

LP Threat Modeling Outline

Use the [LP Threat Modeling Template](#) to fill out the following information

1. Define the Scope and Application Objectives

- Define the Scope
 - To what extent the threat model will cover
 - A threat model scope defines what is relevant, within a particular view
 - There can be multiple scopes, or views, that pertain to a single application
 - Typically there should be two scopes: Application and Infrastructure
 - The application scope is the use case / application's functionality
 - The infrastructure scope consists of how the application is compiled, tested, and stood up
- Define the Purpose of the Application
 - What functions the application provides
- Define Business Objectives of the Application
 - How this application benefits the business
- Define the Application's Security Tier
 - Tiers range from 1 to 3, with Tier 1 being the minimum that all software must adhere to
 - This tiering system is derived from [OWASP's Application Security Verification Standard v3.0.1](#), pages 8-12
 - Reference the ASVS for more detail on the following tiers and a checklist of requirements for each level
 - Tier 1 applies to general software
 - Coincides with ASVS Level 1
 - The software must adequately defend against application security vulnerabilities which are easy to discover
 - Refer to OWASP Top 10 and other similar checklists

- Tier 2 applies to applications that contain sensitive data or controls
 - Coincides with ASVS Level 2
 - The software must have effective security and monitoring controls in place, which are used within the application
 - The software must adequately defend against most risks associated with software to date
- Tier 3 applies to applications that perform critical functions, where failure could significantly impact the organization's operations and/or survivability
 - Coincides with ASVS Level 3
 - The software must adequately defend against advanced application security vulnerabilities
 - The software must demonstrate principles of good security design
- Define Compliance Requirements

2. Decompose the Application

- Draw/Update Control Flow Diagrams using the [Diagram Syntax](#)
 - Application Threat Model Diagram ([Example ATMD](#))
 - Diagram of how the app works in production
 - Use case diagram / data flow diagram
 - Infrastructure Threat Model Diagram ([Example ITMD](#))
 - Diagram of the system infrastructure and how the app is deployed
- List user roles and their permissions
 - This is a list of what actions each role *should* be able to do

3. Identify Assets

- Identify Assets
 - Items/areas of interest to an attacker
 - The things that this application needs to secure
- Identify External Dependencies
 - external entities that would keep the application from functioning properly if removed

4. Identify Threats and Analyze Risk

- i. Create a Threat Traceability Matrix
 - The simplest way to create this is to use Excel and save the matrix as a CSV file, then throw the CSV into a [markdown table generator](#)

- Look at each asset individually while considering which categories of [STRIDE](#) may apply
 - Spoofing
 - Tampering
 - Repudiation
 - Information Disclosure
 - Denial of Service
 - Elevation of Privilege
- Play the [Elevation of Privilege card game](#)
- Each threat should be listed as a new row in the Threat Matrix, which has the following columns
 - STRIDE Category
 - Interaction (Connection details between the user and the application using the [Interaction Syntax](#))
 - Exploit Description (The type of attack performed by the malicious user)
 - Attack Surface (All of the different points where an attacker could get in and get data out)
 - Impact (What is the impact if this is exploited)
 - Mitigation (How can we stop or prevent this threat)
- ii. Reorder the threat traceability matrix from highest to lowest risk
- iii. Security Tier 1 applications
 - Rank threats relative to each other to get a comparative list
- iv. Security Tier 2 applications
 - Rank threats numerically with the [5x5 Risk Matrix](#)
 - Likelihood Ranking Definitions
 - **Rare**: it may not happen in a lifetime
 - **Unlikely**: this will occur every so often
 - **Moderate**: it will happen regularly
 - **Likely**: this will be a frequent problem
 - **Almost Certain**: it will happen constantly
 - Consequence Ranking Definitions
 - **Insignificant**: slight, possibly unnoticeable impact. Business unaffected, maybe a phone call is needed
 - **Minor**: temporary loss of service that does not affect the customer. Business experiences a hiccup in operations
 - **Significant**: loss of sensitive data or service for an extended

amount of time, possible financial loss

- **Major**: major loss of sensitive data or an interruption of critical services, business will experience financial loss
- **Severe**: complete destruction or theft of data and rendering a service unrecoverable. Extreme impact to the business and its survivability

v. Security Tier 3 applications

- Rank threats using the [CVSS](#)
- [Online CVSS Calculator](#)

Assessing the Threat Model

How good is the threat model?

How to assess the threat model's effectiveness based on the Application's Security Tier:

Tier 1 Application

- *General reflection on the artifacts generated*

Tier 2 Application

- General reflection like in Tier 1 with additional self-performed penetration tests

* Tier 3 Application

- Professional penetration test

Threat Modeling Syntax Information

Interaction Syntax

- <-->
 - designates a physical communication connection
- <-(Service Here)->
 - You may add detail as to the service used with parenthesis inside of the connection arrows
 - **Ex:** User <-(nginx)-> Web App
- Node [Action]
 - Use square brackets to specify specific actions or routes used on a node for that connection
 - **Ex:** User <--> Rails API [Log in] <--> Credential Database
- Node [Action (Detail)]
 - Use parenthesis inside of the square brackets to provide further detail
 - **Ex:** Admin User <--> Web App [Admin Console (Manage Project Access)] <--> Database
- Server One/Server Two
 - Use forward slash to list multiple nodes using the same connection route
 - **Ex:** Demo/Staging/Production Servers <--> GitLab [Project Repo]

Diagram Syntax

- Each diagram must contain a key that holds all symbol information
- Colors are optional, but meaningful color differences should be defined by the diagram key
- Solid rectangles with sharp corners
 - Designates object grouping or server boundaries
 - Must be named with a label in a corner
- Solid rectangles with rounded corners
 - Designates an action or service
 - Must be named with a label in the center
- Solid outlined cloud
 - Represents a group of servers
 - Must be named with a label in the center
- Dashed rectangles
 - Used to designate network or authentication boundaries
 - Surrounds actions or objects that require a certain privilege
 - Must be named with a label in the corner
- Closed and filled in arrows
 - Represents the initial direction of data flow in a connection
- Open/hollow arrows
 - Represents the return direction of data flow, in connections that return a response
 - This does not include acknowledgement packets or their equivalent

Risk Matrix 5x5

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		CONSEQUENCE					
		How severe could the outcomes be if the risk event occurred?					
LIKELIHOOD	What's the chance the of the risk occurring?	1	2	3	4	5	
	ALMOST CERTAIN	5	5	10	15	20	25
	LIKELY	4	4	8	12	16	20
	MODERATE	3	3	6	9	12	15
	UNLIKELY	2	2	4	6	8	10
	RARE	1	1	2	3	4	5
		INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT	MAJOR	SEVERE	

Threat Model Information

Application: Authenticator

Version: 1.0.0

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1. Define the Scope and Application Objectives

- Define the Scope of Threat Model
 - Production Application in its current state
 - Application deployment cycle and infrastructure
- Define the Purpose of the Application
 - The application serves as an authentication API for internal applications
- Define the Business Objectives of the Application
 - Create a standard and secure way internal applications can authenticate using Active Directory
- Define the Application's Security Tier
 - Tier 2
- Compliance Requirements
 - None

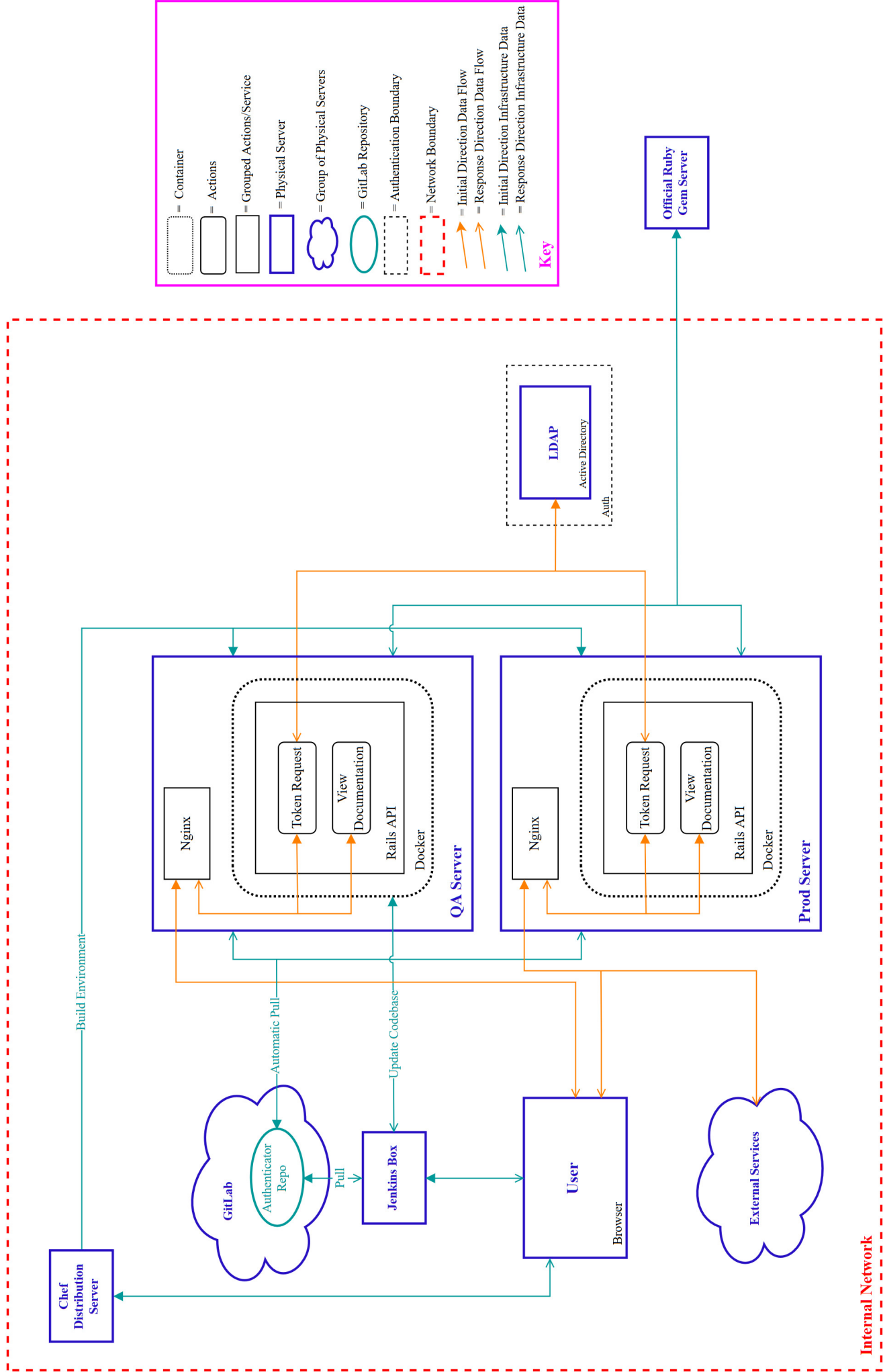
2. Decompose the Application

- Draw/Update Control Flow Diagrams
 - Threat Model Diagram
 - Includes both the Application and Infrastructure Diagram
- Identify roles and permissions
 - Unauthenticated user
 - Can send requests and receive tokens

3. Identify Assets

- Assets (items/areas of interest to an attacker)
 - LDAP (AD) credentials
 - Rails API
 - nginx
- External dependencies
 - Active Directory

4. Identify Threats and Analyze Risk



STRIDE	Interaction	Exploitation Description	Attack Surface	Impact	Mitigation	5x5 Ranking
Spoofing & Elevation of Privilege	Authenticator Server <--> An attacker <--> Active Directory	"Since Authenticator doesn't validate the Active Directory server, an attacker could spoof Active Directory and place himself as a man in the middle of the connection. This would give him access to any credentials sent over the wire, in plain text"	The unvalidated connection between Authenticator and Active Directory	Unauthorized access to any resources the credentials have privileges to	Validate the certificate for Active Directory	Very High 15
Tampering & Spoofing	Any user <--> Rails API [Token Request] <--> Active Directory	Input is not sanitized allowing any user to insert LDAP special characters and perform limited LDAP injection	Rails API [Token Request]	Information disclosure or unauthorized account access	Sanitize input before querying the LDAP server	High 12
Elevation of Privilege	Any user on the internal network <--> Rails API Service	"Any user can send as many api requests as they want, meaning that they can brute force passwords"	"Attack surface is port 80, 443, 1337"	Potential leak of user credentials	Limit the number of consecutive attempts to authenticate	High 12
Information Disclosure	An attacker <--> Authenticator Server	An attacker could gain access to the Authenticator Server which would allow them to view the secret used for JWT login token encryption. This would allow privileged access to any application that uses Authenticator during the login process	The Authenticator Server or the project repository	Unauthorized access to confidential company information and impersonation of users	Purge secrets from the repository and use a secure way to store them	High 10
Information Disclosure	An unauthenticated user <--> Rails API [Log in]	The attacker could use the time difference between a valid user log in and invalid user login to brute force usernames	Rails API login route	Information disclosure and ability to enumerate user accounts	On authentication make sure that both valid and invalid log in attempts take the same amount of time to complete	Medium 9
Repudiation	Any interaction with Authenticator	No logging. Lack of repudiation and no way to track authentication attempts	All user interactions	Difficult to detect malicious actions	Implement a logging system	Medium 6
Repudiation	Any user on the internal network <-(Direct)-> Rails API Service	Direct connection to web API to bypass nginx and HTTPS encryption	Attack surface is port 1337	Loss of encryption between user and API	Close port 1337	Low 4
Information Disclosure & Elevation of Privileges	N/A (Architectural Problem)	Authenticator uses symmetric encryption for the JWT authentication tokens	Any server or storage device that houses the symmetric key	Unauthorized access to confidential company information and impersonation of users	Asymmetric encryption should be implemented	Low 3
Denial of Service	Any user on the internal network <--> Rails API Service	Denial of service by flooding authentication requests	"Attack surface is port 80, 443, 1337"	Major services that depend on Authenticator for authentication could not be used	Limit the number of consecutive attempts to authenticate and close port 1337	Low 3
Denial of Service	User (Spoofing a Target) <--> Rails API Service	Reflective DoS attack by spoofing the senders IP address	Attack surface is port 1337	Unauthorized use of resources and slowing down authorization for real users	Close port 1337	Very Low 2