system, and to allocate resources accordingly. The other actions are not as effective as determining the asset value, as they do not directly address the goal of promoting confidentiality, availability, and integrity of the data. Interviewing the users who access these systems may provide some insight into how the systems are used and what data they contain, but it may not reflect the actual value or sensitivity of the data from an organizational perspective. Scanning the systems to see which vulnerabilities currently exist may help to identify and remediate some security issues, but it does not help to categorize or prioritize the systems based on their data sensitivity. Configuring alerts for vendor-specific zero-day exploits may help to detect and respond to some emerging threats, but it does not help to protect the systems based on their data sensitivity.

#### NEW QUESTION 38

Which of the following is the best way to begin preparation for a report titled "What We Learned" regarding a recent incident involving a cybersecurity breach?

- A. Determine the sophistication of the audience that the report is meant for
- B. Include references and sources of information on the first page
- C. Include a table of contents outlining the entire report
- D. Decide on the color scheme that will effectively communicate the metrics

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

The best way to begin preparation for a report titled "What We Learned" regarding a recent incident involving a cybersecurity breach is to determine the sophistication of the audience that the report is meant for. The sophistication of the audience refers to their level of technical knowledge, understanding, or interest in cybersecurity topics. Determining the sophistication of the audience can help tailor the report content, language, tone, and format to suit their needs and expectations. For example, a report for executive management may be more concise, high-level, and business-oriented than a report for technical staff or peers.

#### NEW QUESTION 39

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 44

A security analyst performs various types of vulnerability scans. Review the vulnerability scan results to determine the type of scan that was executed and if a false positive occurred for each device.

Instructions:

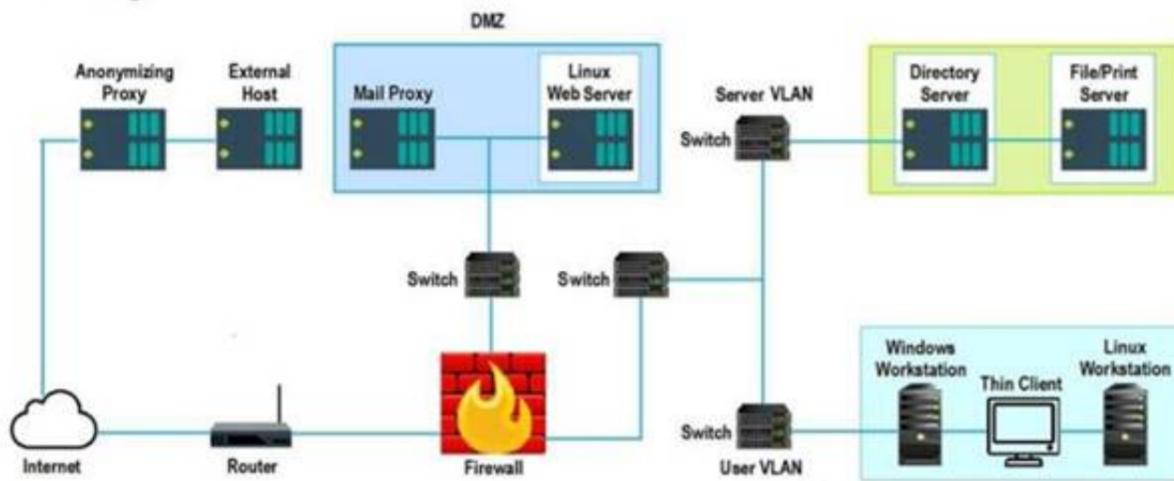
Select the Results Generated drop-down option to determine if the results were generated from a credentialed scan, non-credentialed scan, or a compliance scan. For ONLY the credentialed and non-credentialed scans, evaluate the results for false positives and check the findings that display false positives. NOTE: If you would like to uncheck an option that is currently selected, click on the option a second time.

Lastly, based on the vulnerability scan results, identify the type of Server by dragging the Server to the results. The Linux Web Server, File-Print Server and Directory Server are draggable.

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

select the Done button to submit. Once the simulation is submitted, please select the Next button to continue.

Network Diagram



Hot Area:

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- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

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NEW QUESTION 49

An analyst wants to ensure that users only leverage web-based software that has been pre-approved by the organization. Which of the following should be deployed?

- A. Blocklisting
- B. Allowlisting
- C. Graylisting
- D. Webhooks

Answer: B

**Explanation:**

The correct answer is B. Allowlisting.

Allowlisting is a technique that allows only pre-approved web-based software to run on a system or network, while blocking all other software. Allowlisting can help prevent unauthorized or malicious software from compromising the security of an organization. Allowlisting can be implemented using various methods, such as application control, browser extensions, firewall rules, or proxy servers<sup>12</sup>.

The other options are not the best techniques to ensure that users only leverage web-based software that has been pre-approved by the organization. Blocklisting (A) is a technique that blocks specific web-based software from running on a system or network, while allowing all other software. Blocklisting can be ineffective or inefficient, as it requires constant updates and may not catch all malicious software. Graylisting © is a technique that temporarily rejects or delays incoming messages from unknown or suspicious sources, until they are verified as legitimate. Graylisting is mainly used for email filtering, not for web-based software control. Webhooks (D) are a technique that allows web-based software to send or receive data from other web-based software in real time, based on certain events or triggers. Webhooks are not related to web-based software control, but rather to web-based software integration.

**NEW QUESTION 54**

An attacker has just gained access to the syslog server on a LAN. Reviewing the syslog entries has allowed the attacker to prioritize possible next targets. Which of the following is this an example of?

- A. Passive network foot printing
- B. OS fingerprinting
- C. Service port identification
- D. Application versioning

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Passive network foot printing is the best description of the example, as it reflects the technique of collecting information about a network or system by monitoring or sniffing network traffic without sending any packets or interacting with the target. Foot printing is a term that refers to the process of gathering information about a target network or system, such as its IP addresses, open ports, operating systems, services, or vulnerabilities. Foot printing can be done for legitimate purposes, such as penetration testing or auditing, or for malicious purposes, such as reconnaissance or intelligence gathering. Foot printing can be classified into two types: active and passive. Active foot printing involves sending packets or requests to the target and analyzing the responses, such as using tools like ping, traceroute, or Nmap. Active foot printing can provide more accurate and detailed information, but it can also be detected by firewalls or intrusion detection systems (IDS). Passive foot printing involves observing or capturing network traffic without sending any packets or requests to the target, such as using tools like tcpdump, Wireshark, or Shodan. Passive foot printing can provide less information, but it can also avoid detection by firewalls or IDS. The example in the question shows that the attacker has gained access to the syslog server on a LAN and reviewed the syslog entries to prioritize possible next targets. A syslog server is a server that collects and stores log messages from various devices or applications on a network. A syslog entry is a record of an event or activity that occurred on a device or application, such as an error, a warning, or an alert. By reviewing the syslog entries, the attacker can obtain information about the network or system, such as its configuration, status, performance, or security issues. This is an example of passive network foot printing, as the attacker is not sending any packets or requests to the target, but rather observing or capturing network traffic from the syslog server. The other options are not correct, as they describe different techniques or concepts. OS fingerprinting is a technique of identifying the operating system of a target by analyzing its responses to certain packets or requests, such as using tools like Nmap or Xprobe2. OS fingerprinting can be done actively or passively, but it is not what the attacker is doing in the example. Service port identification is a technique of identifying the services running on a target by scanning its open ports and analyzing its responses to certain packets or requests, such as using tools like Nmap or Netcat. Service port identification can be done actively or passively, but it is not what the attacker is doing in the example. Application versioning is a concept that refers to the process of assigning unique identifiers to different versions of an application, such as using numbers, letters, dates, or names. Application versioning can help to track changes, updates, bugs, or features of an application, but it is not related to what the attacker is doing in the example.

**NEW QUESTION 57**

A systems administrator notices unfamiliar directory names on a production server. The administrator reviews the directory listings and files, and then concludes the server has been compromised. Which of the following steps should the administrator take next?

- A. Inform the internal incident response team.
- B. Follow the company's incident response plan.
- C. Review the lessons learned for the best approach.
- D. Determine when the access started.

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

An incident response plan is a set of predefined procedures and guidelines that an organization follows when faced with a security breach or attack. An incident response plan helps to ensure that the organization can quickly and effectively contain, analyze, eradicate, and recover from the incident, as well as prevent or minimize the damage and impact to the business operations, reputation, and customers. An incident response plan also defines the roles and responsibilities of the incident response team, the communication channels and protocols, the escalation and reporting procedures, and the tools and resources available for the incident response.

By following the company's incident response plan, the administrator can ensure that they are following the best practices and standards for handling a security incident, and that they are coordinating and collaborating with the relevant stakeholders and authorities. Following the company's incident response plan can also help to avoid or reduce any legal, regulatory, or contractual liabilities or penalties that may arise from the incident.

The other options are not as effective or appropriate as following the company's incident response plan. Informing the internal incident response team (A) is a good step, but it should be done according to the company's incident response plan, which may specify who, when, how, and what to report. Reviewing the lessons learned for the best approach © is a good step, but it should be done after the incident has been resolved and closed, not during the active response phase. Determining when the access started (D) is a good step, but it should be done as part of the analysis phase of the incident response plan, not before following the plan.

**NEW QUESTION 61**

Which of the following describes the best reason for conducting a root cause analysis?

- A. The root cause analysis ensures that proper timelines were documented.
- B. The root cause analysis allows the incident to be properly documented for reporting.
- C. The root cause analysis develops recommendations to improve the process.
- D. The root cause analysis identifies the contributing items that facilitated the event

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

The root cause analysis identifies the contributing items that facilitated the event is the best reason for conducting a root cause analysis, as it reflects the main goal and benefit of this problem-solving approach. A root cause analysis (RCA) is a process of discovering the root causes of problems in order to identify appropriate solutions. A root cause is the core issue or factor that sets in motion the entire cause-and-effect chain that leads to the problem. A root cause analysis assumes that it is more effective to systematically prevent and solve underlying issues rather than just treating symptoms or putting out fires. A root cause analysis can be performed using various methods, tools, and techniques that help to uncover the causes of problems, such as events and causal factor analysis, change analysis, barrier analysis, or fishbone diagrams. A root cause analysis can help to improve quality, performance, safety, or efficiency by finding and eliminating the sources of problems. The other options are not as accurate as the root cause analysis identifies the contributing items that facilitated the event, as they do not capture the essence or value of conducting a root cause analysis. The root cause analysis ensures that proper timelines were documented is a possible outcome or benefit of conducting a root cause analysis, but it is not the best reason for doing so. Documenting timelines can help to establish the sequence of events and actions that led to the problem, but it does not necessarily identify or address the root causes. The root cause analysis allows the incident to be properly documented for reporting is also a possible outcome or benefit of conducting a root cause analysis, but it is not the best reason for doing so. Documenting and reporting incidents can help to communicate and share information about problems and solutions, but it does not necessarily identify or address the root causes. The root cause analysis develops recommendations to improve the process is another possible outcome or benefit of conducting a root cause analysis, but it is not the best reason for doing so. Developing recommendations can help to implement solutions and prevent future problems, but it does not necessarily identify or address the root causes.

**NEW QUESTION 65**

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]`
- 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:

- > <https://partners.comptia.org/docs/default-source/resources/comptia-cysa-cs0-002-exam-objectives>
- > <https://www.techtarget.com/searchsecurity/quiz/Sample-CompTIA-CySA-test-questions-with-answers>
- > [https://www.reddit.com/r/CompTIA/comments/tmxx84/passed\\_cysa\\_heres\\_my\\_experience\\_and\\_how\\_i\\_s](https://www.reddit.com/r/CompTIA/comments/tmxx84/passed_cysa_heres_my_experience_and_how_i_s)

**NEW QUESTION 69**

An analyst is reviewing a vulnerability report for a server environment with the following entries:

Vulnerability	Severity	CVSS v3	Host IP	Crown jewel	Exploit available
EOL/Obsolete Log4j v1 x	5	-	54 73 224 15	No	No
EOL/Obsolete Log4j v1 x	5	-	54 73 225 17	Yes	No
EOL/Obsolete Log4j v1 x	5	-	10 101 27 98	Yes	No
Microsoft Windows Security Update	4	8.2	10 100 10 52	No	Yes
Microsoft Windows Security Update	4	8.2	54 74 110 26	No	Yes
Microsoft Windows Security Update	4	8.2	54 74 110.228	Yes	Yes
Oracle Java Critical Patch	3	6.9	10 101 25 65	Yes	No
Oracle Java Critical Patch	3	6.9	54 73 225 17	Yes	No
Oracle Java Critical Patch	3	6.9	10 101 27 98	Yes	No

Which of the following systems should be prioritized for patching first?

- A. 10.101.27.98
- B. 54.73.225.17
- C. 54.74.110.26
- D. 54.74.110.228

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The system that should be prioritized for patching first is 54.74.110.228, as it has the highest number and severity of vulnerabilities among the four systems listed in the vulnerability report. According to the report, this system has 12 vulnerabilities, with 8 critical, 3 high, and 1 medium severity ratings. The critical vulnerabilities include CVE-2019-0708 (BlueKeep), CVE-2019-1182 (DejaBlue), CVE-2017-0144 (EternalBlue), and CVE-2017-0145 (EternalRomance), which are all remote code execution vulnerabilities that can allow an attacker to compromise the system without any user interaction or authentication. These vulnerabilities pose a high

risk to the system and should be patched as soon as possible.

#### NEW QUESTION 72

An analyst is reviewing a vulnerability report and must make recommendations to the executive team. The analyst finds that most systems can be upgraded with a reboot resulting in a single downtime window. However, two of the critical systems cannot be upgraded due to a vendor appliance that the company does not have access to. Which of the following inhibitors to remediation do these systems and associated vulnerabilities best represent?

- A. Proprietary systems
- B. Legacy systems
- C. Unsupported operating systems
- D. Lack of maintenance windows

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Proprietary systems are systems that are owned and controlled by a specific vendor or manufacturer, and that use proprietary standards or protocols that are not compatible with other systems. Proprietary systems can pose a challenge for vulnerability management, as they may not allow users to access or modify their configuration, update their software, or patch their vulnerabilities. In this case, two of the critical systems cannot be upgraded due to a vendor appliance that the company does not have access to. This indicates that these systems and associated vulnerabilities are examples of proprietary systems as inhibitors to remediation

#### NEW QUESTION 74

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 79

Which of the following concepts is using an API to insert bulk access requests from a file into an identity management system an example of?

- A. Command and control
- B. Data enrichment
- C. Automation
- D. Single sign-on

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

Automation is the best concept to describe the example, as it reflects the use of technology to perform tasks or processes without human intervention. Automation can help to improve efficiency, accuracy, consistency, and scalability of various operations, such as identity and access management (IAM). IAM is a security framework that enables organizations to manage the identities and access rights of users and devices across different systems and applications. IAM can help to ensure that only authorized users and devices can access the appropriate resources at the appropriate time and for the appropriate purpose. IAM can involve various tasks or processes, such as authentication, authorization, provisioning, deprovisioning, auditing, or reporting. Automation can help to simplify and streamline these tasks or processes by using software tools or scripts that can execute predefined actions or workflows based on certain triggers or conditions. For example, automation can help to create, update, or delete user accounts in bulk based on a file or a database, rather than manually entering or modifying each account individually. The example in the question shows that an API is used to insert bulk access requests from a file into an identity management system. An API (Application Programming Interface) is a set of rules or specifications that defines how different software components or systems can communicate and exchange data with each other. An API can help to enable automation by providing a standardized and consistent way to access and manipulate data or functionality of a software component or system. The example in the question shows that an API is used to automate the process of inserting bulk access requests from a file into an identity management system, rather than manually entering each request one by one. The other options are not correct, as they describe different concepts or techniques. Command and control is a term that refers to the ability of an attacker to remotely control a compromised system or device, such as using malware or backdoors. Command and control is not related to what is described in the example. Data enrichment is a term that refers to the process of enhancing or augmenting existing data with additional information from external sources, such as adding demographic or behavioral attributes to customer profiles. Data enrichment is not related to what is described in the example. Single sign-on is a term that refers to an authentication method that allows users to access multiple systems or applications with one set of credentials, such as using a single username and password for different websites or services. Single sign-on is not related to what is described in the example.

#### NEW QUESTION 84

A security analyst is validating a particular finding that was reported in a web application vulnerability scan to make sure it is not a false positive. The security analyst uses the snippet below:

```
<!--?xml version="1.0" ?-->
<!DOCTYPE replace [<!ENTITY ent SYSTEM "file:///etc/shadow">]>
<userInfo>
<firstName>John</firstName>
<lastName>$ent;</lastName>
</userInfo>
```

Which of the following vulnerability types is the security analyst validating?

- A. Directory traversal
- B. XSS
- C. XXE
- D. SSRF

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

XSS (cross-site scripting) is the vulnerability type that the security analyst is validating, as the snippet shows an attempt to inject a script tag into the web application. XSS is a web security vulnerability that allows an attacker to execute arbitrary JavaScript code in the browser of another user who visits the vulnerable website. XSS can be used to perform various malicious actions, such as stealing cookies, session hijacking, phishing, or defacing websites. The other vulnerability types are not relevant to the snippet, as they involve different kinds of attacks. Directory traversal is an attack that allows an attacker to access files and directories that are outside of the web root folder. XXE (XML external entity) injection is an attack that allows an attacker to interfere with an application's processing of XML data, and potentially access files or systems. SSRF (server-side request forgery) is an attack that allows an attacker to induce the server-side application to make requests to an unintended location. Official References:

- > <https://portswigger.net/web-security/xxe>
- > <https://portswigger.net/web-security/ssrf>
- > [https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Server\\_Side\\_Request\\_Forgery\\_Prevention\\_Cheat\\_Sheet.ht](https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Server_Side_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.ht)

**NEW QUESTION 87**

A company's security team is updating a section of the reporting policy that pertains to inappropriate use of resources (e.g., an employee who installs cryptominers on workstations in the office). Besides the security team, which of the following groups should the issue be escalated to first in order to comply with industry best practices?

- A. Help desk
- B. Law enforcement
- C. Legal department
- D. Board member

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The correct answer is C. Legal department.

According to the CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst (CySA+) certification exam objectives, one of the tasks for a security analyst is to "report and escalate security incidents to appropriate stakeholders and authorities" 1. This includes reporting any inappropriate use of resources, such as installing cryptominers on workstations, which may violate the company's policies and cause financial and reputational damage. The legal department is the most appropriate group to escalate this issue to first, as they can advise on the legal implications and actions that can be taken against the employee. The legal department can also coordinate with other groups, such as law enforcement, help desk, or board members, as needed. The other options are not the best choices to escalate the issue to first, as they may not have the authority or expertise to handle the situation properly.

**NEW QUESTION 89**

Which of the following is a reason why proper handling and reporting of existing evidence are important for the investigation and reporting phases of an incident response?

- A. To ensure the report is legally acceptable in case it needs to be presented in court
- B. To present a lessons-learned analysis for the incident response team
- C. To ensure the evidence can be used in a postmortem analysis
- D. To prevent the possible loss of a data source for further root cause analysis

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The correct answer is A. To ensure the report is legally acceptable in case it needs to be presented in court. Proper handling and reporting of existing evidence are important for the investigation and reporting phases of an incident response because they ensure the integrity, authenticity, and admissibility of the evidence in case it needs to be presented in court. Evidence that is mishandled, tampered with, or poorly documented may not be accepted by the court or may be challenged by the opposing party. Therefore, incident responders should follow the best practices and standards for evidence collection, preservation, analysis, and reporting<sup>1</sup>.

The other options are not reasons why proper handling and reporting of existing evidence are important for the investigation and reporting phases of an incident response. They are rather outcomes or benefits of conducting a thorough and effective incident response process. A lessons-learned analysis (B) is a way to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the incident response team and improve their performance for future incidents. A postmortem analysis © is a way to determine the root cause, impact, and timeline of the incident and provide recommendations for remediation and prevention. A root cause analysis (D) is a way to identify the underlying factors that led to the incident and address them accordingly.

**NEW QUESTION 93**

A company receives a penetration test report summary from a third party. The report summary indicates a proxy has some patches that need to be applied. The proxy is sitting in a rack and is not being used, as the company has replaced it with a new one. The CVE score of the vulnerability on the proxy is a 9.8. Which of the following best practices should the company follow with this proxy?

- A. Leave the proxy as is.
- B. Decommission the proxy.
- C. Migrate the proxy to the cloud.
- D. Patch the proxy

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The best practice that the company should follow with this proxy is to decommission the proxy. Decommissioning the proxy involves removing or disposing of the proxy from the rack and the network, as well as deleting or wiping any data or configuration on the proxy. Decommissioning the proxy can help eliminate the vulnerability on the proxy, as well as reduce the attack surface, complexity, or cost of maintaining the network. Decommissioning the proxy can also free up space or resources for other devices or systems that are in use or needed by the company.

**NEW QUESTION 95**

A cybersecurity team has witnessed numerous vulnerability events recently that have affected operating systems. The team decides to implement host-based IPS, firewalls, and two-factor authentication. Which of the following does this most likely describe?

- A. System hardening
- B. Hybrid network architecture
- C. Continuous authorization
- D. Secure access service edge

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The correct answer is A. System hardening.

System hardening is the process of securing a system by reducing its attack surface, applying patches and updates, configuring security settings, and implementing security controls. System hardening can help prevent or mitigate vulnerability events that may affect operating systems. Host-based IPS, firewalls, and two-factor authentication are examples of security controls that can be applied to harden a system<sup>1</sup>.

The other options are not the best descriptions of the scenario. A hybrid network architecture (B) is a network design that combines on-premises and cloud-based resources, which may or may not involve system hardening. Continuous authorization © is a security approach that monitors and validates the security posture of a system on an ongoing basis, which is different from system hardening. Secure access service edge (D) is a network architecture that delivers cloud-based security services to remote users and devices, which is also different from system hardening.

**NEW QUESTION 96**

You are a cybersecurity analyst tasked with interpreting scan data from Company A's servers. You must verify the requirements are being met for all of the servers and recommend changes if you find they are not.

The company's hardening guidelines indicate the following

- TLS 1.2 is the only version of TLS running.
- Apache 2.4.18 or greater should be used.
- Only default ports should be used.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Using the supplied data, record the status of compliance with the company's guidelines for each server.

The question contains two parts: make sure you complete Part 1 and Part 2. Make recommendations for Issues based ONLY on the hardening guidelines provided.

Part 1:

AppServ1:

Scan Data	Compliance Report
<p>AppServ1 AppServ2 AppServ3 AppServ4</p> <pre> root@INFOSEC:~# curl --head appserv1.fictionalorg.com:443 HTTP/1.1 200 OK Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 21:15:15 GMT Server: Apache/2.4.48 (CentOS) Last-Modified: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 21:10:22 GMT ETag: "13520-58c407930177d" Accept-Ranges: bytes Content-Length: 79136 Vary: Accept-Encoding Cache-Control: max-age=3600 Expires: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 22:15:15 GMT Content-Type: text/html  root@INFOSEC:~# nmap --script ssl-enum-ciphers appserv1.fictionalorg.com -p 443  Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2019-06-26 16:07 CDT  Nmap scan report for AppSrv1.fictionalorg.com (10.21.4.68) Host is up (0.042s latency). rDNS record for 10.21.4.68: inaddrArpa.fictionalorg.com PORT      STATE SERVICE 443/tcp   open  https  _ ssl-enum-ciphers:  _   TLSv1.2:  _     ciphers:  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 - strong  _     compressors:  _       NULL  _    _ least strength: strong  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 8.63 seconds  root@INFOSEC:~# nmap --top-ports 10 appserv1.fictionalorg.com  Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2019-06-27 10:13 CDT  Nmap scan report for appserv1.fictionalorg.com (10.21.4.68) Host is up (0.15s latency). rDNS record for 10.21.4.68: appserv1.fictionalorg.com PORT      STATE SERVICE 80/tcp    open  http 443/tcp   open  https  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.42 seconds                     </pre>	<p>Fill out the following report based on your analysis of the scan data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ1 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ2 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ3 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ4 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ1 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ2 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ3 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ4 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> </ul>

AppServ2:

Part 1

Scan Data	Compliance Report
<p>AppServ1 <u>AppServ2</u> AppServ3 AppServ4</p> <pre> root@INFOSEC:~# curl --head appsrv2.fictionalorg.com:443 HTTP/1.1 200 OK Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 21:15:15 GMT Server: Apache/2.3.48 (CentOS) Last-Modified: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 21:10:22 GMT ETag: "13520-58c407930177d" Accept-Ranges: bytes Content-Length: 79136 Vary: Accept-Encoding Cache-Control: max-age=3600 Expires: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 22:15:15 GMT Content-Type: text/html  root@INFOSEC:~# nmap --script ssl-enum-ciphers appsrv2.fictionalorg.com -p 443  Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2019-06-26 16:07 CDT  Nmap scan report for AppSrv2.fictionalorg.com (10.21.4.69) Host is up (0.042s latency). rDNS record for 10.21.4.69: inaddrArpa.fictionalorg.com Not shown: 998 filtered ports PORT      STATE SERVICE 80/tcp    open  http 443/tcp   open  https   ssl-enum-ciphers:     TLSv1.0:       ciphers:         TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA - strong         TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA - strong         TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong       compressors:         NULL     TLSv1.1:       ciphers:         TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA - strong         TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA - strong         TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong       compressors:         NULL     TLSv1.2:       ciphers:         TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA - strong         TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA - strong         TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 - strong         TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong         TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 - strong       compressors:         NULL  _  least strength: strong  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 8.63 seconds  root@INFOSEC:~# nmap --top-ports 10 appsrv2.fictionalorg.com  Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2019-06-27 10:13 CDT  Nmap scan report for appsrv2.fictionalorg.com (10.21.4.69) Host is up (0.15s latency). rDNS record for 10.21.4.69: appsrv2.fictionalorg.com PORT      STATE SERVICE 80/tcp    open  http 443/tcp   open  https  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.42 seconds </pre>	<p>Fill out the following report based on your analysis of the scan data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ1 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ2 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ3 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ4 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ1 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ2 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ3 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ4 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> </ul>

AppServ3:

Part 1

Scan Data	Compliance Report
<p>AppServ1 AppServ2 AppServ3 AppServ4</p> <pre> root@INFOSEC:~# curl --head appsrv3.fictionalorg.com:443  HTTP/1.1 200 OK Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 21:15:15 GMT Server: Apache/2.4.48 (CentOS) Last-Modified: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 21:10:22 GMT ETag: "13520-58c406780177e" Accept-Ranges: bytes Content-Length: 79136 Vary: Accept-Encoding Cache-Control: max-age=3600 Expires: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 22:15:15 GMT Content-Type: text/html  root@INFOSEC:~# nmap --script ssl-enum-ciphers appsrv3.fictionalorg.com -p 443  Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2019-06-26 16:07 CDT  Nmap scan report for AppSrv3.fictionalorg.com (10.21.4.70) Host is up (0.042s latency). rDNS record for 10.21.4.70: inaddrArpa.fictionalorg.com PORT      STATE SERVICE 80/tcp    open  http 443/tcp   open  https  _ ssl-enum-ciphers:  _   TLSv1.0:  _     ciphers:  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong  _     compressors:  _       NULL  _   TLSv1.1:  _     ciphers:  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong  _     compressors:  _       NULL  _   TLSv1.2:  _     ciphers:  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong  _       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 - strong  _     compressors:  _       NULL  _   _ least strength: strong  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 8.63 seconds  root@INFOSEC:~# nmap --top-ports 10 appsrv3.fictionalorg.com  Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2019-06-27 10:13 CDT  Nmap scan report for appsrv3.fictionalorg.com (10.21.4.70) Host is up (0.15s latency). rDNS record for 10.21.4.70: appsrv3.fictionalorg.com PORT      STATE SERVICE 80/tcp    open  http 443/tcp   open  https  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.42 seconds </pre>	<p>Fill out the following report based on your analysis of the scan data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ1 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ2 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ3 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ4 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ1 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ2 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ3 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ4 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> </ul>

AppServ4:

Part 1

Scan Data	Compliance Report
<p>AppServ1 AppServ2 AppServ3 AppServ4</p> <pre> root@INFOSEC:~# curl --head appsrv4.fictionalorg.com:443  HTTP/1.1 200 OK Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 21:15:15 GMT Server: Apache/2.4.48 (CentOS) Last-Modified: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 21:10:22 GMT ETag: "13520-58c406780177e" Accept-Ranges: bytes Content-Length: 79136 Vary: Accept-Encoding Cache-Control: max-age=3600 Expires: Wed, 26 Jun 2019 22:15:15 GMT Content-Type: text/html  root@INFOSEC:~# nmap --script ssl-enum-ciphers appsrv4.fictionalorg.com -p 443  Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2019-06-26 16:07 CDT  Nmap scan report for AppSrv4.fictionalorg.com (10.21.4.71) Host is up (0.042s latency). rDNS record for 10.21.4.71: inaddrArpa.fictionalorg.com PORT      STATE SERVICE 443/tcp   open  https  _ TLSv1.2:  _   ciphers:  _     TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA - strong  _     TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA - strong  _     TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 - strong  _     TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA - strong  _     TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 - strong  _   compressors:  _     NULL  _   _ least strength: strong  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 8.63 seconds  root@INFOSEC:~# nmap --top-ports 10 appsrv4.fictionalorg.com  Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2019-06-27 10:13 CDT Nmap scan report for appsrv4.fictionalorg.com (10.21.4.71) Host is up (0.15s latency). rDNS record for 10.21.4.71: appsrv4.fictionalorg.com PORT      STATE SERVICE 80/tcp    open  http 443/tcp   open  https 8675/tcp  open  ssh  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.42 seconds </pre>	<p>Fill out the following report based on your analysis of the scan data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ1 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ2 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ3 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ4 is only using TLS 1.2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ1 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ2 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ3 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AppServ4 is using Apache 2.4.18 or greater</li> </ul>

Part 2:

Part 2

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

**Explanation:**

Part 1:

Part 2:

Based on the compliance report, I recommend the following changes for each server: AppServ1: No changes are needed for this server.  
 AppServ2: Disable or upgrade TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1 to TLS 1.2 on this server to ensure secure encryption and communication between clients and the server. Update Apache from version 2.4.17 to version 2.4.18 or greater on this server to fix any potential vulnerabilities or bugs.  
 AppServ3: Downgrade Apache from version 2.4.19 to version 2.4.18 or lower on this server to ensure compatibility and stability with the company's applications and policies. Change the port number from 8080 to either port 80 (for HTTP) or port 443 (for HTTPS) on this server to follow the default port convention and avoid any confusion or conflicts with other services.  
 AppServ4: Update Apache from version 2.4.16 to version 2.4.18 or greater on this server to fix any potential vulnerabilities or bugs. Change the port number from 8443 to either port 80 (for HTTP) or port 443 (for HTTPS) on this server to follow the default port convention and avoid any confusion or conflicts with other services.

**NEW QUESTION 98**

A SOC manager receives a phone call from an upset customer. The customer received a vulnerability report two hours ago: but the report did not have a follow-up remediation response from an analyst. Which of the following documents should the SOC manager review to ensure the team is meeting the appropriate contractual obligations for the customer?

- A. SLA

- B. MOU
- C. NDA
- D. Limitation of liability

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

SLA stands for service level agreement, which is a contract or document that defines the expectations and obligations between a service provider and a customer regarding the quality, availability, performance, or scope of a service. An SLA may also specify the metrics, penalties, or remedies for measuring or ensuring compliance with the agreed service levels. An SLA can help the SOC manager review if the team is meeting the appropriate contractual obligations for the customer, such as response time, resolution time, reporting frequency, or communication channels.

**NEW QUESTION 103**

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