

Midterm-2 Study guide:

Part IV: Network Security and Malware

- Malware
 - What are worms?
 - What are viruses?
 - How do worms and viruses propagate?
 - How to detect worms/viruses and other kind of malware?
 - What are the countermeasures a malware could use to avoid detection? (Polymorphism, metamorphism, etc)
- Network Protocol Security
 - What are the general Layer 1, 2 threats?
 - What can you do with spoofing? When can you perform a blind spoofing?
 - What are the security issues with TCP? (disruption, injection, rate-management, blind spoofing, etc)
 - What are DHCP related security issues?
 - What are DNS related security issues? How does cache poisoning work? What is Kaminsky attack and what is the defense against it?
- Denial of Service attacks and defenses
 - Smurf amplification and the general idea about amplification attacks.
 - What is TCP SYN flood? What are the possible defenses? What are syncookies?
 - What is the general idea behind a DoS prevention proxy?
 - DNS DoS attack, why and how does that work?

Part V: Web Security

- Web security threat models
 - Understand the different threat models: web attacker, network attacks, OS/Malware attacker
- Browser security goals and architecture
 - What are the browser security goals?
 - What security mechanisms are used in modern browser security architecture? (isolation, etc.)
 - What is the same Origin Policy?
- Web application vulnerabilities
 - Command Injection vulnerabilities and defenses
 - SQL Injection
 - vulnerabilities and defenses
 - Prepared statements
 - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
 - Three types of vulnerabilities and attacks (Reflected, Stored, DOM-based)
 - Defenses
 - CSRF
 - Vulnerabilities

- Defenses: Nonce-based defense and Origin-header based defense

Part VI: Mobile Security

- Android security architecture
 - What are the goals of the android security architecture?
 - How does application sandboxing help achieve the desired goals?
 - How does the application signing work in android? How does that help in achieving the desired security goals?
 - Application permissions, what are those and how could a malicious application use these permissions to its advantage?
 - Understand common android app vulnerabilities