

			Subcontrol Compliance %
Input / Output management			
1. Input Validation Checklist	0	17	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory input validation principles	0	3	
Perform proper data encoding	0	4	
Implement secure management of data contents	0	4	
Validate data types and limits	0	3	
Perform data validation in a secure way	0	3	
2. Output Encoding	0	6	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory output encoding principles	0	2	
Encode output according to its context	0	4	
Authentication and Authorization			
3. Access Control (Authorization)	0	24	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory authorization principles	0	4	
Enforce proper restrictions only to authorized users	0	8	
Implement security best access control practices in bussiness logic code	0	5	
Implement proper authorization management	0	4	
Manage user accounts securely	0	3	
4. Authentcation and Password Management	0	35	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory authentication principles	0	6	
Implement proper password storage policies	0	3	
Enforce secure password transmission	0	2	
Enforce a secure password policy	0	6	
Implement secure authentication mechanism practices	0	5	
Manage account passwords securely in GUIs / application logic	0	11	
Implement a password log	0	2	
Cryptography in Applications			
5. Cryptographic Practices	0	6	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory cryptography management policies	0	3	
Use only adequate cryptography modules	0	3	
6. Communication Security	0	8	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory communication security principles	0	3	
Implement secure TLS management policies	0	5	
Programmling Security			
7. General Coding Practices	0	15	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory secure coding practices	0	1	
Implement a secure policy to use external APIs / Libraries	0	4	
Use secure programming techniques	0	7	
(EXTRA) counter-reverse engineering features	0	3	
8. Data Protection	0	14	0,00%
Implement secure data permission handling	0	4	
Encrypt data securely	0	1	
Implement secure information storage	0	2	
Remove any information the application gives about itself	0	5	
Implement secure GUI practices to deal with sensitive data	0	2	
9. Session Management	0	19	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory session management practices	0	3	
Implement secure cookie management	0	4	
Implement secure login management	0	3	
Implement secure logout management	0	4	
Handle session data securely	0	5	
10. Error Handling and Logging	0	23	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory logging practices	0	1	
Do not disclose excessive information on error messages	0	3	
Implement secure error handling	0	3	
Enable secure error log creation and management	0	8	
Log the adequate types of information related to security	0	8	
11. File Management	0	14	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory file management practices	0	1	
Securely handle includes and references to files	0	5	
Implement secure file uploads, if this functionality is necessary	0	8	
12. Memory Management	0	9	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory memory management principles	0	1	
Implement secure buffer/memory handling	0	4	
Implement secure policies to call functions	0	4	
External Systems			
13. System Configuration	0	16	0,00%
Use a secure software update policy	0	2	
Deploy a secure web server configuration regarding software elements	0	6	
Minimize and remove unnecessary files in the server	0	3	
Deploy a secure application configuration policy	0	5	
14. Database Security	0	13	0,00%
Ensure compliance with mandatory secure database management principles	0	1	
Securely handle types	0	2	
Enforce proper secure database permission	0	2	
Implement secure database management policies	0	8	
	Total Subcontrols		14

INSTRUCTIONS: Mark each control you think you comply with an "X" to recalculate compliance indexes on each of the 14 cathegories. If one of the controls does not apply to your application, simply put "NA" and it will be removed from the total amount of security controls that you need to comply on each cathegory. This page contains the global calculations, each individual Excel page contains the calculations of each cathegory (14 pages total)

Code Security Best Practices Evaluation Status		Final Compliance	0,00%
Code Security Group	Implemented Subcontrols	Total Subcontrols	% Compliance
Input / Output management	0	23	0,00%
Authentication and Authorization	0	59	0,00%
Cryptography in Applications	0	14	0,00%
Programming Security	0	94	0,00%
External Systems	0	29	0,00%
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Example

Output Encoding		
Ensure compliance with mandatory output encoding principles		
x	Conduct all encoding on a trusted system (e.g., The server)	
x	Utilize a standard, tested routine for each type of outbound encoding	
Encode output according to its context		2 3
x	Contextually output encode all data returned to the client that originated outside the application's trust boundary. HTML entity encoding is one example, but does not work in all cases	
NA	Contextually sanitize all output of un-trusted data to queries for SQL, XML, and LDAP	
	Encode all characters unless they are known to be safe for the intended interpreter	
x	Sanitize all output of un-trusted data to operating system commands	

1. Input Validation Checklist		
Ensure compliance with mandatory input validation principles		03
	Conduct all data validation on a trusted system (e.g., The server)	
	Identify all data sources and classify them into trusted and untrusted. Validate all data from untrusted sources(e.g., Databases, file streams, etc.)	
	There should be a centralized input validation routine for the application	
Perform proper data encoding		04
	Determine if the system supports UTF-8 extended character sets and if so, validate after UTF-8 decoding is completed	
	Encode data to a common character set before validating (Canonicalize)	
	Specify proper character sets, such as UTF-8, for all sources of input	
	Verify that header values in both requests and responses contain only ASCII characters	
Implement secure management of data contents		04
	If any potentially hazardous characters must be allowed as input,be sure that you implement additional controls like output encoding, secure task specific APIs and accounting for the utilization of that data throughout the application. Examples of common hazardous characters include: < > " ' % () & + \\' \'	
	If your standard validation routine cannot address the following inputs, then they should be checked discretely	
	Check for null bytes (%00) Check for new line characters (%0d, %0a, \r, \n) Check for "dot-dot-slash" (../ or ..\) path alterations characters. In cases where UTF-8 extended character set encoding is supported, address alternate representation like: %c0%ae%c0%ae/ (Utilize canonicalization to address double encoding or other forms of obfuscation attacks)	
	Validate all input against a "white" list of allowed characters, whenever possible	
Validate data types and limits		03
	Validate data length	
	Validate data range	
	Validate for expected data types	
Perform data validation in a secure way		03
	All validation failures should result in input rejection	
	Validate all client provided data before processing, including all parameters, URLs and HTTP header content (e.g. Cookie names and values). Be sure to include automated post backs from JavaScript, Flash or other embedded code	
	Validate data from redirects (An attacker may submit malicious content directly to the target of the redirect, thus circumventing application logic and any validation performed before the redirect)	

2. Output Encoding		
Ensure compliance with mandatory output encoding principles		02
	Conduct all encoding on a trusted system (e.g., The server)	
	Utilize a standard, tested routine for each type of outbound encoding	
Encode output according to its context		04
	Contextually output encode all data returned to the client that originated outside the application's trust boundary. HTML entity encoding is one example, but does not work in all cases	
	Contextually sanitize all output of un-trusted data to queries for SQL, XML, and LDAP	
	Encode all characters unless they are known to be safe for the intended interpreter	
	Sanitize all output of un-trusted data to operating system commands	

3. Access Control (Authorization)		
Ensure compliance with mandatory authorization principles		0 4
	Access controls should fail securely	
	Deny all access if the application cannot access its security configuration information	
	Use a single site-wide component to check access authorization. This includes libraries that call external authorization services	
	Use only trusted system objects, e.g. server-side session objects, for making access authorization decisions	
Enforce proper restrictions only to authorized users		0 8
	Restrict access to application data to only authorized users	
	Restrict access to files or other resources, including those outside the application's direct control, to only authorized users	
	Restrict access to protected functions to only authorized users	
	Restrict access to protected URLs to only authorized users	
	Restrict access to security-relevant configuration information to only authorized users	
	Restrict access to services to only authorized users	
	Restrict access to user and data attributes and policy information used by access controls	
	Restrict direct object references to only authorized users	
Implement security best access control practices in bussiness logic code		0 5
	Enforce application logic flows to comply with business rules	
	If state data must be stored on the client, use encryption and integrity checking on the server side to catch state tampering.	
	Limit the number of transactions a single user or device can perform in a given period of time. The transactions/time should be above the actual business requirement, but low enough to deter automated attacks	
	Server-side implementation and presentation layer representations of access control rules must match	
	Use the "referer" header as a supplemental check only, it should never be the sole authorization check, as it is can be spoofed	
Implement proper authorization management		0 4
	Create an Access Control Policy to document an application's business rules, data types and access authorization criteria and/or processes so that access can be properly provisioned and controlled. This includes identifying access requirements for both the data and system resources	
	Enforce authorization controls on every request, including those made by server-side scripts, "includes" and requests from rich client-side technologies like AJAX and Flash	
	If long authenticated sessions are allowed, periodically re-validate a user's authorization to ensure that their privileges have not changed and if they have, log the user out and force them to re-authenticate	
	Segregate privileged logic from other application code	
Manage user accounts securely		0 3
	Implement account auditing and enforce the disabling of unused accounts (e.g., After no more than 30 days from the expiration of an account's password.)	
	Service accounts or accounts supporting connections to or from external systems should have the least privilege possible	
	The application must support disabling of accounts and terminating sessions when authorization ceases (e.g., Changes to role, employment status, business process, etc.)	

4. Authentication and Password Management												
Ensure compliance with mandatory authentication principles				0	6	Implement secure authentication mechanism practices				0	5	
	All authentication controls must be enforced on a trusted system (e.g., The server)						Validate the authentication data only on completion of all data input, especially for sequential authentication implementations					
	All authentication controls should fail securely						Authentication failure responses should not indicate which part of the authentication data was incorrect. For example, instead of "Invalid username" or "Invalid password", just use "Invalid username and/or password" for both. Error responses must be truly identical in both display and source code					
	Establish and utilize standard, tested, authentication services whenever possible						If using third party code for authentication, inspect the code carefully to ensure it is not affected by any malicious code					
	Require authentication for all pages and resources, except those specifically intended to be public						Use Multi-Factor Authentication for highly sensitive or high value transactional accounts					
	Segregate authentication logic from the resource being requested and use redirection to and from the centralized authentication control						Utilize authentication for connections to external systems that involve sensitive information or functions					
	Use a centralized implementation for all authentication controls, including libraries that call external authentication services					Manage account passwords securely in GUIs / application logic					0	11
Implement proper password storage policies				0	3		All administrative and account management functions must beat least as secure as the primary authentication mechanism					
	Authentication credentials for accessing services external to the application should be encrypted and stored in a protected location on a trusted system (e.g., The server). The source code is NOT a secure location						Disable "remember me" functionality for password fields					
	If your application manages a credential store, it should ensure that only cryptographically strong one-way salted hashes of passwords are stored and that the table/file that stores the passwords and keys is writeable only by the application. (Do not use the MD5 algorithm if it can be avoided)						Enforce account disabling after an established number of invalid login attempts (e.g. five attempts is common). The account must be disabled for a period of time sufficient to discourage brute force guessing of credentials, but not so long as to allow for a denial-of-service attack to be performed					
	Password hashing must be implemented on a trusted system (e.g., The server).						Enforce the changing of temporary passwords on the next use					
Enforce secure password transmission				0	2		If using email based resets, only send email to a pre-registered address with a temporary link/password					
	Only send non-temporary passwords over an encrypted connection or as encrypted data, such as in an encrypted email. Temporary passwords associated with email resets may be an exception						Notify users when a password reset occurs					
	Use only HTTP POST requests to transmit authentication credentials						Password entry should be obscured on the user's screen.(e.g., on web forms use the input type "password")					
Enforce a secure password policy				0	6		Password reset and changing operations require the same level of controls as account creation and authentication					
	Enforce password complexity requirements established by policy or regulation. Authentication credentials should be sufficient to withstand attacks that are typical of the threats in the deployed environment. (e.g., requiring the use of alphabetic as well as numeric and/or special characters)						Password reset questions should support sufficiently random answers. (e.g., "favorite book" is a bad question because "The Bible" is a very common answer)					
	Change all vendor-supplied default passwords and user IDs or disable the associated accounts						Re-authenticate users prior to performing critical operations					
	Enforce password changes based on requirements established in policy or regulation. Critical systems may require more frequent changes. The time between resets must be administratively controlled						Temporary passwords and links should have a short expiration time					
	Enforce password length requirements established by policy or regulation. Eight characters is commonly used, but 16 is better or consider the use of multi-word pass phrases					Implement a password log					0	2
	Passwords should be at least one day old before they can be changed, to prevent attacks on password re-use								Implement monitoring to identify attacks against multiple user accounts, utilizing the same password. This attack pattern is used to bypass standard lockouts, when user IDs can be harvested or guessed			
	Prevent password re-use								The last use (successful or unsuccessful) of a user account should be reported to the user at their next successful login			

5. Cryptographic Practices

Ensure compliance with mandatory cryptography management policies

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	All cryptographic functions used to protect secrets from the application user must be implemented on a trusted system (e.g., The server)
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	Establish and utilize a policy and process for how cryptographic keys will be managed
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	Protect master secrets from unauthorized access
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Use only adequate cryptography modules

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	All random numbers, random file names, random GUIDs, and random strings should be generated using the cryptographic module's approved random number generator when these random values are intended to be un-guessable
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	Cryptographic modules should fail securely
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	Cryptographic modules used by the application should be compliant to FIPS 140-2 or an equivalent standard. (See http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/validation.html)
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6. Communication Security

Ensure compliance with mandatory communication security principles

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	Filter parameters containing sensitive information from the HTTP referer, when linking to external sites
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	Implement encryption for the transmission of all sensitive information. This should include TLS for protecting the connection and may be supplemented by discrete encryption of sensitive files or non-HTTP based connections
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	Specify character encodings for all connections
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Implement secure TLS management policies

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	Failed TLS connections should not fall back to an insecure connection
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	TLS certificates should be valid and have the correct domain name, not be expired, and be installed with intermediate certificates when required
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	Utilize a single standard TLS implementation that is configured appropriately
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	Utilize TLS connections for all content requiring authenticated access and for all other sensitive information
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	Utilize TLS for connections to external systems that involve sensitive information or functions
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7. General Coding Practices		
Ensure compliance with mandatory secure coding practices		01
	Use tested and approved managed code rather than creating new unmanaged code for common tasks	
Implement a secure policy to use external APIs / Libraries		04
	Implement safe updating. If the application will utilize automatic updates, then use cryptographic signatures for your code and ensure your download clients verify those signatures. Use encrypted channels to transfer the code from the host server	
	Review all secondary applications, third party code and libraries to determine business necessity and validate safe functionality, as these can introduce new vulnerabilities	
	Use checksums or hashes to verify the integrity of interpreted code, libraries, executables, and configuration files	
	Utilize task specific built-in APIs to conduct operating system tasks. Do not allow the application to issue commands directly to the Operating System, especially using application-initiated command shells	
Use secure programming techniques		07
	Avoid calculation errors by understanding your programming language's underlying representation and how it interacts with numeric calculation. Pay close attention to byte size discrepancies, precision, signed/unsigned distinctions, truncation, conversion, and casting between types, "not-a-number" calculations, and how your language handles numbers that are too large or too small for its underlying representation	
	Do not pass user supplied data to any dynamic execution function	
	Explicitly initialize all your variables and other data stores, either during declaration or just before the first usage	
	In cases where the application must run with elevated privileges, raise privileges as late as possible, and drop them as soon as possible	
	Protect shared variables and resources from inappropriate concurrent access	
	Restrict users from generating new code or altering existing code	
	Utilize locking to prevent multiple simultaneous requests or use a synchronization mechanism to prevent race conditions	
(EXTRA) counter-reverse engineering features		03
	Use a packer	
	Use code obfuscation	
	Use code trimming	

8. Data Protection		
Implement secure data permission handling		04
	Implement appropriate access controls for sensitive data stored on the server. This includes cached data, temporary files and data that should be accessible only by specific system users	
	Implement least privilege, restrict users to only the functionality, data and system information that is required to perform their tasks	
	Protect all cached or temporary copies of sensitive data stored on the server from unauthorized access and purge those temporary working files as soon as they are no longer required.	
	Protect server-side source-code from being downloaded by a user	
Encrypt data securely		01
	Encrypt highly sensitive stored information, like authentication verification data, even on the server side. Always use well vetted algorithms, see "Cryptographic Practices" for additional guidance	
Implement secure information storage		02
	Do not store passwords, connection strings or other sensitive information in cleartext or in any non-cryptographically secure manner on the client side. This includes embedding in insecure formats like: MS viewstate, Adobe flash or compiled code	
	The application should support the removal of sensitive data when that data is no longer required. (e.g. personal information or certain financial data)	
Remove any information the application gives about itself		05
	Do not include sensitive information in HTTP GET request parameters	
	Remove comments in user accessible production code that may reveal backend system or other sensitive information	
	(EXTRA) Remove file metadata and any kind of additional information files may give	
	(EXTRA) Do not use default templates or structures that may reveal technologies you are using	
	Remove unnecessary application and system documentation as this can reveal useful information to attackers	
Implement secure GUI practices to deal with sensitive data		02
	Disable auto complete features on forms expected to contain sensitive information, including authentication	
	Disable client-side caching on pages containing sensitive information. Cache-Control: no-store, may be used in conjunction with the HTTP header control "Pragma: no-cache", which is less effective, but is HTTP/1.0 backward compatible	

9. Session Management		
Ensure compliance with mandatory session management practices		03
	Session identifier creation must always be done on a trusted system (e.g., The server)	
	Session management controls should use well vetted algorithms that ensure sufficiently random session identifiers	
	Use the server or framework's session management controls. The application should only recognize these session identifiers as valid	
Implement secure cookie management		04
	Do not expose session identifiers in URLs, error messages or logs. Session identifiers should only be in the HTTP cookie header. For example, do not pass session identifiers as GET parameters	
	Set cookies with the HttpOnly attribute, unless you specifically require client-side scripts within your application to read or set a cookie's value	
	Set the "secure" attribute for cookies transmitted over an TLS connection	
	Set the domain and path for cookies containing authenticated session identifiers to an appropriately restricted value for the site	
Implement secure login management		03
	Do not allow concurrent logins with the same user ID	
	Generate a new session identifier on any re-authentication	
	If a session was established before login, close that session and establish a new session after a successful login	
Implement secure logout management		04
	Disallow persistent logins and enforce periodic session terminations, even when the session is active. Especially for applications supporting rich network connections or connecting to critical systems. Termination times should support business requirements and the user should receive sufficient notification to mitigate negative impacts	
	Establish a session inactivity timeout that is as short as possible, based on balancing risk and business functional requirements. In most cases it should be no more than several hours	
	Logout functionality should be available from all pages protected by authorization	
	Logout functionality should fully terminate the associated session or connection	
Handle session data securely		05
	Generate a new session identifier and deactivate the old one periodically. (This can mitigate certain session hijacking scenarios where the original identifier was compromised)	
	Generate a new session identifier if the connection security changes from HTTP to HTTPS, as can occur during authentication. Within an application, it is recommended to consistently utilize HTTPS rather than switching between HTTP to HTTPS	
	Protect server-side session data from unauthorized access, by other users of the server, by implementing appropriate access controls on the server	
	Supplement standard session management for highly sensitive or critical operations by utilizing per-request, as opposed to per-session, strong random tokens or parameters	
	Supplement standard session management for sensitive server-side operations, like account management, by utilizing per-session strong random tokens or parameters. This method can be used to prevent Cross Site Request Forgery attacks	

10. Error Handling and Logging

Ensure compliance with mandatory logging practices

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All logging controls should be implemented on a trusted system (e.g., The server)

Do not disclose excessive information on error messages

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Do not disclose sensitive information in error responses, including system details, session identifiers or account information

Implement generic error messages and use custom error pages

Use error handlers that do not display debugging or stack trace information

Implement secure error handling

0 3

Error handling logic associated with security controls should deny access by default

Properly free allocated memory when error conditions occur

The application should handle application errors and not rely on the server configuration

Enable secure error log creation and management

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Do not store sensitive information in logs, including unnecessary system details, session identifiers or passwords

Ensure log entries that include un-trusted data will not execute as code in the intended log viewing interface or software

Ensure logs contain important log event data

Ensure that a mechanism exists to conduct log analysis

Logging controls should support both success and failure of specified security events

Restrict access to logs to only authorized individuals

Use a cryptographic hash function to validate log entry integrity

Utilize a master routine for all logging operations

Log the adequate types of information related to security

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Log all access control failures

Log all administrative functions , including changes to the security configuration settings

Log all apparent tampering events, including unexpected changes to state data

Log all authentication attempts, especially failures

Log all backend TLS connection failures

Log all input validation failures

Log attempts to connect with invalid or expired session tokens

Log all system exceptions

Log cryptographic module failures

11. File Management		
Ensure compliance with mandatory file management practices		01
Ensure application files and resources are read-only		
Securely handle includes and references to files		05
Do not pass user supplied data directly to any dynamic include function		
Do not pass directory or file paths, use index values mapped to pre-defined list of paths		
Do not pass user supplied data into a dynamic redirect. If this must be allowed, then the redirect should accept only validated, relative path URLs		
Never send the absolute file path to the client		
When referencing existing files, use a whitelist of allowed file names and types. Validate the value of the parameter being passed and if it does not match one of the expected values, either reject it or use a hard-coded default file value for the content instead		
Implement secure file uploads, if this functionality is necessary		08
Do not save files in the same web context as the application. Files should either go to the content server or in the database		
Implement safe uploading in UNIX by mounting the targeted file directory as a logical drive using the associated path or the chrooted environment		
Limit the type of files that can be uploaded to only those types that are needed for business purposes		
Prevent or restrict the uploading of any file that maybe interpreted by the web server		
Require authentication before allowing a file to be uploaded		
Scan user uploaded files for viruses and malware		
Turn off execution privileges on file upload directories		
Validate uploaded files are the expected type by checking file headers. Checking for file type by extension alone is not sufficient		

12. Memory Management		
Ensure compliance with mandatory memory management principles		01
Utilize input and output control for un-trusted data		
Implement secure buffer/memory handling		04
Double check that the buffer is as large as specified		
Properly free allocated memory upon the completion of functions and at all exit points		
Specifically close resources, do not rely on garbage collection.(e.g., connection objects, file handles, etc.)		
Use non-executable stacks when available		
Implement secure policies to call functions		04
Avoid the use of known vulnerable functions(e.g., printf, strcat, strcpy etc.)		
Check buffer boundaries if calling the function in a loop and make sure there is no danger of writing past the allocated space		
Truncate all input strings to a reasonable length before passing them to the copy and concatenation functions		
When using functions that accept a number of bytes to copy, such as strncpy(), be aware that if the destination buffer size is equal to the source buffer size, it may not NULL-terminate the string		

13. System Configuration		
Use a secure software update policy		
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Ensure servers, frameworks and system components are running the latest approved version		
Ensure servers, frameworks and system components have all patches issued for the version in use		
Deploy a secure web server configuration regarding software elements		
	0	6
Define which HTTP methods, Get or Post, the application will support and whether it will be handled differently in different pages in the application		
Disable unnecessary HTTP methods, such as WebDAV extensions. If an extended HTTP method that supports file handling is required, utilize a well-vetted authentication mechanism		
If the webserver handles both HTTP 1.0 and 1.1, ensure that both are configured in a similar manor or insure that you understand any difference that may exist (e.g. handling of extended HTTP methods)		
Remove unnecessary information from HTTP response headers related to the OS, web-server version and application frameworks		
Restrict the web server, process and service accounts to the least privileges possible		
Turn off directory listings		
Minimize and remove unnecessary files in the server		
	0	3
Prevent disclosure of your directory structure in the robots.txt file by placing directories not intended for public indexing into an isolated parent directory. Then "Disallow" that entire parent directory in the robots.txt file rather than Disallowing each individual directory		
Remove all unnecessary functionality and files		
Remove test code or any functionality not intended for production, prior to deployment		
Deploy a secure application configuration policy		
	0	5
Implement a software change control system to manage and record changes to the code both in development and production		
Implement an asset management system and register system components and software in it		
Isolate development environments from the production network and provide access only to authorized development and test groups. Development environments are often configured less securely than production environments and attackers may use this difference to discover shared weaknesses or as an avenue for exploitation		
The security configuration store for the application should be able to be output in human readable form to support auditing		
When exceptions occur, fail securely		

14. Database Security		
Ensure compliance with mandatory secure database management principles		01
	Use strongly typed parameterized queries	
Securely handle types		02
	Ensure that variables are strongly typed	
	Utilize input validation and output encoding and be sure to address meta characters. If these fail, do not run the database command	
Enforce proper secure database permission		02
	The application should connect to the database with different credentials for every trust distinction (e.g., user, read-only user, guest, administrators)	
	The application should use the lowest possible level of privilege when accessing the database	
Implement secure database management policies		08
	Close the connection as soon as possible	
	Connection strings should not be hard coded within the application. Connection strings should be stored in a separate configuration file on a trusted system and they should be encrypted.	
	Disable any default accounts that are not required to support business requirements	
	Remove or change all default database administrative passwords. Utilize strong passwords/phrases or implement multi-factor authentication	
	Remove unnecessary default vendor content(e.g., sample schemas)	
	Turn off all unnecessary database functionality (e.g., unnecessary stored procedures or services, utility packages, install only the minimum set of features and options required(surface area reduction))	
	Use secure credentials for database access	
	Use stored procedures to abstract data access and allow for the removal of permissions to the base tables in the database	