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1. WELCOME

Welcome to the third issue of the First Base Technologies Newsletter.

We are proud to be one of the UK's leading independent security consultancies. We provide penetration testing, web application security testing, network security audits and related security consultancy services. Visit us at <www.fbtechies.co.uk>

We hope that the information in this newsletter will be useful to you and would love to get your feedback regarding the content. What would you like to see in future issues? Do you have anything you would like to submit for inclusion? Please feel free to send an email to: <didi@firstbase.co.uk> with your comments.

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2. APPLICATION AND DATABASE PENETRATION TESTING - THE NEXT LEVEL

Application and database penetration tests (and audits) are designed to provide security assurance for B2B and B2C web sites and web services environments including SunONE, J2EE, WebSphere and, of course .NET

We have invested in sophisticated, state-of-the-art testing tools including Core Impact, AppDetective and WebInspect. Combining these tools with our deep understanding of web and back-end platforms, we now offer cost-effective penetration tests and audits of these critical systems.

For the next few months, we are offering in-depth testing of your web services, B2B or B2C systems at very attractive prices. Our reports provide guidance on corrective actions as well as clear descriptions of any vulnerabilities and their impact.

E-mail <peter.wood@firstbase.co.uk> for more details or a quotation.

3. WAR DIALLING - DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS ANSWERING YOUR PHONES?

Many organisations appear to overlook the critical back door that a modem can provide onto a network. Even a PABX system may be open to compromise in this way. Do you know which of your phones has a modem waiting to answer? Often "rogue" modems (and software such as pcAnywhere) are used by staff unaware of the security implications of their actions. Or a PABX system is poorly configured, providing a convenient entry point for an attacker. Using a powerful combination of tools and manual exploits, our war dialing and modem penetration testing services can help you lock this back door before hackers find it open.



For as little as £1 per number, can you really afford not to have your lines checked?

Why not e-mail (< peterw@firstbase.co.uk >) or phone (01273 454 525) Peter Wood now for more information?

4. WHAT WENT ON AT INFOSECURITY 2003?

First Base Technologies were proud to attend InfoSecurity Europe for the first time in April 2003. The event was an outstanding success and many thanks to all those of you who came to visit and support our stand.

NEW Why not take some time out and check out our photos of what went on? < <http://www.fbtechies.com/exhibitions.htm> >

We have booked to attend the 2004 event, again to be held at Olympia, on Tuesday 27th April to Thursday 29th April 2004. Put the date in your diaries now! If you would like tickets, send an e-mail to < didi@firstbase.co.uk > and we will issue tickets nearer the time...

5. WHITE-HATS.CO.UK: GOING FROM STRENGTH-TO-STRENGTH

white-hats.co.uk - The Intelligent Response to Hackers and Insiders! Formed to help everyone involved in protecting their networks from hackers and insider attacks. There is so much to read, study and respond to ... white-hats.co.uk is a new way of exchanging information and learning about threats as they emerge. Open only to UK security and IT professionals, all members are vetted and are expected to sign an NDA prior to being accepted for membership, thus facilitating the free exchange of information in a confidential environment.

JOIN US: We now have 142 members from commercial organisations, government and the security industry. Why not join their number if you have not done so already? Membership is *free* and entitles you to attend the quarterly meetings and join our mailing list. E-mail < ailise@firstbase.co.uk > or use the forms at < <http://www.white-hats.co.uk/joining.htm> > to join us now.

NEXT MEETING: September 9 2003: "IDS - how to get it to Really Work". Our guest speaker is Mark Osborne, ex KPMG. Often known more succinctly as "Loud Fat Bloke", Mark is an extremely knowledgeable and highly entertaining speaker whom you won't want to miss...there are a couple of places still available, so if you haven't already booked, book now!

Check out < www.white-hats.co.uk > for details on this and our previous meetings.

6. PETER WOOD TO SPEAK AT CYPRUS INFORMATION SECURITY CONFERENCE

In October, the Cyprus Computer Society organises its 3rd Annual Information Security Conference in Nicosia. Peter Wood, our Chief of Operations, has been invited to speak on web application hacking and to run a one-day "ethical hacking" workshop.

If you, like us, feel that high quality education plus Cyprus sunshine in October is an unmissable combination, visit < <http://www.cyprusinfosec.org> > for full details.

7. SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

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