Offensive Services as Preventive Security Measures

Penetration Testing is changing, are you?



WHO AM I?



COO, Principal and Founder at River Security
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- •SHORT SUMMARY:
- •I SHOW HOW CRIMINALS BREAK-IN,

 AND I HELP THROW THEM BACK OUT...

GCIH GIAC Certified Incident Handler

GPEN GIAC Certified Penetration Tester

GSLC GIAC Security Leadership

GIAC Mobile Device Security Analyst

GDAT GIAC Defending Advanced Adversaries

GCTI GIAC Cyber Threat Intelligence

GCFA GIAC Certified Forensic Analyst





WHY DO WE DO PENETRATION TESTING?

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF PENETRATION TESTING? (LEGIT QUESTION)

Common problems with penetration testing

I have been lucky enough to be on both sides of the table:

- Several years as CISO
- Procurer and receiver pentest

I have Built, trained and managed several penetration testing teams.





Digital Footprint Assessment



Map Attack Surface First

- Immediate value by just having hackers LOOK at you
- Bottom-up approach!
- Smaller investment up front
- Find shadow IT, unmanaged data
- Scope is suddenly defined
 - Customer and Provider knows what has been left out of scope

Attack Surface Overview

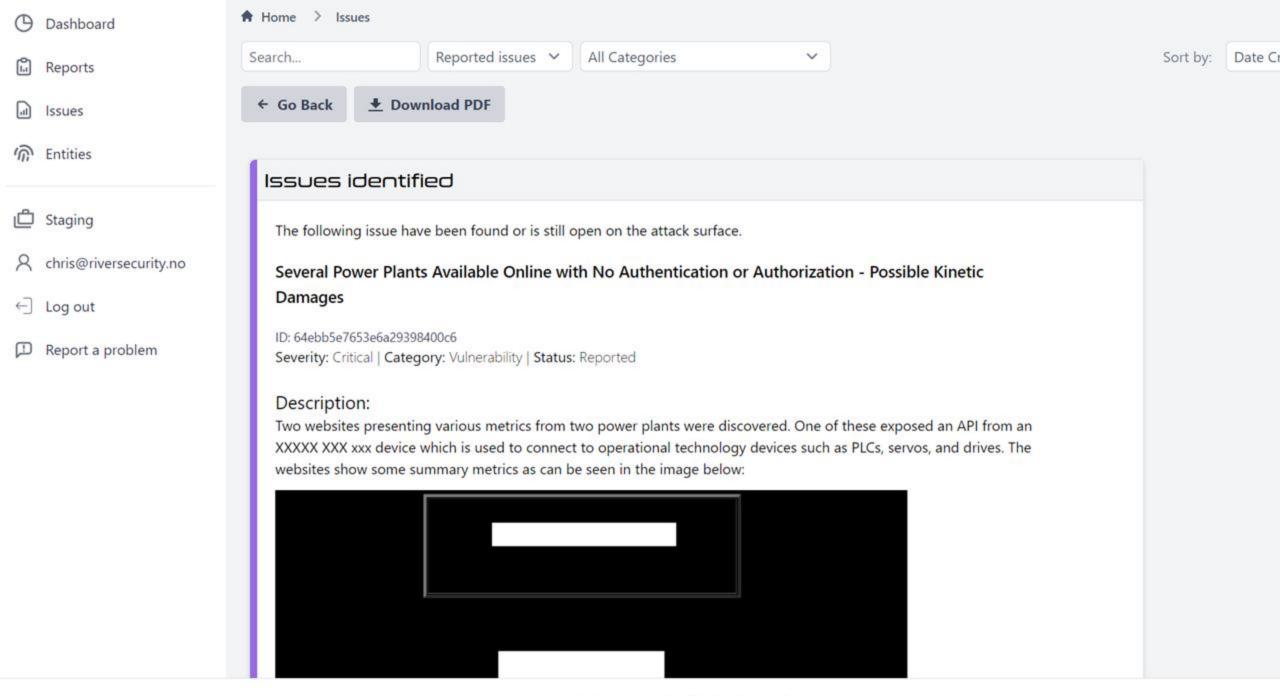
The following table shows an overview of your attack surface

Domains	Total
⇔ Apex	151
	1474
Out Of Scope	283
False Positive	1598
(•) Suspicious	1
Applications	Total
■ Apps	862
♠ (Shadow	509
Out Of Scope	86
False Positive	3
IP-Addresses	Total
	624

Legend	Explanation
♦ Apex	Registered domain names eg: riversecurity.eu
Subdomains	FQDN that is not the registered domain
a Out Of Scope	Usually, domains pointing to 3rd party service, that is out of scope. These are excluded from automatic scanning and testing from pen-testers
False Positive	False positives found by our tools, but not belonging to or related to the customer.
∳ {i Shadow	Entities that has an attack surface but is represented by another entity. Most common example would be a http service, that also have the same service served over https.

WHAT SHOULD A PENETRATION TESTER DO WHEN THEY DISCOVER OT?





Proof of concept:

Light testing showed that we could extract much more detailed information by sending system-specific requests than we could find by looking at the documentation for this system. This could be used to retrieve and even alter data from the system. The finding was reported, and the site was promptly fixed. A similar page was found for XXXXXXX. This site was very similar in layout, but the page became unavailable shortly after the first site was reported. Since the page was removed we were not able to verify if it also exposed some OT functionality.

/XXXXXXX expose available tags which has much more information that is shown on the website. These tags may be retrieved via the /XXXXXXXX endpoint. Equipment looks to be a XXXXXXXXX panel from XXXXXXXXXX (at least it seems to be API compatible). This API supports updating values as well as reading them. (not tested to avoid operational issues).

Recommendations:

This was reported and removed during assignment. It now just redirects to the XxxXXXXX appliance at port 443.

These risks seem to have been mitigated, but we recommend reviewing why these sites were placed online in the first place to prevent them re-appearing without a proper security review.

A proper strategy and necessary tactics should be built and reviewed when planning and deploying new IT solutions, especially critical ones like these. The strategy and tactics employed should be reviewed on a continuous basis to ensure that we are conforming.

Affected assets: (1)



WHAT IS ATTACK SURFACE MANAGEMENT?

Digital Footprint



Automation + Review



Attack Surface Management



HIGH LEVEL PENTEST METHODOLOGY



Exploitation & Verification



WHAT IS ALWAYS-ON PENTESTING & OFFENSIVE SOC?

Digital Footprint



Automation + Review



Attack Surface Management



Test All Changes





HIGH LEVEL PENTEST METHODOLOGY

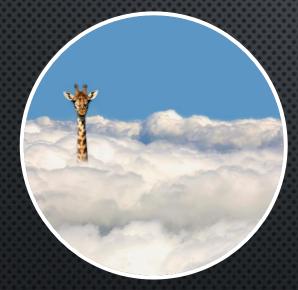
Discovery & Reconnaissance Scanning

Exploitation & Verification



ALWAYS-ON PENTESTING

NEW ATTACK SURFACE (DELTA)

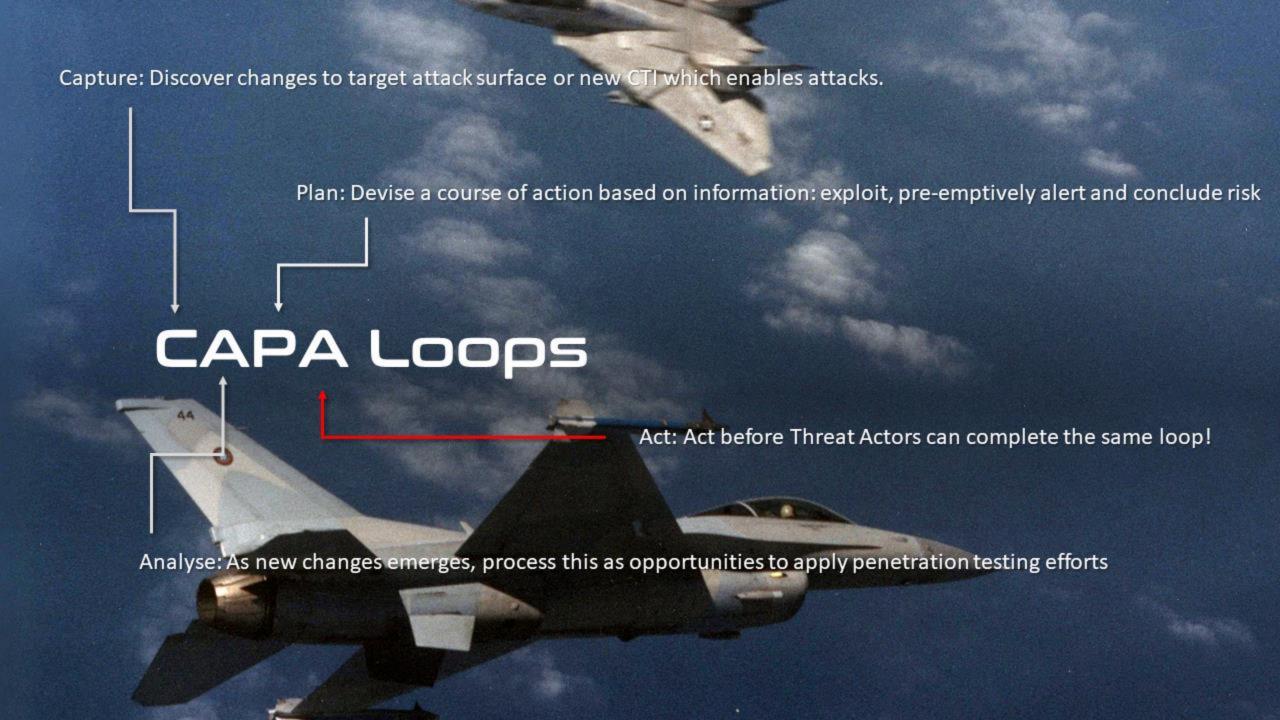


- Recon, Discover and Scan continuously
- Pentest and assess ASAP

EXISTING ATTACK SURFACE



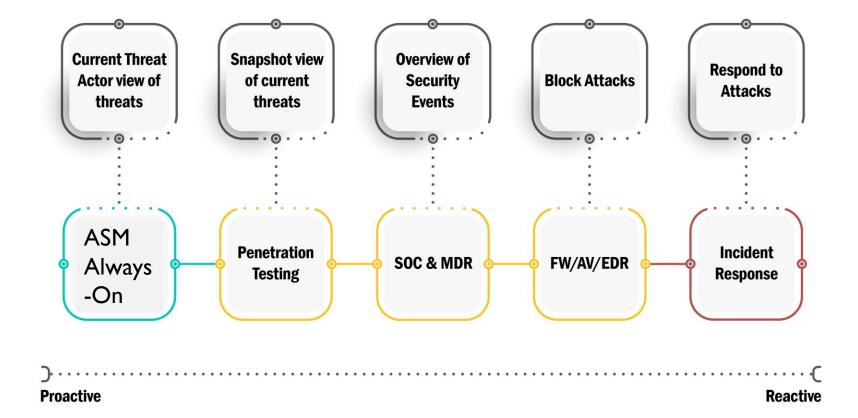
- Hunt on existing targets
- Use new CTI to assess ASAP



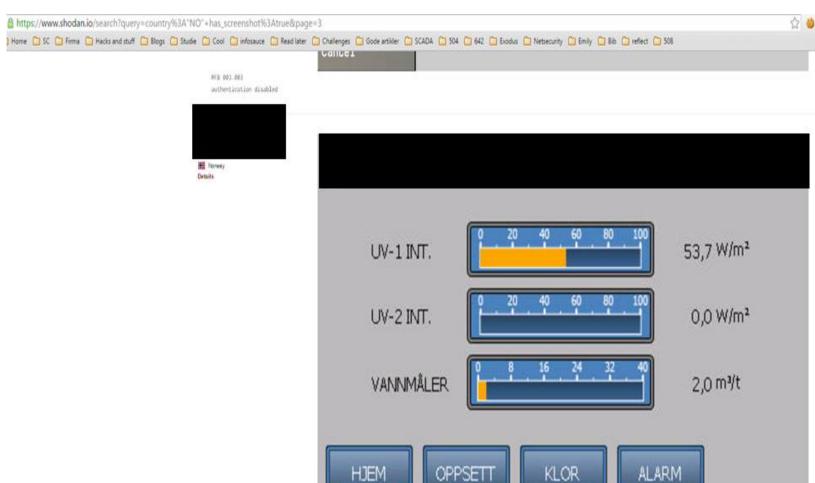




Proactive vs. Reactive











OIL AND GAS LTD.

WATER TANK LOW LEVEL

Ack

Ack All

CLOSE

Plant Unattended

Bypass Normal

Comp Callout Active

Alarm Normal



Examples Impact

ATLASSIAN



X Confluence

Confluence Support Documentation Knowledge base Resources < Atlassian Support / Conflue... / Docume... / ... / Confluence Security Overview...

Confluence Security Advisory 2022-06-02

Confluence Server and Data Center - CVE-2022-26134 -Critical severity unauthenticated remote code execution vulnerability



Examples Impact





"Know yourself, know your enemy, you will not fear the result of a hundred battles".

Sun Tzu, The Art of War



2. KNOW ATTACKERS

Pentesting was deemed annual or solely for compliance by the industry

Until OFFENSIVE SOS

3. ADVANCED PERSISTENT THREAT

Pentesting has lacked agility and sustained impact









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