

Secure Software Development

Coursework 1 Individual Reflection

AstroDev Security Requirements

1. Preventing Denial of Services from Spaceships to Ground Control

- Asset: Datasets
- Threat: Denial of Service
- Narrative: Datasets may deny its services to the spaceship, which will prevent ground control from accessing the flight logs to then provide the next coordinates for the spaceship to fly to.
- Work Required: Implement appropriate authentication and authorisation methods to prevent authorised users from being locked out of access, whilst also prevent unauthorised users from access.
- Verification: Test different users, from authorised to unauthorised, to investigate if the datasets deny its services appropriately.

2. Preventing Unauthorised Access and Updates to the User Credentials Database

- Asset: User Credentials Database
- Threat: Tampering and Elevation of Privilege
- Narrative: An unauthorised user has access to the confidential user credentials database. From there, they can modify user information and indirectly affect operations between spaceships and ground control.
- Work Required: Encrypt data within the database, where only authorised users can decrypt requested data.
- Verification: Attempt to access data with an unauthorised user account. Rework the solution based on findings, if any at all.

3. Verifying User Identity to Prevent Unwanted Access to Chat Logs

- Asset: Chat Data
- Threat: Spoofing
- Narrative: Attackers may pose as authorised users to access chat logs between ground control and spaceships.
- Work Required: Implement Multi-Factor Authentication during account login, so that unauthorised users are locked out of confidential chat logs
- Verification: Test Multi-Factor Authentication amongst different accounts.

DefenceVenture Security Requirements

1. User Authorisation for Database Access

- Asset: Databases

- Threat: Tampering
- Narrative: An attacker abuses the application to perform unintended updates to a database.
- Work Required: Implement appropriate authorisation measures and introduce integrity checks, such as Hashes and Digital Signatures.
- Verification: Test the integrity methods using unauthorised accounts to update the database with. Rework the solution accordingly based on results.

2. Monitor Network Packets to Authorise Users

- Asset: Network
- Threat: Denial of Service
- Narrative: Attacker launches a denial of service (DDoS) attack, preventing the network from being used.
- Work Required: Network monitoring to ensure packets are from an authorised user.
- Verification: Send malicious data packets in a closed network to test the system. Rework the solution based on the effect of the packets. Ensure users sending packets are authorised with the network through checks.

3. Restrict Privileges from Users to Prevent Unwanted Activity

- Asset: Defence System
- Threat: Elevation of Privilege
- Narrative: A user may access more data than they need, allowing them to have too much control over a system.
- Work Required: Give a user the minimum number of permissions to be able to do their job.
- Verification: Test accounts with different levels of privileges and see which ones can perform certain tasks.