

# Providing “real-world” experiences to Cyber Security Students



# The Problem

- Education and certification are often insufficient for students seeking work in the field after graduation as the majority of cyber security positions require some experience.
- Traditional internship opportunities are not feasible for many cyber security students – especially those in community college programs

# Possible Solutions

- Capstone projects that allow student teams to perform security assessments/follow-up hardening activities for businesses

# NVCC – ITN 293 - Capstone

- ◎ Semester-long team project, assessing security posture for a college partner business
  - > Students sign NDAs
  - > Students run Nessus scans (both internal and external), do wireless scans with NetStumbler
  - > Limited social engineering activities performed (dumpster diving)
  - > Findings and recommendations are presented in front of the client and a Board

# NVCC – Community PC Cleanup

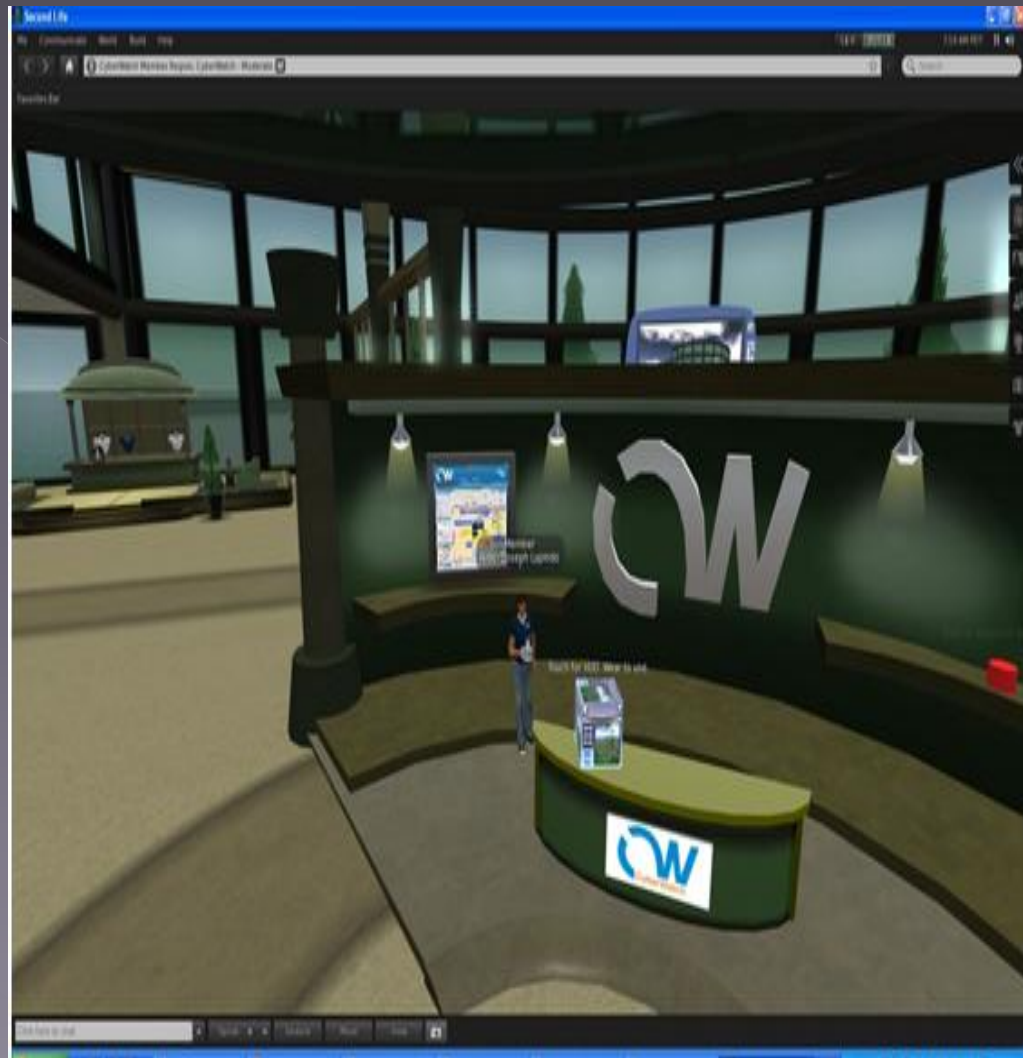
- Advertise for local residents to bring PCs into NVCC to have students clean them up from viruses and spyware
- Done in conjunction with A+ classes to also provide troubleshooting (hard disk defragmentation) services.

# Proposed Expansion

- ◉ Develop student-led Security Center
- ◉ Provide security assessment and hardening services for small businesses and non-profit organizations
- ◉ Students develop security documentation (Incident Response, Contingency Plans, System Security Plans, etc.)
- ◉ Funding to support background checks
- ◉ Coordination with Legal offices a must

# Cyber Watch Second Life Resources

- Cyber Watch Second Life Island - simulated security assessments (exercises relative to CNSS 4012 and, eventually, 4013)



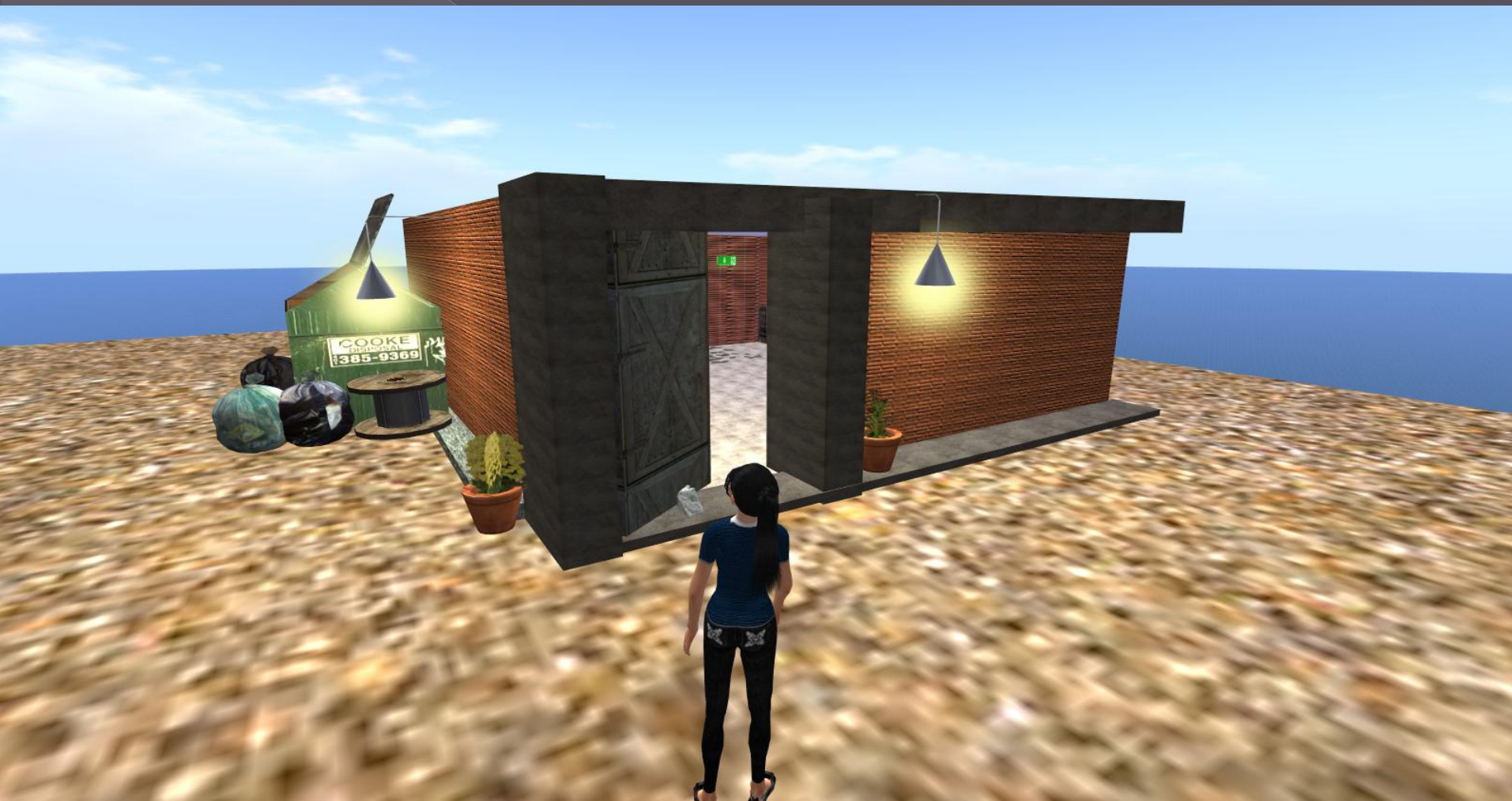
# Audit Instrument

## Exercise 1 VoIP Audit

**Scenario:** You are a security analyst and have been asked to perform a security audit for a University that has just installed a VoIP that will eventually replace the existing PBX. Since there are several team members, you have been provided only a small segment of items to check out. Using the audit checklist provided below, and the DISA VoIP Checklist, visit the facility in Second Life and complete the audit report, provided below, with your findings. Write up your findings, with your recommendations, in a report for the system owner.

ID	Description/Default Findings	Status (Open, Not a Finding, Not Applicable, Not Reviewed)	Reviewer Comments:
V0008225	<p><b>Description:</b> The IAO will ensure all critical VoIP network and server components are located in a secured area. Controlling physical access to the VoIP network and server components is critical to assuring the reliability of the voice network and service delivery. Documenting or logging physical access to the VoIP network and server components is critical to determine accountability for auditing purposes.</p> <p><b>Default Findings:</b> The following VoIP components are installed in an area that does not have adequate physical security controls applied: List components and locations that are not physically secure (except end instruments): VoIP system servers and/or network components are installed in a locked room, closet, or cabinet, but the distribution of keys to access the equipment is NOT limited, controlled, or documented. A physical access log is not maintained.</p> <p><b>Checks:</b> During a walk through inspection, visually confirm that VoIP network and server components are installed in secured areas to include locked rooms, closets, and/or cabinets. Interview the IAO to determine how the distribution of keys to access the equipment is limited, controlled, and documented. Additionally determine if access control procedures/documentation are/is being used and review the access logs for compliance.</p>		
V0008222	<p><b>Description:</b> LAN Not Enclave and Network STIG compliant. The VoIP system is not compliant with overall network security architecture and appropriate enclave security requirements. The IAO will ensure that the network supporting IPT implementations is configured to comply with the Network Infrastructure and Enclave STIGs, most importantly, packet filtering and monitoring.</p> <p><b>Default Findings:</b> The VoIP system is not compliant with overall network security architecture.</p>		

# The Sandbox



# Dumpster Diving



# Data Center



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# Classroom Space



# Public Auditorium/Brown Bags



# Meeting Space



# Planned

- Develop a simulated Security Operations Center (SOC) with sanitized data feeds to train on Incident Response/Signature Analysis
- Integrate classrooms with CyberWatch's Virtual Lab environments for a one-stop training shop

# Contact

- Use of the site is free to CyberWatch members, including the sandbox, however registration is required

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# Questions

