

Penetration Testing

Discovering and Exploiting Vulnerabilities

Vulnerability Assessment vs Penetration Testing

Vulnerability assessment

➡ Identify and quantify the vulnerabilities of a system

<http://www.sans.org/reading-room/whitepapers/basics/vulnerability-assessment-421>

Penetration testing (a.k.a pentest)

➡ Authorized and deliberate attack of a system with the intention
of finding security weaknesses

<http://www.sans.org/reading-room/whitepapers/analyst/penetration-testing-assessing-security-attackers-34635>