

Cybersecurity History Essentials

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1. What was the name of the first computer worm to spread across the internet in 1988?

- A) The Morris Worm
- B) The Melissa Virus
- C) The ILOVEYOU Worm
- D) The Blaster Worm

2. In which decade was the first computer virus, Creeper, discovered on the ARPANET?

- A) 1950s
- B) 1970s
- C) 1990s
- D) 2000s

3. Which company released the first commercial antivirus software in 1987?

- A) Microsoft
- B) McAfee
- C) G Data
- D) Norton

4. What was the primary goal of the ARPANET Reaper program created in the 1970s?

- A) To steal data
- B) To delete the Creeper worm
- C) To encrypt files
- D) To create a backup

5. The 'ILOVEYOU' worm, which caused massive global disruption in 2000, was primarily spread via which method?

- A) USB drives
- B) Email attachments
- C) Social media links
- D) Software updates

6. Which famous cryptographer is known for cracking the Enigma code during World War II?

- A) Charles Babbage
- B) Alan Turing
- C) Ada Lovelace
- D) John von Neumann

7. What is the name of the 1999 email-based worm that caused widespread damage by masquerading as an important document?

- A) Melissa
- B) Conficker
- C) Stuxnet
- D) WannaCry

8. Which protocol, developed in the 1990s, became the standard for secure web communication by encrypting data between a browser and a server?

- A) HTTP
- B) FTP
- C) SSL
- D) SMTP

9. What was the first known virus to specifically target Microsoft Word documents?

- A) Concept
- B) Nimda
- C) SQL Slammer
- D) Code Red

10. In 1998, a group of hackers known as the 'Cult of the Dead Cow' released which popular remote administration tool?

- A) Back Orifice
- B) NetBus
- C) Sub7
- D) DarkComet

11. Which international agency is responsible for the 'Common Criteria' for information technology security evaluation?

- A) ISO
- B) FBI
- C) NASA
- D) UNICEF

12. The Morris Worm was created by a student at which prestigious university?

- A) Harvard
- B) MIT
- C) Cornell
- D) Stanford

13. Which operating system was the primary target of the 'Code Red' worm in 2001?

- A) Windows Server/IIS
- B) Linux
- C) macOS
- D) MS-DOS

14. What does the acronym 'RSA' stand for in the context of the famous public-key cryptosystem?

- A) Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman
- B) Rapid Security Access
- C) Reliable System Authentication
- D) Root Security Array

15. Which 1983 event was the first time a 'virus' was formally defined in an academic paper by Fred Cohen?

- A) The birth of the first computer virus
- B) The publication of 'Computer Viruses - Theory and Experiments'
- C) The first firewall implementation
- D) The invention of the mouse