

Here's a general approach to conduct white box testing on the authentication module:

1. Code Review:

- Examine the source code of the authentication module.
- Look for potential security vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), insecure password storage, inadequate session management, etc.

2. Input Validation:

- Ensure that all input received from users (e.g., username, password) is properly validated and sanitized to prevent injection attacks.
- Test the authentication module with different types of input (valid, invalid, and malicious) to ensure it behaves as expected and handles errors gracefully.

3. Authentication Process:

- Verify that passwords are securely hashed using a strong cryptographic hashing algorithm (e.g., crypts) and that salts are used to prevent rainbow table attacks.
- Check for proper implementation of password complexity requirements (e.g., minimum length, character types).
- Test for account lockout mechanisms to prevent brute force attacks.
- Verify that sessions are managed securely, with appropriate expiration times and protection against session fixation attacks.

4. Authorization Checks:

- Ensure that authorization checks are performed properly to prevent unauthorized access to sensitive resources.
- Test various scenarios to verify that users can only access the functionalities and data they are authorized to access.

5. Error Handling:

- Test error handling mechanisms to ensure that sensitive information is not leaked in error messages.
- Verify that appropriate error messages are displayed to users in case of authentication failures or other errors.

6. Session Management:

- Check for session fixation vulnerabilities by testing session management functionality.
- Verify that sessions are invalidated properly upon logout or when they expire.

7. Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Protection:

- Ensure that the authentication process is protected against CSRF attacks by implementing and testing CSRF tokens.

8. Logging and Monitoring:

- Verify that relevant authentication events are logged for monitoring and auditing purposes.
- Test logging mechanisms to ensure they capture relevant information without exposing sensitive data.

9. Integration Testing:

- Test the integration of the authentication module with other components of the Shop Ease platform to ensure seamless functionality.

10. Security Headers:

- Check if appropriate security headers (e.g., Content Security Policy, X-Content-Type-Options, X-Frame-Options) are set to enhance the security of the authentication process.

11. Security Standards Compliance:

- Ensure that the authentication module complies with relevant security standards (e.g., OWASP Top 10, PCI DSS) and best practices.