

AUTHORIZED PENETRATION TESTING AGREEMENT

This Authorized Penetration Testing Agreement is made on **3rd January 2026**, between:

Pentester: Veena AH

Client: Paro Cyber

Both parties agree to the following terms governing the execution of an authorized security assessment.

1. OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVE

This Agreement establishes the conditions under which the Pentester is permitted to conduct penetration testing activities against systems owned or managed by Paro Cyber. The objective of the engagement is to evaluate the security posture of the Client, identify exploitable weaknesses, and provide practical recommendations to improve overall security.

All testing shall be performed in an ethical, professional, and legally compliant manner, aligned with responsible disclosure principles.

2. ENGAGEMENT SCOPE

2.1 Authorized Systems

The Tester is permitted to assess the following assets, as approved by the Client:

- Web-based applications
- Network infrastructure (internal/external)
- APIs and backend services
- Cloud-hosted and virtualized resources
- Identity, authentication, and access control mechanisms

2.2 Excluded Systems

The following are excluded from testing unless explicit written approval is provided:

- Live production databases containing sensitive customer data
- Systems owned by third parties or vendors
- Physical security controls or facilities
- Social engineering techniques (phishing, impersonation, onsite testing)

2.3 Permitted Techniques

The Tester may perform:

- Vulnerability discovery and analysis
- Manual and automated security testing
- OWASP-based application testing
- Network and API security assessments
- Authorization and session management testing
- Limited exploitation strictly for validation purposes

2.4 Restricted Activities

The Tester shall not:

- Perform Denial of Service (DoS/DDoS) attacks
- Intentionally alter, destroy, or corrupt data
- Extract or retain sensitive personal information
- Conduct actions that could cause prolonged service outages

3. TEST EXECUTION & COMMUNICATION

3.1 Testing Window

Testing activities shall take place during the following period:

Start Date: 03/01/2026

End Date: 31/01/2026

Testing hours shall be mutually agreed upon.

3.2 Communication & Escalation

- Progress updates will be shared at agreed intervals
- Critical or high-risk findings will be reported immediately

- Emergency contact details will be exchanged prior to testing

3.3 Methodological Standards

Testing will reference established industry frameworks, including:

- OWASP Testing Guide
- NIST SP 800-115
- Penetration Testing Execution Standard (PTES)
- MITRE ATT&CK (where applicable)

4. AUTHORIZATION & LEGAL CONSENT

The Client grants the Tester formal authorization to conduct testing activities strictly within the defined scope. This authorization serves as legal consent for approved actions.

The Tester agrees to:

- Operate strictly within scope
- Cease testing if unexpected risks are identified
- Act in good faith and professional judgment at all times

5. CONFIDENTIALITY & DATA HANDLING

Both parties shall treat all engagement-related information as confidential, including vulnerabilities, configurations, data accessed, and reports.

Any collected data shall be securely handled and permanently deleted within **30 days** of report delivery unless otherwise requested in writing.

6. DELIVERABLES

The Tester shall provide:

- An executive-level summary
- Detailed technical findings with severity classification
- Evidence supporting each identified issue
- Risk impact analysis
- Clear remediation guidance

A findings review or walkthrough session shall be conducted upon request.

7. LIABILITY & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Tester shall not be responsible for:

- Vulnerabilities existing prior to the engagement
- Failures resulting from poor system maintenance or missing backups
- Incidents occurring outside the approved scope

The Client is responsible for ensuring adequate system backups prior to testing.

8. FEES & PAYMENT

- **Engagement Fee:** \$10,000
- **Payment Terms:** (50% upfront, 50% upon final report delivery)

9. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement with written notice.

Upon termination:

- Testing will immediately stop
- Completed work will be billed accordingly
- All obtained data will be securely destroyed

10. ACCEPTANCE & SIGNATURES

By signing below, both parties confirm acceptance of this Agreement.

Pentester

Name: VEENA AH

Signature:

Date: 03/01/2026

Client Paro Cyber

Name: Paro Cyber

Title:

Signature:

Date: 03/01/2026