Siemens Resources for Security Educators

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Part of my job as Program Director of the MSIA at Norwich University is to keep curriculum up-to-date. I regularly review the lecture materials that will be posted in upcoming seminars in our masters program and often add additional references or readings.

Recently, I was updating a module that includes penetration testing and ran across a series of short white papers authored by experts of the Insight Consulting group of Siemens <http://www.insight.co.uk/downloads/whitepapers.htm>. The unusual aspect, and the reason I am mentioning the papers for readers is that the company states, "You are free to distribute our white papers but please observe our copyright notice.” What a contrast with organizations who require registration for everybody who downloads even a single paper from their Web site!

Security awareness managers will find the following papers useful for internal training for various sectors of their organizations; and university professors may also find them helpful for students:

- Telecom fraud
- Shooting phish in a barrel
- Identity Theft: Managing the risk
- Web Services and XML security
- Identity and Access Management: Employee lifecycles and roles
- New working practices and the security-aware network
- Penetration testing
- Effective intrusion detection.

Attracted by the company's generosity, I explored their Web site and found additional resources that will be helpful to my students and perhaps to your colleagues:

- The case study page <http://www.insight.co.uk/downloads/casestudies.htm> has 10 reports that can be used for class discussion;
- There’s a podcast about crisis management <http://www.insight.co.uk/downloads/podcasts.htm>;
- An Oracle database expert provides slides about how database administrators can help secure databases <http://www.insight.co.uk/downloads/presentations.htm>.

Thank you, Siemens!

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