

Cybersecurity Operational Plan: Manager and Team Lead Implementation Guide

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Executive Summary for Managers

This document provides a **practical implementation guide** for cybersecurity measures at the team and department level. Based on the security audit conducted on December 30, 2025, critical vulnerabilities have been identified that require **immediate operational action** from middle management and team leads.

⚠️ **CRITICAL ALERT:** Data exposure vulnerability discovered. Your teams must implement protective measures within 72 hours.

Key Management Priorities

Priority	Task	Responsible Team	Deadline
Critical	Block vulnerable API endpoints	Backend/DevOps teams	24 hours
High	Implement security headers	Frontend teams	48 hours
Medium	Deploy monitoring systems	SRE/Ops teams	1 week
Low	Team security training	All teams	2 weeks

Team Responsibility Matrix

Immediate Actions (0-72 hours):

- Backend teams:** Close REST API vulnerabilities
- DevOps teams:** Configure secure server settings
- QA teams:** Validate security fixes

Short-term Tasks (1-4 weeks):

- Frontend teams:** Implement CSP and SRI
- Infrastructure teams:** Set up security monitoring
- Security teams:** Establish incident response procedures

Technical Situation and Team Priorities

Critical Vulnerabilities by Team

Backend/API Teams - CRITICAL PRIORITY

Issue: Personal data exposure through REST API

- Vulnerability:** /wp-json/wp/v2/users accessible without authentication
- Risk:** All user data publicly accessible

- **CVSS Score:** 9.1 (Critical)

Immediate Actions:

```
// URGENT: Add to functions.php
add_filter('rest_endpoints', function($endpoints) {
    if (isset($endpoints['/wp/v2/users'])) {
        unset($endpoints['/wp/v2/users']);
    }
    return $endpoints;
});
```

Backend Team Lead Checklist:

- Immediately block access to /wp-json/wp/v2/users
- Audit all REST API endpoints
- Implement authentication for sensitive endpoints
- Set up API request logging
- Test changes on staging environment

Frontend Teams - HIGH PRIORITY

Issue: Missing basic security headers

- **Vulnerabilities:** No CSP, X-Frame-Options, SRI
- **Risk:** XSS attacks, clickjacking, supply chain attacks

Practical Solutions:

1. Content Security Policy (CSP)

```
<!-- Add to <head> -->
<meta http-equiv="Content-Security-Policy"
      content="default-src 'self';
                script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com;
                style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' https://fonts.googleapis.com;">
```

2. Subresource Integrity (SRI)

```
<!-- For all external resources -->
<script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.6.0/jquery.min.js"
       integrity="sha384-"
vtXRMe3mGCbOeY7I30alg8H9p3GdeSe4IFIP6G8JMa7o7IXvnz3GFKzPxzJdPfGK"
       crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
```

Frontend Team Lead Checklist:

- Implement CSP headers
- Add SRI for all external resources
- Configure X-Frame-Options: DENY
- Test browser compatibility
- Update CI/CD pipeline for header validation

DevOps/Infrastructure Teams - HIGH PRIORITY

Issue: Insecure web server configuration

- **Vulnerabilities:** Missing HSTS, software version disclosure
- **Risk:** Man-in-the-middle attacks, information reconnaissance

Server Configurations:

Apache (.htaccess):

```
<IfModule mod_headers.c>
    # Basic security headers
    Header always set X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff"
    Header always set X-Frame-Options "DENY"
    Header always set X-XSS-Protection "1; mode=block"
    Header always set Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains"

    # Hide server information
    Header always unset Server
    Header always unset X-Powered-By
</IfModule>

# Disable server signature
ServerTokens Prod
ServerSignature Off
```

Nginx:

```
server {
    # Security headers
    add_header X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff" always;
    add_header X-Frame-Options "DENY" always;
    add_header X-XSS-Protection "1; mode=block" always;
    add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains" always;

    # Hide version
    server_tokens off;
    more_clear_headers Server;
}
```

DevOps Team Lead Checklist:

- Apply security configurations
- Enforce HTTPS
- Hide server software versions
- Set up security logging
- Test configurations

Tools and Technologies

Essential Tools for Teams

Monitoring and Alerting

1. Security Log Monitoring

```
# Configure rsyslog for security events
echo "local0.*  /var/log/security.log" >> /etc/rsyslog.conf
systemctl restart rsyslog
```

2. Configuration File Monitoring

```
#!/bin/bash
# security_monitor.sh - Monitor configuration changes
inotifywait -m /etc/apache2/ /etc/nginx/ -e modify,create,delete \
--format '%w%f %e %T' --timefmt '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S' \
>> /var/log/config_changes.log
```

3. Automated Header Validation

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
# header_check.py - Security header validation
import requests
import sys

def check_security_headers(url):
    required_headers = {
        'X-Content-Type-Options': 'nosniff',
        'X-Frame-Options': ['DENY', 'SAMEORIGIN'],
        'Strict-Transport-Security': 'max-age=',
        'Content-Security-Policy': 'default-src'
    }

    try:
        response = requests.get(url, timeout=10)
        headers = response.headers

        print(f"Checking headers for {url}:")
        for header, expected in required_headers.items():
            if header in headers:
                print(f"  {header}: {headers[header]}")
            else:
                print(f"  ✘ {header}: MISSING")

    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error: {e}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    if len(sys.argv) != 2:
```

```
print("Usage: python3 header_check.py <url>")
sys.exit(1)

check_security_headers(sys.argv[1])
```

Development Tools

1. Pre-commit Security Hooks

```
# .pre-commit-config.yaml
repos:
  - repo: https://github.com/PyCQA/bandit
    rev: 1.7.4
    hooks:
      - id: bandit
        args: ['-r', '.']

  - repo: https://github.com/Yelp/detect-secrets
    rev: v1.4.0
    hooks:
      - id: detect-secrets
        args: [--baseline, '.secrets.baseline']
```

2. Automated SRI Generation

```
// sri-generator.js - Automatic SRI generation
const crypto = require('crypto');
const fs = require('fs');
const https = require('https');

function generateSRI(url) {
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
    https.get(url, (response) => {
      let data = '';
      response.on('data', chunk => data += chunk);
      response.on('end', () => {
        const hash = crypto.createHash('sha384').update(data).digest('base64');
        resolve(`sha384-${hash}`);
      });
    }).on('error', reject);
  });
}

// Usage in build process
async function updateSRI() {
  const externalResources = [
    'https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.6.0/jquery.min.js',
    'https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Roboto:wght@300;400;700'
  ];
}
```

```

for (const url of externalResources) {
  try {
    const sri = await generateSRI(url);
    console.log(`#${url}: integrity="${sri}"`);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error(`Error for ${url}:`, error.message);
  }
}

updateSRI();

```

CI/CD Integration

GitLab CI Configuration:

```

# .gitlab-ci.yml - Security in CI/CD
stages:
  - security-check
  - build
  - test
  - deploy

security_headers_check:
  stage: security-check
  script:
    - python3 scripts/header_check.py $CI_ENVIRONMENT_URL
only:
  - main
  - develop

dependency_check:
  stage: security-check
  script:
    - npm audit --audit-level moderate
    - composer audit
  allow_failure: false

sri_validation:
  stage: security-check
  script:
    - node scripts/sri-generator.js
    - git diff --exit-code # Check that SRI hashes are current
only:
  - main

```

GitHub Actions Configuration:

```

# .github/workflows/security.yml
name: Security Checks

```

```
on:
  push:
    branches: [ main, develop ]
  pull_request:
    branches: [ main ]

jobs:
  security-scan:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest

  steps:
    - uses: actions/checkout@v3

    - name: Security Header Check
      run: |
        python3 scripts/header_check.py https://staging.example.com

    - name: Dependency Audit
      run: |
        npm audit --audit-level moderate

    - name: SAST Scan
      uses: github/super-linter@v4
      env:
        DEFAULT_BRANCH: main
        GITHUB_TOKEN: ${{ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }}
```

Processes and Procedures

Incident Response Procedures

Level 1: Detection (Development Teams)

Incident Indicators:

- Unusual activity in logs
- Monitoring system alerts
- User reports of suspicious behavior
- Automated security check failures

Immediate Actions (first 15 minutes):

1. **Stay calm** - document all actions
2. **Isolate** - disable suspicious services
3. **Notify** - inform team lead and security team
4. **Preserve** - take snapshots of logs and system state

Notification Template:

SECURITY INCIDENT
Time: [YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM]
Discovered by: [Name]
System: [System/service name]
Description: [Brief problem description]
Actions taken: [What has been done]
Status: [Active/Contained/Resolved]

Level 2: Analysis (Team Leads)

Analysis Procedure (30-60 minutes):

1. Information Gathering

```
# Incident data collection script
#!/bin/bash
INCIDENT_ID=$(date +%Y%m%d_%H%M%S)
INCIDENT_DIR="/var/log/incidents/$INCIDENT_ID"

mkdir -p $INCIDENT_DIR

# Collect logs
cp /var/log/apache2/access.log $INCIDENT_DIR/
cp /var/log/apache2/error.log $INCIDENT_DIR/
cp /var/log/security.log $INCIDENT_DIR/

# System state
ps aux > $INCIDENT_DIR/processes.txt
netstat -tulpn > $INCIDENT_DIR/network.txt
df -h > $INCIDENT_DIR/disk_usage.txt

# Recent changes
find /var/www -type f -mtime -1 > $INCIDENT_DIR/recent_changes.txt

echo "Incident data collected in $INCIDENT_DIR"
```

2. Incident Classification

- **Level 1:** Informational (logging, monitoring)
- **Level 2:** Warning (potential threat)
- **Level 3:** Critical (active attack, data breach)

3. Escalation Decisions

Level 1 → Team Lead → Documentation
Level 2 → Team Lead + Security → Enhanced monitoring
Level 3 → Immediate escalation → Management + external experts

Security Update Procedures

Weekly Security Checks (Every Monday)

Team Lead Checklist:

Weekly Security Review

System Updates

- [] Check for available security updates
- [] Schedule critical patch installation
- [] Update project dependencies (npm, composer, pip)

Monitoring

- [] Review security logs for the week
- [] Analyze monitoring alerts
- [] Verify backup functionality

Configurations

- [] Validate security headers
- [] Check SSL certificate expiration
- [] Audit user access permissions

Team

- [] Discuss security incidents in retrospective
- [] Plan security training
- [] Update procedure documentation

Monthly Security Audits

Department Manager Procedure:

1. Technical Audit

```
#!/bin/bash
# monthly_security_audit.sh
echo "== Monthly Security Audit =="
echo "Date: $(date)"

# Check users with sudo privileges
echo "Users with sudo privileges:"
grep -Po '^sudo.+:\K.*$' /etc/group

# Check open ports
echo "Open ports:"
nmap -sT -O localhost

# Check failed login attempts
echo "Failed login attempts this month:"
grep "Failed password" /var/log/auth.log | wc -l

# Check security log size
echo "Security log size:"
du -sh /var/log/security.log
```

2. Team Process Audit

- Security procedure compliance

- Incident response effectiveness
- Documentation quality
- Team knowledge level

Monitoring and Control

Monitoring Systems for Teams

Basic Monitoring (Required for All Teams)

1. Availability and Performance Monitoring

```
#!/bin/bash
# basic_monitoring.sh - Basic monitoring
WEBSITE="https://example.com"
LOG_FILE="/var/log/monitoring.log"

# Check availability
if curl -s --head $WEBSITE | head -n 1 | grep -q "200 OK"; then
    echo "$(date): $WEBSITE - OK" >> $LOG_FILE
else
    echo "$(date): $WEBSITE - DOWN" >> $LOG_FILE
    # Send alert
    echo "Website is down!" | mail -s "ALERT: Website Down" admin@company.com
fi

# Check security headers
HEADERS=$(curl -s -I $WEBSITE)
if echo "$HEADERS" | grep -q "X-Content-Type-Options"; then
    echo "$(date): Security headers - OK" >> $LOG_FILE
else
    echo "$(date): Security headers - MISSING" >> $LOG_FILE
fi
```

2. Security Log Monitoring

```
#!/bin/bash
# log_monitor.sh - Monitor suspicious activity
SECURITY_LOG="/var/log/security.log"
ALERT_EMAIL="security@company.com"

# Search for suspicious patterns
SUSPICIOUS_PATTERNS=(
    "union.*select"
    "<script"
    "\.\./"
    "eval\("
    "base64_decode"
)
```

```

for pattern in "${SUSPICIOUS_PATTERNS[@]}"; do
    if grep -i "$pattern" $SECURITY_LOG | tail -100 | grep -q "$(date +%Y-%m-%d)"; then
        echo "Suspicious activity detected: $pattern" | \
        mail -s "ALERT: Suspicious Activity" $ALERT_EMAIL
    fi
done

```

Advanced Monitoring (For DevOps Teams)

1. Prometheus + Grafana Configuration

```

# prometheus.yml
global:
  scrape_interval: 15s

scrape_configs:
  - job_name: 'security-metrics'
    static_configs:
      - targets: [localhost:9090]
    metrics_path: /metrics
    scrape_interval: 30s

  - job_name: 'web-security'
    static_configs:
      - targets: [example.com:443]
    metrics_path: /security-check
    scheme: https

```

2. Custom Security Metrics

```

#!/usr/bin/env python3
# security_metrics.py - Custom metrics for Prometheus
from prometheus_client import start_http_server, Counter, Gauge
import time
import requests
import re

# Metrics
failed_logins = Counter('failed_logins_total', 'Total failed login attempts')
security_headers = Gauge('security_headers_present', 'Security headers present', ['header'])
response_time = Gauge('security_check_response_time', 'Security check response time')

def check_security_headers(url):
    """Check security headers"""
    try:
        response = requests.get(url, timeout=10)
        headers = response.headers

        # Check for important headers
        security_headers.labels(header='x-content-type-options').set(

```

```

    1 if 'X-Content-Type-Options' in headers else 0
)
security_headers.labels(header='x-frame-options').set(
    1 if 'X-Frame-Options' in headers else 0
)
security_headers.labels(header='strict-transport-security').set(
    1 if 'Strict-Transport-Security' in headers else 0
)

return response.elapsed.total_seconds()
except Exception as e:
    print(f"Check error: {e}")
    return 0

def count_failed_logins():
    """Count failed login attempts"""
    try:
        with open('/var/log/auth.log', 'r') as f:
            content = f.read()
            failed_count = len(re.findall(r'Failed password', content))
            failed_logins._value._value = failed_count
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Log reading error: {e}")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Start HTTP server for metrics
    start_http_server(8000)

while True:
    # Update metrics every 60 seconds
    response_time_val = check_security_headers('https://example.com')
    response_time.set(response_time_val)

    count_failed_logins()

    time.sleep(60)

```

Dashboards and Reporting

Weekly Reports for Team Leads

Automated Report Generator:

```

#!/usr/bin/env python3
# weekly_security_report.py
import datetime
import json
from collections import defaultdict

def generate_weekly_report():

```

```

"""Generate weekly security report"""

# Report period
end_date = datetime.datetime.now()
start_date = end_date - datetime.timedelta(days=7)

report = {
    'period': f'{start_date.strftime('%Y-%m-%d')} - {end_date.strftime('%Y-%m-%d')}',
    'summary': {},
    'incidents': [],
    'metrics': {},
    'recommendations': []
}

# Analyze security logs
security_events = analyze_security_logs(start_date, end_date)
report['summary']['security_events'] = len(security_events)

# Check header compliance
headers_status = check_headers_compliance()
report['metrics']['headers_compliance'] = headers_status

# Recommendations
if security_events:
    report['recommendations'].append("Security events detected - analysis required")

    if not headers_status['all_present']:
        report['recommendations'].append("Not all security headers are configured")

return report

def analyze_security_logs(start_date, end_date):
    """Analyze security logs for period"""
    events = []
    try:
        with open('/var/log/security.log', 'r') as f:
            for line in f:
                # Simple parsing - real implementation needs more complexity
                if 'SECURITY' in line:
                    events.append(line.strip())
    except FileNotFoundError:
        pass

    return events

def check_headers_compliance():
    """Check security header compliance"""
    import requests

```

```

try:
    response = requests.get('https://example.com', timeout=10)
    headers = response.headers

    required_headers = [
        'X-Content-Type-Options',
        'X-Frame-Options',
        'Strict-Transport-Security',
        'Content-Security-Policy'
    ]

    present = [h for h in required_headers if h in headers]

    return {
        'total_required': len(required_headers),
        'present': len(present),
        'missing': [h for h in required_headers if h not in present],
        'all_present': len(present) == len(required_headers)
    }
except Exception as e:
    return {'error': str(e)}

if __name__ == '__main__':
    report = generate_weekly_report()

    # Save report
    filename = f"security_report_{datetime.datetime.now().strftime('%Y%m%d')}.json"
    with open(filename, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as f:
        json.dump(report, f, indent=2, ensure_ascii=False)

    print(f"Report saved: {filename}")

    # Send via email (optional)
    # send_report_email(report)

```

Team Collaboration and Delegation

Responsibility Matrix (RACI)

Task	Backend	Frontend	DevOps	QA	Security
Block API vulnerabilities	R	I	C	A	C
Implement CSP/SRI	I	R	C	A	C
Configure server headers	I	I	R	A	C
Security monitoring	I	I	R	I	A
Team training	C	C	C	C	R
Incident response	C	C	C	C	R

Legend:

- **R** (Responsible) - Responsible for execution
- **A** (Accountable) - Accountable for results
- **C** (Consulted) - Consulted
- **I** (Informed) - Informed

Team Action Plans

Backend Team (Priority 1)

Backend Team Lead: [Name] **Completion Deadline:** 24-48 hours

Tasks:

1. Immediate (0-4 hours)

- Block access to /wp-json/wp/v2/users
- Audit all REST API endpoints
- Create list of all public APIs

2. Short-term (1-2 days)

- Implement authentication for sensitive endpoints
- Set up rate limiting
- Add API request logging

3. Medium-term (1 week)

- Conduct full API security review
- Implement input validation
- Set up automated security tests

Resources:

- 2 senior developers
- 1 junior for testing
- Security team consultations

Completion Criteria:

- All vulnerable endpoints blocked
- Authentication working correctly
- Logging configured
- Tests passing successfully

Frontend Team (Priority 2)

Frontend Team Lead: [Name] **Completion Deadline:** 48-72 hours

Tasks:

1. Immediate (0-8 hours)

- Implement basic security headers
- Add CSP in report-only mode
- Test on staging

2. Short-term (1-3 days)

- Add SRI for all external resources
- Switch CSP to enforcement mode
- Update build process

3. Medium-term (1 week)

- Automate SRI generation
- Set up CSP violation monitoring
- Train team on best practices

Resources:

- 2 frontend developers
- 1 DevOps for CI/CD setup
- QA team support

Completion Criteria:

- CSP configured and working
- SRI added for all resources
- No browser violations
- CI/CD checks headers

DevOps Team (Priority 2)

DevOps Team Lead: [Name] **Completion Deadline:** 72 hours

Tasks:

1. Immediate (0-4 hours)

- Apply security configurations to web servers
- Hide server software versions
- Configure forced HTTPS

2. Short-term (1-3 days)

- Set up centralized logging
- Implement security monitoring
- Automate configuration checks

3. Medium-term (1 week)

- Set up security event alerting
- Implement Infrastructure as Code
- Audit all servers

Resources:

- 2 DevOps engineers
- 1 SRE for monitoring
- Production server access

Completion Criteria:

- Security headers configured
- HTTPS enforced

- Monitoring operational
- Alerts configured

Communication Plan

Daily Standups (During Crisis)

Time: 9:00 AM daily **Participants:** All team leads + Security lead **Format:** 15 minutes maximum

Structure:

1. **Critical task status** (5 min)
2. **New issues and blockers** (5 min)
3. **Daily plans** (3 min)
4. **Questions and coordination** (2 min)

Weekly Retrospectives

Time: Friday, 4:00 PM **Participants:** Extended team **Duration:** 1 hour

Agenda:

1. **What went well** (15 min)
2. **What can be improved** (20 min)
3. **Security lessons learned** (15 min)
4. **Next week plans** (10 min)

Communication Channels

Slack Channels:

- #security-incident - Emergency notifications
- #security-general - General security questions
- #security-updates - Updates and patches

Email Lists:

- security-team@company.com - Security team
- team-leads@company.com - All team leads
- security-alerts@company.com - Critical alerts

Conclusion and Next Steps

Critical Actions for Next 72 Hours

Day 1 (0-24 hours):

- Backend: Block vulnerable API endpoints
- DevOps: Apply basic security headers
- All teams: Set up emergency communication

Day 2 (24-48 hours):

- Frontend: Implement CSP and basic headers
- Backend: Complete API security audit
- QA: Validate all changes

Day 3 (48-72 hours):

- DevOps: Set up monitoring and alerting
- Frontend: Add SRI for external resources
- All teams: Document changes

Medium-term Goals (1-4 weeks)

Week 1:

- Complete implementation of all basic security measures
- Set up automated monitoring
- Train teams on security procedures

Week 2-3:

- Implement advanced monitoring tools
- Automate security checks in CI/CD
- Conduct internal penetration testing

Week 4:

- Complete audit of implemented measures
- Document all procedures
- Plan long-term strategy

Success Metrics

Technical Metrics:

- Threat detection time: < 1 hour
- Incident response time: < 4 hours
- Security header coverage: 100%
- Vulnerability count: 90% reduction

Process Metrics:

- Security procedure compliance: > 95%
- Security task completion: within SLA
- Documentation quality: complete coverage
- Team knowledge level: regular testing

Resources and Support

Internal Resources:

- Security team: consultations and support
- DevOps team: infrastructure support
- QA team: testing and validation

External Resources:

- Security consultants (if needed)
- Specialized monitoring tools
- Training materials and courses

Emergency Contacts:

- Security Lead: [contact details]
- DevOps Lead: [contact details]
- On-call Administrator: [contact details]

This document is a living guide and should be updated as threats evolve and our security processes mature. All team leads are responsible for keeping it current in their areas of expertise.