

# Ethical Hacking: Web Application Hacking

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How to Hack Web Servers

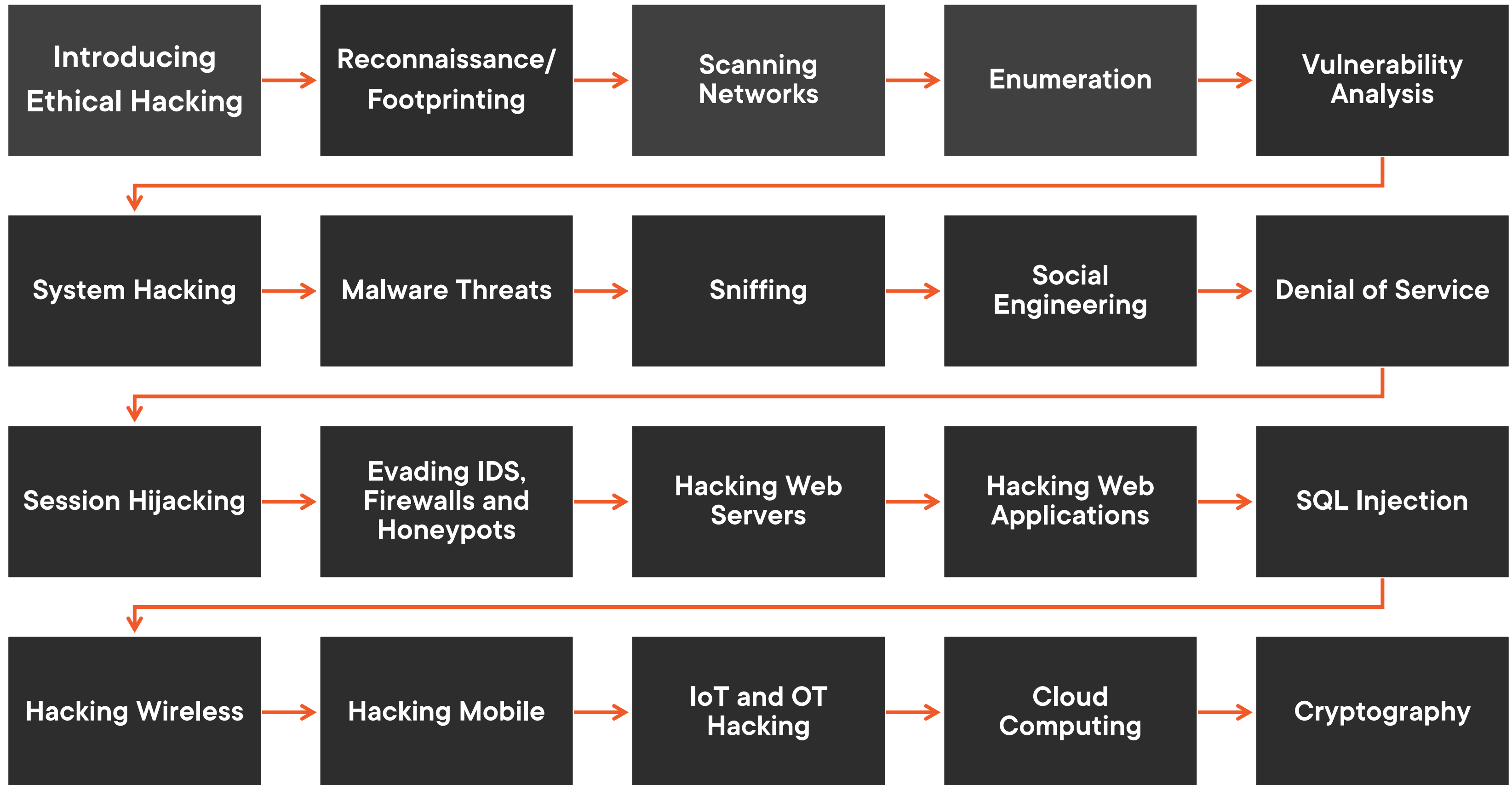


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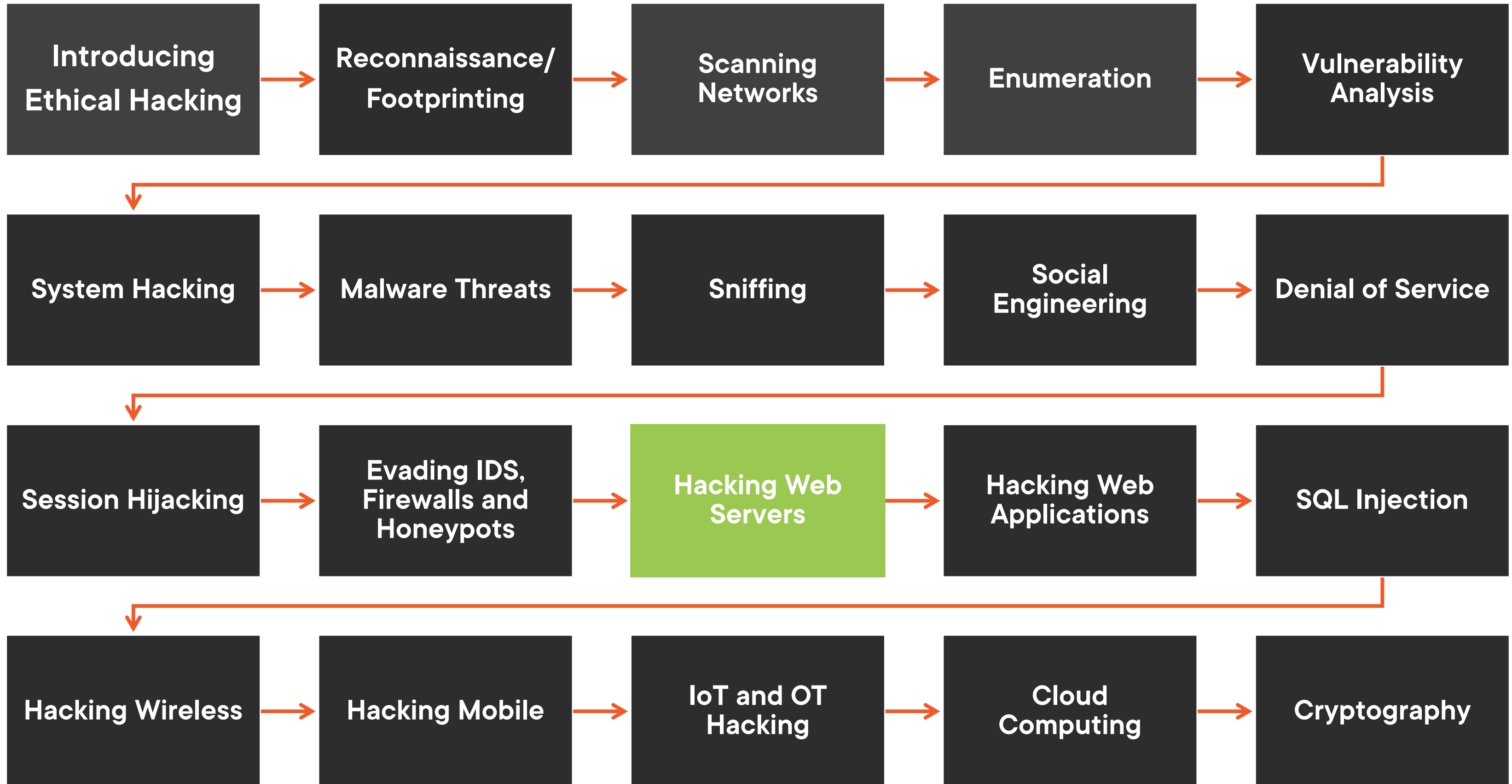
Lead Penetration Tester

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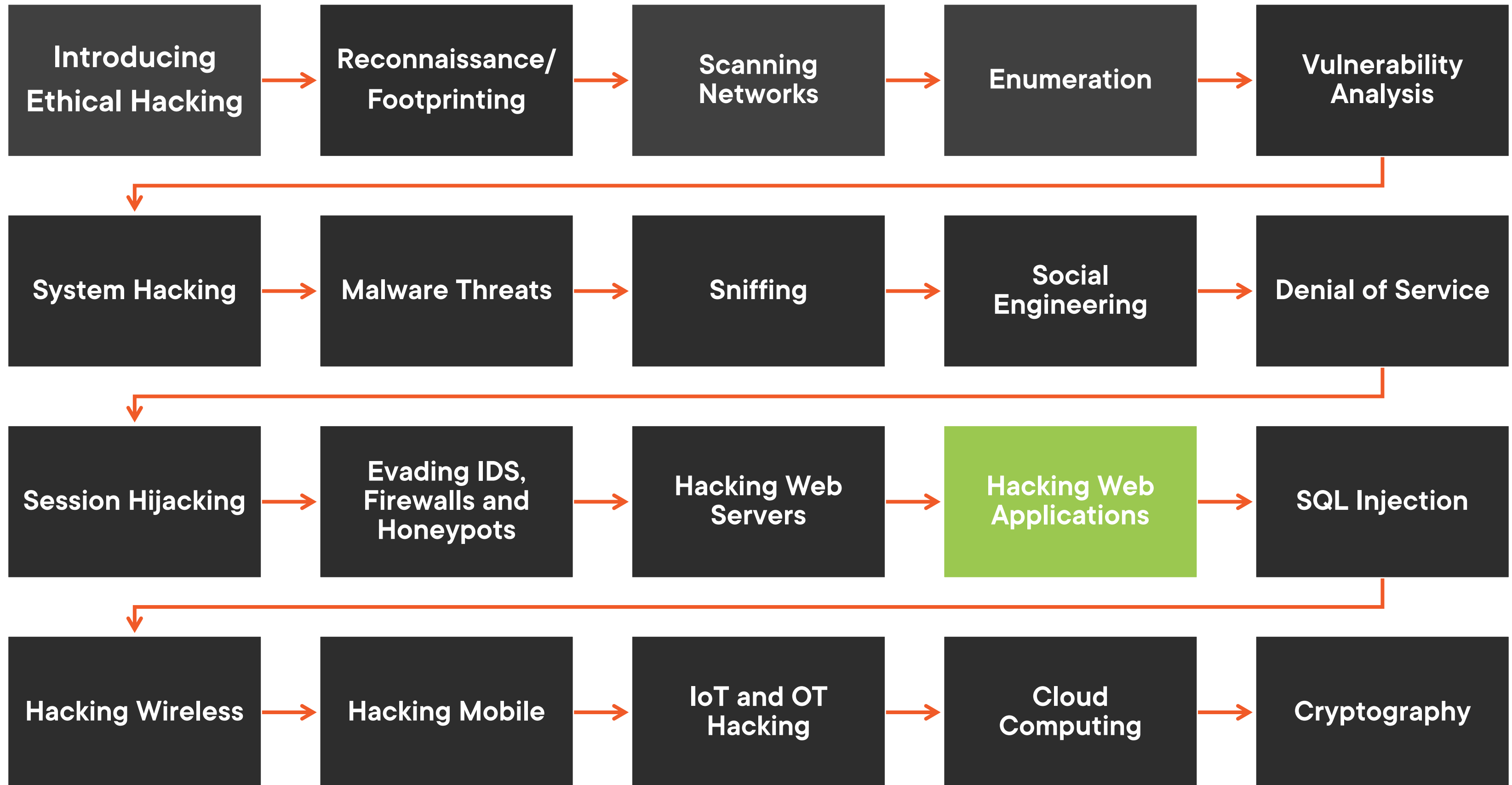
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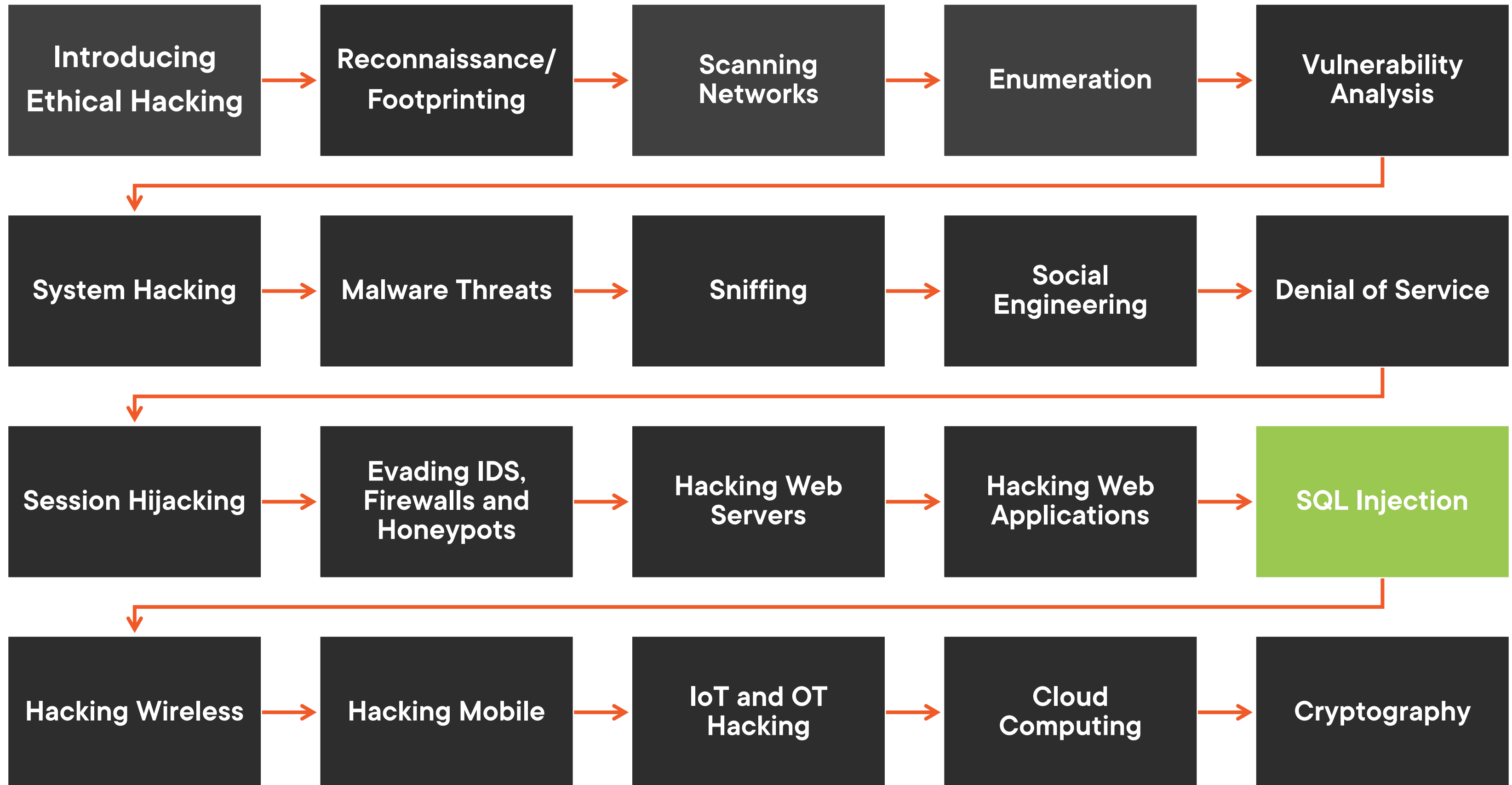
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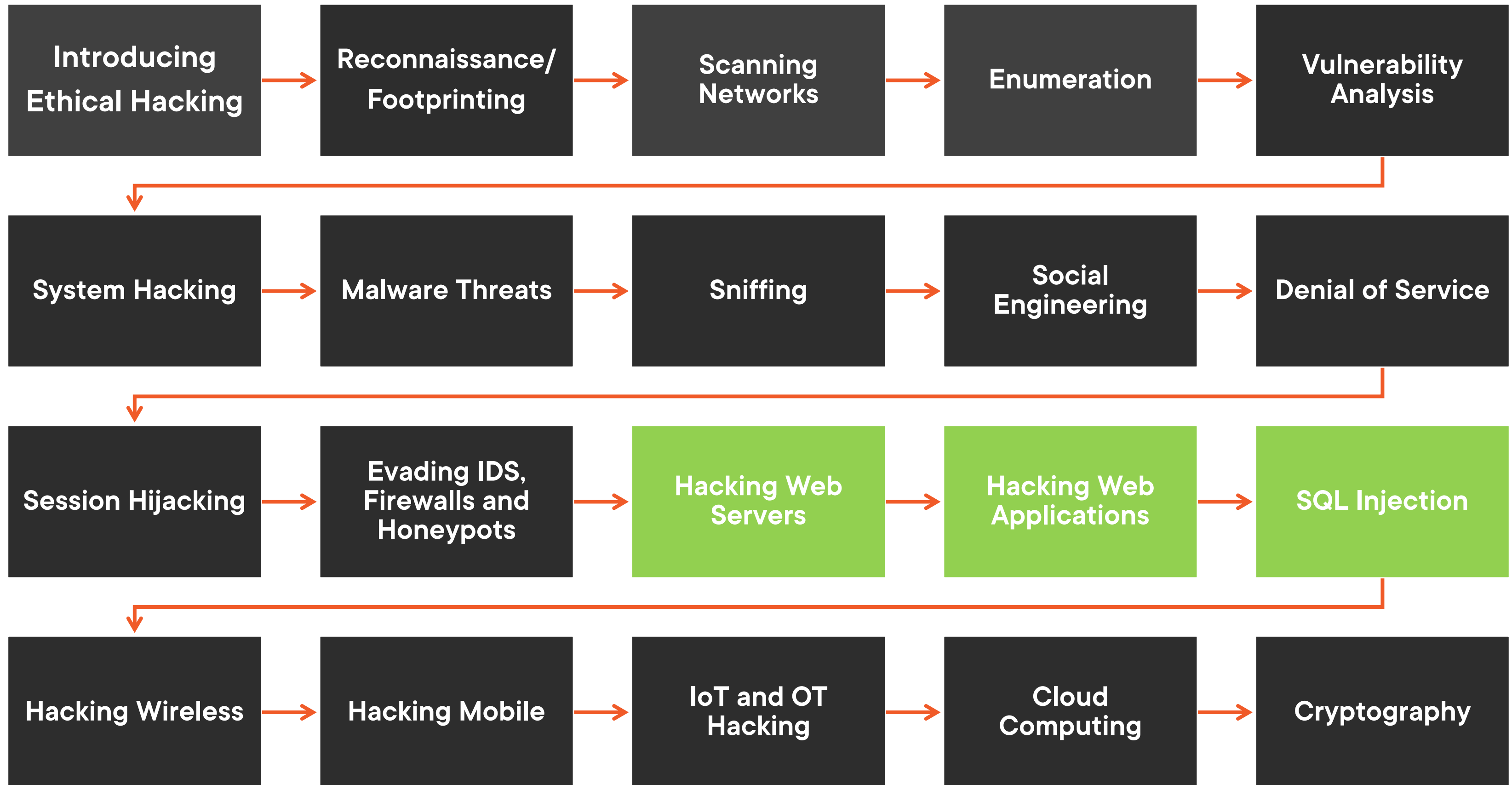
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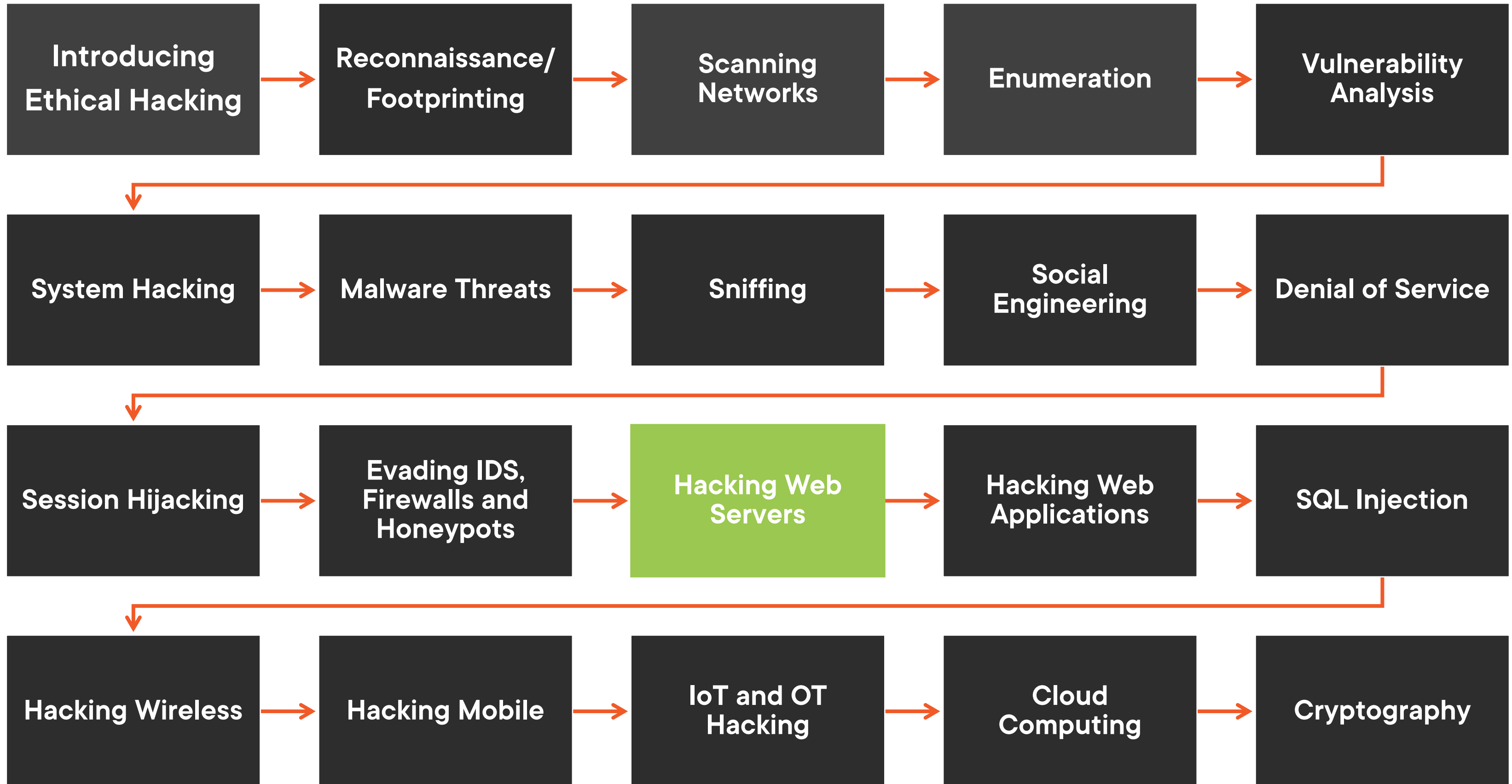
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# How to Hack Web Servers



**Web server concepts**

**Web server attacks**

- **Types**
- **Methodology**
- **Tools**

**Attack countermeasures**

**Learning check**

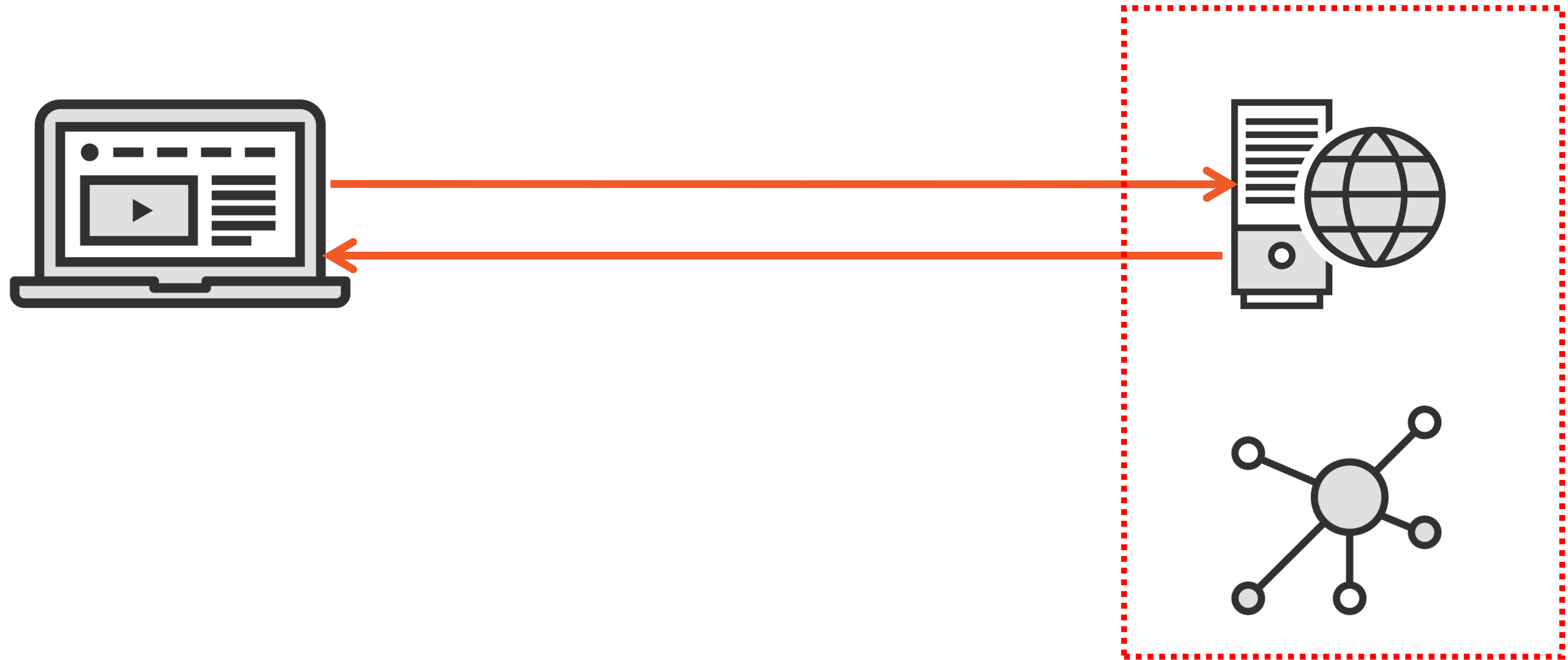
**Module review**

Not many demos,  
but the course materials cover  
all you need to know

# Web Server Concepts

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# Web Server



# Web Server Concepts

**Operating System running on the server**

**Web server software itself**

**Front-end server**

**Serves web content**

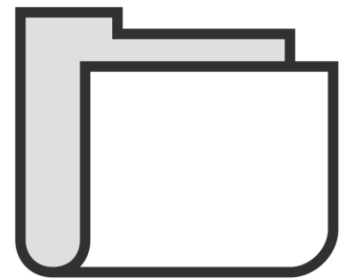
**Web server maintains a connection**



# Terminology



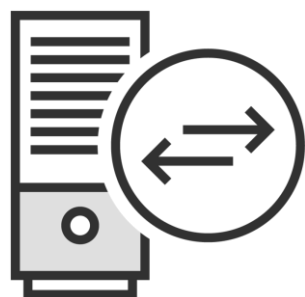
**Document root**



**Server root**



**Virtual hosting**



**Web proxy**

# Popular Web Server Software

**NGINX**



**APACHE**

HTTP SERVER PROJECT



**CLOUDFLARE**

# HTTP Requests

<b>Client</b>	<b>Server</b>
<b>GET</b>	<b>200 OK</b>
<b>HEAD</b>	<b>2xx Success</b>
<b>POST</b>	<b>3xx Redirection</b>
<b>PUT</b>	<b>4xx Client error</b>
<b>DELETE</b>	<b>5xx Server error</b>

# Web Server Attacks

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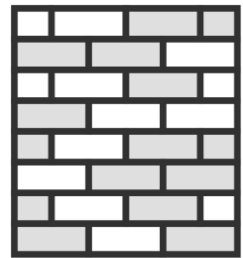
# Web Server / Web Application



# Attack Types



**Man-in-the-Middle**



**Denial of service**



**Brute force**



**Web defacement**



**Web cache poisoning**

# Attack Methodology



**Web server information gathering**

**Web server footprinting**

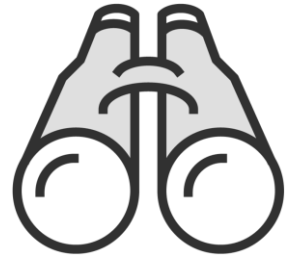
**Website mirroring**

**Vulnerability scanning**

**Session hijacking**

**Web server password cracking**

# General Penetration Testing Methodology



**Reconnaissance**



**Finding vulnerabilities**



**Exploiting vulnerabilities**



**Post exploitation**



**Reporting**

# Web Server Attack Tools



**Nikto**

**Nmap**

**Metasploit**

# Demo



## Attacking Web Servers

- Starting Juice-Shop in the background
- Footprinting: Nmap
- Vulnerability scanning: Nikto

## Prerequisites

- Docker installed

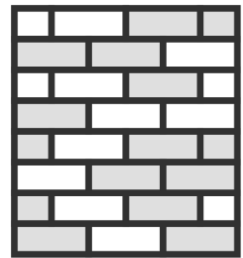
# Web Server Attack Countermeasures

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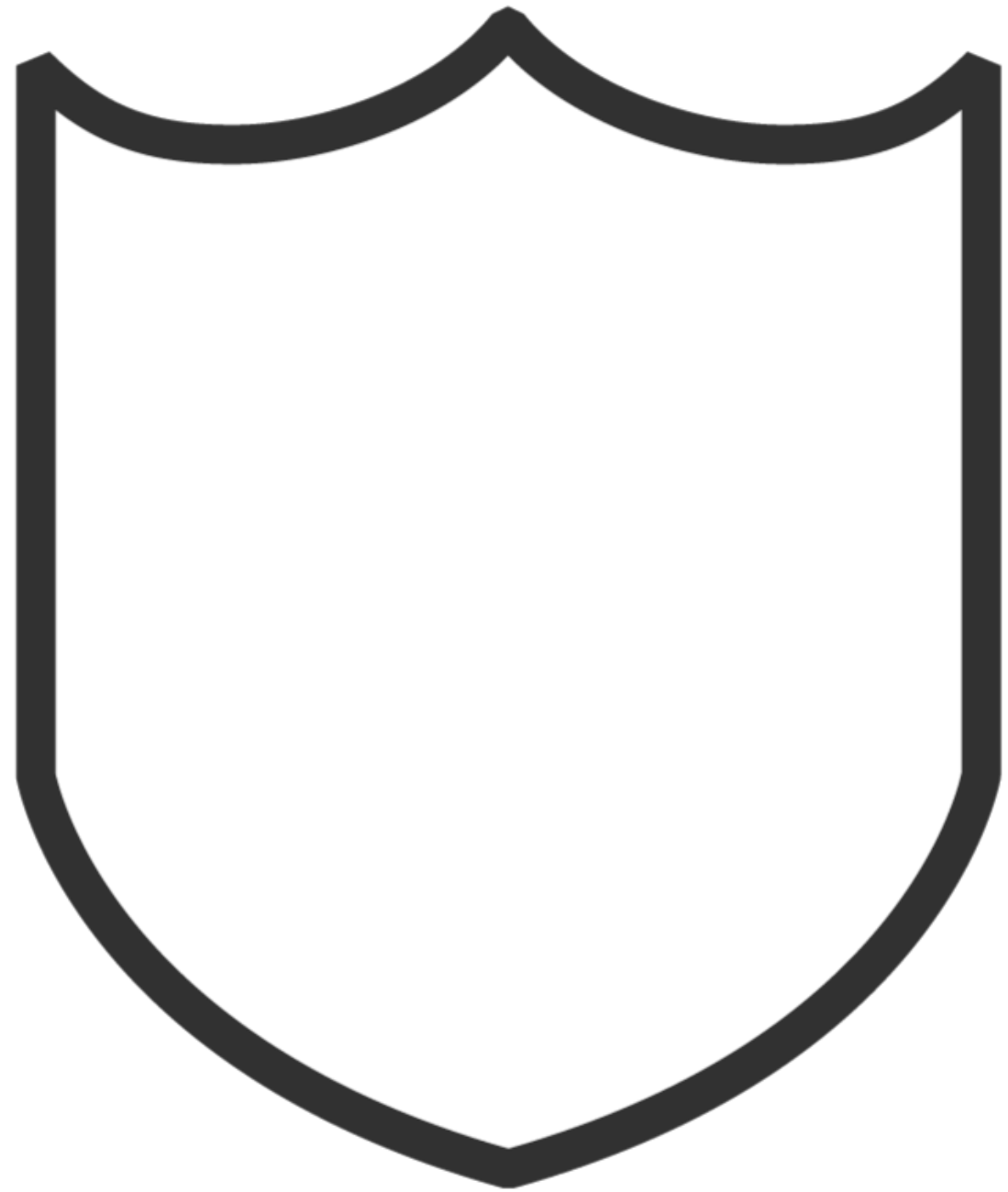


**Web defacement**



**Web cache poisoning**

# Web Server Countermeasures



**Encryption / certificates**

**Hardening**

**Rate limiting**

**Patch management**

**Network firewall**

**Network segmentation**

# Learning Check

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**Proxy server**



**Vulnerability scanning**



**Brute force attack**



**Hardening**



**Network firewall**



# Module Review

## Key Learnings



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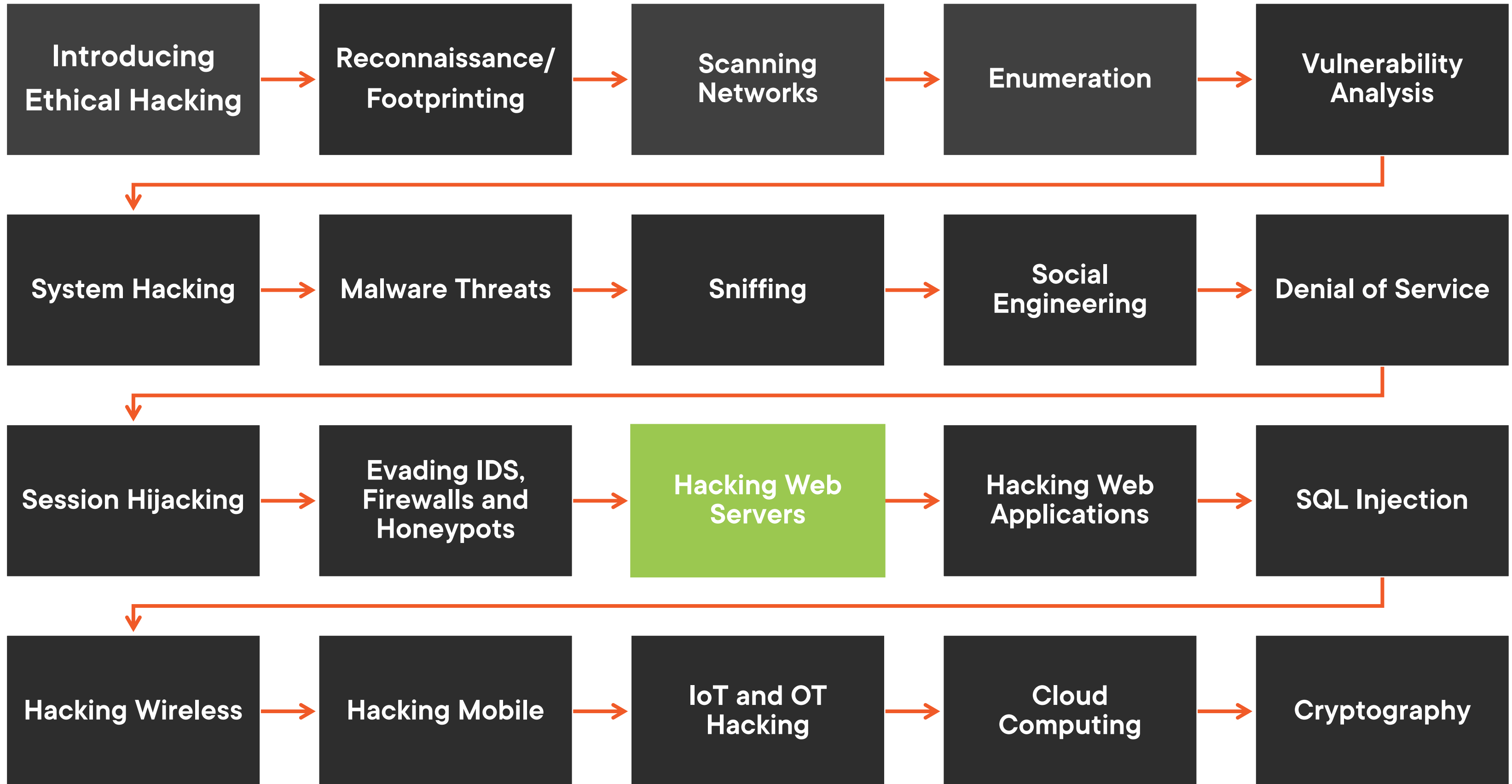


**Attack methodology**

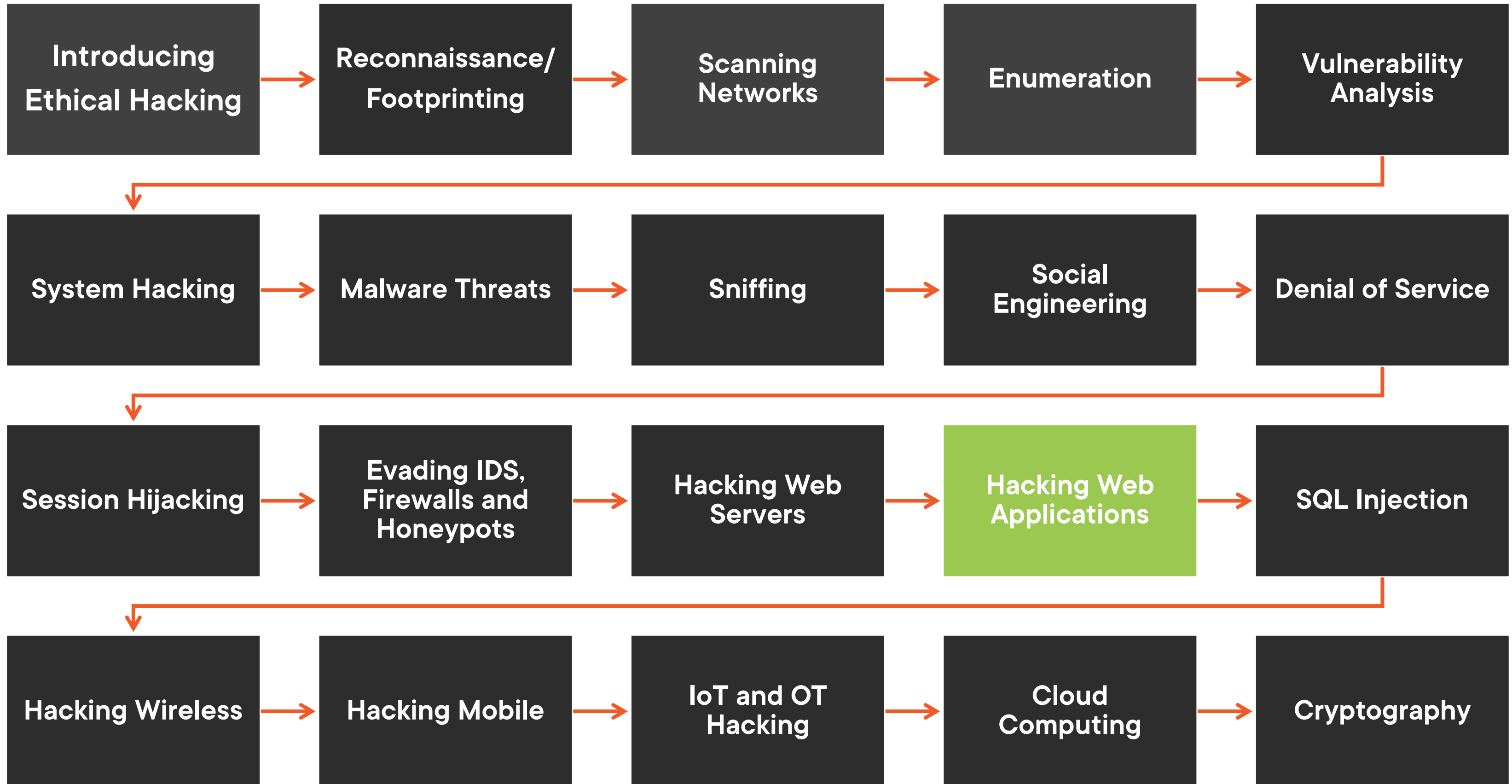


**Web server attacks**

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# Up Next: How to Hack Web Applications

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