LAB_02

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1 - Compliance report

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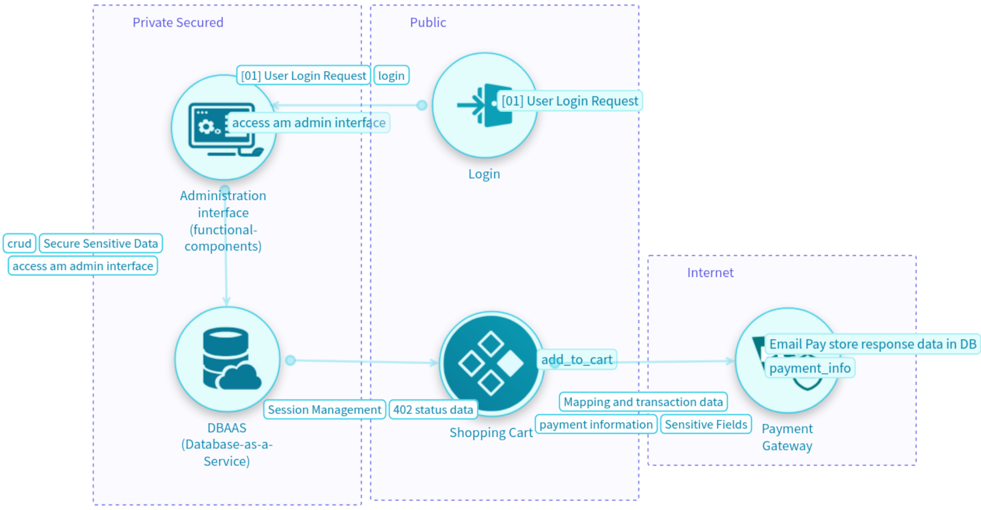

Compliance summary

See the countermeasure state data categorized by standards:

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 1.1.1	
Implemented	0
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	1
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 1.1.2	
Implemented	0
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	1
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 1.1.3	
Implemented	0
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	1
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 10.6.3	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.1.2	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.5.1	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.1	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.2	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.5	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.6	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.3.10	
Implemented	2
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	1
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.3.8	
Implemented	2
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	1
Non-compliant	1

	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.3.9	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.5.2	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.5.3
Implemented	2	1	1
Required	0	0	0
Failed	0	0	0
Verified	0	0	0
Not-applicable	0	0	0
Recommended	0	1	1
Rejected	1	0	0
Non-compliant	1	1	1

	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 2.10.6	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 6.4.2	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 7.1.4
Implemented	1	3	2
Required	0	0	0
Failed	0	0	0
Verified	0	0	0
Not-applicable	0	0	0
Recommended	1	1	0
Rejected	0	0	0
Non-compliant	1	1	0

	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.1.5	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.2.1	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.2.2
Implemented	2	0	2
Required	0	0	0
Failed	0	0	0
Verified	0	0	0
Not-applicable	0	0	0
Recommended	0	0	0
Rejected	1	1	0
Non-compliant	1	1	0

	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.5.1	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 9.1.1	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 9.5.1
Implemented	2	2	1
Required	0	0	0
Failed	0	0	0
Verified	0	0	0
Not-applicable	0	0	0
Recommended	0	0	1
Rejected	1	0	0
Non-compliant	1	0	1

	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 9.6.1	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 1	PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 2
Implemented	1	1	1
Required	0	0	0
Failed	0	0	0
Verified	0	0	0
Not-applicable	0	0	0
Recommended	1	1	1
Rejected	0	1	1
Non-compliant	1	2	2

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 2.3	
Implemented	2
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	1
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 4	
Implemented	0
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	1
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 6.1	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	2
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	2

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 6.2	
Implemented	0
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 6.5	
Implemented	0
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 7.1	
Implemented	3
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 7.2	
Implemented	3
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.1	
Implemented	2
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	0

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.2	
Implemented	2
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	0

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.3	
Implemented	2
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	0
Rejected	1
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.7	
Implemented	3
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 9.3	
Implemented	3
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 10.1	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 10.6	
Implemented	4
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	2
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	2

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 10.8	
Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.2

Implemented	0
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.3

Implemented	0
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.5

Implemented	0
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10

Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.11

Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.2

Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	2
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	2

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.4

Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.5

Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.8

Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.9

Implemented	1
Required	0
Failed	0
Verified	0
Not-applicable	0
Recommended	1
Rejected	0
Non-compliant	1

Content menu

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- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.2
    - Implemented
    - Non-compliant
    - Recommended
- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.5
    - Implemented
    - Non-compliant
    - Recommended
- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.6
    - Implemented
    - Non-compliant
    - Recommended
- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.5.2
    - Implemented
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- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.5.3
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- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 10.1
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- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.4
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- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.5
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- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.3.8
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- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 7.1.4
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- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.1
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- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.3
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  - Implemented
  - Non-compliant
- PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 6.2

- Non-compliant
- Recommended

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 6.5

- Non-compliant
- Recommended

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.2

- Non-compliant
- Recommended

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.3

- Non-compliant
- Recommended

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 1.1.1

- Rejected
- Non-compliant

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 1.1.2

- Rejected
- Non-compliant

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 1.1.3

- Rejected
- Non-compliant

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.2.1

- Rejected
- Non-compliant

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 1

Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ^ **High**

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures ("Imp") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ˅ **Low**

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: Shopping Cart

1 Rejected countermeasures

Rej1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

- **State:** Rejected
- **Description:**

Rate limiting and resource quotas are essential security and operational measures for maintaining the availability and integrity of your application, particularly in components like a shopping cart. These measures help mitigate the risk of abuse, such as Denial of Service (DoS) attacks or resource hogging by malicious users. Here's a structured approach to implementing these controls:

Step 1: Identify Key Resources and Endpoints

- **Action**: Determine which parts of your application should be subject to rate limiting and resource quotas. Common targets include API endpoints, user login attempts, and shopping cart interactions (e.g., item additions and checkouts).
- **Details**: Map out where your application may be vulnerable to high traffic or automated scripts that could lead to performance degradation or service outages.

Step 2: Define Limiting Criteria

- **Action**: Establish criteria for rate limiting and resource quotas based on typical user behavior and system capacity.
- **Details**: Set thresholds such as requests per minute per user, maximum number of items in a cart, or total number of active sessions per user. These limits should balance normal user activity and protective measures against abuse.

Step 3: Implement Rate Limiting Mechanism

- **Action**: Use middleware or a dedicated rate limiting tool to enforce the defined limits.
- **Details**: Implement rate limiting in your application's middleware stack. If using a web framework (e.g., Express for Node.js), integrate existing rate limiting libraries like **express-rate-limit**. Configure the library to limit requests to sensitive endpoints such as the login page and cart modification routes.

Step 4: Configure Resource Quotas

- **Action**: Set up resource quotas at the infrastructure level to prevent any single user or process from consuming disproportionate system resources.
- **Details**: Use cloud provider tools or server management settings to set quotas on CPU, memory, and network bandwidth per user or session. This prevents a single malicious user or botnet from overloading the system.

Step 5: Provide Feedback to Users

- **Action**: Inform users when they are nearing or have exceeded their rate limits or resource quotas.
- **Details**: Implement user-friendly error messages that explain why a request has been denied and, if applicable, when they can make a request again. This transparency helps maintain a good user experience and reduces user frustration.

Step 6: Monitor and Adjust Limits

- **Action**: Regularly review and adjust rate limits and resource quotas to reflect changes in user behavior and system capacity.
- **Details**: Monitor system performance and user activity logs to understand how rate limits affect user experience and system stability. Adjust limits as necessary to ensure they are effective without being overly restrictive.

Step 7: Secure and Audit Implementation

- **Action**: Ensure that rate limiting and resource quota mechanisms are secure against tampering and evasion.
- **Details**: Use techniques like hashing or encrypting user identifiers used in rate limiting to prevent manipulation. Regularly audit the implementation for its effectiveness and compliance with security policies.

Implementing rate limiting and resource quotas effectively protects your application from various forms of abuse while ensuring that legitimate users have a consistent and reliable experience. By following these steps, developers can safeguard critical components of their applications against common threats such as DoS attacks and system overloads.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

Protecting your database backups is essential to safeguard your data from unauthorized access, tampering, and loss. Follow these steps to secure your backups, especially when using cloud-based Database as a Service (DBaaS) platforms like Amazon RDS or Azure SQL Database:

1. Enable strong authentication mechanisms for all users who have access to the backups. Utilize multi-factor authentication (MFA) to add an additional layer of security.
2. Implement strict access controls. Define user roles and permissions meticulously to ensure that only authorized personnel can access backup data. Use principle of least privilege (PoLP) to minimize access rights for users to the bare minimum necessary to perform their work.
3. Encrypt your backups both at rest and in transit. Use strong encryption standards such as AES-256 to protect against unauthorized access and tampering. Ensure that encryption keys are stored securely and separately from the data they encrypt.
4. Regularly test your backup and restoration processes to ensure they work as expected. This testing should include verifying the integrity of the backups and ensuring that encrypted backups can be successfully decrypted.
5. Choose a DBaaS provider that offers automated, geo-redundant backups to enhance the availability of your backups. Ensure that the provider supports backup integrity checks and has built-in redundancy policies for backup storage.
6. Keep up-to-date with your cloud provider's best practices and security recommendations for backups. Providers often offer tools and services to help manage and secure backups effectively.

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Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 2

Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

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Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ^ High

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- **Details**: Implement rate limiting in your application's middleware stack. If using a web framework (e.g., Express for Node.js), integrate existing rate limiting libraries like **express-rate-limit**. Configure the library to limit requests to sensitive endpoints such as the login page and cart modification routes.

Step 4: Configure Resource Quotas

- **Action**: Set up resource quotas at the infrastructure level to prevent any single user or process from consuming disproportionate system resources.
- **Details**: Use cloud provider tools or server management settings to set quotas on CPU, memory, and network bandwidth per user or session. This prevents a single malicious user or botnet from overloading the system.

Step 5: Provide Feedback to Users

- **Action**: Inform users when they are nearing or have exceeded their rate limits or resource quotas.
- **Details**: Implement user-friendly error messages that explain why a request has been denied and, if applicable, when they can make a request again. This transparency helps maintain a good user experience and reduces user frustration.

Step 6: Monitor and Adjust Limits

- **Action**: Regularly review and adjust rate limits and resource quotas to reflect changes in user behavior and system capacity.
- **Details**: Monitor system performance and user activity logs to understand how rate limits affect user experience and system stability. Adjust limits as necessary to ensure they are effective without being overly restrictive.

Step 7: Secure and Audit Implementation

- **Action**: Ensure that rate limiting and resource quota mechanisms are secure against tampering and evasion.
- **Details**: Use techniques like hashing or encrypting user identifiers used in rate limiting to prevent manipulation. Regularly audit the implementation for its effectiveness and compliance with security policies.

Implementing rate limiting and resource quotas effectively protects your application from various forms of abuse while ensuring that legitimate users have a consistent and reliable experience. By following these steps, developers can safeguard critical components of their applications against common threats such as DoS attacks and system overloads.

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 6.4.2

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures ("Imp") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 ˅ Low

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Imp1. Restrict access to administrative interfaces C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C001 = Medium

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ˅ Low

Non-compliant countermeasures

"Non-compliant" are those countermeasures that are recommended ("Rec"), rejected ("Rej") or not applicable ("N/A") in the model, but required by the standard. Required ("ReqF") countermeasures which tests have failed are also shown as non-compliant ones.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 = Medium ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

If inadequate controls are in place, lower privileged users may be able to access higher privilege or administrative functionality to subvert security within the application.

- Restrict administration functions to designated administrators only through robust access controls.
- Ensure this restriction is applied at the server-side; do not rely on 'secret' areas of the application, menu hiding, or other client-side techniques to protect the functionality.
- Measures to prevent cross-site request forgery must be present on administrative functions.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures ("Rec") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 = Medium

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 7.1

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures ("Imp") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 ˅ Low

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Imp1. Restrict access to administrative interfaces C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C001 = Medium

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ˅ Low

Non-compliant countermeasures

"Non-compliant" are those countermeasures that are recommended ("Rec"), rejected ("Rej") or not applicable ("N/A") in the model, but required by the standard. Required ("ReqF") countermeasures which tests have failed are also shown as non-compliant ones.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 = Medium ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

If inadequate controls are in place, lower privileged users may be able to access higher privilege or administrative functionality to subvert security within the application.

- Restrict administration functions to designated administrators only through robust access controls.
- Ensure this restriction is applied at the server-side; do not rely on 'secret' areas of the application, menu hiding, or other client-side techniques to protect the functionality.
- Measures to prevent cross-site request forgery must be present on administrative functions.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures (“Rec”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 = **Medium**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 7.2

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 ⌄ **Low**

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Imp1. Restrict access to administrative interfaces C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C001 = **Medium**

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ⌄ **Low**

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 = **Medium** ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

If inadequate controls are in place, lower privileged users may be able to access higher privilege or administrative functionality to subvert security within the application.

- Restrict administration functions to designated administrators only through robust access controls.
- Ensure this restriction is applied at the server-side; do not rely on 'secret' areas of the application, menu hiding, or other client-side techniques to protect the functionality.
- Measures to prevent cross-site request forgery must be present on administrative functions.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures (“Rec”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 = **Medium**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.7

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 ⌄ **Low**

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Imp1. Restrict access to administrative interfaces C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C001 = **Medium**

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ⌄ **Low**

Non-compliant countermeasures

"Non-compliant" are those countermeasures that are recommended (“Rec”), rejected (“Rej”) or not applicable (“N/A”) in the model, but required by the standard. Required (“ReqF”) countermeasures which tests have failed are also shown as non-compliant ones.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 Medium ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

  If inadequate controls are in place, lower privileged users may be able to access higher privilege or administrative functionality to subvert security within the application.
  - Restrict administration functions to designated administrators only through robust access controls.
  - Ensure this restriction is applied at the server-side; do not rely on 'secret' areas of the application, menu hiding, or other client-side techniques to protect the functionality.
  - Measures to prevent cross-site request forgery must be present on administrative functions.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures (“Rec”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 Medium

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 9.3

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 Low

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Imp1. Restrict access to administrative interfaces C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C001 Medium

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP Low

Non-compliant countermeasures

"Non-compliant" are those countermeasures that are recommended (“Rec”), rejected (“Rej”) or not applicable (“N/A”) in the model, but required by the standard. Required (“ReqF”) countermeasures which tests have failed are also shown as non-compliant ones.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 Medium ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

  If inadequate controls are in place, lower privileged users may be able to access higher privilege or administrative functionality to subvert security within the application.
  - Restrict administration functions to designated administrators only through robust access controls.
  - Ensure this restriction is applied at the server-side; do not rely on 'secret' areas of the application, menu hiding, or other client-side techniques to protect the functionality.
  - Measures to prevent cross-site request forgery must be present on administrative functions.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures (“Rec”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 Medium

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 10.6

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 Low

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Imp1. Restrict access to administrative interfaces C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C001 Medium

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY Low
Imp2. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP Low

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 = **Medium** ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

  If inadequate controls are in place, lower privileged users may be able to access higher privilege or administrative functionality to subvert security within the application.
  - Restrict administration functions to designated administrators only through robust access controls.
  - Ensure this restriction is applied at the server-side; do not rely on 'secret' areas of the application, menu hiding, or other client-side techniques to protect the functionality.
  - Measures to prevent cross-site request forgery must be present on administrative functions.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

  Protecting your database backups is essential to safeguard your data from unauthorized access, tampering, and loss. Follow these steps to secure your backups, especially when using cloud-based Database as a Service (DBaaS) platforms like Amazon RDS or Azure SQL Database:

  1. Enable strong authentication mechanisms for all users who have access to the backups. Utilize multi-factor authentication (MFA) to add an additional layer of security.
  2. Implement strict access controls. Define user roles and permissions meticulously to ensure that only authorized personnel can access backup data. Use principle of least privilege (PoLP) to minimize access rights for users to the bare minimum necessary to perform their work.
  3. Encrypt your backups both at rest and in transit. Use strong encryption standards such as AES-256 to protect against unauthorized access and tampering. Ensure that encryption keys are stored securely and separately from the data they encrypt.
  4. Regularly test your backup and restoration processes to ensure they work as expected. This testing should include verifying the integrity of the backups and ensuring that encrypted backups can be successfully decrypted.
  5. Choose a DBaaS provider that offers automated, geo-redundant backups to enhance the availability of your backups. Ensure that the provider supports backup integrity checks and has built-in redundancy policies for backup storage.
  6. Keep up-to-date with your cloud provider's best practices and security recommendations for backups. Providers often offer tools and services to help manage and secure backups effectively.

  By following these steps, developers can significantly enhance the security of their database backups in a cloud environment, protecting sensitive data from potential threats.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures ("Rec") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Administration interface (functional-components)

Rec1. Restrict access to administrative functionality C-ADMINISTRATION-INTERFACE-C002 = **Medium**

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.5

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Sanitize and validate user input C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-VALIDATE-INPUT ^ **High** ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

  Protecting your Database as a Service (DBaaS) applications from SQL and NoSQL injection attacks is crucial for maintaining data integrity and security. Follow these steps to sanitize and validate user input effectively:
  - Always use parameterized queries when inserting or updating data with user input. This method ensures that the input is treated as data, not executable code, by the database engine. Parameterized queries are supported by most database libraries and effectively prevent injection attacks.
  - Implement an allowlist (previously known as whitelist) approach for all user input. Define a set of accepted characters for each input field and reject any input that contains characters outside this set. This is particularly useful for fields that should only contain alphanumeric characters, significantly reducing the risk of injection.
  - For operations that involve database keys or column names, which cannot be parameterized in the same way as data, use an allowlist of accepted keys. This prevents operator injection, where malicious actors manipulate query logic, by ensuring only predefined query structures are executable.

  Adhering to these steps will significantly reduce the vulnerability of your DBaaS applications to injection attacks. Regularly review your code for potential injection vulnerabilities and stay informed about best practices in input validation and sanitization.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures ("Rec") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Sanitize and validate user input C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-VALIDATE-INPUT ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 10.6.3

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY Low

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**
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Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures (“Rec”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS High

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.1.2

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY Low

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**
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Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures (“Rec”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS High

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.5.1

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ⌄ **Low**

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**
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Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures (“Rec”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.1

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ⌄ **Low**

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**
  Protecting your database backups is essential to safeguard your data from unauthorized access, tampering, and loss. Follow these steps to secure your backups, especially when using cloud-based Database as a Service (DBaaS) platforms like Amazon RDS or Azure SQL Database:

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Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures ("Rec") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.2

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures ("Imp") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ⌄ **Low**

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**
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  By following these steps, developers can significantly enhance the security of their database backups in a cloud environment, protecting sensitive data from potential threats.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures ("Rec") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.5

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures ("Imp") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ⌄ **Low**

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**
  Protecting your database backups is essential to safeguard your data from unauthorized access, tampering, and loss. Follow these steps to secure your backups, especially when using cloud-based Database as a Service (DBaaS) platforms like Amazon RDS or Azure SQL Database:

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Recommended countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10.6

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ⌄ Low

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.5.2

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High ○ Not tested

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.5.3

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High ○ Not tested

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 2.10.6

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 9.5.1

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 9.6.1

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

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Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 6.1

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

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Component: Login

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Conduct regular security audits and reviews C-LOGIN-CM5 ^ **High** ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**
  Conducting regular security audits and reviews of your login system is a critical step in ensuring its ongoing security and integrity. These audits help identify vulnerabilities, assess the effectiveness of current security measures, and ensure compliance with best practices and regulations. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to implement this countermeasure effectively:
  1. Establish an Audit Schedule
  - **Define Frequency**: Determine how often security audits and reviews should be conducted. The frequency can depend on various factors, including the sensitivity of the data handled by the login system, regulatory requirements, and the system's complexity.
  - **Plan for Regular Reviews**: In addition to full audits, plan for more frequent, less formal security reviews to quickly catch and address potential issues.

  2. Outline Audit Scope
  - **Identify Components**: List all components of the login system to be audited. This includes the authentication mechanism, database storage of credentials, session management, and any multi-factor authentication (MFA) integrations.
  - **Determine Audit Criteria**: Define what standards, regulations, and best practices the audit will use as benchmarks for evaluation. Common references include OWASP Top 10, ISO/IEC 27001, and specific compliance mandates like GDPR or HIPAA.

  3. Conduct the Security Audit
  - **Review Code**: Perform a thorough code review focusing on authentication flows, data validation, and session management. Look for common vulnerabilities like SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and insecure direct object references (IDOR).
  - **Test Authentication Mechanisms**: Assess the strength and implementation of password policies, MFA, and session management practices. Use both automated tools and manual testing techniques.
  - **Evaluate Configuration and Deployment**: Check the configuration of servers, databases, and any third-party services used in the login process. Ensure that only necessary services are exposed and securely configured.
  - **Assess Incident Response Mechanisms**: Review how the system detects, logs, and responds to security incidents. Ensure that adequate logging is in place and that alerts are configured for suspicious activities.

  4. Document Findings and Recommendations
  - **Compile a Report**: Document all findings from the audit, including vulnerabilities discovered, areas for improvement, and adherence to best practices and compliance requirements.
  - **Prioritize Issues**: Rank the identified issues based on their potential impact and the effort required to address them. High-risk vulnerabilities should be prioritized for immediate remediation.

  5. Implement Recommendations
  - **Develop a Remediation Plan**: For each identified issue, outline a plan for remediation. Assign responsibilities and set deadlines for addressing the vulnerabilities.
  - **Monitor Progress**: Track the implementation of the remediation plan, ensuring that all issues are addressed in a timely manner.

  6. Review and Iterate
  - **Post-Implementation Review**: After implementing the recommendations, conduct a follow-up review to ensure that the changes have effectively addressed the vulnerabilities.
  - **Continuous Improvement**: Use the insights gained from each audit to refine the audit process and improve the security of the login system continuously.

  7. Train and Educate
  - **Educate Developers**: Share the findings and lessons learned from the audit with the development team. Use this as an opportunity to improve secure coding practices.
  - **Awareness for All Stakeholders**: Ensure that all stakeholders understand the importance of the security audit process and their role in maintaining the security of the login system.

  Conducting regular security audits and reviews is an essential practice for maintaining the security of your login system. It helps identify vulnerabilities, ensures compliance with security standards, and fosters a culture of continuous improvement in security practices.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

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Component: Login

Rec1. Conduct regular security audits and reviews C-LOGIN-CM5 ^ **High**

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 10.1

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ˅ **Low**

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

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Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 10.8

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.10

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.11

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ⌄ Low

Non-compliant countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

Protecting your database backups is essential to safeguard your data from unauthorized access, tampering, and loss. Follow these steps to secure your backups, especially when using cloud-based Database as a Service (DBaaS) platforms like Amazon RDS or Azure SQL Database:

1. Enable strong authentication mechanisms for all users who have access to the backups. Utilize multi-factor authentication (MFA) to add an additional layer of security.
2. Implement strict access controls. Define user roles and permissions meticulously to ensure that only authorized personnel can access backup data. Use principle of least privilege (PoLP) to minimize access rights for users to the bare minimum necessary to perform their work.
3. Encrypt your backups both at rest and in transit. Use strong encryption standards such as AES-256 to protect against unauthorized access and tampering. Ensure that encryption keys are stored securely and separately from the data they encrypt.
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5. Choose a DBaaS provider that offers automated, geo-redundant backups to enhance the availability of your backups. Ensure that the provider supports backup integrity checks and has built-in redundancy policies for backup storage.
6. Keep up-to-date with your cloud provider's best practices and security recommendations for backups. Providers often offer tools and services to help manage and secure backups effectively.

By following these steps, developers can significantly enhance the security of their database backups in a cloud environment, protecting sensitive data from potential threats.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures (“Rec”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.2

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: Login

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Conduct regular security audits and reviews C-LOGIN-CM5 ^ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

Conducting regular security audits and reviews of your login system is a critical step in ensuring its ongoing security and integrity. These audits help identify vulnerabilities, assess the effectiveness of current security measures, and ensure compliance with best practices and regulations. Here’s a step-by-step guide on how to implement this countermeasure effectively:

1. Establish an Audit Schedule

- **Define Frequency**: Determine how often security audits and reviews should be conducted. The frequency can depend on various factors, including the sensitivity of the data handled by the login system, regulatory requirements, and the system's complexity.
- **Plan for Regular Reviews**: In addition to full audits, plan for more frequent, less formal security reviews to quickly catch and address potential issues.

2. Outline Audit Scope

- **Identify Components**: List all components of the login system to be audited. This includes the authentication mechanism, database storage of credentials, session management, and any multi-factor authentication (MFA) integrations.
- **Determine Audit Criteria**: Define what standards, regulations, and best practices the audit will use as benchmarks for evaluation. Common references include OWASP Top 10, ISO/IEC 27001, and specific compliance mandates like GDPR or HIPAA.

3. Conduct the Security Audit

- **Review Code**: Perform a thorough code review focusing on authentication flows, data validation, and session management. Look for common vulnerabilities like SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and insecure direct object references (IDOR).
- **Test Authentication Mechanisms**: Assess the strength and implementation of password policies, MFA, and session management practices. Use both automated tools and manual testing techniques.
- **Evaluate Configuration and Deployment**: Check the configuration of servers, databases, and any third-party services used in the login process. Ensure that only necessary services are exposed and securely configured.

- **Assess Incident Response Mechanisms**: Review how the system detects, logs, and responds to security incidents. Ensure that adequate logging is in place and that alerts are configured for suspicious activities.

4. **Document Findings and Recommendations**
   - **Compile a Report**: Document all findings from the audit, including vulnerabilities discovered, areas for improvement, and adherence to best practices and compliance requirements.
   - **Prioritize Issues**: Rank the identified issues based on their potential impact and the effort required to address them. High-risk vulnerabilities should be prioritized for immediate remediation.
5. **Implement Recommendations**
   - **Develop a Remediation Plan**: For each identified issue, outline a plan for remediation. Assign responsibilities and set deadlines for addressing the vulnerabilities.
   - **Monitor Progress**: Track the implementation of the remediation plan, ensuring that all issues are addressed in a timely manner.
6. **Review and Iterate**
   - **Post-Implementation Review**: After implementing the recommendations, conduct a follow-up review to ensure that the changes have effectively addressed the vulnerabilities.
   - **Continuous Improvement**: Use the insights gained from each audit to refine the audit process and improve the security of the login system continuously.
7. **Train and Educate**
   - **Educate Developers**: Share the findings and lessons learned from the audit with the development team. Use this as an opportunity to improve secure coding practices.
   - **Awareness for All Stakeholders**: Ensure that all stakeholders understand the importance of the security audit process and their role in maintaining the security of the login system.

Conducting regular security audits and reviews is an essential practice for maintaining the security of your login system. It helps identify vulnerabilities, ensures compliance with security standards, and fosters a culture of continuous improvement in security practices.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

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Recommended countermeasures

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Component: Login

Rec1. Conduct regular security audits and reviews C-LOGIN-CM5 ^ High

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.4

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ˅ Low

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
- **Description:**

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.5

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ˅ **Low**

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

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Recommended countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.8

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ˅ **Low**

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ^ **High** ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
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Recommended countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ⌃ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.9

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Design for redundancy C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-REDUNDANCY ⌄ **Low**

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ⌃ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Recommended
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Recommended countermeasures

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Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Rec1. Secure backups C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-BACKUPS ⌃ **High**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.3.10

Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ⌃ **High**

Implemented countermeasures

Below are the implemented countermeasures (“Imp”) by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 ⌄ **Low**

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ⌄ **Low**

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Component: Shopping Cart

1 Rejected countermeasures

Rej1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ^ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Rejected
- **Description:**

Rate limiting and resource quotas are essential security and operational measures for maintaining the availability and integrity of your application, particularly in components like a shopping cart. These measures help mitigate the risk of abuse, such as Denial of Service (DoS) attacks or resource hogging by malicious users. Here's a structured approach to implementing these controls:

Step 1: Identify Key Resources and Endpoints
- **Action**: Determine which parts of your application should be subject to rate limiting and resource quotas. Common targets include API endpoints, user login attempts, and shopping cart interactions (e.g., item additions and checkouts).
- **Details**: Map out where your application may be vulnerable to high traffic or automated scripts that could lead to performance degradation or service outages.

Step 2: Define Limiting Criteria
- **Action**: Establish criteria for rate limiting and resource quotas based on typical user behavior and system capacity.
- **Details**: Set thresholds such as requests per minute per user, maximum number of items in a cart, or total number of active sessions per user. These limits should balance normal user activity and protective measures against abuse.

Step 3: Implement Rate Limiting Mechanism
- **Action**: Use middleware or a dedicated rate limiting tool to enforce the defined limits.
- **Details**: Implement rate limiting in your application's middleware stack. If using a web framework (e.g., Express for Node.js), integrate existing rate limiting libraries like **express-rate-limit**. Configure the library to limit requests to sensitive endpoints such as the login page and cart modification routes.

Step 4: Configure Resource Quotas
- **Action**: Set up resource quotas at the infrastructure level to prevent any single user or process from consuming disproportionate system resources.
- **Details**: Use cloud provider tools or server management settings to set quotas on CPU, memory, and network bandwidth per user or session. This prevents a single malicious user or botnet from overloading the system.

Step 5: Provide Feedback to Users
- **Action**: Inform users when they are nearing or have exceeded their rate limits or resource quotas.
- **Details**: Implement user-friendly error messages that explain why a request has been denied and, if applicable, when they can make a request again. This transparency helps maintain a good user experience and reduces user frustration.

Step 6: Monitor and Adjust Limits
- **Action**: Regularly review and adjust rate limits and resource quotas to reflect changes in user behavior and system capacity.
- **Details**: Monitor system performance and user activity logs to understand how rate limits affect user experience and system stability. Adjust limits as necessary to ensure they are effective without being overly restrictive.

Step 7: Secure and Audit Implementation
- **Action**: Ensure that rate limiting and resource quota mechanisms are secure against tampering and evasion.
- **Details**: Use techniques like hashing or encrypting user identifiers used in rate limiting to prevent manipulation. Regularly audit the implementation for its effectiveness and compliance with security policies.

Implementing rate limiting and resource quotas effectively protects your application from various forms of abuse while ensuring that legitimate users have a consistent and reliable experience. By following these steps, developers can safeguard critical components of their applications against common threats such as DoS attacks and system overloads.

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.3.8

Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ^ High

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 ˅ Low

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ˅ Low

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Component: Shopping Cart

1 Rejected countermeasures

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 12.3.9

Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ^ High

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 ˅ Low

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

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Component: Shopping Cart

1 Rejected countermeasures

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 7.1.4

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 ˅ Low

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ˅ Low

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.1.5

Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ˄ High

Implemented countermeasures

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Component: Login

Imp1. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) C-LOGIN-CM1 ˅ Low

Component: DBAAS (Database-as-a-Service)

Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ˅ Low

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Component: Shopping Cart

1 Rejected countermeasures

Rej1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ˄ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** Rejected
- **Description:**
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Step 2: Define Limiting Criteria
  - **Action**: Establish criteria for rate limiting and resource quotas based on typical user behavior and system capacity.
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Step 3: Implement Rate Limiting Mechanism
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Step 4: Configure Resource Quotas
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  - **Action**: Inform users when they are nearing or have exceeded their rate limits or resource quotas.
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Step 6: Monitor and Adjust Limits
  - **Action**: Regularly review and adjust rate limits and resource quotas to reflect changes in user behavior and system capacity.
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Step 7: Secure and Audit Implementation
  - **Action**: Ensure that rate limiting and resource quota mechanisms are secure against tampering and evasion.
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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.2.2

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Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ˅ **Low**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.5.1

Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 9.1.1

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Imp1. Secure setup and access control C-DBAAS-DATABASE-AS-A-SERVICE-SECURE-SETUP ˅ **Low**

PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 2.3

Rejected countermeasures

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.1

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 8.3

Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 6.2

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Component: Login

1 Recommended countermeasures

Rec1. Conduct regular security audits and reviews C-LOGIN-CM5 ^ High ○ Not tested

- **State:** ● Recommended
- **Description:**

Conducting regular security audits and reviews of your login system is a critical step in ensuring its ongoing security and integrity. These audits help identify vulnerabilities, assess the effectiveness of current security measures, and ensure compliance with best practices and regulations. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to implement this countermeasure effectively:

1. Establish an Audit Schedule

- **Define Frequency**: Determine how often security audits and reviews should be conducted. The frequency can depend on various factors, including the sensitivity of the data handled by the login system, regulatory requirements, and the system's complexity.
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2. Outline Audit Scope

- **Identify Components**: List all components of the login system to be audited. This includes the authentication mechanism, database storage of credentials, session management, and any multi-factor authentication (MFA) integrations.
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3. Conduct the Security Audit

- **Review Code**: Perform a thorough code review focusing on authentication flows, data validation, and session management. Look for common vulnerabilities like SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and insecure direct object references (IDOR).
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4. Document Findings and Recommendations

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- **Develop a Remediation Plan**: For each identified issue, outline a plan for remediation. Assign responsibilities and set deadlines for addressing the vulnerabilities.
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6. Review and Iterate

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Recommended countermeasures

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Component: Login

1 Recommended countermeasures

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 11.2

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Component: Login

1 Recommended countermeasures

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   - **Compile a Report**: Document all findings from the audit, including vulnerabilities discovered, areas for improvement, and adherence to best practices and compliance requirements.
   - **Prioritize Issues**: Rank the identified issues based on their potential impact and the effort required to address them. High-risk vulnerabilities should be prioritized for immediate remediation.
5. **Implement Recommendations**
   - **Develop a Remediation Plan**: For each identified issue, outline a plan for remediation. Assign responsibilities and set deadlines for addressing the vulnerabilities.
   - **Monitor Progress**: Track the implementation of the remediation plan, ensuring that all issues are addressed in a timely manner.
6. **Review and Iterate**
   - **Post-Implementation Review**: After implementing the recommendations, conduct a follow-up review to ensure that the changes have effectively addressed the vulnerabilities.
   - **Continuous Improvement**: Use the insights gained from each audit to refine the audit process and improve the security of the login system continuously.
7. **Train and Educate**
   - **Educate Developers**: Share the findings and lessons learned from the audit with the development team. Use this as an opportunity to improve secure coding practices.
   - **Awareness for All Stakeholders**: Ensure that all stakeholders understand the importance of the security audit process and their role in maintaining the security of the login system.

Conducting regular security audits and reviews is an essential practice for maintaining the security of your login system. It helps identify vulnerabilities, ensures compliance with security standards, and fosters a culture of continuous improvement in security practices.

Recommended countermeasures

Below are the recommended countermeasures ("Rec") by component and threat for standard reference.

Component: Login

Rec1. Conduct regular security audits and reviews C-LOGIN-CM5 ^ High

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Rejected countermeasures

Component: Shopping Cart

1. Rate Limiting and Resource Quotas C-RATE-LIMITING-AND-RESOURCE-QUOTAS ^ High

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1 Rejected countermeasures

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PCI-DSS-v3.2.1: 1.1.2

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