

Design of Hacking Challenges on Network Security

Motivation

Since last year we offer hacking challenges as a way to achieve a grade bonus for the course Network Security [1]. The course covers many topics from Cryptography to Web Security and PKI. This opens up a great range of opportunities for creative challenges of differing complexity. The current challenges are designed such that



the students connect to a TCP port and exchange messages which exploit a simulated vulnerability to get a flag (secret string). There are however many topics and concepts not covered by the current challenges, which is why this project aims to rework them. The main goal is to design a revised semester plan of challenges, which are to be developed/revised in Python. Additionally, data on the participation and feedback from the previous year should be analyzed and incorporated into the new semester plan.

Your Task

- Familiarize yourself with the existing hacking challenges
- Evaluate data and feedback from last years lecture
- Design a semester plan for lecture-accompanying challenges
- Rework/replace existing challenges and add new ones

References

[1] https://net.in.tum.de/teaching/ws2324/netsec.html

Requirements

Familiarity with the contents of the Network Security lecture, good programming skills in Python, optionally some experience with CTFs.

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