



# Cybersecurity

## Project 1 Technical Brief

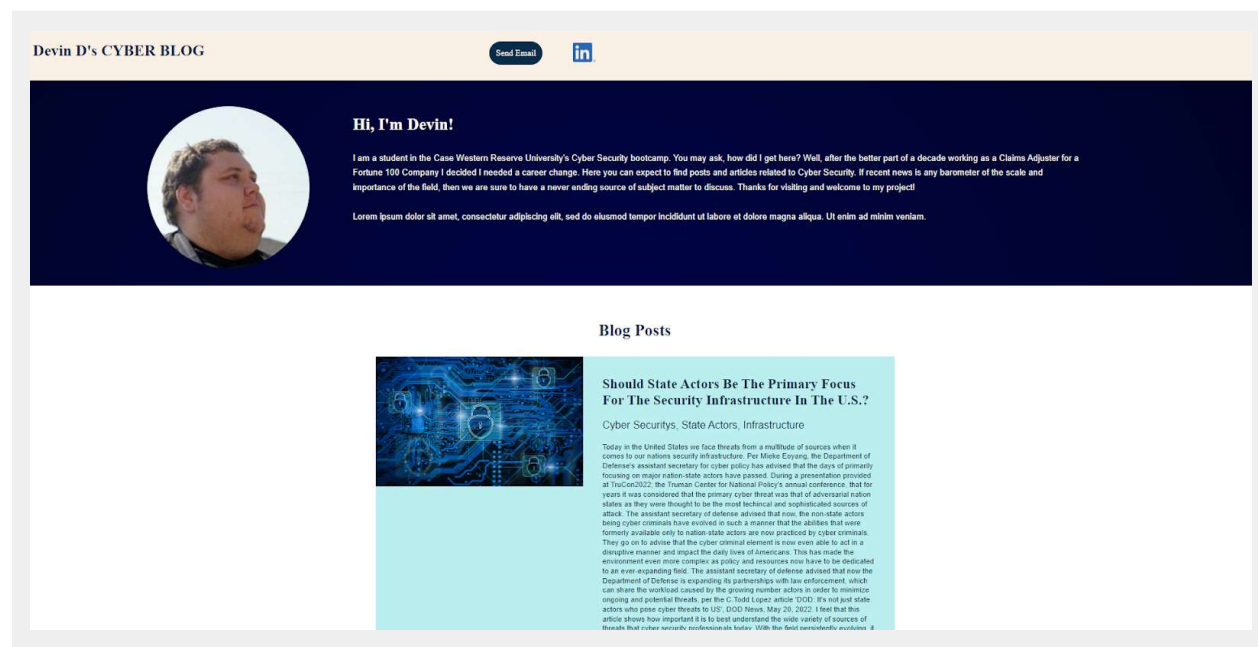
Make a copy of this document before you begin. Place your answers below each question. This completed document will be your deliverable for Project 1. Submit it through Canvas when you're finished with the project at the end of the week.

## Your Web Application

Enter the URL for the web application that you created:

devydoessecurity.com

Paste screenshots of your website created (Be sure to include your blog posts):



is ever-increasing more important to change and open the stream of thought used when considering how, why, and who are tomorrow's threats. Gone are the days where we can only expect sophisticated attacks from state-actors.



### Is TikTok as dangerous as lawmakers believe?

Cyber Security, Data Security, mobile development

It's 9PM EST and I can hear it through my apartment walls. The neighbor's kid is scrolling through TikTok at full volume. As of August, the social media app has reached approximately 80 Million users in the US. The ongoing debate has been highly contested until the report that the popular app is a threat to privacy and National Security. The app was banned by the US military as of 2019 for use on government owned devices, along with TSA and other federal agencies following up in 2020. It has been now reported by several news outlets that ByteDance, the firm that owns and developed the app can and do regularly access user data in some instances. Other social media apps such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have been doing the same for years. Social media is widely regarded as a source of potential sensitive data so why is TikTok such a point of concern... The immediate answer is: China, specifically the Chinese government having access to this data due to the close relationship between government and industry. Can we trust what data will be shared or even taken by the adversarial nation? The answer is still not clear, the app's popularity has certainly shot its notoriety to new heights. TikTok has openly stated that it does not and would not share US user data with the Chinese Government. It appears we can only wait and see what if any exposure this app provides. In the meantime, I'll still be watching.

## Day 1 Questions

### General Questions

1. What option did you select for your domain (Azure free domain, GoDaddy domain)?

Godaddy, com

2. What is your domain name?

devydoessecurity.com

### Networking Questions

1. What is the IP address of your webpage?

51.104.28.75

2. What is the location (city, state, country) of your IP address?

London, England, GB

3. Run a DNS lookup on your website. What does the NS record show?

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sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ nslookup devydoessecurity.com
Server:      8.8.8.8
Address:     8.8.8.8#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   devydoessecurity.com
Address: 51.104.28.75

sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$
```

## Web Development Questions

1. When creating your web app, you selected a runtime stack. What was it? Does it work on the front end or the back end?

The runtime stack is the technology stack used to develop the app, this works on the backend of the app.

2. Inside the `/var/www/html` directory, there was another directory called assets. Explain what was inside that directory.

This directory contains the css, used for the website styling and the photos used for the site.

3. Consider your response to the above question. Does this work with the front end or back end?

Front End

## Day 2 Questions

### Cloud Questions

### 1. What is a cloud tenant?

A cloud tenant is a person or group that rents the use of a cloud server.

### 2. Why would an access policy be important on a key vault?

Restricting access is important to a key vault as the keys are used to write the ssl certificates needed to verify the domain, if there was not an access policy, a 3rd party could use their access to the keys, use their own SSL certs for nefarious reasons.

### 3. Within the key vault, what are the differences between keys, secrets, and certificates?

Keys are used to create SSL certs that create unique SSL Certs, certificates are the data files used to verify the identity of the site owner/operator.

When azure creates the certificate, it creates a secret that stores the password as a secret and the key is stored as an azure key.

## Cryptography Questions

### 1. What are the advantages of a self-signed certificate?

They are free, suitable for internal network websites and development/testing environments.

### 2. What are the disadvantages of a self-signed certificate?

Browsers and Operating systems do not trust self-signed since there is not a trusted third party certificate authority confirming the validity of the site.

### 3. What is a wildcard certificate?

A wildcard cert uses a wildcard character in the domain name that way you can use it for multiple subdomains on a site

4. When binding a certificate to your website, Azure only provides TLS versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2. Explain why SSL 3.0 isn't provided.

SSL 3.0 is no longer secure as a major vulnerability was found, known as the POODLE vulnerability.

5. After completing the Day 2 activities, view your SSL certificate and answer the following questions:

- a. Is your browser returning an error for your SSL certificate? Why or why not?

No, as azure has now provided a managed SSL certificate that is a third party which is verifying the sites authenticity

- b. What is the validity of your certificate (date range)?

Through 04/03/2023

- c. Do you have an intermediate certificate? If so, what is it?

Yes, GeoTrust TLS RSA4096 SHA256 2022 CA1

- d. Do you have a root certificate? If so, what is it?

Yes, Digicert Global Root CA

- e. Does your browser have the root certificate in its root store?

Yes

- f. List one other root CA in your browser's root store.

Microsoft Root Authority

## Day 3 Questions

### Cloud Security Questions

1. What are the similarities and differences between Azure Web Application Gateway and Azure Front Door?

Both are layer 7 load balancers whereas the front door is a non-regional service while the application gateway is regional. Front Door can load balance between different scale units across regions, gateway will load balance between VM/Containers within the unit.

2. A feature of the Web Application Gateway and Front Door is "SSL Offloading." What is SSL offloading? What are its benefits?

SSL offloading is the process of removing the SSL based encryption from incoming traffic that a web server receives to relieve it from decryption of data. It allows the transfer of data to be less compute intensive.

3. What OSI layer does a WAF work on?

Layer 7, application layer

4. Select one of the WAF managed rules (e.g., directory traversal, SQL injection, etc.), and define it.

IE XSS FILTER ATTACK DETECTED, this means that a cross-site scripting attack has been detected

5. Consider the rule that you selected. Could your website (as it is currently designed) be impacted by this vulnerability if Front Door wasn't enabled? Why or why not?

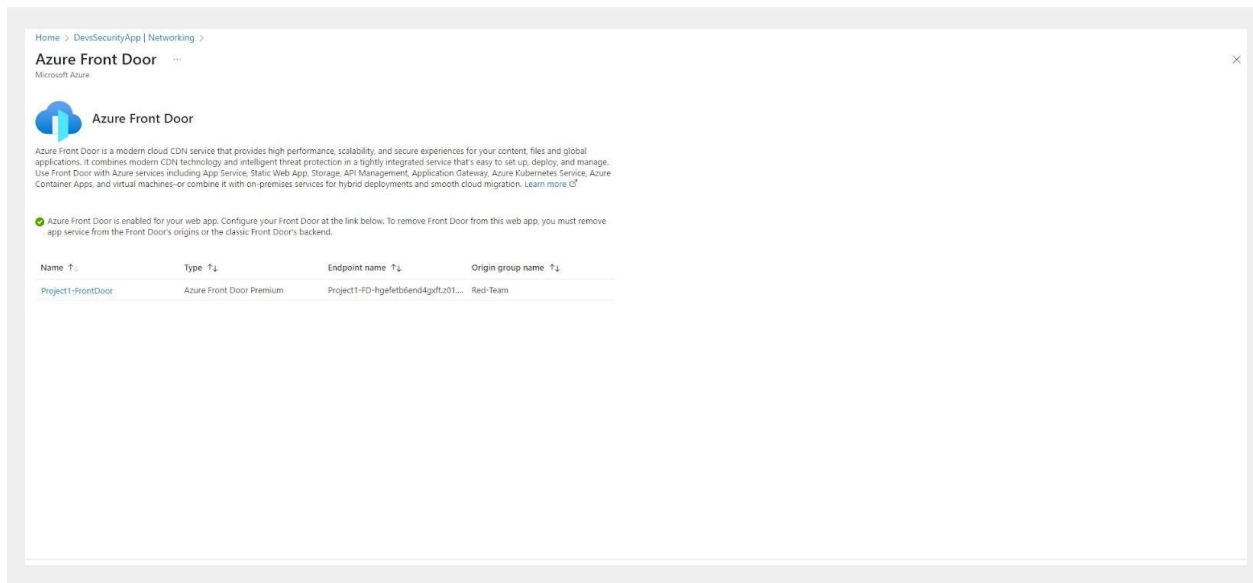
Yes, A hostile actor could use cross site scripting to inject a malicious script into my web application that could affect the end user of the site which could take sensitive data from accessing end user cookies, session tokens, etc.

6. Hypothetically, say that you create a custom WAF rule to block all traffic from Canada. Does that mean that anyone who resides in Canada would not be able to access your website? Why or why not?

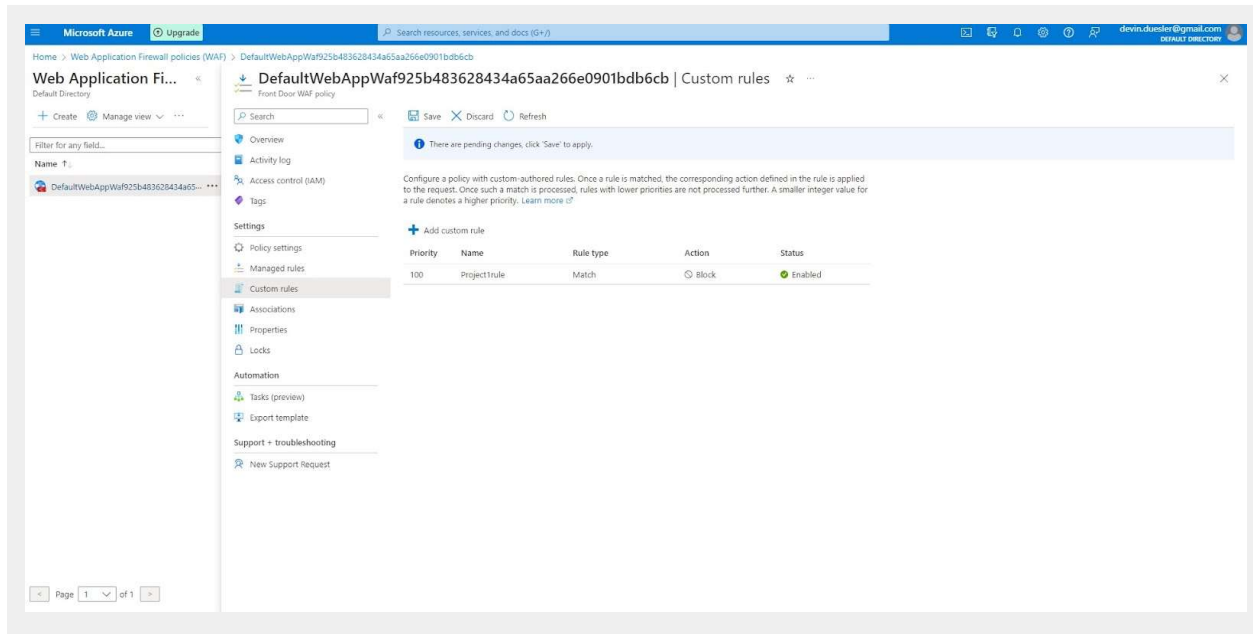
It would mean anyone with a Canadian IP address would not be able to access if that is the country of origin. Hypothetically if someone has a VPN that shows an IP address from outside of Canada could still access it.

7. Include screenshots below to demonstrate that your web app has the following:

a. Azure Front Door enabled



b. A WAF custom rule



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