Security Testing – Introduction

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One view on Security

Security is the degree of protection to safeguard a nation, union of nations, persons or person against danger, damage, loss, and <u>crime</u>. Security as a form of protection are *structures and processes that provide or improve security as a condition*.

Source: en.wikipedia.org



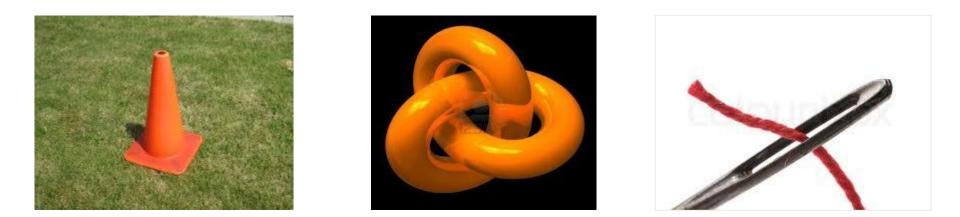




...a law enforcerer, firefighter or life saviour?

Another view on IT Security

Security is the quirky things someone else requires creative and business oriented people¹ to do in the last minute in stead of providing business value. Security is the snake-oil needed to pass through thongs of controls, forums and control instances.

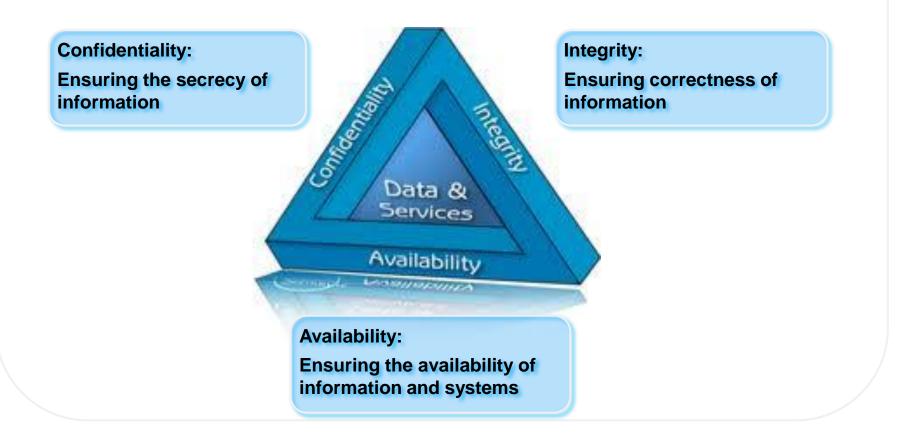


...someone to get around, and end-less loop or the eye of a needle?

1) E.g. Developers, Architects and Project Leaders

IT Security is about managing Risk

Information Security Risks are managed through ensuring the correct levels of Information Security qualities



Reporting of it security in media



Bedragare fick upp konton via Facebook

Bedrägerihärvan i Sparbanken Öresund växer. Mångmiljonbelopp har hittats på l Egypten. Bedragarna har använt bankens Facebooksida för att elektroniskt dyrk kundernas konton.

Hacker claims mass bank breach; releases Visa, Mastercard data

Summary: More than 79 banks have been breached, claimed a hacker on Twitter. Following a data release on Tuesday, he said he has more than 50 gigabytes of U.S. and foreign bank data in his hands.



Update: see below.

A hacker, who claimed on Twitter to have illegally accessed the networks of dozens of large banks, has released a vast cache of personal information relating to Visa and Mastercard credit card data.

ARTICLE

Societe Generale: A cautionary tale of insider threats

Bill Brenner, Senior News Writer Published: 31 Jan 2008

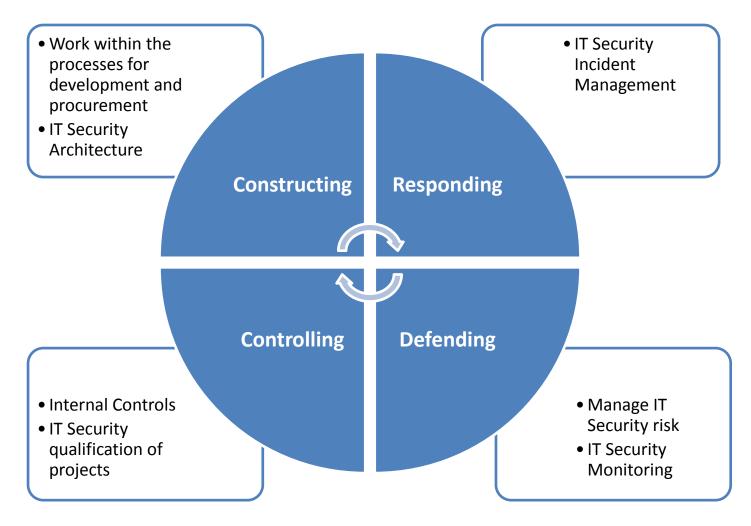
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The \$7.2 billion in fraud a rogue trader carried out against French banking giant Societe Generale wasn't an attack against a flawed operating system or application, the kind of threat enterprise IT shops are constantly warned about. Instead, security experts say the incident illustrates something potentially worse -- the damage that can ensue when a trusted insider with sinister ambitions learns the inner workings of the company network.



IT Security – fire fighting or process oriented daily business?



Objectives with SEB's IT Security

- Support line organization as Subject Matter Experts
 - We must fight the view of IT Security Professionals as omnipotents know-it-all problemsolvers!
- Focus on the End-to-End perspective within applied IT Security
 - "Security is not a product, it's a process" (Bruce Schneier)
 - Being First Point of Contact within issues concerning IT Security
 - SEB has several groups concerned with Information Security, Compliance and Risk

Security Testing: Qualities

- Security is about Quality
- Information Security part of Information Quality
- Security Qualities
 - Confidentiality
 - Integrity
 - Availability
- Not a last-minute fix

Security Testing: Requirements

- Security Requirements define Security Qualities
- Business is information
- Is our business secure?
- Can we bet our business on this system?
- How can we have assurance?

Security Testing: Assurance

•Establishing confidence that a system...

- conforms to requirements or standards
- functions as intended
- is free of exploitable vulnerabilities

Security Testing: Informed by Risk

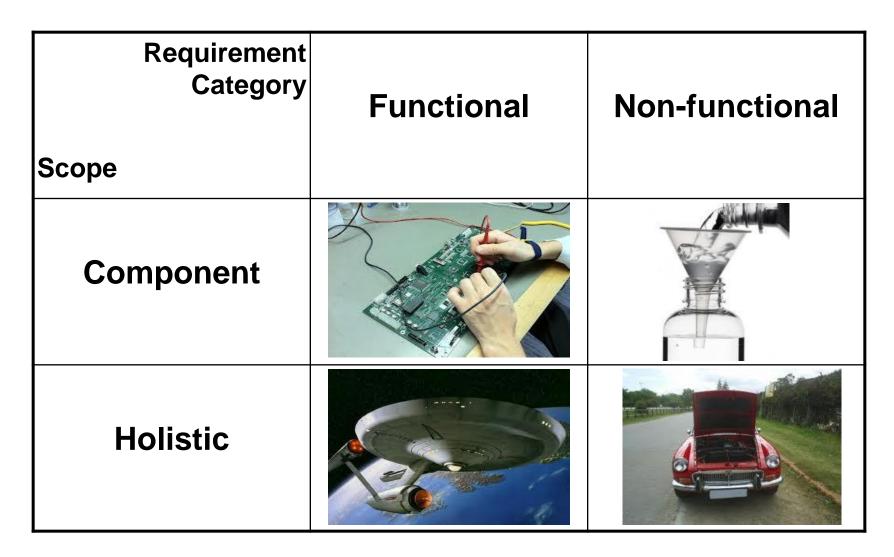
- How much Assurance do we need?
- Risk in the business
 - e.g. sensitive to fraud
- Risk in system development/maintenance
 - planning
 - robust methods
 - Secure Development Life Cycle
 - trusted parties

Security Testing: Assurance Practices

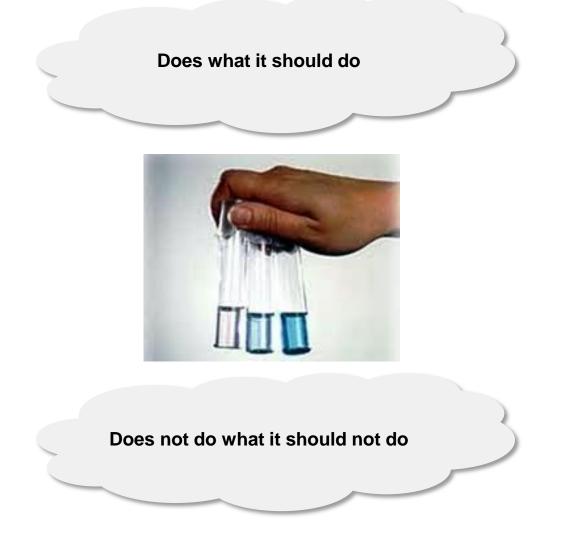
- Formal assurance
 - e.g. Common Criteria
- Informal assurance through practices
 - Analysis of Security Architecture
 - Code review with tools
 - Security Testing...

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Security Testing: Scope v/s Requirements



Security Testing: Use & Abuse



Security Testing: The Adversary

- How is Security Testing different?
- Expect attacks!
- Probe resilience in the face of attacks
- Think like an adversary
 - •How much does he know?
 - •Given that knowledge, what can he do?
- Uncover vulnerabilities

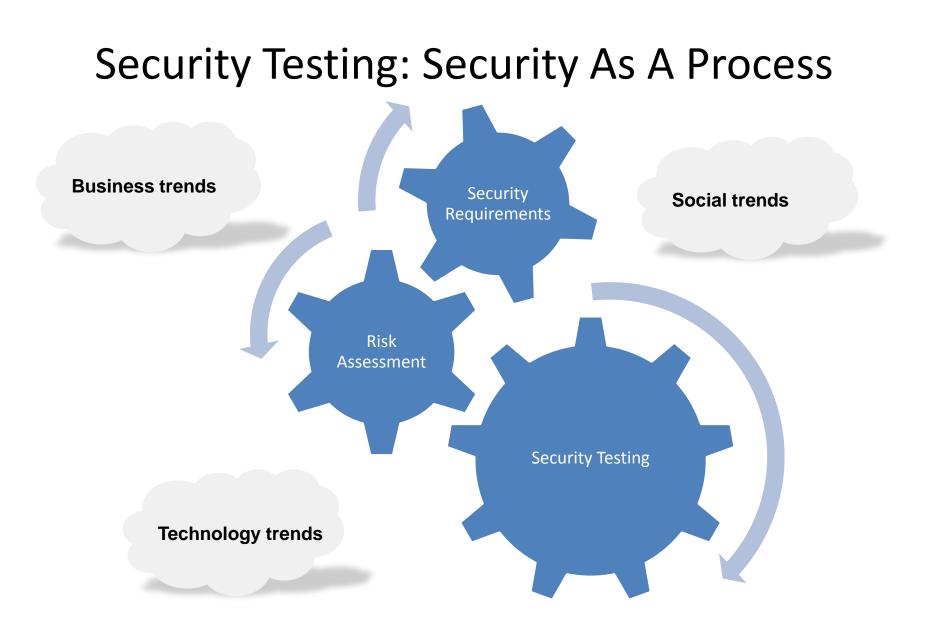
Security Testing: An Assurance practice

Establishing confidence that a system protects data and functions as intended in the face of attacks.

- Non-functional
 - security qualities
- Functional
 - security functionality, e.g. security logging

Security Testing: Hats & Boxes

Knowledge	Black Box	White Box
Role		
Black Hat the attacker		6'0'' 5'6'' 5'0'' 4'6''
White Hat the defender		



Security Testing: "Plan, Do, Check, Act"

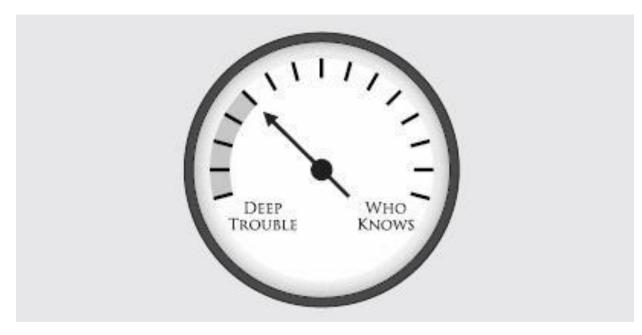
• Test Plan

- Scope, purpose and goals
- > Why do you do this?
- Test Specification
- Test Protocol
- Test Report

Objectives

- Business relevance through risk perspective
- Traceability from plan to findings

Security Testing: The "Badness-O-Meter"



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...and, finally:

Security Testing is not secure testing...