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1. WELCOME

Welcome to the fourth 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.

Peter Wood - Partner (Chief of Operations)

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2. VPN AND REMOTE ACCESS SECURITY

VPNs are an increasingly popular method of implementing remote access and site-to-site Communications, but do you know how secure your VPNs are? We have developed a penetration testing and security review specifically for VPNs: testing your VPN firewall, remote access laptops and configuration standards. We test every element of your VPN architecture and review your build standards against our best practice. Our report will highlight any vulnerabilities and provide you with clear guidance on how to apply remedial measures.

E-mail peterw@firstbase.co.uk for more details or a quotation.

3. WIRELESS AND MOBILE DEVICE SECURITY - HOW MUCH IS YOUR COMPANY LEAKING?

The recent "London drive by" [<http://www.computing.co.uk/News/1152363>] found that the number of wireless networks used in the City has increased from 124 in 2001 to 1078 in 2003. Amazingly, 34 per cent are still failing to use encryption, and exploitation of these by a would-be attacker is a walk in the park. At best, poor security can enable an attacker to use your Internet connection. At worst, they could sniff out data traffic and/or connect to your internal network.

We can help you lock down your access points and mobile devices by provision of our wireless network discovery (war driving) services and wireless penetration testing and audit services. We can also review your documentation and policies for home and mobile workers, audit your remote working practices and provide assistance with policies and standards. For example, we can undertake war driving and wireless audits in the vicinity of a staff member's home (with their knowledge) in order to review the opportunity for information leakage.



Deliverables include detailed reports illustrating vulnerable areas and advice and guidance on improvements.

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

4. INFOSECURITY 2004 - OLYMPIA, 27TH-29TH APRIL 2004

Because the event was such a success last year, First Base Technologies are attending InfoSecurity Europe for the second year running.

Why not take the day out and come along and visit our stand number 614!

If you would like (free) tickets, please send an e-mail to info@firstbase.co.uk and we will put you on our list ...

5. WHITE-HATS.CO.UK: FEDORAs 'R' US

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.

***NEXT MEETING*: March 5 2004: "Black Hats pork out at spammers' expense".**

Our guest speaker is John Lyons, NHTCU. If you haven't already booked, book now! If you want more information about white-hats, check out www.white-hats.co.uk.

We now have an "Other Events" page on the site which is intended to give you information on various other security related events during the year. At the moment there are only a couple of entries on there but this will grow. If you would like to see an event published there, please e-mail webmaven@firstbase.co.uk.

6. BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY IT SECURITY CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM CITY, 8TH JUNE 2004

Information Security in the New Millennium - threats & countermeasures.

Work with senior representatives from national and international government as well as law enforcement and private sector bodies to ensure that real information can be exchanged to solve real problems in partnership.

Keynote - Dr. Stephen Marsh, CSIA, Cabinet Office

Details: <http://www.bcsbirmingham.co.uk>



7. SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

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