**Green Pace Developer: Security Policy Guide Template**



# Green Pace Secure Development Policy

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## Overview

Software development at Green Pace requires consistent implementation of secure principles to all developed applications. Consistent approaches and methodologies must be maintained through all policies that are uniformly defined, implemented, governed, and maintained over time.

## Purpose

This policy defines the core security principles; C/C++ coding standards; authorization, authentication, and auditing standards; and data encryption standards. This article explains the differences between policy, standards, principles, and practices (guidelines and procedure): [Understanding the Hierarchy of Principles, Policies, Standards, Procedures, and Guidelines](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/understanding-hierarchy-principles-policies-standards-wally-beddoe/).

## Scope

This document applies to all staff that create, deploy, or support custom software at Green Pace.

## Module Three Milestone

### Ten Core Security Principles

| **Principles** | Write a short paragraph explaining each of the 10 principles of security. |
| --- | --- |
| 1. ValidateInput Data | Input validation is a check applied to input that makes sure the information entered matches the expected format. This prevents unexpected data from being entered as input that could be used maliciously, for example as a SQL injection attack. |
| 1. Heed Compiler Warnings | Compiler warnings can show issues with code that would otherwise be overlooked. Set the compiler to a high warning level setting and don’t ignore warnings as they come. |
| 1. Architect and Design for Security Policies | Security is important to each level of development and should be factored into decision-making from the very start of the project. Best practices in programming and coding include utilizing security methods and keeping it top-of-mind every step of the way. This should also include protocols set ahead of time for any deviations from security policy. |
| 1. Keep It Simple | Clean, concise code is easier to protect because it leaves less room for errors, so developers should make sure not to overthink their code and make it harder to secure. |
| 1. Default Deny | Default deny means to deny access to everything that has not been given access ahead of time. Protocols will be put in place beforehand to grant access. |
| 1. Adhere to the Principle of Least Privilege | Least privilege means that users are only granted access to the things they need to have. This ensures that a compromised account has a limited amount of potential damage. |
| 1. Sanitize Data Sent to Other Systems | Data sanitization is the process of disposing of old data that is no longer needed. You should only keep what you need to have, and delete data in a timely manner once it is no longer useful (this reduces the risk of hackers gaining access to sensitive data, such as credit card information). |
| 1. Practice Defense in Depth | Defense in depth is the practice of adding multiple layers of defense for a network or system to protect it from malicious attackers. The hope is that if a hacker is able to get through one layer, they will be thwarted by the next layer and unable to get through the various methods of protection. |
| 1. Use Effective Quality Assurance Techniques | QA techniques help identify vulnerabilities and weaknesses to help strengthen the security of code. This may involve acting on compiler warnings, using assertions, and penetration testing (black box, white box, gray box). |
| 1. Adopt a Secure Coding Standard | Adopting a secure coding standard helps ensure that all developers are taking the necessary precautions to protect their code. For example, each programming language has its own set of security techniques to implement, but there are also practices that apply to any language that a programmer should use. Having a set standard helps guide the developer’s choices and to follow best coding practices throughout development. |

### C/C++ Ten Coding Standards

Complete the coding standards portion of the template according to the Module Three milestone requirements. In Project One, follow the instructions to add a layer of security to the existing coding standards. Please start each standard on a new page, as they may take up more than one page. The first seven coding standards are labeled by category. The last three are blank so you may choose three additional standards. Be sure to label them by category and give them a sequential number for that category. Add compliant and noncompliant sections as needed to each coding standard.

#### Coding Standard 1

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Data Type** | STD-001-CPP | Do not cast to an out-of-range enumeration value. |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| This noncompliant code example attempts to check whether a given value is within the range of acceptable enumeration values. However, it is doing so after casting to the enumeration type, which may not be able to represent the given integer value. On a two's complement system, the valid range of values that can be represented by EnumType are [0..3], so if a value outside of that range were passed to f(), the cast to EnumType would result in an unspecified value, and using that value within the if statement results in unspecified behavior. |
| **enum** EnumType {    First,    Second,    Third  };    **void** f(**int** intVar) {    EnumType enumVar = **static\_cast**<EnumType>(intVar);    **if** (enumVar < First || enumVar > Third) {      // Handle error    }  } |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| This compliant solution checks that the value can be represented by the enumeration type before performing the conversion to guarantee the conversion does not result in an unspecified value. It does this by restricting the converted value to one for which there is a specific enumerator value. |
| **enum** EnumType {    First,    Second,    Third  };    **void** f(**int** intVar) {  **if** (intVar < First || intVar > Third) {      // Handle error    }    EnumType enumVar = **static\_cast**<EnumType>(intVar);  } |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Validate input, adopt a secure coding standard. The code is checking to see if the data value can be represented by the enumeration type and this process is part of a secure coding standard. |
| --- |

**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Medium | Unlikely | Medium | P4 | L3 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Axivion Bauhaus Suite | 7.2.0 | CertC++-INT50 |  |
| CodeSonar | 7.1p0 | LANG.CAST.COERCE  LANG.CAST.VALUE | Coercion Alters Value  Cast Alters Value |
| Helix QAC | 2022.3 | C++3013 |  |
| Parasoft C/C++test | 2022.1 | CERT\_CPP-INT50-a | An expression with enum underlying type shall only have values corresponding to the enumerators of the enumeration |

#### Coding Standard 2

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Data Value** | STD-002-CPP | Do not declare or define a reserved identifier. |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| A common practice is to use a macro in a preprocessor conditional that guards against multiple inclusions of a header file. While this is a recommended practice, many programs use reserved names as the header guards. Such a name may clash with reserved names defined by the implementation of the C++ standard template library in its headers or with reserved names implicitly predefined by the compiler even when no C++ standard library header is included. |
| #ifndef \_MY\_HEADER\_H\_  #define \_MY\_HEADER\_H\_    // Contents of <my\_header.h>    #endif // \_MY\_HEADER\_H\_ |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| This compliant solution avoids using leading or trailing underscores in the name of the header guard. |
| #ifndef MY\_HEADER\_H  #define MY\_HEADER\_H    // Contents of <my\_header.h>    #endif // MY\_HEADER\_H |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Architect and design for security policies, adopt a secure coding standard. This code ensures that there isn’t a clash in names used as header guards, and this process is part of a secure coding standard |
| --- |

**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Low | Unlikely | Low | P3 | L3 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Astrée | 20.10 | reserved-identifier | Partially checked |
| Clang | 3.9 | -Wreserved-id-macro  -Wuser-defined-literals | The -Wreserved-id-macro flag is not enabled by default or with -Wall, but is enabled with -Weverything. This flag does not catch all instances of this rule, such as redefining reserved names. |
| CodeSonar | 7.1p0 | LANG.ID.NU.MK  LANG.STRUCT.DECL.RESERVED | Macro name is C keyword  Declaration of reserved name |
| LDRA tool suite | 9.7.1 | 86 S, 218 S, 219 S, 580 S | Fully implemented |

#### Coding Standard 3

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **String Correctness** | STD-003-CPP | Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator. |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| Because the input is unbounded, the following code could lead to a buffer overflow. |
| #include <iostream>    **void** f() {  **char** buf[12];    std::cin >> buf;  } |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| The best solution for ensuring that data is not truncated and for guarding against buffer overflows is to use std::string instead of a bounded array, as in this compliant solution. |
| #include <iostream>  #include <string>    **void** f() {    std::string input;    std::string stringOne, stringTwo;    std::cin >> stringOne >> stringTwo;  } |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Validate input, heed compiler warnings, architect and design for security policies, and keep it simple. |
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**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| High | Likely | Medium | P18 | L1 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CodeSonar | 7.1p0 | MISC.MEM.NTERM  LANG.MEM.BO  LANG.MEM.TO | No space for null terminator  Buffer overrun  Type overrun |
| LDRA tool suite | 9.7.1 | 489 S, 66 X, 70 X, 71 X | Partially implemented |
| Parasoft C/C++test | 2022.1 | CERT\_CPP-STR50-b  CERT\_CPP-STR50-c  CERT\_CPP-STR50-e  CERT\_CPP-STR50-f  CERT\_CPP-STR50-g | Avoid overflow due to reading a not zero terminated string  Avoid overflow when writing to a buffer  Prevent buffer overflows from tainted data  Avoid buffer write overflow from tainted data  Do not use the 'char' buffer to store input from 'std::cin' |
| Polyspace Bug Finder | R2022b | CERT C++: STR50-CPP | Checks for:   * Use of dangerous standard function * Missing null in string array * Buffer overflow from incorrect string format specifier * Destination buffer overflow in string manipulation * Insufficient destination buffer size   Rule partially covered. |

#### Coding Standard 4

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **SQL Injection** | STD-004-CLG | Sanitize data passed to complex subsystems. |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| Data sanitization requires an understanding of the data being passed and the capabilities of the subsystem. John Viega and Matt Messier provide an example of an application that inputs an email address to a buffer and then uses this string as an argument in a call to system() [Viega 2003]: |
| **sprintf**(buffer, "/bin/mail %s < /tmp/email", addr);  **system**(buffer); |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| It is necessary to ensure that all valid data is accepted, while potentially dangerous data is rejected or sanitized. Doing so can be difficult when valid characters or sequences of characters also have special meaning to the subsystem and may involve validating the data against a grammar. In cases where there is no overlap, whitelisting can be used to eliminate dangerous characters from the data.  The whitelisting approach to data sanitization is to define a list of acceptable characters and remove any character that is not acceptable. The list of valid input values is typically a predictable, well-defined set of manageable size. This compliant solution, based on the tcp\_wrappers package written by Wietse Venema, shows the whitelisting approach: |
| **static** **char** ok\_chars[] = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"                           "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"                           "1234567890\_-.@";  **char** user\_data[] = "Bad char 1:} Bad char 2:{";  **char** \*cp = user\_data; /\* Cursor into string \*/  **const** **char** \*end = user\_data + **strlen**( user\_data);  **for** (cp += **strspn**(cp, ok\_chars); cp != end; cp += **strspn**(cp, ok\_chars)) {    \*cp = '\_';  } |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Validate input, sanitize data sent to other systems. |
| --- |

**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| High | Likely | Medium | P18 | L1 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CodeSonar | 7.1p0 | IO.INJ.COMMAND  IO.INJ.FMT  IO.INJ.LDAP  IO.INJ.LIB  IO.INJ.SQL  IO.UT.LIB  IO.UT.PROC | Command injection  Format string injection  LDAP injection  Library injection  SQL injection  Untrusted Library Load  Untrusted Process Creation |
| Coverity | 6.5 | TAINTED\_STRING | Fully implemented |
| LDRA tool suite | 9.7.1 | 108 D, 109 D | Partially implemented |
| Parasoft C/C++test | 2022.1 | CERT\_C-STR02-a  CERT\_C-STR02-b  CERT\_C-STR02-c | Protect against command injection  Protect against file name injection  Protect against SQL injection |

#### Coding Standard 5

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Memory Protection** | STD-005-CPP | Do not access freed memory. |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| In this noncompliant code example, s is dereferenced after it has been deallocated. If this access results in a write-after-free, the vulnerability can be exploited to run arbitrary code with the permissions of the vulnerable process. Typically, dynamic memory allocations and deallocations are far removed, making it difficult to recognize and diagnose such problems. |
| #include <new>    **struct** S {  **void** f();  };    **void** g() noexcept(**false**) {    S \*s = **new** S;    // ...  **delete** s;    // ...    s->f();  } |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| In this compliant solution, the dynamically allocated memory is not deallocated until it is no longer required. |
| #include <new>    **struct** S {  **void** f();  };    **void** g() noexcept(**false**) {    S \*s = **new** S;    // ...    s->f();  **delete** s;  } |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Keep it simple, practice defense in depth. |
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**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| High | Likely | Medium | P18 | L1 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Clang | 3.9 | clang-analyzer-cplusplus.NewDelete  clang-analyzer-alpha.security.ArrayBoundV2 | Checked by clang-tidy, but does not catch all violations of this rule. |
| CodeSonar | 7.1p0 | ALLOC.UAF | Use after free |
| Coverity | v7.5.0 | USE\_AFTER\_FREE | Can detect the specific instances where memory is deallocated more than once or read/written to the target of a freed pointer |
| Parasoft C/C++test | 2022.1 | CERT\_CPP-MEM50-a | Do not use resources that have been freed |

#### Coding Standard 6

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Assertions** | STD-006-CLG | Use a static assertion to test the value of a constant expression. |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| This noncompliant code uses the assert() macro to assert a property concerning a memory-mapped structure that is essential for the code to behave correctly: |
| #include <assert.h>    **struct** timer {    unsigned **char** MODE;    unsigned **int** DATA;    unsigned **int** COUNT;  };    **int** func(**void**) {  **assert**(**sizeof**(**struct** timer) == **sizeof**(unsigned **char**) + **sizeof**(unsigned **int**) + **sizeof**(unsigned **int**));  } |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| For assertions involving only constant expressions, a preprocessor conditional statement may be used, as in this compliant solution: |
| **struct** timer {    unsigned **char** MODE;    unsigned **int** DATA;    unsigned **int** COUNT;  };    #if (sizeof(struct timer) != (sizeof(unsigned char) + sizeof(unsigned int) + sizeof(unsigned int)))    #error "Structure must not have any padding"  #endif |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Architect and design for security policies, keep it simple, adhere to the principle of least privilege, and practice defense in depth. |
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**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Low | Unlikely | High | P1 | L3 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Clang | 3.9 | misc-static-assert | Checked by clang-tidy |
| CodeSonar | 7.1p0 | (customization) | Users can implement a custom check that reports uses of the assert() macro |
| ECLAIR | 1.2 | CC2.DCL03 | Fully implemented |
| LDRA tool suite | 9.7.1 | 44 S | Fully implemented |

#### Coding Standard 7

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Exceptions** | STD-007-CPP | Handle all exceptions. |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| In this noncompliant code example, neither f() nor main() catch exceptions thrown by throwing\_func(). Because no matching handler can be found for the exception thrown, std::terminate() is called. |
| **void** throwing\_func() noexcept(**false**);    **void** f() {    throwing\_func();  }    **int** main() {    f();  } |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| In this compliant solution, the main entry point handles all exceptions, which ensures that the stack is unwound up to the main() function and allows for graceful management of external resources. |
| **void** throwing\_func() noexcept(**false**);    **void** f() {    throwing\_func();  }    **int** main() {  **try** {      f();    } **catch** (...) {      // Handle error    }  } |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Validate input, architect and design for security policies, keep it simple, and practice defense in depth. |
| --- |

**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Low | Probable | Medium | P4 | L3 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Astrée | 20.10 | main-function-catch-all  early-catch-all | Partially checked |
| CodeSonar | 7.1p0 | LANG.STRUCT.UCTCH | Unreachable Catch |
| LDRA tool suite | 9.7.1 | 527 S | Partially implemented |
| Polyspace Bug Finder | R2022b | CERT C++: ERR51-CPP | Checks for unhandled exceptions (rule partially covered) |

#### Coding Standard 8

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Characters and Strings | STD-008-CPP | Use valid references, pointers, and iterators to reference elements of a basic\_string |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| This noncompliant code example copies input into a std::string, replacing semicolon (;) characters with spaces. This example is noncompliant because the iterator loc is invalidated after the first call to insert(). The behavior of subsequent calls to insert() is undefined. |
| #include <string>    **void** f(**const** std::string &input) {    std::string email;      // Copy input into email converting ";" to " "    std::string::iterator loc = email.begin();  **for** (auto i = input.begin(), e = input.end(); i != e; ++i, ++loc) {      email.insert(loc, \*i != ';' ? \*i : ' ');    }  } |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| In this compliant solution, the value of the iterator loc is updated as a result of each call to insert() so that the invalidated iterator is never accessed. The updated iterator is then incremented at the end of the loop. |
| #include <string>    **void** f(**const** std::string &input) {    std::string email;      // Copy input into email converting ";" to " "    std::string::iterator loc = email.begin();  **for** (auto i = input.begin(), e = input.end(); i != e; ++i, ++loc) {      loc = email.insert(loc, \*i != ';' ? \*i : ' ');    }  } |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Validate input, heed compiler warnings, architect and design for security policies. |
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**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| High | Probable | High | P6 | L2 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CodeSonar | 7.1p0 | ALLOC.UAF | Use After Free |
| Helix QAC | 2022.3 | C++4746, C++4747, C++4748, C++4749 | [Insert text.] |
| Parasoft C/C++test | 2022.1 | CERT\_CPP-STR52-a | Use valid references, pointers, and iterators to reference elements of a basic\_string |
| Polyspace Bug Finder | R2022b | CERT C++: STR52-CPP | Checks for use of invalid string iterator (rule partially covered). |

#### Coding Standard 9

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Memory Management | STD-009-CPP | Detect and handle memory allocation errors. |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| In this noncompliant code example, an array of int is created using ::operator new[](std::size\_t) and the results of the allocation are not checked. The function is marked as noexcept, so the caller assumes this function does not throw any exceptions. Because ::operator new[](std::size\_t) can throw an exception if the allocation fails, it could lead to abnormal termination of the program. |
| #include <cstring>    **void** f(**const** **int** \*array, std::**size\_t** size) noexcept {  **int** \*copy = **new** **int**[size];    std::**memcpy**(copy, array, size \* **sizeof**(\*copy));    // ...  **delete** [] copy;  } |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| When using std::nothrow, the new operator returns either a null pointer or a pointer to the allocated space. Always test the returned pointer to ensure it is not nullptr before referencing the pointer. This compliant solution handles the error condition appropriately when the returned pointer is nullptr. |
| #include <cstring>  #include <new>    **void** f(**const** **int** \*array, std::**size\_t** size) noexcept {  **int** \*copy = **new** (std::**nothrow**) **int**[size];  **if** (!copy) {      // Handle error  **return**;    }    std::**memcpy**(copy, array, size \* **sizeof**(\*copy));    // ...  **delete** [] copy;  } |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Heed compiler warnings, use effective quality assurance techniques, adopt a secure coding standard. |
| --- |

**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| High | Likely | Medium | P18 | L1 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Coverity | 7.5 | CHECKED\_RETURN | Finds inconsistencies in how function call return values are handled |
| Parasoft C/C++test | 2022.1 | CERT\_CPP-MEM52-a  CERT\_CPP-MEM52-b | Check the return value of new  Do not allocate resources in function argument list because the order of evaluation of a function's parameters is undefined |
| Polyspace Bug Finder | R2022b | CERT C++: MEM52-CPP | Checks for unprotected dynamic memory allocation (rule partially covered) |
| PRQA QA-C++ | 4.4 | 3225, 3226, 3227, 3228, 3229, 4632 |  |

#### Coding Standard 10

| **Coding Standard** | **Label** | **Name of Standard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Declarations and Initialization | STD-010-CPP | Do not write syntactically ambiguous declarations. |

| **Noncompliant Code** |
| --- |
| In this noncompliant code example, an anonymous local variable of type std::unique\_lock is expected to lock and unlock the mutex m by virtue of RAII. However, the declaration is syntactically ambiguous as it can be interpreted as declaring an anonymous object and calling its single-argument converting constructor or interpreted as declaring an object named m and default constructing it. The syntax used in this example defines the latter instead of the former, and so the mutex object is never locked. |
| #include <mutex>    **static** std::mutex m;  **static** **int** shared\_resource;    **void** increment\_by\_42() {    std::unique\_lock<std::mutex>(m);    shared\_resource += 42;  } |

| **Compliant Code** |
| --- |
| In this compliant solution, the lock object is given an identifier (other than m) and the proper converting constructor is called. |
| #include <mutex>    **static** std::mutex m;  **static** **int** shared\_resource;    **void** increment\_by\_42() {    std::unique\_lock<std::mutex> lock(m);    shared\_resource += 42;  } |

**Note: Stop here for the milestone. Complete this section for Project One in Module Six.**

| **Principles(s):** Architect and design for security policies, keep it simple, sanitize data sent to other systems. |
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**Threat Level**

| **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Remediation Cost** | **Priority** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Low | Unlikely | Medium | P2 | L3 |

**Automation**

| **Tool** | **Version** | **Checker** | **Description Tool** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CodeSonar | 7.1p0 | LANG.STRUCT.DECL.FNEST | Nested Function Declaration |
| LDRA tool suite | 9.7.1 | 296 S | Partially implemented |
| Parasoft C/C++test | 2022.1 | CERT\_CPP-DCL53-a  CERT\_CPP-DCL53-b  CERT\_CPP-DCL53-c | Parameter names in function declarations should not be enclosed in parentheses  Local variable names in variable declarations should not be enclosed in parentheses  Avoid function declarations that are syntactically ambiguous |
| Polyspace Bug Finder | R2022b | CERT C++: DCL53-CPP | Checks for declarations that can be confused between:   * Function and object declaration * Unnamed object or function parameter declaration   Rule fully covered. |

### Defense-in-Depth Illustration

This illustration provides a visual representation of the defense-in-depth best practice of layered security.



## Project One

There are seven steps outlined below that align with the elements you will be graded on in the accompanying rubric. When you complete these steps, you will have finished the security policy.

### Revise the C/C++ Standards

You completed one of these tables for each of your standards in the Module Three milestone. In Project One, add revisions to improve the explanation and examples as needed. Add rows to accommodate additional examples of compliant and noncompliant code. Coding standards begin on the security policy.

### Risk Assessment

Complete this section on the coding standards tables. Enter high, medium, or low for each of the headers, then rate it overall using a scale from 1 to 5, 5 being the greatest threat. You will address each of the seven policy standards. Fill in the columns of severity, likelihood, remediation cost, priority, and level using the values provided in the appendix.

### Automated Detection

Complete this section of each table on the coding standards to show the tools that may be used to detect issues. Provide the tool name, version, checker, and description. List one or more tools that can automatically detect this issue and its version number, name of the rule or check (preferably with link), and any relevant comments or description—if any. This table ties to a specific C++ coding standard.

### Automation

Provide a written explanation using the image provided.



Automation will be used for the enforcement of and compliance to the standards defined in this policy. Green Pace already has a well-established DevOps process and infrastructure. Define guidance on where and how to modify the existing DevOps process to automate enforcement of the standards in this policy. Use the DevSecOps diagram and provide an explanation using that diagram as context.

Automating security practices throughout each part of the process is more efficient and will ensure that human error doesn’t creep in. With more and more technologies available to consumers today, software testing has become complex and cumbersome for manual testers. Manual testing is prone to human error and extremely time-consuming for QA teams. These factors combined with high market demand for fast product delivery make automated testing vital for success. There will always be a place for some manual testing, but there is no need for testers to complete duplicate steps that could be handled by automated testing. This means that the role of a quality engineer has shifted as automated testing is handled by developers, and they are able to focus more on the system as a whole with things like integration testing.

Not only is it important to automate verification and testing, but the monitoring and detection will also improve efficiency and yield less errors (as long as warnings are being acted on). It makes sense to integrate the detection tools listed under each standard into the workflow to ensure that those tools are being utilized and producing the best code possible under each standard.

### Summary of Risk Assessments

Consolidate all risk assessments into one table including both coding and systems standards, ordered by standard number.

| Rule | Severity | Likelihood | Remediation Cost | Priority | Level |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| STD-001-CPP | Medium | Unlikely | Medium | P4 | L3 |
| STD-002-CPP | Low | Unlikely | Low | P3 | L3 |
| STD-003-CPP | High | Likely | Medium | P18 | L1 |
| STD-004-CPP | High | Likely | Medium | P18 | L1 |
| STD-005-CPP | High | Likely | Medium | P18 | L1 |
| STD-006-CPP | Low | Unlikely | High | P1 | L3 |
| STD-007-CPP | Low | Probable | Medium | P4 | L3 |
| STD-008-CPP | High | Probable | High | P6 | L2 |
| STD-009-CPP | High | Likely | Medium | P18 | L1 |
| STD-010-CPP | Low | Unlikely | Medium | P2 | L3 |

### Create Policies for Encryption and Triple A

Include all three types of encryption (in flight, at rest, and in use) and each of the three elements of the Triple-A framework using the tables provided***.***

* 1. Explain each type of encryption, how it is used, and why and when the policy applies.
  2. Explain each type of Triple-A framework strategy, how it is used, and why and when the policy applies.

Write policies for each and explain what it is, how it should be applied in practice, and why it should be used.

| 1. **Encryption** | **Explain what it is and how and why the policy applies.** |
| --- | --- |
| Encryption in rest | Encryption in rest is essentially encrypting stored data. When data is “in rest”, that means it is not being actively used and is not moving between devices or networks. This data should be encrypted when put into storage and decrypted upon use with an encryption key. This ensures that if stored data is obtained by a hacker, they will not be able to decrypt it without the key. |
| Encryption at flight | Encryption at flight protects data that is moving from one location to another between devices, services, or across a network or the internet. The method of transmission will change how the encryption at flight is implemented. For example, if you are sending an email with sensitive data, you could encrypt it before sending or send it securely through a service that requires recipient authentication. |
| Encryption in use | Encryption in use ensures that data is secured while being used. It can use protected memory or transform the data for use. One example of this is if you are entered a password and it is hashed. |

| 1. **Triple-A Framework\*** | **Explain what it is and how and why the policy applies.** |
| --- | --- |
| Authentication | Authentication is a way of determining that the user is who they say they are and that they have legitimate access to the system. Having multiple levels of authentication increases security to ensure that hackers can’t easily gain access to a user’s account. |
| Authorization | Authorizationfor certain access to a network and resources should only be granted as-needed. This is good practice for any type of software or application that a company uses because it protects sensitive information by giving access only to permitted users. |
| Accounting | In AAA security, Accounting is like an audit trail to show who did what in the system and when they did it. This is useful for security purposes, because if a hacker is breaching the system they can hopefully get an idea of how they got in and whose credentials they’re using. |

**\***Use this checklist for the Triple A to be sure you include these elements in your policy:

* User logins
* Changes to the database
* Addition of new users
* User level of access
* Files accessed by users

### Map the Principles

Map the principles to each of the standards, and provide a justification for the connection between the two. In the Module Three milestone, you added definitions for each of the 10 principles provided. Now it’s time to connect the standards to principles to show how they are supported by principles. You may have more than one principle for each standard, and the principles may be used more than once. Principles are numbered 1 through 10. You will list the number or numbers that apply to each standard, then explain how each of these principles supports the standard. This exercise demonstrates that you have based your security policy on widely accepted principles. Linking principles to standards is a best practice.

**NOTE:** Green Pace has already successfully implemented the following:

* Operating system logs
* Firewall logs
* Anti-malware logs

The only item you must complete beyond this point is the Policy Version History table.

## Audit Controls and Management

Every software development effort must be able to provide evidence of compliance for each software deployed into any Green Pace managed environment.

Evidence will include the following:

* Code compliance to standards
* Well-documented access-control strategies, with sampled evidence of compliance
* Well-documented data-control standards defining the expected security posture of data at rest, in flight, and in use
* Historical evidence of sustained practice (emails, logs, audits, meeting notes)

## Enforcement

The office of the chief information security officer (OCISO) will enforce awareness and compliance of this policy, producing reports for the risk management committee (RMC) to review monthly. Every system deployed in any environment operated by Green Pace is expected to be in compliance with this policy at all times.

Staff members, consultants, or employees found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

## Exceptions Process

Any exception to the standards in this policy must be requested in writing with the following information:

* Business or technical rationale
* Risk impact analysis
* Risk mitigation analysis
* Plan to come into compliance
* Date for when the plan to come into compliance will be completed

Approval for any exception must be granted by chief information officer (CIO) and the chief information security officer (CISO) or their appointed delegates of officer level.

Exceptions will remain on file with the office of the CISO, which will administer and govern compliance.

## Distribution

This policy is to be distributed to all Green Pace IT staff annually. All IT staff will need to certify acceptance and awareness of this policy annually.

## Policy Change Control

This policy will be automatically reviewed annually, no later than 365 days from the last revision date. Further, it will be reviewed in response to regulatory or compliance changes, and on demand as determined by the OCISO.

## Policy Version History

| Version | Date | Description | Edited By | Approved By |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1.0 | 08/05/2020 | Initial Template | David Buksbaum |  |
| [Insert text.] | 10/22/22 | Revised | Ashli Campbell |  |

## Appendix A Lookups

### Approved C/C++ Language Acronyms

| Language | Acronym |
| --- | --- |
| C++ | CPP |
| C | CLG |
| Java | JAV |