



# OWASP

**The Open Web Application Security Project**

## **Information Kit**

The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit worldwide charitable organization focused on improving the security of application software. Our mission is to make application security visible, so that people and organizations can make informed decisions about true application security risks. OWASP does not endorse or recommend commercial products or services, allowing our community to remain vendor neutral with the collective wisdom of the best individual minds in application security worldwide. Find us on the web at: <https://www.owasp.org>.

# About the OWASP Foundation

Software powers the world, but insecure software threatens safety, trust, and economic growth. OWASP is dedicated to making application security visible and works to empower individuals and organizations to make informed decisions about true application security risks.

## OWASP Chapters

OWASP Chapters are local clusters of our core community that gather for meetings and to discuss application security. Local chapters are run by volunteers and typically meet several times per year. Attend or host a local meeting to hear about local updates on chapter projects, catch presentations of technical research, and - if the chapter is fortunate enough to have a sponsor for refreshments - food and drinks!

OWASP currently has over **160 active local chapters worldwide**. We are located on **6 continents** and in over **80 countries**. All OWASP Chapters meetings are **free and open to the public**.

Find your local chapter here and plug into the community today:  
[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_Chapter](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Chapter)

## OWASP Projects

An OWASP project is a collection of related tasks that have a defined roadmap and team members. OWASP project leaders are responsible for defining the vision, roadmap, and tasks for the project. The project leader also promotes the project and builds the team. Tools and documents are organized into the following categories:

- **PROTECT** - These are tools and documents that can be used to **guard** against security-related design and implementation flaws.
- **DETECT** - These are tools and documents that can be used to **find** security-related design and implementation flaws.
- **LIFE CYCLE** - These are tools and documents that can be used to **add security-related activities** into the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC).

OWASP currently has over **150 active project leaders** working on tools, code, and documentation aimed at improving application security worldwide. All OWASP Projects are freely available and licensed under community principles.

Learn about or contribute to a project today:  
[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP\\_Project](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP_Project)

## OWASP Conferences

OWASP AppSec conferences bring together industry, government, security researchers, and practitioners to discuss the state of the art in application security. This series was launched in the United

States in 2004 and Europe in 2005. Global AppSec conferences are held annually in North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia Pacific. Additionally, regional events are held in locations such as Brazil, China, India, Ireland, Israel, and Washington D.C.

### Upcoming Conferences:

- **April 2-5, 2012** AppSec DC in Washington, D.C.
- **April 11-13, 2012** AppSec Asia Pacific in Sydney, Australia
- **May 17-18, 2012** AppSec India (location TBD)
- **July 10-13, 2012** AppSec Europe in Athens, Greece
- **September 4-6, 2012** AppSec Ireland in Dublin, Ireland
- **October 22-26, 2012** AppSec North America in Austin, Texas
- **November 14-16, 2012** AppSec Latin America in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Attend, participate, or volunteer for an OWASP Conference, or learn about other local, regional and partner events: [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP\\_AppSec\\_Conference](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP_AppSec_Conference)

## OWASP Membership

Membership is not required for participation in OWASP activities or use OWASP materials, but OWASP could not fulfill its mission without the support of individuals and organizations across the globe. OWASP currently has over **1,800 individual paid members**, over **65 organizational supporters**, and over **60 academic supporters**.

Learn about the benefits of membership and advance the state of the art in application security by becoming an individual, organizational, or academic supporter:

<https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Membership>

### OWASP Paid Membership Distribution Clusters:



# The Business Case for OWASP

OWASP provides free documentation, tools, methodologies, standards, articles, message forums, email lists, podcasts, videos and chapter meetings as a service to the software ecosystem. OWASP makes these materials available to help people acquire, build, test, and operate software securely.

Membership on any level helps to support the growth of OWASP and the development of new and improved OWASP materials. As an open, non-commercial entity, OWASP unites individuals and organizations to solve global problems in application security that could not be solved by one person or company. Everyone benefits from OWASP. Your support will help OWASP continue to find and fight the causes of insecure software.

Consider showing your support this year with a financial pledge of only \$50 USD for individual membership and only \$5,000 USD for organizational supporters with additional benefits. For more information, visit: <https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Membership>

We also have negotiated barter-in-trade deals and partnership agreements with organizations interested in exchange of services or co-marketing. If you are willing to support us, we are willing to work with you to find the right package!

OWASP has only four paid staff members, but its mission is fulfilled by thousands of volunteers convinced of the importance of making application security visible. Increasingly, organizations are encouraging professionals to donate a percentage of their time to OWASP. If you aren't already doing so, consider joining the movement.

## Did you know?

- 94% of employers think volunteering adds to the skills of their workforce
- 58% say voluntary work can be more valuable than experience gained in paid employment
- 25% offer paid time off to employee volunteers
- 15% allow sabbaticals for volunteering projects

Employer supported volunteering can help a company's...

- Reputation and credibility
- Recruitment and staff retention
- Staff morale and work performance
- Training and development
- Change management
- Government and regulatory relations



To volunteer or become a financial supporter, submit your inquiry at <http://sl.owasp.org/contactus>. **OWASP - Making Application Security Visible.**