

Lab - Create a Pentesting Agreement

Objectives

In this lab, you will create your own pentesting agreement.

- Complete a simple pentesting agreement.

Background / Scenario

A penetration testing agreement is a legally-binding contract between the client or customer, and the penetration tester. The agreement defines all the terms and conditions required for the penetration testing exercise. The agreement will include elements that are mutually agreed upon by both parties. It may contain things, such as the date for the commencement of pentesting, the scope of work, the service-level agreement, the potential pentesting completion date, etc. Also included in the contract will be other terms and conditions as well as pricing details.

Imagine that you are hired by a company to perform pentesting. You will need to draft a pentesting agreement between your company and the client. In a real-world situation, you would likely consult with an attorney who is specialized in such contracts because understanding them and what information they contain is very important.

Required Resources

- PC or mobile device with internet access

Instructions

Part 1: Complete a Simple Pentesting Agreement

Step 1: Research pentesting agreements and contracts.

- a. Using your favorite search engine, conduct a search for pentesting contracts, statements of work, and agreements.
- b. Find several pentesting agreement examples and review the information contained in each section.

Step 2: Develop the pentesting agreement.

Using the information that you gathered from your research in step 1, create your own penetration testing agreement for your company. At a minimum, the agreement should include the sections listed below.

- a. Parties to the agreement
(Highlight the personal details and information of the parties involved.)

Answer Area

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b. Scope of work

(Define the obligations and responsibilities of each party.)

The penetration tester agrees to:

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The client agrees to:

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c. Timeframe

(Establish a specific timeline for the penetration testing.)

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d. Fees, billing, and payment details

(Define how and when payments are made and address how materials and equipment are obtained.)

Answer Area

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e. Termination of contract

(Define the circumstances that would lead to an early termination of the contract.)

Answer Area

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Step 3: Bonus – Additional Agreement Sections

In addition to the sections, you completed above, list and define some other clauses that are typically found in a penetration testing agreement.

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