



*Web Security Associate* teaches you how to secure your local and cloud network devices and communications from unauthorized activity. This course teaches you network security principles, such as establishing an effective security policy, and about the different types of cyber-attacks activities that you are most likely to encounter.

This course identifies security principles and techniques that enable you to stop a cyber-attacks by understanding how to implement access control lists, operating system hardening and firewall technology. It also teaches you how to personalize your network security system so you can create a solution that adheres to universal principles, but also conforms to your business needs in responding to specific cyber-attacks.

You will learn about authentication procedures, encryption standards and implementations that help ensure proper user authentication. You will also learn about the specific ports and protocols that cyber-attacks manipulate, and about direct and indirect ways to protect your network operating systems. Finally, you will learn how to respond to and report cyber-attacks activity, engage in proactive detection, and always keep your company's needs in mind. Appendixes are included in the back of this coursebook to provide resources for you as you continue to learn about applying security measures to your network.

Guided, step-by-step labs provide opportunities to practice new skills. You can challenge yourself and review your skills after each lesson with the Lesson Quizzes and Flash cards. Additional skill reinforcement is provided in the online Pre-Assessment, Activities, Lesson Quizzes, Optional Labs, Live Labs, Test Prep, Practice Exams and Post Assessment materials.

## Topics

### What Is Security?

- Network Security Background
- What Is Security? Hacker Statistics
- Wireless Network Technologies and Security
- Wireless Network Security Problems
- Wireless Network Security Solutions
- Physical and Configuration Solutions
- Convergence Networking and Security
- Firewall Practices Applied to Virtual LANs (VLANs)
- Cyber-attacker Statistics
- The Myth of 100-Percent Security
- Attributes of an Effective Security Matrix
- What You Are Trying to Protect

### Security Threats

- Who Is the Threat?
- Security Threats from Trusted Users
- Anonymous Downloads and Indiscriminate Link-Clicking
- Security Standards
- Wireless Network Modes
- Wireless Application Protocol (WAP)
- Site Surveys
- Web 2.0 Technologies
- Greynet Applications
- Sensitive Data and Data Classifications

- Vulnerabilities with Data at Rest
- Data and Drive Sanitizing

### Elements of Security

- Security Elements and Mechanisms
- The Security Policy
- Determining Backups
- Encryption
- Authentication
- Specific Authentication Techniques
- Access Control
- Auditing
- Security Tradeoffs
- Defense in Depth Strategies

### Applied Encryptions

- Reasons to Use Encryption
- Creating Trust Relationships
- Symmetric-Key Encryption
- Symmetric Algorithms
- One-Way (Hash) Encryption
- Asymmetric-Key Encryption
- Encryption Review
- Certification Authority (CA)
- Full/Whole Disk Encryption

### Types of Attacks

- Network Attack Categories
- Brute-Force, Dictionary, and Password Spraying Attacks
- Rainbow Tables, Pass-the-Hash, and Birthday Attacks
- Password Storage Techniques

- System Bugs and Back Doors
- Malware (Malicious Software)
- TLS Encryption
- Social Engineering Attacks
- Denial-of-Service (DOS) Attacks
- Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDOS) Attacks
- Spoofing Attacks
- Scanning Attacks
- Man-in-the-Middle Attacks
- Bots and Botnets
- Ransomware
- SQL Injection
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
- Auditing

### General Security Principles

- Common Security Principles
- Be Paranoid
- You Must Have a Security Policy
- No System or Technique Stands Alone
- Minimize the Damage
- Deploy Companywide Enforcement
- Provide Training
- Use an Integrated Security Strategy
- Place Equipment According to Needs
- Identify Security Business Issues
- Consider Physical Security

## Protocol Layers and Security

TCP/IP Security Introduction  
OSI Reference Model Review  
Data Encapsulation  
The TCP/IP Stack and the OSI Reference Model  
Link/Network Access Layer  
Network/Internet Layer  
Transport Layer  
Application Layer  
Protocol Analyzers  
Domain Name Service (DNS)  
Trusted Platform Modules and Microsoft BitLocker  
Secure TCP/IP Services  
Change Management

## Securing Resources

TCP/IP Security Vulnerabilities  
Implementing Security Resources and Services  
Protecting TCP/IP Services  
Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)  
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)  
Internet of Things (IoT)

Communication Systems  
Physical Security  
Testing Systems  
Security Testing Software  
Specific tools  
Security Assessments  
Security and Repetition

## Firewalls and Virtual Private Networks

Access Control Overview  
Definition and Description of a Firewall  
The Role of a Firewall  
Firewall Terminology  
Operating System and Network Device Hardening  
Firewall Configuration Defaults  
Packet Filter Rules  
Packet Filter Advantages and Disadvantages  
Configuring Proxy Servers  
URL Filtering  
Remote Access and Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)  
Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Cloud Computing and Virtualization

## Levels of Firewall Protection

Designing a Firewall  
Types of Bastion Hosts  
Hardware Issues  
Common Firewall Designs  
Putting It All Together

## Detecting and Distracting Cyber-attackers

Proactive Detection  
Distracting the Cyber-attacker  
Deterring the Cyber-attacker

## Incident Response

Risk Management, mitigation, and incident response  
Creating an Incident Response Policy  
Determining If an Attack Has Occurred  
Executing the Response Plan  
Analyzing and Learning

## Target Audience

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Experience level from 0-3 years experience in the following job roles:

- Network server administrators
- Firewall administrators
- Systems administrators
- Application developers
- IT Security Officers

## IT security officers Job Responsibilities

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Secure your network from unauthorized activity; implement access control lists, operating system hardening and firewall technology; personalize your network security system; ensure proper user authentication; protect network operating systems; and respond to and report hacker activity.

## Prerequisites

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There are no prerequisites for the Web Security Associate course. However, students should possess Internet and networking knowledge equivalent to what is presented in the CIW Web Foundations series courses. Web Security Associate builds upon this foundational knowledge to give students the skills and knowledge to manage and protect the security of online data, from a single computer to an entire corporate network.