



# Differences between red teaming and penetration testing



## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RED TEAMING AND PENETRATION TESTING

More often than not, the above terms are used interchangeably. With a cursory glance, this usage may be completely fine, but a closer look reveals several differences between the two.

### RED TEAMING

*A longer time duration and is tested concurrently*

*Employees are not aware of the attack*

*A wide target area and looks into known and unknown vulnerabilities*



### PENETRATION TESTING

*A shorter time duration and is tested independently*

*Employees may be aware of the attack*

*A narrowly defined target area and looks into known vulnerabilities*

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