

Exam Objectives that do NOT Exist in Security+ SY0-401 but ARE in SY0-501

OBJ/Sub-OBJ

NEW in 501

1.0 Threats, Attacks and Vulnerabilities

1.1 Given a scenario, analyze indicators of compromise and determine the type of malware.

- **Crypto-malware** NEW
- **Keylogger** NEW
- **RAT** NEW

1.2 Compare and contrast types of attacks.

- **Application/service attacks**
 - o Amplification NEW
 - o Domain hijacking NEW
 - o Man-in-the-browser NEW
 - o Pass the hash NEW
 - § Shimming NEW
 - § Refactoring NEW
- **Wireless attacks**
 - o RFID NEW
 - o NFC NEW
 - o Disassociation NEW
- **Cryptographic attacks**
 - o Known plain text/cipher text NEW
- **Online vs. offline** *Offline = NEW
 - o Collision NEW
 - o Downgrade NEW
 - o Weak implementations NEW

1.3 Explain threat actor types and attributes.

- **Types of actors**

o Script kiddies	NEW
o Hactivist	NEW
o Organized crime	NEW
o Nation states/APT	NEW
o Competitors	NEW
• Attributes of actors	
o Internal/external	NEW
o Level of sophistication	NEW
o Resources/funding	NEW
o Intent/motivation	NEW
• Use of open-source intelligence	NEW

1.4 Explain penetration testing concepts.

• Passive reconnaissance	NEW
• Pivot	NEW
• Persistence	NEW

1.6 Explain the impact associated with types of vulnerabilities.

• Race conditions	NEW
• Vulnerabilities due to:	
o End-of-life systems	NEW
• Improper input handling	NEW
• Improper error handling	NEW
• Resource exhaustion	NEW
• Untrained users	NEW
• Vulnerable business processes	NEW
• Memory/buffer vulnerability	
o Memory leak	NEW
o Pointer dereference	NEW
o DLL injection	NEW
• System sprawl/undocumented assets	NEW