



## 3.0 Security Engineering

**3.1** Given a scenario, troubleshoot common issues with identity and access management (IAM) components in an enterprise environment.

- Subject access control
  - User
  - Process
  - Device
  - Service
- Biometrics
- Secrets management
  - Tokens
  - Certificates
  - Passwords
  - Keys
  - Rotation
  - Deletion
- Conditional access
  - User-to-device binding
  - Geographic location
  - Time-based
  - Configuration
- Attestation
- Cloud IAM access and trust policies
- Logging and monitoring
- Privilege identity management
- Authentication and authorization
  - Security Assertions Markup Language (SAML)
  - OpenID
- Multifactor authentication (MFA)
- SSO
- Kerberos
- Simultaneous authentication of equals (SAE)
- Privileged access management (PAM)
- Open Authorization (OAuth)
- Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)
- Identity proofing
- Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 802.1X
- Federation

**3.2** Given a scenario, analyze requirements to enhance the security of endpoints and servers.

- Application control
- Endpoint detection response (EDR)
- Event logging and monitoring
- Endpoint privilege management
- Attack surface monitoring and reduction
- Host-based intrusion protection system/host-based detection system (HIPS/HIDS)
- Anti-malware
- SELinux
- Host-based firewall
- Browser isolation
- Configuration management
- Mobile device management (MDM) technologies
- Threat-actor tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs)
  - Injections
  - Privilege escalation
  - Credential dumping
  - Unauthorized execution
  - Lateral movement
  - Defensive evasion



### 3.3 Given a scenario, troubleshoot complex network infrastructure security issues.

- Network misconfigurations
  - Configuration drift
  - Routing errors
  - Switching errors
  - Insecure routing
  - VPN/tunnel errors
- IPS/IDS issues
  - Rule misconfigurations
  - Lack of rules
  - False positives/false negatives
  - Placement
- Observability
- Domain Name System (DNS) security
  - Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC)
  - DNS poisoning
  - Sinkholing
  - Zone transfers
- Email security
  - Domain Keys Identified Mail (DKIM)
  - Sender Policy Framework (SPF)
  - Domain-based Message Authentication Reporting & Conformance (DMARC)
  - Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (S/MIME)
- Transport Layer Security (TLS) errors
- Cipher mismatch
- PKI issues
- Issues with cryptographic implementations
- DoS/distributed denial of service (DDoS)
- Resource exhaustion
- Network access control list (ACL) issues

### 3.4 Given a scenario, implement hardware security technologies and techniques.

- Roots of trust
  - Trusted Platform Module (TPM)
  - Hardware Security Module (HSM)
  - Virtual Trusted Platform Module (vTPM)
- Security coprocessors
  - Central processing unit (CPU) security extensions
  - Secure enclave
- Virtual hardware
  - Host-based encryption
  - Self-encrypting drive (SED)
  - Secure Boot
  - Measured boot
  - Self-healing hardware
  - Tamper detection and countermeasures
  - Threat-actor TTPs
  - Firmware tampering
- Shimming
- Universal Serial Bus (USB)-based attacks
- Basic input/output system/Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (BIOS/UEFI)
- Memory
- Electromagnetic interference (EMI)
- Electromagnetic pulse (EMP)

### 3.5 Given a set of requirements, secure specialized and legacy systems against threats.

- Operational technology (OT)
  - Supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA)
  - Industrial control system (ICS)
  - Heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC)/environmental
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- System-on-chip (SoC)
- Embedded systems
- Wireless technologies/radio frequency (RF)
- Security and privacy considerations
  - Segmentation
  - Monitoring
- Aggregation
- Hardening
- Data analytics
- Environmental
- Regulatory
- Safety
- Industry-specific challenges
  - Utilities
  - Transportation
  - Healthcare
  - Manufacturing
  - Financial
  - Government/defense
- Characteristics of specialized/legacy systems
  - Unable to secure
  - Obsolete
  - Unsupported
  - Highly constrained



### 3.6 Given a scenario, use automation to secure the enterprise.

- Scripting
  - PowerShell
  - Bash
  - Python
- Cron/scheduled tasks
- Event-based triggers
- Infrastructure as code (IaC)
- Configuration files
  - Yet Another Markup Language (YAML)
  - Extensible Markup Language (XML)
  - JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)
  - Tom's Obvious, Minimal Language (TOML)
- Cloud APIs/software development kits (SDKs)
  - Web hooks
- Generative AI
  - Code assist
  - Documentation
- Containerization
- Automated patching
- Auto-containment
- Security orchestration, automation, and response (SOAR)
  - Runbooks
  - Playbooks
- Vulnerability scanning and reporting
- Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)
  - Open Vulnerability Assessment Language (OVAL)
  - Extensible Configuration Checklist Description Format (XCCDF)
  - Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)
  - Common vulnerabilities and exposures (CVE)
  - Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS)
- Workflow automation

### 3.7 Explain the importance of advanced cryptographic concepts.

- Post-quantum cryptography (PQC)
  - Post-quantum vs. Diffie-Hellman and elliptic curve cryptography (ECC)
  - Resistance to quantum computing decryption attack
  - Emerging implementations
- Key stretching
- Key splitting
- Homomorphic encryption
- Forward secrecy
- Hardware acceleration
- Envelope encryption
- Performance vs. security
- Secure multiparty computation
- Authenticated encryption with associated data (AEAD)
- Mutual authentication

### 3.8 Given a scenario, apply the appropriate cryptographic use case and/or technique.

- Use cases
  - Data at rest
  - Data in transit
    - Encrypted tunnels
  - Data in use/processing
  - Secure email
  - Immutable databases/blockchain
  - Non-repudiation
  - Privacy applications
  - Legal/regulatory considerations
  - Resource considerations
  - Data sanitization
- Data anonymization
- Certificate-based authentication
- Passwordless authentication
- Software provenance
- Software/code integrity
- Centralized vs. decentralized key management
- Techniques
  - Tokenization
  - Code signing
  - Cryptographic erase/obfuscation
- Digital signatures
- Obfuscation
- Serialization
- Hashing
- One-time pad
- Symmetric cryptography
- Asymmetric cryptography
- Lightweight cryptography