

Mr. Martin Knobloch: I started with application development in 1998, and finding that applications were not secure, changed jobs. My last employment, I had a chance to work with a Security Task Force, and contacted OWASP. We first met in 2006 at an AppSec conference in Belgium, and I have been involved with them ever since. I have led the Netherlands chapter since 2007, and have been involved with OWASP in various projects and conferences.

Summary of Community-Submitted Questions and Answers

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

Answer: Focusing more on organizational security; increasing the value of projects, some of which are outdated; and continuing its efforts to improve the website. The national organization must become more mature; be consistent with our responses; and be reliable in our actions and statements to continue building trust.

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: Changing the vision statement was an important move; using tools and guides, OWASP must take a more strategic approach to get the message to communities regarding the many things OWASP can offer, as some in the field are not aware how much more we can give them; more representatives should be speaking at universities and visiting conferences outside of OWASP and even the security industry.

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: This question has been raised many times since I became involved in OWASP; I have raised it myself. I cannot deny my involvement in OWASP has helped me a lot. I keep my OWASP and business interests separated as well as I can. I am very particular how I respond to emails, being careful to keep the two separate. It is hard to do; I separate as much as I can. OWASP is OWASP and business is business.

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