

Security protection usually adopts Defense in Depth, which mainly includes the following layers:

1. Physical security: access control, biometrics, surveillance cameras, etc.
 2. Network security: firewalls, VPNs, intrusion detection systems (IDS/IPS).
 3. Terminal security: antivirus software, patch management, EDR.
 4. Application security: secure coding, WAF, penetration testing.
 5. Data security: encryption, access control, data loss prevention (DLP).
 6. Identity and access management (IAM): multi-factor authentication (MFA), zero trust.
 7. Security monitoring and response: log analysis, incident response, SOC monitoring.
- Multi-layer protection ensures that even if one layer is breached, other layers can still provide protection.

There are several types of cyberattacks, including:

1. Malware – Viruses, worms, ransomware, and spyware that infect systems.
 2. Phishing – Deceptive emails or messages trick users into revealing credentials.
 3. Denial of Service (DoS/DDoS) – Overloading a system to make it unavailable.
 - Man-in-the-Middle (MitM) – Intercepting communication between two parties.
 4. SQL Injection – Exploiting database vulnerabilities to gain unauthorized access.
 5. Zero-Day Exploits – Attacks targeting unknown software vulnerabilities.
 6. Brute Force Attacks – Repeatedly guessing passwords to gain access.
- The CIA Triad is a fundamental model in cybersecurity, representing three key principles:
1. Confidentiality – Ensures that data is accessible only to authorized individuals (e.g., encryption, access controls).
 2. Integrity – Ensures data is accurate, complete, and unaltered (e.g., hashing, checksums).
 3. Availability – Ensures data and services are accessible when needed (e.g., redundancy, DDoS protection).

Risk Mitigation

Risk mitigation involves implementing strategies to reduce security risks.

1. Avoidance – Eliminating risky activities.
 2. Reduction – Implementing security controls (e.g., firewalls, MFA).
 3. Transfer – Shifting risk to a third party (e.g., cybersecurity insurance).
 4. Acceptance – Acknowledging and managing low-risk scenarios.
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- Risk assessment identifies, analyzes, and prioritizes risks.
1. Identify Assets & Threats – Determine valuable data and potential risks.
 2. Analyze Vulnerabilities – Assess weak points in systems.
 3. Evaluate Impact & Likelihood – Determine potential consequences and chances of occurrence.
 4. Implement Controls – Apply security measures to reduce risk.
 5. Monitor & Review – Continuously assess and update security strategies.
- Effective risk management enhances cybersecurity resilience.

A cryptographic system is a set of methods and protocols used to secure data through encryption and decryption. It ensures Confidentiality, Integrity, and Authentication (CIA Triad). Key components include:

1. Encryption Types

Symmetric Encryption – Uses the same key for encryption and decryption (e.g., AES, DES).

Asymmetric Encryption – Uses a public key for encryption and a private key for decryption (e.g., RSA, ECC).

2. Cryptographic Functions

Hashing – Converts data into a fixed-length hash (e.g., SHA-256, MD5).

Digital Signatures – Ensures authenticity and integrity (e.g., RSA, DSA).

Key Exchange – Securely shares encryption keys (e.g., Diffie-Hellman).

Cryptographic systems protect sensitive data in communication, storage, and authentication processes.

A Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS) monitors network traffic for malicious activity or security policy violations.

How NIDS Works

1. Traffic Monitoring – Analyzes packets in real time.
 2. Signature-Based Detection – Matches known attack patterns.
 3. Anomaly-Based Detection – Identifies deviations from normal behavior.
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- Snort – Open-source, widely used.
Suricata – High-performance alternative.
Zeek (Bro) – Focuses on deep packet analysis.
- Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) use different detection methods to identify threats:
1. Signature-Based Detection
Compares network traffic to known attack patterns (signatures).
Pros: Accurate for known threats.
Cons: Ineffective against new or unknown attacks (zero-days).
Example: Snort, Suricata.
 2. Anomaly-Based Detection
Establishes a baseline of normal behavior and flags deviations.
Pros: Can detect unknown or zero-day attacks.
Cons: High false positive rates.
Example: Machine learning-based IDS.
 3. Hybrid Detection
Combines signature and anomaly-based methods for better accuracy.
Pros: Balances detection capabilities and reduces false positives.
Cons: More complex to implement.

A honeypot is a decoy system designed to attract cyber attackers and study their behavior. It helps improve security by detecting threats and gathering intelligence.

Types of Honeypots

1. Low-Interaction Honeypots – Simulate basic services with minimal risk (e.g., Honeyd).
 2. High-Interaction Honeypots – Mimic real systems, allowing deeper attack analysis (e.g., Honeynet).
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1. Detects new attack techniques.
 2. Diverts attackers from real systems.
 3. Helps in cybersecurity research and threat intelligence.

1) Difference Between HIDS and NIDS

HIDS (Host-based IDS): Monitors activities on a specific host, like file changes and system logs. It's installed directly on devices and focuses on internal threats or attacks targeting the host.

NIDS (Network-based IDS): Monitors network traffic across multiple devices to detect suspicious patterns. It's deployed at network points and identifies external threats affecting the entire network.

2) How IDS Enhances Security Management

An IDS improves security by detecting threats in real-time, analyzing traffic for anomalies, and alerting administrators to take action. It also logs events for analysis, helping organizations respond to and prevent future attacks.

Difference Between DoS and DDoS

Definition:

DoS (Denial of Service): An attack that makes a computer resource or network service unavailable by overwhelming it with traffic or requests from a single source.

DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service): An attack that uses multiple systems (often a botnet) to flood a target with traffic from different locations, increasing the attack's impact and making it harder to trace.

Method:

DoS: Usually originates from a single machine or a few machines.

DDoS: Involves many devices to create a larger and more sustained impact.

Impact:

DoS: Less damaging due to fewer resources.

DDoS: More impactful due to the combined power of many devices, making it harder to mitigate.