



## Rapid7 Builds on Strong Community Support by Committing \$100,000 to Fund the Open Source Magnificent7

*Up to Seven Open Source Projects to Receive Funding During 2011-2012; First Round Projects to be Reviewed at the UNITED Security Summit*

**Boston, MA - August 22, 2011** - Rapid7, the leading provider of security risk intelligence solutions, today announced the creation of a \$100,000 investment fund to support up to seven promising open source projects in the security industry. The "Magnificent7" projects will be identified and supported through the remainder of 2011 and into 2012, with the first round of winning projects being evaluated at the upcoming [UNITED Security Summit](#) (September 19 - 20, 2011 in San Francisco, CA).

"Dedication to the open source community and a belief in continued innovation through collaboration are just two of the things that drive Rapid7's success today," said HD Moore, Rapid7 chief security officer and Metasploit chief architect. "This investment of \$100,000 to fund the Magnificent7 program is both a demonstration of our commitment and a way to improve the open source security ecosystem as a whole."

Any security-related open source project - with a preference for BSD-compatible licensing - is applicable and encouraged to submit a "Magnificent7" application. After the Rapid7 program committee reviews all initial proposals, promising projects will be chosen to participate in the second round of application, taking place at the UNITED Security Summit, where they will be granted a 45-minute presentation and in-person Q&A session with the Rapid7 committee. During their pitch, participants will be judged based on several criteria including a working demonstration of the software and the caliber of their project roadmap. Selected recipient(s) for the first funding phase will be announced following the UNITED Security Summit and the second round will open for submissions in Q1 2012.

As a well-known open source supporter, this program augments Rapid7's already deep community involvement. In 2009, Rapid7 acquired the [Metasploit® Project](#), which created the most widely used and mature penetration testing solution on the market with more than one million unique downloads and the world's largest, public collection of quality-assured exploits. In July 2010, Rapid7 followed this by sponsoring and partnering with [w3af](#), the open source Web application attack and audit framework, to expand its collaboration with the open source community and further provide the industry with solutions for securing Web and application infrastructure. Most recently, in June 2011, Rapid7 announced its sponsorship of [Openwall's "John the Ripper"](#) project, supporting the initiative in order to help complete the project's research.

To submit a nomination for Magnificent7 funding consideration, please visit the [Rapid7 Community website](#) for details and guidelines and email the submission to [oss@rapid7.com](mailto:oss@rapid7.com). All first round submissions are due by September 9, 2011.

All first round participants must be registered to attend the UNITED Security Summit. For more information about the UNITED Security Summit and to register, please visit <http://www.unitedsummit.org/>.

### About Rapid7

Rapid7 is a leading provider of IT security risk management software. Its integrated [vulnerability management](#) and [penetration testing](#) products, Nexpose and Metasploit, and [mobile risk management](#) solution, Mobilisafe, enable defenders to gain contextual visibility and manage the risk associated with the IT environment, users and threats relevant to their organization. Rapid7's simple and innovative solutions are used by more than 2,000 enterprises and government agencies in more than 65 countries, while the Company's free products are downloaded more than one million times per year and enhanced by more than 175,000 members of its open source security community. Rapid7 has been recognized as one of the fastest growing security companies by *Inc. Magazine* and as a "Top Place to Work" by the *Boston Globe*. Its products are top rated by Gartner®, Forrester® and *SC Magazine*. The Company is backed by Bain Capital and Technology Crossover Ventures. For more information about Rapid7, please visit <http://www.rapid7.com>.

### About UNITED Security Summit

The UNITED ("Using New Ideas To Empower Defenders") Security Summit is the premier venue entirely focused on innovation and collaboration in the security community. Bringing together security decision makers, practitioners, commercial



vendors, open source projects and academia, the Summit will highlight technologies and approaches to help organizations better cope with today's increased security threats. Unlike other conferences, UNITED's agenda is based on the anatomy of a breach, and provides educational and interactive sessions that will reflect on the fundamental security challenges from four perspectives (attacker, operational leadership, IT leadership and the security community) through a common lens.

The UNITED Summit, September 19 - 20, 2011, will be at the Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, California and will feature a variety of industry experts, including Stephen Dubner, co-author of *Freakonomics* and *Superfreakonomics*; Chris Young, VMware vice president and general manager; and HD Moore, Metasploit chief architect and Rapid7 CSO. For more information, including [registration](#), [sponsorship](#) and [speaker](#) opportunities, please visit <http://www.unitedsummit.org/>