Rapid7 Threat Simulation: Tabletop Exercises (TTX)

Cultivating the right habits for the moment of need

If your security team is like most, you're investing heavily in an incident detection and response program. One of the key steps for any organization is to run a threat simulation in a safe setting to answer the burning question: How prepared are your team and the security controls in your environment, really?

Rapid7 is here to provide guidance, clarity and expertise through controlled exercises with skilled and versatile security pros. Our experts are armed with a thorough understanding of threats, triage techniques, attacker behavior, and crisis communications, and they will be at your disposal throughout the tabletop exercise. The result? An unmatched assurance that your security team and program are fully equipped in the face of danger (superhero capes not included).

THE RAPID7 APPROACH

EACH SIMULATION IS TAILORED IN ITS APPROACH

We recognize your organization is unique, and as such, we work with the controls you have in place so that the tabletop exercise (TTX) effectively measures your response relative to your environment. Additionally, each industry is subject to different threats and regulatory requirements which are taken into consideration in the creation of the scenario and in our response analysis. The Rapid7 approach to threat simulation with TTX includes the following:

1. Review of important documents

This includes, but is not limited to, your incident response plan, crisis communications procedures, IT policies, and network topologies.

2. Industry and regulatory focus

We work to understand your business model, differentiators, and marketplace to further customize the exercise scenario. Whether it is client information or R&D blueprints, we understand what is the critical data at risk, and we structure the simulation accordingly.

3. Comprehensive assessment of your security program

We take a deep dive into your performance in five major facets of incident response: the maturity of your IR plan, your adherence to that plan, IR coordination, internal and external communications, and technical analysis.

PROJECT METHODOLOGY

Many incident response engagements result in struggle, because security teams have never executed their proposed plans. Rapid7 will walk you through real incident scenarios, identify evidence sources, perform mock communications, and make recommendations for cleanup and recovery.

A generalized project outline is represented below:

INITIATE PREPARE DELIVER RECOMMEND

Rapid7 will meet with key personnel to finalize the scope of activities, evaluate relevant business characteristics, and assess your threat detection and incident response capabilities.

Rapid7 will develop a realistic scenario based on many relevant factors, coordinate and develop all pre-TTX materials for the simulation, and work with your team to set time frames for the exercise and the resulting report.

Rapid7's incident response engagement managers will facilitate the exercise and evaluate your organization. We will then discuss initial findings and provide feedback to the participants.

For a productive and actionable outcome, Rapid7 will deliver a report with recommendations for improving threat detection and incident response capabilities across your program.

HANDS-ON APPROACH TARGETING SEVERAL LAYERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

In the event of a true incident, all hands are on deck: Rapid7 differentiates our tabletop exercises by going beyond just technical analysis and response to extend to how business owners react, communicate, and manage the event. To ensure you are armed with a well-rounded approach to incident response, we also involve stakeholders across your organization, including but not limited to:

- **Technical teams:** Assess how well your technical teams identify, respond to and contain potential incidents.
- **Legal representation:** Through Rapid7's understanding of regulatory and fiduciary responsibilities, provide guidance and legal disclosure to the necessary parties.
- Marketing teams: Understanding that brand equity is paramount, Rapid7
 will analyze crisis communication content, cadence, and approach.
 Additionally, we provide guidance for crisis communications, including
 internal communications, social media messaging, and public/investor
 disclosures.
- Executive teams: A security event is a business event; review your
 organization's relationship with the executive team, and how underlying
 support structures identify and communicate critical information to the
 business owners.

NEW TO INCIDENT RESPONSE?

Is a threat simulation exercise a step too far at the moment?

Our Incident Response Program

Development offering helps
organizations become more
proficient at threat detection
and increases readiness to
respond to security incidents with
efficient and coordinated actions.
Recommendations and expert advice
provide the foundation for sustainable
investments in people, processes and
technology to minimize exposure in
the event of a breach.

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