

Threat Model & Remediation Report

Project: Threat Model for AcmeApp — SaaS Login + User Dashboard
Author: Paul Gaddis (UTSA — Information Systems & Technology)

Executive Summary

This threat model examines AcmeApp, a fictional SaaS product providing user authentication, a personal dashboard, and basic account management.

We identified six primary threat areas with prioritized mitigations.

Top priorities:

1. Strengthen authentication and session protections
2. Fix access control (IDOR) issues
3. Ensure sensitive data handling (cookies, storage) follows best practices

System Description

AcmeApp allows users to sign up, sign in, and manage data through a dashboard. It connects to a payment gateway for billing and uses an OAuth provider for identity.

Threats & Mitigations (summary)

T1 — Weak Authentication: Prevent brute force, enforce MFA and password policies.

T2 — Broken Access Control (IDOR): Use authorization checks and opaque IDs.

T3 — Injection: Use parameterized queries and ORM safe methods.

T4 — XSS: Sanitize inputs and enable CSP.

T5 — Sensitive Data Exposure: Encrypt and secure cookies.

T6 — Third-party Risks: Validate callbacks, use scoped API keys.

Prioritized Action Plan

Immediate: Fix IDOR, enforce TLS, secure cookies.

Short-term: Add MFA, rate limiting, and breached-password checks.

Mid-term: Harden integrations and automate scanning in CI/CD.

Resume bullet: Performed a threat model and remediation plan for a SaaS login/dashboard, identifying six security risks mapped to OWASP Top 10.