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NEW QUESTION 1
- (Topic 1)
The Terminal Access Controller Access Control System (TACACS) employs which of the following?

A. a user ID and static password for network access
B. a user ID and dynamic password for network access
C. a user ID and symmetric password for network access
D. a user ID and asymmetric password for network access

Answer: A

Explanation:
For networked applications, the Terminal Access Controller Access Control System (TACACS) employs a user ID and a static password for network access.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 44.

NEW QUESTION 2
- (Topic 1)
The type of discretionary access control (DAC) that is based on an individual's identity is also called:

A. Identity-based Access control
B. Rule-based Access control
C. Non-Discretionary Access Control
D. Lattice-based Access control

Answer: A

Explanation:
An identity-based access control is a type of Discretionary Access Control (DAC) that is based on an individual's identity.
DAC is good for low level security environment. The owner of the file decides who has access to the file.
If a user creates a file, he is the owner of that file. An identifier for this user is placed in the file header and/or in an access control matrix within the operating system.
Ownership might also be granted to a specific individual. For example, a manager for a certain department might be made the owner of the files and resources within her department. A system that uses discretionary access control (DAC) enables the owner of the resource to specify which subjects can access specific resources.
This model is called discretionary because the control of access is based on the discretion of the owner. Many times department managers, or business unit managers , are the owners of the data within their specific department. Being the owner, they can specify who should have access and who should not.
Reference(s) used for this question:
Harris, Shon (2012-10-18). CISSP All-in-One Exam Guide, 6th Edition (p. 220). McGraw- Hill . Kindle Edition.

NEW QUESTION 3
- (Topic 1)
Detective/Technical measures:

A. include intrusion detection systems and automatically-generated violation reports from audit trail information.
B. do not include intrusion detection systems and automatically-generated violation reports from audit trail information.
C. include intrusion detection systems but do not include automatically-generated violation reports from audit trail information.
D. include intrusion detection systems and customised-generated violation reports from audit trail information.

Answer: A

Explanation:
Detective/Technical measures include intrusion detection systems and automatically-generated violation reports from audit trail information. These reports can indicate variations from "normal" operation or detect known signatures of unauthorized access episodes. In order to limit the amount of audit information flagged and reported by automated violation analysis and reporting mechanisms, clipping levels can be set. Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 35.

NEW QUESTION 4
- (Topic 1)
Controlling access to information systems and associated networks is necessary for the preservation of their:

A. Authenticity, confidentiality and availability
B. Confidentiality, integrity, and availability.
C. integrity and availability.
D. authenticity,confidentiality, integrity and availability.

Answer: B

Explanation:
Controlling access to information systems and associated networks is necessary for the preservation of their confidentiality, integrity and availability.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 31.

NEW QUESTION 5
- (Topic 1)
A potential problem related to the physical installation of the Iris Scanner in regards to the usage of the iris pattern within a biometric system is:

A. concern that the laser beam may cause eye damage
B. the iris pattern changes as a person grows older.

C. there is a relatively high rate of false accepts.
D. the optical unit must be positioned so that the sun does not shine into the aperture.

Answer: D

Explanation:
Because the optical unit utilizes a camera and infrared light to create the images, sun light can impact the aperture so it must not be positioned in direct light of any type. Because the subject does not need to have direct contact with the optical reader, direct light can impact the reader.
An Iris recognition is a form of biometrics that is based on the uniqueness of a subject's iris. A camera like device records the patterns of the iris creating what is known as Iriscode.
It is the unique patterns of the iris that allow it to be one of the most accurate forms of biometric identification of an individual. Unlike other types of biometics, the iris rarely changes over time. Fingerprints can change over time due to scaring and manual labor, voice patterns can change due to a variety of causes, hand geometry can also change as well. But barring surgery or an accident it is not usual for an iris to change. The subject has a high-resoulution image taken of their iris and this is then converted to Iriscode. The current standard for the Iriscode was developed by John Daugman. When the subject attempts to be authenticated an infrared light is used to capture the iris image and this image is then compared to the Iriscode. If there is a match the subject's identity is confirmed. The subject does not need to have direct contact with the optical reader so it is a less invasive means of authentication then retinal scanning would be.
Reference(s) used for this question: AIO, 3rd edition, Access Control, p 134. AIO, 4th edition, Access Control, p 182.
Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_recognition The following answers are incorrect:
concern that the laser beam may cause eye damage. The optical readers do not use laser so, concern that the laser beam may cause eye damage is not an issue.
the iris pattern changes as a person grows older. The question asked about the physical installation of the scanner, so this was not the best answer. If the question would have been about long term problems then it could have been the best choice. Recent research has shown that Irises actually do change over time:
http://www.nature.com/news/ageing- eyes-hinder-biometric-scans-1.10722
there is a relatively high rate of false accepts. Since the advent of the Iriscode there is a very low rate of false accepts, in fact the algorithm used has never had a false match. This all depends on the quality of the equipment used but because of the uniqueness of the iris even when comparing identical twins, iris patterns are unique.

NEW QUESTION 6
- (Topic 1)
Which of following is not a service provided by AAA servers (Radius, TACACS and DIAMETER)?

A. Authentication
B. Administration
C. Accounting
D. Authorization

Answer: B

Explanation:
Radius, TACACS and DIAMETER are classified as authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) servers.
Source: TIPTON, Harold F. & KRAUSE, MICKI, Information Security Management Handbook, 4th Edition, Volume 2, 2001, CRC Press, NY, Page 33.
also see:
The term "AAA" is often used, describing cornerstone concepts [of the AIC triad] Authentication, Authorization, and Accountability. Left out of the AAA acronym is Identification which is required before the three "A's" can follow. Identity is a claim, Authentication proves an identity, Authorization describes the action you can perform on a system once you have been identified and authenticated, and accountability holds users accountable for their actions.
Reference: CISSP Study Guide, Conrad Misenar, Feldman p. 10-11, (c) 2010 Elsevier.

NEW QUESTION 7
- (Topic 1)
What refers to legitimate users accessing networked services that would normally be restricted to them?

A. Spoofing
B. Piggybacking
C. Eavesdropping
D. Logon abuse

Answer: D

Explanation:
Unauthorized access of restricted network services by the circumvention of security access controls is known as logon abuse. This type of abuse refers to users who may be internal to the network but access resources they would not normally be allowed. Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 3:
Telecommunications and Network Security (page 74).

NEW QUESTION 8
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following is an example of a passive attack?

A. Denying services to legitimate users
B. Shoulder surfing
C. Brute-force password cracking
D. Smurfing

Answer: B

Explanation:
Shoulder surfing is a form of a passive attack involving stealing passwords, personal identification numbers or other confidential information by looking over someone's shoulder. All other forms of attack are active attacks, where a threat makes a modification to the system in an attempt to take advantage of a vulnerability.
Source: HARRIS, Shon, All-In-One CISSP Certification Exam Guide, McGraw- Hill/Osborne, 2002, chapter 3: Security Management Practices (page 63).

NEW QUESTION 9
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following access control techniques best gives the security officers the ability to specify and enforce enterprise-specific security policies in a way that maps naturally to an organization's structure?

A. Access control lists
B. Discretionary access control
C. Role-based access control
D. Non-mandatory access control

Answer: C

Explanation:
Role-based access control (RBAC) gives the security officers the ability to specify and enforce enterprise-specific security policies in a way that maps naturally to an organization's structure. Each user is assigned one or more roles, and each role is assigned one or more privileges that are given to users in that role. An access control list (ACL) is a table that tells a system which access rights each user has to a particular system object. With discretionary access control, administration is decentralized and owners of resources control other users' access. Non-mandatory access control is not a defined access control technique.
Source: ANDRESS, Mandy, Exam Cram CISSP, Coriolis, 2001, Chapter 2: Access Control Systems and Methodology (page 9).

NEW QUESTION 10
- (Topic 1)
In which of the following model are Subjects and Objects identified and the permissions applied to each subject/object combination are specified. Such a model can be used to quickly summarize what permissions a subject has for various system objects.

A. Access Control Matrix model
B. Take-Grant model
C. Bell-LaPadula model
D. Biba model

Answer: A

Explanation:
An access control matrix is a table of subjects and objects indicating what actions individual subjects can take upon individual objects. Matrices are data structures that programmers implement as table lookups that will be used and enforced by the operating system.
This type of access control is usually an attribute of DAC models. The access rights can be assigned directly to the subjects (capabilities) or to the objects (ACLs).
Capability Table
A capability table specifies the access rights a certain subject possesses pertaining to specific objects. A capability table is different from an ACL because the subject is bound to the capability table, whereas the object is bound to the ACL.
Access control lists (ACLs)
ACLs are used in several operating systems, applications, and router configurations. They are lists of subjects that are authorized to access a specific object, and they define what level of authorization is granted. Authorization can be specific to an individual, group, or role. ACLs map values from the access control matrix to the object.
Whereas a capability corresponds to a row in the access control matrix, the ACL corresponds to a column of the matrix.
NOTE: Ensure you are familiar with the terms Capability and ACLs for the purpose of the exam.
Resource(s) used for this question:
Harris, Shon (2012-10-25). CISSP All-in-One Exam Guide, 6th Edition (Kindle Locations 5264-5267). McGraw-Hill. Kindle Edition.
or
Harris, Shon (2012-10-25). CISSP All-in-One Exam Guide, 6th Edition, Page 229 and
Hernandez CISSP, Steven (2012-12-21). Official (ISC)2 Guide to the CISSP CBK, Third Edition ((ISC)2 Press) (Kindle Locations 1923-1925). Auerbach Publications. Kindle Edition.

NEW QUESTION 10
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following centralized access control mechanisms is the least appropriate for mobile workers accessing the corporate network over analog lines?

A. TACACS
B. Call-back
C. CHAP
D. RADIUS

Answer: B

Explanation:
Call-back allows for a distant user connecting into a system to be called back at a number already listed in a database of trusted users. The disadvantage of this system is that the user must be at a fixed location whose phone number is known to the authentication server. Being mobile workers, users are accessing the system from multiple
locations, making call-back inappropriate for them.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 2: Access control systems (page 44).

NEW QUESTION 13
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following questions is less likely to help in assessing identification and authentication controls?

A. Is a current list maintained and approved of authorized users and their access?
B. Are passwords changed at least every ninety days or earlier if needed?
C. Are inactive user identifications disabled after a specified period of time?
D. Is there a process for reporting incidents?

Answer: D

Explanation:
Identification and authentication is a technical measure that prevents unauthorized people (or unauthorized processes) from entering an IT system. Access control usually requires that the system be able to identify and differentiate among users. Reporting incidents is more related to incident response capability (operational control) than to identification and authentication (technical control).
Source: SWANSON, Marianne, NIST Special Publication 800-26, Security Self- Assessment Guide for Information Technology Systems, November 2001 (Pages A-30 to A-32).

NEW QUESTION 15
- (Topic 1)
What is the most critical characteristic of a biometric identifying system?

A. Perceived intrusiveness
B. Storage requirements
C. Accuracy
D. Scalability

Answer: C

Explanation:
Accuracy is the most critical characteristic of a biometric identifying verification system.
Accuracy is measured in terms of false rejection rate (FRR, or type I errors) and false acceptance rate (FAR or type II errors).
The Crossover Error Rate (CER) is the point at which the FRR equals the FAR and has become the most important measure of biometric system accuracy.
Source: TIPTON, Harold F. & KRAUSE, Micki, Information Security Management Handbook, 4th edition (volume 1), 2000, CRC Press, Chapter 1, Biometric Identification (page 9).

NEW QUESTION 16
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following is NOT a type of motion detector?

A. Photoelectric sensor
B. Passive infrared sensors
C. Microwave Sensor.
D. Ultrasonic Sensor.

Answer: A

Explanation:
A photoelectric sensor does not "directly" sense motion there is a narrow beam that won't set off the sensor unless the beam is broken. Photoelectric sensors, along with dry contact switches, are a type of perimeter intrusion detector.
All of the other answers are valid types of motion detectors types.
The content below on the different types of sensors is from Wikepedia: Indoor Sensors
These types of sensors are designed for indoor use. Outdoor use would not be advised due to false alarm vulnerability and weather durability.Passive infrared detectors

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The passive infrared detector (PIR) is one of the most common detectors found in household and small business environments because it offers affordable and reliable functionality. The term passive means the detector is able to function without the need to generate and radiate its own energy (unlike ultrasonic and microwave volumetric intrusion detectors that are “active” in operation). PIRs are able to distinguish if an infrared emitting object is present by first learning the ambient temperature of the monitored space and then detecting a change in the temperature caused by the presence of an object. Using the principle of differentiation, which is a check of presence or nonpresence, PIRs verify if an intruder or object is actually there. Creating individual zones of detection where each zone comprises one or more layers can achieve differentiation. Between the zones there are areas of no sensitivity (dead zones) that are used by the sensor for comparison.
Ultrasonic detectors
Using frequencies between 15 kHz and 75 kHz, these active detectors transmit ultrasonic sound waves that are inaudible to humans. The Doppler shift principle is the underlying method of operation, in which a change in frequency is detected due to object motion. This is caused when a moving object changes the frequency of sound waves around it. Two conditions must occur to successfully detect a Doppler shift event:
There must be motion of an object either towards or away from the receiver.
The motion of the object must cause a change in the ultrasonic frequency to the receiver relative to the transmitting frequency.
The ultrasonic detector operates by the transmitter emitting an ultrasonic signal into the area to be protected. The sound waves are reflected by solid objects (such as the surrounding floor, walls and ceiling) and then detected by the receiver. Because ultrasonic waves are transmitted through air, then hard-surfaced objects tend to reflect most of the ultrasonic energy, while soft surfaces tend to absorb most energy.
When the surfaces are stationary, the frequency of the waves detected by the receiver will be equal to the transmitted frequency. However, a change in frequency will occur as a result of the Doppler principle, when a person or object is moving towards or away from the detector. Such an event initiates an alarm signal. This

technology is considered obsolete by many alarm professionals, and is not actively installed.
Microwave detectors
This device emits microwaves from a transmitter and detects any reflected microwaves or reduction in beam intensity using a receiver. The transmitter and receiver are usually combined inside a single housing (monostatic) for indoor applications, and separate housings (bistatic) for outdoor applications. To reduce false alarms this type of detector is usually combined with a passive infrared detector or "Dualtec" alarm.
Microwave detectors respond to a Doppler shift in the frequency of the reflected energy, by a phase shift, or by a sudden reduction of the level of received energy. Any of these effects may indicate motion of an intruder.
Photo-electric beams
Photoelectric beam systems detect the presence of an intruder by transmitting visible or infrared light beams across an area, where these beams may be obstructed. To improve the detection surface area, the beams are often employed in stacks of two or more. However, if an intruder is aware of the technology's presence, it can be avoided. The technology can be an effective long-range detection system, if installed in stacks of three or more where the transmitters and receivers are staggered to create a fence-like barrier. Systems are available for both internal and external applications. To prevent a clandestine attack using a secondary light source being used to hold the detector in a 'sealed' condition whilst an intruder passes through, most systems use and detect a modulated light source.
Glass break detectors
The glass break detector may be used for internal perimeter building protection. When glass breaks it generates sound in a wide band of frequencies. These can range from infrasonic, which is below 20 hertz (Hz) and can not be heard by the human ear, through the audio band from 20 Hz to 20 kHz which humans can hear, right up to ultrasonic, which is above 20 kHz and again cannot be heard. Glass break acoustic detectors are mounted in close proximity to the glass panes and listen for sound frequencies associated with glass breaking. Seismic glass break detectors are different in that they are installed on the glass pane. When glass breaks it produces specific shock frequencies which travel through the glass and often through the window frame and the surrounding walls and ceiling. Typically, the most intense frequencies generated are between 3 and 5 kHz, depending on the type of glass and the presence of a plastic interlayer. Seismic glass break detectors “feel” these shock frequencies and in turn generate an alarm condition.
The more primitive detection method involves gluing a thin strip of conducting foil on the inside of the glass and putting low-power electrical current through it. Breaking the glass is practically guaranteed to tear the foil and break the circuit.
Smoke, heat, and carbon monoxide detectors

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Most systems may also be equipped with smoke, heat, and/or carbon monoxide detectors. These are also known as 24 hour zones (which are on at all times). Smoke detectors and heat detectors protect from the risk of fire and carbon monoxide detectors protect from the risk of carbon monoxide. Although an intruder alarm panel may also have these detectors connected, it may not meet all the local fire code requirements of a fire alarm system.
Other types of volumetric sensors could be:
Active Infrared
Passive Infrared/Microware combined Radar
Accoustical Sensor/Audio Vibration Sensor (seismic) Air Turbulence

NEW QUESTION 18
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following can best eliminate dial-up access through a Remote Access Server as a hacking vector?

A. Using a TACACS+ server.
B. Installing the Remote Access Server outside the firewall and forcing legitimate users to authenticate to the firewall.
C. Setting modem ring count to at least 5.
D. Only attaching modems to non-networked hosts.

Answer: B

Explanation:
Containing the dial-up problem is conceptually easy: by installing the Remote Access Server outside the firewall and forcing legitimate users to authenticate to the firewall, any access to internal resources through the RAS can be filtered as would any other connection coming from the Internet.
The use of a TACACS+ Server by itself cannot eliminate hacking.
Setting a modem ring count to 5 may help in defeating war-dialing hackers who look for modem by dialing long series of numbers.
Attaching modems only to non-networked hosts is not practical and would not prevent these hosts from being hacked.
Source: STREBE, Matthew and PERKINS, Charles, Firewalls 24seven, Sybex 2000, Chapter 2: Hackers.

NEW QUESTION 21
- (Topic 1)
What does the Clark-Wilson security model focus on?

A. Confidentiality
B. Integrity
C. Accountability
D. Availability

Answer: B

Explanation:
The Clark-Wilson model addresses integrity. It incorporates mechanisms to enforce internal and external consistency, a separation of duty, and a mandatory integrity policy.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 5: Security Architectures and Models (page 205).

NEW QUESTION 26
- (Topic 1)
Organizations should consider which of the following first before allowing external access to their LANs via the Internet?

A. plan for implementing workstation locking mechanisms.
B. plan for protecting the modem pool.
C. plan for providing the user with his account usage information.
D. plan for considering proper authentication options.

Answer: D

Explanation:
Before a LAN is connected to the Internet, you need to determine what the
access controls mechanisms are to be used, this would include how you are going to authenticate individuals that may access your network externally through access control.
The following answers are incorrect:
plan for implementing workstation locking mechanisms. This is incorrect because locking the workstations have no impact on the LAN or Internet access.
plan for protecting the modem pool. This is incorrect because protecting the modem pool has no impact on the LAN or Internet access, it just protects the modem.
plan for providing the user with his account usage information. This is incorrect because the question asks what should be done first. While important your primary concern should be focused on security.

NEW QUESTION 31
- (Topic 1)
Which access control model provides upper and lower bounds of access capabilities for a subject?

A. Role-based access control
B. Lattice-based access control
C. Biba access control
D. Content-dependent access control

Answer: B

Explanation:
In the lattice model, users are assigned security clearences and the data is classified. Access decisions are made based on the clearence of the user and the classification of the object. Lattice-based access control is an essential ingredient of formal security models such as Bell-LaPadula, Biba, Chinese Wall, etc.
The bounds concept comes from the formal definition of a lattice as a "partially ordered set for which every pair of elements has a greatest lower bound and a least upper bound." To see the application, consider a file classified as "SECRET" and a user Joe with a security clearence of "TOP SECRET." Under Bell-LaPadula, Joe's "least upper bound" access to the file is "READ" and his least lower bound is "NO WRITE" (star property).
Role-based access control is incorrect. Under RBAC, the access is controlled by the permissions assigned to a role and the specific role assigned to the user.
Biba access control is incorrect. The Biba integrity model is based on a lattice structure but the context of the question disqualiifes it as the best answer.
Content-dependent access control is incorrect. In content dependent access control, the actual content of the information determines access as enforced by the arbiter.
References:
CBK, pp. 324-325.
AIO3, pp. 291-293. See aprticularly Figure 5-19 on p. 293 for an illustration of bounds in action.

NEW QUESTION 35
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following security models does NOT concern itself with the flow of data?

A. The information flow model
B. The Biba model
C. The Bell-LaPadula model
D. The noninterference model

Answer: D

Explanation:
The goal of a noninterference model is to strictly separate differing security levels to assure that higher-level actions do not determine what lower-level users can see. This is in contrast to other security models that control information flows between differing levels of users, By maintaining strict separation of security levels, a noninterference model minimizes leakages that might happen through a covert channel.
The Bell-LaPadula model is incorrect. The Bell-LaPadula model is concerned with confidentiality and bases access control decsions on the classfication of objects and the clearences of subjects.
The information flow model is incorrect. The information flow models have a similar framework to the Bell-LaPadula model and control how information may flow between objects based on security classes.
The Biba model is incorrect. The Biba model is concerned with integrity and is a complement to the Bell-LaPadula model in that higher levels of integrity are more trusted than lower levels. Access control us based on these integrity levels to assure that read/write operations do not decrease an object's integrity.
References:
CBK, pp 325 - 326
AIO3, pp. 290 - 291

NEW QUESTION 38
- (Topic 1)

Which of the following is used by RADIUS for communication between clients and servers?

A. TCP
B. SSL
C. UDP
D. SSH

Answer: C

Explanation:
Source: TIPTON, Harold F. & KRAUSE, MICKI, Information Security Management Handbook, 4th Edition, Volume 2, 2001, CRC Press, NY, Page 33.

NEW QUESTION 39
- (Topic 1)
The control measures that are intended to reveal the violations of security policy using software and hardware are associated with:

A. Preventive/physical
B. Detective/technical
C. Detective/physical
D. Detective/administrative

Answer: B

Explanation:
The detective/technical control measures are intended to reveal the violations of security policy using technical means.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the
Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 35.

NEW QUESTION 42
- (Topic 1)
Which security model is based on the military classification of data and people with clearances?

A. Brewer-Nash model
B. Clark-Wilson model
C. Bell-LaPadula model
D. Biba model

Answer: C

Explanation:
The Bell-LaPadula model is a confidentiality model for information security based on the military classification of data, on people with clearances and data with a classification or sensitivity model. The Biba, Clark-Wilson and Brewer-Nash models are concerned with integrity.
Source: HARE, Chris, Security Architecture and Models, Area 6 CISSP Open Study Guide, January 2002.

NEW QUESTION 45
- (Topic 1)
Pin, Password, Passphrases, Tokens, smart cards, and biometric devices are all items that can be used for Authentication. When one of these item listed above in conjunction with a second factor to validate authentication, it provides robust authentication of the individual by practicing which of the following?

A. Multi-party authentication
B. Two-factor authentication
C. Mandatory authentication
D. Discretionary authentication

Answer: B

Explanation:
Once an identity is established it must be authenticated. There exist numerous technologies and implementation of authentication methods however they almost all fall under three major areas.
There are three fundamental types of authentication: Authentication by knowledge—something a person knows
Authentication by possession—something a person has
Authentication by characteristic—something a person is Logical controls related to these types are called “factors.”
Something you know can be a password or PIN, something you have can be a token fob or smart card, and something you are is usually some form of biometrics.
Single-factor authentication is the employment of one of these factors, two-factor authentication is using two of the three factors, and three-factor authentication is the combination of all three factors.
The general term for the use of more than one factor during authentication is multifactor authentication or strong authentication.
Reference(s) used for this question:
Hernandez CISSP, Steven (2012-12-21). Official (ISC)2 Guide to the CISSP CBK, Third Edition ((ISC)2 Press) (Kindle Locations 2367-2379). Auerbach Publications. Kindle Edition.

NEW QUESTION 46
- (Topic 1)
The three classic ways of authenticating yourself to the computer security software are by something you know, by something you have, and by something:

A. you need.
B. non-trivial
C. you are.
D. you can get.

Answer: C

Explanation:
This is more commonly known as biometrics and is one of the most accurate ways to authenticate an individual.
The rest of the answers are incorrect because they not one of the three recognized forms for Authentication.

NEW QUESTION 49
- (Topic 1)
The end result of implementing the principle of least privilege means which of the following?

A. Users would get access to only the info for which they have a need to know
B. Users can access all systems.
C. Users get new privileges added when they change positions.
D. Authorization creep.

Answer: A

Explanation:
The principle of least privilege refers to allowing users to have only the access they need and not anything more. Thus, certain users may have no need to access any of the files on specific systems.
The following answers are incorrect:
Users can access all systems. Although the principle of least privilege limits what access and systems users have authorization to, not all users would have a need to know to access all of the systems. The best answer is still Users would get access to only the info for which they have a need to know as some of the users may not have a need to access a system.
Users get new privileges when they change positions. Although true that a user may indeed require new privileges, this is not a given fact and in actuality a user may require less privileges for a new position. The principle of least privilege would require that the rights required for the position be closely evaluated and where possible rights revoked.
Authorization creep. Authorization creep occurs when users are given additional rights with new positions and responsibilities. The principle of least privilege should actually prevent authorization creep.
The following reference(s) were/was used to create this question: ISC2 OIG 2007 p.101,123
Shon Harris AIO v3 p148, 902-903

NEW QUESTION 53
- (Topic 1)
RADIUS incorporates which of the following services?

A. Authentication server and PIN codes.
B. Authentication of clients and static passwords generation.
C. Authentication of clients and dynamic passwords generation.
D. Authentication server as well as support for Static and Dynamic passwords.

Answer: D

Explanation:
A Network Access Server (NAS) operates as a client of RADIUS. The client is responsible for passing user information to
designated RADIUS servers, and then acting on the response which is returned.
RADIUS servers are responsible for receiving user connection requests, authenticating the user, and then returning all configuration information necessary for the client to deliver service to the user.
RADIUS authentication is based on provisions of simple username/password credentials.
These credentials are encrypted
by the client using a shared secret between the client and the RADIUS server. OIG 2007, Page 513
RADIUS incorporates an authentication server and can make uses of both dynamic and static passwords.
Since it uses the PAP and CHAP protocols, it also incluses static passwords.
RADIUS is an Internet protocol. RADIUS carries authentication, authorization, and configuration information between a Network Access Server and a shared Authentication Server. RADIUS features and functions are described primarily in the IETF (International Engineering Task Force) document RFC2138.
The term " RADIUS" is an acronym which stands for Remote Authentication Dial In User Service.
The main advantage to using a RADIUS approach to authentication is that it can provide a stronger form of authentication. RADIUS is capable of using a strong, two-factor form of authentication, in which users need to possess both a user ID and a hardware or software token to gain access.
Token-based schemes use dynamic passwords. Every minute or so, the token generates a unique 4-, 6- or 8-digit access number that is synchronized with the security server. To gain entry into the system, the user must generate both this one-time number and provide his or her user ID and password.
Although protocols such as RADIUS cannot protect against theft of an authenticated session via some realtime attacks, such as wiretapping, using unique, unpredictable authentication requests can protect against a wide range of active attacks.
RADIUS: Key Features and Benefits Features Benefits
RADIUS supports dynamic passwords and challenge/response passwords. Improved system security due to the fact that passwords are not static.
It is much more difficult for a bogus host to spoof users into giving up their passwords or password-generation algorithms.
RADIUS allows the user to have a single user ID and password for all computers in a network.
Improved usability due to the fact that the user has to remember only one login combination.
RADIUS is able to:
Prevent RADIUS users from logging in via login (or ftp). Require them to log in via login (or ftp)
Require them to login to a specific network access server (NAS); Control access by time of day.
Provides very granular control over the types of logins allowed, on a per-user basis. The time-out interval for failing over from an unresponsive primary RADIUS server to a
backup RADIUS server is site-configurable.
RADIUS gives System Administrator more flexibility in managing which users can login from which hosts or devices.
Stratus Technology Product Brief http://www.stratus.com/products/vos/openvos/radius.htm
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Pages 43, 44.
Also check: MILLER, Lawrence & GREGORY, Peter, CISSP for Dummies, 2002, Wiley Publishing, Inc., pages 45-46.

NEW QUESTION 57

- (Topic 1)
Which of the following statements relating to the Bell-LaPadula security model is FALSE (assuming the Strong Star property is not being used) ?

A. A subject is not allowed to read up.
B. The property restriction can be escaped by temporarily downgrading a high level subject.
C. A subject is not allowed to read down.
D. It is restricted to confidentiality.

Answer: C

Explanation:
It is not a property of Bell LaPadula model. The other answers are incorrect because:
A subject is not allowed to read up is a property of the 'simple security rule' of Bell LaPadula model.
The property restriction can be escaped by temporarily downgrading a high level subject can be escaped by temporarily downgrading a high level subject or by identifying a set of trusted objects which are permitted to violate the property as long as it is not in the middle of an operation.
It is restricted to confidentiality as it is a state machine model that enforces the confidentiality aspects of access control.
Reference: Shon Harris AIO v3 , Chapter-5 : Security Models and Architecture , Page:279-282

NEW QUESTION 62
- (Topic 1)
Guards are appropriate whenever the function required by the security program involves which of the following?

A. The use of discriminating judgment
B. The use of physical force
C. The operation of access control devices
D. The need to detect unauthorized access

Answer: A

Explanation:
The Answer The use of discriminating judgment, a guard can make the determinations that hardware or other automated security devices cannot make due to its ability to adjust to rapidly changing conditions, to learn and alter recognizable patterns, and to respond to various conditions in the environment. Guards are better at making value decisions at times of incidents. They are appropriate whenever immediate, discriminating judgment is required by the security entity.
The following answers are incorrect:
The use of physical force This is not the best answer. A guard provides discriminating judgment, and the ability to discern the need for physical force.
The operation of access control devices A guard is often uninvolved in the operations of an automated access control device such as a biometric reader, a smart lock, mantrap, etc. The need to detect unauthorized access The primary function of a guard is not to detect unauthorized access, but to prevent unauthorized physical access attempts and may deter social engineering attempts.
The following reference(s) were/was used to create this question:
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 10: Physical security (page 339).
Source: ISC2 Offical Guide to the CBK page 288-289.

NEW QUESTION 65
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following statements pertaining to biometrics is false?

A. Increased system sensitivity can cause a higher false rejection rate
B. The crossover error rate is the point at which false rejection rate equals the false acceptance rate.
C. False acceptance rate is also known as Type II error.
D. Biometrics are based on the Type 2 authentication mechanism.

Answer: D

Explanation:
Authentication is based on three factor types: type 1 is something you know, type 2 is something you have and type 3 is something you are. Biometrics are based on the Type 3 authentication mechanism.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 2: Access control systems (page 37).

NEW QUESTION 67
- (Topic 1)
In regards to information classification what is the main responsibility of information (data) owner?

A. determining the data sensitivity or classification level
B. running regular data backups
C. audit the data users
D. periodically check the validity and accuracy of the data

Answer: A

Explanation:
Making the determination to decide what level of classification the information requires is the main responsibility of the data owner.
The data owner within classification is a person from Management who has been entrusted with a data set that belong to the company. It could be for example the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) who has been entrusted with all financial date or it could be the Human Resource Director who has been entrusted with all Human Resource data. The information owner will decide what classification will be applied to the data based on Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability, Criticality, and Sensitivity of the data.
The Custodian is the technical person who will implement the proper classification on objects in accordance with the Data Owner. The custodian DOES NOT decide what classification to apply, it is the Data Owner who will dictate to the Custodian what is the classification to apply.

NOTE:
The term Data Owner is also used within Discretionary Access Control (DAC). Within DAC it means the person who has created an object. For example, if I create a file on my system then I am the owner of the file and I can decide who else could get access to the file. It is left to my discretion. Within DAC access is granted based solely on the Identity of the subject, this is why sometimes DAC is referred to as Identity Based Access Control.
The other choices were not the best answer
Running regular backups is the responsibility of custodian. Audit the data users is the responsibility of the auditors
Periodically check the validity and accuracy of the data is not one of the data owner responsibility
Reference(s) used for this question:
KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Page 14, Chapter 1: Security Management Practices.

NEW QUESTION 70
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following control pairing places emphasis on "soft" mechanisms that support the access control objectives?

A. Preventive/Technical Pairing
B. Preventive/Administrative Pairing
C. Preventive/Physical Pairing
D. Detective/Administrative Pairing

Answer: B

Explanation:
Soft Control is another way of referring to Administrative control.
Technical and Physical controls are NOT soft control, so any choice listing them was not the best answer.
Preventative/Technical is incorrect because although access control can be technical control, it is commonly not referred to as a "soft" control
Preventative/Administrative is correct because access controls are preventative in nature. it is always best to prevent a negative event, however there are times where controls might fail and you cannot prevent everything. Administrative controls are roles, responsibilities,
policies, etc which are usually paper based. In the administrative category you would find audit, monitoring, and security awareness as well.
Preventative/Physical pairing is incorrect because Access controls with an emphasis on "soft" mechanisms conflict with the basic concept of physical controls, physical controls are usually tangible objects such as fences, gates, door locks, sensors, etc...
Detective/Administrative Pairing is incorrect because access control is a preventative control used to control access, not to detect violations to access.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 34.

NEW QUESTION 71
- (Topic 1)
What is called the use of technologies such as fingerprint, retina, and iris scans to authenticate the individuals requesting access to resources?

A. Micrometrics
B. Macrometrics
C. Biometrics
D. MicroBiometrics

Answer: C

Explanation:
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 35.

NEW QUESTION 73
- (Topic 1)
In the CIA triad, what does the letter A stand for?

A. Auditability
B. Accountability
C. Availability
D. Authentication

Answer: C

Explanation:
The CIA triad stands for Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability.

NEW QUESTION 78
- (Topic 1)
In biometric identification systems, at the beginning, it was soon apparent that truly positive identification could only be based on physical attributes of a person. This raised the necessity of answering 2 questions :

A. what was the sex of a person and his age
B. what part of body to be used and how to accomplish identification that is viable
C. what was the age of a person and his income level
D. what was the tone of the voice of a person and his habits

Answer: B

Explanation:
Today implementation of fast, accurate reliable and user-acceptable biometric identification systems is already taking place. Unique physical attributes or behavior of a person are used for that purpose.
From: TIPTON, Harold F. & KRAUSE, MICKI, Information Security Management Handbook, 4th Edition, Volume 1, Page 7.

NEW QUESTION 81
- (Topic 1)
The Orange Book is founded upon which security policy model?

A. The Biba Model
B. The Bell LaPadula Model
C. Clark-Wilson Model
D. TEMPEST

Answer: B

Explanation:
From the glossary of Computer Security Basics:
The Bell-LaPadula model is the security policy model on which the Orange Book requirements are based. From the Orange Book definition, "A formal state transition model of computer security policy that describes a set of access control rules. In this formal model, the entities in a computer system are divided into abstract sets of subjects and objects. The notion of secure state is defined and it is proven that each state transition preserves security by moving from secure state to secure state; thus, inductively proving the system is secure. A system state is defined to be 'secure' if the only permitted access modes of subjects to objects are in accordance with a specific security policy. In order to determine whether or not a specific access mode is allowed, the clearance of a subject is compared to the classification of the object and a determination is made as to whether the subject is authorized for the specific access mode."
The Biba Model is an integrity model of computer security policy that describes a set of rules. In this model, a subject may not depend on any object or other subject that is less trusted than itself.
The Clark Wilson Model is an integrity model for computer security policy designed for a commercial environment. It addresses such concepts as nondiscretionary access control, privilege separation, and least privilege. TEMPEST is a government program that prevents the compromising electrical and electromagnetic signals that emanate from computers and related equipment from being intercepted and deciphered.
Source: RUSSEL, Deborah & GANGEMI, G.T. Sr., Computer Security Basics, O'Reilly, 1991.
Also: U.S. Department of Defense, Trusted Computer System Evaluation Criteria (Orange Book), DOD 5200.28-STD. December 1985 (also available here).

NEW QUESTION 82
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following floors would be most appropriate to locate information processing facilities in a 6-stories building?

A. Basement
B. Ground floor
C. Third floor
D. Sixth floor

Answer: C

Explanation:
You data center should be located in the middle of the facility or the core of a building to provide protection from natural disasters or bombs and provide easier access to emergency crewmembers if necessary. By being at the core of the facility the external wall would act as a secondary layer of protection as well.
Information processing facilities should not be located on the top floors of buildings in case of a fire or flooding coming from the roof. Many crimes and theft have also been conducted by simply cutting a large hole on the roof.
They should not be in the basement because of flooding where water has a natural tendancy to flow down :-) Even a little amount of water would affect your operation
considering the quantity of electrical cabling sitting directly on the cement floor under under your raise floor.
The data center should not be located on the first floor due to the presence of the main entrance where people are coming in and out. You have a lot of high traffic areas such as the elevators, the loading docks, cafeteria, coffee shopt, etc.. Really a bad location for a data center.
So it was easy to come up with the answer by using the process of elimination where the top, the bottom, and the basement are all bad choices. That left you with only one possible answer which is the third floor.
Source: HARRIS, Shon, All-In-One CISSP Certification Exam Guide, 5th Edition, Page 425.

NEW QUESTION 87
- (Topic 1)
A central authority determines what subjects can have access to certain objects based on the organizational security policy is called:

A. Mandatory Access Control
B. Discretionary Access Control
C. Non-Discretionary Access Control
D. Rule-based Access control

Answer: C

Explanation:
A central authority determines what subjects can have access to certain objects based on the organizational security policy.
The key focal point of this question is the 'central authority' that determines access rights. Cecilia one of the quiz user has sent me feedback informing me that NIST defines MAC as:
"MAC Policy means that Access Control Policy Decisions are made by a CENTRAL
AUTHORITY. Which seems to indicate there could be two good answers to this question.
However if you read the NISTR document mentioned in the references below, it is also mentioned that: MAC is the most mentioned NDAC policy. So MAC is a form of NDAC policy.
Within the same document it is also mentioned: "In general, all access control policies other than DAC are grouped in the category of non- discretionary access control (NDAC). As the name implies, policies in this category have rules that are not established at the discretion of the user. Non-discretionary policies establish controls that cannot be changed by users, but only through administrative action."
Under NDAC you have two choices:
Rule Based Access control and Role Base Access Control
MAC is implemented using RULES which makes it fall under RBAC which is a form of NDAC. It is a subset of NDAC.
This question is representative of what you can expect on the real exam where you have more than once choice that seems to be right. However, you have to look closely if one of the choices would be higher level or if one of the choice falls under one of the other choice. In this case NDAC is a better choice because MAC is falling under NDAC through the use of Rule Based Access Control.
The following are incorrect answers: MANDATORY ACCESS CONTROL

In Mandatory Access Control the labels of the object and the clearance of the subject
determines access rights, not a central authority. Although a central authority (Better known as the Data Owner) assigns the label to the object, the system does the determination of access rights automatically by comparing the Object label with the Subject clearance. The subject clearance MUST dominate (be equal or higher) than the object being accessed.
The need for a MAC mechanism arises when the security policy of a system dictates that:
* 1. Protection decisions must not be decided by the object owner.
* 2. The system must enforce the protection decisions (i.e., the system enforces the security policy over the wishes or intentions of the object owner).
Usually a labeling mechanism and a set of interfaces are used to determine access based on the MAC policy; for example, a user who is running a process at the Secret classification should not be allowed to read a file with a label of Top Secret. This is known as the “simple security rule,” or “no read up.”
Conversely, a user who is running a process with a label of Secret should not be allowed to write to a file with a label of Confidential. This rule is called the “*-property” (pronounced
“star property”) or “no write down.” The *-property is required to maintain system security in an automated environment.
DISCRETIONARY ACCESS CONTROL
In Discretionary Access Control the rights are determined by many different entities, each of the persons who have created files and they are the owner of that file, not one central authority.
DAC leaves a certain amount of access control to the discretion of the object's owner or anyone else who is authorized to control the object's access. For example, it is generally used to limit a user's access to a file; it is the owner of the file who controls other users' accesses to the file. Only those users specified by the owner may have some combination of read, write, execute, and other permissions to the file.
DAC policy tends to be very flexible and is widely used in the commercial and government sectors. However, DAC is known to be inherently weak for two reasons:
First, granting read access is transitive; for example, when Ann grants Bob read access to a file, nothing stops Bob from copying the contents of Ann’s file to an object that Bob controls. Bob may now grant any other user access to the copy of Ann’s file without Ann’s knowledge.
Second, DAC policy is vulnerable to Trojan horse attacks. Because programs inherit the identity of the invoking user, Bob may, for example, write a program for Ann that, on the surface, performs some useful function, while at the same time destroys the contents of Ann’s files. When investigating the problem, the audit files would indicate that Ann destroyed her own files. Thus, formally, the drawbacks of DAC are as follows:
Discretionary Access Control (DAC) Information can be copied from one object to another; therefore, there is no real assurance on the flow of information in a system.
No restrictions apply to the usage of information when the user has received it.
The privileges for accessing objects are decided by the owner of the object, rather than through a system-wide policy that reflects the organization’s security requirements.
ACLs and owner/group/other access control mechanisms are by far the most common mechanism for implementing DAC policies. Other mechanisms, even though not designed with DAC in mind, may have the capabilities to implement a DAC policy.
RULE BASED ACCESS CONTROL
In Rule-based Access Control a central authority could in fact determine what subjects can
have access when assigning the rules for access. However, the rules actually determine the access and so this is not the most correct answer.
RuBAC (as opposed to RBAC, role-based access control) allow users to access systems and information based on pre determined and configured rules. It is important to note that there is no commonly understood definition or formally defined standard for rule-based access control as there is for DAC, MAC, and RBAC. “Rule-based access” is a generic term applied to systems that allow some form of organization-defined rules, and therefore rule-based access control encompasses a broad range of systems. RuBAC may in fact be combined with other models, particularly RBAC or DAC. A RuBAC system intercepts every access request and compares the rules with the rights of the user to make an access decision. Most of the rule-based access control relies on a security label system, which dynamically composes a set of rules defined by a security policy. Security labels are attached to all objects, including files, directories, and devices. Sometime roles to subjects (based on their attributes) are assigned as well. RuBAC meets the business needs as well as the technical needs of controlling service access. It allows business rules to be applied to access control—for example, customers who have overdue balances may be denied service access. As a mechanism for MAC, rules of RuBAC cannot be changed by users. The rules can be established by any attributes of a system related to the users such as domain, host, protocol, network, or IP addresses. For example, suppose that a user wants to access an object in another network on the other side of a router. The router employs RuBAC with the rule composed by the network addresses, domain, and protocol to decide whether or not the user can be granted access. If employees change their roles within the organization, their existing authentication credentials remain in effect and do not need to be re configured. Using rules in conjunction with roles adds greater flexibility because rules can be applied to people as well as to devices. Rule-based access control can be combined with role-based access control, such that the role of a user is one of the attributes in rule setting. Some provisions of access control systems have rule- based policy engines in addition to a role-based policy engine and certain implemented dynamic policies [Des03]. For example, suppose that two of the primary types of software users are product engineers and quality engineers. Both groups usually have access to the same data, but they have different roles to perform in relation to the data and the application's function. In addition, individuals within each group have different job responsibilities that may be identified using several types of attributes such as developing programs and testing areas. Thus, the access decisions can be made in real time by a scripted policy that regulates the access between the groups of product engineers and quality engineers, and each individual within these groups. Rules can either replace or complement role-based access control. However, the creation of rules and security policies is also a complex process, so each organization will need to strike the appropriate balance.
References used for this question: http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistir/7316/NISTIR-7316.pdf and
AIO v3 p162-167 and OIG (2007) p.186-191
also
KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 33.

NEW QUESTION 88
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following questions is less likely to help in assessing physical access controls?

A. Does management regularly review the list of persons with physical access to sensitive facilities?
B. Is the operating system configured to prevent circumvention of the security software and application controls?
C. Are keys or other access devices needed to enter the computer room and media library?
D. Are visitors to sensitive areas signed in and escorted?

Answer: B

Explanation:
Physical security and environmental security are part of operational controls, and are measures taken to protect systems, buildings, and related supporting infrastructures against threats associated with their physical environment. All the questions above are useful in assessing physical access controls except for the one regarding operating system configuration, which is a logical access control.
Source: SWANSON, Marianne, NIST Special Publication 800-26, Security Self- Assessment Guide for Information Technology Systems, November 2001 (Pages A-21 to A-24).

NEW QUESTION 92
- (Topic 1)
What is the primary role of smartcards in a PKI?

A. Transparent renewal of user keys
B. Easy distribution of the certificates between the users
C. Fast hardware encryption of the raw data
D. Tamper resistant, mobile storage and application of private keys of the users

Answer: D

Explanation:
Reference: HARRIS, Shon, All-In-One CISSP Certification Exam Guide, 2001, McGraw- Hill/Osborne, page 139;
SNYDER, J., What is a SMART CARD?.
Wikipedia has a nice definition at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamper_resistance Security
Tamper-resistant microprocessors are used to store and process private or sensitive information, such as private keys or electronic money credit. To prevent an attacker from
retrieving or modifying the information, the chips are designed so that the information is not accessible through external means and can be accessed only by the embedded software, which should contain the appropriate security measures.
Examples of tamper-resistant chips include all secure cryptoprocessors, such as the IBM 4758 and chips used in smartcards, as well as the Clipper chip.
It has been argued that it is very difficult to make simple electronic devices secure against tampering, because numerous attacks are possible, including:
physical attack of various forms (microprobing, drills, files, solvents, etc.) freezing the device
applying out-of-spec voltages or power surges applying unusual clock signals
inducing software errors using radiation
measuring the precise time and power requirements of certain operations (see power analysis)
Tamper-resistant chips may be designed to zeroise their sensitive data (especially cryptographic keys) if they detect penetration of their security encapsulation or out-of- specification environmental parameters. A chip may even be rated for "cold zeroisation", the ability to zeroise itself even after its power supply has been crippled.
Nevertheless, the fact that an attacker may have the device in his possession for as long as he likes, and perhaps obtain numerous other samples for testing and practice, means that it is practically impossible to totally eliminate tampering by a sufficiently motivated opponent. Because of this, one of the most important elements in protecting a system is overall system design. In particular, tamper-resistant systems should "fail gracefully" by ensuring that compromise of one device does not compromise the entire system. In this manner, the attacker can be practically restricted to attacks that cost less than the expected return from compromising a single device (plus, perhaps, a little more for kudos). Since the most sophisticated attacks have been estimated to cost several hundred thousand dollars to carry out, carefully designed systems may be invulnerable in practice.

NEW QUESTION 94
- (Topic 1)
Who developed one of the first mathematical models of a multilevel-security computer system?

A. Diffie and Hellman.
B. Clark and Wilson.
C. Bell and LaPadula.
D. Gasser and Lipner.

Answer: C

Explanation:
In 1973 Bell and LaPadula created the first mathematical model of a multi- level security system.
The following answers are incorrect:
Diffie and Hellman. This is incorrect because Diffie and Hellman was involved with cryptography.
Clark and Wilson. This is incorrect because Bell and LaPadula was the first model. The Clark-Wilson model came later, 1987.
Gasser and Lipner. This is incorrect, it is a distractor. Bell and LaPadula was the first model.

NEW QUESTION 95
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following biometric parameters are better suited for authentication use over a long period of time?

A. Iris pattern
B. Voice pattern
C. Signature dynamics
D. Retina pattern

Answer: A

Explanation:
The iris pattern is considered lifelong. Unique features of the iris are: freckles, rings, rifts, pits, striations, fibers, filaments, furrows, vasculature and coronas. Voice, signature and retina patterns are more likely to change over time, thus are not as suitable for authentication over a long period of time without needing re-enrollment. Source: FERREL, Robert G, Questions and Answers for the CISSP Exam, domain 1 (derived from the Information Security Management Handbook, 4th Ed., by Tipton & Krause).

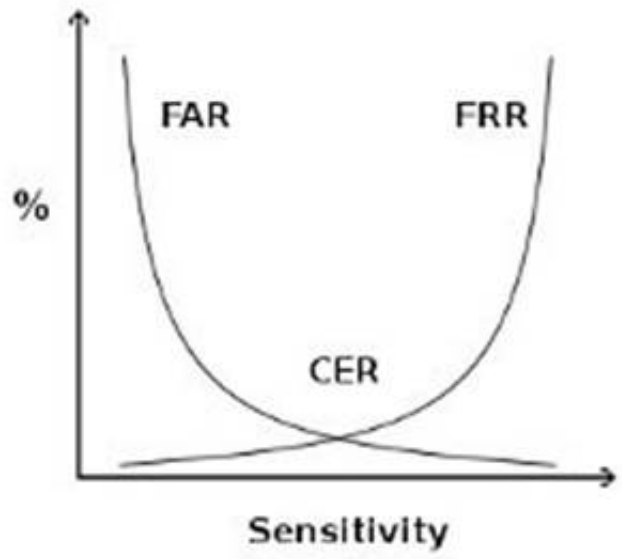
NEW QUESTION 96
- (Topic 1)
Almost all types of detection permit a system's sensitivity to be increased or decreased during an inspection process. If the system's sensitivity is increased, such as in a biometric authentication system, the system becomes increasingly selective and has the possibility of generating:

A. Lower False Rejection Rate (FRR)
B. Higher False Rejection Rate (FRR)
C. Higher False Acceptance Rate (FAR)
D. It will not affect either FAR or FRR

Answer: B

Explanation:
Almost all types of detection permit a system's sensitivity to be increased or decreased during an inspection process. If the system's sensitivity is increased, such

as in a biometric authentication system, the system becomes increasingly selective and has a higher False Rejection Rate (FRR).
Conversely, if the sensitivity is decreased, the False Acceptance Rate (FRR) will increase. Thus, to have a valid measure of the system performance, the Cross Over Error (CER) rate is used. The Crossover Error Rate (CER) is the point at which the false rejection rates and the false acceptance rates are equal. The lower the value of the CER, the more accurate the system.
There are three categories of biometric accuracy measurement (all represented as percentages):
False Reject Rate (a Type I Error): When authorized users are falsely rejected as unidentified or unverified.
False Accept Rate (a Type II Error): When unauthorized persons or imposters are falsely accepted as authentic.
Crossover Error Rate (CER): The point at which the false rejection rates and the false acceptance rates are equal. The smaller the value of the CER, the more accurate the system.
NOTE:
Within the ISC2 book they make use of the term Accept or Acceptance and also Reject or Rejection when referring to the type of errors within biometrics. Below we make use of Acceptance and Rejection throughout the text for conistency. However, on the real exam you could see either of the terms.
Performance of biometrics
Different metrics can be used to rate the performance of a biometric factor, solution or application. The most common performance metrics are the False Acceptance Rate FAR and the False Rejection Rate FRR.
When using a biometric application for the first time the user needs to enroll to the system. The system requests fingerprints, a voice recording or another biometric factor from the
operator, this input is registered in the database as a template which is linked internally to a user ID. The next time when the user wants to authenticate or identify himself, the biometric input provided by the user is compared to the template(s) in the database by a matching algorithm which responds with acceptance (match) or rejection (no match).
FAR and FRR
The FAR or False Acceptance rate is the probability that the system incorrectly authorizes a non-authorized person, due to incorrectly matching the biometric input with a valid template. The FAR is normally expressed as a percentage, following the FAR definition this is the percentage of invalid inputs which are incorrectly accepted.
The FRR or False Rejection Rate is the probability that the system incorrectly rejects access to an authorized person, due to failing to match the biometric input provided by the user with a stored template. The FRR is normally expressed as a percentage, following the FRR definition this is the percentage of valid inputs which are incorrectly rejected.
FAR and FRR are very much dependent on the biometric factor that is used and on the technical implementation of the biometric solution. Furthermore the FRR is strongly person dependent, a personal FRR can be determined for each individual.
Take this into account when determining the FRR of a biometric solution, one person is insufficient to establish an overall FRR for a solution. Also FRR might increase due to environmental conditions or incorrect use, for example when using dirty fingers on a fingerprint reader. Mostly the FRR lowers when a user gains more experience in how to use the biometric device or software.
FAR and FRR are key metrics for biometric solutions, some biometric devices or software even allow to tune them so that the system more quickly matches or rejects. Both FRR and FAR are important, but for most applications one of them is considered most important. Two examples to illustrate this:
When biometrics are used for logical or physical access control, the objective of the application is to disallow access to unauthorized individuals under all circumstances. It is clear that a very low FAR is needed for such an application, even if it comes at the price of a higher FRR.
When surveillance cameras are used to screen a crowd of people for missing children, the objective of the application is to identify any missing children that come up on the screen. When the identification of those children is automated using a face recognition software, this software has to be set up with a low FRR. As such a higher number of matches will be false positives, but these can be reviewed quickly by surveillance personnel.
False Acceptance Rate is also called False Match Rate, and False Rejection Rate is sometimes referred to as False Non-Match Rate.
crossover error rate



crossover error rate
Above see a graphical representation of FAR and FRR errors on a graph, indicating the CER
CER
The Crossover Error Rate or CER is illustrated on the graph above. It is the rate where both FAR and FRR are equal.
The matching algorithm in a biometric software or device uses a (configurable) threshold which determines how close to a template the input must be for it to be considered a match. This threshold value is in some cases referred to as sensitivity, it is marked on the X axis of the plot. When you reduce this threshold there will be more false acceptance errors (higher FAR) and less false rejection errors (lower FRR), a higher threshold will lead to lower FAR and higher FRR.
Speed
Most manufacturers of biometric devices and softwares can give clear numbers on the time it takes to enroll as well on the time for an individual to be authenticated or identified using their application. If speed is important then take your time to consider this, 5 seconds might seem a short time on paper or when testing a device but if hundreds of people will use the device multiple times a day the cumulative loss of time might be significant.
Reference(s) used for this question:
Hernandez CISSP, Steven (2012-12-21). Official (ISC)2 Guide to the CISSP CBK, Third
Edition ((ISC)2 Press) (Kindle Locations 2723-2731). Auerbach Publications. Kindle Edition.
and
KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 37.
and
http://www.biometric-solutions.com/index.php?story=performance_biometrics

NEW QUESTION 98
- (Topic 1)
Why should batch files and scripts be stored in a protected area?

A. Because of the least privilege concept.
B. Because they cannot be accessed by operators.
C. Because they may contain credentials.
D. Because of the need-to-know concept.

Answer: C

Explanation:
Because scripts contain credentials, they must be stored in a protected area and the transmission of the scripts must be dealt with carefully. Operators might need access to batch files and scripts. The least privilege concept requires that each subject in a system be granted the most restrictive set of privileges needed for the performance of authorized tasks. The need-to-know principle requires a user having necessity for access to, knowledge of, or possession of specific information required to perform official tasks or services.
Source: WALLHOFF, John, CISSP Summary 2002, April 2002, CBK#1 Access Control System & Methodology (page 3)

NEW QUESTION 100
- (Topic 1)
Which division of the Orange Book deals with discretionary protection (need-to-know)?

A. D
B. C
C. B
D. A

Answer: B

Explanation:
C deals with discretionary protection. See matric below:

TNI/TCSEC MATRIX

	A1	B3	B2	B1	C2	C1
DISCRETIONARY ACCESS						
Discretionary Access Control						
Identification and Authentication						
System Integrity						
System Architecture						
Security Testing						
Security Features User's Guide Trusted Facility Manual Design Documentation Test Documentation						
CONTROLLED ACCESS						
Protect Audit Trails						
Object Reuse						
MANDATORY ACCESS CONTROL						
Labels						
Mandatory Access Control						
Process isolation in system architecture						
Design Specification & Verification						
Device labels						
Subject Sensitivity Labels						
Trusted Path						
Separation of Administrator and User functions						
Covert Channel Analysis (Only Covert Storage Channel at B2)						
Trusted Facility Management						
Configuration Management						
Trusted Recovery						
Covert Channel Analysis (Both Timing and Covert Channel analysis at B3)						
Security Administrator Role Defined						
Monitor events and notify security personnel						
Trusted Distribution						
Formal Methods						
	A1	B3	B2	B1	C2	C1

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TCSEC Matric
The following are incorrect answers:
D is incorrect. D deals with minimal security.
B is incorrect. B deals with mandatory protection. A is incorrect. A deals with verified protection. Reference(s) used for this question:
CBK, p. 329 – 330
and
Shon Harris, CISSP All In One (AIO), 6th Edition , page 392-393

NEW QUESTION 105
- (Topic 1)
This is a common security issue that is extremely hard to control in large environments. It occurs when a user has more computer rights, permissions, and access than what is required for the tasks the user needs to fulfill. What best describes this scenario?

A. Excessive Rights
B. Excessive Access
C. Excessive Permissions
D. Excessive Privileges

Answer: D

Explanation:
Even thou all 4 terms are very close to each other, the best choice is Excessive Privileges which would include the other three choices presented.
Reference(s) used for this question:
HARRIS, Shon, All-In-One CISSP Certification Exam Guide, McGraw-Hill/Osborne, 2001, Page 645.
and

NEW QUESTION 109
- (Topic 1)
What does the simple integrity axiom mean in the Biba model?

A. No write down
B. No read down
C. No read up
D. No write up

Answer: B

Explanation:
The simple integrity axiom of the Biba access control model states that a subject at one level of integrity is not permitted to observe an object of a lower integrity (no read down).
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 5: Security Architectures and Models (page 205).

NEW QUESTION 112
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following is NOT a compensating measure for access violations?

A. Backups
B. Business continuity planning
C. Insurance
D. Security awareness

Answer: D

Explanation:
Security awareness is a preventive measure, not a compensating measure for access violations.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 2: Access control systems (page 50).

NEW QUESTION 113
- (Topic 1)
What physical characteristic does a retinal scan biometric device measure?

A. The amount of light reaching the retina
B. The amount of light reflected by the retina
C. The pattern of light receptors at the back of the eye
D. The pattern of blood vessels at the back of the eye

Answer: D

Explanation:
The retina, a thin nerve (1/50th of an inch) on the back of the eye, is the part of the eye which senses light and transmits impulses through the optic nerve to the brain - the equivalent of film in a camera. Blood vessels used for biometric identification are located along the neural retina, the outermost of retina's four cell layers.
The following answers are incorrect:
The amount of light reaching the retina The amount of light reaching the retina is not used in the biometric scan of the retina.
The amount of light reflected by the retina The amount of light reflected by the retina is not used in the biometric scan of the retina.
The pattern of light receptors at the back of the eye This is a distractor The following reference(s) were/was used to create this question: Reference: Retina Scan Technology.
ISC2 Official Guide to the CBK, 2007 (Page 161)

NEW QUESTION 117
- (Topic 1)
What is called an automated means of identifying or authenticating the identity of a living person based on physiological or behavioral characteristics?

A. Biometrics
B. Micrometrics
C. Macrometrics
D. MicroBiometrics

Answer: A

Explanation:
The Answer Biometrics; Biometrics are defined as an automated means of identifying or authenticating the identity of a living person based on physiological or behavioral characteristics.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Pages

37,38.

NEW QUESTION 122
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following can be defined as a framework that supports multiple, optional authentication mechanisms for PPP, including cleartext passwords, challenge-response, and arbitrary dialog sequences?

A. Extensible Authentication Protocol
B. Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol
C. Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service
D. Multilevel Authentication Protocol.

Answer: A

Explanation:
RFC 2828 (Internet Security Glossary) defines the Extensible Authentication Protocol as a framework that supports multiple, optional authentication mechanisms for PPP, including cleartext passwords, challenge-response, and arbitrary dialog sequences. It is intended for use primarily by a host or router that connects to a PPP network server via switched circuits or dial-up lines. The Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) is defined as an Internet protocol for carrying dial-in user's authentication information and configuration information between a shared, centralized authentication server and a network access server that needs to authenticate the users of its network access ports. The other option is a distracter.
Source: SHIREY, Robert W., RFC2828: Internet Security Glossary, may 2000.

NEW QUESTION 125
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following is NOT part of the Kerberos authentication protocol?

A. Symmetric key cryptography
B. Authentication service (AS)
C. Principals
D. Public Key

Answer: D

Explanation:
There is no such component within kerberos environment. Kerberos uses only symmetric encryption and does not make use of any public key component.
The other answers are incorrect because :
Symmetric key cryptography is a part of Kerberos as the KDC holds all the users' and
services' secret keys.
Authentication service (AS) : KDC (Key Distribution Center) provides an authentication service
Principals : Key Distribution Center provides services to principals , which can be users , applications or network services.
References: Shon Harris , AIO v3 , Chapter - 4: Access Control , Pages : 152-155.

NEW QUESTION 130
- (Topic 1)
What is one disadvantage of content-dependent protection of information?

A. It increases processing overhead.
B. It requires additional password entry.
C. It exposes the system to data locking.
D. It limits the user's individual address space.

Answer: A

Explanation:
Source: TIPTON, Hal, (ISC)2, Introduction to the CISSP Exam presentation.

NEW QUESTION 134
- (Topic 1)
The following is NOT a security characteristic we need to consider while choosing a biometric identification systems:

A. data acquisition process
B. cost
C. enrollment process
D. speed and user interface

Answer: B

Explanation:
Cost is a factor when considering Biometrics but it is not a security characteristic.
All the other answers are incorrect because they are security characteristics related to Biometrics.
data acquisition process can cause a security concern because if the process is not fast and efficient it can discourage individuals from using the process.
enrollment process can cause a security concern because the enrollment process has to be quick and efficient. This process captures data for authentication.
speed and user interface can cause a security concern because this also impacts the users acceptance rate of biometrics. If they are not comfortable with the interface and speed they might sabotage the devices or otherwise attempt to circumvent them.
References:
OIG Access Control (Biometrics) (pgs 165-167)
From: TIPTON, Harold F. & KRAUSE, MICKI, Information Security Management Handbook, 4th Edition, Volume 1, Pages 5-6.
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NEW QUESTION 139
- (Topic 1)
Because all the secret keys are held and authentication is performed on the Kerberos TGS and the authentication servers, these servers are vulnerable to:

A. neither physical attacks nor attacks from malicious code.
B. physical attacks only
C. both physical attacks and attacks from malicious code.
D. physical attacks but not attacks from malicious code.

Answer: C

Explanation:
Since all the secret keys are held and authentication is performed on the Kerberos TGS and the authentication servers, these servers are vulnerable to both physical attacks and attacks from malicious code.
Because a client's password is used in the initiation of the Kerberos request for the service protocol, password guessing can be used to impersonate a client.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 42.

NEW QUESTION 143
- (Topic 1)
What is the main focus of the Bell-LaPadula security model?

A. Accountability
B. Integrity
C. Confidentiality
D. Availability

Answer: C

Explanation:
The Bell-LaPadula model is a formal model dealing with confidentiality.
The Bell–LaPadula Model (abbreviated BLP) is a state machine model used for enforcing access control in government and military applications. It was developed by David Elliott Bell and Leonard J. LaPadula, subsequent to strong guidance from Roger R. Schell to formalize the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) multilevel security (MLS) policy. The model is a formal state transition model of computer security policy that describes a set of access control rules which use security labels on objects and clearances for subjects. Security labels range from the most sensitive (e.g."Top Secret"), down to the least sensitive (e.g., "Unclassified" or "Public").
The Bell–LaPadula model focuses on data confidentiality and controlled access to classified information, in contrast to the Biba Integrity Model which describes rules for the protection of data integrity. In this formal model, the entities in an information system are divided into subjects and objects.
The notion of a "secure state" is defined, and it is proven that each state transition preserves security by moving from secure state to secure state, thereby inductively proving that the system satisfies the security objectives of the model. The Bell–LaPadula model is built on the concept of a state machine with a set of allowable states in a computer network system. The transition from one state to another state is defined by transition functions.
A system state is defined to be "secure" if the only permitted access modes of subjects to objects are in accordance with a security policy. To determine whether a specific access mode is allowed, the clearance of a subject is compared to the classification of the object (more precisely, to the combination of classification and set of compartments, making up the security level) to determine if the subject is authorized for the specific access mode.
The clearance/classification scheme is expressed in terms of a lattice. The model defines two mandatory access control (MAC) rules and one discretionary access control (DAC) rule with three security properties:
The Simple Security Property - a subject at a given security level may not read an object at
a higher security level (no read-up).
The -property (read "star"-property) - a subject at a given security level must not write to any object at a lower security level (no write-down). The -property is also known as the Confinement property.
The Discretionary Security Property - use of an access matrix to specify the discretionary access control.
The following are incorrect answers:
Accountability is incorrect. Accountability requires that actions be traceable to the user that performed them and is not addressed by the Bell-LaPadula model.
Integrity is incorrect. Integrity is addressed in the Biba model rather than Bell-Lapadula. Availability is incorrect. Availability is concerned with assuring that data/services are available to authorized users as specified in service level objectives and is not addressed by the Bell-Lapadula model.
References: CBK, pp. 325-326
AIO3, pp. 279 - 284
AIOv4 Security Architecture and Design (pages 333 - 336) AIOv5 Security Architecture and Design (pages 336 - 338)
Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bell-La_Padula_model

NEW QUESTION 145
- (Topic 1)
What security model implies a central authority that define rules and sometimes global rules, dictating what subjects can have access to what objects?

A. Flow Model
B. Discretionary access control
C. Mandatory access control
D. Non-discretionary access control

Answer: D

Explanation:
As a security administrator you might configure user profiles so that users cannot change the system’s time, alter system configuration files, access a command prompt, or install unapproved applications. This type of access control is referred to as nondiscretionary, meaning that access decisions are not made at the discretion of the user. Nondiscretionary access controls are put into place by an authoritative entity (usually a security administrator) with the goal of protecting the organization’s most critical assets.
Non-discretionary access control is when a central authority determines what subjects can have access to what objects based on the organizational security policy.
Centralized access control is not an existing security model.
Both, Rule Based Access Control (RuBAC or RBAC) and Role Based Access Controls (RBAC) falls into this category.
Reference(s) used for this question:
Harris, Shon (2012-10-18). CISSP All-in-One Exam Guide, 6th Edition (p. 221). McGraw- Hill. Kindle Edition.
and

KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 2: Access control systems (page 33).

NEW QUESTION 150
- (Topic 1)
What does it mean to say that sensitivity labels are "incomparable"?

A. The number of classification in the two labels is different.
B. Neither label contains all the classifications of the other.
C. the number of categories in the two labels are different.
D. Neither label contains all the categories of the other.

Answer: D

Explanation:
If a category does not exist then you cannot compare it. Incomparable is when you have two disjointed sensitivity labels, that is a category in one of the labels is not in the other label. "Because neither label contains all the categories of the other, the labels can't be compared. They're said to be incomparable"
COMPARABILITY:
The label:
TOP SECRET [VENUS ALPHA]
is "higher" than either of the labels:
SECRET [VENUS ALPHA] TOP SECRET [VENUS]
But you can't really say that the label:
TOP SECRET [VENUS]
is higher than the label:
SECRET [ALPHA]
Because neither label contains all the categories of the other, the labels can't be compared. They're said to be incomparable. In a mandatory access control system, you won't be allowed access to a file whose label is incomparable to your clearance.
The Multilevel Security policy uses an ordering relationship between labels known as the dominance relationship. Intuitively, we think of a label that dominates another as being "higher" than the other. Similarly, we think of a label that is dominated by another as being "lower" than the other. The dominance relationship is used to determine permitted operations and information flows.
DOMINANCE
The dominance relationship is determined by the ordering of the Sensitivity/Clearance component of the label and the intersection of the set of Compartments.
Sample Sensitivity/Clearance ordering are:
Top Secret > Secret > Confidential > Unclassified s3 > s2 > s1 > s0
Formally, for label one to dominate label 2 both of the following must be true: The sensitivity/clearance of label one must be greater than or equal to the sensitivity/clearance of label two.
The intersection of the compartments of label one and label two must equal the compartments of label two.
Additionally:
Two labels are said to be equal if their sensitivity/clearance and set of compartments are exactly equal. Note that dominance includes equality.
One label is said to strictly dominate the other if it dominates the other but is not equal to the other.
Two labels are said to be incomparable if each label has at least one compartment that is not included in the other's set of compartments.
The dominance relationship will produce a partial ordering over all possible MLS labels, resulting in what is known as the MLS Security Lattice.
The following answers are incorrect:
The number of classification in the two labels is different. Is incorrect because the categories are what is being compared, not the classifications.
Neither label contains all the classifications of the other. Is incorrect because the categories are what is being compared, not the classifications.
the number of categories in the two labels is different. Is incorrect because it is possibe a category exists more than once in one sensitivity label and does exist in the other so they would be comparable.
Reference(s) used for this question:
OReilly - Computer Systems and Access Control (Chapter 3) http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/csb/chapter/ch03.html
and http://rubix.com/cms/mls_dom

NEW QUESTION 151
- (Topic 1)
Which authentication technique best protects against hijacking?

A. Static authentication
B. Continuous authentication
C. Robust authentication
D. Strong authentication

Answer: B

Explanation:
A continuous authentication provides protection against impostors who can see, alter, and insert information passed between the claimant and verifier even after the claimant/verifier authentication is complete. This is the best protection against hijacking. Static authentication is the type of authentication provided by traditional password schemes and the strength of the authentication is highly dependent on the difficulty of guessing passwords. The robust authentication mechanism relies on dynamic authentication data that changes with each authenticated session between a claimant and a verifier, and it does not protect against hijacking. Strong authentication refers to a two-factor authentication (like something a user knows and something a user is).
Source: TIPTON, Harold F. & KRAUSE, Micki, Information Security Management Handbook, 4th edition (volume 1), 2000, CRC Press, Chapter 3: Secured Connections to External Networks (page 51).

NEW QUESTION 154
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following access control models introduces user security clearance and data classification?

A. Role-based access control
B. Discretionary access control
C. Non-discretionary access control
D. Mandatory access control

Answer: D

Explanation:
The mandatory access control model is based on a security label system. Users are given a security clearance and data is classified. The classification is stored in the security labels of the resources. Classification labels specify the level of trust a user must have to access a certain file.
Source: HARRIS, Shon, All-In-One CISSP Certification Exam Guide, McGraw- Hill/Osborne, 2002, Chapter 4: Access Control (Page 154).

NEW QUESTION 155
- (Topic 1)
Like the Kerberos protocol, SESAME is also subject to which of the following?

A. timeslot replay
B. password guessing
C. symmetric key guessing
D. asymmetric key guessing

Answer: B

Explanation:
Sesame is an authentication and access control protocol, that also supports communication confidentiality and integrity. It provides public key based authentication along with the Kerberos style authentication, that uses symmetric key cryptography. Sesame supports the Kerberos protocol and adds some security extensions like public key based authentication and an ECMA-style Privilege Attribute Service.
The users under SESAME can authenticate using either symmetric encryption as in Kerberos or Public Key authentication. When using Symmetric Key authentication as in Kerberos, SESAME is also vulnerable to password guessing just like Kerberos would be.
The Symmetric key being used is based on the password used by the user when he logged on the system. If the user has a simple password it could be guessed or compromise. Even thou Kerberos or SESAME may be use, there is still a need to have strong password discipline.
The Basic Mechanism in Sesame for strong authentication is as follow:
The user sends a request for authentication to the Authentication Server as in Kerberos, except that SESAME is making use of public key cryptography for authentication where the client will present his digital certificate and the request will be signed using a digital signature. The signature is communicated to the authentication server through the preauthentication fields. Upon receipt of this request, the authentication server will verifies the certificate, then validate the signature, and if all is fine the AS will issue a ticket granting ticket (TGT) as in Kerberos. This TGT will be use to communicate with the privilage attribute server (PAS) when access to a resource is needed.
Users may authenticate using either a public key pair or a conventional (symmetric) key. If public key cryptography is used, public key data is transported in preauthentication data fields to help establish identity.
Kerberos uses tickets for authenticating subjects to objects and SESAME uses Privileged Attribute Certificates (PAC), which contain the subject's identity, access capabilities for the object, access time period, and lifetime of the PAC. The PAC is digitally signed so that the object can validate that it came from the trusted authentication server, which is referred to as the privilege attribute server (PAS). The PAS holds a similar role as the KDC within Kerberos. After a user successfully authenticates to the authentication service (AS), he is presented with a token to give to the PAS. The PAS then creates a PAC for the user to present to the resource he is trying to access.
Reference(s) used for this question: http://srg.cs.uiuc.edu/Security/nephilim/Internal/SESAME.txt
and
KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 43.

NEW QUESTION 157
- (Topic 1)
The number of violations that will be accepted or forgiven before a violation record is produced is called which of the following?

A. clipping level
B. acceptance level
C. forgiveness level
D. logging level

Answer: A

Explanation:
The correct answer is "clipping level". This is the point at which a system decides to take some sort of action when an action repeats a preset number of times. That action may be to log the activity, lock a user account, temporarily close a port, etc.
Example: The most classic example of a clipping level is failed login attempts. If you have a system configured to lock a user's account after three failed login attemts, that is the "clipping level".
The other answers are not correct because:
Acceptance level, forgiveness level, and logging level are nonsensical terms that do not exist (to my knowledge) within network security.
Reference:
Official ISC2 Guide - The term "clipping level" is not in the glossary or index of that book. I cannot find it in the text either. However, I'm quite certain that it would be considered part of the CBK, despite its exclusion from the Official Guide.
All in One Third Edition page: 136 - 137

NEW QUESTION 161
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following is most appropriate to notify an internal user that session monitoring is being conducted?

A. Logon Banners
B. Wall poster
C. Employee Handbook
D. Written agreement

Answer: D

Explanation:
This is a tricky question, the keyword in the question is Internal users.
There are two possible answers based on how the question is presented, this question could either apply to internal users or ANY anonymous/external users.

Internal users should always have a written agreement first, then logon banners serve as a constant reminder.
Banners at the log-on time should be used to notify external users of any monitoring that is being conducted. A good banner will give you a better legal stand and also makes it obvious the user was warned about who should access the system, who is authorized and unauthorized, and if it is an unauthorized user then he is fully aware of trespassing. Anonymous/External users, such as those logging into a web site, ftp server or even a mail server; their only notification system is the use of a logon banner.
References used for this question:
KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 50.
and
Shon Harris, CISSP All-in-one, 5th edition, pg 873

NEW QUESTION 164
- (Topic 1)
Which type of attack involves impersonating a user or a system?

A. Smurfing attack
B. Spoofing attack
C. Spamming attack
D. Sniffing attack

Answer: B

Explanation:
A spoofing attack is when an attempt is made to gain access to a computer system by posing as an authorized user or system. Spamming refers to sending out or posting junk advertising and unsolicited mail. A smurf attack is a type of denial-of-service attack using PING and a spoofed address. Sniffing refers to observing packets passing on a network.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the
Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 3: Telecommunications and Network Security (page 77).

NEW QUESTION 166
- (Topic 1)
In Synchronous dynamic password tokens:

A. The token generates a new password value at fixed time intervals (this password could be based on the time of day encrypted with a secret key).
B. The token generates a new non-unique password value at fixed time intervals (this password could be based on the time of day encrypted with a secret key).
C. The unique password is not entered into a system or workstation along with an owner's PIN.
D. The authentication entity in a system or workstation knows an owner's secret key and PIN, and the entity verifies that the entered password is invalid and that it was entered during the invalid time window.

Answer: A

Explanation:
Synchronous dynamic password tokens:
- The token generates a new password value at fixed time intervals (this password could be the time of day encrypted with a secret key).
- the unique password is entered into a system or workstation along with an owner's PIN.
- The authentication entity in a system or workstation knows an owner's secret key and PIN, and the entity verifies that the entered password is valid and that it was entered during the valid time window.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 37.

NEW QUESTION 171
- (Topic 1)
Access Control techniques do not include which of the following choices?

A. Relevant Access Controls
B. Discretionary Access Control
C. Mandatory Access Control
D. Lattice Based Access Control

Answer: A

Explanation:
Access Control Techniques Discretionary Access Control
Mandatory Access Control Lattice Based Access Control Rule-Based Access Control Role-Based Access Control
Source: DUPUIS, Clement, Access Control Systems and Methodology, Version 1, May 2002, CISSP Open Study Group Study Guide for Domain 1, Page 13.

NEW QUESTION 176
- (Topic 1)
What is the Biba security model concerned with?

A. Confidentiality
B. Reliability
C. Availability
D. Integrity

Answer: D

Explanation:
The Biba security model addresses the integrity of data being threatened when subjects at lower security levels are able to write to objects at higher security levels and when subjects can read data at lower levels.
Source: HARRIS, Shon, All-In-One CISSP Certification Exam Guide, McGraw- Hill/Osborne, 2002, Chapter 5: Security Models and Architecture (Page 244).

NEW QUESTION 177
- (Topic 1)
There are parallels between the trust models in Kerberos and Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). When we compare them side by side, Kerberos tickets correspond most closely to which of the following?

A. public keys
B. private keys
C. public-key certificates
D. private-key certificates

Answer: C

Explanation:
A Kerberos ticket is issued by a trusted third party. It is an encrypted data structure that includes the service encryption key. In that sense it is similar to a public-key certificate. However, the ticket is not the key.
The following answers are incorrect:
public keys. Kerberos tickets are not shared out publicly, so they are not like a PKI public key.
private keys. Although a Kerberos ticket is not shared publicly, it is not a private key. Private keys are associated with Asymmetric crypto system which is not used by Kerberos. Kerberos uses only the Symmetric crypto system.
private key certificates. This is a detractor. There is no such thing as a private key certificate.

NEW QUESTION 181
- (Topic 1)
In response to Access-request from a client such as a Network Access Server (NAS), which of the following is not one of the response from a RADIUS Server?

A. Access-Accept
B. Access-Reject
C. Access-Granted
D. Access-Challenge

Answer: C

Explanation:
In response to an access-request from a client, a RADIUS server returns one of three authentication responses: access-accept, access-reject, or access-challenge, the latter being a request for additional authentication information such as a one-time password from a token or a callback identifier.
Source: TIPTON, Harold F. & KRAUSE, MICKI, Information Security Management Handbook, 4th Edition, Volume 2, 2001, CRC Press, NY, page 36.

NEW QUESTION 186
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following protects a password from eavesdroppers and supports the encryption of communication?

A. Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP)
B. Challenge Handshake Identification Protocol (CHIP)
C. Challenge Handshake Encryption Protocol (CHEP)
D. Challenge Handshake Substitution Protocol (CHSP)

Answer: A

Explanation:
CHAP: A protocol that uses a three way hanbdshake The server sends the client a challenge which includes a random value(a nonce) to thwart replay attacks. The client responds with the MD5 hash of the nonce and the password.
The authentication is successful if the client's response is the one that the server expected. Reference: Page 450, OIG 2007.
CHAP protects the password from eavesdroppers and supports the encryption of communication.
Reference: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 44.

NEW QUESTION 191
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following was developed to address some of the weaknesses in Kerberos and uses public key cryptography for the distribution of secret keys and provides additional access control support?

A. SESAME
B. RADIUS
C. KryptoKnight
D. TACACS+

Answer: A

Explanation:
Secure European System for Applications in a Multi-vendor Environment (SESAME) was developed to address some of the weaknesses in Kerberos and uses public key cryptography for the distribution of secret keys and provides additional access control support.
Reference:
TIPTON, Harold, Official (ISC)2 Guide to the CISSP CBK (2007), page 184. ISC OIG Second Edition, Access Controls, Page 111

NEW QUESTION 192
- (Topic 1)
Which security model introduces access to objects only through programs?

A. The Biba model
B. The Bell-LaPadula model
C. The Clark-Wilson model
D. The information flow model

Answer: C

Explanation:
In the Clark-Wilson model, the subject no longer has direct access to objects but instead must access them through programs (well -formed transactions).
The Clark–Wilson integrity model provides a foundation for specifying and analyzing an integrity policy for a computing system.
The model is primarily concerned with formalizing the notion of information integrity. Information integrity is maintained by preventing corruption of data items in a system due to either error or malicious intent. An integrity policy describes how the data items in the system should be kept valid from one state of the system to the next and specifies the capabilities of various principals in the system. The model defines enforcement rules and certification rules.
Clark–Wilson is more clearly applicable to business and industry processes in which the integrity of the information content is paramount at any level of classification.
Integrity goals of Clark–Wilson model:
Prevent unauthorized users from making modification (Only this one is addressed by the Biba model).
Separation of duties prevents authorized users from making improper modifications. Well formed transactions: maintain internal and external consistency i.e. it is a series of operations that are carried out to transfer the data from one consistent state to the other.
The following are incorrect answers:
The Biba model is incorrect. The Biba model is concerned with integrity and controls access to objects based on a comparison of the security level of the subject to that of the object.
The Bell-LaPdaula model is incorrect. The Bell-LaPaula model is concerned with confidentiality and controls access to objects based on a comparison of the clearence level of the subject to the classification level of the object.
The information flow model is incorrect. The information flow model uses a lattice where objects are labelled with security classes and information can flow either upward or at the
same level. It is similar in framework to the Bell-LaPadula model. References:
ISC2 Official Study Guide, Pages 325 - 327 AIO3, pp. 284 - 287
AIOv4 Security Architecture and Design (pages 338 - 342) AIOv5 Security Architecture and Design (pages 341 - 344) Wikipedia at:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clark-Wilson_model

NEW QUESTION 194
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following security controls might force an operator into collusion with personnel assigned organizationally within a different function in order to gain access to unauthorized data?

A. Limiting the local access of operations personnel
B. Job rotation of operations personnel
C. Management monitoring of audit logs
D. Enforcing regular password changes

Answer: A

Explanation:
The questions specifically said: "within a different function" which eliminate Job Rotation as a choice.
Management monitoring of audit logs is a detective control and it would not prevent collusion.
Changing passwords regularly would not prevent such attack.
This question validates if you understand the concept of separation of duties and least privilege. By having operators that have only the minimum access level they need and only what they need to do their duties within a company, the operations personnel would be force to use collusion to defeat those security mechanism.
Source: TIPTON, Hal, (ISC)2, Introduction to the CISSP Exam presentation.

NEW QUESTION 198
- (Topic 1)
The Computer Security Policy Model the Orange Book is based on is which of the following?

A. Bell-LaPadula
B. Data Encryption Standard
C. Kerberos
D. Tempest

Answer: A

Explanation:
The Computer Security Policy Model Orange Book is based is the Bell- LaPadula Model. Orange Book Glossary.
The Data Encryption Standard (DES) is a cryptographic algorithm. National Information Security Glossary.
TEMPEST is related to limiting the electromagnetic emanations from electronic equipment. Reference: U.S. Department of Defense, Trusted Computer System Evaluation Criteria (Orange Book), DOD 5200.28-STD. December 1985 (also available here).

NEW QUESTION 199
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following are additional access control objectives?

A. Consistency and utility
B. Reliability and utility
C. Usefulness and utility
D. Convenience and utility

Answer: B

Explanation:

Availability assures that a system's authorized users have timely and uninterrupted access to the information in the system. The additional access control objectives are reliability and utility. These and other related objectives flow from the organizational security policy. This policy is a high-level statement of management intent regarding the control of access to information and the personnel who are authorized to receive that information. Three things that must be considered for the planning and implementation of access control mechanisms are the threats to the system, the system's vulnerability to these threats, and the risk that the threat may materialize
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 32.

NEW QUESTION 204
- (Topic 1)
Password management falls into which control category?

A. Compensating
B. Detective
C. Preventive
D. Technical

Answer: C

Explanation:
Password management is an example of preventive control. Proper passwords prevent unauthorized users from accessing a system.
There are literally hundreds of different access approaches, control methods, and technologies, both in the physical world and in the virtual electronic world. Each method addresses a different type of access control or a specific access need.
For example, access control solutions may incorporate identification and authentication mechanisms, filters, rules, rights, logging and monitoring, policy, and a plethora of other
controls. However, despite the diversity of access control methods, all access control systems can be categorized into seven primary categories.
The seven main categories of access control are:
* 1. Directive: Controls designed to specify acceptable rules of behavior within an organization
* 2. Deterrent: Controls designed to discourage people from violating security directives
* 3. Preventive: Controls implemented to prevent a security incident or information breach
* 4. Compensating: Controls implemented to substitute for the loss of primary controls and mitigate risk down to an acceptable level
* 5. Detective: Controls designed to signal a warning when a security control has been breached
* 6. Corrective: Controls implemented to remedy circumstance, mitigate damage, or restore controls
* 7. Recovery: Controls implemented to restore conditions to normal after a security incident Reference(s) used for this question:
Hernandez CISSP, Steven (2012-12-21). Official (ISC)2 Guide to the CISSP CBK, Third
Edition ((ISC)2 Press) (Kindle Locations 1156-1176). Auerbach Publications. Kindle Edition.

NEW QUESTION 207
- (Topic 1)
The primary service provided by Kerberos is which of the following?

A. non-repudiation
B. confidentiality
C. authentication
D. authorization

Answer: C

Explanation:
The Answer authentication. Kerberos is an authentication service. It can use single-factor or multi-factor authentication methods.
The following answers are incorrect:
non-repudiation. Since Kerberos deals primarily with symmetric cryptography, it does not help with non-repudiation.
confidentiality. Once the client is authenticated by Kerberos and obtains its session key and ticket, it may use them to assure confidentiality of its communication with a server; however, that is not a Kerberos service as such.
authorization. Although Kerberos tickets may include some authorization information, the meaning of the authorization fields is not standardized in the Kerberos specifications, and authorization is not a primary Kerberos service.
The following reference(s) were/was used to create this question:
ISC2 OIG,2007 p. 179-184
Shon Harris AIO v.3 152-155

NEW QUESTION 210
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following is NOT a technique used to perform a penetration test?

A. traffic padding
B. scanning and probing
C. war dialing
D. sniffing

Answer: A

Explanation:
Traffic padding is a countermeasure to traffic analysis.
Even if perfect cryptographic routines are used, the attacker can gain knowledge of the amount of traffic that was generated. The attacker might not know what Alice and Bob were talking about, but can know that they were talking and how much they talked. In certain circumstances this can be very bad. Consider for example when a military is organising a secret attack against another nation: it may suffice to alert the other nation for them to know merely that there is a lot of secret activity going on.
As another example, when encrypting Voice Over IP streams that use variable bit rate encoding, the number of bits per unit of time is not obscured, and this can be exploited to guess spoken phrases.
Padding messages is a way to make it harder to do traffic analysis. Normally, a number of random bits are appended to the end of the message with an indication at the end how much this random data is. The randomness should have a minimum value of 0, a maximum number of N and an even distribution between the two

extremes. Note, that increasing 0 does not help, only increasing N helps, though that also means that a lower percentage of the channel will be used to transmit real data. Also note, that since the cryptographic routine is assumed to be uncrackable (otherwise the padding length itself is crackable), it does not help to put the padding anywhere else, e.g. at the beginning, in the middle, or in a sporadic manner.
The other answers are all techniques used to do Penetration Testing. References:
KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, pages 233, 238.
and https://secure.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/wiki/Padding_%28cryptography%29#Traffic_anal ysis

NEW QUESTION 214
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following access control models requires security clearance for subjects?

A. Identity-based access control
B. Role-based access control
C. Discretionary access control
D. Mandatory access control

Answer: D

Explanation:
With mandatory access control (MAC), the authorization of a subject's access to an object is dependant upon labels, which indicate the subject's clearance. Identity-based access control is a type of discretionary access control. A role-based access control is a type of non-discretionary access control.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, John Wiley & Sons, 2001, Chapter 2: Access control systems (page 33).

NEW QUESTION 219
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following is NOT a factor related to Access Control?

A. integrity
B. authenticity
C. confidentiality
D. availability

Answer: B

Explanation:
These factors cover the integrity, confidentiality, and availability components of information system security.
Integrity is important in access control as it relates to ensuring only authorized subjects can make changes to objects.
Authenticity is different from authentication. Authenticity pertains to something being authentic, not necessarily having a direct correlation to access control.
Confidentiality is pertinent to access control in that the access to sensitive information is controlled to protect confidentiality.
vailability is protected by access controls in that if an attacket attempts to disrupt availability they would first need access.
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 49.

NEW QUESTION 223
- (Topic 1)
Which of the following classes is defined in the TCSEC (Orange Book) as discretionary protection?

A. C
B. B
C. A
D. D

Answer: A

Explanation:
Source: KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, page 197.
Also: THE source for all TCSEC "level" questions: http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/secpubs/rainbow/std001.txt

NEW QUESTION 224
- (Topic 1)
What can be defined as a table of subjects and objects indicating what actions individual subjects can take upon individual objects?

A. A capacity table
B. An access control list
C. An access control matrix
D. A capability table

Answer: C

Explanation:
The matrix lists the users, groups and roles down the left side and the resources and functions across the top. The cells of the matrix can either indicate that access is allowed or indicate the type of access. CBK pp 317 - 318.
AIO3, p. 169 describes it as a table if subjects and objects specifying the access rights a certain subject possesses pertaining to specific objects.
In either case, the matrix is a way of analyzing the access control needed by a population of subjects to a population of objects. This access control can be applied using rules, ACL's, capability tables, etc.
"A capacity table" is incorrect.
This answer is a trap for the unwary -- it sounds a little like "capability table" but is just there to distract you.
"An access control list" is incorrect.
"It [ACL] specifies a list of users [subjects] who are allowed access to each object" CBK, p. 188 Access control lists (ACL) could be used to implement the rules

identified by an access control matrix but is different from the matrix itself.
"A capability table" is incorrect.
"Capability tables are used to track, manage and apply controls based on the object and rights, or capabilities of a subject. For example, a table identifies the object, specifies access rights allowed for a subject, and permits access based on the user's posession of a capability (or ticket) for the object." CBK, pp. 191-192.
To put it another way, as noted in AIO3 on p. 169, "A capabiltiy table is different from an ACL because the subject is bound to the capability table, whereas the object is bound to the ACL."
Again, a capability table could be used to implement the rules identified by an access control matrix but is different from the matrix itself.
References:
CBK pp. 191-192, 317-318
AIO3, p. 169

NEW QUESTION 228
- (Topic 1)
What is the difference between Access Control Lists (ACLs) and Capability Tables?

A. Access control lists are related/attached to a subject whereas capability tables are related/attached to an object.
B. Access control lists are related/attached to an object whereas capability tables are related/attached to a subject.
C. Capability tables are used for objects whereas access control lists are used for users.
D. They are basically the same.

Answer: B

Explanation:
Capability tables are used to track, manage and apply controls based on the object and rights, or capabilities of a subject. For example, a table identifies the object, specifies access rights allowed for a subject, and permits access based on the user's
posession of a capability (or ticket) for the object. It is a row within the matrix.
To put it another way, A capabiltiy table is different from an ACL because the subject is bound to the capability table, whereas the object is bound to the ACL.
CLEMENT NOTE:
If we wish to express this very simply:
Capabilities are attached to a subject and it describe what access the subject has to each of the objects on the row that matches with the subject within the matrix. It is a row within the matrix.
ACL's are attached to objects, it describe who has access to the object and what type of access they have. It is a column within the matrix.
The following are incorrect answers:
"Access control lists are subject-based whereas capability tables are object-based" is incorrect.
"Capability tables are used for objects whereas access control lists are used for users" is incorrect.
"They are basically the same" is incorrect. References used for this question:
CBK, pp. 191 - 192
AIO3 p. 169

NEW QUESTION 231
- (Topic 1)
In Discretionary Access Control the subject has authority, within certain limitations,

A. but he is not permitted to specify what objects can be accessible and so we need to get an independent third party to specify what objects can be accessible.
B. to specify what objects can be accessible.
C. to specify on a aggregate basis without understanding what objects can be accessible.
D. to specify in full detail what objects can be accessible.

Answer: B

Explanation:
With Discretionary Access Control, the subject has authority, within certain limitations, to specify what objects can be accessible.
For example, access control lists can be used. This type of access control is used in local, dynamic situations where the subjects must have the discretion to specify what resources certain users are permitted to access.
When a user, within certain limitations, has the right to alter the access control to certain objects, this is termed as user-directed discretionary access control. In some instances, a hybrid approach is used, which combines the features of user-based and identity-based discretionary access control.
References:
KRUTZ, Ronald L. & VINES, Russel D., The CISSP Prep Guide: Mastering the Ten Domains of Computer Security, 2001, John Wiley & Sons, Page 33.
and
HARRIS, Shon, All-In-One CISSP Certification Exam Guide 5th Edition, McGraw- Hill/Osborne, 2010, Chapter 4: Access Control (page 210-211).

NEW QUESTION 235
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