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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.firstbase.co.uk](http://www.firstbase.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](mailto:webmaven@firstbase.co.uk) with your comments.

Didi Barnes - Partner (Chief Financial Officer)  
Keiron Northmore - Partner (Chief of Operations)  
Peter Wood - Partner (Chief Executive Officer)

## 2. PCI DSS testing services

Many organisations do not realise that PCI DSS requirements 6.6 and 11.3 call for penetration testing - over and above the external and internal vulnerability assessments required by PCI DSS Requirement 11.2. This is where First Base Technologies comes in - because we are penetration testers! It's what we've always done. So we are in a perfect position to deploy our existing skills and combine them with our in-depth knowledge of PCI DSS to give you a thorough PCI penetration testing service.

We now have a whole section of our web site devoted to PCI, with information on the standard itself and what we can do to help you achieve and maintain compliance. Click on over to <http://www.firstbase.co.uk/Content/Services/PCIServices.shtml> to find out more...

## 3. Infosecurity Europe, Earls Court, London 27-29 April 2010

It's that time of year again and Infosecurity Europe is looming close on the horizon. As always First Base Technologies will be there - so come and see us on stand R70! For the second year running, the exhibition - the largest of its kind in Europe - is being held at Earl's Court rather than the old venue, Olympia. We have a much larger stand and presence this year - we will even have a refrigerator on the stand

If you want to book your (free) ticket, just click here:

<http://www.infosec.co.uk/firstbasetechnologies>

Why not plan your visit to coincide with Pete's session The Ultimate Defence Think Like a Hacker on Tuesday 27 April at 14:00 in the Technical Theatre? For more info follow this link:

<http://www.infosec.co.uk/page.cfm/action=Seminars/SeminarID=32>



#### 4. First Base Technologies to go LLP and expand into the future

From 1 April 2010, we will be trading as a limited liability partnership (LLP). This is the first of three strategies for taking our business forward into the next decade - to provide our clients with an even better, more cost effective and efficient return on security investment.

The second plan is to create two distinct testing teams. The first will be the commercial team, providing bespoke testing services to our FTSE and other large corporate clients. The second will be the government team, which will provide security testing services to local and national government agencies. Both teams will overlap to facilitate sharing of testing methodologies, skills transfer and people power where necessary and applicable.

The third element is a formalised R&D role - to keep you ahead of the hackers by helping you secure your enterprise via security testing, and to keep us ahead in the security testing arena. So watch this space!

#### 5. First Base Technologies repositions management team

Peter Wood, now our CEO, has handed his original role of Chief of Operations over to Keiron Northmore.

As Pete says, Keiron has been running the firm's fee earning operations for the past two years, and his new title properly reflects that responsibility. Over the same period, my responsibilities have been increasingly about oversight and evangelising good security practice, making CEO a logical choice for me.

Didi Barnes commented I'm delighted that Keiron now has the public recognition he deserves. We also decided to clarify my role as CFO, since I have responsibility for managing the business itself and for finance, marketing and internal security.

#### 6. News from white-hats.co.uk

white-hats.co.uk now has 279 members. Are you one of them? If not, perhaps you should be! Sponsored by First Base Technologies, this vendor-neutral user group provides a knowledge base and a friendly support group for IT security professionals working for UK business and government.

Des Ward, a long-time white-hats.co.uk member, is leading an initiative to push information security awareness in schools. Des needs volunteers to help (security professionals, teachers and parents) and opinions on the important subjects we need to educate home users on. If you can assist, please contact Des at [des.ward@business-secure.com](mailto:des.ward@business-secure.com).

Our next white-hats.co.uk meeting is on Friday, 14 May. We are still confirming speakers, but topics for May will include Legal aspects of social networking and SSL/TLS - Just when you thought it was safe to return. Keep an eye on <http://white-hats.co.uk/nextmeeting.shtml> as details of the meeting will be posted there as soon as we know them.