Business Information Security

Week 12:

• Security Maintenance: Security Auditing and Testing

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Security Auditing and Testing

- A security audit is a crucial type of evaluation to avoid a data breach
- Auditing a computer system involves checking to see how its operation has met security goals
- Audit tests may be manual or automated
 - Manual tests include interviewing your staff, performing vulnerability scans, reviewing application and OS access controls, analyzing physical access to the systems etc.
 - With automated tests the auditing software creates a report of any changes to important files and settings.
- Before you can determine whether something has worked, you must first define how it's supposed to work, you need to create the policies and procedures that establish the rules and requirements of the system
 - Known as assessing a system



Part 1: Security Auditing





Security Auditing and Analysis

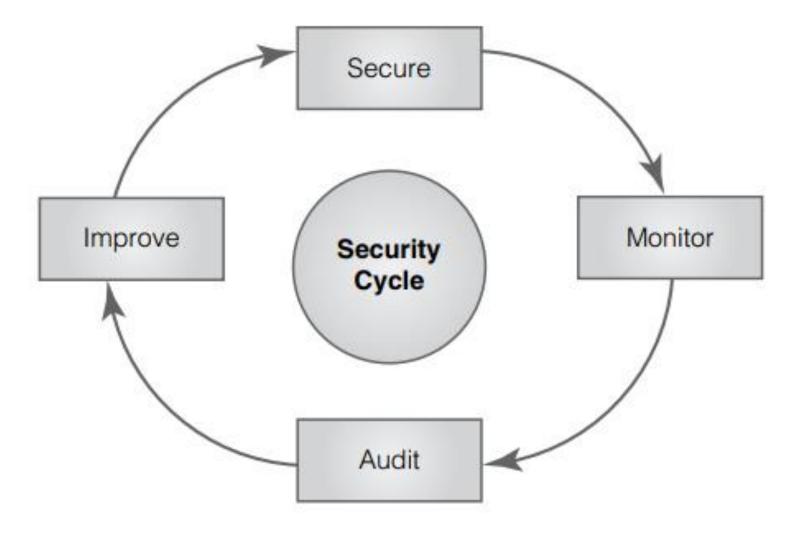
Are security policies sound and appropriate for the business or activity?

Are there controls supporting your policies?

Is there effective implementation and upkeep of controls?



Security Controls address Risk





Determining What is Acceptable

- Define acceptable and unacceptable actions in security policies
- Create standards based on those developed or endorsed by standards bodies
- Communications and other actions permitted by a policy document are acceptable
- Communications and other actions specifically **banned** in your security policy are *unacceptable*
- Any action that may reveal confidential information, cause damage to a system's integrity, or make the system unavailable is also unacceptable, even if the policy does not specifically ban it

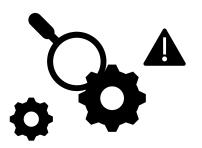
Permission Levels

- Promiscuous Everything is allowed (home users)
- Permissive Anything not specifically prohibited is allowed (public Internet sites, some schools and libraries, and many training centers)
- Prudent A reasonable list of things is permitted; all others are prohibited (most businesses)
- Paranoid Very few things are permitted; all others are prohibited and carefully monitored (secure facilities)



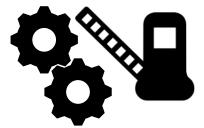
Types of Security Audits

- Large in scope and cover entire departments or business functions
- Narrow and address only one specific system or control



One-Time

For special events like introducing new software



Tollgate

Give a ,yes' or ,no' to the usage of a new process



Portfolio

Regularly-scheduled audits to verify and assess procedures



Purpose of Security Audits

An audit gives you the opportunity to review your risk management program and to confirm that the program has correctly identified and reduced (or otherwise addressed) the risks to your organisation.

Appropriateness of controls

 Is the level of security control suitable for the risk it addresses?

Correct installation of controls

 Is the security control in the right place and working well?

Address purpose of controls

 Is the security control effective in addressing the risk it was designed to address?



Service Organisational Control (SOC) Reports

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants has recognized the increased complexities of service organisations (such as cloud service providers) and created three different levels of audit reporting for service organisations. The Service Organisation Control (SOC) framework defines the scope and contents of three levels of audit reports.

REPORT TYPE	CONTENTS	AUDIENCE
SOC 1	Internal controls over financial reporting	 Users and auditors. Commonly implemented for organisations that must comply with the Sarbanes Oxley (SOX) Act. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 is a United States federal law that mandates certain practices in financial record keeping and reporting for corporations
SOC 2	Security (confidentiality, integrity, availability) and privacy controls	 Internal Management, regulators, stakeholders. Commonly implemented for service providers, hosted data centers, and managed cloud computing providers
SOC 3	Security (confidentiality, integrity, availability) and privacy controls	 Public Commonly required for the customers of SOC 2 service providers to verify and validate that the organisation is satisfying customer private data and compliance law requirements



Planning the Audit

Define objectives; determine which systems or business processes to review

Define which areas of assurance to check

Identify personnel who will participate in the audit (own & client)

include past audit results?



Defining the Scope of the Plan

Survey the site(s) Review documentation Review risk analysis output Review server and application logs Review incident logs Review results of penetration tests



Benchmarks for Audits

Benchmark – The standard to which your system is compared to determine whether it is securely configured

- ISO 27002
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF)
- ITIL
 - COBIT
 - COSO

ITIL: Information Technology Infrastructure Library

COBIT: Control Objectives for Information and related Technology

COSO: Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission

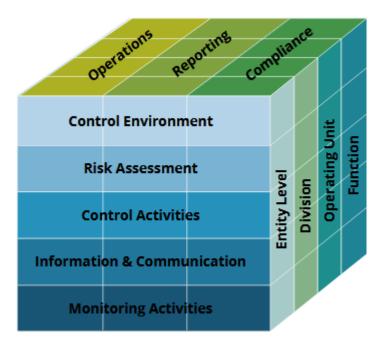


Benchmarks for Audits

- **ISO 27002** We have run into this one before. ISO 27002 is a best-practices document that gives good guidelines for information security management. For an organisation to claim compliance, it must perform an audit to verify that all provisions are satisfied. ISO 27002 is part of a growing suite of standards, the ISO 27000 series, that defines information security standards.
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) —NIST CSF, first released in 2014, is a response to a U.S. Presidential Executive Order calling for increased cybersecurity. It focuses on critical infrastructure components but is applicable to many general systems. The road map provides a structured method to securing systems that can help auditors align business drivers and security requirements. NIST also publishes a series of special publications that cover many aspects of information systems. For example, NIST SP 800-37 is a standard that describes best practices, including auditing, for U.S. government information systems.
- ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) —This is a set of concepts and policies for managing IT infrastructure, development, and operations. ITIL is published in a series of books, each covering a separate IT management topic. ITIL gives a detailed description of a number of important IT practices, with comprehensive checklists, tasks, and procedures that any IT organisation can tailor to its needs.



The COSO ERM Framework



The COSO Cube
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- a) Control Environment Does the board understand the organisation's cyber risk profile and are they informed of how the organisation is managing the evolving cyber risks management faces?
- **b)** Risk Assessment Has the organisation and its critical stakeholders evaluated its operations, reporting and compliance objectives, and gathered information to understand how cyber risk could impact such objectives?
- c) Control Activities Has the entity developed control activities, including general control activities over technology that enable the organisation to manage cyber risk within the acceptable level of tolerance to the organisation? Have such control activities been deployed through formalized policies and procedures?
- d) Information and Communication Has the organisation identified information requirements to manage internal control over cyber risk? Has the organisation defined internal and external communication channels and protocols that support the functioning of internal control? How will the organisation respond to, manage, and communicate a cyber risk event?
- e) Monitoring Activities How will the organisation select, develop, and perform evaluations to ascertain the design and operating effectiveness of internal controls that address cyber risks? When deficiencies are identified how are these deficiencies communicated and prioritized for corrective action? What is the organisation doing to monitor their cyber risk profile?

Summary: The COSO Enterprise risk management (ERM) framework calls on the Internal Audit Function to assist management and the board of directors and its audit committee by examining, evaluating, reporting on and recommending improvements to the adequacy and effectiveness of the entity's ERM process.



Audit Data Collection Methods





Areas included in Audit Plan

Area	Audit Goal
Antivirus software	Up-to-date, universal application
System access policies	Current with technology
Intrusion detection and event monitoring systems	Log reviews
System-hardening policies	Ports, services
Cryptographic controls	Key management, usage (network encryption of sensitive data)
Contingency planning	Business continuity plan, disaster recovery plan, and continuity of operations plan



Areas Included in Audit Plan (cont.)

Area	Audit Goal
Hardware and software maintenance	Maintenance agreements, servicing, forecasting of future needs
Physical security	Doors locked, power supplies monitored
Access control	Need to know, least privilege
Chance control processes for configuration management	Documented, no unauthorized changes
Media protection	Age of media, labeling, storage, transportation



Example: Control Checks and Identity Management

It is important to ensure that your security controls are effective, reliable, and functioning as you intended. Without monitoring and reviewing, you have no assurance that your information security program is effective or that personnel are exercising due diligence.

When auditing an **identity management system**, you should focus on these key areas:

- Approval process: who grants approval for access requests?
- Authentication mechanisms: What mechanisms are used for specific security requirements?
- Password policy and enforcement: Is there an effective password policy and is it uniformly enforced?
- Monitoring: does the organisation have sufficient monitoring systems to detect unauthorized access?
- Remote access systems: are all systems properly secured with strong authentication?



Post-Audit activities

- Exit interview
- Data analysis
- Generation of audit report
 - Findings
 - Recommendations
 - Timeline for implementation
 - Level of risk
 - Management response
 - Follow-up
- Presentation of findings
 - Might lead to changes based on regulatory requirements or available budget.



Example Security Audit Report: Passwords

Recommendation 8: Accounts with Non Expiry Passwords

(Priority 2)

Recommendation

A review should be carried out of all accounts whose passwords never expire and controls for these passwords changed to ensure that they are required to change their password in line with best practice.

Should there be an exception where its implementation may affect the operation of the service, this should be documented and its exception authorised by senior management.

Observation

Requiring the use of passwords that meet leading practice standards enhances the integrity and security of the system and changing passwords on a regular basis helps to improve security and minimises the risk of unauthorised access.

There were 148 user accounts defined on the network whose passwords are set to never expire. Although the majority are service or system accounts or group mail boxes, we identified that there were still some individual accounts that were not required to change their passwords in line with system security settings.

Weak password controls can result in a loss of accountability for actions performed, and increases the risk of unauthorised, or inappropriate, access to systems and information resources.

Responsibility

- ICT Team Leader

Management response

Agreed - A policy on exceptions to passwords will be developed. Some exceptions maybe needed for non-expiry accounts in order to run day to day IT operations. For exceptions a business case will need to be signed off by an Assistant Director.

Implementation will be with immediate effect.

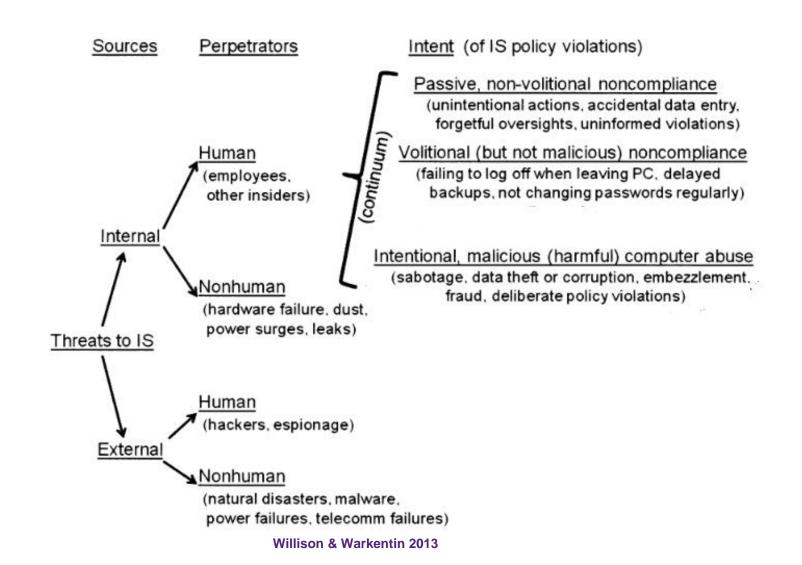


Part 2: Security Testing





Threats to Information Security





Security Testing

Before

Data Center Host

Unnecessary services removed
Insecure services removed
System and service are patched
Antivirus / IDS installed
Least privilege on files

Vulnerable service added to host

The main purpose of any security test is to identify uncorrected vulnerabilities on a system.

After

Data Center Host

Unnecessary services removed
Insecure services removed
System and service needs patch
Antivirus / IDS installed
Least privilege on files

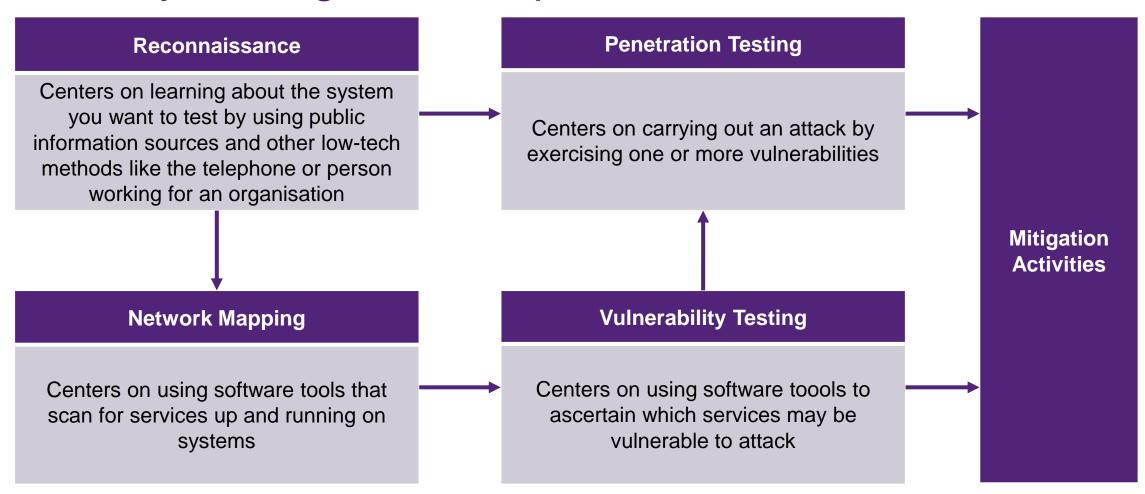


Scan Host

Found 1 unpatched service



Security Testing Road Map





Establishing Testing Goals and Reconnaissance Methods

Establish testing goals

- Identify vulnerabilities and rank them according to how critical they are to your systems
- Document a point-in-time (snapshot) test for comparison to other time periods
- Prepare for auditor review
- Find the gaps in your security

Reconnaissance methods

- Social engineering
- Whois service
- Zone transfer



Whois Record for UQ

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Registrant Contact

Name: Director ITS
Organization: The University of Queensland

Technical Contact

Name: DNS Admin

Raw Whois Data

Domain Name: uq.edu.au

Registry Domain ID: 6ffc270284f4405aa93314bc3e013efe-AU Registrar WHOIS Server: https://whois.auda.org.au Registrar URL: https://www.domainname.edu.au

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Registrar Name: Education Services Australia Limited Registrar Abuse Contact Email: registrar@esa.edu.au Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +61.399109829

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95% of all attacks on enterprise networks are the result of successful spear phishing"

Source: Allan Paller, Director of Research - SANS Institute





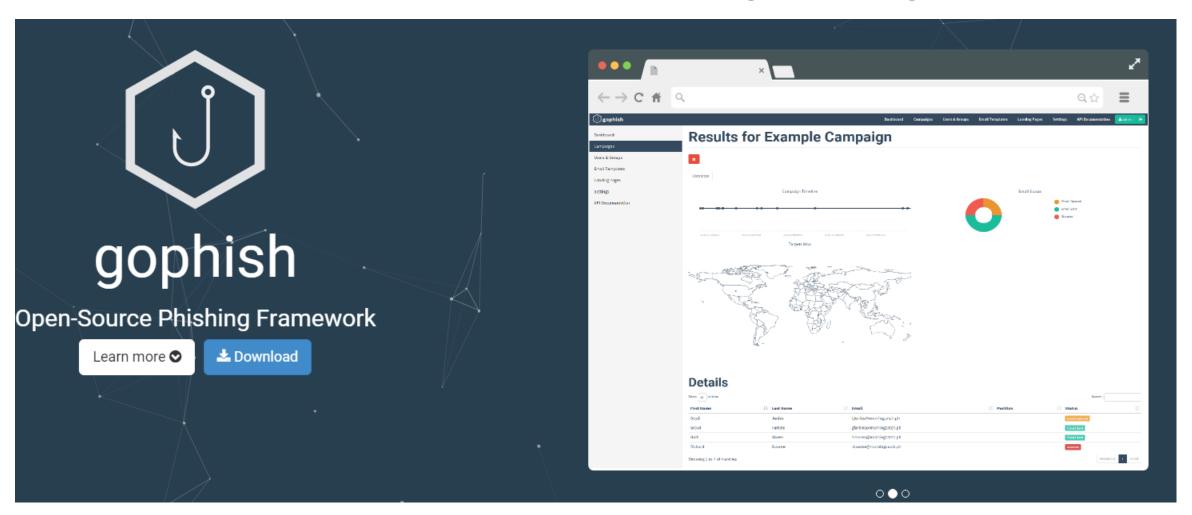
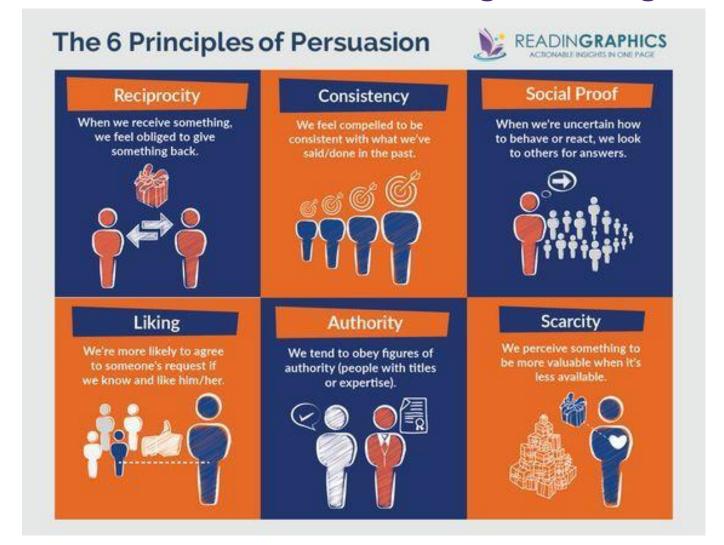




Table 2. Sources of Adversary Information in a Reconnaissance Campaign				
Media Source	Description and Example			
Personal Social	Employees' personal social media are a rich source of information for phishing reconnaissance. Consider the following hypothetical example of simple information			
Media	 triangulation of an individual based on personal social media: John graduated from [University A] and is an athletic supporter – Information gathered from professional networking profile and social media account. John works at [Company B] – Information gathered from professional networking profile. John banks at [Bank C] – Information inferred from "liking" or "following" a local bank on social media. John's banker is [Local Banker D] – Information inferred from "friending" or "following" a local banker on social media. John uses [Credit Card Company E] – information inferred from a comment about company's service on social media. 			
Organizational Website	Organizational websites are another rich source of information for phishing reconnaissance. Consider the following hypothetical example of simple information triangulation of an individual based on information on an organization's website: • Jenny's job title is [Job Title A]. – Information available on company website. • Jenny oversees [Department B] and reports to [Executive C] – Information available on organizational structure chart. • Jenny's previous projects include [Project D] – Information inferred from the "testimonial" section of the website. • Jenny has a relationship with [Supplier E] – Information inferred from list of "corporate partners."			







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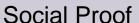
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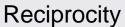
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Testing Methods

Black-box testing

 Uses test methods that aren't based directly on knowlege of a program's architecture or design

White-box testing

 Is based on knowledge of the application's design and source code

Grey-box testing

 Lies somewhere between black-box testing and white-box testing

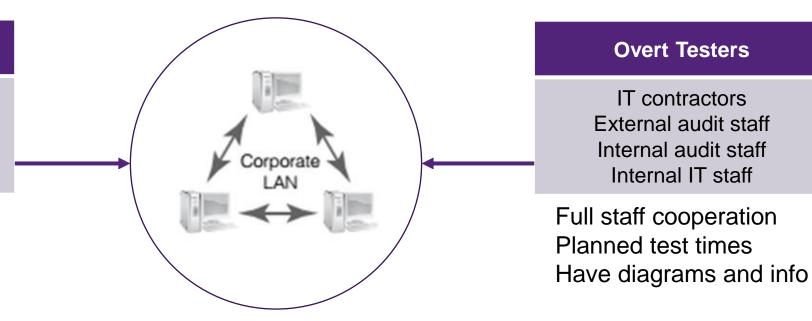


Covert vs. Overt Testers



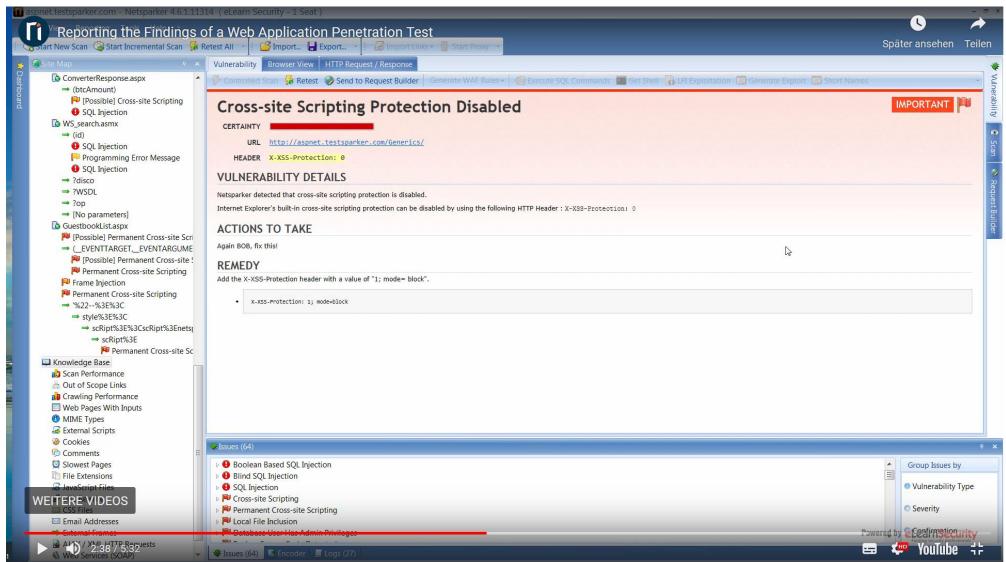
IT contractors
External audit staff
Internal audit staff
Internal IT staff

Hostile attacker role
Test without warning
Little guidance from staff



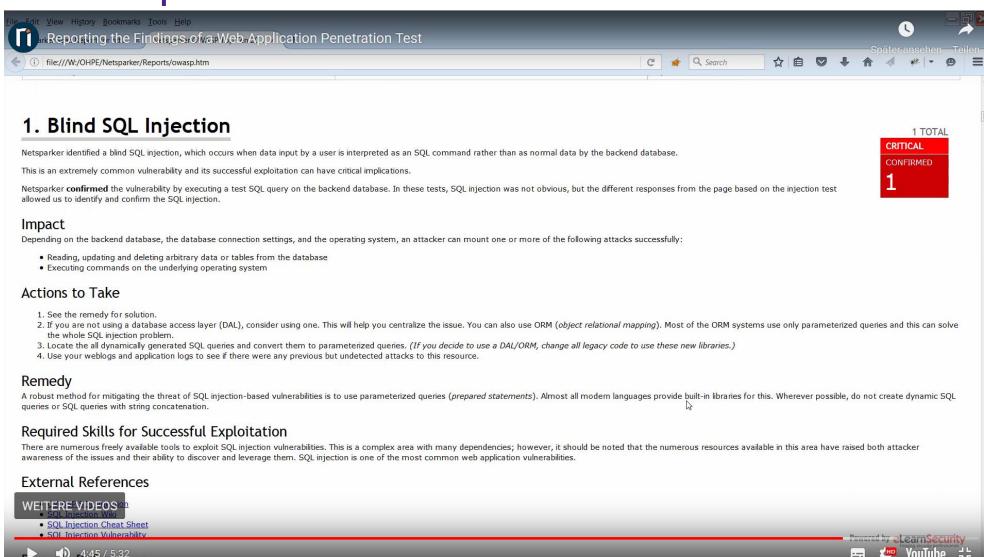


Netsparker Pentest Software (for web applications)





Pentest Report





Security Metrics (measuring performance)

Metrics

Performance and Conformance

- Percentage of business processes that meet defined security requirements
- Percentage of security practices that satisfy internal compliance requirements

System of Internal Control

- Percentage of processes that satisfy security control requirements
- Percentage of controls in which security control requirements are met
- Percentage of security controls appropriately monitored and results reported and reviewed

Compliance with External Requirements

- Percentage of security practices that satisfy external compliance requirements
- Number or percentage of projects initiated by security to implement new external requirements



Examples of Security Performance Metrics

- Percentage (%) of system users/security personnel that have received basic awareness training
- Average frequency of audit records review and analyses for inappropriate activity
- Percentage of systems using automated mechanisms to conduct analysis and reporting of inappropriate activities
- Percentage (%) of systems that are compliant with the baseline configuration
- Percentage (%) of systems successfully addressed in the testing of the contingency plan
- Percentage of accounts not associated with specific users
- Percentage (%) of system components that undergo maintenance on schedule
- Cost of information security incidents of unauthorized access to information systems, due to physical security failures
- Percentage (%) of employees who signed acknowledgement that they have read and understood rules
 of behavior, before being authorized access to the information system

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's Cyber Risk Assessment Approach

Example: Deloitte				
	Phase	Phase I: Planning and scop		
	Key activities	Activities: Identify specific internal and external stakeholders: IT, Compliance, Legal, Risk, etc. Understand organization mission and objectives Identify industry requirements and regulatory landscape Perform industry and sector riprofiling (i.e., review industry reports, news, trends, risk vectors) Identify in-scope systems and assets Identify vendors and third-par involvement		

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Phase II: Understand current state

Phase III: Risk assessment

Phase IV: Gap assessment and recommendations

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Activities:

- Conduct interviews and workshops to understand the current profile
- · Perform walkthroughs of inscope systems and processes to understand existing controls
- · Understand the use of thirdparties, including reviews of applicable reports
- · Review relevant policies and procedures, including security environment, strategic plans, and governance for both internal and external stakeholders
- · Review self assessments
- Review prior audits

Activities:

- Document list of potential risks across all in-scope capabilities
- Collaborate with subject matter specialists and management to stratify emerging risks, and document potential impact
- Evaluate likelihood and impact of risks
- Prioritize risks based upon organization's objectives. capabilities, and risk appetite
- Review and validate the risk assessment results with management and identify criticality

Activities:

- Document capability assessment results and develop assessment scorecard
- Review assessment results with specific stakeholders
- · Identify gaps and evaluate potential severity
- Map to maturity analysis
- Document recommendations
- Develop multiyear cybersecurity/IT audit plan

Deliverables

Deliverable:

- · Assessment objectives and scope
- · Capability assessment scorecard framework

Deliverable:

 Understanding of environment and current state

Deliverable:

- Prioritized risk ranking
- Capability assessment findings

Deliverables:

- Maturity analysis
- · Assessment scorecard
- · Remediation recommendations
- Cybersecurity audit plan



Example: Deloitte's Cyber Risk Assessment Maturity Analysis

Stage 1: Initial

- Recognized the issue
- Ad-hoc/case by case
- Partially achieved goals
- No training, communication, or standardization

Stage 2: Managed

- Process is managed
- · Responsibility defined
- · Defined procedures with deviations
- · Process reviews

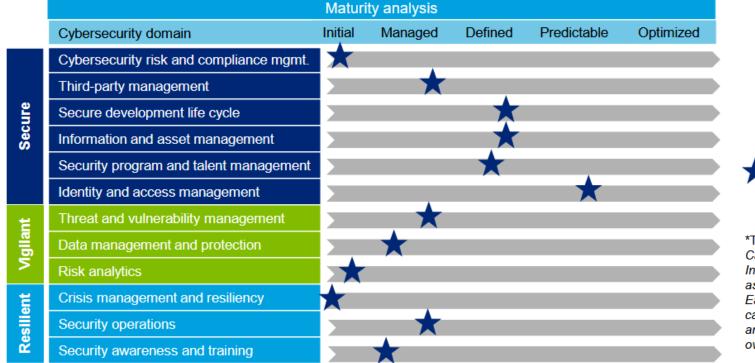
Stage 3: Defined

- Defined process
- · Communicated procedures
- Performance data collected
- Integrated with other processes
 Automation and tools implemented
- · Compliance oversight

Stage 4: Predictable

- · Defined quantitative performance thresholds and control limits
- · Constant improvement
- · Managed to business objectives

- · Continuously improved
- · Improvement objectives defined
- Integrated with IT
- · Automated workflow
- · Improvements from new technology

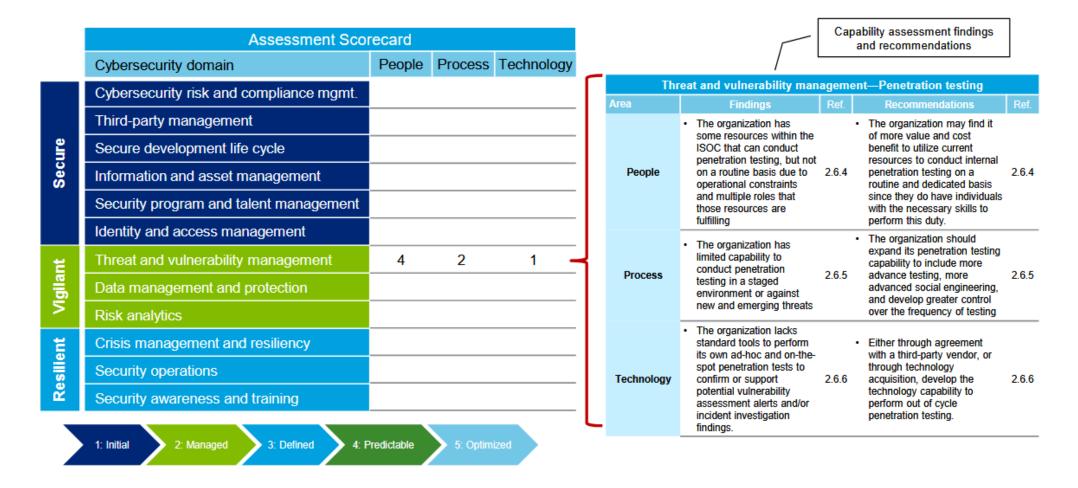




*The industry recognized Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) can be used as the model for the assessment. Each domain consists of specific capabilities which are assessed and averaged to calculate an overall domain maturity.



Example: Deloitte's Cyber Risk Assessment Scorecard





Wireshark Demo

Wireshark intro

Malware traffic Analysis with Wireshark, part 1 (4:53m)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CbgDFYF9A0

Malware traffic Analysis with Wireshark, part 2 (13:19m)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T 41vAOHfZ4

Alternatively use the Bb "tutorial slides" for a more extensive explanation and demo...



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def __init__(self):
2})
        self.X = None
        self.y = None
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    self.list_labels = cl.Counte
int acc(std::function<int(int, int)> fun
    auto it = operands.begin();
    int result = func(*it, *(+
    if (operands.size() > 2)
        for (++it; it!=operands.end(
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