



BEYOND THE CHECKBOX

The Art of Elevating Tabletop Exercises for Proactive Defense

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AGENDA

Why do we run Tabletop Exercises (TTX)?

Where the typical TTX falls short

Making the TTX worthwhile



RAISE YOUR HAND IF: _____

- 📄 You run a TTX on an annual basis
- 📄 Cover the same few scenarios each time
- 📄 Check the box for the auditor and move on until next year



WHY DO WE RUN TTXs?



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BECAUSE THE LAWYERS SAY SO

- ✍ SEC Form 8-K disclosures
 - <https://www.securemetrics.io/sec>
- ✍ PCI DSS
- ✍ FFIEC
- ✍ HIPAA Security Rule 164.08(a)(6) – *Security Incident Procedures – Response and Reporting*
 - Requires formal documentation
- ✍ HHS “Wall of Shame”
 - Encourages a functional response plan
 - <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/compliance-enforcement/agreements/index.html>



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IT REALLY IS A BEST PRACTICE



CISA Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise Tips

https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Cybersecurity-Tabletop-Exercise-Tips_508c.pdf



2023 Verizon DBIR

"When responding to social engineering attacks (and the same could be said of most attacks), **rapid detection and response is key.**"



2023 IBM Cost of a Data Breach

Avg. Cost: **\$4.45MM**

Avg. savings with high levels of IR planning and testing: **\$1.49MM**

Avg. cost difference between breaches that took more than 200 days to find and resolve, and those that took less than 200 days: **\$1.02MM**



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https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Cybersecurity-Tabletop-Exercise-Tips_508c.pdf

<https://verizon.com/dbir>

<https://www.ibm.com/reports/data-breach>

WHERE THE TYPICAL TTX FALLS SHORT



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CLASSIC TTX FAILURES

- ▮ Same old song and dance
 - Ransomware
 - Phishing
 - BEC
- ▮ Key Personnel don't participate
 - If you are running the TTX, you aren't participating
- ▮ RTFM
 - If you complete the TTX without going to the documents, are they any good?



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MAKING THE TTX WORTHWHILE



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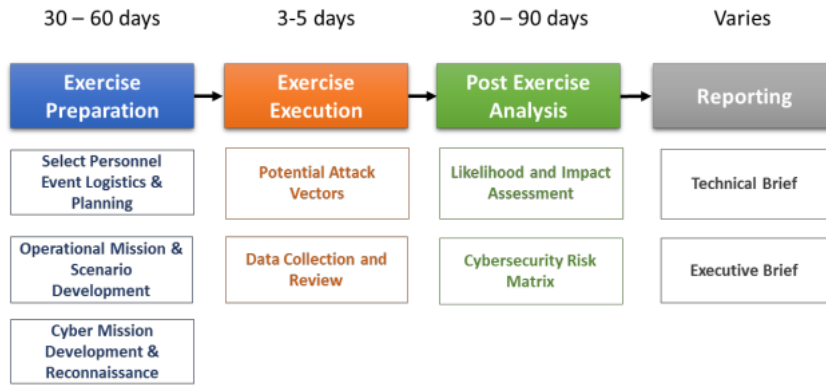


Figure 4. CTT Steps



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<https://ac.cto.mil/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/DoD-Cyber-Table-Top-Guide-v2.pdf>

GO BEYOND THE CHECKBOX FOR THE REST OF US

CISA Tabletop Exercise Packages

- Cyber
- Physical
- Cyber-Physical

After Action Reporting (AAR)

- If your IRP is not updated after a TTX, was it worth it?



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<https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/services/cisa-tabletop-exercise-packages>

CISA sample TTX exercises: <https://www.cisecurity.org/insights/white-papers/six-tabletop-exercisesprepare-cybersecurity-team>

MAKE IT VALUABLE TO ALL



Every single participant should learn **something**



The progression should not be predictable

MAKE IT REALISTIC



“Our SIEM would flag that”



“Our E/X/MDR would stop that”



“We could quarantine that within minutes”

PUT ALL THAT TOGETHER



Go beyond the checkbox



Make it valuable



Make it realistic



.... Make it fun?



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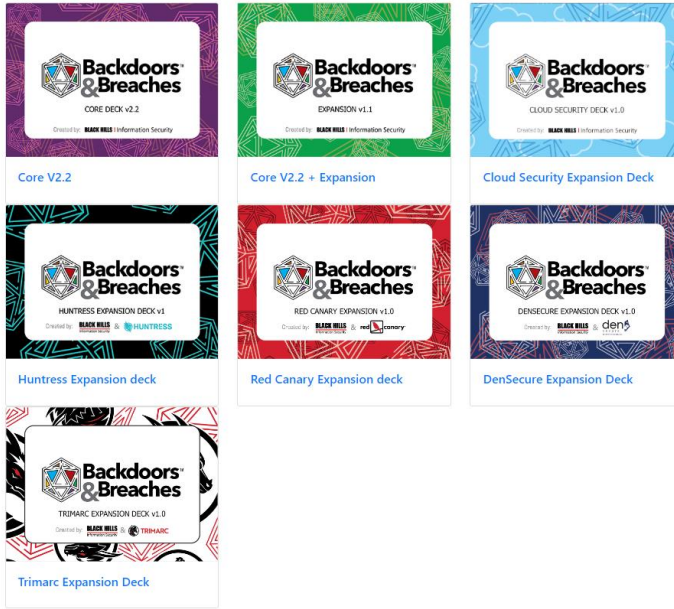
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Core Deck and Expansions



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**LIVE
GAMEPLAY**

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More information about the DenSecure expansion deck:
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HOUSEKEEPING

- ▮ These sessions will typically last 30-60 minutes (if the d20 allows) – we'll get through what we can today.
- ▮ Nominate One person as the Incident Captain and the rest in at your table as Defenders.
- ▮ [Play.BackdoorsAndBreaches.com](https://play.backdoorsandbreaches.com) to play at home
- ▮ <https://spearphish-general-store.myshopify.com/collections/backdoors-breaches-incident-response-card-game> to buy physical cards



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RULES IN BRIEF

✍ Incident Captain knows all - they will guide the Defenders through the incident

✍ Defenders get 10 turns to reveal all 4 attack cards - d20 rolled each turn to determine outcome

- INITIAL ACCESS
- PIVOT & ESCALATE
- C2 & EXFIL
- PERSISTENCE

✍ Defenders are randomly given 4 procedures that have a +3 modifier, all others are +0

✍ 1-10 = FAIL, 11-20 = SUCCESS

✍ 1, 20, or 3 FAIL rolls in a row = INJECT (can be good, bad, or simply chaos)

✍ After a procedure is called, it can't be used again for 3 turns



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Full rules and guidelines: https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/BnB_VisualGuide_v2_03052024.pdf

Also check out backdoorsandbreaches.com &&
<https://play.backdoorsandbreaches.com/>

LET'S PLAY



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Full scenario details will be released after the session for bankers to use at their institution.



QUESTIONS

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- Strategic Planning



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- Financial Statements Audits
- HITRUST
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- International
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