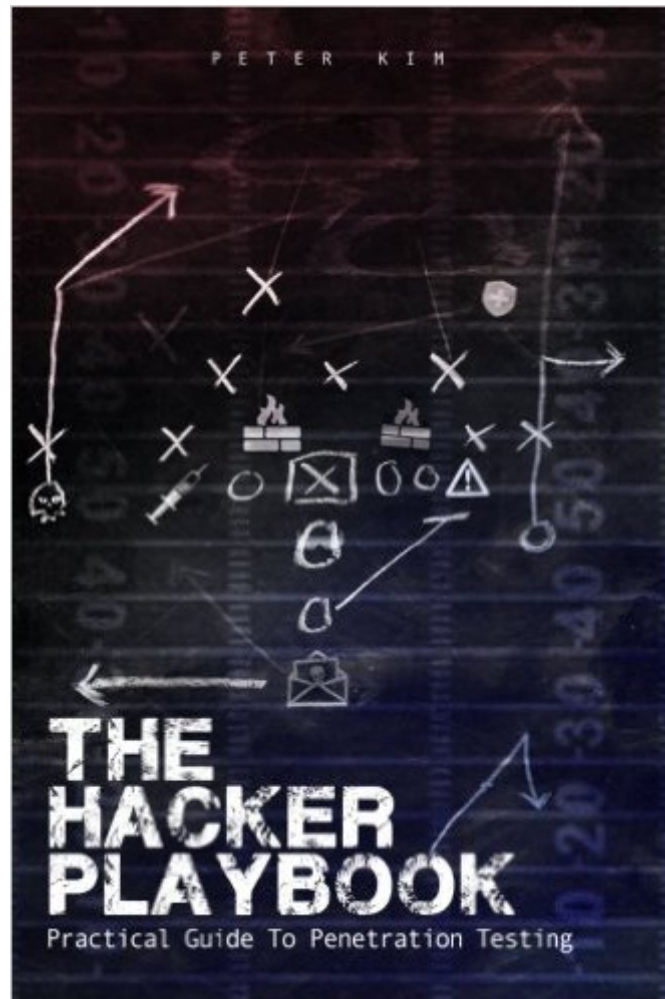


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The Hacker Playbook: Practical Guide To Penetration Testing



Synopsis

Just as a professional athlete doesn't show up without a solid game plan, ethical hackers, IT professionals, and security researchers should not be unprepared, either. The Hacker Playbook provides them their own game plans. Written by a longtime security professional and CEO of Secure Planet, LLC, this step-by-step guide to the "game" of penetration hacking features hands-on examples and helpful advice from the top of the field. Through a series of football-style "plays," this straightforward guide gets to the root of many of the roadblocks people may face while penetration testing—including attacking different types of networks, pivoting through security controls, and evading antivirus software. From "Pregame" research to "The Drive" and "The Lateral Pass," the practical plays listed can be read in order or referenced as needed. Either way, the valuable advice within will put you in the mindset of a penetration tester of a Fortune 500 company, regardless of your career or level of experience. Whether you're downing energy drinks while desperately looking for an exploit, or preparing for an exciting new job in IT security, this guide is an essential part of any ethical hacker's library—so there's no reason not to get in the game.

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Customer Reviews

I have been a Pentester for over 10 years so when I read The Hacker Playbook I wasn't expecting much difference from the previous books I have read. After finishing the book I was pleasantly surprised to find this is a true playbook. This book covers a pentest from the beginning to the end

covering go to techniques to some new ones. This book will be by my side during my next pentest to help me navigate any binds I get in or techniques I forget about.

Stumbled across this book by accident and have to say that it is a gem. A fantastic book - no fluff here and certainly not like the rest of the books out there on the subject where you find the same high-level info that really doesn't apply to a pentest today. Only 1 or 2 things in this book that I don't already use in my own pentests, which was quite surprising considering that, until now, I hadn't come across a single book with these techniques - techniques that I can profess to use daily in my line of work. By no means is this book an exhaustive look at penetration testing techniques, but it most certainly includes material that will get you the 'keys to the kingdom' on your target environment 90% of the time [personal experience]. Highly recommend this book for professionals just starting out in the field as well as for any veterans who may have received their penetration testing training from 'traditional' sources.

This book is a great reference manual, described from the perspectives of a pro. It does not go into details on any subject. Instead it helps the reader to see things in a different perspective. Not recommended for new readers due to the fact that the book starts out with tools, scripts and languages a little higher than beginners level

As an aspiring penetration tester, the knowledge gained from reading this book has been tremendous. From start to finish, it provides a thorough guide into how an experienced pentester moves through an assessment efficiently and methodologically. The knowledge found in this book have been a great learning resource for me. With much of the tactics found in the book being new to me, I have found that it provides a valuable learning experience to practice and get familiar with the tools and methods before utilizing them in real world tests. While other books I have read to get started in the pentesting field have been rather basic, the author goes in depth on the most relevant tools and procedures that I feel can take me to the next level. This book has been a great read and definitely one to keep for reference. Highly recommended!

Book is a waste, it is written in the same manner I would expect a lazy college student to write a paper. Please do not buy this book. The Hacker Playbook is primarily composed of vague GUI pictures, large text, large margins and spacing to give the appearance of content. At the end of the day it's a very loose narration of how Mr. Kim conducts a Pen Test. This one dimensional

narration is not informative, creative, or interestingly written. He managed to cram enough pictures of rubbish to bolster the page count to 274. If you were to remove the pictures you'd be left with less than 50 pages on how to do nothing. This book is not for individuals looking to understand Pen Testing, or even for those already acquainted. Your time and money is better spent elsewhere. You can't compare the content of a book like this to Metasploit: The Penetration Tester's Guide, or open source documentation alternatives.

Honestly, I hate football and thought, oh great, he's going to use a lot of sports references. Not so! This is more of a how to guide, with practical advice on the next steps you need to take during a security audit. I've read hundreds of security / hacking books, but none of them really gave you any idea on how to use X program, and push it into Y program to get to Z. This one does, and does it in an easy to understand manner. I'd highly recommend this for beginning security researchers.

Its like a pocket guide of step by step instructions for all the things you can't memorize overnight. Exactly what I needed since I don't do audits regularly. Always good for that step you're forgetting.

This book is a fairly broad but shallow book on hacking. It mainly centers around pentesting technique and the proper use of a wide variety of tools, and its organized by stages of the pen test. I definitely picked up a number of useful ideas, tools, and a few pointers about getting shells out of Windows machines (something I happen to not know much about). People looking for a book on hacking might be disappointed by its brief coverage of actually exploiting vulnerabilities, but people looking to improve their success rates will probably be happy with this book.

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