



# Common Weakness Enumeration – CWE

## ...und die Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses

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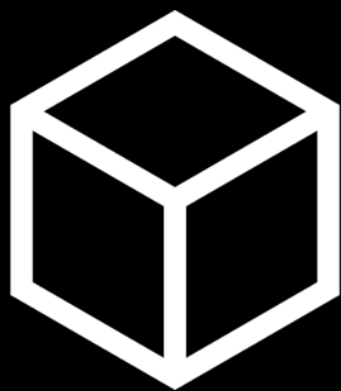
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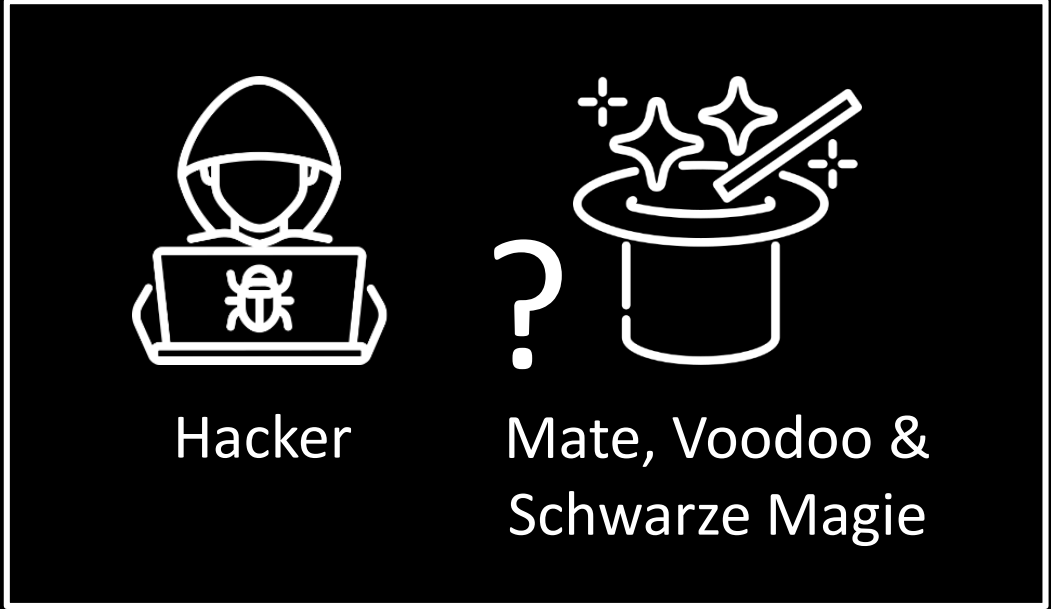
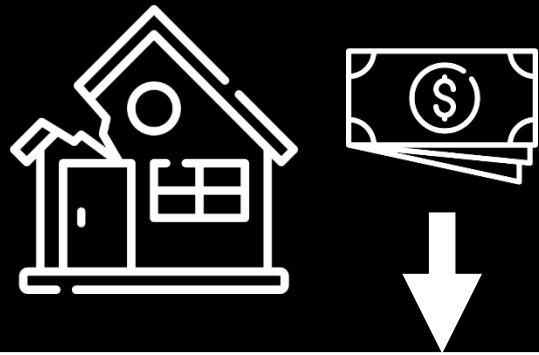


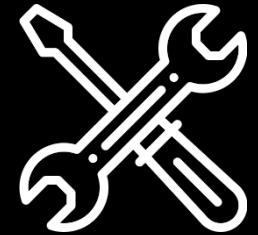
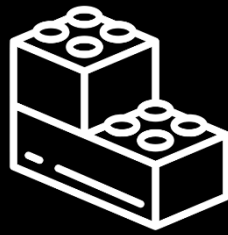
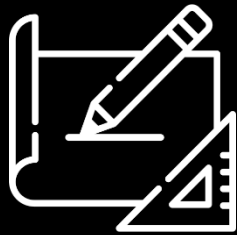
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# Die magische Pentest-Blackbox







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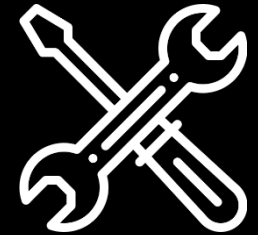
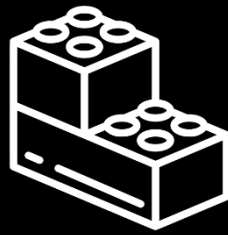
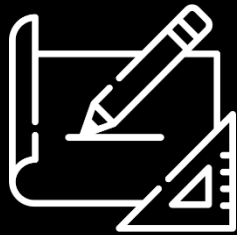
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**99 LITTLE BUGS IN THE CODE, 99  
LITTLE BUGS**

**FIX ONE BUG, RUN IT AGAIN, 117  
LITTLE BUGS IN THE CODE!**

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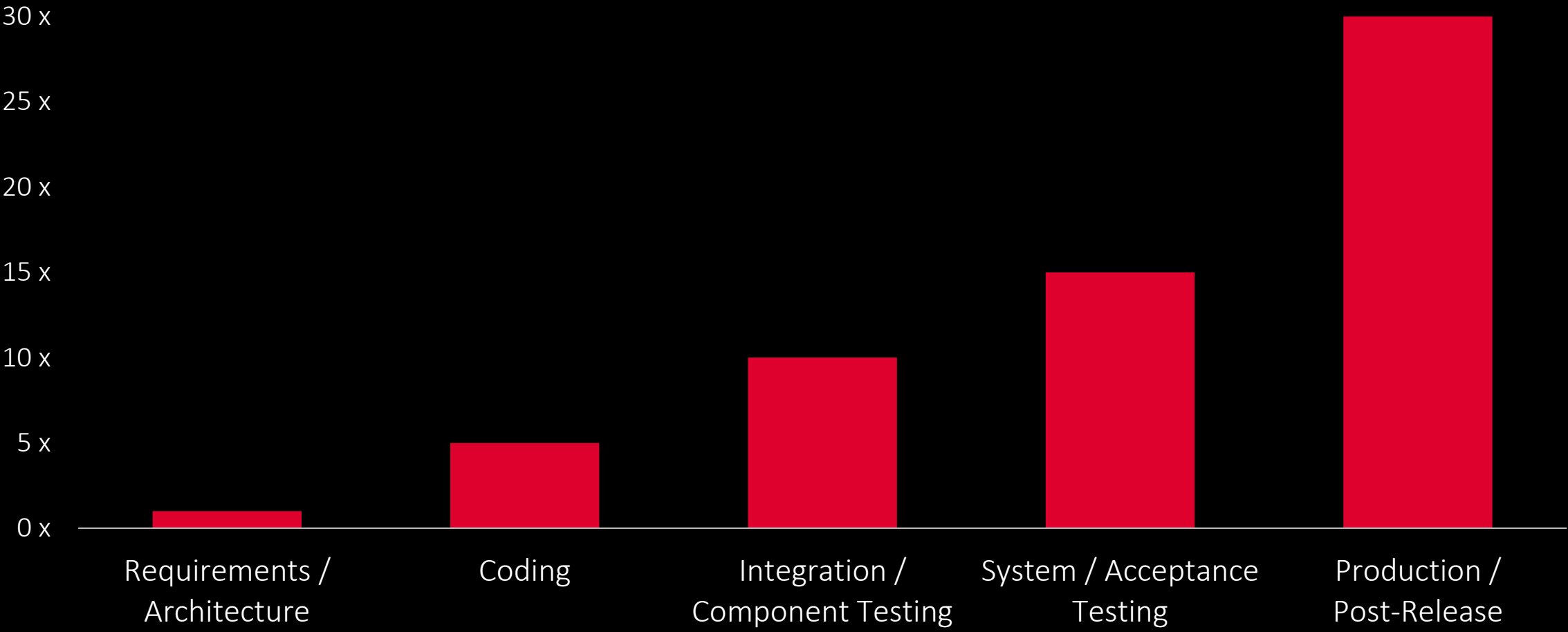
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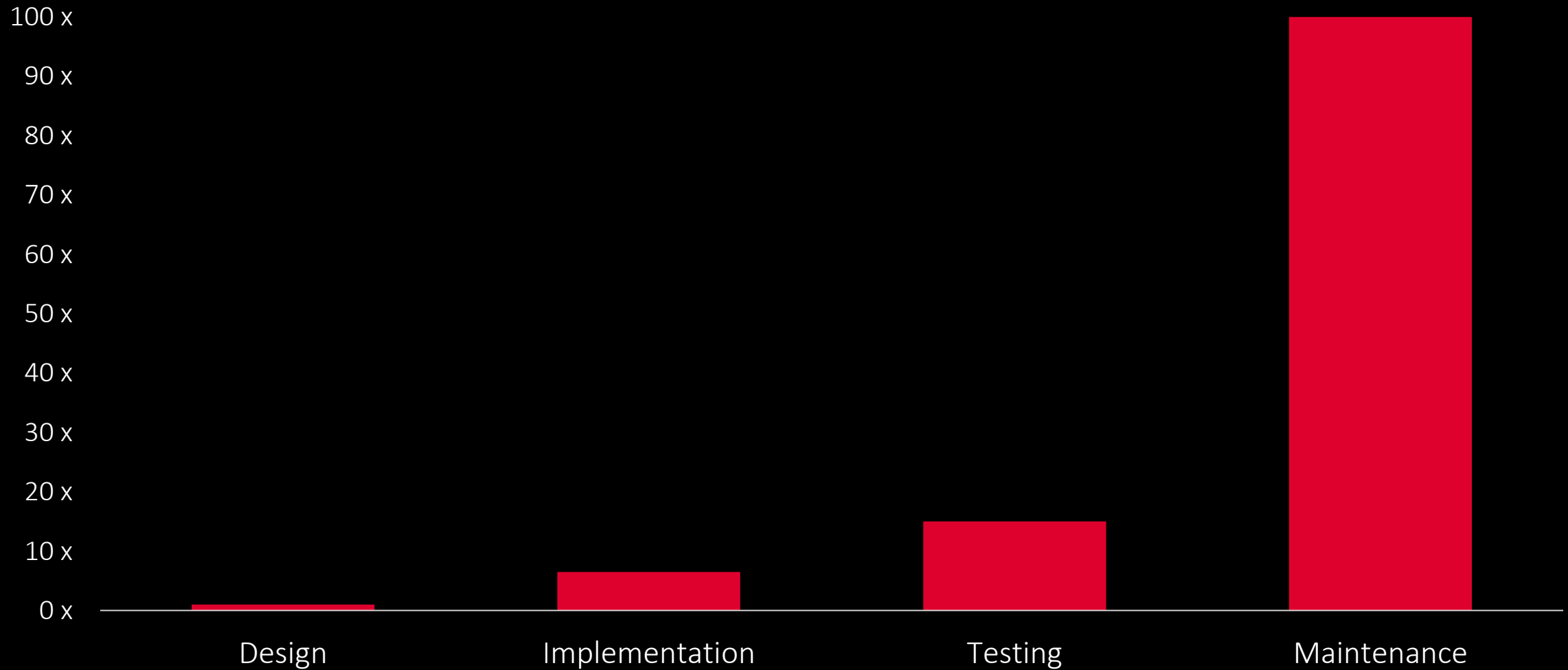
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# Relative Cost to Fix

(based on time of detection)



# Relative Cost of Fixing Defects



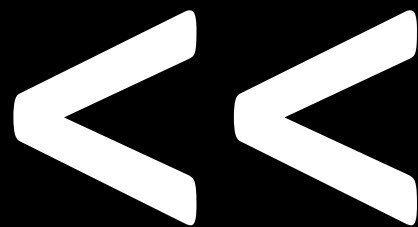
Je später ein Problem  
behoben wird, desto teurer.

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If you fail a penetration test you know you have a very bad problem indeed.

If you pass a penetration test you do not know that you don't have a very bad problem.

— Gary McGraw\*



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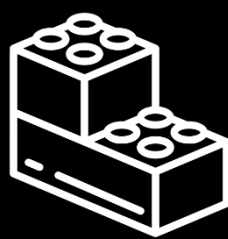
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- Security Requirements
- Security Risk Assessment
- Privacy Risk Assessment



## DESIGN

- Attack Surface Analysis
- Threat Modeling
- Abuse Cases & Attack Trees
- Security Design Reviews



## IMPLEMENTATION

- Code & Configuration Reviews
- Secure by Default Configuration
- Static Analysis
- Approved Tools, Functions, Libraries
- Trustworthy Dependencies



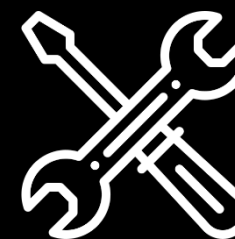
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- Dynamic Analysis
- Fuzzing
- Attack Surface Review
- Penetration Testing
- Infrastructure Configuration Review



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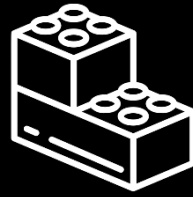
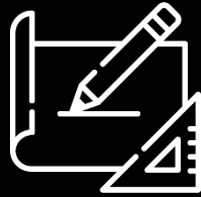
- Incident Response Plan



## MAINTENANCE

- Periodic Configuration Reviews
- Periodic Penetration Tests
- Dedicated Security Update Channel





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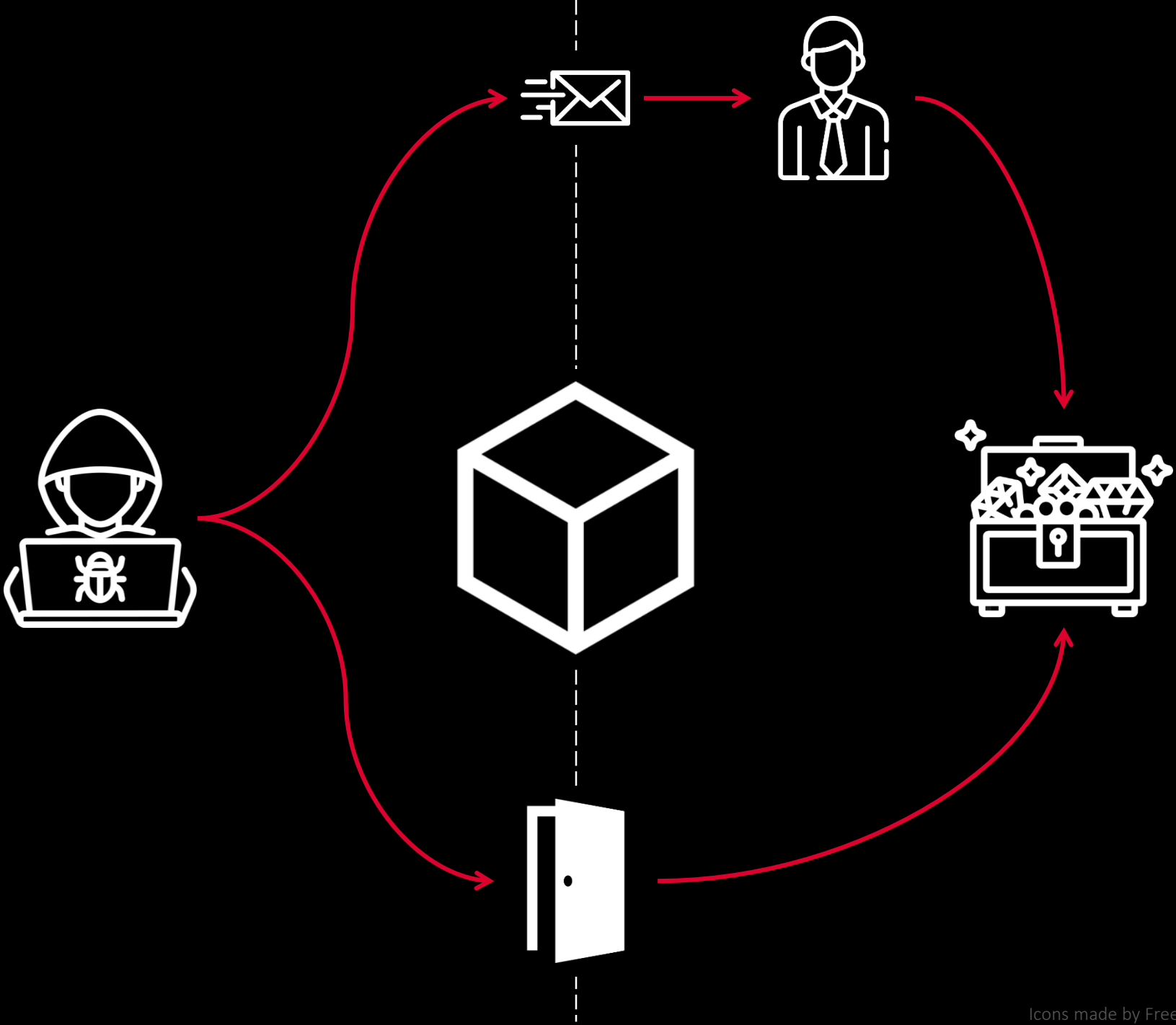
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Exploit



Attack Patterns

**CAPEC**



Vulnerabilities

**CVE**



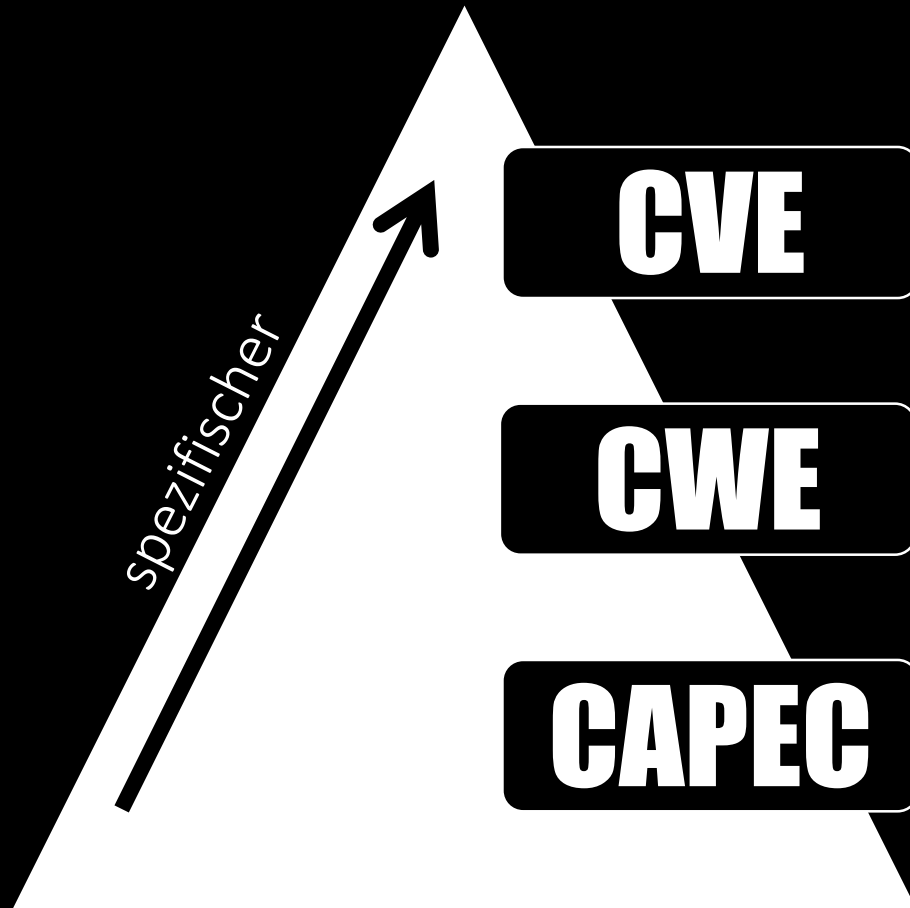
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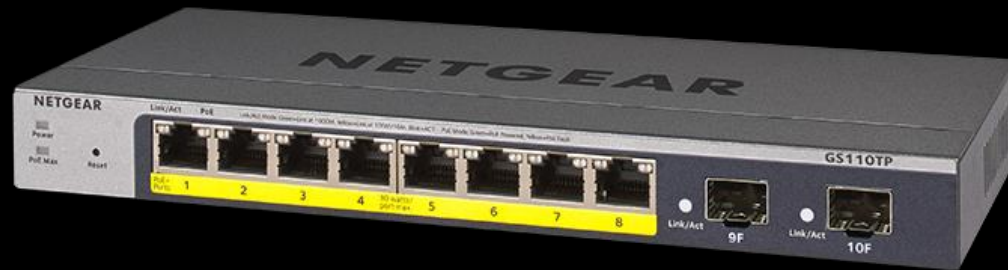
— Robert Martin, CWE/CAPEC Program Manager



Konkrete, produkt- und versionsspezifische, öffentlich bekannte Schwachstellen.

Formale Sammlung von Schwächen in Software und Hardware, die die Ursachen für Schwachstellen darstellen können.

Formale Sammlung von implementierungsunabhängigen Angriffstechniken, inkl. typischen Schritten zur Durchführung des Angriffs.



# CVE-2021-33514

## Unauthenticated Command Injection in Certain NETGEAR Smart Switches

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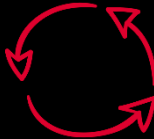
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Unauthenticated  
Attacker on LAN



CAPEC-88



Command  
execution as root

## CAPEC-88: OS Command Injection

Attack Pattern ID: 88  
Abstraction: Standard



Status: Draft

Presentation Filter:


### ▼ Description

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 View Name	Top Level Categories
<a href="#">Domains of Attack</a>	<a href="#">Software</a>
<a href="#">Mechanisms of Attack</a>	<a href="#">Inject Unexpected Items</a>

### ▼ Execution Flow

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TCP/IP Fingerprinting. The attacker uses various software to make connections or partial connections and observe idiosyncratic responses from the operating system. Using those responses, they attempt to guess the actual operating system.  
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##### Techniques

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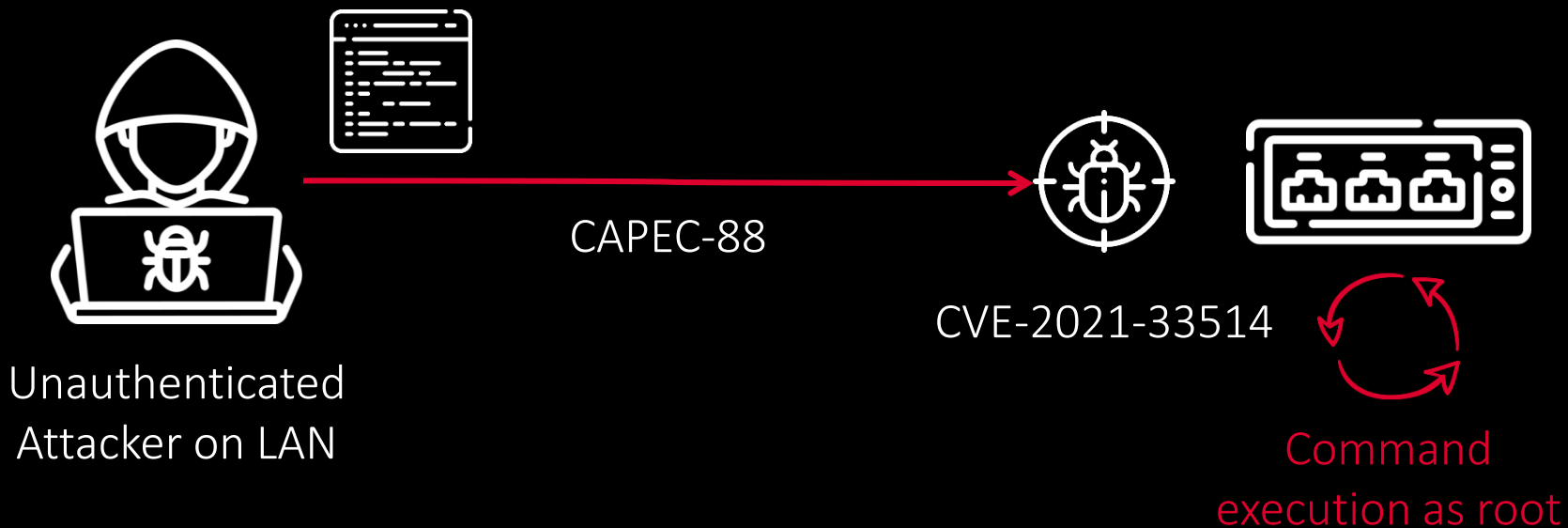
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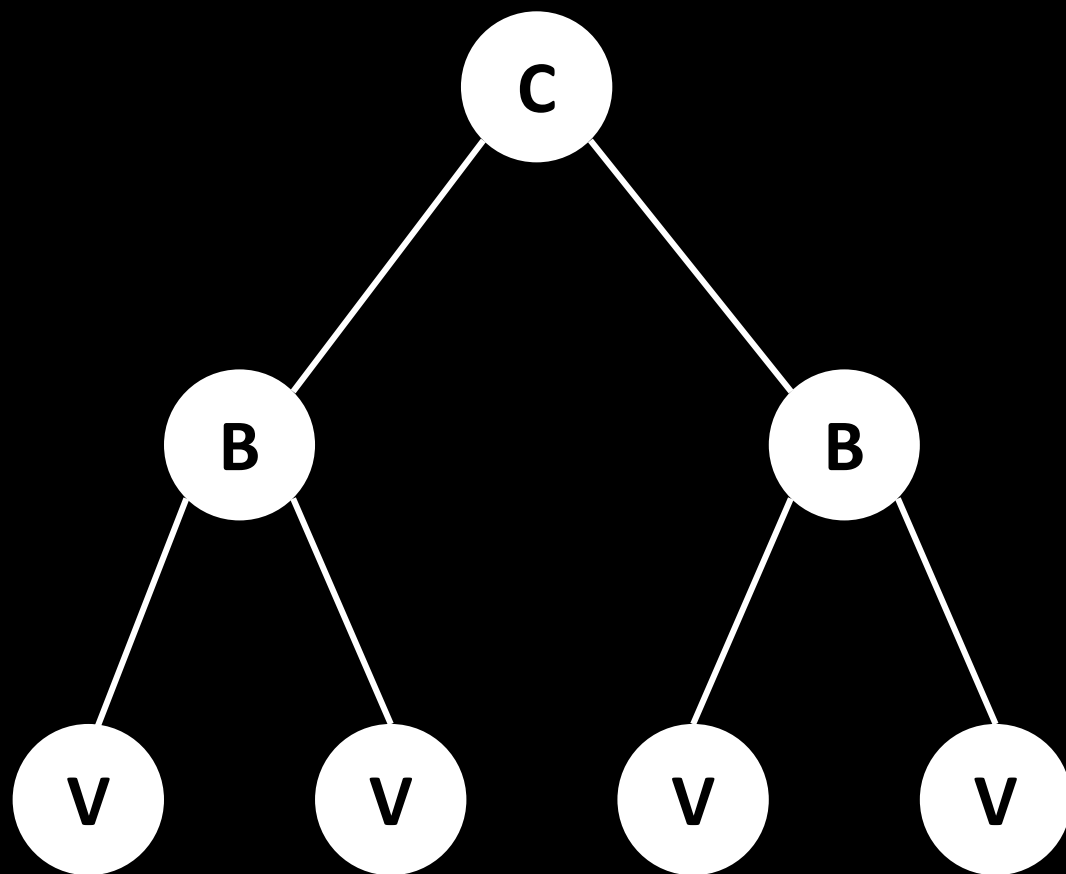
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CATEGORY

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## CLASS

CWE-119: Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

## BASE

CWE-787: Out-of-Bounds Write

## VARIANT

CWE-121: Stack-based Buffer Overflow

## CWE-78: Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection')

Weakness ID: 78  
Abstraction: Base  
Structure: Simple

Status: Stable

Presentation Filter:

### ▼ Description

The software constructs all or part of an OS command using externally-influenced input from an upstream component, but it does not neutralize or incorrectly neutralizes special elements that could modify the intended OS command when it is sent to a downstream component.

### ▼ Extended Description

This could allow attackers to execute unexpected, dangerous commands directly on the operating system. This weakness can lead to a vulnerability in environments in which the attacker does not have direct access to the operating system, such as in web applications. Alternately, if the weakness occurs in a privileged program, it could allow the attacker to specify commands that normally would not be accessible, or to call alternate commands with privileges that the attacker does not have. The problem is exacerbated if the compromised process does not follow the principle of least privilege, because the attacker-controlled commands may run with special system privileges that increases the amount of damage.

There are at least two subtypes of OS command injection:




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#### ▼ Relevant to the view "Research Concepts" (CWE-1000)

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ChildOf		77	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in a Command ('Command Injection')</a>
CanAlsoBe		88	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Argument Delimiters in a Command ('Argument Injection')</a>
CanFollow		184	<a href="#">Incomplete List of Disallowed Inputs</a>

#### ▼ Relevant to the view "Software Development" (CWE-699)

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#### ▼ Relevant to the view "Research Concepts" (CWE-1000)

Nature	Type	ID	Name
ChildOf		77	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in a Command ('Command Injection')</a>
CanAlsoBe		88	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Argument Delimiters in a Command ('Argument Injection')</a>
CanFollow		184	<a href="#">Incomplete List of Disallowed Inputs</a>

#### ▼ Relevant to the view "Software Development" (CWE-699)

Nature	Type	ID	Name
MemberOf		137	<a href="#">Data Neutralization Issues</a>

## CWE-78: Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection')

Weakness ID: 78  
 Abstraction: Base  
 Structure: Simple

Status: Stable

Presentation Filter:

### ▼ Description

The software constructs all or part of an OS command using externally-influenced input from an upstream component, but it does not neutralize or incorrectly neutralizes special elements that could modify the intended OS command when it is sent to a downstream component.

### ▼ Extended Description

This could allow attackers to execute unexpected, dangerous commands directly on the operating system. This weakness can lead to a vulnerability in environments in which the attacker does not have direct access to the operating system, such as in web applications. Alternately, if the weakness occurs in a privileged program, it could allow the attacker to specify commands that normally would not be accessible, or to call alternate commands with privileges that the attacker does not have. The problem is exacerbated if the compromised process does not follow the principle of least privilege, because the attacker-controlled commands may run with special system privileges that increases the amount of damage.

There are at least two subtypes of OS command injection:

1. The application intends to execute a single, fixed program that is under its own control. It intends to use externally-supplied inputs as arguments to that program. For example, the program might use `system("nslookup [HOSTNAME]")` to run nslookup and allow the user to supply a HOSTNAME, which is used as an argument. Attackers cannot prevent nslookup from executing. However, if the program does not remove command separators from the HOSTNAME argument, attackers could place the separators into the arguments, which allows them to execute their own program after nslookup has finished executing.
2. The application accepts an input that it uses to fully select which program to run, as well as which commands to use. The application simply redirects this entire command to the operating system. For example, the program might use `exec([COMMAND])` to execute the [COMMAND] that was supplied by the user. If the COMMAND is under attacker control, then the attacker can execute arbitrary commands or programs. If the command is being executed using functions like `exec()` and `CreateProcess()`, the attacker might not be able to combine multiple commands together in the same line.

From a weakness standpoint, these variants represent distinct programmer errors. In the first variant, the programmer clearly intends that input from untrusted parties will be part of the arguments in the command to be executed. In the second variant, the programmer does not intend for the command to be accessible to any untrusted party, but the programmer probably has not accounted for alternate ways in which malicious attackers can provide input.

### ▼ Relationships

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#### ▼ Relevant to the view "Software Development" (CWE-699)

Nature	Type	ID	Name
MemberOf		137	<a href="#">Data Neutralization Issues</a>

### ▼ Modes Of Introduction

The different Modes of Introduction provide information about how and when this weakness may be introduced. The Phase identifies a point in the life cycle at which introduction may occur, while the Note provides a typical scenario related to introduction during the given phase.

Phase	Note
Architecture and Design	
Implementation	REALIZATION: This weakness is caused during implementation of an architectural security tactic.

### ▼ Applicable Platforms

The listings below show possible areas for which the given weakness could appear. These may be for specific named Languages, Operating Systems, Architectures, Paradigms, Technologies, or a class of such platforms. The platform is listed along with how frequently the given weakness appears for that instance.

#### Languages

Class: Language-Independent (*Undetermined Prevalence*)

### ▼ Common Consequences

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Scope	Impact	Likelihood
Confidentiality	<b>Technical Impact:</b> <i>Execute Unauthorized Code or Commands; DoS: Crash, Exit, or Restart; Read Files or Directories; Modify Files or Directories; Read Application Data; Modify Application Data; Hide Activities</i>	
Integrity		
Availability	Attackers could execute unauthorized commands, which could then be used to disable the software, or read and modify data for which the attacker does not have permissions to access	
Non-Repudiation	directly. Since the targeted application is directly executing the commands instead of the attacker, any malicious activities may appear to come from the application or the application's owner.	

### ▼ Likelihood Of Exploit

High

### ▼ Demonstrative Examples

#### Example 1

This example code intends to take the name of a user and list the contents of that user's home directory. It is subject to the first variant of OS command injection.

```
Example Language: PHP (bad code)
$username = $_POST["user"];
$command = 'ls -l /home/' . $username;
system($command);
```

The `$username` variable is not checked for malicious input. An attacker could set the `$username` variable to an arbitrary OS command such as:

```
(attack code)
;rm -rf /
```

Which would result in `$command` being:

```
(result)
ls -l /home/;rm -rf /
```

Since the semi-colon is a command separator in Unix, the OS would first execute the `ls` command, then the `rm` command, deleting the entire file system.

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### ▼ Likelihood Of Exploit

High

### ▼ Demonstrative Examples

#### Example 1

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```
Example Language: PHP (bad code)  
  
$userName = $_POST["user"];  
$command = 'ls -l /home/' . $userName;  
system($command);
```

The \$userName variable is not checked for malicious input. An attacker could set the \$userName variable to an arbitrary OS command such as:

```
(attack code)  
  
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```

Which would result in \$command being:

```
(result)  
  
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Since the semi-colon is a command separator in Unix, the OS would first execute the ls command, then the rm command, deleting the entire file system.

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High

### ▼ Demonstrative Examples

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## ▼ Potential Mitigations

### Phase: Architecture and Design

If at all possible, use library calls rather than external processes to recreate the desired functionality.

### Phases: Architecture and Design; Operation

**Strategy: Sandbox or Jail**

Run the code in a "jail" or similar sandbox environment that enforces strict boundaries between the process and the operating system. This may effectively restrict which files can be accessed in a particular directory or which commands can be executed by the software.

OS-level examples include the Unix chroot jail, AppArmor, and SELinux. In general, managed code may provide some protection. For example, `java.io.FilePermission` in the Java SecurityManager allows the software to specify restrictions on file operations.

This may not be a feasible solution, and it only limits the impact to the operating system; the rest of the application may still be subject to compromise.

Be careful to avoid [CWE-243](#) and other weaknesses related to jails.

**Effectiveness: Limited**

**Note:** The effectiveness of this mitigation depends on the prevention capabilities of the specific sandbox or jail being used and might only help to reduce the scope of an attack, such as restricting the attacker to certain system calls or limiting the portion of the file system that can be accessed.

### Phase: Architecture and Design

**Strategy: Attack Surface Reduction**

For any data that will be used to generate a command to be executed, keep as much of that data out of external control as possible. For example, in web applications, this may require storing the data locally in the session's state instead of sending it out to the client in a hidden form field.

### Phase: Architecture and Design

For any security checks that are performed on the client side, ensure that these checks are duplicated on the server side, in order to avoid [CWE-602](#). Attackers can bypass the client-side checks by modifying values after the checks have been performed, or by changing the client to remove the client-side checks entirely. Then, these modified values would be submitted to the server.

### Phase: Architecture and Design

**Strategy: Libraries or Frameworks**

Use a vetted library or framework that does not allow this weakness to occur or provides constructs that make this weakness easier to avoid.

For example, consider using the ESAPI Encoding control [\[REF-45\]](#) or a similar tool, library, or framework. These will help the programmer encode outputs in a manner less prone to error.

### Phase: Implementation

**Strategy: Output Encoding**

While it is risky to use dynamically-generated query strings, code, or commands that mix control and data together, sometimes it may be unavoidable. Properly quote arguments and escape any special characters within those arguments. The most conservative approach is to escape or filter all characters that do not pass an extremely strict allowlist (such as everything that is not alphanumeric or white space). If some special characters are still needed, such as white space, wrap each argument in quotes after the escaping/filtering step. Be careful of argument injection ([CWE-88](#)).

### Phase: Implementation

If the program to be executed allows arguments to be specified within an input file or from standard input, then consider using that mode to pass arguments instead of the command line.

### Phase: Architecture and Design

**Strategy: Parameterization**

If available, use structured mechanisms that automatically enforce the separation between data and code. These mechanisms may be able to provide the relevant quoting, encoding, and validation automatically, instead of relying on the developer to provide this capability at every point where output is generated.

Some languages offer multiple functions that can be used to invoke commands. Where possible, identify any function that invokes a command shell using a single string, and replace it with a function that requires individual arguments. These functions typically perform appropriate quoting and filtering of arguments. For example, in C, the `system()` function accepts a string that contains the entire command to be executed, whereas `execl()`, `execve()`, and others require an array of strings, one for each argument. In Windows, `CreateProcess()` only accepts one command at a time. In Perl, if `system()` is provided with an array of arguments, then it will quote each of the arguments.



## ▼ Memberships

This MemberOf Relationships table shows additional CWE Categories and Views that reference this weakness as a member. This information is often useful in understanding where a weakness fits within the context of external information sources.

Nature	Type	ID	Name
MemberOf		635	<a href="#">Weaknesses Originally Used by NVD from 2008 to 2016</a>
MemberOf		714	<a href="#">OWASP Top Ten 2007 Category A3 - Malicious File Execution</a>
MemberOf		727	<a href="#">OWASP Top Ten 2004 Category A6 - Injection Flaws</a>
MemberOf		741	<a href="#">CERT C Secure Coding Standard (2008) Chapter 8 - Characters and Strings (STR)</a>
MemberOf		744	<a href="#">CERT C Secure Coding Standard (2008) Chapter 11 - Environment (ENV)</a>
MemberOf		751	<a href="#">2009 Top 25 - Insecure Interaction Between Components</a>
MemberOf		801	<a href="#">2010 Top 25 - Insecure Interaction Between Components</a>
MemberOf		810	<a href="#">OWASP Top Ten 2010 Category A1 - Injection</a>
MemberOf		845	<a href="#">The CERT Oracle Secure Coding Standard for Java (2011) Chapter 2 - Input Validation and Data Sanitization (IDS)</a>
MemberOf		864	<a href="#">2011 Top 25 - Insecure Interaction Between Components</a>
MemberOf		875	<a href="#">CERT C++ Secure Coding Section 07 - Characters and Strings (STR)</a>
MemberOf		878	<a href="#">CERT C++ Secure Coding Section 10 - Environment (ENV)</a>
MemberOf		884	<a href="#">CWE Cross-section</a>
MemberOf		929	<a href="#">OWASP Top Ten 2013 Category A1 - Injection</a>
MemberOf		990	<a href="#">SFP Secondary Cluster: Tainted Input to Command</a>
MemberOf		1027	<a href="#">OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A1 - Injection</a>
MemberOf		1131	<a href="#">CISQ Quality Measures (2016) - Security</a>
MemberOf		1134	<a href="#">SEI CERT Oracle Secure Coding Standard for Java - Guidelines 00. Input Validation and Data Sanitization (IDS)</a>
MemberOf		1165	<a href="#">SEI CERT C Coding Standard - Guidelines 10. Environment (ENV)</a>
MemberOf		1200	<a href="#">Weaknesses in the 2019 CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Errors</a>
MemberOf		1350	<a href="#">Weaknesses in the 2020 CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses</a>

## CWE VIEW: Software Development

View ID: 699

Type: Graph

Status: Draft

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### Objective

This view organizes weaknesses around concepts that are frequently used or encountered in software development. This includes all aspects of the software development lifecycle including both architecture and implementation. Accordingly, this view can align closely with the perspectives of architects, developers, educators, and assessment vendors. It provides a variety of categories that are intended to simplify navigation, browsing, and mapping.

### Audience

Stakeholder	Description
Software Developers	Software developers (including architects, designers, coders, and testers) use this view to better understand potential mistakes that can be made in specific areas of their software application. The use of concepts that developers are familiar with makes it easier to navigate this view, and filtering by Modes of Introduction can enable focus on a specific phase of the development lifecycle.
Educators	Educators use this view to teach future developers about the types of mistakes that are commonly made within specific parts of a codebase.

### Relationships

The following graph shows the tree-like relationships between weaknesses that exist at different levels of abstraction. At the highest level, categories and pillars exist to group weaknesses. Categories (which are not technically weaknesses) are special CWE entries used to group weaknesses that share a common characteristic. Pillars are weaknesses that are described in the most abstract fashion. Below these top-level entries are weaknesses are varying levels of abstraction. Classes are still very abstract, typically independent of any specific language or technology. Base level weaknesses are used to present a more specific type of weakness. A variant is a weakness that is described at a very low level of detail, typically limited to a specific language or technology. A chain is a set of weaknesses that must be reachable consecutively in order to produce an exploitable vulnerability. While a composite is a set of weaknesses that must all be present simultaneously in order to produce an exploitable vulnerability.

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## CWE CATEGORY: Data Neutralization Issues

Category ID: 137

Status: Draft

### Summary

Weaknesses in this category are related to the creation or neutralization of data using an incorrect format.

### Membership

Nature	Type	ID	Name
MemberOf	V	699	<a href="#">Software Development</a>
HasMember	B	76	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Equivalent Special Elements</a>
HasMember	B	78	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	79	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')</a>
HasMember	B	88	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Argument Delimiters in a Command ('Argument Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	89	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	90	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an LDAP Query ('LDAP Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	91	<a href="#">XML Injection (aka Blind XPath Injection)</a>
HasMember	B	93	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of CRLF Sequences ('CRLF Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	94	<a href="#">Improper Control of Generation of Code ('Code Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	96	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Directives in Statically Saved Code ('Static Code Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	117	<a href="#">Improper Output Neutralization for Logs</a>
HasMember	B	140	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Delimiters</a>
HasMember	B	170	<a href="#">Improper Null Termination</a>
HasMember	B	188	<a href="#">Reliance on Data/Memory Layout</a>
HasMember	B	462	<a href="#">Duplicate Key in Associative List (Alist)</a>
HasMember	B	463	<a href="#">Deletion of Data Structure Sentinel</a>
HasMember	B	464	<a href="#">Addition of Data Structure Sentinel</a>
HasMember	B	641	<a href="#">Improper Restriction of Names for Files and Other Resources</a>
HasMember	B	643	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Data within XPath Expressions ('XPath Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	652	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Data within XQuery Expressions ('XQuery Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	791	<a href="#">Incomplete Filtering of Special Elements</a>
HasMember	B	795	<a href="#">Only Filtering Special Elements at a Specified Location</a>
HasMember	B	838	<a href="#">Inappropriate Encoding for Output Context</a>
HasMember	B	917	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an Expression Language Statement ('Expression Language Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	1236	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Formula Elements in a CSV File</a>

## CWE-682: Incorrect Calculation

Weakness ID: 682  
Abstraction: Pillar  
Structure: Simple

Status: Draft

Presentation Filter:

### ▼ Description

The software performs a calculation that generates incorrect or unintended results that are later used in security-critical decisions or resource management.

### ▼ Extended Description

When software performs a security-critical calculation incorrectly, it might lead to incorrect resource allocations, incorrect privilege assignments, or failed comparisons among other things. Many of the direct results of an incorrect calculation can lead to even larger problems such as failed protection mechanisms or even arbitrary code execution.

### ▼ Relationships

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#### ▼ Relevant to the view "Research Concepts" (CWE-1000)

Nature	Type	ID	Name
MemberOf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1000	<a href="#">Research Concepts</a>
ParentOf	<input type="checkbox"/>	128	<a href="#">Wrap-around Error</a>
ParentOf	<input type="checkbox"/>	131	<a href="#">Incorrect Calculation of Buffer Size</a>
ParentOf	<input type="checkbox"/>	135	<a href="#">Incorrect Calculation of Multi-Byte String Length</a>
ParentOf	<input type="checkbox"/>	190	<a href="#">Integer Overflow or Wraparound</a>
ParentOf	<input type="checkbox"/>	191	<a href="#">Integer Underflow (Wrap or Wraparound)</a>
ParentOf	<input type="checkbox"/>	193	<a href="#">Off-by-one Error</a>
ParentOf	<input type="checkbox"/>	369	<a href="#">Divide By Zero</a>
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CanFollow	<input type="checkbox"/>	681	<a href="#">Incorrect Conversion between Numeric Types</a>
CanFollow	<input type="checkbox"/>	839	<a href="#">Numeric Range Comparison Without Minimum Check</a>
CanPrecede	<input type="checkbox"/>	170	<a href="#">Improper Null Termination</a>

#### ▶ Relevant to the view "Weaknesses for Simplified Mapping of Published Vulnerabilities" (CWE-1003)

#### ▶ Relevant to the view "CISQ Quality Measures (2020)" (CWE-1305)

#### ▶ Relevant to the view "CISQ Data Protection Measures" (CWE-1340)

### ▼ Modes Of Introduction

The different Modes of Introduction provide information about how and when this weakness may be introduced. The Phase identifies a point in the life cycle at which introduction may occur, while the Note provides a typical scenario related to introduction during the given phase.

# CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses (...and Weaknesses on the Cusp)

**A1:2017-  
Injection**

Injection flaws, such as SQL, NoSQL, OS, and LDAP injection, occur 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.

**A2:2017-Broken  
Authentication**

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

**A3:2017-  
Sensitive Data  
Exposure**

Many web applications and APIs do not properly protect sensitive data, such as financial, healthcare, and PII. Attackers may steal or modify 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.

**A4:2017-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 file URI handler, internal file shares, internal port scanning, remote code execution, and denial of service attacks.

**A5:2017-Broken  
Access Control**

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, etc.

**A6:2017-Security  
Misconfiguration**

Security misconfiguration is the most commonly seen issue. This is commonly a result of insecure default configurations, incomplete 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 and upgraded in a timely fashion.

**A7:2017-  
Cross-Site  
Scripting (XSS)**

XSS flaws occur whenever an application includes untrusted data in a new 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 allows attackers to execute scripts in the victim's browser which can hijack user sessions, deface web sites, or redirect the user to malicious sites.

**A8:2017-  
Insecure  
Deserialization**

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.

**A9:2017-Using  
Components  
with Known  
Vulnerabilities**

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.

**A10:2017-  
Insufficient  
Logging &  
Monitoring**

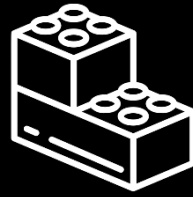
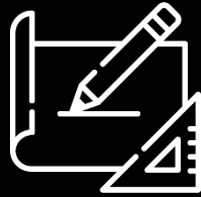
Insufficient logging and monitoring, coupled with missing or ineffective integration with incident response, allows attackers to further attack systems, maintain persistence, pivot to more systems, and tamper, extract, or destroy data. Most breach studies show time to detect a breach is over 200 days, typically detected by external parties rather than internal processes or monitoring.

API1:2019 - Broken Object Level Authorization	APIs tend to expose endpoints that handle object identifiers, creating a wide attack surface Level Access Control issue. Object level authorization checks should be considered in every function that accesses a data source using an input from the user.
API2:2019 - Broken User Authentication	Authentication mechanisms are often implemented incorrectly, allowing attackers to compromise authentication tokens or to exploit implementation flaws to assume other user's identities temporarily or permanently. Compromising system's ability to identify the client/user, compromises API security overall.
API3:2019 - Excessive Data Exposure	Looking forward to generic implementations, developers tend to expose all object properties without considering their individual sensitivity, relying on clients to perform the data filtering before displaying it to the user.
API4:2019 - Lack of Resources & Rate Limiting	Quite often, APIs do not impose any restrictions on the size or number of resources that can be requested by the client/user. Not only can this impact the API server performance, leading to Denial of Service (DoS), but also leaves the door open to authentication flaws such as brute force.
API5:2019 - Broken Function Level Authorization	Complex access control policies with different hierarchies, groups, and roles, and an unclear separation between administrative and regular functions, tend to lead to authorization flaws. By exploiting these issues, attackers gain access to other users' resources and/or administrative functions.
API6:2019 - Mass Assignment	Binding client provided data (e.g., JSON) to data models, without proper properties filtering based on a whitelist, usually lead to Mass Assignment. Either guessing objects properties, exploring other API endpoints, reading the documentation, or providing additional object properties in request payloads, allows attackers to modify object properties they are not supposed to.
API7:2019 - Security Misconfiguration	Security misconfiguration is commonly a result of insecure default configurations, incomplete or ad-hoc configurations, open cloud storage, misconfigured HTTP headers, unnecessary HTTP methods, permissive Cross-Origin resource sharing (CORS), and verbose error messages containing sensitive information.
API8:2019 - Injection	Injection flaws, such as SQL, NoSQL, Command Injection, etc., occur when untrusted data is sent to an interpreter as part of a command or query. The attacker's malicious data can trick the interpreter into executing unintended commands or accessing data without proper authorization.
API9:2019 - Improper Assets Management	APIs tend to expose more endpoints than traditional web applications, making proper and updated documentation highly important. Proper hosts and deployed API versions inventory also play an important role to mitigate issues such as deprecated API versions and exposed debug endpoints.
API10:2019 - Insufficient Logging & Monitoring	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 to tamper with, extract, or destroy data. Most breach studies demonstrate the time to detect a breach is over 200 days, typically detected by external parties rather than internal processes or monitoring.

Rank	ID	Name	Score
[1]	<a href="#">CWE-79</a>	Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')	46.82
[2]	<a href="#">CWE-787</a>	Out-of-bounds Write	46.17
[3]	<a href="#">CWE-20</a>	Improper Input Validation	33.47
[4]	<a href="#">CWE-125</a>	Out-of-bounds Read	26.50
[5]	<a href="#">CWE-119</a>	Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer	23.73
[6]	<a href="#">CWE-89</a>	Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')	20.69
[7]	<a href="#">CWE-200</a>	Exposure of Sensitive Information to an Unauthorized Actor	19.16
[8]	<a href="#">CWE-416</a>	Use After Free	18.87
[9]	<a href="#">CWE-352</a>	Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	17.29
[10]	<a href="#">CWE-78</a>	Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection')	16.44
[11]	<a href="#">CWE-190</a>	Integer Overflow or Wraparound	15.81
[12]	<a href="#">CWE-22</a>	Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal')	13.67
[13]	<a href="#">CWE-476</a>	NULL Pointer Dereference	8.35
[14]	<a href="#">CWE-287</a>	Improper Authentication	8.17
[15]	<a href="#">CWE-434</a>	Unrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type	7.38
[16]	<a href="#">CWE-732</a>	Incorrect Permission Assignment for Critical Resource	6.95
[17]	<a href="#">CWE-94</a>	Improper Control of Generation of Code ('Code Injection')	6.53
[18]	<a href="#">CWE-522</a>	Insufficiently Protected Credentials	5.49
[19]	<a href="#">CWE-611</a>	Improper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference	5.33
[20]	<a href="#">CWE-798</a>	Use of Hard-coded Credentials	5.19
[21]	<a href="#">CWE-502</a>	Deserialization of Untrusted Data	4.93
[22]	<a href="#">CWE-269</a>	Improper Privilege Management	4.87
[23]	<a href="#">CWE-400</a>	Uncontrolled Resource Consumption	4.14
[24]	<a href="#">CWE-306</a>	Missing Authentication for Critical Function	3.85
[25]	<a href="#">CWE-862</a>	Missing Authorization	3.77

Rank	CWE	Name	NVD Count	Avg CVSS	Overall Score
[26]	<a href="#">CWE-426</a>	Untrusted Search Path	175	7.68	3.25
[27]	<a href="#">CWE-918</a>	Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)	161	7.85	3.08
[28]	<a href="#">CWE-295</a>	Improper Certificate Validation	180	7.19	3.04
[29]	<a href="#">CWE-863</a>	Incorrect Authorization	189	6.82	2.97
[30]	<a href="#">CWE-284</a>	Improper Access Control	173	7.22	2.94
[31]	<a href="#">CWE-77</a>	Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in a Command ('Command Injection')	131	8.46	2.77
[32]	<a href="#">CWE-401</a>	Missing Release of Memory after Effective Lifetime	189	6.43	2.72
[33]	<a href="#">CWE-532</a>	Insertion of Sensitive Information into Log File	154	6.82	2.42
[34]	<a href="#">CWE-362</a>	Concurrent Execution using Shared Resource with Improper Synchronization ('Race Condition')	157	6.68	2.39
[35]	<a href="#">CWE-601</a>	URL Redirection to Untrusted Site ('Open Redirect')	176	6.12	2.35
[36]	<a href="#">CWE-835</a>	Loop with Unreachable Exit Condition ('Infinite Loop')	150	6.72	2.30
[37]	<a href="#">CWE-704</a>	Incorrect Type Conversion or Cast	109	8.48	2.30
[38]	<a href="#">CWE-415</a>	Double Free	117	8.04	2.30
[39]	<a href="#">CWE-770</a>	Allocation of Resources Without Limits or Throttling	139	7.06	2.29
[40]	<a href="#">CWE-59</a>	Improper Link Resolution Before File Access ('Link Following')	122	7.07	2.01





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## CWE VIEW: Weaknesses in the 2020 CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses

View ID: 1350

Type: Graph

Status: Stable

Downloads: [Booklet](#) | [CSV](#) | [XML](#)

### Objective

CWE entries in this view are listed in the 2020 CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses.

### Audience

Stakeholder	Description
Software Developers	By following the CWE Top 25, developers are able to significantly reduce the number of weaknesses that occur in their software.
Product Customers	Customers can use the weaknesses in this view in order to formulate independent evidence of a claim by a product vendor to have eliminated / mitigated the most dangerous weaknesses.
Educators	Educators can use this view to focus curriculum and teachings on the most dangerous weaknesses.

### Relationships

The following graph shows the tree-like relationships between weaknesses that exist at different levels of abstraction. At the highest level, categories and pillars exist to group weaknesses. Categories (which are not technically weaknesses) are special CWE entries used to group weaknesses that share a common characteristic. Pillars are weaknesses that are described in the most abstract fashion. Below these top-level entries are weaknesses at varying levels of abstraction. Classes are still very abstract, typically independent of any specific language or technology. Base level weaknesses are used to present a more specific type of weakness. A variant is a weakness that is described at a very low level of detail, typically limited to a specific language or technology. A chain is a set of weaknesses that must be reachable consecutively in order to produce an exploitable vulnerability. While a composite is a set of weaknesses that must all be present simultaneously in order to produce an exploitable vulnerability.

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### 1350 - Weaknesses in the 2020 CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses

- Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting') - (79)
- Out-of-bounds Write - (787)
- Improper Input Validation - (20)
- Out-of-bounds Read - (125)
- Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer - (119)
- Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection') - (89)
- Exposure of Sensitive Information to an Unauthorized Actor - (200)
- Use After Free - (416)
- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) - (352)
- Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection') - (78)
- Integer Overflow or Wraparound - (190)
- Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal') - (22)
- NULL Pointer Dereference - (476)
- Improper Authentication - (287)
- Unrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type - (434)
- Incorrect Permission Assignment for Critical Resource - (732)



## CWE VIEW: Weaknesses Introduced During Design

View ID: 701

Type: Implicit

Status: Incomplete

Downloads: [Booklet](#) | [CSV](#) | [XML](#)

### Objective

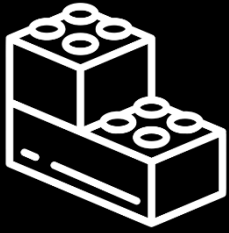
This view (slice) lists weaknesses that can be introduced during design.

### Filter

/Weakness\_Catalog/Weaknesses/Weakness[./Modes\_Of\_Introduction/Introduction/Phase='Architecture and Design']

### Membership

Nature	Type	ID	Name
HasMember	V	6	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Insufficient Session-ID Length</a>
HasMember	V	7	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Missing Custom Error Page</a>
HasMember	V	8	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Entity Bean Declared Remote</a>
HasMember	V	9	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Weak Access Permissions for EJB Methods</a>
HasMember	V	13	<a href="#">ASP.NET Misconfiguration: Password in Configuration File</a>
HasMember	G	20	<a href="#">Improper Input Validation</a>
HasMember	B	22	<a href="#">Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal')</a>
HasMember	V	24	<a href="#">Path Traversal: './filedir'</a>
HasMember	B	36	<a href="#">Absolute Path Traversal</a>
HasMember	B	66	<a href="#">Improper Handling of File Names that Identify Virtual Resources</a>
HasMember	V	67	<a href="#">Improper Handling of Windows Device Names</a>
HasMember	V	69	<a href="#">Improper Handling of Windows ::DATA Alternate Data Stream</a>
HasMember	V	72	<a href="#">Improper Handling of Apple HFS+ Alternate Data Stream Path</a>
HasMember	B	73	<a href="#">External Control of File Name or Path</a>
HasMember	G	74	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements in Output Used by a Downstream Component ('Injection')</a>
HasMember	G	75	<a href="#">Failure to Sanitize Special Elements into a Different Plane (Special Element Injection)</a>
HasMember	B	76	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Equivalent Special Elements</a>
HasMember	G	77	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in a Command ('Command Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	78	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	79	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')</a>
HasMember	V	84	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Encoded URI Schemes in a Web Page</a>
HasMember	B	88	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Argument Delimiters in a Command ('Argument Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	89	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	90	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an LDAP Query ('LDAP Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	91	<a href="#">XML Injection (aka Blind XPath Injection)</a>
HasMember	B	93	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of CRLF Sequences ('CRLF Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	94	<a href="#">Improper Control of Generation of Code ('Code Injection')</a>
HasMember	V	95	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Directives in Dynamically Evaluated Code ('Eval Injection')</a>
HasMember	B	96	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Directives in Statically Evaluated Code ('Static Code Injection')</a>



## CWE VIEW: Weaknesses Introduced During Implementation

View ID: 702  
Type: Implicit

Status: Incomplete

Downloads: [Booklet](#) | [CSV](#) | [XML](#)

### Objective

This view (slice) lists weaknesses that can be introduced during implementation.

### Filter

/Weakness\_Catalog/Weaknesses/Weakness[./Modes\_Of\_Introduction/Introduction/Phase='Implementation']

### Membership

Nature	Type	ID	Name
HasMember	✓	5	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Data Transmission Without Encryption</a>
HasMember	✓	6	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Insufficient Session-ID Length</a>
HasMember	✓	7	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Missing Custom Error Page</a>
HasMember	✓	8	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Entity Bean Declared Remote</a>
HasMember	✓	9	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Weak Access Permissions for EJB Methods</a>
HasMember	✓	11	<a href="#">ASP.NET Misconfiguration: Creating Debug Binary</a>
HasMember	✓	12	<a href="#">ASP.NET Misconfiguration: Missing Custom Error Page</a>
HasMember	✓	13	<a href="#">ASP.NET Misconfiguration: Password in Configuration File</a>
HasMember	✓	14	<a href="#">Compiler Removal of Code to Clear Buffers</a>
HasMember	ⓑ	15	<a href="#">External Control of System or Configuration Setting</a>
HasMember	ⓐ	20	<a href="#">Improper Input Validation</a>
HasMember	ⓑ	22	<a href="#">Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal')</a>
HasMember	ⓑ	23	<a href="#">Relative Path Traversal</a>
HasMember	✓	24	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '../filedir'</a>
HasMember	✓	25	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '/../filedir'</a>
HasMember	✓	26	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '/dir../filename'</a>
HasMember	✓	27	<a href="#">Path Traversal: 'dir/../filename'</a>
HasMember	✓	28	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '..\filedir'</a>
HasMember	✓	29	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '..\filename'</a>
HasMember	✓	30	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '\dir..\filename'</a>
HasMember	✓	31	<a href="#">Path Traversal: 'dir\..\filename'</a>
HasMember	✓	32	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '...' (Triple Dot)</a>
HasMember	✓	33	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '....' (Multiple Dot)</a>
HasMember	✓	34	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '..../'</a>
HasMember	✓	35	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '.../.../'</a>
HasMember	ⓑ	36	<a href="#">Absolute Path Traversal</a>
HasMember	✓	37	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '/absolute/pathname/here'</a>
HasMember	✓	38	<a href="#">Path Traversal: '\absolute\pathname\here'</a>
HasMember	✓	39	<a href="#">Path Traversal: 'C:\absolute\pathname\here'</a>



## CWE VIEW: Weaknesses in Software Written in Java

View ID: 660

Type: Implicit

Status: Draft

Downloads: [Booklet](#) | [CSV](#) | [XML](#)

### Objective

This view (slice) covers issues that are found in Java programs that are not common to all languages.

### Filter

/Weakness\_Catalog/Weaknesses/Weakness[./Applicable\_Platforms/Language/@Name='Java']

### Membership

Nature	Type	ID	Name
HasMember	V	5	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Data Transmission Without Encryption</a>
HasMember	V	6	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Insufficient Session-ID Length</a>
HasMember	V	7	<a href="#">J2EE Misconfiguration: Missing Custom Error Page</a>
HasMember	V	95	<a href="#">Improper Neutralization of Directives in Dynamically Evaluated Code ('Eval Injection')</a>
HasMember	V	102	<a href="#">Struts: Duplicate Validation Forms</a>
HasMember	V	103	<a href="#">Struts: Incomplete validate() Method Definition</a>
HasMember	V	104	<a href="#">Struts: Form Bean Does Not Extend Validation Class</a>
HasMember	V	105	<a href="#">Struts: Form Field Without Validator</a>
HasMember	V	106	<a href="#">Struts: Plug-in Framework not in Use</a>
HasMember	V	107	<a href="#">Struts: Unused Validation Form</a>
HasMember	V	108	<a href="#">Struts: Unvalidated Action Form</a>
HasMember	V	109	<a href="#">Struts: Validator Turned Off</a>
HasMember	V	110	<a href="#">Struts: Validator Without Form Field</a>
HasMember	V	111	<a href="#">Direct Use of Unsafe JNI</a>
HasMember	B	191	<a href="#">Integer Underflow (Wrap or Wraparound)</a>
HasMember	V	192	<a href="#">Integer Coercion Error</a>
HasMember	B	197	<a href="#">Numeric Truncation Error</a>
HasMember	B	209	<a href="#">Generation of Error Message Containing Sensitive Information</a>
HasMember	V	245	<a href="#">J2EE Bad Practices: Direct Management of Connections</a>
HasMember	V	246	<a href="#">J2EE Bad Practices: Direct Use of Sockets</a>
HasMember	B	248	<a href="#">Uncaught Exception</a>
HasMember	G	362	<a href="#">Concurrent Execution using Shared Resource with Improper Synchronization ('Race Condition')</a>
HasMember	B	365	<a href="#">Race Condition in Switch</a>
HasMember	B	366	<a href="#">Race Condition within a Thread</a>
HasMember	B	374	<a href="#">Passing Mutable Objects to an Untrusted Method</a>
HasMember	B	375	<a href="#">Returning a Mutable Object to an Untrusted Caller</a>
HasMember	V	382	<a href="#">J2EE Bad Practices: Use of System.exit()</a>
HasMember	V	383	<a href="#">J2EE Bad Practices: Direct Use of Threads</a>
HasMember	B	385	<a href="#">Use of Non-IP-Addressing Sockets, Ports, URLs, Paths, or Files</a>



## CWE CATEGORY: Manufacturing and Life Cycle Management Concerns

Category ID: 1195

Status: Draft

### ▼ Summary

Weaknesses in this category are root-caused to defects that arise in the semiconductor-manufacturing process or during the life cycle and supply chain.

### ▼ Membership

Nature	Type	ID	Name
MemberOf	V	1194	<a href="#">Hardware Design</a>
HasMember	B	1248	<a href="#">Semiconductor Defects in Hardware Logic with Security-Sensitive Implications</a>
HasMember	B	1266	<a href="#">Improper Scrubbing of Sensitive Data from Decommissioned Device</a>
HasMember	B	1269	<a href="#">Product Released in Non-Release Configuration</a>
HasMember	B	1273	<a href="#">Device Unlock Credential Sharing</a>
HasMember	B	1278	<a href="#">Missing Protection Against Hardware Reverse Engineering Using Integrated Circuit (IC) Imaging Techniques</a>
HasMember	B	1297	<a href="#">Unprotected Confidential Information on Device is Accessible by OSAT Vendors</a>

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## CWE VIEW: Weaknesses in OWASP Top Ten (2017)

View ID: 1026

Type: Graph

Status: Incomplete

Downloads: [Booklet](#) | [CSV](#) | [XML](#)

### Objective

CWE nodes in this view (graph) are associated with the OWASP Top Ten, as released in 2017.

### Audience

Stakeholder	Description
Software Developers	This view outlines the most important issues as identified by the OWASP Top Ten (2017 version), providing a good starting point for web application developers who want to code more securely.
Product Customers	This view outlines the most important issues as identified by the OWASP Top Ten (2017 version), providing product customers with a way of asking their software development teams to follow minimum expectations for secure code.
Educators	Since the OWASP Top Ten covers the most frequently encountered issues, this view can be used by educators as training material for students.

### Relationships

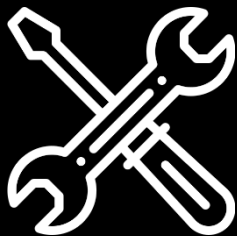
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### 1026 - Weaknesses in OWASP Top Ten (2017)

- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A1 - Injection - (1027)
- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A2 - Broken Authentication - (1028)
- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A3 - Sensitive Data Exposure - (1029)
- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A4 - XML External Entities (XXE) - (1030)
- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A5 - Broken Access Control - (1031)
- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A6 - Security Misconfiguration - (1032)
  - [-] **C** Configuration - (16)
  - [-] **B** Generation of Error Message Containing Sensitive Information - (209)
  - [-] **V** Exposure of Information Through Directory Listing - (548)
- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A7 - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) - (1033)
- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A8 - Insecure Deserialization - (1034)
- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A9 - Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities - (1035)
- [-] **C** OWASP Top Ten 2017 Category A10 - Insufficient Logging & Monitoring - (1036)
  - [-] **B** Omission of Security-relevant Information - (223)
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**Cross-site scripting (XSS)** vulnerabilities occur when: Untrusted data enters a web application, typically from a web request. The web application dynamically ...

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### [CWE-352: Cross-Site Request Forgery \(CSRF\) \(4.4\) - CWE](#)

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The worm used **XSS** to insert malicious HTML sequences into a user's profile and add the attacker as a MySpace friend. MySpace friends of that victim would then ...

### [CWE-692: Incomplete Denylist to Cross-Site Scripting \(4.4\) - CWE](#)

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The product uses a denylist-based protection mechanism to defend against **XSS** attacks, but the denylist is incomplete, allowing **XSS** variants to succeed. + ...

### [CWE-87: Improper Neutralization of Alternate XSS Syntax \(4.4\) - CWE](#)

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