

Mr. Abbas Naderi Afooshteh: I've been a security expert for most of my life. Before that, I spent a few years developing software and programming and team management. Now I spend most of my days researching security or managing projects and contributing to offense or software.

### **Summary of Community-Submitted Questions and Answers**

**Question:** What is the biggest challenge you see for OWASP?

**Answer:** OWASP should implement more sorting of projects, better management, and have teams and work groups to find and promote projects so that potential is not wasted from possible contributors. A better-organized OWASP could direct contributors in the right direction, which would impact a lot more people.

**Question:** The mission of OWASP is to make software security visible so that individuals and organizations worldwide can make informed decisions about true software security risks. How do you see OWASP furthering its mission in the next year, and what about in the next five years?

**Answer:** I believe we have impacted a lot of people, and that OWASP and what we have to offer is well known in the software and security world. The rest of the impact we need is to work on creating security standards for corporate and existing projects that are out there. In the long term, we need international scientific standards to make the security world a safer, better place.

**Question:** If elected, how will you prevent conflicts of interest between OWASP responsibilities and the duties of the organization where you are employed or active?

**Answer:** Before being a candidate for the board, I quit my job first and moved to this remote town to do my Ph.D. in computer science and security. That is because I wanted to spend more time in security and help proceed with OWASP. Over the years, I have seen how an individual with a conflict of interest can hurt an organization. So that's not going to be me.

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