



# Cybersecurity Due Diligence

## Pre- and Post-Acquisition Cybersecurity Support

Mergers and acquisitions are significant events for organizations looking to grow their business and expand their offerings. Organizations are discovering that simple due diligence questionnaires are no longer sufficient to assess the operational risk of integrating a new acquisition. Additionally, due to pre-close confidentiality, there may be difficulty in performing a full technical assessment of the acquisition while maintaining separation during the close process.

Protiviti's pre/post acquisition security packages quickly and effectively provide insight into target organizations that standard security audits or questionnaires do not achieve, while providing a level of separation between the two organizations. Upon completion of the assessment, Protiviti will provide a full report, including technical details and remediation steps, providing an organization with a much deeper understanding of the cybersecurity maturity of the acquisition target.

### How Protiviti Can Help

#### Network Security Assessment

Conduct security testing to gain an understanding of the security posture of the target acquisition's networks and systems

#### Cloud Security Assessment

Review the cloud environments used by the acquisition target to identify possible misconfigurations which may present risk to the organization



#### Application Security Assessment

Assess the target acquisition's products and web/mobile applications to identify weaknesses which may allow an attacker to gain unauthorized access or sensitive data

#### Threat Assessment

Identify existing threats to the target acquisition by conducting threat intelligence assessments and executing "threat hunting" exercises

### Business Outcomes



Clear risk profile of an acquisition target



Identification of past security threats and potential compromises



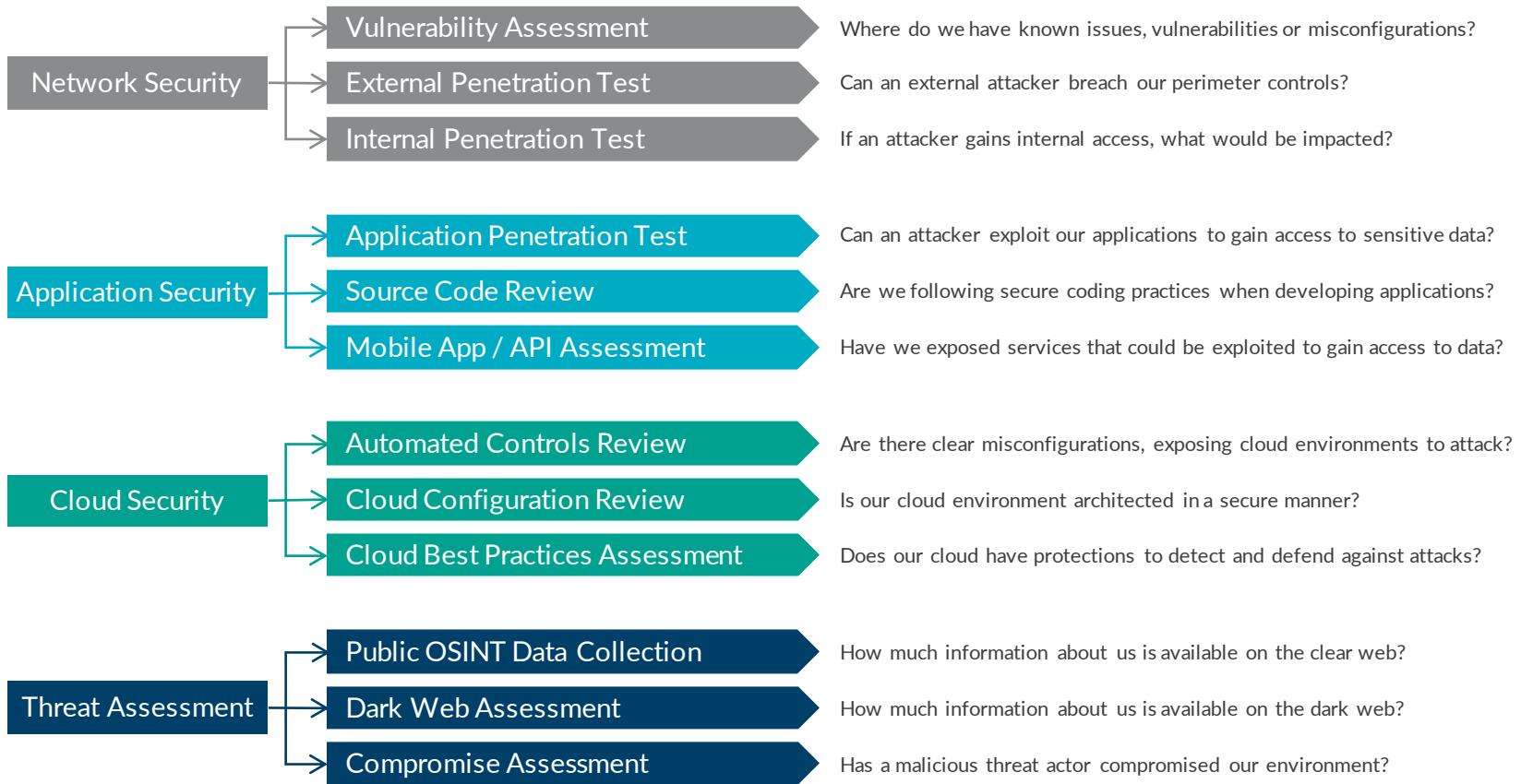
Deep understanding of technical security posture



Detailed list of recommendations needed to address identified issues

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Protiviti's security assessments supporting due-diligence efforts typically focus on one, or many, of the following areas:



Fortune 500  
Technology Company  
M&A Due Diligence  
Assessment



### Business Requirement

A global technology company was looking to quickly pivot to a new line of business through a targeted acquisition. Given the importance and exposure of the acquisition, the company wanted a pre-close technical security assessment to understand the security posture of the networks, applications and cloud environments they would be integrating into their business.



### Solution Delivered

Protiviti was able to quickly bridge the security teams between the two organizations and, in the limited time available, performed a full suite of penetration tests, application security assessments, cloud configuration reviews and threat assessment activities against the target company to gain an understanding of existing issues and threats facing the organization.



### Business Results

Protiviti provided a summary report which clearly articulated the threats, risks and issues identified, which helped the acquiring company understand and plan for security controls, headcount and budget that would be necessary post-close to bring the acquisition up to their standards.



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