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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

We are currently still in Management Phase 2 which involves the technical authoring of each book's chapters and sections. However, we have gotten a head start on Management Phase 3 and 4 due to our upcoming project working summit taking place in New York this November. The three projects are currently undergoing a writing sprint to prepare for the technical editing that will occur during the summit for all three guides. We have also commissioned a designer to produce a beta version of the covers for all three books. The teams are working hard to complete a first draft to be reviewed by the community for the summit.

Budget Status

There have been quite a few expenses for travel, accommodation, and incidentals this month. It is all in preparation for the project summit. However, these funds have come from the general project budget awarded to each by the OWASP Foundation. Spending of the grant funds will not occur until we have a final draft of each book after the summit.

Project Progress

Each project is on track to complete the copy development for each book. The writing has overlapped with the technical editing management phase, but I am not too concerned that it will continue this way. The project summits are an excellent way to get every contributor in the same room working towards completing the books, and we have had success with project completion in the past using this method. Technical editing will continue of the completed copy even if other sections are not entirely finalized.

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Project Issues & Remedies

Our volunteer writers and contributors have been collectively working towards completing their sections and chapters. The only primary issue we have had is that the 3rd quarter seems to be a particularly busy time in the industry, leaving our volunteers with less free time to work on the books. However, contributions have spiked now that there is great energy behind the project summit working sprints.

Milestones

The OWASP Guidebooks Project Management team has decided on five management stages for this project. The first management stage involves 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 75% 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. The writers are still putting together copy for some of the sections in preparation for the technical editing that will be taking place at the OWASP 2013 Project Summit in November.

Additional Updates

Overall, the books are coming along very well despite the minor set back we experienced in the 3rd quarter. We have finalized the planning for several promotional activities for each book at AppSec USA in New York. Each project is scheduled to give a talk about their activities at the conference. <http://appsecusa.org/2013/activities/owasp-project-summit/>