About Open-Source and CSIRT

Prof Nabil SAHLI (nabilsahli@gmail.com / n.sahli@ansi.tn)





Cost of Implementation of a CSIRT Infrastructure

- ☐ Equipments (PCs+ Servers + forensics tools)
- □ Software tools :
 - License fees
 - --> Recurent Big annual Maintenance fees

How to decrease this big « cost center » + avoid delays (+...) in CSIRT iservices mplementation, (escape from « our » painful and long administrative acquisition procedures)

Be able to More Invest in Capacity Building (training, ...) & the funding of CSIRT activities (awareness compaigns, ...)

CSIRT's Software Needs

Need for a « Strong » CSIRT Security Architecture

→ Cardinal and qualitative Completness of deployed Solutions

Need for Tools for implementing the CSIRT process

Need for various and multi-platform investigation and forensics tools



Bigs Budgets (Expensive licenses, Recurent cost of maintenance fees,...)



SOLUTION = Use of OPEN-SOURCE tools

~ O Licences

Open-Source

"Beautiful world"

- Free Licences
- Sources Codes availables
- + Respect of standards
- + GUIs and Good Community assistance
- + Perinity (better than some commercial solutions)
- + NOW: available optional «Contractual Support» & Training, for "must" solutions (OpenCore)

FALSE Myths

Open source is "insecure" myth "it's insecure because everyone can see how it works."

--> No software relies on the obscurity of source code for security. If there was any truth in that, Microsoft Windows would be the most secure OS ever created,

Commercial tools have better "support" myth

--> The "Must" open source tools have "contractual cheap support" (training, assistance, ...)
+ Very Rich and Friendly assistance from the (philantropic) Community of open-source

OTHER IMPACTS

Free access to Source codes

Open Source Tools Can be Customized/Extended



An enabler for R&D activities

(Other potential Return On Investment)

You are a "Legal provider" of Open source **Security solutions**



Sopen Source Tools Can be installed by the CSIRT on the constituency's infrastructures

Once you have handled an incident

- --> Need to IMMEDIATELY strength the constituency Security
- --> Install Open source security Tools

Available on FIRST youtube channel of the symposium

Training "Open Source Tools for CSIRT" session

PLAN

I- About Open-Source and CSIRT

CSIRT Infrastructure

II- Network Security Architecture

III- Cyber-space Monitoring and Honeynet systems



CSIRT Activities

IV- CSIRT Process Management systems

- Alert and Warning Process
- Incident Handling Process

V- Forensics and investigation tools

Take OUT

- Connection credentials to Live Platform and/or Download of Live-DVD
- Additional Trainings on demand