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## Q. 2(a) Secure Software Development Lifecycle

### Requirements Engineering

- 1) Requirement Elicitation: Gathering requirements is important because it gives direction for whole software project.
- 2) Define Functional Requirements via use cases etc. : Useful in specifying software modules & testing in later stages.
- 3) Define security <sup>early on,</sup> ~~early on,~~ according to required features ~~requirements~~ : Defining security <sup>early on,</sup> according to required software project, has benefits for later stages.
- 4) Define misuse, abuse cases &/or attack trees : ~~Same~~ Similar benefits as (2) FRs.

### Analysis Phase:

- 5) Risk Analysis: Useful in saving time later on, by investing more resources to high-risk items.
- 6) Expand Sec. Req. to multiple goals, constraints & tasks : Useful in design & security inspection phase.
- 7) ~~Expand~~ Select security mechanisms : Necessary to satisfy security requirements
- 8) Specify FRs for security mechanisms : Extension of previous step/activity.
- 9) Assess security index. : If measure not acceptable, repeat (6) - (8) activities.
- 10) Review Inspections of all requirements : To detect any missed out or added risks.



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## ~~Design Phase~~

- 11) Prioritize all Requirements are not all equally important or equally threatening. Saves time later on.
- ~~12) Construct design diagrams~~
- 12) Construct design diagrams ~~Improves~~ ~~Spends less~~ implementation.
- 13) Inspections (design) <sup>Early</sup> detection of vulnerabilities
- 14) Remove vulnerabilities Obvious extension of previous
- 15) Assess security Index & coherence Repeat 12-14 if new issues detected.
- 16) Embed security monitor Useful in testing & maintenance phase.

## ~~Implementation Phase~~

- 17) Select secure programming languages ~~Smaller~~ ~~unexpected~~ Reduce chances of unexpected future attacks.
- 18) Follow secure coding standards & guidelines Tried & tested standards offer greater benefits of protection.

## Testing Phase

- 19) Unit Testing <sup>Big</sup> Basic & ~~smallest~~ ~~necessary~~ form of testing.
- 20) Functional Testing (Blackbox/white box) Broader form of testing needed for larger software modules.
- 21) Integration testing Necessary before deployment.
- 22) Security: Pen testing <sup>static & dynamic analysis</sup> ~~Testing~~ etc. Necessary to test security.

## Maintenance Phase

- 23) Monitor software behavior Necessary to ensure maximum safety likelihood.
- 24) Locate vulnerabilities Extension of (23) if issues found.
- 25) Remove & remove Extension of (24).



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Q.2(b)

Removed activities are listed below:

(Numbering according to previous ~~part~~ ~~section~~)

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| 3) Define security  | Reduce time by simply writing security requirements. <del>Skip</del> discussion & definitions.  |
| 6) Expand security reqs. to goals ...                       | <del>Skip completely</del> <sup>time has to be done without</sup> Decide security mechanics from requirements directly; refining requirements is not extremely important. |
| 10) Review inspections of all requirements                  | Go directly to (11) "Prioritize"; chances are that extreme vulnerabilities don't exist at all   |
| 15) Assess SI & repeat activities                           | Only repeat 12-14 for 1-2 iterations. Not loop over until perfect SI reached.   |
| 18) Coding standards  | Save time by coding faster (rely on personal experience).   |
| 22) Security testing: Pentesting, static & dynamic analysis | To save time, <del>skip one or</del> do not employ all types of testing. Employ reduced set of testing techniques.  |
| 23-25 Maintenance Activities                                | According to remaining budget, trim off these activities. Notify upper management of <del>potential</del> lack of maintenance due to budget.                              |