

**Practices for Secure Software Report** 

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### Client



#### Instructions

Submit this completed practices for secure software report. Replace the bracketed text with the relevant information. You must document your process for writing secure communications and refactoring code that complies with software security testing protocols.

- Respond to the steps outlined below and include your findings.
- Respond using your own words. You may also choose to include images or supporting materials. If you include them, make certain to insert them in all the relevant locations in the document.
- Refer to the Project Two Guidelines and Rubric for more detailed instructions about each section of the template.

### Developer

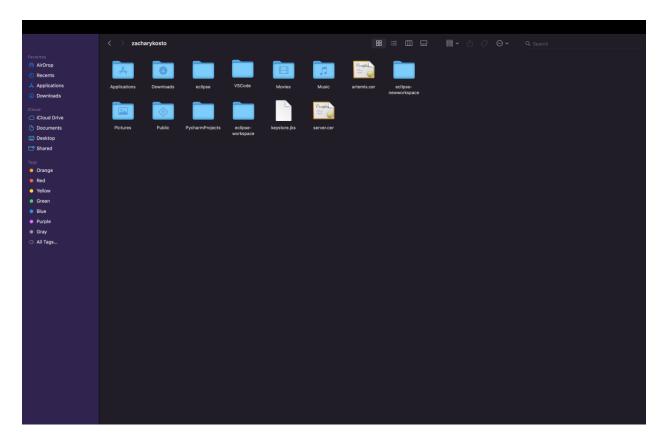
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# 1. Algorithm Cipher

For Artemis Financial's data security, I implemented the SHA-256 cryptographic hash algorithm. SHA-256 is part of the SHA-2 family and is widely used for file verification due to its resistance to collisions.

### 2. Certificate Generation

Insert a screenshot below of the CER file.



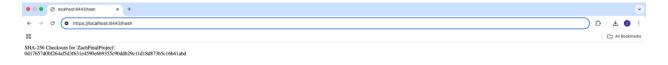
## 3. Deploy Cipher

Insert a screenshot below of the checksum verification.



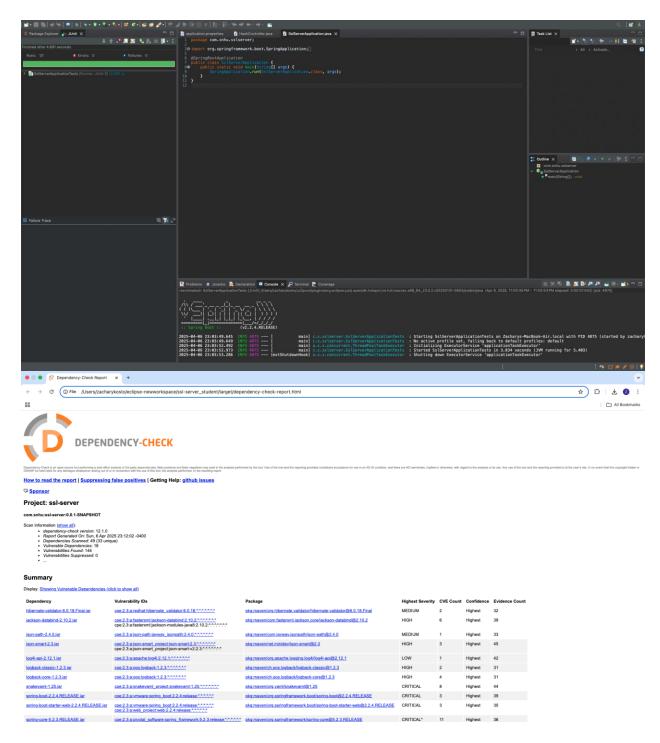
### 4. Secure Communications

Insert a screenshot below of the web browser that shows a secure webpage.



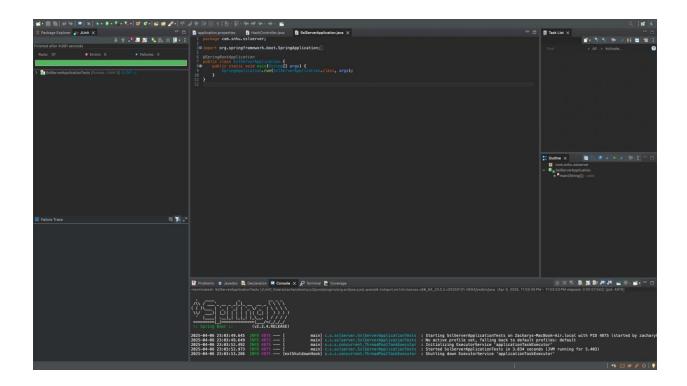
## 5. Secondary Testing

Insert screenshots below of the refactored code executed without errors and the dependency-check report.



### 6. Functional Testing

Insert a screenshot below of the refactored code executed without errors.



### 7. Summary

To improve Artemis Financial's software security, I refactored the original codebase by adding encryption and secure communication features. I implemented SHA-256 for checksum verification and used Java Keytool to generate a self-signed certificate. I configured HTTPS using the keystore and updated the application properties to support secure communication on port 8443. I verified the secure /hash endpoint worked correctly and returned a valid checksum. I also ran a static code analysis using the Maven dependency-check plug-in to ensure that my changes did not introduce new vulnerabilities. The results confirmed that all added functionality operated securely and as intended.

### 8. Industry Standard Best Practices

Throughout the project, I followed industry best practices for secure coding. I used strong cryptographic algorithms like SHA-256 and applied certificate-based HTTPS to protect data in transit. I kept security credentials out of the code and configured them through application.properties, as recommended. Before deployment, I ran automated vulnerability scans using OWASP's Maven plugin to identify potential issues. These practices help reduce security risks and build trust with users by ensuring sensitive financial data is protected. They also align with secure development lifecycle (SDLC) standards used by modern software teams.