VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT

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WHO IS A HACKER?

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[originally, someone who makes furniture with an axe]
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WHO IS AN ETHICAL HACKER?

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8. [deprecated] ~~A malicious meddler~~ An ethical professional who tries to discover sensitive information and evaluates the security posture of a client by ~~poking around~~ mimicking a real attacker.

SECURITY PERSONNEL IN AN ORGANIZATION

- Red Team
  - IT Security Analyst
    - Application Testing
    - Infrastructure Testing
    - Red Teaming
- Blue Team
  - Information Security Officer (ISO)
  - Security Engineer
  - Security Architect
  - Security Operations Centre
  - Monitoring

WHY DO YOU NEED ETHICAL HACKERS?

It's a **requirement** for doing **business**
- It can be a **regulatory** requirement (financial institutions, healthcare, critical infrastructure etc.)
- It can be **required** by **business partners** depending on their profile

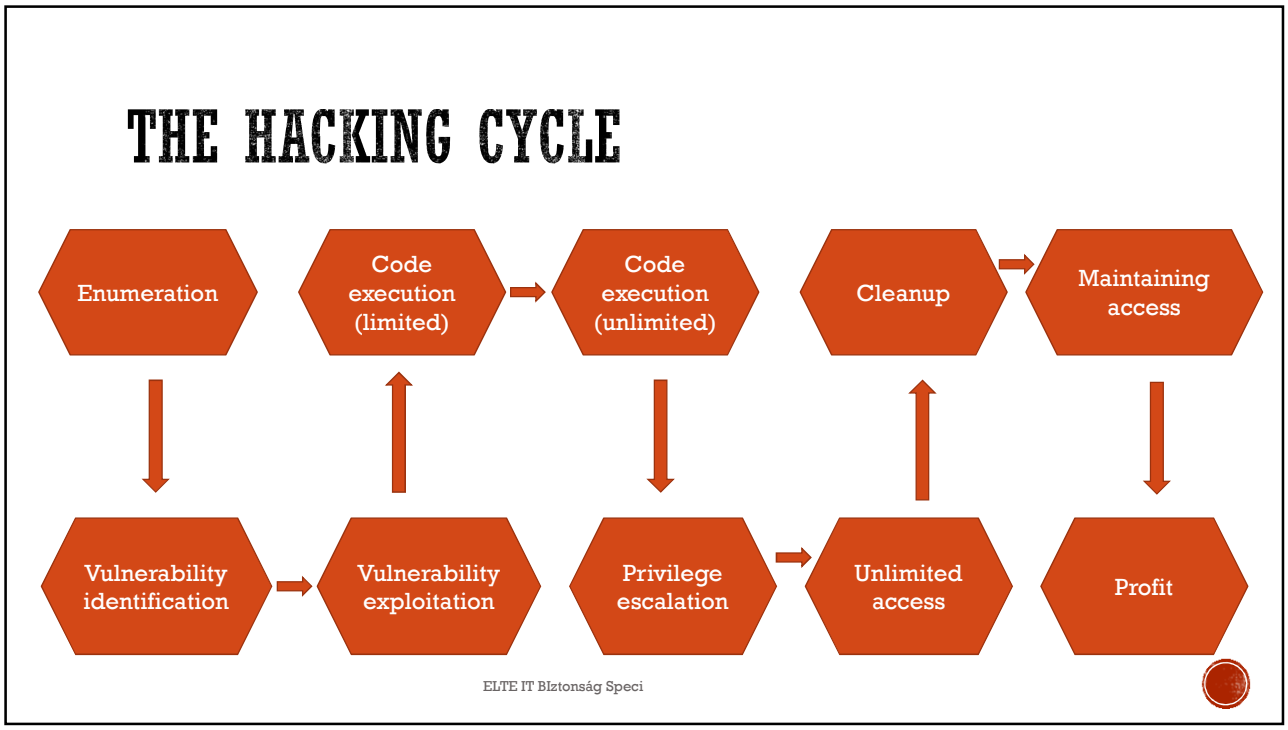
It's **needed** to **limit** operational **risk**
- Your business **depends** on **trade secrets**, **sensitive information** that you want to **protect** (confidentiality)
- Your business **depends** on the **accuracy** of certain **information** (integrity)
- Your business **depends** highly on **access** to online **services** (availability)
- Your business **depends** highly on **reputation** (technology companies, financial institutions)

WHAT IS A VULNERABILITY?

- „the quality of being vulnerable (= able to be easily hurt, influenced, or attacked), or something that is vulnerable" – Cambridge Dictionary
- „In computer security, a vulnerability is a weakness which can be exploited by a threat actor, such as an attacker, to perform unauthorized actions within a computer system." – Wikipedia
- Attack surface – A point of the system which is „significantly weaker than the rest"

WHAT IS AN EXPLOIT?

- „**To use something in a way that** helps **you**" – Cambridge Dictionary
- „**To use someone or something unfairly for your own advantage"**– Cambridge Dictionary
- „**An exploit is a piece of software, a chunk of data, or a sequence of commands that takes advantage of a bug or vulnerability to cause unintended or unanticipated behavior to occur on computer software, hardware, or something electronic (usually computerized). " – Wikipedia**
- **A tool/program to make use of a vulnerability**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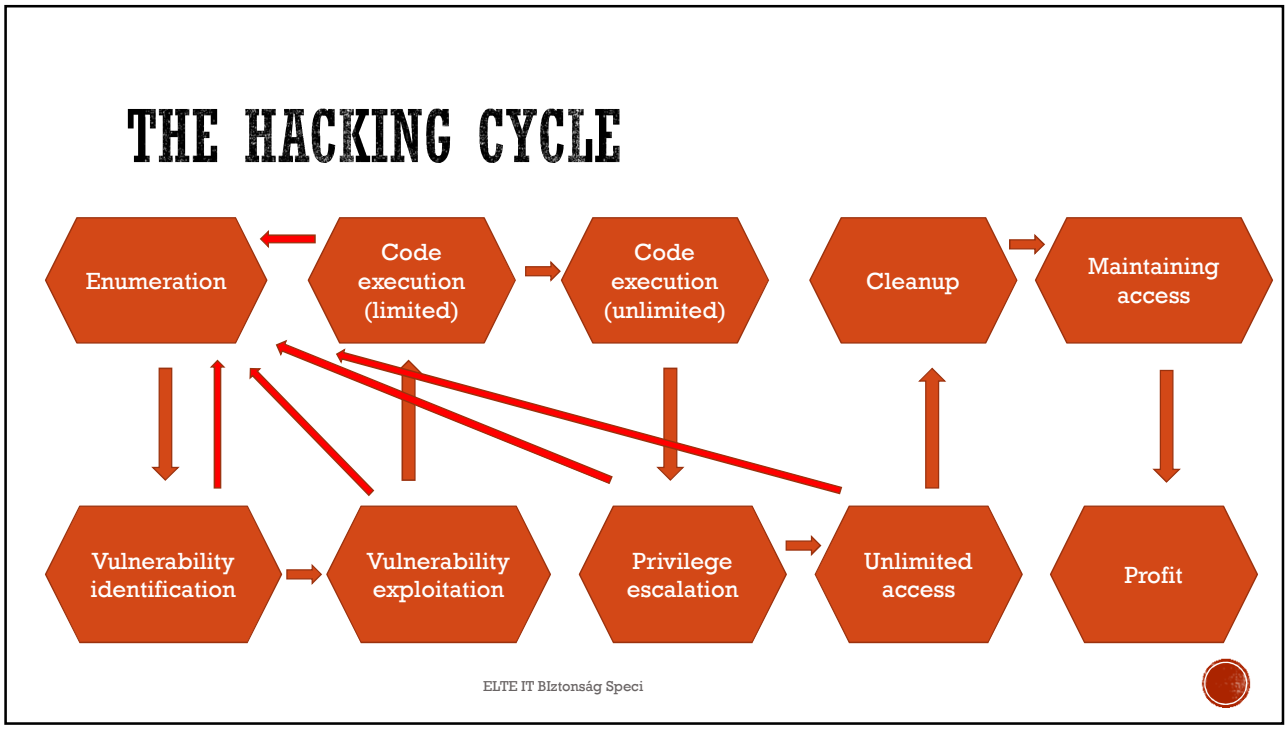
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WHAT IS VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT (VA)?

- **Vulnerability assessment** is the process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing (or ranking) the vulnerabilities in a system.
- Vulnerability assessment is a well (well, better) defined process, but often confused with **penetration testing**, which is goal oriented, i.e., a pentester makes an effort to control critical systems and acquire access to sensitive data.

VULNERABILITY CLASSIFICATION

- Informational
- Low
- Medium
- High
- Critical

CVSS 3.0

THE VULNERABILITY DISCOVERY PROCESS

- Automated Tools
  - Qualys
  - Nessus
  - OpenVAS
- Manual
  - Vendor publications, CVEs
  - Service discovery (Nmap)

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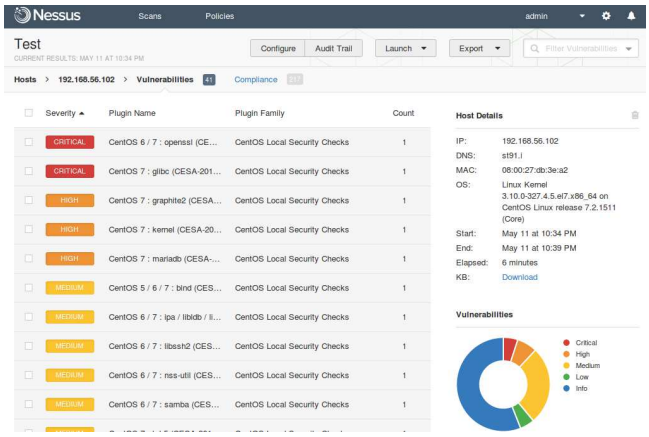

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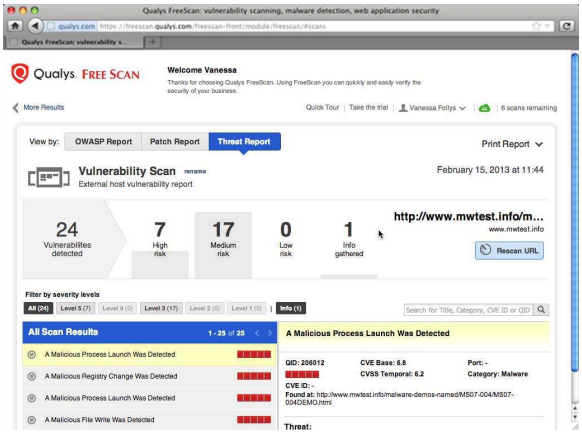

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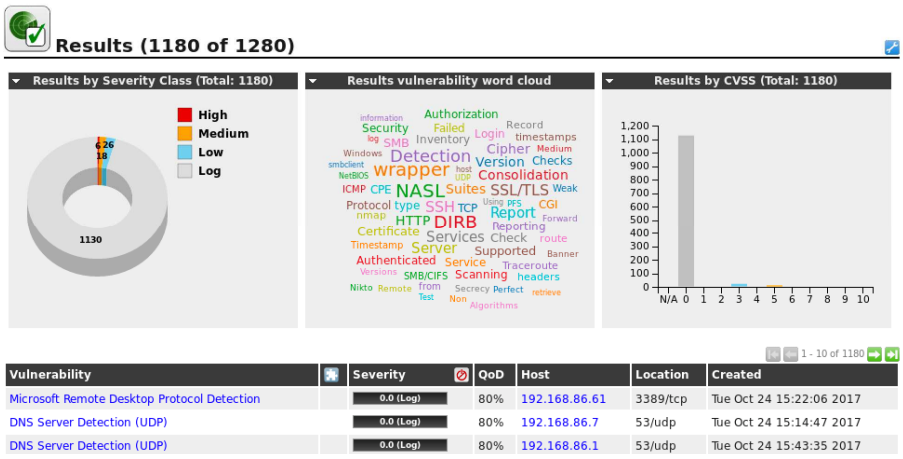

THE VULNERABILITY DISCOVERY PROCESS (NMAP)

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root@Cyborg999:~# nmap -A -T4 192.168.1.115

Starting Nmap 7.40 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2017-06-06 18:10 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.115
Host is up (0.00054s latency).
Not shown: 997 filtered ports
PORT    STATE SERVICE       VERSION
135/tcp open  msrpc         Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open  netbios-ssn   Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open  microsoft-ds?
MAC Address: 9E:B6:4C:0C:7D:87 (Unknown)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed po
rt
Aggressive OS guesses: Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP1 (90%), Microsoft Windows 10 build 10586 -
14393 (88%), Microsoft Windows Phone 7.5 or 8.0 (88%), Microsoft Windows 10 build 10586 (87%), Micr
osoft Windows Server 2008 R2 or Windows 8.1 (87%), Microsoft Windows 7 Professional or Windows 8 (8
7%), Microsoft Windows Vista SP0 or SP1, Windows Server 2008 SP1, or Windows 7 (87%), FreeBSD 6.2-R
ELEASE (87%), Microsoft Windows Embedded Standard 7 (86%), Microsoft Windows Vista SP2, Windows 7 S
P1, or Windows Server 2008 (86%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Host script results:
|_nbstat: NetBIOS name: DESKTOP-A3ECJHB, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: 9e:b6:4c:0c:7d:87 (u
nknown)
|_smbv2-enabled: Server supports SMBv2 protocol

TRACEROUTE
HOP RTT     ADDRESS
1   0.54 ms 192.168.1.115

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/
.
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 61.91 seconds
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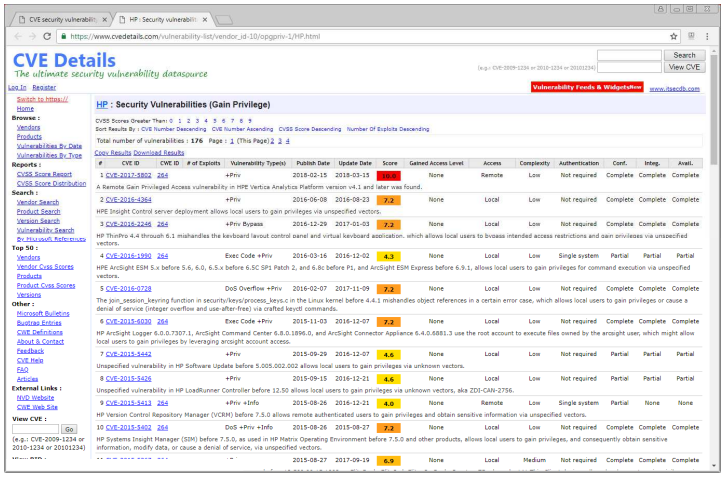
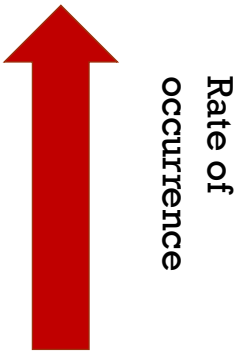


COMMON TYPES OF SECURITY ISSUES

- Configuration issues
  - Default username and password
  - Exposed admin interface
  - Forgotten features
- Implementation errors
  - High-level errors
    - Improper authorization
    - Race conditions
    - Logic bugs
  - Low level implementation issues
    - Buffer overflow
    - Heap overflow



MITIGATING RISK

- Vulnerabilities are discovered, what do we do?
- **Ideally → Fix everything!**
- **Reality → Mitigate risk**
- **How? → Patches, configuration changes, policy updates, personnel training, extreme measures (rare, but should be more frequent)**
- **A cycle rather than a linear process**

COMMON PROTOCOLS AND THEIR VULNERABILITIES

COMMON PROTOCOLS – (FTP, FTPS)

- Plaintext protocol (FTP) TCP/21
  - Used for file transfer (file transfer protocol)
- Complicated data flow
  - Control port, data port
  - Scanning the intranet!
- Default passwords
  - Including anonymous access
- No bruteforce protection
  - Credentials are sometimes tied into another system
    - Grants access to further resources!

COMMON PROTOCOLS – (FTP, FTPS)

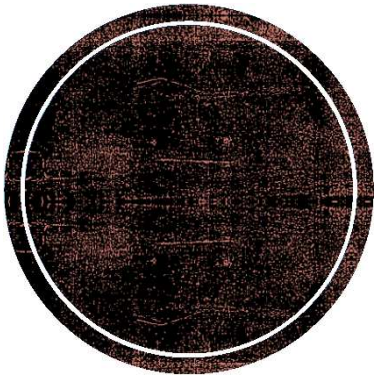
- Implementation Errors
- Path handling issues "../"
- Excessive Read, Write permissions
- FTPS – SSL related issues

COMMON PROTOCOLS – (SMB/CIFS)

- TCP/445 (Since Windows 2000)
- Dominant in Windows systems especially before AD
- Used to share resources, files, printers, serial ports etc.
- Track record of bad security (recently notable MS-17-010)
- Often configured too loosely
- Can even lead to RCE

EXAMPLE 1 – ETERNAL BLUE

- Microsoft's implementation of SMB contained a crucial flaw → vulnerability
- The NSA weaponized the vulnerability instead of disclosing it
- The exploit got leaked
- Chaos ensued → Widespread exploitation, ransomware, WannaCry, NotPetya



COMMON PROTOCOLS – (NFS)

- TCP/2049
- Used for file sharing (Network File System)
- "no_root_squash" option is set for exports
- The "privileged ports" option is not set (not really relevant anymore)
- Client machines mount shares without "nosuid"

COMMON PROTOCOLS – (DNS)

- UDP/53, TCP/53
- Recursive protocol for resolving domain names
- Open Recursive DNS Servers Denial-of-Service (DoS)
  - Requesting queries with source IP spoofing
  - Large response leads to amplification
- Cache poisoning attack
  - Additional information section is cached by DNS server
    - Redirecting the name server
    - Redirecting the NS record

EXAMPLE 2 – BANRISUL BANK

- Brazilian bank had its entire DNS architecture compromised
- The attackers built an entire fake bank
- For multiple hours, all traffic was redirected to the fake bank
- Damage was immense

COMMON PROTOCOLS – (SNMP)

- TCP/161, UDP/161
- Default credentials, community string
  - Modification of system parameters
- Vendor specific MIBs
  - Even code execution may be possible

COMMON PROTOCOLS – (SSL)

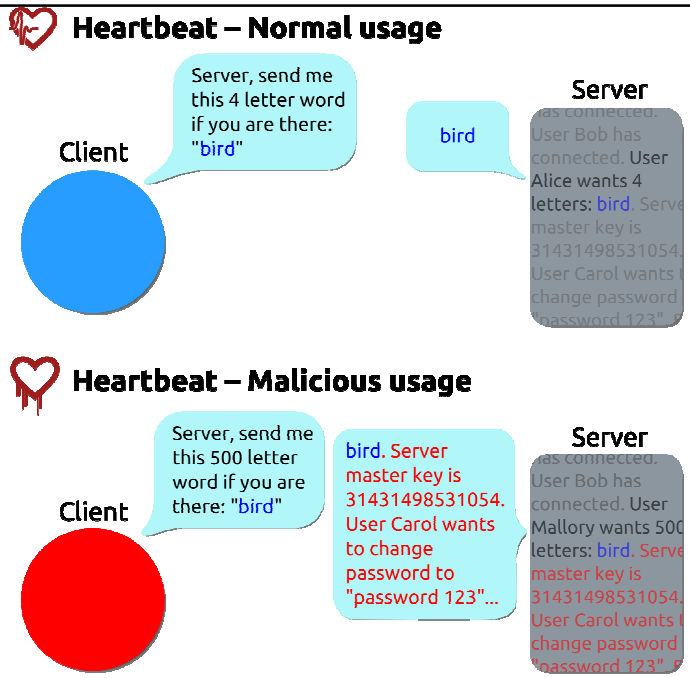
- Weak Encryption Issues
  - Weak Ciphers are used by the server
    - No Cipher order is forced by the server
  - Weak protocol versions are allowed (SSLv1, SSLv2, SSLv3, TLS/1.0)
- Weak, bad certificate issues
  - Incomplete Chain of Trust
  - Weak hashing algorithm
- Weak parameters
  - Small encryption keys
  - Small DH parameters

COMMON PROTOCOLS – (SSL)

- Protocol Issues
  - Freak (Factoring RSA Export Keys)
  - Logjam (Export DH parameters)
  - BREACH, CRIME (Compression related issues)
  - POODLE (Padding Oracle attack)
  - Heartbleed (Memory leak)

EXAMPLE 3 – HEARTBLEED

- Buffer overread vulnerability in OpenSSL
- Exploits the heartbeat keepalive functionality
- Lets attackers read chunks of server memory
- Difficult to control but can leak anything: passwords, secret keys etc.



COMMON PROTOCOLS – (SSH)

- TCP/22
- Weak Cipher, User Enum, Bruteforce

COMMON PROTOCOLS – (TELNET)

- TCP/23
- Plaintext (MITM, Sniffing, Session Hijacking!!!)
- No brute force protection

COMMON PROTOCOLS – (HTTP, HTTPS)

- TCP/80, TCP/443
- Basic authentication is used
- Directory Traversal issues
- SQL injection
- File Upload
- Administration interface (Tomcat)
- Filename enumeration (IIS)
- Too many different issues to even count