

# Secure Coding Dojo

Making Software Security Training Fun



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# About me

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# Why Software Security Training Matters?

- **Awareness** - Get development on your side
- **Prevention** - Works before the code is written
- **Coverage** – Empower development teams to conduct security activities
- **Visibility** – Can't know everything that is being built, but your development advocates will let you know when they need your help
- Software Security Training is the **first and most important step** in the AppSec journey

# Quiz Time!

The 3 ways of DevOps are: Systems Thinking, Amplify Feedback Loops and \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Implement A/B Testing
- b) Site Reliability Engineering
- c) Integrated Project Management
- d) Culture of Continual Experimentation and Learning

*Software **Security** Learning is  
fundamental to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Way of  
**DevSecOps***

# Challenges Teaching Software Security

- Presentations can be boring and the information does not persist after the training is over
- What if someone was sick, missed the training...**will they really watch the recording?**  
How about new hires? How about remote teams?
  - Do you ever find yourself drifting into your e-mail while watching a recording?
- Engaging presenters can be very effective but **not all security people are engaging presenters**
- **Difficult to collect metrics** and understand organization coverage from a presentation



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# Gamification of Training

- Developers love **puzzles and games**
- Games **stimulate the mind**, removing boredom
- **Competitions** drive increased adoption
- **Learn by doing.** If the participants conduct a Cross-Site Scripting attack they understand it better.



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# Can you find the Cross-Site Scripting?

Q4: The following example is showing the use of a JavaScript parameterized statement. Can you spot the snippet that leverages this best practice?

```
$get("/profile", function(data, status){  
    if(data!=null){  
        var dataArgs = data.split(",");  
        if(dataArgs.length > 1){  
            var displayName = dataArgs[0];  
            setTimeout(`showProfile('${displayName}')`, 1000);  
        }  
    }  
});
```

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Taken from one of the Dojo challenges

# Capture the Flag

- **Capture the Flag (CTF)** - events where security professionals prove their skills by hacking vulnerable systems
- OWASP **vulnerable software/CTF projects** –Dev Slop, Juice Shop, Security Shepherd, Web Goat
- CTFs are great for AppSec professionals and pen-testers, **not a good fit for development**
  - Developers that enjoy CTFs, < 30% of the organization
  - In some CTFs **not everyone gets the same experience**, participants join teams and each picks a different challenge
  - **CTFs focus on challenge difficulty**, not on teaching concepts. You may have a CTF with 10 challenges but three different XSS levels, four different authentication levels, and three more injection levels. Does not cover all software security flaws

# Requirements

- Provide detailed information about software **weaknesses, attacks and defenses**.
- Practice the attacks just like in a CTF challenge, but the **attacks would be easy to conduct**
  - No special tools needed, **only a browser**
- Comprehensive training curriculum based on **SANS Top 25** and **OWASP Top 10**
- **Self-paced**, complete one lesson at a time, based on availability
- **Always available**, new developers joining the team could take the training as an on-boarding activity
- Leaderboard, the **training would be a game**. Multiple levels, awards, badges.

# Welcome to Secure Coding School!

- Inspired from Karate
- Started in 2017
- Open Source, Apache 2 License
- 3 Different Learning Modules
  - Black Belt (2017)
  - Second Degree Black Belt (2018)
  - Security Code Review Master (2019)
- 34 lessons



# Training Material

- **Black Belt**
  - This module is based on the SANS Top 25 - Most Dangerous Software Flaws. Lessons are entry level difficulty aimed at introducing the concepts of vulnerability, exploit and software defense.
- **Second Degree Black Belt**
  - CTF like module, based on OWASP Top 10 (v2017). Participants take down the cloud applications used in a worldwide malware campaign.
- **Security Code Review Master**
  - Developers learn to apply security elements to code review.

# Training Syllabus – Black Belt (Insecure.Inc)

Challenge Name	SANS 25 CWE(s)	OWASP Top 10 2017	PCI-DSS Req. 6
Yellow Belt : Missing Authentication for Critical Function	CWE 306	A2	6.5.10, 6.5.8
Yellow Belt : Reliance on Untrusted Inputs in a Security Decision	CWE 807	A2; A5	6.5.10, 6.5.8
Yellow Belt : Missing Authorization	CWE 862	A5	6.5.10
Orange Belt : Missing Encryption of Sensitive Data	CWE 311	A3	6.5.3, 6.5.4
Orange Belt : Use of a Broken or Risky Cryptographic Algorithm	CWE 327	A3	6.5.3, 6.5.4
Orange Belt : Use of a One-Way Hash without a Salt	CWE 759	A3	6.5.3, 6.5.4
Green Belt : Password Guessing Attack	CWE 307; CWE 798	A2	6.5.10
Green Belt : Integer Overflow or Wraparound	CWE 190	N/A	N/A
Green Belt : Download of Code Without Integrity Check	CWE 494	N/A	N/A
Purple Belt : URL Redirection to Untrusted Site ('Open Redirect')	CWE 601	N/A	N/A
Purple Belt : Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting') and related flaws	CWE 79; CWE 829	A7	6.5.7
Purple Belt : Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	CWE 352	N/A	6.5.9

Challenge Name	SANS 25 CWE(s)	OWASP Top 10 2017	PCI-DSS Req. 6
Blue Belt : Unrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type	CWE 434	N/A	6.5.8
Blue Belt : Improper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference ('XXE')	CWE 611	A4	6.5.1
Blue Belt : Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal')	CWE 22	A5	6.5.8
Brown Belt : Incorrect Authorization	CWE 863	A5	6.5.4
Brown Belt : Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection') and related flaws	CWE 78; CWE 250; CWE 732	A1	6.5.1
Brown Belt : Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')	CWE 89	A1	6.5.1, 6.5.5
Black Belt : Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow') and related flaws	CWE 120; CWE 676	N/A	6.5.2
Black Belt : Use of Externally-Controlled Format String	CWE 134	N/A	N/A
Black Belt : Quiz	All of the above	All of the above	All of the above

# **Demo - Lesson Experience**

**Black Belt – Buffer Overflow Challenge**



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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt (Hacker's Den)

Challenge Name	SANS 25 CWE(s)	OWASP Top 10 2017	PCI-DSS Req. 6
Security Misconfiguration	N/A	A6	N/A
Sensitive Data Exposure	CWE 311; CWE 327; CWE 759	A3	6.5.3, 6.5.4
Broken Authentication & Broken Access Control	CWE 306; CWE 862	A2; A5	6.5.10, 6.5.8
Cross-Site Scripting	CWE 79	A7	6.5.7
Injection	CWE 78	A1	6.5.1
XML External Entities	CWE 611	A4	6.5.1
Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities & Insecure Deserialization	CWE 509	A8; A9	6.5.1

# Training Syllabus – Security Code Review Master

Challenge Name	SANS 25 CWE(s)	OWASP Top 10 2017	PCI-DSS Req. 6
Input Validation	Various	Various	Various
Parameterized Statements	CWE 78; CWE 89;	A1	6.5.1
Memory Best Practices	CWE 120; CWE 131; CWE 193; CWE 134	N/A	6.5.2
Protecting Data	CWE 311; CWE 312; CWE 759; CWE 319; CWE 327	A3	6.5.3, 6.5.4
Preventing Cross-Site Scripting	CWE 79;	A7	6.5.7
Indirect Object References	CWE 22; CWE 601	A5	6.5.8

# **Demo - Lesson Experience**

Security Code Review Master – Memory Best Practices



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# Managing Security Training for a Large Org.

- Authentication with LDAP/SAML
  - The Dojo integrates with ADFS SAML, LDAP, Slack Auth, Google Auth
- Dashboards and metrics
  - Team stats and overall organization stats
- Reports
  - Generate completion status reports based on a CSV

Module Name	Player Count
Black Belt	2176
Second Degree Black Belt	726
Security Code Review Master	249

# Demo – Teams and Reports



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# Running the Secure Coding Dojo

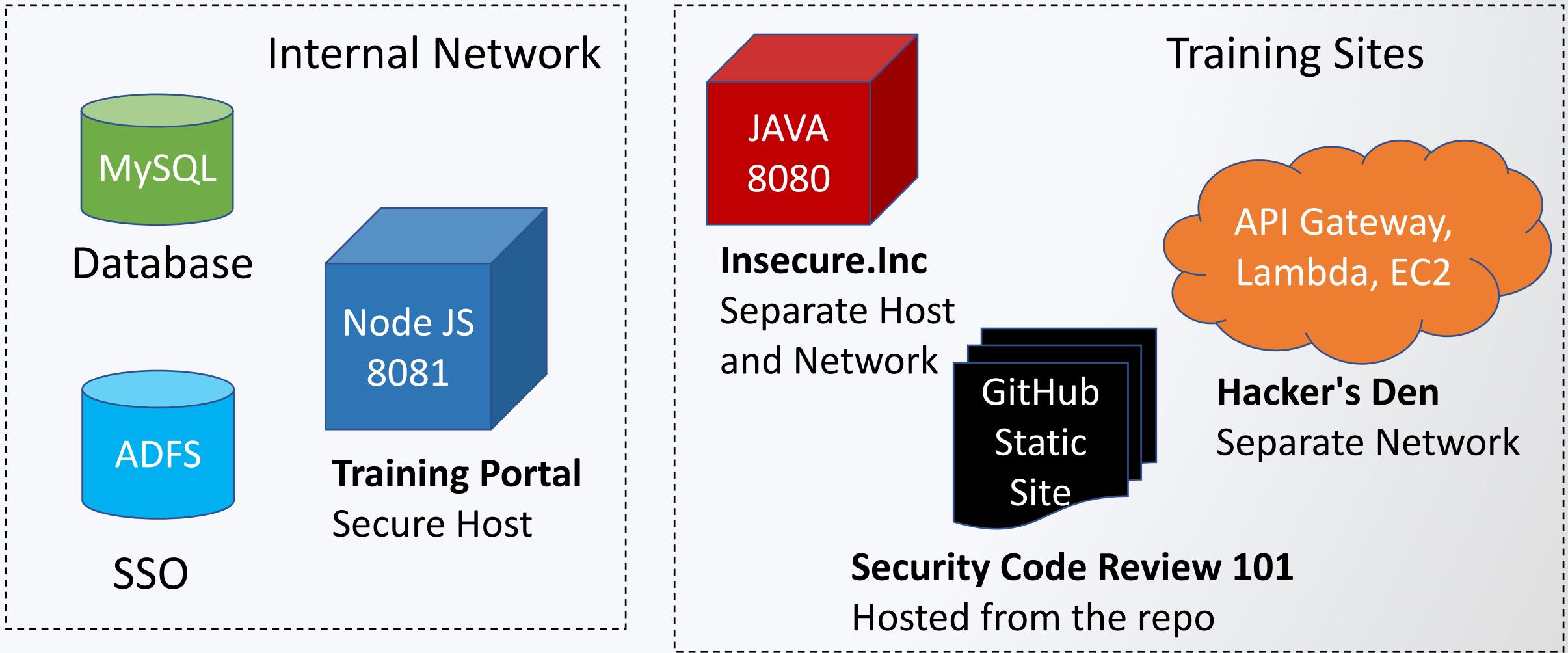
- Really easy with docker. Docker images are published under:  
<https://hub.docker.com/u/securecodingdojo>

- Quick setup:

```
git clone https://github.com/trendmicro/SecureCodingDojo.git  
export DATA_DIR = ~/dojofiles  
docker-compose up
```

- Production config, building your own VM and more on the project  
wiki: <https://github.com/trendmicro/SecureCodingDojo/wiki>

# Secure Coding Dojo Deployment



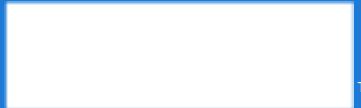
# Future Plans

- More participation
- Translations
- Investigate Integrations with other OWASP vulnerable applications: Juice Shop, Dev Slop
- Containerization of Second Degree Black Belt
- New modules
- Roles
- Reporting

# Contribute

- Use the Dojo!
- Pull requests are welcome!  
<https://github.com/trendmicro/SecureCodingDojo>
- Twitter: [@SecureCodeDojo](#)
- OWASP Global Slack: [#secure-coding-dojo](#)

# Q&A



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