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SAST NEWS: for your SAP security & compliance

Dear Reader,

We are already well into the new year. However, as this is the first issue of SAST NEWS 2019, I will first take a moment to wish you a successful – and of course a secure – year.

Where SAP security is concerned, things are certainly not getting any less challenging. Like you, we, too, are facing tougher requirements, in part due to increasing system complexity. Keywords such as SAP Cloud, S/4HANA or Fiori come to mind, just to name a few. It is and will remain of the utmost importance to address the security of SAP landscapes.

So far, we are seeing that S/4HANA is gaining steam, in particular. As shown in the current survey from the German SAP User Group (DSAG), the S/4HANA migration will play a big role for some 80% of you in the very near future. It is particularly crucial – and I especially want to remind you about this in this issue – to keep SAP security in mind throughout all the fuss over the migration. Your authorizations, your interfaces and your ABAP code are all affected equally. Since you have to start somewhere, let me suggest the expert talk with Patrick Boch entitled "How can I quickly migrate SAP custom code to S/4HANA?", which was held during IT-Onlinemagazin's online conference. You can find the recording in our [webinar archive](#) and an interview on the subject on our [SAST BLOG](#).

On that note, I hope you enjoy the read and wish you a good start to the week.



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How can I quickly migrate SAP custom code to S/4HANA?



According to recent investment reports from the German SAP User Group (DSAG), up to 80 percent of the companies it surveyed intend to migrate their SAP systems to S/4HANA in the next several years. Certainly, a bold endeavor. To minimize internal effort, the recommendation is to eliminate legacy issues - for example ABAP custom code – before the migration takes place.

In an interview with the online IT magazine, Patrick Boch explained how you can migrate your custom code quickly and securely to S/4HANA.

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Study shows SAP systems especially prone to insider attacks

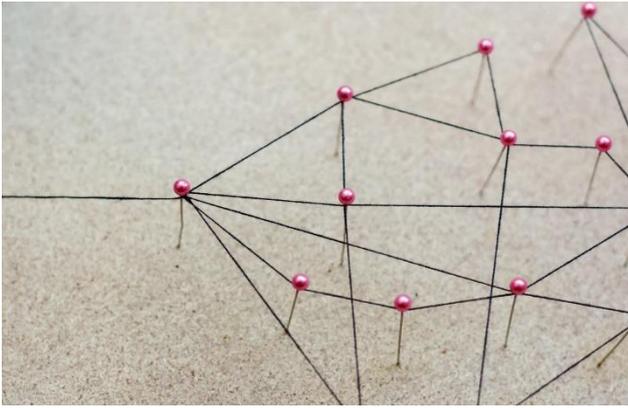
After many years working in the field of SAP security, I am still regularly surprised to discover how much Hollywood has contributed to the discussion on cybersecurity. The common perception is that of a hacker sitting at home in front of several screens and using cryptic commands to hack into corporate networks.

The recently published "Insider Threat 2018 Report" however, shows that insider attacks represent a much more serious threat. As far as the security of SAP systems is concerned, insider attacks are by far the greater problem. Why that is the case and what the main risks are is the subject of this blog post.



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One step at a time: How to secure and harden your SAP Gateway



The Gateway is a central communication component of an SAP system. As such, it is an attractive target for hacker attacks – and should receive corresponding protections. If the Gateway protections fall short, hacking it becomes child's play.

Despite this, system interfaces are often left out when securing IT systems. Should a cyberattack occur, this will give the perpetrators direct access to your sensitive SAP systems.

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Why passwords are pricey – and how you can still keep costs down

A password is both a blessing and a curse. The blessing is that it permits relatively secure authentication. The curse is that because the complex passwords required for secure login are often too hard to remember, even for those with good memories. A forgotten password is annoying for users. It also costs a lot of money.

Calculate for yourself how high the costs can actually be and find out how to avoid them.



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Awarded as "Top 10 Cyber Security Company in Europe"



In cooperation with Enterprise Security Magazine, a distinguished panel of experts, professionals, and technology leaders has selected AKQUINET and their SAST SOLUTIONS into the list of the "Top 10 Cyber Security Companies in Europe".

In the cover story of the magazine, Ralf Kempf (Technical Managing Director) reports what makes SAST SOLUTIONS special and why the topic of cyber security for SAP systems is up-to-date and will remain in future.

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SAST DAYS: 4 Cities, 1 Day = 6 times up to date for your SAP Security & Compliance 2019

As part of our "SAST DAYS" series, we inform you about current developments, upcoming trends and offer a forum for lively discussions and an active exchange.

If you would like to participate, we highly recommend you to register as soon as possible, as places are limited as usual and the guest list is filling up rapidly. We look forward to welcoming you.

- February 26, 2019: Hannover
- February 28, 2019: Hamburg
- March 12, 2019: Leverkusen
- March 14, 2019: München

Please note: The event language is German.

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