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Pentesting Fails: What to do When You Make (a Lot of) Mistakes in InfoSec

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Over my career I have been a programmer, researcher, instructor, professional pen tester, father, husband, and farmer.

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“It's only when you risk failure that you discover things. When you play it safe, you're not expressing the utmost of your human experience..”

- Lupita Nyong'o





“You build on failure. You use it as a stepping stone. Close the door on the past. You don't try to forget the mistakes, but you don't dwell on it. You don't let it have any of your energy, or any of your time, or any of your space.”

- Johnny Cash



“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

- Winston Churchill

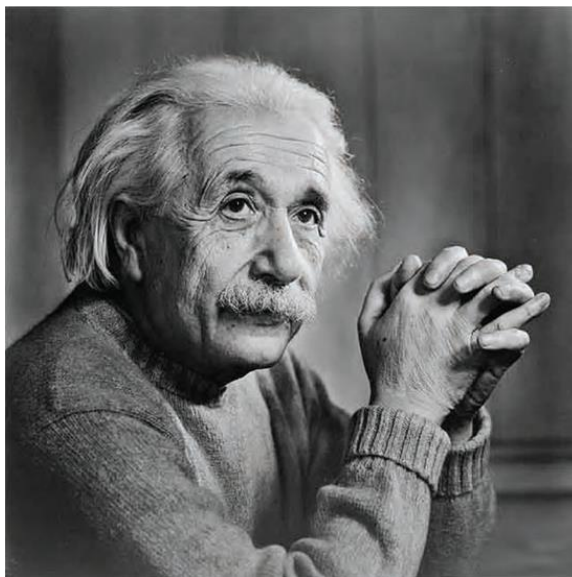


“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.”

- Maya Angelou

“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”

- Albert Einstein





“Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail.”

- Confucius

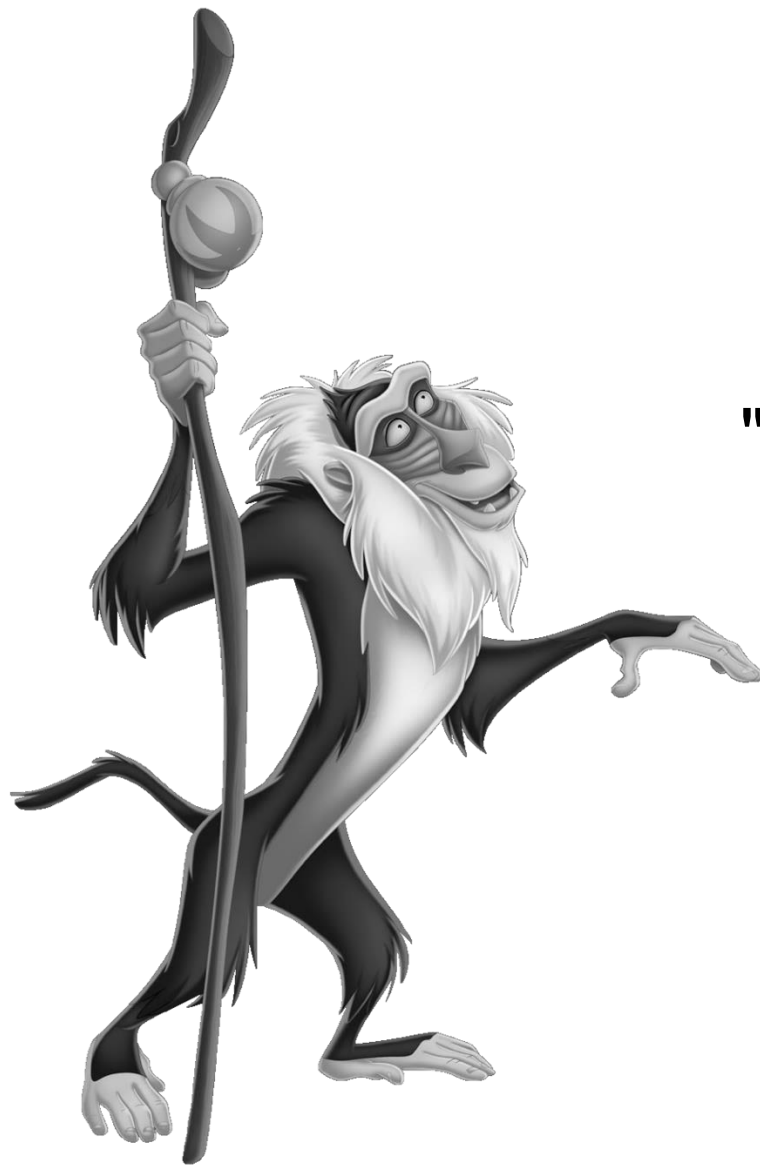


“I thank God for my failures. Maybe not at the time but after some reflection. I never feel like a failure just because something I tried has failed.”

- Dolly Parton

Lessons Learned

- Always Double Check Everything
- If Something Does Not Feel Right, It Probably Isn't
- Never Rely On Just One Access Vector
- Understand/Update Your Tools
- Always Be Aware Of Your Surroundings



"Oh , yes. The past can hurt. But
the way I see it, you can either
run from it, or learn from it."

- Rafiki

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