Did you know?

The cyber security community and major media largely concur on the prediction that cybercrime damages will cost the world US$6 trillion annually by 2021. *2016 Cybercrime Report, Cybersecurity Ventures*

In manual penetration tests, 74% of applications had at least one vulnerability violating the OWASP Top 10. *2016 NTT Group Global Threat Intelligence Report*

Are your critical assets safe from hackers?

Most organisations are the target of random, indiscriminate attacks. Companies typically seek to prevent security breaches with layers of defensive mechanisms, including user controls, cryptography, intrusion/detection systems and firewalls. However, continued adoption of new technologies has made it even harder to discover and remove all of your organisations' vulnerabilities and defend against cyber-attacks.

Without appropriate penetration testing, though, they have no way of ensuring that these defenses provide adequate protection against cyber-attack. A penetration test identifies the vulnerabilities that leave your infrastructure and applications exposed, and gives you the information you need to close any gaps in your security.
At IT Governance, we offer two levels of penetration test to meet your specific budget and technical requirements:

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<td>Identifies the vulnerabilities that leave your IT exposed. Combining a series of manual assessments with automated scans, our team will assess the true extent of your system or network’s vulnerabilities, allowing you to evaluate your security posture and make more accurate budgetary decisions.</td>
<td>Involves attempting to exploit the identified vulnerabilities to see whether it is possible to access your assets and resources. This more thorough assessment of your security posture enables you to make more accurate decisions about investing in securing your business-critical systems.</td>
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IT Governance uses a tailored approach to ensure the engagement for security testing meets the maturity and expectations of your business. Our fixed-cost packages are ideal for small and medium-sized organisations, or those with no prior experience of security testing. For those with more complex objectives, or that require a more detailed exploration of complex or sensitive environments, our Technical Services team can provide additional expertise through calls or on-site meetings.

Comply with the PCI DSS, ISO 27001, the GDPR and other standards

Conducting regular penetration tests is a component of a number of standards and compliance frameworks, notably the general data protection act (GDPR), the information security standard ISO 27001 and the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). The PCI DSS even specifies that scans must include manual testing.

Our consultants can produce a structured framework to help you achieve your compliance requirements, and which ensures effective use of your in-house resources and controls expenditure.
## What type of penetration test is right for you?

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<td><strong>Purpose</strong></td>
<td>To determine the potential vulnerabilities and how to remediate weaknesses in order of priority.</td>
<td>To identify the full extent of your exposure to a determined hacker, the data that they could access or damage that they could cause.</td>
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<td><strong>Outcome</strong></td>
<td>To identify and analyse vulnerabilities such that a proportionate response can be made towards remediation.</td>
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<td><strong>Target organisation</strong></td>
<td>You have an exposure to opportunistic attackers searching the web for easy targets and want to get reassurance beyond a vulnerability scan.</td>
<td>Your application hosts sensitive or personal data or performs a mission critical role in your business and could be exposed to a targeted attack.</td>
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<td><strong>Skill level required</strong></td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Advanced</td>
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<td><strong>Emulates a real-world attack</strong></td>
<td>Recreates the early stages of an opportunistic attack, assisting you in keeping off the radar of potential adversaries.</td>
<td>Full emulation of a targeted attack on your web application to extract data or undermine user confidence</td>
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<td><strong>Objective</strong></td>
<td>Agreed at outset</td>
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<td><strong>Fixed-price package</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td><strong>Scoping call with a consultant</strong></td>
<td>Available</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Testing methodology</strong></td>
<td>Threat-driven approach</td>
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<td><strong>Vulnerability scanning</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Can be performed on-site</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Can be performed remotely</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Identification of false positives</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Exploitation of vulnerabilities</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Detailed report</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Manual grading of risk and impact</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Our methodology

Our team of CREST-accredited consultants will apply robust methodologies to provide you with the technical assurance you need. By adopting a threat-based approach, we can deliver a realistic and targeted appraisal of the current state of your security and the risks attackers pose to your business. We will discuss the results with all relevant audiences and provide recommendations for cost-effective solutions.

Scoping
Prior to a test, our account management team will discuss your assessment requirements for your systems, networks or applications in order to define the scope of the test.

Assessment
We will conduct manual tests (e.g. authentication bypass, brute-force attack, public exploits) in an attempt to compromise your system environment and identify attack vectors for your wider network.

Reconnaissance
During this phase, we will attempt to gather information about your organisation and how it operates. We will use automated scanning to identify potential security holes that could lead to your systems being compromised.*

Re-test
We can provide access to our testers and the raw test data to support and expedite remediation. We can also retest your systems so that you can be sure all the issues have been successfully resolved.

Reporting
We will provide a detailed breakdown of all your results in an easily interpreted format based on the damage potential, reproducibility, exploitability, number of affected users, and discoverability of each finding.

* This methodology is fully deployed for a level 2 test, and only partially for a level 1.
Our penetration testing services

Infrastructure

Identifies the resilience of your infrastructure security controls and all the ways an attacker might gain unauthorised access and control.

Reports on the security vulnerabilities within your infrastructure that could be exploited in an attack.

Applications

Assesses the key components of your web applications and supporting infrastructure, including how these components are deployed and how they communicate with users and server environments.

Reports on the security of applications that broker access to critical data.

Mobile

Identifies the configuration and deployment flaws associated with integrating mobile solutions into your operating environment and gives detailed remediation advice.

Reports on risks from the application on the device, its backend systems, the network it connects to, and the interaction and data flow between them.

Social

Identifies whether your employees are vulnerable to phishing emails, enabling you to take immediate remedial action to improve your cyber security posture.

Reports on the gaps in your internal security awareness and how your organisation reacts to attempts to compromise your staff.

IT Health check

Identifies weaknesses in your chosen systems based on widely encountered vulnerabilities and common configuration faults.

Reports on the minimum requirements for accreditation in line with HMG Infosec Standard No.2.
Our reports

Dealing with the results of a penetration test can be overwhelming; our easy-to-follow reports explain the issues in both plain and technical language.

Executive summary

• Provides a high-level view of risk and business impact
• Can be supplied to end clients as a standalone report

Technical report

• Details the testing methodology
• Delivers a breakdown of the results in an easily interpreted format
• Gives specific remediation advice that will leave you in no doubt about how to fix the identified issues
• Can include raw test data to help with remediation

Why IT Governance?

Our team

Our Technical Services team includes highly-skilled penetration testers who can test your system defenses and websites for vulnerabilities, carry out exploits in a safe manner, and advise on appropriate mitigation measures to ensure that your systems are secure.

We hold a range of accreditations at both a corporate and individual level

Our penetration tests are performed by CREST-accredited security testers, who leverage their diverse knowledge of penetration and vulnerability testing and the associated security challenges to deliver accurate results.

Practical solutions to help you meet your legal, regulatory and contractual requirements

Our expertise in standards such as the PCI DSS, ISO 27001, GDRP and ISO 9001 means we can offer an integrated approach, and can develop suitable solutions that will enable you to reduce your risks and ensure compliance with standards, frameworks, legislation and other business requirements.

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