

## **ch02**

#### **True/False**

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

- 1. Not all users need to be educated on protecting their workstations and sensitive information, for it is the role of the IT department to secure the company.
- 2. According to the textbook, it can be argued that software development is 40% typing skills, 40% creativity, and 20% code compiler.
- 3. Because some bugs do not yet have a solution provided by the manufacturer, an attack exploiting a zero day vulnerability can be devastating.
- 4. In many cases when an exploit is discovered, it is still possible that many companies remain unaware of the vulnerability.
- 5. No one organization can stay abreast of all the software bugs for all software packages.
- 6. In choosing an advisory service, first select a trusted source, for example, a newsgroup.
- 7. When dealing with risk, accepting the risk and deciding not to address the security problem is never an option for any organization with a good security policy.
- 8. The ALE evaluation process occurs only in the initial security assessment of an environment.
- 9. As a general rule, managers and executives are not concerned about the security measures deployed throughout the environment; their concern is profit.
- 10. In most environments, the official risk assessment process combines both quantitative and qualitative approaches.
- 11. Many companies have no intention of prosecuting security incidents and are concerned instead with removing the threat and returning to normal business operations.
- 12. Perhaps the most important response to suspicious activity in the environment is to restore business operations.
- 13. Although most companies recognize the need for a response plan to handle robbery and vandalism, most have no idea how to react to the similar occurrences of robbery or vandalism of the company's computer systems.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Prosecution of intruders is one of the five pillars of a sound security infrastructure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Users' workstations and test servers fall into the category of medium security level.

#### **Modified True/False**

Indicate whether the statement is true or false. If false, change the identified word or phrase to make the statement true.

- 16. When weighing security risks against security costs, <u>management</u> support is necessary.
  - \_ 17. A CIRT includes two major roles: <u>communication</u> and control (CnC) and forensic analysis.
- 18. Among the categories of security controls, education is listed under the heading of a(n) <u>detective</u> control.

- 19. A(n) <u>education</u> plan allows an organization to mobilize all employees in the fight against abusers, and informs them on where to find the corporate security policies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. For an education plan to be effective, there must be <u>management</u>-supported penalties and rewards attached to its accountability. \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 21. To combat the imperfections in software, it is important that every software consumer have a process in place to receive security <u>options</u> and apply the necessary patches quickly.
- 22. Ideally, the security advisory and the fix are released in the <u>classification</u> stage in the vulnerability life cycle.
- 23. The process of establishing formal guidelines to determine the severity of the exposures to the environment caused by software bugs, the time line to apply fixes, and the group responsible for applying the fixes is referred to as the <u>risk</u> management process.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Among the categories of security controls, risk management is listed under the heading of a(n) <u>detective</u> control. \_\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Security incident management consists of three overarching concepts: endlessly prepare, effectively react, thoroughly prosecute. \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 26. Accountability can be achieved by requiring employees to sign a contract, certify acceptance over the Web, or send a(n) <u>e-mail</u> confirming review and acceptance of security policies.
- 27. An organization's security <u>advisory</u> management process is a preventive and corrective measure that identifies and fixes exposures before the bad guys can take advantage of them.
- 28. Internet-connected and business-critical servers most likely fall into the category of <u>medium</u> security.

## **Multiple Choice**

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 29. In this chapter, the five major security processes are explained in terms of \_\_\_\_\_ categories of security controls.
  - a. two c. four
  - b. three d. five
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. An effective security education plan is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ control.
  - a. detective c. corrective
  - b. preventive d. assistive
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. The first item you tackle when developing an education plan is to determine \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. how frequently security education is presented to the organization
    - b. the cost of establishing an education plan
    - c. the interest of employees
    - d. the duration of the education plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. A good guideline to follow when determining how frequently security education is presented to the organization is to educate \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. every time before extending an offer to a perspective candidate
  - b. at the brink of the start of a new project
  - c. at least once a quarter
  - d. at least as frequently as security policies are modified

 33.	<ul> <li>Arrange the following steps to implement security education in their correct order, from the first to the last: delivery, frequency, accountability, and audience.</li> <li>a. frequency, delivery, audience, accountability</li> <li>b. accountability, audience, delivery, frequency</li> <li>c. accountability, delivery, audience, frequency</li> <li>d. frequency, audience, delivery, accountability</li> </ul>						
 34.	Which of the following steps is the most flexib	le a	nd customizable of all the aspects of security education?				
	a. frequency	c.	delivery				
	b. audience	d.	accountability				
 35.	Which of the following steps is the last and mo	st c	rucial component of the education plan?				
	a. frequency	c.	delivery				
	b. audience	d.	accountability				
 36.	To combat error in coding or logic, most manu	fact	urers release additional software code called and				
	notify the IT community of software problems.						
	a. spices	с.	patches				
	b. bits	d.	badges				
 37.	Every software vulnerability follows a cycle co	onsis	sting of major stages.				
	a. three	С.	five				
20	D. TOUR	a.	SIX				
 38.	All of the following are major stages in a softw	vare	vulnerability cycle except				
	a. Discovery	с. а	Analysis				
20	0. Repair	u.					
 39.	the optimal action for someone who discovers	a so	componention				
	a. stop using the product right away and such b. continue using the product as a patch issue	d by	v the manufacturer is most likely in				
	development	u Uy	the manufacturer is most fixery in				
	c. consult with the company's software devel	opn	pent group to attempt to have the problem				
	fixed	- P11					
	d. notify the manufacturer of the problem, so	the	manufacturer, in turn, can fix it				
 40.	When a problem cannot be fixed using softwar	e, th	ne manufacturer may recommend configuration changes				
	within the software that may fix the problem.	Thi	s type of solution is usually labeled a				
	a. reconciliation	c.	compromise				
	b. workaround	d.	settlement				
 41.	In a software vulnerability cycle, what happens	s aft	er the patch or workaround has been developed?				
	a. The manufacturer offers a formal apology	to th	ne public.				
	b. The manufacturer notifies the public about	the	problem and releases a fix.				
	c. The manufacturer offers monetary compen	sati	on to the victim.				
	d. The IT community may be left unprotected	l, as	attackers begin to exploit the vulnerability.				
 42.	Which of the following pairs of stages of softw	are	vulnerability cycle pose the greatest threats to all IT				
	environments?		notification and daularment				
	a. discovery and repair b. ropair and notification	C.	discovery and deployment				
12	5. Tepan and notification	u.	discovery and deproyment				
 43.	systems of arcmiectures that are mancfally ins	of f	he severity of the issue and the required deadlines for				
	addressing problems	υι	he severity of the issue and the required deadlines for				
	a low	с	short				
	b. null	d.	soft				
44	File and print servers, internal application serve	ers	and some workstations may fall into the category in				
 	terms of the severity of the issue and the requir	ed d	leadlines for addressing problems.				

	a. low	c.	high					
	b. medium	d.	top					
 45.	Systems categorized as requiring medium security should have all the controls used for systems categorized							
	a low	с	high					
	b. medium	d.	top					
46	What is the goal of security risk management?							
 10.	a To provide an estimate on the risk of certai	n tv	nes of threats					
	b. To provide a guideline on what type of sec	urity	v personnel should be hired and when					
	c. To provide a preventive security control th	at co	ompares the financial costs of implementing					
	security measures with the possible cost of a security breach							
	d. To provide thorough explanation on the typ	bes (	of threats that the company faces and to					
	ensure that there is no misunderstanding between the management and the security							
	personnel regarding the scope of the threat	s						
 47.	In simple terms, the risk management process i	s an	extension of the management process.					
	a. policy	c.	threat					
	b. personnel	d.	issue					
 48.	Normally, the follows the security issue n	nana	agement process and ensures that patches are installed.					
	a. system administrator	c.	СТО					
	b. network technician	d.	designated software developer					
 49.	Risk is the first step in the risk manageme	ent p	process.					
	a. penetration	c.	control					
	b. assessment	d.	prevention					
 50.	Whenever a security issue clashes with a busin	ess	concern, assessment must be performed.					
	a. profit	c.	loss					
	b. organization	d.	risk					
 51.	Many companies recognize the need for a respo	onse	plan to handle robbery and vandalism. The incident					
	management process is the equivalent response	e pla	n for IT systems.					
	a. security	c.	loss					
	b. risk	d.	expected					
 52.	All of the following are overarching concepts of	of th	e security incident management process as stated in the					
	book except for							
	a. timely responses	c.	effectively react					
	b. endlessly prepare	d.	thoroughly assess					
 53.	Like other legal warnings, a provides a ne	eces	sary first cautionary statement that trespassers are NOT					
	authorized and identifies the server as off-limit	s.						
	a. banner	c.	door					
	b. marker	d.	tag					
 54.	A(n) should be started immediately after	enad	cting the response plan.					
	a. log	c.	meeting					
	b. alarm	d.	transition					

# Completion

*Complete each statement.* 

55. In addition to the imperfections that affect the usability and stability of the software product, errors in coding or logic, called \_\_\_\_\_\_, introduced during development can produce security exposure.

- 56. In the software vulnerability cycle, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stage begins when someone encounters a software vulnerability.
- 57. A newly discovered vulnerability--otherwise known as \_\_\_\_\_\_ day vulnerability--can be exploited by an abuser. Since the bug does not yet have a solution provided by the manufacturer, an attack exploiting this type of vulnerability can be devastating.
- 58. When the manufacturer finally discovers the software problem, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ stage begins.
- 59. An organization's security \_\_\_\_\_\_ management process is a preventive and corrective measure that identifies and fixes exposures before the bad guys can take advantage of them.
- 60. The annualized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expectancy (ALE) equation is a valuable tool in determining how much the business is willing to spend on a security countermeasure versus the projected financial protection the countermeasure provides.
- 61. \_\_\_\_\_ risk assessment methods provide actual financial figures to allow an objective comparison of control costs versus threat costs.
- 62. \_\_\_\_\_ risk assessment approaches consist of subjective components, such as the professional experience, education, judgment, and intuition, that are applied to analyze the risk.
- 63. In CIRT, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ analysis group is made up of the technical people that have both system and security expertise. Using the automated tools and manual inspection, this team is responsible for collecting and analyzing evidence, containing and preventing further intrusions, and developing a recovery plan.
- 64. Systems or architectures of moderate financial value to the company and that pose moderate risk of being compromised fall into the category of \_\_\_\_\_\_ level security.
- 65. The security incident management process is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_ and corrective security control.

66. The hallmark of any successful security service or program is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

67. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should be started immediately after enacting the response plan.

#### Essay

- 68. What kind of goals does an education plan fulfill?
- 69. Give a brief explanation of the security advisory process.
- 70. What is a security issue? Name some of the items that may be included.
- 71. As part of creating the security incident management process, a number of tasks lay the groundwork for an effective incident response. What are they? Give a brief description of each.
- 72. What is a CIRT?
- 73. List some of the steps the FA group should initiate in response to suspicious activity in the environment.

# ch02 Answer Section

#### **TRUE/FALSE**

1.	ANS:	F	PTS:	1	REF:	32
2.	ANS:	Т	PTS:	1	REF:	34
3.	ANS:	Т	PTS:	1	REF:	35
4.	ANS:	Т	PTS:	1	REF:	36
5.	ANS:	Т	PTS:	1	REF:	36
6.	ANS:	F	PTS:	1	REF:	36
7.	ANS:	F	PTS:	1	REF:	41
8.	ANS:	F	PTS:	1	REF:	42
9.	ANS:	Т	PTS:	1	REF:	42
10.	ANS:	Т	PTS:	1	REF:	43
11.	ANS:	Т	PTS:	1	REF:	49
12.	ANS:	F	PTS:	1	REF:	48
13.	ANS:	Т	PTS:	1	REF:	44
14.	ANS:	F	PTS:	1	REF:	30
15.	ANS:	F	PTS:	1	REF:	39

# **MODIFIED TRUE/FALSE**

16.	ANS:	Т			PTS:	1	REF:	42
17.	ANS:	F, command						
	PTS:	1	REF:	45				
18.	ANS:	F, preventive						
	PTS:	1	REF:	30				
19.	ANS:	Т			PTS:	1	REF:	31
20.	ANS:	Т			PTS:	1	REF:	33
21.	ANS:	F, advisories						
	PTS:	1	REF:	34				
22.	ANS:	F, notification						
	PTS:	1	REF:	35				
23.	ANS:	F, vulnerabilit	У					
	PTS:	1	REF:	36				
24.	ANS:	F, corrective						
	DTTG		DEE	21				
	PTS:	1	REF:	31				
25.	ANS:	F, assess						

	PTS:	1	REF:	45		
26.	ANS:	Т			PTS:	1
27.	ANS:	F, issue				
28.	PTS: ANS:	1 F, high	REF:	38		
	PTS:	1	REF:	40		

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE

29.	ANS:	В	PTS:	1	REF:	30
30.	ANS:	В	PTS:	1	REF:	31
31.	ANS:	А	PTS:	1	REF:	31
32.	ANS:	D	PTS:	1	REF:	31
33.	ANS:	D	PTS:	1	REF:	31
34.	ANS:	С	PTS:	1	REF:	32
35.	ANS:	D	PTS:	1	REF:	33
36.	ANS:	С	PTS:	1	REF:	34
37.	ANS:	В	PTS:	1	REF:	34
38.	ANS:	С	PTS:	1	REF:	34
39.	ANS:	D	PTS:	1	REF:	35
40.	ANS:	В	PTS:	1	REF:	35
41.	ANS:	В	PTS:	1	REF:	35
42.	ANS:	С	PTS:	1	REF:	35
43.	ANS:	А	PTS:	1	REF:	39
44.	ANS:	В	PTS:	1	REF:	40
45.	ANS:	А	PTS:	1	REF:	40
46.	ANS:	С	PTS:	1	REF:	42
47.	ANS:	D	PTS:	1	REF:	42
48.	ANS:	А	PTS:	1	REF:	42
49.	ANS:	В	PTS:	1	REF:	43
50.	ANS:	D	PTS:	1	REF:	43
51.	ANS:	А	PTS:	1	REF:	45
52.	ANS:	А	PTS:	1	REF:	45
53.	ANS:	А	PTS:	1	REF:	47
54.	ANS:	А	PTS:	1	REF:	49

# COMPLETION

55. ANS: bugs

56.	PTS: ANS:	1 discovery	REF:	34
57.	PTS: ANS:	1	REF:	35

	zero 0				
58.	PTS: ANS:	1 repair	REF:	35	
59.	PTS: ANS:	1 issue	REF:	35	
60.	PTS: ANS:	1 loss	REF:	38	
61.	PTS: ANS:	1 Quantitative	REF:	42	
62.	PTS: ANS:	1 Qualitative	REF:	43	
63.	PTS: ANS:	1 forensic	REF:	43	
64.	PTS: ANS:	1 medium	REF:	46	
65.	PTS: ANS:	1 detective	REF:	40	
66.	PTS: ANS:	1 education	REF:	45	
67.	PTS: ANS:	1 log	REF:	47	
	PTS:	1	REF:	49	

#### ESSAY

68. ANS:

An effective security education plan is a preventive control. Generally speaking, security education gives users the knowledge to help prevent potential security breaches by abusers. The education can provide security knowledge that is shared among the employees. The education is then applied to the computer environment, where it can save the organization money.

An education plan also fulfills several major goals. First, it allows an organization to mobilize all employees in the fight against abusers. Second, effective education informs employees on where to find the corporate security policies. Third, education clearly defines employees' responsibilities in adhering to security guidelines. And finally, and most importantly, an effective education plan outlines the security guidelines that relate to an employee's job.

PTS: 1 REF: 31

69. ANS:

 Receive the necessary advisories in a timely manner. Once a software problem is announced to the general public, it is only a matter of time before attackers start building automated tools to exploit the bug.
 Assess the advisory and determine whether the publicized problem poses a threat to the organization. If the organization does not use the software or does not have the particular versions installed, disregard and archive the advisory for future reference.

3. Using predefined criteria documented within the security policy, assess how quickly the patch(es) must be installed on affected systems. For example, systems connected to the Internet should be addressed much more quickly than those on an Intranet, and business-critical systems should be fixed sooner than non-critical systems. These deadlines should be documented and applied consistently throughout the environment. In basic terms, the greater the threat or possible loss from the exploit, the quicker fixes should be implemented. 4. Once the impact and timelines have been assessed, assign the work and track progress. This type of tracking should only cease once all affected systems are addressed.

5. Once the exposure has been closed with the appropriate patch from the manufacturer, periodically check systems to ensure the process is followed and the latest patches are installed on systems.

PTS: 1 REF: 37

70. ANS:

The following list of security issues and their treatment cover some of the items that may be included: 1. Vulnerabilities uncovered by the security advisory process: The software vulnerabilities on all affected systems must be fixed, addressed within a specified amount of time, and may require management to intercede to force the installation of patches.

Deviations from security policy: During the course of day-to-day operations and during security reviews or audits, deviations to security policies may be uncovered. These items should be tracked and addressed.
 Vulnerabilities uncovered during security testing: Although the numbers reported by some security tools may seem daunting, each system and vulnerability should be tracked by the security issue management process.

4. Security incidents: Incidents tend to be handled more delicately than other security information; however, tracking incidents within the security issue management process for future trending and analysis is valuable.

PTS: 1 REF: 38

71. ANS:

1. Learn applicable laws-This knowledge applies in prosecuting computer crimes, handling evidence, and a variety of other aspects of the incident management plan

2. Build a computer incidence response team (CIRT)- A CIRT comprises the resources necessary to respond effectively to a security incident

3. Develop a communication plan-A communication path must be designed to report suspicious activity

4. Develop a response plan- The communication plan organizes communication paths for notifying agencies of suspicious computer activity, and in contrast, the response plan defines how CIRT and other organizations respond to the security incident

5. Conduct training-The hallmark of any successful security service or program is education

6. Post no trespassing signs- As a preventive measure, it is important to warn all visitors that unauthorized access to systems is not permitted

7. Detect malicious activity- To those familiar with information security measures, the term detective measures immediately brings to mind automated tools installed within the IT environment to detect malicious network or system activity. Because these measures are the alarm systems for computer system trespassing, it is crucial that they be installed and monitored on a regular basis

PTS: 1 REF: 45

### 72. ANS:

A computer incident response team (CIRT) comprises the resources necessary to respond effectively to a security incident. The team includes two major roles: command and control (CnC) and forensic analysis (FA). The CnC function can be one person or a group of people dedicated to the following:

1) Deciding when an incident response plan should be followed

2) Coordinating activities among the FA group and other organizations

3) Deciding on responses that may impact business operations

4) Briefing managers and executives

5) Interfacing with the public relations office

6) Communicating with the Internet and telecommunications service provider

7) Escalating issues to the Legal Department and law enforcement

PTS: 1 REF: 46

73. ANS:

The steps that are outlined within the response plan differ with every organization; however, the following 11 actions establish a solid foundation for a measured response:

Stay calm

Start a detailed log

Conduct thorough interviews

Coordinate communications

Determine the extent of the intrusion

Protect evidence

Contain the problem

Determine the root of the problem

Restore business operations

PTS: 1 REF: 48