

Protecting Information Assets

- Unit #13 -

Computer Application Security

Agenda

- Introduction
- Software development life cycle (SDLC)
- SDLC and security
- Test taking tip
- Quiz

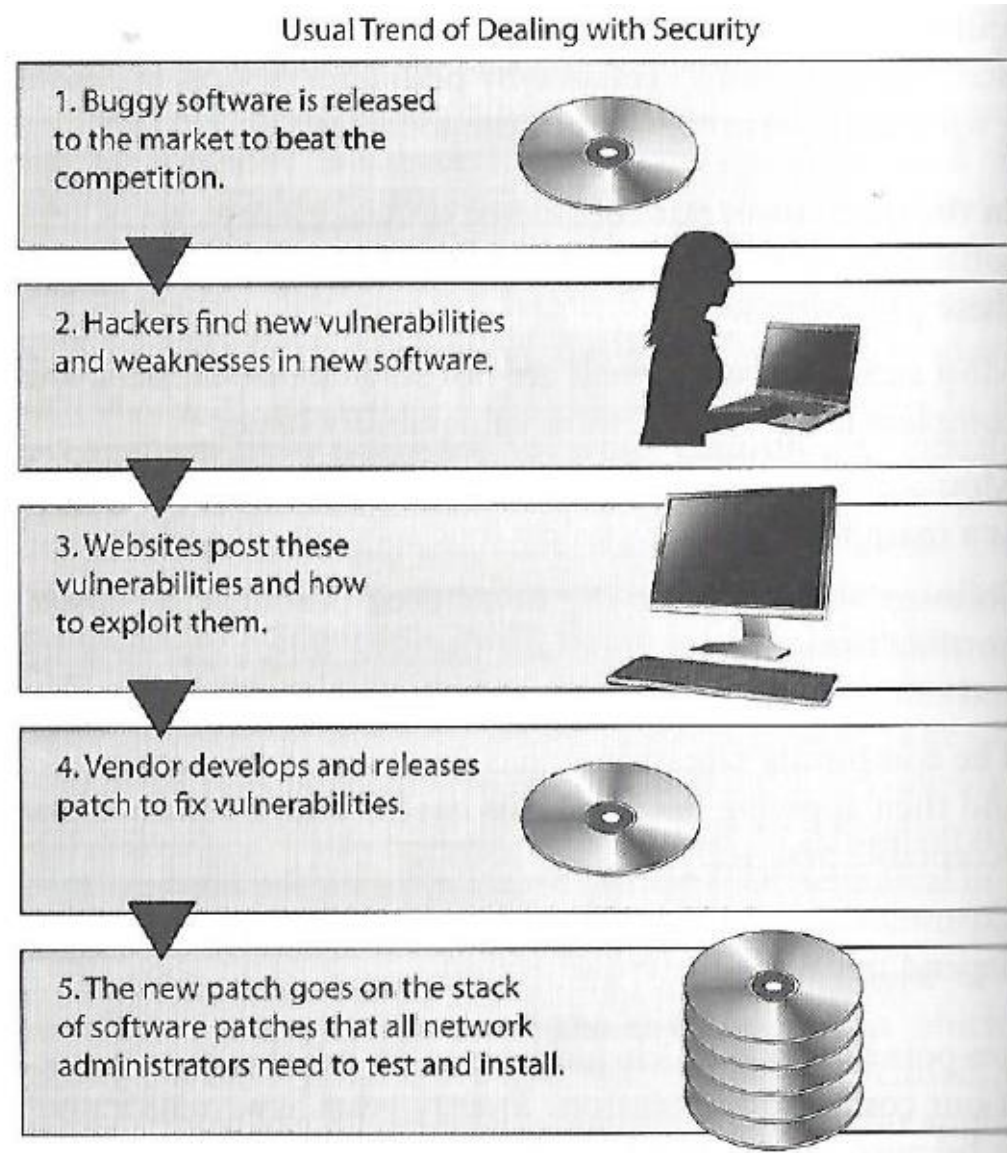
Application Security

As applications become more accessible through the web, cloud and mobile devices,

organizations are being forced to abandon their reactive approach to security and, instead,

to take a proactive approach by minimizing risk directly in the software they buy, create and use to serve themselves and their customers

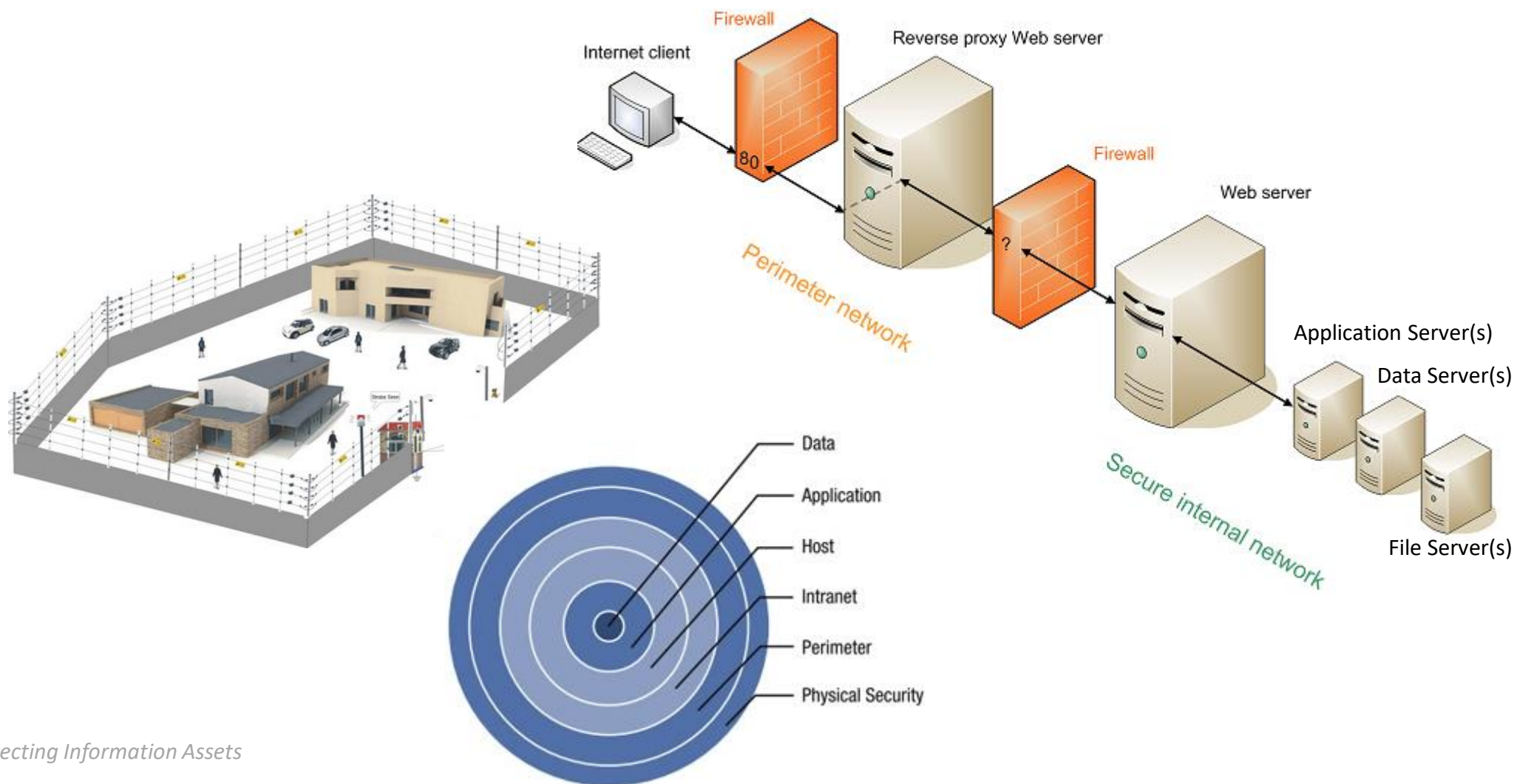
Usual trend



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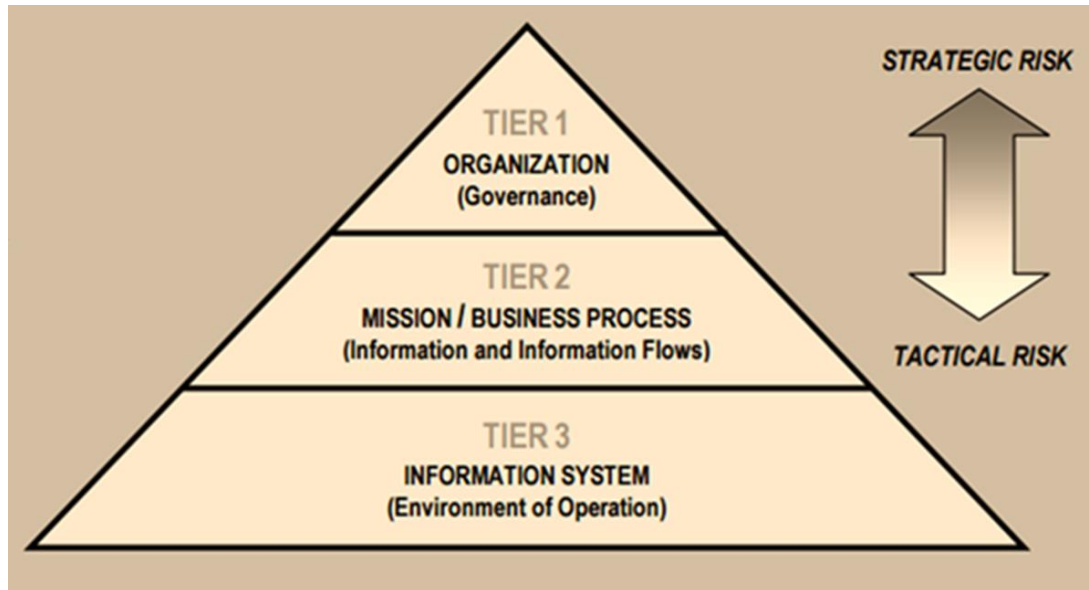


Past and current situation....

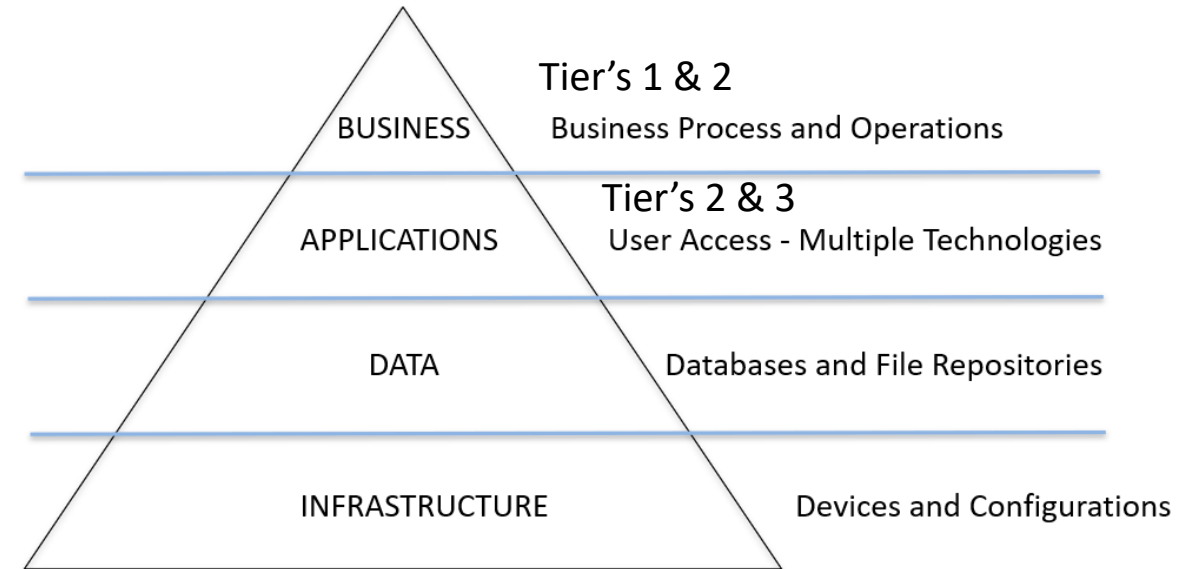
- Application developers are not security professionals
 - *Software vendors skip proper security architecture, design and testing steps as they race to beat competitors to market with new features*
- Secure application development practices have not historically been taught in computer science and other academic departments, and are only recently being considered and adopted by developers
- Development projects' scope and budgets focus on functionality, not security
- Security professionals typically not software developers
 - Often lack insight for understanding of software vulnerabilities
- **IT customers...**
 - “Trained” to expect to receive flawed software needing upgrades and patches
 - **Unable to control flaws in software they purchase, so they rely on perimeter protection**

Security Architecture

Security strategy needs to be a consideration at each level of the architecture



NIST SP 800-39 Managing Information Security Risk
Organization Mission and Information View



Best Practice: Build Security In

Security Architecture

Creation, use and enforcement of System Architecture standards provides the basic building blocks for developing, implementing and maintaining secure applications

Software Development Life Cycle

Attention to security throughout the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) is the key to creating secure, manageable applications regardless of platform or technologies

Procurement Standards

Describing the process and detailed criteria that will be used to assess the security level of third party software enables companies to make strategic, security-sensitive decisions about purchased software purchases

Software Development Life Cycle

Requirements

- Why the software was created (i.e. goals)
- Who the software was created for
- What the software is intended to do

Design

- Specifications identifying how software and data will be formed to accomplish goals and used to meet requirements

Development

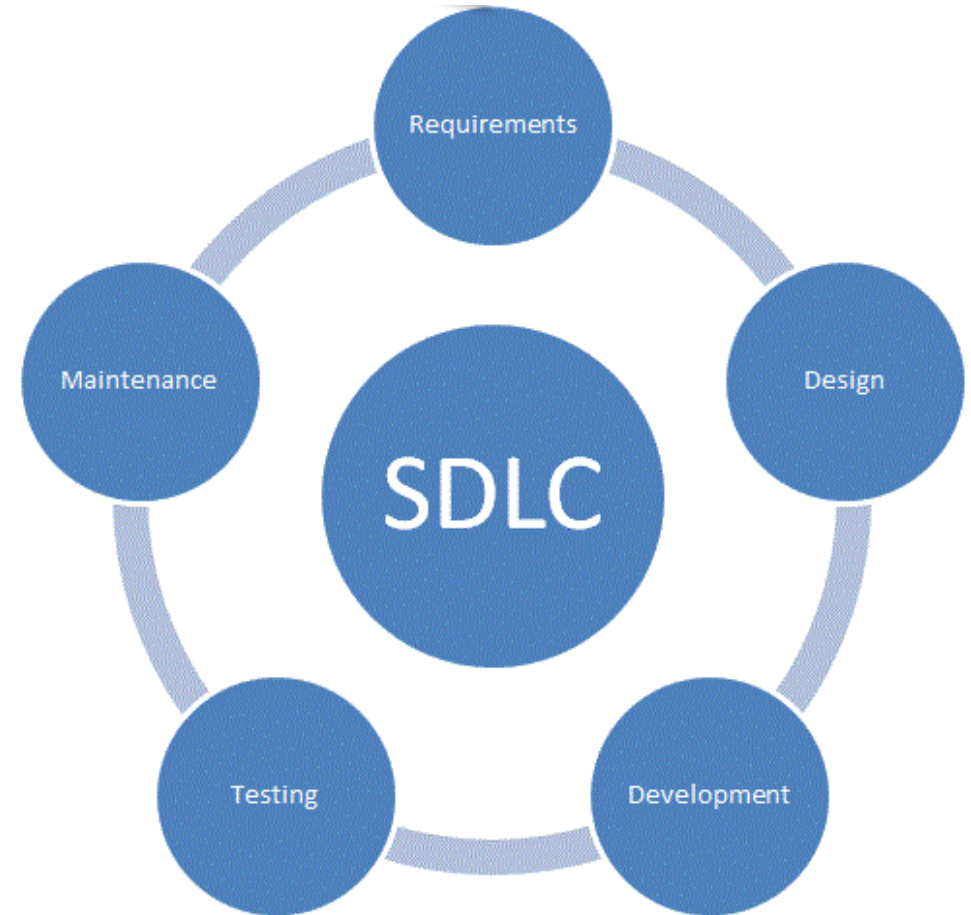
- Programming software code implemented and integrated to meet specifications

Testing-Validation

- Assuring software and data works as planned to meet the goals

Release-Maintenance

- Deploying software and data, and assuring they are properly configured, patched and monitored



Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)

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2. Design
3. Develop (“*make*”) / Implement (“*buy*”)
4. Testing/Validation
5. Release/Maintenance

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4. Testing/Validation

- *Unit testing and integration testing (daily builds), manual and regression testing, user acceptance testing*

5. Release/Maintenance

- *Release testing*

Software requirements specifications documents help support:

Validation

- “Did they build the right application?”
 - In large complex applications it is easy to lose sight of the main goal
 - Does the application/system provide the solution for the intended problem?
 - Are security control specifications included?

Verification

- “Did they build the application right?”
 - Applications can be built that do not match the original specifications
 - Verification determines if the application accurately represents and meets the specifications
 - Verification ensures that security control specifications were properly met

SDLC and Security

1. Requirements analysis

- *Informational, functional, behavioral, and performance specifications...*
- + **CIA risk assessment, + Risk-level acceptance,...**

2. Design

- *Data models and data dictionary, work process and status transition models, input/output models, data flow models, flow of control models...*
- + **Threat modeling, + Attack surface analysis,...**

3. Develop (“*make*”) / Implement (“*buy*”)

- *Source code control system, code reviews, daily builds, automated CASE tools...*
- + **Developer security training, + Static analysis, + Secure code repositories,...**

4. Testing/Validation

- *Unit testing and integration testing (daily builds), manual and regression testing, user acceptance testing*
- + **Dynamic analysis, + Fuzzing,...**

5. Release/Maintenance

- *Release testing*
- + **Separation of duties, +Change management,...**

Software requirements often specified with...

- 1. Information model** – Type and content of information that will be processed and how it will be processed
- 2. Functional model** – Tasks and functions the application needs to carry out
- 3. Behavioral model** – States the application will be in and transition among

SDLC and Security

Requirements analysis

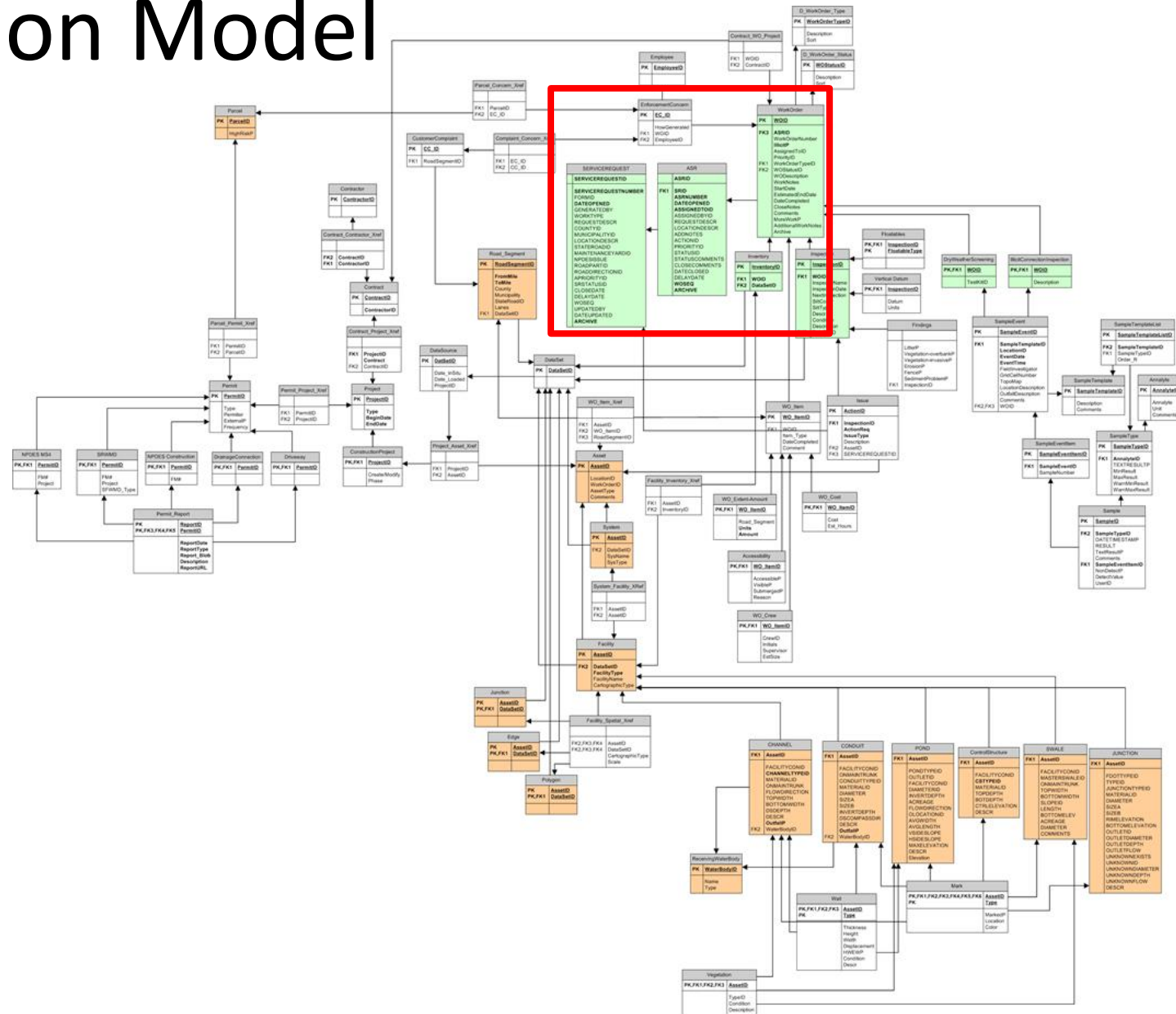
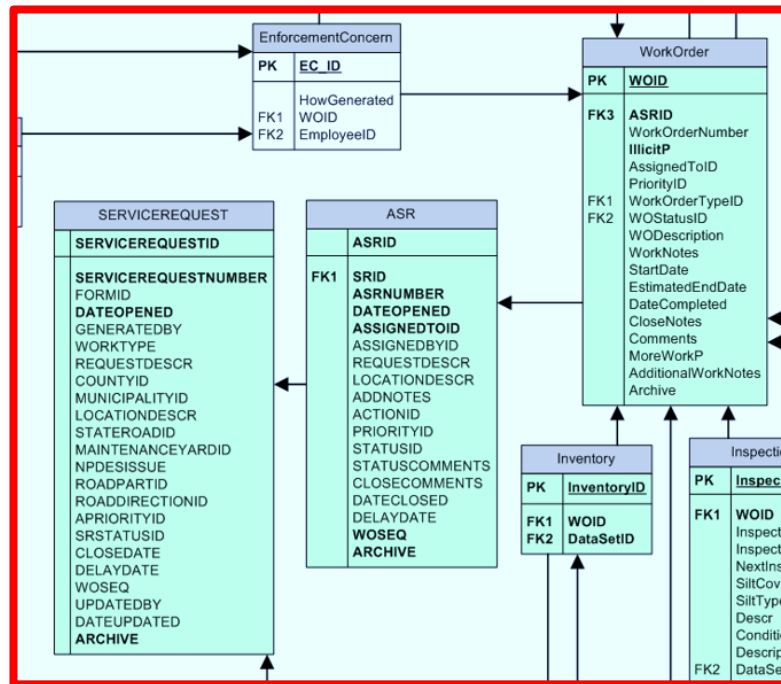
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| Organisation & relevant process | | Information Asset Details | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| Operating Unit / Function | Process name | Name of Asset | Personal Identifying Information (PII) (Y/N) | Personal Health Information (PHI) (Y/N) | Critical Infrastructure Information (CII) (Y/N) | Customer Data (Y/N) | Organization Data (Y/N) | Confidentiality | Integrity | Availability | Categorization |
| Thermal Distribution System | ChilledWater | TDS | N | N | Y | N | Y | Low | Medium | Medium | |
| Thermal Distribution System | HeatedWater | TDS | N | N | Y | N | Y | Low | Medium | Medium | |
| Thermal Distribution System | | TDS | N | N | Y | N | Y | Low | Medium | Medium | Medium |
| Communication | Data | COM | N | N | Y | N | Y | Medium | Medium | Medium | |
| Communication | Voice | COM | N | N | Y | N | Y | Medium | Medium | Medium | |
| Communication | Security | COM | N | N | Y | N | Y | High | High | High | |
| Communication | | COM | N | N | Y | N | Y | High | High | High | High |
| Public Works | Sewer | Utilities | N | N | Y | N | Y | Low | Medium | Low | |
| Public Works | Stormwater | Utilities | N | N | Y | N | Y | Low | Medium | Low | |
| Public Works | Water | Utilities | N | N | Y | N | Y | Low | Medium | Low | |
| Public Works | | Utilities | N | N | Y | N | Y | | | | Medium |
| External | Parcels | Parcels | Y | N | N | Y | N | Low | Low | Low | Low |

Verification – Information Model

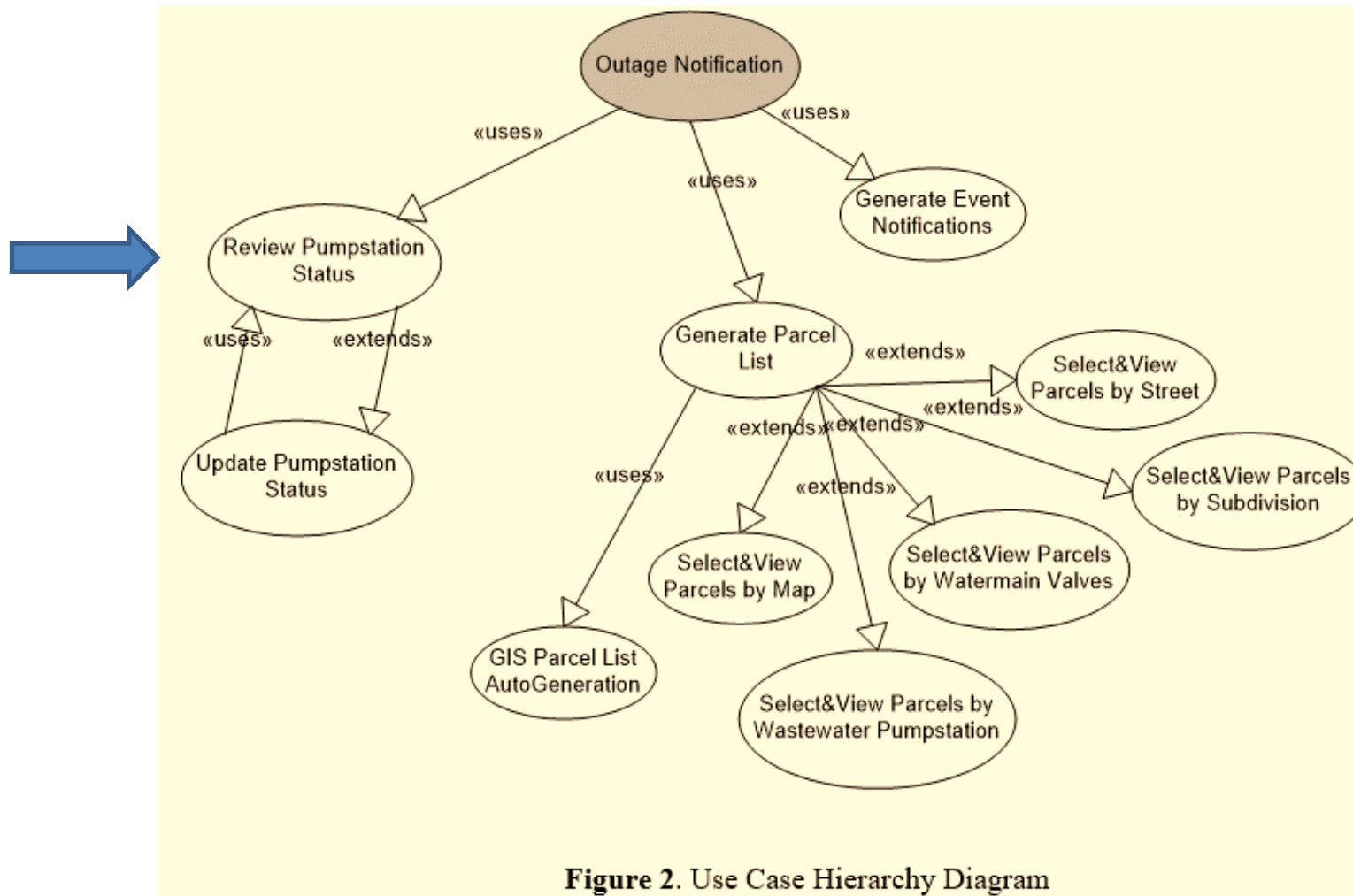
Did they build the application right?

Does it match the data model?



Functional model

Functional Requirements for Sewer Outage Notification Application

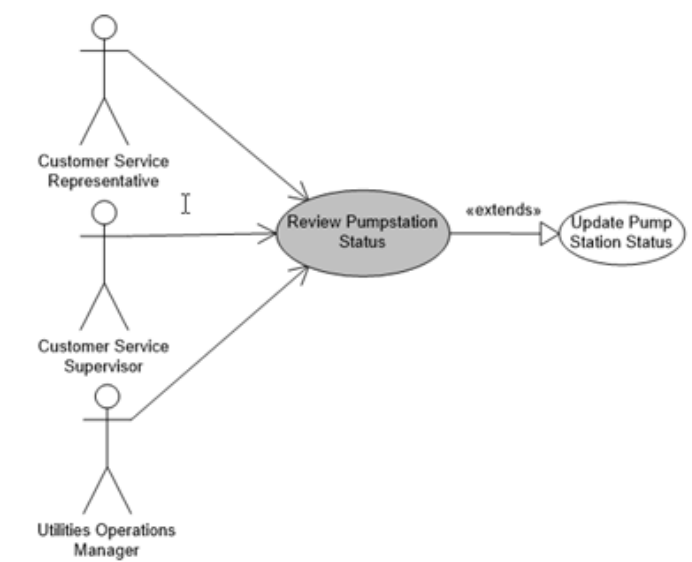


Validation

Did they build the right application?

Each bubble represents a functional capability (“use case”) of the application

Functional model



Validation

- Did they build the right application?
- Does it do what the organization needs?

Additional software requirements for handling a security failure in the context of the use case:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| Contingency to Normal Operations: | Fail Case | | Consequence to Failure | |
| Security Requirements: | | | | |
| Secure Requirements: | | | | |
| Security Constraints: | | | | |
| Data Collection & Privacy: | Confidentiality | Integrity | Availability | |
| Associated Risks: | | | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------|
| Use Case ID: | 1 | | |
| Use Case Name: | Review Pumpstation Status | | |
| Iteration: | Focused | | |
| Created By: | Jessica DeLeon | Last Updated By: | David Lanter |
| Date Created: | 6-17-2005 | Date Last Updated: | 7-6-2005 |
| Actor: | Customer Service Representative (CSR) Customer Service Supervisor (CSS) Utilities Operations Manager (UOM) | | |
| Description: | The user (CSR, CSS or UOM) confirms that the pump stations' statuses are up-to-date, before generating an outage event notification list. | | |
| Triggers: | Outage event has occurred or is planned. | | |
| Preconditions: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to date pump station GIS feature class dataset with current pump station status values exist are presented to user within GIS application's map user interface.Parcel GIS feature class dataset must exist and presented to user within GIS application's map user interface.GIS Data Server onlineGIS Web Server online | | |
| Postconditions: | None | | |
| Priority: | Unknown | | |
| Frequency of Use: | Moderate | | |
| Normal Course of Events: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. User receives information that an outage has occurred, or is planned.2. User invokes the GIS Outage Notification application.3. User reviews display of pump stations' statuses on GIS' application's map.4. User confirms that the pump stations' statuses are up-to-date in the GIS. | | |
| Alternative Courses: | 3a. User reviews display of pump station's statuses in pump station status list | | |
| Exceptions: | If the CSR or CSS determines that the pump stations' statuses are not up-to-date, they will notify the UOM responsible for updating the pump station statuses. | | |
| Extensions: | Use Case 2 – Update Pumpstation Status | | |
| Includes: | None | | |
| Related Business Rules: | None | | |
| Special Requirements: | None | | |
| Assumptions: | User provided with GUI control to invoke this use case. | | |
| Notes and Issues: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">It is not clear how User knows for certain that the pump stations' statuses are correct in the GIS.SCADA or a real-time data feedback system is required to assure that pump stations' statuses are all correct and up-to-date.CSR or CSS must work through the UOM to assure that the status of the pumpstations are correct. | | |

Contingency to Normal Operations Outline effects of a failure to the system. This includes:

- **Fail Case** — what to do when things go wrong
- **Consequences of Failure** — the negative business affects when a security incident occurs

Security Requirements Outline how the attack surfaces are being protected from external attackers and how inherent vulnerabilities will be mitigated, accepted, or avoided

Secure Requirements How does this use case address overall security of the system(s) involved, business processes, and individual business units

Security Constraints What constraints does this use case put on the security of the system and/or processes by limiting capabilities of security software, hardware, and/or procedures?

Data Collection & Privacy What are the impacts of breaches to Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of the process, data being collected, and the privacy of the overall system?

Associated Risks What are the security specific risks that come along with running this use case?

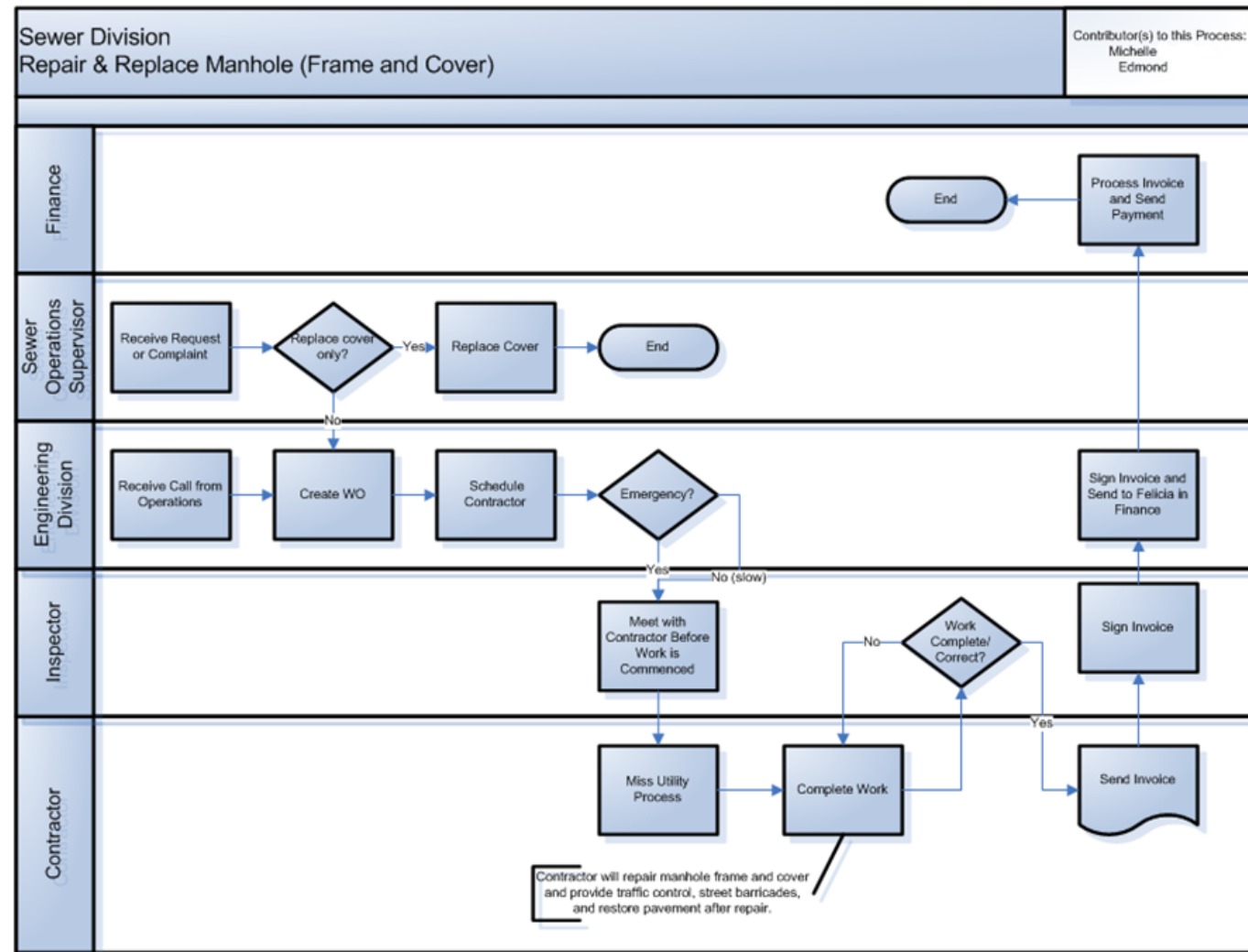
Behavioral models – “swim lane” model

Validation

“Did they build the right application?”

Verification

“Did they build the application the way the organization functions and needs it to work?”



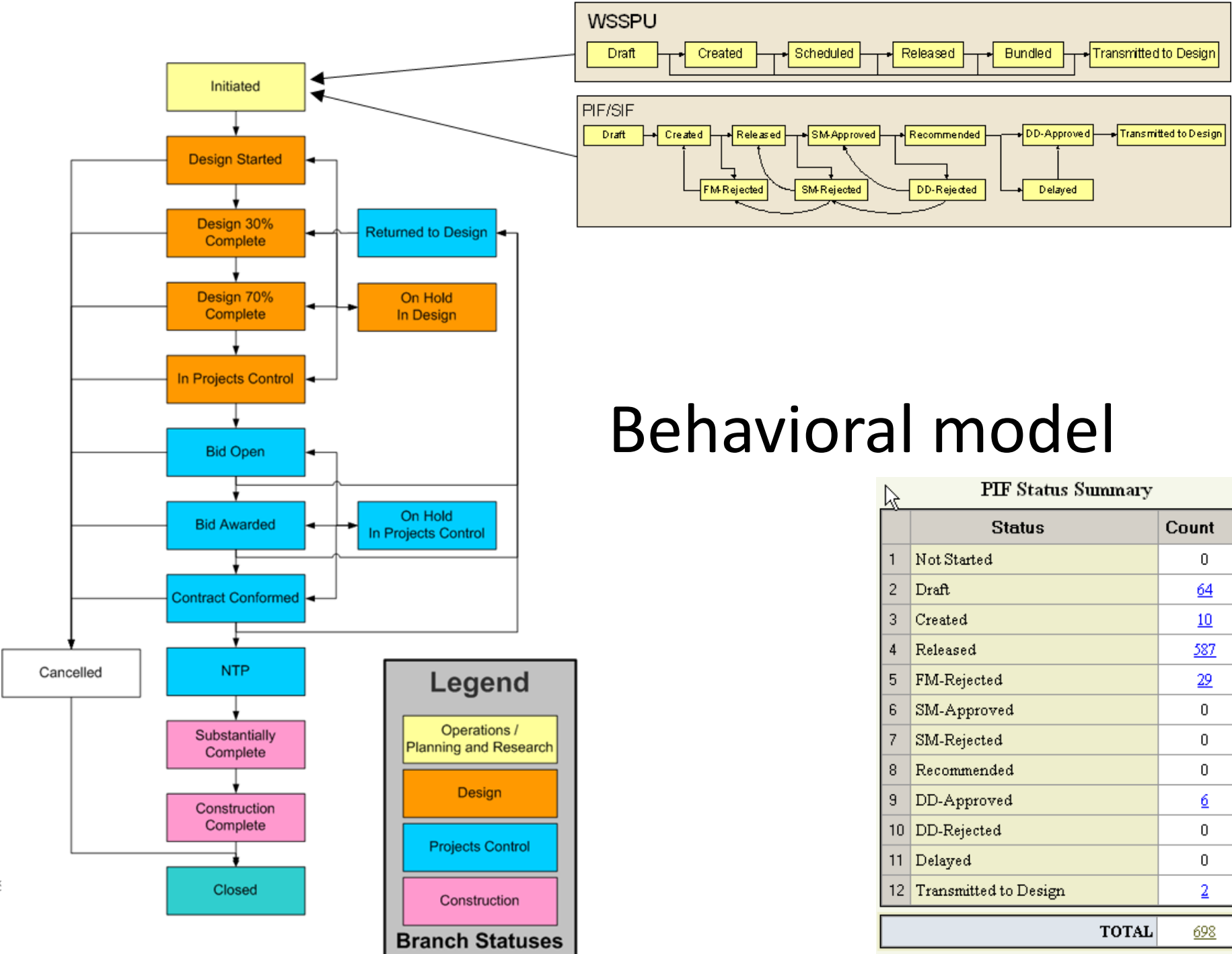
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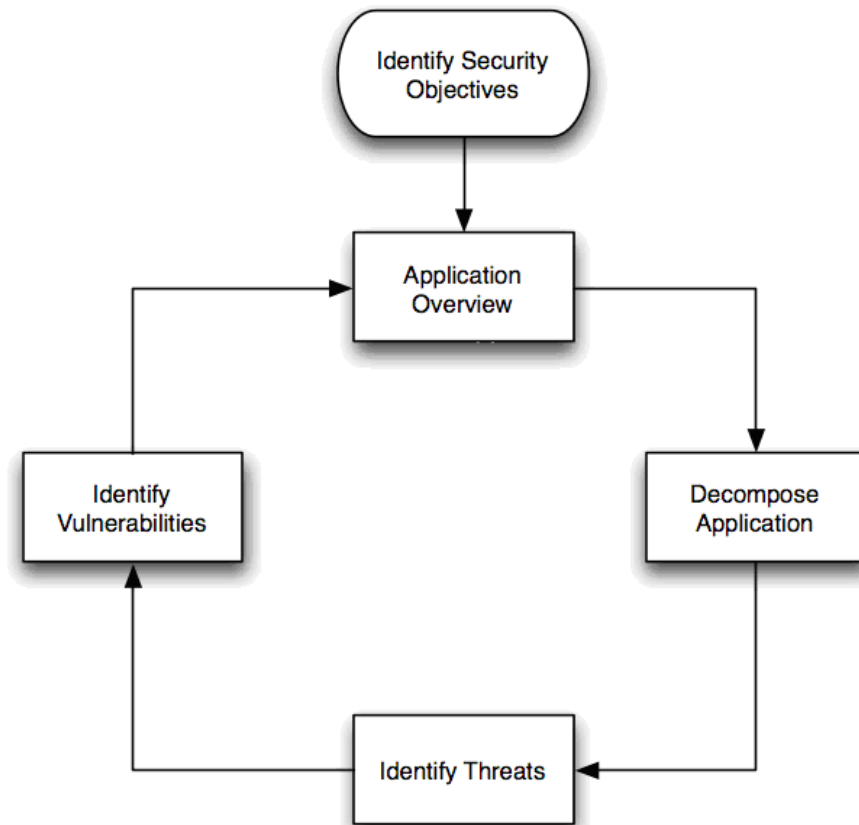
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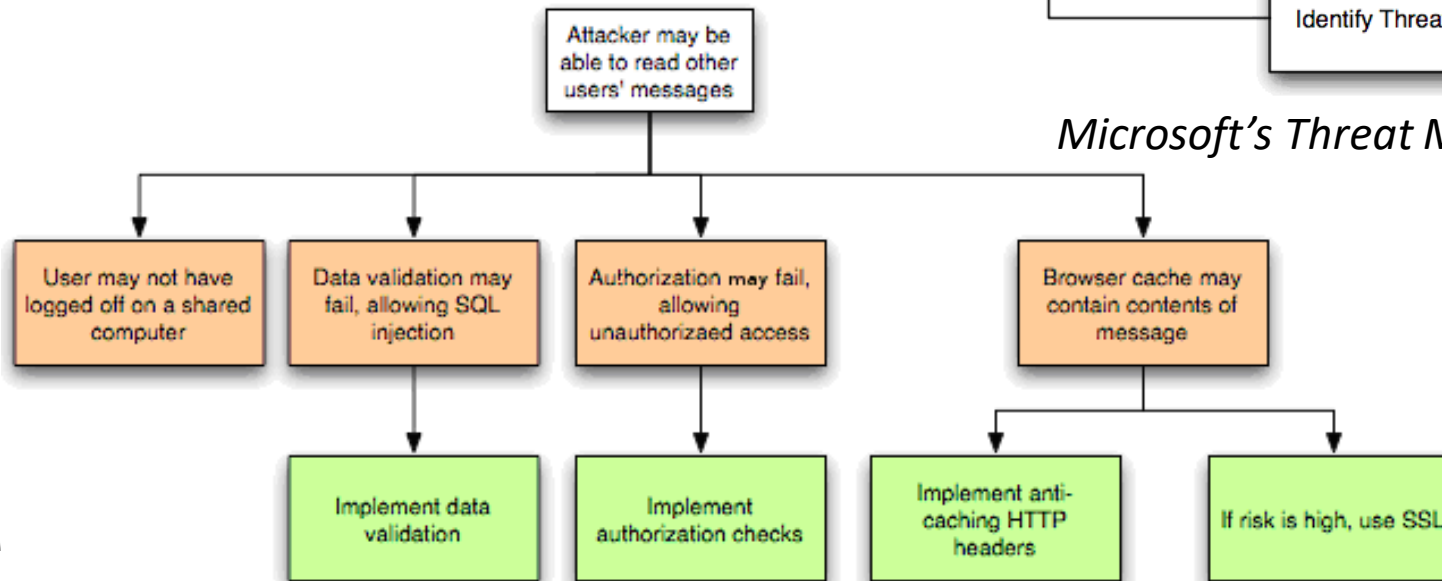
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***Threat modeling** is a systematic approach for understanding how different threats could be realized and a successful attack could take place*

...leading to mitigations

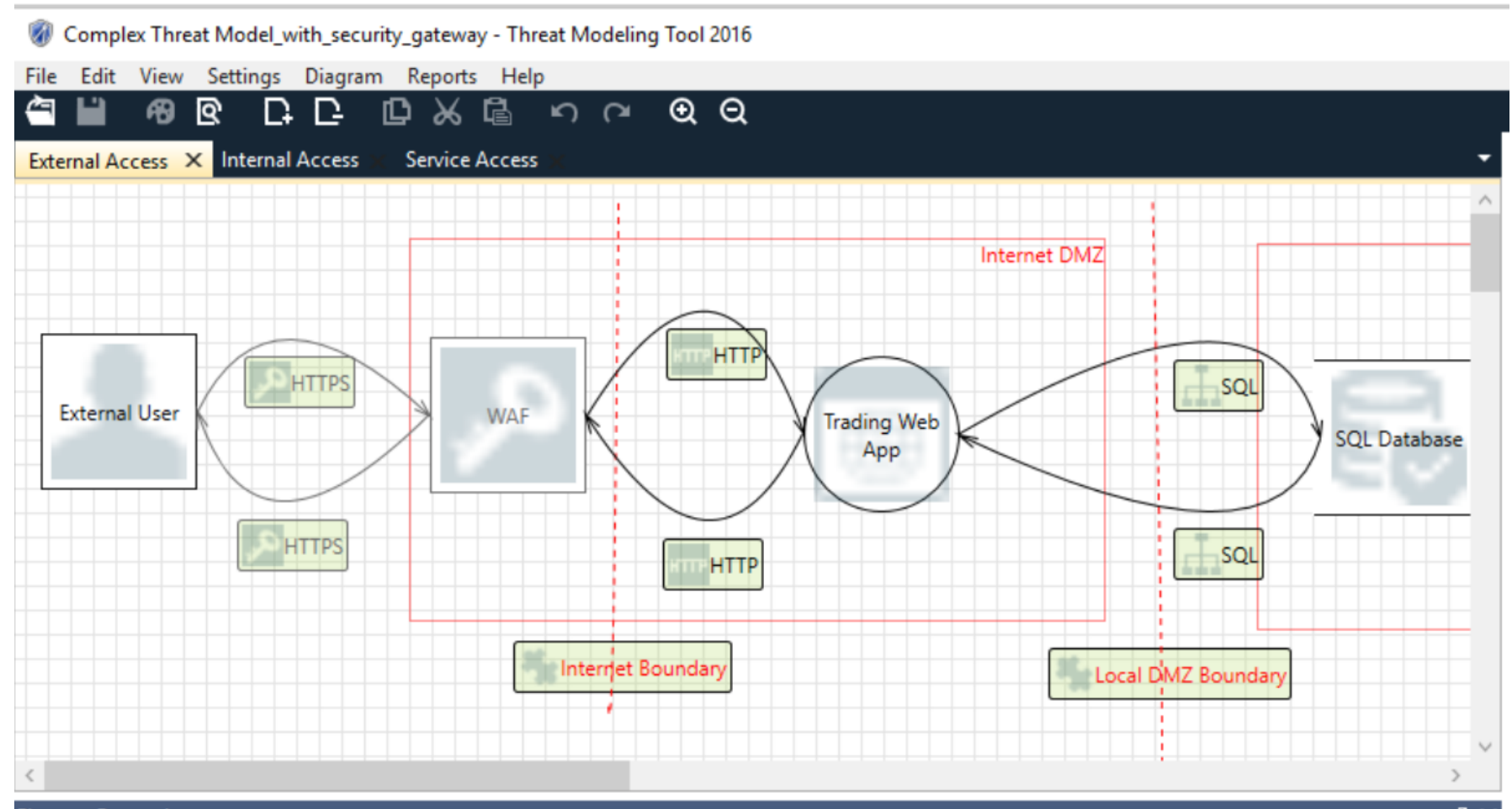


Microsoft's Threat Modeling Process



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[Microsoft's Threat Modeling Tool](#)

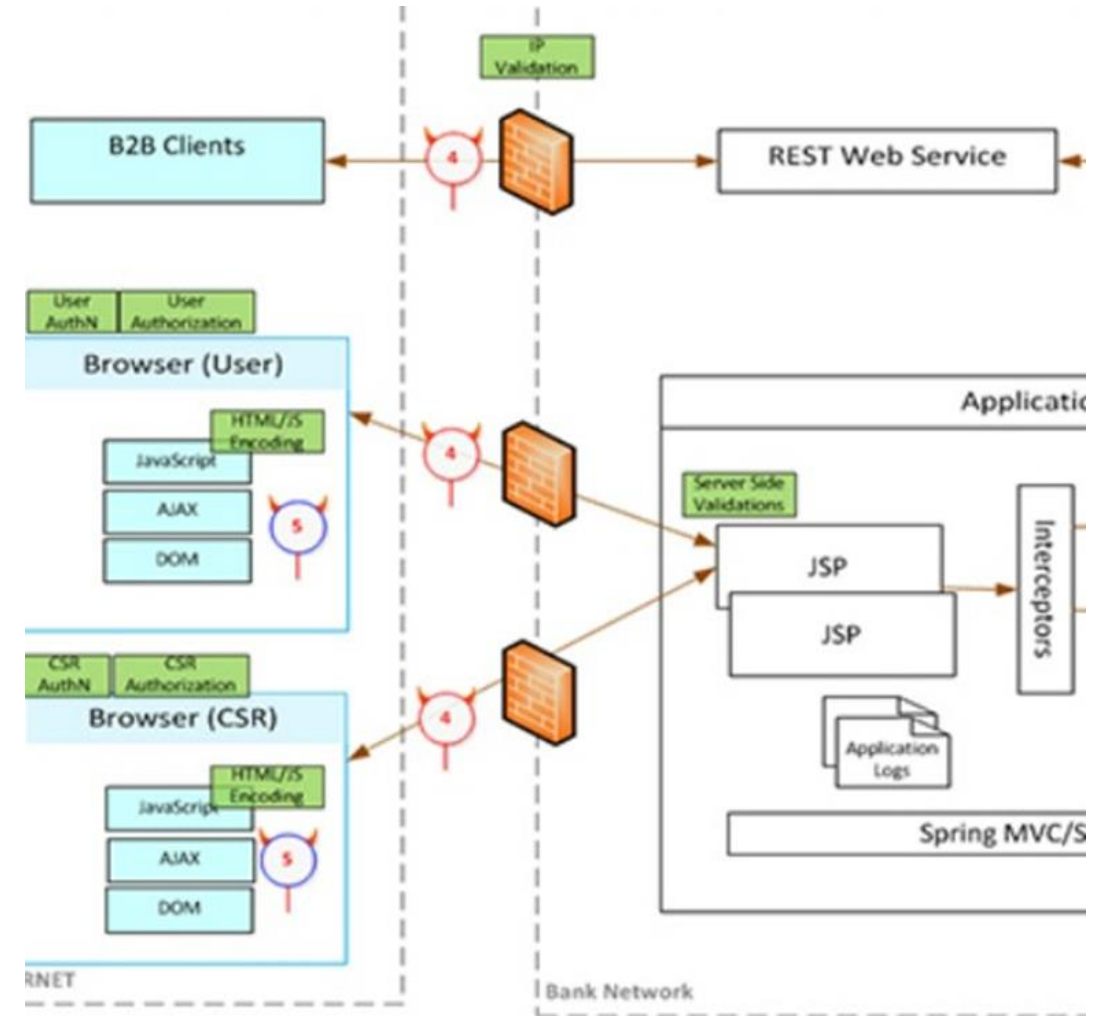


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Attack surface is what is available to be used by an attacker against the application itself

Goal of attack surface analysis is to identify and reduce the amount of code and functionality accessible to untrusted users

Development team should reduce the attack surface as much as possible to remove “resources” that can be used as avenues for the attacker to use

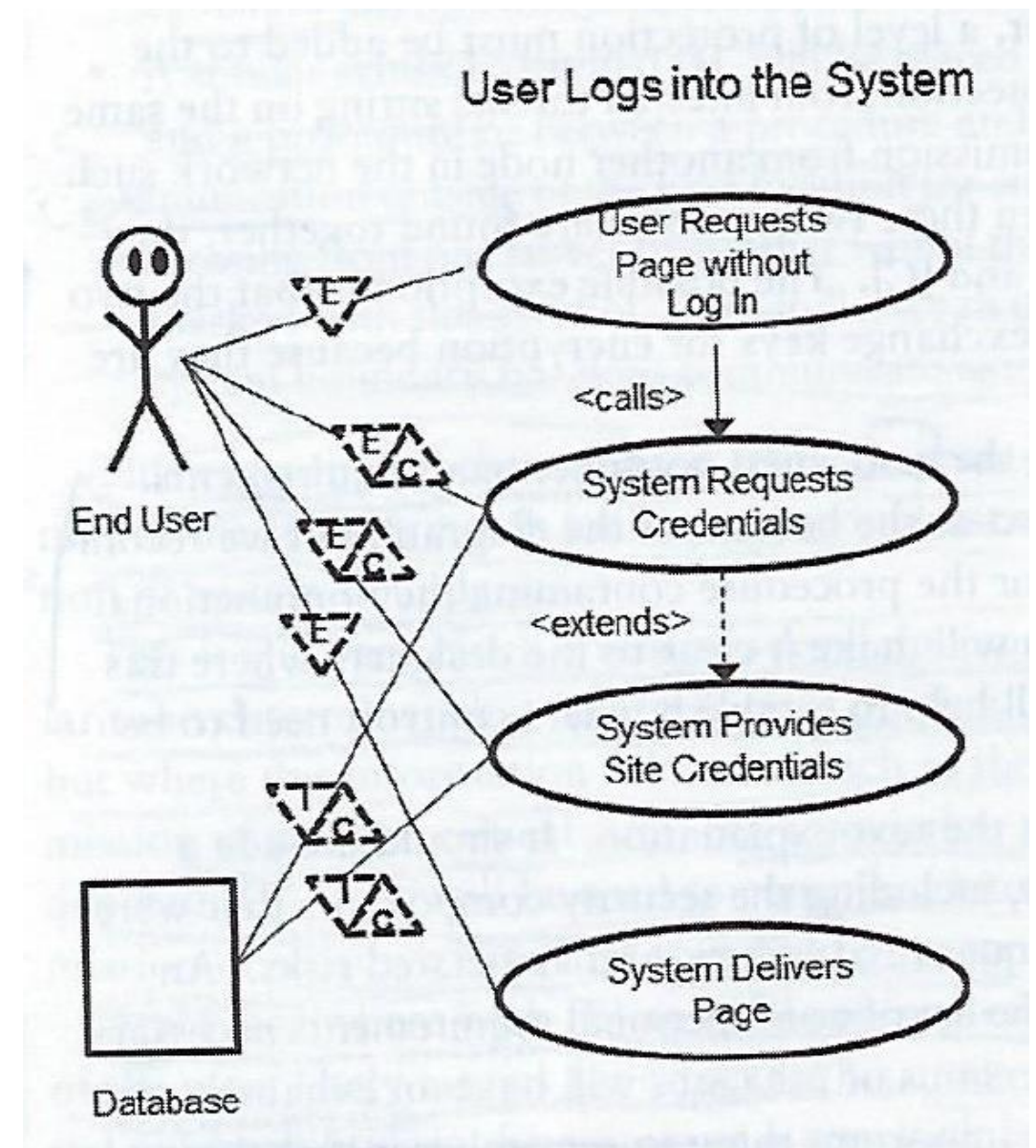


An example use case with notations for communication and transfer of sensitive information across system boundaries

E = External access

E/C = External data communication

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An example of the “Misuse Management Method” identifying possible attack points for each activity, and the “fail” use case state for each

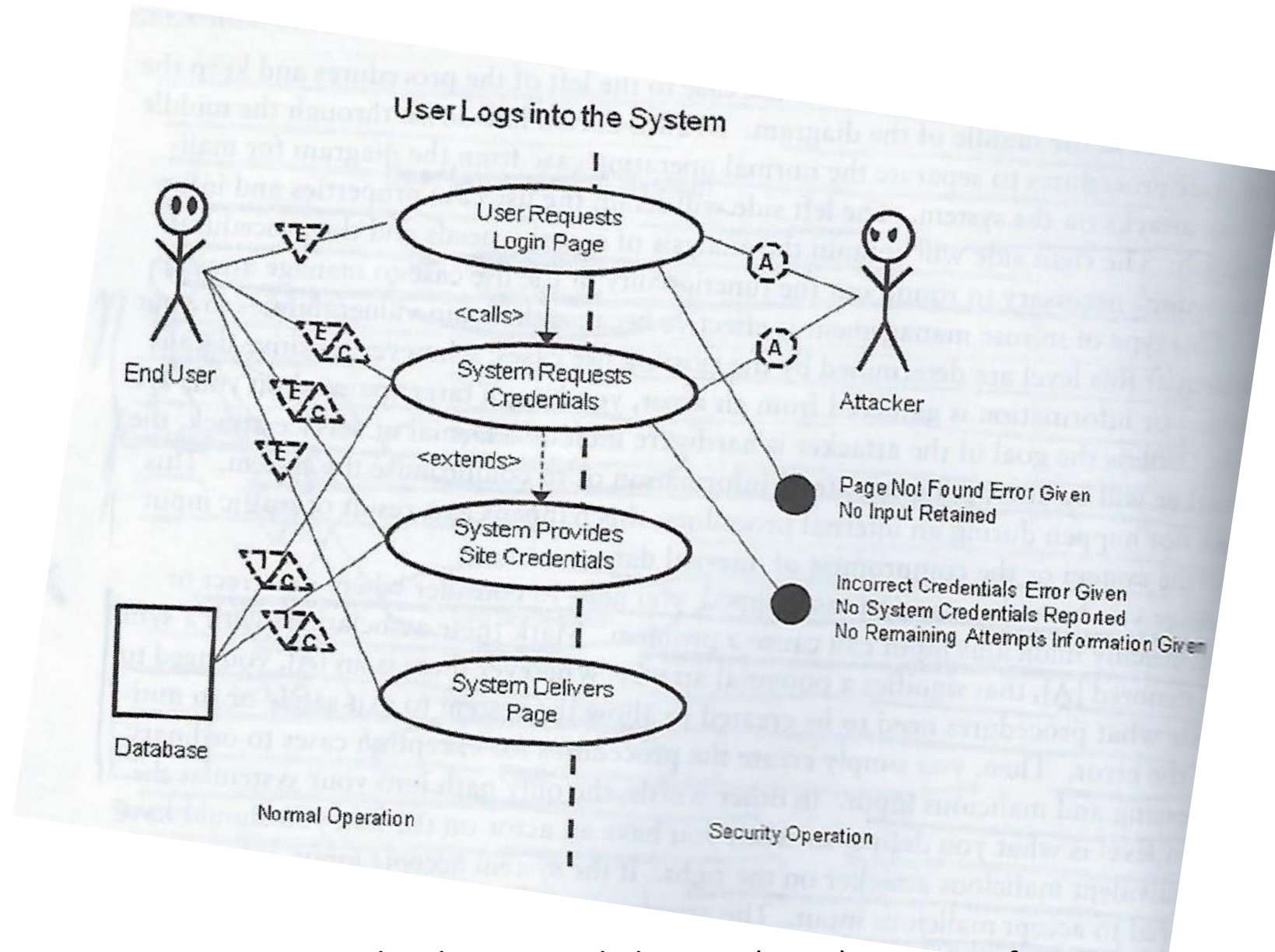
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A = Attack

● = Fail use case



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2021 CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses

[Top 25](#) | [Analysis](#) | [Methodology](#) | [Scoring Metrics](#) | [On the Cusp](#) | [Limitations](#) | [Remapping](#) | [Ongoing Improvement](#)

[List](#) of the most widespread and critical weaknesses that can lead to serious vulnerabilities in software. These weaknesses are often easy to find and exploit..

They are dangerous because they allow adversaries to completely take over execution of software, steal data, or prevent the software from working

| Rank | ID | Name | Score |
|------|-------------------------|--|-------|
| [1] | CWE-787 | Out-of-bounds Write | 65.93 |
| [2] | CWE-79 | Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting') | 46.84 |
| [3] | CWE-125 | Out-of-bounds Read | 24.9 |
| [4] | CWE-20 | Improper Input Validation | 20.47 |
| [5] | CWE-78 | Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection') | 19.55 |
| [6] | CWE-89 | Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection') | 19.54 |
| [7] | CWE-416 | Use After Free | 16.83 |
| [8] | CWE-22 | Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal') | 14.69 |
| [9] | CWE-352 | Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) | 14.46 |
| [10] | CWE-434 | Unrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type | 8.45 |
| [11] | CWE-306 | Missing Authentication for Critical Function | 7.93 |
| [12] | CWE-190 | Integer Overflow or Wraparound | 7.12 |
| [13] | CWE-502 | Deserialization of Untrusted Data | 6.71 |
| [14] | CWE-287 | Improper Authentication | 6.58 |
| [15] | CWE-476 | NULL Pointer Dereference | 6.54 |
| [16] | CWE-798 | Use of Hard-coded Credentials | 6.27 |
| [17] | CWE-119 | Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer | 5.84 |
| [18] | CWE-862 | Missing Authorization | 5.47 |
| [19] | CWE-276 | Incorrect Default Permissions | 5.09 |
| [20] | CWE-200 | Exposure of Sensitive Information to an Unauthorized Actor | 4.74 |
| [21] | CWE-522 | Insufficiently Protected Credentials | 4.21 |
| [22] | CWE-732 | Incorrect Permission Assignment for Critical Resource | 4.2 |
| [23] | CWE-611 | Improper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference | 4.02 |
| [24] | CWE-918 | Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF) | 3.78 |
| [25] | CWE-77 | Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in a Command ('Command Injection') | 3.58 |



[A01 Broken Access Control](#)

A02 Cryptographic Failures

A03 Injection

A04 Insecure Design

A05 Security Misconfiguration

A06 Vulnerable and Outdated Components

A07 Identification and Authentication Failures

A08 Software and Data Integrity Failures

A09 Security Logging and Monitoring Failures

A10 Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)

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Cyber Security Skills Roadmap

1. BASELINE SKILLS



Core Techniques

Prevent, Defend, Maintain

2 COURSES

Every Security Professional Should Know

Security Essentials

[SEC401](#)

Hacker Techniques

[SEC504](#)

Security Management

Managing Technical Security Operations

2 COURSES

Introduction to Cyber Security

[SEC301](#)

2. FOCUS JOB ROLES



Monitoring & Detection

Intrusion Detection, Monitoring Over Time

2 COURSES

Penetration Testing

Vulnerability Analysis, Ethical Hacking

3 COURSES

Incident Response & Threat Hunting

Host & Network Forensics

3 COURSES

3. CRUCIAL SKILLS, SPECIALIZED ROLES



Cyber Defense Operations

Harden Specific Defenses

9 COURSES

Specialized Penetration Testing

Focused Techniques & Areas

9 COURSES

Threat Intel & Forensics

Specialized Investigative Skills

7 COURSES

Cloud Security

Design, Develop, Procure & Deploy

5 COURSES

Industrial Control Systems

4 COURSES

Advanced Management

Advanced Leadership, Audit, Legal

5 COURSES

CISSP® Training

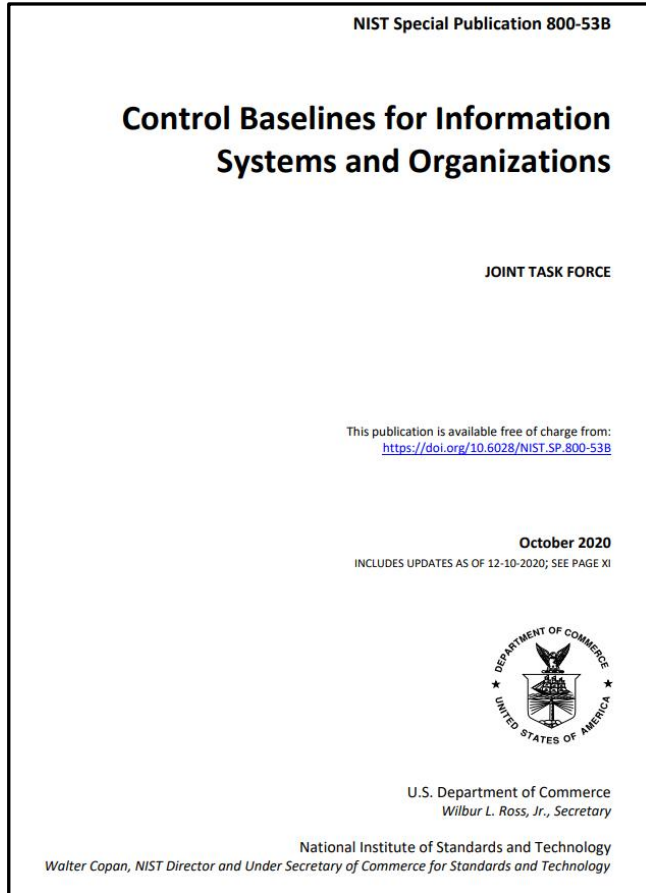
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Code Repositories

- **Source Code Control System (SCCS)** is a version control system designed to track changes in source code and other text files during the development of a piece of software
- A **Code Repository** is a term used by most of the different source control tools to refer to the collection of source code

| Name ↕ | Code review ↕ | Bug tracking ↕ | Web hosting ↕ | Wiki ↕ | Translation system ↕ | Shell server ↕ | Mailing list ↕ | Forum ↕ | Personal repository ↕ | Private repository ↕ | Announce ↕ | Build system ↕ | Team ↕ | Release binaries ↕ | Self-hosting ↕ |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|---|---------|---------------------|---|
| Assembla | Yes ^[22] | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes ^[23] | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unknown | No |
| Azure DevOps Services | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Commercially (Azure DevOps Server) |
| Bitbucket | Yes ^[24] | Yes ^[a] | Yes ^[25] | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes ^[b] | No | Yes ^[26] | Yes | No ^[27] | Commercially (Bitbucket Server formerly Stash) ^[c] |
| Buddy | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ^[d] | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| CloudForge | Unknown | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | No |
| GForge | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Gitea | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Yes | Yes | Unknown | 3rd-party (e.g. Travis CI, Appveyor and others) ^[28] | Yes | Unknown | Yes |
| GitHub | Yes ^[29] | Yes ^{[30][e]} | Yes ^[31] | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes ^[f] | Yes | 3rd-party (e.g. Travis CI, Appveyor and others) ^[32] | Yes | Yes | Commercially (GitHub Enterprise) |
| GitLab | Yes ^[33] | Yes | Yes ^[34] | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ^[35] | Yes | Yes ^[36] | Yes ^[g] |
| GNU Savannah | Yes ^[37] | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No ^[38] | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | Unknown | Yes |
| Helix TeamHub | Yes ^[39] | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes, with hooks. Jenkins, TeamCity, etc. | No | Yes | Yes |
| java.net/Project Kenai | Unknown | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unknown | No |
| Kallithea | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | Unknown | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Launchpad | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes ^[h] | Yes | Yes ^[i] | Yes | Unknown | Yes |
| OSDN | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| Ourproject.org | Unknown | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Unknown | Yes | Yes | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Yes |
| Phabricator | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unknown | Yes | Unknown | Yes | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Yes |
| RhodeCode | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | Unknown | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| SourceForge | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes ^[j] | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Testing/Validation



| CNTL NO. | CONTROL NAME | PRIORITY | INITIAL CONTROL BASELINES | | |
|---------------------------------|---|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | LOW | MOD | HIGH |
| System and Services Acquisition | | | | | |
| SA-1 | System and Services Acquisition Policy and Procedures | P1 | SA-1 | SA-1 | SA-1 |
| SA-2 | Allocation of Resources | P1 | SA-2 | SA-2 | SA-2 |
| SA-3 | System Development Life Cycle | P1 | SA-3 | SA-3 | SA-3 |
| SA-4 | Acquisition Process | P1 | SA-4 (10) | SA-4 (1) (2) (9) (10) | SA-4 (1) (2) (9) (10) |
| SA-5 | Information System Documentation | P2 | SA-5 | SA-5 | SA-5 |
| SA-8 | Security Engineering Principles | P1 | Not Selected | SA-8 | SA-8 |
| SA-9 | External Information System Services | P1 | SA-9 | SA-9 (2) | SA-9 (2) |
| SA-10 | Developer Configuration Management | P1 | Not Selected | SA-10 | SA-10 |
| SA-11 | Developer Security Testing and Evaluation | P1 | Not Selected | SA-11 | SA-11 |
| SA-15 | Development Process, Standards, and Tools | P2 | Not Selected | Not Selected | SA-15 |
| SA-16 | Developer-Provided Training | P2 | Not Selected | Not Selected | SA-16 |
| SA-17 | Developer Security Architecture and Design | P1 | Not Selected | Not Selected | SA-17 |

Assessing Security and Privacy Controls in Federal Information Systems and Organizations

Building Effective Assessment Plans

JOINT TASK FORCE
TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

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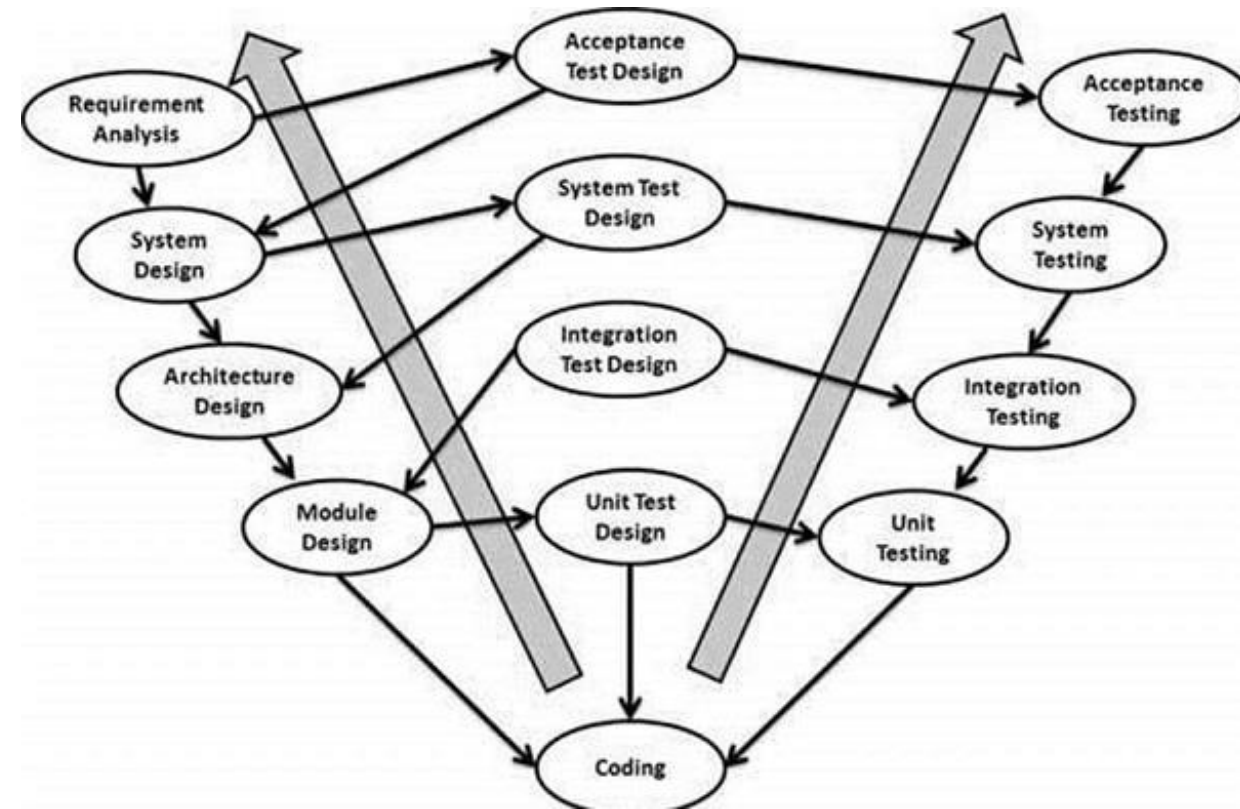
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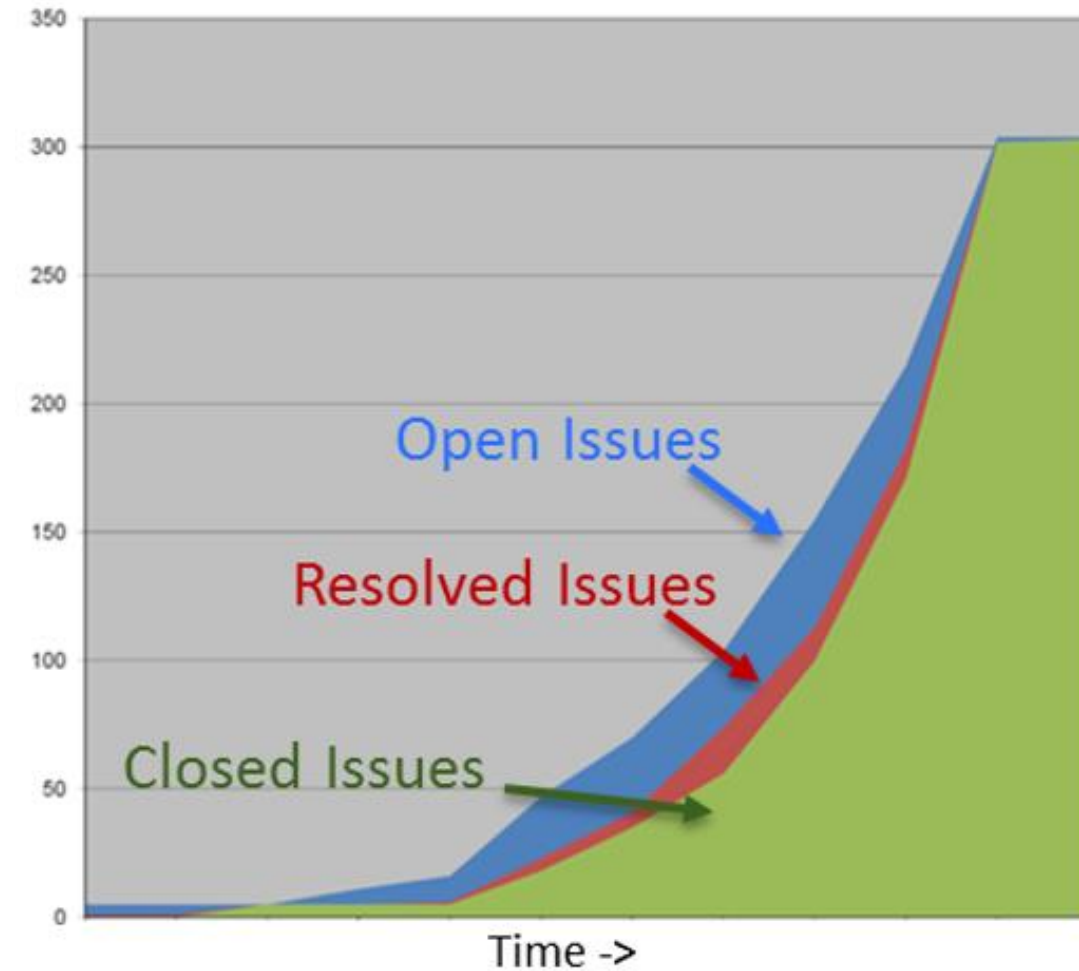
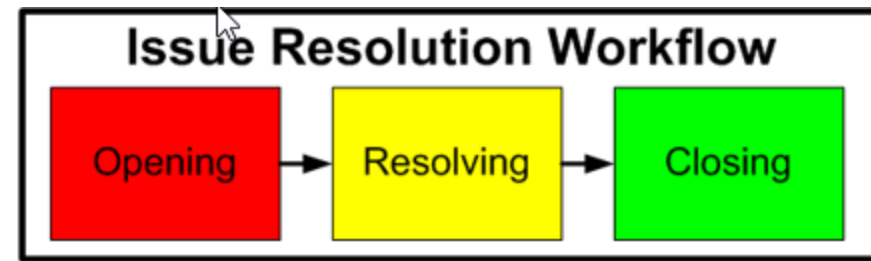
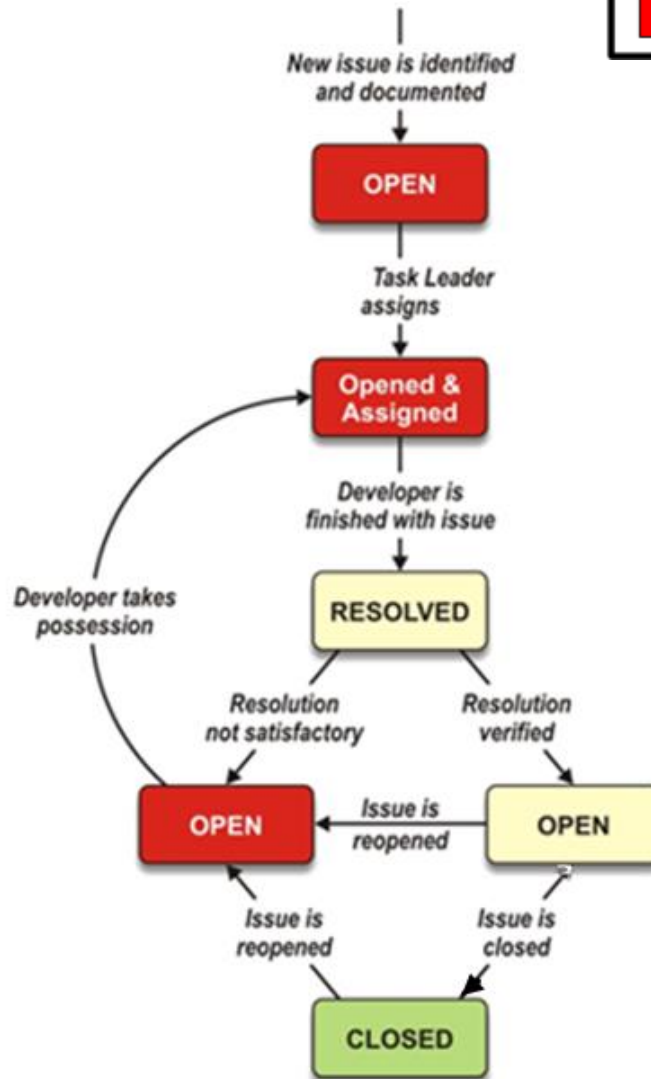
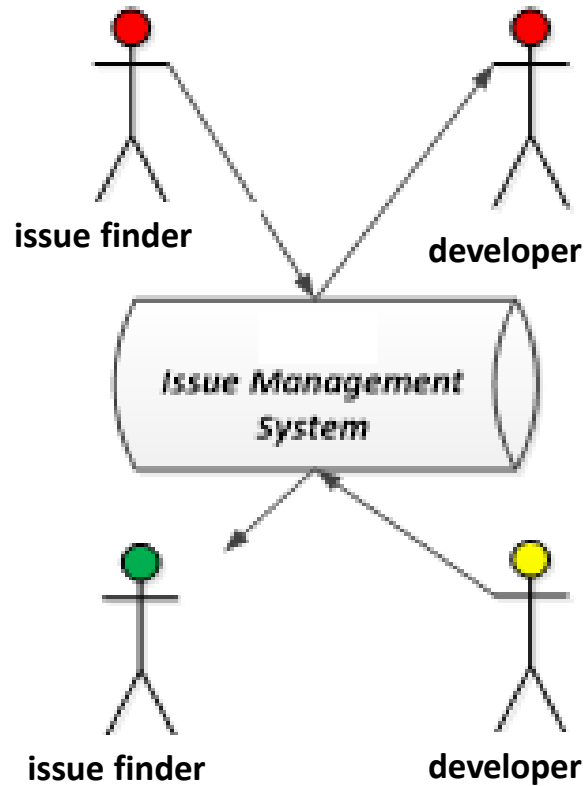
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Software Application Testing

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- The actual testing is done during implementation
- Written test plans provide improved communication among all parties involved in testing



Testing/validation



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|-----------|---|--|
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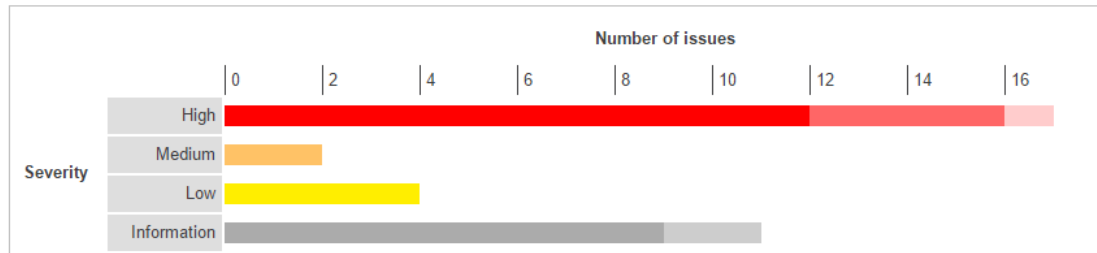
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Summary

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| | | Confidence | | | Total |
|----------|-------------|------------|------|-----------|-------|
| | | Certain | Firm | Tentative | |
| Severity | High | 12 | 4 | 1 | 17 |
| | Medium | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | Low | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | Information | 9 | 2 | 0 | 11 |

The chart below shows the aggregated numbers of issues identified in each category. Solid colored bars represent issues with a confidence level of Certain, and the bars fade as the confidence level falls.



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1. OS command injection

2. SQL injection

- 2.1. <http://mdsec.net/addressbook/32/Default.aspx> [Address parameter]
- 2.2. <http://mdsec.net/addressbook/32/Default.aspx> [Email parameter]
- 2.3. <https://mdsec.net/auth/319/Default.ashx> [password parameter]
- 2.4. <https://mdsec.net/auth/319/Default.ashx> [username parameter]

3. File path traversal

4. XML external entity injection

Application Security Testing result reports

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| Issue Type | Number of Issues | |
|---|------------------|--|
| H Authentication Bypass Using SQL Injection | 1 | |
| H Blind SQL Injection | 1 | |
| H Cross-Site Scripting | 11 | |
| H DOM Based Cross-Site Scripting | 3 | |
| H Poison Null Byte Windows Files Retrieval | 1 | |
| H Predictable Login Credentials | 1 | |
| H SQL Injection | 12 | |
| H Unencrypted Login Request | 6 | |
| H XPath Injection | 1 | |
| M Cross-Site Request Forgery | 6 | |
| M Directory Listing | 2 | |
| M HTTP Response Splitting | 1 | |
| M Inadequate Account Lockout | 1 | |
| M Link Injection (facilitates Cross-Site Request Forgery) | 6 | |
| M Open Redirect | 2 | |
| M Phishing Through Frames | 6 | |
| M Session Identifier Not Updated | 1 | |
| L Autocomplete HTML Attribute Not Disabled for Password Field | 4 | |
| L Database Error Pattern Found | 16 | |
| L Direct Access to Administration Pages | 2 | |
| L Email Address Pattern Found in Parameter Value | 2 | |
| L Hidden Directory Detected | 3 | |
| L Microsoft ASP.NET Debugging Enabled | 3 | |
| L Missing HttpOnly Attribute in Session Cookie | 4 | |
| L Permanent Cookie Contains Sensitive Session Information | 1 | |
| L Unencrypted __VIEWSTATE Parameter | 4 | |
| L Unsigned __VIEWSTATE Parameter | 4 | |
| I Application Error | 15 | |
| I Application Test Script Detected | 1 | |
| I Email Address Pattern Found | 3 | |
| I HTML Comments Sensitive Information Disclosure | 5 | |
| I Possible Server Path Disclosure Pattern Found | 1 | |

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Automated application security testing tools often provide vulnerability reports



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|---|------------------|
| H Authentication Bypass Using HTTP Verb Tampering | 3 |
| H Cross-Site Request Forgery | 23 |
| H Cross-Site Scripting | 2 |
| H Microsoft FrontPage Extensions Site Defacement | 3 |
| H Missing Secure Attribute in Encrypted Session (SSL) Cookie | 5 |
| H RC4 cipher suites were detected | 1 |
| M Alternate Version of File Detected | 45 |
| M Body Parameters Accepted in Query | 9 |
| M Browser Exploit Against SSL/TLS (a.k.a. BEAST) | 1 |
| M Cacheable SSL Page Found | 67 |
| M Direct Access to Administration Pages | 1 |
| M Drupal "keys" Path Disclosure | 1 |
| M Insecure "OPTIONS" HTTP Method Enabled | 1 |
| M Microsoft FrontPage Server Extensions Vital Information Leakage | 2 |
| M Microsoft IIS Missing Host Header Information Leakage | 1 |
| M Missing "Content-Security-Policy" header | 5 |
| M Missing Cross-Frame Scripting Defence | 4 |
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| M Temporary File Download | 3 |
| M Unencrypted __VIEWSTATE Parameter | 20 |
| M Web Application Source Code Disclosure Pattern Found | 1 |

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| Remediation Task | Number of Issues |
|---|------------------|
| H Review possible solutions for hazardous character injection | 2 |
| M Add the 'Secure' attribute to all sensitive cookies | 5 |
| M Change server's supported ciphersuites | 2 |
| M Configure your server to allow only required HTTP methods | 3 |
| M Set proper permissions to the FrontPage extension files | 3 |
| M Validate the value of the "Referer" header, and use a one-time-nonce for each submitted form | 23 |
| L Always use SSL and POST (body) parameters when sending sensitive information. | 185 |
| L Apply configuration changes according to Q218180 | 1 |
| L Apply proper authorization to administration scripts | 1 |
| L Config your server to use the "Content-Security-Policy" header | 5 |
| L Config your server to use the "X-Frame-Options" header | 4 |
| L Contact the vendor of your product to see if a patch or a fix has been made available recently | 1 |
| L Disable WebDAV, or disallow unneeded HTTP methods | 1 |
| L Do not accept body parameters that are sent in the query string | 9 |
| L Modify FrontPage extension file permissions to avoid information leakage | 2 |
| L Modify your Web.Config file to encrypt the VIEWSTATE parameter | 20 |
| L Prevent caching of SSL pages by adding "Cache-Control: no-store" and "Pragma: no-cache" headers to their responses. | 67 |
| L Remove old versions of files from the virtual directory | 48 |
| L Remove source code files from your web-server and apply any relevant patches | 1 |

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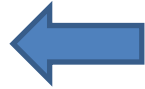
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Application-level test

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Insufficient Authentication

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Affected Products:

CWE:

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References:

"Web Application Disassembly with ODBC Error Messages" (By David Litchfield)

SQL Injection Training Module

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This means that the query (in the SQL database) will return TRUE for the user 'john', since the expression 1=1 is always true. Therefore, the query will return a positive number, and thus the user (attacker) will be considered valid without having to know the password.

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Quiz

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