

3 Network attacks and firewalls – Part 1

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Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English	Write it 3 times (English)		
ARP poisoning	_____	_____	_____
on-path attack	_____	_____	_____
denial of service (DoS)	_____	_____	_____
firewall	_____	_____	_____
access control list (ACL)	_____	_____	_____
Network segmen- tation	_____	_____	_____
subnets	_____	_____	_____
screened subnet	_____	_____	_____

Recall

- You know a network connects devices so they share data.
- You have heard of a firewall blocking unwanted traffic.
- You understand that a flood of traffic can crash a website.

New ideas

Read these first. Each idea has a short worked example. Then do the Practice below.

■ 1 Network attacks

In **ARP poisoning** the attacker sends fake messages so traffic flows to them - an **on-path attack**. A **denial of service (DoS)** floods a target so real users cannot connect.

Worked example. A log shows one IP with two different MAC addresses - the sign of ARP poisoning.

■ 2 Firewalls and ACLs

A **firewall** allows or denies traffic using an ordered **access control list (ACL)**. Rules are checked top-down and the **first match wins**.

Worked example. A DENY rule above an ALLOW rule for the same traffic blocks it, even though the ALLOW is lower down.

■ 3 Segmentation

Network segmentation splits a network into isolated **subnets** so a breach is contained. A **screened subnet** (DMZ) holds public servers away from private systems.

Worked example. If a web server in the DMZ is hacked, the attacker is trapped there by the second firewall.

Watch out: Firewall rule order is everything. Swapping two rules can turn “allowed” into “denied” for the same packet.

Practice

2.1 A log shows one IP with two MAC addresses. Name the likely attack. [1]

2.2 Explain what happens in an on-path (man-in-the-middle) attack. [2]

2.3 In a firewall ACL, which rule is applied to a matching packet? [1]

2.4 Explain the main security benefit of network segmentation. [2]

2.5 State what a screened subnet (DMZ) holds and where it sits.

[2]
