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Value Added Course

The XIE-IET On Campus hosted a five-day Value Added Course on "Cyber Sentinel: Ethical Hacking & Pentesting Certification" from December 27-31, 2024. The course aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge and hands-on experience in Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT), web application security, bug bounty hunting, and core cybersecurity principles.

The event featured interactive discussions, practical demonstrations, and a series of hands-on sessions that encouraged participants to actively engage in the learning process. Prominent cybersecurity methodologies such as OSINT tools, reconnaissance techniques, and VAPT frameworks were covered extensively.

Objective:

- To introduce participants to cybersecurity fundamentals, focusing on vulnerability assessment and penetration testing methodologies.
- To equip students with practical skills for recognizing and mitigating security vulnerabilities.
- To align participants' knowledge with industry standards such as PTES and OWASP.

Beneficiaries: Second and third Year Engineering students.

Number of Participants: 35 Participants.

Venue: Computer Center of Department of Computer Engineering.

Date / Duration: 27th December 2024 to 31st December 2024.

Trainer Details:

Name	Designation with Employer Details	Address		
Mr. Uddesh Vaidya	Cyber Security Analyst, Hacktify Cyber Security	Mumbai		
Dr. Rohit Gautam	CISO, Hacktify	Mumbai		
Dr. Shifa Cyclewala	CEO, Hacktify	Mumbai		

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1. Day 1: Introduction to VAPT and Reconnaissance

- o Event host welcomed guests and introduced the event.
- Speaker, Mr. Uddesh Vaidya, explained the VAPT Methodology.
- o OSINT tools for reconnaissance and bug bounty basics were demonstrated.
- o Hands-on session with key vulnerability assessment tools.
- Guests included Mr. Uddesh Vaidya (main speaker), Dr. Rohit Gautam, and Dr. Shifa Cyclewala (both attended briefly).

2. Day 2: Web Application Attack Techniques

- Covered techniques in two parts.
- o Participants engaged in hands-on practice for web application attack methods.

3. Day 3: Web Application Scanning and Core Defense Mechanisms

- o Explored web application scanning and traffic interception.
- Covered defense mechanisms and countermeasures.
- o Practical application during hands-on sessions.

4. Day 4: Offensive and Defensive Security Techniques

- Offensive security strategies used by Red Teams.
- Defensive techniques employed by Blue Teams.
- o Participants gained practical exposure through hands-on sessions.

5. Day 5: Bug Bounty Hunting and Program Reporting

- o Focused on practical bug bounty hunting techniques.
- o Discussed the process of reporting vulnerabilities in bug bounty programs.
- o Assessment test conducted to evaluate participants' learning.
- o Vote of thanks delivered by the event host.

Key Takeaways

1. Understanding VAPT:

- o Vulnerability: Identify weaknesses in systems.
- o **Assessment**: Evaluate risks and prioritize mitigation strategies.
- o **Penetration Testing**: Simulate real-world attacks to uncover vulnerabilities.

2. OSINT Techniques and Reconnaissance Tools:

- Search engine techniques.
- WHOIS records analysis.
- o Tools like The Harvester and Google Dorks cheat codes.

3. OWASP Framework:

- Core focus on OWASP Top 10 vulnerabilities, including injection flaws, cryptographic failures, and server-side request forgery.
- o Aligning practices with industry standards to enhance security posture.

4. Phases of VAPT:

- o Information gathering.
- o Threat modeling.
- Vulnerability analysis and exploitation.

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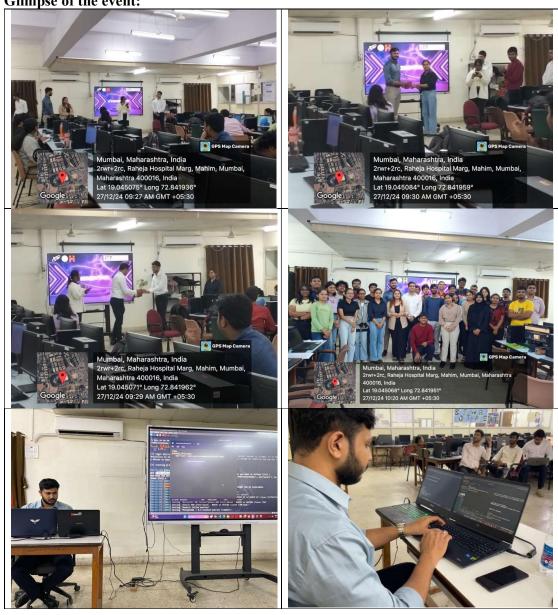


Reporting and documentation.

5. Ethical Considerations:

- Testing authorization protocols.
- Avoiding unintended service disruptions.

Glimpse of the event:



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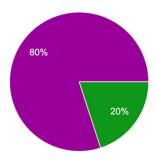






Feedback Analysis from Students:

Overall Rating of Event (5-High, 3-Medium, 1-Low) 10 responses







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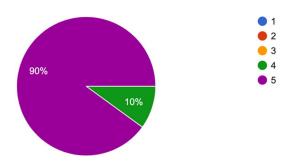
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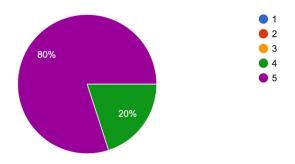
Were the topics covered relevant and helpful? (5-High, 3-Medium, 1-Low)

10 responses



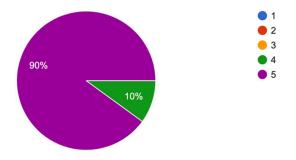
Was the pace of the sessions appropriate (5-High, 3-Medium, 1-Low)

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Knowledge and Expertise of Trainers: (5-High, 3-Medium, 1-Low)

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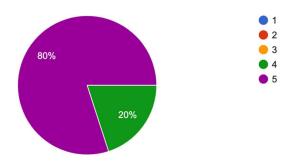
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Was the pace of the sessions appropriate (5-High, 3-Medium, 1-Low)

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Any Additional Comments or Suggestions:

Need more such sessions/ Workshops by Respected Sir/ Team. Need more sessions like these. NA

Good

MAPPING OF EVENT OUTCOME WITH POS/PSOs:

#	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12	PSO1	PSO2
EO1	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2
EO2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2

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