



Introduction to the OWASP Top 10 – 2021

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This document contains the cover page and sections for the entire course. Included with each section of this course is a similarly formatted handout you can print, to create the complete reference manual for this course.

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Introduction

Welcome

Hi everyone and welcome to this beginner course on the OWASP Top 10, as it was last updated in 2021 almost beginning of 2022.

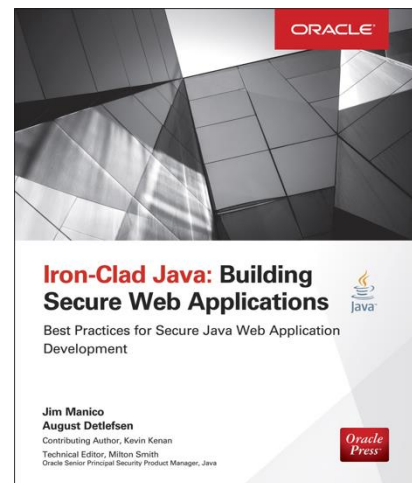
This course has no technical prerequisites, it is truly meant for everyone. Whether you are a risk manager, an auditor, a cybersecurity professional, or maybe you are a software developer or simply curious on application security and looking for an introduction to the OWASP Top 10: This course is for you!

About Jim Manico

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Additional Information

My development experience is all about rapid delivery while not compromising security and always, using the right design patterns. As part of giving back to the open-source community, I have been a project leader on many projects and standards around the world of application security.



Learning Objectives

- ▶ OWASP Top 10 - 2021
- ▶ Key Concepts of Each Risk
- ▶ Define Each Risk
- ▶ Look at Challenges
- ▶ Good/Bad Pseudocode Code Examples
- ▶ Best Protection Practices

Additional Information

In this course you will learn a little bit about the OWASP Foundation and how you can be part of this open-source community. We are going to learn what are the OWASP Top 10 risks of 2021 and how this list of risks gets periodically updated.

For each of the OWASP Top 10 risks, we are going to look at the key information security concepts, so that you better understand the definition of each risk. Then we are going to – together – define each risk – and we are going to do this in layman’s terms, so that you really understand each risk. We are also going to look at the main challenges that developers and others face that cause each risk. Finally, we are going to give examples of good and bad code using pseudocode and we are going to conclude with some of the best protection practices to help you and your team avoid each risk from materializing.

What is OWASP?

OWASP: The Open Web Application Security Project

- ▶ Web application security online community that anyone can join
- ▶ Produces freely available methods, articles, tools
- ▶ Is led by the non-profit OWASP Foundation

Additional Information

OWASP is led by the non-profit OWASP Foundation, a 501(c)3 in the United States. The OWASP community has several key projects and chapters around the world that you can volunteer for and participate in.

What is the OWASP Top 10?

- ▶ Flagship project of OWASP, the latest iteration is the OWASP Top 10 of 2021
- ▶ Key objective of OWASP Top 10 project is to raise awareness on critical application security risks
- ▶ The OWASP Top 10 project achieves this objective by ranking the top ten risks
- ▶ Earlier editions of the OWASP Top 10 include 2017, 2010, 2007 and 2003

Additional Information

Along with the OWASP Top 10 project, there are also other flagship projects OWASP has. The OWASP Top 10 project is the project that OWASP is most known for.

The OWASP Top 10 is referenced in many standards. Examples include references at standards developed by the MITRE corporation and references within the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard (DSS). The OWASP Top 10 is also cited in various security technical implementation guides of the US Defense Department, as well as the documents published by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Making of the OWASP Top 10 – 2021

Step 1: Data Call

- ▶ Identifies 8 risks
- ▶ Organizations contribute vulnerability data
- ▶ Vulnerabilities found in various processes

Step 2: Industry Survey

- ▶ Identifies 2 risks
- ▶ Allows practitioners in the front lines to vote
- ▶ Catches highest risks that might not be represented in the data

Additional Information

The OWASP Top 10 was published in the end of 2021, almost beginning of 2022. Making this version of the OWASP Top 10 was a 2-step process.



For the data call, organizations are asked to provide anonymized vulnerability data. Vulnerabilities that have been found via, for example penetration tests, scanning tools and other security assessments.

For the industry survey, information security practitioners are asked to vote and provide feedback on risks they see in the field. This focuses on feedback from people, instead of relying on only the data. Feedback received from these two processes is analyzed and merged resulting in the latest edition of the OWASP Top 10.

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Additional Information

Not a lot has changed from the OWASP Top 10 of 2017: 8 risks from 2017 have been left untouched by common consensus in the 2021 version.

Learning the OWASP Top 10 – 2021

For each risk we will cover:

- ▶ Key Concepts
- ▶ Definition
- ▶ Challenges
- ▶ Examples
- ▶ Best Protection Strategies

Additional Information

For each risk, we are going to walk through what information security terms you need to know. Then we are going to learn the definition, together. After that, we are going to look at the root causes behind each risk and overview the causality, so we can understand why this risk happens.

Using pseudocode – you do not need to know programming – we are going to give some good and bad examples. Lastly, we will conclude with the best protection strategies that prevent this risk from materializing. We are going to through this learning process for each of the Top 10 and then walk through a summary.