TEST PLAN DEFINITION

A Software Test Plan is a document describing the testing scope and activities. It is the basis for formally testing any software/product in a project.

# Definition by the International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB)

* **test plan**: A document describing the scope, approach, resources, and schedule of intended test activities. It identifies amongst others test items, the features to be tested, the testing tasks, who will do each task, degree of tester independence, the test environment, the test design techniques and entry and exit criteria to be used, and the rationale for their choice, and any risks requiring contingency planning. It is a record of the test planning process.
* **master test plan**: A test plan that typically addresses multiple test levels.
* **phase test plan**: A test plan that typically addresses one test phase.

# TEST PLAN TYPES

One can have the following types of test plans:

* **Master Test Plan**: A single high-level test plan for a project/product that unifies all other test plans.
* **Testing Level Specific Test Plans**: Plans for each level of testing.
  + Unit Test Plan
  + Integration Test Plan
  + System Test Plan
  + Acceptance Test Plan
* **Testing Type Specific Test Plans**: Plans for major types of testing like Performance Test Plan and Security Test Plan.

# TEST PLAN GUIDELINES

* Make the plan concise. Avoid redundancy and superfluousness. If you think you do not need a section that has been mentioned in the template above, go ahead and delete that section in your test plan.
* Be specific. For example, when you specify an operating system as a property of a test environment, mention the OS Edition/Version as well, not just the OS Name.
* Make use of lists and tables wherever possible. Avoid lengthy paragraphs.
* Have the test plan reviewed a number of times prior to baselining it or sending it for approval. The quality of your test plan speaks volumes about the quality of the testing you or your team is going to perform.
* Update the plan as and when necessary. An outdated and unused document stinks and is worse than not having the document in the first place.

# TEST PLAN TEMPLATE

*The format and content of a software test plan vary depending on the processes, standards, and test management tools being implemented. Nevertheless, the following format, which is based on IEEE standard for software test documentation, provides a summary of what a test plan can/should contain.*

## Test Plan Identifier:

## Introduction:

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## This test plan is a Master-level plan for the Windows OS and Application Vulnerability Scanner. It outlines what will be required for the testing process, as well as what kind of testing will be done. It also details the items associated with the testing process, like relevant documentation and testing concerns.

* Goals:
  + Clearly define the testing process and environment.
  + Provide easy-to-understand test criteria
  + Ensure user data safety and prevent harm
* Constraints:
  + Time – I must divide my time between my other studies and responsibilities and testing my program.

## References:

* The following documents are relevant to the program and its development and testing, and can be found at <https://github.com/DylanAKelly/CSU-Senior-Project/tree/master>:
  + SeniorProjectDraftProposal-DylanKelly.md
  + SeniorProjectRequirementsDocument-DylanKelly.md

## Test Items:

* GitHub (v3.4.6)
* Visual Studio Code (v1.94)

## Features to be Tested:

* User OS (Windows) Vulnerability Scan
  + Requirements Document ID Number VS-REQ-11
* User Top 20 Application Vulnerability Scan
  + Requirements Document ID Number VS-REQ-12
* User OS (Windows) Update Check
  + Requirements Document ID Number VS-REQ-13
* User Top 20 Application Update Check
  + Requirements Document ID Number VS-REQ-14
* Accept, Store, and Retrieve User Email
  + Requirements Document ID Number VS-REQ-15
* Send Email Alert When Vulnerabilities are Found or an Update is Available
  + Requirements Document ID Number VS-REQ-16

## Features Not to Be Tested:

* Visually Appealing
  + A test case cannot be created for this feature
* Responsive to Commands
  + A test case cannot be created for this feature
* Easy to Set Up, Navigate, and Use
  + A test case cannot be created for this feature
* Complies with Modern Computer Science Ethical Standards
  + A test case cannot be created for this feature

## Approach:

* The overall approach to testing will see:
  + Testers review sections of the program on screen during the development process
  + Periodical testing checkpoints upon completion of a project deliverable
  + Tests conducted on multiple project parts in tandem
* Testing Level:
  + Master Test Plan
* Testing Types:
  + Unit Testing
  + Regression Testing
  + Integration Testing
* Testing Methods:
  + Dry-Run Testing
  + WhiteBox Testing
  + Integration Testing
  + Acceptance Testing

## Item Pass/Fail Criteria:

* In order to pass a test case:
  + The output provided by the program must match the description and security risks of a given Windows OS or application version, which can be found on <https://www.cvedetails.com> OR
  + An email containing the correct, relevant information on their current Windows OS and application versions, as well as the security risks present in those versions is sent to a user
* Any other outcome will be seen as a failure.

## Suspension Criteria and Resumption Requirements:

* All testing will be suspended immediately if:
  + Sensitive user data is found to be insecure OR
  + The program is unable to be rendered due to technical errors.
* The testing activities which must be redone when testing is resumed are:
  + All tests completed prior to the cause of suspension AND
  + The test that caused the suspension AND
  + Any remaining tests that have not yet been completed AND
  + All program security and integrity tests.

## Test Deliverables:

* The deliverables for my testing process are as follows:
  + Test Plan (this document)
  + Test Cases
  + Test Reports

## Test Environment:

* Hardware:
  + AMD Ryzen 5 5600G with Radeon Graphics 3.90 GHz, 16.0 GB RAM, 465 GB Storage
* Software:
  + Windows 10 Pro, Visual Studio Code, GitHub
* Network:
  + Local household network
* Related Tools:
  + GitHub Advanced Security

## Estimate:

* Cost:
  + There is no expected cost for the testing process
* Time/Effort:
  + The testing process is estimated to require three to seven hours of activity per week. The estimated effort for the process is estimated to be significant.

## Schedule:

* 8/26/24 to 10/7/24:
  + Create master test plan
* 10/8/24 to 10/20/24:
  + Revise master test plan as needed
  + Begin test case construction
* 10/21/24 to 12/15/24:
  + Begin testing
  + Continue test case development
  + Log test results

## Staffing and Training Needs:

* Staffing needs:
  + The only requirement for testing staff is to understand the language the program is written it.
* Training needs:
  + There are no training requirements. However, while testing, it is important to make sure the user’s security is never compromised.
  + Additional testing tips and strategies will be implemented as I learn of them through my work in other classes.

## Responsibilities:

* The lead project developer will be responsible for all testing.

## Risks:

* The risks that have been identified are as follows:
  + User information used by the program (i.e. email, installed applications) could be exposed.
  + User information not used by the program could be unintentionally accessed and exposed (user account, sensitive personal or financial information)
* The mitigation and contingency plan is to:
  + Immediately shut down testing in the event a risk is identified.
  + Determine the cause of the risk.
  + Resolve the risk.
  + Document the process from beginning to end.

## Assumptions and Dependencies:

* Assumptions:
  + The tester will have uninterrupted (physical and digital) access to the testing environment at all times.
  + The hardware and software used in the testing process will be reliable.
* Dependencies:
  + External: Internet Service Provider continues providing service
  + External: Power Company continues supplying power
  + Internal: Code modules remain functional
  + Internal: Code libraries remain functional

## Approvals:

* My Senior Project Advisor Dr. Sean T. Hayes must approve my test plan.