Check (mate) to the vulnerabilities



Some reflections about OWASP TOP 10 and chess game

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## Threats in chess

"A threat is simply a move that attacks one of your pieces to get some advantage if you don't find an accurate defense"

**Sheperd check mate** 



#### Threats in chess

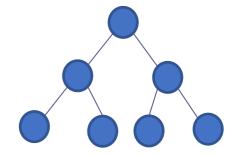
"The threat is stronger than the execution" Aaron Nimzowitch (Latvia 1886, chess grandmaster).

We need to keep the **tension** and do our best all the time to **avoid vulnerable points** in our system.

Every move should be done to avoid risky points.



#### Threats in software



- Can we guess/predict threats for our app?
- As in a chess game we need to predict the next move of the other player (hacker?). A move that can affect our software systems.

- **Threat modeling** is like brainstorming of possible moves a hacker can do against our system.
- There are different methodologies to follow: STRIDE, CAPEC, Attack Tree, OWASP TOP 10 ...

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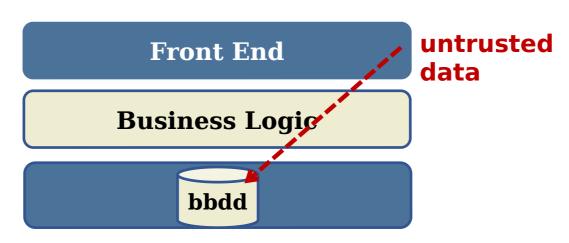
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## Injection - Definition

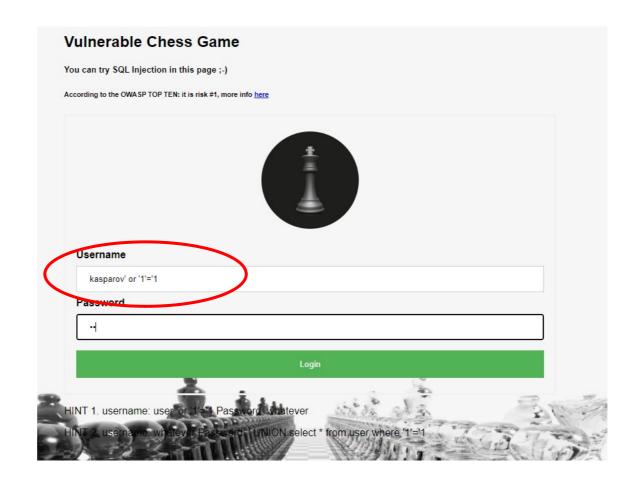
Injection happens when **untrusted data** is sent to an interpreter as part of a **command or query.** The attacker's hostile data can trick the interpreter into executing **unintended commands or accessing data** without proper authorization.

If the injection affects our database then we talk about **SQL Injection**. If the injection affects our logs then we talk about **Log Injection**. If the injection executes some commands of our system then we talk about **Command Injection**.

And there are more injection issues as LDAP injection, XPATH injection.



## Injection - demo



#### Injection Chess comparison



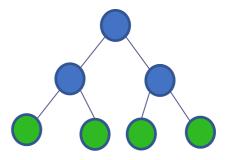
Bad defense, no one can stop the attack.

It is the fastest check mate of the history.

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## Injection: solutions

- Validate each input. "Don't trust in the end user"
  - Whitelist
  - Regular expression
  - String length
  - Data type
- Use modern frameworks
- Use prepared statements (SQL Injection)
- Use stored procedure (SQL Injection)



https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/SQL\_Injection\_Prevention\_Cheat\_Sheet.html

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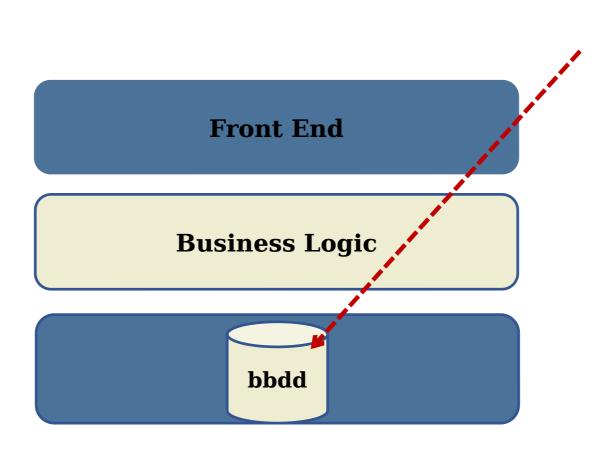
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#### Broken authentication - Definition

Application functions related to **authentications and session management** are often implemented incorrectly, allowing attackers to **compromise passwords**, **keys**, **or session tokens**, or to exploit other implementations flaws to asume other users' identities temporarily or permanently.



#### Broken authentication - Demo



Force brute attack, testing 10000 most common passwords

#### Broken authentication - solutions

Multi factor authentication (**MFA**)

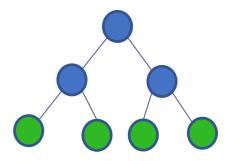
Remove any **default credentials** 

Implement weak-passwords check

Implement **password policies** (NIST 800-63B).

Limit or increasingly delay **failed login attempts**.

**Session IDs** should not be in the URL.



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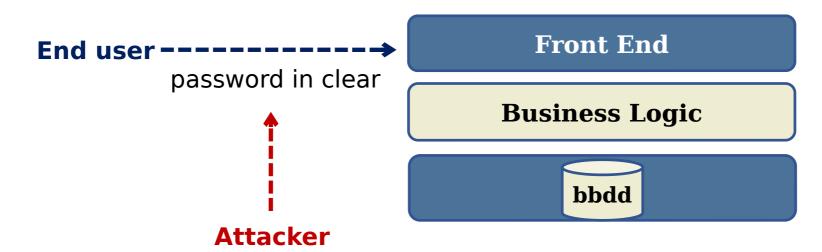
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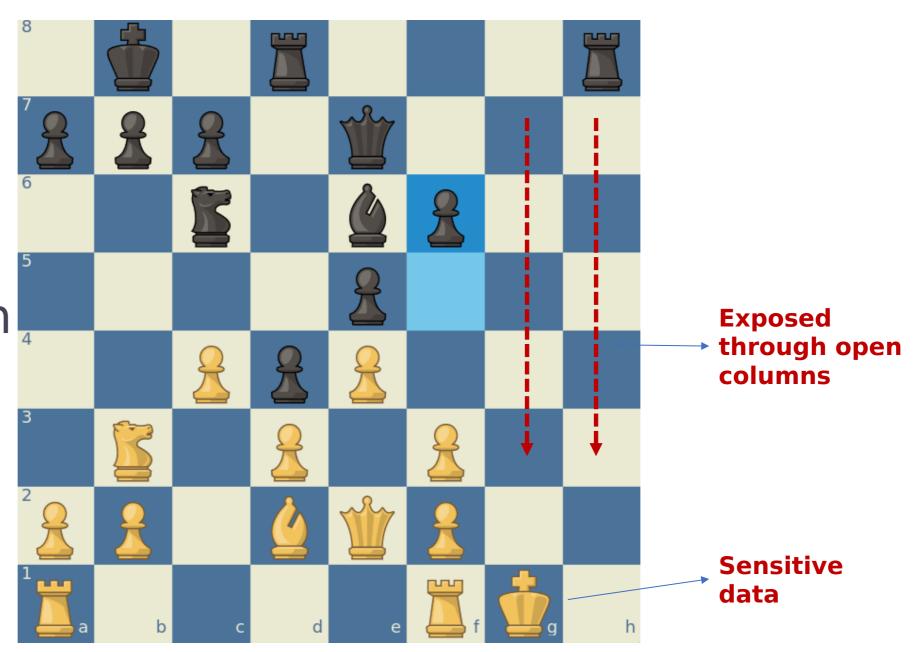
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## Sensitive data exposure - definition

Many web applications and APIs **do not properly protect sensitive data**, such as financial, healthcare, and PII. Attackers may steal or modifiy such weakly protected data to conduct credit card fraud, identity theft, or other crimes. Sensitive data may be compromised without extra protection, such as **encryption** at rest or in transit, and requires **special precautions when exchanged with the browser.** 



Sensitive data exposure Chess comparison



## Sensitive data exposure - Solutions

**Classify** data processed, stored or processed by an application. Identify which data is sensitive according to laws, regulatory requirements, or business need.

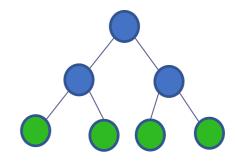
Apply controls as per the classification

Don't store sensitive data unnecesarily.

Make sure to **encrypt** all sensitive data at rest.

Ensure up-to-date and **strong standard algorithms**, protocols and keys are in place.

**Disable caching** for response that contain sensitive data.



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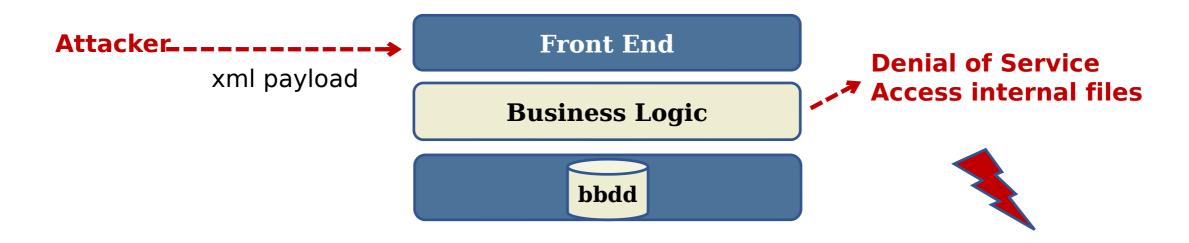
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## XML External Entity - definition

XML External Entities (XXE) Many older or poorly configured XML processors evaluate external entity references within XML documents. External entities can be used to disclose internal files using the URI handler, internal file shares, internal port scanning, remote code execution, and denial of Service attacks.



## XML External Entity – example 1

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## XML External Entity – example 2

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XML
```

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<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE lolz [
<!ENTITY lol "lol">
 <!ELEMENT lolz (#PCDATA)>
 <!ENTITY lol2 "&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;*
 <!ENTITY lol3 "&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;
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1>
<lol><lolz>&lol9;</lolz>
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**Denial of service** 

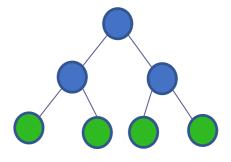
## XML External Entity – solutions

Whenever possible, use **less complex data** formats such as JSON.

**Patch or upgrade all XML processors** and libraries in use by application or on the underlying operating systems.

**Disable XML external entity and DTD processing** in all XML parsers in the application.

Verify that XML or XSL file upload functionality validates incoming XML using XSD validation or similar.



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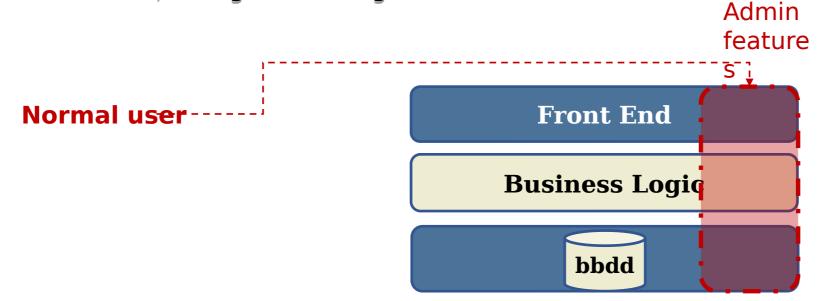
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Restrictions on what authenticated users are allowed to do are often not properly enforced. Attackers can exploit these flaws to access unauthorized functionality and/or data, such as access other users' accounts, view sensitive files, modify other users' data, change access rights.





## Broken Access Control - example



Hacking Chess.com and Accessing 50 Million Customer Records



GET
/v1/users?loginToken=98a16127fb8cb4dc97a3a02103706890
&username=hikaru&
signed=i0S3.9.7-7b9f1383b669614302e9503ba7db81875e440
d7e HTTP/1.1
Host: api.chess.com

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"status": "success",
  "data": {
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    "uuid": "REDACTED",
    "country id": 2,
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/15448422.90503d66.200x200o.f323efa57fd0.jpeg",
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I clicked around the app until I remembered something from earlier testing: there was an "admin.chess.com" subdomain.

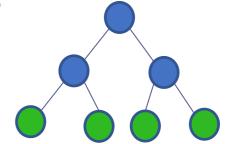
#### **Timeline**

- 12/12/2020, 12:34 AM Reported
- 12/12/2020, 03:17 AM Validated
- 12/12/2020, 07:42 AM Remediated
- 12/16/2020, 02:40 PM Rewarded

#### Broken Access Control - solution

Implement access control mechanism once and reuse them

**Disable web server directory listing** and ensure file metadata and backup files are not present within web roots.



**Log access control** failures, alerts admins when appropriate.

**Rate limit API** and controller access to minimize the harm from automated attack tooling.

JWT **tokens** should be **invalidated** on the server after logout.

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# Security misconfiguration - definition

Security misconfiguration is the **most commonly** seen issue. This is commonly a result of **insecure default configurations**, inclomplete or ad hoc configurations, **open cloud storage**, misconfigured HTTP headers, and verbose error messages containing sensitive information. Not only must all **operating systems**, **frameworks**, **libraries and applications** be securely configured, but they must be **patched/upgraded** in a timely fashion.



## Security misconfiguration - example

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#### Previous attacks and mitigation measures

The threat actors start their attacks by first scanning for Internet-exposed SonarQube instances using the default port number (i.e., 9000) the FBI explains.

After discovering an exposed server, they attempt to gain access to vulnerable instances using default admin/admin credentials.

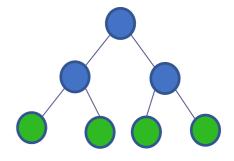
## Security misconfiguration - solutions

A repeatable **hardening** process that makes it fast and easy to deploy another environment that is properly locked down.

A **minimal platform** without any unnecesary features, components, documentation, and samples.

A **task to review** and update the configurations appropriate to all security notes, updates and patches as part of the patch management process.

A **segmented application architecture** that provides effective, secure separation between components or tenants, with segmentation, containerization, or cloud security groups.



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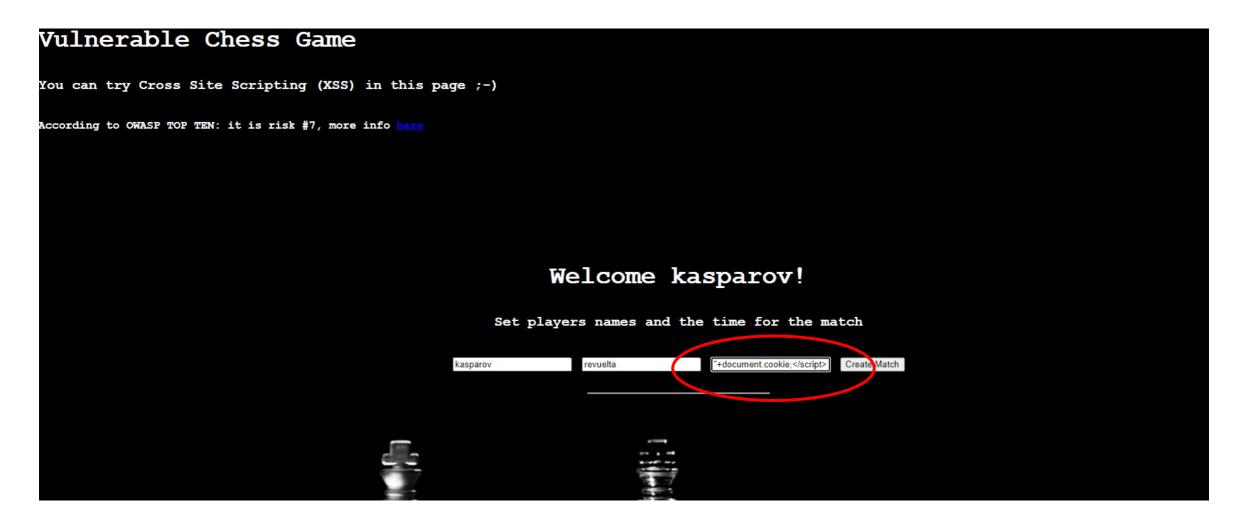
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#### Cross site scripting

XSS flaws occur whenever an application **includes untrusted data** in a web page without proper validation or escaping, or updates an existing web page with-user supplied data using a browser API that can create HTML or Javascript. XSS allow attackers **to execute scripts in the victim's browser** which can hijack user sessions, deface web sites, or redirect the user to malicious sites.



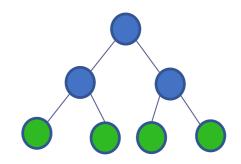
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Using frameworks that automatically escape XSS by design, such as the latest Ruby on Rails, React JS.

Escaping untrusted HTTP request data based on the in the HMTL output.



Validate all inputs.

Enable a Content Security Policy (CSP) as a defense-in-depth mitigating control against XSS.

To enable XSP you need to configure your web server to return the Content-Security-Policy HTTP header.

CSP makes it possible for server administrator to reduce or eliminate the vectors by which XSS can occur by specifying the domains that the browser should consider to be valid sources of executable scripts.

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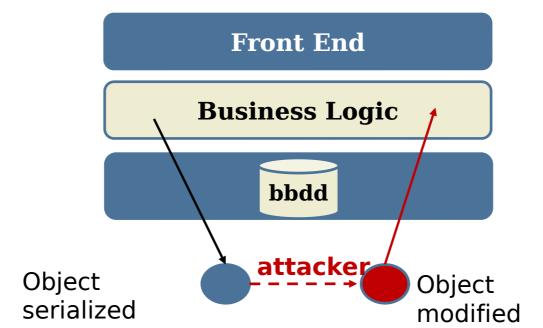
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#### Insecure deserialization - definition

Insecure deserialization often leads to remote code execution. Even if deserialization flaws do not result in remote code execution, they can be used to perform attacks, including replay attacks, injection attacks, and privilege escalation attacks.





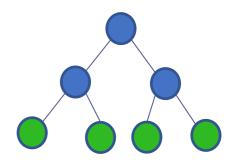
#### Insecure deserialization - solution

Implementing integrity checks such as **digital signatures** on any serialized objects to prevent hostile object creation or data tampering.

**Isolating and running code** that deserializes in low privilege environments when possible.

**Restricting** or monitoring **incoming and outgoing network connectivity** from containers or servers that deserialize.

**Monitoring** deserialization, alerting if a user deserializes constantly.



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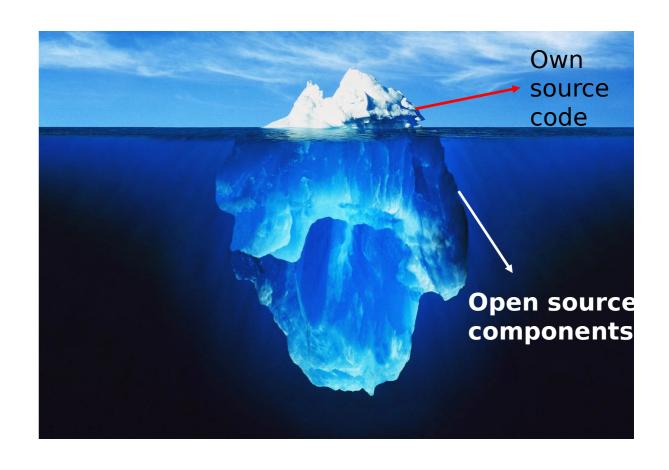
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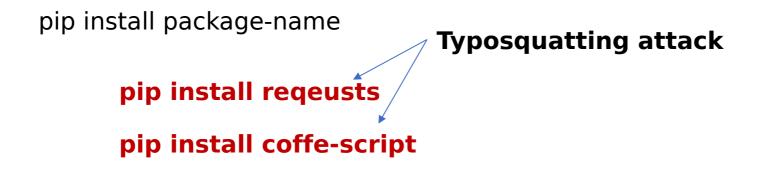
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### Using components with vulnerabilities - definition

Components, such as **libraries**, **frameworks**, and other software modules, run with the same privileges as the application. If a vulnerable component is exploited, such an attack can facilitate serious data loss or server takeover. Applications and APIs using components with **known vulnerabilities** may undermine application defenses and enable various attacks and impacts.





Dependency Confusion: How I Hacked Into Apple, Microsoft and Dozens of Other Companies



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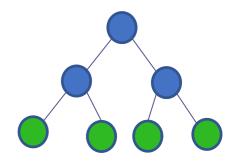
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### Using components with vulnerabilities – solutions

Remove **unused dependencies**, unnecesary features, components, files and documentation.

Continuously **inventory the versions** of both clientside and server-side components (frameworks and libraries) and their dependencies and monitor sources like **CVE and NVD for vulnerabilities** in the components.

Only obtain components from **official sources** over secure links. Prefer signed packages to reduce the chance of including a modified, malicious component.



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### Insufficient Logging and Monitoring - definition

Insufficient Logging and Monitoring, coupled with missing or ineffective integration with incident response, allows attackers to further attack systems, maintain persistence, pivot to more systems, and tamper, extract, or destroy data.

Most breach studies show time to detect a breach is over 200 days, typically detected by external parties rather than internal processes or monitoring.

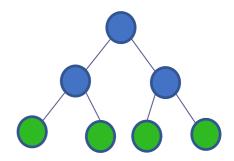


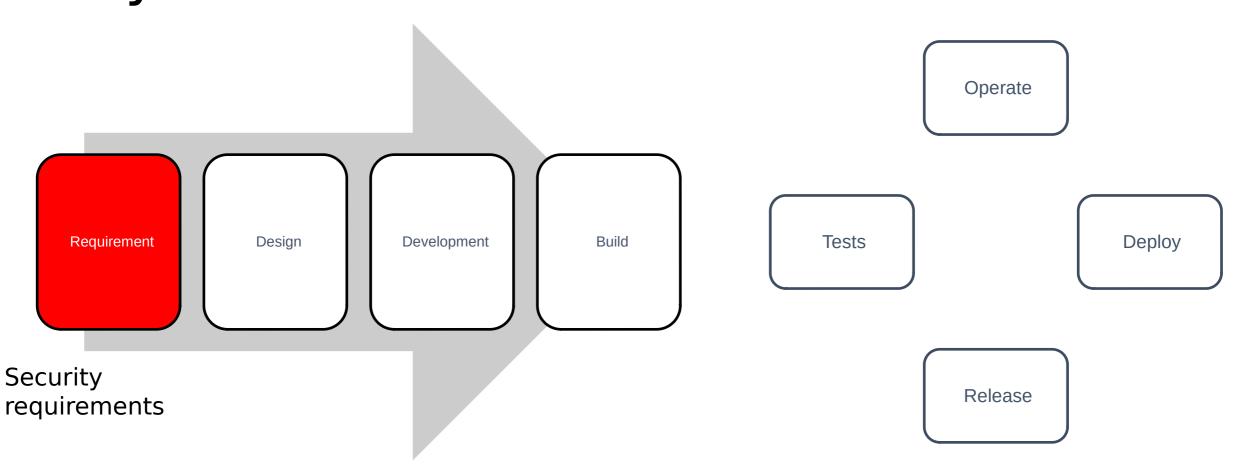
### Insufficient Logging and Monitoring - solutions Ensure all login, access control failures, and server-side

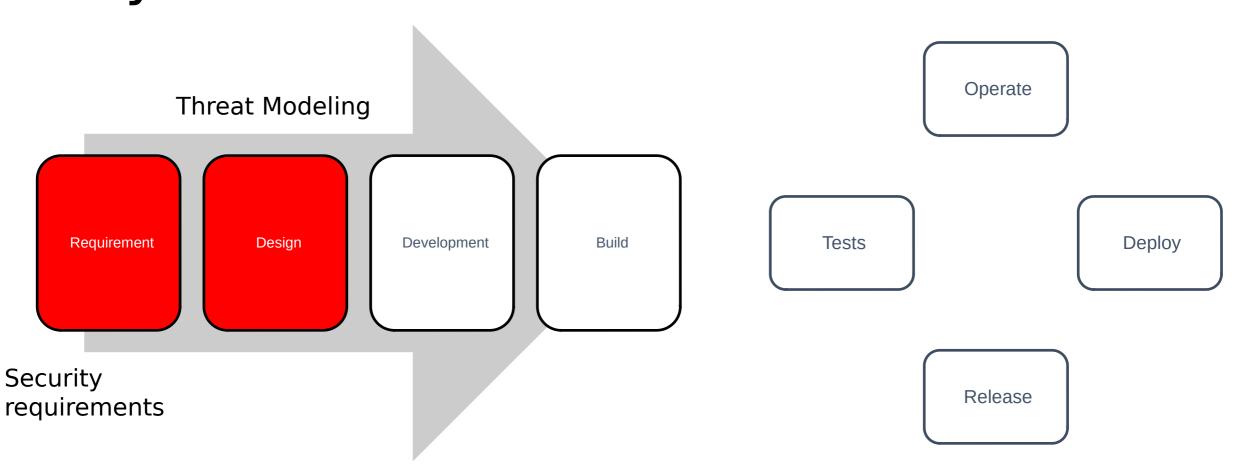
Ensure all login, access control failures, and server-side input validation failures can be logged with sufficient user context to identify suspicious or malicious accounts, and held for sufficient time to allow delayed forensic analysis.

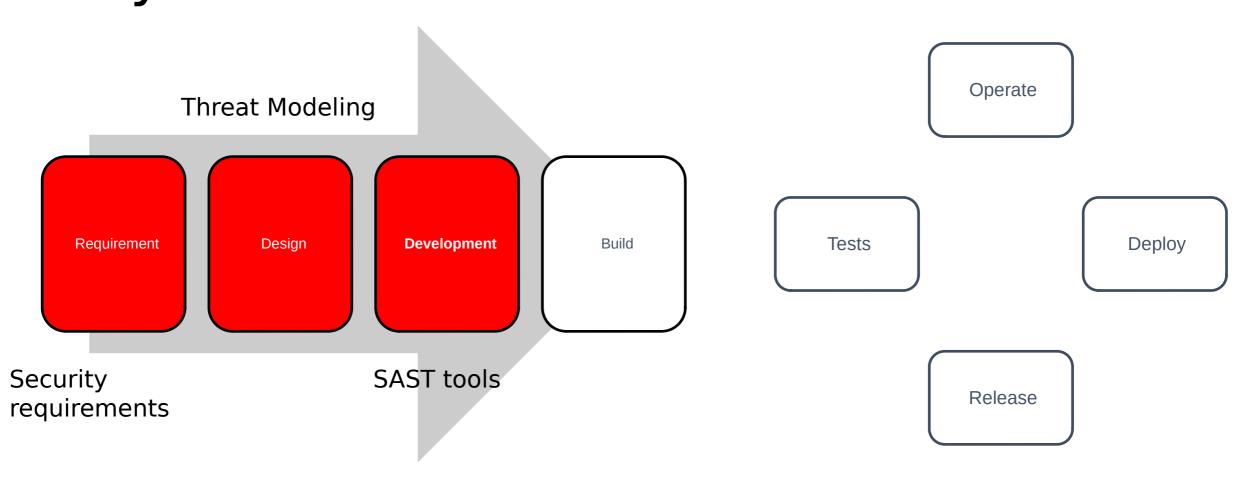
Ensure that logs are generated in a **format** that can be easily consumed by a centralized log management solutions.

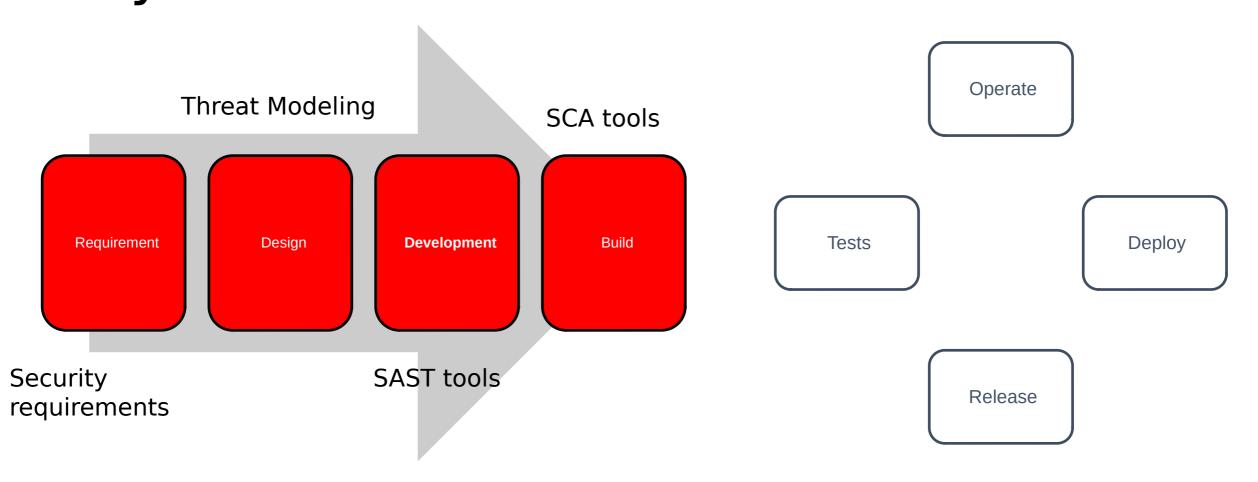
Ensure high-value transactions have an audit trail with integrity controls to prevent tampering or deletion, such as append-only database tables or similar.

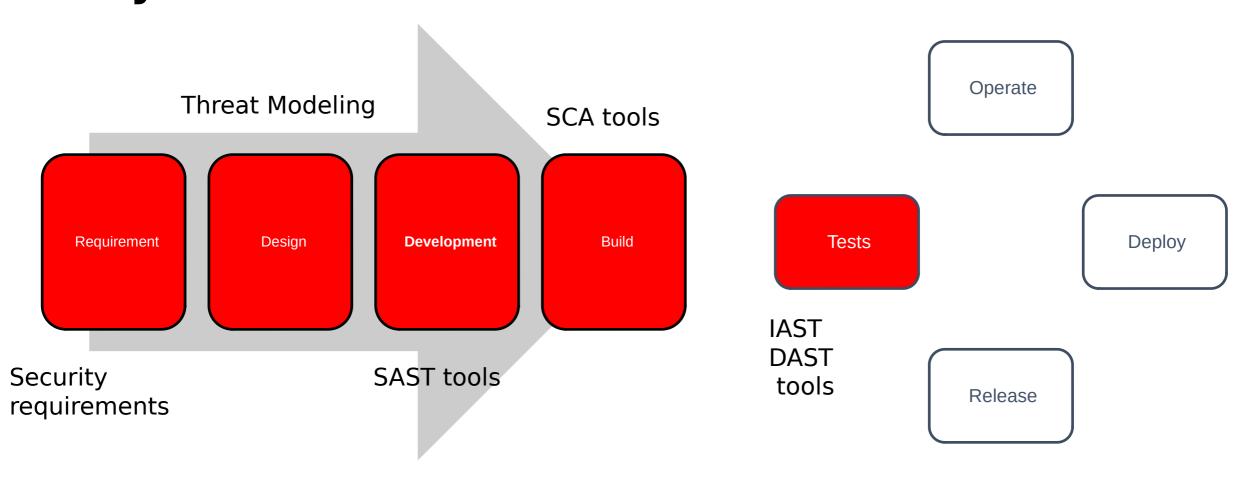


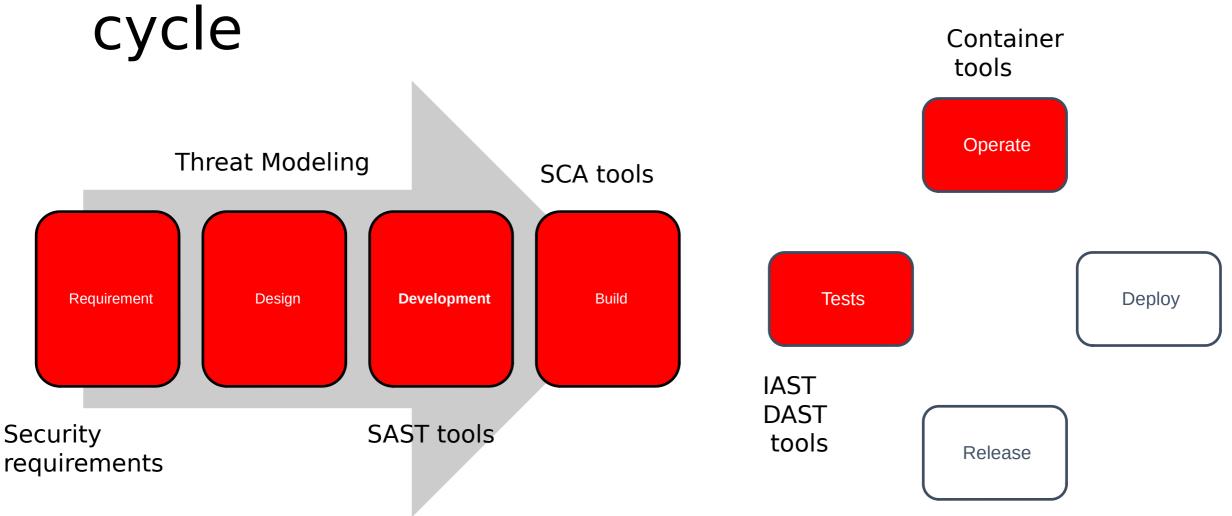


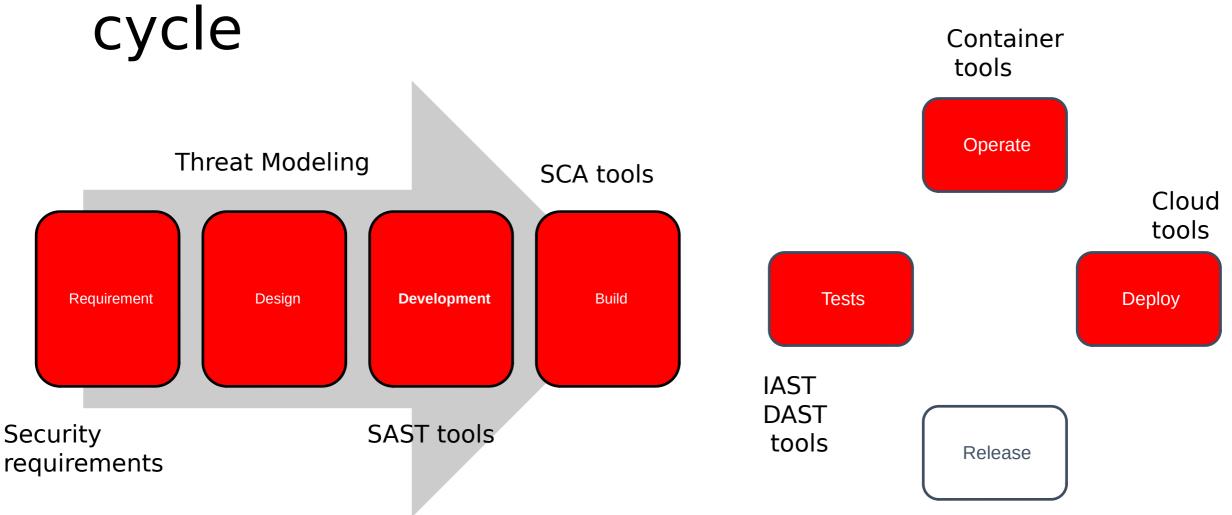


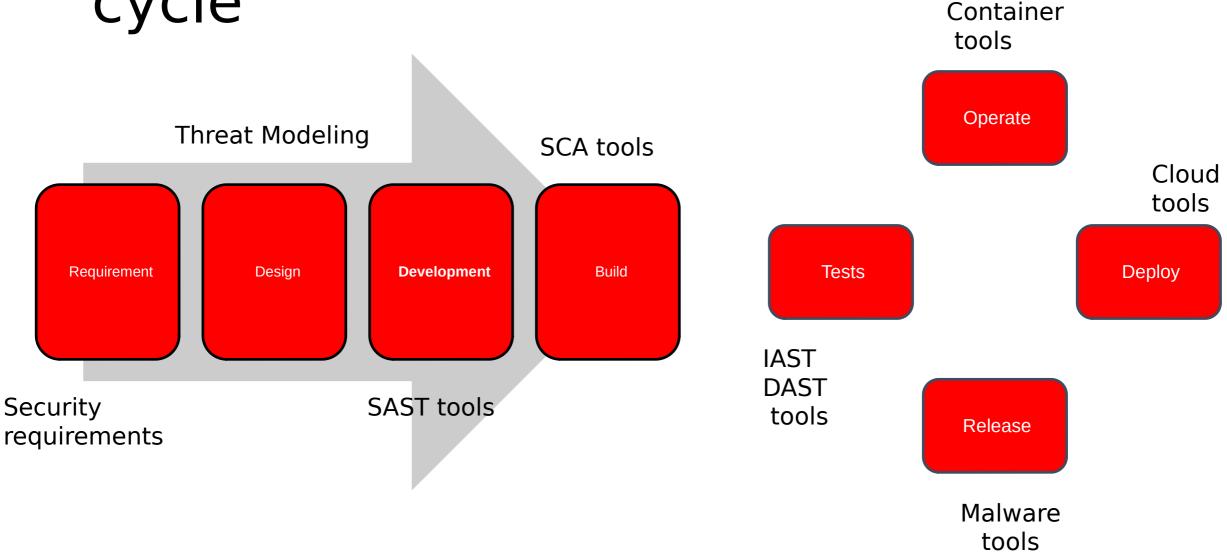












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