

# How to Collect Cybersecurity Risk Parameters on Windows

## 1. Number of Vulnerabilities

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Definition: Known flaws or bugs in your system/software that attackers can exploit.

Tools/Methods:

- Use Nessus (Tenable) to scan and report system vulnerabilities.
  - > Download: <https://www.tenable.com/products/nessus>
- Microsoft Defender (for malware-related vulnerabilities)
  - > Go to Windows Security -> Virus & threat protection -> Protection history

## 2. System Uptime (in days)

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Definition: The number of days your system has been running continuously.

Command Prompt:

```
systeminfo | find "System Boot Time"
```

PowerShell:

```
(get-date) - (gcim Win32_OperatingSystem).LastBootUpTime
```

Calculate the difference between current time and boot time.

## 3. Number of Security Incidents

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Definition: Events like failed logins, malware detection, unauthorized access.

Steps:

- Open Event Viewer: Press Win + R -> type: eventvwr.msc
- Navigate: Windows Logs -> Security
- Count specific Event IDs:
  - \* 4625: Failed login attempts
  - \* 4688: Process creation (monitor suspicious processes)
  - \* 4720: New user account created

Windows Defender Logs:

-> Windows Security -> Virus & Threat Protection -> Protection history

#### 4. Patch Update Frequency

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Definition: How frequently system updates are applied (Daily/Weekly/Monthly).

Steps:

- Go to Settings -> Update & Security -> View update history
- Based on update pattern, assign frequency:
  - \* Daily: Every 1-2 days
  - \* Weekly: Once a week
  - \* Monthly: Once or twice a month

#### 5. Number of Open Ports

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Definition: Network ports that are open and accepting connections (can be exploited).

Command Prompt:

```
netstat -an | find "LISTEN"
```

PowerShell:

```
Get-NetTCPConnection | Where-Object {$_.State -eq "Listen"} | Measure-Object
```

Each "LISTENING" line indicates one open port.