

Post-test Knowledge Questionnaire

The following questions aim to assess your knowledge of software security and security patterns **after** your participation in the teaching and learning activities using a traditional lecture **and** the *RiskGuard* game. Please follow the recommendations below:

- Answer **exclusively based on your acquired knowledge**, without consulting materials, colleagues, or any other external sources.
- Try to answer as many questions correctly as possible. However, if you do not know the answer, select the option “**I do not know**” instead of choosing a random alternative.

Notes: Before submitting the form, please review your answers to ensure that no fields were left blank unintentionally.

1. What is your name? (Required)

2. What is your email address? (Required)

3. How does an Injection attack work? (Required)

- () An injection attack can be prevented by creating obfuscated source code, which makes scripts difficult to read and prevents any attempt to inject commands into the system.
- () In an injection attack, an attacker inserts malicious commands into a vulnerable system. A strong and complex password can prevent this, as it adds an extra layer of security and makes injections harder to execute.
- () An injection attack occurs when a system allows malicious data to be injected into unvalidated inputs, such as forms. Systems that properly validate and sanitize inputs can prevent these attacks, protecting data and system integrity.
- () Injection attacks can only be prevented by antivirus tools that detect malicious code and automatically block any attempt to inject data into the system.
- () I do not know.

4. What are the consequences of a cryptographic failure in a web application? (Required)

- () A security flaw that can be fixed without compromising data.
- () Increased user trust due to effective cryptography.
- () Improved system performance due to the use of faster algorithms.
- () Leakage of sensitive data, such as passwords and personal information.
- () I do not know.

5. Correctly match the vulnerabilities with their corresponding security patterns by choosing the correct alternative: (Required)

Vulnerabilities	Security Patterns
A. SQL Injection	1. Input Validation
B. Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	2. Output Encoding
C. Broken Authentication	3. Multi-Factor Authentication
D. Insecure Direct Object Reference	4. Access Control Enforcement

- () 1 → B, 2 → A, 3 → D, 4 → C
- () 1 → A, 2 → B, 3 → C, 4 → D
- () 1 → D, 2 → C, 3 → A, 4 → B
- () 1 → C, 2 → D, 3 → B, 4 → A
- () I do not know.

6. How can an Access Control Violation/Broken Access Control attack be prevented? (Required)

- () Use only URLs to determine who can access what in the system.
- () Allow anyone to access the system without restrictions.
- () Implement Least Privilege policies and access control mechanisms.
- () Allow users to modify their own access permissions.
- () I do not know.

7. Regarding SQL injection and database security: A web system stores user credentials in a database. Which of the following approaches may still be vulnerable to SQL injection, even if it appears secure? (Required)

- () Use of stored procedures that do not concatenate user inputs directly into SQL commands.
- () Validation of user input only on the frontend before sending data to the server.
- () Use of ORM (Object-Relational Mapping) with native support for input escaping.
- () Use of parameterized queries (prepared statements) with input type checking.
- () I do not know.

8. Why are logging and activity monitoring essential for system security? (Required)

- () They are useful only for fiscal auditing and do not affect security.
- () They replace the need for multi-factor authentication (MFA).
- () They allow the identification of suspicious activities and rapid incident response.
- () They completely eliminate the need to apply security patches.
- () I do not know.

9. Regarding cryptographic failures and secure credential storage: Which of the following approaches represents the best security practice for password storage? (Required)

- () Create a custom password hashing algorithm, since known solutions may be

compromised.

- () Store passwords in plaintext, protected only by a firewall and restricted database access.
- () Use a strong hashing algorithm, such as bcrypt, Argon2, or PBKDF2, with a unique salt for each password.
- () Use the same encryption key across multiple systems.
- () Store passwords encrypted with AES-256 using a fixed key embedded in the source code.
- () I do not know.

10. Regarding broken access control: Which of the following configurations can lead to a broken access control vulnerability in a web system? (Required)

- () Implementing access control lists (ACLs) to define role-based permissions.
- () Implementing access control only on the frontend without backend enforcement.
- () Applying the principle of least privilege to all administrative functions.
- () Using JSON Web Tokens (JWT) with a short expiration time.
- () I do not know.

11. After an attack on an e-commerce platform in which customer payment data were altered by an attacker, what would be the best practice to prevent data integrity failures? (Required)

- () Allow customers to modify their own transactions directly in the system without additional controls.
- () Implement strong encryption for sensitive data (e.g., credit card numbers) and use multi-factor authentication for administrative access.
- () Ignore data integrity validation when receiving data from third parties, such as payment processors.
- () Do not encrypt payment data so employees can easily access them.
- () I do not know.

12. In a company, a version control system was compromised due to a lack of code authenticity verification. What could be done to improve software integrity and protect against unauthorized modifications? (Required)

- () Store source code on public servers to ensure easy and fast access.
- () Implement digital signatures on source code and use a version control system that records all changes with strict auditing.
- () Avoid applying patches or updates to prevent integrity risks.
- () Allow any employee to modify the source code without control or approval.
- () I do not know.

13. On an e-commerce website, a user changes the account ID in the URL from “12345” to “12346” and accesses another user’s data. Which security vulnerability is occurring? (Required)

- () CSRF
- () Broken Access Control
- () SQL Injection
- () XSS
- () I do not know.

14. An attacker exploits a flaw in a software system by altering source code or stored data to modify system behavior, compromising its accuracy and reliability. Which vulnerability is being exploited in this scenario? (Required)

- Code or data tampering (exploiting software integrity)
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- Phishing
- SQL Injection
- I do not know.