

How safe am I? Choosing the right security tool for the job!

There is an abundance of security tools out there: network scanners, dynamic and static analysis tools, fuzzing tools, etc. However, it is not always easy to determine which tool is best at finding what, and choosing the wrong security tools can not only result in providing useless results, but also result in creating an excessive burden for the organization trying to clear “false positives.” In this session, you will learn about the many types of security tools available to your organization, how to select the proper tools, and how to use these tools in the most effective fashion to assess your on-premises and cloud security posture.

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Program Agenda

- 1 Challenge: too many things, too little time!
- 2 Testing new deployments: finding misconfigurations and proper use of pen-testing
- 3 Testing new code: using dynamic analysis
- 4 Testing new code: using static analysis
- 5 Conclusion and call to action!

How Safe Am I?

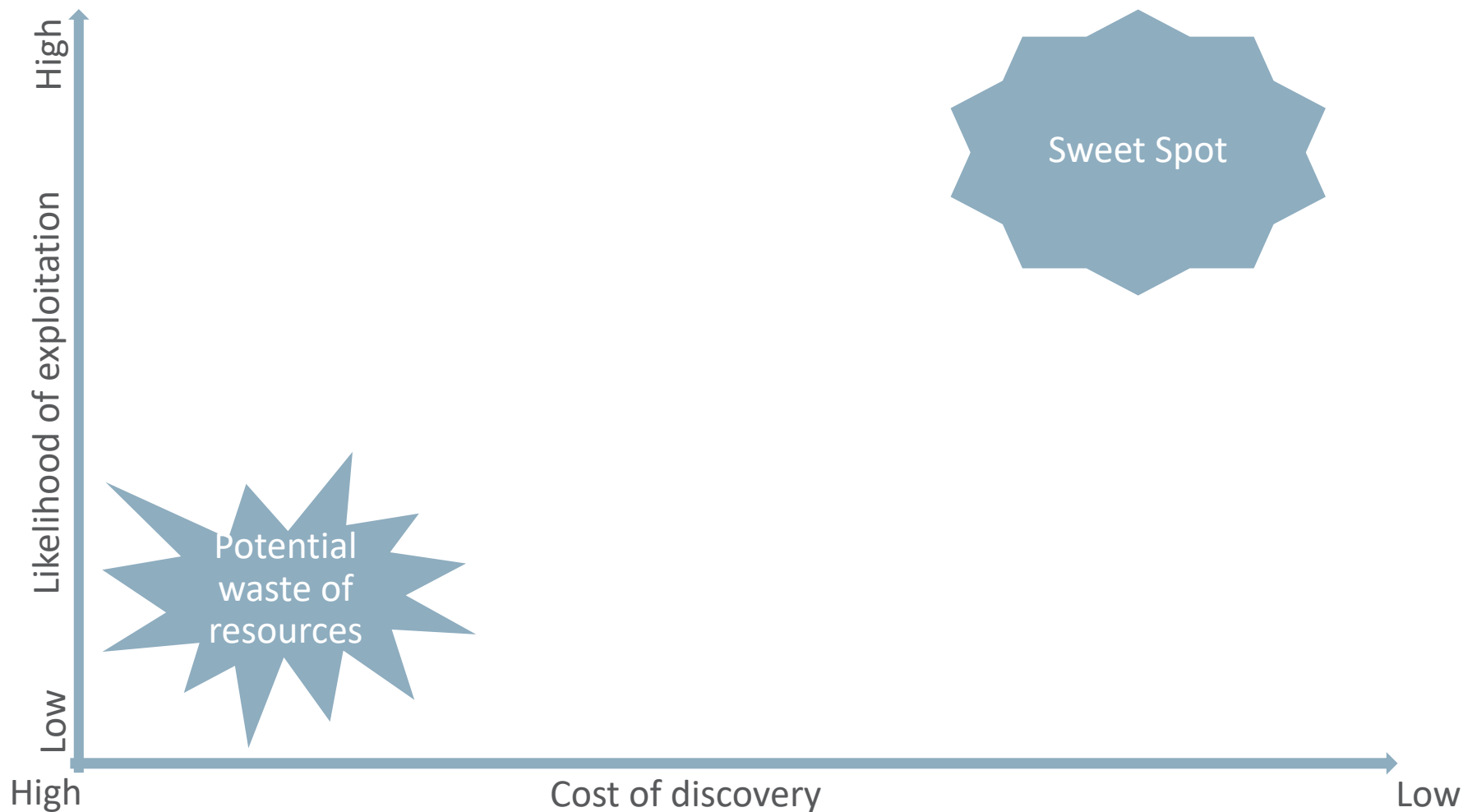
- It is very important to periodically assess your security posture...
 - Security testing should not be performed solely against new deployments
 - Periodic testing against the whole production environment will help detect “creeping problems” such as unwanted configuration changes and unpatched vulnerabilities
 - And then... Do you really know what vulnerable components may be used throughout your environment?
 - Newly-deployed and existing systems may make use of obsolete and vulnerable components (e.g., OpenSSL, GNU Bash, etc.)

How Safe Am I?....Really, How Safe Am I?

- ...But production requirements are resource and time-consuming
 - Security testing takes the backseat to production
 - Time-to-market considerations often result in rushing new applications without proper testing
 - Operation staff may feel that security testing is the responsibility of the corporate security and audit staff
 - While hoping that nothing is found on the next security audit!!!

Challenge: “Getting the Best Bang for Your Bucks!”

Obviously, you want to spend your security testing resources finding likely exploitable vulnerabilities at the lowest possible cost.

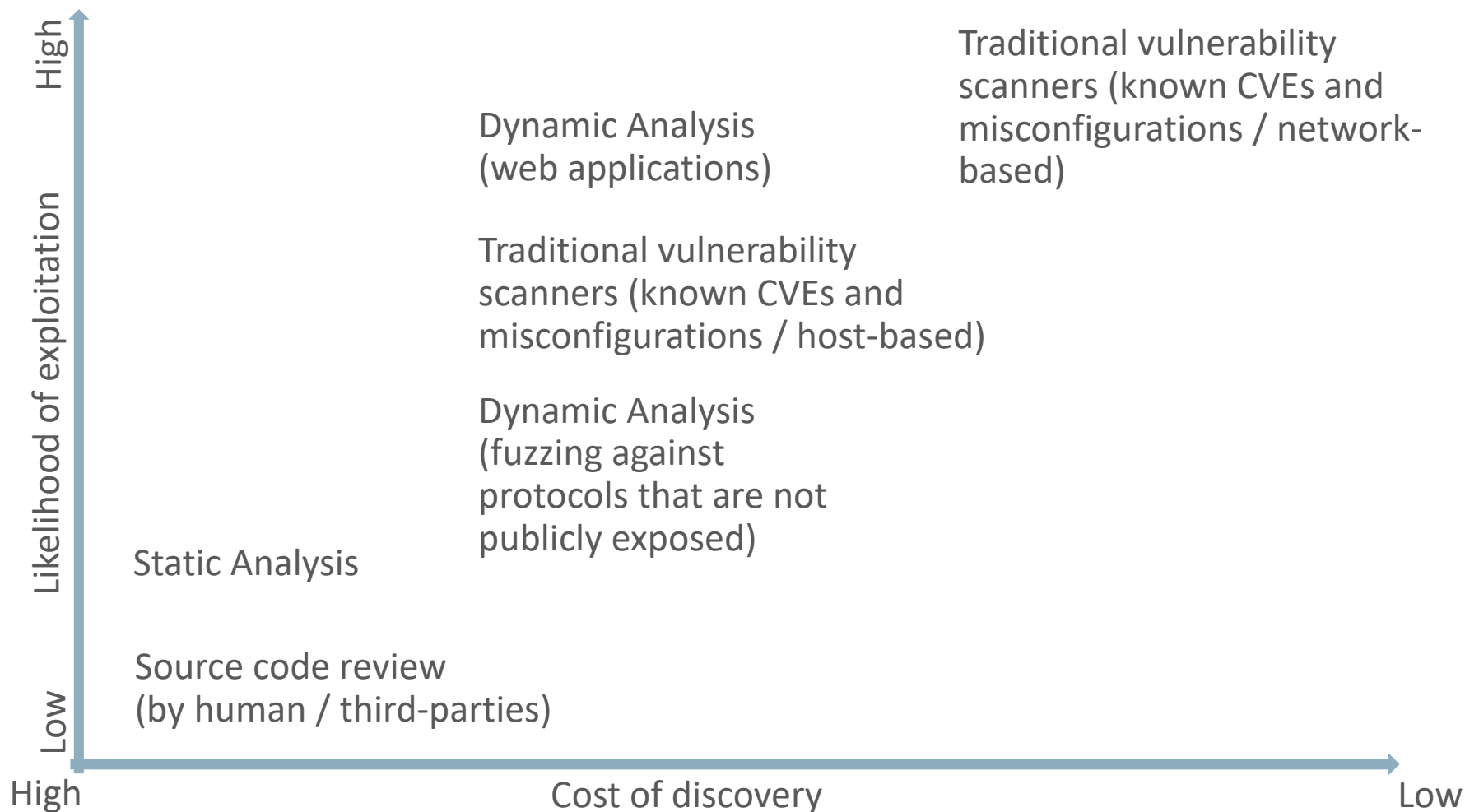


How Easily Can You Find Security Issues?

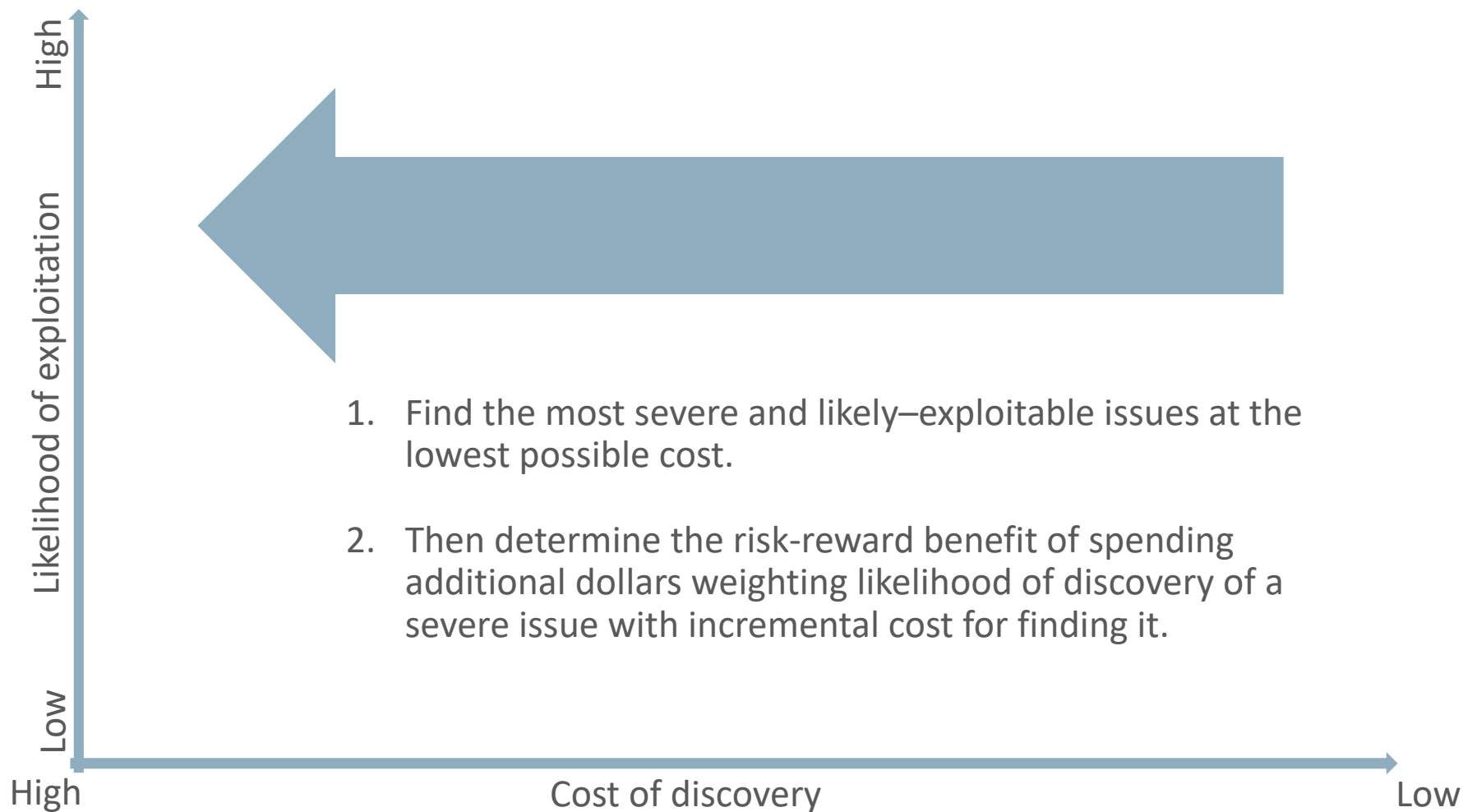
	Known vulnerabilities	Errors and misconfigurations	Hidden vulnerabilities and new vectors (i.e., 0-days)
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpatched vulnerabilities • Known vulnerable components • Publicly-disclosed vulnerabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Default account passwords • Use of vulnerable protocols (e.g., obsolete crypto) • Improper permissions (files, user privileges) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New exploit vectors (e.g., exploit of undocumented interfaces) • New and previously undisclosed vulnerabilities
How can they typically be found?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory scans / patch discovery • Leaked information • Network scanners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network scanners • Review product deployment specs. • Pen testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static analysis / code review • Dynamic testing/Fuzzing • Expert “hacking” skills
Who can typically find them?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrators • Auditors • Pen testers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrators • Auditors • Pen testers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of static/dynamic analysis tools • Expert hackers

Challenge: the Picture for Traditional IT Shop

Pen-testing and ethical hacking engagements will yield various benefits based on a number of factors.

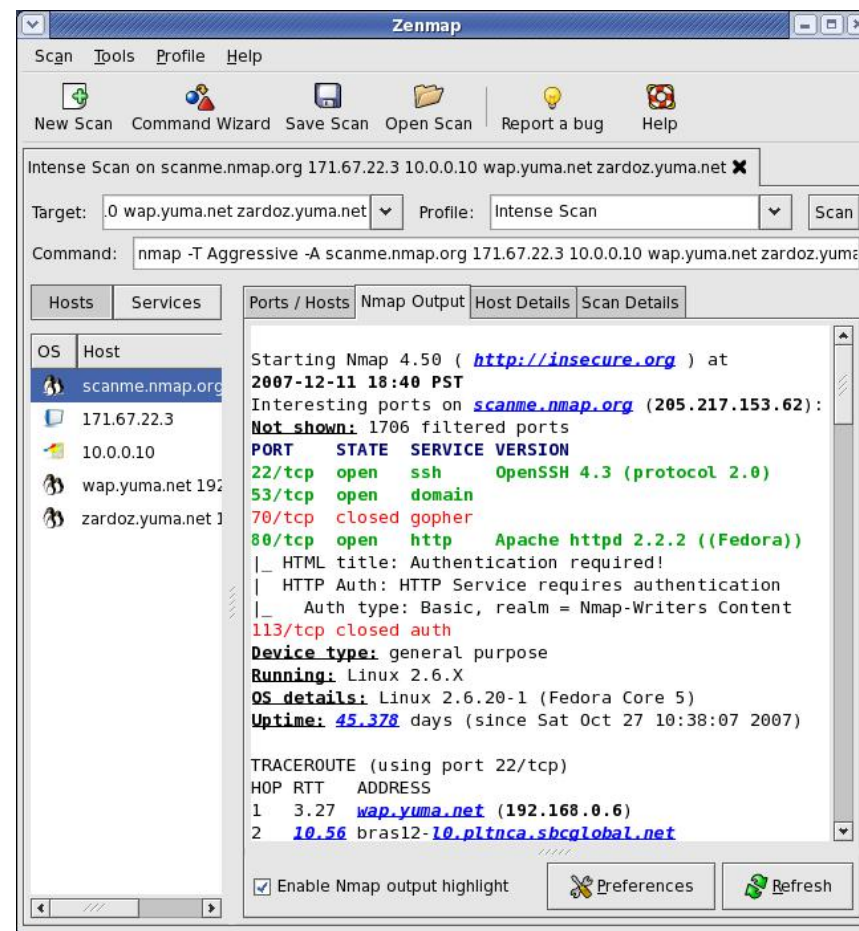


Challenge: Prioritizing Security Testing Activities?



Start With the Basics! Network Scanning Tools

- Widely-available tools (e.g., NMAP) allow script-kiddies to quickly detect vulnerable systems
- Helps define “best” payload
- ... And don't forget Google!
 - inurl:”viewerframe?mode=motion”
 - inurl:”admin.php”
 - Etc.



Go After Known Bugs!

- Generally, publishing security patches means:
 - Vulnerabilities become quickly known to potential attackers
 - Weaponization begins
 - “Nearby” vulnerabilities are identified
 - Weaponized attack scripts will be published with configurable payloads
- Continued use of unpatched vulnerable components creates critical risks
 - Script kiddies can attack and can select payloads
- Many “Patch Inventory Tools” can report lack of applied, published fixes in specific products distributions or their components
- Increasing numbers of industry groups demand quick deployment of published security fixes

Use of Patch Inventory Tools and Facilities

- Reports of published fixes that have not been applied
 - Both full products and internal components
 - Biggest bang for the buck: Easy remediation and high risk due to public knowledge
 - Published fixes are attacker focus, especially in widely used components
- But, many patch inventory tools are new and have significant issues
 - False negatives (i.e. not comprehensive)
 - False positives due to poor identification of component release versions
 - “False positives” because component defects are not exploitable via the application

Product Misconfigurations Are Significant Risks

- After applying published security fixes, next address misconfiguration
- Bad actors read security guides to identify best attack strategies
 - Attackers know that users often fail to follow the recommended configuration advice
 - Vendors respond by providing “secure by default” deployments
 - For compatibility reasons, sites sometimes change defaults to less secure and obsolete configurations – these should be remediated as soon as possible
 - Quick and dirty configuration changes made for interoperability, quick enhancement or testing reasons often have very high risk factors
- Configuration issues can be as easily exploitable as known vulnerabilities
 - Less than secure deployments made for compatibility reasons are chronic targets
 - Sometimes the customer base must be inconvenienced (e.g. white lists)

Patch and Configuration Tools

The screenshot shows the QualysGuard Enterprise interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The page title is "Scan History - Mozilla Firefox". The browser address bar shows "https://qualysguard[REDACTED]". The interface includes a navigation menu with "Dashboard", "Scans", "Reports", "Remediation", "Assets", "KnowledgeBase", and "Users". The "Scans" section is active, with sub-tabs for "Scans", "Maps", "Schedules", "Appliances", "Option Profiles", "Authentication", "Search Lists", and "Setup". A table displays scan history with columns: Title, Targets, User, Reference, Date, and Status. The "User" column is redacted with a black box. The table contains 10 rows of scan data.

Title	Targets	User	Reference	Date	Status
SA-17-05526_3024_3025_CLM_Release_17.6 - auth check 20170807	152.69.39.98, 152.69.88.151	[REDACTED]	scan/1502110370.97473	08/07/2017	Finished
SA-17-05526_3024_3025_CLM_Release_17.6 - auth check	152.69.39.98, 152.69.88.153	[REDACTED]	scan/1502107084.97472	08/07/2017	Finished
SA-17-05337_2959_OVM_Tech_Refresh_for_APRF_Application 20170713	10.236.135.194, 10.236.135.196, 10.236.142.11...	[REDACTED]	scan/1499947668.96418	07/13/2017	Finished
SA-17-05337_2959_OVM_Tech_Refresh_for_APRF_Application	10.236.135.194, 10.236.135.196, 10.236.142.11...	[REDACTED]	scan/1499945267.96409	07/13/2017	Finished
SEMS_21507 - full scan	10.250.92.112	[REDACTED]	scan/1493896561.93315	05/04/2017	Finished
SEMS_21507 - auth check	10.250.92.112	[REDACTED]	scan/1493894389.93314	05/04/2017	Finished
SA-16-04456/2700 - auth check - 20161213	140.85.41.60, 140.85.107.175, 140.85.170.234	[REDACTED]	scan/1481630083.87348	12/13/2016	Finished
SA-16-04456/2700 - auth check	140.85.41.60, 140.85.107.175, 140.85.170.234	[REDACTED]	scan/1481629500.87347	12/13/2016	Finished
S Meert - SEMS 16542 - auth/full	140.85.53.154, 141.146.154.168	[REDACTED]	scan/1479474611.86425	11/18/2016	Finished
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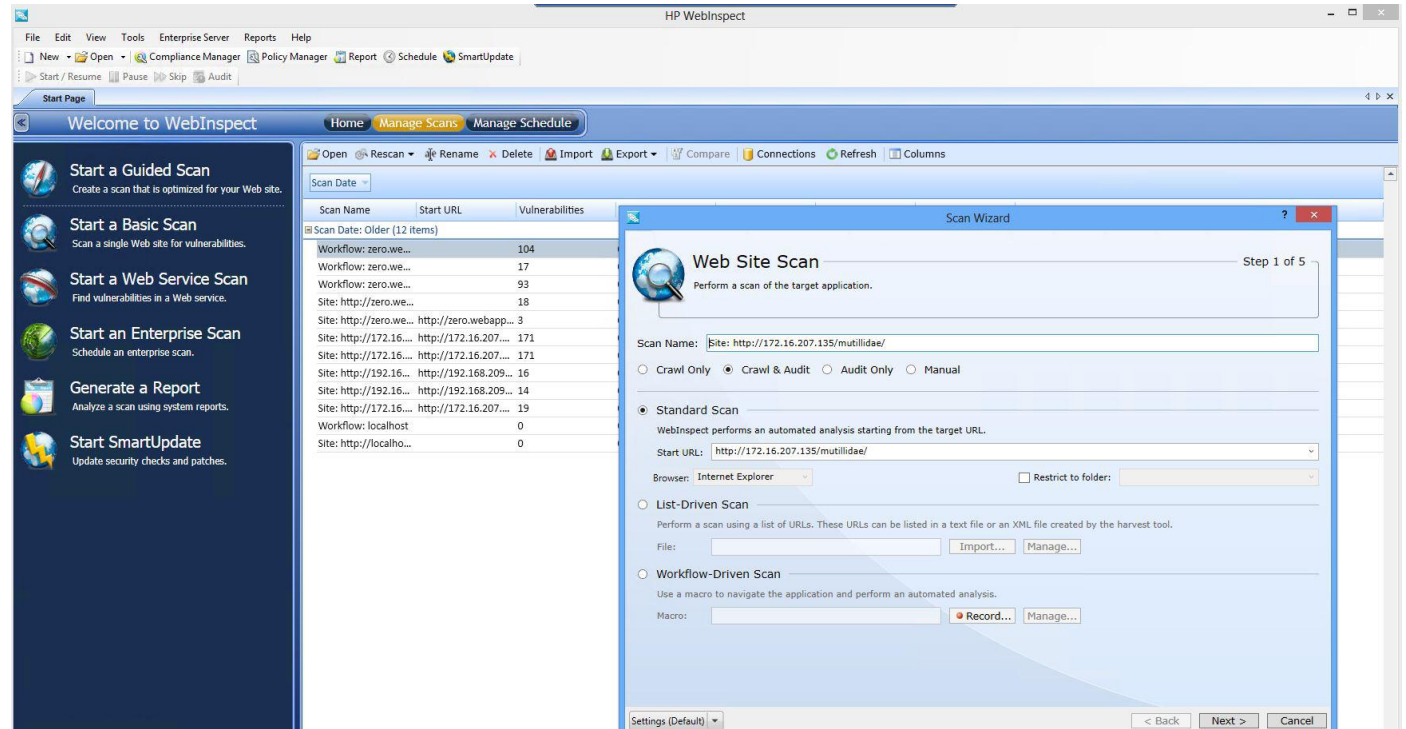


A Few Words About Pen-Testing

- Prior sections discussed patch application and correcting configurations
 - All customers can apply published fixes and correct their product configurations
 - No experts required!!!
- Some customers have expertise and resources to employ comprehensive static and dynamic tests while others will rely on pen-testers (consultants)
- For customers with expertise and resources, best testing sequence is:
 - Dynamic tests first (discussed next)
 - Static tests next
 - Finally Penetration Testers should be employed (pen-testers should always be used, but more on that later)

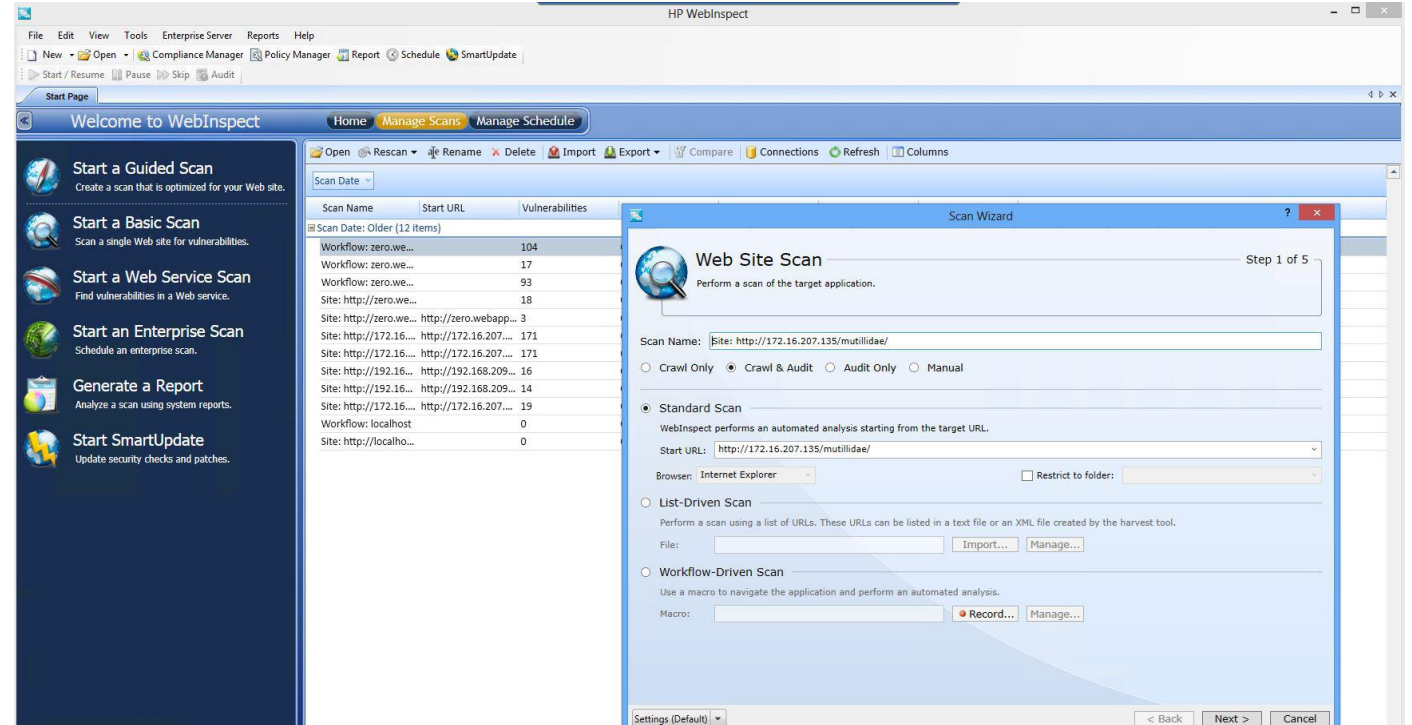
Dynamic Testing

- Test should be against actual deployment configurations
- Tests can be generic – not specific to applications
 - Fuzzers (Both network and UI) are a subset of this category
 - Configuration testers (e.g., SSLv2 not allowed)
 - Urgency is high since exploiter can run such tools also



Dynamic Testing, cont.

- Tests can be specific to an application and to detect regressions
 - Include regression tests (does application still fix security errors)
 - Can have specialized instrumentation to detect load, lock conflict or other issues
 - Can be run as part of change check-in (recommended)



Static Testing

- Analysis of source code
 - requires source code be available
- Tools can be expensive
 - Some tools require lots of expert IT customization to become effective
 - False positive can be major issue until IT gains expertise for use

The screenshot displays the Fortify Audit Workbench interface. The main window shows the source code of a Java file named `EightBall.java`. The code is as follows:

```
1 import java.io.FileReader;
2
3 public class EightBall {
4     public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception {
5         char[] buffer = new char[1024];
6         String filename = args[0];
7         try {
8             filename = "" + (Integer.parseInt(filename) % 3);
9         } catch (Exception e) {
10            System.out.println("Invalid input.");
11        }
12        new FileReader(filename).read(buffer);
13        System.out.println(buffer);
14    }
15 }
16 }
```

The interface shows a 'High (3)' severity issue. The 'Analysis Evidence' panel lists the following findings:

- EightBall.java:4 - main(0)
- EightBall.java:6 - Assignment to filename
- EightBall.java:8 - parseInt(0) - return
- EightBall.java:8 - Assignment to filename
- EightBall.java:12 - FileReader(0)

The 'Summary' panel shows the issue details for 'Path Manipulation (Input Validation and Representation, Data Flow)'. The description states: 'Attackers can control the filesystem path argument to `FileReader(0)` at `EightBall.java` line 12, which allows them to access or modify otherwise protected files.'

Static Testing, cont.

- But, static testing is much less expensive per vulnerability discovered than pen-testers or code review
- Exploiters can't perform static testing unless they have source available

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The 'Issue: EightBall.java:12 (Path Manipulation)' pane provides a detailed description:

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Penetration Testing

- Pen testing can be a very valuable exercise
 - If performed against a deployment that closely mirrors your production environment
 - If performed after patches applied and configuration is secure
 - If performed after vulnerabilities discovered by automated means are remediated (which pen-testing organizations can run on behalf of customers)
- Pen testing can yield high-value findings
 - Complex attacks involving multiple components may be difficult to uncover with automated tools but may be discovered by penetration testers
 - New vulnerabilities not yet discoverable via automated tools may be discovered
 - Again, all organizations should employ pen-testers

What should you do if you think you have discovered a security bug in an Oracle product?

- For Customers
 - One SR per vulnerability with proof of concept (POC)
 - Security tools reports should be verified (e.g., through POC) before submitting SR
 - POC not required for published fixes in 3rd party components known to be part of product (POC is self-evident)
- For Researchers
 - Contact secalert_us@oracle.com
 - We encourage use of encryption via our public key
<http://www.oracle.com/technology/deploy/security/alerts.htm>