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THE OPEN WEB APPLICATION SECURITY PROJECT

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Project Description

The OWASP Guidebook Project involves the consolidation of The Development Guide, The Code Review Guide and The Testing Guide. These three books were developed in the past by OWASP volunteers as separate projects. These three projects make up the foundation of a security development life cycle for web applications. The Development Guide provides developers with specific instructions on writing secure code in their applications. Once that code is written, the Code Review Guide and the Testing Guide provide systematic steps in performing security assessments of a completed project, both from a code review and a penetration testing perspective. The aim of the OWASP foundation is to consolidate these three guides into one easily accessible book. It is our goal to help governments, businesses, developers, designers and solution architects to produce secure web applications.

Project Status

Management Phase 1 has been completed. This phase involved the review of the latest versions of the guides, the development of authoring and tracking systems for each book, and recruiting the technical authors for each chapter. Currently, we are in Management Phase 2 which involves the technical authoring of each book's chapters and sections. Each guidebook has a dedicated project leader that is leading the efforts and coordinating chapter contributions to each book. Currently we are at the 50% milestone for this management stage. We have finished recruiting authors for the majority of the chapters in each book, and they are in the process of either drafting, editing, or finalizing their sections. The next management stage involves the technical editing of each book. A large portion of the project grant award, first installment, will be used here to fund a professional resource to complete this work.

Budget Status

We revised the project plan to allow minimum spending during the first two management stages of this project. There have been a few expenses, and we had to use our promotional travel funding provided by OWASP, to cover these expenses. As mentioned above, a large portion of the first installment will be used during Management Stage 3 to fund a professional technical editor for each book.

Project Progress

Each project is currently on schedule. I am glad to say that each project leader has shown great initiative towards completing the work, and with assistance, each are meeting their milestones. I anticipate a rush towards the end of Management Stage 2, the Technical Authoring stage. However, leaders have ample time to submit their work during the search for Technical Editors.

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Project Issues & Remedies

There are no major issues to report at this point. The only anticipated change or potential issue is the one I described in the Project Progress section of this report. I anticipate some leaders rushing their work, or sending in late sections towards the end of Management Stage 2, the Technical Authoring Stage. However, this potential behavior was anticipated during the initial planning. If this occurs, leaders will have ample time to submit their work during the search for our Technical Editors during the start of Management Stage 3.

The only other issue is that of payment. I noticed in our messages that the payment schedule is as follows:

- \$7.5 K on Project Implementation
- \$7.5 K in 6-9 Months
- \$10 K on Project Completion

This made me realize that we billed \$500 short on the first invoice. I would like to address this on the next invoice. I will reach out to Victor to discuss having our next invoice be \$8,000 instead of \$7,500 to cover the \$500 we did not bill for in the first invoice.

Milestones

The OWASP Guidebooks Project Management team has decided on five management stages for this project. The first management stage involves the the review of current guidebook materials. The second management stage involves the technical authoring of each book, and the third management stage involves the technical editing. The fourth stage involves the design and marketing implementation, and the fifth stage involves the promotion of the finished guidebooks.

We are currently at the 50% milestone of the second management stage. We have finished the review of all the current guidebooks, developed and decided on our authoring system, and we have finished recruiting authors. Additional authors are sometimes recruited for some chapters and sections, but the overall writing is being managed by the project leaders.

Additional Updates

Overall, the project is on schedule. There are no significant set backs or issues to report. We are in the beginning stages of planning for the promotional activities for each book at one of our major conferences. I will send more information on these activities in my next quarterly report.