

BruCON 0x0A – Retro Talk

The 99¢ Heart Surgeon Dilemma

Extended Annotated Version

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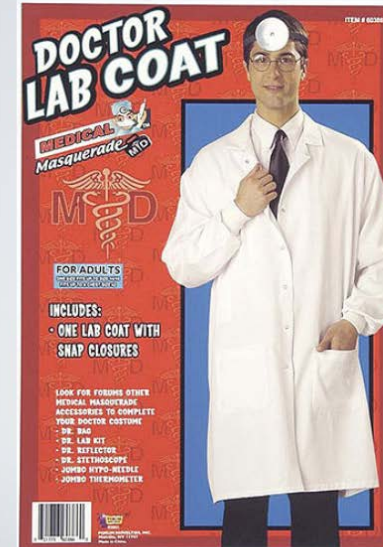
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COMPARE.

~~THE 99¢..~~



Improving Penetration Testing

**THIS IS ABOUT BAD
EXAMPLES.**



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WAIT... **BOMBS?**

Cross Site Scripting in

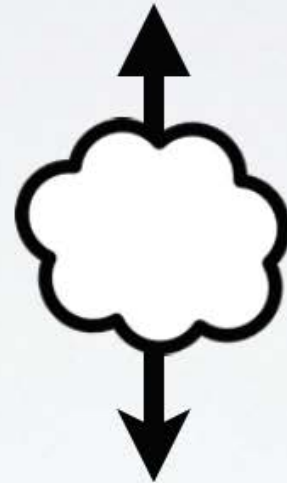
„http://intranet.██████/web/search.aspx“

Durch die fehlerhafte Eingabevalidierung des Parameters „s“
kann beliebiger Scriptcode zur Ausführung gebracht werden.



«Due to the incorrect input validation of the parameter
‘s’, arbitrary script code can be executed.»

IMPACT METRICS?



← Magic happens here.

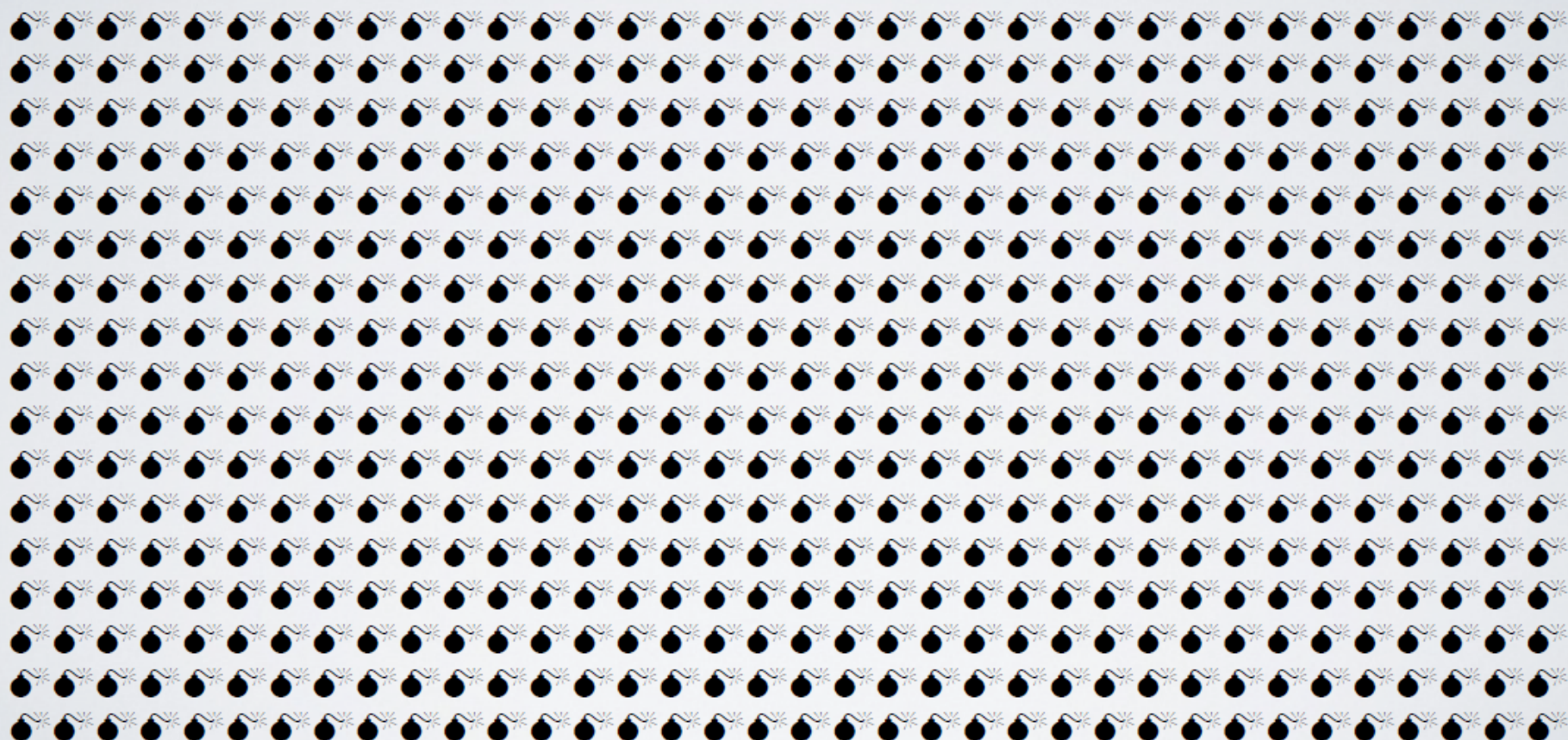


YOU'RE ALL WRONG.

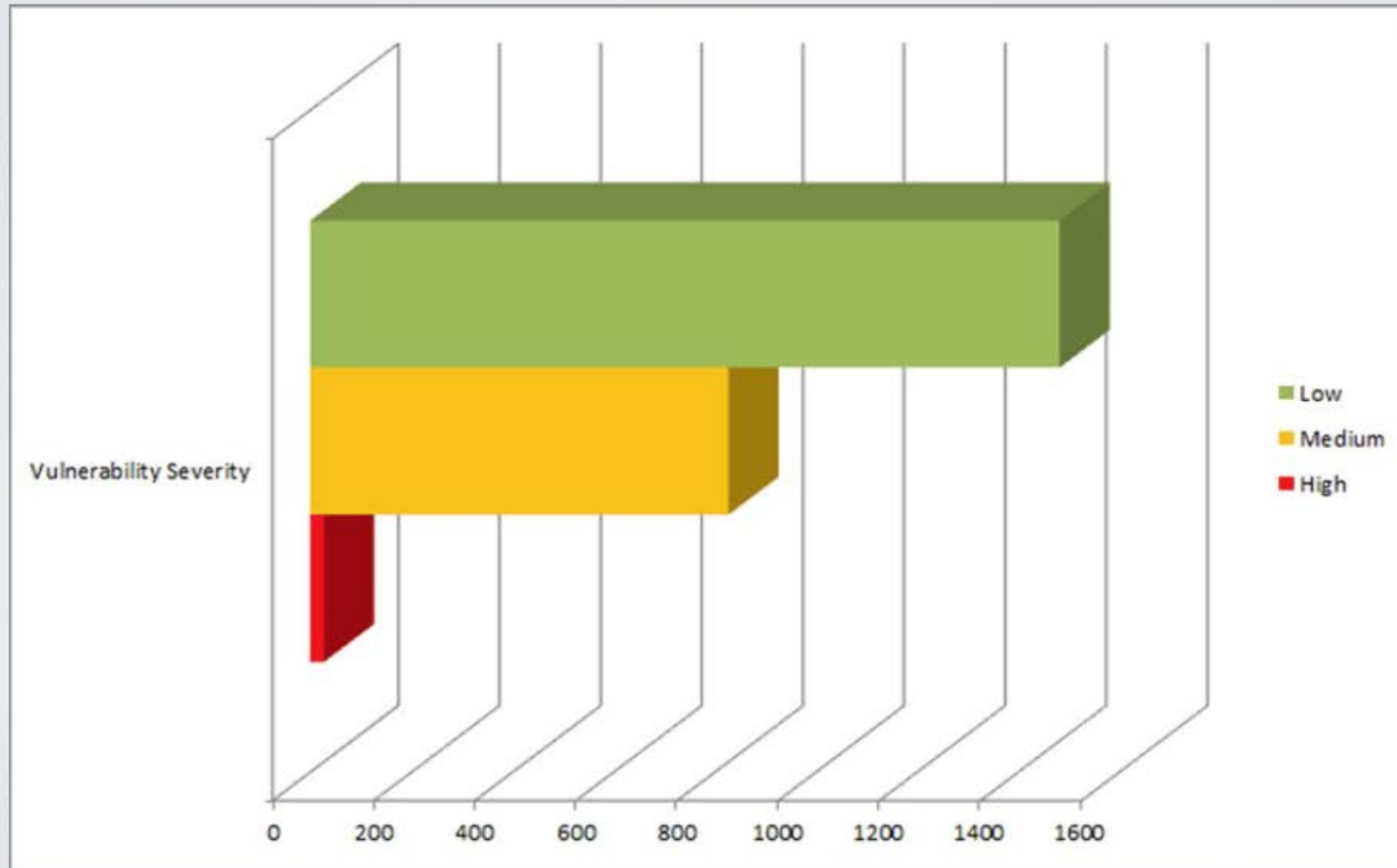
«The amount of bombs depends on the danger the vulnerability causes. (...) There is no upper limit.»*

*Translated from German

MS08-067: Microsoft Windows Server Service RPC Handling Remote Code Execution Vulnerability



MAKING **IMPORTANT** THINGS INVISIBLE.



SO YOU DIDN'T DO YOUR HOMEWORK?

We tested the complete IP range $\blacksquare.\text{231}.\blacksquare.1/24$ supplied by the customer.

Based on the results, we can clearly state that the target range has a high level of security, since no services are supplied and only few hosts are available from the internet.

SO YOU DIDN'T DO YOUR HOMEWORK?

XXX.213.XX.1/24



XXX.231.XX.1/24



We tested the complete IP range **231.**1/24 supplied by the customer.

But wait, there is more!

- Accidentally pasting other customer names
- General copy&paste weirdness (Font Mismatch...)
- Spruced up Nessus reports
- Horrible, horrible false positives
- Pentesters beaten by rudimentary obstacles

Management Summary:

«(...) We were unable to complete the task because it [the website] was too big. (...)»

“It’s easy to use cynicism as a protection mechanism for your own insecurities (...)

You might be in a position right now in which you can stand on the sideline and heckle other people’s work without ever having to step up and present a better way to do things, but a time will come when you will be replaced by somebody who does not talk smack about other people’s ideas, but embraces these ideas and *adapts them with his own security mindset* to improve the overall product.”

Me, unfortunately.

Let's make things better.

“Never attribute to malice that
which is adequately explained by stupidity.”

“Hanlon’s razor”, Robert J. Hanlon

Bad Faith

VS.

Lack of Experience/Knowledge

VS.

Human Error

Let's talk about charlatans

- Most of them don't last long.
- Avoiding them is mostly doable
 - Ask about procedures, standards
 - Ask to talk to the testers
 - Check for community participation
 - Look at sample deliverables. Look closely.
 - Be ready to walk away.

The Attacker's Mindset

Why pentesters are pentesters:

- We like puzzles.
- Nobody ever said “No” to more time.
- We want to exceed expectations.
- We like a broader scope.

The Buyer's Mindset

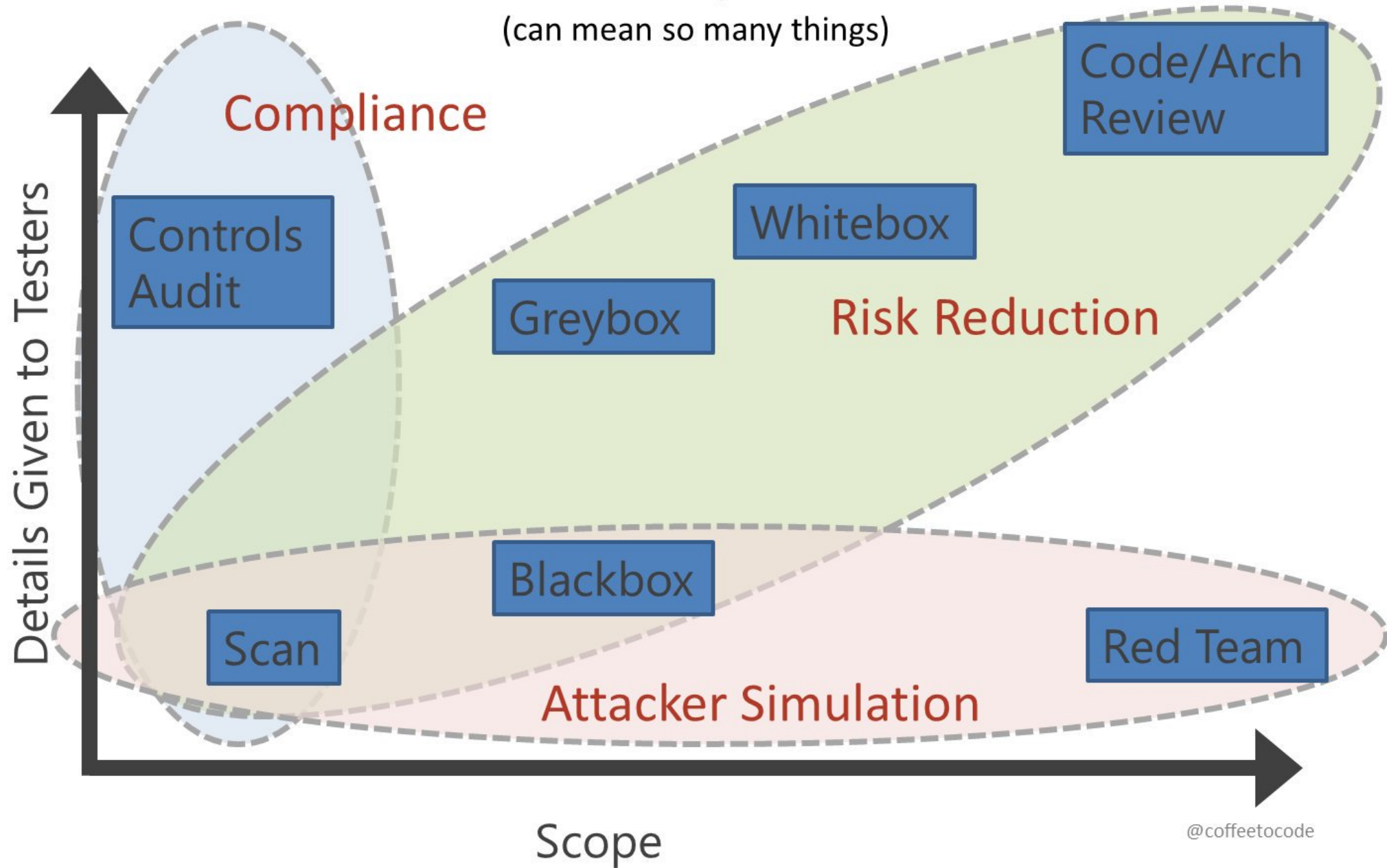
Why people buy pentests

- We want to identify vulnerabilities.
- My boss is making me do it.
- Compliance is making me to it.
- I want to test my blue team.
- I want to simulate a realistic attack.

Taxonomy

“I want a pentest”

(can mean so many things)



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Scope. Scope. Scope.

Pre-Engagement Interactions

Reporting

**Intelligence
Gathering**

Post-Exploitation



**Threat
Modelling**

Exploitation

**Vulnerability
Analysis**

MITRE ATT&CK

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Exfiltration	Command And Control
10 Items	31 Items	56 Items	28 Items	59 Items	20 Items	19 Items	17 Items	13 Items	9 Items	21 Items
Drive-by Compromise	AppleScript	.bash_profile and .bashrc	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	AppleScript	Audio Capture	Automated Exfiltration	Commonly Used Port
Exploit Public-Facing Application	CMSTP	Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Bash History	Application Window Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Automated Collection	Data Compressed	Communication Through Removable Media
	Command-Line Interface	AppCert DLLs	AppCert DLLs	BITS Jobs	Brute Force	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Clipboard Data	Data Encrypted	Connection Proxy
Hardware Additions	Control Panel Items	Applint DLLs	Applint DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Credential Dumping	File and Directory Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Data from Information Repositories	Data Transfer Size Limits	Custom Command and Control Protocol
Replication Through Removable Media	Dynamic Data Exchange	Authentication Package	Application Shimming	Clear Command History	Credentials in Files	Network Service Scanning	Logon Scripts	Data from Local System	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Custom Cryptographic Protocol
Spearphishing Attachment	Execution through API	Bootkit	Bypass User Account Control	Code Signing	Credentials in Registry	Pass the Hash	Remote Desktop Protocol	Data from Network Shared Drive	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel	Data Encoding
Spearphishing Link	Execution through Module Load	Browser Extensions	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Component Firmware	Forced Authentication	Remote Desktop Protocol	Pass the Ticket	Data from Removable Media	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium	Data Obfuscation
Spearphishing via Service	Graphical User Interface	Change Default File Association	Dylib Hijacking	Component Object Model Hijacking	Hooking	Password Policy Discovery	SSH Hijacking	Data Staged	Scheduled Transfer	Domain Fronting
Supply Chain Compromise	InstallUtil	Component Firmware	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Control Panel Items	Input Capture	Peripheral Device Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Email Collection	Multiband Communication	Fallback Channels
Trusted Relationship	Launchctl	Component Object Model Hijacking	DCShadow	Extra Window Memory Injection	Input Prompt	Permission Groups Discovery	Third-party Software	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium	Multi-hop Proxy	Multi-Stage Channels
Valid Accounts	Local Job Scheduling	Create Account	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	Disabling Security Tools	Kerberoasting	Process Discovery	Windows Admin Shares	Input Capture	Standard Application Layer Protocol	Port Knocking
	LSASS Driver	DLL Search Order Hijacking	File System Permissions Weakness	DLL Search Order Poisoning	Keychain	Query Registry	Shared Webroot	Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Remote Access Tools
	PowerShell	Hooking	DLL Side-Loading	DLL Search Order Hijacking	LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning	Remote System Discovery	Video Capture	Scheduled Transfer	Uncommonly Used Port	Web Service
	Regsvcs/Regasm	Image File Execution Options Injection	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Hooking	Network Sniffing	Security Software Discovery	Windows Remote Management	Man in the Browser	Multilayer Encryption	Remote File Copy
	Regsvr32	Dylib Hijacking	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Image File Execution Options Injection	Private Keys	System Information Discovery		Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Rundll32	External Remote Services	Extra Window Memory Injection	Disabling Security Tools	Replication Through Removable Media	System Network Configuration Discovery		Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Scheduled Task	File System Permissions Weakness	Launch Daemon	Disabling Security Tools	Securityd Memory	System Network Connections Discovery		Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Scripting	Hidden Files and Directories	New Service	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	System Owner/User Discovery		Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Service Execution	Hooking	Path Interception	DLL Side-Loading		System Service Discovery		Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Signed Binary Proxy Execution	Hypervisor	Plist Modification	DLL Side-Loading				Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Signed Script Proxy Execution	Options Injection	Port Monitors	DLL Side-Loading				Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Source	Kernel Modules and Extensions	Process Injection	DLL Side-Loading				Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Space after Filename	Image File Execution Options Injection	Scheduled Task	DLL Side-Loading				Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
		Kernel Modules and Extensions	Service Registry Permissions Weakness	DLL Side-Loading				Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
		Launch Agent	Setuid and Setgid	DLL Side-Loading				Screen Capture	Standard Cryptographic Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol

Pentests are more than a report.
Sometimes you barely need one.

How to fix Penetration Testing (One Slide Edition)

Involve more people.
Have more conversations.
Don't stop at the report.

SAY WHAT?

Management Summary:

«(...) While it was not possible to use a reverse tcp shell to get an outbound connection, we were able to tunnel traffic through ICMP in order to get a shell on the system. (...)»



Thanks for being here,
feel free to ask questions
and have a great night!

