

Securing the Code

# A Comprehensive Guide to Software Development Security Practices and Principles

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# Introduction to Software Development Security

- Overview of Software Development Security
- Importance in protecting software life cycle
- Implementation of best practices and standards

# System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)

- **Five Phases of SDLC:**
  - a. Initiate
  - b. Acquire/Develop
  - c. Implement
  - d. Operate/Maintain
  - e. Dispose
- Iterative process to enhance security at each phase

# Key Development Activities

- **Stages of Development:**
  - a. Gather Requirements
  - b. Design
  - c. Develop
  - d. Release/Maintain
- Focus on Change Management and Configuration Management for secure progression

# Testing and Validation Techniques

**Verification Testing:** Confirm conformance to design specifications

**Validation Testing:** Ensure achievement of software purpose

**Integration Testing:** Verify module cooperation and adherence to security specifications

**Acceptance Testing:** Assess customer satisfaction with software functionality

**Regression Testing:** Confirm that code changes do not compromise functionality or security

# Best Practices in Web Application Security

- 1 WASC (Web Application Security Consortium):** Offers best practices for web applications
- 2 OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project):** Monitors and reports on web attacks
- 3 BSI (Build Security In):** Security recommendations across the development cycle
- 4 IEC/ISO 27034:** Guidance for integrating security in software development and maintenance

# Common Software Development Approaches

- **Overview of Development Models:**

Build and Fix Model

Waterfall Model

V-Shaped Model

Prototyping Model

Incremental Model

Spiral Model

- Emphasizes iterative development and feedback mechanisms

# Agile Methodologies and Process Improvement

- RAD (Rapid Application Development) vs. Agile Model
- Agile vs. Waterfall Method Comparison
- **Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Levels:**

Level 1: Initial

Level 2: Managed

Level 3: Defined

Level 4: Quantitatively Managed

Level 5: Optimizing



# Programming Languages and Concepts

- **Types of Programming Languages:**

Machine Languages

Assembly Languages

High-Level Languages

Very High-Level Languages

- Object-Oriented Programming Features
- Polymorphism, Cohesion, and Coupling Concepts
- Data Structures and Distributed Systems

# Database Architecture, Models, and Interfaces

**Database Models:** Relational, Hierarchical, Network, Object-Oriented, Object-Relational

**Interface Languages:** ODBC, JDBC, XML:DB API, OLE DB

**Strategies:** Data Warehousing and Data Mining

**Database Security:** Threats and Access Control Mechanisms

# Software Threats and Countermeasures

- **Types of Software Threats:** Viruses, Worms, Trojan Horses, Botnets, Rootkits
- **Source Code Issues:** Buffer Overflows, Backdoors, Escalation of Privileges
- **Protection Mechanisms:** Antivirus, Antimalware, Security Policies
- **Software Security Effectiveness:** Certification and Accreditation Process



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