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Application Security Threat Modeling



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Introduction

- Understanding threats and applying mitigations is a key to have a secured solution
- Threat modeling is a method to achieve that
- Key terms: Risk, Vulnerability, Threat
- Threat modeling:
 - a repeatable process that helps to find and mitigate all of the threats to a solution

Introduction

- The following items are very connected
 - Threat Model
 - Security Requirements
 - Information flows
 - Security Architecture
- Changes in any of them may affect others

Drivers for threat modeling

- Address risks by applying appropriate and relevant security mechanisms
- Find potential problems with security in early stages
- Build security into architecture and design

STRIDE Methodology

- STRIDE stands for
 - Spoofing
 - Tampering
 - Repudiation
 - Information Disclosure
 - Denial of Service
 - Elevation of Privilege
- Every iteration follows 4 stages
- Supported by Threat Modeling Tool from MS





Create diagram

- Start with a diagram based on high-level architecture (context diagram)
- Break down specific parts if needed
- What to put on diagram?
 - Everything what transport or store data
 - Level of details depend on criticality

Create diagram

Main categories of stencils

- Process: components, applications, web services
- External entity: human, system, service
- Data store: SQL DB, configuration file, HTML5 storage, cookies, file system
- Data flow: HTTP, Binary, IPSec, RPC, SMB
- Trust boundary: line or border (Internet boundary)

Create diagram





Identify threats

Threat	Property to secure
S poofing	Authentication
Tampering	Integrity
R epudiation	Non-repudiation
Information Disclosure	Confidentiality
D enial of Service	Availability
E levation of Privilege	Authorization

Identify threats



Identify threats





Mitigate threats

- Mitigation is the goal of Threat Modeling
- Every threat needs to be addressed
- Common ways to address threats:
 - Redesign to eliminate
 - Apply security controls
 - Accept vulnerability (permanently or temporary)
- Criticality of the asset is a crucial factor in any assessments and mitigations

Common mitigations

Threat	Property to secure	Mitigations examples
Spoofing	Authentication	 Cookie-based authN, CAS, SAML2 Kerberos PKI, SSL/TLS certificates Digital signatures
Tampering	Integrity	 Message Authentication Codes (MAC) Digital signatures
Repudiation	Non-repudiation	• Auditing • Digital signatures
Information Disclosure	Confidentiality	EncryptionACLs
Denial of Service	Availability	• Filtering • Quotas, timeouts • High-availability design, load balancers
Elevation of Privilege	Authorization	• Group or role membership • Privilege ownership

Tool support

- Switch to analysis view
- Work with:
 - Statuses: Not Started, Needs Investigation, Not Applicable, Mitigated
 - Priorities: High, Medium, Low

Put Justification

Threat Properties 🛛 🕂 🗙						Ψ×
ID: 1 Di	agram: Diagram 1	Status:	Not Started	Ý	Last Modified: G	enerated
Title:	Browser Client Process Memory Tampered					
Category:	Tampering Y					
Description:	If Browser Client is given access to memory, such as shared memory or pointers, or is given the ability to control what Web Application executes (for example, passing back a function pointer.), then Browser Client can tamper with Web Application. Consider if the function could work with less access to memory, such as passing data rather than pointers. Copy in data provided, and then validate it.					
Justification:						
Interaction:	HTTPS					
Priority:	High ¥					



Validate Threat Model

- Do diagrams match the current state?
 - Are changes in requirements and architecture applied in threat model?
- Are threats enumerated and mitigated?
 - Are mitigations associated with threats correctly?

Reporting

🗑 Generate Custom Report 🛛 🗙			
Custom Report Settings			
Threat states to include in report:			
 ✓ Not Started ✓ Needs Investigation ✓ Not Applicable ✓ Mitigated 			
✓ Include Migrated Threats			
Generate Report			



Threat Modeling Report

Created on 11.06.2017 15:01:00

Threat Model Name:

Owner: Reviewer: Contributors:

Description: Assumptions:

External Dependencies:

Threat Model Summary:

Not Started	25
Not Applicable	0
Needs Investigation	0
Mitigation Implemented	0
Total	25
Total Migrated	0



Diagram 1 Diagram Summary:

Not Started	25
Not Applicable	0
Needs Investigation	0
Mitigation Implemented	0
Total	25
Total Migrated	0

Final questions

- How to connect threat modeling in the SDL?
- How to make connection between Threat Modeling Tool and other tools?
 - Create tasks in TFS or Jira
 - Update mitigations