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Goals

# Effective Security Response

Theory

*Lessons learned from the XenProject security response process*

Experience

XSA-7

Questions?

<https://xenproject.org/community/policies>

<https://xenproject.org/faq>

XSA-108

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## XenProject's security response process

## Goals

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# Response

## Theory

Goals

No disclosure

*absence of evidence*  
and  
*evidence of absence*

Full disclosure

*Privately* vulnerable

*Publicly* vulnerable

Coordinated / Responsible disclosure

Reporter report  
Coordinate a disclosure  
Release of vulnerability

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## **Coordinated / Responsible disclosure**

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Reporter reports bug to software vendor  
Coordinate a date for public disclosure  
Release of vulnerability and binary fix

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Reporter reports bug to software project

Coordinate a date for public disclosure

**Project sends patch to pre-disclosure list**

Release of vulnerability, patch, and binary fixes

**Honor the wishes of the reporter**

Include a suggested disclosure  
timeline

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Include a suggested disclosure  
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Coordinated / Responsible disclosure

# Experience

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Individual address on the p  
disclosure list

Require an alias to a securi

Pressure put on managemen

Talk to your management  
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## Pressure put on management chain

Talk to your management chain ahead  
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Only credit in the public disclosure

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# Principle and practicality

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## Unfairness

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**Users don't know that an update is coming**

ahead

Announce existence of a vulnerability and the public disclosure date

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## XSA-108

Media speculation storm

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**Make the process mechanical**

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binaries to service providers?

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# Questions?

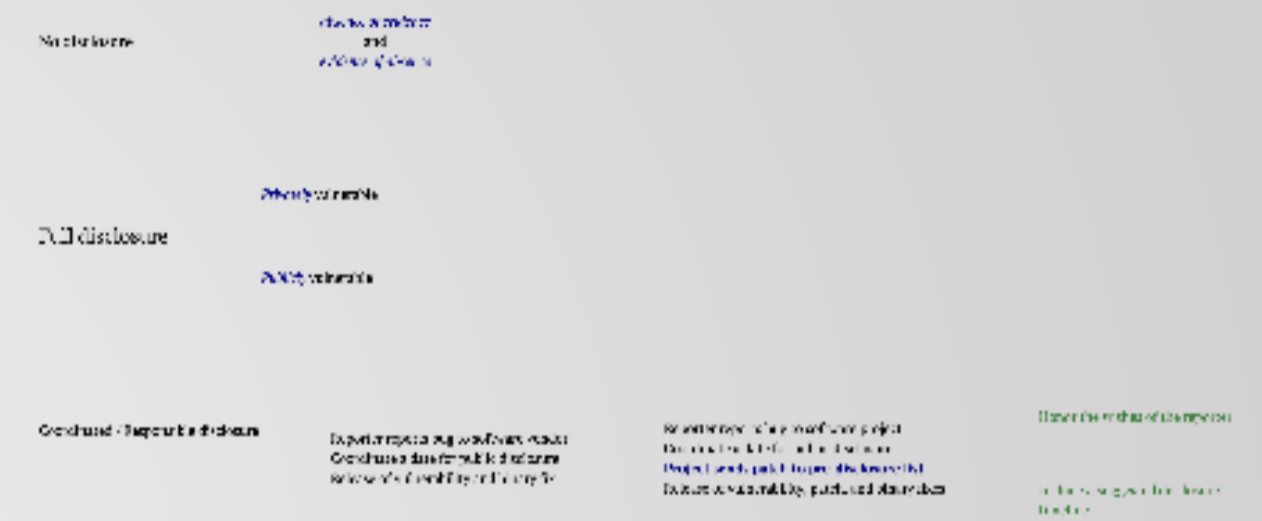
*XenProject Security Response Process*

<http://www.xenproject.org/security-policy.html>

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# Effective Security Response

## *Lessons learned from the XenProject security response process*



Questions?  
 A good response to the  
 XenProject security process  
 has been an excellent one

### Experience

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Media speculation

Hard by a size of application

Make the process technical

Do you have a good idea of  
 what you're doing with it?

What are the main issues?

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Principles and guidelines

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