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Acunetix Web Vulnerability Scanner is an automated web application security testing tool that audits your web applications by checking for vulnerabilities like SQL Injection, Cross site scripting, and other exploitable vulnerabilities.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:

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CEO at Xcelliti

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Information Security Engineer at Tübitak Bilgem

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Senior Business Development Manager at Intouch World

✔ "By integrating with CI/CD tools, it enables a shift-left approach in the development process."

JanetMuhia
Cyber Security Engineer at Spartec

✔ "The product is really easy to use."

Kamil Matusik
Head of Operations, Supply Chain at Lyreco Deutschland GmbH

✔ "It comes equipped with an internal applicator, which automatically identifies and addresses vulnerabilities within the program."

Jagobandhu Some
Hardware Engineer at Ministry of Defense

✔ "It generates automated reports."

AnubhavGoswami
Compliance Manager at a recruiting/HR firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

What users had to say about valuable features:

"The interactive transaction feature is a winning point for us. It's a great selling point. Also, the ability to provide an inventory of currently used APIs is very helpful.."

JanetMuhia
Cyber Security Engineer at Spartec

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"It generates automated reports. This feature is beneficial when sharing reports with clients as it works as a unique selling point due to how attractive and descriptive the reports are.."

AnubhavGoswami
Compliance Manager at a recruiting/HR firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

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"I mainly configure the tool for web applications, and I evaluate all products on the market. I find it to be one of the most comprehensive tools, with support for manual intervention. It offers support for specific scenarios like CAPTCHA and supports the ability to manage actions and updates from the internet.."

Abdullah Ozkan
Information Security Engineer at Tübitak Bilgem

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The features of Acunetix have proved most effective in identifying vulnerabilities. I find the false positives to be a notable aspect. Additionally, with its impressive capabilities, Acunetix offers several options for deployment. I can use it both on the cloud and on-premises, which provides flexibility. Its most valuable role is in enhancing security by identifying potential vulnerabilities efficiently.

Srinivas Walikar
Senior Business Development Manager at Intouch World

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"The product is really easy to use. It is a useful product. If you are a security engineer and don't have experience in the tool, you can learn it quickly. We are using Acunetix on our XDR process. We use it to scan applications and create reports for the developers. We use the scheduler to schedule scans. We can use a scan simulation to see whether the connection is established correctly. We can see where the issue is. It is great because we can find the bugs. We can create authenticated scans.."

Kamil Matusik
Head of Operations, Supply Chain at Lyreco Deutschland GmbH

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"Acunetix has a very good ratio of fewer false positives, so users don't need to retest everything.

"Acunetix operates smoothly with no interruptions required, and it performs at 100% efficiency without issues in scanning anything.

"The solution is excellent at detecting SQL injection and cross-site scripting vulnerabilities.

"Acunetix integrates with every type of tool, including CI/CD tools, offering 100% integration in DevOps environments.

"The main benefit of Acunetix is that at the first level, users can address security issues related to penetration testing, allowing them to expose vulnerabilities and ensure all required testing is completed with very few false positives.."

KashifJamil
CEO at Xcelliti

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Other Solutions Considered

"I have used Snyk, Qualys, and Tenable. I have worked with other tools that are more helpful and have more functionality than Acunetix. Acunetix is suitable for small companies.."

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Head of Operations, Supply Chain at Lyreco Deutschland GmbH

"Although we are working with Acunetix, we are planning to migrate to Nessus in the future. We used Nessus around seven or so years ago. The current solution is a good one, however, my organization wants to try a new, different product. That is the reason we now moving to Nessus.."

Anubhav Goswami   Read full review ↗
Security Specialist at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

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"Acunetix is the fastest scanner available compared to applications like Netsparker and Fortify WebInspect. The longest scan with Acunetix, and it was for a huge web application, took only four hours. Other scanners did the job in six to eight hours.

While I like Netsparker, it is really slow compared to other scanners.."

Verified user
Security Engineer at Secure Network

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"Acunetix stands out with its metrics, features, and Proof of Exploit. Other solutions we've used don't have those.

There is also Tenable.io Web App Scanning. Tenable's advantage is how it handles vulnerability management. For example, if you have Ansible vulnerability management, you can see both sets of information in a single pane. The only other difference might be pricing, but I'm not entirely sure about that.."

JanetMuhia
Cyber Security Engineer at Spartec

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"The company had been using InMap and was using manual vulnerability assessment practices, using Kali Linux and some open source applications. But once I joined the company, we changed to a different level because we are an ISO 27000 certified company as well as being PCI DSS application certified with a PCI DSS certified data center. We host payment applications on behalf of Sri Lankan and Malaysian banks. Because of that we introduced these automation systems. We use Acunetix and we use PortSwigger and some other tools.

We used Nessus and we have experience with QualysGuard as well, but Acunetix gives us code-level identification of vulnerabilities and a good understanding of the code-level vulnerability fixes. It is much more helpful for us because we can understand how to fix the vulnerabilities at the code level. The vulnerability identification is much more powerful in Acunetix than in any other tool.."

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Compliance Manager at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

"We are very comfortable with the granularity of tests. Sometimes, for certain specific areas, we use different tools, but we feel that Acunetix is much more helpful for all the development teams in understanding the output of the system. In certain cases, the scope of the application and the exposure of the application is varied and then, for additional security measures, we use different tools to evaluate these applications. That makes us much more comfortable in explaining to our customers that we don't only rely on a single tool, that we use multiple tools to identify things in complex environments. Customers want to have different views, not only a single view, of application testing.

Acunetix provides the primary vulnerability assessment. Once we believe we can rely on Acunetix, we will be able to save money on other licenses. The most interesting part is that the application security vulnerability reports of Acunetix are much more explainable in simple terms, for developers.

Also, the jargon that some of the applications that I have looked at—certain open source applications—use and the setup required are highly technical. You have to do a lot of maintenance to keep the environment up and running. Acunetix is a lot more comfortable. Newly recruited people and project managers can easily understand it. This is one of the winning points of Acunetix.

In our tests of Acunetix, we didn't find much difference, performance-wise, when comparing it with other applications. It's lightweight but it doesn't matter if it is a little bit heavy, since it provides a much broader spectrum of vulnerabilities. Acunetix is much more customizable for granular levels of testing.

In terms of the amount of time it takes to complete a scan using Acunetix, a web application, for example, with two or three endpoints takes between half an hour and 40 minutes. If I use the Kali Linux, it will take more time, and then you have to do much more customization which requires heavy technical knowledge. Other solutions take time to scan and may give a much more broader spectrum, but they do not identify vulnerabilities for the purpose of fixing them. They identify them to explore them. Acunetix scans for most commonly identified issues. The problem with other solutions is that, while we may be able to see a lot of

vulnerabilities, if the solution has not been identified we end up with questions as to whether we are able to release it or not. We don't come up against that issue with Acunetix.."

Saminda Jayawardene
Compliance Manager at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

"We have seen ROI with Acunetix. That's the most convincing point I have to prove to my management when it comes to the next budgeting cycle. The ROI is seen in the fact that, at the time of application releases, we hold off the risk. When we do the assessment, we see that the distributed cost of Acunetix, across all our releases reduces our risk. It's a very convincing point.."

Saminda Jayawardene   Read full review ⬈
Compliance Manager at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

"It saved us many weeks of work.

We didn't sell anything with Acunetix, so it was just an improvement for ourselves.

If someone would have hacked us, they probably would have caused much damage. However, now with Acunetix, they shouldn't be able to cause to damage.."

Verified user   Read full review ⬈
Security Engineer at Secure Network

"We found it to improve our processes and findings.

The solution is paying for itself, as our applications are more secure.

We have found several hundred medium to high level vulnerabilities in our applications. In just one application, we were able to identify 75 of these vulnerabilities.."

Verified user
Senior Security Engineer at a insurance company with 10,001+ employees

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"I can't share data points, but we have seen ROI. Otherwise, we wouldn't have renewed the license. Every year we evaluate if we're going to keep a vendor or not. Since we have renewed our license, we think it has ROI value.

It's impossible to answer whether it has saved us money in the long-term, but of course, since we use automatic tools, we don't need as many personal testers. However, personal testers also find a lot of bugs that automatic tools don't find. You need a combination of both.."

Verified user
Lead Information Security Engineer at a financial services firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

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"Return on investment is hard to track because it really depends on the criticality of the vulnerabilities and what the business costs or impact could be if those vulnerabilities were actually exploited. We have a vigorous application security program so testing activities like SAST and DAST must take place. I know if we were to remove our DAST program and not test our websites, we could see an immediate cost-effect as a result. But since Acunetix is used as a secondary tool, we don't know if it actually provided any real cost metrics where we could say: "Okay, because of our use, we have saved X amount of dollars because it found Y amount of vulnerabilities that saved us Z amount of time remediating." Those metrics are not known.."

Verified user   Read full review ↗
Senior Security Engineer at a media company with 1,001-5,000 employees

Use Case

"We have quite a few applications that we scan. We have a requirement to meet PCI DSS compliance and we deal with it by producing reports on a quarterly or a part-quarterly evaluation. We are customers of Acunetix and I'm the executive director of our company. ."

Verified user   Read full review ↗
Executive Director at a financial services firm with 201-500 employees

"We needed it to scan our internal network and web applications.

Our security team of five people used it. We scheduled some monthly scans for web applications, which were not being used, to check for vulnerabilities and also vulnerabilities on new features.."

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Security Engineer at Secure Network

"It is top-rated and widely employed for conducting security assessments on networks, websites, and applications. It is considered the gold standard for evaluating security measures and identifying vulnerabilities in websites, networks, and applications. The tool's extensive capabilities make it a go-to choice for ensuring security. It is renowned for its comprehensive scanning and assessment of networks and websites, but it is also known for its significant cost, particularly for deploying it on large clusters.."

Jagobandhu Some   Read full review ↗
Hardware Engineer at Ministry of Defense

"Most of the customers who use Acunetix are looking for security testing. The primary use case is performing penetration testing.

"The main use cases include vulnerability scanning, security testing, penetration testing, PCI DSS reporting, and multi-user environment support, which excels in SQL injection and cross-site scripting detection.."

KashifJamil   Read full review ↗
CEO at Xcelliti

"We use Acunetix for POC.

We have a scanner site website. We have two web applications, related to banking, that primarily serve our customers. We use Acunetix Vulnerability Scanner to ensure that the APAs that have been exposed to the customers are well-protected and don't have any major vulnerabilities.

We wanted to have some kind of vulnerability scanner which could evaluate our requests and tell us where any vulnerabilities may reside. For that purpose, we use Acunetix scanner.

Originally, we used version 3.12, but they provided us with different products including Acunetix premium and Acunetix 360. We figured Acunetix 360 would be much better suited for our solutions; that's why we are currently using the trial version of Acunetix 360 at the moment.

Within our company, there are around five to ten people using this solution. Some from DevOps, IT Security, and a few penetration testers use it.."

SivaPrakash   Read full review ↗
Senior Test Engineer II at a financial services firm with 201-500 employees

"Our company has more than 300 employees and we have regional offices in Japan and Malaysia. We are in the FinTech industry. We do banking solutions, mobile, branch-based, and agent banking. We are also into government projects.

We have two lines of application testing. One is for internal application deployments. Before all these deployments, we conduct testing with Acunetix and, based on the report generated, we do remediation. Once the remediation is done we will do more testing. Only once all the vulnerabilities have been fixed is it allowed to be deployed in the organization's environment.

The second use case is that we do application development for banks. Whenever we develop backend applications or web applications, they are all tested for vulnerability. In addition, the mobile application code is tested using Acunetix.

We didn't have much in the way of exposure to this kind of information when I joined the organization. I introduced this system to test all the applications that were going to be released to customers, as well as for our internal vulnerability assessment and penetration testing purposes.."

Saminda Jayawardene   Read full review [↗]
Compliance Manager at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

"Acunetix is easy to install and took only two minutes to deploy. For desktop applications, you need to download an EXE file. Deployment over the cloud requires API. ."

Amr Abdelnaser
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Senior Information Security Analyst at EastNets Holding Ltd.

"The initial setup was easy because we had a proper software team consisting of developers, database administrators, and application teams. With the help of the vendor, we were able to implement it successfully. It took approximately three to four months.."

AnubhavGoswami
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Compliance Manager at a recruiting/HR firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

"For standard use cases, we deploy it on a notebook or a desktop machine. In case of integration with a development system, we deploy it on a server or a virtual memory machine. I rate the solution's initial setup process a five out of ten.."

Michael Poon
Director at NETdefence Co. Limited

"It is a bit complicated, but their support is very good in case of any issues. It can be on-prem or on the cloud. It depends on what the customer wants.

You don't need more than one person for its maintenance.."

MarceloPrintac
VP Business Development at MultiPoint Ltd.

"The initial setup is not overly complex or difficult. It's very straightforward and very easy. On their website, they have lots of documentation that walks you through the process.

For deployment or maintenance, you only need a maximum of four or five people.."

Anubhav Goswami
Security Specialist at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

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"I work with on-premise and on-the-cloud products. I faced a huge problem when I tried to install cloud agents. We needed a proxy connection, but Acunetix had a problem creating the connection. I worked with the support for a month. It started working, but the agent caused the bug.."

Kamil Matusik

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Head of Operations, Supply Chain at Lyreco Deutschland GmbH

Customer Service and Support

"I have requested support from the vendor regarding our scan results that have false positives. The vendor double checks and adds a patch if needed. However, their response is too slow.."

Le Viet
Security Consultant at VNCS

"The Acunetix team is in Malta. They are very good, and they provide support over the phone. They are available 24 hours a day, and they answer your queries very fast. They're very active and good.."

MarceloPrintac
VP Business Development at MultiPoint Ltd.

"Technical support is fine. Whenever we have any queries the support is available. We have the paid version. We have paid for it, however, it's great due to the fact that it's available 24/7.."

Anubhav Goswami
Security Specialist at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

"We had to contact technical support some ago but not since then. Sometimes the blog provides support very well, and we have also attended certain webinars.

We would really appreciate it if they would provide training on advanced usage or technical knowhow. That would help us to attend to things and sort them out.."

Saminda Jayawardene   Read full review ↗
Compliance Manager at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

"I am not very satisfied with the customer support they provide. It tends to be quite time-consuming. When I raised a ticket seeking assistance with a simple issue, their response time was notably delayed. They mentioned having a backlog of inquiries, and it took a while for them to address my specific question. There seems to be a disconnect between the amount of money they charge for their support services and the level of support they provide.."

Jagobandhu Some   Read full review ↗
Hardware Engineer at Ministry of Defense

"The technical support is really good. Whenever we experienced an issue, we just scheduled a call. It's not directly with Acunetix, their providers in India got in touch with us.

They are the ones who told us about the product, its features, and its specifications. They are who we speak with if we have any issues or need support. They act as a middle-man between Acunetix and us — they are resellers.."

SivaPrakash   Read full review ↗
Senior Test Engineer II at a financial services firm with 201-500 employees

Other Advice

"I would generally recommend Acunetix to any organization in the IT-enabled sector. However, I have not worked for a non-IT organization, so I cannot comment on that.

I'd rate the solution nine out of ten.."

AnubhavGoswami   Read full review ↗
Compliance Manager at a recruiting/HR firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

"I recommend the solution as we didn't have some specific extensions for any failure testing and SSO related testing.

Overall, I rate the solution an eight out of ten.."

Verified user   Read full review ↗
Anon at a training & coaching company with 10,001+ employees

"To effectively utilize this tool on a monthly basis, users must possess a certain level of expertise. It is crucial that individuals who wish to employ this tool have experience in both programming and networking to make the most of its functionalities. I would rate it eight out of ten.."

Jagobandhu Some
Hardware Engineer at Ministry of Defense

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"I give the solution nine out of ten.

The solution is faster than AppSpider when scanning primary domains but it does not scan subdomains. If you require a solution that does a more in-depth scan I don't recommend the solution. ."

Andrei Bigdan
Executive Manager at B2B-Solutions LLC

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"We use Acunetix via API with our bucket. When developers try to push some part of the code, Acunetix is used to analyze the vulnerabilities. The integration of Acunetix with Jira and other buckets is easy. Acunetix is not very different from the other vulnerability scanners. It is not the best solution. The connection is via API. We get the link and change the token between the connections. The integration is not easy, but it's not hard. Bigger companies with a lot of developers can get better tools. Overall, I rate the tool a six or seven out of ten.."

Kamil Matusik   Read full review ↗
Head of Operations, Supply Chain at Lyreco Deutschland GmbH

"Acunetix supports multi-user environments effectively.

"Acunetix is targeted for small to mid-size teams in a DevSecOps environment, making it the best choice for small and mid-size companies, offering a friendly interface, support for CI/CD, and excellent vulnerability scanning capabilities.
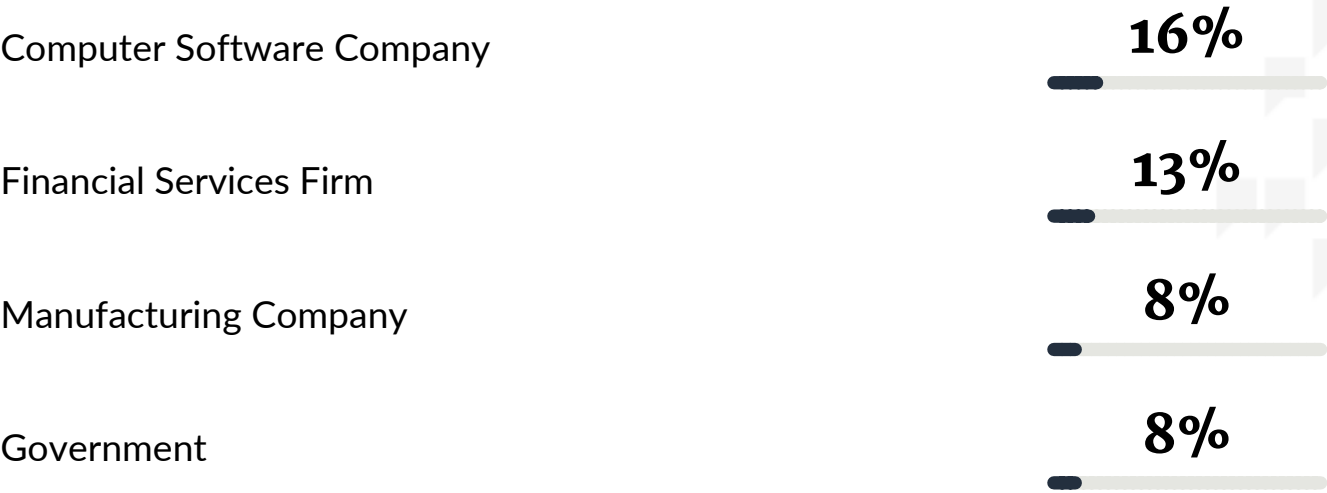
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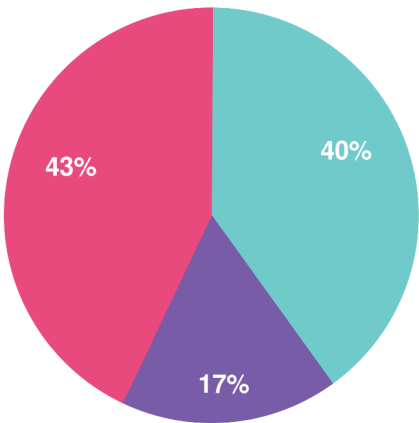**KashifJamil**   Read full review ↗
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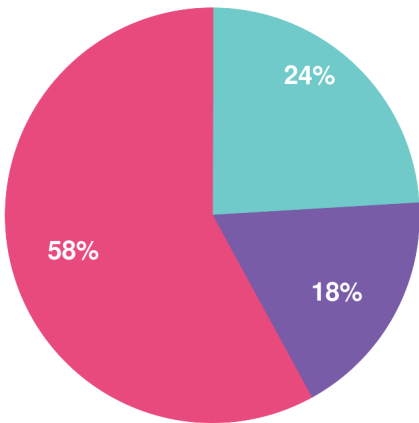Manufacturing Company

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