

RE: International Penetration Testing Law (United Kingdom)

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You may want to look in the Open Source Security Testing Methodology Manual at OSSTMM.org-- there is an Appendix in 2.0 written by a British lawyer concerning the various laws for pen testers.

-pete.

-----Original Message-----

From: Greg [<mailto:greg@hoobie.net>]
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2002 6:58 PM
To: Penetration Testers
Subject: RE: International Penetration Testing Law (United Kingdom)

Assuming a generic remote pen test, you will be dealing with the UK Computer Misuse Act (1990). You will need written permission from the system owners and a well defined scope which must also be agreed and signed off before you start (but I guess that's the same everywhere.)

If client data is to be or may be exposed during the test you should also consider the UK Data Protection Act which governs the handling of personal data and the like.

Your engagement letter/contract may need to be re-worded if is designed for use within the US. For instance, I don't beleive there is the concept of the data protection act in the US although I'm not entirely sure about that one.

CMA 1990 : http://www.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts1990/Ukpga_19900018_en_1.htm
DPA 1998 : <http://www.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts1998/19980029.htm>

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Greg

> -----Original Message-----
> *From:* M W [<mailto:crackthis22@hotmail.com>]

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> Sent: 22 May 2002 23:12
> To: crackthis22@hotmail.com
> Subject: International Penetration Testing Law (United Kingdom)
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> Does anybody have any insight (website/links) as to laws/restrictions
> on international pen testing, specifically from the United States to a

> client in the United Kingdom?

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> Thanks in Advance

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