



**B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: APRIL /MAY 2024**

(Regulation 2018)

Seventh Semester

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

U18ITE0005: Web Application Security

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

- CO1:** Explain the architecture web application architecture.
- CO2:** Demonstrate Core Defense Mechanisms.
- CO3:** Explain the authenticated attacking mechanism.
- CO4:** Explain various process of attacking user.
- CO5:** Design attacking mechanism for Native Software Vulnerabilities.

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the Questions:-**

**PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 40 words)**

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| 1. Differentiate Reject Known Bad and Accept Known Good.   | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 2. What is cross site forgery?   | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 3. What is Opaque data? Give an example.   | CO2 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 4. What are predictable usernames?   | CO2 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 5. What is vulnerable server configuration?  | CO3 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 6. Outline the WebDAV methods.   | CO3 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 7. How to prevent CSRF Flaws?  | CO4 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 8. What is stored XSS vulnerabilities?   | CO4 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 9. What are script pseudo protocols?   | CO5 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 10. If a web server allows access to its functionality over both HTTP and HTTPS, are there any advantages in using one protocol over the other when you are probing for vulnerabilities? | CO5 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |

**Answer any FIVE Questions:-**  
**PART B (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)**  
**(Answer not more than 400 words)**

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| 11. | a) | List any four core security problems faced by the web applications, that accept and process untrusted data.   | 8 | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
|     | b) | Explain about the core defense mechanism used to handle the user access in a web application.   | 8 | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 12. | a) | Explain in detail about   | 8 | CO2 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
|     |    | a. Downloading the bytecode   |   |     |                   |
|     |    | b. Decompiling the bytecode   |   |     |                   |
|     | b) | With an example, explain any four techniques to be used in bypassing client-side controls.  | 8 | CO2 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 13. | a) | Consider the following use case: You have entered the data with a single quotation mark at numerous locations throughout the application. From the resulting error messages, you have diagnosed several potential SQL injection flaws.<br>Which one of the following would be the safest location to test whether the crafted input has an effect on the application's processing? Justify your answer.<br>(a) Registering a new user<br>(b) Updating your personal details<br>(c) Unsubscribing from the service | 8 | CO3 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
|     | b) | With an example explain the concept of back-end HTTP request.   | 8 | CO3 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 14. | a) | With an example, explain about finding and exploiting the path traversal vulnerabilities.   | 8 | CO3 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
|     | b) | Explain the functionality of the Rolling out password change function and fooling a password change function.   | 8 | CO3 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 15. | a) | What is HTTP Response splitting? Write down the steps involved in the HTTP response splitting.  | 8 | CO4 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
|     | b) | With a neat diagram, explain the steps involved in the DOM based XSS attacks.   | 8 | CO4 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 16. | a) | Consider the following use case: You are attacking an application that employs two different servers: an application server and a database server. You have discovered a vulnerability that allows you to execute arbitrary operating system commands on the application server. Can you exploit this vulnerability to retrieve sensitive application data held within the database? Explain.   | 8 | CO5 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
|     | b) | With an example, explain about the potentially dangerous API.   | 8 | CO5 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |

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