

# X-Force Red Autonomy

X-Force Red, a team of veteran hackers, operates autonomously and organizationally independently within the IBM Corporation. Organizations hire X-Force Red to break into their businesses and uncover risky vulnerabilities that criminal attackers may use for personal gain. With X-Force Red's autonomous team, clients receive an unbiased and neutral assessment of security vulnerabilities associated with people, processes and technologies that put their most critical assets at risk of a compromise.

## Assignment unpredictability

- If X-Force Red is assigned to perform testing and/or a red teaming exercise for a client, other associated IBM business units do not receive advance notice of the test/simulation.

## Blind assignment

- Many aspects of the client's environment targeted by X-Force Red may or may not be managed in full by IBM. X-Force Red will follow the scope as identified by the client, without informing other IBM business units.

## Impartial and independent results

- X-Force Red will never modify, reduce the severity of, or remove penetration test findings from the results presented to the client.

## Single focus, single leadership

- Within their countries or regions, X-Force Red reports to one global manager.

## X-Force Red enlisted to test IBM systems

- Various IBM business units hire X-Force Red to test applications and systems and trust X-Force Red to provide fact-based results.

X-Force Red is an independent team, within IBM Security, with its own reporting chain, business model and pricing structure. Learn more at [ibm.com/xforcered](https://ibm.com/xforcered)