

UTIA IT0124P2 – VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

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Objective:

To ensure compliance with the Vulnerability Scanning section of [UTIA IT0124 - Information Technology Risk Assessment Policy](#), certain University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (the Institute) systems will be subject to routine vulnerability assessment. Vulnerability assessment will consist of identifying networked assets, scanning for vulnerabilities and potential vulnerabilities, and remediation of vulnerabilities.

Scope:

These procedures apply to all Institute-owned IT assets classified as moderate, high, or business critical. All users are required to be familiar with and comply with these procedures.

Procedures:

The Institute’s Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) will initiate the vulnerability scans on a monthly basis during a time that will not affect normal network operations. These scans will be run using Qualys Enterprise Suite.

The Institute’s CISO will produce a report for each system that has been scanned. The report will include all vulnerabilities and potential vulnerabilities associated with the system. The report will also include pertinent information such as the actual threat, impact, and suggested solution. The report will be sent via UT’s Secure Courier email system to the system’s owner/administrator. The system owner/administrator will review the report and complete remediation of vulnerabilities based on the level of the vulnerability as outlined below:

<u>Vulnerability Level</u>	<u>Time Frame for Remediation</u>
5 - Urgent	Immediately
4 - Critical	Within 7 days
3 - Serious	Within 30 days
2 - Medium	Within 90 days
1 - Minimal	Within 90 days

Each system owner/administrator will confirm the successful completion of the remediation steps and notify, in writing, the Institute’s CISO of completion. The Institute’s CISO will run a new vulnerability scan on the system(s) to verify remediation of vulnerabilities. This procedure will continue until all vulnerabilities are remediated and verified by the Institute’s CISO.

References:

[*UTIA Glossary of Information Security Terms*](#)

[*UTIA IT0124 – Information Technology Risk Assessment Policy*](#)

[*UTIA IT0124P1 – Information Technology Risk Assessment Procedures*](#)

[*UT Policy IT0124 – Risk Assessment*](#)

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Approval of Procedures

We approve UTIA IT0124P2 – *Vulnerability Assessment Procedures* as described in this document.

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