

# Application Security and Secure Coding Practices

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**Abstract:** *The concept of security in web applications is not new. However, it is often ignored in the development stages of the applications. Moreover, developers are more inclined to implement features and often do not practice secure coding. Therefore, countless web applications are launched with security vulnerabilities like cross-site scripting, injection attacks and resource alterations. As software applications are used more often across a range of industries, maintaining their security has grown to be a top priority. Web applications comprise a large proportion of the contemporary Internet with many of them dealing with sensitive information and handling critical operations whose compromise could result in large monetary and privacy costs. Naturally, the security of web applications has become an increasingly important issue as web technologies are utilized more and more. Without practicing secure coding and having an integrity verification system in place, it is difficult to defend security attacks. To that end, the incorporation of security controls throughout the software development lifecycle (SDLC) has emerged as the most prominent solution for detecting security defects early and fixing them with minimal cost and overhead. This research paper gives an in-depth analysis of secure coding techniques and application security. The study finishes by summarizing the main conclusions and highlighting the value of application security and secure encryption procedures to lower risk and safeguard sensitive data*

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