

### This Checklist Shows You What You Have and What You Are Missing

You do not need to be perfect to run a penetration test, but you should understand what you are stepping into. This checklist helps you assess your current state, your systems, your internal visibility, and your risk tolerance, and shows how close you are to gaining real value from a professional VAPT engagement.

#### Pen Test Readiness: Know Before You Launch

- ☐ **You have an inventory of your assets, even if it is not perfect.**  
It does not need to be flawless, but having a clear idea of your systems, endpoints, cloud platforms, and applications provides a solid starting point.
- ☐ **You have had a security scan before, but now you are ready for a deeper look.**  
If you have completed a compliance scan or internal audit, that is a good start. Now you are ready to see what an actual attacker would target.
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- ☐ **You understand that “finding vulnerabilities” is the goal.**  
A good pen test breaks things. That's the point. If your team's ready for some tough truth, you're ready for VAPT.
- ☐ **You have the capacity to address what we find.**  
There is no need to fix everything at once, but if you are willing to act on the insights, you will reduce risk instead of simply documenting it.
- ☐ **You are required to run tests for compliance, insurance, or vendor agreements.**  
NIST, HIPAA, GLBA, ISO 27001, and SOC 2 are all covered. If the auditors are asking, we are ready.
- ☐ **You are not sure how exposed you are, but you want to know.**  
If your instinct says it is time to check, trust it. That is the best time to test, before someone else does it for you.

#### What This Means

If you checked even five of these, you are in the right place. The ATS VAPT team builds around your maturity, not against it. You do not need a perfect environment. You only need the commitment to create a safer one.

When you're ready to find the truth,  
we're ready to show it.

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