LATERAL SECURITY

INFORMATION SECURITY SPECIALISTS

An UNOFFICIAL OWASP Top 10 for Managers

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Company Overview

- ○ **Company**
  - – Lateral Security (IT) Services Limited
  - – Founded in April 2008 by Nick von Dadelszen and Ratu Mason (Both Directors)
  - – Staff - AKL - 6 people, WGTN - 7 people, Hong Kong - 1 person
- ○ **Services**
  - – Security testing (design & architecture, penetration testing, configuration, code reviews, security devices & controls, mobile apps)
  - – Security advisory (Lifecycle compliance & audit – ISO, PCI-DSS, NZISM, policy process development, threat modelling and risk assessment)
  - – Regular ongoing technical testing and assurance programs
- ○ **Differentiators**
  - – True vendor independence
  - – Security testing and advisory are our niche specialties
  - – Highly experienced and skilled staff

Who are these guys?

- **Shahn**
  - Security Consultant for Lateral Auckland
  - Ex ISP, Finance and Local Government sector (sorry about the rates)
  - Convinced an ex-QSA to wear a fur suit at a hacker con…
- **Dean**
  - Security Consulting Manager for Lateral Auckland
  - Ex ISP, Finance, Telco and Media sectors
  - Recovering ex-QSA
  - Appeared at Kiwicon dressed in blue fun fur…. ‘nuff said

Objectives

- This contents of this presso seemed blindingly obvious to us… but…
  - These 10 aspects of a solution delivery lifecycle are often neglected or ignored in projects
  - As a result security is considered a roadblock
- We want you to embrace security within your project lifecycle without delaying delivery
- As a result your developers can deliver on the technical “bits” (using OWASP of course!)

Sacrebleu!

- **Point solutions are like the Maginot Line**
  - They protect on a single front
  - Exposing every other flank

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Holistic security

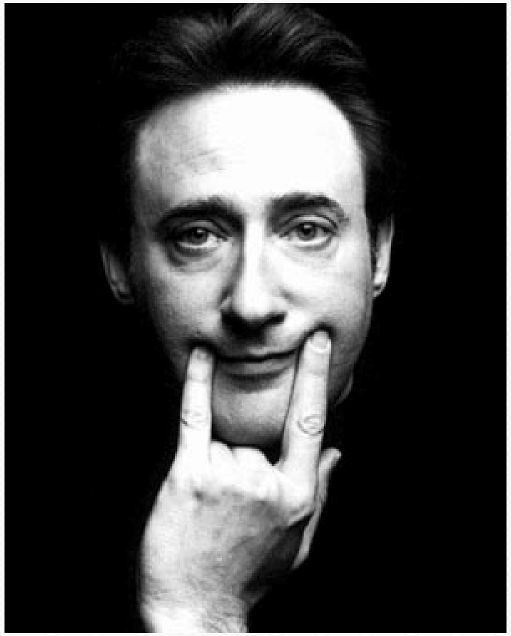
- Our Top 10 is hand picked by Lateral Security
- This will help project planning and budgets
- Reduce delays by removing roadblocks!
- Allows your Developers to weave their magic

Our Top 10…

1. Data
2. Laws and Regulations and Standards
3. Access Controls
4. Technology Stack
5. Security
6. 3rd Parties
7. End State
8. Maintenance
9. Risk
10. Reputational Damage

Data

- **Identify the data you will be touching**
  - PII (Personal Identifiable Information)
  - PCI (Payment Card Industry)
  - Corporate
  - Customer Data
  - Your Customer’s Customer’s Data
- **Classify the data**
  - Classification dictates handling rules
  - Yes, you’ll need a policy
  - May require legal and HR input
    - May not be solely a security or project issue



Laws and Regulations

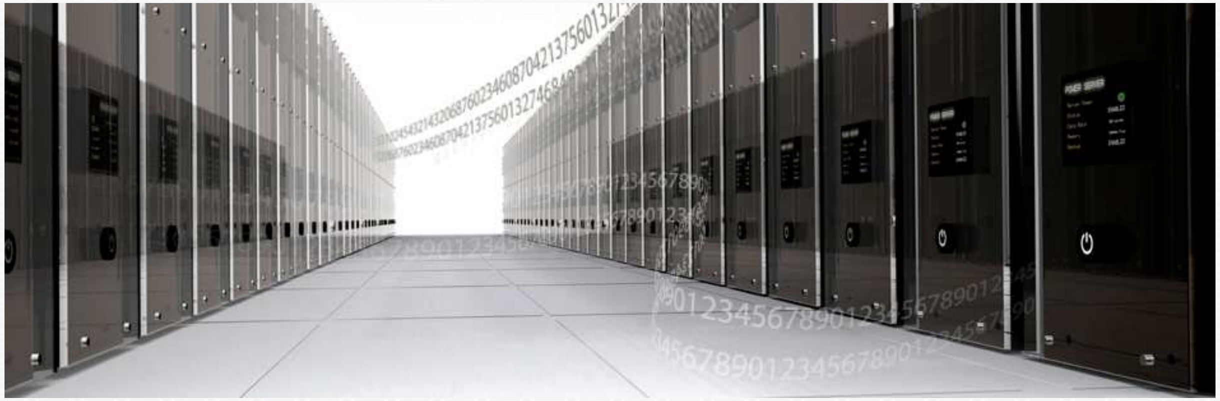
- **Which laws and regulations apply?**
  - Privacy Act, local Government etc
- **Which compliance requirements apply?**
  - PCI DSS, PA-DSS etc
- **What are the relevant (internal) policies and standards that apply?**
- **Where is you data being stored**
  - Are you really sure?
- **What about data jurisdiction?**
- **Is it on Megaupload?**

Access Controls

- **Does access need to be restricted? Clue: YES!**
  - By IP, MAC, username, other?
- **Who will have access?**
  - Customers, Service Desk, Third Parties etc
- **Do they really need admin access? No, REALLY?**
- **Is all access authenticated?**
  - Level of auth should reflect risks
  - How many different roles exist?

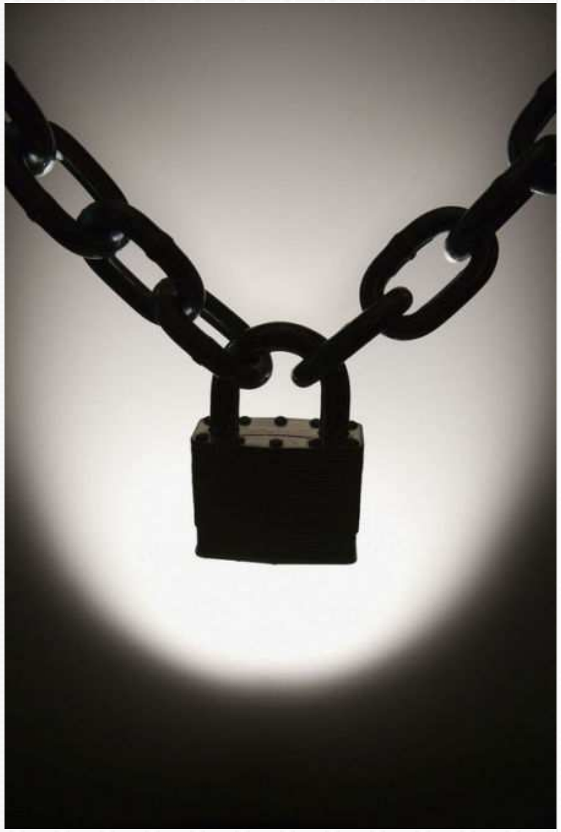
Technology Stack

- Are you innovating or replacing “like for like”?
- Is it technology that your organisation is prepared / able to support?
- Does it fit your IT strategy?
- Do you have enough staff to support it?
- Are your staff appropriately trained / skilled?
- Consider the future
  - Are you an SMB who could be the next TradeMe?



Security

- **Is it a consideration for every project?**
- **When does the engagement with the security team take place?**
  - Start early… keep in touch!
- **Does the investment in security match the project risks?**
  - Internal Wiki?
  - Online Share Trading?
  - Remote access?
- **Future enhancements could drastically change the security posture**



Third Parties

- Makes sense if you don’t have internal skills
- What standards do you require of your 3rd parties?
  - OWASP, PCI etc
- Do you check their references?
- Do you buy on price alone?
- Do YOUR 3rd parties outsource?
- CONTRACT – talk to legal and procurement early
  - Right to audit
  - SLAs
  - Code fixes and upgrades
  - Change control

End Environment

- **Is it internal or external facing?**
  - Access controls! (refer earlier slide)
- **Is it transactional?**
  - Could it be in the future?
- **Type of data?**
- **Value of data?**
  - What is the value to your Organisation?
  - What is the value to your Customers?
  - What is the value to an attacker?
- **What is the worst that can happen?**

Maintenance

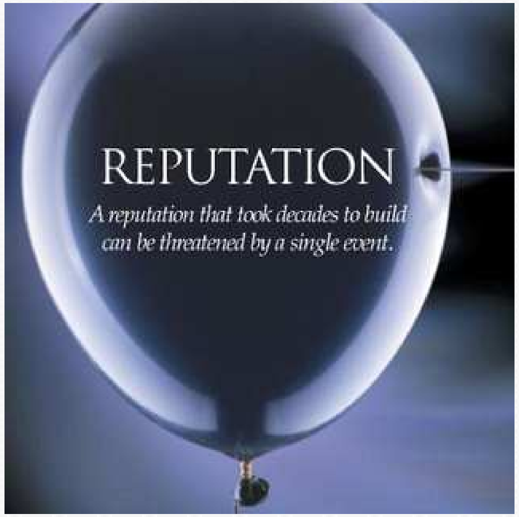
- **You’ve built it…. It’s gone live…**
- **Who maintains it?**
  - Internal / External?
  - SLAs
  - Do they understand the tech stack?
  - Are they up to date with threats and vulnerabilities?
- **You need to maintain your investment**
  - New threats evolve
  - It is cheaper to maintain than rebuild
- **Operational security processes**
  - Change Control
  - Vulnerability scanning,
  - Patching
  - Log review

Risk

- There is no such thing as 100% secure
- Understand your risks
  - Communicate them with the Business
- Start simple if you have nothing
  - Track risks on a risk register
- Use risk register to drive remediation budget
- Do you understand the real implications of the risks you are signing off
- Again… ask yourself and others…. What is the WORST thing that could happen?
  - The concept here, is not to spread fear, but to get team buy-in

Reputational Damage

- Ask your CEO how he/she would feel
  - To be on the front page of the NZ Herald
  - To be the feature story on the News at 6
  - Be on the Register for emailing out passwords to your conference
- Rebuilding a server is easier than rebuilding you reputation
  - Keeping it patched is even easier
- Marketing have great ideas
  - Balance them with your Security Pessimist!


REPUTATION
A reputation that took decades to build can be threatened by a single event.

Parting Thoughts

- **Make an attempt to bridge the gap between tech and management**
- **Balance the security controls**
  - Prevent – Detect – Correct
- **Point solutions are like the Maginot Line**
- **Laws and regulations are your friends**
  - Use them to improve security awareness and drive budgets
- **These 10 tips are just a tiny part of the security puzzle**

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