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# Penetration Testing

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# About us

WHO WE ARE



# Who am I



## PROFESSIONAL

- Software Engineer
  - (Cloud) Security Engineer/Consultant/Architect
  - Leadership, company management
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- 10.2021 - collective
  - 09.2013 - 09.2021 - Swisscom
    - Software Engineer
    - Security Consultant / Engineer
    - Head of Security-Delivery @ Group Security

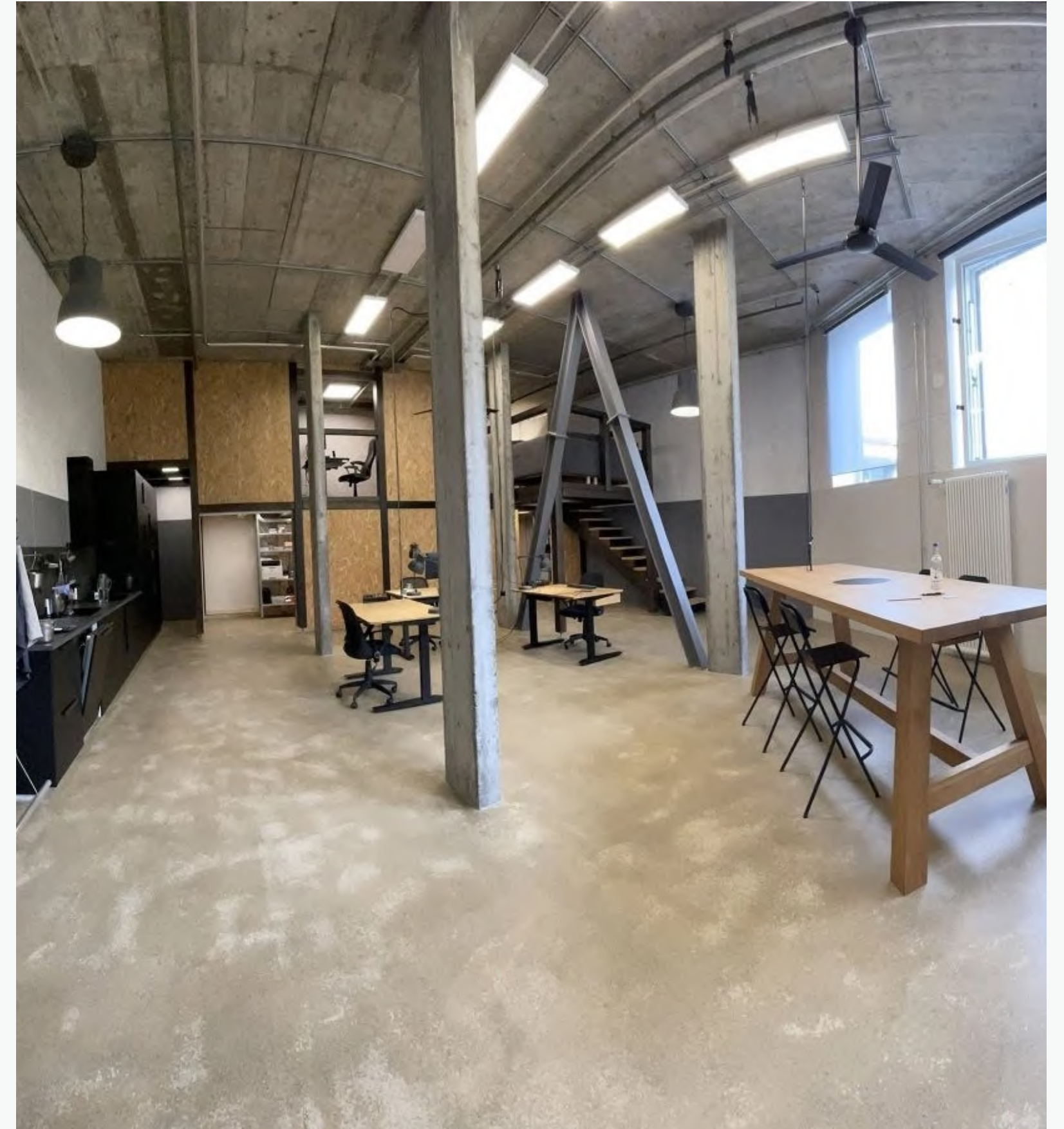
## PRIVATE

- Family
- Sports enthusiast
- CTF player

WHO WE ARE

# cy//ective

- Founded in Switzerland, 2013
- Privately held «Security Boutique»
- Offensive Security Services
- Highly technical expertise
- Contributing to the community



# Management Team



**SOPHUS  
SIEGENTHALER**

Founder, Managing Partner,  
IT-Security Engineer/Consultant

**Focus:** Network Security, Mac,  
Azure, CISOaaS, Consulting, Threat  
Modeling, DFIR, etc.



**MANUEL  
CIANCI**

Managing Partner,  
IT-Security Architect

**Focus:** Cloud Security, Mobile  
Applications, AWS, CISOaaS,  
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# Penetration Testing

## DEFINITION





# PENETRATION TEST

# Penetration Tester



What my parents think I do



What users think I do



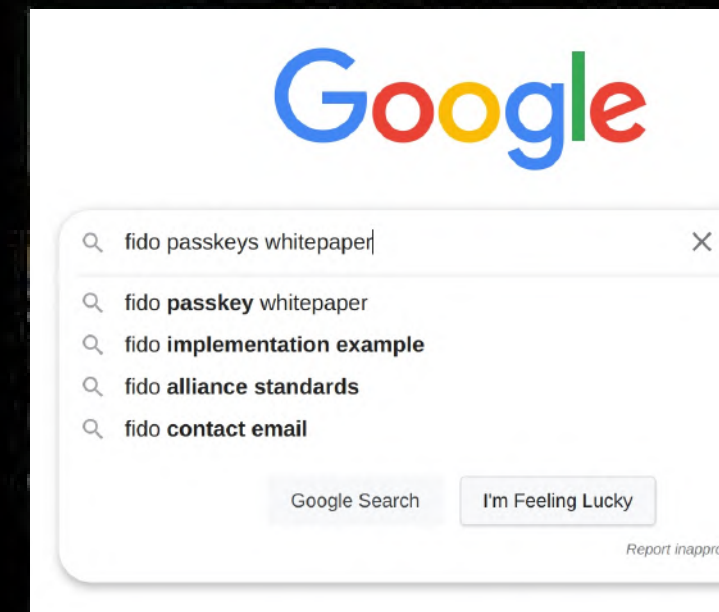
What society thinks I do



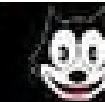
What my boss thinks I do



What IT managers think I do



What I actually do





# What is Penetration Testing

## 1. Definition:

- A simulated cyber attack against a system, application, or network.

## 2. Objective:

- Identify vulnerabilities before malicious actors do.

## 3. Ethical Hacking:

- Conducted by professionals with consent.

## 4. Comprehensive View:

- Uncovers weaknesses and deep insights across technology, processes, and people.

## 5. Different Flavors / Customized Attacks:

- Blackbox, Greybox, Whitebox Penetration Testing
- Red/Purple Teaming, with and without Social Engineering

# Why is Penetration Testing important?

## 1. Proactive Security:

- Identify and fix vulnerabilities before they're exploited.

## 2. Regulatory Compliance:

- Some industries mandate regular testing.

## 3. Trust & Reputation:

- Maintain customer and stakeholder confidence.

## 4. Evolving Threat Landscape:

- Constantly changing cyber threats require regular assessments.

## 5. Reduce Costs:

- Early detection can prevent costly breaches.

## 6. Education:

- Helps IT and developers understand real-world attack scenarios.

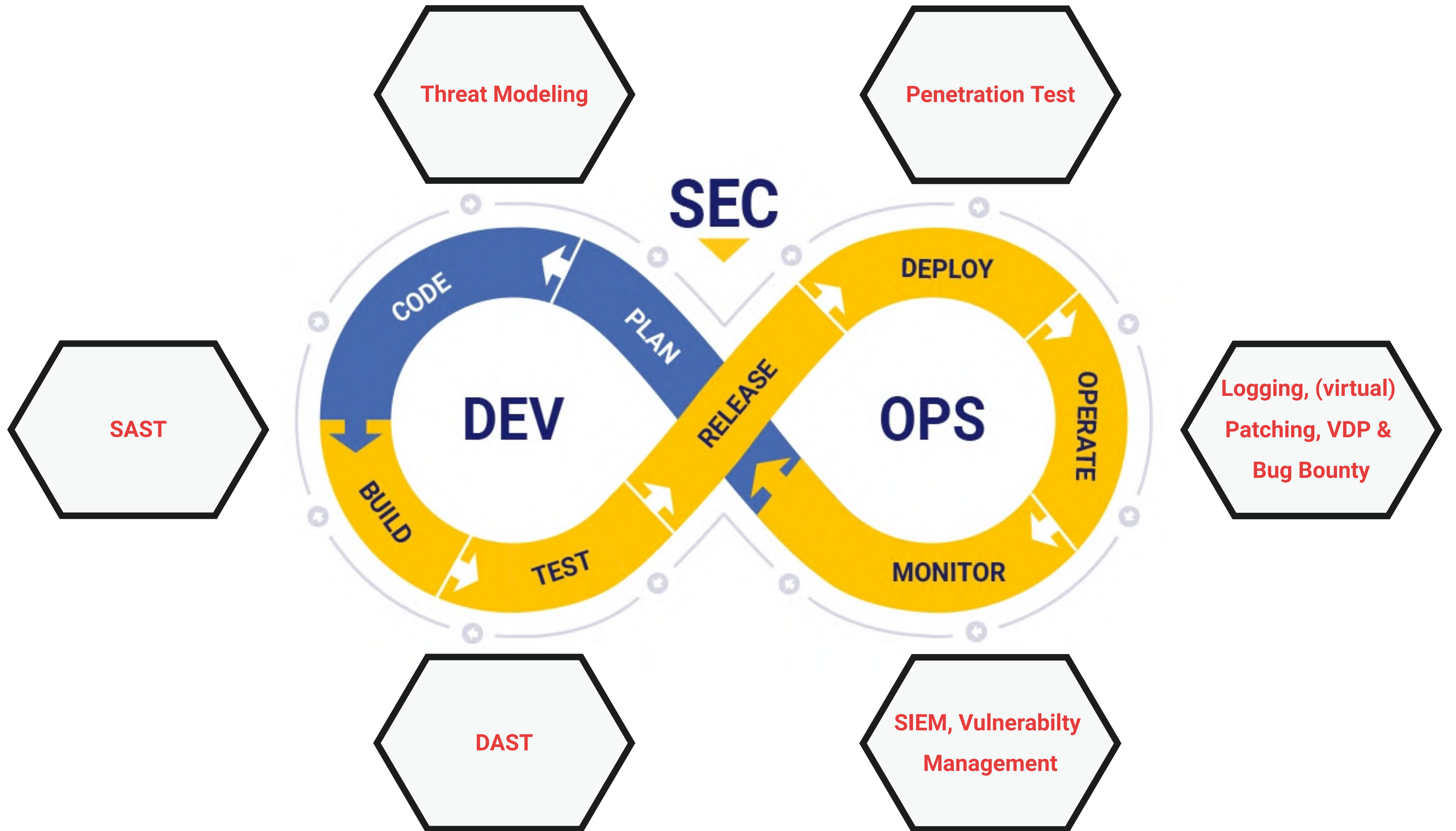
## 7. Risk Management:

- Provides a clear picture of current security posture and potential risks.



# How to secure your applications

STAY PRACTICAL

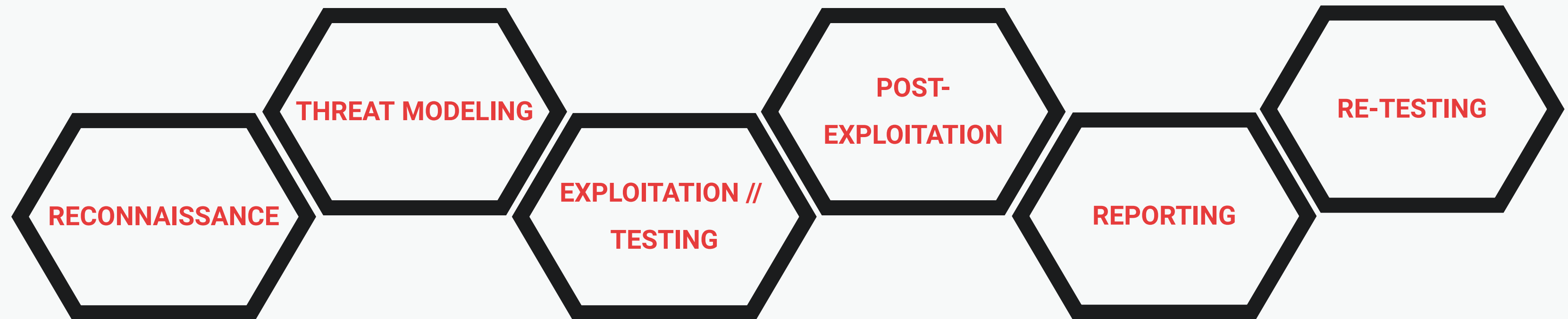




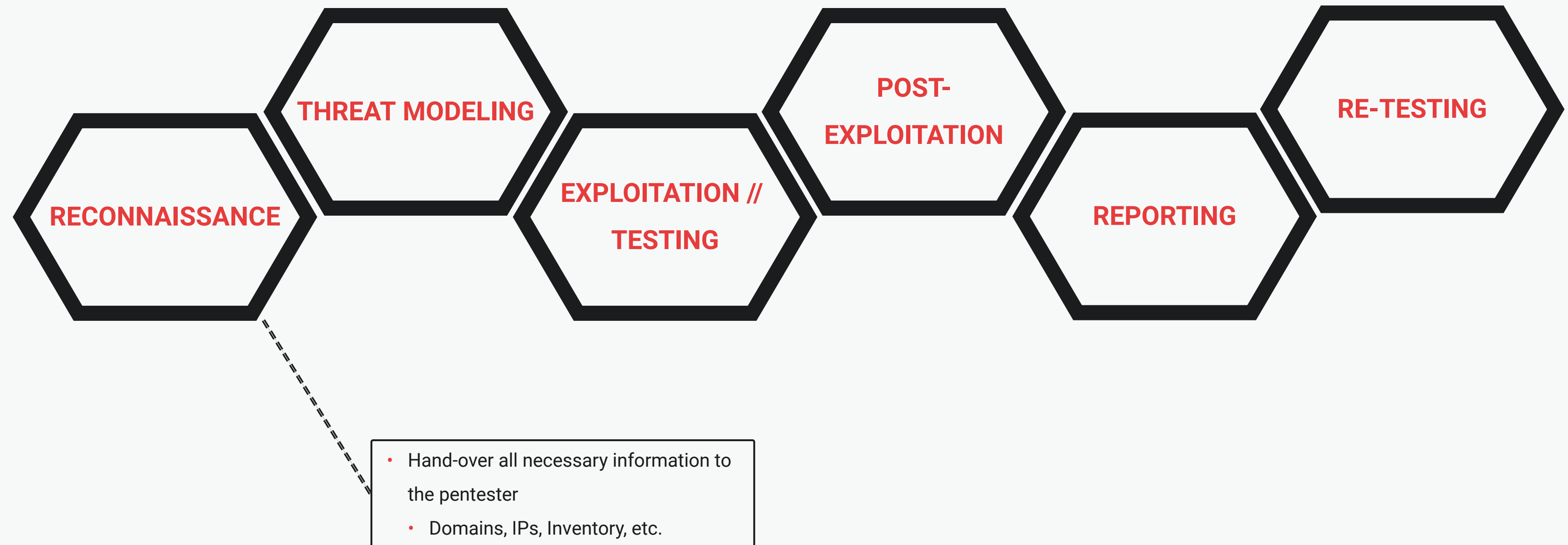
# Collaboration

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF A PENETRATION TEST

# Phases of a Pentesting Engagement

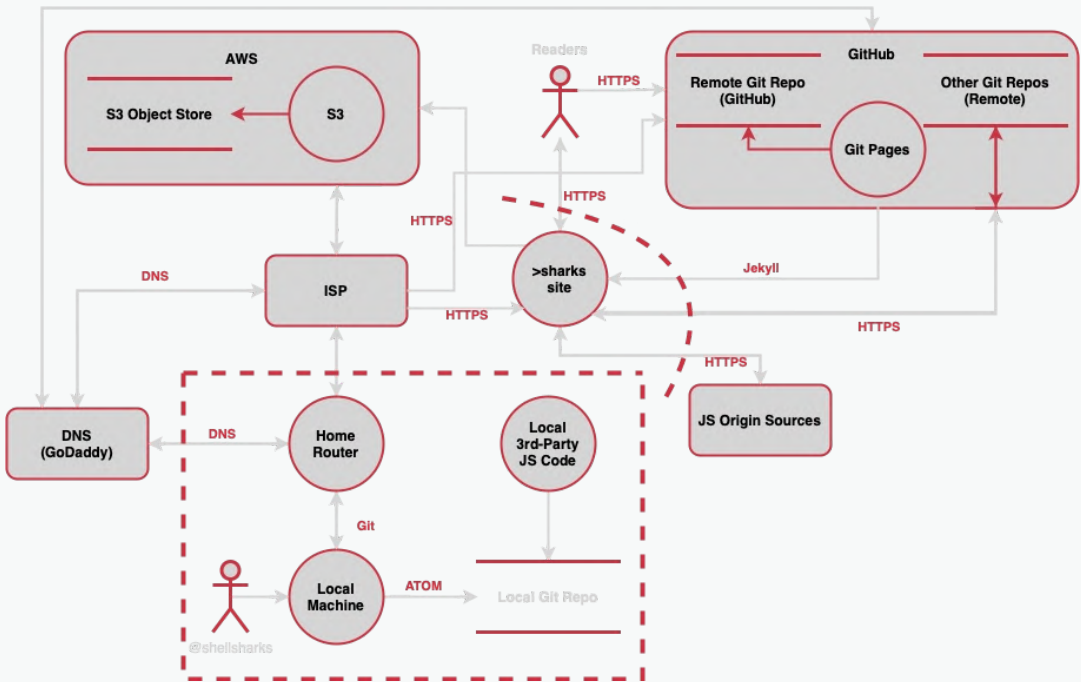
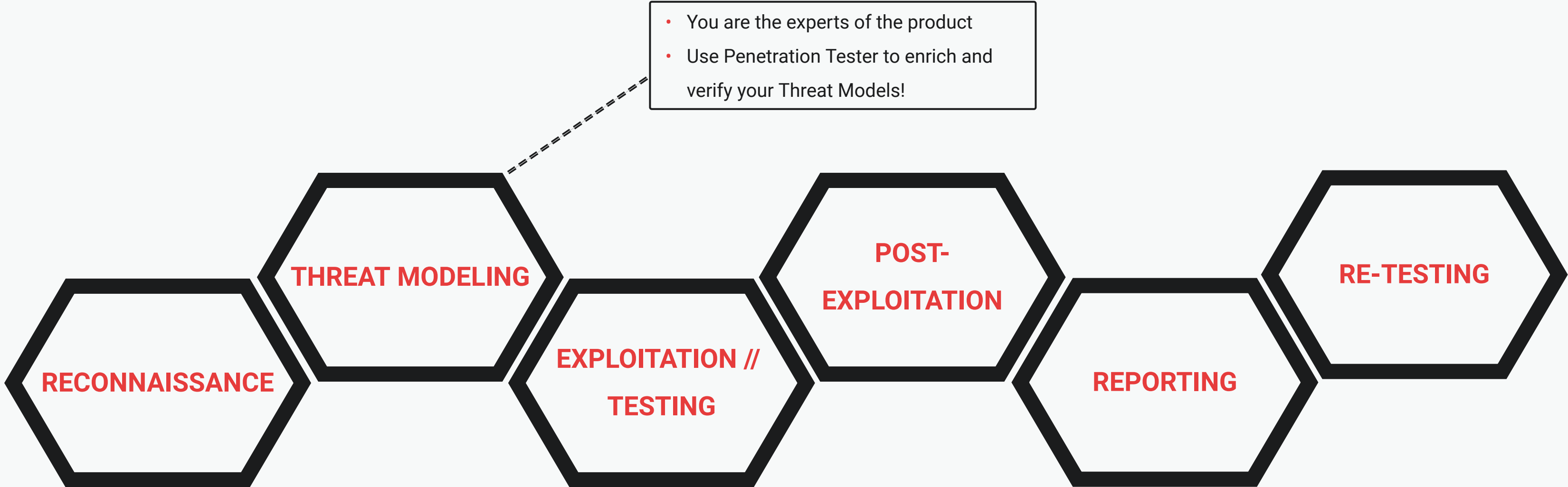


# Reconnaissance





# Threat Modeling



# Exploitation // Testing



- No deployments during pentesting time
- Give access to internals (Source Code, Documentation, Swagger files, Test Cases, Threat Model, etc.)
- Whitebox if possible

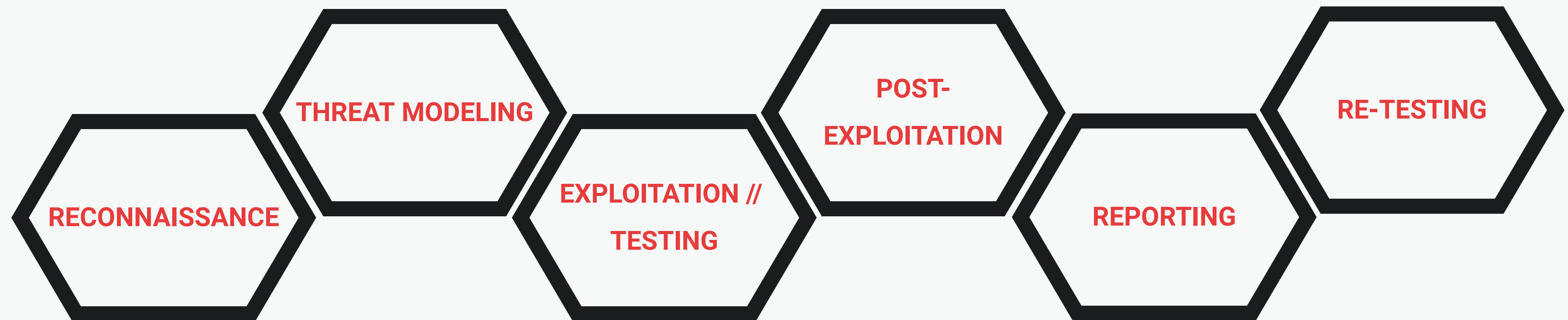


# Post-Exploitation

- How far should the tester go? Where to stop?
- Relevant in Red Teaming Exercises



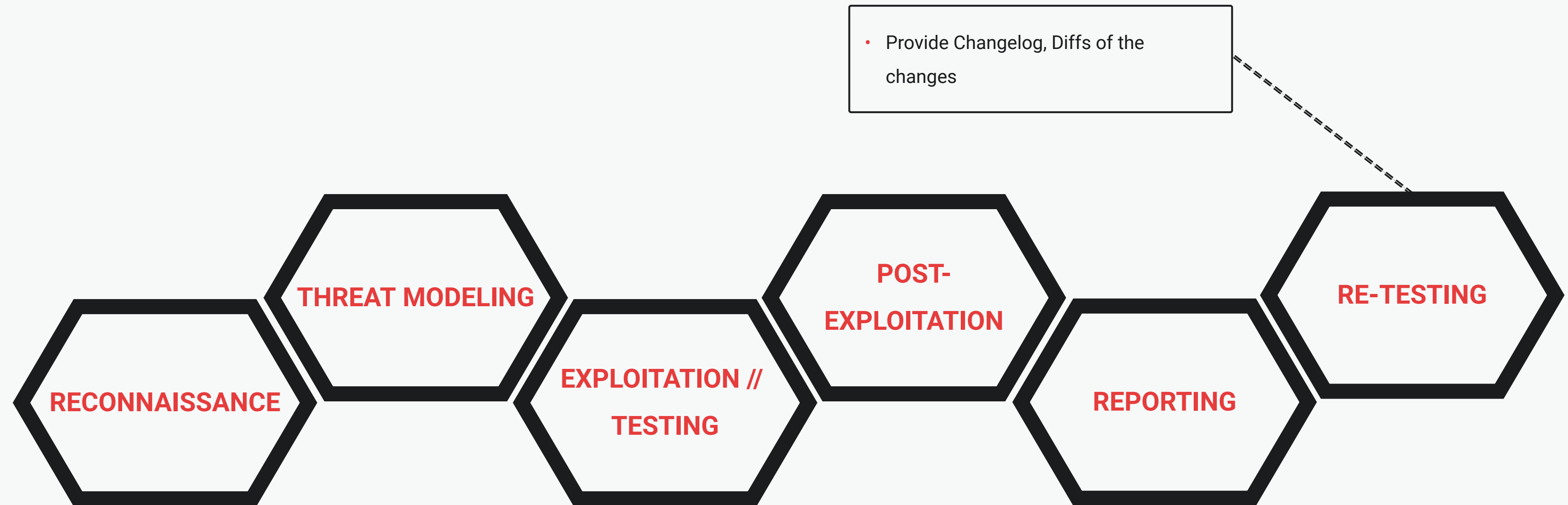
# Reporting



- Management Summary, rated findings, technical explanation and remediation measures to each finding
- A good report always contains a chapter with what was tested.
- Do you have internal knowledge of bugs/malpractices but you don't get the prioritization/budget to address it? Use the Penetration Test to get the attention! :)



# Re-Testing



```
diff --git a/my_file.py b/my_file.py
index 95dff93..38b8b90 100644
--- a/my_file.py
+++ b/my_file.py
@@ -1,5 +1,5 @@
 def function_1():
- print('An example function!')
+ print('An example function! And it has been changed!')

def function_2():
[END]
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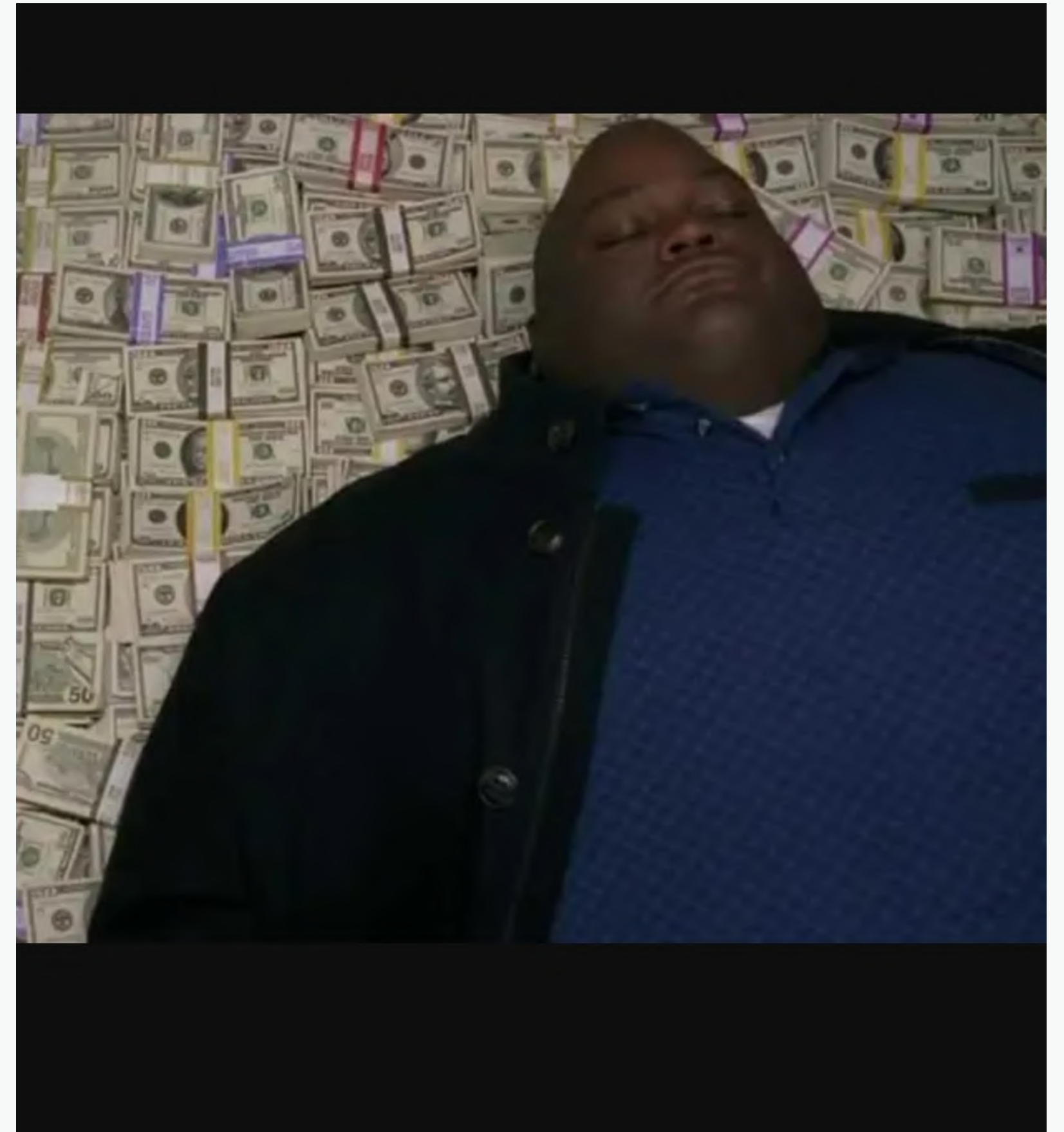
# **Selected findings by collective**

**(.. AND ATTEMPTS ..)**

## RACE CONDITION - INFINITE MONEY

# Selected findings by collective

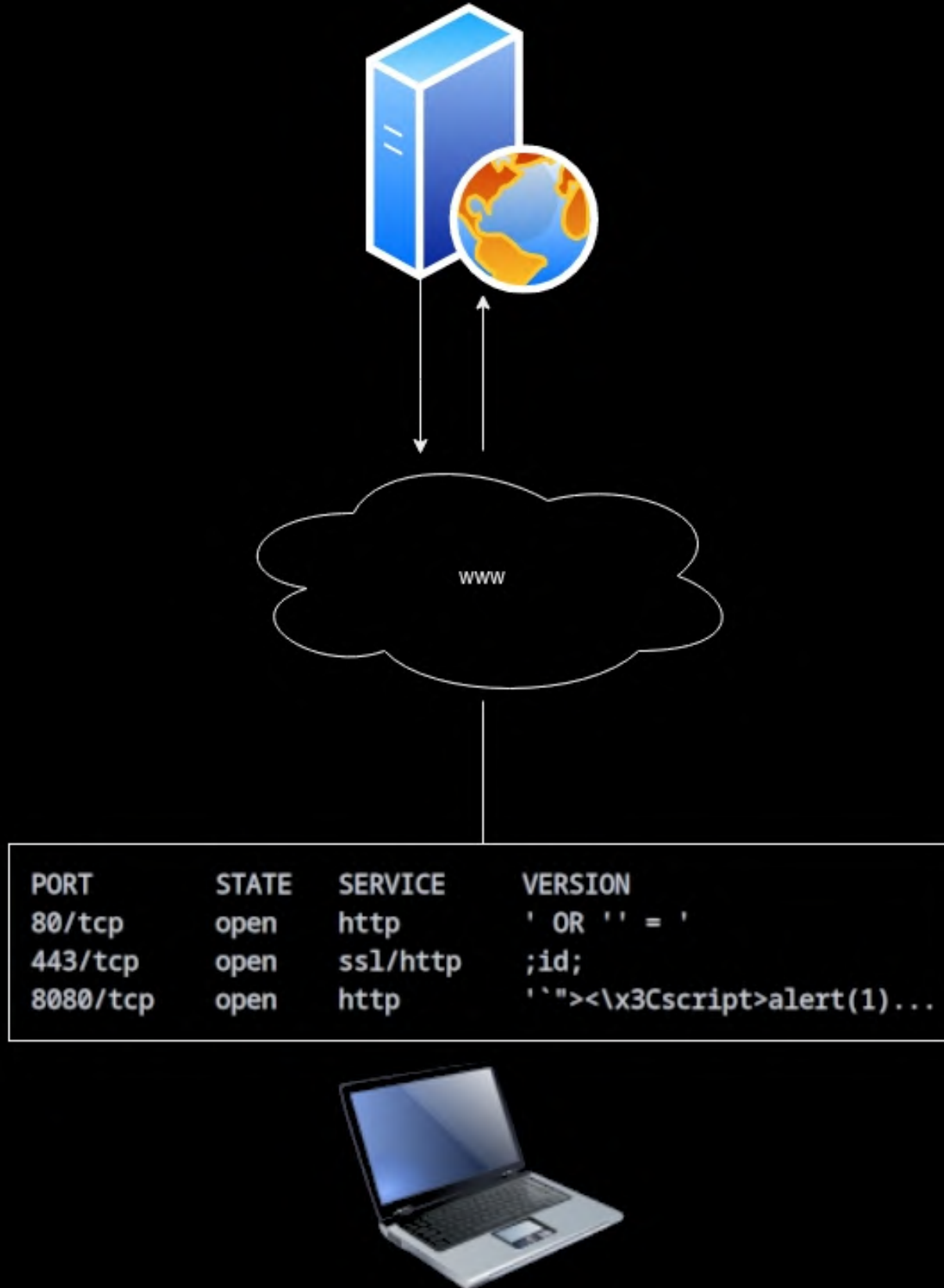
- Whitebox Penetration Test - Online Shop
- Possibility to buy vouchers/giftcards
- Custom vouchers to buy "real" ones
- Race condition
- Allowed to double the custom vouchers





## CODE INJECTION - SERVER SIDE PORT SCANNER

**Selected findings||attempts by  
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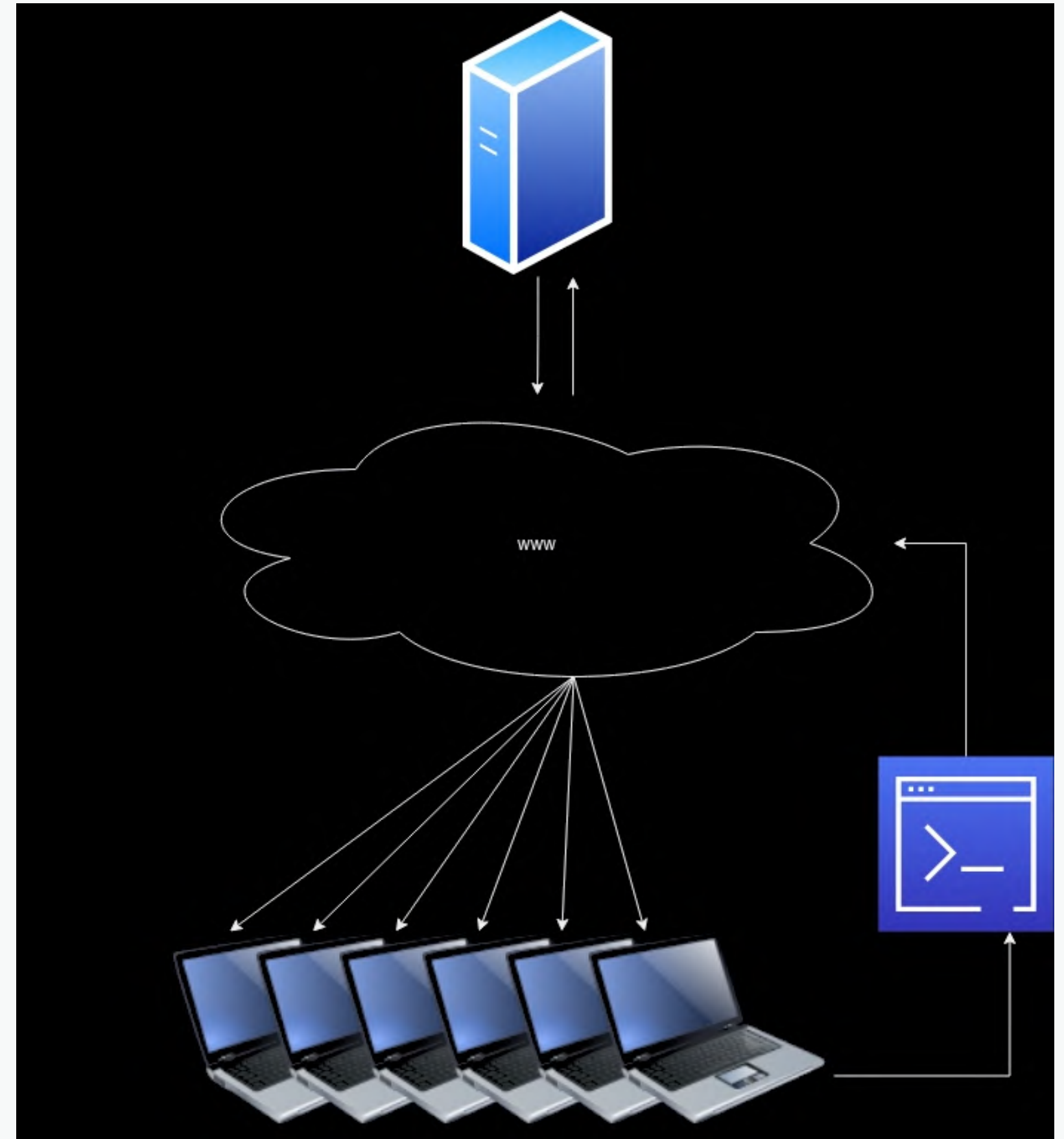


- Whitebox Penetration Test - Security website
- Offers a port scan to the visitors
- Scans the visitors' exposed ports
- Displays information about open ports on the website
- Serve malicious service information via exposed ports
- Not successful :(

## CONTROL ALL MANAGED DEVICES

# Selected findings by collective

- Greybox Penetration Test of a customers' Device Management
- Configuration scripts are downloaded
- Scripts can be intercepted
- Service account credentials with admin privileges for management platform
- RCE on all managed devices



# Takeaways

TOP 3



# Takeaways

01

DO THREAT  
MODELINGS ALL THE  
TIME

02

COMBINATION OF  
SECURITY  
MEASURES IS KEY

03

MAKE AS MUCH USE OF  
PENTEST AS POSSIBLE -  
COLLABORATE!



**Questions?**



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