

# MANAGING **CYBER SECURITY** AS A BUSINESS RISK

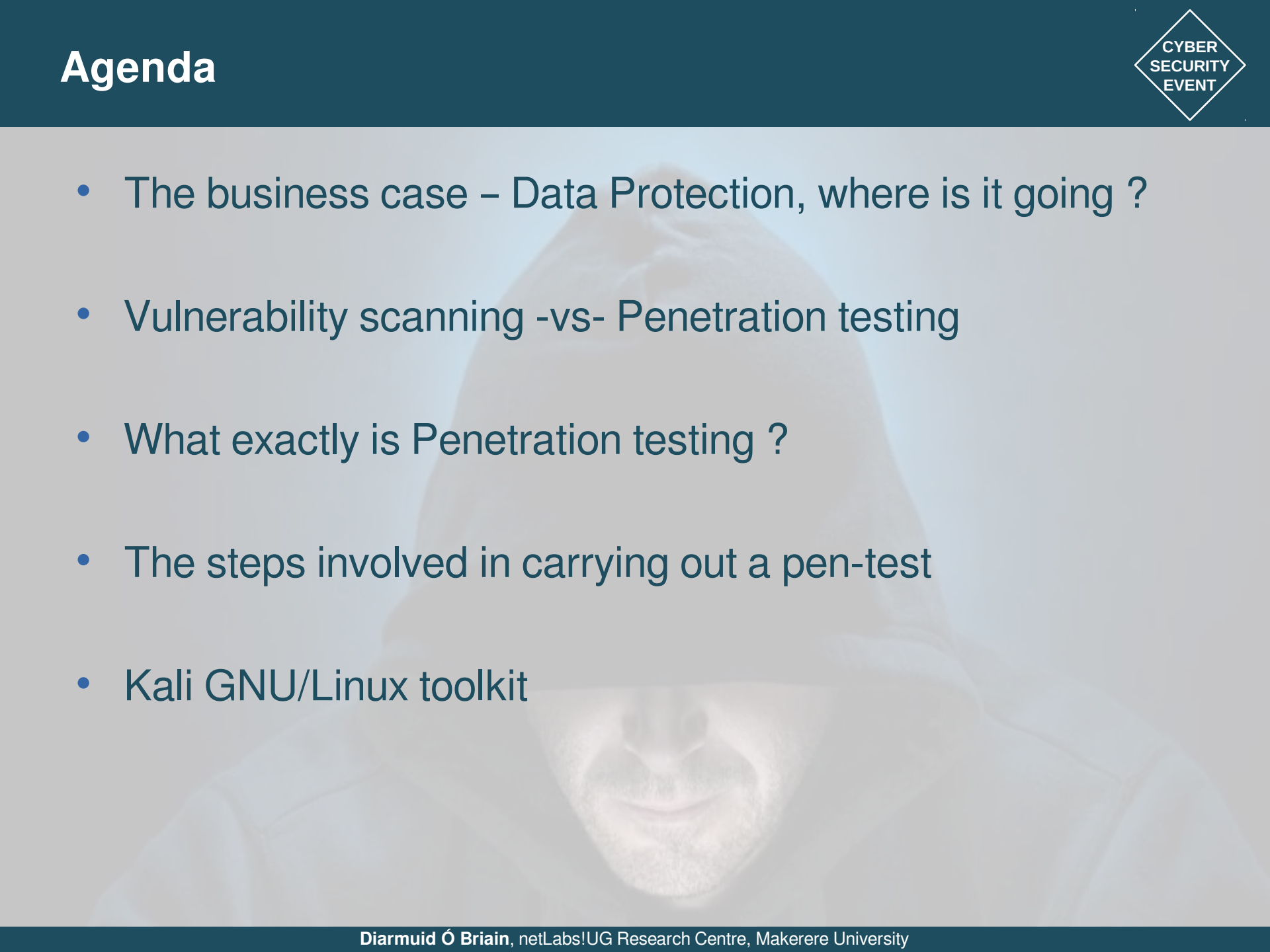
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## Introduction to Penetration testing

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- A faint, grayscale background image of a person wearing a hoodie, with their hands near their face, suggesting a hacker or someone in a technical environment.
- The business case – Data Protection, where is it going ?
  - Vulnerability scanning -vs- Penetration testing
  - What exactly is Penetration testing ?
  - The steps involved in carrying out a pen-test
  - Kali GNU/Linux toolkit

# Data Protection, where is it going



- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
  - Control to citizens of their personal data
  - Simplify the regulatory environment for business
  - Data breach notification obligation within 72 hours
    - Sanctions
      - €20,000,000 (84,000,000,000 UGx)
      - 4% of the annual worldwide turnover
  - Right to erasure (“Right to be forgotten”)
  - Data portability
  - Data protection by ‘Design’ and by ‘Default’

**Ref:** Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016

# Data Protection, where is it going



- Data Protection and Privacy Bill, 2016
  - Principles of Data Protection
  - Data Collection and Processing
    - Consent, protection of privacy
  - Security of Data - breach notification to NITA-U
  - Rights of subjects
    - Access, prevent processing, etc..
  - Sanctions
    - Individuals: 4,800,000 UGx and/or 10 years prison
    - Corporations: All individuals involved

**Ref:** *Uganda Data Protection and Privacy bill 2016, First Reading, 20 Apr, 2016*

- Robust **Data Breach Incident Management Policy**
- **Pseudonymisation** of personal data
  - Separation of data from direct identifiers so that linkage to an identity is not possible without additional information that is held separately
- **Encryption** of data
- **Assess** applications and critical infrastructure for security vulnerabilities and the effectiveness of security controls
  - Vulnerability Testing
  - Penetration Testing
  - Control Testing



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# Vulnerability scanning - VS - Penetration testing



- **Objective:** The process includes identification, ranking and reporting of vulnerabilities that may compromise the system.
- **Plan the scan:** Recommended quarterly scans or after any significant changes have been made to the system.
- **Duration:** Vulnerability scans take a short period of time; typically scanning can be completed within a day.
- **Functionality:** An automated scan which produces a report which is then analysed by a data security firm.
- **Reports:** Vulnerabilities are typically ranked in accordance with the CVSSv3.

**Ref:** *PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)*



- **Objective:** To discover and exploit exposures within the network (internal or external) in order to gain access to sensitive information or resources.
- **Plan the scan:** It is recommended that pen-test are conducted annually or after any significant changes made to the system.
- **Duration:** Pen-testing takes more time, and differs depending on the nature of the testing, the size, and the complexity of the environment.
- **Functionality:** Manual test process which includes reconnaissance, discovery and exploitation phases. The output delivers a comprehensive report.

REF: *PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)*



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# The Penetration test (pen-test)

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# What is Penetration testing



- Pen-testing should be:
  - Proactive
  - Authorised
  - Evaluation of IT infrastructure
  - Safely attempting to exploit system
    - Expose vulnerabilities
    - Improper configurations
    - Risky end-user behaviour

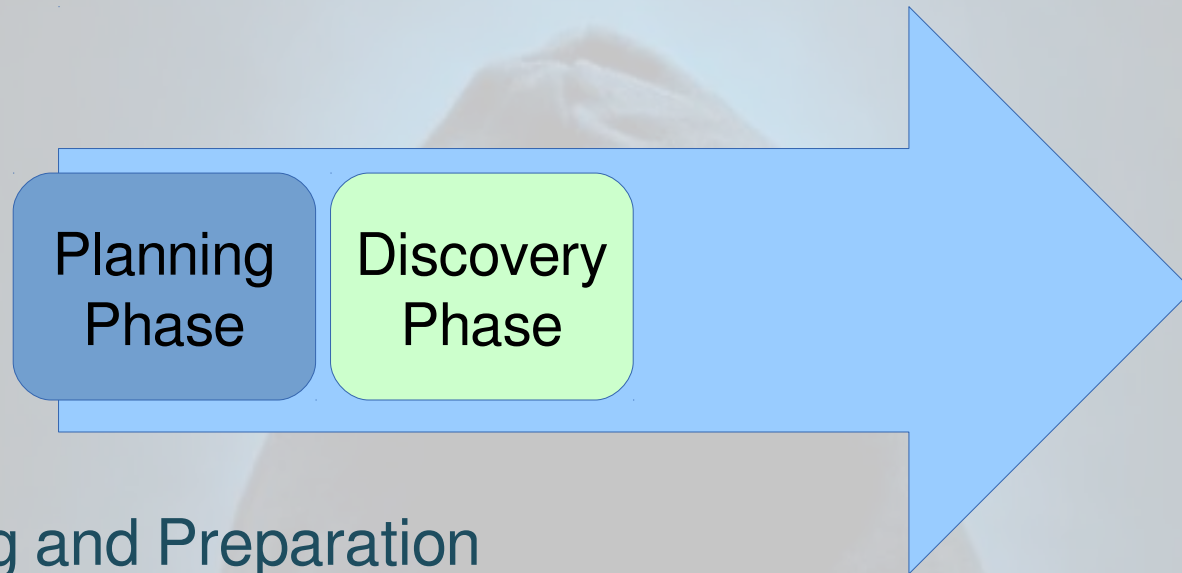
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Phase

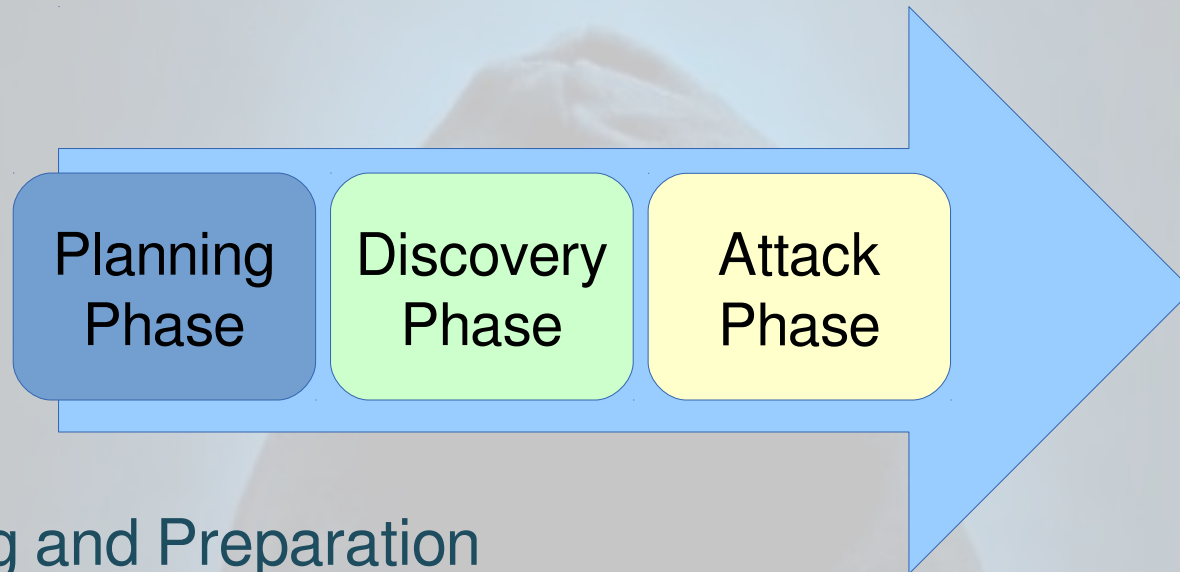
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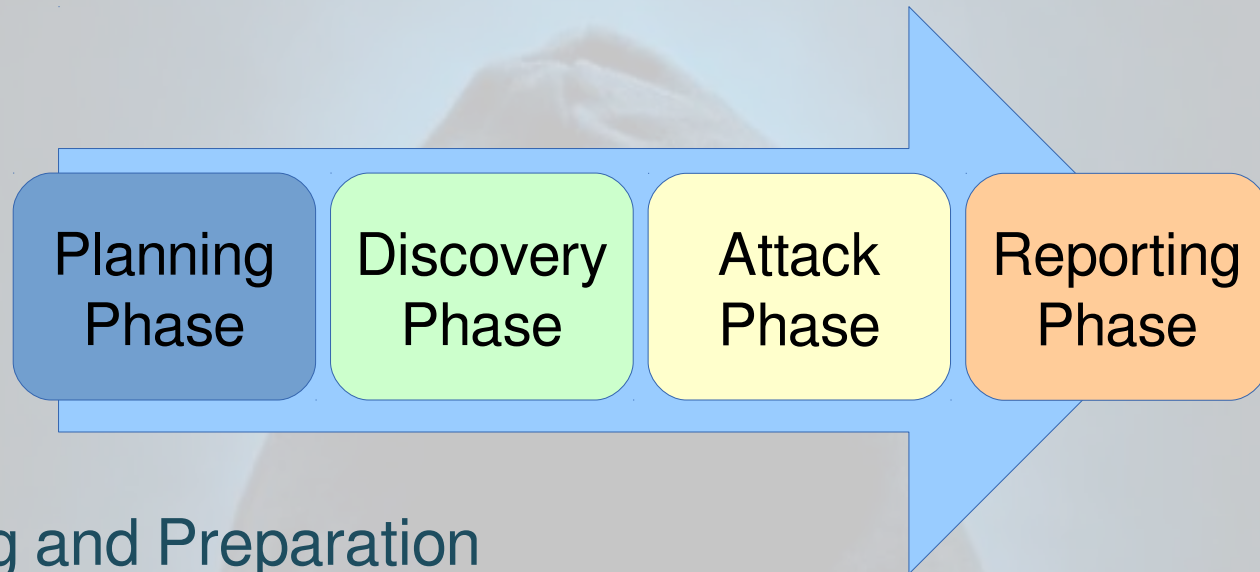
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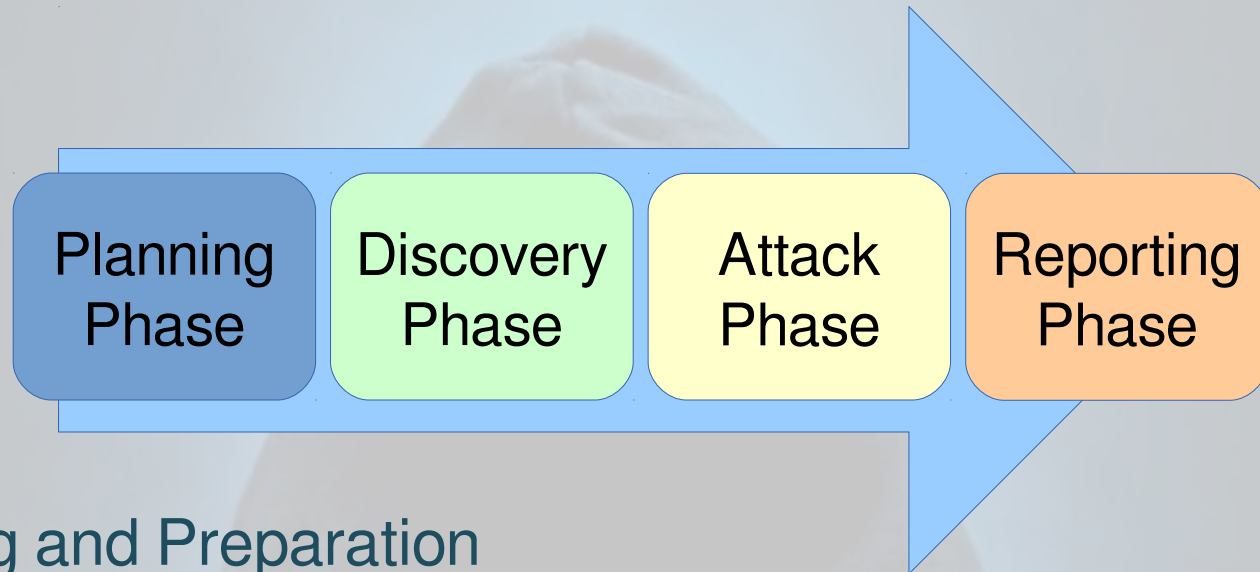
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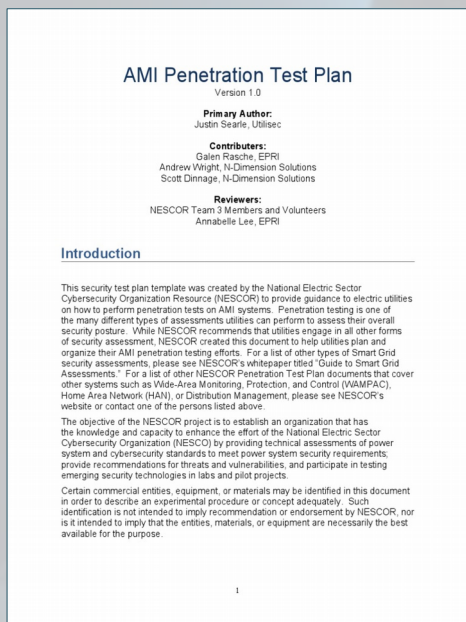
- Planning and Preparation
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- Vulnerability Detection
- Penetration attempt
- Analysis and Reporting
- Cleaning up



- **Kick-off meeting**
  - Clear objective for pen-test
  - Timing and duration allowed for the pen-tests
  - Personnel involved
  - Are staff being informed of the tests?
  - Network and computers involved
  - Operational requirements during the pen-test
  - How the results are to be presented



- **Pen-test Plan**
  - Detailed plan
  - Confidentiality Statement
  - Acceptance Sign-off Sheet



## Pen-test example headings

- **Getting Started**
  - Pre-testing Checklist
  - Documentation Review
  - Authentication Tests
  - Concurrent Sessions
- **Encrypted Login**
  - POST
  - Time Out
  - Password Change Processes
  - Password Autocomplete
  - Locked on Failed Attempts
  - Session Management
- **Insecure Cookies**
  - Session Fixation
  - File Upload Security
- **Virus upload test**
  - Executable Test
  - Bypass Client-side Authentication test
  - Web Directory Test
  - Including Dangerous Objects Tests
- **Developer Comments**
  - Third-party Libraries
  - Unlicensed Code
  - High Value Directories
  - Testing for Back-up Files.
- **Testing Your SSL**
  - GlobalSign

**Ref:** NIST (2015). *SP 800-115: Technical Guide to Information Security Testing and Assessment*.  
NIST (2014). *SP 800-53A Revision 4: Building Effective Assessment Plans*.  
NESCOR (2012). *AMI Penetration Test Plan Security test plan template*.  
PCI DSS (2012). *Penetration Testing Guidance*.

# Information gathering and analysis

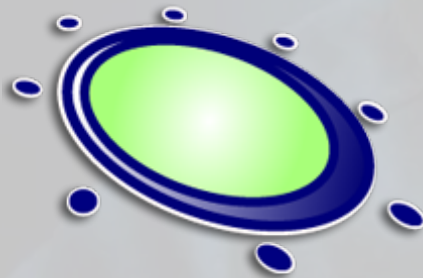


- Gathering of as much information as possible as a reconnaissance is essential.
  - What does the network look like?
  - What devices are on the network?
  - Who works at the company?
  - What does the organogram of the company look like?



# Vulnerability detection

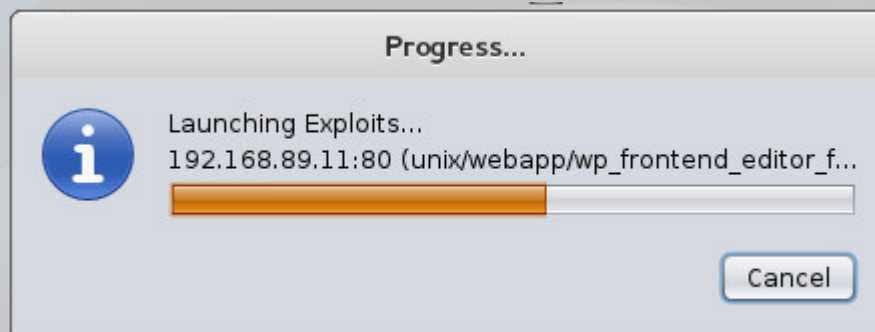
- Once a picture of the target organisation has been compiled a scan of vulnerabilities is the next step:
  - fierce
  - nmap/Zenmap
  - OpenVAS
  - Metasploit/Armitage
  - OWASP ZAP



# Penetration attempt



- Identifying the best targets from the machines showing vulnerability is important particularly if the time given is short.
- IT personnel nomenclature to use functional names like MAILSVR or FTPSERVER etc...
- Define the list of machines that are to be given special additional treatment.
- Try password cracking tools, dictionary, brute force and hybrid attacks.





- A detailed report must be furnished to the client at the conclusion of the tests. It should include:
  - A summary of successful pen-tests.
  - A list of all information gathered during the pen-test.
  - A complete list and description of vulnerabilities found.
  - A suggested list of next steps to close the vulnerabilities and increase security at the client company.

RESTRICTED		PENETRATION TEST REPORT	
<b>Vulnerability Details</b>			
External DNS Server Allows Zone Transfer			
Impact	Risk	Likelihood	Fix Effort
Medium	Medium	High	Low
<b>Summary of Problem:</b>			
A DNS server responsible for the example.com domain responds to DNS zone transfer requests from any source. This allows an attacker to enumerate all example.com subdomains and their IP addresses.			
<b>Affected Asset(s):</b>			
ns1.example.com			

- During the pen-testing a detailed list of steps taken should be maintained.
- Pen-testers work with the client staff ensure that the steps have not left any residual issues:
  - entries in configuration files
  - new users
  - groups
  - etc...





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## Kali GNU/Linux

- The GNU/Linux operating system includes a vast array of tools for each step of the pen-testing activity.
- Derived from Debian GNU/Linux, distribution specifically designed for digital forensics and penetration testing.
- It is maintained and funded by Offensive Security Ltd.
- Pre-installed with over 600 penetration-testing programs.

**Ref:** Kali GNU/Linux distribution. Offensive Security [online]. Available: <https://www.kali.org>

# Information Gathering and Analysis

- DNS tools discover non-contiguous IP space and host-names
- Scan the IP space with **nmap** or **zenmap** to discover services

```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
root@kali:~# nmap -Pn 192.168.89.1  
Starting Nmap 6.40 (http://nmap.org)  
at 2015-11-03 11:41 EAT  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.89.1  
Host is up (0.00086s latency).  
Not shown: 65530 closed ports  
PORT      STATE SERVICE  
21/tcp    open  ftp  
22/tcp    open  ssh  
23/tcp    open  telnet  
80/tcp    open  http  
2000/tcp  open  cisco-sccp  
8291/tcp  open  unknown  
  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up)  
scanned in 6.00 seconds
```

Scan Tools Profile Help

Target: 192.168.89.1 Profile: Intense scan Scan Cancel

Command: nmap -T4 -A -v 192.168.89.1

Hosts Services

OS Host

192.168.89.1

Nmap Output Ports / Hosts Topology Host Details Scans

nmap -T4 -A -v 192.168.89.1 Details

Starting Nmap 6.40 ( <http://nmap.org> ) at 2015-11-03 11:48 EAT  
NSE: Loaded 110 scripts for scanning.  
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.  
Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 11:48  
Scanning 192.168.89.1 [1 port]  
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 11:48, 0.22s elapsed (1 total hosts)  
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 11:48  
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 11:48, 0.00s elapsed  
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 11:48  
Scanning 192.168.89.1 [1000 ports]  
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 192.168.89.1  
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 192.168.89.1  
Discovered open port 21/tcp on 192.168.89.1  
Discovered open port 23/tcp on 192.168.89.1  
Discovered open port 2000/tcp on 192.168.89.1  
Discovered open port 8291/tcp on 192.168.89.1  
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 11:48, 1.42s elapsed (1000 total ports)  
Initiating Service scan at 11:48  
Scanning 6 services on 192.168.89.1  
Completed Service scan at 11:50, 131.10s elapsed (6 services on 1 host)  
Initiating OS detection (try #1) against 192.168.89.1  
NSE: Script scanning 192.168.89.1.  
Initiating NSE at 11:50

Filter Hosts

**Ref:** *Nmap: the Network Mapper - Free Security Scanner* [online]. Available: <https://nmap.org>.

*Zenmap - Official cross-platform Nmap Security Scanner GUI* [online]. Available: <https://nmap.org/zenmap/>.



# Vulnerability detection and penetration

- Many penetration tools available:



# OpenVAS Webclient

▼ Report: Results



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Filter: sort-reverse=severity result\_hosts\_only=1 min\_cvss\_base= min\_qod=70



Vulnerability	Severity	QoD	Host	Location	Actions
OS fingerprinting	0.0 (Log)	70%	192.168.89.1	general/tcp	
FTP Banner Detection	0.0 (Log)	80%	192.168.89.1	21/tcp	
Services	0.0 (Log)	75%	192.168.89.1	21/tcp	
SSH Protocol Versions Supported	0.0 (Log)	95%	192.168.89.1	22/tcp	
SSH Server type and version	0.0 (Log)	80%	192.168.89.1	22/tcp	
Services	0.0 (Log)	75%	192.168.89.1	22/tcp	
Detect Server type and version via Telnet	0.0 (Log)	80%	192.168.89.1	23/tcp	
Services	0.0 (Log)	75%	192.168.89.1	23/tcp	
Services	0.0 (Log)	75%	192.168.89.1	80/tcp	
Web mirroring	0.0 (Log)	80%	192.168.89.1	80/tcp	
Directories used for CGI Scanning	0.0 (Log)	75%	192.168.89.1	80/tcp	
wapiti (NASL wrapper)	0.0 (Log)	75%	192.168.89.1	80/tcp	
Check for Telnet Server	0.0 (Log)	80%	192.168.89.1	2000/tcp	
Detect Server type and version via Telnet	0.0 (Log)	80%	192.168.89.1	2000/tcp	

(Applied filter: sort-reverse=severity result\_hosts\_only=1 min\_cvss\_base= min\_qod=70 levels=hmlg autofp=0 notes=1 overrides=1 first=1 rows=100 delta\_states=gn)



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Ref: OpenVAS - Open Source vulnerability scanner and manager [online]. Available: <http://www.openvas.org/>.







# OpenVAS Webclient

## Result Details ? ☰ ↓

Task: [Immediate scan of IP 192.168.89.1](#)

ID: 64cec0e9-ef7e-4b95-b1d9-3ff113f22676

Vulnerability		Severity		QoD	Host	Location	Actions
<a href="#">Services</a>		0.0 (Log)		75%	<a href="#">192.168.89.1</a>	23/tcp	

### Summary

This plugin attempts to guess which service is running on the remote ports. For instance, it searches for a web server which could listen on another port than 80 and set the results in the plugins knowledge base.

### Vulnerability Detection Result

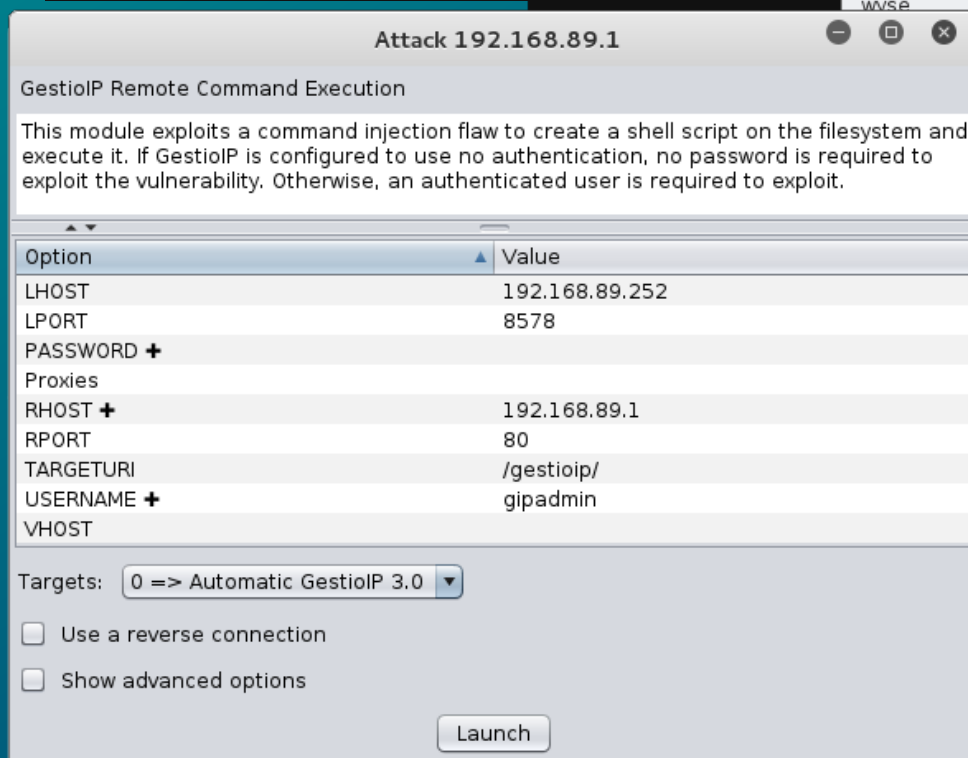
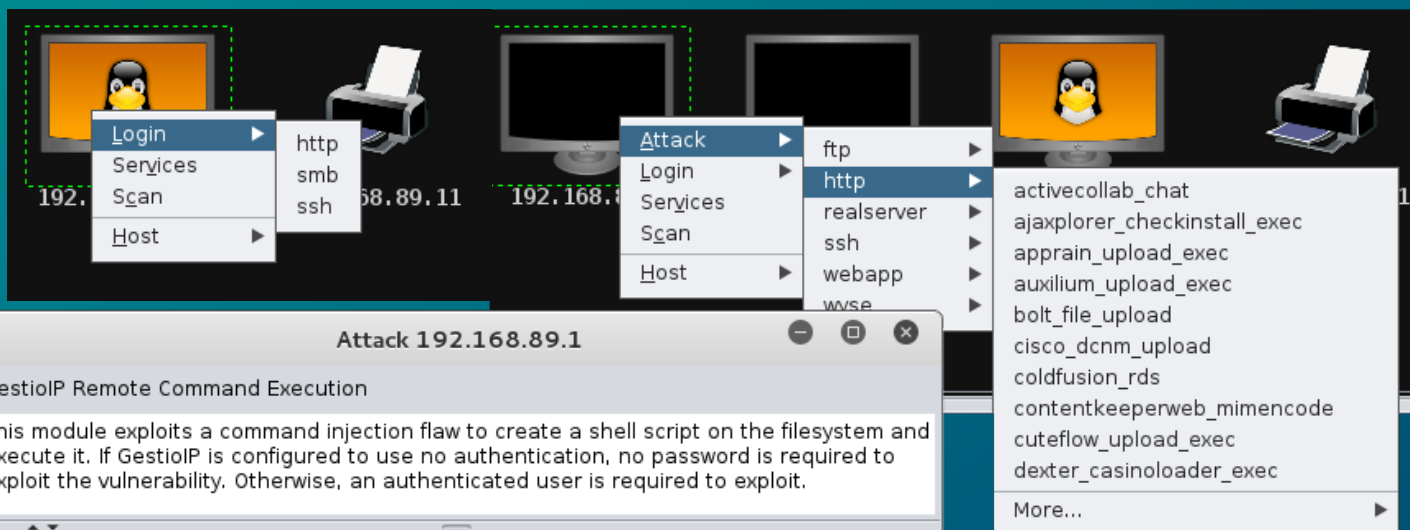
A telnet server seems to be running on this port

### Log Method

Details: [Services \(OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.10330\)](#)

Version used: \$Revision: 69 \$

# Metasploit - Scanning, Attack vectors, Attack

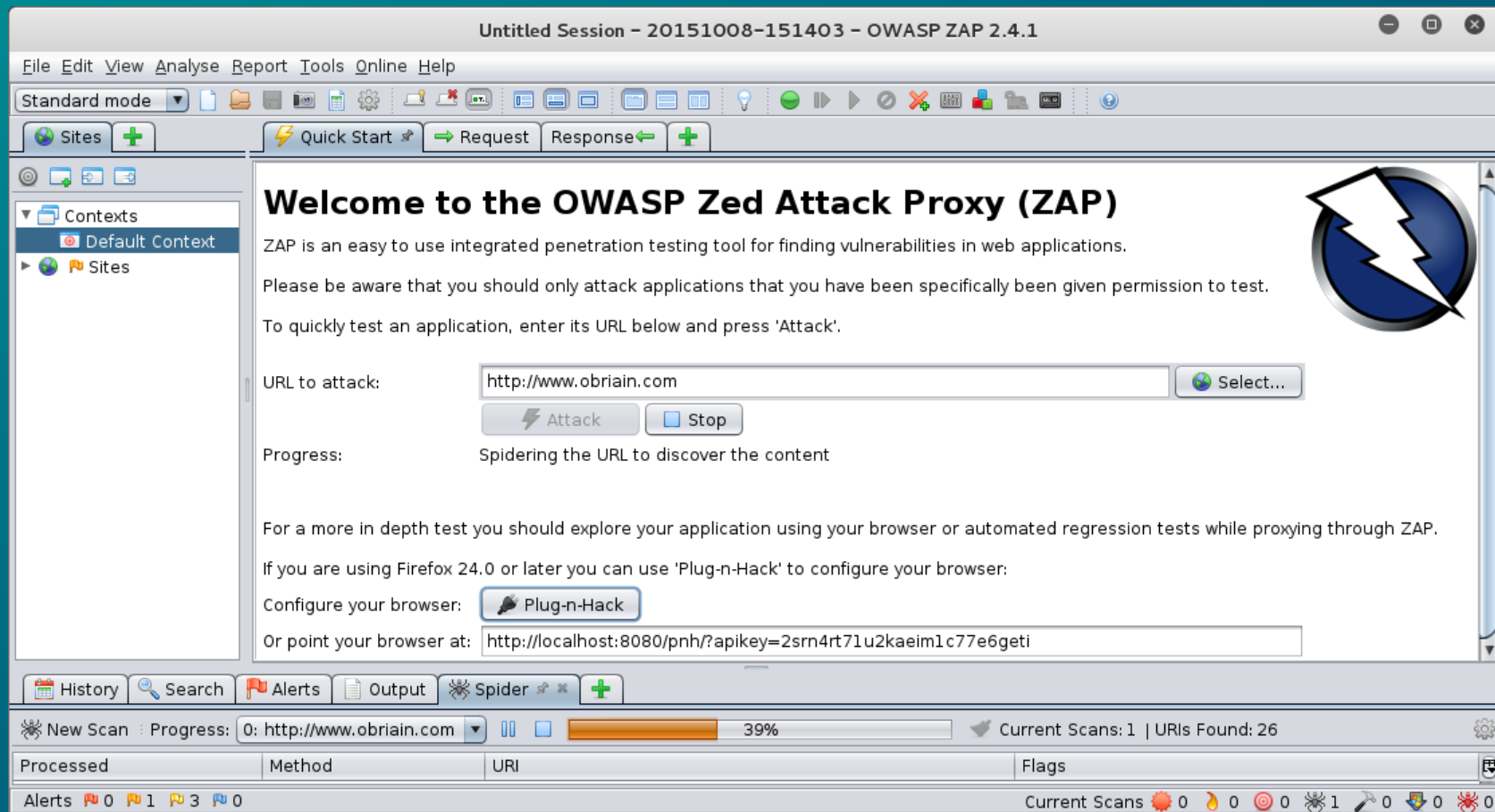


Ref: *Metasploit Unleashed. Offensive Security [online]. Available: <https://www.offensive-security.com/metasploit-unleashed/>.*  
*Armitage - Cyber Attack Management for Metasploit [online]. Available: <http://www.fastandeasyhacking.com/>.*



# OWASP ZAP

- Tool for finding vulnerabilities in web applications.



Ref: OWASP Zed Attack Proxy Project [online]. Available: [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_Zed\\_Attack\\_Proxy\\_Project](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Zed_Attack_Proxy_Project).



# OWASP ZAP Results

History Search Alerts Output Spider Active Scan +

Alerts (5)

- Directory Browsing (5)
- X-Frame-Options Header Not Set (63)**
- Private IP Disclosure (9)
- Web Browser XSS Protection Not Enabled (63)
- X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing (63)

### X-Frame-Options Header Not Set

URL:

Risk: Medium

Confidence: Medium

Parameter:

Attack:

Evidence:

CWE Id: 0

WASC Id: 0

Description:

X-Frame-Options header is not included in the HTTP response to protect against 'Clickjacking' attacks.

Other Info:

Solution:

Most modern Web browsers support the X-Frame-Options HTTP header. Ensure it's set on all web pages returned by your site (if you expect the page to be framed only by pages on your server (e.g. it's part of a FRAMESET) then you'll want to use

Reference:

<http://blogs.msdn.com/b/ieinternals/archive/2010/03/30/combating-clickjacking-with-x-frame-options.aspx>

Alerts 0 2 3 0

Current Scans 0 1 0 0 0 0 0

Right Ctrl

- **p0f** – Passive Reconnaissance fingerprinting tool:
  - Passively extracts information from packets on the network
- Port Scan Attack Detector (**psad**):
  - Detects, alerts, and optionally blocks port scans and suspect traffic
- Passive Asset Detection System (**pads**):
  - Using the network traffic it builds an asset list of devices on the network

- A pen-test is an authorised simulated attack on a computer and network systems to discover security weaknesses, potentially gaining access to the system's features and data:
  - Identifies the target systems
  - Reviews available information
  - Undertakes simulated attacks to determine if a system is vulnerable to attack
  - Security issues uncovered are reported to the system owner
  - Identify countermeasures to reduce risk.
- Penetration tests are a component of a full security audit

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