

How to Create a Killer Pentest Report:

A Practitioner's Guide for Automating Powerful, **High-Quality Reports**

An effective pentest report is a critical tool for organizations to quickly identify and address security vulnerabilities. But creating an accurate, comprehensive report can be daunting especially if it's done manually.

What makes a powerful pentest report?

Pentest report success in 5 steps:



STEP 1: Prepare

Define the purpose and scope of your report and gather all the necessary data and findings in a



structured manner.

STEP 2: Organize

Write an executive summary, introduce the methodology, present findings with risk assessment, provide recommendations, and document the validation steps.



STEP 3: Present Data Effectively

Communicate vulnerabilities using non-technical language where appropriate for diverse audiences and support findings with evidence, such as screenshots, code snippets, and metrics.



STEP 5: Finalize

Review and proofread the report for quality assurance before delivering it.

Completeness and Accuracy Provide mitigation steps

STEP 4: Ensure

and impact assessment for decision-makers while also verifying accuracy, referencing sources, and offering an overview for non-technical stakeholders.

Writing a Killer Penetration Test Report.

For additional ideas, download our eBook

Key challenges and

Why automate?

limitations of manual pentest reporting:







Only **29%** of organizations have automated most (75% or more)

of their security testing. (2021 SANS survey)

An automated pentest reporting platform eliminates manual reporting challenges by:

Now, what if you could do all this in under 5 minutes?



Check out our video on how you can use PlexTrac to create reports in under 5 minutes.

PlexTrac enables pentesters to spend more time

hacking and less time reporting. Focus on your

most critical tasks, be more efficient and

Why PlexTrac?

Gain key insights on making a winning business case from our guide Selling Your Boss on Pentest Reporting Automation.

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