

## Security Testing Essential Training Resources

### 1. Understanding Security Assessments

- NIST – <https://www.nist.gov/>
- Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report – <https://enterprise.verizon.com/resources/reports/dbir/>
- Privacy Rights Clearinghouse – <https://www.privacyrights.org/data-breaches>
- National Council of ISACs – <https://www.nationalisacs.org/>
- International Organization for Standardization – <https://www.iso.org/>
- ISO 27001 Security – <http://iso27001security.com/>
- ISO 27001 (Official) – <https://www.iso.org/isoiec-27001-information-security.html>
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework – <https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2018/04/nist-releases-version-11-its-popular-cybersecurity-framework>
- NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 – <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-53r4.pdf>
- Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards Council – <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/>
- HIPAA – <https://www.healthit.gov/>
- NERC – <https://www.nerc.com/>
- GLBA – <https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/privacy-and-security/gramm-leach-bliley-act>
- NIST SP 800-115 – <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/SP/nistspecialpublication800-115.pdf>

## 2. Your Testing Environment

- VirtualBox – <https://www.virtualbox.org/>
- VMware Player – <https://www.vmware.com/>
- Kali Linux – <https://www.kali.org/>
- Nmap – <https://nmap.org/>
  - Nmap Cheat Sheet – <https://highon.coffee/blog/nmap-cheat-sheet/>
- Nessus Home – <https://www.tenable.com/products/nessus-home>
- Wireshark – <https://www.wireshark.org/>
- Lynis – <https://cisofy.com/>
- Center for Internet Security – <https://www.cisecurity.org/>
  - CIS Benchmarks – <https://www.cisecurity.org/cis-benchmarks/>
  - CIS-CAT Lite – <https://learn.cisecurity.org/cis-cat-landing-page>
- Aircrack-ng – <https://aircrack-ng.org/>
  - Troubleshooting Wireless Driver Issues in Kali – <https://docs.kali.org/installation/troubleshooting-wireless-driver-issues>
  - Aircrack-ng Tutorials
    - <https://www.aircrack-ng.org/doku.php?id=tutorial>
    - [https://www.aircrack-ng.org/doku.php?id=simple\\_wep\\_crack](https://www.aircrack-ng.org/doku.php?id=simple_wep_crack)
    - [https://www.aircrack-ng.org/doku.php?id=cracking\\_wpa](https://www.aircrack-ng.org/doku.php?id=cracking_wpa)
- Hashcat – <https://hashcat.net/>
- OWASP – <https://www.owasp.org/>
  - OWASP Zed Attack Proxy (ZAP) – [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_Zed\\_Attack\\_Proxy\\_Project](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Zed_Attack_Proxy_Project)
  - OWASP Juice Shop – [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_Juice\\_Shop\\_Project](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Juice_Shop_Project)
  - OWASP Vulnerable Web Applications Directory – [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_Vulnerable\\_Web\\_Applications\\_Directory\\_Project](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Vulnerable_Web_Applications_Directory_Project)

### 3. Planning Your Assessment

- Risk Assessments
  - NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1 – <https://csrc.nist.gov/>
  - Factor Analysis of Information Risk – <https://www.fairinstitute.org/>
  - SimpleRisk – <https://www.simplerisk.com/>
- Security Control Assessments
  - NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 – <https://csrc.nist.gov/>
  - OpenFISMA – <http://openfisma.org/>
  - ISO 27002:2013 – <https://www.iso.org/>
  - ISO27k Toolkit – <http://iso27001security.com/>
- Compliance
  - PCI DSS – <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/>
  - HIPAA – <https://www.healthit.gov/>
  - HIPAA Security Risk Assessment (SRA) – <https://www.healthit.gov/topic/privacy-security-and-hipaa/security-risk-assessment-tool>
  - Unified Compliance Framework – <https://www.unifiedcompliance.com/>
- Host Vulnerability Scanners
  - Nessus – <https://www.tenable.com/>
  - Qualys Cloud Platform – <https://www.qualys.com/>
  - Nexpose – <https://www.rapid7.com/>
- Web Application Vulnerability Scanners
  - VERACODE – <https://www.veracode.com/>
  - AppScan – <https://www.ibm.com/security/application-security/appscan>
  - Sentinel – <https://sentinel.com/>
  - Acunetix – <https://www.acunetix.com/>
  - Checkmarx – <https://www.checkmarx.com/>
  - Synopsys – <https://www.synopsys.com/>
  - Burp Suite – <https://portswigger.net/burp>

- OWASP ZAP – [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_Zed\\_Attack\\_Proxy\\_Project](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Zed_Attack_Proxy_Project)
- Penetration Testing
  - Penetration Testing Execution Standard – <http://www.pentest-standard.org/>
  - Open Source Security Testing Methodology Manual – <http://www.isecom.org/>
- Additional Security Testing Resources
  - OWASP Testing Project – [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_Testing\\_Project](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Testing_Project)
  - CIS Benchmarks – <https://www.cisecurity.org/cis-benchmarks/>
  - Phoenix OWASP Chapter – <https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Phoenix/Tools>
  - SecTools – <https://sectools.org/>

#### 4. Review Techniques

- Log Management Tools
  - Splunk – <https://www.splunk.com/>
  - QRadar – <https://www.ibm.com/>
  - LogRhythm – <https://logrhythm.com/>
  - AlienVault – <https://www.alienvault.com/>
  - Syslog – native to Linux systems
  - Syslog-ng – <https://www.syslog-ng.com/>
  - Graylog – <https://www.graylog.org/>
  - ELK Stack – <https://www.elastic.co/>
- Critical Log Review Checklist for Security Incidents –
  - <https://zeltser.com/cheat-sheets/>
- Firewall Ruleset Reviews
  - Nipper – <https://titania.com/>
- System Security Configuration Scanners
  - Lynis – <https://cisofy.com/lynis/>
  - CIS-CAT – <https://learn.cisecurity.org/cis-cat-landing-page>
- File Integrity Monitoring
  - Tripwire – <https://www.tripwire.com/>
  - OSSEC – <https://www.ossec.net/>

## 5. Identifying Your Targets

- Passive Network Scanners
  - Nessus Network Monitor -  
<https://www.tenable.com/products/nessus/nessus-network-monitor>
  - Passive Network Sensor –  
<https://www.qualys.com/passive-network-sensor/>
- OSINT Resources
  - Shodan – <https://shodan.io/>
  - Censys – <https://censys.io/>
  - BGP Toolkit – <https://bgp.he.net/>
  - DNS Zone Transfer Lookup – <https://www.ultratools.com/tools/zoneFileDump>
  - ZoneTransfer.Me – <https://digi.ninja/projects/zonetransferme.php>
- Vulnerability Severity Scoring
  - CVSS – <https://www.first.org/cvss/>
  - CWE – <https://cwe.mitre.org/>
- Wireless Security Testing Tools
  - Aircrack-ng – <https://aircrack-ng.org/>

## 6. Vulnerability Validation

- F5 Report
  - Lessons Learned From a Decade of Data Breaches – <https://www.f5.com/labs/articles/threat-intelligence/lessons-learned-from-a-decade-of-data-breaches-29035>
- Additional OSINT Tools
  - Discover – <https://github.com/leeabaird/discover>
  - Hunter – <https://hunter.io/>
  - FOCA – <https://github.com/ElevenPaths/FOCA>
  - Metagoofil – <https://github.com/laramies/metagoofil>
- Social Engineering
  - Social-Engineer Toolkit – <https://www.trustedsec.com/social-engineer-toolkit-set/>

## 7. Additional Considerations

- Vulnerable Test Systems
  - OSBoxes – <https://www.osboxes.org/>
  - VulnHub – <https://www.vulnhub.com/>
- Encryption Tools
  - BitLocker – <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/bitlocker/?view=win10-ps>
  - VeraCrypt – <https://www.veracrypt.fr/>
- Encrypted File Sharing
  - Box – <https://www.box.com/>
  - ShareFile – <https://www.sharefile.com/>
- Secure File Deletion
  - CCleaner – <https://www.ccleaner.com/>
  - BleachBit – <https://www.bleachbit.org/>

Linux utilities

shred

wipe

secure-delete

## 8. Conclusion

- Recommended Reading

- RTFM: Red Team Field Manual

<https://www.amazon.com/Rtfm-Red-Team-Field-Manual/dp/1494295504/>

- iBTFM: Blue Team Field Manual

<https://www.amazon.com/Blue-Team-Field-Manual-BTFM/dp/154101636X/>

- Hash Crack: Password Cracking Manual

<https://www.amazon.com/Hash-Crack-Password-Cracking-Manual/dp/1975924584/>

- Penetration Testing: A Hands-On Introduction to Hacking

<https://www.amazon.com/Penetration-Testing-Hands-Introduction-Hacking/dp/1593275641/>

- NIST Publications

- SP 800-30 Rev. 1: Guide for Conducting Risk Assessments

<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-30/rev-1/final>

- SP 800-53 Rev. 4: Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations

<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-53/rev-4/final>

- iSP 800-115: Technical Guide to Information Security Testing and Assessment

<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-115/final>

- Professional Organizations

- ISSA – <https://www.issa.org/>

- ISACA – <https://www.isaca.org/>

- (ISC)2 – <https://www.isc2.org/>

- InfraGard – <https://www.infragard.org/>

- OWASP – <https://www.owasp.org/>

- Information Security Conferences

- InfoSec Conferences – <https://infosec-conferences.com/>

- BSIdeas – <http://www.securitybsides.com/>



- Conference Videos
  - Adrian Crenshaw (@irongeek\_adc)  
<http://www.irongeek.com/>
- Me (Jerod)
  - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/slandail>
  - <https://www.slideshare.net/JerodBrennenCISSP>
- IT Security Career –<https://itsecuritycareer.com/>