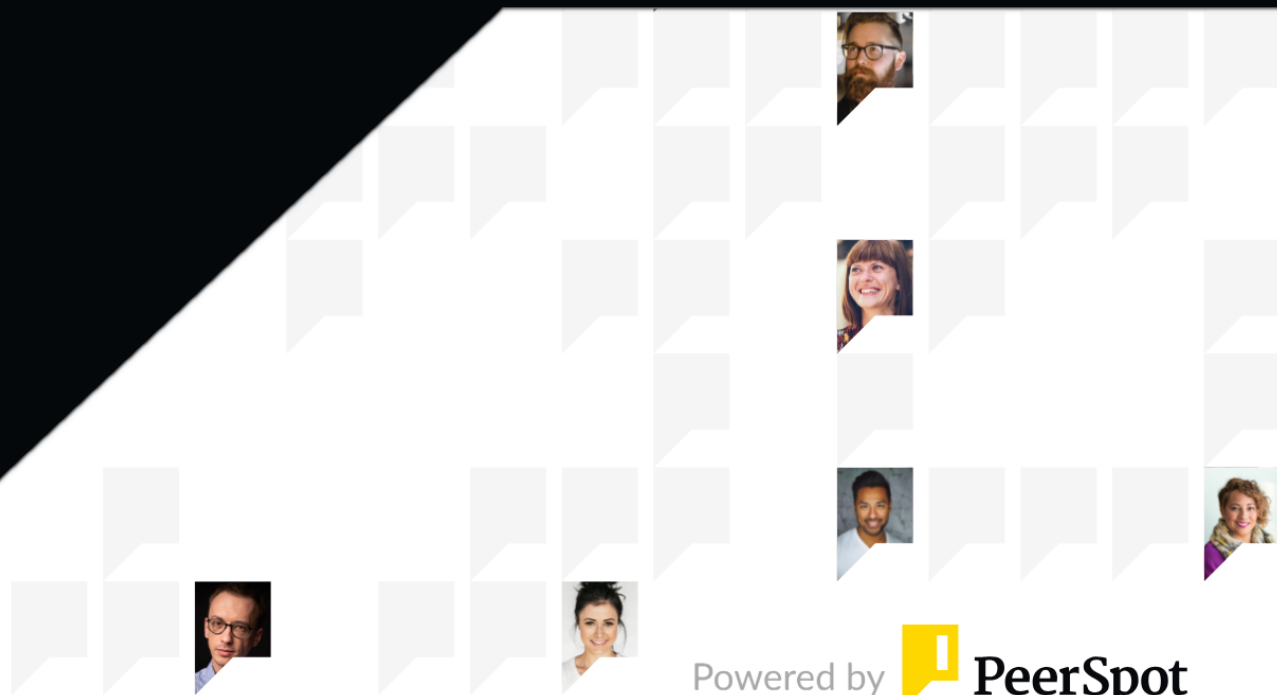


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Product Recap



StackHawk

StackHawk Recap

StackHawk provides a dynamic application security testing tool designed to identify and fix vulnerabilities in modern CI/CD workflows quickly. It seamlessly integrates into developers' pipelines to deliver real-time feedback, helping teams prioritize and address application security efficiently.

Known for its developer-first approach, StackHawk empowers teams to conduct proactive security testing at every stage of the software development lifecycle. It offers robust scanning capabilities that automatically integrate into build pipelines, ensuring security checks are part of the development process from the outset. This makes it easier for developers to identify issues early, reducing the potential for vulnerabilities in production. StackHawk integrates with leading CI/CD and DevOps tools, facilitating smooth adoption into existing workflows.

What are the key features of StackHawk?

- **Seamless CI/CD Integration:** Easily integrates with existing pipelines for efficient security checks.
- **Automated Scanning:** Conducts automatic scans to highlight vulnerabilities in real-time.
- **DevOps Tool Compatibility:** Aligns with popular DevOps tools to streamline processes.
- **Actionable Reporting:** Provides comprehensive reports with clear remediation steps.
- **Developer-Centric Approach:** Designed specifically for developers to ensure easy adoption.

What benefits should users look for in StackHawk reviews?

- **Time-Saving:** Speeds up detection and fixing of security flaws in the development cycle.
- **Improved Security Posture:** Enhances the application security presence with minimal effort.
- **Cost-Effective:** Reduces the risks of expensive breaches by identifying vulnerabilities early.
- **Enhanced Collaboration:** Encourages collaboration between security and development teams.

StackHawk is invaluable in industries such as finance and healthcare, where regulatory compliance and data security are paramount. Integrating security testing directly into application development ensures that industry-specific requirements are consistently met without slowing down the innovation process.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“StackHawk has helped us save time by automating security testing and identifying vulnerabilities earlier in the development cycle.”



Aneesh Dalvi

Senior Software Engineer at Walmart



“StackHawk has positively impacted my organization by giving us a new vision of how vulnerabilities were seen, as we now have more visibility in that matter.”



Ney Roman

DevOps Engineer at Deuna



“StackHawk has positively impacted my organization by introducing an automated process that did not exist previously, and it helped the company achieve PCI certification.”



Validated user

Manager Sec Ops at a real estate/law firm with 501-1,000 employees

What users had to say about valuable features:

“The best features StackHawk offers include improved handling of findings more easily due to its scanning speed and the configuration-as-code approach that help my team day-to-day.

In terms of features, the shift-left mentality allows us to identify issues earlier in the development cycle, thereby reducing technical debt and enhancing application security. I also love the support from StackHawk team, which ensures the success of using the product. The scanning speed, which was a challenge when we were using Tenable Nessus, has drastically improved since switching to StackHawk. I also love the intuitive user interface and comprehensive documentation, which enhances our user experience, allowing my team to quickly address security issues. I also love the fast integrations into CI/CD pipelines, which makes it very valuable for us to identify security vulnerabilities earlier in the development processes..”

Aneesh Dalvi

Senior Software Engineer at Walmart

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“The best features StackHawk offers are, most importantly, its ability to report any issues that may exist with code running live. The integration with Snyk provides a more holistic, complete picture of issues in the entire life cycle of the web application.

“An example of how getting a holistic picture of issues across the life cycle has helped my team is related to both StackHawk and Snyk because they were basically joined at the hip. Prior to the PCI requirements, there was not a lot of interest in automating the analysis of code that was being developed. Code was being scrubbed for vulnerabilities by humans, which is frankly impractical. You cannot go through either a few thousand or a few million lines of code and expect a human to find vulnerabilities because they are biased. That would be asking a lot based on the sheer volume of data and expecting people to identify vulnerabilities is completely impractical.

“Outside of getting StackHawk connected to websites, which was fairly painless, I have no additional features that stand out to me besides the integration and reporting. StackHawk has positively impacted my organization by introducing an automated process that did not exist previously, and it helped the company achieve PCI certification..”

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Manager Sec Ops at a real estate/law firm with 501-1,000 employees

“The best feature StackHawk offers is called Attack Surface, which is a way of letting us know what repositories that we have hosted in any repository system have a surface attack, and in that case, we integrate the platform into StackHawk, then they let us know the application code base and how we have to integrate it and easily set up the application.

“The Attack Surface feature has helped our team by having an inventory of our repositories and which of them have a surface attack.

“StackHawk has positively impacted my organization by giving us a new vision of how vulnerabilities were seen, as we now have more visibility in that matter. We now take care of not just the static analysis and the composition analysis, but the dynamic analysis. When our microservices are running, we do have a vision of how it performs, and it also lets us know if we have any open vulnerabilities so we can close them.

“Since we started using StackHawk, we've seen reports on different vulnerabilities that we have in our current microservices within the cluster, so now we have a wide vision and a wide perspective, and also we have new ideas about what we need to do. We also have similar microservices, so most of them are common errors and now we are closing up that gap of vulnerabilities..”

Ney Roman

DevOps Engineer at Deuna

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Other Solutions Considered

“The advice I would give to others looking into using StackHawk is that the integration with Snyk was impressive. You would also consider just using Snyk and the DAST that they onboarded over the past year..”

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“Earlier in the review, I mentioned we switched from Tenable Nessus.

The reason we switched from Tenable Nessus is that we relied more on manual security testing and traditional vulnerability scanning. We adopted StackHawk to automate application security testing, identify vulnerabilities earlier, and integrate security checks into our development workflow..”

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“Actually, I cannot say that we have seen a return on investment, as we've been using it recently and the company hasn't adopted it with all the services, so there isn't any measurement about that. Also, at the very beginning, we were just working with two engineers, and now we have maybe just one, but I don't know, it's complicated..”

Ney Roman

DevOps Engineer at Deuna

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“StackHawk has been really helpful. It is very easy to use even for non-technical users, and I love that because of the intuitive user interface and the documentation guidance, which is very plenty. StackHawk has helped us save time by automating security testing and identifying vulnerabilities earlier in the development cycle. We estimate a saving of four to five hours per week on manual testing and also troubleshooting while improving efficiency and reducing rework without needing additional staff..”

Aneesh Dalvi

Senior Software Engineer at Walmart

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Use Case

“My main use case for StackHawk is primarily as a PCI requirement for DAST.

“As a quick specific example of how I use StackHawk for that PCI requirement, it is one of the controls that sits alongside the requirement to have SAST. I deployed StackHawk and Snyk because those two products were easily integrated and therefore providing a unified view of vulnerabilities that existed either during the CI/CD process or running live..”

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“My main use case for StackHawk is to analyze our application live in our EKS cluster.

“A specific example of how we use StackHawk in our EKS cluster is that we deployed an agent authenticated to the StackHawk platform and it is in charge of analyzing our different repositories, letting us know if we have any open vulnerabilities within our base code. Every scenario of analysis is completely published into the StackHawk platform so we can see if we have open vulnerabilities to solve and how much time it takes to perform the analysis..”

Ney Roman

DevOps Engineer at Deuna

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“My main use case for StackHawk is for DAST, DAST, and API scans, providing early pen testing results. StackHawk helps our team become aware of issues earlier, leading to less tech debt and better security. The fast, tunable scans and effective documentation enhance developer collaboration in my organization effectively.

I appreciate StackHawk for its comprehensive documentation, which is incredibly helpful for passing on to developers, ensuring everyone shares responsibility in writing scans. I love the speed and configurability of StackHawk scanning capabilities, which are very impressive. It enables me to fine-tune the balance between cost and effective scan speed to suit our needs. StackHawk embodies a shift-left mentality, where it allows us to identify issues earlier in the development cycle, thereby reducing technical debt and enhancing application security in my organization.

Regarding my use case with StackHawk, the product is very rich in features, and the support from StackHawk team ensures the success of using this product. I also love the scanning speed, which previously was a challenge with Tenable Nessus, and that has drastically improved since we switched to StackHawk, especially with its configuration as code approach as opposed to a traditional web interface. Additionally, the initial setup was very quick and simple, making it easy to get started and integrate seamlessly with our existing tools like GitHub, CodeQL, and Jira for handling findings much more effectively..”

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“Regarding my experience with pricing, setup cost, and licensing, I'm not sure about pricing since I wasn't part of the team that got the application. The setup cost was actually really cheap; I hosted a self-runner with an image based on the StackHawk one, so it was really cheap and easy. I want to emphasize that I was not part of the pricing details and I'm also not sure about what kind of license we have..”

Ney Roman

DevOps Engineer at Deuna

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Customer Service and Support

The customer support was amazing; every time they could, they brought a Spanish translator, so the communication was really smooth. I would rate the customer support ten out of ten.

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“According to my experience, customer support has been very helpful and responsive. The guidance provided makes it easier to resolve technical issues very easily, and my experience has been very positive so far with the support team. I would rate customer support a nine out of ten..”

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Other Advice

“StackHawk is deployed in my organization in the public cloud using the configuration on their site.

“I use [AWS](#) as my cloud provider.

“I rate this product an eight out of ten..”

Validated user

Manager Sec Ops at a real estate/law firm with 501-1,000 employees

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“I don't actually have a clear perspective on StackHawk's AI capabilities regarding its governance and security.

“My advice to others looking into using StackHawk is to stay prepared. Document how your architecture works, whether you have decoupled services or not. Based on that, it will be easier or not to use the application. In our case, we had to deploy an agent within our cluster and that was the only way we could analyze our microservices. So be prepared, especially technically, because they can help a lot in different areas, but you're the owner of your own infrastructure, so it relies on you how you're going to implement the solution.

“My overall rating for this review is seven out of ten..”

Ney Roman

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“My experience with StackHawk has been very credible, and I would rate them a five out of five. I chose five out of five for StackHawk for a couple of reasons: it enables me to set up any type of authenticated scans due to its YAML configuration setup, and it is possible to run internal scans since it only needs the binary to run it. Customer support has also been very great so far; they are always ready to answer any questions. Even their bot helps a lot. The integration they have with [Snyk](#) makes it great for deeper analysis, enabling us to make data-driven decisions easily.

Regarding governance and security for StackHawk AI capabilities, I feel the AI features are managed in a way that ensures my data is kept safe and that there are good controls or transparency about how the AI is used. I absolutely trust how StackHawk handles sensitive information or automates decisions using AI.

StackHawk accuracy and reliability of output have been consistent and trustworthy in our experience, and I love it. It focuses on transparency and secure practices, which builds confidence in using AI for our application security.

My experience with StackHawk has been very positive, and I highly recommend integrating StackHawk into your CI/CD pipeline early, starting with the critical applications and configuring scans to match your security needs. I encourage you to take time to understand the findings and tune scan settings to reduce false positives. This will help your team identify vulnerabilities earlier, improve efficiency, and also get the most value from the platform. I would rate StackHawk a five out of five overall..”

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