Cybercrime Incident Handling and Response Strategies

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CYBERCRIME CONCEPT

Criminal activity in the cyber domain, involving:

Targeting computer and data networks

Using digital assets and online resources

Aided by computing technology

Security, financial, operational, health impacts.

CYBERATTACK TYPES AND INCIDENTS

Malware: (Adware, Spyware, etc)

Ransomware

Computer virus

DDoS

Insider Attacks (Collusion)

Illegal data alteration

Credential racketeering

Email phishing

Man-in-themiddle

Cyber espionage

Cyber bullying

Social Engineering

Password attack

Website hijack

Site cloning

Click-jacking

Identity theft

Data Theft

Unauthorized information disclosure

Credential racketeering

CYBERSECURITY OVERVIEW

Protection against misuse and abuse of computers

Measures, policies to control cyberattacks

Defence of digital assets and info systems

Preventing unauthorised exploitation of systems

Investigating abuse of computer systems

Creating awareness on cyberspace safety and ethical computing

CYBERSECURITY FUNDAMENTALS (1) THE CIA

Confidentiality: Prevent unauthorized disclosure

Integrity: Prevent authorized modification

Availability: Maintain unhindered accessibility

CYBERSECURITY FUNDAMENTALS (2) ACCESS CONTROL

Authentication: Verifying user identities

Authorization: Assigning roles to users

Accounting: Tracking activities of users

CYBERSECURITY FUNDAMENTALS (3) SECURITY GOALS

Prevention: Hindering cyberattacks

Detection: Discovering attacks in advance

Response: Mitigating cyberattacks & breaches

RESPONSE FUNDAMENTALS (1) EVENT VS INCIDENT

Event: Operational changes or activities with normal outcome, no disruption, or minimal impacts

Incident: Unplanned activity with a significant, disruptive, harmful, or unfavourable outcome on the system

RESPONSE FUNDAMENTALS (2) INCIDENT RESPONSE (IR)

Procedures to identify, contain, and mitigate cyberattacks. IT incident, computer incident or security incident.

Technical components required to analyze and contain an incident.

Organized approach to address and manage the aftermath of a security breach or cyberattack

RESPONSE FUNDAMENTALS (3) INCIDENT HANDLING (IH)

Logistics, operations, and coordination required to resolve an incident

Planning and communications needed to respond to an incident

Documentations and post-response reporting

Incident handlers communicate with others to contain, mitigate, and report an incident

RESPONSE FUNDAMENTALS (4) INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (IM)

Activities of an organization to identify, analyze, and mitigate cyberattacks

Administrative policies to minimize impact of cyberattacks

$$IM = IR + IH$$

INCIDENT RESPONSE STEPS

Step 1: Preparation

Step 2: Identification

Step 3: Containment

Step 4: Eradication

Step 5: Recovery

Step 6: Lessons learned

INCIDENT RESPONSE STEP 1: PREPARATION

Identify assets priorities, architecture layout, and data categories

Determine effectiveness of security measures

Establish Incident Response Plans and Teams

Assign roles, define expectations, set timelines

Agree on communications plans and channels

Perform IT risk analysis, simulate cyberattacks

INCIDENT RESPONSE STEP 2: IDENTIFICATION OR DETECTION

Verify and confirm cyberattack incident status

Identify nature, source, and goals of attack

Detect suspicious activity, identify affected syst

Collect, document, protect detailed evidence

Activate communications plans

Notify stakeholders, authorities, users, law enf.

Activate situational management

INCIDENT RESPONSE STEP 3: CONTAINMENT OR NEUTRALIZATION

Minimize impact, loss & amount of damage

Isolate the object affected by the cyberattack

Limit the spread of the attack

Document all containment steps taken

Keep track of all findings uncovered

INCIDENT RESPONSE STEP 4: ERADICATION OR REMOVAL

Remove the attack, halt the attacker action

Eject attacker, eliminate attack from systems

Remove all traces of cyberattack

Replace compromised assets and systems

Document all eradication steps taken

INCIDENT RESPONSE STEP 5: RECOVERY OR RESTORATION

Restore normal operations

Restore clean version of data

Monitor system performance and stability

Use the PDCA (Deming Cycle)

Document all recovery steps taken

THE DEMING CYCLE PLAN-DO-CHECK-ACT

The PDCA Cycle



INCIDENT RESPONSE STEP 6: LESSONS LEARNED

Review the steps taken during the response

Identify successes and loopholes

Itemize suggestions for future implementations

Address all incomplete documentations

Prepare & communicate comprehensive report

Produce versions of report for specific audience

WRITING AN EFFECTIVE INCIDENT RESPONSE REPORT (IRR)

IRR is a narration of the IR activity, containing:

IR identification information

Incident summary (type, nature, scope, impacts)

Procedures followed, actions taken

Entities notified, duration of response

Findings, observations, recommendations

PRACTICAL SESSION ON INCIDENT RESPONSE: SCENARIO ANALYSIS

1: Three scenarios, three groups.

2: Study the scenario, and discuss how to carry out incident response following the standards steps.

3: Produce an incident response report.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS WHY INCIDENT RESPONSE?

Fix the immediate cyberattack Forestall future re-occurrence Limit the spread of the cyberattack Minimize impact, and cost of risk Ensure compliance with regulations **Increase Cybersecurity awareness** Document lessons on cyber threats

