SEC560

Network Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking

Six-Day Program
37 CPEs
Laptop Required
This course has extended hours

Who Should Attend
- Security personnel whose job involves assessing networks and systems to find and remediate vulnerabilities
- Penetration testers
- Ethical hackers
- Defenders who want to better understand offensive methodologies, tools, and techniques
- Auditors who need to build deeper technical skills
- Red and blue team members
- Forensics specialists who want to better understand offensive tactics

You Will Be Able To
- Develop tailored scoping and rules of engagement for penetration testing projects to ensure the work is focused, well defined, and conducted in a safe manner
- Conduct detailed reconnaissance using document metadata, search engines, and other publicly available information sources to build a technical and organizational understanding of the target environment
- Utilize a scanning tool such as Nmap to conduct comprehensive network sweeps, port scans, OS fingerprinting, and version scanning to develop a map of target environments
- Choose and properly execute Nmap Scripting Engine scripts to extract detailed information from target systems
- Configure and launch a vulnerability scanner such as Nessus so that it safely discovers vulnerabilities through both authenticated and unauthenticated scans, and customize the output from such tools to represent the business risk to the organization
- Analyze the output of scanning tools to eliminate false positive reduction with tools including Netcat and Scapy
- Utilize the Windows PowerShell and Linux bash command lines during post-exploitation to plunder target systems for vital information that can further overall penetration test progress, establish pivots for deeper compromise, and help determine business risks
- Configure an exploitation tool such as Metasploit to scan, exploit, and then pivot through a target environment
- Conduct comprehensive password attacks against an environment, including automated password guessing (while avoiding account lockout), traditional password cracking, rainbow table password cracking, and pass-the-hash attacks
- Launch web application vulnerability scanners and then manually exploit Cross-Site Request Forgery, Cross-Site Scripting, Command Injection, and SQL Injection to understand the business risk faced by an organization

As a cybersecurity professional, you have a unique responsibility to find and understand your organization’s vulnerabilities, and to work diligently to mitigate them before the bad guys pounce. Are you ready? SANS SEC560, our flagship course for penetration testing, fully arms you to address this task head-on.

SEC560 is the must-have course for every well-rounded security professional.

With comprehensive coverage of tools, techniques, and methodologies for network penetration testing, SEC560 truly prepares you to conduct high-value penetration testing projects step-by-step and end-to-end. Every organization needs skilled information security personnel who can find vulnerabilities and mitigate their effects, and this entire course is specially designed to get you ready for that role. The course starts with proper planning, scoping and recon, then dives deep into scanning, target exploitation, password attacks, and web app manipulation, with more than 30 detailed hands-on labs throughout. The course is chock-full of practical, real-world tips from some of the world’s best penetration testers to help you do your job safely, efficiently…and masterfully.

Learn the best ways to test your own systems before the bad guys attack.

SEC560 is designed to get you ready to conduct a full-scale, high-value penetration test – and on the last day of the course you’ll do just that. After building your skills in comprehensive and challenging labs over five days, the course culminates with a final full-day, real-world penetration test scenario. You’ll conduct an end-to-end pen test, applying knowledge, tools, and principles from throughout the course as you discover and exploit vulnerabilities in a realistic sample target organization, demonstrating the knowledge you’ve mastered in this course.

You will bring comprehensive penetration testing and ethical hacking know-how back to your organization.

You will learn how to perform detailed reconnaissance, studying a target’s infrastructure by mining blogs, search engines, social networking sites, and other Internet and intranet infrastructures. Our hands-on labs will equip you to scan target networks using best-of-breed tools. We won’t just cover run-of-the-mill options and configurations, we’ll also go over the lesser known but super-useful capabilities of the best pen test toolsets available today. After scanning, you’ll learn dozens of methods for exploiting target systems to gain access and measure real business risk. You’ll dive deep into post-exploitation, password attacks, and web apps, pivoting through the target environment to model the attacks of real-world bad guys to emphasize the importance of defense in depth.

“SEC560 has the best content and delivery that I have encountered thus far in all of my training experiences.” -PAUL HAMMAN, CAPITAL ONE
560.1 HANDS ON: **Comprehensive Pen Test Planning, Scoping, and Recon**

In this section of the course, you will develop the skills needed to conduct a best-of-breed, high-value penetration test. You will go in-depth on how to build penetration testing infrastructure that includes all the hardware, software, network infrastructure, and tools you will need to conduct great penetration tests, with specific low-cost recommendations for your arsenal. We will then cover formulating a pen test scope and creating engagement that will set you up for success, including a role-play exercise. We’ll also dig deep into the reconnaissance portion of a penetration test, covering the latest tools and techniques, including hands-on document metadata analysis, and pull sensitive information about a target environment, as well as a lab using Recon-ng to plunder a target’s DNS infrastructure for information such as the anti-virus tools the organization relies on.

**Topics:**
- The Mindset of the Professional Pen Tester
- Building a World-Class Pen Test Infrastructure
- Creating Effective Pen Test Scopes and Rules of Engagement
- Detailed Recon Using the Latest Tools
- Effective Pen Test Reporting to Maximize Impact
- Mining Search Engine Results
- Document Metadata Extraction and Analysis

560.2 HANDS ON: **In-Depth Scanning**

We next focus on the vital task of mapping the target environment’s attack surface by creating a comprehensive inventory of machines, accounts, and potential vulnerabilities. We will look at some of the most useful scanning tools freely available today and run them in numerous hands-on labs to help hammer home the most effective way to use each tool. We will also conduct a deep dive into some of the most useful tools available to pen testers today for formulating a detailed scan scope and walk you through the day-to-day techniques for false-positive reduction so you can focus your findings on meaningful results and avoid the sting of a false positive. And we will examine the best ways to conduct your scans safely and efficiently.

**Topics:**
- Tips for Awesome Scanning
- Tcptrack for the Pen Tester
- Nmap In-Depth
- Version Scanning with Nmap
- Vulnerability Scanning with Nessus
- False-Positive Reduction
- Packet Manipulation with Scapy
- Enumerating Users
- Netcat for the Pen Tester
- Monitoring Services During a Scan

560.3 HANDS ON: **Exploitation**

In this section, we look at the many kinds of exploits that penetration testers use to compromise target machines, including client-side exploits, service-side exploits, and local privilege escalation. We’ll see how these exploits are packaged in frameworks like Metasploit and its mighty Meterpreter. You’ll learn in-depth how to leverage Metasploit and the Meterpreter to compromise target environments. We’ll also analyze the topic of anti-virus evasion to bypass the target organization’s security measures, as well as methods for pivoting through target environments, all with a focus on determining the true business risk of the target organization.

**Topics:**
- Comprehensive Metasploit Coverage with Exploits/Stagers/Stages
- Strategies and Tactics for Anti-Virus Evasion
- In-Depth Meterpreter Analysis
- Hands-On: Implementing Form Forwarding Relays for Merciless Pivots
- How to Leverage Shell Access of a Target Environment

560.4 HANDS ON: **Post-Exploitation and Merciless Pivoting**

Once you’ve successfully exploited a target environment, penetration testing gets extra exciting as you perform post-exploitation, gathering information from compromised machines and pivoting to other systems in your scope. This section of the course zooms in on pillaging target environments and building formidable hands-on command line skills. We’ll cover Windows command line skills in-depth, including PowerShell’s awesome abilities for post-exploitation. We’ll see how we can leverage malicious services and the incredible WMIC toolset to access and pivot through a target organization. We’ll then turn our attention to password guessing attacks, discussing how to avoid account lockout, as well as numerous options for plundering password hashes from target machines including the great Mimikatz Kiwi tool. Finally, we’ll look at Metasploit’s fantastic features for pivoting, including the msfconsole route command.

**Topics:**
- Windows Command Line Kung Fu for Penetration Testers
- PowerShell’s Amazing Post-Exploitation Capabilities
- Password Attack Tips
- Account Lockout and Strategies for Avoiding It
- Automated Password Guessing with THC-Hydra
- Retrieving and Manipulating Hashes from Windows, Linux, and Other Systems
- Pivoting through Target Environments
- Extracting Hashes and Passwords from Memory with Mimikatz Kiwi

560.5 HANDS ON: **In-Depth Password Attacks and Web App Pen Testing**

In this section of the course, we’ll go even deeper in exploiting one of the weakest aspects of most computing environments: passwords. You’ll custom-compile John the Ripper and optimize its performance in cracking passwords. You’ll learn how to leverage a “pass-the-hash” attack, leveraging Metasploit and the Meterpreter, and more. We then turn our attention to web application pen testing, covering the most powerful and common web app attack techniques with hands-on labs for every topic we address. We’ll cover finding and exploiting cross-site scripting (XSS), cross-site request forgery (XSRF), command injection, and SQL injection flaws in applications such as online banking, blog sites, and more.

**Topics:**
- Password Cracking with John the Ripper
- Sniffing and Cracking Windows Authentication Exchanges Using Cain
- Using Rainbow Tables to Maximum Effectiveness
- Pass-the-Hash Attacks with Metasploit
- More: Finding and Exploiting Cross-Site Scripting
- Cross-Site Request Forgery
- SQL Injection
- Leveraging SQL Injection to Perform Command Injection
- Maximizing Effectiveness of Command Injection Testing

560.6 HANDS ON: **Penetration Test and Capture-the-Flag Workshop**

This lively session represents the culmination of the network penetration testing and ethical hacking course. You’ll apply all of the skills mastered in the course so far in a full-day, hands-on workshop during which you’ll conduct an actual penetration test of a sample target environment. We’ll provide the scope and rules of engagement, and you’ll work with a team to achieve your goal of finding out whether the target organization’s Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is at risk. As a final step in preparing you for conducting penetration tests, you’ll make recommendations about remediating the risks you identify.

**Topics:**
- Applying Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking Practices End-to-End
- Scanning
- Exploitation
- Post-Exploitation
- Merciless Pivoting
- Analyzing Results