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Application Security

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1 : Overview

Application Security

Objective

- To understand the importance of Application Security.
- To learn about prevention and detection methods.
- To gain insights into strategic approaches for securing applications.
- To identify and address existing threats and vulnerabilities.

Application Security

Application security refers to the measures and practices implemented to **protect** software applications from **threats** and **vulnerabilities** throughout their lifecycle. It encompasses various processes, technologies, and techniques aimed at ensuring that applications are secure, resilient, and able to withstand cyber attacks.

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Why Do We Need Application Security?

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How to determine sensitive data - NIST

- Passwords
- Data encryption
- Two-factor authentication
- Security tokens
- Best practices like hard-copy only storage and using disconnected storage media

Confidentiality

- Using audit logs
- Enacting user access controls and file permissions – including for databases
- Maintaining file backups and storage redundancies

Integrity

- Proper hardware maintenance
- Keeping on top of software updates and security patches
- Having a disaster recovery plan
- Guarding against data loss in case of natural or man-made calamities

Availability

1. Protecting Sensitive Data
2. Preventing Cyber Attacks
3. Maintaining Trust and Reputation
4. Compliance Requirements
5. Reducing Business Risks
6. Enabling Digital Transformation

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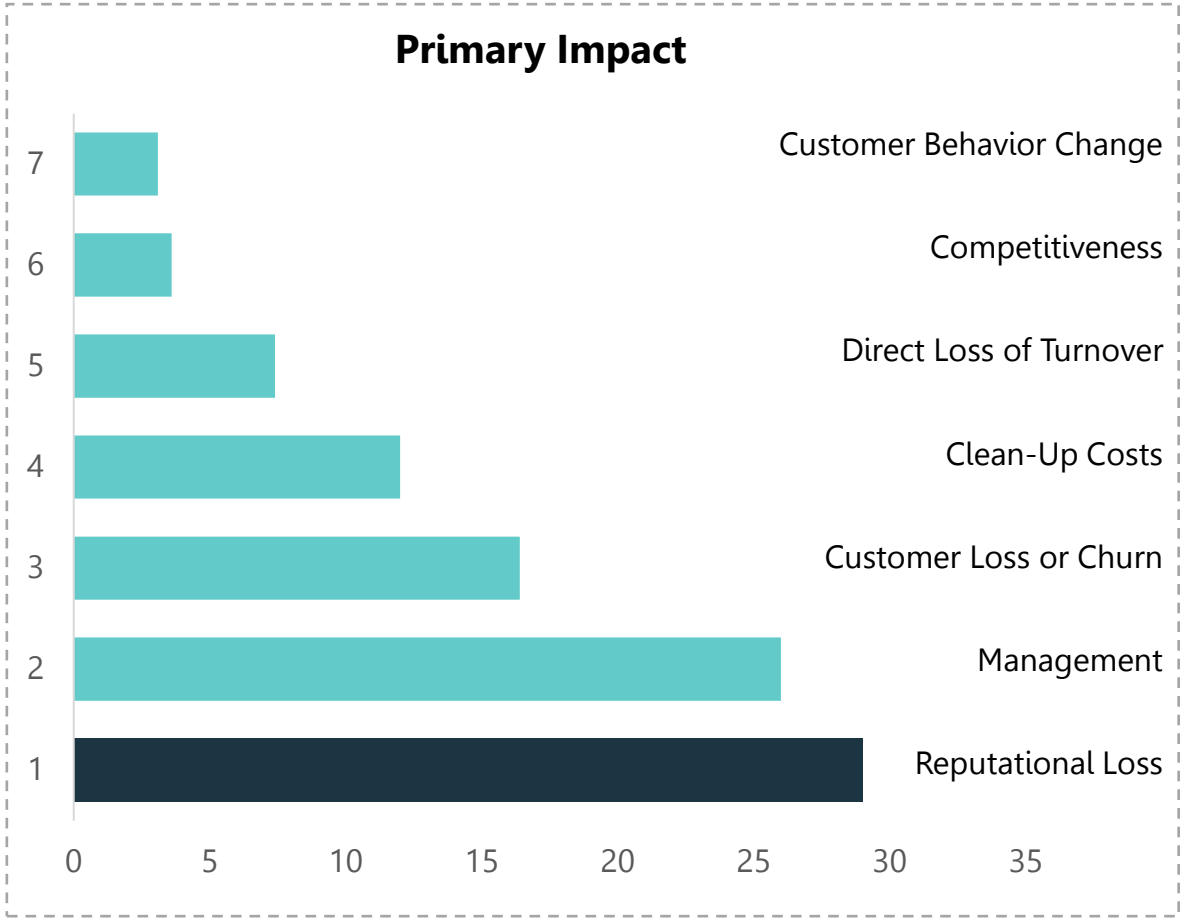

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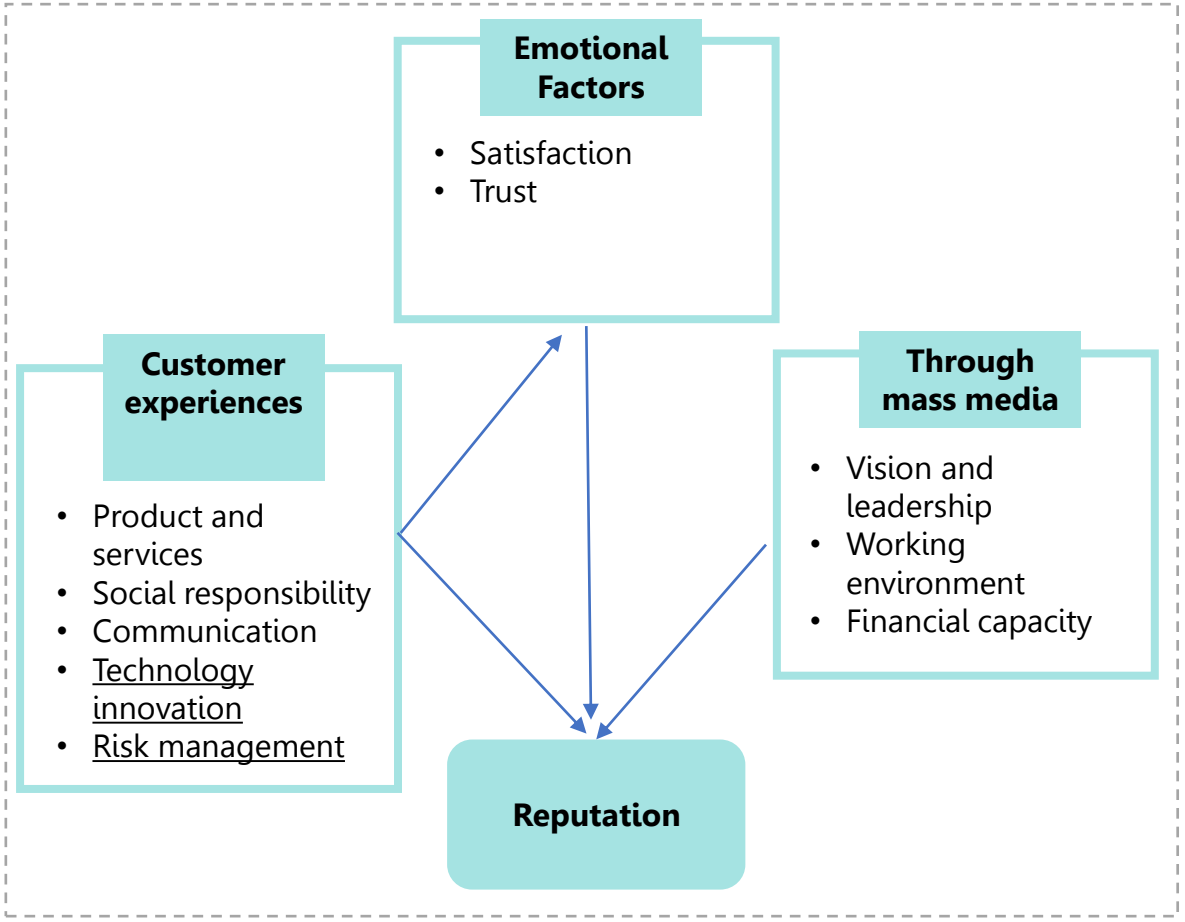

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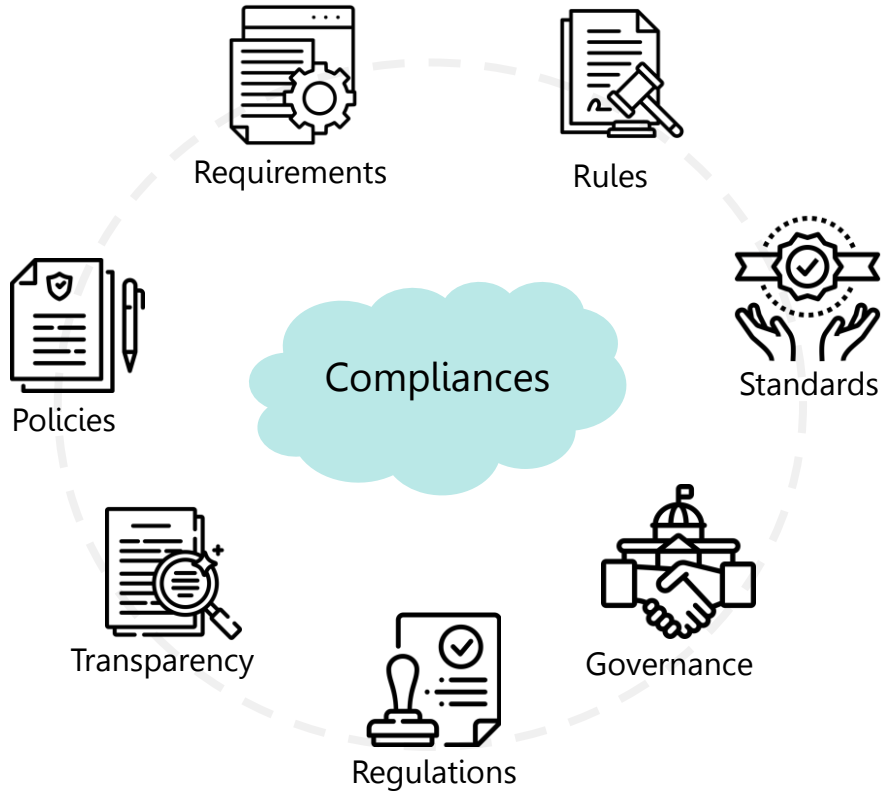

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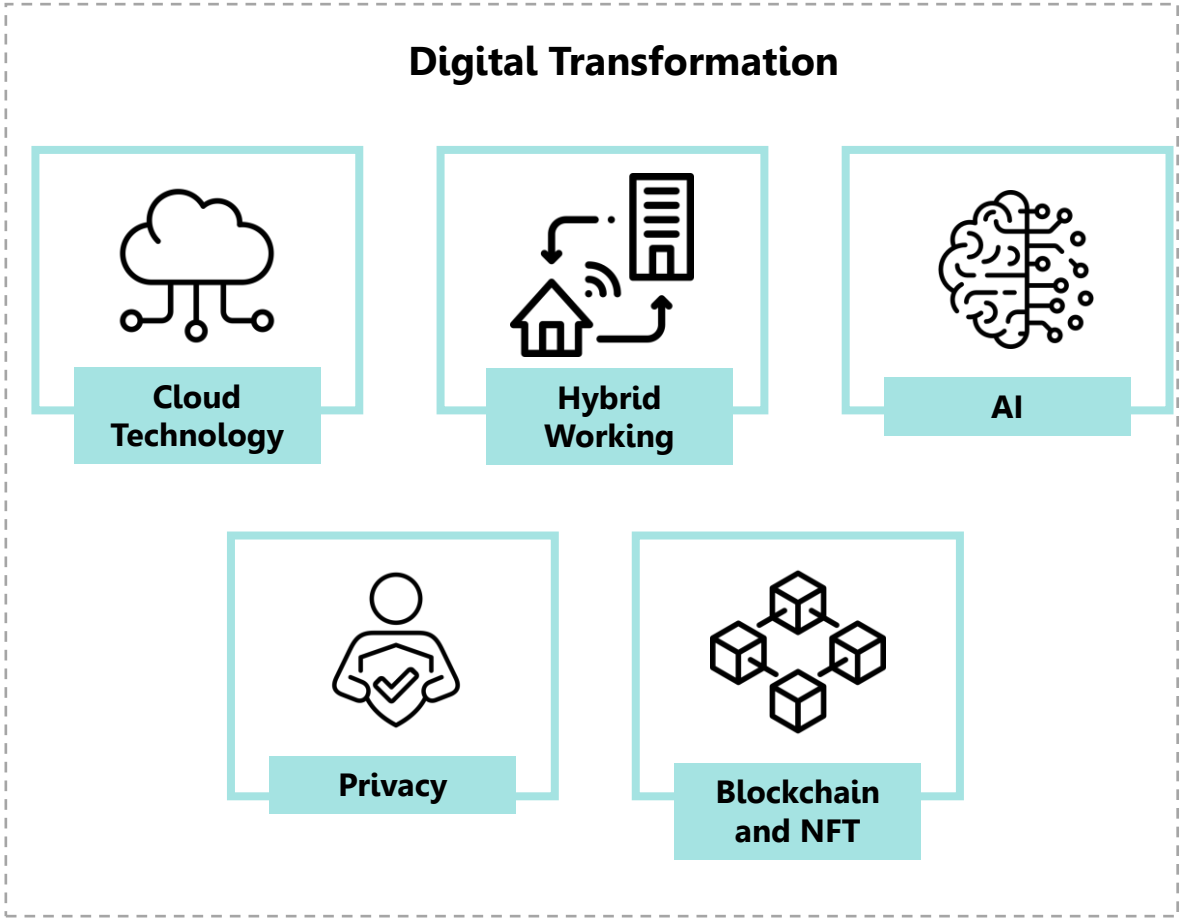

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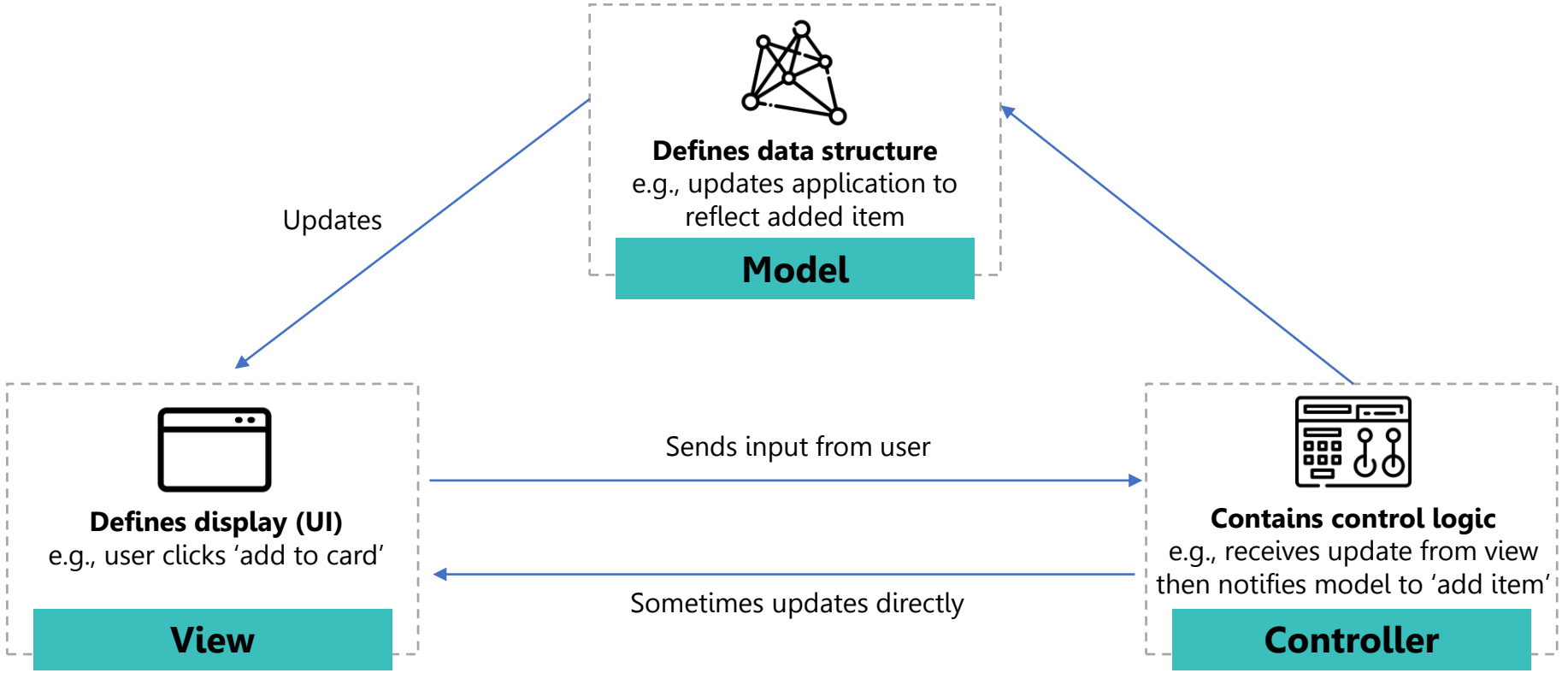
Application Model - MVC



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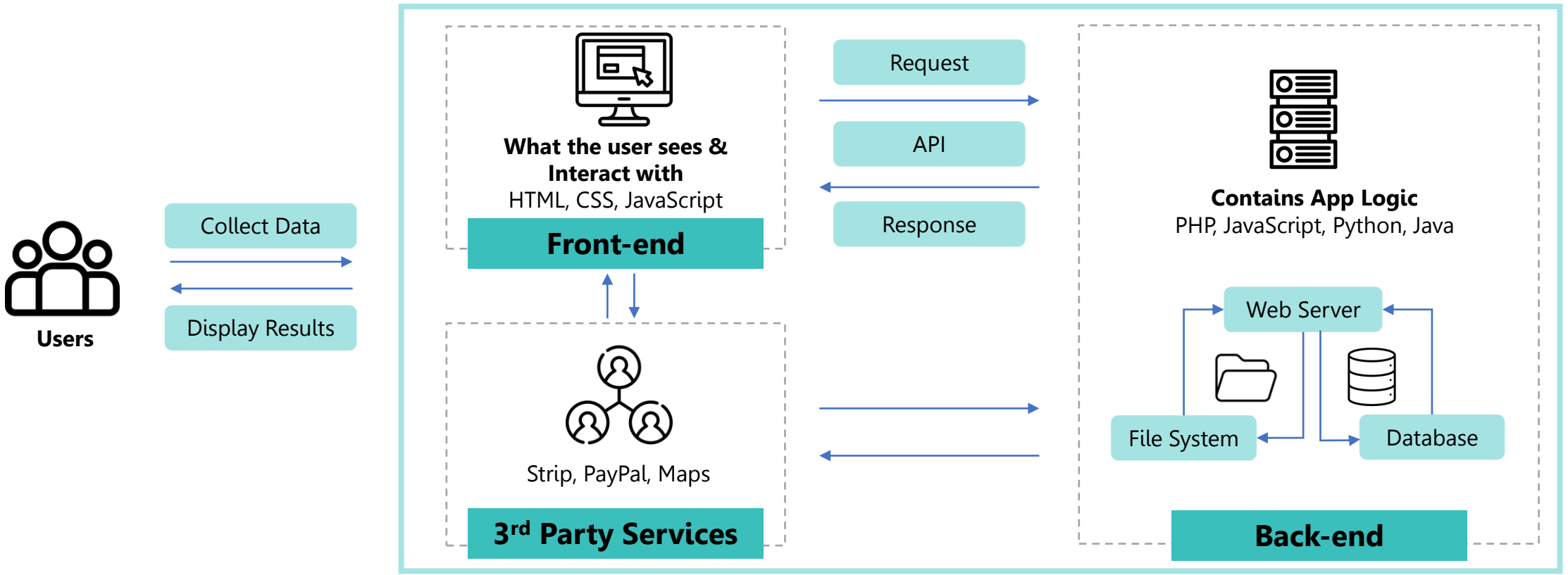
Web Application Architecture



Application Security Protection

Layer of protection

01
Network Layer
- firewall
- IDPS

02
Web Application Layer
- WAF
- Secure Coding
- Authentication and Authorization
- Session management

03
Data Layer
- Data encryption
- Database encryption

04
Infrastructure Layer
- Access control
- Patch management

05
Monitoring and Logging
- Logging and auditing
- SIEM

06
User Education
- User training

07
3rd Party
- 3rd Party risk assessment

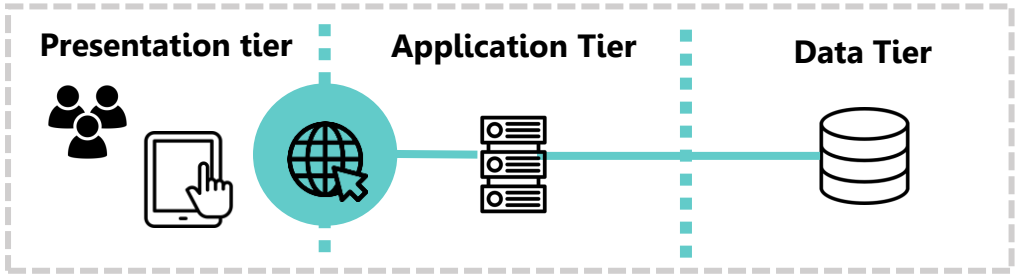
08
Incident response
- Incident response plan

Application Security Protection

01 Network Layer Key Concerns

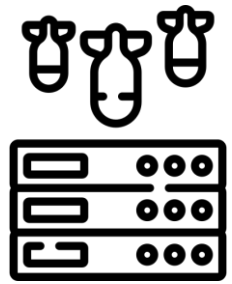
A. Firewall

Definition: Firewalls are security devices that monitor and control incoming and outgoing network traffic based on predetermined security rules.



B. Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDPS):

Definition: IDPS are security appliances or software that monitor network and/or system activities for malicious or suspicious behavior.



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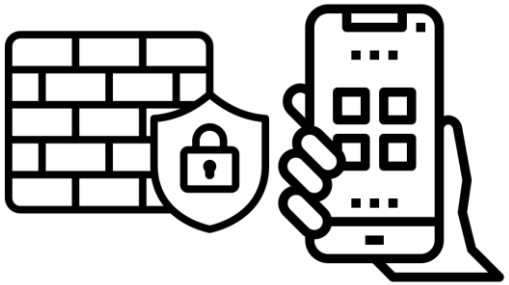
02 Web Application Layer Key Concerns

A. Web Application Firewall (WAF)

Definition: WAF is a security solution designed to protect web applications from various online threats.



B. Secure Coding Practices

Definition : Secure coding practices involve following guidelines and best practices during the software development process to create applications that are resistant to security threats

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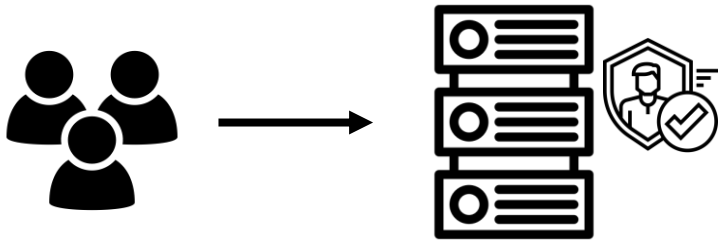
02 Web Application Layer Key Concerns

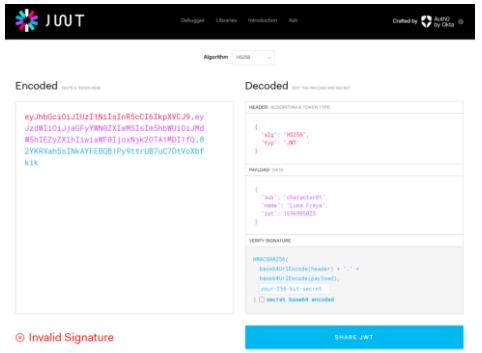
C. Authentication and Authorization

Definition: Authentication is the process of verifying the identity of users, ensuring they are who they claim to be. Authorization involves granting or denying access to resources based on the authenticated user's permissions.



D. Session Management

Definition: Session management refers to the secure handling of user sessions within a web application.



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03 Data Layer Key Concerns

A. Data Encryption

Definition: Data encryption is the process of converting data into a secure format to prevent unauthorized access.

B. Database Security

Definition: Database security involves implementing measures to protect databases from unauthorized access, manipulation, or disclosure..

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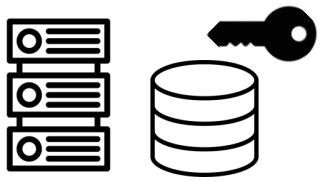
04 Infrastructure Layer Key Concerns

A. Access Controls

Definition: Access controls restrict user access to systems, networks, and data based on their roles and responsibilities.



B. Patch Management

Definition: Patch management involves regularly applying updates, patches, and fixes to software, operating systems, and other IT infrastructure components.

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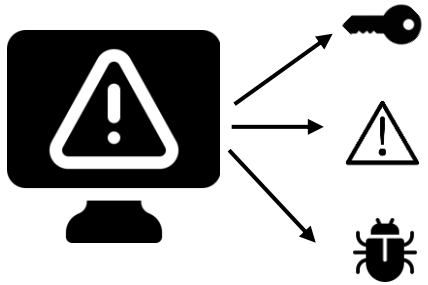
05 Monitoring and Logging Key Concerns

A. Logging and Auditing

Definition: Logging and auditing involve the systematic recording of security-relevant events and activities within a system.

B. Security Information and Event Management (SIEM)

Definition: SIEM is a comprehensive solution that integrates security information management (SIM) and security event management (SEM).



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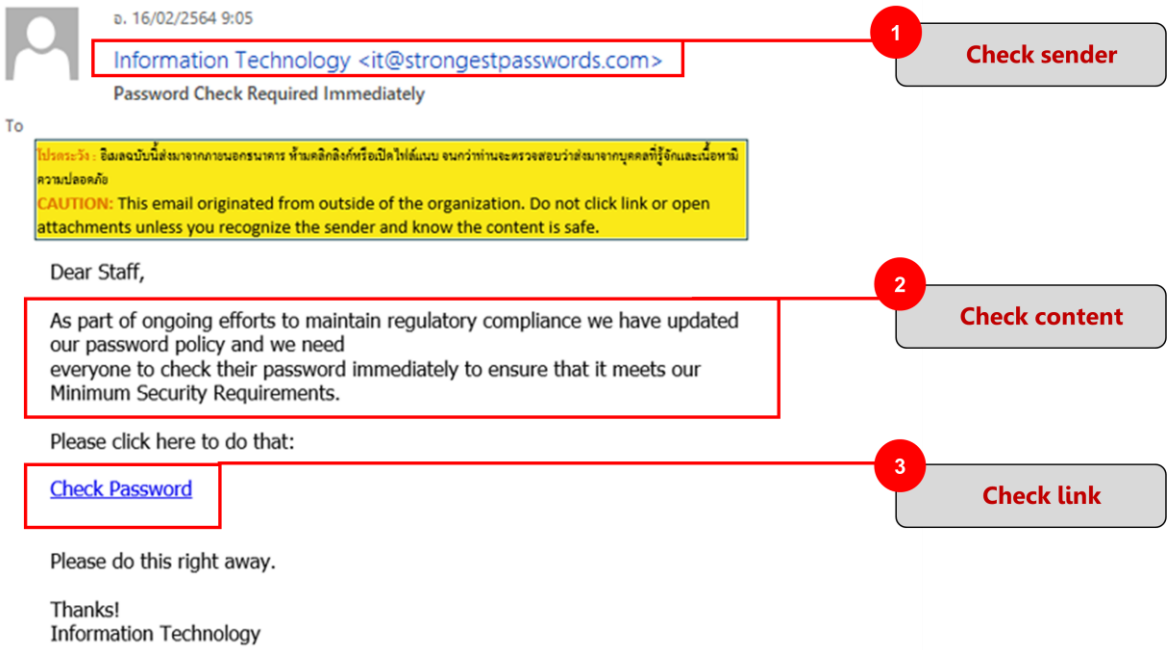
06 User Education and Awareness Key Concerns

A. User Training

Definition: User training focuses on educating individuals within an organization about security best practices



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07 Third-Party and Supply Chain Security Key Concerns

A. Third-Party Risk Management

Definition: Third-party risk management involves assessing and mitigating the security risks associated with external vendors, suppliers, or service providers.

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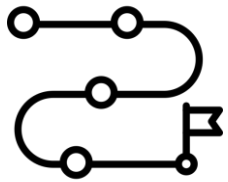
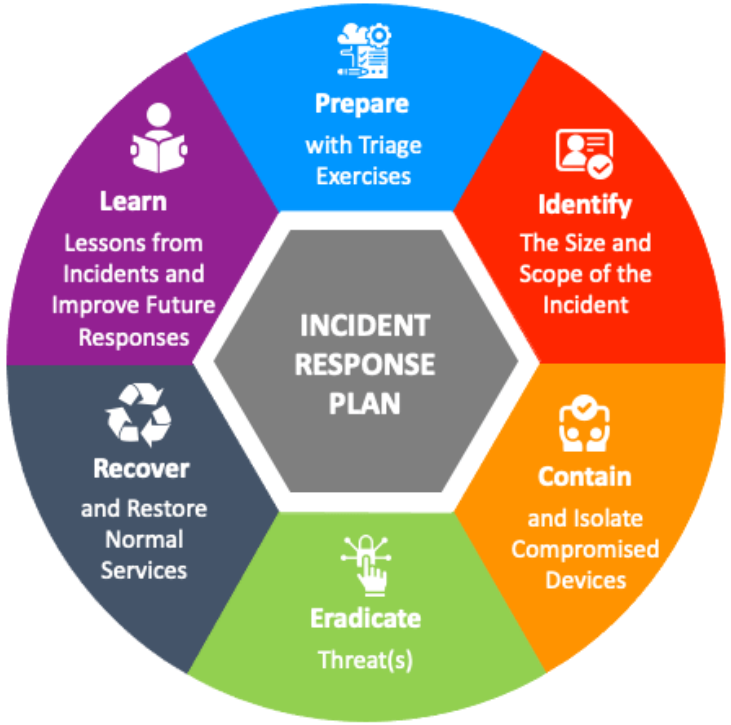
08 Incident Response Key Concerns

A. Incident Response Plan

Definition: An incident response plan is a documented set of procedures for identifying, responding to, and recovering from security incidents.





Key take away 1

What is the purpose of using prevention and detection methods?

3 : Threat Modeling

Threat Modeling

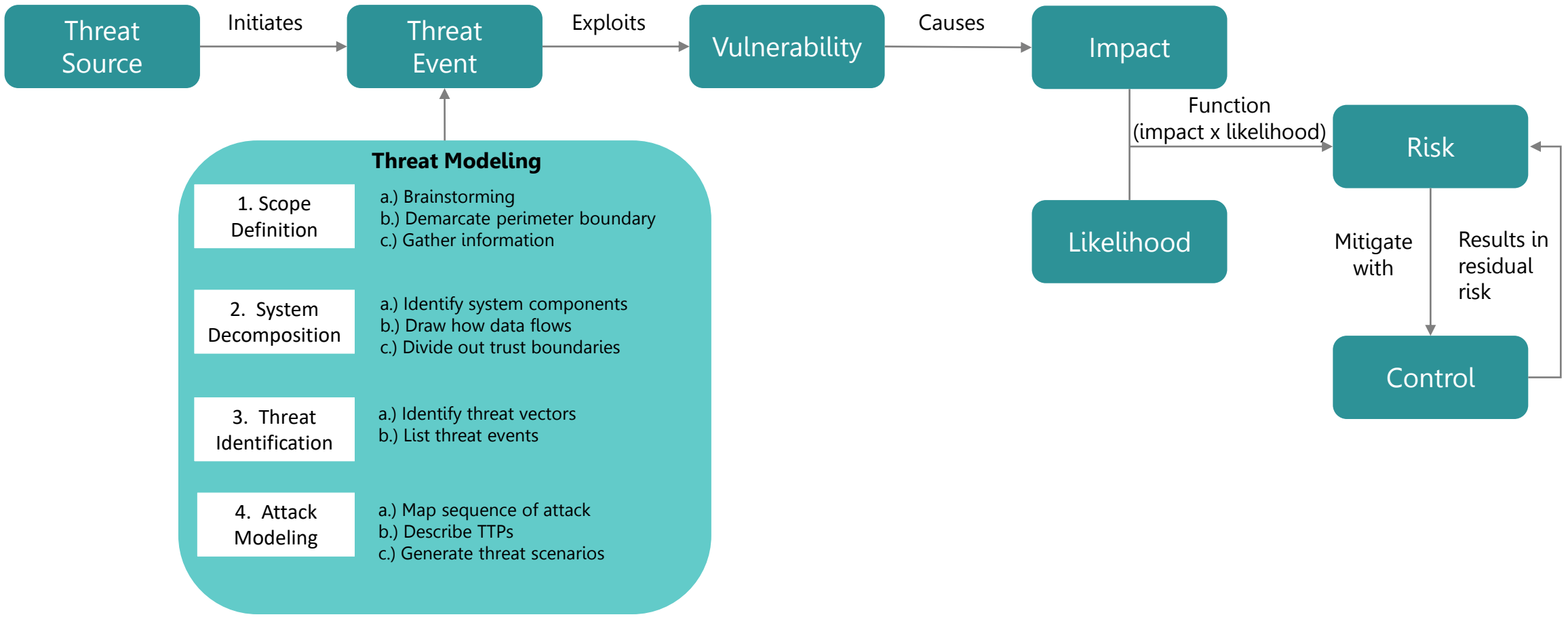
What is Threat Modeling?

- Threat modeling is a process in security architecture and design.
- Identifying and analyzing potential threats to a system or application.
- Organizations can implement effective security measures to mitigate risks and protect against attacks.

Why threat modeling is important?

- Outlining the concern you have as it pertains to a specific system, application, or process
- Making a list outlining the assumptions regarding the threat, which need to be verified as conditions change
- A concrete list of threats
- A list of remediation and elimination steps
- A way to make sure the methods of dealing with the threats are successful and still valid as the threat landscape changes

Threat Modeling fits into Risk Assessment



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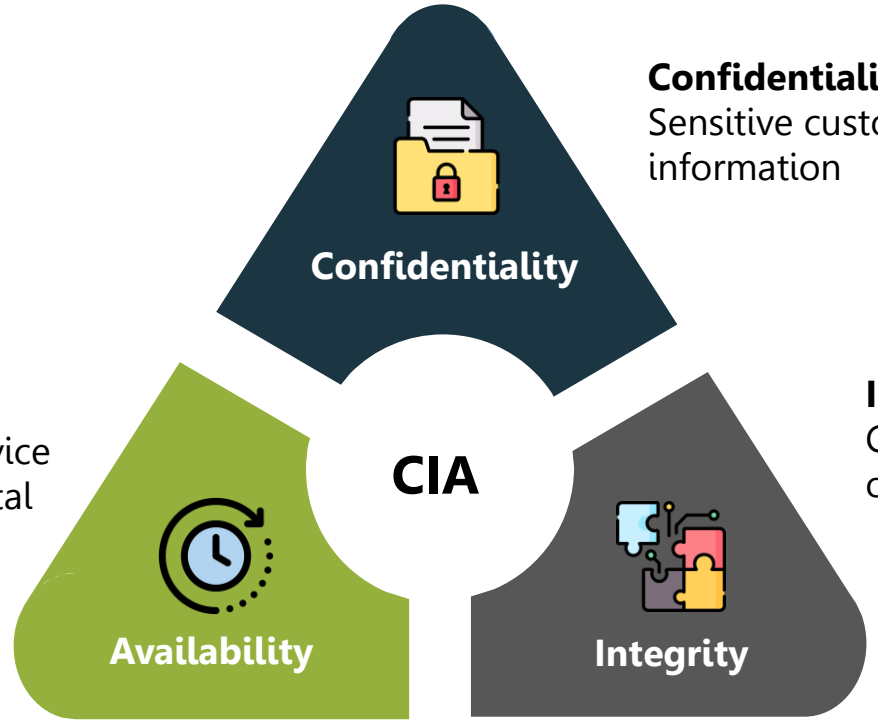
Threat modeling methods and tools

Threat Modeling

CIA method

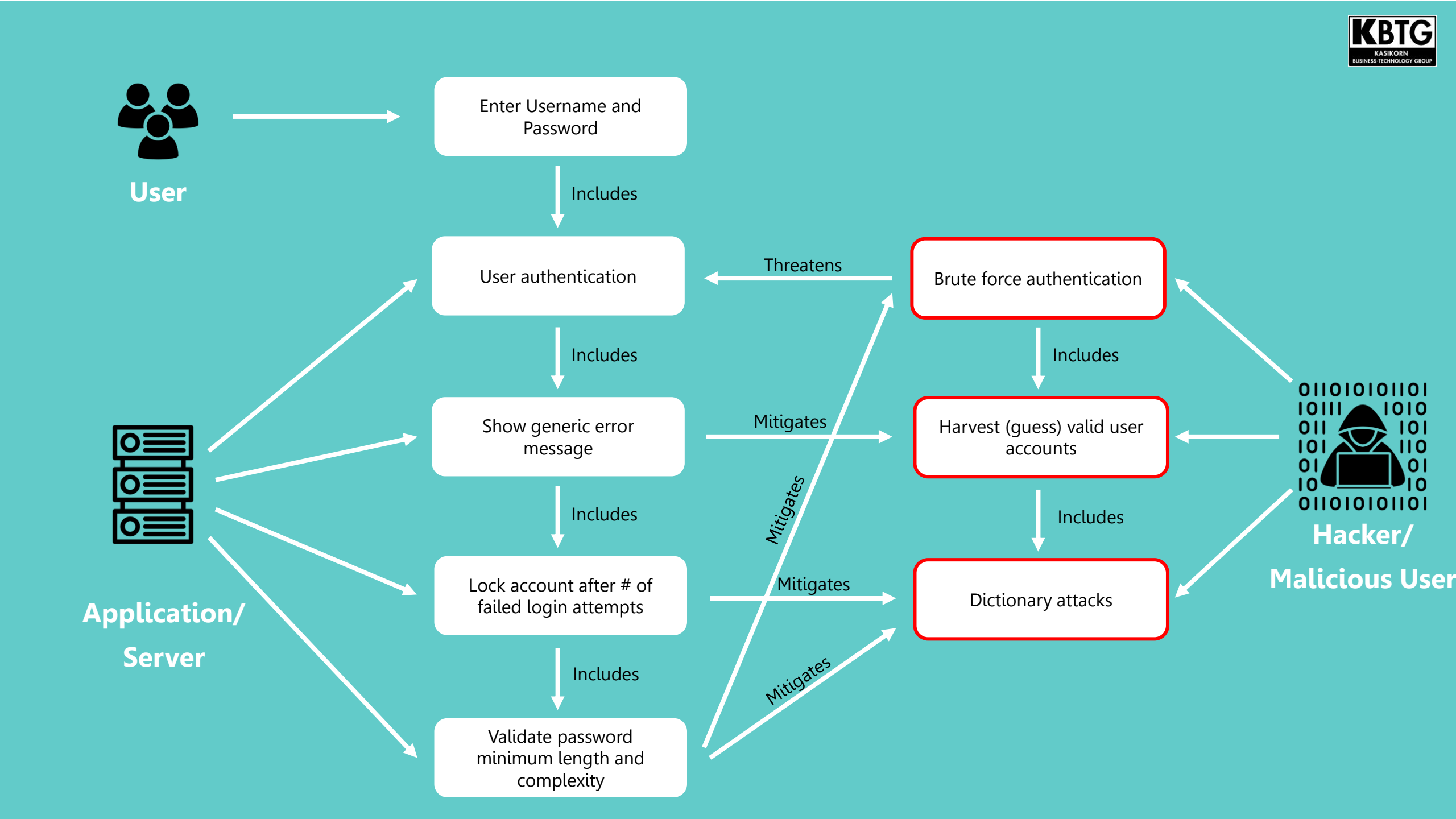
As a starting point, use the CIA (confidentiality, integrity, availability) method to define what needs protecting in the organization.



Confidentiality:
Sensitive customer information

Availability:
Reliability of a service such as a web portal

Integrity:
Company operational or proprietary data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Enter Username and Password
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User authentication
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Show generic error message
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Lock account after # of failed login attempts
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Validate password minimum length and complexity
Application/ Server
Threatens
Brute force authentication
Includes
Harvest (guess) valid user accounts
Includes
Dictionary attacks
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STRIDE

is a model for identifying computer security threats developed by Praerit Garg and Loren Kohnfelder at Microsoft. It provides a mnemonic for security threats in six categories.

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Threat	Desired property	Threat Definition
Spoofing	Authenticity	Pretending to be something or someone other than yourself
Tampering	Integrity	Modifying something on disk, network, memory, or elsewhere
Repudiation	Non-repudiability	Claiming that you didn't do something or were not responsible; can be honest or false
Information disclosure	Confidentiality	Providing information to someone not authorized to access it
Denial of service	Availability	Exhausting resources needed to provide service
Elevation of privilege	Authorization	Allowing someone to do something they are not authorized to do

PASTA

PASTA (process for attack simulation and threat analysis) is a framework designed to elevate threat modeling to the strategic level, with input from all stakeholders, not just IT or security teams. PASTA is a seven-step process that begins with defining objectives and scope. It includes vulnerability checks, weakness analysis, and attack modeling, and ends with risk and impact analysis expressed through scoring

Stages of PASTA

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Trike

An open-source tool available as a spreadsheet template or stand-alone program, Trike consists of a matrix combining assets, actors, actions, and rules. When parameters and data are entered in this matrix, the program produces a score-based analysis of risks and probabilities.

Trike

Actor\Asset	Data	Computing systems
External	disallowed	disallowed
User	CRU	disallowed
Internal	CRU	CRU
Admin	CRUD	CRUD

Step 2 : allowed action, disallowed action

Step 3 : creating, reading, updating, และ deleting

VAST

VAST (visual, agile, and simple threat) modeling consists of methods and processes that can be easily scaled and adapted to any scope or part of an organization. The results produce benchmarks that can be used to make reliable comparisons and measurements of effective risk across a whole organization.

Persona non grata

This method is similar to criminal profiling in law enforcement. To anticipate attacks in more detail, brainstorming exercises are performed to create a detailed picture of a hypothetical attacker, including their psychology, motivations, goals, and capabilities.

LINDDUN

The LINDDUN framework focuses on analysis of privacy threats, based on the categories that form its acronym: linkability, identifiability, non-repudiation, detectability, disclosure of information, unawareness, and non-compliance. It uses threat trees to help users choose the relevant privacy controls to apply.

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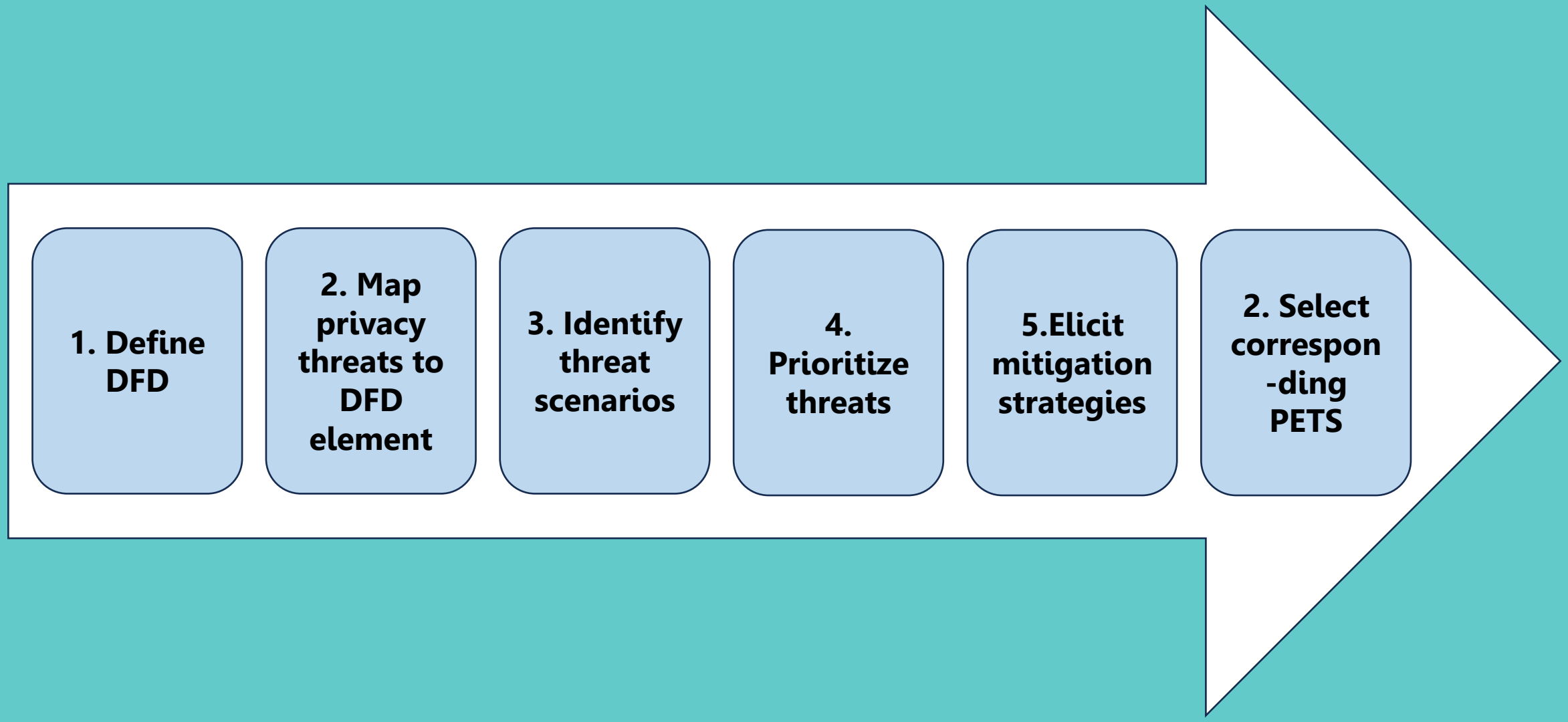
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2. Map privacy threats to DFD element
3. Identify threat scenarios
4. Prioritize threats
5.Elicit mitigation strategies
2. Select correspon -ding PETS

Key take away 2

What is the benefits of Threat modeling?

4 : OWASP

OWASP

What is OWASP ?

nonprofit organization known as the Open Web Application Security Project, is committed to enhancing software security. It offers resources, tools, and guidelines to assist organizations in creating, deploying, and maintaining secure web applications and services.

OWASP Project

Top Ten Project

Projects and Tools

Guides and Documentation

Training and Events

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Industry Standards

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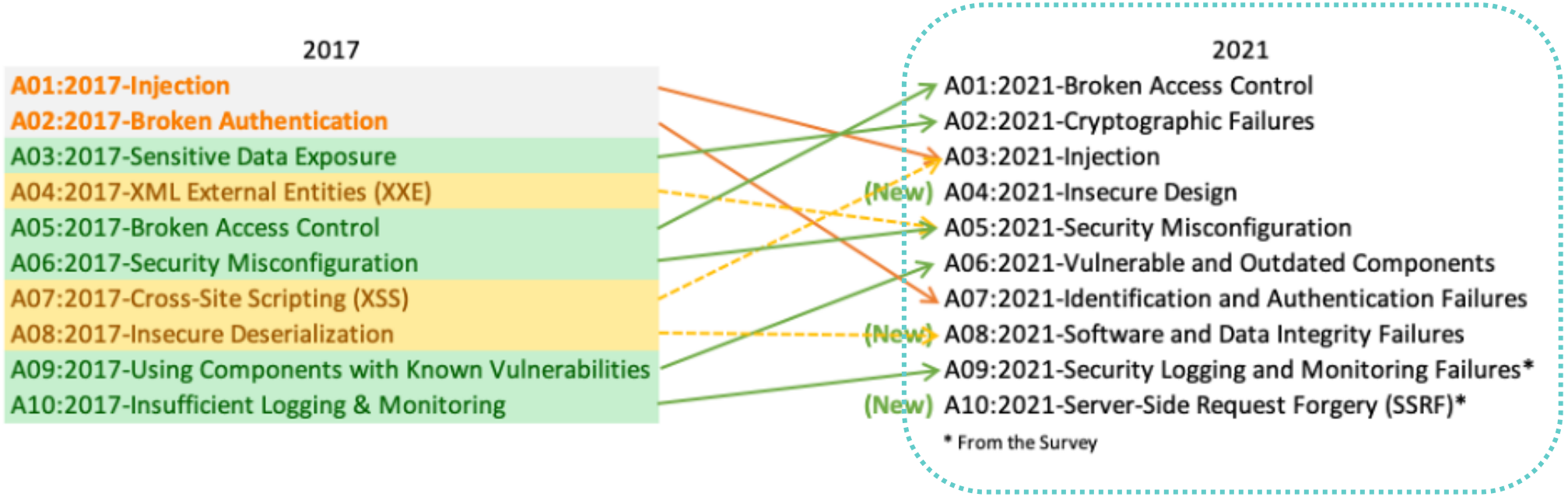

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Access control enforces policy such that users cannot act outside of their intended permissions. Failures typically lead to unauthorized information disclosure, modification, or destruction of all data or performing a business function outside the user's limits.

- Violation of the principle of least privilege or deny
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2. Cryptographic Failures

The first thing is to determine the protection needs of data in transit and at rest. For example, passwords, credit card numbers, health records, personal information, and business secrets require extra protection, mainly if that data falls under privacy laws, e.g., EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), or regulations, e.g., financial data protection such as PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS).

3. Injection

An application is vulnerable to attack when:

- User-supplied data is not validated, filtered, or sanitized by the application.
- Dynamic queries or non-parameterized calls without context-aware escaping are used directly in the interpreter.
- Hostile data is used within object-relational mapping (ORM) search parameters to extract additional, sensitive records.
- Hostile data is directly used or concatenated. The SQL or command contains the structure and malicious data in dynamic queries, commands, or stored procedures.

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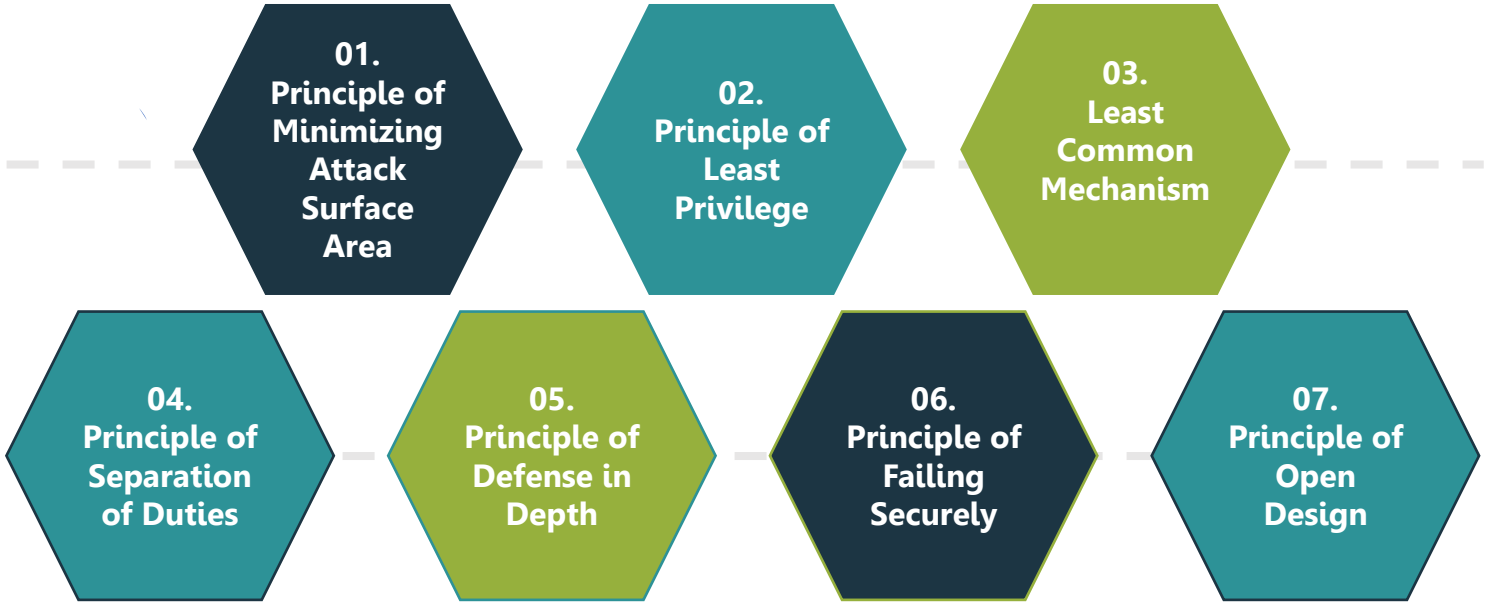
4. Insecure Design

Insecure design is a broad category representing different weaknesses, expressed as “missing or ineffective control design. An insecure design cannot be fixed by a perfect implementation as by definition, needed security controls were never created to defend against specific attacks.

5. Secure Design



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6. Vulnerable and Outdated Components

Components with known vulnerabilities, such as CVEs, should be identified and patched, whereas stale or malicious components should be evaluated for viability and the risk they may introduce.

7. Identification and Authentication Failures

Confirmation of the user's identity, authentication, and session management is critical to protect against authentication-related attacks.

8. Software and Data Integrity Failures

Software and data integrity failures relate to code and infrastructure that does not protect against integrity violations. An example of this is where an application relies upon plugins, libraries, or modules from untrusted sources, repositories, and content delivery networks (CDNs). An insecure CI/CD pipeline can introduce the potential for unauthorized access, malicious code, or system compromise.

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10. Server-Side Request Forgery

SSRF flaws occur whenever a web application is fetching a remote resource without validating the user-supplied URL. It allows an attacker to coerce the application to send a crafted request to an unexpected destination, even when protected by a firewall, VPN, or another type of network access control list (ACL).

Example

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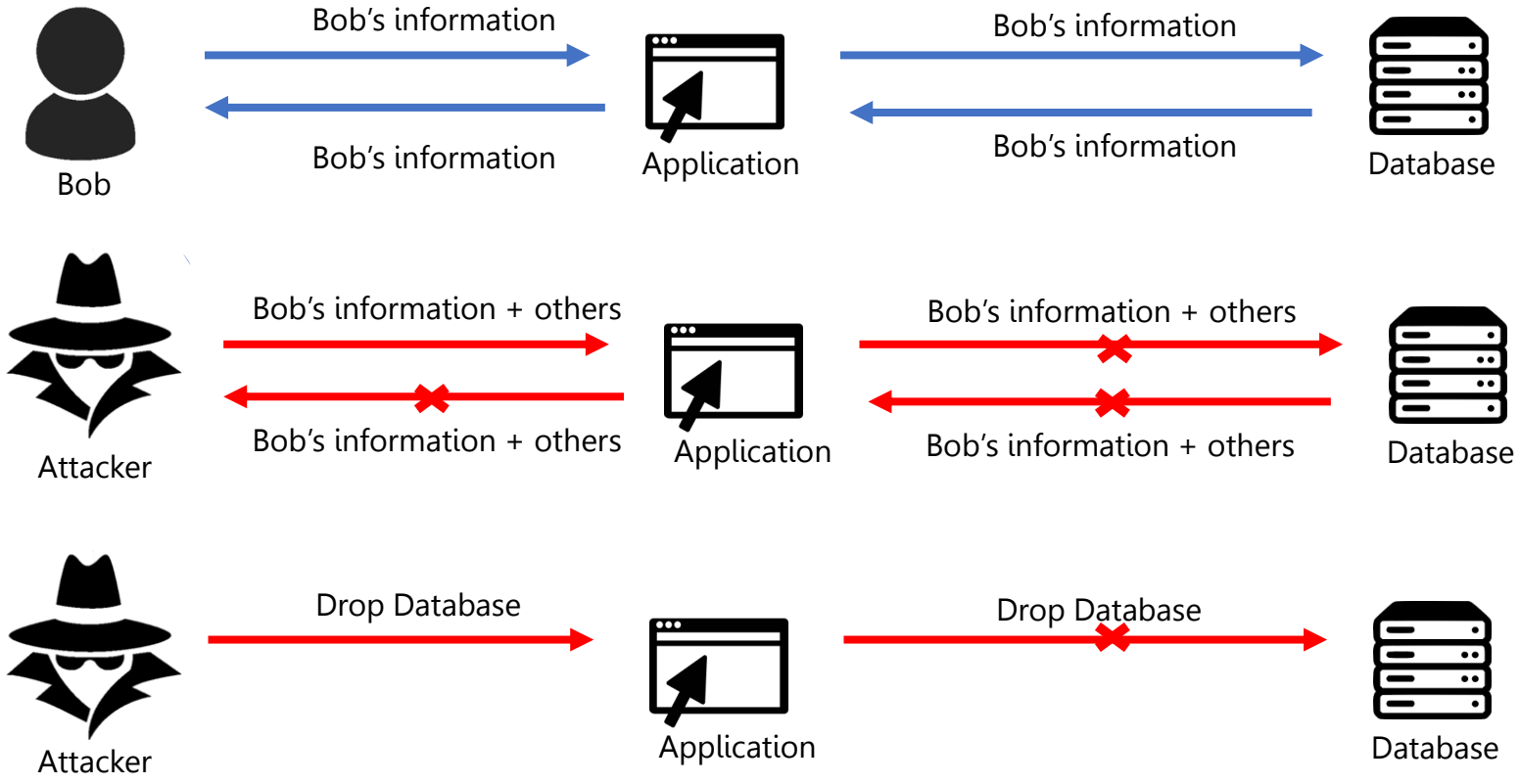
Examples – 3 Injection



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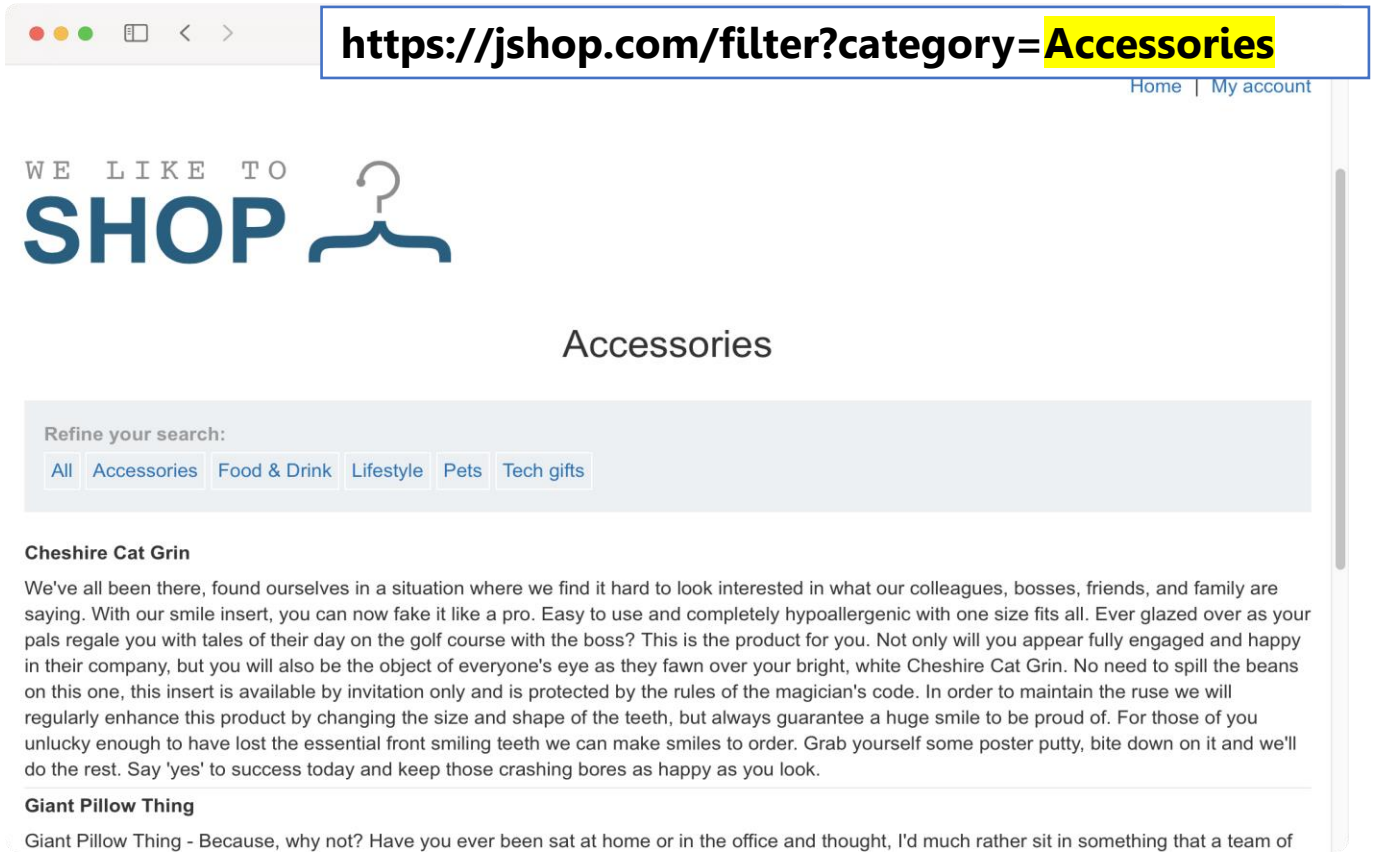

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Examples – 3 Injection

Category	Name	Description
Accessories	Cheshire Cat Grin	We've all been there, found ourselves …
Accessories	Giant Pillow Thing	Giant Pillow Thing – Because, why not …

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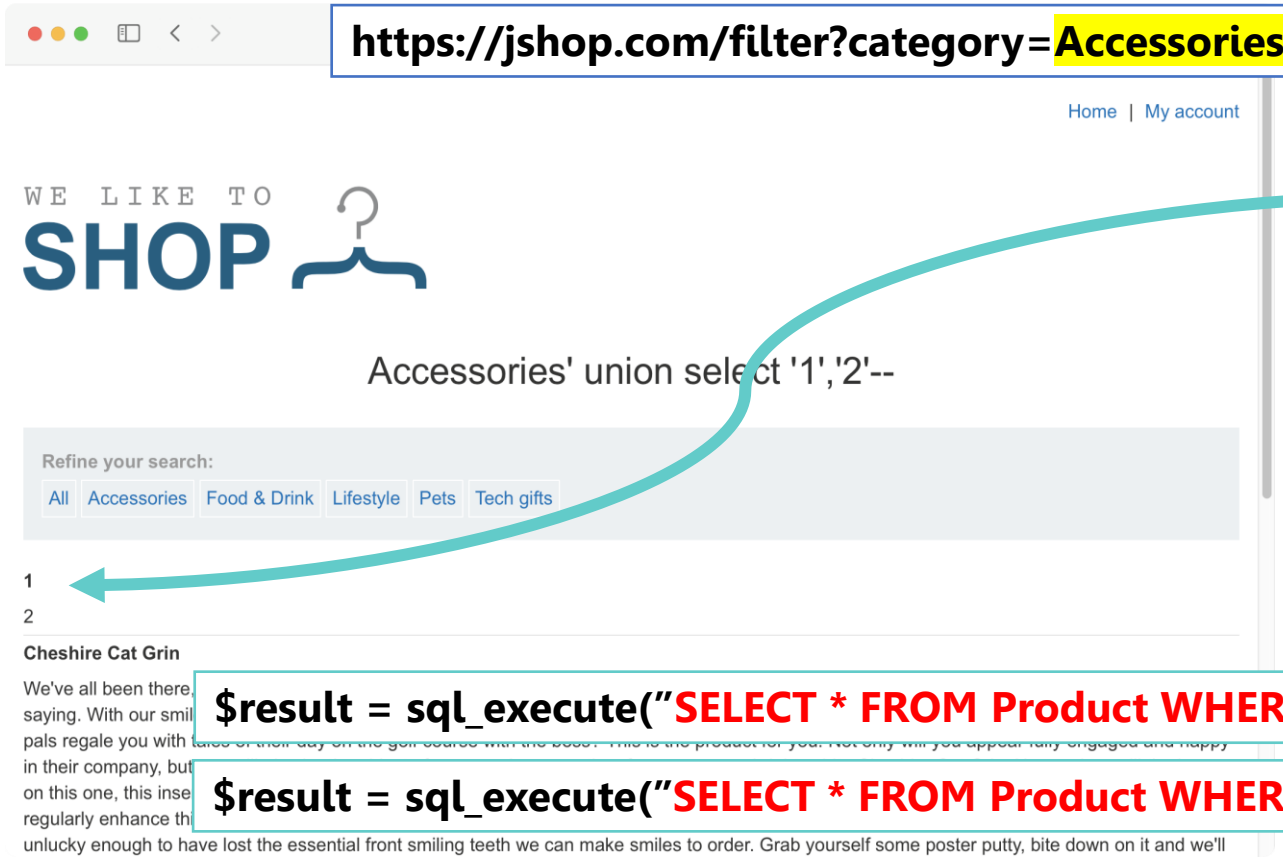

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$result = sql_execute("SELECT * FROM Product WHERE Category ='Accessories' UNION SELECT '1','2' ");
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Examples – 3 Injection

https://jshop.com/filter?category=Accessories' union select username, password from users--

WE LIKE TO SHOP

Accessories' union select

Refine your search:

All | Accessories | Corporate gifts | Gifts | Lifestyle | Pets

administrator

s01hkevmh76ywbf0tl97

We've all been there, found ourselves in a situation where we find it

saying. With our smile ir

pals regale you with tale

in their company, but yo

on this one, this insert is

regularly enhance this p

unlucky enough to have lost the essential front smiling teeth we can make smiles to order. Grab yourself some poster putty, bite down on it and we'll

	Description
	We've all been there, found ourselves …
	Giant Pillow Thing – Because, why not …

Password
s01hkevmh76ywbf0tl97

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Examples – 3 Injection

BAD Mitigation
- Input blacklist

GOOD Remediation
- Use prepared statements (with parameterized queries)
- Use stored procedures
- Allow-list validation
- Input whitelisting

```
String category =
String query = "SEL
PreparedStatement
pstmt.setString(1,
ResultSet results =
```

```
String tableName;
switch(PARAM):
  case "Value1": tableName = "fooTable";
                 break;
  case "Value2": tableName = "barTable";
                 break;
  ...
  default      : throw new InputValidationException(
                  "unexpected value provided for table name");
```

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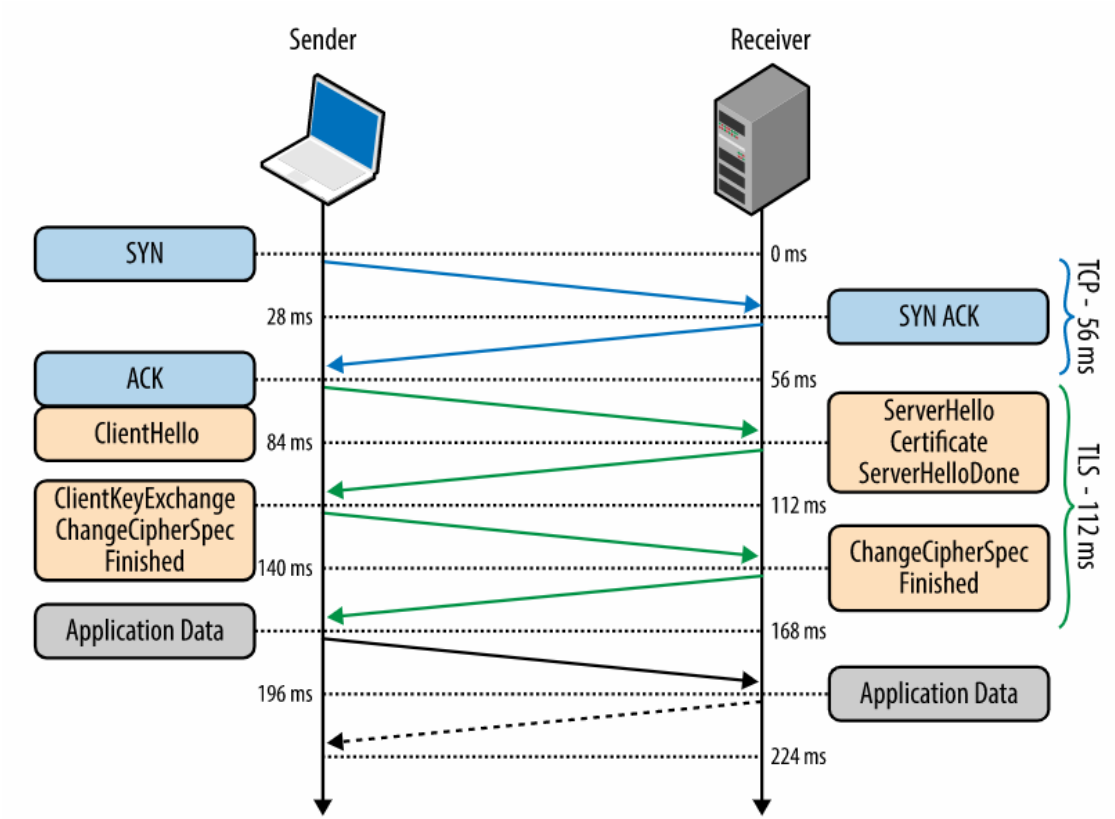
Examples – 5 Security Misconfiguration - TLS



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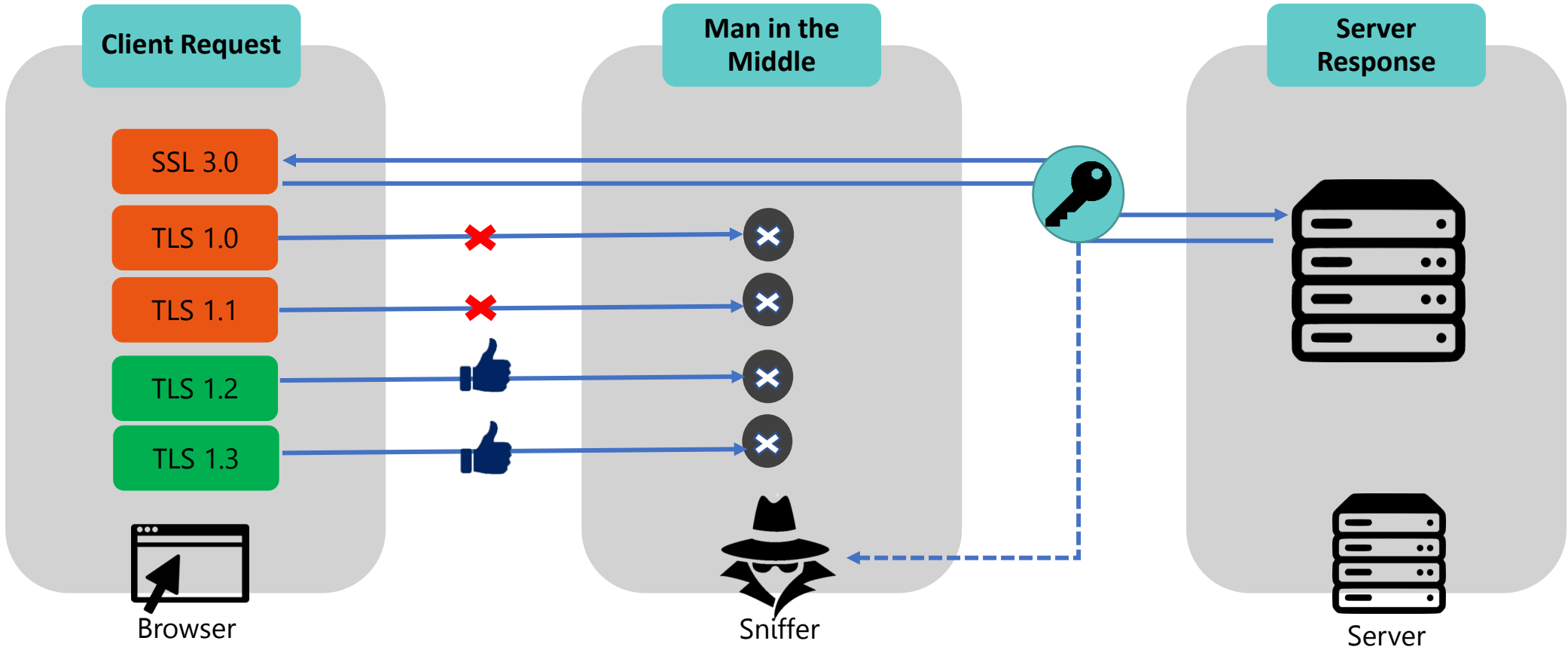

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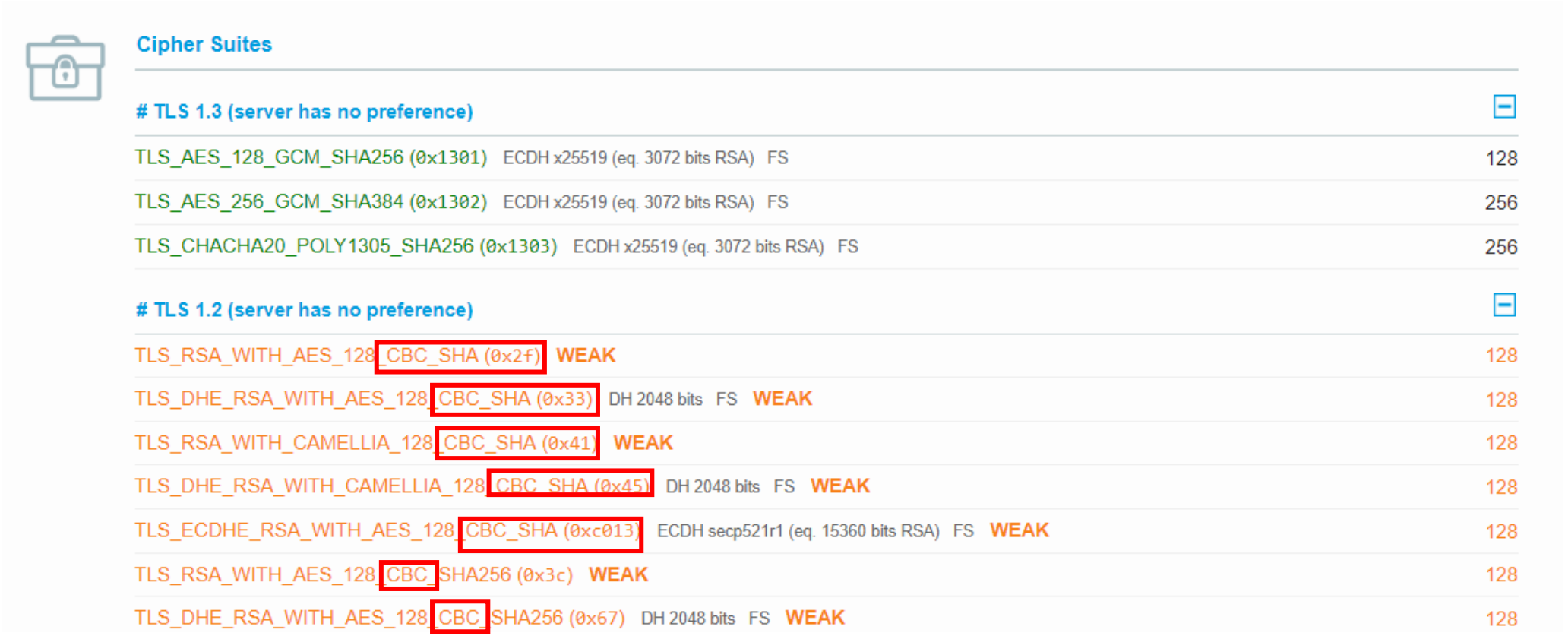

Cipher Suites

TLS 1.3 (server has no preference)

TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x1301)	ECDH x25519 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS	128
TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0x1302)	ECDH x25519 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS	256
TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256 (0x1303)	ECDH x25519 (eq. 3072 bits RSA) FS	256

TLS 1.2 (server has no preference)

TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0x2f)	WEAK	128
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0x33)	DH 2048 bits FS WEAK	128
TLS_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA (0x41)	WEAK	128
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA (0x45)	DH 2048 bits FS WEAK	128
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0xc013)	ECDH secp521r1 (eq. 15360 bits RSA) FS WEAK	128
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (0x3c)	WEAK	128
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (0x67)	DH 2048 bits FS WEAK	128

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Examples – 5 Security Misconfiguration – Security Header

Required Headers

1. Strict-Transport-Security
2. X-Content-Type-Options
3. Cache-Control
4. Set-Cookie (Secure, HTTPOnly)
5. Expires
6. X-Frame-Options

Header	Required HTTP 1.1 (HTTPS)	Required HTTP 1.1 (non-HTTPS)	Required HTTP 1.0 (HTTPS)	Required HTTP 1.0 (non-HTTPS)
HTTP Strict-Transport-Security	TRUE		TRUE	
X-Content-Type-Options	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Cache-Control	TRUE	TRUE		
Set-Cookie		TRUE		TRUE
Expires			TRUE	TRUE
X-Frame-Options			TRUE	TRUE

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Examples – 5 Security Misconfiguration – Security Header

BAD Mitigation
- Configure HTTP Header at the gateway

GOOD Remediation
- Configure HTTP Header at your server

Check browser compatibility

	Chrome	Edge	Firefox	Internet Explorer	Opera	Safari	WebView Android	Chrome Android	Firefox Android	Opera Android	iOS Safari	Samsung Internet
`Set-Cookie`	Yes	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
`HttpOnly`	1	12	3	9	11	5	37	Yes	4	Yes	4	Yes

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Examples – 6 Vulnerable and Outdated Components

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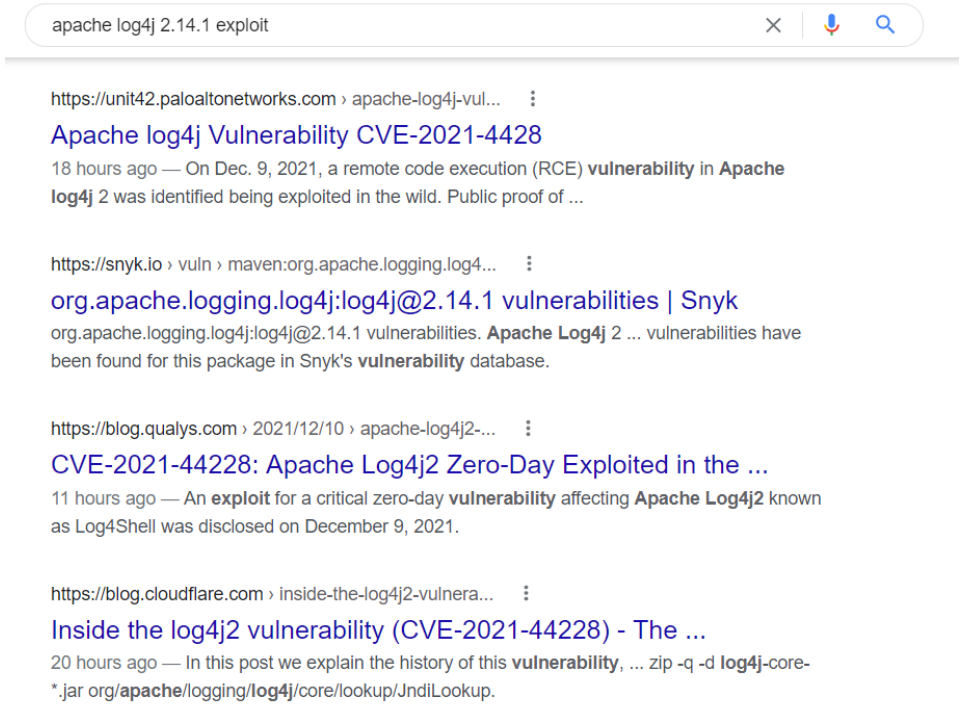
CVE = Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

A system provides a reference-method for publicly known information-security vulnerabilities and exposures.



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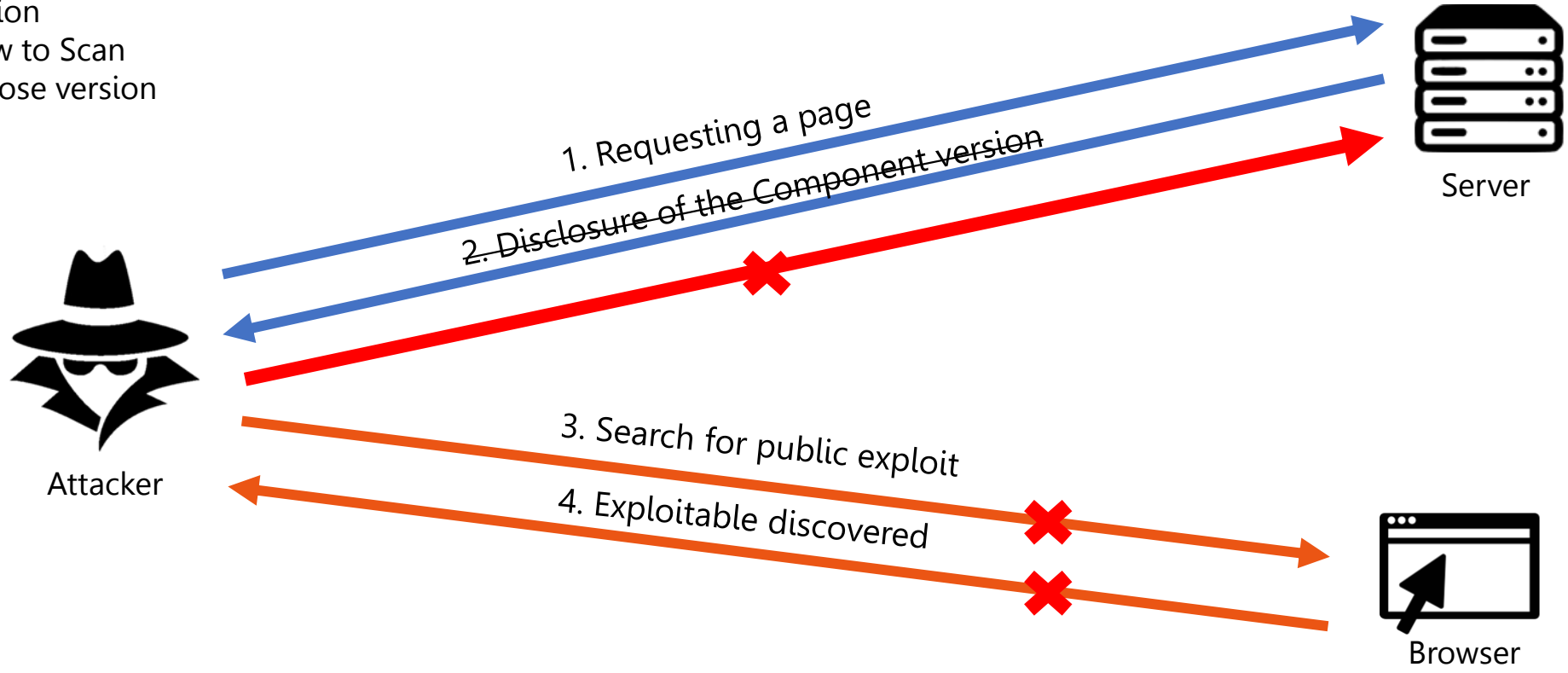
BAD Mitigation
- Not Allow to Scan
- Not disclose version



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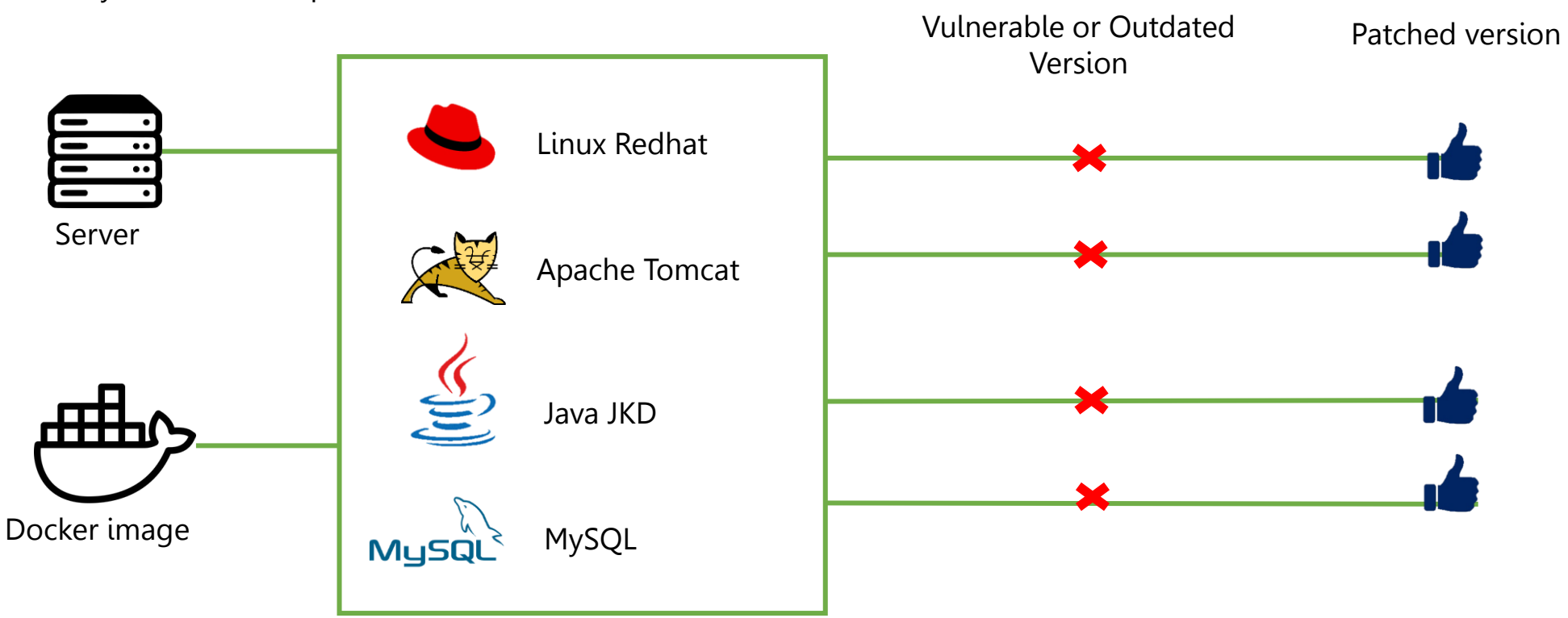
Examples – 6 Vulnerable and Outdated Components

Good Remediation

- Check if there is any outdated component
- Patch !



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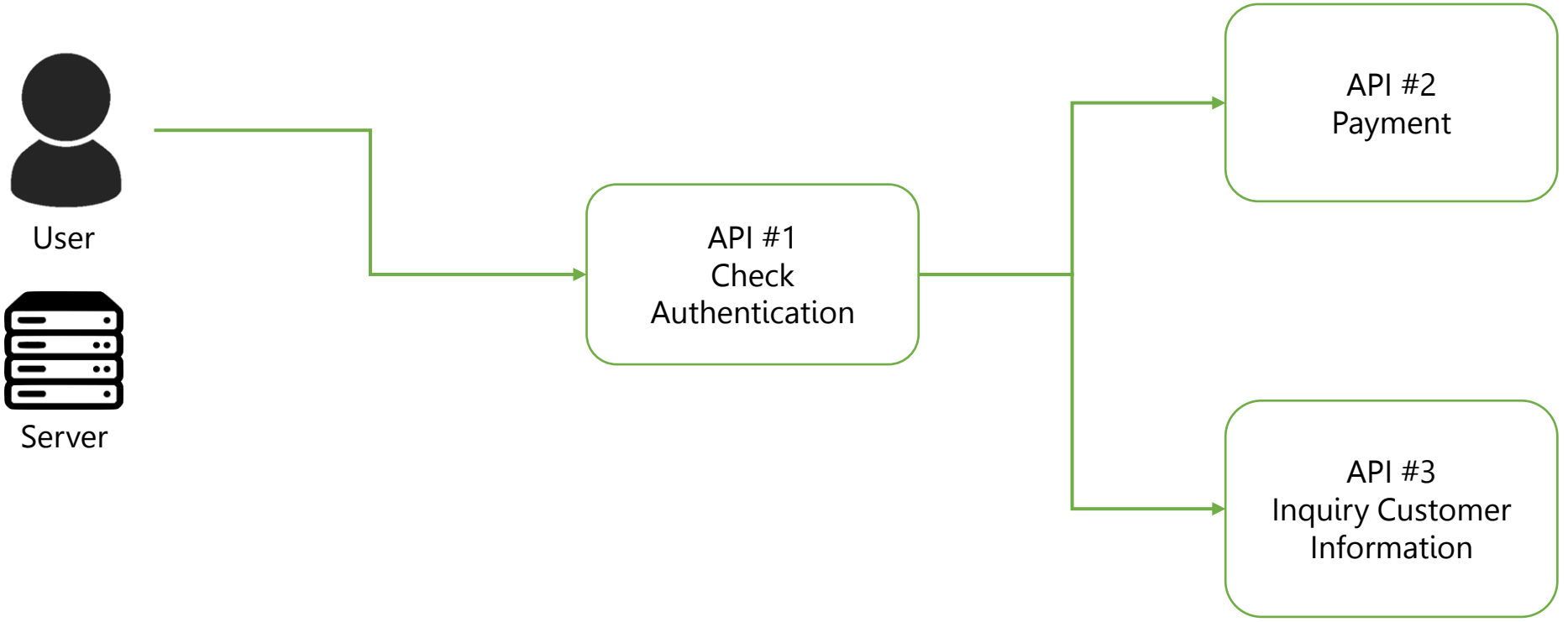

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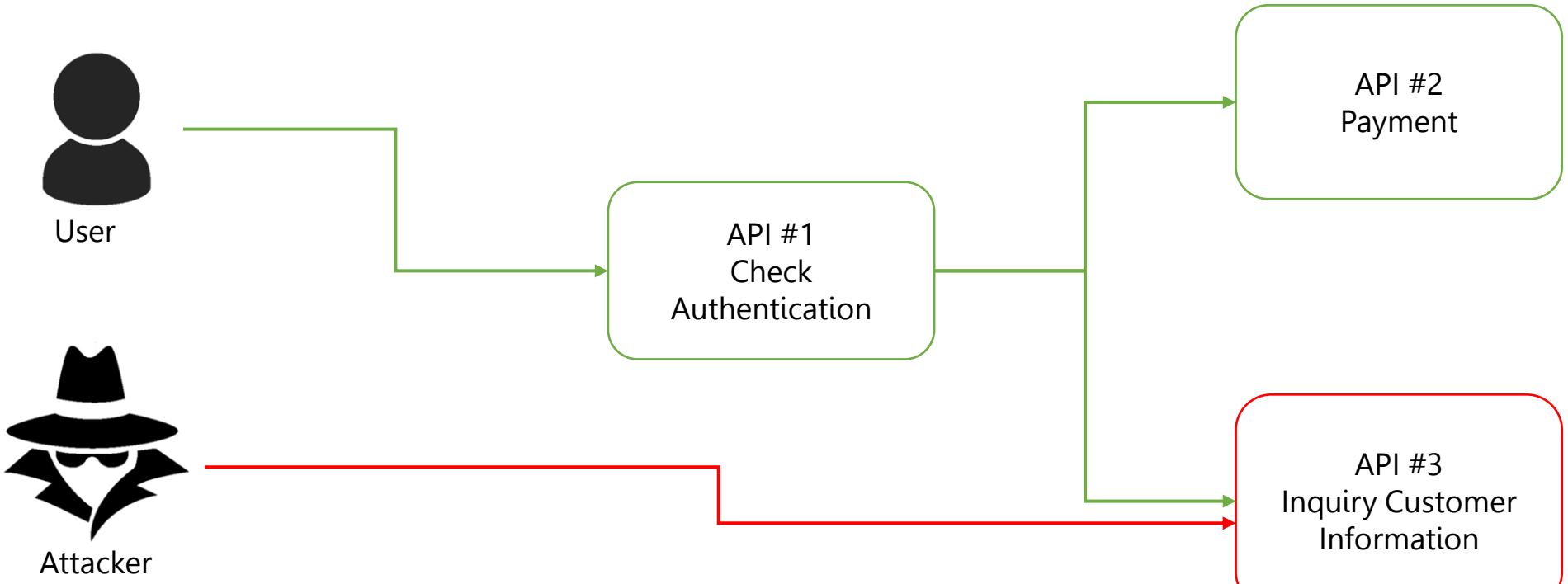

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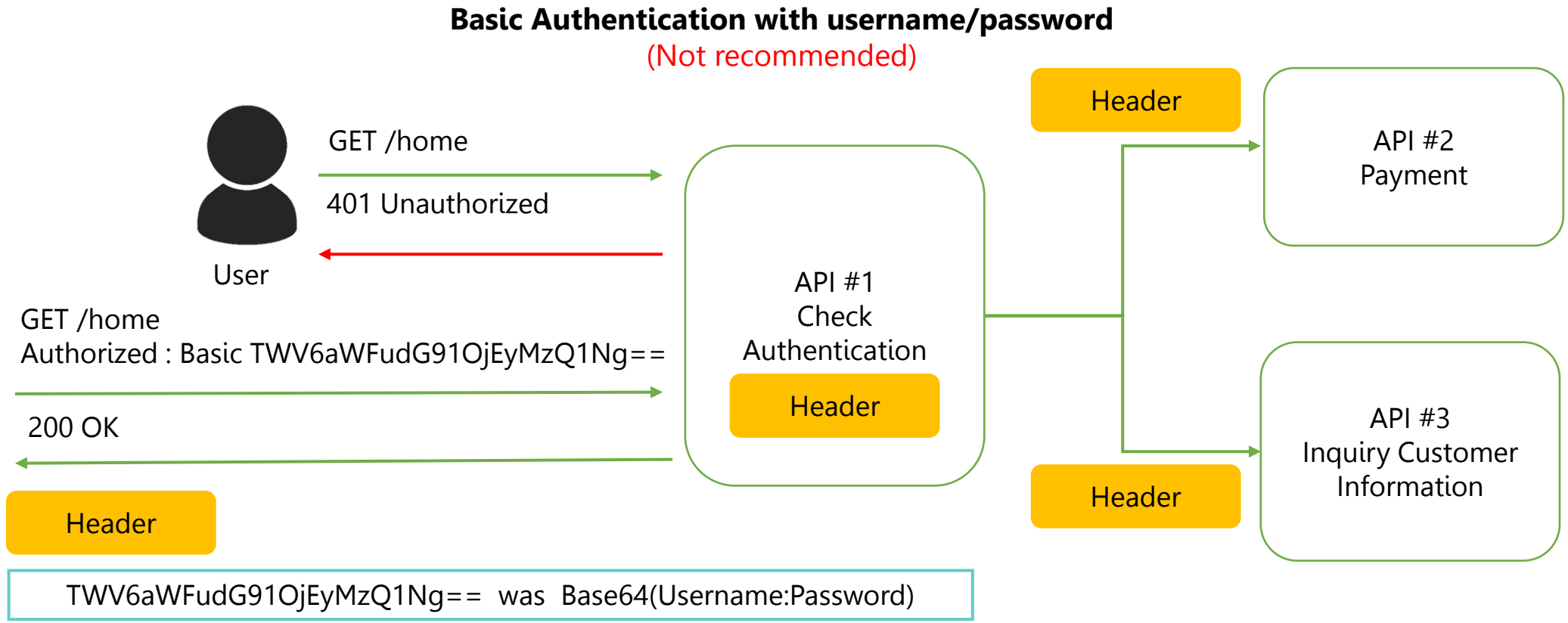

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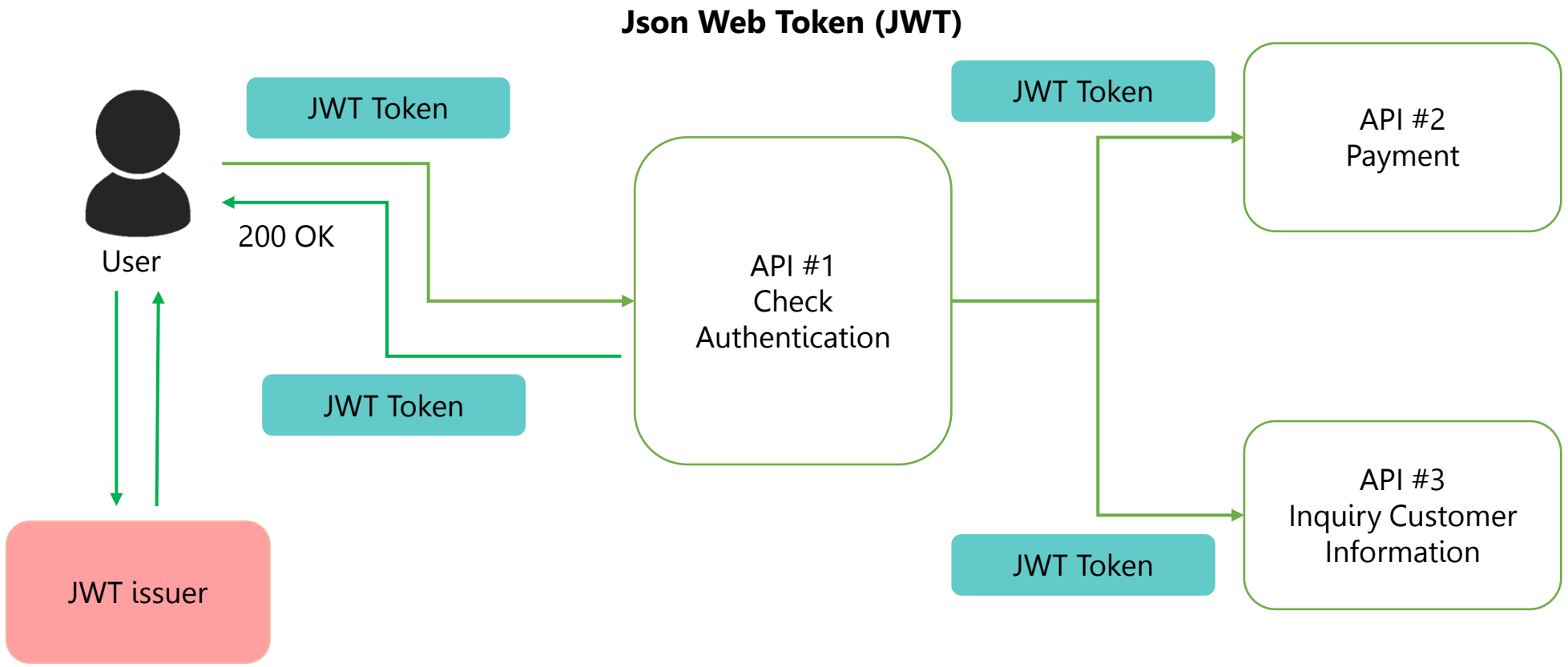

Key take away 3

What do we gain from understanding the various OWASP Top Ten web application?

4.2 : OWASP API Security

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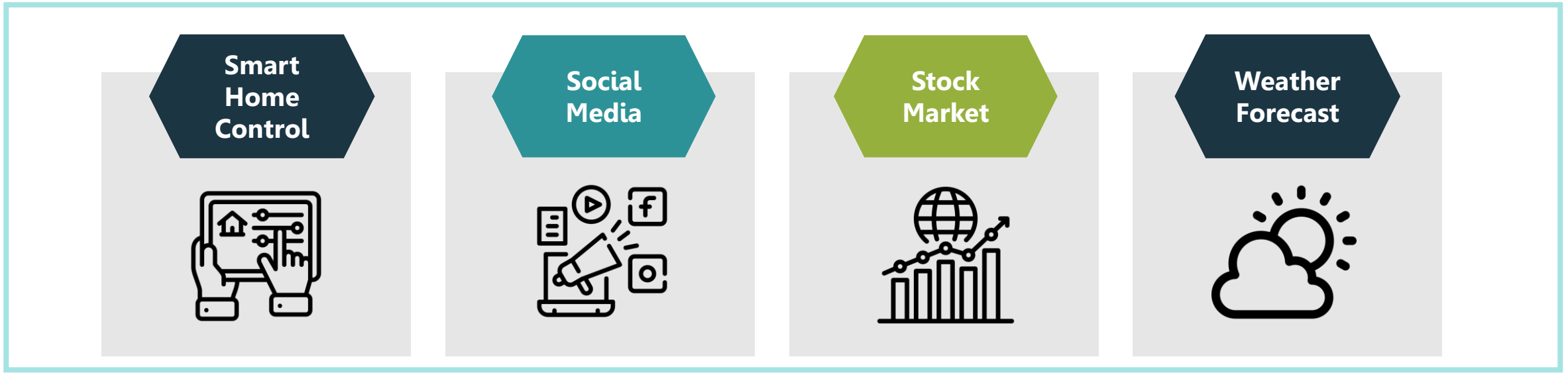
Understanding APIs

"An Application Programming Interface (API) is an interface or communication protocol between a client and a server intended to simplify the building of client-side software. it has been described as a "contract" between the client and the server, such that if the client makes a request in a specific format, it will always get a response in a specific format or initiate a defined action."

APIs in Daily Life



Ref: OWASP API Security Project

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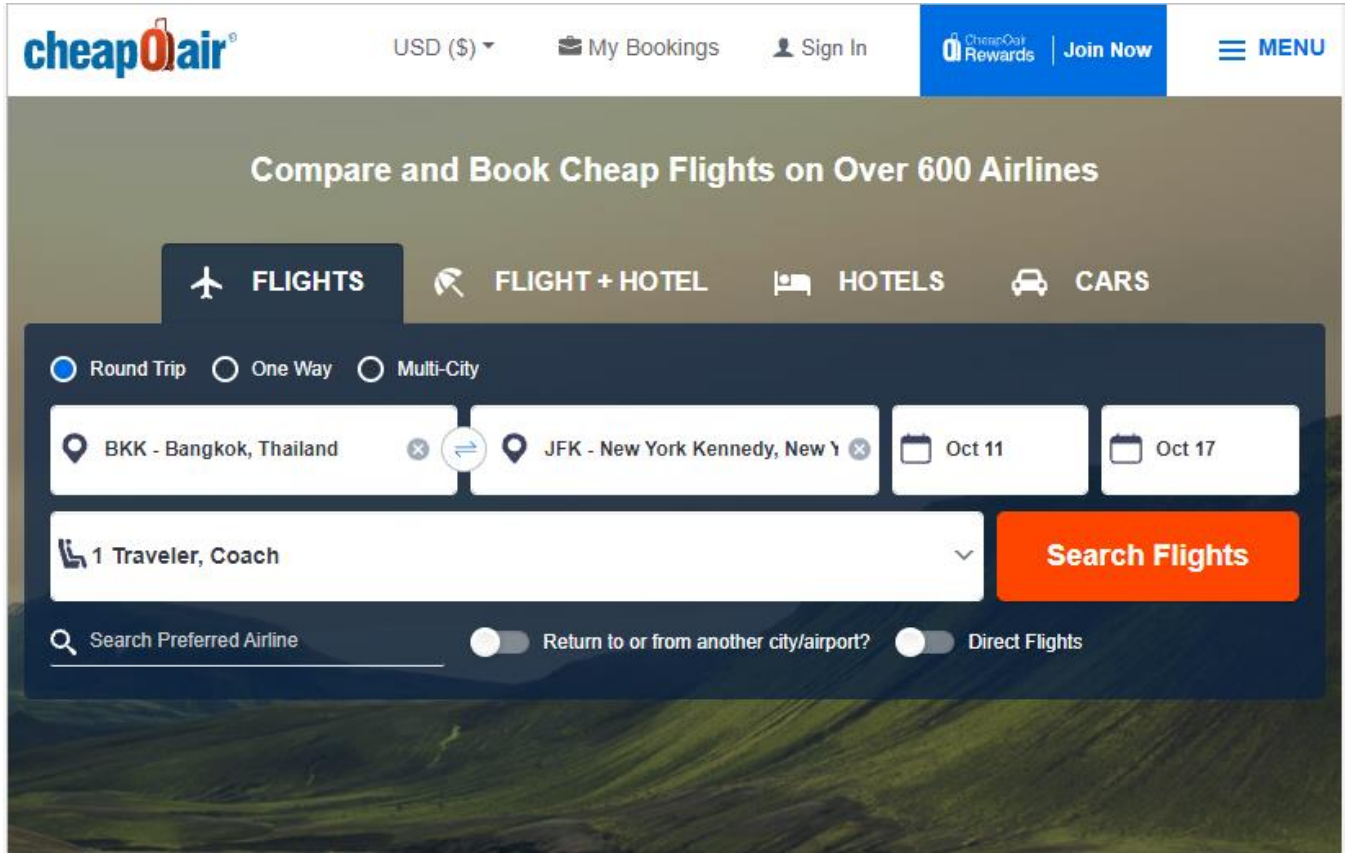
APIs in Daily Life – User Interface



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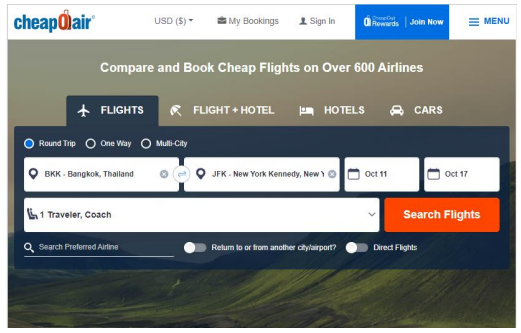
APIs in Daily Life – APIs Call

API Call is the request message to another service via Application Interface



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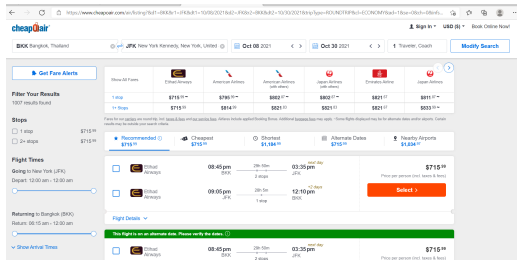
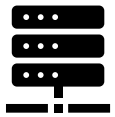


Results



Application Server

APIs Call

Etihad Airways

Emirates Airline

Japan Airlines
(with others)

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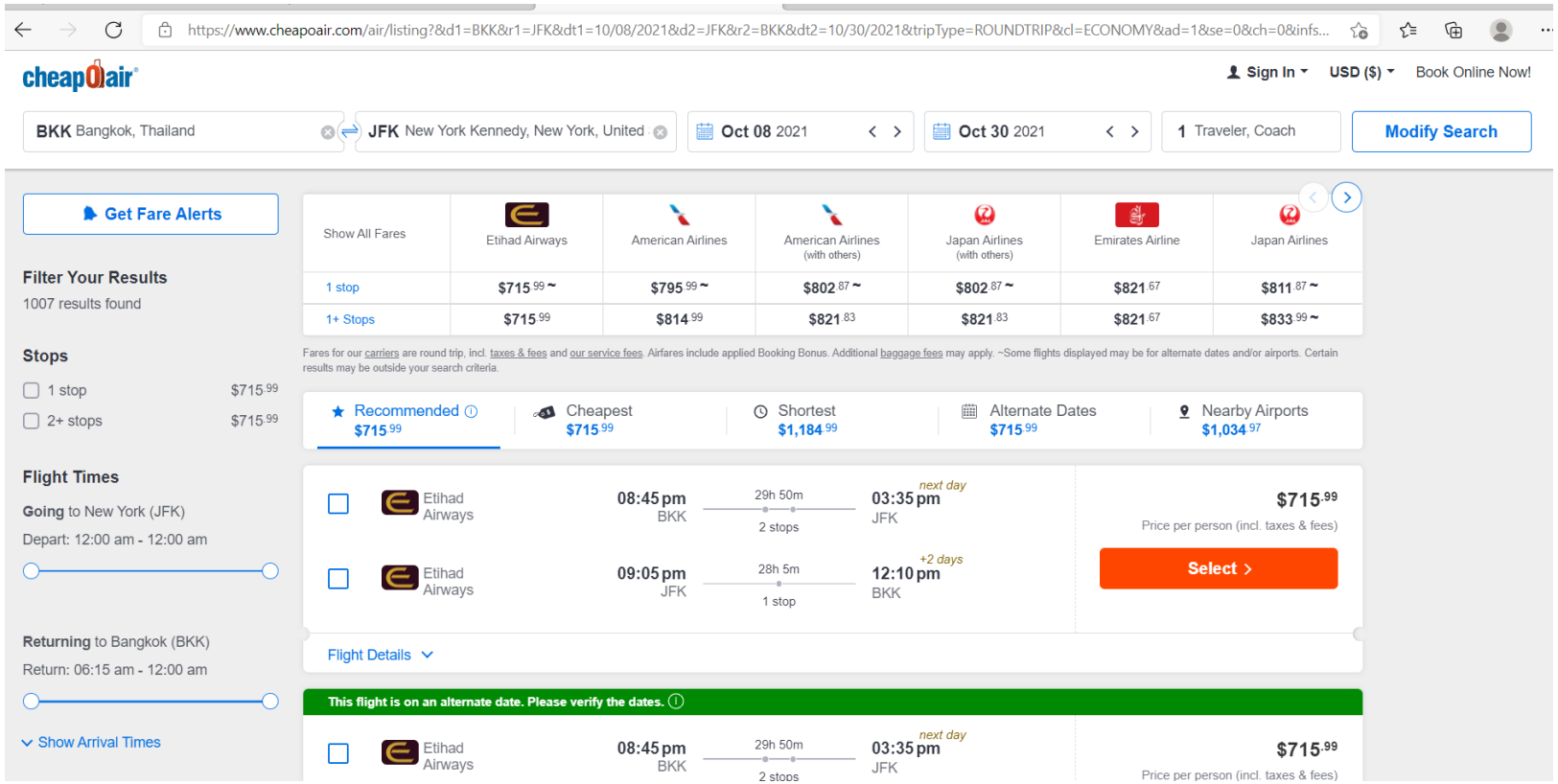
APIs in Daily Life – Results from APIs call



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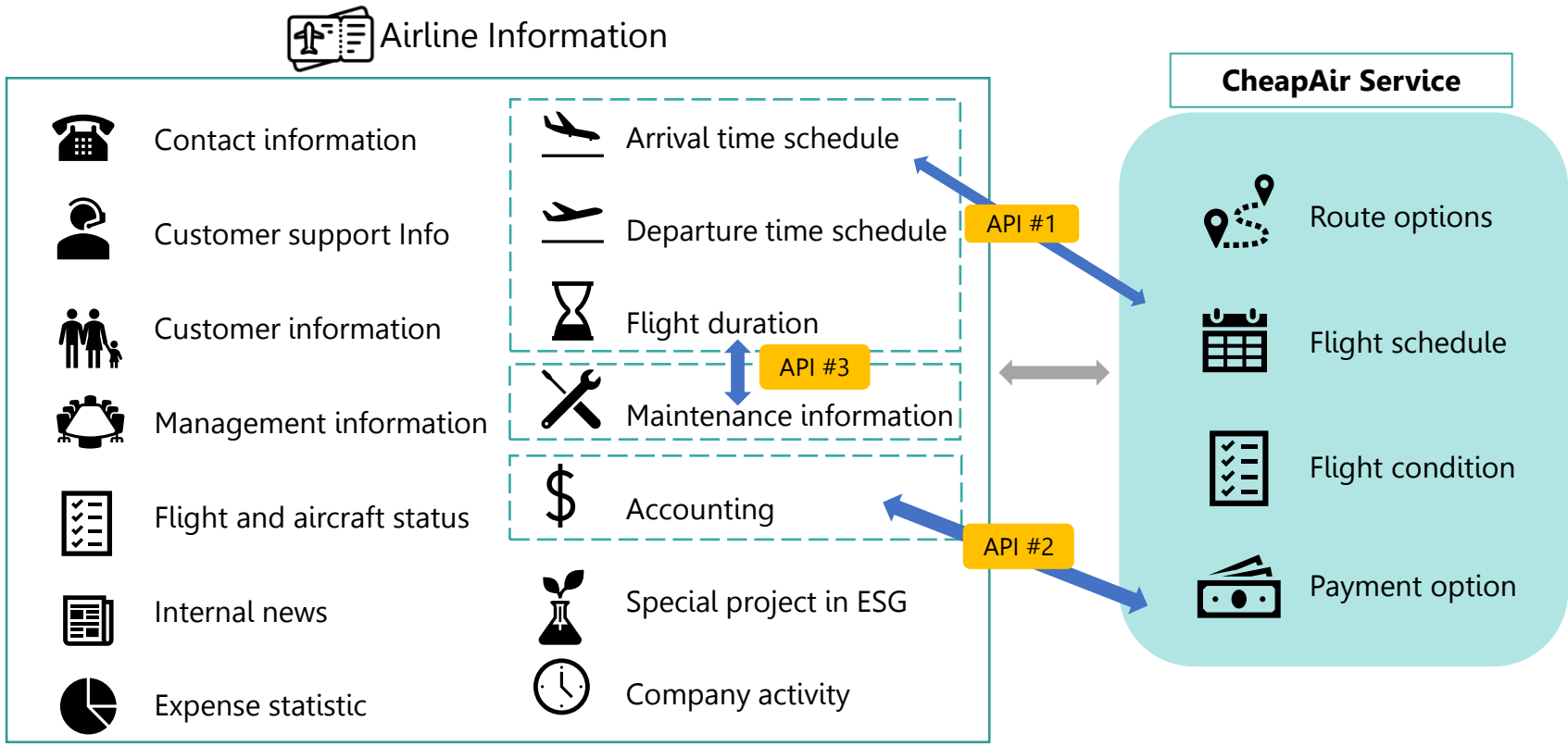
APIs in Daily Life – Required Information and Overall Information



API Security Foundations

What is API Security ?

API security involves protecting the integrity of APIs, ensuring that they are not vulnerable to cyber threats or unauthorized access, and maintaining data privacy and confidentiality.

Important of API Security

API security is crucial for safeguarding sensitive data, preventing unauthorized access, and maintaining the trust of users and stakeholders. Without proper security measures, API are vulnerable to data breaches and cyber attacks.

Common Threats

APIs are susceptible to a range of threats, including injection attacks, broken authentication, excessive data exposure, and insufficient logging and monitoring. Understanding these threats is essential for effective API security.

OWASP Top 10 API Security 2023

API 01 Broken Object Level Authorization	**API 02** Broken Authentication	**API 03** Broken Object Property Level Authorization	**API 04** Unrestricted Resource Consumption
API 05 Broken Function Level Authorization	**API 06** Unrestricted Access to Sensitive Business Flow	**API 07** Server-Side Request Forgery	**API 08** Security Misconfiguration
	API 09 Improper Inventory Management	**API 10** Unsafe Consumption of APIs	

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Authentication and Authorization

API1:2023 Broken Object Level Authorization

- APIs tend to expose endpoints that handle object identifiers, creating a wide attack surface of Object Level Access Control issues

API2:2023 Broken Authentication

- Authentication mechanisms are often implemented incorrectly, allowing attackers to compromise authentication tokens or to exploit implementation flaws to assume other user's identities temporarily or permanently

API3:2023 Broken Object Property Level Authorization

- Lack of or improper authorization validation at the object property level. This leads to information exposure or manipulation by unauthorized parties

API5:2023 Broken Function Level Authorization

- Complex access control policies with different hierarchies, groups, and roles, and an unclear separation between administrative and regular functions, tend to lead to authorization flaws

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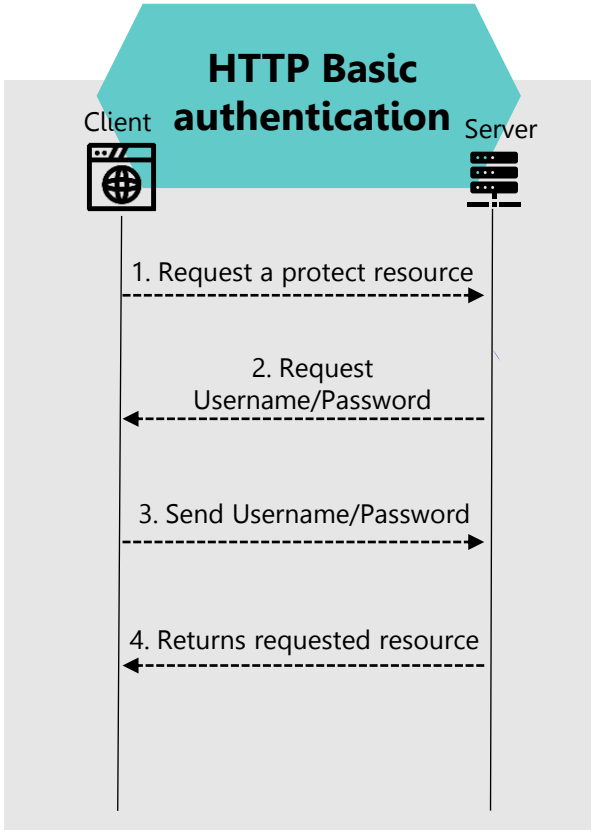
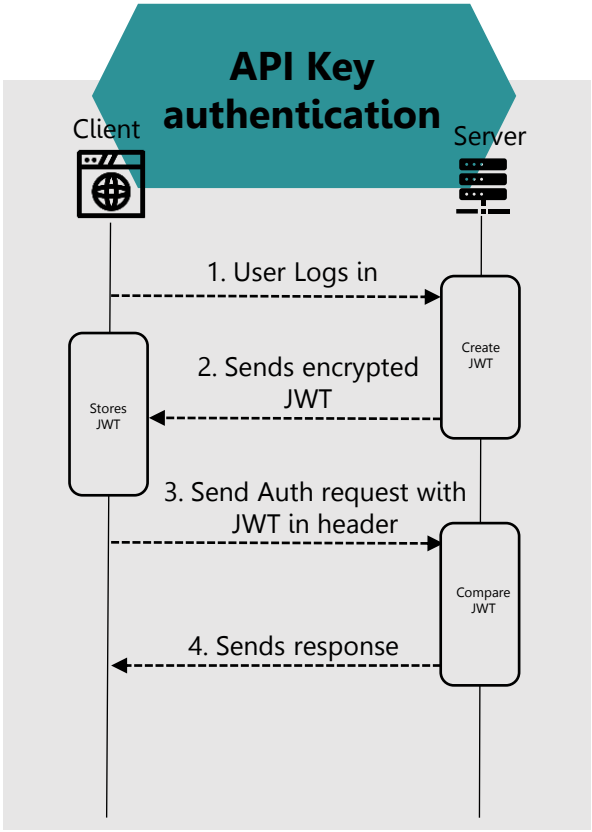
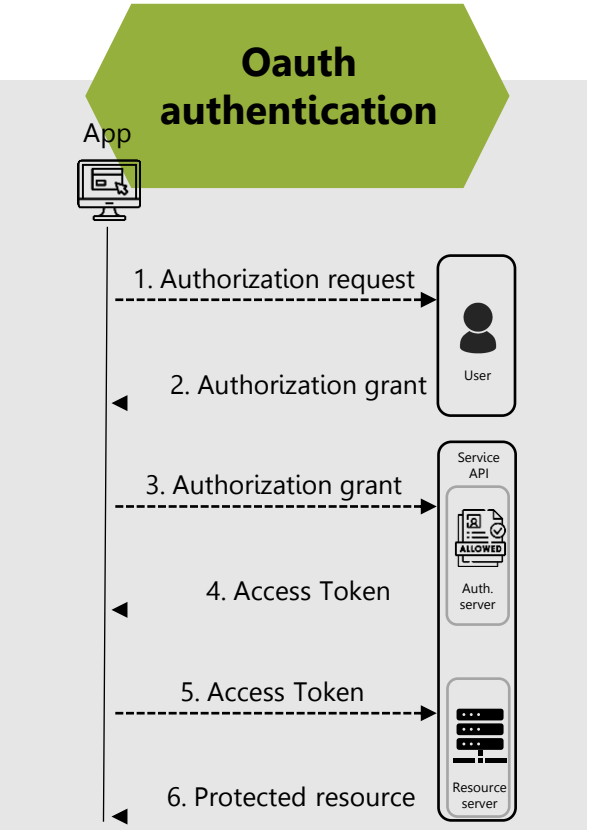
Authentication and Authorization







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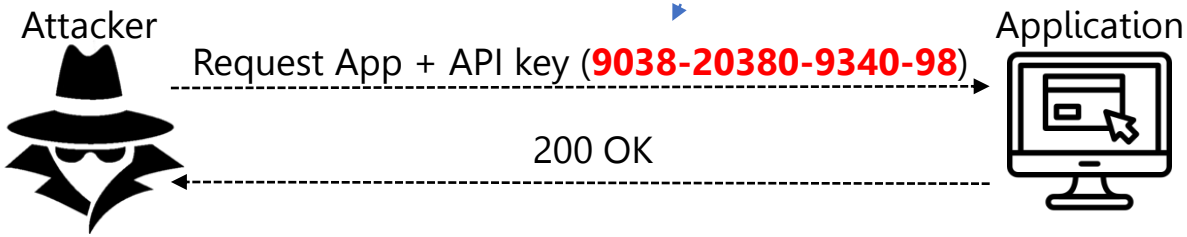
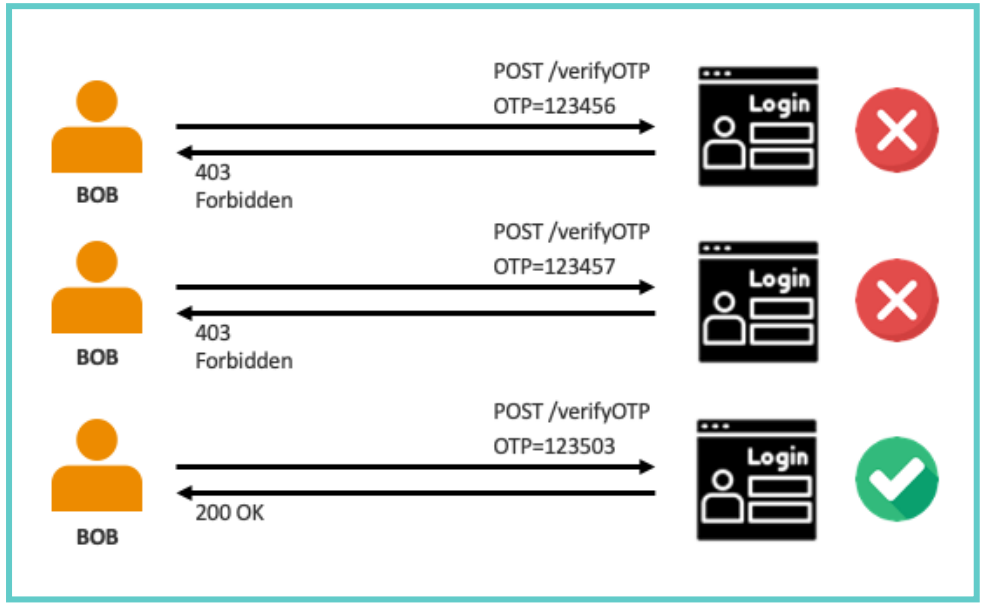
Example Broken Authentication

```
1  config:
2    host: api.example.net
3    api_key: 9038-20380-9340-98
4    port: 443
5    log_level: info
6    page_size: 100
7    timeout: 30s
```

found in source code





API2:2023 Broken Authentication

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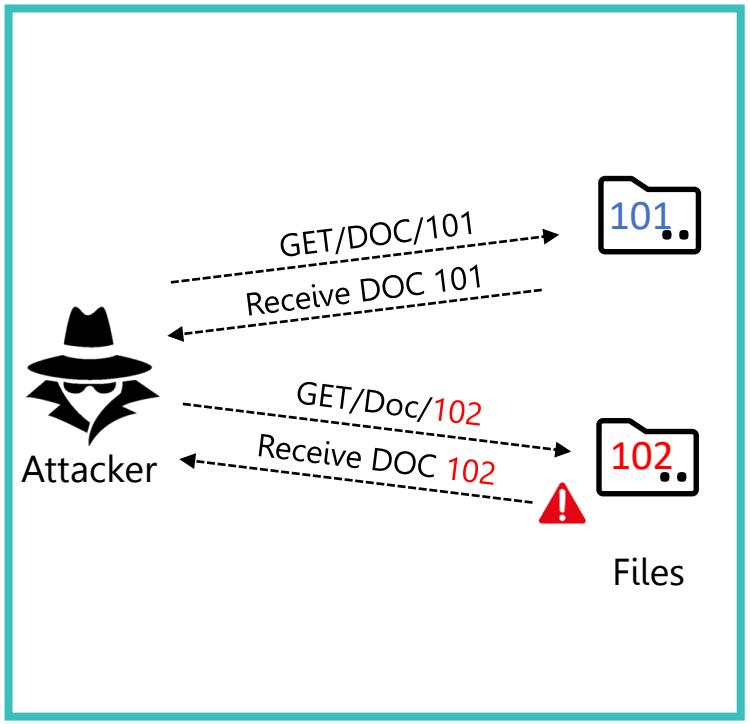

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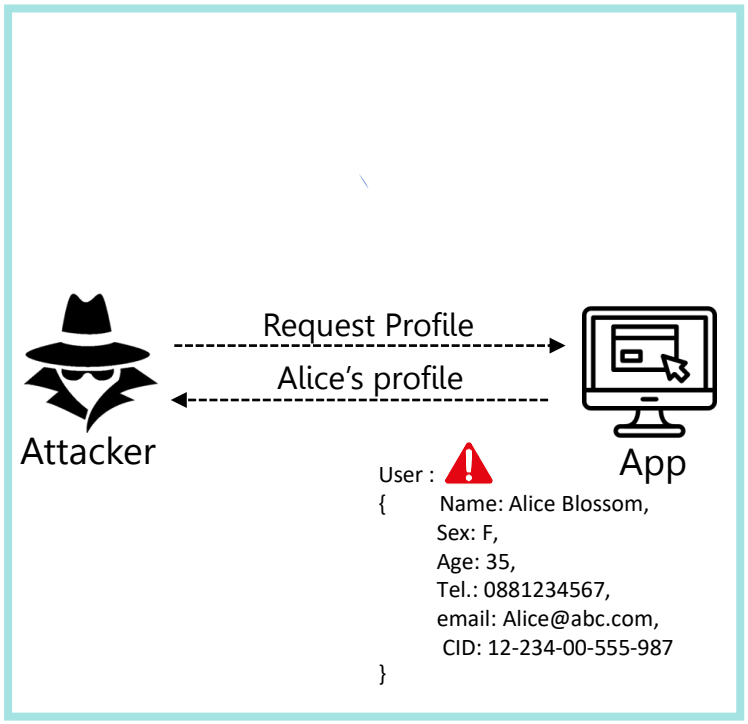

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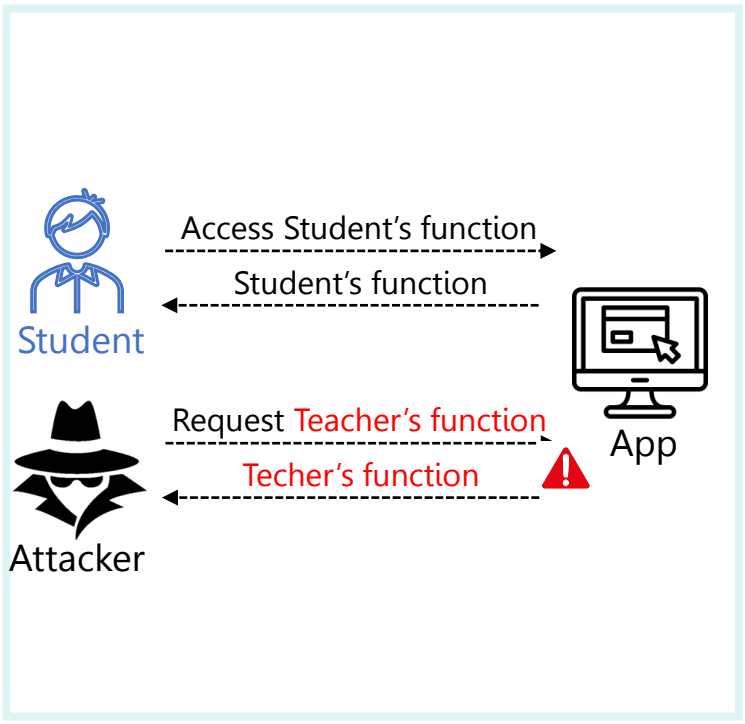

API5:2023 Broken Function Level Authorization

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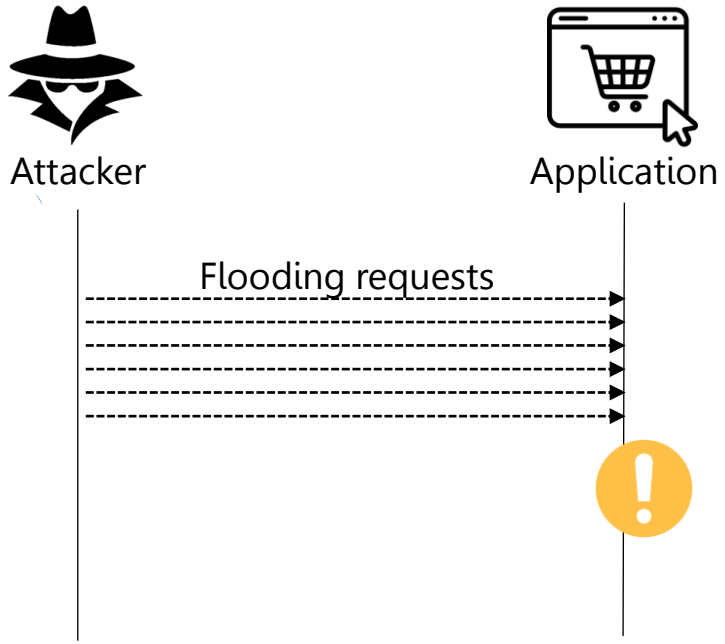
API4. Unrestricted Resource Consumption

Satisfying API requests requires resources such as network bandwidth, CPU, memory, and storage. Other resources such as emails/SMS/phone calls or biometrics validation are made available by service providers via API integrations and paid for per request. Successful attacks can lead to Denial of Service or an increase of operational costs.



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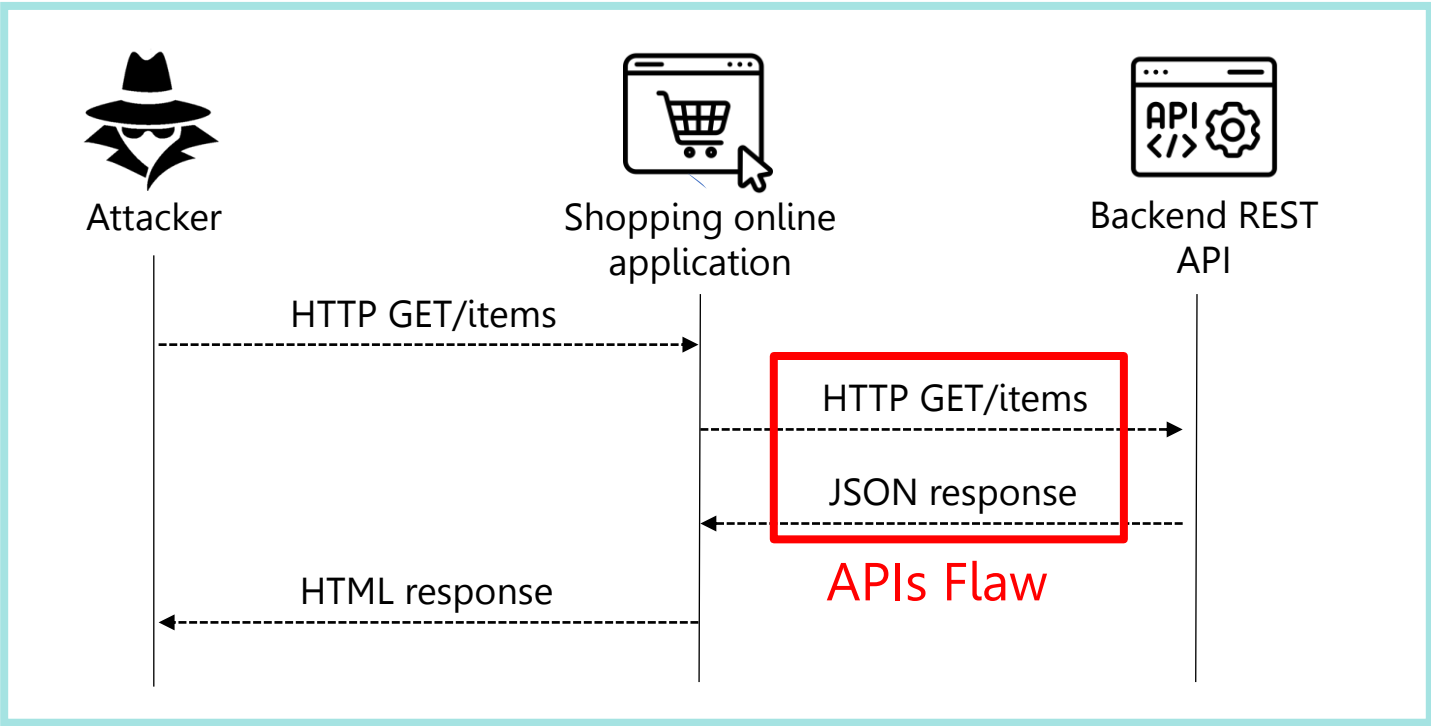
API6. Unrestricted Access to Sensitive Business Flows

APIs vulnerable to this risk expose a business flow - such as buying a ticket, or posting a comment - without compensating for how the functionality could harm the business if used excessively in an automated manner. This doesn't necessarily come from implementation bugs.



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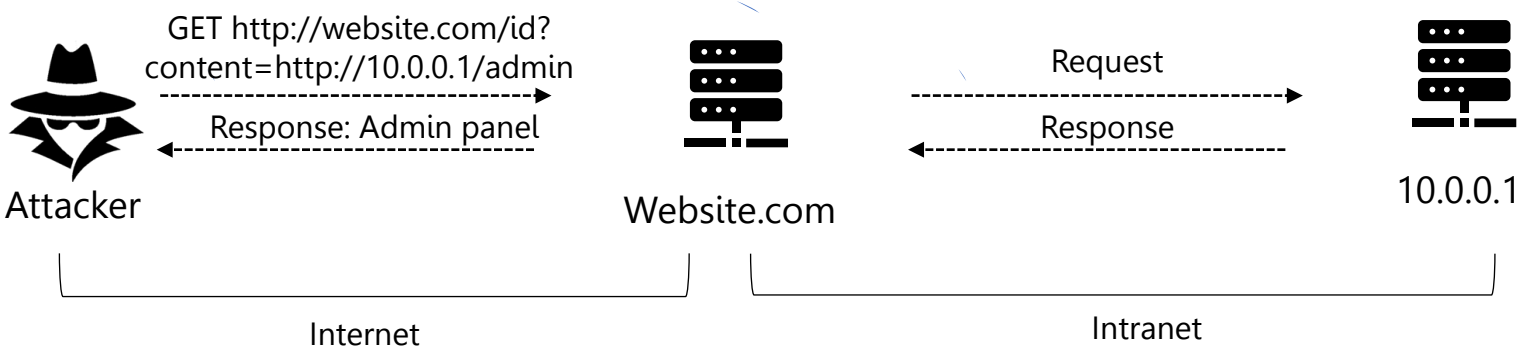
API7. Server Side Request Forgery

Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF) flaws can occur when an API is fetching a remote resource without validating the user-supplied URI. This enables an attacker to coerce the application to send a crafted request to an unexpected destination, even when protected by a firewall or a VPN.



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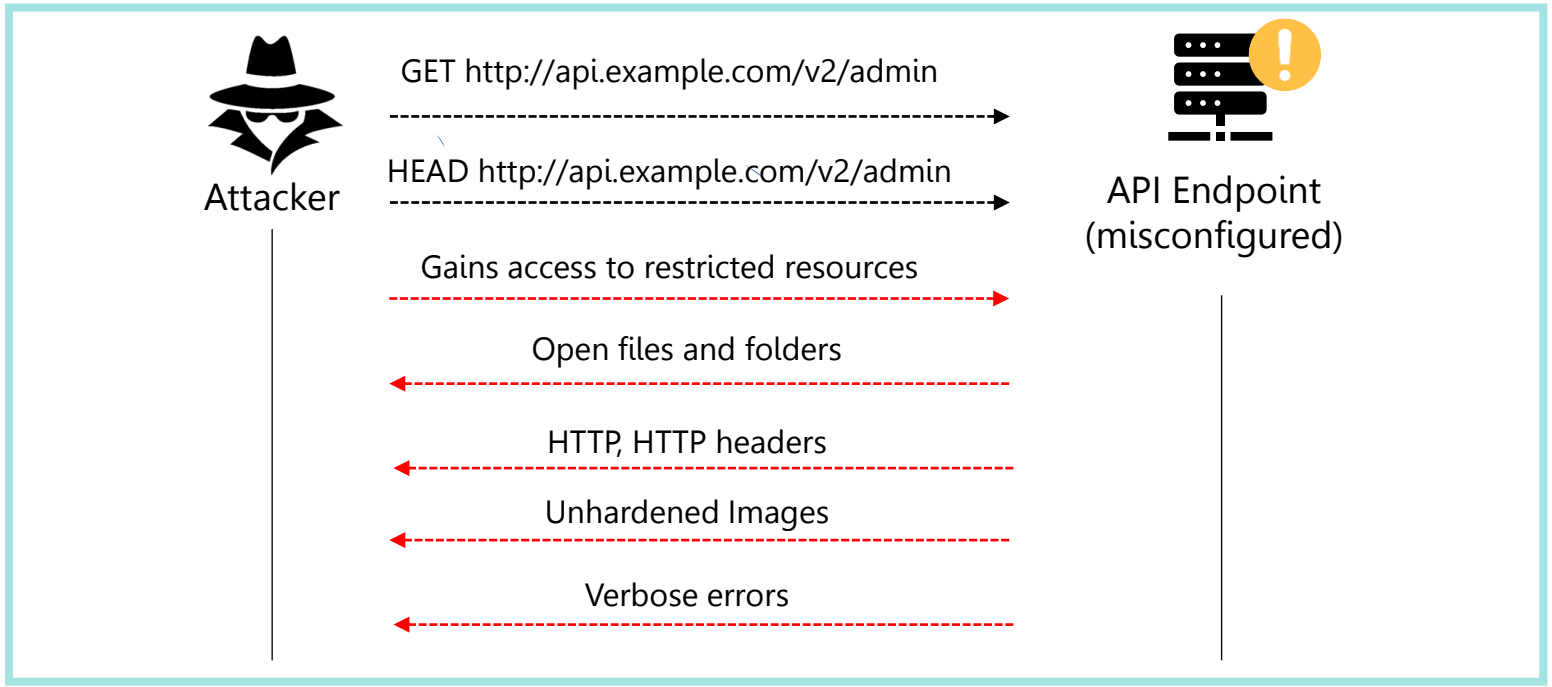
API8. Security Misconfiguration

APIs and the systems supporting them typically contain complex configurations, meant to make the APIs more customizable. Software and DevOps engineers can miss these configurations, or don't follow security best practices when it comes to configuration, opening the door for different types of attacks



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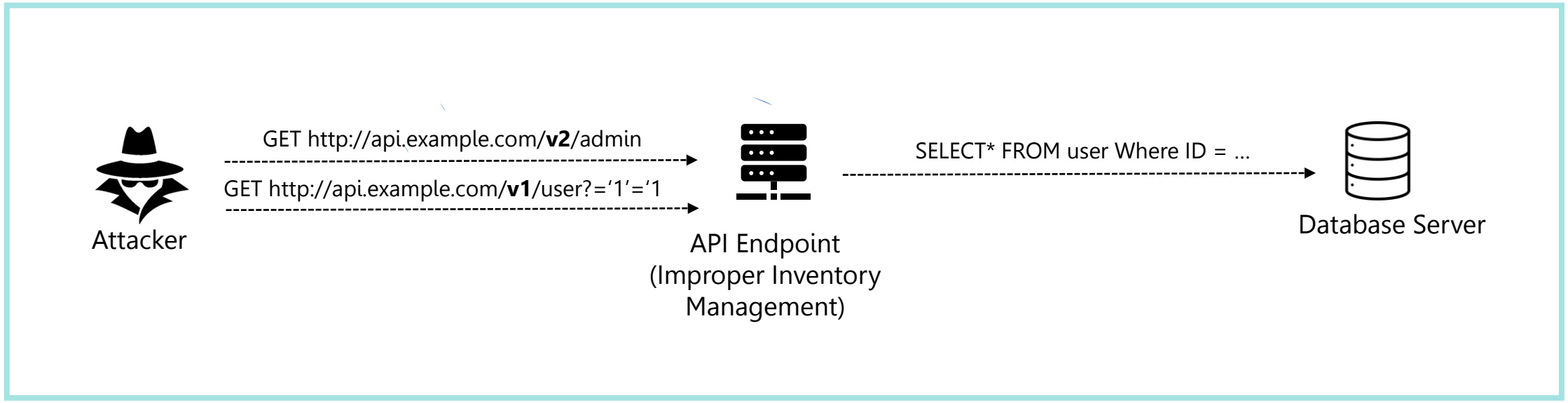
API9. Improper Inventory Management

APIs tend to expose more endpoints than traditional web applications, making proper and updated documentation highly important. A proper inventory of hosts and deployed API versions also are important to mitigate issues such as deprecated API versions and exposed debug endpoints.



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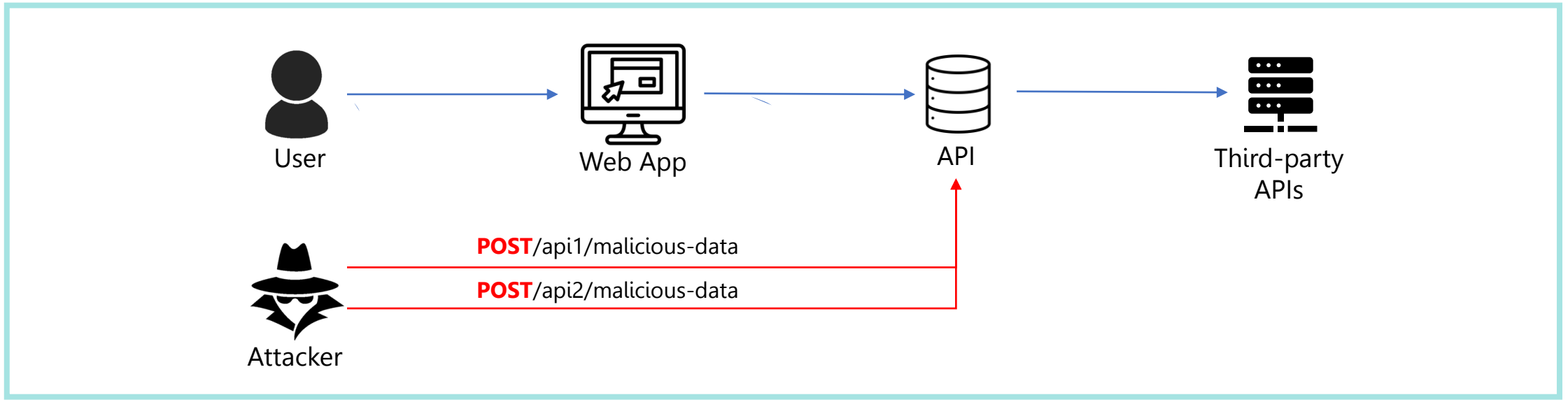
API10. Unsafe Consumption of APIs

Developers tend to trust data received from third-party APIs more than user input, and so tend to adopt weaker security standards. In order to compromise APIs, attackers go after integrated third-party services instead of trying to compromise the target API directly.



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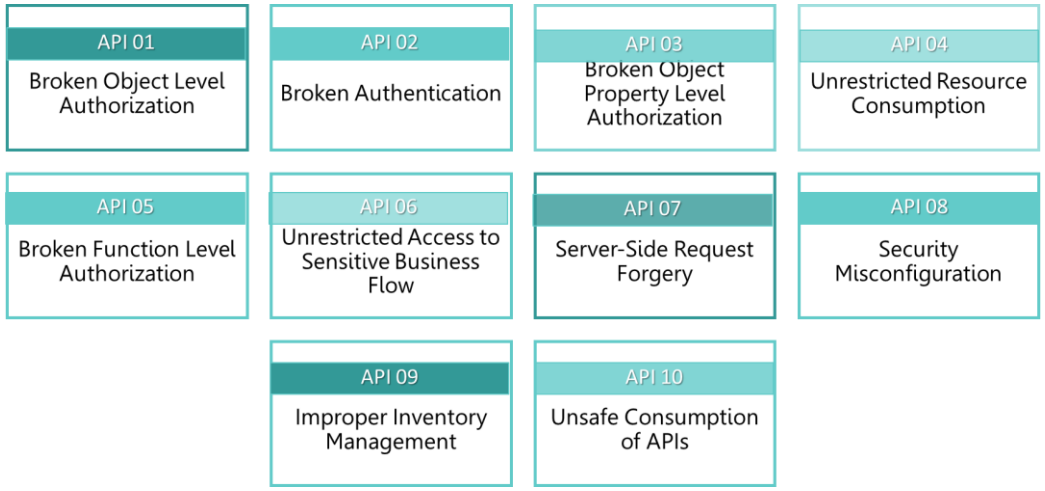

To reduce the risk of cybersecurity attacks, You should be aware of the following five main points:

- Authentication and Authorization
- Input Validation
- Data Protection
- API Rate Limiting
- Error Handling and Logging

4.3 : OWASP Mobile security

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Number of mobile apps analyzed by industry in 2023

	Technology ★	Financial service ★	Retail	Healthcare ⚠	Total
IOS apps	857	55	220	332	1,464
Android apps	355	69	252	277	953
Total mobile apps	1,212	124	472	609	2,417

Source: Coalfire 5th Annual Penetration Risk Report

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Privacy and security issues found in mobile app by industry in 2023

	Technology	Financial service	Retail	Healthcare	Total
Security Vulnerabilities	99%	100%	100%	98%	99%
Privacy Issues	79%	48%	73%	73%	68%

99%

of high-tech apps have at least 1 or more security risks

86%

of high-tech apps use dangerous permissions

42%

of high-tech apps use weak cryptography

Source: Coalfire 5th Annual Penetration Risk Report

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Risks and vulnerabilities found in mobile apps by industry in 2023

Item	Technology	Financial service	Retail	Healthcare	AVERAGE
Insecure network communication issues	**56%**	35%	48%	51%	**48%**
Insecure storage issues	32%	**48%**	**48%**	44%	**43%**
Weak cryptography issues	67%	83%	**88%**	69%	**77%**
Vulnerable outdate libraries found	40%	**60%**	**60%**	48%	**52%**
OpenSSL (number of vulnerable mobile apps)	9	2	**11**	5	**7**
Insecure code / debug issues	39%	55%	**63%**	39%	**49%**
Insecure code / permissions issues	28%	**54%**	53%	44%	**45%**
Lack of anti-tampering / resiliency	47%	**58%**	**58%**	48%	**53%**

Source: Coalfire 5th Annual Penetration Risk Report

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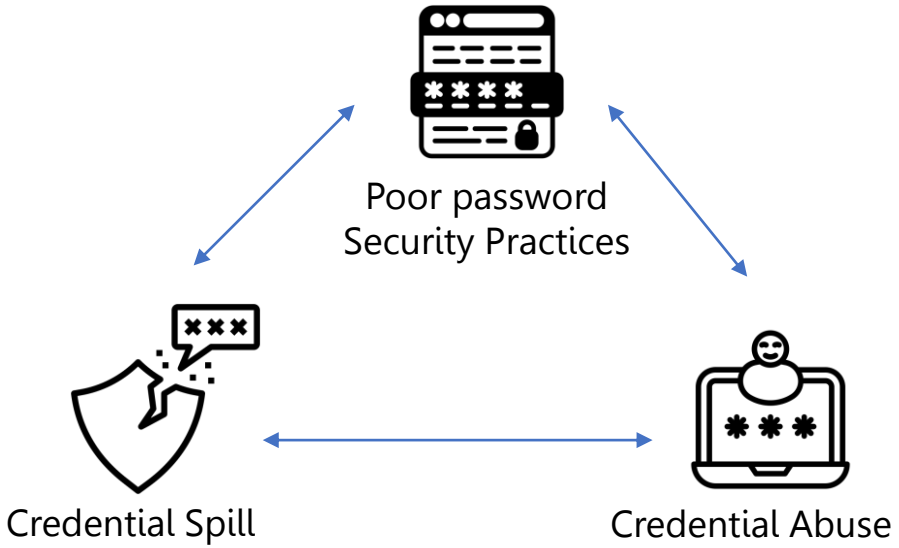
1. Improper Credential Usage

- **Hardcoded Credentials** - If the mobile app contains hardcoded credentials within the app's source code or any configuration files, this is a clear indicator of vulnerability.
- **Insecure Credential Transmission** - If credentials are transmitted without encryption or through insecure channels, this could indicate a vulnerability.
- **Insecure Credential Storage** - If the mobile app stores user credentials on the device in an insecure manner, this could represent a vulnerability.
- **Weak User Authentication** - If user authentication relies on weak protocols or allows for easy bypassing, this could be a sign of vulnerability.



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2. Inadequate Supply Chain Security

An attacker can manipulate application functionality by exploiting vulnerabilities in the mobile app supply chain.

This can lead to unauthorized data access or manipulation, denial of service, or complete takeover of the mobile app or device.

- **Lack of Security in Third-Party Components:** Third-party components, such as libraries or frameworks, can contain vulnerabilities that can be exploited by attackers. If the mobile application developer does not vet the third-party components properly or keep them updated, the application can be vulnerable to attacks.
- **Malicious Insider Threats:** Malicious insiders, such as a rogue developer or a supplier, can introduce vulnerabilities into the mobile application intentionally. This can occur if the developer does not implement adequate security controls and monitoring of the supply chain process.
- **Inadequate Testing and Validation:** If the mobile application developer does not test the application thoroughly, it can be vulnerable to attacks. The developer may also fail to validate the security of the supply chain process, leading to vulnerabilities in the application.
- **Lack of Security Awareness:** If the mobile application developer does not have adequate security awareness, they may not implement the necessary security controls to prevent supply chain attacks.

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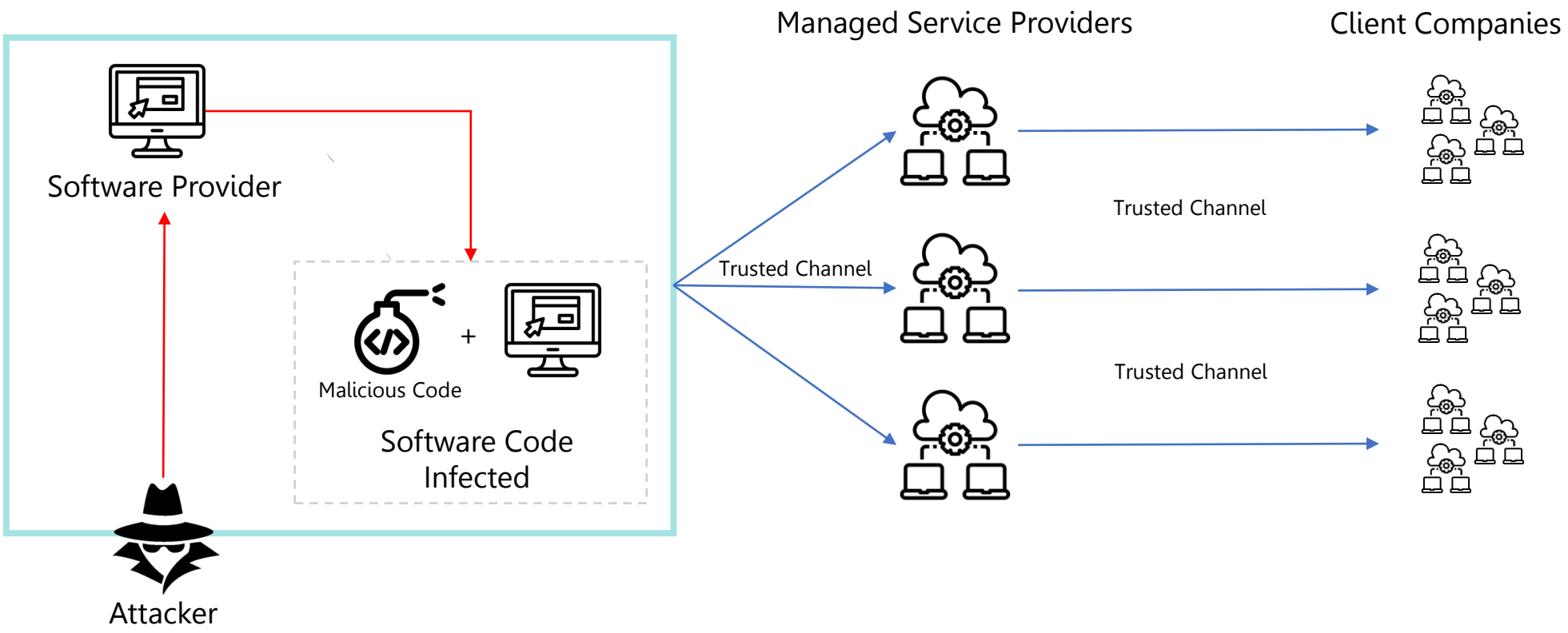

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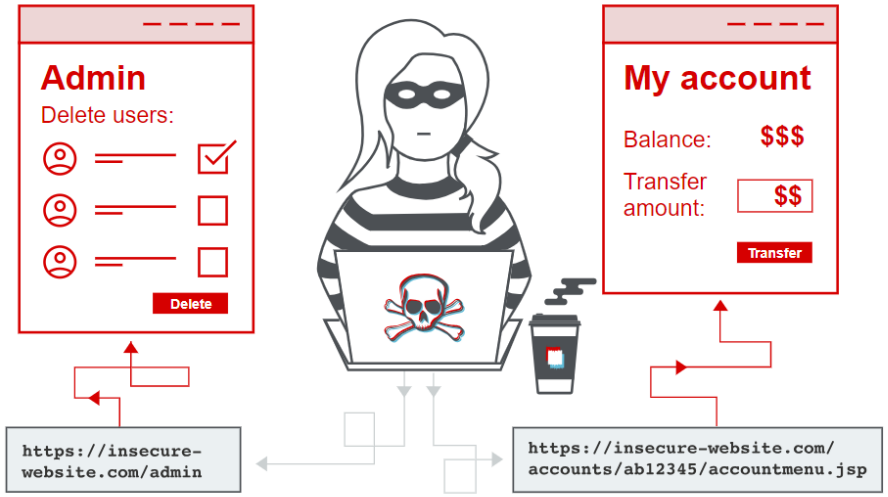
3. Insecure Authentication/Authorization

- **Presence of Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) vulnerabilities** - Noticing an IDOR vulnerability may suggest that the code isn't conducting a proper authorization check.
- **Hidden Endpoints** - Developers might neglect authorization checks on backend hidden functionality, assuming that the hidden functionality will only be accessed by a user with the appropriate role.
- **User Role or Permission Transmissions** - Should the mobile app transmit the user's roles or permissions to a backend system as part of a request, this could signal insecure authorization.



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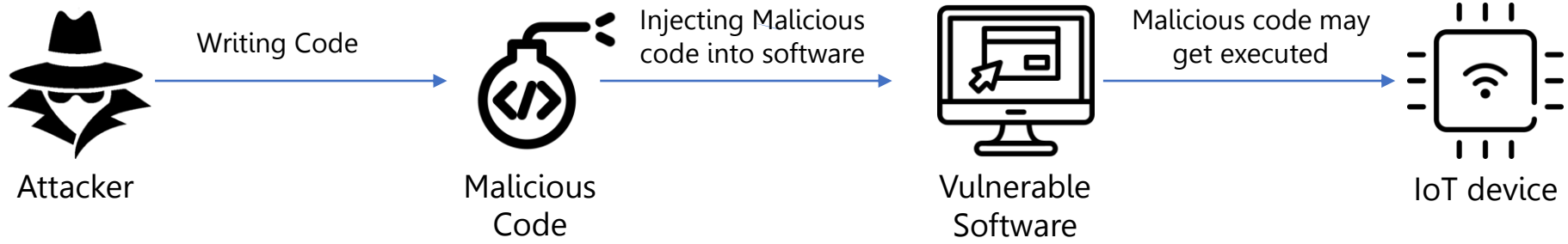
4. Insufficient Input/Output Validation

Insufficient validation and sanitization of data from external sources, such as user inputs or network data, in a mobile application can introduce severe security vulnerabilities. Mobile apps that fail to properly validate and sanitize such data are at risk of being exploited through attacks specific to mobile environments, including SQL injection, Command Injection, and cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks.

Inadequate output validation can result in data corruption or presentation vulnerabilities, allowing malicious actors to inject malicious code or manipulate sensitive information displayed to users.



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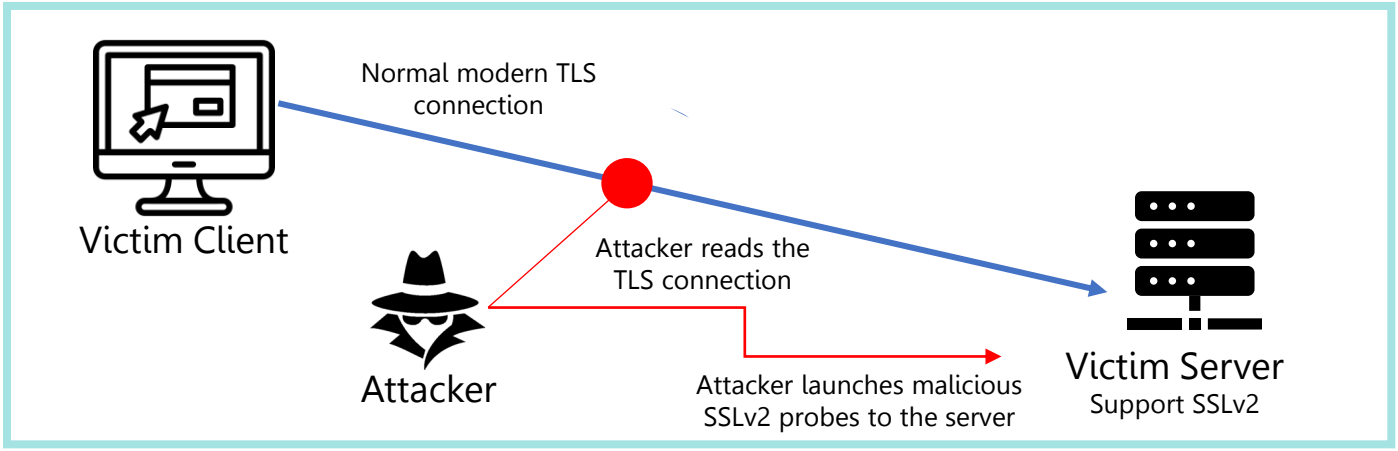
5. Insecure Communication

When the data transmission takes place, it typically goes through the mobile device's carrier network and the internet, a threat agent listening on the wire can intercept and modify the data if it transmitted in plaintext or using a deprecated encryption protocol. Threat agents might have different motives such as stealing sensitive information, conducting espionage, identity theft and more.

An adversary that shares your local network (compromised or monitored Wi-Fi);

Rogue carrier or network devices (routers, cell towers, proxy's, etc); or Malware on your mobile device.



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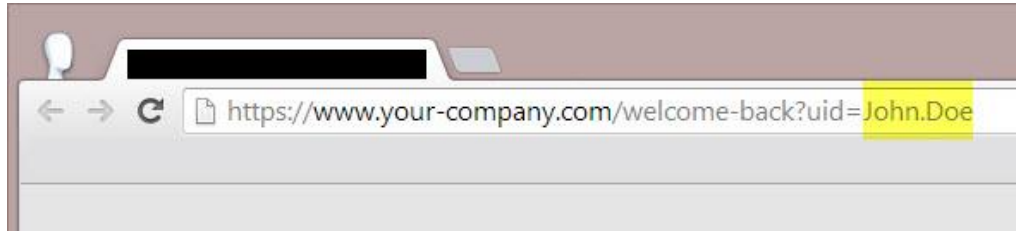
6. Inadequate Privacy Controls

Privacy controls are concerned with protecting Personally Identifiable Information (PII), e.g., names and addresses, credit card information, e-mail and IP addresses, information about health, religion, sexuality and political opinions.

- Insecure data storage and communication
- Data access with insecure authentication and authorization
- Insider attacks on the app's sandbox



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7. Insufficient Binary Protection

The binary could contain valuable secrets, such as commercial API keys or hardcoded cryptographic secrets that an attacker could misuse. In addition, the code in the binary could be valuable on its own, for example, because it contains critical business logic or pre-trained AI models. Some attackers might also not target the app itself but use it to explore potential weaknesses of the corresponding backend to prepare for an attack.

- collecting information
- manipulate app binaries to access paid features for free or to bypass other security checks
- modified to contain malicious code and be distributed via third-party app stores

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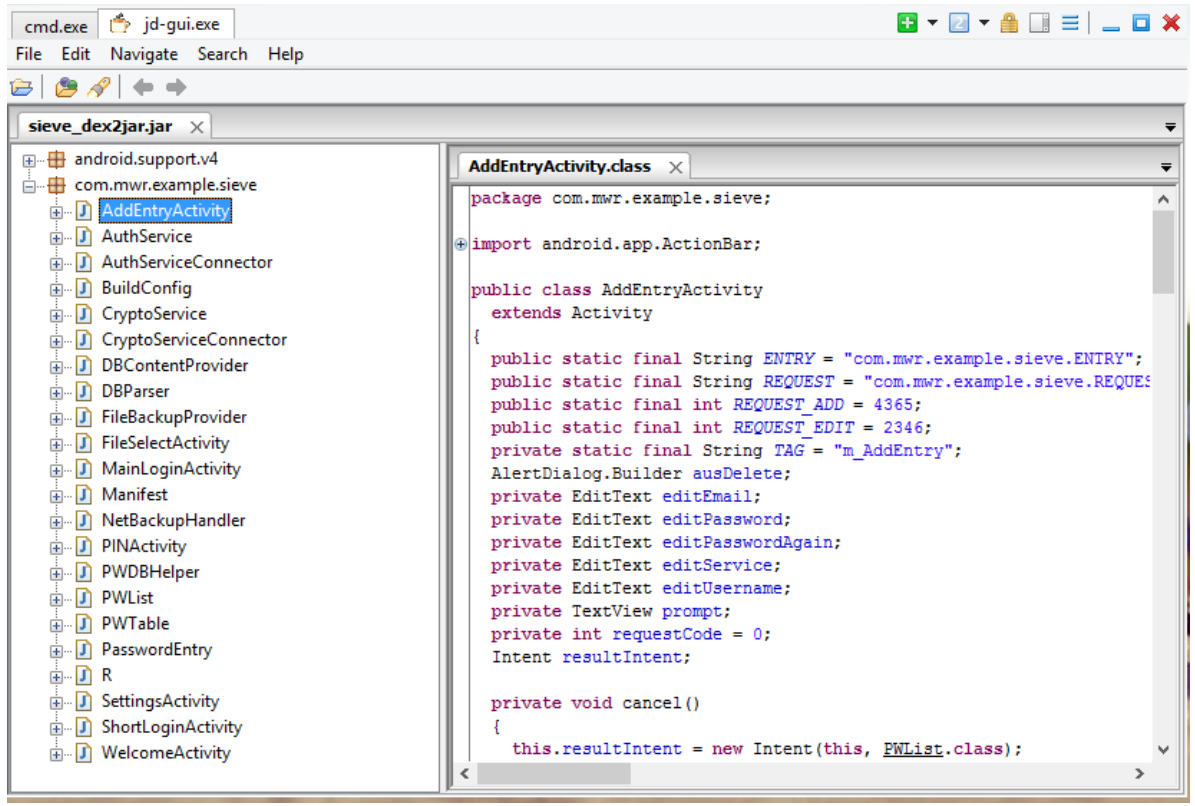

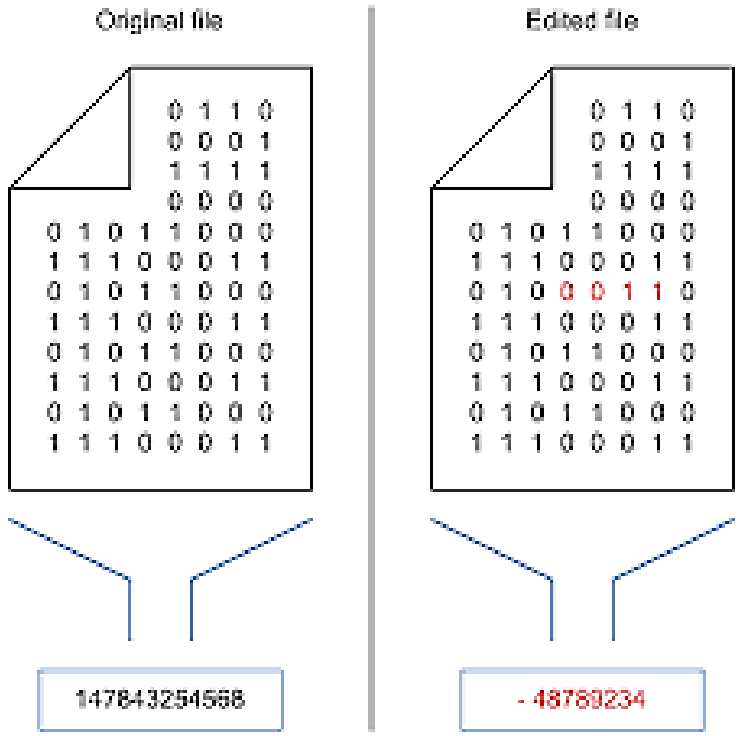

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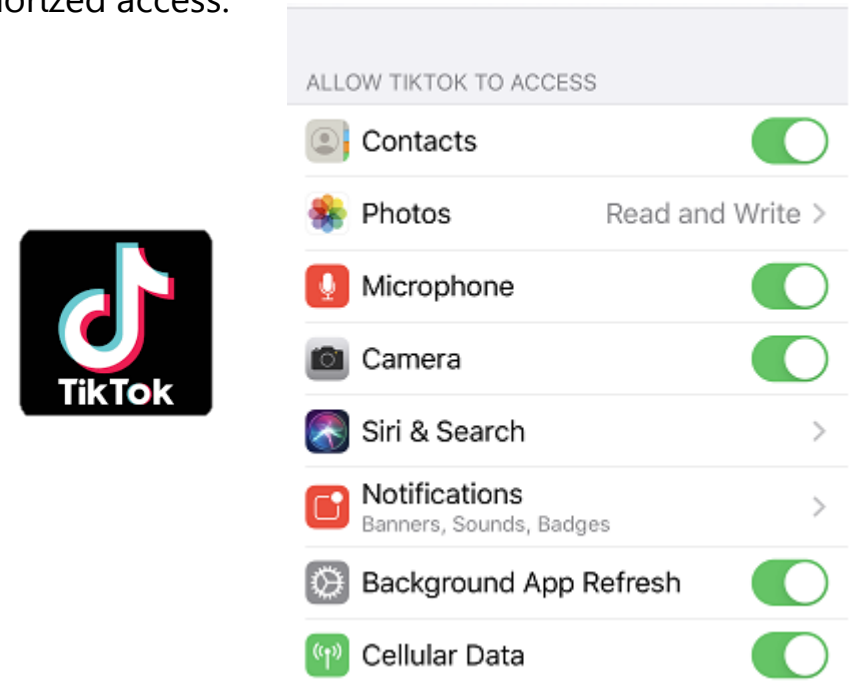
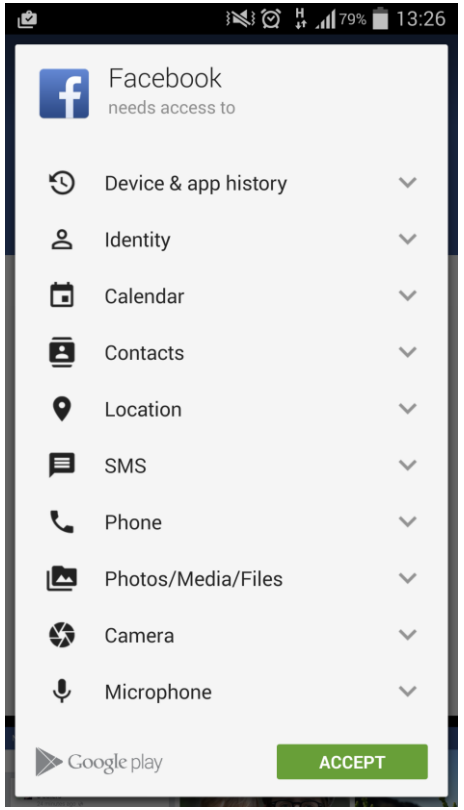
8. Security Misconfiguration

Security misconfiguration in mobile apps refers to the improper configuration of security settings, permissions, and controls that can lead to vulnerabilities and unauthorized access.





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9. Insecure Data Storage

Insecure data storage in a mobile application can attract various threat agents who aim to exploit the vulnerabilities and gain unauthorized access to sensitive information.

These threat agents exploit vulnerabilities like weak encryption, insufficient data protection, insecure data storage mechanisms, and improper handling of user credentials. It is crucial for mobile app developers and organizations to implement strong security measures, such as robust encryption, secure data storage practices, and adherence to best practices for mobile application security, to mitigate the risks associated with insecure data storage.

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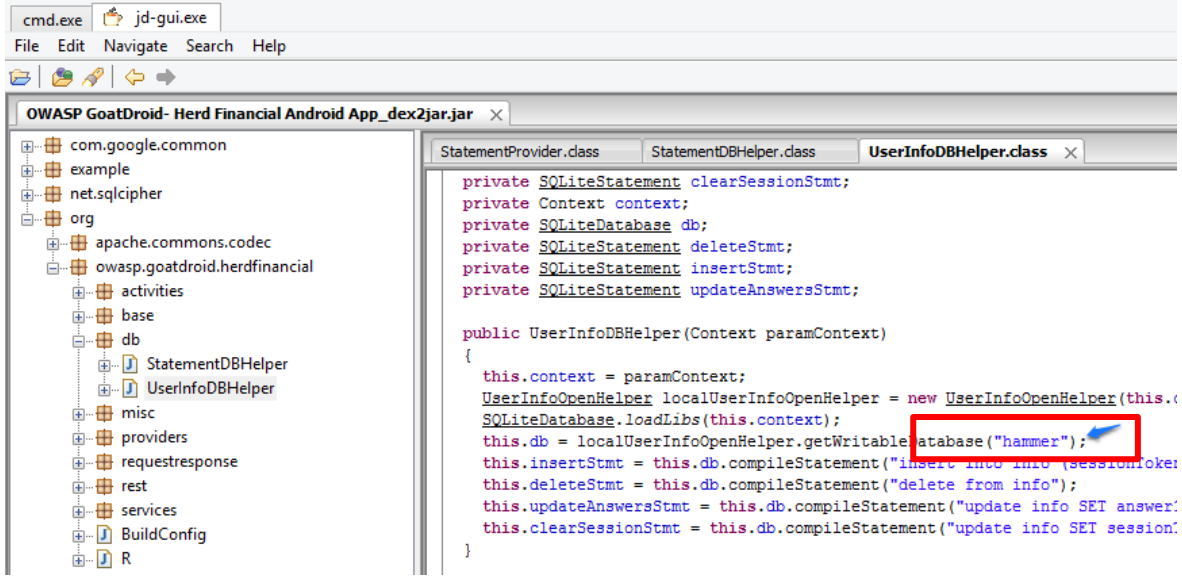
10. Insufficient Cryptography

Threat agents who exploit insecure cryptography in mobile applications can undermine the confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of sensitive information.

These threat agents include attackers who target cryptographic algorithms or implementations to decrypt sensitive data, malicious insiders who manipulate cryptographic processes or leak encryption keys, cybercriminals who exploit weak encryption to steal valuable data or conduct financial fraud, and attackers who leverage vulnerabilities in cryptographic protocols or libraries.



Mobile Security Keys Takeaway

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Proper Authentication and Authorization

Secure communication

Secure Data Storage

Components without known vulnerabilities

Preventing Reverse engineering

4.4 : OWASP Proactive Control

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The goal of the **OWASP Top 10 Proactive Controls project** (OPC) is to raise awareness about application security by describing the most important areas of concern that software developers must be aware of.

- C1: Define Security Requirements
- C2: Leverage Security Frameworks and Libraries
- C3: Secure Database Access
- C4: Encode and Escape Data
- C5: Validate All Inputs
- C6: Implement Digital Identity
- C7: Enforce Access Controls
- C8: Protect Data Everywhere
- C9: Implement Security Logging and Monitoring
- C10: Handle All Errors and Exceptions

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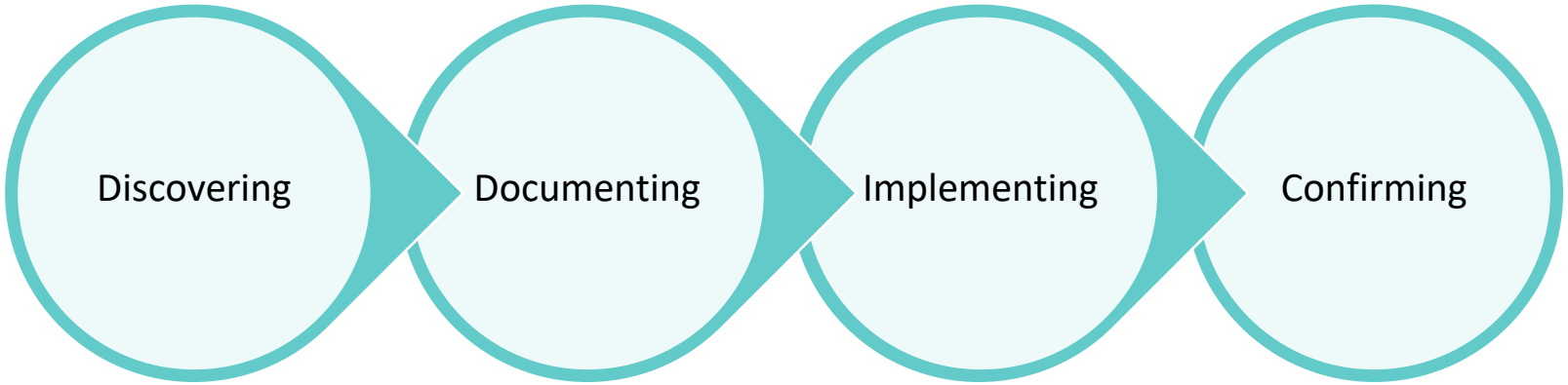
C1. Define Security Requirements

A security requirement is a statement of needed security functionality that ensures one of many different security properties of software is being satisfied. Security requirements are derived from industry standards, applicable laws, and a history of past vulnerabilities. Security requirements define new features or additions to existing features to solve a specific security problem or eliminate a potential vulnerability.

Successful use of security requirements involves four steps. The process includes discovering / selecting, documenting, implementing, and then confirming correct implementation of new security features and functionality within an application.



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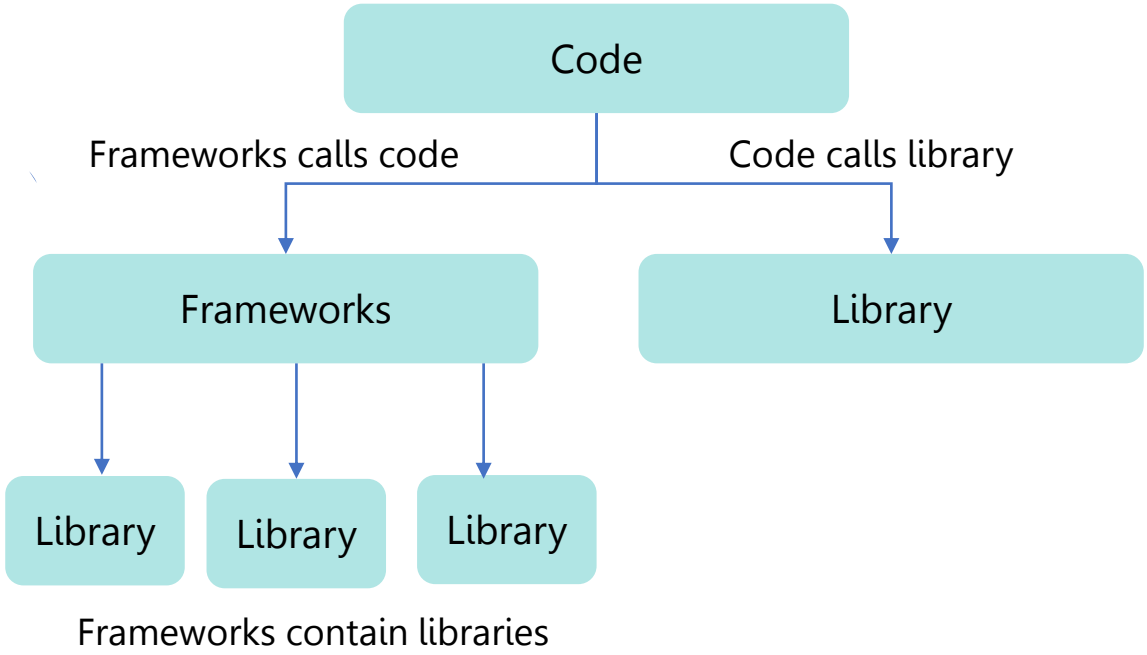
C2. Leverage Security Frameworks and Libraries

Secure coding libraries and software frameworks with embedded security help software developers guard against security-related design and implementation flaws. A developer writing an application from scratch might not have sufficient knowledge, time, or budget to properly implement or maintain security features. Leveraging security frameworks helps accomplish security goals more efficiently and accurately.



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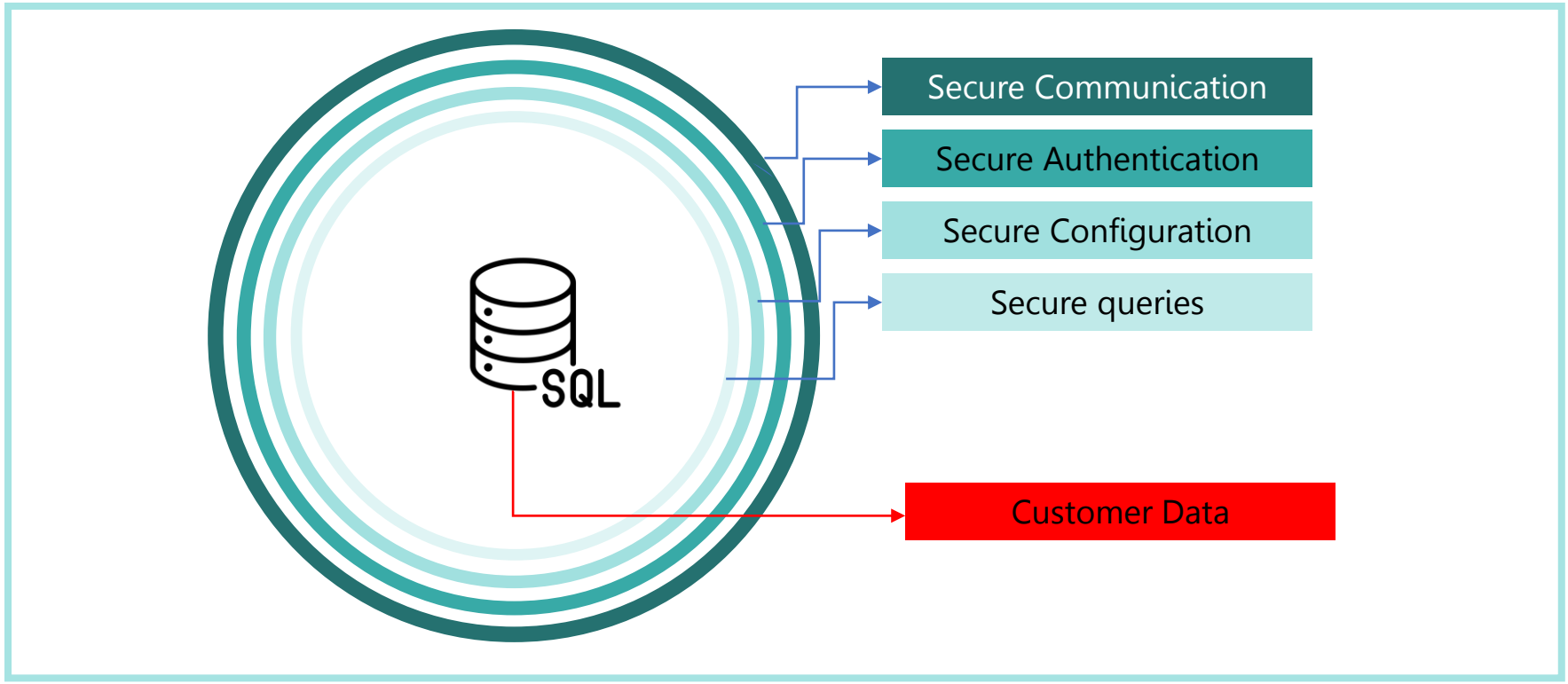
C3. Secure Database Access

This section describes secure access to all data stores, including both relational databases and NoSQL databases. Some areas to consider:



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C4. Encode and Escape Data

Encoding (commonly called "Output Encoding") involves translating special characters into some different but equivalent form that is no longer dangerous in the target interpreter,

Escaping involves adding a special character before the character/string to avoid it being misinterpreted, for example, adding a \ character before a " (double quote) character so that it is interpreted as text and not as closing a string.

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&	Amperand	&apm;	&
€	Cent	¢	¢
£	Pound	£	£
¥	yen	¥	¥

HTML Encode

 Hello "World"

↓

<**b**>**Hello**"**World**&quote;<**/b**>

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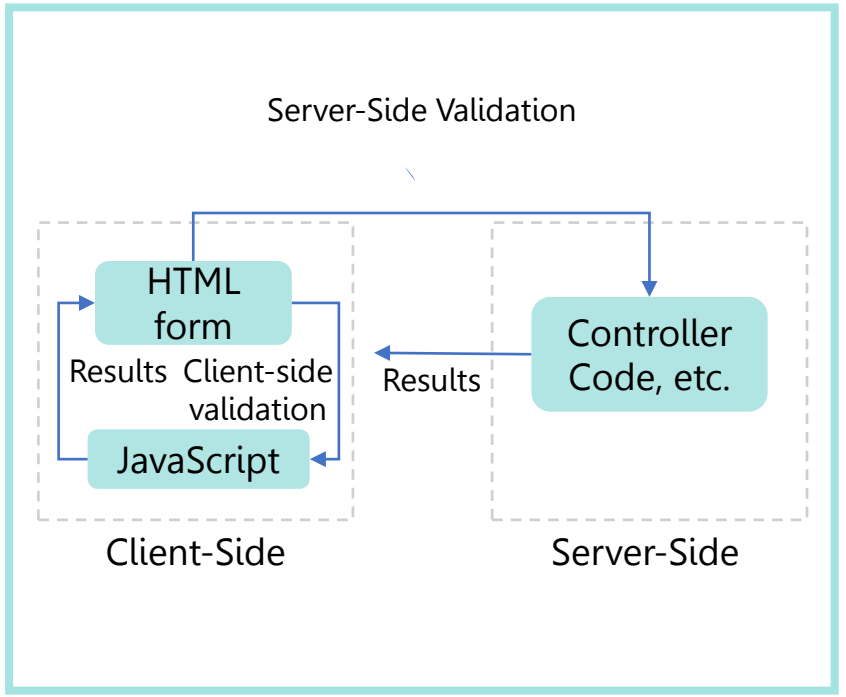
C5. Validate All Inputs

Input validation is a programming technique that ensures only properly formatted data may enter a software system component.

Input validation can be implemented using any programming technique that allows effective enforcement of syntactic and semantic correctness, for example:

- Data type
- Data format
- Minimum and maximum length for the data
- Allowed set of characters to be accepted
- Input validation must always be done on the server-side for security.



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C6. Implement Digital Identity

Digital Identity is the unique representation of a user (or other subject) as they engage in an online transaction.

Authentication is the process of verifying that an individual or entity is who they claim to be.

Session management is a process by which a server maintains the state of the users authentication so that the user may continue to use the system without re-authenticating.

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C6. Implement Digital Identity

Maturity Level 1	Maturity Level 2	Maturity Level 3
Password + Voice Password + SMS	MS authenticator passwordless Password + Hardware tokens OTP Password + authenticator number match Password + software tokens OTP	Certificate based authorization FIDO2 security key Windows Hello
+ Any method in Maturity Levels 2 & 3	+ Any method in Maturity Levels 3	

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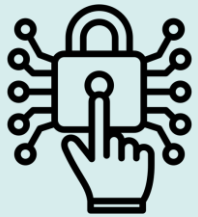
C7. Enforce Access Controls

Access Control (or Authorization) is the process of granting or denying *specific requests* from a user, program, or process. Access control also involves the act of *granting and revoking those privileges*.

Access Control Design Principles

Design Access Control Thoroughly Up Front	Force All Requests to Go Through Access Control Checks	Deny by Default	Principle of Least Privilege	Don't Hardcode Roles	Log All Access Control Events
					

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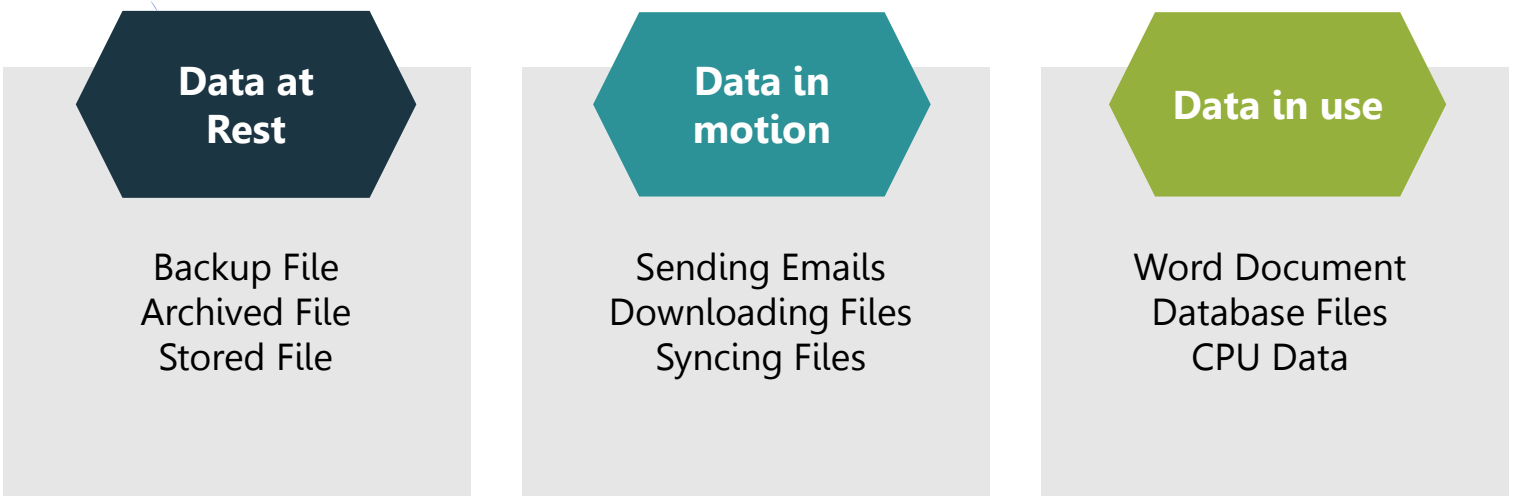
C8. Protect Data Everywhere

Sensitive data such as passwords, credit card numbers, health records, personal information and business secrets require extra protection, particularly if that data falls under privacy laws (EU's General Data Protection Regulation GDPR), financial data protection rules such as PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) or other regulations.

Attackers can steal data from web and webservice applications in a number of ways. For example, if sensitive information in sent over the internet without communications security, then an attacker on a shared wireless connection could see and steal another user's data. Also, an attacker could use SQL Injection to steal passwords and other credentials from an applications database and expose that information to the public.



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C9. Implement Security Logging and Monitoring

Logging is a concept that most developers already use for debugging and diagnostic purposes. Security logging is an equally basic concept: to log security information during the runtime operation of an application. Monitoring is the live review of application and security logs using various forms of automation. The same tools and patterns can be used for operations, debugging and security purposes.

Secure Logging Design

- Validate any dangerous characters
- Do not log sensitive information
- Protect log integrity
- Setup permission of log files
- Centralized monitoring.

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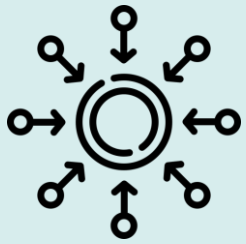
C10. Handle All Errors and Exceptions

Exception handling is a programming concept that allows an application to respond to different error states (like network down, or database connection failed, etc) in various ways. Handling exceptions and errors correctly is critical to making your code reliable and secure.

Recommendation for Handling Errors and Exceptions

Centralized Manage Exceptions	No Leak Critical Data	Enough Information	Carefully test and verify
			

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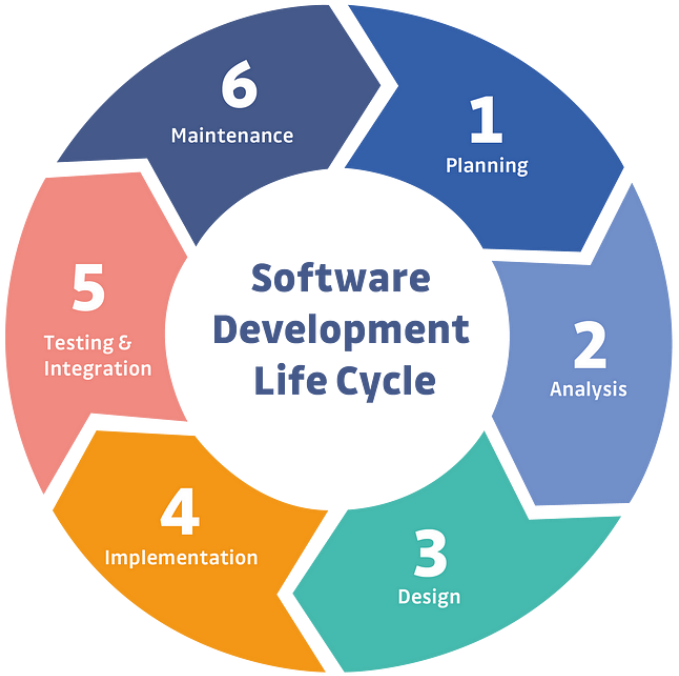
- Implement Strong Authentication
- Enforce Principle of Least Privilege
- Secure Data Everywhere
- Validate all data before processing
- Enough information for handling errors and logging



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What is the importance of Application Security?	What are the prevention and detection methods?	What strategic approaches can be employed for securing applications?	What methods can be used to identify and address existing threats and vulnerabilities?
Protect software applications from threats and vulnerabilities	firewall, DDos, WAF, Secure Coding, Authentication, Authorization, etc.	STRIDE, PASTA, TRIKE, VAST, Persona non grata, LINDDUN, etc.	OWASP and CVE