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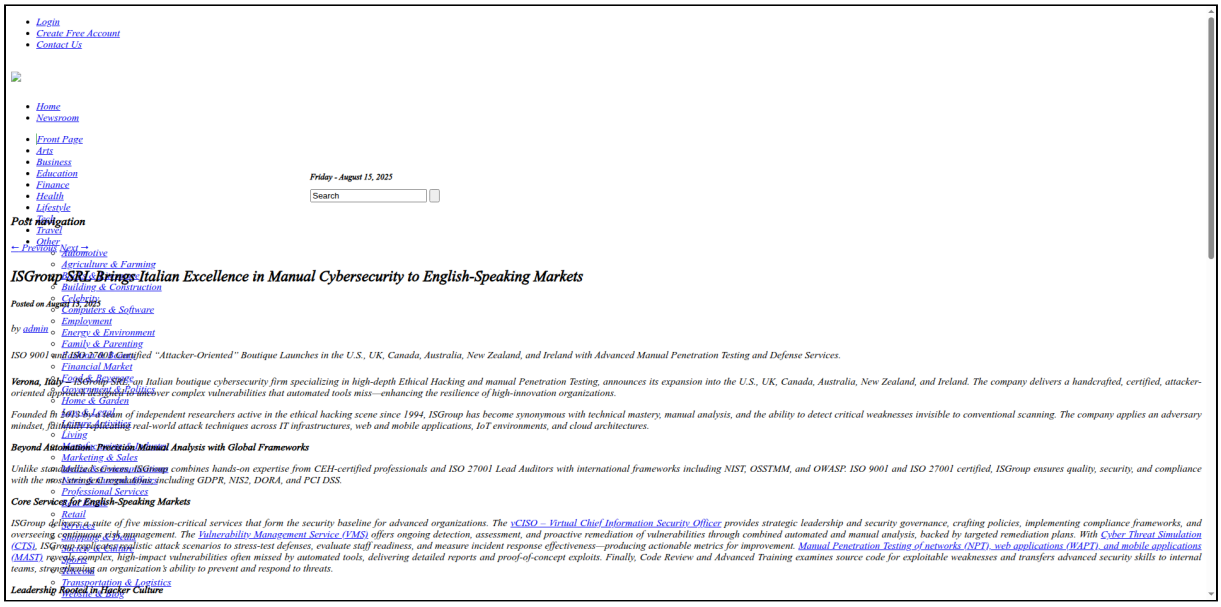

ISGroup SRL Brings Italian Excellence in Manual Cybersecurity to English-Speaking Markets

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ISO 9001 and ISO 27001 Certified "Attacker-Oriented" Boutique Launches in the U.S., UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Ireland with Advanced Manual Penetration Testing and Defense Services.

Verona, Italy *– ISGroup SRL, an Italian boutique cybersecurity firm specializing in high-depth Ethical Hacking and manual Penetration Testing, announces its expansion into the U.S., UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Ireland. The company delivers a handcrafted, certified, attacker-oriented approach designed to uncover complex vulnerabilities that automated tools miss—enhancing the resilience of high-innovation organizations.*

Founded in 2014 by a team of independent researchers active in the ethical hacking scene since 1994, ISGroup has become synonymous with technical mastery, manual analysis, and the ability to detect critical weaknesses invisible to conventional scanning. The company applies an adversary mindset, faithfully replicating real-world attack techniques across IT infrastructures, web and mobile applications, IoT environments, and cloud architectures.

Beyond Automation: Precision Manual Analysis with Global Frameworks

Unlike standardized services, ISGroup combines hands-on expertise from CEH-certified professionals and ISO 27001 Lead Auditors with international frameworks including NIST, OSSTMM, and OWASP. ISO 9001 and ISO 27001 certified, ISGroup ensures quality, security, and compliance with the most stringent regulations, including GDPR, NIS2, DORA, and PCI DSS.

Core Services for English-Speaking Markets

ISGroup delivers a suite of five mission-critical services that form the security baseline for advanced organizations. The vCISO – Virtual Chief Information Security Officer provides strategic leadership and security governance, crafting policies, implementing compliance frameworks, and overseeing continuous risk management. The Vulnerability Management Service (VMS) offers ongoing detection, assessment, and proactive remediation of vulnerabilities through combined automated and manual analysis, backed by targeted remediation plans. With Cyber Threat Simulation (CTS), ISGroup replicates realistic attack scenarios to stress-test defenses, evaluate staff readiness, and measure incident response effectiveness—producing actionable metrics for improvement. Manual Penetration Testing of networks (NPT), web applications (WAPT), and mobile applications (MAST) reveals complex, high-impact vulnerabilities often missed by automated tools, delivering detailed reports and proof-of-concept exploits. Finally, Code Review and Advanced Training examines source code for exploitable weaknesses and transfers advanced security skills to internal teams, strengthening an organization's ability to prevent and respond to threats.

Leadership Rooted in Hacker Culture

ISGroup was founded by Francesco Ongaro (aka ascii), a pioneering figure in the Italian cybersecurity landscape and founder of the USH team, and Pasquale "sid" Fiorillo, CTO and vulnerability researcher with internationally recognized CVEs (QNAP, Veeam). Together, they bring to English-speaking markets more than two decades of research and high-level project expertise.

"Entering markets like the U.S. and UK means meeting the highest global standards. We bring a manual, creative, attacker-oriented approach as a true differentiator," says Francesco Ongaro, CEO of ISGroup SRL.

"We don't just test—we think, act, and attack like a real adversary, going beyond the limits of automation. That's how we find vulnerabilities others don't," adds Pasquale Fiorillo, CTO of ISGroup SRL.

Partnerships and Proactive Security

The international expansion includes partnerships with system integrators, consulting firms, and local providers to deliver services in English, tailored to each country's regulatory, operational, and cultural specifics. Target sectors include Technology and SaaS, Fintech and Financial Services, eCommerce, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Industry 4.0 and IoT, Public Sector and Utilities, Cloud, and Telecommunications.

About ISGroup SRL

Founded in 2013 in Verona, Italy, ISGroup SRL is a cybersecurity boutique specializing in Ethical Hacking, manual Penetration Testing, Vulnerability Management, Cyber Threat Simulation, Code Review, and advanced training. ISO 9001 and ISO 27001 certified, the company operates in compliance with NIST, OSSTMM, and OWASP standards, supporting enterprises and government agencies in protecting critical IT infrastructures, applications, and sensitive data.

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