Introduction to FIRST

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FIRST Steering Committee Chair
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Origins of FIRST

• Formed from early “CERT System” work at CMU’s CERT/CC started in 1989
• To foster sharing of information
• As we look at 20 years, much has changed
  – “Hacking” wasn’t largely profit oriented
  – WWW didn’t exist
  – Phishing didn’t exist
• But what is important has not
FIRST Vision

FIRST is a premier organization and recognized global leader in incident response. Membership in FIRST enables incident response teams to more effectively respond to security incidents by providing access to best practices, tools, and trusted communication with member teams.
FIRST Mission

FIRST is an international confederation of trusted computer incident response teams who cooperatively handle computer security incidents and promote incident prevention programs.

- FIRST members develop and share technical information, tools, methodologies, processes and best practices
- FIRST encourages and promotes the development of quality security products, policies & services
- FIRST develops and promulgates best computer security practices
- FIRST promotes the creation and expansion of Incident Response teams and membership from organizations from around the world
- FIRST members use their combined knowledge, skills and experience to promote a safer and more secure global electronic environment.
FIRST Steering Committee

- Derrick Scholl (Chairman)
- Chris Gibson (CFO)
- Pete Allor
- “Paco” Coll
- Yurie Ito
- Scott McIntyre
- Tom Mullen
- Lilliana Solha
- Ken van Wyk
- Arnold Yoon
Membership Summary

• FIRST currently has 191 members from around the world
  – All continents except Antarctica
  – Growing steadily
Events
2008 Events

January 2008
FIRST Technical Colloquium
+TF-CSIRT Meeting

Prague
Czech Republic
January 28-31, 2008

Register Now!
March 2008
FIRST Technical Colloquium

Tokyo
Japan
March 25-28, 2008

20th FIRST Conference
VANCOUVER
British Columbia
Canada
June 22-27, 2008

Register now at http://www.first.org/conference/2008

FIRST
Improving Security Together
Upcoming Events

- March 25-28, 2008 Tokyo TC
- March/April 2008 TCs - TBD, looking for volunteers to host
- June 22-27, 2008 Annual Conference - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
SIGs
FIRST SIGs

Special Interest Groups (SIGs):

- Abuse Handling (AH)
- Artifact Analysis (AA)
- Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS)
- Internet Infrastructure Vendors (Vendor SIG)
- Law Enforcement/CSIRT Cooperation (LECC)
- Network Monitoring (NM)
- CSIRT Metrics (Metrics)

SIG Board Members: Jason Rafail, Cristine Hoepers, Carol Overes, Andrew Cormack, Scott McIntyre
Liaison Efforts
FIRST reaching out

Presentations at the following conferences:

- Second Training Conference of the G8, Rome Italy
- G8 Hi-Tech Crime Conference, Moscow, Russia
- 1st meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) [WSIS], Athens, Greece
- APWG Fall General Meeting, Orlando, Florida, USA
- APWG eCrime Researchers Summit, Orlando, Florida, USA
- GOVCERT-NL
SC/Board Focus
SC Meeting Focus

- Five year roadmap planning
- Roles and responsibilities
- Quantified goals and objectives
- Reporting to membership
- Marketing/PR/Brand
What can I do?

- Meet someone new here
- Attend a conference/ TC
- Join a SIG
- Participate on the mailing lists
- Talk to the SC first-sc@first.org