Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF) Version 1.1:
Recommendations for Mitigating the Risk of Software Vulnerabilities

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Abstract

Few software development life cycle (SDLC) models explicitly address software security in detail, so secure software development practices usually need to be added to each SDLC model to ensure that the software being developed is well-secured. This document recommends the Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF) – a core set of high-level secure software development practices that can be integrated into each SDLC implementation. Following these practices should help software producers reduce the number of vulnerabilities in released software, mitigate the potential impact of the exploitation of undetected or unaddressed vulnerabilities, and address the root causes of vulnerabilities to prevent future recurrences. Because the framework provides a common vocabulary for secure software development, software purchasers and consumers can also use it to foster communications with suppliers in acquisition processes and other management activities.

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Executive Summary

This document describes a set of fundamental, sound practices for secure software development called the Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF). Organizations should integrate the SSDF throughout their existing software development practices, express their secure software development requirements to third-party suppliers using SSDF conventions, and acquire software that meets the practices described in the SSDF. Using the SSDF helps organizations to meet the following secure software development recommendations:

- Organizations should ensure that their people, processes, and technology are prepared to perform secure software development.
- Organizations should protect all components of their software from tampering and unauthorized access.
- Organizations should produce well-secured software with minimal security vulnerabilities in its releases.
- Organizations should identify residual vulnerabilities in their software releases and respond appropriately to address those vulnerabilities and prevent similar ones from occurring in the future.

The SSDF does not prescribe exactly how to implement each practice. The focus is on the outcomes of the practices rather than on the tools, techniques, and mechanisms to do so. This means that the SSDF can be used by organizations in any sector or community, regardless of size or cybersecurity sophistication. It can be used for any type of software development, regardless of technology, platform, programming language, or operating environment.

The SSDF defines only a high-level subset of what organizations may need to do, so organizations should consult the references and other resources for additional information on implementing the practices. Not all practices are applicable to all use cases; organizations should adopt a risk-based approach to determine what practices are relevant, appropriate, and effective to mitigate the threats to their software development practices.

Organizations can communicate how they are meeting the clauses from section 4 of the President’s Executive Order (EO) on “Improving the Nation’s Cybersecurity (14028)” using the SSDF practices and tasks described in Appendix A.
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1 Introduction

A software development life cycle (SDLC)\(^1\) is a formal or informal methodology for designing, creating, and maintaining software (including code built into hardware). There are many models for SDLCs, including waterfall, spiral, agile, and – in particular – agile combined with software development and IT operations (DevOps) practices. Few SDLC models explicitly address software security in detail, so secure software development practices usually need to be added to and integrated into each SDLC model. Regardless of which SDLC model is used, secure software development practices should be integrated throughout it for three reasons: to reduce the number of vulnerabilities in released software, to mitigate the potential impact of the exploitation of undetected or unaddressed vulnerabilities, and to address the root causes of vulnerabilities to prevent recurrences.

Most aspects of security can be addressed multiple times within an SDLC, but in general, the earlier in the SDLC that security is addressed, the less effort and cost is ultimately required to achieve the same level of security. This principle, also known as shifting left, is critically important regardless of the SDLC model. Shifting left minimizes any technical debt that would require remediating early security flaws late in development or after the software is in production.

There are many existing documents on secure software development practices, including those listed in the References section. This document does not introduce new practices or define new terminology; instead, it describes a set of recommended high-level practices based on established standards, guidance, and secure software development practice documents. These practices, collectively called the Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF), are intended to help the target audiences achieve secure software development objectives. Many of the practices directly involve the software itself, while others indirectly involve it (e.g., securing the development environment).

Future work may expand on these recommendations, potentially covering topics such as how the SSDF may apply to and vary for particular software development methodologies and associated practices like DevOps and how an organization can transition from using just their current software development practices to also incorporating the practices specified by the SSDF. Future work will likely take the form of use cases so that the insights will be more readily applicable to various types of development environments.

This document identifies and recommends secure software development practices but does not prescribe exactly how to implement them. The focus is on the outcomes of the practices to be implemented rather than on the tools, techniques, and mechanisms used to do so. Advantages of specifying the practices at a high level include the following:

\(^1\) Note that SDLC is also widely used for “system development life cycle.” All usage of “SDLC” in this document is referencing software, not systems.
• Can be used by organizations in any sector or community, regardless of size or cybersecurity sophistication

• Can be applied to software developed to support information technology (IT), industrial control systems (ICS), cyber-physical systems (CPS), or the Internet of Things (IoT)

• Can be integrated into any existing software development workflow and automated toolchain; should not negatively affect organizations that already have robust, secure software development practices in place

• Makes the practices broadly applicable, not specific to particular technologies, platforms, programming languages, SDLC models, development environments, operating environments, tools, etc.

• Can help an organization document its secure software development practices today and define its future target practices as part of its continuous improvement process

• Can assist an organization currently using a classic software development model in transitioning its secure software development practices for use with a modern software development model (e.g., agile, DevOps)

• Can assist organizations that are procuring and using software to understand secure software development practices employed by their suppliers

This document also provides a common language to describe fundamental secure software development practices. This is similar to the approach taken by the Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, also known as the NIST Cybersecurity Framework [NISTCSF]. Expertise in secure software development is not required to understand the practices. The common language helps facilitate communications among both internal and external organizational stakeholders, such as:

• Business owners, software developers, project managers and leads, cybersecurity professionals, and operations and platform engineers within an organization who need to clearly communicate with each other about secure software development

• Software purchasers and consumers, including both Federal Government agencies and other organizations, that want to define required or desired characteristics for software in their acquisition processes in order to have higher-quality software (particularly with fewer security vulnerabilities)

• Software producers (e.g., commercial-off-the-shelf [COTS] product vendors, government-off-the-shelf [GOTS] software developers, software developers working within or on behalf of software consumer organizations, software testers/quality assurance engineers)

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2 The SSDF practices may help support the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Functions, Categories, and Subcategories, but the SSDF practices do not map to them and are typically the responsibility of different parties. Developers can adopt SSDF practices, and the outcomes of their work could help organizations with their operational security in support of the Cybersecurity Framework.

3 Future work may provide more practical guidance for software consumers on how they can leverage the SSDF in specific use cases.
assurance personnel) who want to integrate secure software development practices throughout their SDLCs, express their secure software practices to their customers, or define requirements for their suppliers

This document’s practices are not based on the assumption that all organizations have the same security objectives and priorities. Rather, the recommendations reflect that each software producer may have unique security assumptions, and each software consumer may have unique security needs and requirements. While the aim is for each software producer to follow all applicable practices, the expectation is that the degree to which each practice is implemented and the formality of the implementation will vary based on the producer’s security assumptions. The practices provide flexibility for implementers, but they are also clear to avoid leaving too much open to interpretation.

Although most of these practices are relevant to any software development effort, some are not. For example, if developing a particular piece of software does not involve using a compiler, there would be no need to follow a practice on configuring the compiler to improve executable security. Some practices are foundational, while others are more advanced and depend on certain foundational practices already being in place. Also, practices are not all equally important for all cases. Risk should be considered when deciding which practices to use and how much time and resources to devote to each practice. The practices, tasks, and implementation examples are not prioritized. Finally, the frequency for performing recurring practices is not specified because the frequency appropriate for any particular situation depends on risk and other factors defined by the organization.

The responsibility for implementing the practices is distributed among different organizations based on the delivery of the software and services (e.g., on premises, infrastructure as a service, software as a service, platform as a service, container as a service, serverless). It follows a shared responsibility model involving the platform/service providers and the tenant who is consuming those platforms/services.

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This document defines version 1.1 of the Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF), with fundamental, sound, and secure recommended practices based on established secure software development practice documents. The practices are organized into four groups:

- **Prepare the Organization (PO):** Organizations should ensure that their people, processes, and technology are prepared to perform secure software development at the organization level. Many organizations will find some PO practices to also be applicable to subsets of their secure software development, like individual development groups or projects.

- **Protect the Software (PS):** Organizations should protect all components of the software from tampering and unauthorized access.

- **Produce Well-Secured Software (PW):** Organizations should produce well-secured software with minimal security vulnerabilities in its releases.

- **Respond to Vulnerabilities (RV):** Organizations should identify residual vulnerabilities in software releases and respond appropriately to address those vulnerabilities and prevent similar ones from occurring in the future.

Each practice definition includes the following elements:

- **Practice:** The name of the practice and a unique identifier, followed by a brief explanation of what the practice is and why it is beneficial

- **Tasks:** One or more actions needed to accomplish a practice

- **Implementation Examples:** One or more examples of types of tools, processes, or other methods that could be used to help implement a task; not intended to imply that any example or combination of examples is required or that only the stated examples are feasible options

- **References:** Pointers to one or more established secure development practice documents and their mappings to a particular task; not all references will apply to all instances of software development

Table 1 defines the practices. They are only a subset of what an organization may need to do with the practices focused on helping organizations achieve secure software development objectives. The information in the table is space constrained, and much more information on each practice can be found in the references.

**Note:** The order of the practices and tasks in the table is not intended to imply the sequence of implementation or the relative importance of any practice or task.
Table 1: The Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF) Version 1.1

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<td><strong>PO.1.1:</strong> Identify and document all security requirements for the organization’s software development infrastructures and processes, and maintain the requirements over time.</td>
<td>• Define policies for securing software development infrastructures and their components, including development endpoints, throughout the SDLC and maintaining that security.</td>
<td>BSAFSS: SM.3, DE.1, IA.1, IA.2&lt;br&gt;BSIMM: CP1.1, CP1.3, SR1.1&lt;br&gt;IIEC62443: SM-7, SM-9&lt;br&gt;NISTCSF: ID-GV-3&lt;br&gt;OWASPASVS: 1.1.1&lt;br&gt;OWASPMASSM: PC1-A, PC1-B, PC2-A&lt;br&gt;PCISSL: C.2, 1.2.1, 1.2.2&lt;br&gt;SCFPSSD: Planning the Implementation and Deployment of Secure Development Practices&lt;br&gt;SP80053: SA-6, SA-15&lt;br&gt;SP800160: 3.1.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.3.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3&lt;br&gt;SP800181: T0414; K0003, K0039, K0044, K0157, K0168, K0177, K0211, K0260, K0261, K0232, K0524; S0010, S0367, S0368; A0033, A0123, A0151</td>
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<td><strong>PO.1.2:</strong> Identify and document all security requirements for organization-developed software to meet, and maintain the requirements over time.</td>
<td>• Define policies that specify risk-based software architecture and design requirements, such as making code modular to facilitate code reuse and updates, isolating security components from other components during execution, avoiding undocumented commands and settings, and providing features that will aid software purchasers and consumers with the secure deployment, operation, and maintenance of the software.</td>
<td>BSAFSS: SC1.1, SC2.1, PD.1-1, PD.1-2, PD.1-3, PD.2-2, SI, PA, CS, AA, LO, EE&lt;br&gt;BSIMM: SM.1.4, CP1.1, CP1.2, CP1.3&lt;br&gt;IIEC62443: SR-3, SR-4, SR-5, SD-4&lt;br&gt;ISO27034: 7.3.2&lt;br&gt;MISDL: 2.5&lt;br&gt;NISTCSF: ID-GV-3&lt;br&gt;OWASPASVS: 1.12&lt;br&gt;OWASPMASSM: PC1-A, PC1-B, PC2-A, PC3-A, SR1-A, SR1-B, SR2-B, SA1-B, IR1-A&lt;br&gt;PCISSL: 2.1.2.3, 2.1.3&lt;br&gt;SCFPSSD: Establish Coding Standards and Conventions&lt;br&gt;SP80053: SA-2, SA-8&lt;br&gt;SP800160: 3.1.2, 3.2.1, 3.3.1&lt;br&gt;SP800181: T0414; K0003, K0039, K0044, K0157, K0168, K0177, K0211, K0260, K0261, K0262, K0524; S0010, S0367, S0368; A0033, A0123, A0151</td>
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<td><strong>PO.1.3:</strong> Communicate requirements to all third parties who will provide commercial software components to the organization for reuse by the organization’s own software. [Formerly PW.3.1]</td>
<td>• Define a core set of security requirements for software components, and include it in acquisition documents, software contracts, and other agreements with third parties.</td>
<td>BSAFSS: SM.1, SM.2, SM.2-1, SM.2-4&lt;br&gt;BSIMM: CP2.4, SR2.4, SR3.2&lt;br&gt;IDAASOAAR: 19, 21&lt;br&gt;IIEC62443: SM-9, SM-10&lt;br&gt;MISSDL: 7&lt;br&gt;NISTCSF: ID-SC-3&lt;br&gt;OWASPMASSM: SR3-A&lt;br&gt;SCAGILE: Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 8&lt;br&gt;SCFPSSD: Manage Security Risk Inherent in the Use of Third-Party Components&lt;br&gt;SCSIC: Vendor Sourcing Integrity Controls&lt;br&gt;SP80053: SA-4, SA-9, SA-12, SR-5&lt;br&gt;SP800160: 3.1.1, 3.1.2&lt;br&gt;SP800181: T0203, T0415; K0039; S0374; A0056, A0161</td>
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### Implement Roles and Responsibilities (PO.2):
Ensure that everyone inside and outside of the organization involved in the SDLC is prepared to perform their SSDF-related roles and responsibilities throughout the SDLC.

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| PO.2.1: Create new roles and alter responsibilities for existing roles as needed to encompass all parts of the SSDF. Periodically review and maintain the defined roles and responsibilities, updating them as needed. | • Define SSDF-related roles and responsibilities for all members of the software development team.  
• Integrate the security roles into the software development team.  
• Define roles and responsibilities for cybersecurity staff, security champions, project managers and leads, senior management, software developers, software testers, software assurance leads and staff, product owners, operations and platform engineers, and others involved in the SDLC.  
• Conduct an annual review of all roles and responsibilities.  
• Educate affected individuals on impending changes to roles and responsibilities. | BSAFSS: PD.2-1, PD.2-2  
BSIMM: SM1.1, CP3.2  
IEC62443: SM-2, SM-13  
NISTCSF: ID-AM-6, ID-GV-2  
PCISSL: 1.2  
SCSIC: Vendor Software Development Integrity Controls  
SP80053: SA-3  
SP800160: 3.2.1, 3.2.4, 3.3.1  
SP800181: K0233 | BSIMM: SM1.3, CP2.5, T1.1, T1.5, T1.6, T1.7, T1.8, T2.8, T3.2, T3.4  
IEC62443: SM-4  
MSSDL: 1  
NISTCSF: PR-AT  
OWASP-SAMM: EG1-A, EG2-A  
PCISSL: 1.3  
SCAGILE: Operational Security Tasks 14, 15; Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 1  
SCFPSSD: Planning the Implementation and Deployment of Secure Development Practices  
SCSIC: Vendor Software Development Integrity Controls  
SP80053: SA-6  
SP800160: 3.2.4, 3.2.6  
SP800181: OV-TEA-001, OV-TEA-002; T0030, T0073, T0320; K0204, K0208, K0220, K0226, K0229, K0250, K0258, K0259; S0100, S0101; A0004, A0007 |
| PO.2.2: Provide role-based training for all personnel with responsibilities that contribute to secure development. Periodically review personnel proficiency and role-based training, and update the training as needed. | • Document the desired outcomes of training for each role.  
• Define the type of training or curriculum required to achieve the desired outcome for each role.  
• Create a training plan for each role.  
• Acquire or create training for each role; acquired training may need to be customized for the organization.  
• Measure personnel performance to identify areas where changes to training may be beneficial. | BSAFSS: PD.2-2  
BSIMM: SM1.3, CP2.5, T1.1, T1.5, T1.6, T1.7, T1.8, T2.8, T3.2, T3.4  
IEC62443: SM-4  
MSSDL: 1  
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SP80053: SA-6  
SP800160: 3.2.4, 3.2.6  
SP800181: OV-TEA-001, OV-TEA-002; T0030, T0073, T0320; K0204, K0208, K0220, K0226, K0229, K0250, K0258, K0259; S0100, S0101; A0004, A0007 |
| PO.2.3: Obtain upper management commitment to secure development, and convey that commitment to all with SSDF-related roles and responsibilities. | • Appoint a single leader or leadership team to be responsible for the entire secure software development process, including authorizing the release of software to production.  
• Increase upper management awareness of the risks of developing software without integrating security throughout the development life cycle and the risk mitigation provided by the SSDF practices.  
• Assist upper management in incorporating secure development support into their communications with personnel with SSDF-related roles and responsibilities.  
• Educate all personnel with SSDF-related roles and responsibilities on upper management’s commitment to the SSDF and the importance of the SSDF to the organization. | BSIMM: SM1.2, SM1.3, CP2.5  
NISTCSF: ID-RM-1, ID-SC-1  
OWASP-SAMM: SM1.A  
PCISSL: 1.1  
SP800181: T0001, T0004 |
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<td>Implement Supporting Toolchains (PO.3): Use automation to reduce human effort and improve the accuracy, consistency, usability, and comprehensiveness of security practices throughout the SDLC, as well as provide a way to document and demonstrate the use of these practices. Toolchains and tools may be used at different levels of the organization, such as organization-wide or project-specific, and may address a particular part of the SDLC, like a build pipeline.</td>
<td>Define and Use Criteria for Software Security Checks and track throughout the SDLC.</td>
<td>• Ensure that the criteria adequately indicate how effectively security risk is being managed.</td>
<td>BSAFS: PD.1-5 CNCFSSCP: Securing Build Pipelines—Verification, Automation, Controlled Environments; Securing Artefacts—Verification IEC62443: SM-12, SI-2 MSSDL: 8 OWASPMASV: PC3-B OWASPSCVS: 3.13, 3.14 PCBSLCL: 2.5 SCAGILE: Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 9 SCSC: Vendor Software Delivery Integrity Controls SP80053: SA-15 SP800181: K0013, T0024</td>
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<td>PO.3.1: Specify which tools or tool types must or should be included in each toolchain to mitigate identified risks, as well as how the toolchain components are to be integrated with each other.</td>
<td>• Define categories of toolchains, and specify the mandatory tools or tool types to be used for each category.</td>
<td>BSAFS: TV.2-1, TV.5-1 BSIMM: SM1.4, SM2.2, SM2.6 IEC62443: S1.1, SI-2, SVV-3 ISO27034: 7.3.5 MSSDL: 3 OWASPMASV: PC3-A, DR3-B, IR3-B, ST3-B PCISSLC: 3.3 SP80053: SA-15 SP800160: 3.2.1, 3.2.5, 3.3.1 SP800181: K0153, K0165</td>
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- PW.6: Examples of build and compilation tools.

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- SCFPSSD: Vendor Software Delivery Integrity Controls
- PCISSLC: 3.13, 3.14
- PCBSLCL: 2.5
- SCAGILE: Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 9
- SCSC: Vendor Software Delivery Integrity Controls
- SP80053: SA-15
- SP800181: K0013, K0178
- BSAFS: PD.1-5
- CNCFSSCP: Securing Build Pipelines—Verification, Automation, Controlled Environments; Securing Artefacts—Verification
- IEC62443: SM-12, SI-2
- MSSDL: 8
- OWASPMASV: PC3-B
- OWASPSCVS: 3.13, 3.14
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- SP80053: SA-15
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- BSIMM: SM1.4, SM2.2, SM2.6
- IEC62443: S1.1, SI-2, SVV-3
- ISO27034: 7.3.5
- MSSDL: 3
- OWASPMASV: PC3-A, DR3-B, IR3-B, ST3-B
- PCISSLC: 3.3
- SP80053: SA-15
- SP800160: 3.2.1, 3.2.5, 3.3.1
- SP800181: K0153, K0165
Implement and Maintain Secure Environments for Software Development (PO.5): Ensure that all components of the environments for software development are strongly protected from internal and external threats to prevent compromises of the environments or the software being developed or maintained within them. Examples of environments for software development include development, build, test, and distribution environments.

**PO.4.2:** Implement processes, mechanisms, etc. to gather and safeguard the necessary information in support of the criteria.

- Use the toolchain to automatically gather information that informs security decision-making.
- Deploy additional tools if needed to support the generation and collection of information supporting the criteria.
- Automate decision-making processes utilizing the criteria.
- Only allow authorized personnel to access the gathered information, and prevent any alteration or deletion of the information.
- Be prepared to share evidence and artifact data when requested with auditors and purchasers who want to confirm the use of secure software development practices.

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- **BSAFSS:** PD.1-4, PD.1-5
- **BSIMM:** SM1.4, SM2.2
- **IEC62443:** SL-1, SVV-1, SVV-2, SVV-3, SVV-4
- **OWASP SAMM:** PC3-B
- **PCISSL:** 2.5
- **SCSIC:** Vendor Software Delivery Integrity Controls
- **SP80053:** SA-15
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- **BSAFSS:** DE.1, IA.1, IA.2
- **CNCFSSCP:** Securing Build Pipelines—Controlled Environments
- **IEC62443:** SM-7
- **NISTCSF:** PR.AC-5, PR.DS-7
- **SCAGILE:** Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 11
- **SCSIC:** Vendor Software Delivery Integrity Controls
- **SP800181:** OM-NET-001, SP-SYS-001; T0019, T0023, T0144, T0160, T0262, T0438, T0484, T0485, T0553; K0001, K0005, K0007, K0033, K0049, K0056, K0061, K0071, K0104, K0112, K0238, K0487; S0007, S0084, S0121, A0048
- **T0484, T0485, T0553:** K0001, K0005, K0007, K0033, K0049, K0056, K0061, K0071, K0104, K0112, K0238, K0487; S0007, S0084, S0121, A0048
- **IEC62443:** SM-7
- **NISTCSF:** PR.AC-4, PR.AC-7, PR.IP-1, PR.IP-3, PR.IP-12, PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, DE.CM
- **SCAGILE:** Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 11
- **SCSIC:** Vendor Software Delivery Integrity Controls
- **SP800181:** OM-ADM-001, SP-SYS-001; T0484, T0485, T0489, T0553; K0005, K0007, K0077, K0088, K0130, K0167, K0255, K0278; S0007, S0097, S0121, S0158, A0155
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**PS.1.1:** Store all forms of code, including source code and executable code, based on the principle of least privilege so that only authorized personnel, tools, services, etc. have the necessary forms of access. Store all source code in a code repository, and restrict access to it based on the nature of the code. For example, some code may be intended for public access, in which case its integrity and availability should be protected; other code may also need its confidentiality protected. Use version control features of the repository to track all changes made to the code with accountability to the individual developer account. Review and approve all changes made to the code after the code has been automatically scanned for vulnerabilities and any issues have been remediated. Use code signing to help protect the integrity of executables. Use cryptography (e.g., cryptographic hashes) to help protect file integrity.

**PS.1.2:** Protect all forms of code, including source code and executable code, based on the principle of least privilege so that only authorized personnel, tools, services, etc. have the necessary forms of access. Use version control features of the repository to track all changes made to the code with accountability to the individual developer account. Review and approve all changes made to the code after the code has been automatically scanned for vulnerabilities and any issues have been remediated. Use code signing to help protect the integrity of executables. Use cryptography (e.g., cryptographic hashes) to help protect file integrity.

**PS.1.3:** Periodically review the code signing processes, including certificate renewal, rotation, revocation, and protection. Use an established certificate authority for code signing so that consumers’ operating systems or other tools and services can confirm the validity of signatures before use. Periodically review the code signing processes, including certificate renewal, rotation, revocation, and protection. Use an established certificate authority for code signing so that consumers’ operating systems or other tools and services can confirm the validity of signatures before use. Periodically review the code signing processes, including certificate renewal, rotation, revocation, and protection.

**PS.2.1:** Make integrity verification information available to software purchasers and consumers. Post cryptographic hashes for release files on a well-secured website. Use an established certificate authority for code signing so that consumers’ operating systems or other tools and services can confirm the validity of signatures before use. Periodically review the code signing processes, including certificate renewal, rotation, revocation, and protection.

**PS.2.2:** Provide mechanisms for verifying software release integrity and using integrity verification information. Use code signing to help protect the integrity of executables. Use cryptography (e.g., cryptographic hashes) to help protect file integrity.

**PS.3.1:** Securely archive the necessary files and other data (e.g., integrity verification information, provenance data) to be retained for each software release. Store the release files, associated images, etc. in repositories following the organization’s established policy; allow read-only access to them for auditing purposes by necessary personnel and no access by anyone else. Store and protect release integrity verification information and provenance data, such as by keeping it in a separate location from the release files or by signing the data. Store the release files, associated images, etc. in repositories following the organization’s established policy; allow read-only access to them for auditing purposes by necessary personnel and no access by anyone else. Store and protect release integrity verification information and provenance data, such as by keeping it in a separate location from the release files or by signing the data.

**PS.3.2:** Collect, maintain, and share provenance data for all components and other dependencies of each software release (e.g., in a software bill of materials [SBOM]). Make the provenance data available to software purchasers in accordance with your organization’s policies, preferably using standards-based formats. Update the provenance data every time any of the software’s components or other dependencies are updated. Make the provenance data available to software purchasers in accordance with your organization’s policies, preferably using standards-based formats. Update the provenance data every time any of the software’s components or other dependencies are updated.

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## Design Software to Meet Security Requirements and Mitigate Security Risks (PW.1): Identify and evaluate the security requirements for the software; determine what security risks the software is likely to face during operation and how the software’s design should mitigate those risks; and justify any cases where risk-based analysis indicates that security requirements should be relaxed or waived.

**Implementation Examples**

- **PW.1.1:** Use forms of risk modeling, such as threat modeling, attack modeling, or attack surface mapping, to help assess the security risk for the software.
  - Train the development team (security champions in particular) or collaborate with a risk modeling expert to create models and analyze how to use a risk-based approach to address the risks and implement mitigations.
  - Perform more rigorous assessments for high-risk areas, such as protecting sensitive data and safeguarding identification, authentication, and access control, including credential management.
  - Review vulnerability reports and statistics for previous software to inform the security risk assessment.
  - Use data classification methods to identify and characterize each type of data that the software will interact with.

**References**

- **BSAFSS:** SC.1
- **BSIMM:** AM1.2, AM1.3, AM1.5, AM2.1, AM2.2, AM2.5, AM2.6, AM2.7
- **IDASOA:** 1
- **IEC62443:** SM-4, SR-1, SR-2, SD-1
- **ISO27034:** 7.3.3
- **MSSDL:** 4
- **NIST:** ID-RA
- **NISTDOVS:** 2.1
- **OWASPASVS:** 1.1.2, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 1.9, 1.11, 2.3, 4.6, 8.9, 11, 12, 13
- **OWASPMASVS:** 1.6, 1.8, 2.3, 4.5, 6
- **OWASPSAMM:** TA1-A, TA1-B, TA3-B, DR1-A
- **SCAGILE:** Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 3
- **SCFPSSD:** Threat Modeling
- **SCFP:** Entire guide
- **SP800093:** SA-8, SA-15, SA-17
- **SP800160:** 3.3.4, 3.4.5

**PW.1.2:** Document the software’s security requirements, risks, and design decisions.

- **Document the response to each risk, including how mitigations are to be achieved, and what the rationales are for any approved exceptions to the security requirements.**
- **Summarize the documentation to serve as evidence and artifacts for the design activities.**

**References**

- **BSAFSS:** SC.1-1, PD.1-1
- **BSIMM:** AA2.2
- **IEC62443:** SD-1
- **ISO27034:** 7.3.3
- **MSSDL:** 4
- **OWASPMASVS:** 1.1.3, 1.1.4
- **OWASPMASVS:** 1.3, 1.6
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- **PCISSLC:** 5.2, 3.3
- **SP80053:** SA-10
- **SP800181:** T0256, K0005, K0038, K0147, K0149, K0151, K0152, K0160, K0161, K0162, K0165, K0297, K0310, K0344, K0362, K0467, K0524, K0520, S0006, S0009, S0022, S0078, S0171, S0229, S0248, A0092, A0093, A0107

**PW.1.3:** Where appropriate, build in support for using standardized security features and services (e.g., integrating with existing log management, identity management, access control, and vulnerability management systems) instead of creating proprietary implementations of security features and services. [Formerly PW.4.3]

- **Maintain an organization-wide software repository of modules for supporting standardized security features and services.**
- **Designate which security features and services must be supported by software to be developed.**

**References**

- **BSAFSS:** SI.2-1, SI.2-2, LO.1
- **BSIMM:** SD1.1, SR1.1
- **IEC62443:** SD-1, SD-4
- **MSSDL:** 5
- **OWASPMASVS:** 1.1.6
- **OWASPSAMM:** SA2-A
- **SCFPSSD:** Standardize Identity and Access Management; Establish Log Requirements and Audit Practices
### PW.2: Review the Software Design to Verify Compliance with Security Requirements and Risk Information

**Tasks**
- PW.2.1: Have either 1) a qualified person (or people) who were not involved with the design or 2) adequate automated processes instantiated in the toolchain (or both) review the software design to confirm and enforce that it meets all of the security requirements and satisfactorily addresses the identified risk information.
- PW.2.2: Review the software design to confirm that it addresses all of the security requirements.
- PW.2.3: Review the risk models created during software design to determine if they appear to adequately identify the risks.
- PW.2.4: Review the software design to confirm that it satisfactorily addresses the risks identified by the risk models.
- PW.2.5: Have the software’s designer correct failures to meet the requirements.
- PW.2.6: Change the design and/or the risk response strategy if the security requirements cannot be met.
- PW.2.7: Document the findings of the design review to serve as evidence and artifacts.

**References**
- BSAFSS: TV.3
- BSIMM: AA1.1, AA1.2, AA2.1
- ISO27034: 7.3.3
- OWASPASVS: 1.1.5
- OWASPAMM: DR1-A, DR1-B
- PCISSLC: 3.2
- SP800181: TO32b, K0038, K0039, K0070, K0080, K0119, K0152, K0153, K0161, K0165, K0172, K0297; S0006, S0009, S0022, S0036, S0141, S0171

### PW.3: Verify Third-Party Software Complies with Security Requirements

**Tasks**
- PW.3.1: Moved to PO.1.3
- PW.3.2: Moved to PW.4.5

### PW.4: Reuse Existing, Well-Secured Software When Feasible Instead of Duplicating Functionality

**Tasks**
- PW.4.1: Acquire well-secured software components (e.g., software libraries, modules, middleware, frameworks) from commercial, open-source, and other third-party developers for use by the organization’s software.
- PW.4.2: Create and maintain well-secured software components in-house following SDLC processes to meet common internal software development needs that cannot be better met by third-party software components.
- PW.4.3: Moved to PW.1.3

**References**
- BSAFSS: SM-2
- BSIMM: SR1.1
- CANFSSCP: Securing Materials—Verification
- IDASOAR: 19
- IEC62443: SM-9, SM-10
- MSSDL: 6
- NISTCSF: ID.SC-2
- OWASPASVS: 1.1.6
- OWASPAMM: SA1-A
- OWASPSCVS: 4
- SCSCS: Vendor Sourcing Integrity Controls
- SHTP: MAINTAIN
- SP80053: SA-4, SA-12
- SP800181: K0039
- BSIMM: SFD1.1, SFD2.1, SR1.1
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- OWASPASVS: 1.1.6
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| PW.4.4:  | Verify that acquired commercial, open-source, and all other third-party software components comply with the requirements, as defined by the organization, throughout their life cycles. | - Determine whether there are publicly known vulnerabilities in the software modules and services that vendors have not yet fixed.  
- Use existing results from commercial services for vetting the software modules and services.  
- [See PW.7 and PW.8] | BSAFSS: SC.3-1, TV.2, TV.3  
CNCFSSCP: Securing Materials—Verification, Automation  
IDASOAR: 21  
IEC62443: SI-1, DM-1  
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NISTCSF: ID.SC-4  
NISTDVS: 2.11  
OWASPASVS: 10, 14.2  
OWASPMASVS: 7.5  
OWASPAMM: TA3-A, SR3-B  
OWASPSCVS: 4.5  
PCISSL: 3.2, 3.4, 4.1  
SCAGILE: Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 8  
SCFPSSD: Manage Security Risk Inherent in the Use of Third-Party Components  
SCSIC: Vendor Sourcing Integrity Controls, Peer Reviews and Security Testing  
SCTOPC: MAINTAIN, ASSESS  
SP80053: SA-9, SA-12, SR-3  
SP800160: 3.1.2, 3.3.8  
SP800181: SP-DEV-002; K0153, K0266  
BSAFSS: SM.2-1, SM.2-2, SM.2-3  
CNCFSSCP: Securing Materials—Verification, Automation  
IEC62443: SM-9, SM-10  
NISTCSF: PR.DS-6  
NISTDVS: 2.11  
OWASPASVS: 14.2.4, 14.2.5  
OWASPSCVS: 4.6  
SCSIC: Vendor Sourcing Integrity Controls  
SP80053: SR-4  
SP800181: S0288  |
| PW.4.5:  | Verify the integrity and check the provenance of all in-house and third-party software components before reusing them for the organization’s own software. | - Ensure each software component is still actively maintained and has not reached end of life; this should include new vulnerabilities found in the software being remediating.  
- Determine a plan of action for each software component that is no longer being maintained or will not be available in the near future.  
- Confirm the integrity of software components through digital signatures or other mechanisms. | BSAFSS: SM.2-1, SM.2-2, SM.2-3  
CNCFSSCP: Securing Materials—Verification, Automation  
IEC62443: SM-9, SM-10  
NISTCSF: PR.DS-6  
NISTDVS: 2.11  
OWASPASVS: 14.2.4, 14.2.5  
OWASPSCVS: 4.6  
SCSIC: Vendor Sourcing Integrity Controls  
SP80053: SR-4  
SP800181: S0288  |

Create Source Code by Adhering to Secure Coding Practices (PW.5): Decrease the number of security vulnerabilities in the software, and reduce costs by eliminating vulnerabilities during source code creation by following organization-defined vulnerability severity criteria.

| PW.5.1:  | Follow all secure coding practices that are appropriate to the development languages and environment to meet the organization’s requirements. | - Validate all inputs, and validate and properly encode all output.  
- Avoid using unsafe functions and calls.  
- Handle errors gracefully.  
- Provide logging and tracing capabilities.  
- Use development environments with automated features that encourage or require the use of secure coding practices with just-in-time training-in-place.  
- Follow procedures for manually ensuring compliance with secure coding practices.  
- Check for other vulnerabilities that are common to the development languages and environment.  
- Have the developer review their own human-readable code to complement (not replace) code review performed by other people or tools. [See PW.5] | BSAFSS: SC.2, SC.3, LO.1, EE.1  
BSIMM: SR3.3, CR3.5  
IDASOAR: 2  
IEC62443: SI-1, SI-2  
ISO27034: 7.3.5  
MSSDL: 9  
OWASPASVS: 1.1.7, 1.5, 1.7, 5, 7  
OWASPMASVS: 7.6  
SCFPSSD: Establish Log Requirements and Audit Practices. Use Code Analysis Tools to Find Security Issues Early, Handle Data Safely, Handle Errors, Use Safe Functions Only  
SP800181: SP-DEV-001; T0013, T0077, T0170; K0009, K0016, K0039, K0070, K0140, K0244; S0019, S0060, S0149, S0172, S0206; A0036, A0037  |
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**Configure the Integrated Development Environment, Compilation, Interpreter, and Build Processes to Improve Executable Security (PW 6):** Decrease the number of security vulnerabilities in the software and reduce costs by eliminating vulnerabilities before testing occurs.

**PW 6.1:** Use compiler, interpreter, and build tools that offer features to improve executable security.
- Use up-to-date versions of compiler, interpreter, and build tools.
- Follow change management processes when deploying or updating compiler, interpreter, and build tools, and audit all unexpected changes to tools.
- Regularly validate the authenticity and integrity of compiler, interpreter, and build tools.

| BSAFSS: DE-2-1
| NISTDVS: SP-DEV-002; K0013, K0039, K0070, K0153, K0165; S0174
| IEC62443: SI-2
| MSSDL: 8
| SCAGILE: Operational Security Task 3
| SCFPSSD: Use Current Compiler and Toolchain Versions and Secure Compiler Options
| SCSIC: Vendor Software Development Integrity Controls
| SP80053: SA-15

**PW 6.2:** Determine which compiler, interpreter, and build tool features should be used and how each should be configured, then implement and use the approved configurations.
- Enable compiler features that produce warnings for poorly secured code during the compilation process.
- Implement the “clean build” concept, where all compiler warnings are treated as errors and eliminated.
- Enable compiler features that randomize characteristics, such as memory location usage, that would otherwise be easily predictable and thus exploitable.
- Conduct testing to ensure that the features are working as expected and not inadvertently causing any operational issues or other problems.
- Continuously verify that the approved configurations are being used.
- Document information about the compiler, interpreter, and build tool configuration in a knowledge base that developers can access, search, and reproduce in their local development environment.

| NISTDVS: 2.5
| OWASPASVS: 14.1, 14.2.1
| OWASPMASVS: 7.2
| PCISILC: 3.2
| SCAGILE: Operational Security Task 8
| SCFPSSD: Use Current Compiler and Toolchain Versions and Secure Compiler Options
| SCSIC: Vendor Software Development Integrity Controls
| SP80053: SA-15

**Review and/or Analyze Human-Readable Code to Identify Vulnerabilities and Verify Compliance with Security Requirements (PW 7):** Help identify vulnerabilities so that they can be corrected before the software is released to prevent exploitation. Using automated methods lowers the effort and resources needed to detect vulnerabilities. Human-readable code includes source code, scripts, and any other form of code that an organization deems human-readable.

**PW 7.1:** Determine whether code review (a person looks directly at the code to find issues) and/or code analysis (tools are used to find issues in code, either in a fully automated way or in conjunction with a person) should be used, as defined by the organization.
- Follow the organization’s policies or guidelines for when code review should be performed and how it should be conducted. This may include third-party code and reusable code modules written in-house.
- Follow the organization’s policies or guidelines for when code analysis should be performed and how it should be conducted.

| BSAFSS: SM-5, SI-1, SVV-1
| SCSIC: Peer Reviews and Security Testing
| SP80053: SA-11
| SP800181: SP-DEV-002; K0013, K0039, K0070, K0153, K0165; S0174

**PW 7.2:** Perform the code review and/or code analysis based on the organization’s secure coding standards, and document and triage all discovered issues and recommended remediations in the development team’s workflow or issue tracking system.
- Perform peer review of code, and review any existing code review, analysis, or testing results as part of the peer review.
- Use peer reviews to check code for backdoors and other malicious content.
- Use peer reviewing tools that facilitate the peer review process, and document all discussions and other feedback.
- Use a static analysis tool to automatically check code for vulnerabilities and compliance with the organization’s secure coding standards with a human reviewing the issues reported by the tool and remediating them as necessary.
- Use review checklists to verify that the code complies with the requirements.
- Use automated tools to identify and remediate documented and verified unsafe software practices on a continuous basis as human-readable code is checked into the code repository.
- Identify and document the root cause of each discovered issue.
- Document lessons learned from code review and analysis in a knowledge base that developers can access and search.

| BSAFSS: TV.2, PD.1-4
| BSIMM: CR1.2, CR1.4, CR1.6, CR2.6, CR2.7, CR3.5
| IDASOAR: 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 48
| NISTDVS: SI-1, SVV-1, SVV-2
| IEC62443: SI-2
| ISO27034: 7.3.6
| MSSDL: 9, 10
| NISTDVS: 2.3, 2.4
| OWASPASVS: 1.1.7, 10
| OWASPMASVS: 7.5
| OWASPSAMM: IR1-B, IR2A-B, IR2-B, IR3-A
| PCISILC: 3.2, 4.1
| SCAGILE: Operational Security Tasks 4, 7; Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 10
| SCSIC: Peer Reviews and Security Testing
| SP80053: SA-11, SA-15
| SP800181: SP-DEV-001, SP-DEV-002, T0013, T0111, T0176, T0267, T0516; K0009, K0039, K0070, K0140, K024; S0019; S0060, S0070, S0137, S0143, S0167, S0174, S0242, S0266; A0007, A0015, A0036, A0044, A0047
### Test Executable Code to Identify Vulnerabilities and Verify Compliance with Security Requirements (PW.8)

**PW.8.1:** Determine if executable code testing should be performed to identify and eliminate classes of vulnerabilities not covered by previous reviews, analysis, or testing, and if so, which types should be used.

- Follow the organization’s policies or guidelines for when code testing should be performed and how it should be conducted (e.g., within a sandboxed environment). This may include third-party executable code and reusable execute code modules written in-house.

**PW.8.2:** Design the tests, perform the testing, and document the results, including documenting and triaging all discovered issues and recommended remediations in the development team’s workflow or issue tracking system.

- Perform robust functional testing of security features.
- Integrate dynamic vulnerability testing into the project’s automated test suite.
- Incorporate tests for previously reported vulnerabilities into the project’s test suite to ensure that errors are not reintroduced.
- Take into consideration the infrastructures and technology stacks that the software will be used with in production when developing test plans.
- Use fuzz testing tools to find issues with input handling.
- If resources are available, use penetration testing to simulate how an attacker might attempt to compromise the software in high-risk scenarios.
- Identify and document the root cause of each discovered issue.
- Document lessons learned from code testing in a knowledge base that developers can access and search.

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### Configure Software to Have Secure Settings by Default (PW.9)

**PW.9.1:** Define a secure baseline by determining how to configure each setting that has an effect on security, so that the default settings are secure and do not weaken the security functions provided by the platform, network infrastructure, or services.

- Conduct testing to ensure that the settings, including the default settings, are working as expected and are not inadvertently causing any security weaknesses, operational issues, or other problems.

**PW.9.2:** Implement the default settings (or groups of default settings, if applicable), and document each setting for software administrators.

- Verify that the approved configuration is in place for the software.
- Document each setting’s purpose, options, default value, security relevance, potential operational impact, and relationships with other settings.
- Use authoritative programmatic technical mechanisms to document how each setting can be implemented and assessed by software administrators.
- Store the default configuration in a usable format and follow change control practices for modifying it (e.g., configuration as code).

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<td>BSIMM: ST1.1, ST1.3, ST2.1, ST2.4, ST2.5, ST2.6, ST3.3, ST3.4, ST3.5, ST3.6, PT1.1, PT1.2, PT1.3</td>
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<td>• Identify and document the root cause of each discovered issue.</td>
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| Identify and Confirm Vulnerabilities on an Ongoing Basis (RV.1): Help ensure that vulnerabilities are identified more quickly so that they can be remediated more quickly, reducing the window of opportunity for attackers. | RV.1.1: Gather information from purchasers, consumers, and public sources on potential vulnerabilities in the software and third-party components that the software uses, and investigate all credible reports. | • Establish a vulnerability disclosure program, and make it easy for security researchers to learn about your program and report possible vulnerabilities. | BSAFSS: VM.1-3, VM.3
BSIMM: CMVM1.2, CMVM3.4
CNCFSSCP: Securing Materials—Verification
IEC62443: DM-1, DM-2, DM-3
ISO29147: 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.4, 6.3, 6.5
ISO30111: 7.1.3
OWASPSAMM: IM1-A, IM2-B, EH1-B
OWASPSCVS: 4
PCISSLC: 3.4, 4.1, 9.1
SCAGILE: Operational Security Task 5
SCFPSSD: Vulnerability Response and Disclosure
SP800181: K0009, K0039, K0070, K0161, K0362; S0078 |
| | RV.1.2: Review, analyze, and/or test the software’s code to identify or confirm the presence of previously undetected vulnerabilities. | • Configure the toolchain to perform automated code analysis and testing on a regular or continuous basis. | BSAFSS: VM.1-2, VM.2-1
BSIMM: CMVM1.1, CMVM2.1
IEC62443: SI-1, SVV-2, SVV-3, SVV-4, DM-1, DM-2
ISO27034: 7.3.6
ISO29147: 6.4
ISO30111: 7.1.4
PCISSLC: 3.4, 4.1
SCAGILE: Operational Security Tasks 10, 11
SP80053: SA-11
SP800181: SP-DEV-002; K0009, K0039, K0153 |
| | RV.1.3: Have a policy that addresses vulnerability disclosure and remediation, and implement the roles, responsibilities, and processes needed to support that policy. | • Have a Product Security Incident Response Team (PSIRT) and processes in place to handle the responses to vulnerability reports and incidents. | BSAFSS: VM.1-1, VM.2
BSIMM: CMVM1.1, CMVM2.1
ISO29147: All
ISO30111: All
MSSDL: 12
OWASPMAVS: 1.11
OWASPSAMM: IM1-A, IM1-B, IM2-A, IM2-B
PCISSLC: 9.2, 9.3
SCFPSSD: Vulnerability Response and Disclosure
SP800160: 3.3.8
SP800181: K0041, K0042, K0151, K0292, K0317; S0054; A0025 |
| Assess, Prioritize, and Remediate Vulnerabilities (RV.2): Help ensure that vulnerabilities are remediated as quickly as necessary, reducing the window of opportunity for attackers. | RV.2.1: Analyze each vulnerability to gather sufficient information to plan its remediation. | • Use issue tracking software (existing software, if available) to document each vulnerability. | BSAFSS: VM.2
BSIMM: CMVM1.2, CMVM2.2
IEC62443: DM-2, DM-3
ISO30111: 7.1.4
PCISSLC: 3.4, 4.2
SCAGILE: Operational Security Task 1, Tasks Requiring the Help of Security Experts 10
SP80053: SA-10
SP800160: 3.3.8
SP800181: K0009, K0039, K0070, K0161, K0165; S0078 |
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<td>• Make a risk-based decision as to whether the vulnerability will be remediated or if the risk will be addressed through other means (e.g., risk acceptance, risk transference), and prioritize any actions to be taken.</td>
<td>BSAFSS: VM.1-1, VM.2, IEC62443: DM-4, ISO30111: 7.1.4, 7.1.5, PCISSL: 4.1, 4.2, 10.1, SCAGILE: Operational Security Task 2, SCFPSSD: Fix the Vulnerability, Identify Mitigating Factors or Workarounds, SCTPC: MITIGATE, SP800160: T0163, T0229, T0264; K0009, K0070</td>
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<td>RV.3.1: Analyze all identified vulnerabilities to determine the root cause of each vulnerability.</td>
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<td>BSAFSS: VM.2-1, IEC62443: DM-4, ISO30111: 7.1.4, OWASPSSAMM: IM3-A, PCISSLC: 2.6, 4.2, SCFPSSD: Secure Development Lifecycle Feedback, SP800181: T0047, K0009, K0039, K0070, K0343</td>
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<td>RV.3.2: Analyze the root causes over time to identify patterns, such as a particular secure coding practice not being followed consistently.</td>
<td>• Document lessons learned through root cause analysis in a knowledge base that developers can access and search.</td>
<td>BSAFSS: VM.2-1, PD.1-3, IEC62443: DM-4, ISO30111: 7.1.7, OWASPSSAMM: IM3-B, PCISSLC: 2.6, 4.2, SCFPSSD: Secure Development Lifecycle Feedback, SP80053: SA-15, SP800160: 3.3.8, SP800181: T0111, K0009, K0039, K0070, K0343</td>
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<td>RV.3.4: Review the SDLC process, and update it if appropriate to prevent (or reduce the likelihood of) the root cause recurring in updates to the software or in new software that is created.</td>
<td>• Document lessons learned through root cause analysis in a knowledge base that developers can access and search.</td>
<td>BSAFSS: PD.1-3, BSIMM: CM/MV.3.2, IEC62443: DM-6, ISO30111: 7.1.7, MSSDL: 2, PCISSLC: 2.6, 4.2, SCFPSSD: Secure Development Lifecycle Feedback, SP80053: SA-15, SP800181: K0009, K0039, K0070</td>
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The President’s Executive Order (EO) on “Improving the Nation’s Cybersecurity (14028)” issued on May 12, 2021, charged multiple agencies – including NIST – with enhancing cybersecurity through a variety of initiatives related to the security and integrity of the software supply chain.

Section 4 of the EO directed NIST to solicit input from the private sector, academia, government agencies, and others and to identify existing or develop new standards, tools, best practices, and other guidelines to enhance software supply chain security. Table 2 maps the clauses from Section 4 of the EO to the SSDF practices and tasks that help address each clause.

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Appendix B—Acronyms

Selected acronyms and abbreviations used in this document are defined below.

- BSIMM: Building Security In Maturity Model
- CISQ: Consortium for Information & Software Quality
- CNCF: Cloud Native Computing Foundation
- COTS: Commercial-Off-the-Shelf
- CPS: Cyber-Physical System
- DevOps: Development and Operations
- EO: Executive Order
- GOTS: Government-Off-the-Shelf
- ICS: Industrial Control System
- IDA: Institute for Defense Analyses
- IEC: International Electrotechnical Commission
- IoT: Internet of Things
- ISO: International Organization for Standardization
- ISPAB: Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board
- IT: Information Technology
- ITL: Information Technology Laboratory
- KPI: Key Performance Indicator
- KRI: Key Risk Indicator
- MITA: Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance
- NAVSEA: Naval Sea Systems Command
- NICE: National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education
- NIST: National Institute of Standards and Technology
- NTIA: National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- OWASP: Open Web Application Security Project
- PCI: Payment Card Industry
- PSIRT: Product Security Incident Response Team
- SAFECode: Software Assurance Forum for Excellence in Code
- SAMM: Software Assurance Maturity Model
- SBOM: Software Bill of Materials
- SDL: [Microsoft] Security Development Lifecycle
- SDLC: Software Development Life Cycle
- SEI: Software Engineering Institute
- SLC: Software Lifecycle
- SOAR: State-of-the-Art Resources
- SSDF: Secure Software Development Framework
Appendix C—Change Log

This appendix summarizes the most noteworthy changes from the original SSDF, published in April 2020, to this draft:

- **References**
  - Added CNCFSSCP, IEC62443, ISO29147, ISO30111, NISTDVS, OWASPMASVS, OWASPSCVS
  - Updated BSAFSS, BSIMM, OWASPASVS, PCISSL
  - Deleted OWASPTEST

- **Practices**
  - Added PO.5
  - Deleted PW.3 (merged into PW.4)

- **Tasks**
  - Added PO.1.2, PO.5.1, PO.5.2, PS.3.2, PW.1.2
  - Moved PW.3.1 to PO.1.3; moved PW.3.2 to PW.4.5; moved PW.4.3 to PW.1.3
  - Demoted PW.5.2 to a PW.5.1 example

- **SSDF Table Conventions**
  - Retired identifiers for deleted/moved practices and tasks (PW.3, PW.3.1, PW.3.2, PW.4.3, and PW.5.2)
  - Added colored borders and shaded rows for each group of practices; indicated retired practices and tasks by a lack of shading

- Converted the content from a white paper to a Special Publication 800-series document

- Added Appendix A