Cybersecurity Services

A Schneider Downs Purple Team exercise provides clients the unique opportunity to view a simulated attack in real-time from the perspective of both the threat actors (red teamers) and the defense teams (blue teamers). Our red teamers and blue teamers come together onsite and work with your team to demonstrate how to prevent and detect specific offensive techniques from the MITRE ATT&CK framework and other hacker tools, techniques and procedures.

The Purple Team exercise will match the hacker toolsets and mentality of our red team experts with the incident responder and defensive thinking of our blue team experts in a way that encourages, engages and sparks knowledge transfer.

OUR APPROACH

1. Acclimation
The more we understand about your environment, the more valuable the exercise, which is why our team starts with becoming familiar with your current alerting/detecting capabilities, your network architecture and other critical details.

2. Threat Mapping
Our team will leverage every category of the MITRE ATT&CK framework and work with you to map a custom set of tactics and techniques that are risk-based, industry-appropriate and meaningful to your organization. This selection process is highly flexible and can either steer the exercise toward a specific theme of offensive techniques or it can ensure a well-balanced exercise for a stronger baseline.

3. Execution
Once threat mapping is complete, our red team will execute each of the techniques in a transparent environment that your team can observe, learn from, and even get a hands-on assist in the execution of a variety of typical hacker activities. Throughout this process, our red team will serve as an expert resource to transfer valuable knowledge regarding modern offensive strategies and offer insights into the mind of a hacker.

4. Impact Analysis
The success or failure of each technique is closely monitored to ensure complete understanding of its impact within the environment. If a technique is successful, we analyze the results to determine its full impact and identify additional mitigating factors. With the understanding that it's not always possible to prevent every technique, impact analysis for successful techniques allows for appropriate prioritization and accurate decision-making.
5. Detection  
As our red teamers try to breach your systems, our blue teamers will be alongside your team simultaneously monitoring your information flow. If a technique is successful, we’ll help your team leverage current capabilities to prevent/detect each technique. If current capabilities are insufficient, we’ll help your team develop improvement plans. The blue team will serve as an expert resource to transfer valuable knowledge regarding modern defensive strategies and offer insights into their real-world threat actor encounters.

6. Reporting  
After the exercise, your team receives a comprehensive report, including a detailed threat map of each technique’s execution status and analysis from both our red and blue teams, as well as a detailed guide for the implementation of any defensive items that were not fully addressed during the exercise.

SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS  
Schneider Downs is an authorized reseller for a number of software solutions, including Carbon Black®, Mimecast®, Guardicore and Sophos.

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