



3.0 Architecture and Design

3.1 Explain use cases and purpose for frameworks, best practices and secure configuration guides.

- **Industry-standard frameworks and reference architectures**
 - Regulatory
 - Non-regulatory
 - National vs. international
 - Industry-specific frameworks
- **Benchmarks/secure configuration guides**
 - Platform/vendor-specific guides
 - Web server
 - Operating system
 - Application server
 - Network infrastructure devices
 - General purpose guides
- **Defense-in-depth/layered security**
 - Vendor diversity
 - Control diversity
 - Administrative
 - Technical
 - User training

3.2 Given a scenario, implement secure network architecture concepts.

- **Zones/topologies**
 - DMZ
 - Extranet
 - Intranet
 - Wireless
 - Guest
 - Honeynets
 - NAT
 - Ad hoc
- **Segregation/segmentation/isolation**
 - Physical
- Logical (VLAN)
- Virtualization
- Air gaps
- **Tunneling/VPN**
 - Site-to-site
 - Remote access
- **Security device/technology placement**
 - Sensors
 - Collectors
 - Correlation engines
 - Filters
- Proxies
- Firewalls
- VPN concentrators
- SSL accelerators
- Load balancers
- DDoS mitigator
- Aggregation switches
- Taps and port mirror
- **SDN**

3.3 Given a scenario, implement secure systems design.

- **Hardware/firmware security**
 - FDE/SED
 - TPM
 - HSM
 - UEFI/BIOS
 - Secure boot and attestation
 - Supply chain
 - Hardware root of trust
 - EMI/EMP
- **Operating systems**
 - Types
 - Network
 - Server
- Workstation
- Appliance
- Kiosk
- Mobile OS
- Patch management
- Disabling unnecessary ports and services
- Least functionality
- Secure configurations
- Trusted operating system
- Application whitelisting/blacklisting
- Disable default accounts/passwords
- **Peripherals**
 - Wireless keyboards
 - Wireless mice
 - Displays
 - WiFi-enabled MicroSD cards
 - Printers/MFDs
 - External storage devices
 - Digital cameras



3.4 Explain the importance of secure staging deployment concepts.

- **Sandboxing**
 - **Environment**
 - Development
 - Test
 - Staging
 - Production
 - **Secure baseline**
 - **Integrity measurement**
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3.5 Explain the security implications of embedded systems.

- **SCADA/ICS**
 - **Smart devices/IoT**
 - Wearable technology
 - Home automation
 - **HVAC**
 - **SoC**
 - **RTOS**
 - **Printers/MFDs**
 - **Camera systems**
 - **Special purpose**
 - Medical devices
 - Vehicles
 - Aircraft/UAV
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3.6 Summarize secure application development and deployment concepts.

- **Development life-cycle models**
 - Waterfall vs. Agile
 - **Secure DevOps**
 - Security automation
 - Continuous integration
 - Baselining
 - Immutable systems
 - Infrastructure as code
 - **Version control and change management**
 - **Provisioning and deprovisioning**
 - **Secure coding techniques**
 - Proper error handling
 - Proper input validation
 - Normalization
 - Stored procedures
 - Code signing
 - Encryption
 - Obfuscation/camouflage
 - Code reuse/dead code
 - Server-side vs. client-side execution and validation
 - Memory management
 - Use of third-party libraries and SDKs
 - Data exposure
 - **Code quality and testing**
 - Static code analyzers
 - Dynamic analysis (e.g., fuzzing)
 - Stress testing
 - Sandboxing
 - Model verification
 - **Compiled vs. runtime code**
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3.7 Summarize cloud and virtualization concepts.

- **Hypervisor**
 - Type I
 - Type II
 - Application cells/containers
- **VM sprawl avoidance**
- **VM escape protection**
- **Cloud storage**
- **Cloud deployment models**
 - SaaS
 - PaaS
 - IaaS
 - Private
 - Public
 - Hybrid
 - Community
- **On-premise vs. hosted vs. cloud**
- **VDI/VDE**
- **Cloud access security broker**
- **Security as a Service**



3.8 Explain how resiliency and automation strategies reduce risk.

- **Automation/scripting**
 - Automated courses of action
 - Continuous monitoring
 - Configuration validation
 - **Templates**
 - **Master image**
 - **Non-persistence**
 - Snapshots
 - Revert to known state
 - Rollback to known configuration
 - Live boot media
 - **Elasticity**
 - **Scalability**
 - **Distributive allocation**
 - **Redundancy**
 - **Fault tolerance**
 - **High availability**
 - **RAID**
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3.9 Explain the importance of physical security controls.

- **Lighting**
- **Signs**
- **Fencing/gate/cage**
- **Security guards**
- **Alarms**
- **Safe**
- **Secure cabinets/enclosures**
- **Protected distribution/Protected cabling**
- **Airgap**
- **Mantrap**
- **Faraday cage**
- **Lock types**
- **Biometrics**
- **Barricades/bollards**
- **Tokens/cards**
- **Environmental controls**
 - HVAC
 - Hot and cold aisles
 - Fire suppression
- **Cable locks**
- **Screen filters**
- **Cameras**
- **Motion detection**
- **Logs**
- **Infrared detection**
- **Key management**