

# Certified Vulnerability Assessor

## COURSE BENEFITS

**Course Title:** Certified Vulnerability Assessor

**Duration:** 3Day

**Language:** English

**Class Format Options:**

Instructor-led classroom  
Live Online Training

**Prerequisites:**

- Basic networking understanding

**Student Materials:**

- Student Workbook
- Student Prep Guide

**CPEs:** 24

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Information System Owners
- Analysts
- Ethical Hackers
- ISSO's
- Cyber Security Managers
- IT Engineer

The vendor neutral Certified Vulnerability Assessor certification course helps students understand the importance of vulnerability assessments by providing intricate knowledge and skills in the Vulnerability Assessment arena. The CVA course provides foundational knowledge of general VA tools as well as popular exploits an IT engineer should be familiar with.

The CVA is a fundamental cyber security certification course that focuses on vulnerability assessments. The CVA course focuses on foundational information such as the importance of a Vulnerability Assessment and how it can help an engineer prevent serious break-ins to your organization. In the CVA course, the student will be versed with basic malware and viruses and how they can infiltrate an organizations network. The student will also learn how to assess a company's security posture and perform a basic vulnerability test to help secure the organization's networking infrastructure.

## Pen Testing Hacking Career



### All combos Include:

- Online Video
- Electronic Book  
(Workbook/Lab guide\*)
- \*in all technical classes only
- Exam Prep Questions
- Exam



## ACCREDITATIONS



# NICCS™

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is **ACCREDITED** by the NSA CNSS 4011-4016  
is **MAPPED** to NIST/Homeland Security NICCS's Cyber Security Workforce Framework  
is **APPROVED** on the FBI Cyber Security Certification Requirement list (Tier 1-3)

## UPON COMPLETION

Upon completion, the **Certified Vulnerability Assessor** candidate will not only be able to competently take the CVA exam but will also be able to understand and implement a basic vulnerability assessment.

## EXAM INFORMATION

The **Certified Vulnerability Assessor** exam is taken online through Mile2's Assessment and Certification System ("MACS"), which is accessible on your mile2.com account. The exam will take 2 hours and consist of 100 multiple choice questions. The cost is \$400 USD and must be purchased from Mile2.com.



## OUTLINE

- Module 1 – Why Vulnerability Assessment?
- Module 2 – Vulnerability Types
- Module 3 – Assessing the Network
- Module 4 – Assessing Web Servers & Applications
- Module 5 – Assessing Remote & VPN Services
- Module 6 – Vulnerability Assessment Tools of the Trade
- Module 7 – Output Analysis

## DETAILED OUTLINE

### Module 1 - Why Vulnerability Assessment?

Overview  
 What is a Vulnerability Assessment?  
 Vulnerability Assessment  
 Benefits of a  
 Vulnerability Assessment  
 What are Vulnerabilities?  
 Security Vulnerability Life Cycle  
 Compliance and Project Scoping  
 The Project Overview Statement  
 Project Overview Statement  
 Assessing Current Network Concerns  
 Vulnerabilities in Networks  
 More Concerns  
 Network Vulnerability  
 Assessment Methodology  
 Network Vulnerability  
 Assessment Methodology  
 Phase I: Data Collection  
 Phase II: Interviews, Information Reviews, and Hands-  
 On Investigation  
 Phase III: Analysis  
 Analysis cont.  
 Risk Management  
 Why Is Risk Management Difficult?  
 Risk Analysis Objectives  
 Putting Together the Team and Components  
 What Is the Value of an Asset?  
 Examples of Some Vulnerabilities that Are  
 Not Always Obvious

Categorizing Risks  
 Some Examples of Types of Losses  
 Different Approaches to Analysis  
 Who Uses What?  
 Qualitative Analysis Steps  
 Quantitative Analysis  
 ALE Values Uses  
 ALE Example  
 ARO Values and Their Meaning  
 ALE Calculation  
 Can a Purely Quantitative Analysis Be Accomplished?  
 Comparing Cost and Benefit  
 Countermeasure Criteria  
 Calculating Cost/Benefit  
 Cost of a Countermeasure  
 Can You Get Rid of All Risk?  
 Management's Response to Identified Risks  
 Liability of Actions  
 Policy Review (Top-Down) Methodology  
 Definitions  
 Policy Types  
 Policies with Different Goals  
 Industry Best Practice Standards  
 Components that Support the Security Policy  
 Policy Contents  
 When critiquing a policy  
 Technical (Bottom-Up) Methodology  
 Review

### Module 2 - Vulnerability Types

Overview  
 Critical Vulnerabilities  
 Critical Vulnerability Types  
 Buffer OverFlows  
 URL Mappings  
 to Web Applications  
 IIS Directory Traversal  
 Format String Attacks  
 Default Passwords  
 Misconfigurations

Known Backdoors  
 Information Leaks  
 Memory Disclosure  
 Network Information  
 Version Information  
 Path Disclosure  
 User Enumeration  
 Denial of Service  
 Best Practices  
 Review

### Module3 - Assessing the Network

Overview  
 Network Security Assessment Platform  
 Virtualization Software  
 Operating Systems  
 Exploitation Frameworks  
 Internet Host and Network Enumeration

Querying Web & Newsgroup Search  
 Engines  
 Footprinting tools  
 Blogs & Forums  
 Google Groups/USENET  
 Google Hacking

Google and Query Operators  
Google (cont.)  
Domain Name Registration  
WHOIS  
WHOIS Output  
BGP Querying  
DNS Databases  
Using Nslookup  
Dig for Unix / Linux  
Web Server Crawling  
Automating Enumeration  
SMTP Probing  
SMTP Probing cont.  
NMAP: Is the Host on-line  
ICMP Disabled?  
NMAP TCP Connect Scan

#### **Module 4 - Assessing Web Servers**

Web Servers  
Fingerprinting Accessible Web Servers  
Identifying and Assessing  
Reverse Proxy Mechanisms  
Proxy Mechanisms  
Identifying Subsystems  
and Enabled Components  
Basic Web Server Crawling  
Web Application Technologies Overview  
Web Application Profiling  
HTML Sifting and Analysis  
Active Backend Database Technology Assessment  
Why SQL "Injection"?  
Web Application Attack Strategies  
Web Application Vulnerabilities  
Authentication Issues

#### **Module 5 - Assessing Remote VPN Services**

Assessing Remote & VPN Services  
Remote Information Services  
Retrieving DNS Service Version Information  
DNS Zone Transfers  
Forward DNS Grinding  
Finger  
Auth  
NTP  
SNMP  
Default Community Strings  
LDAP  
rwho  
RPC rusers

#### **Module 6 - Vulnerability Tools of the Trade**

Vulnerability Scanners  
Nessus

TCP Connect Port Scan  
Nmap (cont.)  
Tool Practice : TCP  
half-open & Ping Scan  
Half-open Scan  
Firewalled Ports  
NMAP Service Version Detection  
Additional NMAP Scans  
NMAP UDP Scans  
UDP Port Scan  
Null Sessions  
Syntax for a Null Session  
SMB Null Sessions &  
Hardcoded Named Pipes  
Windows Networking Services Countermeasures  
Review

Parameter Modification  
SQL Injection: Enumeration  
SQL Extended Stored Procedures  
Shutting Down SQL Server  
Direct Attacks  
SQL Connection Properties  
Attacking Database Servers  
Obtaining Sensitive Information  
URL Mappings to Web Applications  
Query String  
Changing URL Login Parameters  
URL Login Parameters Cont.  
IIS Directory Traversal  
Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)  
Web Security Checklist  
Review

Remote Maintenance Services  
FTP  
SSH  
Telnet  
X Windows  
Citrix  
Microsoft Remote  
Desktop Protocol  
VNC  
Assessing IP VPN Services  
Microsoft PPTP  
SSL VPNs  
REVIEW

SAINT – Sample Report  
Tool: Retina



Qualys Guard  
Tool: LANGuard  
Microsoft Baseline Analyzer  
MBSA Scan Report

**Module 7 – Output Analysis**

Overview  
Staying Abreast: Security Alerts  
Vulnerability Research Sites  
Nessus  
SAINT  
SAINT Reports

Dealing with Assessment Results  
Patch Management Options  
Review

GFI LANGuard  
GFI Reports  
MBSA  
MBSA Reports  
Review