

Feedback — week 6 quiz

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Question 1

What is *penetration testing*?

- ☐ A procedure for testing libraries or other program components for vulnerabilities
- ☐ A security-minded form of unit testing that applies early in the development process
- ☒ Whole-system testing for security flaws and bugs
- ☐ All of the above

Question 2

Which of the following are benefits of penetration testing?

- ☐ Compositionality of security properties means tested components are secure even if others change

- ☐ Full evidence of security: a clean test means a secure system
- ☒ Results are often reproducible
- ☒ Results are certain and not hypothetical

Question 3

What does it mean to "be stealthy" during a penetration test?

- ☐ Performing the tests from an undisclosed location
- ☐ Using encryption during tests to make the source of attacks impossible to determine
- ☐ Taking care to avoid activities during a penetration test that might attract attention, e.g., by operators or IDS services
- ☒ Performing penetration testing without the target organization knowing

Question 4

What is a *web proxy*?

- ☐ A simulator for the web, for use when off-line
- ☒ A piece of software that intercepts and possibly modifies requests (and responses) between a web browser and web server

- ☐ A piece of software that makes a web application look like a standalone application, making it easier to test
- ☐ An agent that makes decisions on the client's behalf when interacting with web applications

Question 5

What is **Nmap**?

- ☐ It is a network fuzz testing tool
- ☐ It is a suite of tools for scripting attacks: probe, construct, encode, inject, wait for response
- ☐ It is a map of the Internet
- ☒ It is a scanner which works by injecting packets to a range of addresses, and inferring what hosts and services might be at those addresses, based on the responses

Question 6

What is *ethical hacking*?

- ☐ Hacking into systems run by those whose ethics you disagree with
- ☒ Hacking systems (e.g., during penetration testing) to expose vulnerabilities so they can be fixed, rather than exploited
- ☐ A slang term for rapid software development, e.g., as part of hackathons



"Hacking" ethics so they justify unintended selfish behavior

Question 7

Which of the following statements describe *fuzz testing* (aka *fuzzing*)?



It is a cost-effective replacement for functional testing



It is a kind of random testing



It is always purely black-box, in being indifferent to the software's functionality



It is concerned with finding known-bad behaviors, like crashes and hangs

Question 8

Which of the following are true of *whitebox fuzzing*?

- ☐ **Radamsa** is (at least in part) a whitebox fuzzer
- ☒ **American Fuzzy Lop** is (at least in part) a whitebox fuzzer
- ☒ It takes into account the program's internals in some manner when deciding which inputs to choose
- ☐ It makes no sense to combine it with grammar-based fuzzing since the latter is just another way to consider the program's semantics

Question 9

Which of the following are true of *mutation-based fuzzing*?

- ☐ It works by making small mutations to the target program to induce faults
- ☐ It only makes sense for file-based fuzzing, not network-based fuzzing
- ☒ It generates each different input by modifying a prior input
- ☒ Each input may or may not adhere to a grammar, depending on the particular fuzzer

Question 10

Which of the following styles of fuzzer is more likely to explore paths covering every line of code in the following program?

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {  
    char buf[100];  
    while (fgets(buf, sizeof(buf), stdin) != NULL) {  
        int c = atoi(buf);  
        if (c == 456799)  
            printf("%s\n", (char *)c);  
        else {  
            int i = 0;  
            for (i=0; i<c; i++)  
                printf(".");  
            printf("\n");  
        }  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

- ☐ Blackbox
- ☐ Generational
- ☐ Mutation-based
- ☒ Whitebox

Question 11

Which of the following are functions of a *network-based fuzzer*?

- ☒ Acting as a "man in the middle"
- ☐ Acting as a server
- ☒ Scanning a network address range
- ☐ Mutating network configuration files
- ☐ Acting as a client

Question 12

Suppose you want to use fuzzing on a program to try to find memory errors; which of the following statements are true?

- ☐ Compiling the program with address sanitizer (ASAN) will make errors *harder to reproduce*
- ☒ Compiling the program with address sanitizer (ASAN) will make the source of a *memory error easier to find*
- ☐ Fuzzing doesn't find memory errors, it finds crashes and hangs
- ☐

You should not use a grammar-based fuzzer, because its adherence to the grammar means it will not find memory errors

