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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

S No.	Abbreviation	Meaning
1.	BU	Business Unit
2.	BH	Behavioral
3.	CIS	Cloud, Infrastructure and Security
4.	ITM	Integrated Threat Management
5.	CoE	Centre of Excellence
6.	LP	Learning Path
7.	IPS	Intrusion Prevention System
8.	IDS	Intrusion Detection System
9.	SOC	Security Operations Centre
10.	HR	Human Resources
11.	JDBC	Java Database Connectivity
14.	EDR	Endpoint Detection and Response
15.	MDR	Managed Detection and Response
16.	XDR	Extended Detection and Response
17.	SQL	Structured Query Language
18.	MySQL	My Structured Query Language
19	API	Application Programming Interface
20.	BLOB	Binary Large Object
21.	CLOB	Character Large Object
22.	AAA	Authentication, Authorization and Accounting
23.	SPOF	Single Point of Failure
24.	PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
25.	ICT	Integrated Capability Test
26.	OSI	Open System Interconnection
27.	TCP / IP	Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol
28.	HTTP/HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer Protocol / Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
29.	FTP	File Transfer Protocol
30.	UDP	User Datagram Protocol
31	SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
32.	DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
33.	CompTIA	Computing Technology Industry Association

34.	IPv4	Internet Protocol version 4
35.	DNS	Domain Name System
36.	VLAN	Virtual Local Area Network
37.	LAN	Local Area Network
38.	RIP	Routing Information Protocol
39.	PC	Personal Computer
40.	CBROPS	Cybersecurity Operations
41.	CSSP	Cyber Security Service Provider
42.	CCSP	Certified Cloud Security Professional
43.	DLP	Data Loss Prevention
44.	SIEM	Security Information and Event Management
45.	AV	Antivirus
46.	HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
47.	PCI-DSS	Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard.
48.	GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
49.	SSL	Secure Socket Layer
50.	SOHO	Small Office/ Home Office

LIST OF FIGURES

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ABSTRACT

At Gen C Next program in Cognizant, each selected intern is allotted a certain domain with each domain having specific amount of training period varying from 12 weeks to 19 weeks. Internship includes various events such as educational workshops, webinars, Udemy courses, Integrated Capability Test and group work assignments.

A large IT company based in the United States and India, Cognizant employs a large number of Indians, to be exactly about 3.4 lac employees. Cognizant Corporation having set foot in more than 40 countries and also recruits and hires international workers from all around the globe.

Cognizant provides various services to a large number of clients in the IT industry. They also have ties with one of the fastest growing companies like Cisco, Amazon Web Services, Microsoft, McAfee, etc. Work culture in Cognizant is just as professional as expected and it values ethical notes towards the progress of its employees and raises concern regarding physical and mental issues faced by its' employees.

Being placed under the domain of CIS-Security, further ITM Sub Domain. ITM deals with identifying and minimizing threats associated with any network. This includes Firewall operations, IDS / IPS, Network Filtering, Cloud Infrastructure Threat Management, SOC, etc. Apart from full BU Training, Cognizant also ensures that Associates exhibit an optimal level of business skills while on work. For this, BH Sessions are conducted across 12 sessions (24 hours) for each Associate. The total training for BU is assigned for 16 weeks.

This report will cover all the trainings undertaken till date at Cognizant. The internship starts with breaking the ice between associates and introduction to corporate world. This involved many sessions of interactions with top tier associates of Cognizant. Courses followed in the next week regarding meditation and zero waste management and coach was assigned. Corporate training of Java was bought in with courses from Udemy for corporate level coding experience. After this mentor connect took place which led to domain assignment for BU. The Gen C Learn portal was enabled and LP was established in it. The LP provides a guided map for the 16 weeks of BU training.

CHAPTER 1

ORGANIZATION

1.1 Background

After the end of 6th semester, various company visited to the college for the placement of students. One such company was Cognizant Technology Solutions, which selected me for Gen-C Next profile. Having offered an internship program by Cognizant before the full-time role and completing the internship being necessary for the full-time role with the company, the internship is bound to be around 19 weeks containing various sessions, webinar, online Udemy courses, assessments and a project.

Cognizant is among one of the top IT companies in India, and a major IT giant in US. Cognizant employees are around 3 Lac people and recruit around 20k freshers every year from India. Cognizant also hires from different countries across the globe.

Cognizant offers various role in the company like developer, designer, tester and manager in the company, but, before becoming the associate every person should complete the intern period and after the intern period there is one year of probation period in the company for the associate to join the company.

Cognizant also provides stipend during the internship period which is around 12 thousand per month to the interns pursuing internship. But the total amount in hand is 10800 only because 1200 is deducted for the purpose related to the tax i.e., 10% which is further given back to the associates after successful completion of internship. This time around, Cognizant has processed intern stipend based on milestone completion.

The internship period varies and depends on the roles which the intern gets, like for a developer profile, internship period is of around 4-5 months and for the quality insurance, it may vary from 5-6 month.

The domain allocation is random in Cognizant for the interns, but sometime it depends on the assimilation test also. The person who got higher marks in assimilation test, will have higher chances to get better profile or domain and it also depends on the first come first serve basis. Gen C Next candidates are offered their preferred domains and being one of them, the ITM domain in CIS-Security assigned to me.

1.2 Mission, Vision, Values and Objectives

1.2.1 Mission

Cognizant's mission is to train every fresher who got selected. For this, it provides internship to every selected candidate who is hired as a fresher.

Every year, Cognizant trains college freshers in bulk number before giving them the associate role. This recruit happens from all college over India.

Cognizant spends much time, effort and money in training the intern before giving them the actual work and before them to work in the real environment.

1.2.2 Vision

Cognizant's vision is to train every fresher recruited from the college no matter from which college the persons come from.

1.2.3 Values

The values of the organization are as follows:

1.2.3.1 Valuing People

Cognizant believes that its' success depends first and foremost on people. By respecting people in everything they do, they will develop and maintain high quality, mutually beneficial relationships with their clients, professional colleagues, referral sources, vendors, community members and with each other.

1.2.3.2 Building Client Relationships

Cognizant seeks to earn long-term client loyalty by developing a deep understanding of each client's business and personal goals, by demonstrating unwavering reliability and integrity in their work and by acting as an independent and objective advisor to their clients.

1.2.3.3 Upholding Quality and Integrity

We will maintain an environment where a commitment to quality, honesty, respect, fairness and professional ethics governs the actions and decisions of everyone within our firm.

1.2.3.4 Keys to Success

- Complete the work with full honesty.
- Complete the work on time.
- Complete the assessment.
- Complete the project within schedule time.
- Try to learn as much as possible from the SME, Trainer, mentor.
- Open to learn anything taught.

1.2.4 Objectives

The objectives of Cognizant are:

- The overall objective is to focus the activities towards its specialized

services and to become a leader in this niche in the country.

- Growth - To expand the business at a rate that is both challenging and manageable, serving the market with innovation and adaptability.

1.3 Work from Home Procedures

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the whole internship is scheduled to be in the form of work from home mode. To make this a success, Cognizant has signed ties with Microsoft Office to progress its business in online mode. Apart from this, Cognizant provides laptops with its employees with proper EDR, MDR and XDR policies which makes it prone to even zero-day attacks.

Cognizant has proposed the usage of personal laptops for interns during the train and learn period of the internship. Cognizant has developed a special portal which help the employees to download application plug-ins and access new applications monitor worktime schedule of the employees along with various supporting applications like tech support, HR support, project details, assignment details, leave approvals, etc.

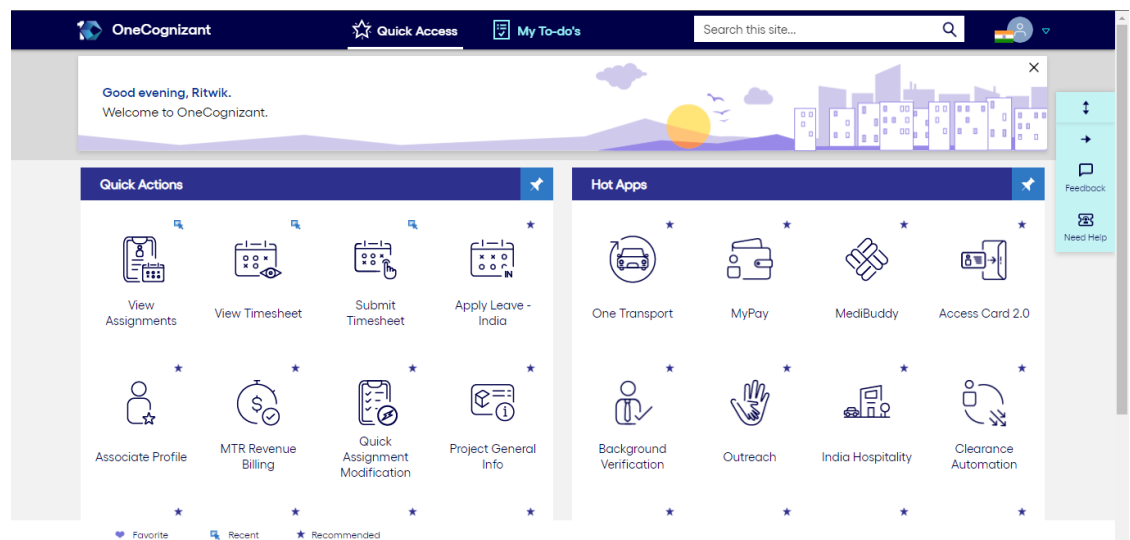


Figure 1. A look into the 1C portal

In this portal, trutime and timesheets are two applications which helps in monitoring access time to the day work. A working day comprises of 10 hours with 1 hour of lunch break. The main difference between trutime and timesheet is that trutime accounts for daily hours while logged into the system, just like an access swipe card used inside the campus premises, whereas timesheet accounts for the daily working hours only. Both the timesheets and trutime are monitored by project manager. Timesheets are approved on a weekly basis whereas trutime is approved on a daily basis. Project details can be viewed from the View Assignment App.

Cognizant Home Sign Out Add To Notification NavBar

Time Entry Page
Ritwik Tripathi

Period End Date: 27/05/2022 Version: Original Time Report ID: NEXT

Project ID	Project Name	Task/Activity ID	Task/Activity Description	Onsite/Offshore	Billing Action	Billing Location	21 SAT	22 SUN	23 MON	24 TUE	25 WED	26 THU	27 FRI	Total Hours	Comment
														0.00	

Swipe/Top Up hours

Swipe in hours: 0.00
Top up hours: 0.00
Total Project Related Hours: 0.00

Holiday/Time off

Paid Sick Leave: 0.00
Holiday (Public/National): 0.00
Paid Time Off: 0.00
Unpaid Leave(Other FMLA, STD, LOP): 0.00
Vacation: 0.00

Figure 2. Timesheet Landing Page

Timesheets Home Notification Settings

Timesheet Summary

Search By: [Dropdown] Search [Refresh]

Period	Status	Billable Project Hrs	Non-Billable Project Hrs	Time off/Holiday Hrs	Tru Time Hrs
21-MAY-2022 To 27-MAY-2022	Pending	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14-MAY-2022 To 20-MAY-2022	Approved	0.00	45.00	0.00	50.00
07-MAY-2022 To 13-MAY-2022	Approved	0.00	45.00	0.00	50.00
30-APR-2022 To 06-MAY-2022	Approved	0.00	36.00	0.00	40.00
23-APR-2022 To 29-APR-2022	Approved	0.00	45.00	0.00	50.00
16-APR-2022 To 22-APR-2022	Approved	0.00	45.00	0.00	50.00
09-APR-2022 To 15-APR-2022	Approved	0.00	36.00	0.00	40.00

Figure 3. Timesheet Summary

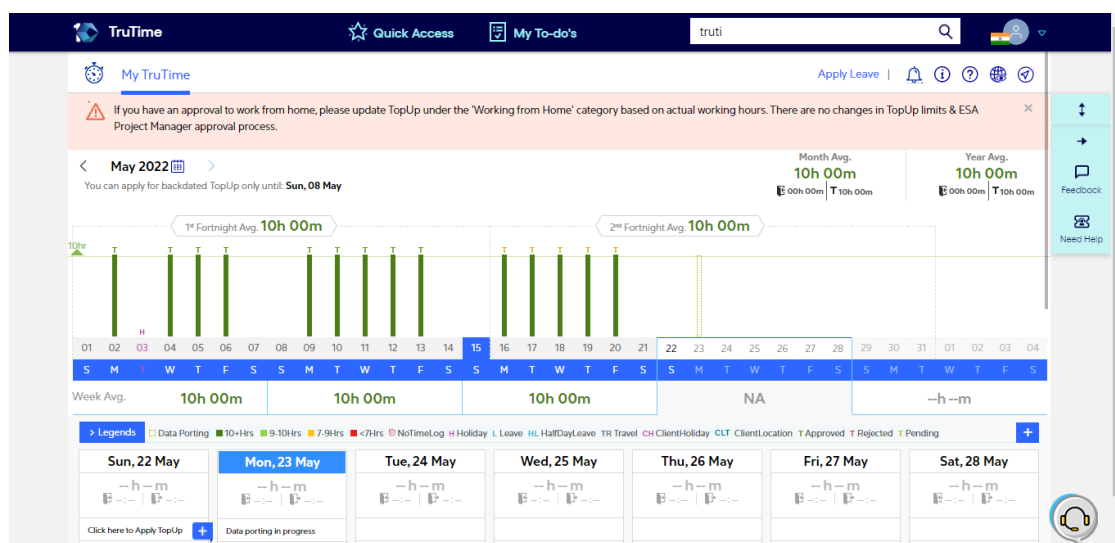
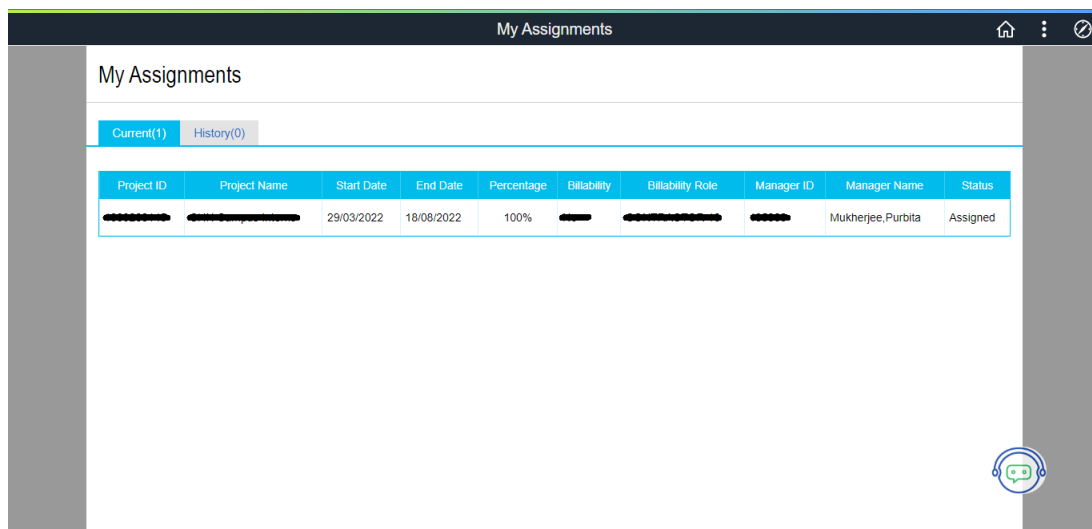


Figure 4. TruTime



Project ID	Project Name	Start Date	End Date	Percentage	Billability	Billability Role	Manager ID	Manager Name	Status
██████████	██████████	29/03/2022	18/08/2022	100%	██████████	██████████	██████████	Mukherjee, Purbita	Assigned

Figure 5. My Assignments app reflect projects assigned to me with further details.

Cognizant has developed another portal which revolves regarding the highlights of the happenings inside the organisation. All the important decisions and directions regarding the company's future, employee well-being and clientele perspectives are listed in here.

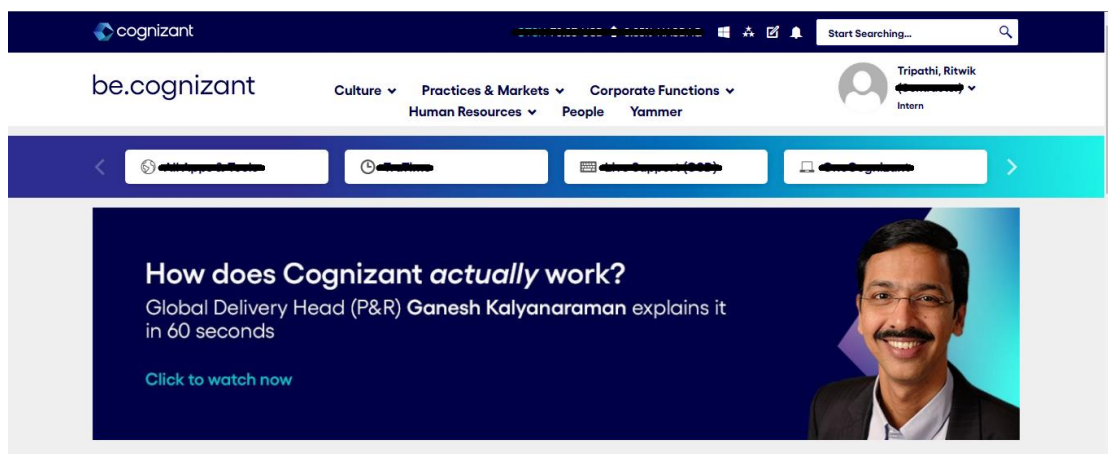


Figure 6. A look into the Be Cognizant portal

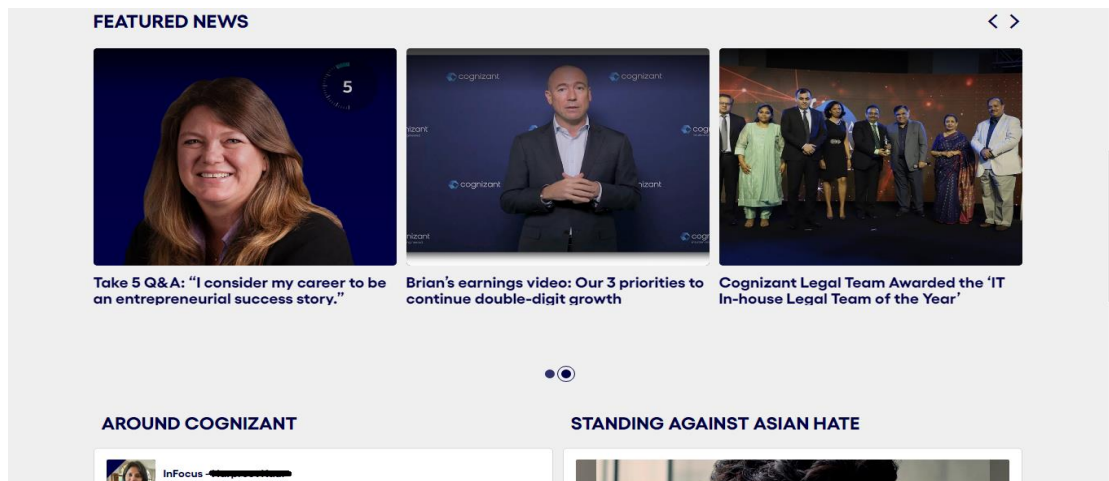


Figure 7. Be Cognizant provides latest updates on news happening around the Organization

CHAPTER – 2

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM SEQUENCE

2.1 Pre-Domain Assignment

The pre-domain assignment refers to the period before the actual BU training started and it lasted from 30th March 2022 to 15th April 2022. During this period, corporate induction took place, along with ice breaking session between the new interns. Along with this, academic courses related to JDBC and Java were assigned for corporate training. Heartfulness sessions were conducted to keep mind and body agile with the corporate pressure which builds with time. Leaders connect and Ethical policy connects were conducted from the HR team.

Date	Time	Sessions	Duration	Session Links
31 – Mar	Self-Learning	Zero Waste Challenge (E – Course)	2.5	https://cognizantlearning.sumtotal.host/rcore/c/pillarRedirect?resolvingPartyLM&urltag%2Fmanagement%20MS_ActDetails.aspx%3FActivityId%3d1721715%26UserMode%3d0
31 – Mar	4 – 5 PM	Leadership Connect Speaker - Krishnamurthy, Narayanan	1	
31 – Mar and 01 – Apr	Self-Learning	Heartfulness Meditation	7	https://cognizant.udemy.com/course/the-evolution-of-consciousness-heartfulness-meditation/
01 - Apr	11 -1 PM	Growth Mindset and Working Remotely - Ethics	2	

Figure 8. HR Connect Sessions and Self Learning.



Human Resources –
GenC

**Heartfulness
Session**



Dear All,
Welcome to **Heartfulness session** a 3 day program which will help you to connect with your inner-self & declutter your mind.

Day	Introduction Topic
1	Meditation – The technique to Connect with your Inner Self
2	De cluttering the mind - to remove hindrances to the inner connection
3	Techniques to strengthen the inner connection



07,08,11 Apr, 2022



09:00 AM to 10:00 AM



[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Figure 9. Heartfulness Session Invite

Cognizant takes corporate security very seriously. Cognizant's Ethics & Compliance program enables global business success by promoting an ethical culture, protecting the company from harm, ensuring customer confidence, reducing uncertainty in business decisions and guarding the company's reputation. Cognizant's Code of Ethics outlines

expectations of all its associates to act with integrity and uphold an ethical company culture. Cognizant's Global Policies and Procedures provide further, specific guidance regarding how to protect associate's own privacy, and their usage of company assets in a responsible way, avoid conflicts of interest, and more.

2.1.1 Workplace and Ethical Courses

2.1.1.1 Zero Waste in 30

This course talks about the journey for each one of us to start transitioning to a zero-waste lifestyle. It provides realistic and feasible zero waste changes that can be made at a personal level to help the communities around us transition to a healthier one. The course, through the many forms of learning like articles, real-life examples, video tutorials, experts' opinion, etc. allows to make informed choices, set realistic goals and make tangible differences on a broader global scale as well. The estimated course duration is about 2 hours 30 minutes.

2.1.1.2 Meditation and the Evolution of Consciousness

Heartfulness meditation brings a simple and effective way to integrate meditation into day-to-day lifestyle. Across the globe millions of people have experienced the benefits of Heartfulness Meditation. The four basic techniques taught in this practice are:

- Relaxation
- Meditation
- Cleaning
- Prayer

These techniques will help to relax, focus, rejuvenate, reduce stress and change through meditation. This course is designed to be a practical and experiential session. This course on meditation starts with a simple and easy relaxation technique. There are guided meditation sessions to experience yogic transmission. The course will also talk about Cleaning which is a most vital element of the practice. Through Cleaning, one can get rid of all the complexities and impurities gathered in the system. The estimated duration of the course is approximate 7 hours.

2.1.1.3 Java Database Connection: JDBC and MySQL

In this course, connection to a MySQL database using Java JDBC was explained. The course starts with an overview of the JDBC API, then the setup of the development environment with the appropriate MySQL database drivers takes place. Next the course shows how to submit a SQL query and process the result set along with SQL insert, updates and deletes queries which are revised. The course moves on to further advanced topics such as Prepared Statements to handle SQL parameters. Calling out stored procedures using various parameter types (IN, INOUT, OUT and ResultSet) along with processing large data types such as BLOBs and CLOBs. Finally, the course wraps up with a section on reading database connection information from a configuration file. The estimated time for completion of this course is 1 hour 30 minutes.

2.1.1.4 Data Security

Associates at Cognizant live up to their responsibilities. Their commitment to doing business ethically includes respecting privacy, protecting information, and safeguarding assets. The volume of information that the business at Cognizant receives, creates, and stores is significant and increasing. With the increase in ransomware attacks, phishing attempts, and data protection regulations, Cognizant has been refreshing and strengthening its approach to security. A key component to that is better data privacy and management across the company. Using better passwords for accounts, transferring confidential documents through one drive, not clicking on unrecognizable emails, reporting unrecognizable mails if it is suspicious. Recognizing potential malware emails, documents, messages.

2.1.1.5 Code of Ethics and Acceptable Use

This course familiarizes with Cognizant's updated Code of Ethics and key global corporate policies (such as Acceptable Use Policy, Anti-Corruption Policy, Conflicts of Interest Policy, Global Privacy Policy,

and Record Retention Policy) and procedures, and considers the responsibilities of each associate have to act in ways that promote an ethical culture of mutual trust and respect, recognize and address risks to the company, and advance the business goals the right way. Acceptable Use Policy means that each associate has to bear with the privileges given to them only. Conflicts of Interest Policies limit each Associate to act as a double agent within the company or at client site. Global Privacy Policy establishes the sense of trust between the company and associates or between associates and clients all over the globe with private information.

2.1.1.6 Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (India)

This course familiarizes associates in India with forms of sexual harassment, protections, and redress procedures under the Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act (POSH Act).

2.2 Domain Specific Training

The week after the pre domain training i.e., from 18th April 2022 to 22nd April 2022, was a buffer week with tower mapping (sub domain allocation) and introduction to the mentors. Mentors are assigned BU specialist who are responsible to guide the mentees into the particular BU based on the LP. Being assigned the ITM tower sub domain, learning path was enabled form 25th of April 2022 and week 1 starts from 25th April 2022 as well. The first mentor connect was to established a healthy working relationship between the mentors and mentees. Accordingly, the LP access was enabled following the mentor connect. The ITM LP follows with milestones in week 7 and week 11 as explained in the figure with a Business Aligned Project.

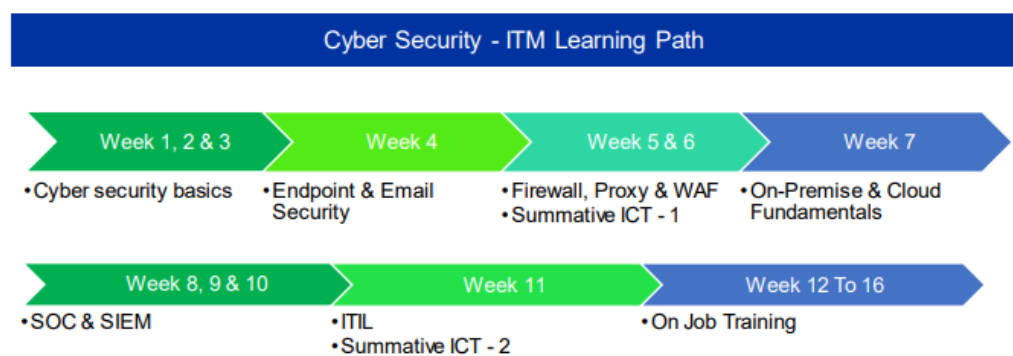


Figure 10. ITM Learning Path (LP) flowchart.

Cognizant has collaborated with Udemy to provide world class learning videos for the evolving future of work. These Udemy programs are woven in the learning path, empowering the interns to plan and learn at their pace and style. The program also connects the interns with Subject Matter Experts to get the professional guidance on their queries in the learning journey. The program continuously evaluates if interns are able to apply those self-learned skills to solve a business problem through ICTs, Assessments, Hands on Challenges, etc. The LP platform gives a clearer picture about the performance of the interns. The LP guides through various weeks of training.

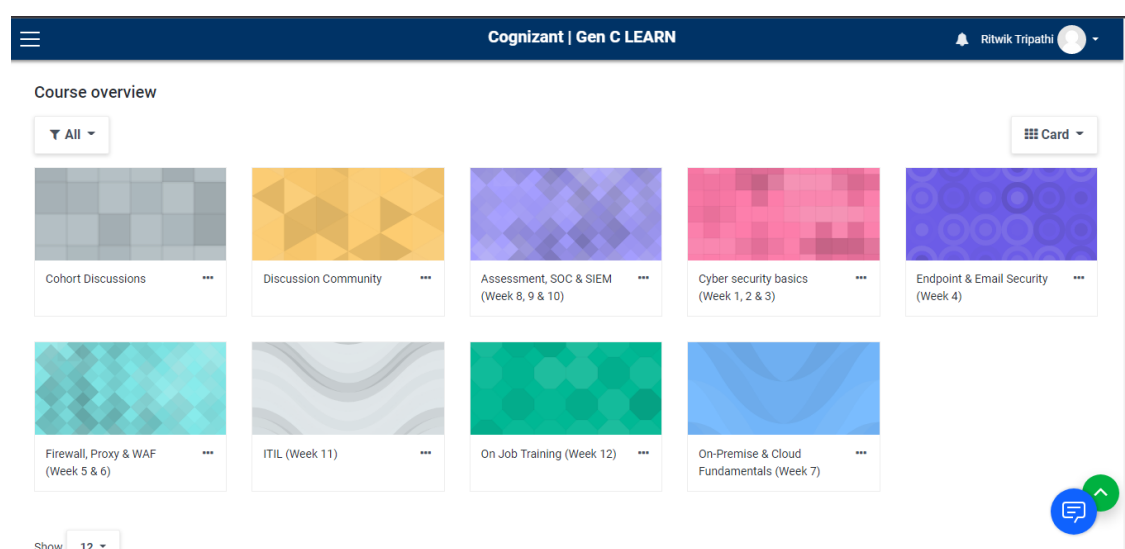


Figure 11. The LP overview

Week 1 to Week 3 consisted of three self-paced learning courses. Weeks from Week 4 to Week 11 have a guided curriculum consisting of mentor sessions and mentor suggested courses. The courses are spread across two platforms, namely, Udemy and Cybrary. Cognizant provides unlimited enterprise access to both these course platforms on a specific condition. The specific condition for Udemy is to complete at least one course per month and for Cybrary is to complete at least 10 hours of learning per month. If any associate fails to do so, privileges to both the course portals will be revoked. These courses provide the general ideology of what the associates will be working with in the future. As the internship is in offline mode, hands on each of the tools was not possible as software legitimate rights for usage of official data on personal computers is prohibited by Cognizant due to its Data Protection Policy. Practice activities related to most of the work is carried out on Cisco Packet Tracer. To this date, the internship progresses in Week 6. So, all the work carried out till Week 5 is briefly mentioned into this report.

2.2.1 Cybersecurity Basics (Week 1, Week 2 and Week 3)

Week 1, 2 and 3 consisted of three self-paced learning courses, one of them mostly theoretical teaching the basis of cybersecurity. The other two courses provided hands on experience on some of the essential topics.

2.2.1.1 CompTIA Security Plus (SY0-601) Course

CompTIA Security+ is an essential certification for beginners. It covers up the basis of cybersecurity fundamentals including the following

- Attacks, Vulnerabilities, Threats
- Security Architecture and Security Design Principles
- Security Implementation Techniques
- Security Operations and Incident Response Methodology
- Governance, Risk and Compliance

The course is the complete guide for taking up the CompTIA Security+ Certification exam. It starts with the basic CIA triad in security methodology and adds up Authentication, Authorization and Non-Repudiation with this methodology as well. All six together make up the basic building blocks of cybersecurity. The contents of this course include

- Identity Management
- End User Management
- Access Control Models and their comparison of different models.
- Network Technologies and their Security principles
- Types of Attacks (Network, Password, Code, Web Servers, Social Engineering)
- Understanding Vulnerabilities of different devices
- Data and Database Security
- AAA
- SPOF
- Cryptography and PKI
- Email, Web and Webserver Security

- Risk Mitigation Techniques

The course accumulated of a total of 18 hours.

2.2.1.2 Introduction to Computer Networks for Non-Techies

A role as a cybersecurity engineer will only be beneficial if what needs to be protected is known. Network security is an important element in cybersecurity. This course is a step-by-step guide towards understanding the rudiments of Computer Networks. Computer network is the interconnection between two or more computers communicating each other to either send or receive resources or both. A network is composed of two main aspects; Physical and Logical. The interconnection of computers on any network is bounded by some set of rules known as protocols, HTTPS, FTP, SMTP, TCP, IP, UDP, DHCP to name some. The contents of this course include

- Network Topologies and Networking Devices
- OSI Model and TCP/IP Model
- VLAN
- IPv4 Addressing / Subnetting
- Classful and Classless Addressing
- DNS Fundamentals
- Hands on activities on Cisco Packet Tracer

The course accumulated of a total of 18 hours. Seven hands-on activities were included into the course namely creating a simple home LAN, Static IP configuration, Subnetting two LANs, Dynamic IP configuration using DHCP server, DNS and Web Server Configuration, VLAN configuration and Router configuration using RIP. Hands-on activities are mentioned into this report.

• Creating a Simple Home LAN

This activity was based on connect a bunch of different devices together into a basic home local area network. This LAN consists of a PC, a Laptop, a File Server, a Network Printer, a Tablet and a Smartphone. All these devices are connected to the LAN with different connecting mediums. For example, the tablet and

smartphone are connected to the wireless router.

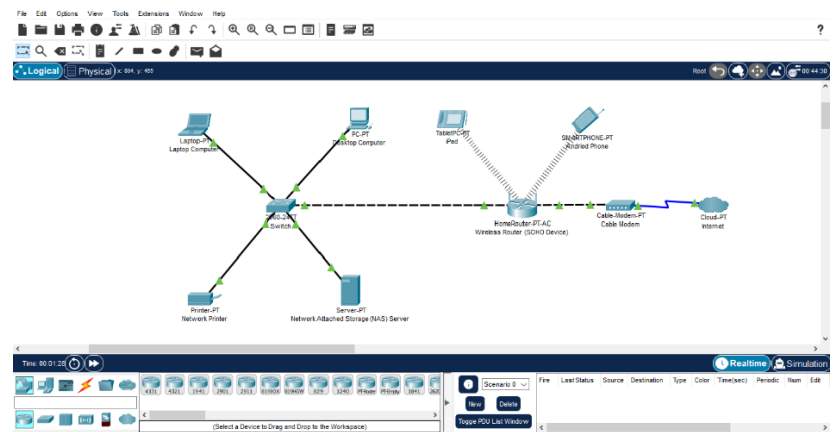


Figure 12. Creating a Simple Home LAN

• Static IP Configuration

This activity was to configure a LAN with static IP address to all the PCs in it for a given public IP address. Further, checking each PC IP with the ipconfig command and at last check the connection either using ping command or by PDU packets.

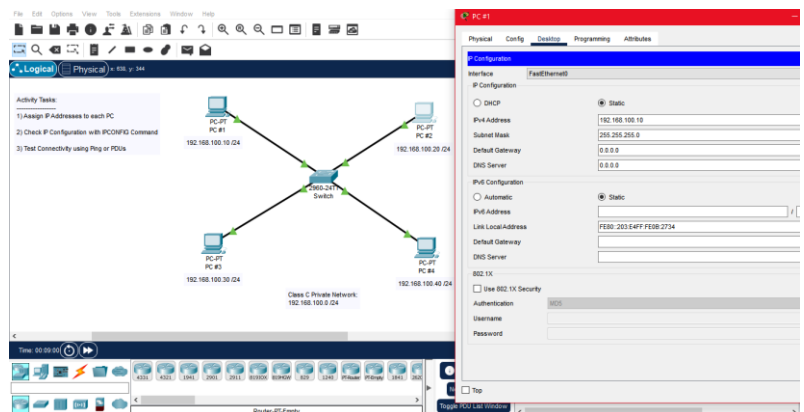


Figure 13. Static IP Configuration for PC#1

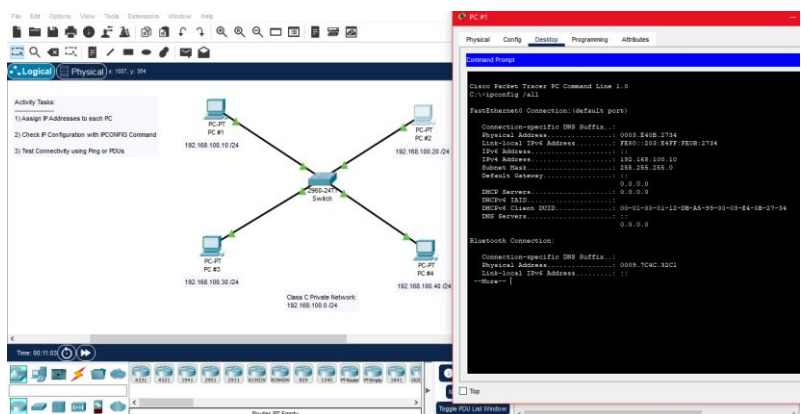


Figure 14. ipconfig /all command to check IP configuration for PC#1

- **Subnetting two LANs**

In this activity, subnetting of a network address was given which was needed to form two subnets. A network address was given which was needed to form two subnets. Since, the number of host bits needed to form 2 subnets is 1, therefore number of host IP addresses available are $2^7 - 2 = 126$ (two subtracted, one each for network address and broadcast address). The IP configuration was static.

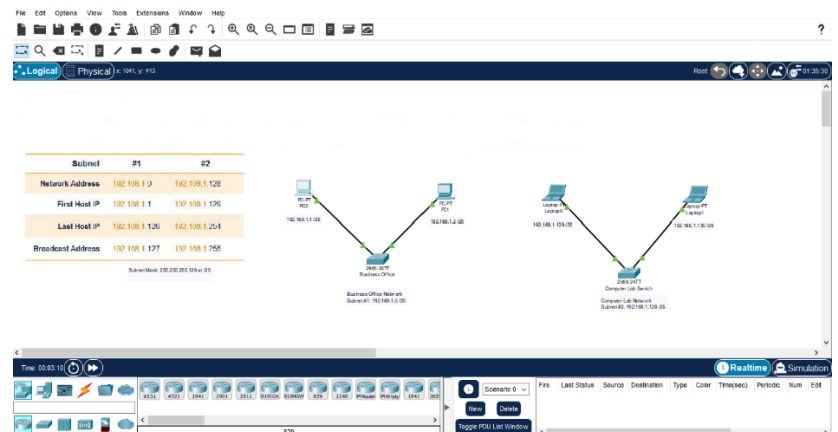


Figure 15. Subnetting two LANs

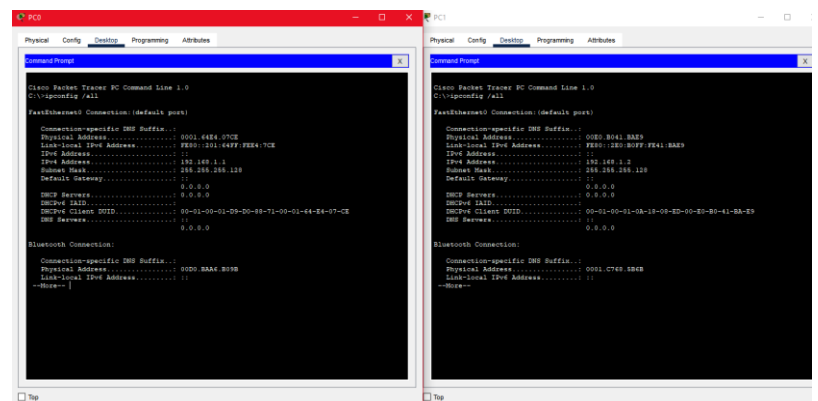


Figure 16. Subnetting the two PCs in Business Office Network

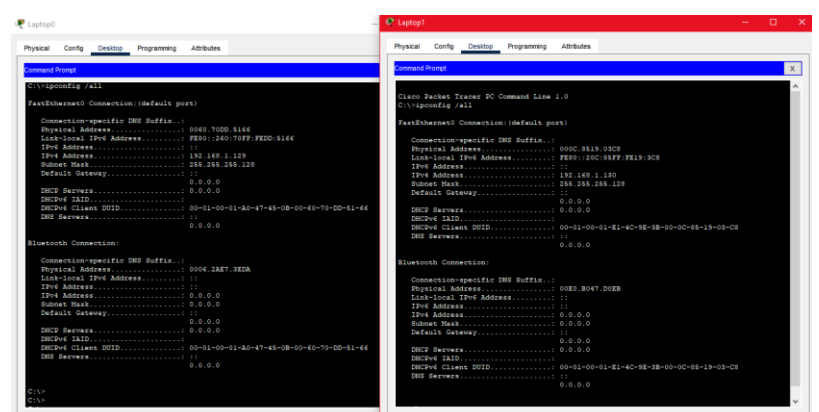


Figure 17. Subnetting the two Laptops in Computer Lab Network

- **Dynamic IP configuration using DHCP server**

In this activity, a server is used to configure IP for the LAN devices dynamically. A network consisting of four PCs connected to a switch is constructed and a server is connected to the switch completing the LAN and a network address is provided. The server is assigned a default gateway address along with DNS Server address. DHCP service is started for assigning IP addresses dynamically for up to 100 devices in the network.

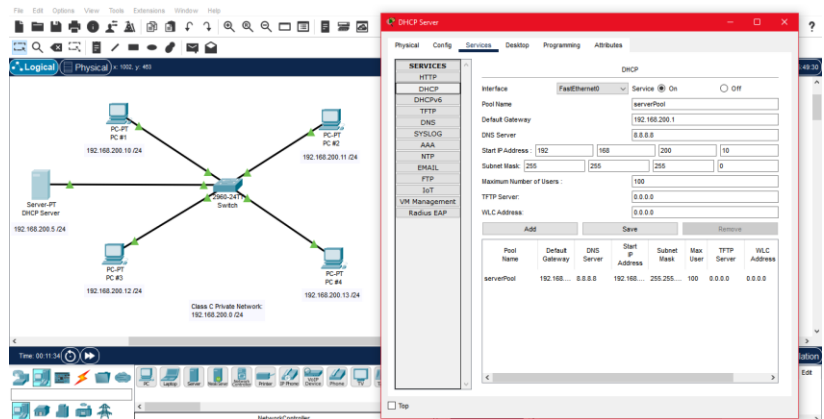


Figure 18. Dynamic IP configuration using DHCP server.

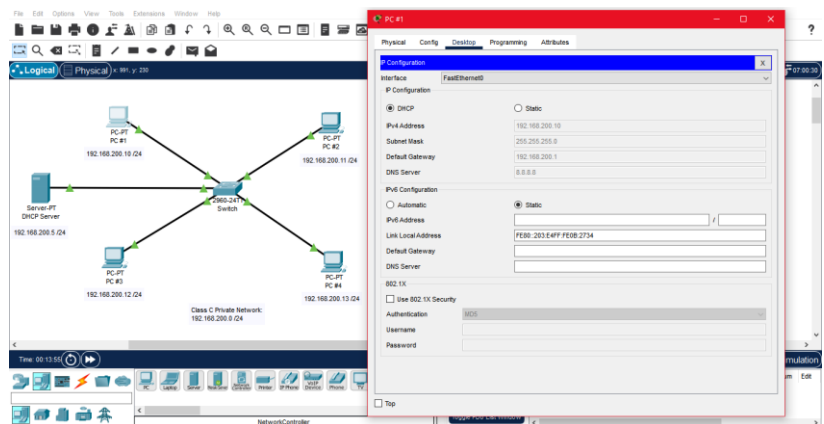


Figure 19. DHCP IP configuration on PC#1. Similarly for all other PCs.

- **DNS and Web Server Configuration**

In this activity, the previous LAN setup is updated and the DHCP server acts as DHCP, DNS and Web server. While setting up the DNS server, the DNS server address is changed and subsequently, IP configuration on all the PCs is renewed by using the `ipconfig /renew` in command prompt. After this configure the DNS service by entering the website name as a

record and assigning it the IP address of the DHCP / DNS / Web server. Start the DNS service and turn off the HTTPS option in the HTTP services.

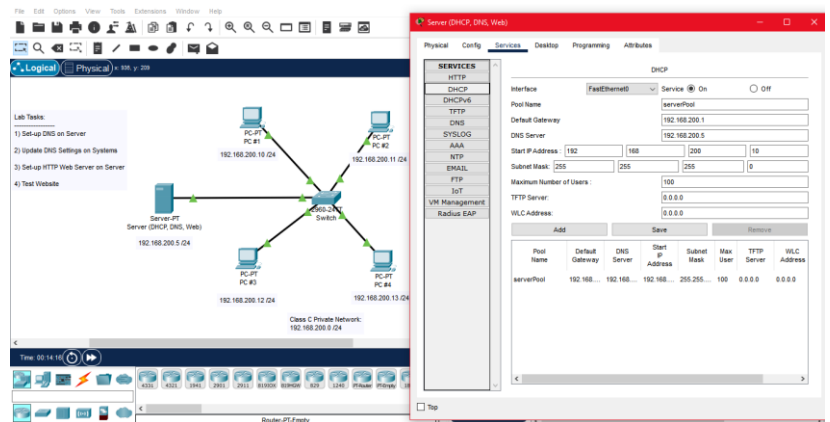


Figure 20. Assigning the DNS Server

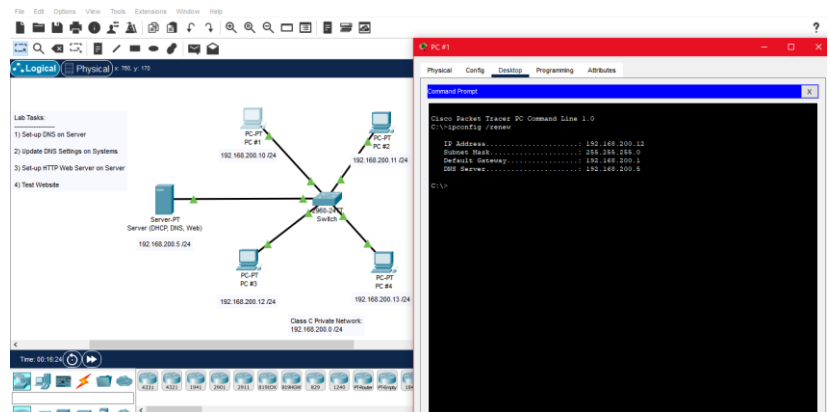


Figure 21. ipconfig /renew command to refresh the DNS server on PC#1.

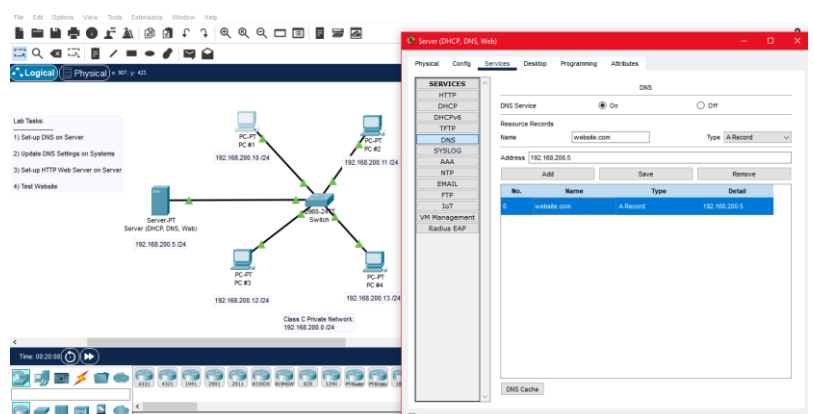


Figure 22. Assigning the website address in the DNS service.

- ## VLAN configuration

VLAN stands for Virtual LAN. VLAN is a LAN within a LAN. It is used to break up a large physical LAN into smaller logical

LANs. For example, for a university with different departments (CSE, IT, ECE, Mechanical, ECE, Accounts, Academics, etc.), purchasing different LANs for each department will be very costly and will further increase the managing cost as well. Managed switches can be used to create VLANs. It is possible by assigning specific switch interfaces to specific VLANs. VLANs are separated from each other. No flow of information can be done from one VLAN to another VLAN. In this activity, two VLANs are set up to segregate the HR department and Sales department. Addresses are assigned to the PCs connected to a managed switch. Managed switches contain a VLAN database in which VLAN numbers are assigned. Further each port connected to the switch from the PC is identified and VLAN a number is assigned to them. With this, the interconnection between VLANs is not possible but within a VLAN is possible.

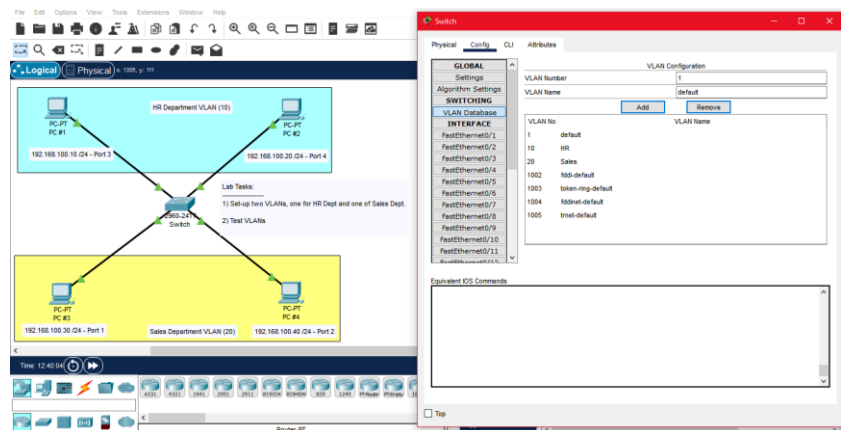


Figure 23. Assigning VLAN numbers in the VLAN database of the switch.

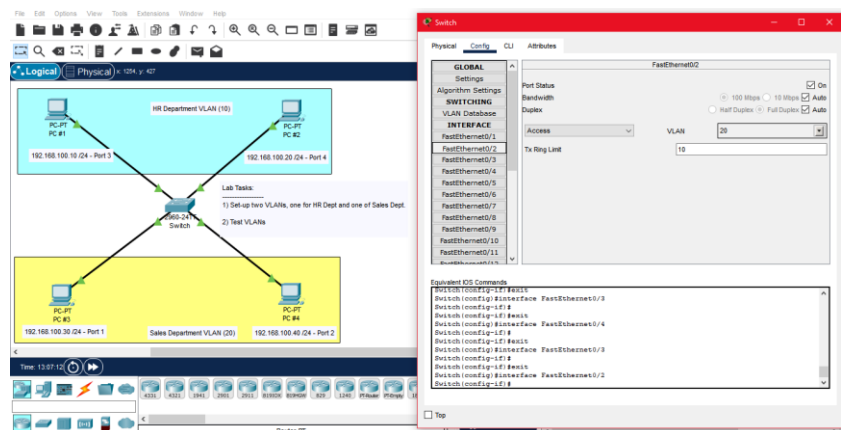


Figure 24. Assigning the ports with appropriate VLAN numbers.

- **Router configuration using RIP**

Routers form up the interconnection between two different networks. The configuration of routers is done to make sure that these devices know how to communicate with each other. RIP is a method used to configure routers. In this method, each router is provided with the addresses of the other routers with whom they need to connect. There can be various ways through which information is transferred from one router to another. It can be done either directly or through a number of routers, in each case being guided by a set of protocols e.g., Link-State Routing Protocol, Routing Information Protocol, etc.

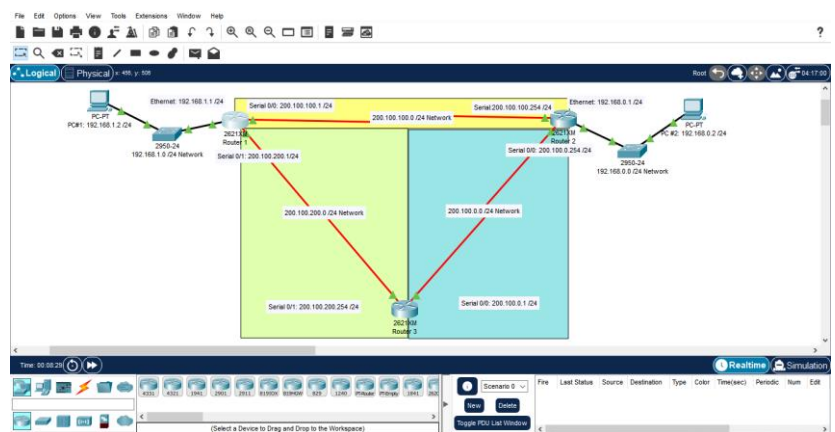


Figure 25. A simple network connection consisting of three routers

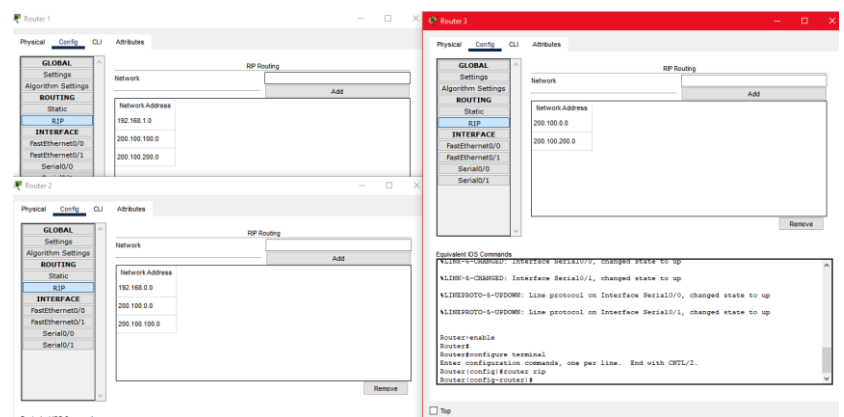


Figure 26. RIP configuration on the three routers

2.2.1.3 Cisco CyberOps Associate CBROPS 200-201: Part 1

Cisco is one of the leading companies when it comes to network operations and security. Cisco has not only limited its research to form a safer network environment for its users but is also known to provide

the upcoming generations with logistics such as Cisco Packet Tracer, Cisco Network Academy, etc. The CBROPS 200-201 is a certification examination launched by Cisco which has received the United States Department of Defence (DoD) approval for the DoD 8570.01-M for the CSSP Analyst and CCSP Incident Responder categories. This course focuses on four aspects of network security namely, basic network concepts, security concepts, security monitoring and host-based analysis. Basic network concepts in this course included the following:

- Network Fundamentals
- Network Protocols
- Network Devices
- IPS and AMP

Security included the following concepts in this course:

- CIA triad
- Defense in Depth
- Vulnerabilities
- Exploit
- AAA
- Zero Trust
- Access Control Methods
- 5-tuple rule

Security monitoring included the following concepts in this course:

- Network Attacks
- Web Application Attacks
- Endpoint Attacks
- Social Engineering
- Evasion methods
- Packet Captures
- Monitoring Challenges
- Basics of Encryption and Hashing
- PKI

Host-based analysis included the following concepts in this course:

- Basic Windows and Linux commands
- Endpoint Protection
- Whitelisting and Blacklisting
- Systems-Based Sandboxing
- System Logs
- Evidence and Attribution.

Apart from the learnings in this course there were two hands on activities based on Kali Linux tools to better understand some of these concepts.

- **Golismo**

Golismo is a vulnerability analysis tool which scans websites for vulnerabilities. Golismo has many keywords, scan, -d, -o, Harv*, DNS*, Nmap*, to name a few. It is a carving script which carves the data like host IP, host name, port number, email associated, etc. which can be used to find out any weak points or vulnerabilities into the system. A simple Golismo command is initiated into the terminal by using the keyword scan with the website name. The example command in the figure below is; `sudo golismo scan http://www.igcar.gov.in -d DNS* -d brute* -d Nmap -d Harv* -o scanresults.html`. In the above example command -d means deduct, DNS* means all DNS servers, brute* means all brute force attacks, Harv* means all Harvesting attacks. -o is for generating an output file.

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root@kali: ~
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root@kali:~# sudo golismo scan http://www.igcar.gov.in -d DNS* -d brute* -d Nmap -d Harv* -o scanresults.html

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Golismo 2.0.0b6, The Web Knife
Copyright (C) 2011-2014 Golismo Project
Contact: contact@golismo-project.com
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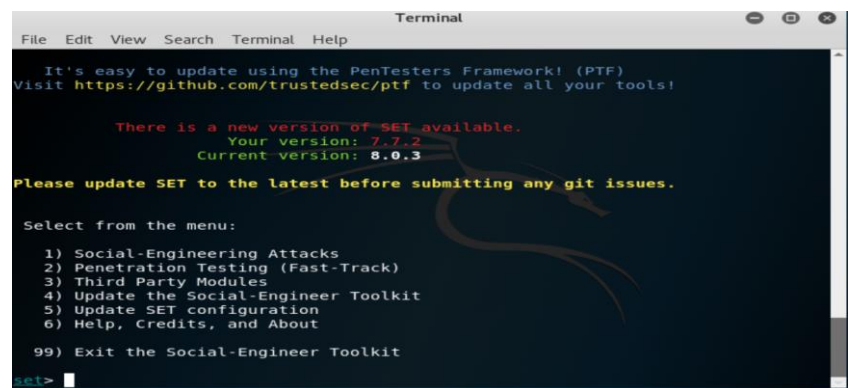
Golismo started at 2022-05-25 12:32:29.680243 UTC
[*] Golismo: Audit name: golismo-D2GMwBA9
[!] Shodan: Plugin disabled, reason: Missing API key! Get one at: http://www.shodanhq.com/api_doc
[!] OpenVAS: Plugin disabled, reason: Missing hostname
[!] SpiderFoot: Plugin disabled, reason: SpiderFoot plugin not configured! Please specify the URL to connect to the SpiderFoot server.
/usr/share/golismo/golismo/main/scope.py:351: RuntimeWarning: Cannot resolve domain name: igcar.gov.in
warn(msg, RuntimeWarning)
[*] Golismo: Added 4 new targets to the database.
[*] Golismo: Launching tests...
[*] Golismo: Current stage: Reconnaissance
[*] Web Spider: Spidering URL: http://www.igcar.gov.in/
[*] theHarvester: Searching keyword 'www.igcar.gov.in' in google
[*] theHarvester: Found 0 emails and 0 hostnames on google for domain www.igcar.gov.in
[*] theHarvester: Searching keyword 'www.igcar.gov.in' in bing
[*] theHarvester: 20.00% percent done...
[!] theHarvester: Invalid header name 'Cookie: SBCHH9GUSB=ADLT=DEMO7E6NBSLT=50'

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Figure 27. Golismo running in the command prompt

- **Social Engineering Toolkit**

The social engineering toolkit, SET, is a command interface for visualizing social engineering attacks. A basic social engineering attack is the credential harvesting attack. It can be done by either cloning the website or by using a web template. A credential harvesting attack is only feasible when the target website is an authentication page. Once the website address is written, the SET clones the website.



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It's easy to update using the PenTesters Framework! (PTF)
Visit https://github.com/trustedsec/ptf to update all your tools!

There is a new version of SET available.
Your version: 7.7.2
Current version: 8.0.3

Please update SET to the latest before submitting any git issues.

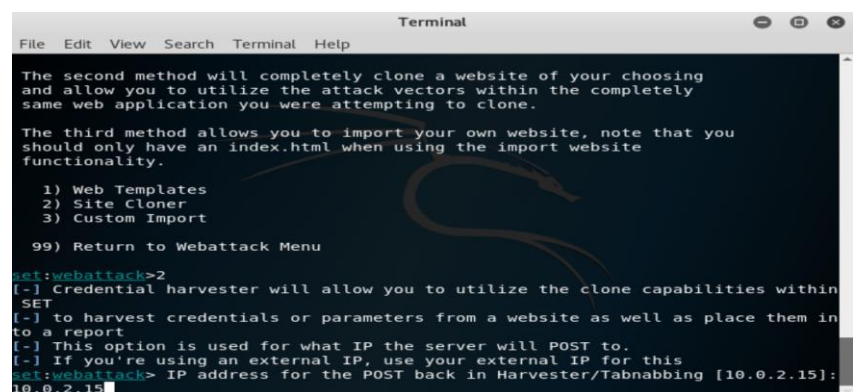
Select from the menu:

1) Social-Engineering Attacks
2) Penetration Testing (Fast-Track)
3) Third Party Modules
4) Update the Social-Engineer Toolkit
5) Update SET configuration
6) Help, Credits, and About
99) Exit the Social-Engineer Toolkit

set>

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Figure 28. SET command line



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The second method will completely clone a website of your choosing
and allow you to utilize the attack vectors within the completely
same web application you were attempting to clone.

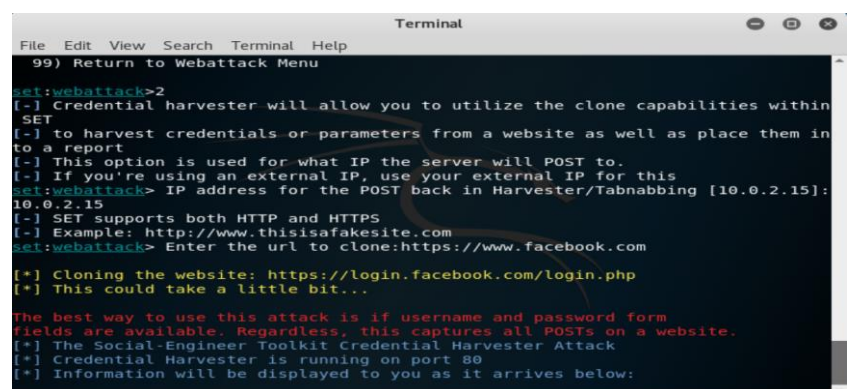
The third method allows you to import your own website, note that you
should only have an index.html when using the import website
functionality.

1) Web Templates
2) Site Cloner
3) Custom Import
99) Return to Webattack Menu

set:webattack>2
[-] Credential harvester will allow you to utilize the clone capabilities within
SET
[-] to harvest credentials or parameters from a website as well as place them in
to a report
[-] This option is used for what IP the server will POST to.
[-] If you're using an external IP, use your external IP for this
set:webattack> IP address for the POST back in Harvester/Tabnabbing [10.0.2.15]:
10.0.2.15

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Figure 29. Entering domain IP address



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set:webattack> IP address for the POST back in Harvester/Tabnabbing [10.0.2.15]:
10.0.2.15
[-] SET supports both HTTP and HTTPS
[-] Example: http://www.thisisafakesite.com
set:webattack> Enter the url to clone:https://www.facebook.com
[*] Cloning the website: https://login.facebook.com/login.php
[*] This could take a little bit...

The best way to use this attack is if username and password form
fields are available. Regardless, this captures all POSTs on a website.
[*] The Social-Engineer Toolkit Credential Harvester Attack
[*] Credential Harvester is running on port 80
[*] Information will be displayed to you as it arrives below:

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Figure 30. Using https://www.facebook.com as cloned site

2.2.2 Endpoint and Email Security (Week 4)

2.2.2.1 Endpoint Security

Endpoint security, or endpoint protection, is the cybersecurity approach to defending endpoints such as desktops, laptops, and mobile devices from malicious activity. No course was suggested on this topic. Five sessions of one hour each per day were conducted to cover the topics in the LP.



Figure 31. Endpoint Security topics

Traditional endpoint security is reactive and detects potential security threats by matching known signatures and attack patterns. For performance reasons, antivirus vendors try to keep the signature database as small as possible. That's why many traditional AV vendors' databases only contain the updates of the latest malware threats. Coping both with the performance and threat detection aspect is challenging using a signature-based detection method. Threat actors can easily adapt the malware code or their techniques to circumvent the malware signatures developed for traditional AV solutions. Some of the traditional AV vendors are Symantec, McAfee, Sophos, etc.

Endpoint security solutions are a combination of four components, Antivirus / Malware / Spyware, Host Firewall, Host IPS, Application and Device Control. Endpoint software are more advanced than traditional AV software. The basic difference between these two is that while traditional AV software filters files based of signature patterns, Endpoint security software filters file based on their behaviour with the use of artificial intelligence. Some of the common

endpoint security vendors are CrowdStrike, Microsoft Defender, Kaspersky, Sentinel One, Cisco AMP, etc.

Endpoint Security - Components

Endpoint Security Components	Protection
Anti Virus / Malware / Spyware	Add defenses on top of signature-based antivirus protection
Host Firewall	Add location-aware client firewall software on laptops and other endpoint PCs.
Host Intrusion Prevention System	Add defenses on top of signature-based antivirus protection
Application and Device Control	Application & Device control lets you block users from installing non-essential applications and control access to USB, CD-ROM devices

Figure 32. Components of Endpoint Security

The Endpoint Detection and Response solutions are designed to provide state of the art protection for endpoints. These solutions provide multi-layer, fully integrated endpoint protection. Real-time continuous monitoring is combined with data analytics to detect threats, and automated, rule-driven response enables rapid mitigation of detected threats. The initial goal of an EDR solution is to provide deep visibility into a particular endpoint. This visibility is leveraged by EDR's automated response capabilities for threat mitigation, enables prevention of attacks, and can support proactive threat hunting activities. This transition from traditional, responsive security to proactive threat management is EDR's primary objective. There are five key capabilities of EDR, comprehensive visibility, data collection, behavioural protection, real-time responses, whitelisting and blacklisting. Comprehensive visibility finds the roots of the malware detected in the endpoint and reports back. Data collection refers to the collection of malware data from endpoints. Behavioural protection refers to the detection and termination of any malware process or file not on the basis of signatures but on the basis of behaviour. With EDR, real-time responses are generated based on the detection and further mitigation of the detected intrusion or malware. EDRs are capable of whitelisting and blacklisting host firewall to

make internet browsing safer. The basic core EDR functionality is to detect and respond to any intrusion made onto the endpoint.

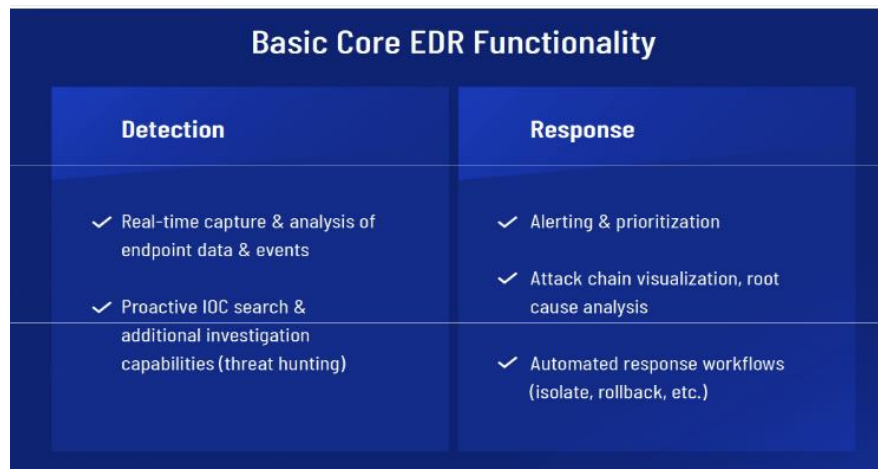


Figure 33. Basic Code EDR Functionality

Some of the top EDR vendors are CrowdStrike, Sentinel One, Carbon Black, Cisco, FireEye, etc. The EDR works with a six-step process. Step one is to install an EDR agent onto the endpoint. Next, the EDR performs behavioural analysis to collect information about the endpoint and categorises them based on the level of criticality. It further detects and reports any malicious activities. Through algorithms, it identifies the breach points into the endpoint. Each of the data points are categorised narrowly. The reported data is analysed by agent analyst and review alerts and information regarding any threats against the end point is generated and reverted back.

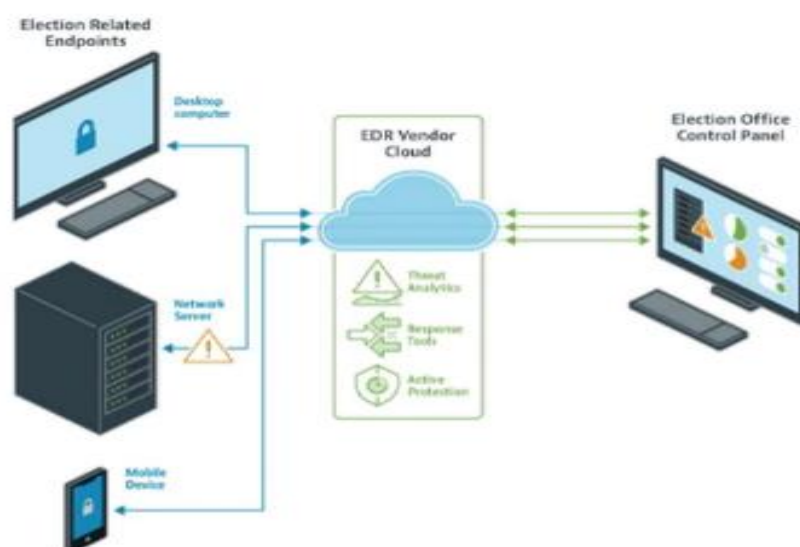


Figure 34. Most of the EDR vendors monitor endpoint data through cloud.

MDR stands for managed detection and response. MDR is a service that continuously monitors, prioritizes, and responds to cybersecurity threats with humans behind the wheel. MDR is augmented with EDR solutions by empowering analysts with data and abilities to act on the endpoint. These actions can range from gathering data to better prioritize threats, like getting running services, applications, users logged in, local files, etc., to containment actions like quarantines, shutting down services, etc. Cognizant's Cyber Threat Defence with MDR (Cisco Secure Endpoint) services helps bridge the gap by delivering advanced detection and response as a service, thereby removing the complexity and cost of building an in-house next generation security operation.

XDR is a more evolved, holistic, cross-platform approach to endpoint detection and response. While EDR collects and correlates activities across multiple endpoints, XDR broadens the scope of detection beyond endpoints and analyses data across endpoints, networks, servers, cloud workloads, SIEM and much more. This provides a unified, single pane of glass view across multiple tools and attack vectors. XDR solutions can also respond automatically to identified threats. This includes taking both preventative measures to block malicious content from reaching a system and working to mitigate an in-progress attack on a compromised endpoint.

Data loss prevention (DLP) is a set of tools and processes used to ensure that sensitive data is not lost, misused, or accessed by unauthorized users. It is a strategy to detect and prevent confidential data leaks e.g., Email addresses, credit card information, source code files, invoices, payslips, important documents, etc. DLP provides reporting to meet compliance and auditing requirements and identify areas of weakness and anomalies for forensics and incident response. DLP software classifies regulated, confidential and business critical data and identifies violations of policies defined by organizations or within a predefined policy pack, typically driven by regulatory compliance such as HIPAA, PCI-DSS, or GDPR. Once those

violations are identified, DLP enforces remediation with alerts, encryption, and other protective actions to prevent end users from accidentally or maliciously sharing data that could put the organization at risk. DLP technology is used for three main purposes namely Securing Information, Maintaining Backup Operations and Ensuring Compliance. DLP has four key capabilities on which it works.

- Discover – Find data wherever it is stored. Create inventory of sensitive data. Manage data clean up.
- Monitor – Understand how data is being used. Understand content and context. Gain visibility into policy violations.
- Protect – Proactively secure data. Prevent confidential data loss. Enforce data protection policies.
- Manage – Define unified policy across enterprise. Remediate and report on incidents. Detect content accuracy.

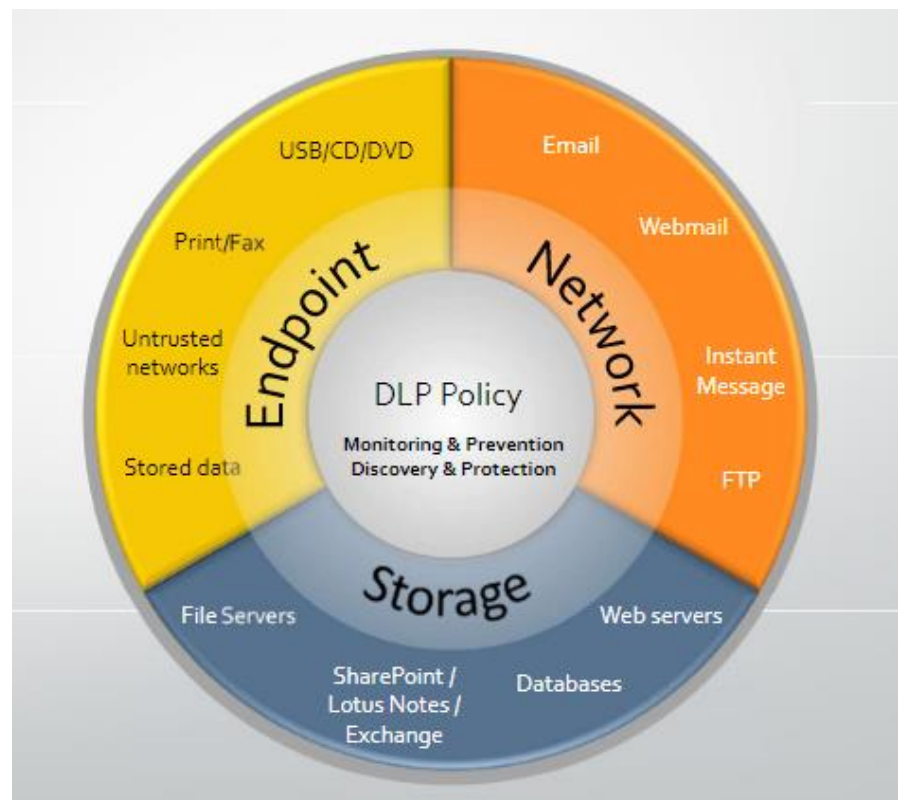


Figure 35. DLP policy covers Endpoint, Network and Storage.

DLP policy covers endpoint, network and storage metrics. It is a five-step process starting with customizing policy templates,

discovering scan targets, monitoring data, network and endpoint events, protecting important files by blocking, removing and encrypting and remediating and reporting risk reductions.

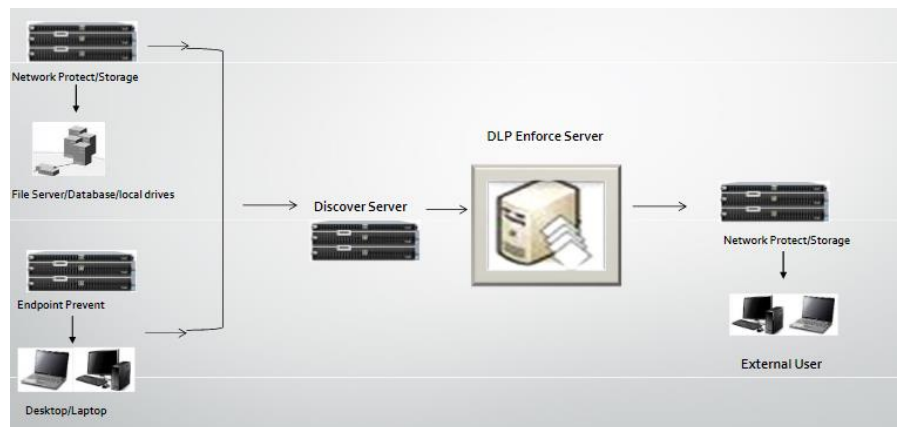


Figure 36. DLP architecture.

Some of the top vendors of DLP technology are Symantec DLP, McAfee DLP, Force Point DLP, etc.

2.2.2.2 Email Security

As network protection tools are getting stronger day by day, attackers have shifted their focus towards attacking end users as they're less protected. Email security refers to the collective measures used to secure the access and content of an email account or service. No mentor sessions were conducted for Email Security and a self-paced course was assigned to cover up the topics in LP named End User Email Security on the Cybrary platform.

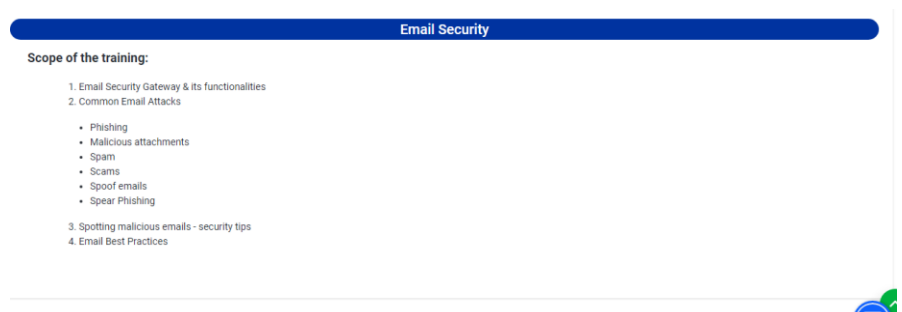


Figure 37. Email Security Topics

Some of the common email attacks are:

- **Phishing**

Phishing is a fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive information

or data. Phishing is commonly done through emails, websites and phone calls in order to steal sensitive information or money. Phishing emails are used to trick the receivers into sharing sensitive information often by posing as legitimate business or trusted contacts.

- **Social Engineering**

Social engineering is when an attacker uses fear, urgency and deception to manipulate the receiver into sharing information of taking some action. Typically, attackers always try to trick people into giving access to safer environments, sharing confidential information with them.

- **Spear Phishing**

Spear phishing is targeting individuals based on research, impersonating either as a brand or other known entity, with the goal of acquiring confidential information or installing spyware.

- **Spam**

Also known as junk email, is unsolicited message – i.e., harmless, advertising businesses or controversial ideas.

- **Spoof Emails**

A technique used in spam and phishing attacks to trick users into thinking a message came from a person or entity they either know or can trust.

- **Malicious Attachments and Malicious Links**

Malware can be in attachment and links which come in an email. Attachments can carry malware in the background and can infect the endpoint. Similarly, links which come with the email may redirect the user to a certain webpage demanding some action or may download malicious software.

Some of the best email practices are:

- Always check whether the email is from a trusted source. Check the from address for any wrong spellings or unfamiliar domain names.
- Review the subject of the mail as attackers provide either too much or too less information.

- Review the content of the mail.
- If the mail is not relevant, report to the phishing team.
- If the mail refers to an action, like sharing it with 100 people for a reward or filling up a survey form, etc. which is not entitled from a trusted source.
- Be vigilant to attachments.
- Be vigilant to links.
- Don't click on hyperlinks.

Email Security gateways are tools which promote end user email security by filtering emails, routing incoming and outgoing mails, configuring policies for email processing and monitoring email flow. Besides the above, these gateways have the listed features as well:

- Blocks a wide range of email addresses at the connection level, filters spams and viruses, and can approve and block messages based on sender address or domain, origin IP address, attachment size or file type, text content, and more.
- Spam and viruses are separated from the legitimate messages.
- Legitimate messages are delivered to recipients with minimal delay, while suspicious messages are blocked or sent to the quarantine.
- Stops malware and non-malware threats such as imposter email.
- Block malware, phishing, spear phishing and spam emails at the perimeter of your network.
- Attack blocking Connection Protection from directory harvest attacks and denial of service attacks.
- Email encryption and data loss prevention.

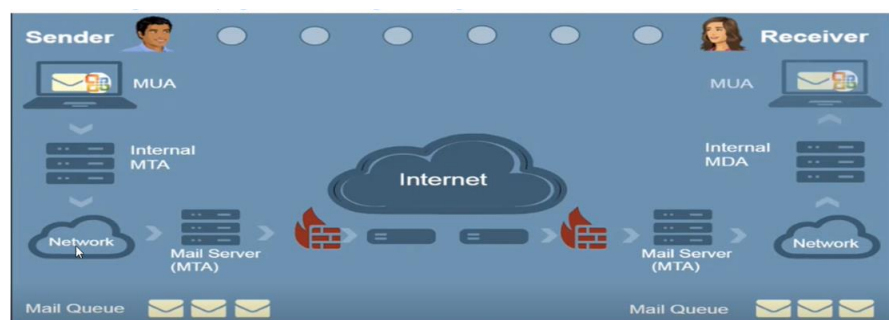


Figure 38. A typical email lifecycle with an email security gateway

Some of the common vendors of email security gateway software are Proofpoint Email Protection, Cisco Cloud Email Security, Symantec Email Security, Forcepoint Email Security Gateway, etc.

2.2.3 Firewall (Week 5)

A firewall is a device or a software configuration specifically designed to control the flow of traffic into and out of the network. In general, firewalls are installed to prevent network attacks like, Web application attacks, XSS, DNS tunnelling etc. Three mentor sessions of one-hour each were conducted on Firewall. No course was assigned from the mentors on the topic.

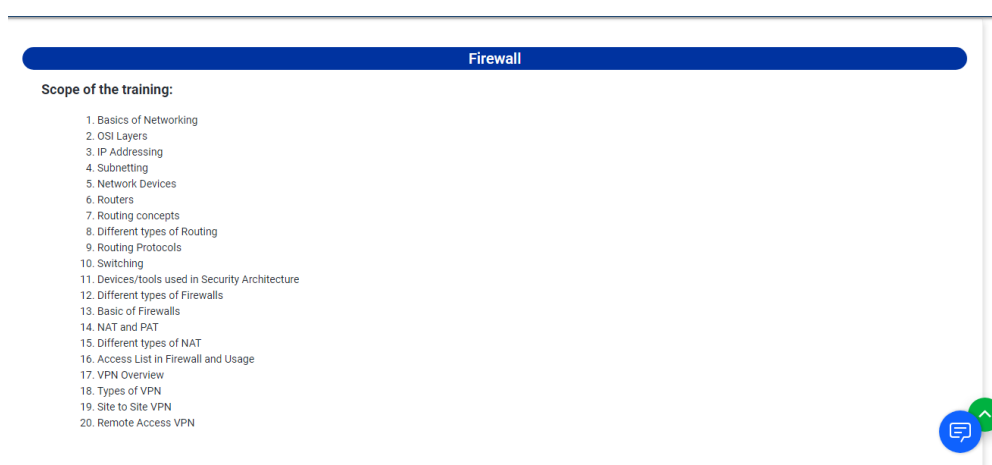


Figure 39. Firewall topics

The basis of network was already covered in the first three weeks with the course Introduction to network to non-techies, so only firewall and VPN were covered in the sessions.

A firewall acts as a barrier or a shield between an endpoint and cyber space. They provide critical protection to the endpoints from unauthorised access. Firewalls are categorized into these following categories:

- **1st Generation Firewall**

The first-generation firewall worked on packet filtering principle. Since, packets are formed in the transport layer. A rule set is defined in the TCP / IP layer which consists of some actions in order to match some criteria in the packets. There are two lists, permit list and the deny list. Filtering was based on the information obtained from the network packets like source IP, destination IP, source port, destination port and internet

protocol which is also known as the 5-tuple rule.

- **2nd Generation Firewall**

The second-generation firewall worked on the application gateways and proxies. These firewalls work on the application layer. They evaluate network packets for valid data at the application layer before allowing a connection. Proxy servers are used for special purpose in order to manage traffic such as FTP or HTTP. Proxy services can provide increased access control, detailed checks for valid data, and they generate audit records about the traffic to identify and track traffic.

- **3rd Generation Firewall**

The third-generation firewall is also known as stateful packet inspection firewall worked on the same packet screening technique like first generation firewalls. In addition, it investigates the packet header information from the network layer to the application layer in order to verify that the packet is part of an agreeable connection and the protocols are behaving as expected. It tightens the rules for TCP traffic by creating a directory of TCP connections.

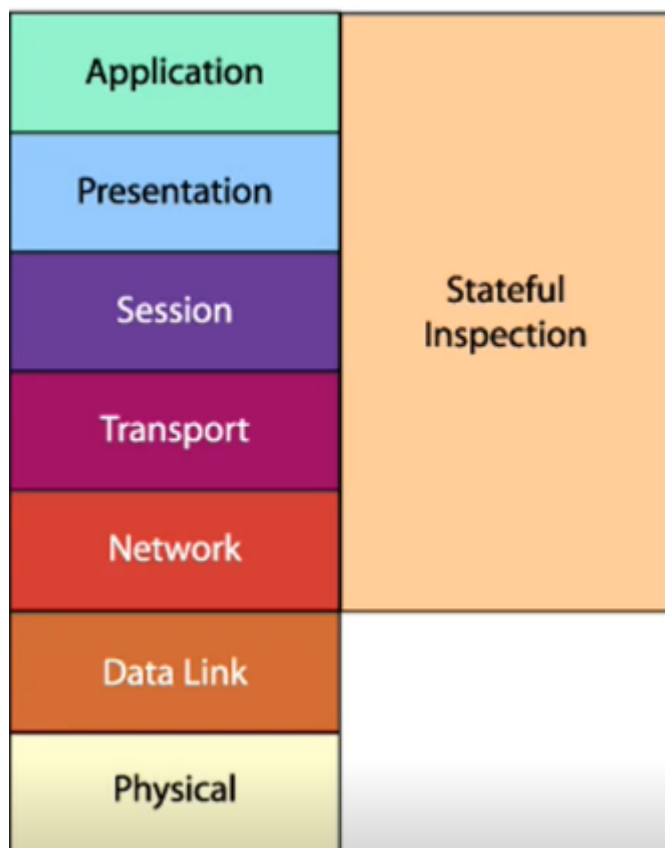


Figure 40. Stateful Inspection Layers

- **Next Generation Firewalls**

Next generation firewalls are more capable of detecting application-specific attacks than standard firewalls and this can prevent more malicious intrusions. They do a full-packet inspection by checking the signatures and payload of packets for any anomalies or malware. Next generation firewalls provide all traditional firewall capabilities along with identification of undesired encrypted applications with the help of SSL decryption.

An activity related to firewall was performed on Cisco Packet Tracer. In this activity, a LAN connected to a Web Server through a switch and a wireless SOHO device. The aim was to block ICMP requests on endpoints.

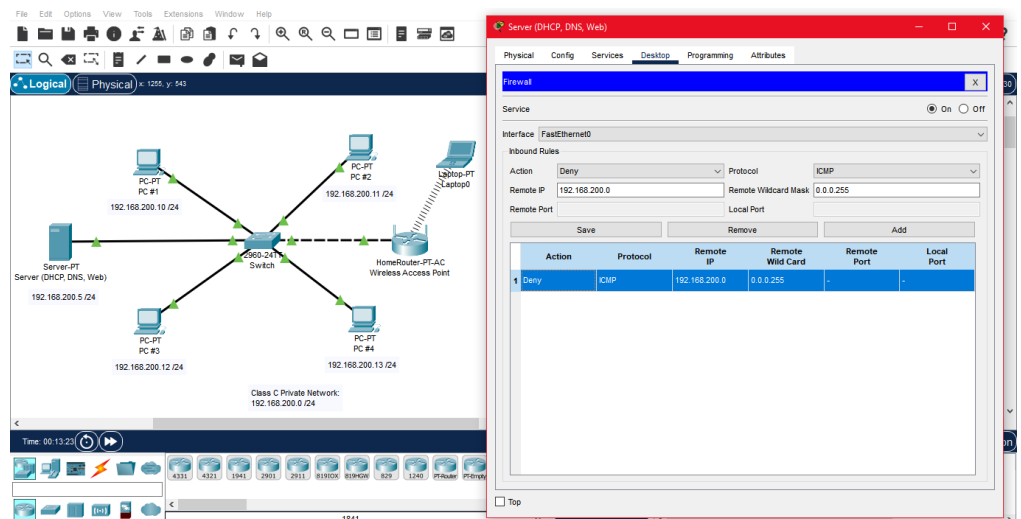


Figure 41. A firewall is setup on the Webserver which blocks ICMP requests.

CHAPTER 3

RESULTS

3.1 Pre Domain-Assignment Certification

3.1.1 Zero Waste in 30



Figure 42. Completion Certificate of Zero Waste in 30.

3.1.2 Meditation and the Evolution of Consciousness

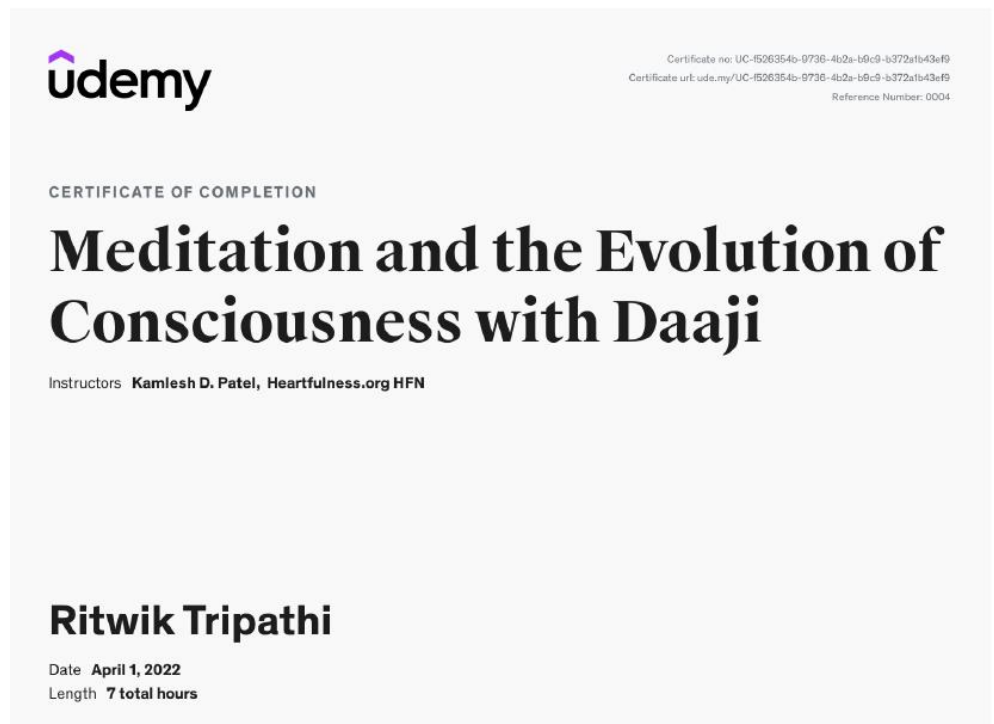


Figure 43. Meditation and Evolution of Consciousness Certification.

3.1.3 Java Database Connection: JDBC and MySQL

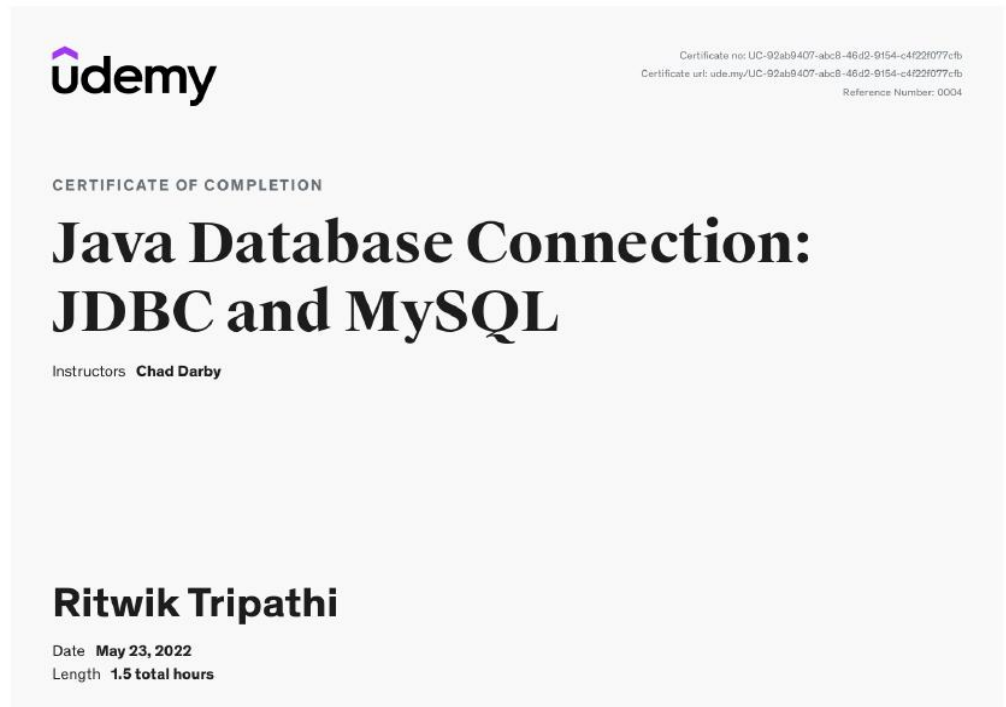


Figure 44. JDBC and MySQL certification

3.1.4 Data Security

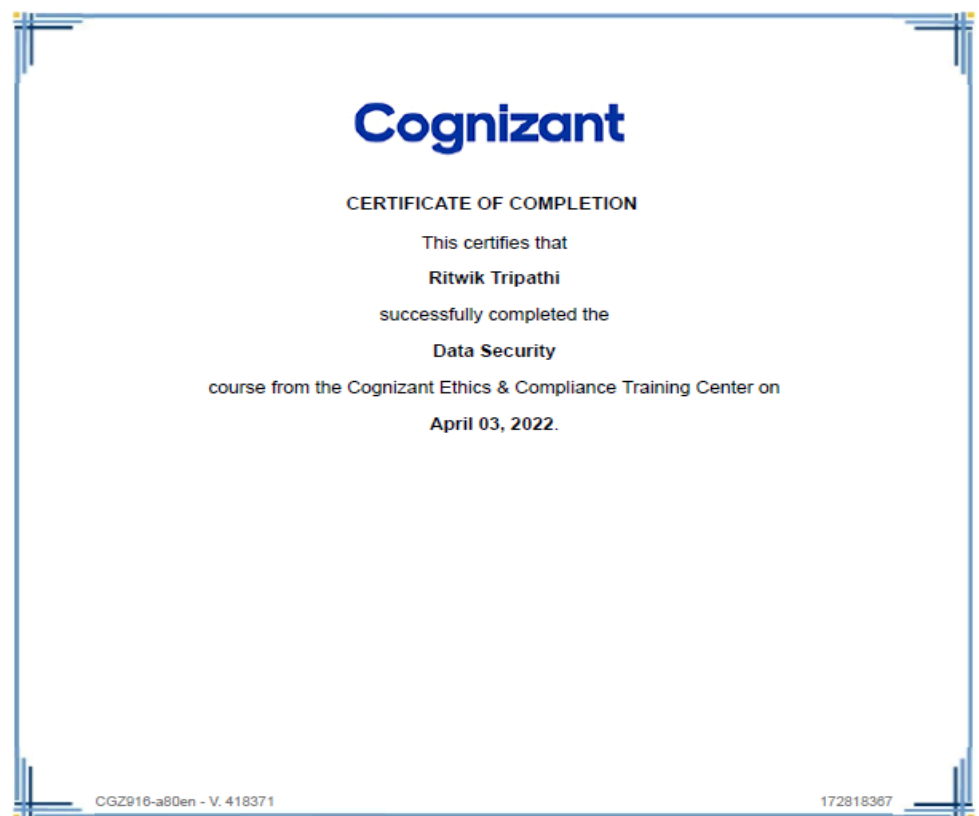


Figure 45. Data Security Certification

3.1.5 Code of Ethics and Acceptable Use

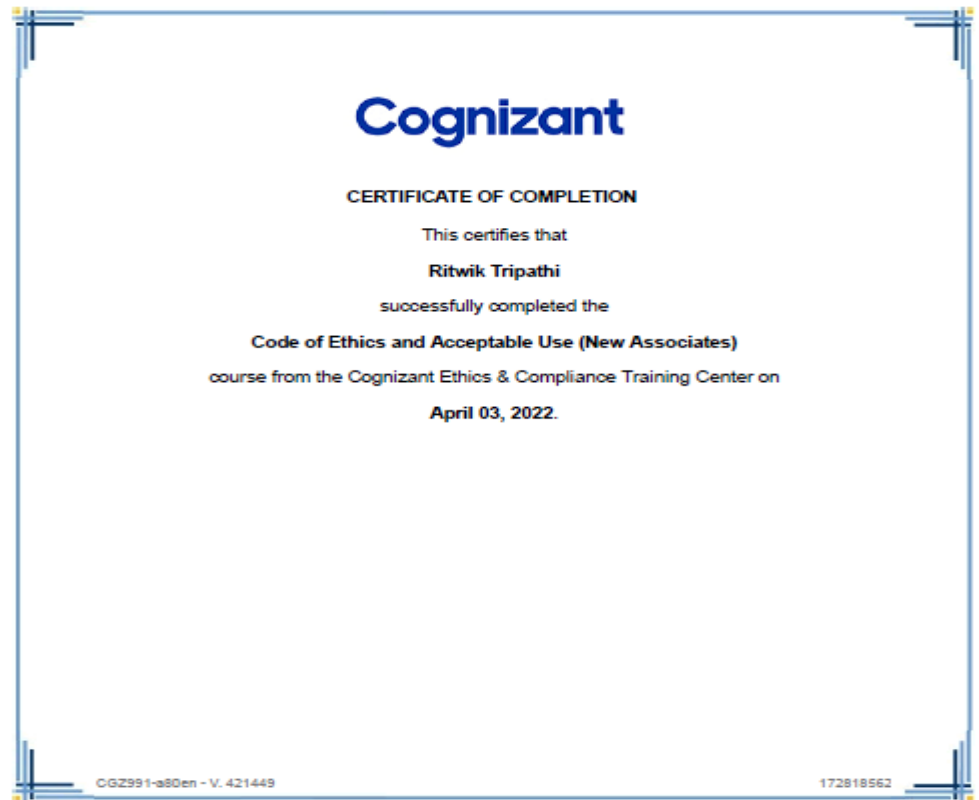


Figure 46. Code of Ethics and Acceptable Use Certification.

3.1.6 Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (India)



Figure 47. Prevention of Sexual Harassment in Workplace (India) Certification

3.2 Domain Specific Training Results and Certification

The Gen C Learn platform tracks the performance of the interns in the learning phase based on the learning hours and mentor session reviews. This platform records the learning progress as well as provides XP points based on course completion and mentor reviews. The platform also assigns ranks to top learners based on XP stars which are mini milestones in the LP. There are ten mini milestones in the LP for ITM. The learning progress is updated every 24 hours.

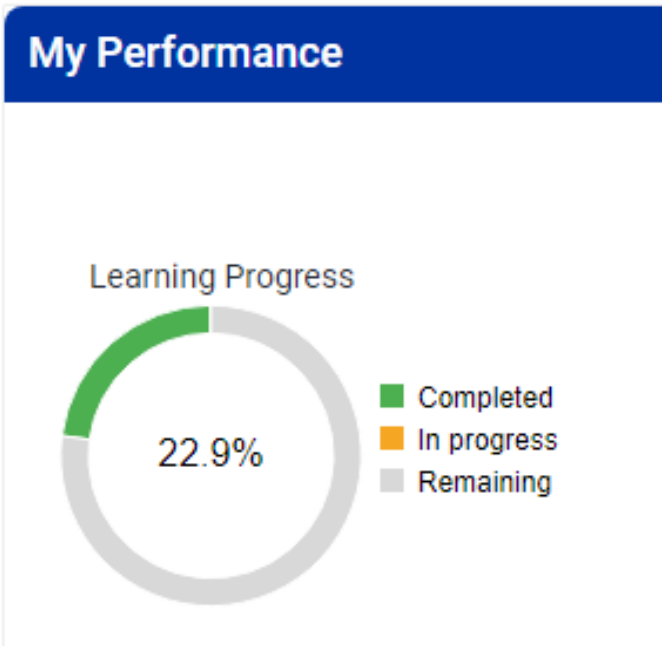


Figure 48. Learning Performance up to Week 5

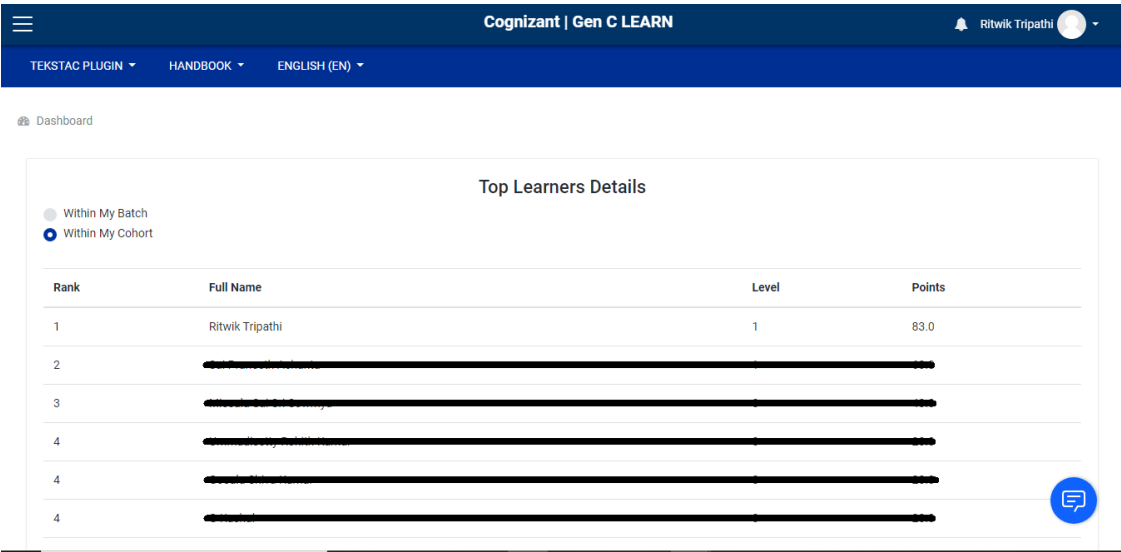


Figure 49. Top Learners Details

3.2.1 Cybersecurity Basics (Week 1, Week 2 and Week 3)

3.2.1.1 CompTIA Security Plus (SY0-601) Certification



Figure 50. CompTIA Security Plus (SY0-601) Course Certification.

3.2.1.2 Introduction to Computer Networks for Non-Techies

The results for the hands-on activities apart from the first one and the third one (as they do not generate any results and are static outputs) is as follows:

- **Static IP Configuration**

The static IP configuration can be verified by generating ICMP request from one endpoint to the other endpoints in the LAN

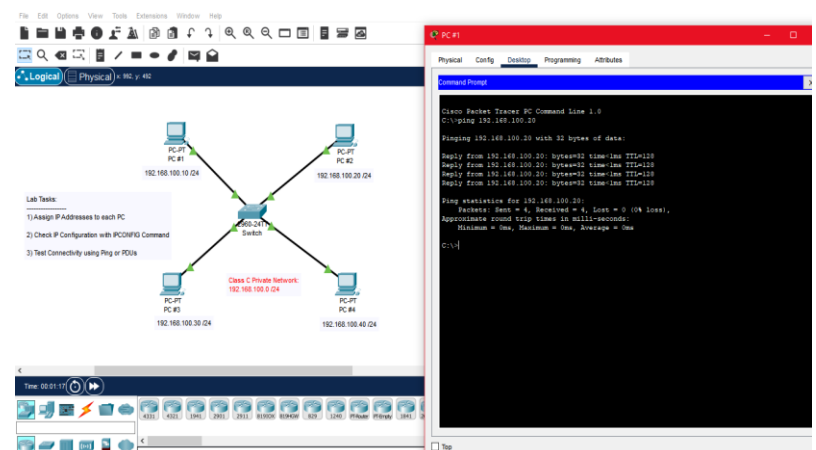


Figure 51. Generating ICMP requests from PC#1 to PC#2.

- **Dynamic IP configuration using DHCP Server**

The dynamic IP configuration from a DHCP server can be checked by `ipconfig /renew` command on any endpoint.

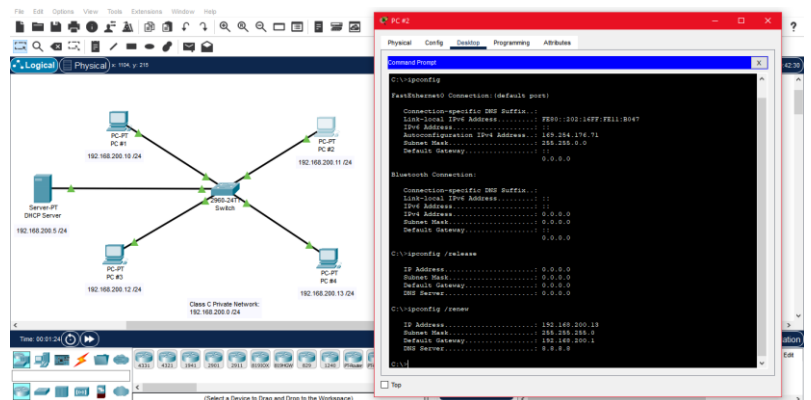


Figure 52. Using the `ipconfig /renew` command on PC#2.

- **DNS and Web Server**

The web server can be tested if the test website is loaded onto the endpoints.

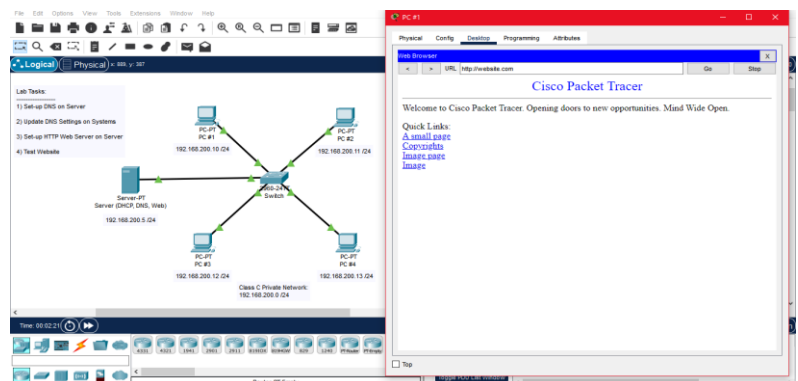


Figure 53. Using PC#1 web browser to test the website on the web server

- **VLAN Configuration**

The VLAN can be checked by sending ICMP requests across VLANs. If it fails, then VLANs are independent.

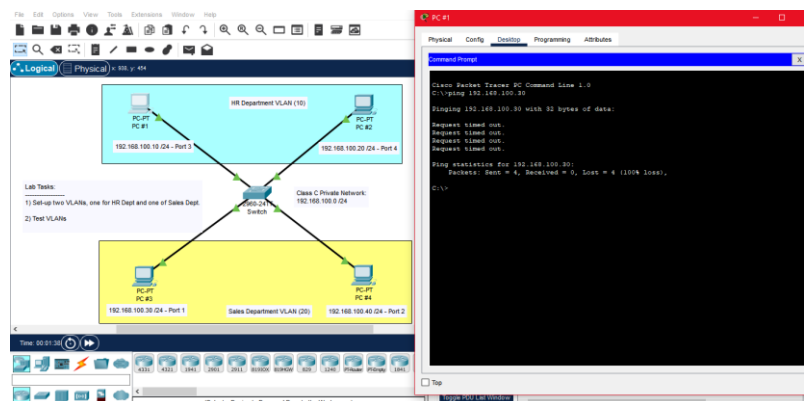


Figure 54. Sending ICMP requests from PC#1 to PC#3.

- **Router Configuration using RIP**

Router configuration can be verified by using the tracert command on any endpoint.

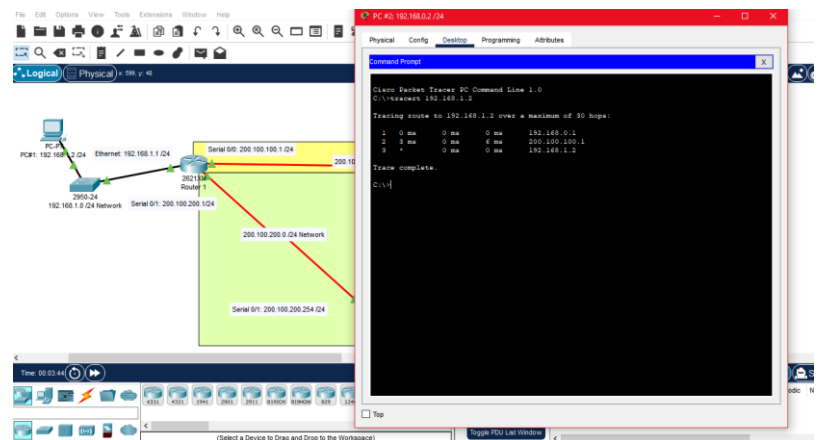


Figure 55. Using the tracert from PC#2 to PC#1

The course completion certificate is as below

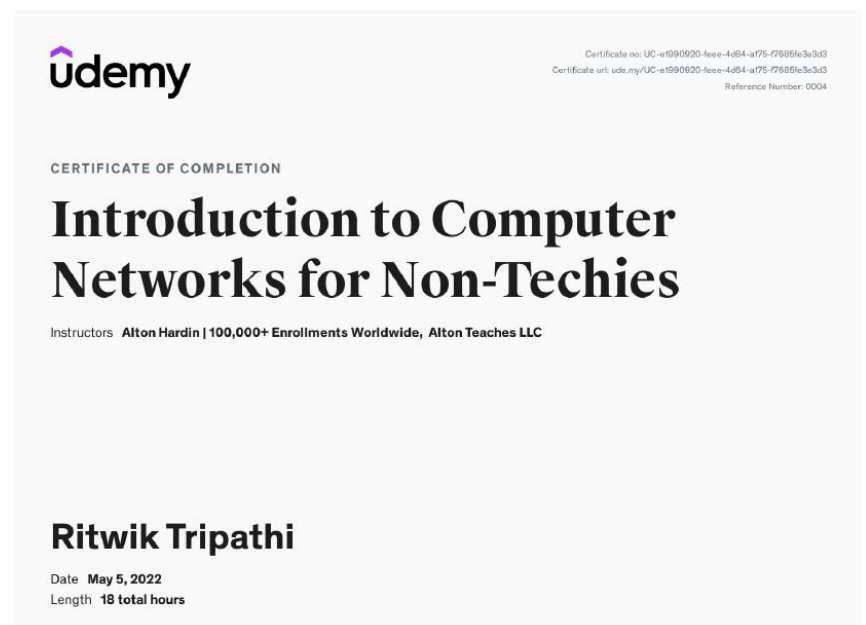


Figure 56. Introduction to Computer Networks for Non-Techies Certification

3.2.1.3 Cisco CyberOps Associate CBROPS 200-201:Part 1

Cisco CyberOps Associate CBROPS 200-201 is a cyber operation certification by Cisco. This certification covers Network Concepts, Security Concepts, Security Monitoring Concepts and Host Based Analysis. The two hands on activities were an addition to the course apart from the obvious. The results of the two hands on activities associated with the course are as follows:

- **Golismero**

With this tool, the vulnerability analysis of the website <http://www.igcar.gov.in> was performed which generated the following report:

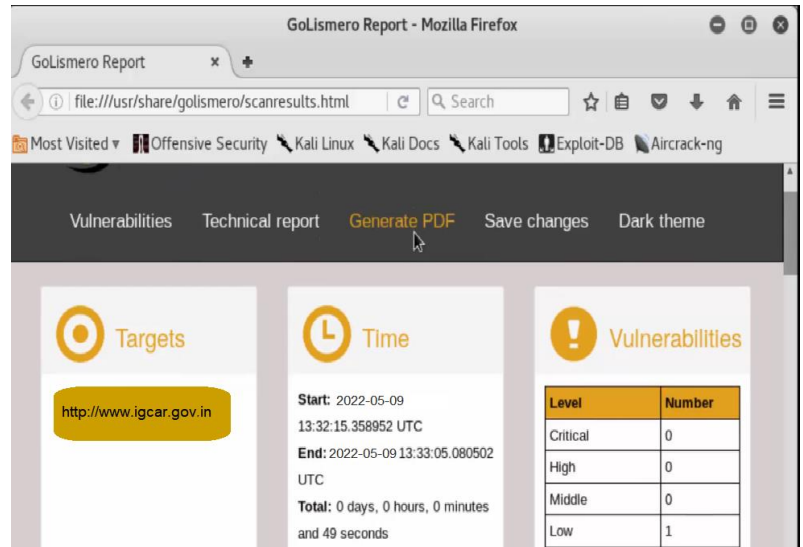


Figure 57. Vulnerability analysis report generated by Golismero

Only one vulnerability was detected by Golismero for the website. The website was not SSL secured, which was detected by Golismero. This is obviously understood by the fact that the port used was http and not https.

- **Social Engineering Toolkit (SET)**

The social engineering toolkit clones a website and after the credentials are submitted, it travels to the original webpage. In this hands-on activity, <https://www.facebook.com> was cloned. The credentials entered into this cloned website is returned into the terminal.



Figure 58. The cloned website for credential engineering.

The certification for this course is as below:

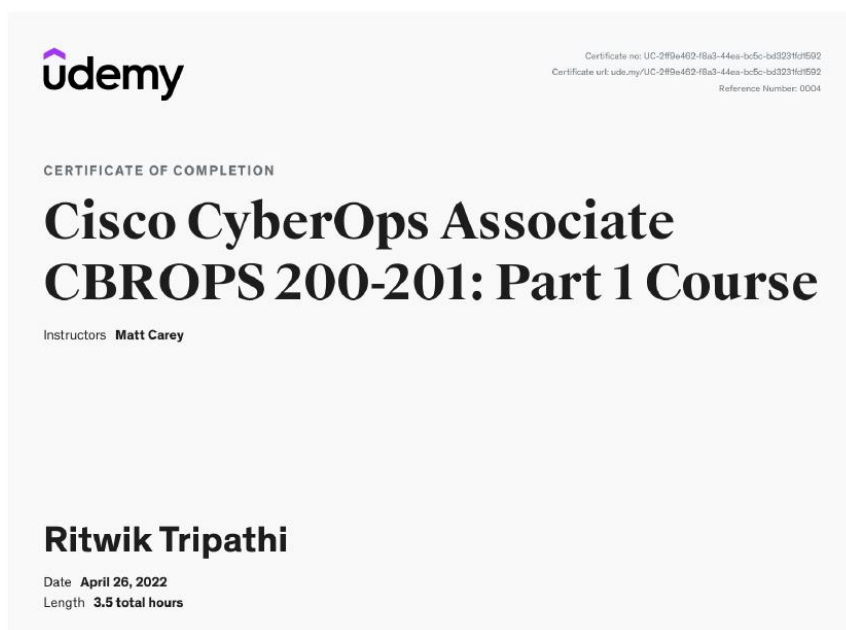


Figure 59. Cisco CyberOps Associate CBROPS 200-201: Part 1

3.2.2 Endpoint and Email Security (Week 4)

3.2.2.1 Endpoint Security

This week talked about endpoint security and how traditional antiviruses were less efficient when it came to endpoint protection. Many endpoint vendors having deployable endpoint solutions are in the market. MDR (Managed Detection and Response) and XDR (Extensive detection and Response) are extensions of EDR software. Endpoint security solutions are a combination of four components, Antivirus / Malware / Spyware, Host Firewall, Host IPS, Application and Device Control. All these components work together to secure endpoints. DLP tools enable protection of data which can be in many places. Data leakage is a major problem for the business of the companies. It can be either intentional or unintentional. Data can be at rest, in transit or in usage, e.g., data stored in an endpoint is data at rest, data being transmitted over a network and data in usage refers to the data currently in use. That is why it is said that DLP policy covers endpoint, network and storage metrics. DLP tools work on the data stored, on in usage on any endpoint along with while being in a transmitted across a network.

3.2.2.2 Email Security

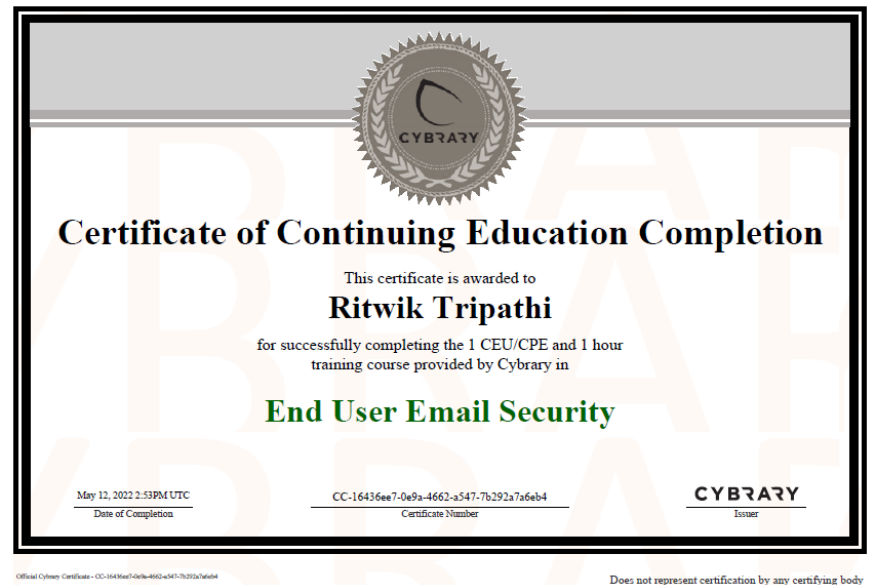


Figure 60. Email Security Certification.

3.2.3 Firewall (Week 5)

A firewall can either be a device or a software configuration which acts as a barrier between any endpoint and the cyber space and authorised access. It protects from various malicious software that can cause harm to the endpoint. There are two types of firewalls, legacy firewalls and next generation firewalls. Legacy firewalls include packet filtration, web application / proxies and stateful inspection firewall. Next generation firewalls include IPS / IDS, AMP technologies. The hands-on activity on firewall can be checked by generating ICMP requests on any endpoint into the LAN.

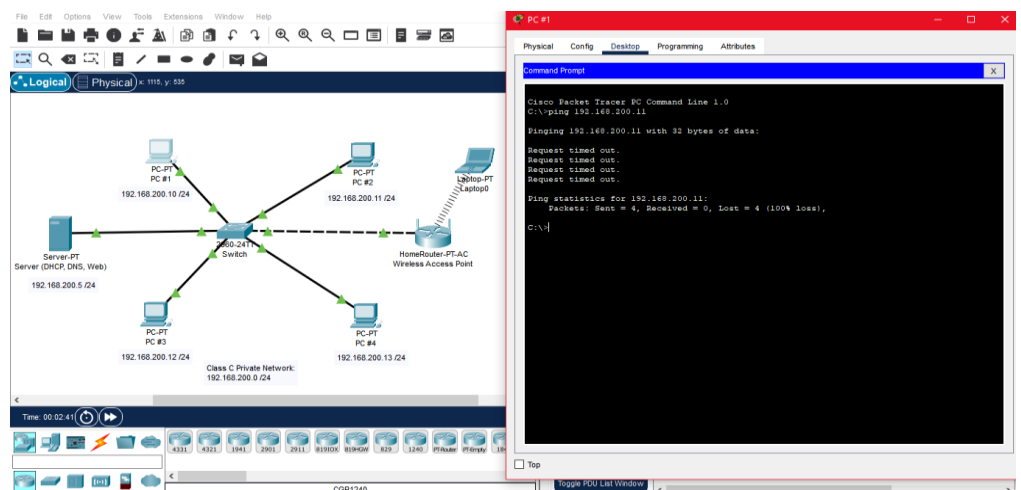


Figure 61. Blocking ICMP requests while using the Firewall on DHCP server.

CHAPTER 4

CONCLUSION

As this internship will be concluding in the month of August, during the past few weeks it was really fun to gather knowledge in the field of cybersecurity. Having learnt so much from till now, this internship has really helped in shaping with the knowledge of these technologies.

The final internship project is still remaining with this internship which is due in 12th to 16th week of this internship.

Starting the internship with the corporate introduction while being addressed on various issues like data security, code of ethics, acceptable usage and learning how to control anxiety and stress which can build up in work from home mode, it was a warm welcome from the company. Once every general rules and policies were introduced, the BU assignment took place and further tower mapping inside the BU on a random basis was given. The BU mentors connect on a regularly basis to clarify doubts and conduct training sessions to make the interns business ready. Week 1 to week 3 was more inclined towards basic courses which helped in grasping core cybersecurity concepts along with revision of computer networks.

Mentor sessions were conducted on a regular basis from week 4 and discussions on endpoint safety and security enriched the understanding of how behavioural aspects are nowadays more prominent in detection of malware and other threats to the endpoints as compared to the traditional antivirus. DLP tools were also discussed and a difference was made clear between EDR and DLP tools. Mentor suggested course for email security covered all the points as mentioned into the learning path. Moreover, the course also discussed about the roles and responsibilities of HR department towards protection of end users.

Week 5 was all about Firewall. Firewalls are the barriers between the cyber space and the endpoint devices. There are still 11 weeks left into this internship and a lot more is there to learn. In the end, it can be concluded that the overall experience of working with Cognizant has been really nice.

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