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Top security experts meet in Portugal to discuss the future of application security

Portugal, Lisbon, January 28, 2011 - The OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project) Global Summit, held in February 8th-11th in Lisbon, will bring together the most prominent experts in the area of web application security, with the purpose to further the development of the ongoing efforts in application security and to promote solutions that will help reduce the risks and the mistakes incurred by everyone who uses the Web as a workplace and as an information sharing tool – personal, corporate and governmental alike.

The Summit will consist of intensive and collaborative four-day working sessions across a variety of important topics to our industry such as metrics, browser security, cross-site scripting eradication, mitigation and secure coding.

What's at stake is tackling the threats of cybercrime, either by making clear that security breaches have high costs to organizations, either by explaining the heavy impact that privacy violation has on users.

More than 175 attendees are expected, from more than 20 countries, including top OWASP leaders and security gurus from Google, Mozilla, Microsoft, Paypal, Dell, Apache, Verizon, and many more.

These topics are of the utmost importance, due to the recent development of information systems and of the emergence of web 2.0 technologies, along with the corresponding increase in web applications and services, bringing forth so many implications regarding security and privacy. Never in our lives have we had so much critical personal information being so dependent and simultaneously so threatened by software and web applications (example: Facebook)

Despite the growing investments in security processes and techniques, the truth is we are in a critical situation. AppSecs still have massive vulnerabilities caused by the multiplicity of tasks and/or tools while vendors and clients lack the awareness to address the issue. These are two weaknesses that are obviously leading to increasingly malicious attackers

Given the general lack of awareness we can question what scenario would ultimately drive people or governments to take action. Widespread identity theft? Financial collapse? Mass logistic failure? Loss of critical information? Medical Systems Exploitation? Fraud? Paralyzed public institutions?

OWASP challenges application security leaders and industry players to share their expertise, experience and point of views to help reinforce web application security.

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About OWASP

The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) is an open-source application security project. The OWASP community includes corporations, educational organizations, and individuals from around the world. This community works voluntarily to create freely-available articles, methodologies, documentation, tools, and technologies. The OWASP Foundation is a charitable organization that supports and manages OWASP projects and infrastructure.

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