

**Enhancing OS vulnerability scanners:
from a single box to hardened multi-node scan clusters**

Protect your information assets with real-time threat detection.

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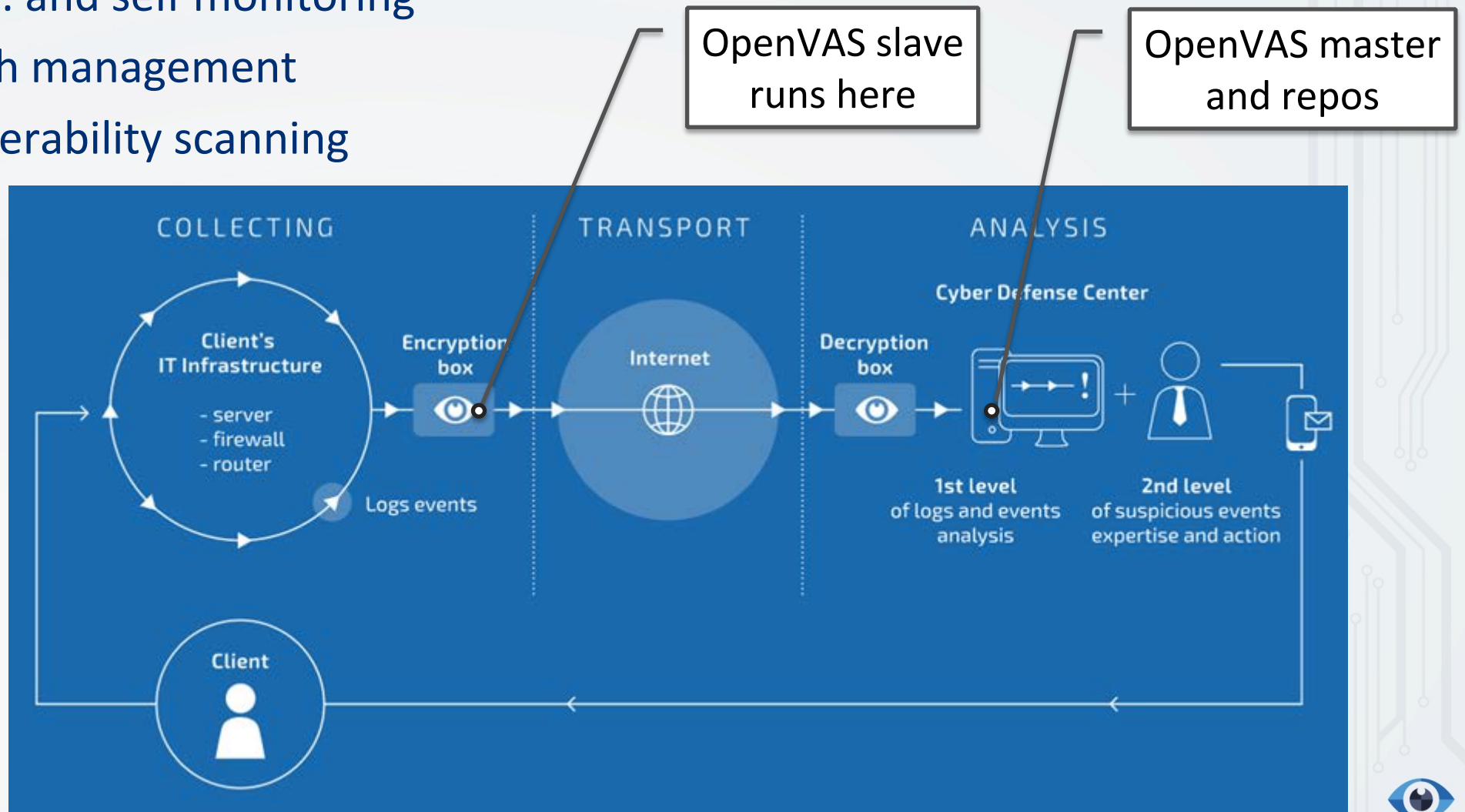
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 - Expert Consultancy
 - Trainings and live simulations
 - MSSP
 - Security Operations Centre (SOC)
 - Emergency Response Team



MSSP Encryption box

- Log & data collection
- Infra. and self monitoring
- Patch management
- Vulnerability scanning



The Challenge

Guys, we need to automate our network scanning! Are you in?

- Critical infrastructure
- Several datacenters
- Hundred(s) VLANs
- Thousands devices
- Air-gapped
- ..yet cost effective

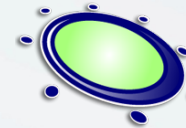


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Open Vulnerability Assessment System

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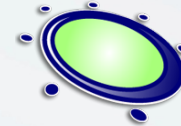


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What we got?

- Open Source w. community updates
- Web UI - GSA
- API and CLI – OpenVAS Manager
- Scalability \leftrightarrow \updownarrow
- Master supports 15+ slaves and 150+ tasks
- Configurability
- Multiple output formats (PDF, HTML, CSV, XML)
- Reporting incl. Σ and Δ



Reported data

High (CVSS: 7.5)

80/tcp

NVT: phpinfo() output accessible (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.11229)

Summary

Many PHP installation tutorials instruct the user to create a file called phpinfo.php or similar containing the phpinfo() statement. Such a file is often times left in webserver directory after completion.

Vulnerability Detection Result

The following files are calling the function phpinfo() which disclose potentially sensitive information to the remote attacker: <http://metasploitable/phpinfo.php>

Impact

Some of the information that can be gathered from this file includes: The username of the user who installed php, if they are a SUDO user, the IP address of the host, the web server version, the system version(unix / linux), and the root directory of the web server.

Solution type: Workaround

Delete them or restrict access to the listened files.

Vulnerability Detection Method

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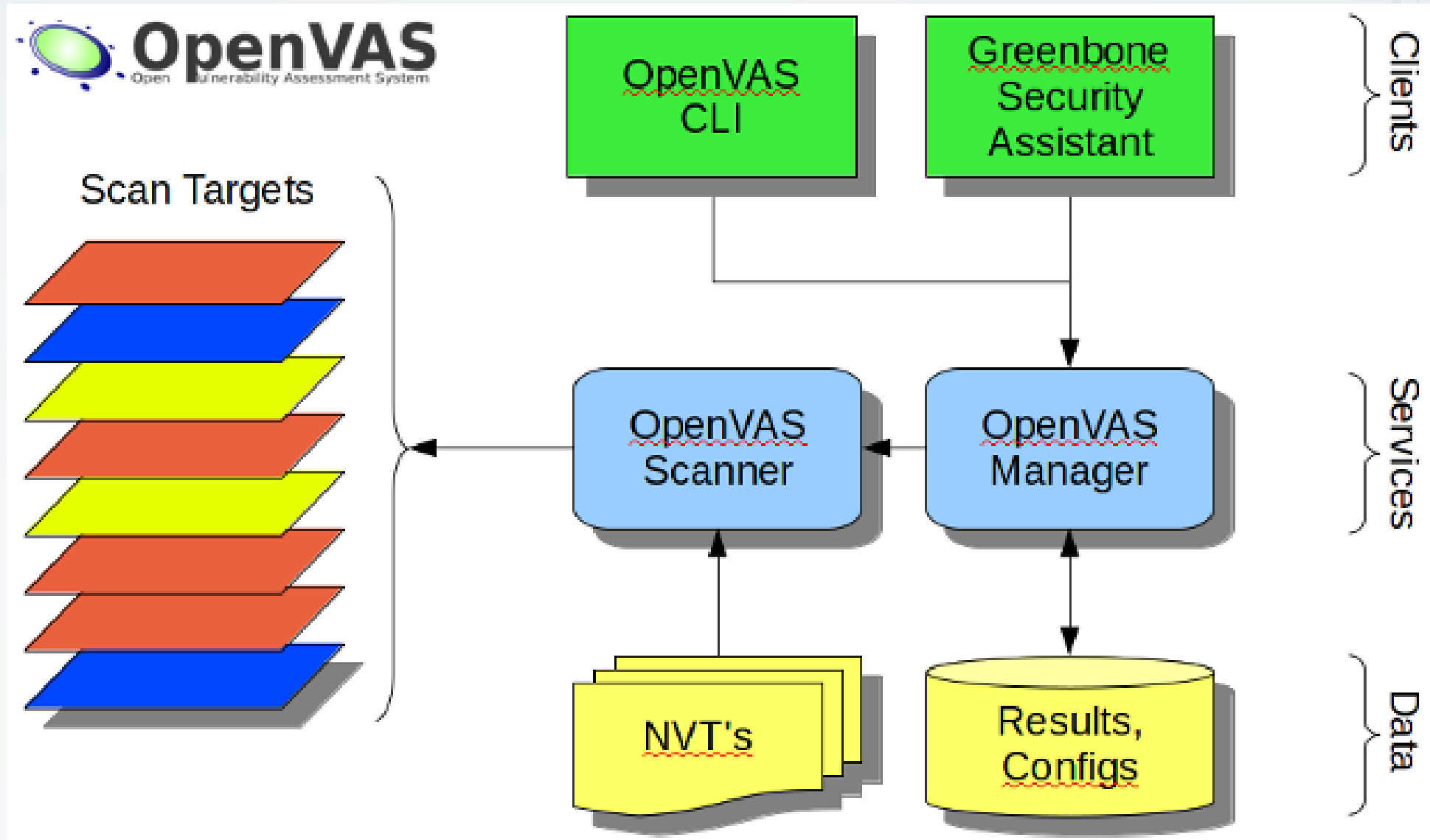
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1. Fast installation and final deployment
2. Running
 - a. Reconfigurations
 - b. Security Monitoring
 - c. Operation Monitoring
3. Air-gap support - updates
4. Simple and safe HL communication
5. Backups and High-availability
6. Hardening



OpenVAS



The Ingredients

Master on Ubuntu 16.04

- OpenVAS 9 GSA
- OpenVAS 9 Manager
- OpenVAS 9 Scanner
- SSHD for tunneling
- Zabbix 3.0 server&agent
- Salt 2017.7 master&minion
- OS updates repo (HTTP)
- OpenVAS 9 repo (RSYNC)
- OSSEC / Logstash / (ELK)

Slaves on Ubuntu 16.04

- OpenVAS 9 Manager
- OpenVAS 9 Scanner
- AutoSSH for tunneling
- Zabbix 3.0 agent
- Salt 2017.7 minion
- Rsyslog / Beats

SSH tunnel

Logs & alerts

GSA
Zabbix
SSH

-> OpenVAS
-> Zabbix
<- Rsync
<- HTTP (apt-mirror)
<- Salt
<- Syslog / Logstash



HW Requirements

- Mini PCs: 1..2 LAN ports
- 1U servers: 6..10 LAN ports

Master

- Single master / HA
- For 15 slaves: 2 cores, 4GB RAM, 128GB disk, no scanning

Slave

- Value: 1 core, 2GB RAM, 32GB disk
- Optimal: 2-4 cores, 4GB RAM, 64GB disk



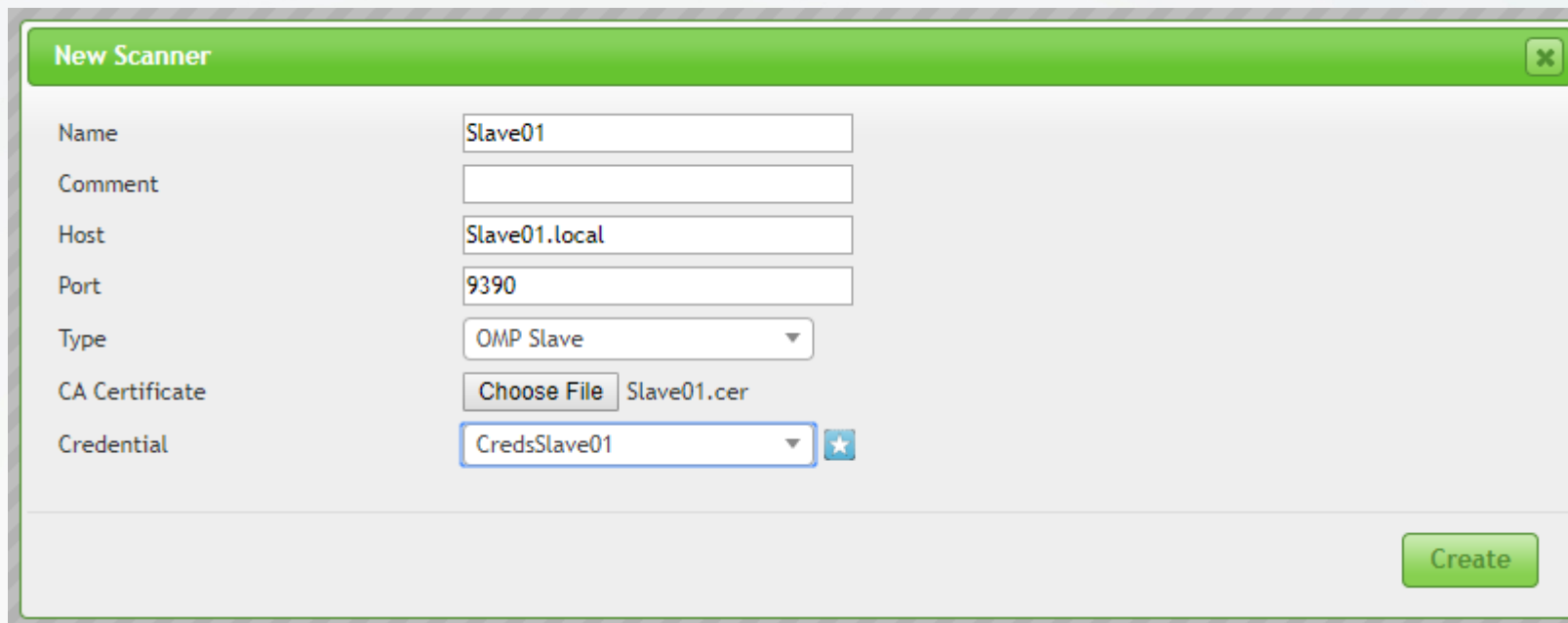
Communications

- External O->M communication does support 2FA
 - OpenVAS GSA&Zabbix: TCP 443 O->M and SSH: TCP 22 O->M
- All M<->S communication tunneled - autoSSH
 - OpenVAS scanner: TCP 9390 M->S
 - Zabbix monitoring: TCP 10050 M->S
 - Salt remote execution: TCP 4505, 4506 S->M
 - OpenVAS RSYNC: TCP 873 S->M
 - OS & services updates: TCP 80 S->M
- Approx. data transfer:
 - Idle: M->S: 60 kbps, S->M: 80kbps
 - Scan: M->S: 100 kbps, S->M: 100kbps
 - Update: M->S: megabytes for a weekly update



Deployment & add scanner

- From Sources vs. Packages vs. Upgrades
- SVN -> GitHub: <https://github.com/greenbone>
- <https://svn.wald.intevation.org/svn/openvas/trunk/tools/openvas-check-setup> --v9



The screenshot shows a 'New Scanner' dialog box with the following fields:

Name	Slave01
Comment	
Host	Slave01.local
Port	9390
Type	OMP Slave
CA Certificate	Choose File Slave01.cer
Credential	CredsSlave01

A 'Create' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog.

- CA Certificate of slave: `/var/lib/openvas/CA/`
- Create a user on slave: `openvasmd --user=creds01`



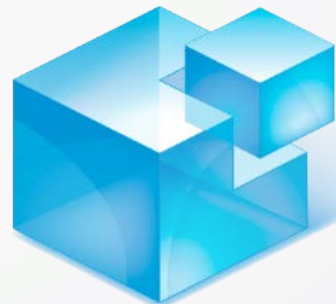
OpenVAS tools: CLI/Python/Dialog

- GitHub: <https://github.com/greenbone/gvm-tools>
 - gvn-cli – XML
 - gvm-pyshell – Python3
 - Even on Windows: gvm-cli.exe & gvm-pyshell.exe
- Other interesting projects:
 - <https://github.com/mikesplain/openvas-docker>
 - <https://www.seccubus.com/>



Automation

- New slave deployment:
 - USB key w preseeded Ubuntu Server
 - MAC 2 hostname&IP
 - Run Salt-minion
- Update packages
- Update deployment
- Routine maintenance



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Monitoring

- OS, basic/added services, ports and updates
- Utilization – don't overutilize existing infrastructure
- Master-Slave connectivity
- OpenVAS services and ports
- Service status
- Tasks and results
- Update status and timestamps
- Negative checks
- Reporting to operators

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Under development

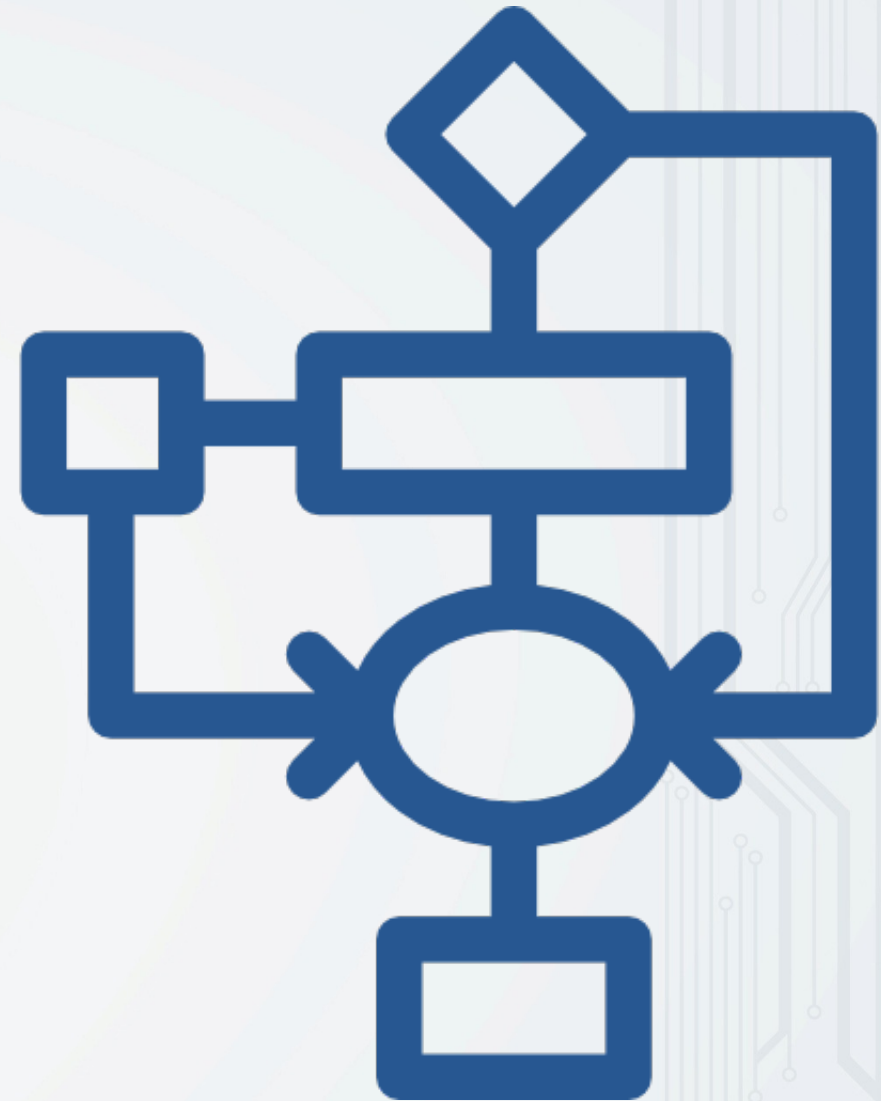


- Automated delta reports
- Auto ticket creation for critical/high vulnerabilities
- Findings to Elastic (<https://github.com/austin-taylor/VulnWhisperer>)
- Master HA
- Cluster basic auto healing



Don't forget about these

- Make sure everyone knows
- Adjust your monitoring
- Brute force / Default creds?
- Hardening
- Work instructions
- False sense of security
- Scheduling / utilization:
 - Lines $M \leftrightarrow S$, $S \leftrightarrow T$
 - Master, Scanner or Targets



Takeaways

1. OpenVAS – stable and amendable foundation to start with
2. Automate everything: Preseed USB, Zabbix, Saltstack
3. Communicate to SOC, educate operators (false sense of security)





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