

Rules of Engagement (ROE)



ROE	Formal permission to conduct penetration testing
Top-level Guidance	Provide "top-level" guidance for conducting the penetration testing
ROE's Assistance	Helps testers to overcome legal and policy-related restrictions to using different penetration testing tools and techniques

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LO#11: Summarize Security Operations Concepts

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Security Operations



- The **continuous operational practice** for maintaining and managing a secure IT environment through the implementation and execution of certain services and processes
- The **predefined set of processes and services** that are to be followed during the daily security operation tasks, which are based on the organization's security baselines
- In recent security operations, organizations incorporated the third aspect of security operation, known as situational awareness, along with two traditional aspects of security operations: security monitoring and security incident management
 - **Situational Awareness:** Threat intelligence can play a vital role in creating situation awareness, making informed security decisions, and shaping cyber defenses accordingly
 - **Security Monitoring:** Collecting, storing, and analyzing logs and data from different security devices to identify security incidents
 - **Security Incident Management:** Resolving security incidents with minimal adverse impact
- A dedicated unit, known as **Security Operation Center (SOC)**, is established by organizations to handle and manage their security operations

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Security Operations Center (SOC)



- SOC is a **centralized unit** that continuously monitors and analyzes ongoing activities in an organization's information systems, such as networks, servers, endpoints, databases, applications, and websites
- It provides a **single point of view**, through which, an organization's assets are monitored, assessed, and defended from threats
- It evaluates an organization's security posture for any anomalies in its assets or information systems
- It facilitates **situational awareness** and **real-time alerts** if intrusion or attack is detected

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