

### PSIRT New Experience Managing Cloud Vulnerabilities

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#### **Purpose and Agenda**

Purpose

- Share experience handling customer cloud penetration reports
- Observations and challenges
- Engage in discussion, any insights, advice, best practices...

Proposed Agenda

- 30 minutes of presentation and sharing experience
- 15 minutes of discussion to share solutions or ideas to streamline process

#### References

ISACA: Security Mysteries in the Cloud - <u>https://www.isaca.org/Journal/archives/2015/Volume-3/Pages/security-mysteries-in-the-cloud.aspx</u>

## **Outcome new ideas**



## Customers moving from on-premise to Cloud the benefits and security considerations



#### **Cloud provides service, architecture and deployment models**



#### **Cloud Architecture - multitenant & single-tenant**

#### **Cloud security considerations**

- Top consideration Security and Privacy
- Regulatory, compliance or audit requirements
- Request to audit = cloud pen-test
- Shared responsibility customer and Cloud provider



# A new experience handling customer reported cloud vulnerabilities...



#### **Cloud penetration testing approach and results**

- Automated tools results may include:
  - high numbers of false positives
  - generic descriptions
  - lack details to validate
  - shared responsibility inside and outside the company
- Priority ratings







#### **Findings reported**

- All sorts of findings, not all are vulnerabilities
- Repeated findings customers test independently of each other
- Challenge cleanse report
- Solutions? knowledge base, or establish security expert for each cloud offering



#### **Consumer service expectations**

- Expectations vary from high to passive
- Review based on customer priority
- Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) not as important for Cloud - internally used to validate findings
- Service Level Agreement (SLAs) currently under review for cloud offerings



#### **Communication role redefined**

- Communication expands to a customer support role
- New skills required to manage expectations and ensure confidence
- Considerations secure communications Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA)
- Tracking and reporting findings



#### **Cloud areas review and remediation**

- Engineers review full report
- Prioritize based on customer priority
- Create ticket in back end systems for validated findings
  - not linked to on-premise ticketing system
- Cloud and on-premise versions require co-ordination
- Cloud fix applied for all customers



#### **On-premise vs Cloud**

| Subject                  | On-premise           | Cloud  |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Communication            | External researchers | Customers and 3 <sup>rd</sup> party testers. |
| Types of issues reported | Most are verified    | A range of findings, not all are             |
|                          | vulnerabilities      | vulnerabilities.                             |
| Number of reported       | Typically, one       | Full report with multiple                    |
| findings                 |                      | findings.                                    |
| CVSS                     | Required             | Customers provides priority                  |
|                          |                      | rating. CVSS used internally on              |
|                          |                      | occasions to validate severity.              |
| Patch released           | Required             | Not required. Fix typically                  |
|                          |                      | released faster than on-premise              |
|                          |                      | to all Tenants. No patches. No               |
|                          |                      | customer action required.                    |

## **Cloud process continues to evolve**



## Thank you.

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