

D2_4_14 Password Attacks

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Cyber Capstone

1. What is the main purpose of a password attack?

- A. To encrypt passwords
- B. To authenticate users on a system
- C. To gain a victim's password
- D. To enhance password security

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2. Why should plaintext passwords never be sent or stored?

- A. They are more secure than encrypted passwords
- B. They can be intercepted or compromised easily
- C. They are required for secure authentication
- D. They are less prone to brute force attacks

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3. What is a Brute Force attack?

- A. An attack that uses commonly used words or passwords from a list
- B. An attack that tries all possible combinations until the right guess works
- C. An attack that tries a few passwords at a time to get lucky
- D. An attack that attempts to crack passwords using precalculated series of hashes

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4. How does a Dictionary attack differ from a Brute Force attack?

- A. Dictionary attacks are slower and more exhaustive
- B. Dictionary attacks attempt to crack passwords using precalculated hashes
- C. Dictionary attacks try all possible combinations until the right guess works
- D. Dictionary attacks use commonly used words or passwords from a list

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5. What is spraying in the context of password attacks?

- A. Trying a few passwords at a time to get lucky
- B. Using commonly used words or passwords from a list
- C. Trying all possible combinations until the right guess works
- D. Attempting to crack passwords using precalculated series of hashes

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6. How do Rainbow Tables aid in password cracking?

- A. They generate random passwords for dictionary attacks
- B. They use brute force to crack passwords
- C. They precalculate a series of hashes using known algorithms
- D. They encrypt passwords for secure storage

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7. What defense measure can be used to combat rainbow table attacks?

- A. Using a salt with passwords
- B. Increasing the time required between password attempts
- C. Implementing password lockout policies
- D. Enforcing strong password complexity requirements

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