

Questions to ask penetration testing vendors

Ask these key penetration testing questions to cover your bases and ensure your chosen vendor has the expertise your company needs.

- What types of testing do you offer? (Such as external, internal, web application, mobile app, API, wireless network)
- 2. Where would the testing take place?
- 3. What would be automated vs. manual?
- 4. What methods do you use?
- 5. What is the experience level of the engineer(s)?
- 6. What certifications do your testers hold?
- 7. How do you scope a penetration test?
- 8. What is the timeline for delivering the final report?
- 9. What measures do you take to protect sensitive information during and after the test?
- 10. What does your penetration testing report include?
- 11. Can you explain your reporting process?
- 12. What is your approach to handling discovered vulnerabilities?
- 13. Do you offer remediation and other follow-up services?

- 14. Do you provide a retesting service after remediation?
- 15. What are your pricing models?
- 16. Do you offer any guarantees or service-level agreements?
- 17. How do you handle test disruptions?
- 18. What level of customization do you offer in your testing services?
- 19. How often do you recommend we do pen tests?
- 20. How do you stay updated on security threats and testing methodologies?
- 21. How do you ensure compliance with relevant regulations and standards?
- 22. What tools and technologies do you use for testing?
- 23. What references can you provide from similar industries?
- 24. What kind of support do you offer during and after testing?
- 25. Can you outline a typical engagement timeline?