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Vulnerability Management Assessment

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For whoever has ended up owning security and wants the map before the tooling.

When you have worked through this, you will have: your free result on where you stand, and the five moves that start a real programme without a budget.

Your Free tier holds **1 document** (plus the interactive assessment). A "start here, in this order" guide only earns its place once there are several documents to sequence, so at this tier it is a single entry and a pointer onward.

The one guide

1. Your First Vulnerability Management Wins

PDF · 30–40 min to read · Whoever has ended up owning security

A nine-page plain-English on-ramp covering the five moves (an inventory, an authenticated scan, a weekly known-exploited check, three deadlines and a one-page report) that start a real programme without a budget.

Reach for it when: First. It is the free starter, and the map the paid documents fill in.

You finish with: A five-step plan you can start this week, and a printable one-page checklist to track it against.

The interactive assessment

Not a document: a short questionnaire that scores where you stand and points at the gaps.

→ Take the free vulnerability management assessment.

When you outgrow the free tier

The Solo toolkit turns these five into a worked programme (the asset inventory, the authenticated scan, and the known-exploited check), with a Start here catalog to sequence them.

→ See the Solo, Team and Enterprise editions.

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This document is part of the **%s**, produced by **Sylvan Assurance, LLC**.

It provides **general guidance and recommended practices** for running a vulnerability management programme, drawn from widely recognised standards and frameworks (for example the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) catalogue, the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) and the Exploit Prediction Scoring System (EPSS) stewarded by the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST), and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) guidance on enterprise patch management). It is **not** a professional security audit, a penetration test, a certification, or legal advice, and it does not create any advisory or consulting relationship.

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