

Writing secure software

Question 1:

In a group:

Look at “DevSecOps” on the Web (e.g. [this](#)), and its variants.

Contrast it to what we learned in class (causes for vulnerabilities in software; what’s to blame).

Where does this approach help?

Where does this approach not help?

Bonus: Look at other procedures for introducing security into the software development process, and do a similar analysis & discussion.

convincing the consumer

Aka. "Where did the trust go?" :-)

Question 2:

You are a software consumer, interested in purchasing software from AmazingSoft, Inc.

(A)

You purchase a piece of software from AmazingSoft, Inc.

You receive a binary.

You run it.

What do you trust?

(B)

Consider instead that:

You receive a binary, along with a proof of its correctness.

You verify this proof, before running the binary.

What do you trust now?

What trust moved to where, compared to the initial scenario?

Question 3:

You are managing a team at AmazingSoft, Inc., that is writing a module with security goals, for a larger software product.

(A)

The team writes the module in Java.

(no libraries, etc.)

It compiles.

What do you trust?

(B)

The team writes the module in Java.

They use open-source libraries for encryption.

It compiles.

What do you trust now?

What trust moved to where, compared to the initial scenario?

(C)

The team writes the module in Paragon.

It compiles.

What do you trust now?

What trust moved to where, compared to the initial scenario?