



# SGE Bulletin

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# **UPDATES:**



#### SAVE THE DATE:

# Announcing CRESTCon Australia – March 18th, Hotel Realm, Canberra!

CRESTCon Australia will bring together professional expertise in the technical security industry, welcoming delegates in a wide range of positions from CISOs and senior managers, through to senior penetration testers, threat intelligence analysts and brand-new entrants to the industry.

Tickets cost \$150 at the early bird rate until 30 January. After that a standard ticket will be \$250. CREST Member companies get two free tickets and all other tickets at 50% off the standard ticket price.

Please contact **marketing@crest-approved.org** for a copy of the call for papers. We are looking for technical presentations that look at techniques, tools in the areas of penetration testing, incident response and threat intelligence.

#### Busy at BSidesMCR

CREST had a great day at BSides Manchester at the end of August. The event was the busiest yet with a constant flow of delegates coming to talk to us at the stand. We would like to thank John Fitzpatrick and Stuart Criddle for helping and being on hand to answer specific questions on CREST exams; they were a great support. We are very much looking forward to attending next year.







**CREST Events** 

**CREST Workshops** 

**Industry Events** 





#### **CRESTCon Asia**

CRESTCon Asia is on 20th September 2019. Run by AiSP (Association of Information Security Professionals) in Singapore, CRESTCon Asia is a unique event that brings together leading technical and business information security professionals to share recent cybersecurity

research and methodologies in areas such as penetration testing and incident response. It is being held at the Rendezvous Hotel Singapore. Tickets are on sale at: https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/crestcon-asia-2019-on20-sep-19-tickets-57491409353

# Access to Cyber Security Day

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#### **Update**

Thank you again to everyone who attended Access to Cyber Security day and also to everyone who has sent in their workbooks from the online workshops. The reports are all being written but there is still time to have your say on all four important subjects. Please let us know if you would like to have a link to any of the online workshops. Alternatively, you can simply send us your thoughts on the areas being covered.

The workshops are:

Exploring the gender gap in cyber security – has anything made a difference yet? - Eleanor Dallaway, Editorial Director of the Publishing and Digital Portfolio at Reed Exhibitions

Asking your views on supporting neurodiversity in cyber -Nicola Whiting, Chief Strategy Officer, Titania & Mike Spain, Lead – Atkins Cyber Academy

Combatting stress and burnout in cyber security... from surviving to thriving - David Slade, Psychotherapist

Physical disability: addressing the accessibility challenges faced in a technical security career - Dean McCarten, Senior Security Consultant, BSI

Don't forget to put 8th July 2020 in your diary for next year's CREST Access to Cyber Security day, which will be at IBM's Client Centre again.



#### **CAV Workshop**

CREST held its 3rd Connected and Autonomous Vehicles workshop on 14 August at the BSI offices in Chiswick. Thank you very much once again to BSI for hosting us.

A number of CREST members attended and we were also pleased to welcome the Department of Transport. The aim of the workshop was to look into the guidelines and standards within the vehicle industry and how CREST could set some penetration testing and threat

intelligence standards. The output of the workshop will be available in a report. CREST will also be releasing an online version of the workshop to gather comment from International Members and members that could not make it to the workshop. If you are interested in getting involved in this work then please contact marketing@crest-approved.org. Here is a copy of the report that was produced from last year's workshops: - https://www.crest-approved.org/wp-content/uploads/CAV\_Report\_July\_2018-1.pdf

#### **New CREST Working Groups**











Along with the existing CTIPs group for the Threat Intelligence, we are in the process of establishing the focus groups for its other disciplines; penetration testing, incident response and SOC.

CREST's Working Groups are being established to help with CREST's continual monitoring of best practice in these specific groups. They will also aid CREST in the development of its accreditation and certification requirements, ensuring that they remain fit for purpose and keep abreast of technological advancements. They provide a sector specific focus for members and offer the opportunity for them to benefit from purposeful networking opportunities.

If you are interested in being involved please contact **sarah.cox@crest-approved.org** stating which focus group you would like to be part of.

# Disruptive Delivery report - a call for your comments

For some time, CREST has been looking into the impact of disruptive delivery methods on penetration testing services. In particular, CREST has been trying to understand the implications that these methods have on the buying communities, existing suppliers of services, individuals delivering services and legal and regulatory requirements in a balanced, considered and collaborative way.

You can download a paper that describes this in more detail here: https://www.crest-approved.org/wp-content/uploads/Disruptive-Delivery-Methods-In-Penetration-Testing-v1.pdf

We would welcome your comments; please send them to **marketing@crest-approved.org** 

# CREST International practical examination bookings now open in Australia

CREST Registered Tester and CREST Certified Tester (Infrastructure and Applications) practical examinations are now available for booking in Melbourne and Sydney

In addition to the CREST examinations available at Pearson Vue centres (www.pearsonvue.co.uk/crest),

CREST International is pleased to announce the initial availability of practical examination dates in Australia for its CREST Registered Penetration Tester (CRT) and CREST Certified Infrastructure Tester (CCT Inf) and Certified Web Applications Tester (CCT App) in the following locations:

# Sydney test centre: week commencing 7th October 2019

# Melbourne test centre: week commencing 4th November 2019

Further dates along with availability in our other centres will be announced shortly.

This completely aligns Australia with the rest of the world ensuring that candidates are taking the most up to date CREST examinations, and ensuring access to domestic and international opportunities.

Places are limited for these initial examination dates so please contact **exambookings@crest-approved.org** as soon as possible for booking information and for the specific dates of when exams will be running.

To provide transitional support to candidates taking these practical examinations an interim waiver for candidates in Australia (only) between 9th October 2019 and 31st December 2019 will be in place. This will allow CRT and CCT practical examinations to be taken prior to passing the written. A pass in the practical component of either examination will be valid for three months from the date of passing. The final award will be valid from the date the candidate passes the practical component.

The pre-requisite for the CRT qualification is a pass in the CREST Practitioner Security Analyst examination which is delivered at Pearson Vue centres globally (www.pearsonvue.co.uk/crest). Through formal agreement, equivalences for different elements of the examinations are available from Offensive Security OSCP and EC Council ECSA; additional information can be found at https://crest-approved.org/professional-qualifications/certification-equivalency-recognition-programmes/index.html

The written components of both the CCT Infrastructure Tester and CCT Web Applications Tester are also delivered at Pearson Vue centres globally.

If you have any queries at all at please contact **exambookings@crest-approved.org** 

For details on the test centre locations please go to: https://www.crest-approved.org/local-chapters/australia/australia-exams-logistics-timings/index.html and then open the link to CREST Australia Examination Logistics and Timings.

Nigel Phair discussing CREST's work in Australia is now live: https://youtu.be/\_7xvTy4Qb6Q



#### CRESTCon 2020 - Call for Papers

The Call for Papers for CRESTCon 2020 is now officially open.

**Stream one** will be dedicated to the art of penetration testing – its techniques, tools and of course we want to hear your stories.

**Stream two** will be dedicated to incident response and threat intelligence. Again, we very are interested in hearing as many real-life stories as possible.

We are also looking for presentations that showcase new or on-going security research, present new threats and vulnerabilities or highlight advances and innovation in security testing techniques, tools or methodologies. If you have a proposal for a presentation, please email a synopsis along with your biography to allie. andrews@crest-approved.org by 15 January 2020 for consideration by the CREST conference review committee. Speakers will be given a 30 or 45-minute session to include a Q&A.

CRESTCon will celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2020 and is a key date in the industry calendar, attracting an impressive line-up of speakers and delegates from new entrants to senior penetration testers and CISOs. Presenting at CRESTCon gives you the chance to share your experience, skills and knowledge with over 400 senior delegates from the professional security industry.

CRESTCon 2020 is on 14th May at Royal College of Physicians, London. For more information go to: www.crestcon.co.uk

Interviews with last year's speakers can be found at: **www.youtube.com/crestadvocate** 





#### CRESTCon Sponsorship

Now celebrating its 10th year, CRESTCon attracts an impressive line up of speakers. Along with the four conference streams, the event includes two busy exhibition rooms and a dedicated student demo area that will also provide the opportunity for students to showcase their work and network with sponsors in a special event.

Thank you to Security Alliance  $\triangle$  **SECURITY** ALLIANCE for sponsoring stream 2, the Incident Response and Threat Intelligence Stream, once again this year. We are still looking for a sponsor for stream 1, the Penetration Testing Stream. Contact **marketing@crest-approved.org** to get your name in lights on the day.



Thank you to our first exhibitors and sponsors:

Gold	Titania
Silver	PwC
Bronze	Obrela CheckSec Demo Nettitude
Training Provider:	Crucial Academy Bob's Business Austerbury iHackLabs ICSI

If you are interested in discussing early bird rates for sponsorship contact **marketing@crest-approved.org** 

As well as exhibiting we have a number of other opportunities available. Don't forget the after event garden party in the evening. There is also an opportunity to sponsor this, or you can buy 'party' only tickets at a special rate in bulk to invite guests to network during the evening.

With CRESTCon Australia launching we also have special sponsorship packages for those who would like have a presence at both events.





# Stay up to date with YouTube and Twitter

Throughout the year, we have released a range of content on our YouTube channel, including full-length technical presentations given at CRESTCon, webinars hosted by industry experts, and numerous 'A Day in the Life' interviews. Interviewees share how they got into the industry, what their typical working day looks like, and provide advice to anyone looking to work in the technical security industry. If you're interested in being interviewed by CREST for our YouTube channel, contact rachel.williams@crest-approved.org

Watch the videos on https://www.youtube.com/crestadvocate and keep up-to-date by subscribing and turning on post notifications to be notified every time CREST releases a new video. You can also stay in the loop by following CREST's Twitter: @CRESTAdvocate

#### Member Webinars – How to get involved

We are looking at recording more webinars or short videos with members. The content must be security related, educational and not marketing focused. If you would like CREST to record, promote and put your webinar or short video clip on the CREST YouTube channel then contact marketing@crestapproved.org

We are particularly looking for the following subject areas:

- Threat Intelligence
- SOC

#### **New CREST Members**

Organisation	
ALCORN GROUP	Alcorn Security Group Pty Ltd
atvat Carde	AtvanGarde Pte Ltd
RVOTS	Avotis
CORVID Intelligent Cyber Defence	CORVID
happiest minds The Mindful IT Company	Happiest Minds Technologies Private Ltd
MERCURY SERVICES	Mercury Information Security Services Pty Ltd
Precursor	Precursor Security Ltd
Stratia Consulting	Stratia Consulting
Triskele labs	Triskele Labs Global Pty Ltd

# CREST Exec runs Great North Run for the Chris Lucas Trust

# Rowland Johnson, Director of CREST International and Chief Executive Officer at Nettitude ran the Great North Run on Sunday 8 September 2019.

He did a sterling job with his team members to make it over the finish line. As you can see from the photos they are all looking mighty happy with themselves and deservedly so. Rowland was raising money and awareness for the Chris Lucas Trust, who fundraise for cancer research to cure RHAB Rhabdomyosarcoma. Rhabdomyosarcoma is a rare childhood cancer that affects the soft tissue. Fewer than 60 children are diagnosed in the UK each year, and most of them are younger than 10 years old. Rowland and his family have had first hand experience of dealing with his daughter being diagnosed with this condition. Rowland has shared his story on his Just giving page, please take the time to read the page

# https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fighting-childhood-rhabdo-cancer

Rowland has already been blown away by the support and generosity of people that have already sponsored; if you would like to sponsor, the JustGiving page is still open.





# CREST Member completes Ironman Competition

We would like to congratulate Iain Spinks-Gillan, Head of Cyber Security at Sec-ops for completing the Ironman event on 9th September in 14 hours 34 minutes. The grueling triathlon definitely tests the limits of all that enter this event. There are many that cannot finish this course. So well done to Iain for his dedication and resilience.



# **CREST Diary:**

Month	Event & Location	Туре	Date		
Sept 2019	44CON London	Exhibiting, supporting	11-13 Sept		
Oct 2019	Training Providers – 2nd workshop London	CREST workshop	2 Oct		
	Social Engineering London	CREST workshop	3 Oct		
Nov 2019	Penetration Testing Focus Group	CREST meeting	7 Nov		
Nov 2019	Fellowship 2019 London	CREST annual event	14 Nov		
Nov 2019	Bug Bounty (TBC)	CREST workshop	28 Nov		
Dec 2019	CTIPS drinks reception	Networking and drinks	4 Dec		
2020					
Feb 2020	CTIPS Conference London	Conference	ТВС		
March 2020	CRESTCon Australia Canberra		18 March		
May 2020	CRESTCon 2020 London	CREST annual event	14 May		
July 2020	Access to Cyber Security Day 2020 London	CREST annual event	8 July		
ТВС	Responsible Reporting TBC	CREST Workshop	ТВС		

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# **CREST Events:**

#### Member meet-up and networking drinks

6th November: 4pm – 9pm Manchester, Venue TBA

This is an opportunity for our members to get together. There will also be an industry speaker. We are looking for a venue so if any of our members in Manchester have anywhere suitable, please let us know.

#### Fellowship Awards

14th November 2019 Tanner Warehouse 50 Bermondsev St. London SE1 3UD

The CREST Fellowship Awards are an annual event and recognise individuals for their achievement or contribution within CREST or the technical information security industry as a whole. A CREST Fellowship is awarded for life. Fellows are able to use the designation FCREST as a post-nominal. Please contact marketing@crest-approved.org to discuss sponsorship or if you would like to book a table or tickets for the evening.

#### **CTIPS Networking Drinks Reception**

4th December

The CTIPS (CREST Threat Intelligence Professionals) group is holding a networking drinks reception on 4 December, 5pm-8pm at Hotel Novotel, London Excel, Upperdeck Bar, 27 Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, E16 1AA. Join us after Blackhat for drinks and an industry speaker.

The reception is a stone's throw from Blackhat Europe. CREST has reserved a Private area in the bar and will provide drinks and canapes.

#### CRESTCon Australia 2020

18th March 2020 18 National Circuit, Canberra ACT 2600

This is the first CRESTCon Australia, more information on the first page of this issue of Script Bulletin.

#### CRESTCon 2020

14th May 2020

Royal College of Physicians, 11 Saint Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE

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# **CREST Workshops:**

#### **Training Provider workshop**

2nd October

BSI, Hemel Hempstead

# Social Engineering workshop and report

3rd October

The workshop will examine what social engineering is, what its boundaries are and look to the future and how technology may have an impact. For those of you outside of the UK we will be filming an online version of the workshop and will welcome your input.

BAE Systems, 170 Priestley Road, Surrey Research Park, Guildford, GU2 7RQ

# **Bug Bounty workshop and** report

28th November Venue TBA

#### Responsible reporting

Date and venue to be confirmed

#### Workshops for future

Please send comment, offers of help, suggestions and additions.



