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1. Welcome

We are proud to be one of the UK's leading independent ethical hacking firms. We provide penetration testing, web application security testing, network security audits and related security consultancy services. Visit us at www.fbtchies.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: webmaven@firstbase.co.uk with your comments.

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2. Infosecurity Europe, Olympia, 22 - 24 April 2008

It's that time of year again, when we begin our preparations for our biggest social event of the year - Infosecurity Europe! If you haven't been before, why on earth not?! It is the biggest event of its kind, dedicated to the information security sector in the UK and Europe.

Infosecurity Europe is a great way to keep abreast of what's happening in your industry, make new contacts and attend seminars by well-known speakers. Our Chief of Operations, Peter Wood, is giving a session on The Future of Hacking: An Ethical Hacker's View on Wednesday 23 April from 12:40 in the technical stream. Do come along and see him - seminar attendance is free of charge.

In addition, the session at 15:00 - 16:00 on Wednesday 23 April will be a classic University Challenge style quiz, chaired by Paul Dorey with two teams: the "Consultants" and the "Associations" - Pete is on the consultants team. It should be fun, so go along and have a look!

First Base Technologies also have a stand at the show so come and see us - we are on stand number H114.

Click here to get your free tickets: <http://www.infosec.co.uk/firstbaseinvitation>

3. VoIP Security Briefing

A growing number of organisations have Voice over IP (VoIP) installations in progress or at least planned, but there is limited awareness of the range and nature of VoIP security threats. Many early VoIP installations adopted an isolationist policy with voice and data networks running on physically separate networks or using different VLAN segments and with a ban on any external IP connections. This policy does not completely address the problem and breaks down completely as soon as any



attempt is made to realise the promised benefits of voice/data integration or to extend the service beyond the boundaries of the local area network.

First Base Technologies in conjunction with white-hats.co.uk are holding a one-day high level briefing run by Peter Cox of <http://www.voipcode.org> which will examine the range of security threats that face VoIP networks, survey the available security technologies and define a VoIP security model that enables the value added aspects of VoIP and related messaging services to be deployed.

The briefing is designed for network and IT planners and managers, particularly those providing links for home workers and roaming users or those planning to use SIP trunk services. The briefing is also suitable for security professionals needing a high-level overview of VoIP security.

Want to attend?

Visit <http://www.white-hats.co.uk/nextworkshop.shtml> to find out more...

Click on [http://www.white-hats.co.uk/Downloads/BookingForm\(Workshop\).pdf](http://www.white-hats.co.uk/Downloads/BookingForm(Workshop).pdf) to book your place.

4. PCI-ASV Status

First Base Technologies are in the process of applying for PCI-ASV status and we expect to be able to offer PCI-ASV testing services in the second quarter of 2008.

If you require PCI-ASV services - then please bear us in mind for the future!

5. Peter Wood's Book

Our Chief of Operations, Peter Wood, has written a guide called "Preventing Identity Theft: The Importance of Authentication" - available now from all good Internet bookshops!

This guide provides an overview of the ways in which identity theft can take place and the type of threats that are subsequently posed. In clear, non-technical terms, it outlines the role of authentication in countering these threats, in particular in addressing the problems posed by the current use of passwords as a means of authenticating users of IT systems

To read more or to purchase a copy, use one of the following links:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Preventing-Identity-Theft-Authentication-Information/dp/1841524735>

<http://www.lawbooks-online.com/index.asp?details=312321>

<http://bookshop.blackwell.co.uk/jsp/welcome.jsp?action=search&type=isbn&term=1841524735>

6. White-hats.co.uk

Are you one of the 219 members of white-hats.co.uk? Our vendor-neutral user group provides a knowledge base and a friendly support group for IT security professionals working for UK business and government - <http://www.white-hats.co.uk/joining.shtml> - membership is free!

Our next quarterly meeting is in London on Friday 9 May 2008. The agenda will be posted at <http://www.white-hats.co.uk/nextmeeting.shtml> once the details have been confirmed. Meanwhile, you can get a flavour of past meetings by browsing to <http://www.white-hats.co.uk/previousmeetings.shtml>.



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