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THE 99¢ HEART SURGEON DILEMMA

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WAR AGAINST TERROR
PUTIN IN GERMANY FOR
ANTI-TERROR TALKS



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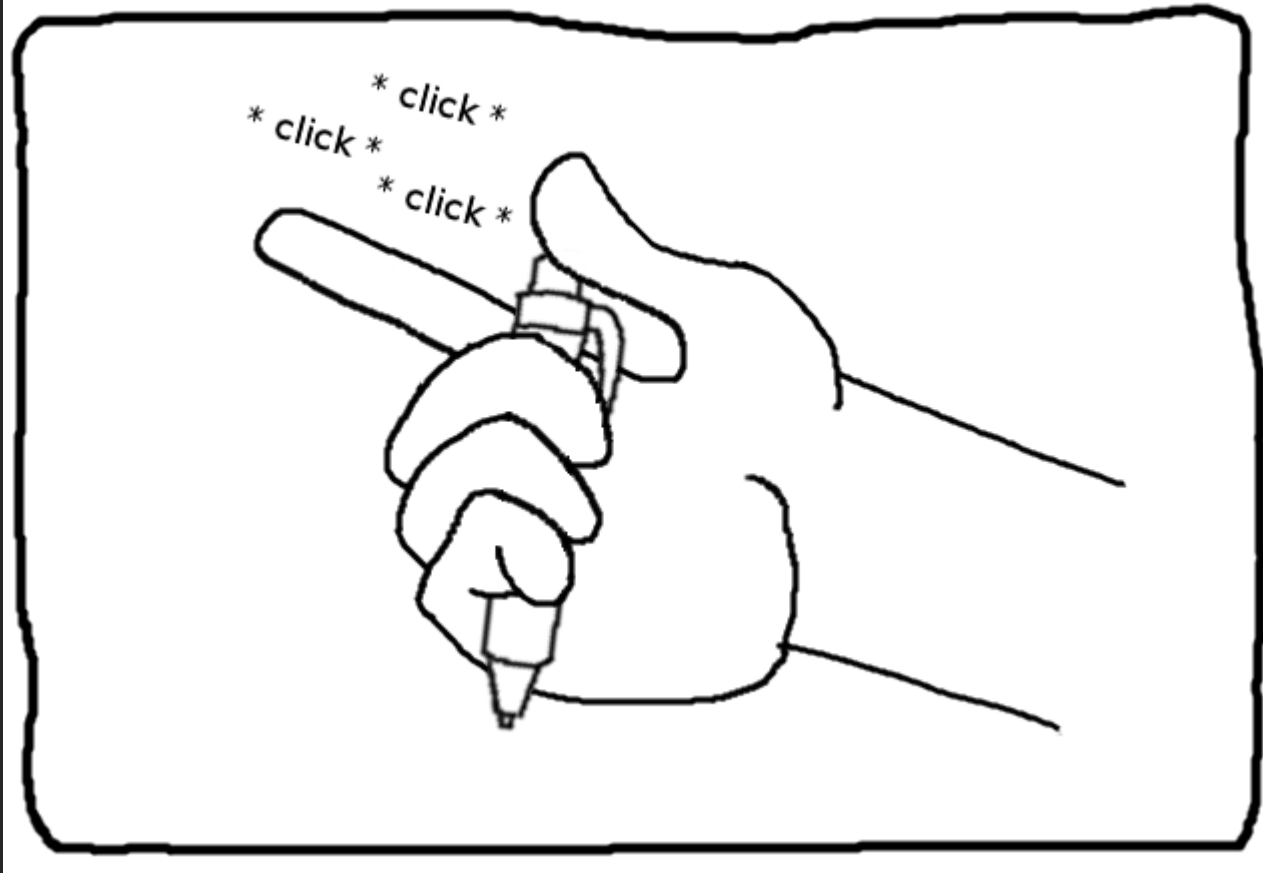


The 99¢ heart surgeon dilemma



Pen Testing?

Pen-testing is overrated



Judging a painter is easy...

Good



Bad



This is how most of our clients see us

Good

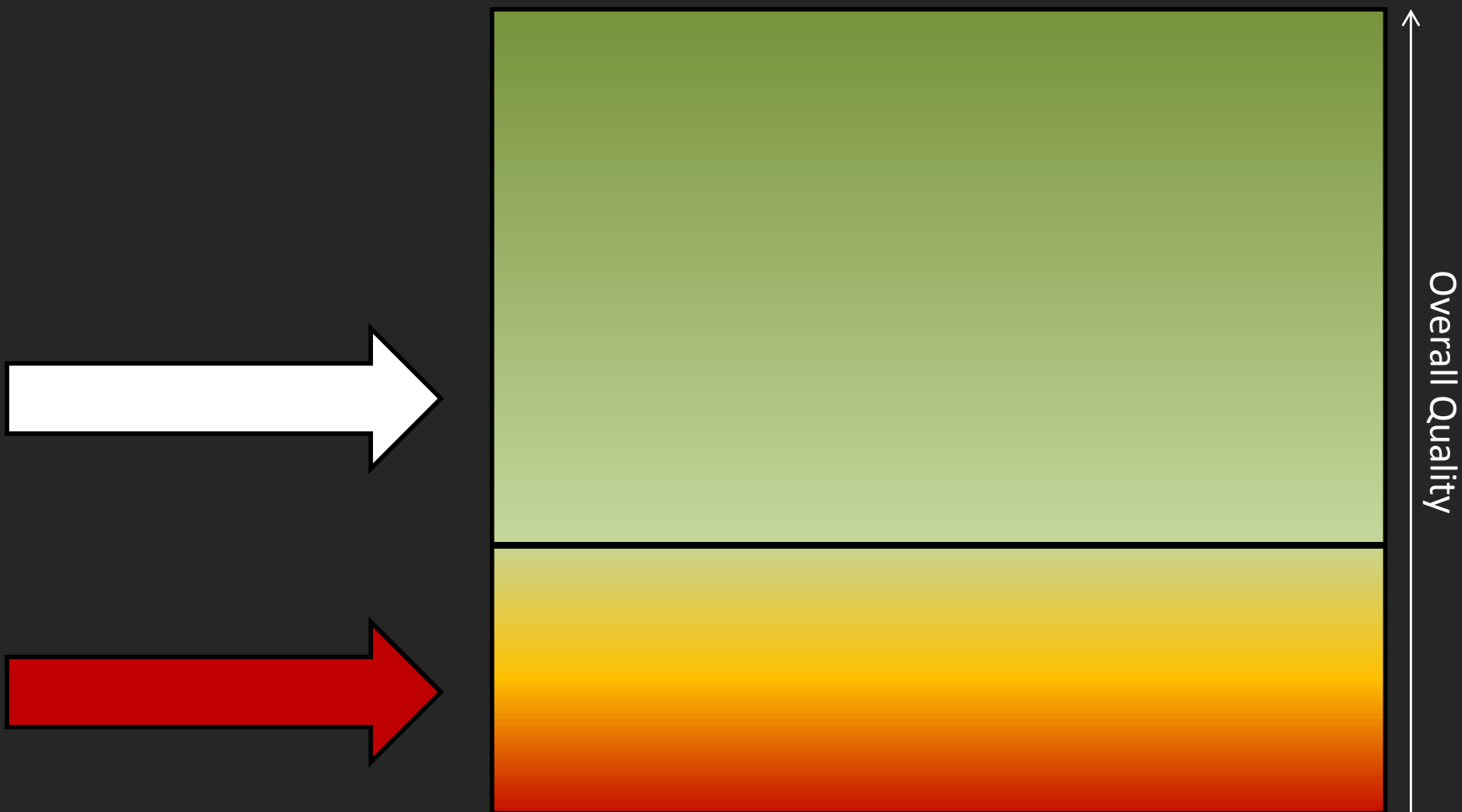


Bad






Killing «bad» pentesting



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Bombs?!

Cross Site Scripting in

„http://intranet.████████/web/search.aspx“

Durch die fehlerhafte Eingabevalidierung des Parameters „s“ kann beliebiger Scriptcode zur Ausführung gebracht werden.



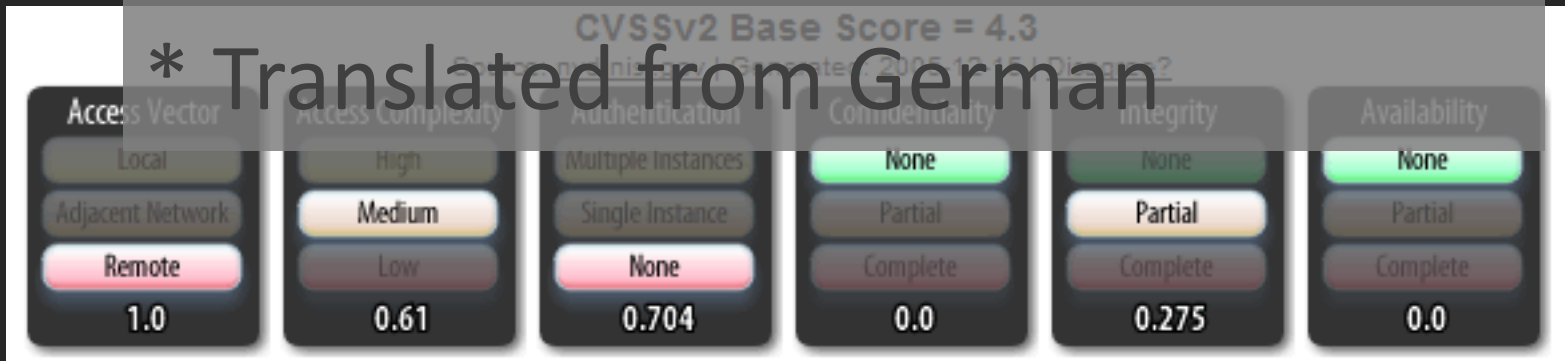
«Due to the incorrect input validation of the parameter «s», arbitrary script code can be executed.»

Impact Metrics?

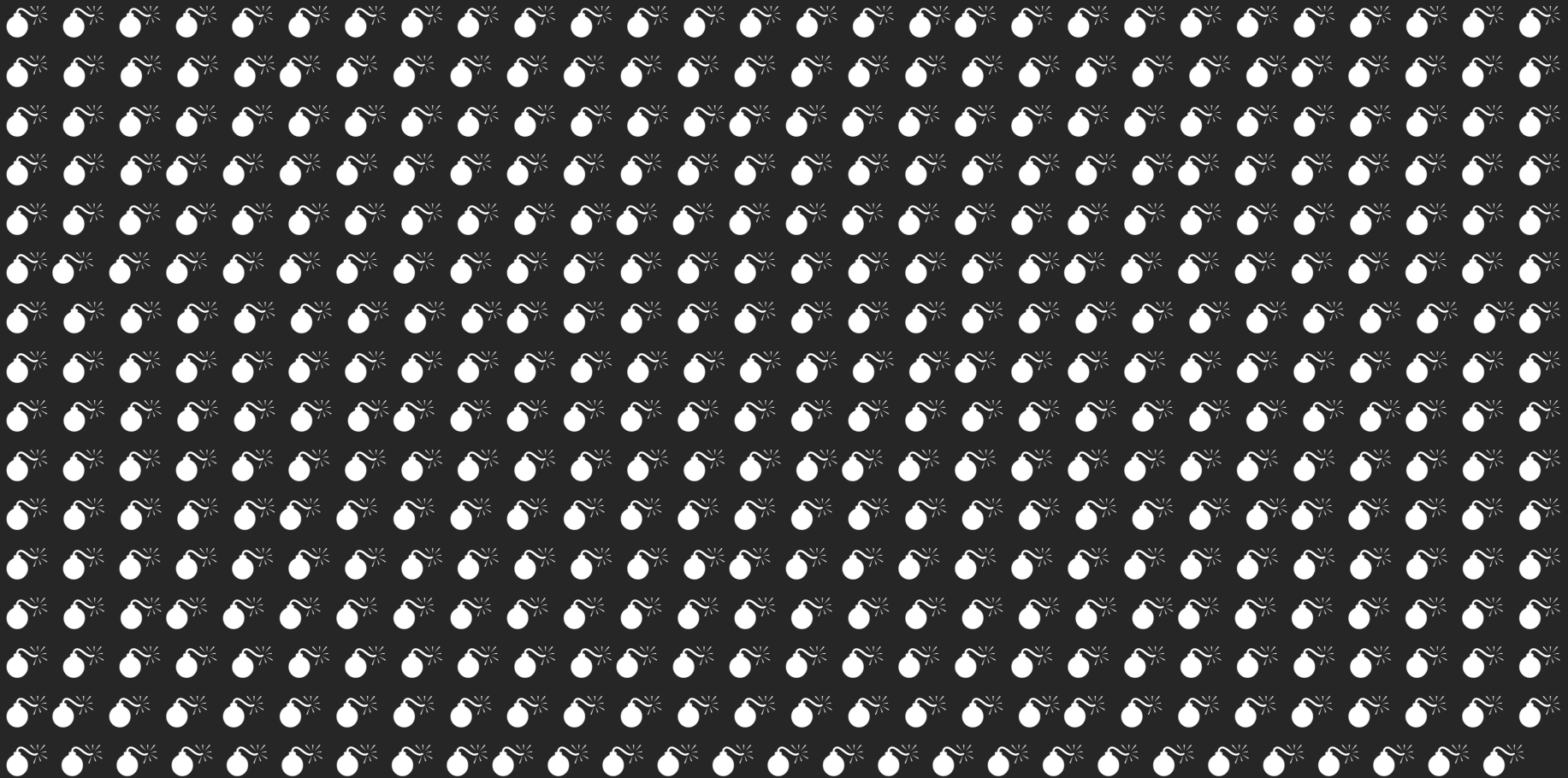
«The amount of bombs depends on the danger the vulnerability causes. (...) There is no upper limit.»*



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MS08-067: Microsoft Windows Server Service RPC Handling Remote Code Execution Vulnerability



Fat Fingers

We tested the complete IP range ████.231.████.1/24 supplied by the customer.

Based on the results, we can clearly state that the target range has a high level of security, since no services are supplied and only few hosts are available from the internet.

10.231.0.1/24

- 10.213.0.1/24

9 Days – Wasted.

How can we improve?

SCOPE!

Things that don't exist:

- Unicorns
- Imaginary childhood friends
- A decent Metallica album after 1991
- «No Scope»

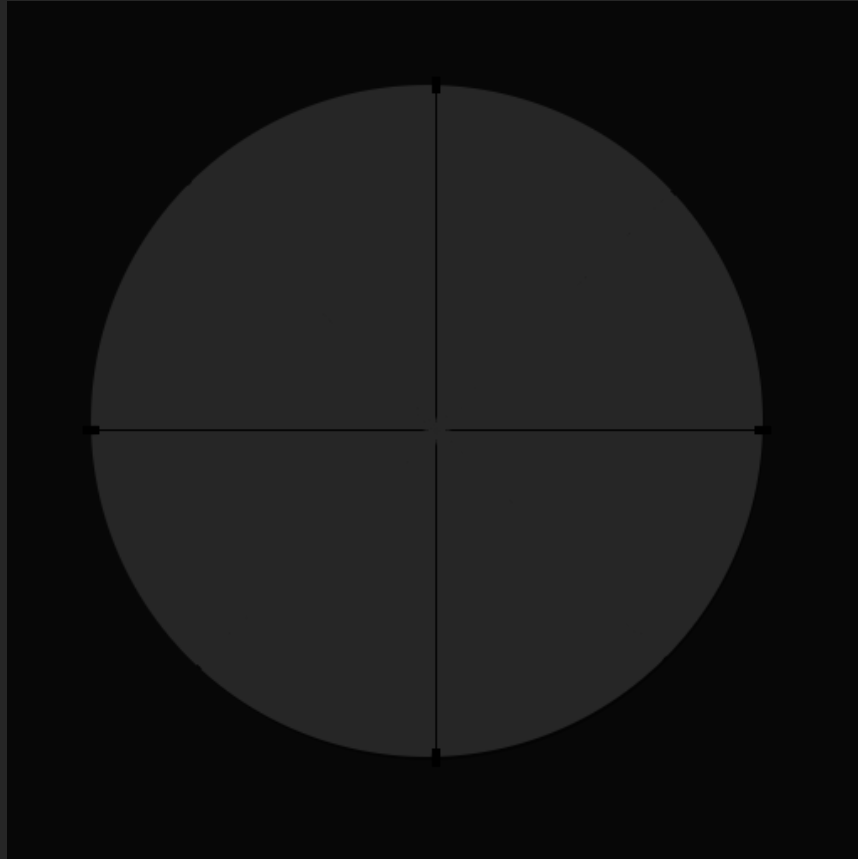
Scope



Time/Effort



Money



Out of Scope

Work with the client.

Things get a lot easier...

Confrontation

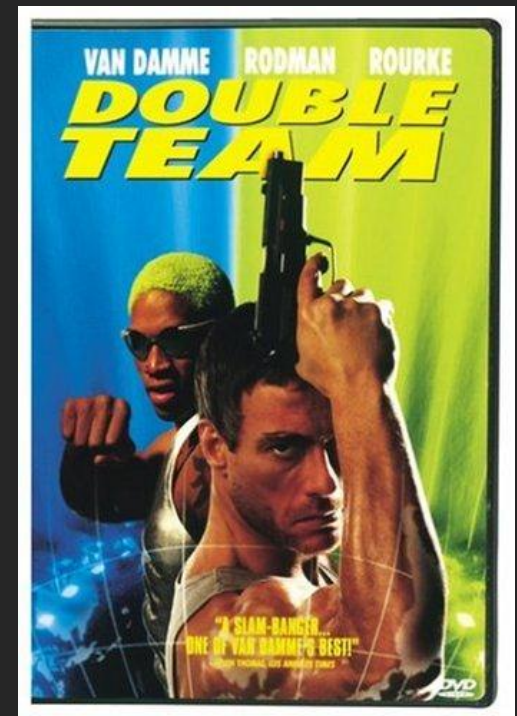


CONFRONTATION

Depending on your adversary, it's not always a good idea.

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Working together



Talk to the suits.



Scanning is stupid.

Scanner Monkey Mode

run nmap
run nessus/nexpose
run Metasploit/Core/Canvas
db_autopwn (...)
Root as much as you can.

Real World Mode

Send well-crafted phishing mail
Compromise client
Beacon out on tcp/443
Exfiltrate data

**Get to the heart of the
company.**

Scratching on the surface...



Help killing bad pentesting.

<http://www.pentest-standard.org>

Check out the PTES-G!

... and come party with us at Blackhat/Defcon/BSidesLV

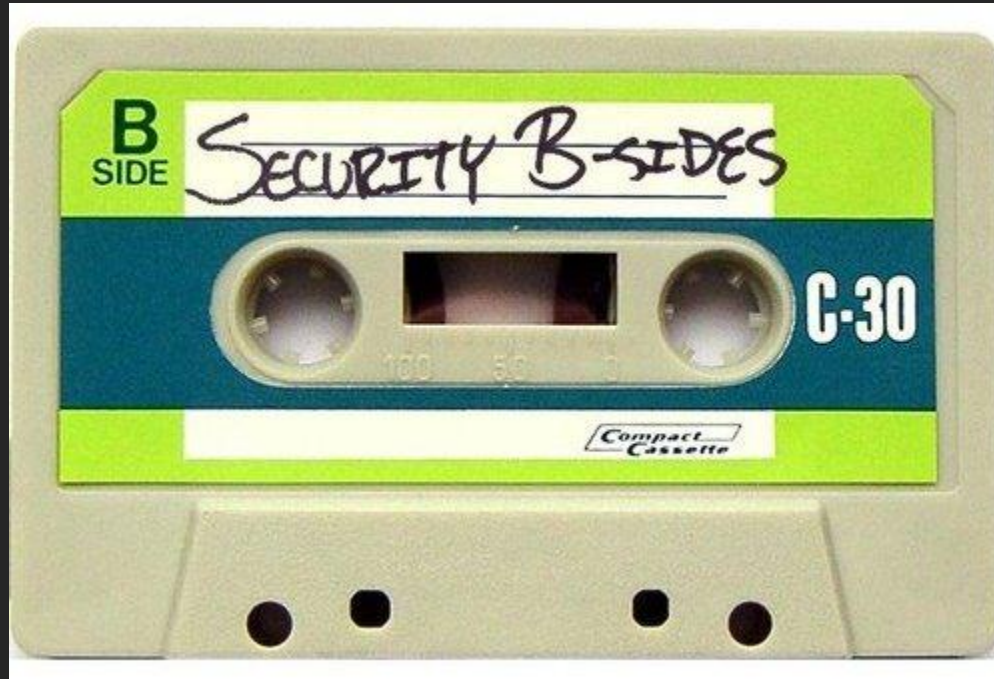
One last thing...

«We were unable to complete the task because it [the website] was too big.»

Thank you, Ben Jackson!

<http://code.google.com/p/weblabyrinth/>

Thank you.



The hashdays 2011 conference will be held on October 26th - 29th 2011
Lucerne, Switzerland
CFP is still open...