EDU: Enhancing and Broadening Computer Security Education with Stepwise and Reusable Problem-solving Challenges



Challenge:

- Practical Cyber Security Education needs continuous development of hands-on exercises, such as CTF challenges.
- CTF challenges are difficult to develop and can only be used once (after a write-up is published).





Scientific Impact:

- Organized security challenges and concepts in groups and linked them with stepwise problem-solving puzzles.
- Identified factors that do not change the nature of an educational challenge but prevent simple replaying of known exploitations.

Solution:

- Developed Stepwise & Reusable Educational Challenges
- Evaluated the effectiveness and learning outcome for applying problem-solving challenges under various setup

Generate Reusable Challenges



Broader Impact:

- Provide a platform for building and managing reusable challenges for security education
- Introduce security related components to nonsecurity courses.
- Enhance students' handson skills

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