Breaking Boundaries, Securing Perimeters: A Pragmatic Approach to Attack Surface Management

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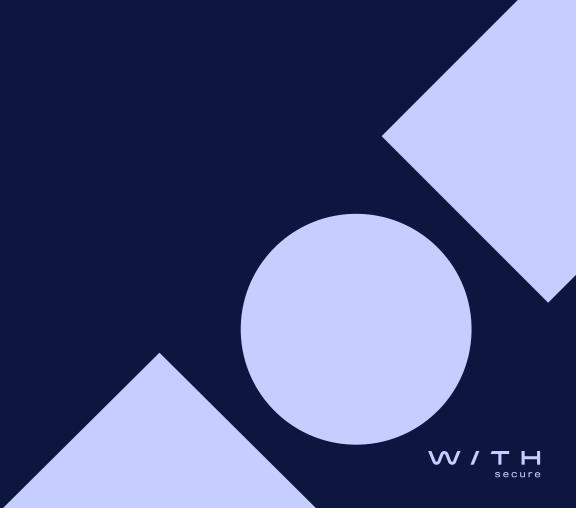




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Vulnerability Management



Vulnerability management is the process of identifying, evaluating, treating, and reporting on security vulnerabilities in systems and the software that runs on them.

-- Rapid7



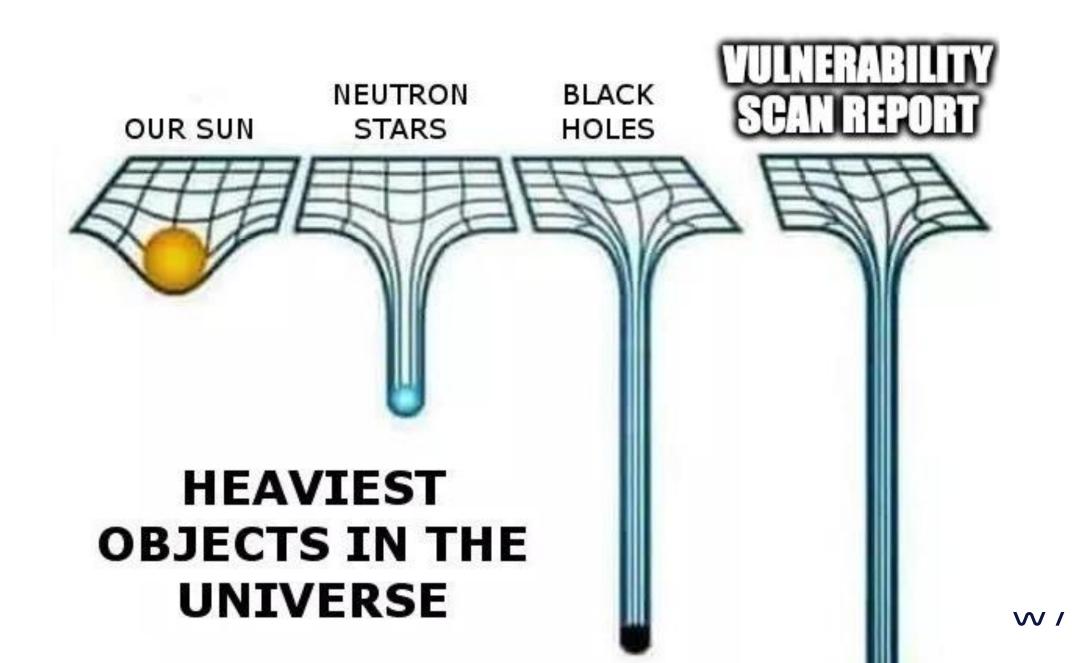
Monthly Scanning

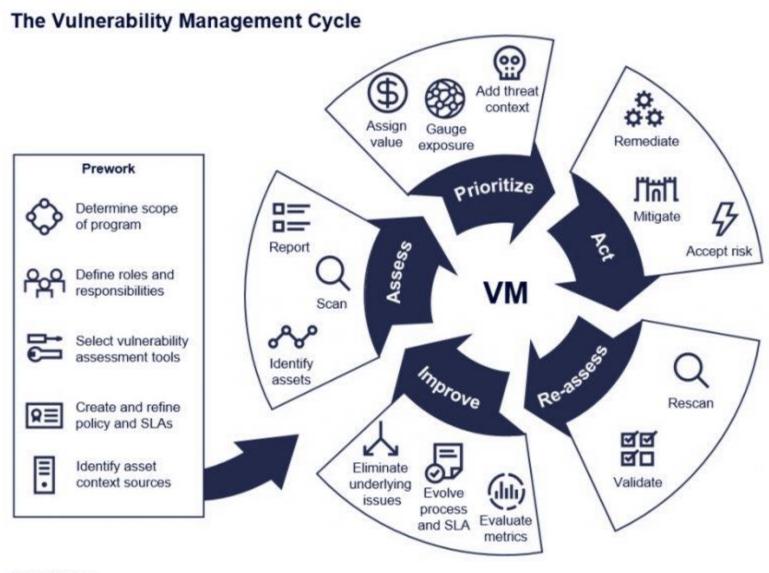
- Vulnerabilities drop between scan periods
- Time taken to add new plugins

Scope

- Restricted to defined target list
- New assets not considered









'Prioritise'

- 'Top-down' approach
- Exploitation in the wild not considered
- Ignored threats not included by vulnerability scanners

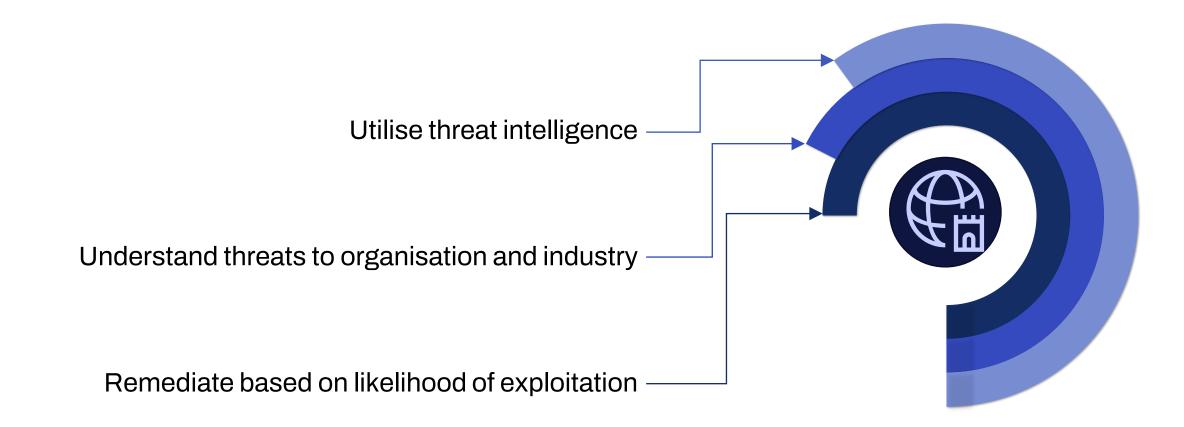
Windows RDP / Terminal Services Detection

INFO

Nessus Network Monitor Plugin ID 5935

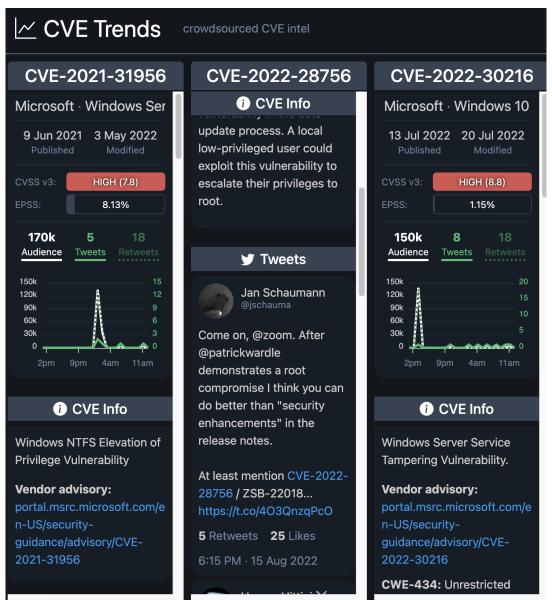


Prioritising Vulnerabilities





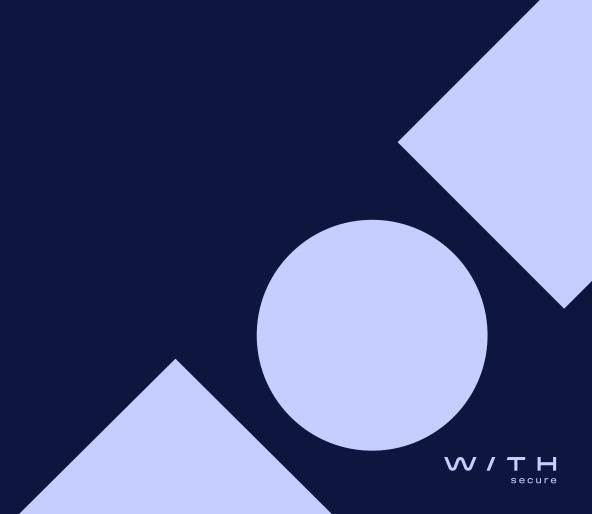
Prioritising Vulnerabilities





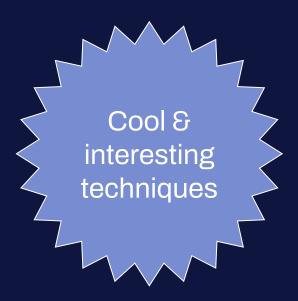


Bug Bounty Program



A bug bounty is a monetary reward given to ethical hackers for successfully discovering and reporting a vulnerability or bug to the application's developer. Bug bounty programs allow companies to leverage the hacker community to improve their systems' security posture over time continuously.

-- HackerOne









Response Efficiency

about 1 day

Average time to first response

2 days

Average time to triage

7 days

Average time to bounty

6 months

Average time to resolution

98% of reports

Meet response standards

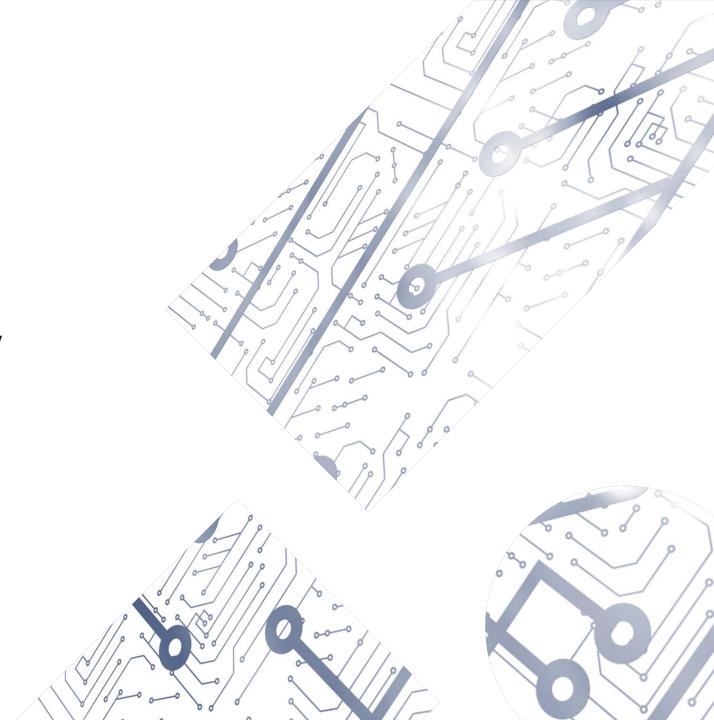
Based on last 90 days



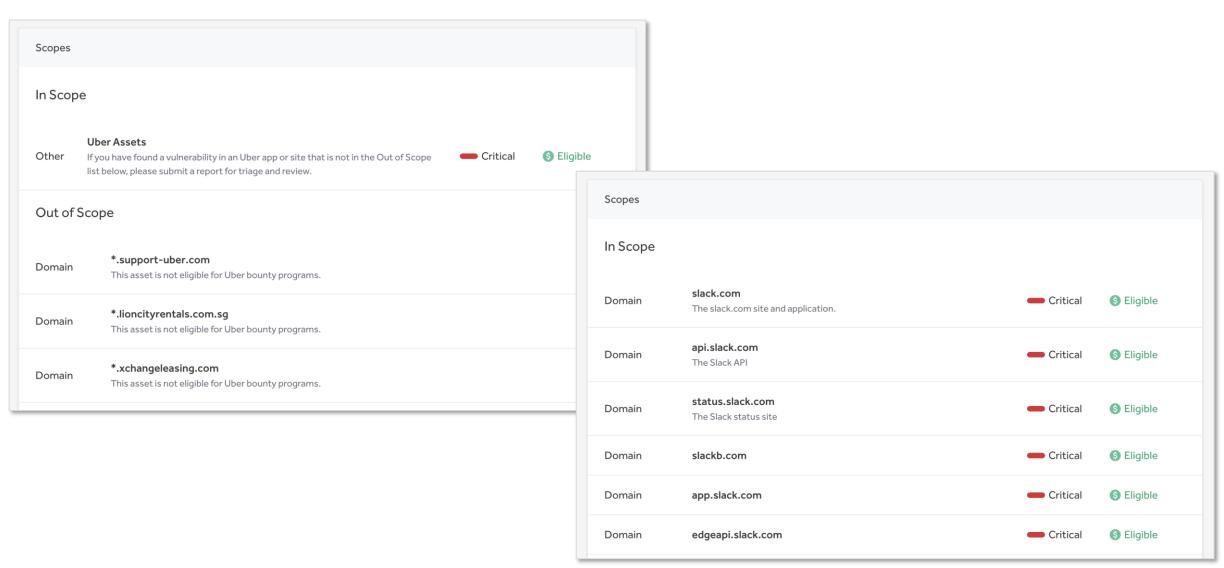


Inconsistent

- Gaps in submissions
- Could be controlled with scope, bounty amount etc.

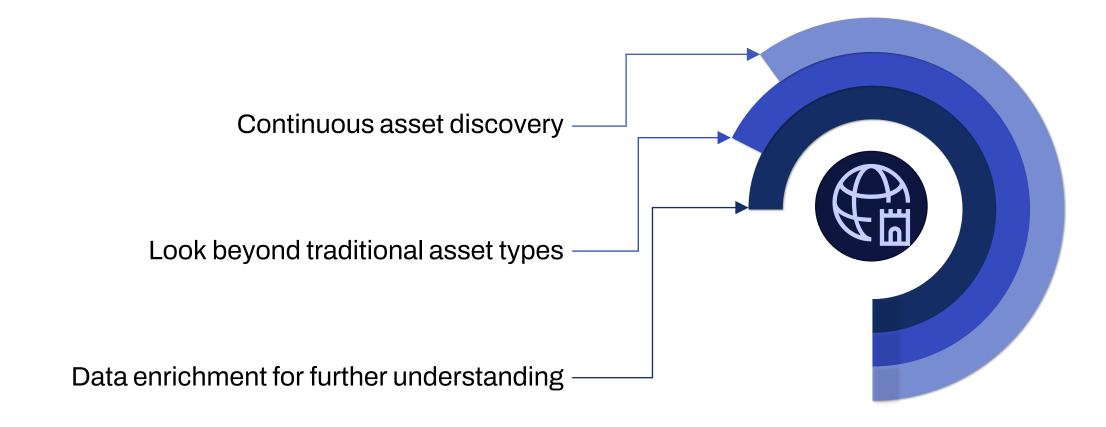


Scope





Dynamic Scope







Attack Surface Management



Attack surface management is the continuous discovery, monitoring, evaluation, prioritisation and remediation of attack vectors within an organization's IT infrastructure.

-- CrowdStrike

SaaS

- Needs a team behind it
- Lots of data
- Trends & statistics

Human driven

- Orgs valuing consultation & expert advice
- Ability to apply more context
- Humans aren't 24/7

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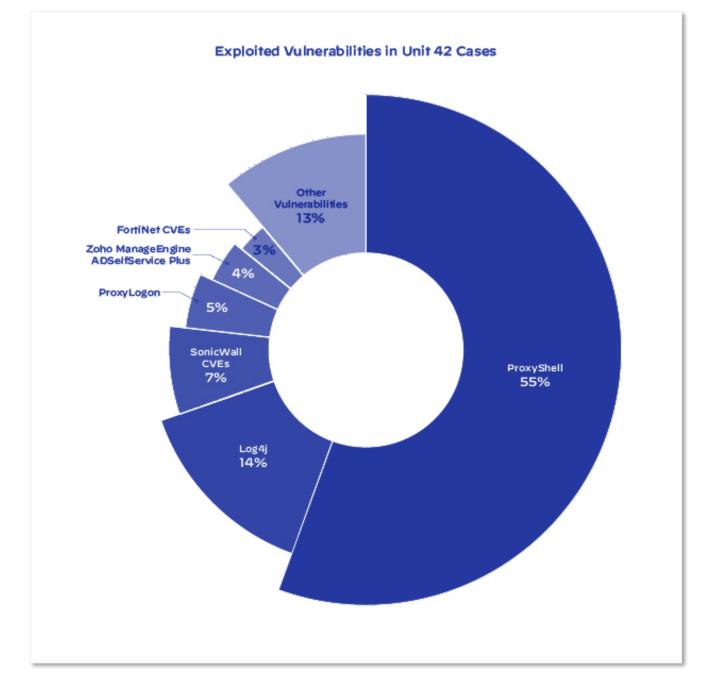
Dynamic Scope

- Continuous asset discovery
- Extended to unconventional asset types



Only 22.4% of CVE's have published exploit code, of which 1.8% are actively exploited in the wild.





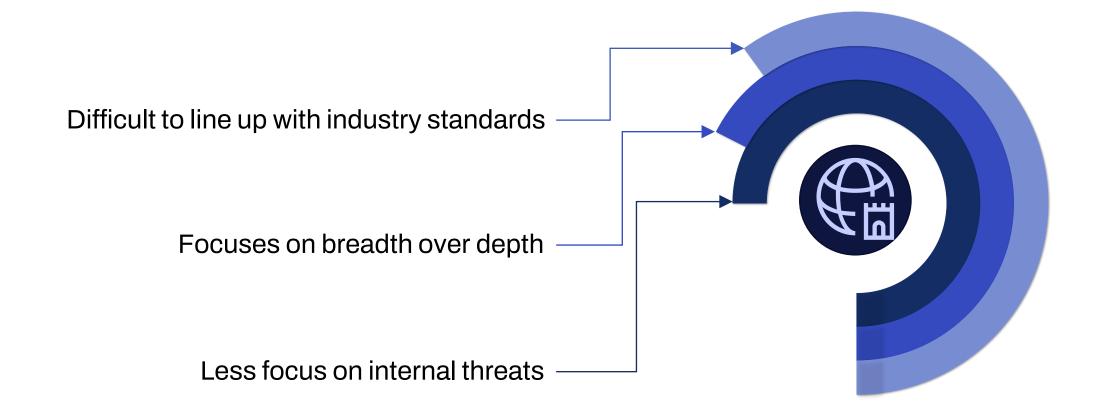


Adapt based on emerging threats

- Defence against new styles of attack
- Newer and more targeted technologies
- Less considered types of attack surface



Unsolved challenges...









Takeaways

01 Apply context and prioritise vulnerabilities

O2 Carry out continuous testing and asset discovery

Be innovative and adapt to the changing threat landscape



Resources

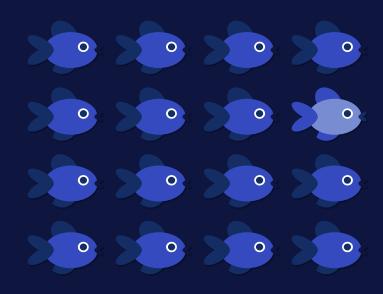
Exploring Unconventional Attack Surfaces:

https://www.withsecure.com/gb-en/expertise/resources/unconventional-attack-surfaces

Managing Your True Attack Surface:

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Thank you!

Any questions?





