

OWASP for building, securing and testing your applications

- OWASP is the recommended implementation guidelines for some of the biggest Compliance Standards available right now
 - Payment Card Industry's PCI Data Security Standard 1.1 and the forthcoming 1.2 (Section 6.6)
 - Federal Trade Commission's Facts for Business document refers to OWASP Top 10 vulnerabilities to look for and fix
 - NIST refers to the OWASP Phoenix Tools project to list out Web Application Vulnerability Scanners
 - National Security Agency recommends the OWASP Top 10 in its Web Application Security Guide
 - The US Banking Administrator OCC use the OWASP Top 10 list to talk about application vulnerabilities in websites
 - Microsoft uses OWASP Top 10 to guide and train developers in their technologies
- OWASP Development Guide talks about controls that satisfy control frameworks like
 - COBIT Controls
 - ISO 27002, ISO 17799
- OWASP is all about hands-on tools, implementation guides, testing guides and real life case studies. It is a completely volunteer driven organisation and doesn't talk about in favour of or against any commercial security tool.
- All of the books, guides, tools available by OWASP are under open source licenses and completely free to use for any company or individual.
- OWASP community has over 10000 information security professionals who regularly use their guides, mailing list and the website.
- OWASP Application Security Verification Project is a new project to define how to verify application security independent of the web application, SDLC and can be used for any application.

By now I am sure you get an idea of the widespread adoption of OWASP is and how many international standards, regulations refer to it as the defacto source for defining web application security and testing.