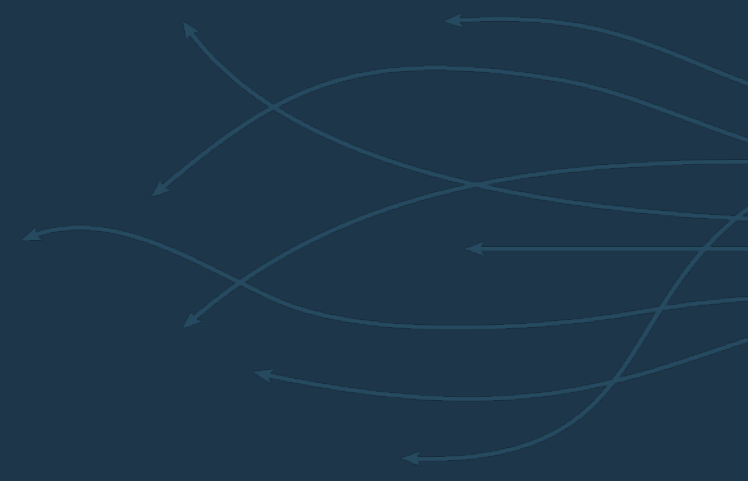


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# Panelists

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# Goals of session

- Outline the required data to be submitted when opening an ISAM security vulnerability case.
- Discuss common solutions.
- Give an overview and show implementation of Web Content Protection for advanced threat detection.

# Agenda

- What to collect when opening a ticket
- Common solutions
- Web Content Protection
- Questions



"NOW THAT YOU'RE ALL HERE, LET'S GO OVER THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING."



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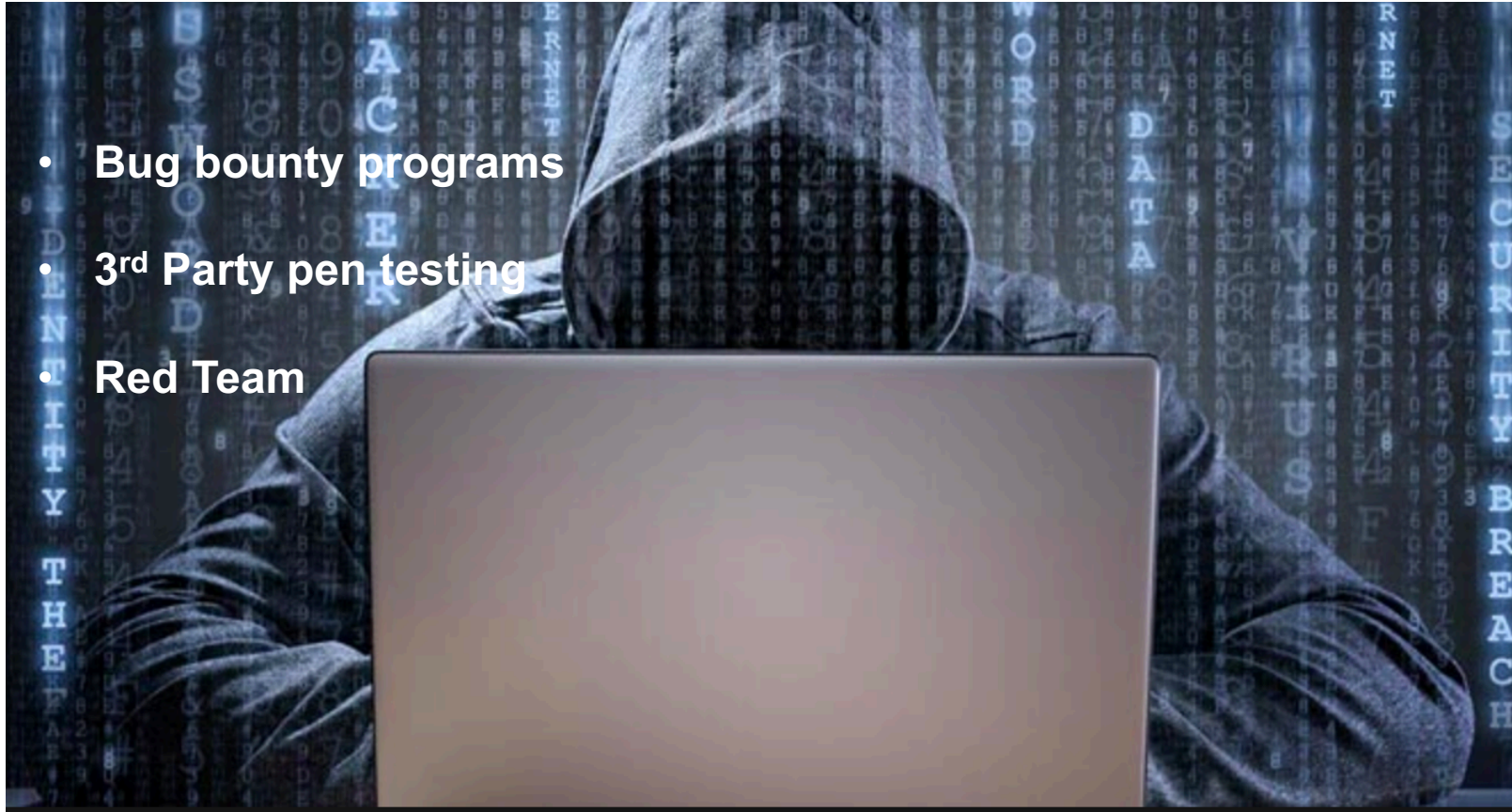
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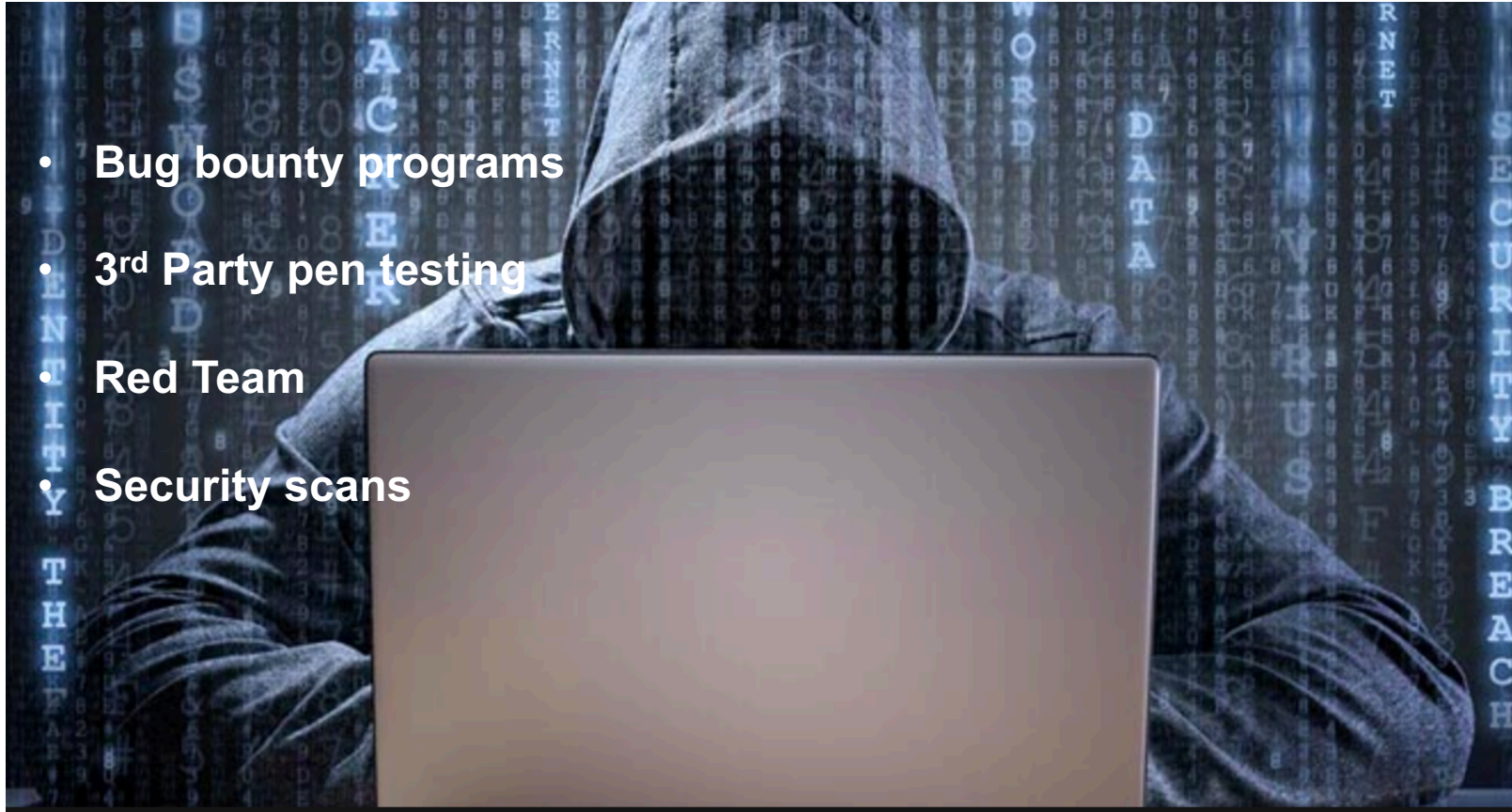
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# Protecting yourself from hackers

- **Bug bounty programs**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Party pen testing**
- **Red Team**
- **Security scans**

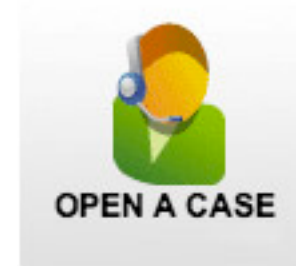


# Opening a case to report a security vulnerability

*The more information you can provide the better.*

## Attach the following to the case

- A copy of the report
- Any CVE number/information for vulnerability
- Recreate instructions
  - Curl, burp, fiddler, etc.
- Relevant screenshots
- Support file with:
  - pdweb.snoop trace
  - PAM logging if enabled (more on this later)



# Common resolutions to vulnerability cases

## Secure Cookie attribute

On by default for WebSEAL session cookie's – PD-S-SESSION-ID, PD-ID

Not for PD-H-SESSION as it is by default not secure/unauthenticated

Not for any cookie that does not contain sensitive session information

What if I need Secure option on PD\_STATEFUL or any other cookie from WebSEAL?

HTTP Transformation rule

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21970418>

Examples on our GitHub

# Common resolutions to vulnerability cases

## HttpOnly

HttpOnly Cookies – protects against XSS

Reverse proxy config file:

```
[server]
```

```
use-http-only-cookies = yes
```

```
[junction]
```

```
pass-http-only-cookie-attr = yes
```



# Common resolutions to vulnerability cases

## Block headers to the back-end

Scan reported HTTP Method override using X-HTTP-METHOD-OVERRIDE header through WebSEAL to the backend. Verb tunneling.

Webseald.conf

Use the [filter-request-headers] stanza to configure extra HTTP headers for WebSEAL to filter before it sends a request to a junctioned server.

Example:

```
header = X-HTTP-METHOD-OVERRIDE
```

# Common resolutions to vulnerability cases

**Illegal sub strings** – method for preventing against malicious scripts being run in the browser.

Webseald.conf file

```
[illegal-url-substrings]
```

```
substring = <script
```

```
substring = <applet
```

```
substring = <embed
```

# Common resolutions to vulnerability cases

Enable/disable specific protocols/ciphers

disable-ssl-v2 = yes

disable-ssl-v3 = yes

disable-tls-v1 = no

disable-tls-v11 = no

disable-tls-v12 = no

gsk-attr-name = string:<protocol identifier>:{*comma-separated cipher list on one line, in preferred order*}

jct-gsk-attr-name = = string:<protocol identifier>:{*comma-separated cipher list on one line, in preferred order*}

# TLSV12

# Allowed

TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256 TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_256\_GCM\_SHA384

TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_CBC\_SHA256

TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_256\_CBC\_SHA256 TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_CBC\_SHA ...



WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

# Web Content Protection





WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

# Web Content Protection AKA WAF

*Web Application Firewall*





WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

# Web Content Protection

AKA  
PAM

*Protocol Analysis Module*





WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

# Web Content Protection

AKA

# The last line of defense





# When to use Web Content Protection

When Reverse Proxy configuration cannot resolve scan failures

Higher requirement for protection needed

## Pros

Up-to-date threat signatures from X-Force

## Cons

Performance hit depending on configuration

- Some customers report up to 10% depending on what content that's being examined and actions taken

Risk of false positives

# WCP – Before you begin

## Always update to the latest X-Force PAM module

Techdoc - <http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21698111>

Download URL -

[https://ibmss.flexnetoperations.com/control/isdl/product?child\\_plneID=123870](https://ibmss.flexnetoperations.com/control/isdl/product?child_plneID=123870)

## Security Content Updates (PAM)

Select a version. To access older versions, click on the Release Archive tab.


<b>New Versions</b>	Release Archive	
Version	Description	Date Available
Previous Updates	<a href="#">Update</a>	Mar 26, 2013
3904.18175	<a href="#">Update</a>	Apr 23, 2019

# Updating WCP PAM module

Download the prov\_pam\_<version>.pkg file

+ File Description	File Size	File Name
+ IBM Security Content Update (PAM) 3904.18175	9.9 MB	<a href="#">prov_pam_3904.18175_201904182156.pkg</a>
+ IBM Security Content Update (PAM) 3904.18175 Readme	34.7 KB	<a href="#">Proventia_PAM_XPU_3904_18175_Readme.html</a>

## Update History

 Refresh

	Name	Action Taken	Status	Version	Release Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	X-Force Content	Install	Success	3904.18175	2019-04-29 14:27:57

pam.log

```
<message time="1556555396" value="PAM base=0x7f4c81aee210 guard=0x2d10c6d0 label='7.0-2019.04.18-17.56-XPU_3904.18175 (multithread)'" />
```

# Web Content Protection Configuration

**Reverse Proxy**

+ New | Edit | Delete | Start | Stop | Restart | Refresh | Manage | Troubleshooting

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instance Name
<input type="checkbox"/> No filter applied
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WCP

1 - 1 of 1 item

- Configuration
  - Edit Configuration File
- AAC and Federation Configuration
  - Edit Tracing Configuration File
- Web Content Protection
- Import Configuration
- Export Configuration

# Web Content Protection Configuration

Enable Web Content Protection

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## Web Content Protection

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**Enable Web Content Protection**

**Enable Simulation Mode**

**Use Proxy HTTP Header**

**Maximum Memory Size \***

16,775,216

# Web Content Protection Configuration






- Configure Resource Actions

## Maximum Memory Size \*


16774216




## Resource Actions

 New |  Edit |  Delete |  Move Up |  Move Down

**Resource**

 ... No filter applied

 test.html

# Web Content Protection Configuration






















- Configure a Resource Action – Threat signatures

## Resource Name \*

test.html

## Issues

 Edit

<input type="checkbox"/>	Event ID	Event Name	Enabled	Category	Type	Threat Level	Response	Quarantine Period	Default Protection	Default Quarantine Period	Protocol
 ...	No filter applied										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2000601	HTTP_URL_Name_Very_Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	 medium 					url
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000603	HTTP_DotDot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	 high 					url
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000604	HTTP_IIS3_Asp_Dot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	 medium 					http
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000606	HTTP_URL_Many_Slashes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	dos	attack	 medium 			block		url
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000607	HTTP_\$DATA_Source_Disclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	 high 			block		http
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000608	HTTP_GET_Very_Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	 medium 			block		http
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000609	HTTP_GET_DotDot_Data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	 medium 					url
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000611	HTTP_repeated_character	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	 medium 			block		url
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000612	HTTP_IIS_Trailing_Incomplete_Unicode	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	 medium 					http
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000613	HTTP_IIS_Many_Headers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	 low 			block		http



# Web Content Protection Configuration

- Configure Resource Action – Update Action

Edit Custom Resource Issue

**Event ID**  
2000601

**Event Name**  
HTTP\_URL\_Name\_Very\_Long

**Response \***  
Block  
Block  
Quarantine  
Ignore

**Description**  
HTTP URL path name overflow

# Web Content Protection Configuration

- Default Resource Action
- If request sent to PAM does not match any of the patterns in the list it gets the default policy:

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**Active Issues**

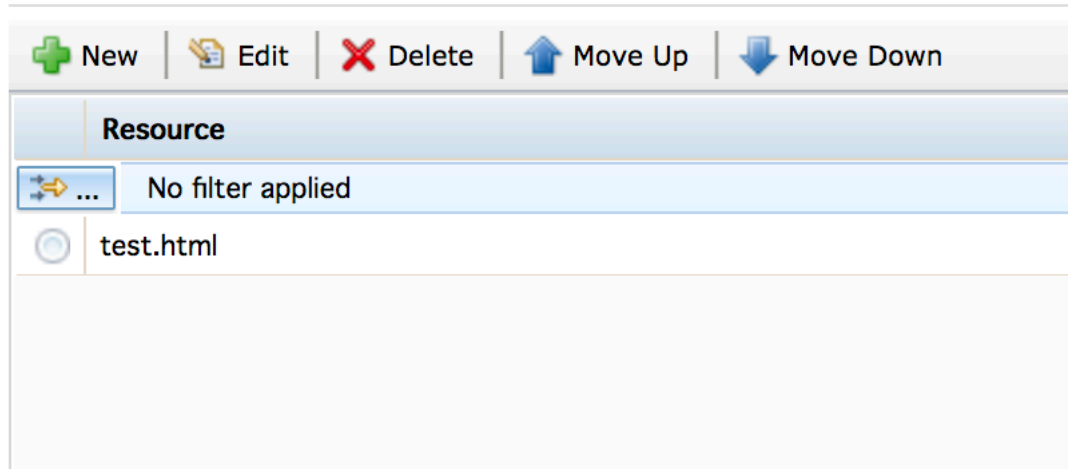
Edit | Trust X-Force | Revert X-Force

<input type="checkbox"/>	Event ID	Event Name	Enabled	Category	Type	Threat Level	Protocol
... No filter applied							
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000601	HTTP_URL_Name_Very_Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	medium	url
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000603	HTTP_DotDot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	high	url
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000604	HTTP_IIS3_Asp_Dot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	medium	http
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<input type="checkbox"/>	2000608	HTTP_GET_With_Extension	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	sundry	attack	medium	http

# Web Content Protection Configuration

- Configure Registered Resources

## Registered Resources



The screenshot displays a web management interface for 'Registered Resources'. At the top, there is a toolbar with five icons: a green plus sign for 'New', a yellow pencil for 'Edit', a red X for 'Delete', a blue up arrow for 'Move Up', and a blue down arrow for 'Move Down'. Below the toolbar is a table with a header row labeled 'Resource'. The first row of the table contains a filter icon (a yellow arrow pointing right with three dots) and the text 'No filter applied'. The second row contains a radio button icon and the text 'test.html'. The table is currently empty of other resources.

# Web Content Protection

- Sample request and pam.log entry

```
$ curl -i -k https://192.168.198.171:444/ -H "Accept:*/*" -H "Content-Type:application/json" -d '{"uid":"clefleur<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>","canale": "email"}' -X POST
```

## Connection reset by WebSEAL

curl: (52) Empty reply from server

## Pam.log entry

```
<issue id="2141016" name="Json_Embedded_JavaScript" start="1551207034" intruder="192.168.198.1" victim="192.168.198.163:444"><events action="Block" mode="enforcing"><event resource="/"><event resource="/"></events></issue>
```

# Web Content Protection Flow

The process flow works as such :

- When PAM is enabled (even in simulation mode) and the Reverse Proxy receives a request it will check the URI against registered resources to confirm whether it should be passed to the PAM layer.
- If it is passed to the PAM layer then PAM will search for a [pam-resource:<uri\_pattern>]' stanza that matches – This is the resource action
  - If one matches, this custom rule set will be used on the resource
  - If there is no match the default PAM rule set will be applied to the resource
- If it is not passed to the PAM layer then ISAM will move on

# Web Content Protection Audit / Logging

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## Log Detailed Audit Events

Enable Log Detailed Audit Events

### Log Audit Events

Log to File

Log to Remote Authorization Server

Log to Remote Syslog Server

### Log Audit Config

#### File Name

pam.log

#### Rollover Size

2000000

#### Buffer Size

0

#### Queue Size

0

#### High Water Mark

100




#### Flush Interval


20

# Advanced Configuration




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### Coalescer Configuration

 New |  Edit |  Delete

Parameter	Value
 ... No filter applied	
<input type="radio"/> combine	on

### Inspection Engine Configuration

 New |  Edit |  Delete

Parameter	Value
 ... No filter applied	
<input type="radio"/> pam.injection.argument.token.limit	8
<input type="radio"/> pam.injection.sql.chaff.limit	-1
<input type="radio"/> pam.injection.sql.score	4
<input type="radio"/> pam.injection.sql.pedantic	0

# Questions for the panel

*Now is your opportunity to ask questions of our panelists.*

## To ask a question now:

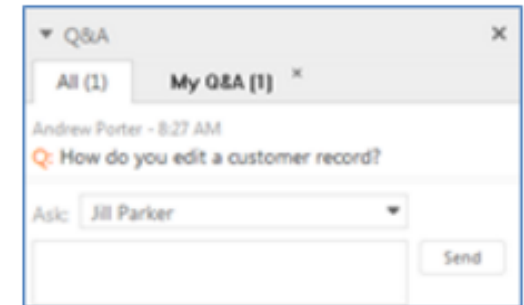
**Raise your hand by clicking Raise Hand.** The Raise Hand icon appears next to your name in the Attendees panel on the right in the WebEx Event. The host will announce your name and unmute your line.

or

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**Select *All Panelists* from the Ask drop-down-menu.**

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