



MCA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2024

(Regulation 2020)

Third Semester

MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

P20CAE0232: Secure Software Development

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1:** Demonstrate various vulnerabilities related to memory attacks.
CO2: Apply security principles in software development.
CO3: Evaluate the extent of risks.
CO4: Apply security principles in the testing phase of software development.
CO5: Use tools for securing software.

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

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| 1. Define common software vulnerabilities that threaten security. | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| 2. Differentiate between threat, vulnerability, and risk. | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| 3. Describe the potential risks associated with executing untrusted content in software systems. | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 4. Explain the process of session hijacking in the context of secure software design. | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 5. Describe the purpose of risk assessment in the life cycle. | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 6. Explain the role of asset identification in the risk profiling process. | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 7. Identify the key components of a risk-based testing strategy. | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 8. List the typical goals of post-exploitation activities. | CO4 | [K ₁] |
| 9. Define governance in the context of secure project management. | CO5 | [K ₁] |
| 10. Explain the significance of monitoring and reporting in security governance. | CO5 | [K ₂] |

Answer all the Questions:-

PART B (6 x 5 = 30 Marks)

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| 11. Apply encryption methods to secure sensitive data during transmission and at rest. | 5 | CO1 | [K ₃] |
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| 12. | Utilize runtime analysis tools to identify and mitigate vulnerabilities related to stack and heap memory. | 5 | CO1 | [K ₃] |
| 13. | Identify the key steps in the SQUARE process. | 5 | CO2 | [K ₃] |
| 14. | Apply risk evaluation techniques to assess the impact of a potential data breach on an organization's reputation and finances. | 5 | CO3 | [K ₃] |
| 15. | Apply common web application exploitation techniques to identify vulnerabilities in a sample web application. | 5 | CO4 | [K ₃] |
| 16. | Develop a set of security policies derived from an enterprise software security framework, explaining how each policy supports project goals and risk management. | 5 | CO5 | [K ₃] |

Answer any FIVE Questions

PART C (5 x 10 = 50 Marks)

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| 17. | Demonstrate how to configure a firewall to protect against common network-based attacks. | 10 | CO1 | [K ₃] |
| 18. | Compare buffer overflow and code injection vulnerabilities in terms of their exploitation techniques and effects. | 10 | CO2 | [K ₃] |
| 19. | Implement a continuous monitoring process for threats and vulnerabilities in an organization's infrastructure, detailing the tools and methodologies used. | 10 | CO3 | [K ₃] |
| 20. | Develop a quantitative risk assessment model for an organization's critical assets, including the calculations used to determine risk levels. | 10 | CO3 | [K ₃] |
| 21. | Apply the steps of the penetration testing process to evaluate a corporate network's security posture, detailing the tools used in each phase. | 10 | CO4 | [K ₃] |
| 22. | Illustrate the integration of security metrics into project performance reporting, explaining how these metrics reflect the maturity of security practices. | 10 | CO5 | [K ₃] |
