Practically Teaching the Next Generation

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"In order to mitigate for the future we must find innovative ways in which to train the next generation of application developers and security professionals, on how to spot issues and rectify. This should come before entering their professional careers, ideally at university.

Students are actively taught on how to attack, however there is improvements to be made with the current state of practical mitigation teaching tools"

Some things you already know Some things you don't. Inspire you to make a difference for the next generation

Let me tell you a story...





Map of the Internet: https://bostonraremaps.com/inventory/macuser-map-planet-internet/ Circa 1996









OMS backdoor hackers

Developers Don't Have The Skills Or Resources To Code Securely

Today's reality is that developers don't code securely. When measured against major industry vulnerability standards, 70% of applications fail security testing on the first scan.⁴ However, don't go blaming your developers. Developers face several challenges when it comes to writing secure code:

- Developers aren't taught application security in school. We looked at the top 40 computer science programs as ranked by US News and World Report and found that none of the top ranked computer science programs in the United States require a class about secure coding or secure application design.⁵ In fact, none of the top 40 computer science programs even mention secure coding in the class descriptions of their required classes, and only five universities offer an elective computer science class that is explicitly about secure code or application security.⁶ Looking at the top international schools for computer science, the situation is not drastically different. None of the top five international schools for computer science require a class on secure coding or secure application design, though the University of Cambridge does require students to take a software and security engineering course that includes elements of secure code design.⁷
- Seneral cybersecurity is an option but not a priority in schools. Thirty-six of the 40 top computer science schools in the US offer at least one elective course on security, but only one, UC San Diego, requires a general cybersecurity course not specifically secure coding or application design to graduate with a degree in computer science. On average, the schools offer 1.8

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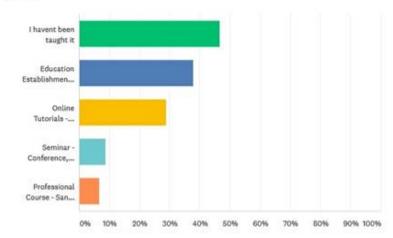
The Current state of Web **Application Security Mitigation** Training, What Can Be Done To Improve?

50 random participants (45 complete)

Asked to take part in the survey Asked to use the platform and provide feedback

Have you been taught Web Application Security before, and if yes where did you learn?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	~	RESPONSES	-
▼ I havent been taught it		46.67%	21
▼ Education Establishment - University, College etc		37.78%	17
 Online Tutorials - Youtube, Cybrary etc 		28.89%	13
▼ Seminar - Conference, Society lecture		8.89%	4
▼ Professional Course - Sans etc		6.67%	3
Total Respondents: 45			

When being taught Web Application Security were you taught how to mitigate attacks?

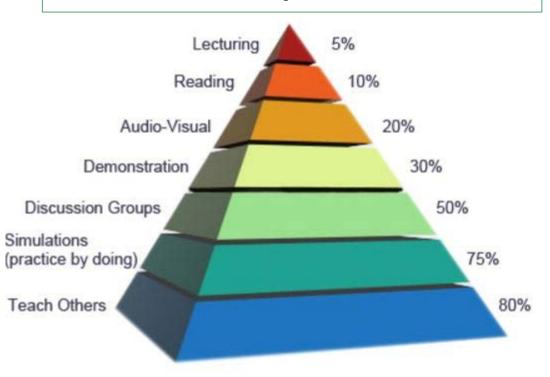
AN	SWER CHOICES	RESPON	SES *
*	Yes - Theory based, didactic teaching, show and tell but not practically implemented	23.26%	10
*	Yes - Practically based, taught how to remediate vulnerable web application code in order to defend	11.63%	5
*	No - Taught how to attack only	23.26%	10
*	No- No Previous learning undertaken	41.86%	18
то	TAL		43

A study by the National Training Laboratories found that the more active the teaching and learning methods, the higher the retention rates.

—Adapted from The Learning Triangle: National Training Laboratories

Practical learning stops at attacking stages.

Learning Pyramid Methods of training and retention rates



Visual

 Visual learners prefer the use of images, maps, and graphic organizers to access and understand new information.

Auditory

 Auditory learners best understand new content through listening and speaking in situations such as lectures and group discussions. Aural learners use repetition as a study technique and benefit from the use of mnemonic devices.

Read & Write

 Students with a strong reading/writing preference learn best through words.
 These students may present themselve as copious note takers or avid readers, and are able to translate abstract concepts into words and essays.

Kinesthetic

 Students who are kinesthetic learners best understand information through tactile representations of information. These students are hands-on learners and learn best through figureing things out by hand (i.e. understanding how a clock works by putting one together.)





Forbes

























Experience the Edge





Congratulations! Your first HackerOne cash bounty Inbox





HackerOne 1 4 1 to me



Hi Chrissy,

Today is a big day. You just earned your very first cash bounty on HackerOne. We hope you are as excited as we are about this - just think of the potential for how much you could earn! This is why we think of HackerOne as an awesome place to hack, earn, and learn.

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Do the Professionals even know?

Project managing Website for a SME

15 Years + designing

3 weeks!!!

OWASP Top Ten

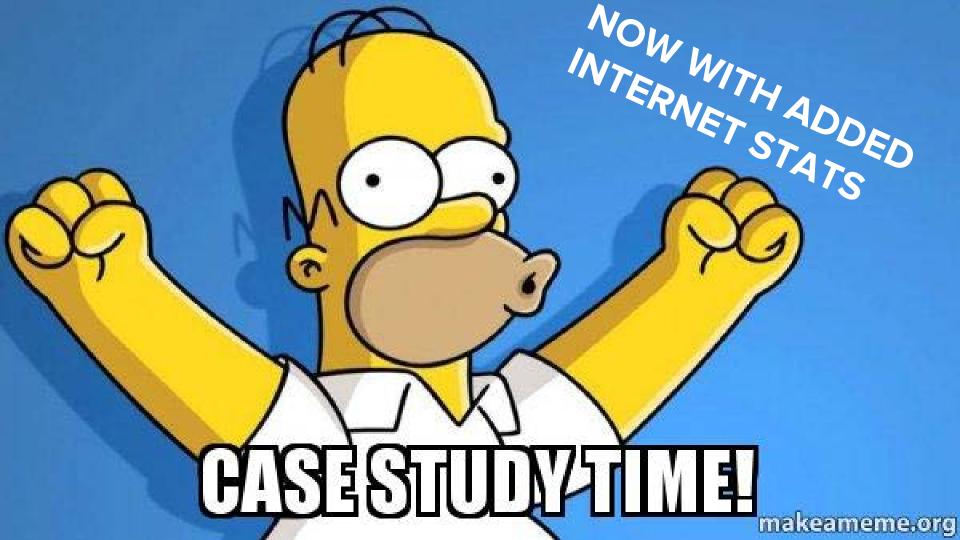
OWASP Top 10 List (2017)

- A1:2017-Injection
- A2:2017-Broken Authentication
- A3:2017-Sensitive Data Exposure
- A4:2017-XML External Entities (XXE)
- A5:2017-Broken Access Control

- A6:2017-Security Misconfiguration
- A7:2017-Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- A8:2017-Insecure Deserialization
- A9:2017-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities
- A10:2017-Insufficient Logging&Monitoring

Current Version

- https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP_Top_Ten_Project
- https://www.owasp.org/images/7/72/OWASP_Top_10-2017_%28en%29.pdf.pdf



Wordpress

4/3



" 123,498,018 TOTAL THEME DOWNLOADS **FROM** WORDPRESS.ORG IN 2014."

11%

of WordPress vulnerabilities are caused by WordPress themes.

"WORDPRESS.ORG **PLUGINS RECEIVED** 1 BILLION TOTAL DOWNLOADS, AND COUNTING."

of the 52% vulnerabilities reported by WPScan are due to WordPressplugins

61% of infected

WordPress sites are out of date

"Wordfence reports up to 90,000 attacks on WordPress sites every minute"

Some Stats

39% Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- 5% SQLI (Database Injections)
- 11% Upload exploitation
- 7% CSRF (Cross-Site Request Forgery forces logged in users to perform an action they didn't mean to do.)
- 6% Multiple attack vectors at once
- 3% LFI (Local File Inclusion) (example)
- 2% RFI (Remote File Inclusion)
- 2% Authentication Bypass
- 2% FPD (Full Path Disclosure)
- <1% Redirect</p>
- <1% XXE (XML External Entity Attack) (intercepting XML and
- reformatting before submission)
- <1% DDOS (Denial of Service)
- <1% SSRF (Server Side Request Forgery)
- 6% Unknown

Disable external entities and DTDs in XML parsers if not needed for web application functionality

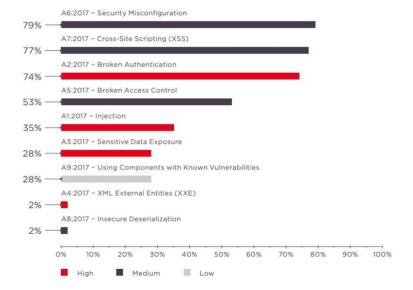
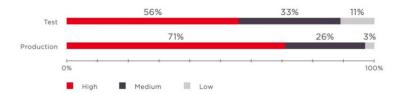


Figure 12. Vulnerabilities allowing attacks against users

Vulnerabilities in test and production applications

We observed a nearly three-fold increase in the percentage of production applications containing high-severity vulnerabilities (25% in 2017 compared to 71% in 2018). In addition, the average number of vulnerabilities per web application grew for both test and production applications.



Be wary of what you read online!

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Secure coding practices in Java: challenges and vulnerabilities

JUNE 27, 2018

Secure coding practices in Java: challenges and vulnerabilities Meng et al., ICSE'18

TL;DR: don't trust everything you read on Stack Overflow.

Meng et al. conduct a study of Stack Overflow posts relating to secure coding practices in Java to find out the hot topics, what people struggle with, and whether or not the accepted answers are actually following security best practices.

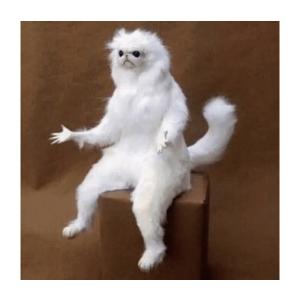


We conducted an empirical study on Stack Overflow posts, aiming to understand developer's concerns on Java secure coding, their programming obstacles, and insecure coding practices. We observed a wide adoption of the authentication and authorization features provided by Spring Security — a third-party framework designed to secure enterprise applications...

Well, how could I resist reading that! (Some readers may know that I was for many years the CTO of SpringSource). Spring Security does come in for some flak in this paper for the high volume of questions that are asked relating to it. There's no calibration though for underlying popularity. One of the reasons there are a lot of questions. I posit, is that there are an awful lot of users of



- Lack of understanding where problems are introduced by third party plugins and themes
- No Software Design Lifecycle when code is just bolted on



- No code review, or checks against CVE's databases
- Supply chain attacks
- No education and awareness



Pushing left

"Empirical Study on the Relationship between Software Security Skills, Usage and Training Needs in Agile Settings" (Oyetoyan et al. 2016)

- Secure Design training was the highest requirement
- Only 50% of developers implemented secure coding and design
- 60% Defects were introduced within design phase
- Rectifying cost 100 times post deployment

START LEFT

Study Methodology Pedagogy Teaching Implementation

			Study Methodology Comparision				
Themes / Author Yea Platform Name r		Justification Study Intention / Goals		Methodology	Study Size	Results	
Chen, L.C. et al	201 0	SWEET	Teaching Materials Limited Demand For Skills Retain Interest Teaching is more effective by hands on learning	Bridge the Gap of IA and Secure web Development Enrich Curriculum Portability and Flexible Learning To provide a new generation of professionals who will be able to identify iddues made in web development	Qualiative Feedback Study	45	Positive Feedback
Papanikolaou, A. et	a20 11	Hackademic	Teaching is more effective with hands on teaching. Out of the box thinking required to match hackers.	Provide a hands on learning enviroment which is engaging and lets students learn through a hackers eyes Through scenario based learning	Qualiative Feedback Study	115	Positive Feedback
DU, W	201	SEED	Teaching Materials Limited, Varied platforms, no generalist platform to standard avaliable. Found student prefered to use their own computers for learning (VM) Teaching is more effective by hands on learning	To develop hands on learning To provide a wide array of practical subject matter To provide an easy to use system	Qualiative Feedback Study	735 (as of 2010)	Positive Feedback
Idziorek, J	201 2	Literacy Based Learning	Previous studies aimed at technical students, this course is directed on the demographic of students wishing to learn.	To provide practical computer security literacy to both technical and non teachnical students.	None Documented	250	None Documented

Justification	Percentage of papers mentioned
Demand for skills / Prepare students for careers	75%
Simple solutions need to be created	50%
Teaching is more effective by hands on learning	42%
Attack Landscape more complex and increasing	33%
Lack of current Research	25%
Teaching Materials Limited	17%
Lack of training platforms	17%
Software Security should be taught	8%
Out of the box thinking required	8%
Mitigation needs to be taught Effectively	8%
Mitigation is taught predominantly through attacking strategies	8%

Figure 4 Justification Findings

	Pedago	gy Comparison						
Themes /Author	Method of teaching	Subject Matter	Learning Type Didactic / Inquiry	Inquiry Level (1-4)	Discusses Pedagogy	Discusses Simulation	/Practical Assessment undertaken	Target Audience
Chen, L.C. et al 2010	Mixed - Taught Defensively	Secure Web Development	Mixed	2-Structured	Yes	No	No	Students
Papanikolaou, A. et al. 2011	Offensive	Web application Attacks	Inquiry	3-Guided	Yes	No	no - Theory based exam	Students
DU, W 2011	Mixed - Taught Defensively	Various Information Security	Inquiry for Attack Didactic for Mitigation	2-Structured	Yes - Learning by Doing	No	No	Students
ldziorek, J 2012	Defensive	High level Overview Computer Security Literacy	Didactic	1- Confirmati on	Yes - Defines tier based learning	No	None Documented	Students
Sonntag, M 2013	Defensive	Web Application Security	Inquiry for investigation Didactic for resolution	3-Guided	Yes	No	No	Students

Inquiry based learning

(Idziorek et al. 2012) presented different types of learning styles and identified course based, inquiry based and literacy based.

Inquiry was selected to be used as a classifier

Inquiry Level	Question	Procedure	Solution
1—Confirmation Inquiry Students confirm a principle through an activity when the results are known in advance.	•	v	v
2—Structured Inquiry Students investigate a teacher-presented question through a prescribed procedure.	•	•	
3—Guided Inquiry Students investigate a teacher-presented question using student designed/ selected procedures.	•		
4—Open Inquiry Students investigate questions that are student formulated through student designed/selected procedures.			

Examples of how Inquiry based learning could be used in designing future platforms.

Level 1 - Confirmation: A simulation driven environment where the answers to mitigation are just shown within commented code, reinforced with lecture based materials.

Level 2 - Structured: Help is given to students through a procedure such as vulnerability analysis and shown how to use the tools in which to find out the insecure code.

Level 3 – Guided: Student investigate pieces of code using their own methods to find what is insecure. The problem is given initially; this could be in the style of a CTF.

Level 4 – Open: Students may perhaps formulate plans for review, look through code not knowing if there is an issue and identify insecure code using their own methodology and procedures (Similar to bug bounty)

		Implementation Comparison			
Themes /Author	Platform Type	Software Used	Future Work / Conclusion	Notes	
Chen, L.C. et al 2010	Virtual Machine	Ubuntu VMs with pre loaded software. Web and application servers: IIS, Tomcat, Apache, GlassFish (Sun's Java EE 5 server reference mplementation), Web Security testing: Web Goat, .Net Security Toolkits, Web Proxy: Paros, Web Scarab	None given	Good teaching materials, could be further reinforced with video based demonstrations	
Papanikolaou, A. et al. 2011	Online	Web browser based localhost implementation	Implementation of multiple choice questions to provide extra familisation of topics Improve Scoring,improve randomisation of challenges	Good Framework and extensible. Has been implemented in over 15 universities & colleges	
DU, W 2011	Online and Virtual Machine	Ubuntu OS 12.04, Minix	Already at 80 establishments using SEED, they want to disseminate further. Improve on platform to have new attacks, further instructional videos	One of the oldest platforms Does not provide web application secure coding practical lessons Has been continually developed since 2002, The latest paper does not provide latest findings, however (DU 2010) had surveyed respondents over a 3 year period based on qualitative data.	
Idziorek, J 2012	Classroom	None Documented	Future work is to have a lab for each subject.	Breaks down the types of learning into three tiers, provides a gap analysis	
Sonntag, M 2013	Software	Java SQL server	Gather data on evaluation of use Qualiative	Very good and targeted paper dealing with the issues of web application Security training. However lacks practical implementation of the resolution of securing the code, the platform only shows examples.No implementation is expected of the student	

Simple and easy to use – just visit hack.me website

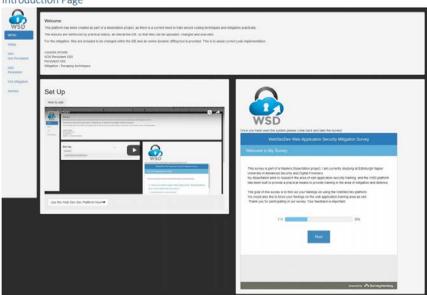
Would teach the attack and mitigation practically

Would provide learning materials in a mixture of styles:

Written form
Practical tasks
Video Demonstrations (for audio / visual)

4.4 Final Version Visual Overview

Introduction Page





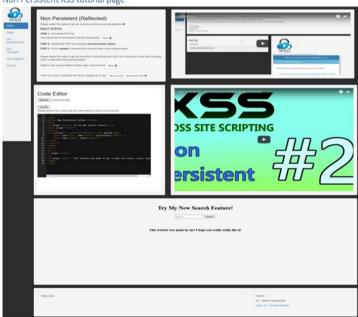


Figure 25 Non Persistent (Reflected Attack) Tutorial Page

Persistent XSS tutorial page

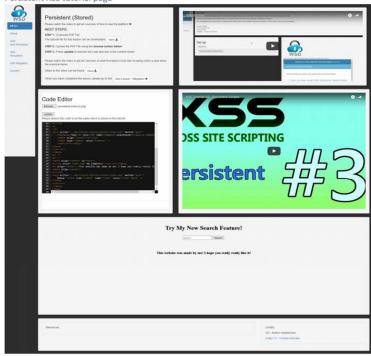


Figure 27 Persistent (stored) XSS tutorial page



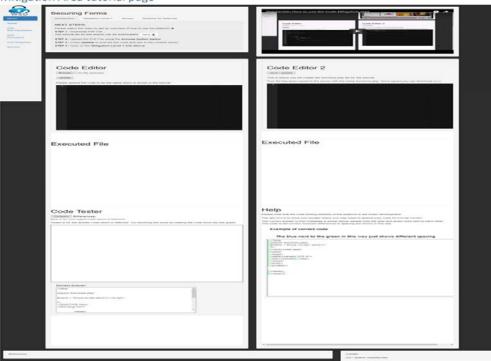


Figure 31 Close up of video pane



Figure 32 close up of Code Editor 1 and 2

Video demonstrations makes it different from anything else out there

Positive reviews but needs more lessons!

Complete novices we able to use it

People felt the code comparer at the end really helped know when they were going wrong

```
Code Editor
 Browse... search(13).php
 update
Please amend the code to be the same which is shown in the tutorial
       <title> Non Persistent Script </title>
       chl align="center"> Try My New Search Feature! </hl>
       (form action="../reflected-XSS/search.php" method="get">
          <input type="text" name="search" placeholder="search" />
          cinput type="submit" value="Search" />
       cp align="center">
      <h3 align="center"> This website was made by me! I hope you really really like
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How Can We Improve?

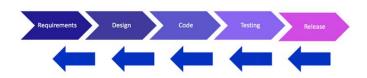
Out of the box thinking required!

Pushing Left, Like a Boss: Part 1



In all of the talks and articles I have ever written and all the advice I have ever given, I am always telling people they should "<u>push left</u>". When security people say they want to "shift left", they are referring to the left side of the System Development Life Cycle (SDLC), which is the way software engineers describe the methodology or process for making software.

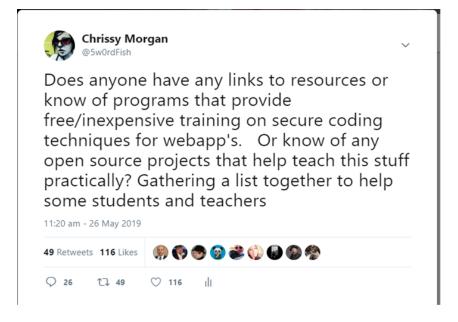
If you look at the image below, the further "left" you look, the earlier you are in the process. When we say we want to "push left", we mean we want to start security at the very beginning and perform security in every step of the SDLC.



You might be reading this and thinking "Of course! Dogen't everyone do that?

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Education



The following courses either have been offered or are being offered free of charge courtesy of the trainers and the OWASP Foundation to anyone interested in learning about application security. Additionally, the training slides/coursework is available under an open source license and we encourage you to use it to set up your own training event!

• NEW* 11-April 2016, OWASP is experimenting with GOTOTraining as a platform to enable project leaders to provide training on their project to the world. For more information CLICK HERE&

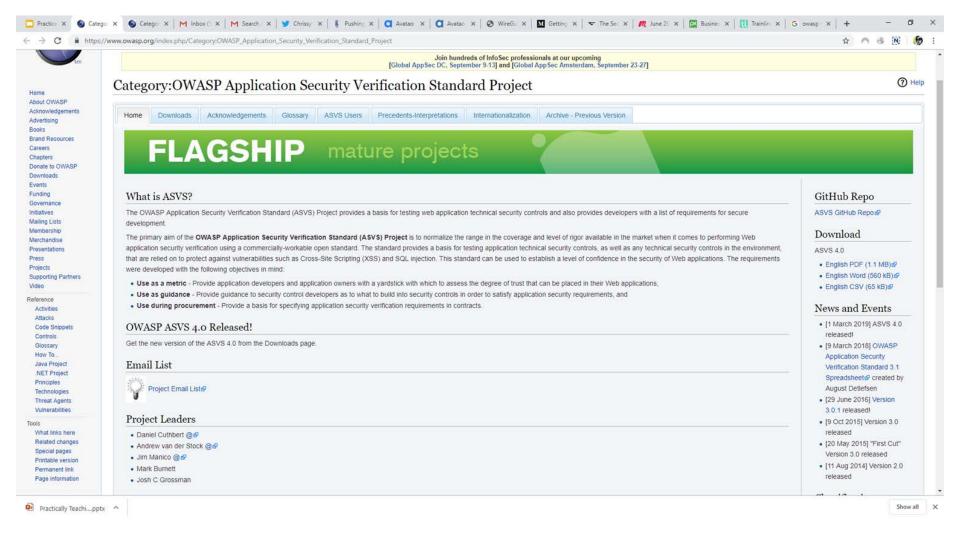
If you are interested in setting up a training event through OWASP, submit your request hereal, we also have funding available to community members who may need help with travel, a venue or other logistics to get the event up and running. Click here for more information d

Here are some general guidelines we have set up for free training courses within the OWASP Community

- 1. Use free and local when possible donated venues or universities as well as trainers that are near by will help save on overhead costs
- 2. Use open source training materials we ask that you make your training materials available after the course, preferably in an editable format
- 3. Use OWASP templater for slides and keep any company branding to one bio slide
- 4. Do an open call for training when possible to avoid giving preference to any one vendor/trainer and give others in the community a chance to participate
- If possible, do the training in a way and time that doesn't compete with paid training (especially at Global AppSec Conferences)

Credits: A sincere thank you to Eoin Keary, Jim Manico, Dan Cornell, Josh Sokol and others who generously donated training content referenced below.

Training Courses, Trainer Data, and Material										
Training Name/Topic	Trainer Name(s)	Training Materials	Training Location	Training Date	Number of Attendees					
Analyzing (Java) Source Code for Cryptographic Weaknesses- Editable slides (ODP), with speaker's notes, and non-editable (PDF), without speaker's notes	Kevin W. Wall	File:Kwwall-owasp-prezo- CryptoCodeWeaknesses-2015-12-03.odp and File:Kwwall-owasp-prezo- CryptoCodeWeaknesses-2015-12-03.pdf	Columbus, OH OWASP Chapter	Dec 03, 2015	18					
Introduction to Application Security - Editable slides (pptx)	Josh Sokol, Dan Cornell	Training Slidest₽	LASCON 2015	October 21, 2015	100					
Application Security – Where do I start?	Jim Manico, Eoin Keary, Michael Coates	Training Slides ₽	Jillians San Francisco, CA	Feb 24, 2014	200					
Approaching App Sec - Editable slides (pptx)	Jim Manico, Eoin Keary	How_Do_I_Approach_Application_Security- 1₽	RSA 2013 EU, RSA 2013 USA, Lascon 2013		1000+					





SKF chat channel

Introduction

Installation

First Run

New project

Project dashboard

Security requirements sprint Summary items marked failed!

Add users

Knowledge Base

Code Examples

Checklists

Credits

Checklists

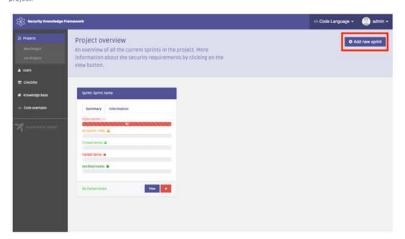
Knowledgebase

Code examples

Project dashboard



So, now we started a new project and added our very first sprint. As you may notice the very first sprint (depending on the pre-development settings) has a lot of security requirements selected for you. The volume of security requirements become les whenever you start adding more sprints. This has mainly to do with the first sprint also covering design and architecture and authentication/authorization. Highlighted in red is the button that shows a modal dat allows us to add new sprints to the project.

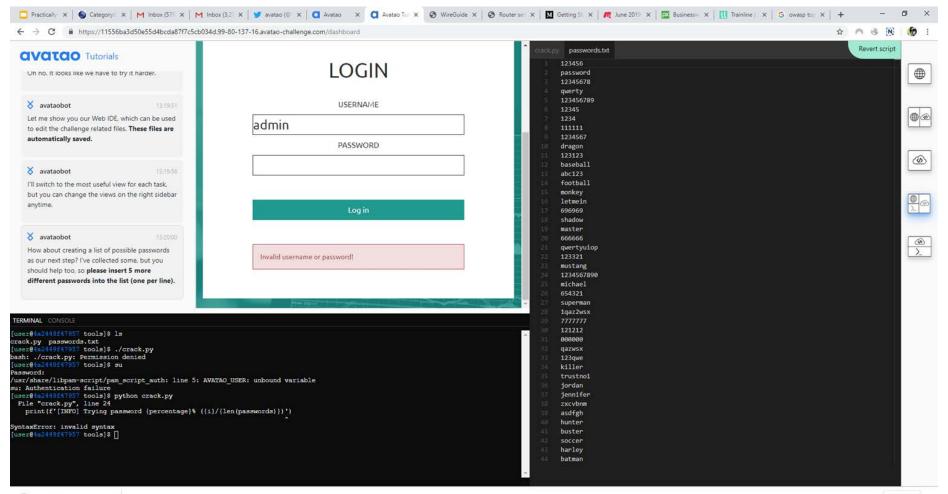


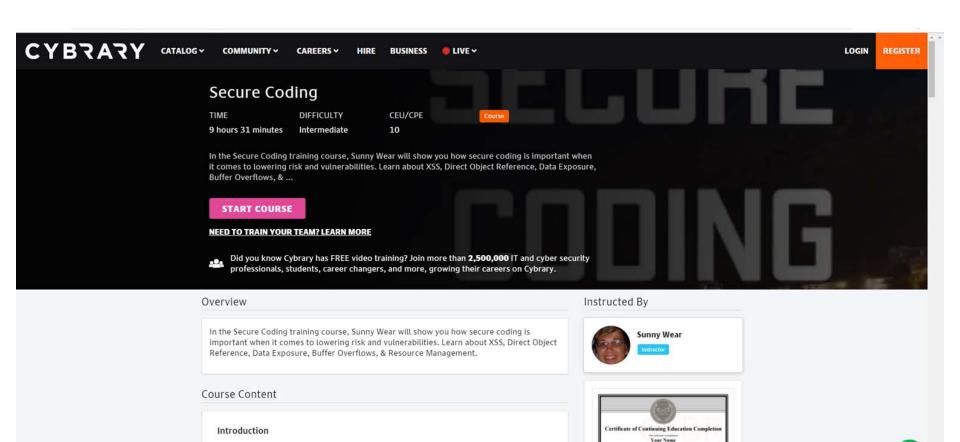
The screenshot below shows a close-up image of sprint statuses in the dashboard. It shows the status and the number of open tickets per sprint. When selecting the view button we find a summary of the tickets along with the correlated knowledgebase items. If we select the "X" we can delete the sprint from the project.

Capture the Flags & Bug Bounty Programs



OK, I AGREE





06:48

05:28

Part 1 Intro

Part 2 Lab Setup



SEE ALL AZURE ROLES



Course info Rating *** (852) Intermediate at

The prevalence of online attacks against websites has accelerated quickly in recent years and the same risks continue to be readily exploited. However, these are very often easily identified directly within the browser; it's just a matter of understanding the vulnerable natterns to look for. This course comes at security from the view of the attacker in that their

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Description

What we should aim for

The perfect mix

More time on mitigation!!

Mixture of Learning styles and methods.

Theory and Reading

Show and tell

Audio and Visual

Practical implementation

Exploratory Learning

Free and Open Source!

Questions?

Dissertation on request.

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