Red Team Essentials: Ethical Hacking in Practice

Duration: 12 Weeks (3 sessions per week, 2 hours each)



WEEKLY COURSE CURRICULUM

Week 1: Cybersecurity Foundations

- What is Cybersecurity? Threat Landscape
- CIA Triad (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability)
- Risk Assessment Basics & Security Frameworks (NIST, ISO 27001)
- Incident Response & Cybersecurity Career Paths

Week 2: Networking Basics for Security

- OSI Model, TCP/IP, IP Addressing, Ports & Protocols
- Network Devices, Debugging Network Issues
- Real-world Use Cases & Best Practices

Week 3: Operating System Security (Windows & Linux)

- OS Security Concepts
- User Management, File Permissions
- OS Hardening Techniques & Practical Use Cases

Week 4: Ethical Hacking & Penetration Testing Intro

- Hacking Lifecycle, Legal Aspects (IT Act 2000)
- Penetration Testing Phases & PTES Methodology
- Rules of Engagement, Client Communication & Ethics

Week 5: Vulnerability Assessment & Tools

- Vulnerability Types, CVSS Scores, Nessus Setup
- Scanning, False Positives, Prioritization
- Patch Management & Reporting

Week 6: Web Application Security Fundamentals

- HTTP/HTTPS, Cookies, Sessions
- OWASP Top 10 Overview & Web Architecture
- Proxy Tools (Burp Suite), Authentication & Authorization

Week 7: SQL Injection Techniques

- SQL Basics, Types of SQLi (Error-based, Blind, Time-based)
- Using SQLMap, Payload Crafting
- Mitigation & Secure Coding

Week 8: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- Reflected, Stored, DOM-based XSS
- Payloads, Filters, Exploitation & Mitigations
- XSS Auditing Tools

Week 9: Advanced Web Attacks

- CSRF, SSRF, LFI/RFI
- Insecure Deserialization, File Upload Flaws
- Session Hijacking, Rate Limiting Bypass

Week 10: API & Mobile App Security

- API Security Concepts, Postman, Burp Suite
- Android/iOS Architecture, APK/IPA Analysis
- Frida, SSL Pinning Bypass, Data Storage Risks

Week 11: Cloud Security & Advanced Exploitation

- Cloud Basics (AWS, Azure), IAM, S3 & EC2 Security
- Exploit Development, Payload Creation
- AV Evasion, Reverse Engineering, Cobalt Strike, Metasploit

Week 12: Real-Time Project & Report Writing

- Web Recon, Vulnerability Scanning, Exploits
- Report Structure, Technical Findings, Risk Rating
- Final Project Submission & Client-Style Presentation