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Unit II- SECURITY THREATS

Topic : INSIDER THREATS

Insider Threats





INSIDER THREATS

- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) defines insider threat
- The threat that an insider will use their authorized access, intentionally or unintentionally,
- To do harm to the department's mission, resources, personnel, facilities, information, equipment, networks, or systems.

OR

- An insider is any person who has or had authorized access to or knowledge of an organization's resources, including personnel, facilities, information, equipment, networks, and systems.



Examples of an insider



- A person to whom the organization has supplied a computer and/or network access.

- A person who is knowledgeable about the organization's fundamentals, including pricing, costs, and organizational strengths and weaknesses.

- Conclusion of objectives

Insider threat is the potential for an insider to use their authorized access or understanding of an organization to harm that organization.



Types of Insider Threats

- 1. Unintentional Threat**
- 2. Intentional Threats**

Unintentional Threat

Negligence

Negligent insiders are generally familiar with security and/or IT policies but choose to ignore them, creating risk for the organization.

Examples include allowing someone to “piggyback” through a secure entrance point, misplacing or losing a portable storage device containing sensitive information, and ignoring messages to install new updates and security patches.



Types of Insider Threats Cont..



Accidental

An insider of this type mistakenly causes an unintended risk to an organization.

Examples include mistyping an email address and accidentally sending a sensitive business document to a competitor

Intentional Threats

Intentional threats are actions taken to harm an organization for personal benefit or to act on a personal grievance.

Example, many insiders are motivated to “get even” due to a perceived lack of recognition (e.g., promotion, bonuses, desirable travel) or termination.

Three categories of insider threats



Compromised

Threat actors who have stolen a legitimate employee's credentials pose as authorized users, utilizing their accounts to exfiltrate sensitive data. Employees often don't know they have been compromised.



Negligent

Employees without the proper security awareness training can inadvertently misuse or expose confidential data, often as a result of social engineering, lost/stolen devices or incorrectly sent emails/files.



Malicious

Bad actors—such as current or former employees, third parties or partners—use their privileged access to steal intellectual property or company data for fraud, sabotage, espionage, revenge or blackmail.



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