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Pentagon Received Over 50,000 Vulnerability Reports Since 2016

Since 2016, the US DoD has received over 50,000 submissions through its vulnerability disclosure program.

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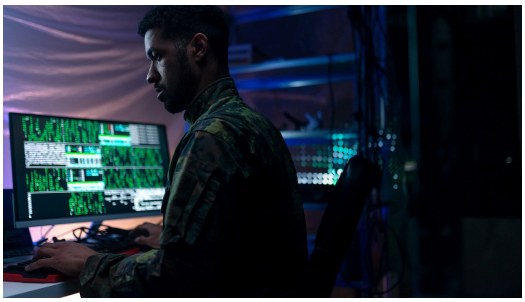

The US Department of Defense on Friday announced that it has processed 50,000 reports received as part of its continuous

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A first in the history of the federal government, the program was initiated following a successful 'Hack the Pentagon' bug bounty program running on HackerOne, which was followed by similar programs covering Air Force, Marine Corps, Army, and Defense Travel System assets.

Since then, the DoD ran over 40 bug bounty programs in collaboration with HackerOne, Bugcrowd, and Synack, and launched a continuous 'Hack the Pentagon' bug bounty program, allowing white hat hackers to submit vulnerability reports all-year-round.

By expanding the number of programs, DoD allowed security researchers to target a broader range of systems for bug hunting, ranging from high-value hardware and physical assets to web-facing websites and applications, HVAC, utilities, physical security systems, industrial control systems, and more.

In 2021, the DoD launched a 12-month bug bounty program aimed at finding flaws in contractor

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vulnerabilities, the Pentagon's Cyber Crime Center (DC3) says.

Last year, the DoD launched a Hack the Pentagon website to help DoD organizations establish their own bug bounty programs.

By the end of 2022, close to 45,000 vulnerability reports were received from roughly 4,000 researchers participating in the DoD's VDP. More than 25,000 of the reports were actionable and over 6,000 of them were successfully mitigated, the DoD said (PDF) last year.

According to the Pentagon's VDP page on HackerOne, more than 27,000 vulnerability reports have been resolved since the program's launch.

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ethical hacker community translates to the consistent strengthening of cyber defenses. As proud partners, we look forward to continued collaboration as ethical hackers work to further strengthen national security," HackerOne founder and CTO Alex Rice said.

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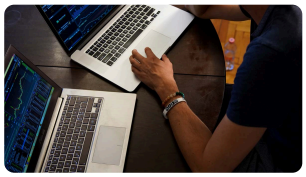

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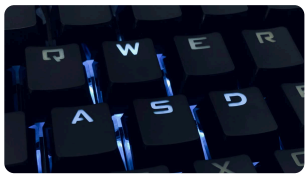

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