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Guide: Next Gen Pen Test

Highlights



Traditional penetration testing is not an effective method for reducing the risk of cyber attack.



The next generation of pentesting is based on crowdsourcing.



Crowdsourced Security uses a diverse set of highly skilled researchers incentivized to find high priority vulnerabilities.



Crowdsourced Security delivers valuable results 80% faster than a traditional penetration test



Next Gen Pen Tests are proven to find 7x more critical issues than traditional pentesting methods and security solutions.



Next Gen Pen Tests create less operational overhead than traditional pentesting, and supports agile development environments.

What's Wrong With Traditional Penetration Testing?

Traditional penetration testing suffers from numerous shortcomings that lessen its effectiveness for risk reduction. The biggest issue is that pentesting is usually performed by one or two people using a rote, standardized methodology. Given the vast number of adversaries and their diverse skill sets and creativity, it is unrealistic to expect that this approach will reliably find the most serious application vulnerabilities.

“New security assessment approaches such as crowdsourcing pen testing and bug bounty programs are emerging as alternatives to single-sourced black- and gray-box testing.”

Gartner, How to Select a Penetration Testing Provider, Toby Bussa, Claudio Neiva, Prateek Bhajanka, 14 September 2017

Second, pen tests are periodic “point-in-time” exercises. In today’s agile DevOps environment, applications are continuously changing, so testing once or twice a year will leave new application code untested for months. And because many pentest firms are relatively small, there may be a long delay between scheduling a test and actually getting it done.

Pen test results also lack true insight into actual risk, and are hard to action. The typical output is a long report of potential vulnerabilities. For a developer, it’s no easy task to sift through thousands of findings with no context or remediation advice, nor do they have the ability to interact with the tester to understand the potential exploits. Furthermore, there’s no integration into the software development workflow, adding operational overhead and slowing the pace of both remediation and application development.

Lastly, pen tests are not cost effective. The incentives of pentesters focus on quantity, not quality of results. The reality is that organizations continue to spend money on pentests because they are well-understood and accepted by auditors and compliance regulations, but they are not effective for reducing risk or controlling costs.



Richard Rushing
CISO, Motorola Mobility

“Planning a traditional pen test is a painful process. There are a lot of hoops to jump through, not to mention, scoping is difficult and the methodology is strict. Bugcrowd’s Next Gen Pen Test leverages the crowdsourced security model to bring 10x the security coverage needed for today’s application and the cost savings. You can’t beat it.”

The Next Generation of Penetration Testing

Crowdsourced security testing is replacing traditional pentesting as the most effective and efficient way to reduce risk at the application level. Services such as Next Gen Pen Test (NGPT) leverage human intelligence at scale to deliver rapid discovery of high-risk vulnerabilities across attack surfaces such as web front-ends and APIs.

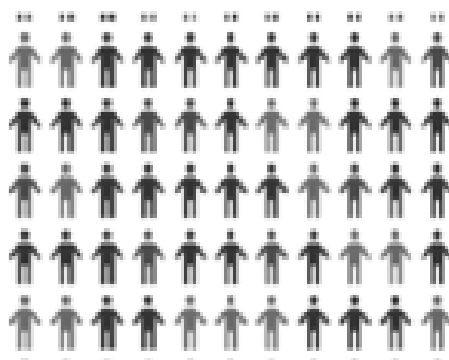
Bugcrowd NGPT delivers 7x more critical vulnerabilities than traditional penetration testing, dramatically improving both security posture and software development best practices. These programs are clearly superior for modern agile development, because they can run fast and continuously, consistent with the rapid pace of code release into production.

	NGPT	TRADITIONAL PENTESTING
Access to thousands of the world's best researchers to address the entire scope of the security	✓	✗
Testing for complex modern day exploits and attack vectors	✓	✗
Powerful integration with software development lifecycle tools	✓	✗
Pay only for validated vulnerabilities	✓	✗
Classification of vulnerabilities based on a standardized model with remediation advice	✓	✗
Flexibility to specify and verify skill sets during the engagement	✓	✗

Why Choose Next Gen Pen Test

Next Gen Pen Tests build a partnership with the world's best white hat hackers to assess overall risk. At any given time, a Crowd of security professionals using their unique skill sets are able to uncover vulnerabilities across multiple attack surfaces. Each of these individuals bring their own strengths and methodologies, providing unparalleled coverage with deep technical expertise.

YOUR ADVERSARIES



Given the huge number of potential adversaries and their diverse skill set and creativity, it is unrealistic to expect traditional pen testing will uncover even a fraction of the vulnerabilities an application may have

TRADITIONAL PEN TEST



Standard penetration tests are performed by a small number of testers, fundamentally limiting the perspectives and expertise brought to a project.

NGPT



Next Gen Pen Tests exponentially increase the testing talent available and are just as safe as standard penetration tests.

Next Gen Pen Tests utilize a pay-for-results model to deliver much better ROI than traditional pen testing. Researchers are incentivized to hunt for the more complex application logic bugs that are the most challenging to find and remediate. Traditional pen testing only uncovers an average of eight critical, unknown vulnerabilities within the first 30 days.

“Multiplying the specialization of a single bounty hunter by the size of the crowd creates a capability that just can’t be replicated by individual organizations.”

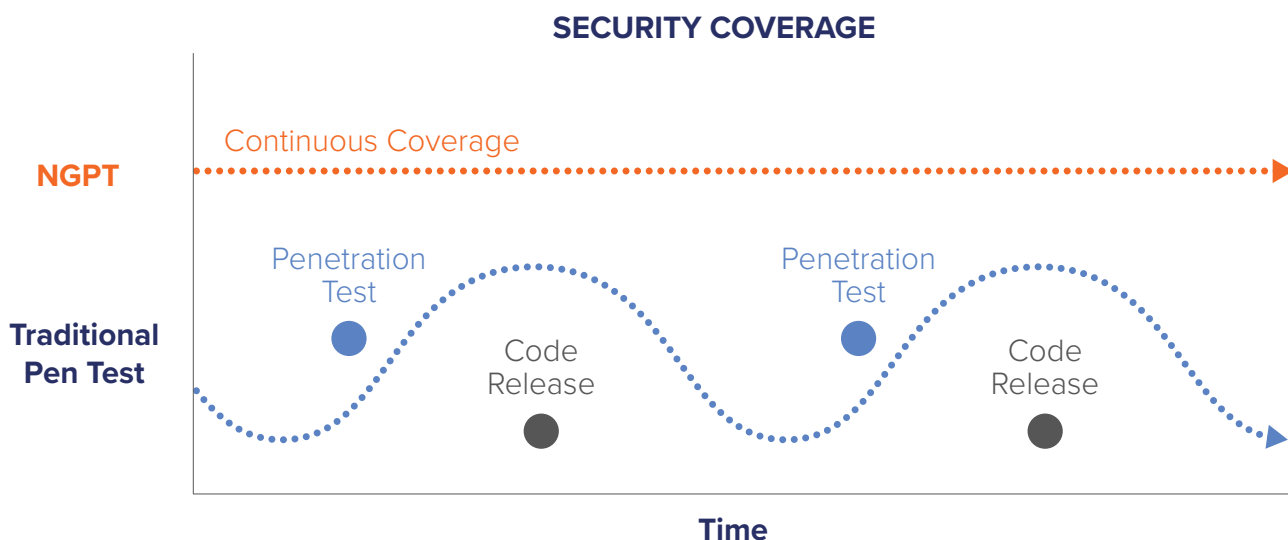
Dan Grzelak,
Head of Security at Atlassian



Next Gen Pen Tests reduce “noise” in the application security environment. Dynamic scanners and most pentest vendors produce reports full of false positives or no-risk issues. Parsing these reports takes time away from security teams and their mission of working on more pressing issues. However with Next Gen Pen Test, each bounty submission is verified and risk-rated, and can include advice that aids remediation and developer security best practices training.

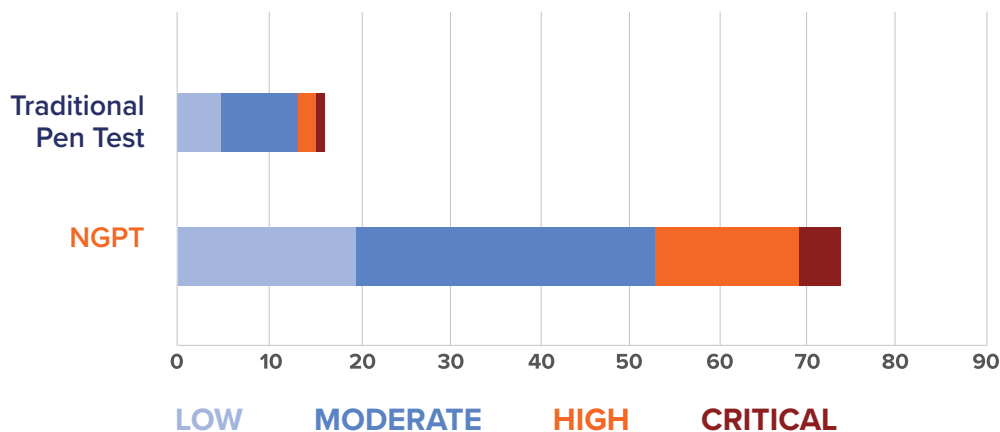
18 distinct areas of hacking expertise within the crowd including web, Android, iOS, hardware, firmware, Linux, network, and more.

With Next Gen Pen Tests, organizations have the coverage necessary in today’s modern software development life cycle. A Next Gen Pen Test can be time-matched with the development lifecycle of the target application. As organizations transition to agile, devops software methodology, security assessment should be continuous. Traditional pen testing is inflexible and only offers point-in-time assessments. Next Gen Pen Test also provide integration with internal systems like JIRA or vulnerability management software. With powerful APIs and SDLC integrations, Next Gen Pen Tests align security with the DevOps process.



Traditional Pen Test vs. Next Gen Pen Test

NEXT GEN PEN TESTS FIND 7X MORE HIGH PRIORITY VULNERABILITIES

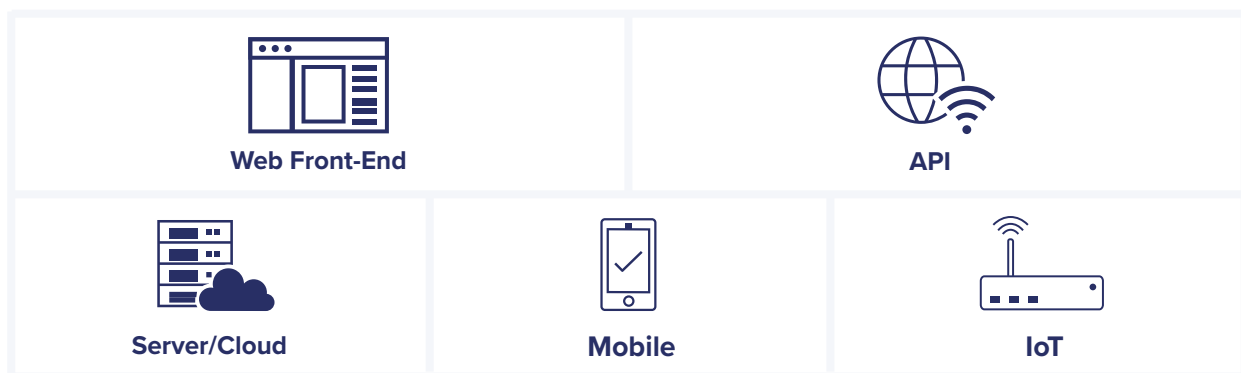


Benefits of a Next Gen Pen Test

RAPID RISK REDUCTION	COST-EFFECTIVE	LOWER OPERATIONAL OVERHEAD
An incentive-based testing approach motivates researchers to think creatively and find high-impact vulnerabilities that present the most risk to the business.	A results-driven model ensures payment for the vulnerabilities that present a risk to the business, and not for the time or effort it took to find them.	A cloud-based, managed solution that seamlessly integrates into your existing SDL delivering frictionless setup with zero maintenance.

ATTACK SURFACE COVERAGE

Next Gen Pen Tests support the two key attack surfaces (web and APIs) across all core platforms. On premise or cloud-based applications, IoT and mobile apps can all be secured, either in production or preproduction.



Bugcrowd Next Gen Pen Tests aim to satisfy requirements from auditors and reviewers with security standards in mind.



Methodology - The leading pen testing methodology standards combine organizational and operational to drive the pen testers to bring back best results.



Verified Coverage Analysis - Gain true visibility to the full scope of your NGPT and confidence in the reporting with detailed and verified domain, parameter, IP coverage analysis.

Bugcrowd Makes Next Gen Pen Tests Easy and Effective

Bugcrowd's industry-leading crowdsourced security offerings are based on three key elements:



Researchers *Right hacker, Right*

Quality, impact, coverage, and trust – harness the power of human creativity.

- **Trusted** through proven track record, ID verification, and background checking.
- **Thousands of members worldwide** provide 24x7 coverage.
- **Diversity of backgrounds and attack methodologies** supporting a broad range of platforms (web, API, IoT, mobile)



Platform *Crowdcontrol™*

An all-in-one platform for simplified vulnerability reporting and solution management.

- **Remediation acceleration** to reduce risk.
- **Visibility** into vulnerability lifecycle, bounty pool, and researcher activity.
- **Integration** into your SDLC and security systems and processes.



Management *The Experts*

Industry leading team with experience in enterprise security and hacker community engagement.

- **Vulnerability** triage, validation, and remediation advice.
- **Program** onboarding, SLAs, and ongoing health.
- **Researcher** selection, payout guidance, and dispute resolution.

Trusted by Leading Companies Around the World



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Getting Started

Want to learn more about how your organization can leverage Next Gen Pen Tests to start discovering and fixing high-value vulnerabilities missed by traditional security testing? Bugcrowd offers a full line of crowdsourced security solutions.

www.bugcrowd.com/get-started

