

# CTFs (Capture the Flag)

- HackTheBox
- TryHackMe
- VulnHub
- picoCTF
- SANS Holiday Hack Challenge

## Certifications

### Beginner Certifications

- CompTIA A+
- CompTIA Linux+
- CompTIA Network+
- CCNA
- CompTIA Security+

### Advanced Certifications

- CISSP
- CISA
- CISM
- GSEC
- GPEN
- GWAPT
- GIAC
- OSCP
- CREST
- CEH

**Common Virtualization Technologies**

- VMWare
- VirtualBox
- esxi
- proxmox

**Understand basics of Virtualization**

- Hypervisor
- VM
- GuestOS
- HostOS

**Troubleshooting Tools**

- nslookup
- iptables
- Packet Sniffers
- ipconfig
- netstat
- Port Scanners
- ping
- dig
- arp
- Protocol Analyzers
- nmap
- route
- tcpdump
- tracert

**Authentication Methodologies**

- Kerberos
- LDAP
- SSO
- Certificates
- Local Auth
- RADIUS

- Understand Common Hacking Tools
- Understand Common Exploit Frameworks
- Understand Concept of Defense in Depth
- Understand Concept of Runbooks
- Understand Basics of Forensics
- Basics and Concepts of Threat Hunting
- Basics of Vulnerability Management
- Basics of Reverse Engineering
- Penetration Testing Rules of Engagement
- Perimeter vs DMZ vs Segmentation

# Cyber Security

- Fundamental IT Skills
- Computer Hardware Components
- Connection Types and their function
- OS-Independent Troubleshooting
- Understand Basics of Popular Suites
- Basics of Computer Networking

- NFC
- WiFi
- Bluetooth
- Infrared

- iCloud
- Google Suite
- Microsoft Office Suite

- Windows
- Linux
- MacOS

## Operating Systems

- Learn following for Each**
- Installation and Configuration
  - Different Versions and Differences
  - Navigating using GUI and CLI
  - Understand Permissions
  - Installing Software and Applications
  - Performing CRUD on Files
  - Troubleshooting
  - Common Commands

Understand the OSI model

## Networking Knowledge

**Basics of Subnetting**

- Public vs Private IP Addresses
- IP Terminology
  - localhost
  - loopback
  - CIDR
  - subnet mask
  - default gateway
- Understand the Terminology
  - VLAN
  - DMZ
  - ARP
  - VM
  - NAT
  - IP
  - DNS
  - DHCP
  - Router
  - Switch
  - VPN
- Understand these
  - MAN
  - LAN
  - WAN
  - WLAN
- Function of Each
  - DHCP
  - DNS
  - NTP
  - IPAM
- Network Topologies
  - Star
  - Ring
  - Mesh
  - Bus
- Understand Common Protocols
  - SSH
  - RDP
  - FTP
  - SFTP
  - HTTP / HTTPS
  - SSL / TLS

- Common Protocols and their Uses
- Common Ports and their Uses
- SSL and TLS Basics
- Basics of NAS and SAN

- Core Concepts of Zero Trust
- Roles of Compliance and Auditors
- Understand the Definition of Risk
- Understand Backups and Resiliency
- Cyber Kill Chain
- MFA and 2FA
- Operating System Hardening
- Understand the Concept of Isolation
- Basics of IDS and IPS
- Honeypots
- Authentication vs Authorization

- Blue Team vs Red Team vs Purple Team
- False Negative / False Positive
- True Negative / True Positive
- Basics of Threat Intel, OSINT
- Understand Handshakes
- Understand CIA Triad
- Privilege escalation / User based Attacks
- Web Based Attacks and OWASP 10
- Learn how Malware Operates and Types

## Security Skills and Knowledge

**Tools for Incident Response and Discovery**

- nmap
- tracert
- nslookup
- dig
- curl
- ipconfig
- hping
- ping
- arp
- cat
- dd
- head
- tail
- grep
- wireshark
- winhex
- memdump
- FTK Imager
- autopsy

**Understand Frameworks**

- ATT&CK
- Kill chain
- Diamond Model

**Understand Common Standards**

- ISO
- NIST
- RMF
- CIS
- CSF

**Understand Common Distros for Hacking**

- SIEM
- SOAR
- ParrotOS
- Kali Linux

**Using tools for unintended purposes**

- LOLBAS

**Learn how to find and use these logs**

- Event Logs
- syslogs
- netflow
- Packet Captures
- Firewall Logs

**Understand Hardening Concepts**

- MAC-based
- NAC-based
- Port Blocking
- Group Policy
- ACLs
- Sinkholes
- Patching
- Jump Server
- Endpoint Security

**Basics of Cryptography**

- Salting
- Hashing
- Key Exchange
- PKI
- Pvt Key vs Pub Key
- Obfuscation

**Understand Secure vs Unsecure Protocols**

- FTP vs SFTP
- SSL vs TLS
- IPSEC
- DNSSEC
- LDAPS
- SRTTP
- S/MIME

**Understand the following Terms**

- Antivirus
- Antimalware
- EDR
- DLP
- Firewall and Nextgen Firewall
- HIPS
- NIDS
- NIPS
- Host Based Firewall
- Sandboxing
- ACL
- EAP vs PEAP
- WPA vs WPA2 vs WPA3 vs WEP
- WPS

**Understand the Incident Response Process**

- Preparation
- Identification
- Containment
- Eradiation
- Recovery
- Lessons Learned

**Understand Threat Classification**

- Zero Day
- Known vs Unknown
- APT

**Understand Common Tools**

- VirusTotal
- Joe Sandbox
- any.run
- urlvoid
- urlscan
- WHOIS

**Attack Types and Differences**

- Phishing vs Vishing vs Whaling vs Smishing
- Spam vs Spim
- Shoulder Surfing
- Dumpster Diving
- Tailgating
- Zero Day
- Social Engineering
- Reconnaissance
- Impersonation
- Watering Hole Attack
- Drive by Attack
- Typo Squatting
- Brute Force vs Password Spray

**Common Network Based Attacks**

- DoS vs DDoS
- MITM
- ARP Poisoning
- Evil Twin
- DNS Poisoning
- Spoofing
- Death Attack
- VLAN Hopping
- Rogue Access Point
- War-driving/dialing

**Understand Audience**

- Stakeholders
- HR
- Legal
- Compliance
- Management

## Cloud skills and Knowledge

**Understand concepts of security in the cloud**

- Understand the basics and general flow of deploying in the cloud
- Understand the differences between cloud and on-premises
- Understand the concept of infrastructure as code
- Understand the concept of Serverless
- Understand the concept of CDN

**Understand Cloud Services**

- SaaS
- PaaS
- IaaS

**Common Cloud Environments**

- AWS
- GCP
- Azure

**Cloud Models**

- Private
- Public
- Hybrid

**Common Cloud Storage**

- S3
- Dropbox
- Box
- OneDrive
- Google Drive
- iCloud

## Programming Skills and Knowledge (Optional But Recommended)

- Python
- Go
- JavaScript
- C++
- Bash
- Power Shell

## Keep Learning

Find the detailed version of this roadmap along with resources and other roadmaps

<https://roadmap.sh>