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OWASP Announces International Application Security Conference for 2009
Speaker Agenda Released and Registration Open for 2009's
Largest Web Application Security Event

Washington DC August 20th, 2009 -- Following in the footsteps of the Open Web Application Security Project's (OWASP, <http://www.owasp.org>) immensely successful and popular conferences earlier this year in Australia, Poland, Ireland, and Brazil, Washington DC will be hosting the 2009 OWASP Application Security Conference (AppSec DC, <http://www.appsecdc.org>), North America's premiere web application security conference, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on November 10-13th, 2009.

AppSec DC 2009 will provide a venue for hundreds of IT professionals interested in securing web technologies to learn, interact, network, and attend presentations and training given by some of the world's top practitioners of web application security, suitable for everyone from federal decision makers and management to application security engineers and developers. Executives from Fortune 500 firms along with technical thought leaders such as security architects and lead developers will be traveling to hear the cutting-edge ideas presented by Information Security's top talent. OWASP events attract a worldwide audience interested in "what's next" in the world of application security. The conference is expected to draw 600-700 technologists from Government, Financial Services, Media, Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare, Technology, and many other verticals.

"AppSec DC is a unique opportunity for federal decision makers and key technologists to become familiar with OWASP and the resources it has to offer," said Doug Wilson, co-chair of the Washington DC OWASP Chapter and organizer of AppSecDC. "The federal government has already embraced the OWASP Top Ten and other OWASP guidelines. OWASP's mission and community align closely with the goals set forth by the US Chief Information Officer: transparency, engagement of staff, reduction of cost, and innovation in technology. OWASP can enable the government to attain these goals in the pursuit of securing critical technologies that depend on the web."

Highlights for AppSec DC 2009 include a keynote from Joe Jarzombek, Director for Software Assurance in the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) National Cyber Security Division (NCSD), a panel discussion of US Federal Government Chief Information Security Officers on their experiences with application security, a panel of industry experts on implementing security in development cycles, and a wide variety of talks by leading personalities in the field of web application security, including Robert "RSnake" Hansen, Robert Auger, Chris Wysopal, and others.

"For AppSec DC 2009, We're really trying to reach out to developers, testers and quality assurance staff because they are pivotal to solving the root causes of application security problems," said Mark Bristow, an organizer of AppSec DC and a founding member of the OWASP Global Conferences Committee. "To this end, we have a dedicated secure development track designed specifically for these folks to give them the skills they need to build secure software effectively."

AppSec DC 2009 will feature interactive, hands-on training courses led by some of the leaders in application security (Security Compass, Aspect Security, WhiteHat Security, Inguardians and others) on the 10th and 11th of November followed by four distinct speaking tracks on the 12th and 13th. Opportunities to interact with AppSec sponsors and

vendors will also be available, as well as an OWASP-sponsored Capture the Flag competition and other events.

Who Should Attend AppSec DC 2009:

- Application Developers
- Application Testers and Quality Assurance
- Application Project Management and Staff
- Chief Information Officers, Chief Information Security Officers, Chief Technology Officers, Deputies, Associates and Staff
- Chief Financial Officers, Auditors, and Staff Responsible for IT Security Oversight and Compliance
- Security Managers and Staff
- Executives, Managers, and Staff Responsible for IT Security Governance
- IT Professionals Interesting in Improving IT Security

If you would like more information about AppSec DC 2009, please visit the conference website at <http://www.appsecdc.org/>

About OWASP:

The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) is a worldwide free and open community focused on improving the security of application software. Our mission is to make application security visible, so that people and organizations can make informed decisions about true application security risks. Everyone is free to participate in OWASP and all of our materials are available under a free and open software license. The OWASP Foundation is a 501c3 not-for-profit charitable organization that ensures the ongoing availability and support for our work from Individuals, Organization Supporters & Accredited University Supporters.

For more information, please visit <http://www.owasp.org/>

About the OWASP DC Chapter:

The OWASP DC Chapter is Washington DC's local OWASP presence with bi-monthly meetings and is taking the lead on organizing AppSec DC 2009.

For more information, please visit http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Washington_DC

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If you would like more information about AppSec DC 2009 or would like to schedule an interview with the conference organizers, please email press@appsecdc.org or call Kate Hartmann at 301-275-9403.