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Ethical hacking, also known as penetration testing or white-hat hacking, involves testing the security of computer systems, networks, or software to identify vulnerabilities that malicious hackers (black-hat hackers) could exploit. The primary goal of ethical hacking is to help organizations strengthen their cybersecurity defenses.

Here are key aspects of ethical hacking:

1. Legal and Authorized

Ethical hacking is done with permission from the system owner. Unauthorized hacking is illegal, but ethical hackers operate within the boundaries of legal contracts.

2. Methodology

Ethical hackers follow a structured approach similar to what malicious hackers would use:

- Reconnaissance: Gathering information about the target system.
- Scanning: Using tools to find open ports, services, or weak points.
- Gaining Access: Attempting to exploit vulnerabilities to gain access to the system.
- Maintaining Access: Testing whether they can stay within the system without detection.
- Covering Tracks: Seeing how well evidence of the hack can be hidden.

3. Types of Ethical Hacking

- Web application hacking: Testing web-based systems for vulnerabilities like SQL injection, cross-site scripting, etc.
- Network hacking: Evaluating network infrastructure and devices like routers, switches, firewalls, etc.
- Social engineering: Testing if people in an organization can be manipulated into revealing confidential information.
- Wireless network hacking: Testing the security of wireless communications.

4. Tools Used

Ethical hackers use a variety of tools, some of which are open-source, such as:

- Nmap: A network scanning tool.
- Metasploit: A penetration testing framework.
- Wireshark: A network protocol analyzer.
- Burp Suite: A tool for testing web application security.

5. Certifications

Ethical hackers often obtain certifications to validate their skills, such as:

- Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)
- Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP)
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)

6. Ethical Responsibility

Ethical hackers have a responsibility to act with integrity, report vulnerabilities responsibly, and avoid causing harm to systems or data.

The goal of ethical hacking is proactive security, ensuring that weaknesses are identified and fixed before malicious actors can exploit them. [warn]

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