



Software Assurance Forum for Excellence in Code

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Individual companies are implementing better methods for developing and delivering more secure software, hardware and services

BUT

Industry lacked a common framework or trusted forum to advance or share these efforts



The Software Assurance Forum for Excellence in Code (SAFECode) is a global, industry-led effort to identify and promote best practices for developing and delivering more secure and reliable software, hardware and services





SAFECode's Mission

As a center of excellence for vendor software assurance practices, SAFECode unites subject matter experts with unparalleled experience in managing complex global processes for software sourcing, development and delivery to:

1. Foster a trusted exchange of insights that advance software assurance practices
2. Encourage broad industry adoption of proven software security, integrity and authenticity practices
3. Drive clarity for customers and other key stakeholders on vendor software assurance practices to help empower them to better manage risk



Software Assurance: Confidence that software, hardware and services are free from intentional and unintentional vulnerabilities and that the software functions as intended.

In practice, software vendors take action in three key, overlapping areas to achieve software assurance—security, authenticity and integrity.





Security: Security threats to the software are anticipated and addressed during the software's design, development and testing through secure engineering practices. This requires a focus on code quality and functional requirements to reduce unintentional vulnerabilities in the code.





- *“Fundamental Practices for Secure Software Development: A Guide to the Most Effective Secure Development Practices in Use Today”*
- The 2nd Edition is here!

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- What's New?
 - It grew from 19 pages to 51 pages!
 - Refined focus to design, development and testing
 - Expanded and updated the guidance and references
 - Added Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) references
 - Added Verification guidance



- Secure Design Principles
 - Threat Modeling
 - Use Least Privilege
 - Implement Sandboxing



- Secure Coding Practices

- Minimize Use of Unsafe String and Buffer Functions
- Validate Input and Output to Mitigate Common Vulnerabilities
- Use Robust Integer Operations for Dynamic Memory Allocations and Array Offsets
- Use Anti-Cross Site Scripting (XSS) Libraries
- Use Canonical Data Formats
- Avoid String Concatenation for Dynamic SQL Statements
- Eliminate Weak Cryptography
- Use Logging and Tracing



- Testing Recommendations
 - Determine Attack Surface
 - Use Appropriate Testing Tools
 - Perform Fuzz / Robustness Testing
 - Perform Penetration Testing



- Technology Recommendations
 - Use a Current Compiler Toolset
 - Use Static Analysis Tools



- What's Next
 - Community Feedback!
 - Expand - What do you want to know more about?
 - Visit www.safecode.org