

CEH Exam Blueprint v3.0



Domains	Sub Domain	Description	Number of Questions	Weightage
1. Background	Network and Communication Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Networking technologies (e.g., hardware, infrastructure) Web technologies (e.g., web 2.0, skype) Systems technologies Communication protocols Telecommunication technologies Mobile technologies (e.g., smartphones) Wireless terminologies Cloud computing Cloud deployment models 	10	21.79%
	Information Security Threats and Attack Vectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malware (e.g., Trojan, virus, backdoor, worms) Malware operations Information security threats and attack vectors Attacks on a system (e.g., DoS, DDoS, session hijacking, webserver and web application attacks, SQL injection, wireless threats) Botnet Cloud computing threats and attacks Mobile platform attack vectors Cryptography attacks 	9	
	Information Security Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information security elements Information security management (e.g. IA, Defense-in-Depth, incident management) Security trends Hacking and ethical hacking Vulnerability assessment and penetration testing Cryptography Encryption algorithms Wireless encryption Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Backups and archiving (e.g., local, network) IDS, firewalls, and honeypots 	8	
2. Analysis / Assessment	Information Security Assessment and Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data analysis Systems analysis Risk assessments Vulnerability assessment and penetration testing Technical assessment methods Network sniffing Malware analysis 	8	12.73%

	Information Security Assessment Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footprinting • Scanning (e.g., Port scanning, banner grabbing, vulnerability scanning, network discovery, proxy chaining, IP spoofing) • Enumeration • System hacking (e.g., password cracking, privilege escalation, executing applications, hiding files, covering tracks) 	8	
3. Security	Information Security Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems security controls • Application/file server • IDS • Firewalls • Cryptography • Disk Encryption • Network security • Physical security • Threat modeling • Biometrics • Wireless access technology (e.g., networking, RFID, Bluetooth) • Trusted networks • Privacy/confidentiality (with regard to engagement) 	15	23.73%
	Information Security Attack Detection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security policy implications • Vulnerability detection • IP Spoofing detection • Verification procedures (e.g., false positive/negative validation) • Social engineering (human factors manipulation) • Vulnerability scanning • Malware detection • Sniffer detection • DoS and DDoS detection • Detect and block rogue AP • Evading IDS (e.g., evasion, fragmentation) • Evading Firewall (e.g., firewalking, tunneling) • Honeypot detection • Steganalysis 	9	
	Information Security Attack Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defend against webserver attacks • Patch management • Encoding schemes for web application • Defend against web application attacks • Defend against SQL injection attacks • Defend against wireless and Bluetooth attacks • Mobile platforms security • Mobile Device Management (MDM) • BYOD Security • Cloud computing security 	6	

4. Tools / Systems / Programs	Information Security Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network/host based intrusion • Boundary protection appliances • Access control mechanisms (e.g., smart cards) • Cryptography techniques (e.g., IPSec, SSL, PGP) • Domain name system (DNS) • Network topologies • Subnetting • Routers / modems / switches • Security models • Database structures 	7	28.91%
	Information Security Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating environments (e.g., Linux, Windows, Mac) • Anti-malware systems and programs (e.g., anti-keylogger, anti-spyware, anti-rootkit, anti-trojan, anti-virus) • Wireless IPS deployment • Programming languages (e.g. C++, Java, C#, C) • Scripting languages (e.g., PHP, Javascript) 	5	
	Information Security Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network/wireless sniffers (e.g., Wireshark, Aircrack-ng) • Port scanning tools (e.g., Nmap, Hping) • Vulnerability scanner (e.g., Nessus, Qualys, Retina) • Vulnerability management and protection systems (e.g., Foundstone, Ecora) • Log analysis tools • Exploitation tools • Footprinting tools (e.g., Maltego, FOCA, Recon-ng) • Network discovery tools (e.g., Network Topology Mapper) • Enumeration tools (e.g., SuperScan, Hyena, NetScanTools Pro) • Steganography detection tools • Malware detection tools • DoS/DDoS protection tools • Patch management tool (e.g., MBSA) • Webserver security tools • Web application security tools (e.g., Acunetix WVS) • Web application firewall (e.g., dotDefender) • SQL injection detection tools (e.g., IBM Security AppScan) • Wireless and Bluetooth security tools • Android, iOS, Windows Phone OS, and BlackBerry device security tools • MDM Solutions 	24	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Protection Tools • Intrusion Detection Tools (e.g., Snort) • Hardware and software firewalls (e.g., Comodo Firewall) • Honeypot tools (e.g., KFSenser) • IDS/Firewall evasion tools (e.g., Traffic IQ Professional) • Packet fragment generators • Honeypot Detection Tools • Cloud security tools (e.g., Core CloudInspect) • Cryptography tools (e.g., Advanced Encryption Package) • Cryptography toolkit (e.g., OpenSSL) • Disk encryption tools • Cryptanalysis tool (e.g., CrypTool) 		
5. Procedures / Methodology	Information Security Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cryptography • Public key infrastructure (PKI) • Digital signature and Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) • Security Architecture (SA) • Service oriented architecture • Information security incident • N-tier application design • TCP/IP networking (e.g., network routing) • Security testing methodology 	5	8.77%
	Information Security Assessment Methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web server attack methodology • Web application hacking methodology • SQL injection methodology and evasion techniques • SQL injection evasion techniques • Wireless and Bluetooth hacking methodology • Mobile platform (Android, iOS, Windows Phone OS, and BlackBerry) hacking methodology • Mobile Rooting and Jailbreaking 	6	
6. Regulation / Policy	Information Security Policies/ Laws/Acts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security policies • Compliance regulations (e.g., PCI-DSS, SOX) 	2	1.90%
7. Ethics	Ethics of Information Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional code of conduct • Appropriateness of hacking 	3	2.17%