





# CompTIA PenTest+ Syllabus

## Lesson 1: Scoping Organizational/Customer Requirements 2 Hours - 4 Topics

- Topic 1A: Define Organizational PenTesting (Day 1)
- Topic 1B: Acknowledge Compliance Requirements (Day 1)
- Topic 1C: Compare Standards and Methodologies (Day 1)
- Topic 1D: Describe Ways to Maintain Professionalism (Day 1)

### Lesson 2: Defining the Rules of Engagement

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 2A: Assess Environmental Considerations (Day 2)
- Topic 2B: Outline the Rules of Engagement (Day 2)
- Topic 2C: Prepare Legal Documents (Day 2)

### **Lesson 3: Footprinting and Gathering Intelligence**

2 Hours - 4 Topics

- Topic 3A: Discover the Target (Day 3)
- Topic 3B: Gather Essential Data (Day 3)
- Topic 3C: Compile Website Information (Day 3)
- Topic 3D: Discover Open-Source Intelligence Tools (Day 3)

### Lesson 4: Evaluating Human and Physical Vulnerabilities

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 4A: Exploit the Human Psyche (Day 4)
- Topic 4B: Summarize Physical Attacks (Day 4)
- Topic 4C: Use Tools to Launch a Social Engineering Attack (Day 4)

### Lesson 5: Preparing the Vulnerability Scan

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 5A: Plan the Vulnerability Scan (Day 5)
- Topic 5B: Detect Defenses (Day 5)
- Topic 5C: Utilize Scanning Tools (Day 5)

### Lesson 6: Scanning Logical Vulnerabilities

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 6A: Scan Identified Targets (Day 6)
- Topic 6B: Evaluate Network Traffic (Day 6)
- Topic 6C: Uncover Wireless Assets (Day 6)

#### **Lesson 7: Analyzing Scanning Results**

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 7A: Discover Nmap and NSE (Day 7)
- Topic 7B: Enumerate Network Hosts (Day 7)
- Topic 7C: Analyze Output from Scans (Day 7)

#### **Lesson 8: Avoiding Detection and Covering Tracks**

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 8A: Evade Detection (Day 8)
- Topic 8B: Use Steganography to Hide and Conceal (Day 8)
- Topic 8C: Establish a Covert Channel (Day 8)

### Lesson 9: Exploiting the LAN and Cloud

2 Hours - 5 Topics







- Topic 9A: Enumerating Hosts (Day 9)
- Topic 9B: Attack LAN Protocols (Day 9)
- Topic 9D: Discover Cloud Vulnerabilities (Day 9)
- Topic 9E: Explore Cloud-Based Attacks (Day 9)

#### Lesson 10: Testing Wireless Networks

2 Hours - 2 Topics

- Topic 10A: Discover Wireless Attacks (Day 10)
- Topic 10B: Explore Wireless Tools (Day 10)

### Lesson 11: Targeting Mobile Devices

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 11A: Recognize Mobile Device Vulnerabilities (Day 11)
- Topic 11B: Launch Attacks on Mobile Devices (Day 11)
- Topic 11C: Outline Assessment Tools for Mobile Devices (Day 11)

### Lesson 12: Attacking Specialized Systems

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 12A: Identify Attacks on the IoT (Day 12)
- Topic 12B: Recognize Other Vulnerable Systems (Day 12)
- Topic 12C: Explain Virtual Machine Vulnerabilities (Day 12)

### Lesson 13: Web Application-Based Attacks

2 Hours - 4 Topics

- Topic 13A: Recognize Web Vulnerabilities (Day 13)
- Topic 13B: Launch Session Attacks (Day 13)
- Topic 13C: Plan Injection Attacks (Day 13)
- Topic 13D: Identify Tools (Day 13)

### Lesson 14: Performing System Hacking

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 14A: System Hacking (Day 14)
- Topic 14B: Use Remote Access Tools (Day 14)
- Topic 14C: Analyze Exploit Code (Day 14)

#### Lesson 15: Scripting and Software Development

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 15A: Analyzing Scripts and Code Samples (Day 15)
- Topic 15B: Create Logic Constructs (Day 15)
- Topic 15C: Automate Penetration Testing (Day 15)

### Lesson 16: Leveraging the Attack: Pivot and Penetrate

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 16A: Test Credentials (Day 16)
- Topic 16B: Move Throughout the System (Day 16)
- Topic 16C: Maintain Persistence (Day 16)

### **Lesson 17: Communicating During the PenTesting Process**

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 17A: Define the Communication Path (Day 17)
- Topic 17B: Communication Triggers (Day 17)
- Topic 17C: Use Built-In Tools for Reporting (Day 17)







### **Lesson 18: Summarizing Report Components**

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 18A: Identify Report Audience (Day 18)
- Topic 18B: List Report Contents (Day 18)
- Topic 18C: Define Best Practices for Reports (Day 18)

### Lesson 19: Recommending Remediation

2 Hours - 3 Topics

- Topic 19A: Employ Technical Controls (Day 19)
- Topic 19B: Administrative and Operational Controls (Day 19)
- Topic 19C: Physical Controls (Day 19)

### Lesson 20: Performing Post-Report Delivery Activities

2 Hours - 2 Topics

- Topic 20A: Post-Engagement Cleanup (Day 20)
- Topic 20B: Follow-Up Actions (Day 20)