

Penetration Testing Data Sheet

How effective is your current security system against a real-world targeted attack? Even with the most advanced cyber-security protection technologies in place, it's the unseen, 'blind-spot' vulnerabilities that can expose your business.

One of the most important tools that companies can use to defend themselves from cyber-attacks is that of penetration testing.



DID YOU KNOW?

Malicious or criminal attacks cause the most data breaches in Australia (50%) followed by human error (25%) and system glitches (25%). Source: Ponemon Institute 2018

What is a penetration test?

A penetration test (also known as a *pen test*) is an authorised hacking attempt that simulates real-world attack techniques used by a criminal hacker.

This service tests any web-exposed elements of your networking including:

- IP addresses
- Websites
- Applications
- Infrastructure

The typical issues detected in a penetration test include:

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| ✓ Ports opened | ✓ Use of weak encryption |
| ✓ Vulnerability of systems to known exploits | ✓ Use of weak authentication mechanism |
| ✓ Misconfigured devices | ✓ Ability of systems to respond, react and alert on threats |
| ✓ Devices left with default settings | ✓ Users exposure to social engineering |
| ✓ Unpatched systems | ✓ Adequacy of internal company processes (i.e. no user exit processes, no minimum password complexity) |
| ✓ Use of weak passwords | |

You will be provided with recommendations on how to fix these issues. If you need help to implement any changes, Huon IT's security experts are on-hand to help your team.

Why get a penetration test?

Even the smartest technologies fall prey to the continually evolving nature of cybercrime and the growing intelligence of attacks.

Often the gaps and vulnerabilities occur due to factors like a simple misconfiguration of systems or staff unwittingly exposing you to attack with the click of a link.

Here are some of the benefits to your organisation:

- Reduce your risk of financial, operational and reputational losses caused by a cyber-attack. According to IBM (2018), the average cost of a data breach is close to \$4 million.
- It will help your business comply with Australia's data breach laws.
- You will proactively improve your organisation's IT systems against malicious attacks.
- Your business may be able to detect vulnerabilities which automated software scanning can't.

Our process

The penetration testing process typically involves:



How often should you conduct penetration testing?

It's recommended that your organisation conducts a penetration test approximately every 6-12 months, or when you make modifications to your network infrastructure. Ongoing testing is most effective.

Why Huon IT?

Our team includes highly skilled penetration testers who are certified and carry out testing in a safe and ethical manner.

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Contact us today to find out how Huon IT's security experts can help your business.

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