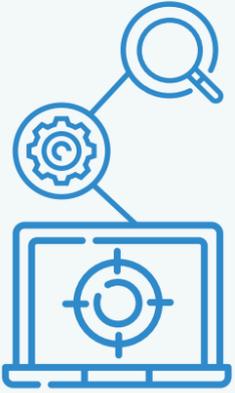


APPSEC TESTING APPROACHES

SCANNERS

Scanners work best when highly customized to a particular environment or application. They will find everything you program them to search for and nothing you don't. For this reason, while they are well-suited to looking for a specific, predefined set of vulnerabilities, they cannot find design and more complex logic issues that more manual human testing can uncover. Scanners can be particularly useful for in-house tasks such as a static code analysis of application source code.



SCALABILITY

- High for homogeneous environments

COVERAGE

- Predictable and programmable

EASE-OF-USE

- Require customization
- Triage of identified issues (removal of false positives) requires manual effort
- Low signal-to-noise on automatic results

COST

- Varies; can be free to expensive

AT A GLANCE

- Programmable with consistent, scalable results
- Most powerful when customized
- Used in conjunction with FTEs who can filter results and remove false positives
- Can be free to expensive

PUBLIC BUG BOUNTIES

Public Bug Bounties offer human creativity and fast results. Application security teams can open a public-facing application to a bug bounty and attract many researchers to it in a short amount of time who will typically find most low-hanging fruit. It is a highly scalable means of manual testing, but researcher credentials and code coverage will be undefined and unknown. Bug bounties can be particularly helpful for security teams needing a quick review for obvious issues in public-facing applications or for those looking to establish a formal, public channel with external researchers.



SCALABILITY

- High

COVERAGE

- Can potentially examine a large volume, but actual coverage will be undefined and unknown

EASE-OF-USE

- Fast, simple test initiation
- Triage of identified issues will be manual; communication with researchers requires a high level of effort
- Unpredictable signal-to-noise on reported results

COST

- Variable, pay for each new bug found

AT A GLANCE

- Human Creativity
- Globally sourced
- Unknown Researcher Qualifications
- Paid-by-finding

PENTESTING AS A SERVICE (PTAAS)

Pentesting as a Service (PtaaS) provides on-demand manual penetration testing for web applications, mobile applications, APIs, external networks, and cloud services. Findings are delivered through a platform that integrates with developer tracking systems like JIRA and GitHub. A SaaS platform also facilitates collaboration between pentesters, security team members, and development teams to not only find but also fix issues.



SCALABILITY

- High

COVERAGE

- Defined, focused and procedural (e.g., OWASP Top 10)

EASE-OF-USE

- Fast test initiation with streamlined researcher onboarding
- Supported triage with ongoing developer-researcher communication
- High signal to noise on reported results

COST

- Predictable, fixed price

AT A GLANCE

- Human Creativity
- Globally sourced
- Researchers vetted and credentialed
- Supported triage process
- Time-boxed and fixed price