

Mr. Yiannis Pavlosoglou: I've studied information security, hold a Ph.D. in it, and then through the ranks of professional penetration testing in London, I found my way into organizations like OWASP, where I've been a project leader in the past and have been involved with a couple of committees.

Summary of Community-Submitted Questions and Answers

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

Answer: To continue to enforce its mission statement as it achieves global growth, in terms of the continued influx of chapters, projects and members throughout the world. So it's about how we continue to enforce our mission statement, given that we are rapidly growing.

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: That is a good question. First, I would not try to change the mission statement; I would only try to further it. Second, well, it's about how we achieve that mission statement; I think we have to dive a little more into the detail of how we get there. The last point would be about enforcing the mission statement to describe elements such as how we are trying to make our society safer, how we are improving productivity and efficiency in this information-dependent world that we now live in. Also, looking at the structure other successful organizations have had in doing so.

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: Good question as well. I work in the area of security risk for UBS based in London, which I don't believe carries any conflict of interest between my current role and position and the mission statement of the open community that is OWASP. So in that sense, there hasn't been a point of friction in the past. Also, large organizations like the financial institution I work in have a keen interest to learn from organizations like OWASP.

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