



TABLETOP EXERCISE

BarCode's Tabletop Exercises evaluate your organization's cyber incident response plans, communication pathways, and staff proficiency through customized simulations. Our cybersecurity experts partner with your key stakeholders to develop realistic scenarios that test your ability to effectively detect, respond to, and recover from the latest cyber threats.

Benefits

- ✓ Identify gaps between documented incident response plans and real-world actions
- ✓ Build muscle memory and strengthen coordination between incident responders
- ✓ Proactively discover areas for improvement in a low-risk environment
- ✓ Meet cyber insurance, regulatory and compliance training requirements
- ✓ Increase overall organizational cyber readiness and resilience

Methodology

1. Planning and Scoping

We meet with your team to understand your environment, concerns, and goals. Our experts then craft customized tabletop scenarios based on the latest real-world tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) used by threat actors targeting your industry.

2. Structured Simulations

Your key stakeholders, incident responders and executives come together to roleplay through the scenario injects in a roundtable discussion format. Our facilitators present evolving scenario details, guide the conversation, and evaluate participant's responses.

3. After-Action Reporting

Following the exercise, we provide both a strategic executive briefing and a detailed technical after-action report. Our findings highlight what worked well, where there is room for improvement, and actionable recommendations to enhance your cyberreadiness.

Service Tracks

We offer two Tabletop Exercise tracks: technical incident response and executive crisis management. Best practice calls for each track to be conducted annually — separately or as part of a coordinated exercise.

	Technical	Executive
Audience	Security teams, IT staff	C-suite, legal, communications, HR executives
Focus	Technical detection, containment, eradication, recovery procedures	Strategic decision-making, communications, compliance, reputation management

Duration & Deliverables

The Tabletop Exercise varies in duration based on the size of your environment and the areas being included within the testing. In general, it typically takes one month. Deliverables include:

➤ Executive Briefing Presentation

- In-person or virtual overview of the Tabletop Exercise, highlighting:
 - Participant's adherence to incident response, communication, and escalation procedures
 - Key lessons learned and insights gained
 - Strategic recommendations for enhancing cyber incident preparedness

➤ Comprehensive After-Action PDF Report

- Detailed analysis of your organization's performance during the Tabletop Exercise, covering:
 - Incident response effectiveness
 - Communication and coordination among stakeholders
 - Adherence to existing security policies and procedures
- Identification of key strengths and areas for improvement to bolster your company's resilience against real-world cyber threats
- Detailed timeline of the exercise, including:
 - Scenario injects and progressions
 - Participant responses and decision-making processes
- In-depth recommendations for enhancing your cyber incident response capabilities across:
 - Threat detection and identification
 - Incident response coordination and execution
 - Containment strategies and tactics
 - Remediation and recovery efforts

➤ Report Presentation & Review

- Formal presentation of the after-action report findings to your team
- Walkthrough of the report details, ensuring a thorough understanding of the exercise outcomes and recommendations
- Opportunity for your team to ask questions and gain further insights from our cybersecurity experts

Why Choose BarCode?

BarCode is a globally recognized cybersecurity firm dedicated to partnering with clients to prevent, investigate, and prepare for sophisticated cyber incidents. Our team of skilled incident responders has been at the forefront of managing and mitigating many high-profile breaches worldwide. This hands-on experience has equipped us with an unparalleled understanding of the ever-evolving threat landscape, including the tactics, techniques, and procedures employed by both established and emerging threat actors.

Our Tabletop Exercise service leverages this deep expertise to create highly customized and relevant scenario injects that are grounded in real-world incidents. By closely collaborating with your organization, we identify and prioritize the key business and technical risk areas unique to your operations. This targeted approach ensures that the simulated scenarios accurately reflect the most pressing cyber threats your organization may face, allowing you to stress-test your incident response capabilities against realistic adversaries and attack vectors.

Through our Tabletop Exercises, your team will gain invaluable experience and insights into effectively navigating complex cyber incidents, enhancing your overall resilience and preparedness in the face of an actual breach. Our commitment to staying at the vanguard of cybersecurity enables us to deliver exercises that not only reflect the current threat landscape but also anticipate and prepare your organization for the challenges of tomorrow.

Reach out today to learn more and discuss tailoring a Tabletop Exercise to your organization's unique needs. We will enable you to build confidence in your people, processes, and procedures to effectively respond to and mitigate real-world cyber incidents.

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