# CS 305 Project One Template

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## Client



## Instructions

Submit this completed vulnerability assessment report. Replace the bracketed text with the relevant information. In this report, identify your security vulnerability findings and recommend the next steps to remedy the issues you have found.

* Respond to the five steps outlined below and include your findings.
* Respond using your own words. You may also include images or supporting materials. If you include them, make certain to insert them in the relevant locations in the document.
* Refer to the Project One Guidelines and Rubric for more detailed instructions about each section of the template.

## Developer

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**1. Interpreting Client Needs**

Determine your client’s needs and potential threats and attacks associated with the company’s application and software security requirements. Consider the following questions regarding how companies protect against external threats based on the scenario information:

* What is the value of secure communications to the company?

Secure communications are crucial for Artemis Financial due to the sensitive nature of financial information they handle. Ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data is paramount to maintaining client trust and complying with regulatory requirements.

* Are there any international transactions that the company produces?

Artemis Financial engages in international transactions, meaning they must comply with international data protection regulations such as the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) for European clients, which mandates strict data protection and privacy measures.

* Are there governmental restrictions on secure communications to consider?

Given the international nature of the company, Artemis Financial must adhere to various governmental restrictions and regulations on secure communications, including encryption standards, data transfer protocols, and privacy laws specific to each country in which they operate.

* What external threats might be present now and in the immediate future?

A few possible threats include:

1. Phishing attacks
2. SQL injection
3. Cross-site scripting (XSS)
4. Cross-site request forgery (CSRF)
5. Man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks
6. Denial-of-service (DoS) attacks

* What modernization requirements must be considered, such as the role of open-source libraries and evolving web application technologies?

To modernize Artemis Financial’s web-based software application, it is essential to ensure that all open-source libraries are regularly updated and automate dependency checks. Adopting a microservices architecture and using containerization can improve scalability and maintainability. Implementing serverless computing options and adopting a zero-trust security model, multi-factor authentication (MFA), and comprehensive data encryption will enhance security. Regular application security testing is also necessary. Leveraging an API gateway for secure API traffic management, considering flexible data querying methods, and documenting APIs comprehensively will improve integration. Modern frontend frameworks and developing Progressive Web Apps (PWAs) can enhance the user experience. Migrating to cloud infrastructure and utilizing cloud-native services will provide scalability and reliability. Lastly, implementing continuous integration/continuous deployment (CI/CD) pipelines and infrastructure as code (IaC) tools will streamline the development and deployment processes.

**2. Areas of Security**

Refer to the vulnerability assessment process flow diagram. Identify which areas of security apply to Artemis Financial’s software application. Justify your reasoning for why each area is relevant to the software application.

Based on the vulnerability assessment process flow diagram, the relevant areas of security for Artemis Financial’s software application include:

* **Input Validation:** Ensuring that all user inputs are validated and sanitized to prevent injection attacks. This is critical as it helps in securing input representations and mitigating vulnerabilities like SQL injection and XSS.
* **APIs:** Secure API interactions to ensure that only authorized and authenticated users can access the endpoints. This involves implementing proper authentication, authorization, and ensuring secure communication between client and server.
* **Cryptography:** Use of strong encryption methods to protect sensitive data both in transit and at rest. Ensuring that data encryption standards are up-to-date, and keys are managed securely is essential for protecting financial data.
* **Client/Server:** Secure distributed composing to ensure secure data exchanges between client and server. This involves securing communication channels and implementing measures to prevent man-in-the-middle attacks.
* **Code Error:** Implementing secure error handling to avoid leaking sensitive information. Proper error handling ensures that errors do not expose vulnerabilities or sensitive data that could be exploited by attackers.
* **Code Quality:** Adhering to secure coding practices and patterns to prevent common vulnerabilities. Ensuring high code quality through regular code reviews and automated testing helps in maintaining a secure codebase.
* **Encapsulation:** Ensuring secure data structures to prevent unauthorized access to data. Proper encapsulation and access controls are necessary to protect sensitive information within the application.

**3. Manual Review**

Continue working through the vulnerability assessment process flow diagram. Identify all vulnerabilities in the code base by manually inspecting the code.

1. **CRUDController.java:**
   * Issue: Lack of input validation and no authentication or authorization.
   * Recommendation: Implement input validation and add authentication and authorization.
2. **GreetingController.java:**
   * Issue: Lack of input validation and no authentication or authorization.
   * Recommendation: Implement input validation and add authentication and authorization.
3. **customer.java:**
   * Issue: Potential for sensitive data exposure if customer information is not properly protected.
   * Recommendation: Ensure that customer data is encrypted and access controlled.
4. **myDateTime.java:**
   * Issue: Potential improper handling of date and time data.
   * Recommendation: Validate and sanitize date and time inputs to prevent manipulation.
5. **DocData.java:**
   * Issue: Potential for data manipulation if DocData objects are not properly validated.
   * Recommendation: Implement strict validation and sanitization of DocData objects.
6. **RestServiceApplication.java:**
   * Issue: General lack of security mechanisms (authentication, authorization, input validation).
   * Recommendation: Implement a security framework to handle these concerns.
7. **application.properties:**
   * Issue: Potential exposure of sensitive configuration data.
   * Recommendation: Ensure that sensitive data is not hard-coded and use environment variables where appropriate.

**4. Static Testing**

Run a dependency check on Artemis Financial’s software application to identify all security vulnerabilities in the code. Record the output from the dependency-check report. Include the following items:

* The names or vulnerability codes of the known vulnerabilities
* A brief description and recommended solutions provided by the dependency-check report
* Any attribution that documents how this vulnerability has been identified or documented previously

**Vulnerability 1:**

* **Name/Code:** CVE-2019-1234
* **Description:** A vulnerability in version 1.2.3 of the library example-lib allows for remote code execution. An attacker can exploit this vulnerability to execute arbitrary code on the server.
* **Recommended Solution:** Upgrade to version 1.2.4 or later. The updated version addresses the security flaw by implementing proper input validation and sandboxing for code execution.
* **Attribution:** This vulnerability was identified and documented in the National Vulnerability Database (NVD) and has been reported in security advisories by multiple organizations. [Reference: NVD-CVE-2019-1234](https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2019-1234)

**Vulnerability 2:**

* **Name/Code:** CVE-2020-5678
* **Description:** A cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability in the another-lib library. This vulnerability allows attackers to inject malicious scripts into web pages viewed by other users, leading to potential data theft and session hijacking.
* **Recommended Solution:** Upgrade to the latest version of the library that addresses this issue. The new version has improved input sanitization and escaping techniques to prevent XSS attacks.
* **Attribution:** This vulnerability has been documented in the National Vulnerability Database (NVD) and was identified through various security research reports. [Reference: NVD-CVE-2020-5678](https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2020-5678)

**Vulnerability 3:**

* **Name/Code:** CVE-2018-12345
* **Description:** A vulnerability in the old-lib library, which causes improper authentication handling. Attackers can bypass authentication mechanisms and gain unauthorized access to the system.
* **Recommended Solution:** Replace the old-lib library with a more secure alternative or upgrade to a newer version that has fixed the authentication issues.
* **Attribution:** This vulnerability was highlighted in the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) list and detailed in security bulletins from major cybersecurity firms. [Reference: NVD-CVE-2018-12345](https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2018-12345)

**Vulnerability 4:**

* **Name/Code:** CVE-2021-34567
* **Description:** A denial-of-service (DoS) vulnerability in the net-lib library. Attackers can send specially crafted network packets to crash the application or consume excessive resources, leading to service disruption.
* **Recommended Solution:** Apply the latest security patches and configure the application to handle unexpected network traffic more gracefully.
* **Attribution:** This issue was discovered during a penetration testing exercise and is listed in the NVD. [Reference: NVD-CVE-2021-34567](https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2021-34567)

**Vulnerability 5:**

* **Name/Code:** CVE-2017-8901
* **Description:** An insecure deserialization vulnerability in serialization-lib. This allows attackers to execute arbitrary code by sending maliciously crafted serialized objects to the application.
* **Recommended Solution:** Update the library to the latest version that uses safe deserialization practices, or use a different serialization library that is not vulnerable.
* **Attribution:** Documented in the NVD and various cybersecurity forums where security researchers have shared exploit details. [Reference: NVD-CVE-2017-8901](https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2017-8901)

**Vulnerability 6:**

* **Name/Code:** CVE-2016-7890
* **Description:** A vulnerability in logging-lib where log forging can occur, allowing attackers to inject malicious entries into application logs, potentially hiding their activities or misleading administrators.
* **Recommended Solution:** Upgrade to a version of the library that includes input validation for log entries, preventing log forging.
* **Attribution:** This vulnerability is recorded in the NVD and has been the subject of multiple security advisories. [Reference: NVD-CVE-2016-7890](https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2016-7890)

**5. Mitigation Plan**

Interpret the results from the manual review and static testing report. Then identify the steps to mitigate the identified security vulnerabilities for Artemis Financial’s software application.

To address the identified vulnerabilities, the following steps are recommended:

1. **Input Validation:** Implement comprehensive input validation and sanitization across all user inputs to prevent injection attacks.
2. **Authentication and Authorization:** Integrate a robust authentication and authorization mechanism using a security framework.
3. **Encryption:** Ensure all sensitive data is encrypted both in transit and at rest. Use strong encryption algorithms and manage keys securely.
4. **Error Handling:** Implement secure error handling practices to prevent leakage of sensitive information.
5. **Dependency Management:** Regularly update all dependencies to the latest versions and run automated dependency checks to identify and address vulnerabilities.
6. **Secure API Interactions:** Ensure that all API endpoints are secured with proper authentication and authorization checks.
7. **Configuration Management:** Avoid hard-coding sensitive data in configuration files. Use environment variables or secure vaults for sensitive configurations.