

Year 9 Computer Science Cyber Security Knowledge Organiser

Key Word	Definition
Data	Raw facts and figures.
Information	Created when that data has been processed and becomes meaningful.
Cybersecurity	The application of technologies, processes, and controls to protect systems, networks, programs, devices and data from cyber attacks.
Cybercriminals	A person who engages in criminal activity by means of computers or the internet.
Profiling	The process of construction and application of user profiles generated by computerized data analysis.
User Behaviour	The way in which a person uses a service or product, and whether they are likely to be a repeat user.
Privacy Policy	A statement that explains in simple language how an organisation or agency handles user personal information.
Data Protection	A set of strategies and processes users can use to secure the privacy, availability, and integrity of their data.
Data Subject	The identified or identifiable living individual to whom personal data relates.
Data Portability	Allows individuals to obtain and reuse their personal data for their own purposes across different services.
Malware	Any intrusive software developed by cybercriminals to steal data and damage or destroy computers and computer systems.
Social Engineering	A set of methods used by cybercriminals to deceive individuals into handing over information that they can use for fraudulent purposes.
Phishing	The victim receives an email disguised to look as if it has come from a reputable source, in order to trick them into giving up valuable data.
Shouldering	An attack designed to steal a victim's password or other sensitive data. It involves the attacker watching the victim while they provide sensitive information, for example, over their shoulder.
Blagging	The perpetrator invents a scenario in order to convince the victim to give them data or money.

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Name Generator Attack	The victim is asked in an app or a social media post to combine a few pieces of information or complete a short quiz to produce a name.
Scam	A dishonest scheme carried out over the internet. The goal is to defraud potential victims and generate financial gain for the perpetrator.
Cyberthreats	The possibility of a malicious attempt to damage or disrupt a computer network or system.
Hacking	Gaining unauthorised access to or control of a computer system.
Ethical Hacking	An authorised attempt to gain unauthorised access to a computer system, application, or data.
Penetration Testing	Paying people to legally hack into computer systems with the sole purpose of helping a company identify weaknesses in their system.
Brute Force Attack	A form of attack that makes multiple attempts to discover something (such as a password).
Script Kiddies	Hackers (not necessarily kids) who use tools downloaded from the internet that allow them to hack with little technical knowledge
DoS (Denial of Service)	A cyberattack where the criminal makes a network resource unavailable to its intended users by flooding the targeted machine or website with lots of requests in an attempt to overload the system.
DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service)	This uses the same concept as a DoS attack, but this time it is multiple computers making the attacks at the same time.
Computer Misuse Act (1990)	The main legislation that criminalises unauthorised access to computer systems and data, and the damaging or destroying of these.
Ransomware	Locks a computer, encrypts files, and therefore prevents the user from being able to access the data. The attacker will demand that a ransom be paid before they decrypt the files and unlock the computer.
Virus	A malicious form of self-replicating software. Once on a computer or network, a virus will replicate itself by maliciously modifying other computer programs and inserting code.

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Trojan	A piece of software that appears to perform a useful function (such as a game) but unbeknown to the user it also performs malicious actions, e.g. open a 'back door' to give an attacker remote access to your computer.
Worms	Replicate themselves but do not attach themselves to files as a virus does, but cause problems by using up network bandwidth and therefore slowing down the network significantly.
Adware	Infects a computer and causes it to download or display malicious adverts or pop-ups when the victim is online.
Spyware	Unwanted software that monitors and gathers information on a person and how they use their computer.
Bots	Automated programs that perform tasks repeatedly.
Botnet	A large collection of malware-infected devices (zombies). An attacker ('bot herder') chooses when to 'wake' the zombies to perform an attack.
Anti-Malware	Software that scans any file that is able to execute code to check for malicious content.
Firewall	Checks incoming and outgoing network traffic and scans the data to make sure it doesn't contain anything malicious and that it follows the rules set by the network.
End-User Authentication	Techniques used to ensure that the end user is authorised to use the product or service they are trying to access.
Folder Permissions/Privileges	Define what a user can and cannot do with a file or folder.
Biometrics	A type of digital security used to prevent data breaches by making use of individual characteristics such as fingerprints.
Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)	An identity and access management security method that requires two forms of identification to access resources and data.

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CAPTCHA	A type of challenge-response test used in computing to determine whether the user is human in order to deter bot attacks and spam.
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Backups	The process of backing up data from multiple devices into a centralized storage device or location.
Internet Service Provider (ISP)	A company that provides access to the internet.
Auto-Updates	The process in which your software applies critical updates without seeking confirmation from a user.





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