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ENGAGEMENT
Monthly retainer · Remote · EN / DE

SECURITY SPARRING PARTNER

Your outside security expert *on call* — the gap between pentest and training.

Most security engagements are project-based. But between pentests, trainings, and workshops, your teams face a steady stream of architecture decisions, design questions, and trade-offs every single day. The retainer fills exactly that gap — you have someone on speed dial who knows your architectures and attack surfaces and thinks ideas through with you, *before* they ship.

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THREE TIERS

Sparring — THE LOW-FRICTION ENTRY POINT

A regular outside perspective on your security decisions.

- Monthly review call on whatever's on your plate
- Ad-hoc questions by email or chat — no call needed
- Proactive monitoring of your tech stack
- Priority scheduling & discounts on project work

Advisory — A STRUCTURED SECURITY CADENCE

More involvement, more structure, deeper integration.

- Everything in Sparring, plus:
- Bi-weekly review calls
- Findings triage — making sense of scanner output
- AI coding & agentic workflow guidance
- Quarterly architecture deep-dive
- Optional: DNS & domain monitoring

Embedded — ALWAYS IN THE LOOP

I become a fixed part of how your team thinks about security.

- Everything in Advisory, plus:
- Weekly review calls
- Participation in design reviews of critical features
- Ongoing threat-model upkeep (attack tree / Threagile)
- Structured security improvement roadmap
- Optional: external attack-surface monitoring
- Hands-on support during security incidents

SCOPE An advisory relationship — not a CISO role, no compliance sign-off, no dedicated pentesting or multi-day training. Those are available separately, at a discount for retainer clients.

WHY A RETAINER INSTEAD OF HOURLY?

With hourly billing, teams hesitate to "burn an hour" on a quick architecture or dependency question. A retainer flips that: the time is already reserved, so it gets used — *before* decisions are final. Clients engage 2–3× more often, and the focus shifts from firefighting to prevention.

PICK YOUR FOCUS AREAS

- **General security architecture**
  Dependency choices, auth patterns, API design, infrastructure hardening — the everyday trade-offs.
- **Agentic AI security**
  Threat modeling for new agents, reviews of existing deployments, MCP & tool-chain risks.
- **Secure development lifecycle**
  CI/CD hardening, dependency management, secure coding — including reviews of AI-generated code.
- **Cloud & infrastructure security**
  IaC reviews, cloud configuration assessments, and supply-chain hardening.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Scoping call covering team structure, tech stack, and focus areas.
2. Pick a tier — minimum term is typically 6 months.
3. Set up cadence & channels: calls, chat, email.
4. Teams actively use the retainer — architecture, reviews, triage.
5. Hours are use-it-or-lose-it — no rollover between months.

Which tier fits your team?
Every engagement starts with a free scoping call to tailor the tier, focus areas, and cadence to your stack and team structure.

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