

# CSC 18

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## CSC 18.0

[1] “Critical Security Control #18: Application Software Security”

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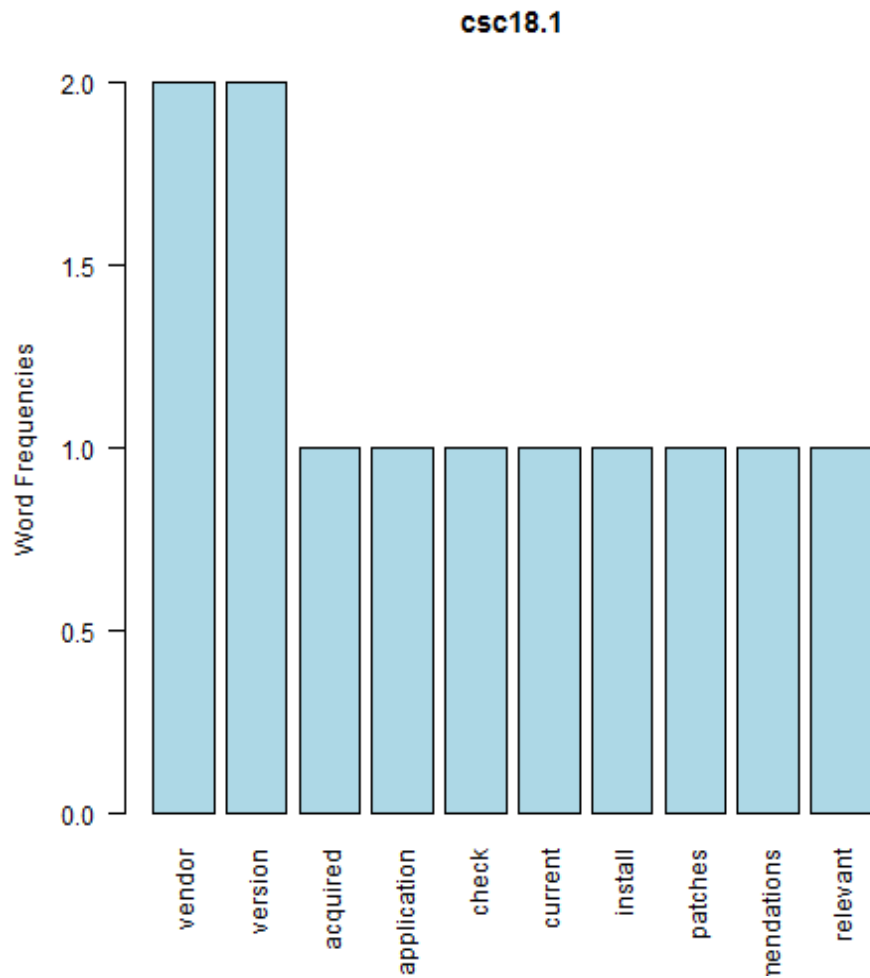
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## CSC 18.1

[1] “vendor + version”

A word cloud with the words 'version' and 'vendor' as the largest and most central terms. Other words of varying sizes are arranged around them, including 'patches', 'update', 'check', 'application', 'using', 'supported', 'still', 'acquired', 'install', 'security', 'recommendations', 'current', 'relevant', and 'software'. The words are in shades of pink and purple.

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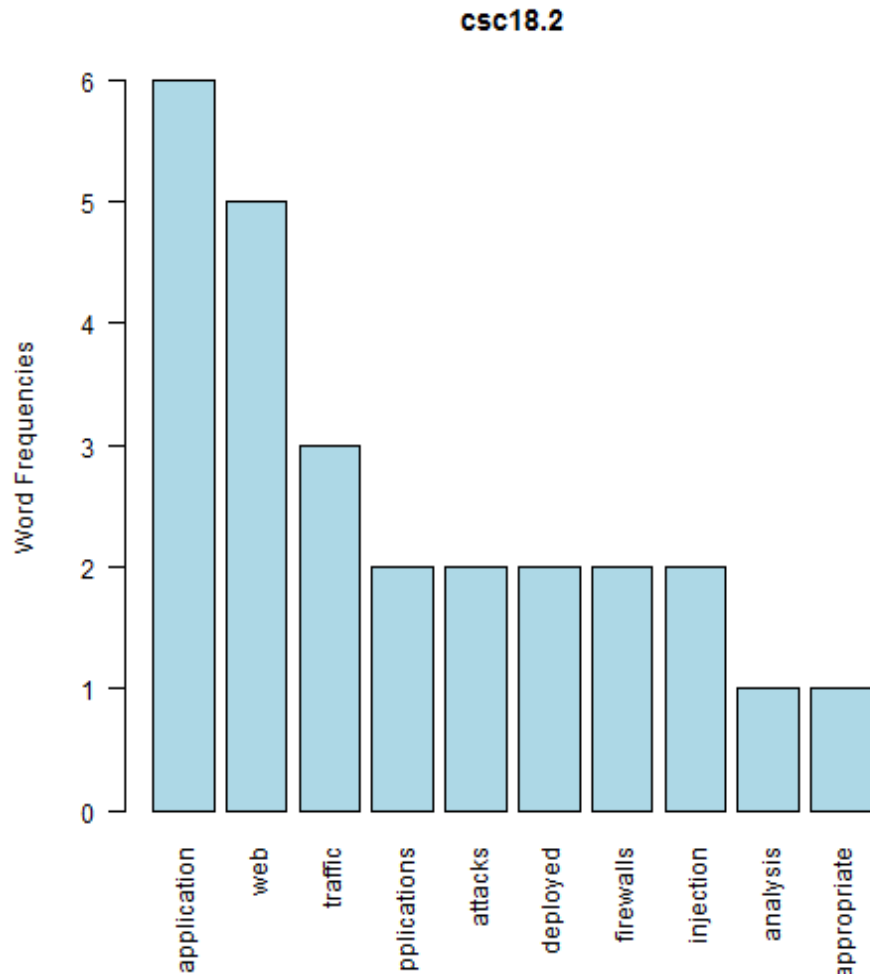
null device 1 [1] “For all acquired application software, check that the version you are using is still supported by the vendor. If not, update to the most current version and install all relevant patches and vendor security recommendations.”

## CSC 18.2

[1] “application + web”



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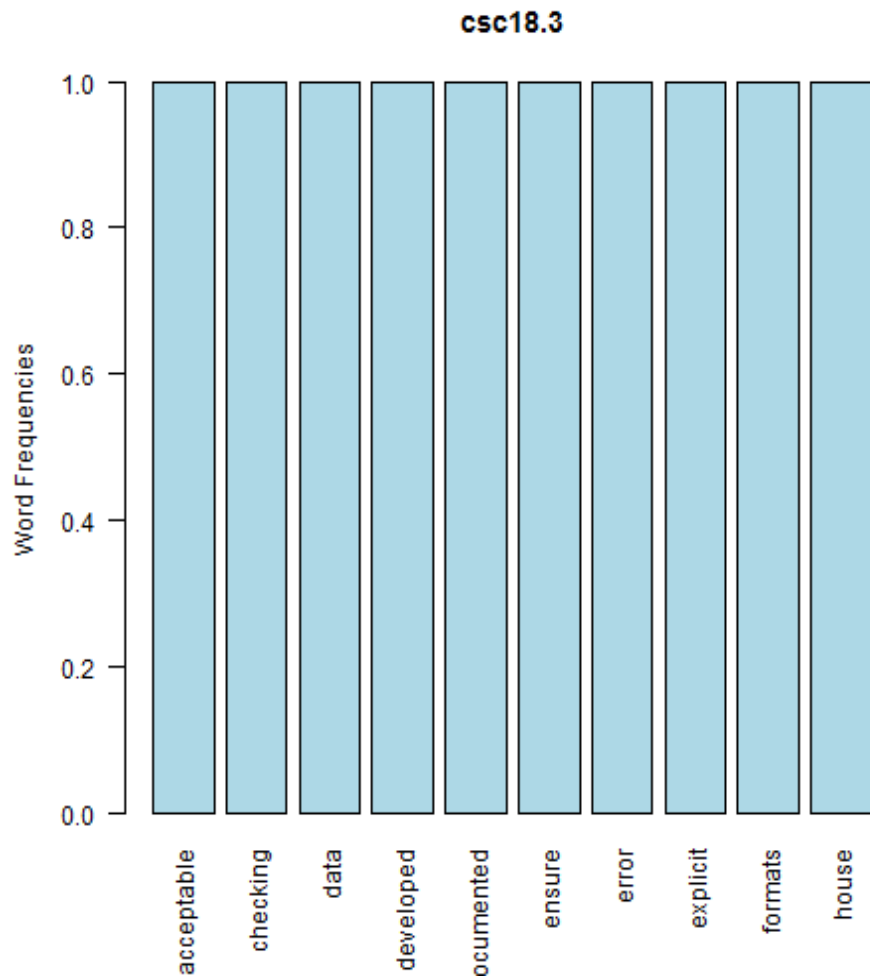
null device 1 [1] “Protect web applications by deploying web application firewalls (WAFs) that inspect all traffic flowing to the web application for common web application attacks, including but not limited to cross-site scripting, SQL injection, command injection, and directory traversal attacks. For applications that are not web-based, specific application firewalls should be deployed if such tools are available for the given application type. If the traffic is encrypted, the device should either sit behind the encryption or be capable of decrypting the traffic prior to analysis. If neither option is appropriate, a host-based web application firewall should be deployed.”

## CSC 18.3

[1] “acceptable + checking”

changes  
error  
ensur  
data  
checki  
house  
acceptable  
developed  
documented  
explicit  
size  
inp

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null device 1 [1] “For in-house developed software, ensure that explicit error checking is performed and documented for all input, including for size, data type, and acceptable ranges or formats.”

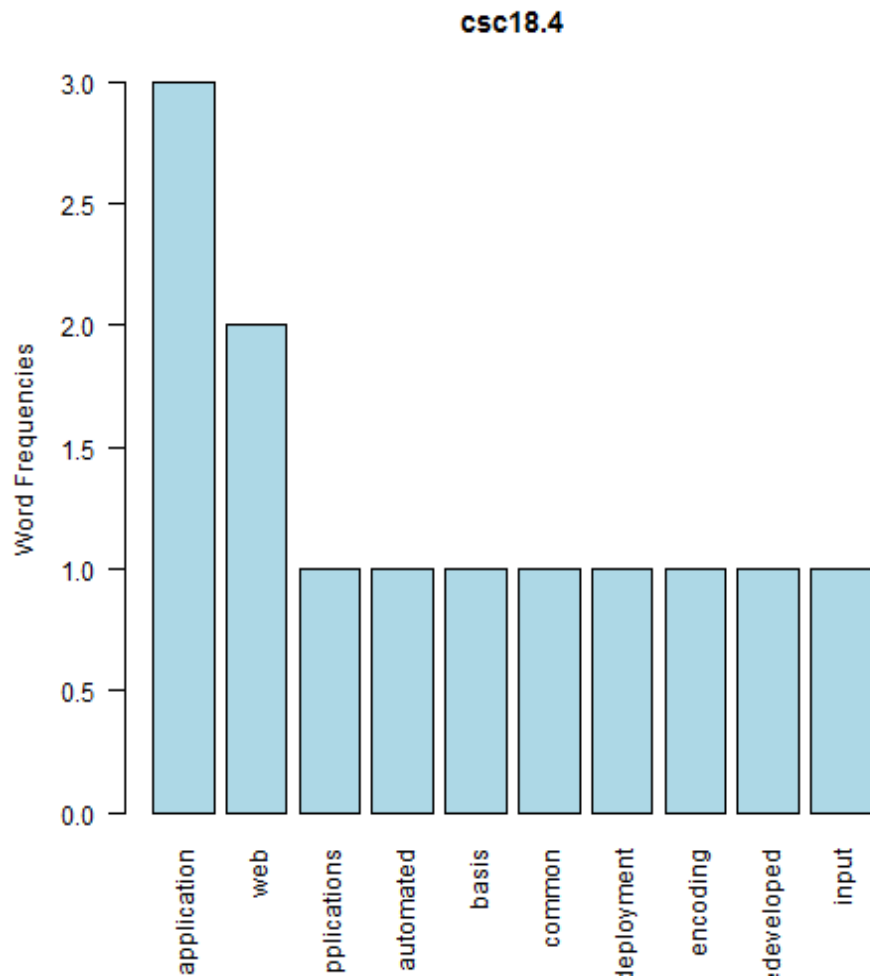
## CSC 18.4

[1] “application + web”



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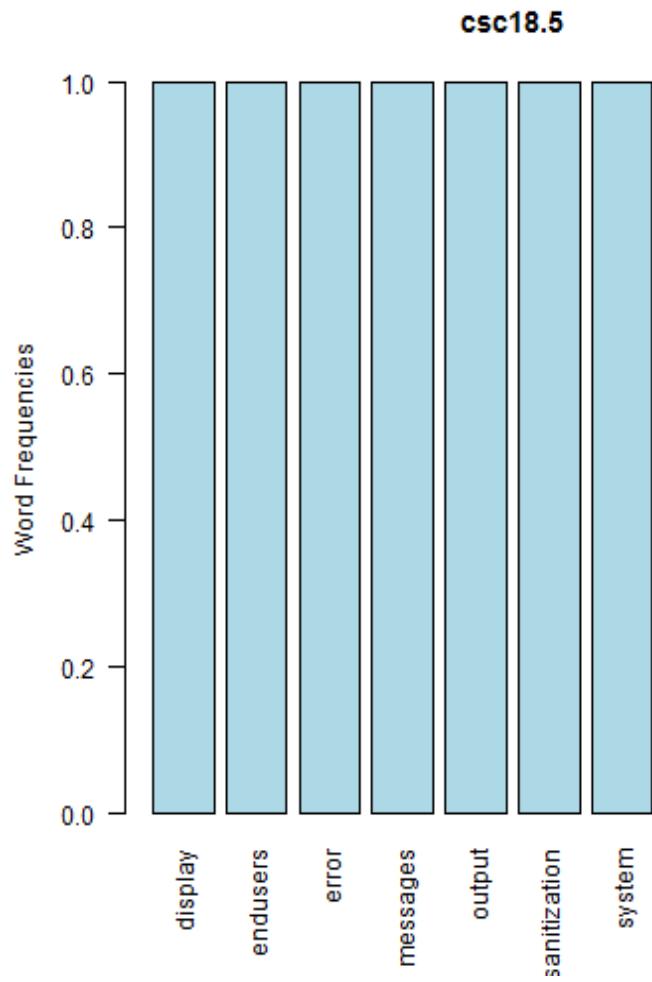
null device 1 [1] “Test in-house-developed and third-party-procured web applications for common security weaknesses using automated remote web application scanners prior to deployment, whenever updates are made to the application, and on a regular recurring basis. In particular, input validation and output encoding routines of application software should be reviewed and tested.”

## CSC 18.5

[1] “display + endusers”

sanitization  
messages  
endusers  
display  
error  
system  
output

null device 1



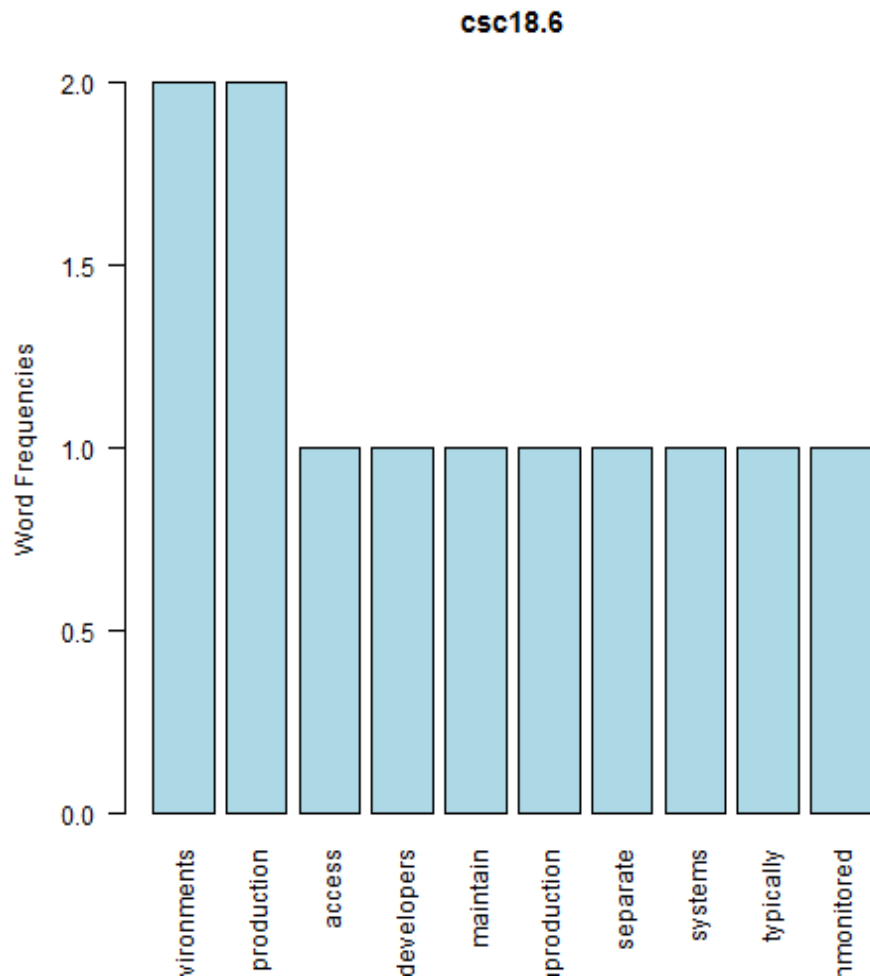
null device 1 [1] "Do not display system error messages to end-users (output sanitization)."

## CSC 18.6

[1] “environments + production”



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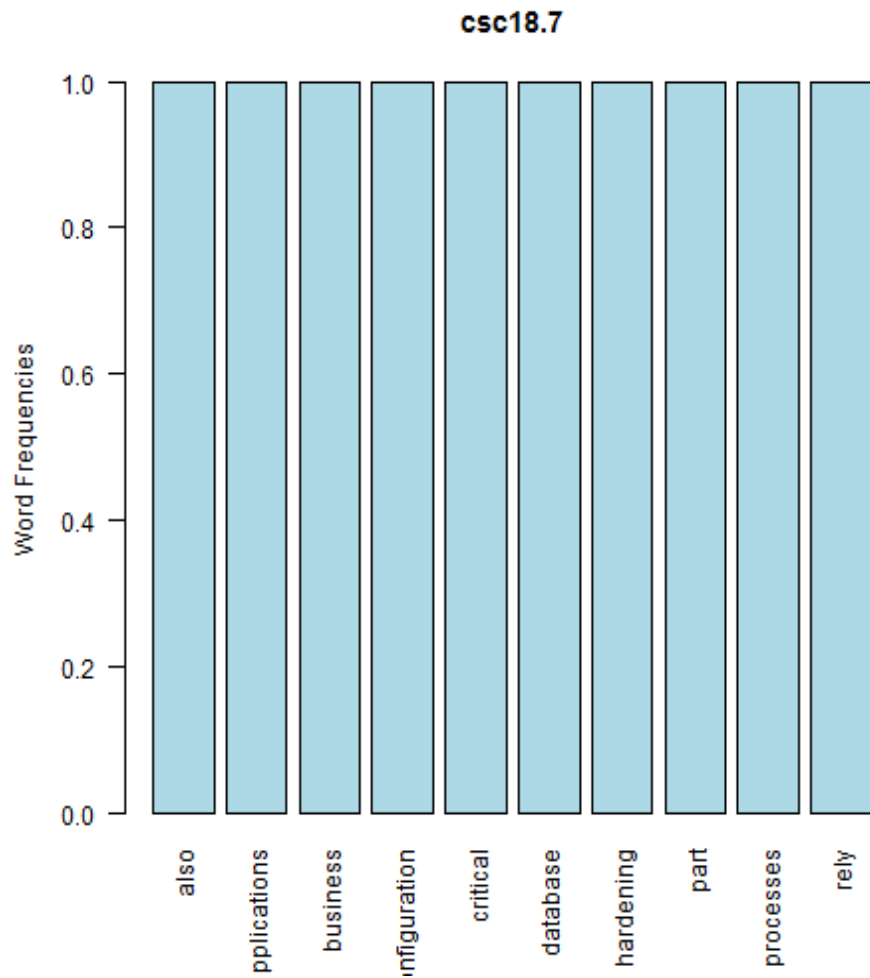
null device 1 [1] “Maintain separate environments for production and nonproduction systems. Developers should not typically have unmonitored access to production environments.”

## CSC 18.7

[1] “also + applications”

configuratic  
templates  
rely use  
applications  
also  
part  
business  
critical  
hardening  
database  
tested

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null device 1 [1] “For applications that rely on a database, use standard hardening configuration templates. All systems that are part of critical business processes should also be tested.”

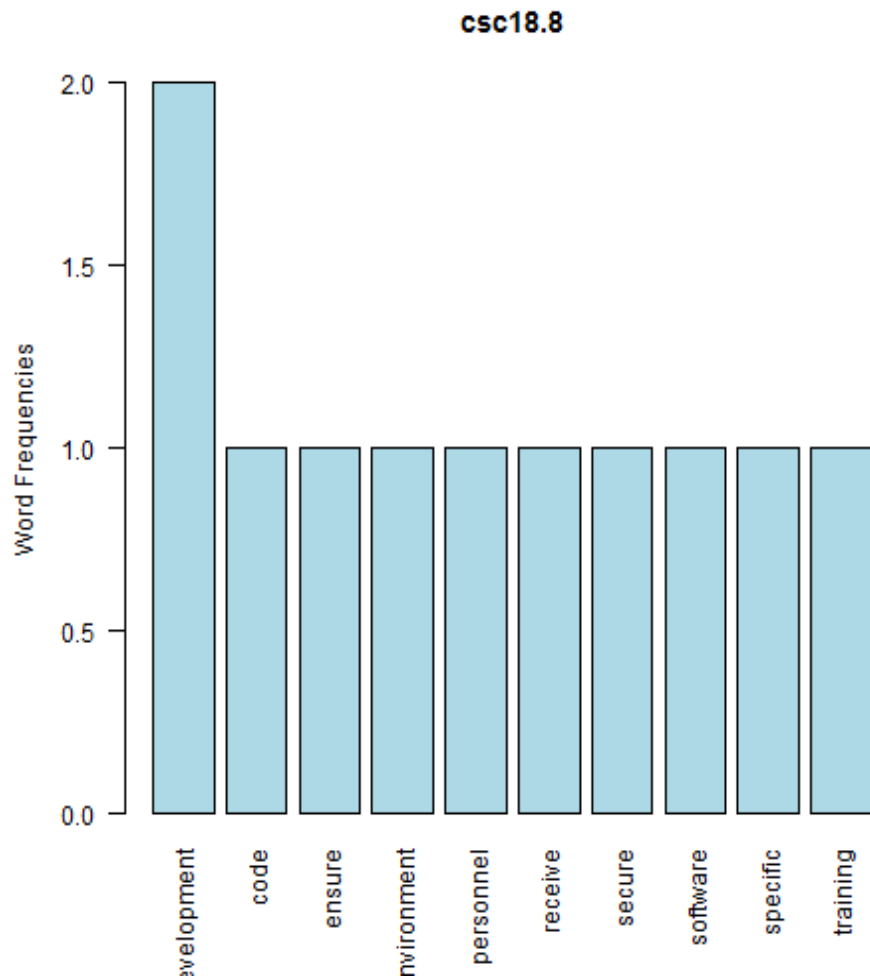
## CSC 18.8

[1] “development + code”



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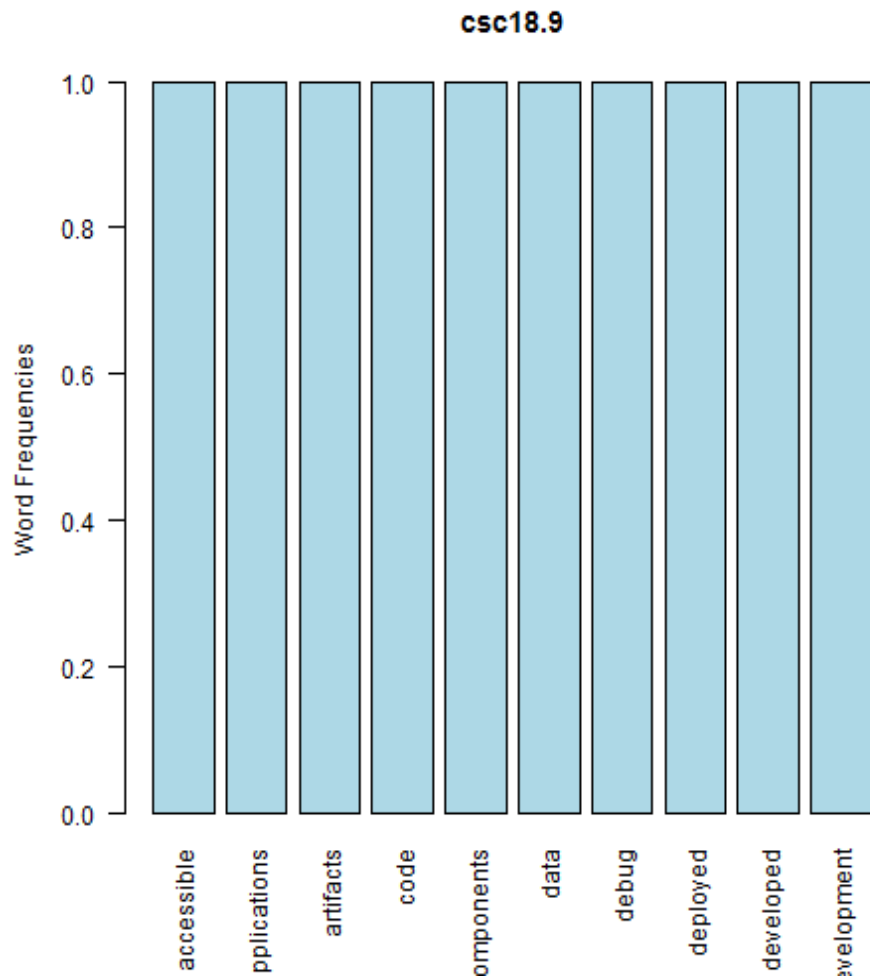
null device 1 [1] “Ensure that all software development personnel receive training in writing secure code for their specific development environment.”

## CSC 18.9

[1] “accessible + applications”

toolsdevelopme  
debug data  
applications  
accessible  
artifacts  
code  
developed  
ensure  
cluded  
components

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null device 1 [1] “For in-house developed applications, ensure that development artifacts (sample data and scripts; unused libraries, components, debug code; or tools) are not included in the deployed software, or accessible in the production environment.”