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Introduction

This Technical Report is intended to provide added refinement, detail and guidance to the vulnerability analysis activities outlined in ISO/IEC 18045:2008 for the software elements of a TOE. Specifically, it is intended to add refinement and clarification of the "Potential vulnerability identification from public sources" (AVA_VAN.1.2E/2.2E/3.2E/4.2E) and "Penetration testing" (AVA_VAN.1.3E/2.4E/3.4E/4.4E) evaluator actions, which are currently imprecise in regards to searching for, identifying and testing relevant potential vulnerabilities. This Technical Report provides guidance on an approach to objectively search for, identify, filter and test potential vulnerabilities utilizing international ad hoc standard resources for software weaknesses and attack patterns. The set of relevant software weaknesses and attack patterns identified through this guidance represent a minimal set for analysis under the AVA_VAN assurance family in an ISO/IEC 15408 evaluation. Additional weaknesses and attack patterns may be determined relevant by specific national schemes, technical communities, associated protection profiles or other sources. In utilizing these standard structured resources, the approach defined here has the added benefit of being equally applicable to the TOE development process as it does to the TOE security evaluation process. This means that relevant weaknesses and attack patterns identified and tested for during development, whether defined ad hoc or as part of a structured assurance case, can provide a head start template for a TOE-specific set of relevant weaknesses and attack patterns for use in the security evaluation.

This Technical Report is intended to be used in conjunction with and, as an addendum to, ISO/IEC 18045.

This Technical Report does not address all possible vulnerability analysis methods, in particular those that fall outside the scope of the activities outlined in ISO/IEC 18045. It uses the common weakness enumeration (CWE) and the common attack pattern enumeration and classification (CAPEC) to identify possible attacks. It does not preclude the use of other appropriate identification resources by evaluators.

The target audience for this Technical Report is evaluators applying ISO/IEC 15408 and certifiers confirming evaluator actions, developers, PP/ST authors (to include Technical Communities), evaluator sponsors and other parties interested in IT security.

This Technical Report recognizes that not all questions concerning IT security evaluation will be answered herein and that further interpretations will be needed. Individual schemes will determine how to handle such interpretations and other guidance, although these can be subject to mutual recognition agreements.

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1 Scope

This Technical Report refines the AVA_VAN assurance family activities defined in ISO/IEC 18045 and provides more specific guidance on the identification, selection and assessment of relevant potential vulnerabilities in order to conduct an ISO/IEC 15408 evaluation of a software target of evaluation. This Technical Report leverages publicly available information security resources to support the method of scoping and implementing ISO/IEC 18045 vulnerability analysis activities. The Technical Report currently uses the common weakness enumeration (CWE) and the common attack pattern enumeration and classification (CAPEC), but does not preclude the use of any other appropriate resources. Furthermore, this Technical Report is not meant to address all possible vulnerability analysis methods, including those that fall outside the scope of the activities outlined in ISO/IEC 18045.

This Technical Report does not define evaluator actions for certain high assurance ISO/IEC 15408 components, where there is as yet no generally agreed guidance.

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