

Conferences Analysis

OWASP Romania InfoSec Conference 2013

OWASP Romania InfoSec Conference 2013 took place on October 25, 2013 at the University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest and was a free event in information security and computer hacking field.

According to OWASP web page, the main objective of conference was to inform people and organizations about software applications risks concerning security and privacy on Internet or local networks. The attendance was free of charge which made it available to a wide variety of technical fellows from university students, teachers, IT employees, security specialists to just passionate people. All materials from the conference are available under a free and open software license on the conference's web page: www.owasp.org/index.php?title=OWASP_Romania_InfoSec_Conference_2013.

I am writing this review from an attendant's perspective although my help was also provided to the organizing team. I was happy to find there around 150 security experts, enthusiasts and students which had the chance to take part in excellent technical presentations and also debates with each other during the breaks or after the event. Apart from this, I must admit it is nice being part of the growth of IT security community in Bucharest.

“The key speaker of the event was Mr. Martin Knobloch, an independent security professional from The Netherlands and a board member of OWASP Netherlands. He delivered a presentation about Secure Development Life Cycle in which he discussed aspects related to the good, the bad and the ugly implementations of development lifecycles. More security professionals later came on stage and delivered presentations on other various security aspects.” (Dan VASILE, CISSP, speaker and part of organizational team, www.pentest.ro).



Martin Knobloch, OWASP Netherlands

Source: OWASP Romania

Apart from its main sponsor, OWASP Romania InfoSec Conference 2013 partnered with industry enthusiasts such as DefCamp, RAISA, Securitatea Informatiilor, etc. to create this events. As a result its agenda covered presentations such as: Practical

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Defense with mod_security Web Application Firewall held by Mihai VENTUNEAC, Online Fraud and the part it plays in Cybercrime where Alexandru DOROFTEI captured crowd attention with some words about best practices against fraud in e-commerce. From my perspective, very interesting was also the results presented by Adrian FURTUNA with regards to Scanning Romania using Nessus. This was at one point also amusing because it presented city hall's sites vulnerabilities. It is worth mentioning that every PII was kept anonymous. In fact, the conference was interesting to all attendants. I am saying that because programmers found catchy what Andrei IGNAT advised about Resolving 3 Common threats in MVC, web developers discovered how to protect Wordpress ecosystem from what Dan VASILE presented and grey-hat hackers were tantalized with a preview of DefCamp Conference when Anatolie PRISACARU spoke about mind reading.



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If you are interested in fields of IT security look for next year's conference organized by OWASP Romania. Do not expect a large, luxurious venue or exquisite food, but make sure you will be there for great information presented by professionals in the field. Be ready to grab a coffee in the lunch break and discuss what interests you the most with others that share the same passion. If none of this makes you curious, just be there for the community.

Thank you, organizing team, for getting us together! I will not finish this review without mentioning some words about OWASP. The Open Web Application Security Project is a worldwide not-for-profit charitable organization focused on improving the security of software. OWASP does not endorse or recommend commercial products or services, allowing our community to remain vendor neutral with the collective wisdom of the best minds in software security worldwide.

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