Web-Site Security Web Site

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Almost everyone in business seems to have a Web site now. Even I have a Web site. Having one’s Web site trashed by a criminal hacker, especially if (s)he is eight years old, is highly embarrassing. If the Web site is used for e-commerce or e-learning, having it out of service can be a genuine disaster. The Acunetix company was founded in 2004 by Nick Galea with the specific goal of protecting Web sites against unauthorized modifications and denial-of-service attacks. The announced their Acunetix Web Vulnerability Scanner in July 2005 as a tool for identifying vulnerabilities before they can be exploited. Acunetix recently announced a useful site for anyone interested in security Web sites (as usual, I have no relationship whatsoever with the vendor):

> London, UK - April 19, 2006 - Acunetix has launched the Acunetix Web Site Security Center, a comprehensive Web site security information center that educates visitors on the latest and most threatening Web application hacking techniques. The new information center is hosted at <http://www.acunetix.com/Websitesecurity/> and is frequently updated with current information concerning new hacking techniques.

Web site security is possibly today's most overlooked aspect of securing the enterprise. Hackers are concentrating their efforts on Web sites: 75% of cyber attacks are launched on shopping carts, forms, login pages, dynamic content etc. . . .<

The Web site is attractively laid out and easy to navigate. One does not have to register to be able to access the information (hurray!). Links on the left provide lists of recent news articles from credible sources, a page with a couple of white papers, a collection of 18 articles about Web security, and links to three outside sources of security white papers.


The two Acunetix white papers are “The Importance of Web Application Scanning” and “Auditing Website Security.”

The Web Site Security Articles page has articles on PHP/SQL security, network security devices, domain contamination, SQL injection attacks, integrating security into application development, path traversal attacks, and Google hacking, among other topics.

The Links page lists URLs for SANS, the Web Site Security Consortium (WASC) and the Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP).

But I am eagerly awaiting a Web site devoted to the security of the Web Site Security Web site. Then I’ll have an article recursively entitled …. Wait for it … “(Web-Site Security Web Site)-
Security Web Site.”

Oh well, geeks have to have fun too.

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