

A Review: Software Security Testing

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Abstract

Software security testing is an essential means to ensure software security and trustiness. Through the developing difficulty of today's software applications order with the increasing modest pressure has pushed the quality assurance of developed software towards new heights. Software testing is a predictable part of the software development lifecycle, and possession in line with its criticality in the pre and post development procedure makes it something that should be provided with improved and efficient methodologies and techniques. Most technologists acknowledge this responsibility's significance, but the essential some help in understanding how to tackle it. This new section aims to deliver that help by exploring software security best practices. Finally, the paper points out future focus and development ways of software security testing technology.

Keywords

security testing, security functional testing, security, vulnerability testing, testing tool, Testing Frameworks.

I. INTRODUCTION

Through the wide use of computer, software development is becoming more difficult and large-scale, which also has consequences in more software security problems increasingly. Software security is the capability of software to deliver necessary function when it is criticized. There is increasing concern about security testing, for it is observed as a significant means to improve security of software. Software security testing is the method to identify whether the security features of software implementation are reliable with the design. Software security testing can be separated into security efficient testing and security susceptibility testing. Security efficient testing confirms whether software security purposes are executed acceptably and reliable with security necessities founding on security necessity requirement. Software security requirements mostly include data privacy, reliability, obtainability, verification, authorization, access control, audit, privacy protection, security organization, etc. Security susceptibility testing is to discover security vulnerabilities as an attacker.

Susceptibility may be used to attack, subsequent in a national of insecurity; Security susceptibility testing is to recognize software security susceptibilities. In this paper, the present approaches, techniques and tools of security testing are examined and summarized.

An essential and critical phase of the computer security problem is a software problem. Software deficiencies with security consequences including implementation bugs such as buffer overflows and design flaws such as unpredictable error handling potential to be through us for years. All too often, malicious intruders can hack into systems by exploiting software faults. Internet-enabled software requests current the greatest common security risk encountered today, with software's ever-expanding difficulty and extensibility totaling additional fuel to the fire. Software security best performs influence good software engineering repetition and include rational about security initial in the software life cycle, meaningful and understanding shared threats, designing for security, and exposing all software objects to detailed objective risk examines and testing. Let's look at how software security fits into the general thought of operational security and inspect some finest performs for building security in.

II. TYPES OF SECURITY TESTING

A. Formal security testing

The basic idea of proper technique is to build an accurate model of the software, and delivers software form requirement maintained by some formal requirement language. Formal security testing approaches can be categorized into proposition substantiating and perfect inspection. Theorem showing transforms program into rational formula, and then usages the axioms and rules to demonstrate the program is a valid theorem. Model checking designates the performance of the software by national transfer system S, using formula F, built by consecutive logic, computation tree logic or the μ calculus, to describe necessities of the software execution, and finds software susceptibilities through automatic exploration for the state in S, which does not meet F.

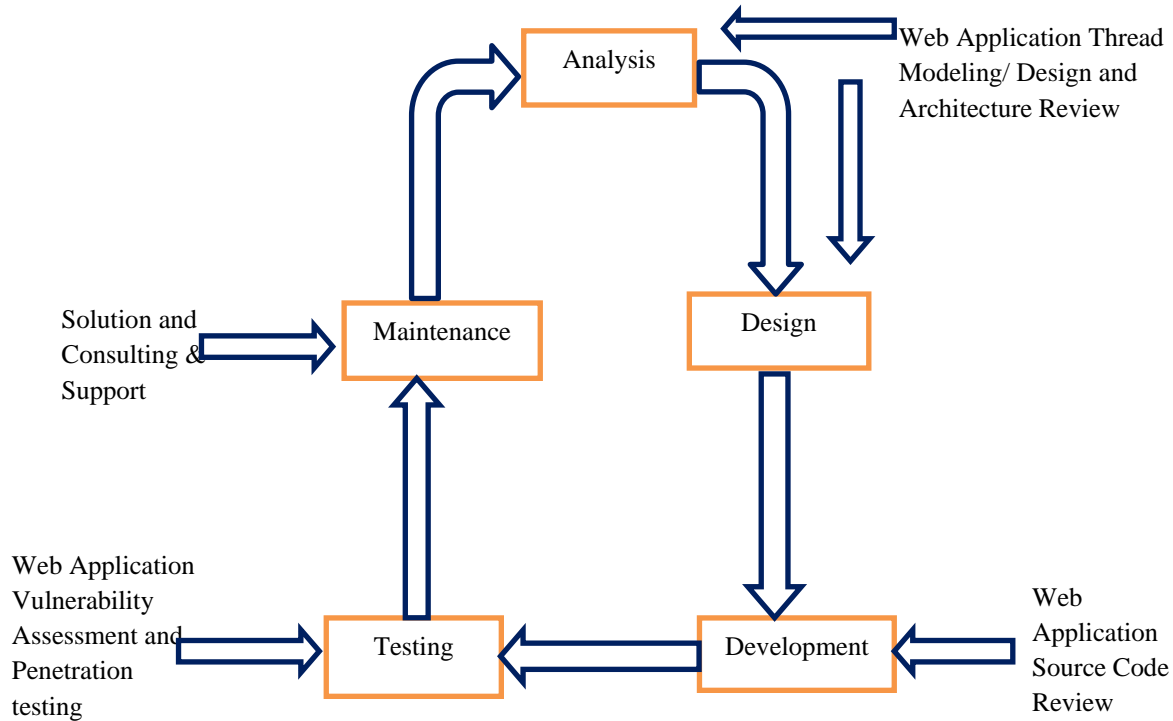


FIG 1 Security testing approach

Its significant impression is to establish official model of security necessities, such as state machine model. Security testing is proficient by penetrating the state space for the specific state in violation of security constraint, which is also a dangerous state. As the classical size and difficulty escalation, the state space produces exponentially, JPL established a formal modeling framework (Flexible Modeling Framework, FMF) using SPIN to solve state detonation problem, and established a testing tool created on property (Property Based Tester, PBT). Technique of formal security testing has some restrictions. For theorem substantiating is problematic to attained routinely, it necessitates high-Quality staff to examine, which is very time-consuming. So it is commonly used to confirm the enterprise properly rather than definite code. For the model checking method, thorough algorithm needs all practical execution states, so it is hard to test infinite state system and low efficient.

B. Model-based security testing

Model-based testing constructs a model by the performance and structure of software, and then originates test belongings from test model. Lastly drive software to run the test cases. The performance of Software system can be designated by input and Output sequence, activity diagram, sequence

diagram, collaboration diagram, and condition or data stream. Software performance model and structure model is the particular explanation of the tested software, which can be used to produce test cases. Software testing models are usually used, such as finite state machine, UML model, Markov chain. Mark Blackburn complete research on model-based security useful testing. The central project is Automated Security Functional Testing of NIST Computer Security Division. The essential impression is to use SCR Modeling tool for software to model the security functional requirements, which uses the technique to describe security performance model and then transforms it into test description model.

The T-VEC tool will produce test vectors establishment on test depiction model. It is also important to increase test driver schema and shape mapping between target thing and test situation. Lastly test courses will be absorbed to run over confirmed software. It is a common security valuable testing technique, which depends on the possibility of

security modeling capabilities, mainly relates to the software, of which security determination can be simply expressed by rational relations 'and' or 'or', such as authorization, access control.

C. Fault injection-based security testing

Wenliang Du used fault injection technique for software security testing, which recognized fault. Fault instillation attentions on the interaction opinions of application and environment, including user input; file system, network interface, and situation variable. Connected project is PROTOS Security Testing of Protocol Executions of OUSP; the aim of the project is to test the protocol's safety. The highest idea is to test whether software can reply suitably using numerous kinds of protocol packets. In order to determine software security susceptibilities, some error data should be inserted into numerous protocol packets, such as juggling the value of certain protocol's field. Protocols maintained are HTTP, SIP, WAP, SNMP, etc. The highest fault injection tools are CECIUM, DOCTOR, ORCHESTRA, NFTAPE, LOKI, Mendosus, OGSA, and FAIL-FCI. Fault injection can professionally pretend a variability of irregular performance of software. The responsibility injection determinations can kind the software obligatory spread a convinced state, which cannot reach simply by the additional testing technology.

D. Fuzzy testing

Fuzzy Testing is effective to determine security susceptibility, which develops more and more attention. Fuzzy testing would inject random data into package to test whether it can run usually under the clutter input. Fuzzy testing is irrational, just produces clutter data. Fuzzy testing would find flaws of verified software, which are problematic for the other logical testing method.

E. Vulnerability scanning testing

Vulnerability scanning, as a significant technique to find software security risks, comprises testing space scanning and recognized defects scanning. Testing space scanning contracts with network port, string, way data, network data and other basics scanning, for instance, complete network port scanning, it can be originate whether the port of software is unlocked which should not open. Known faults scanning find recognized flaws regularly founding on the fault library.

F. Property-based testing

Paper designates a way of property-based testing. The technique converts security property of software into requirement designated by TASPEC language. It would extract the code in relation to exact property by program slicing technology, and discover desecration of the code beside security property requirement. Property-based testing attentions on some exact security properties, which can happen requirement of classification and priority.

G. White box-based security testing

These testing methodology aspects under the covers and into the subsystem of a request. While black-box testing concerns it completely with the inputs and outputs of a request, white-box testing allows you to see what is happening inside the request. White box testing delivers a degree of complexity that is not obtainable with black-box testing as the tester is able to refer to and interrelate with the objects that include a request rather than only requiring access to the user interface. An instance of a white-box system would be in-circuit testing where someone is looking at the interconnections among each module and confirming that each internal connection is occupied correctly. Additional example from a dissimilar field might be an auto-mechanic who looks at the inner-workings of a car to confirm that all of the separate shares are occupied correctly to confirm the car drives properly.

H. Risk-based security testing

Brad Arkin, Gary McGraw, etc. complete exploration on risk-based security testing, which mutual the risk analysis, security testing with software development lifecycle, as quick as possible to invention high-risk security susceptibilities. This method accentuated SDL (Security Development Lifecycle). Misuse model, irregular scenario, risk analysis and saturation testing would be used in numerous step of software development.

III LITERATURE REVIEW

Gary McGraw, Bruce Potter. "Software Security Testing" this research is a Testing software security is a usually misunderstood task. Complete correctly, it drives deeper than humble black-box searching on the presentation layer (the sort achieved by so-called application security tools) and even outside the functional testing of security device. Tester's necessity use risk-based methods grounded in together the system's architectural authenticity and the attacker's approach, to gauge software security sufficiently. By recognizing dangers in the system and making tests

driven by those risks, a software security tester can correctly focus on parts of code in which an attack is probable to succeed. This method delivers an advanced level of software security declaration than is conceivable with classical black-box testing.

David P. Gilliam, John D. Powell, Matt Bishop. “Application of Lightweight Formal Methods to Software Security” in this article stresses a proper requirement and confirmation of security has established an exciting task. There is no single technique that has established possible. Instead, an integrated method which associates several formal methods can intensify the assurance in the verification of software security possessions. Such a technique which specifies security properties in a library that can be re-used by 2 instruments and their methodologies established for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory are designated herein The Flexible Modeling Framework is a model created confirmation instrument that uses Promela and the SPIN model manager. The Property Based Tester uses TASPEC and a Test Execution Monitor. They are used to reduce susceptibilities and unwanted exposures in software during the growth and protection life series. These tools are currently existed directed with a COTS Server-Agent Request.

Ramaswamy Chandramouli, Mark Blackburn. “Automated Testing of Security Functions Using a Combined Model and Interface-Driven Approach” this proposed an independent security practical testing on a product occupies a backseat in traditional security assessment because of the cost and stringent coverage necessities. In this paper we present the particulars of a method we have established to automate security functional testing. The essential framework is named Test Automation Outline and the toolkit we have established founded on TAF we call it as TAF-SFT toolkit. The TAF-SFT toolkit uses the text-based description of security functions providing by the product vendor and the necessities of the underlying security model to progress a machine-readable description of security purposes using the Software Cost Reduction official language. The subsequent interactive requirement model is then processed through the TAF-SFT Toolkit to produce test vectors. The interactive model and the test vectors are then combined with product interface conditions to mechanically produce test drivers. Exemplify the request of TAF-SFT toolkit for security useful of a profitable DBMS product. Also discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using TAF-SFT toolkit for security

useful testing and the situations under which you minimize the influence of disadvantages. Reports Title: 18th Annual Computer Security Applications Conference.

Du Wenliang, Mathur A P. “Vulnerability Testing of Software System Using Fault Injection” this paper proposed a method for testing a software system for conceivable security flaws. Usually, security testing is complete using diffusion analysis and official approaches.

Based on the observation that greatest security faults are activated due to a flawed communication with the situation, that view the security testing problem as the problem of testing for the fault-tolerance possessions of a software system. Consider each environment agitation as a responsibility and the resulting security cooperation a disappointment in the allowance of such faults. Our method is created on the well-known method of fault-injection. Situation faults are inserted into the system under test and system performance observed. The failure to tolerate responsibilities is a pointer of a possible security flaw in the system. An Environment-Application Communication fault model is proposed. EAI permits us to choose what faults to insert. Based on EAI, current a security-flaw organization scheme. This arrangement was used to categorize 142 security flaws in a susceptibility database. This organization exposed that 91 % of the security faults in the database are enclosed by the EAI model.

Xia Yi-min, etc. “Security Vulnerability Detection Study Based on Static Analysis” this research Software security testing is a significant resource to confirm software security and trustiness. This paper first mostly discourses the description and organization of software security testing, and explores methods and tools of software security testing extensively. Then it evaluates and accomplishes the advantages and disadvantages of numerous methods and the possibility of request, presents taxonomy of security testing tools. Lastly, the paper points out future focus and increase directions of software security testing technology.

Ben Breech, Lori Pollock. “A Framework for Testing Security Mechanisms for Program-Based Attacks” this article Program susceptibilities leave establishments open to mischievous attacks that can result in plain destruction to company finances, resources, customer privacy, and data. Engineering requests and schemes so that susceptibilities do not happen would be the best answer, but this plan may

be unreasonable due to fiscal restraints or insufficient knowledge. Therefore, a variability of program and system-based answers has been planned to contract with susceptibilities in a controllable way. Unfortunately, proposed approaches are often poorly tested, since current testing methods focus on the mutual case whereas susceptibilities are often oppressed by uncommon inputs.

In this paper, we present the design of a testing framework that allows the effectual, automatic and methodical testing of security mechanisms intended to avoid program based attacks. The key insight of the framework is that dynamic gathering technology permits us to supplement and pretend attacks during program implementation. Thus, a security apparatus can be tested exhausting any program, not only those with recognized susceptibilities.

J. Irena, “Software Testing Methods and Techniques” In this paper main testing methods and techniques are presently described. General organization is outlined: two testing approaches black box testing and white box testing, and their regularly used methods. Black Box techniques: Corresponding Separating, Boundary Value Analysis, Cause-Effect Graphing Methods, and Assessment Testing. White Box techniques: Basis Path Testing, Loop Testing, and Control Assembly Testing. Also, the organization of the IEEE Computer Society is exemplified.

E. F. Miller, “Introduction to Software Testing Technology”, in this article Software Testing & Validation Methods Software testing is a movement which is intended for assessing a quality or competence of a program and confirms that it meets the compulsory result. It examines the software for definition bugs. Software testing is not impartial used for finding and fixing of infections but it also confirms that the system is occupied permitting to the conditions. Software testing is a series of procedure which is intended to make certain that the computer code does what it was designed to do. In this paper if have designated different software testing levels and methods

M. Shaw, “Prospects for an engineering discipline of software,” this research though software engineering is not yet a factual engineering product particularly when a creation is a value based system. The appreciated software product or product line is tested under severe conditions to meet the least restrictions of software quality. This paper emphasizes on stakeholders, necessities engineering,

discipline, it has the possible to become one. Older engineering fields are inspected to determine the attractiveness that software engineering might have. The current state of software technology is deliberated, covering information handling as an economic force, the increasing role of software in dangerous applications, the maturity of development methods, and the technical basis for software engineering practice. Five basic steps that the software engineering occupation must take to become a true engineering punishment are designated. They are: understanding the nature of expertise, distinguishing dissimilar behaviors to get information, inspiring routine practice, expecting professional concentrations, and refining the coupling among science and profitable repetition.

B. Boehm, “Some Future Trends and Implications for Systems and Software Engineering Processes” this article In response to the accumulative criticality of software within schemes and the cumulative stresses being put onto 21st periods schemes, systems and software engineering procedures will change suggestively over the next two periods. This paper classifies eight comparatively surprise-free movements the increasing communication of software engineering and systems engineering; augmented importance on users and end value; increased emphasis on systems and software reliability; progressively rapid alteration; cumulative global connectivity and essential for systems to interoperate; increasingly composite systems of systems; increasing requirements for COTS, recycle, and heritage systems and software incorporation; and computational sufficiently. It also recognizes two “wild card” trends: increasing software autonomy and groupings of biology and computing. It then converses the likely inspirations of these trends on systems and software engineering procedures between now and 2025, and offerings a developing ascendable spiral procedure model for coping with the resulting challenges and chances of emerging 21st century software-intensive systems and systems of systems.

M. I. Babar, “Software Quality Improvement for charge created systems finished Stakeholders Quantification”, this exploration based on Software quality declaration plays an significant part to patterned the general quality of the software dissimilar testing methods being functional in software specialized environment, problems and current fashions to resolution the obligation difficulties for continuous software quality development.

These paper offerings the criticality of stakeholders, necessities and software testing approaches for software specialists in terms of quality assurance. A model is planned in order to realize a high quality worth based software request. There is the terrible need to participate participants, necessities and testing in order to appraise the performance and excellence of a worth based system.

A methodical stakeholder investigation framework does not exist, and there is the essential of a methodical framework that may be accepted as a normal. This investigation also emphasizes on a systematic shareholder's identification and quantification framework.

M.S. Sharmila and E. Ramadevi. "Analysis of performance testing on web application" this paper stress on Web Applications is extensively known as the structure blocks of typical facility oriented requests. Presentation of such an application system is mostly dependent upon the apparatuses of web requests. Testing web request is nothing but to find out mistakes in its satisfied, function, usability,

navigability, recital, volume, and security. Presentation testing is a used to regulate the receptiveness, throughput, reliability, and/or scalability of a system under a given assignment.

This paper offerings presentation testing thoughts, purposes, goals, types and obtainable tools for testing web applications recital.

IV SECURITY TESTING APPROACH

We can take the subsequent method though making and preparation for Security testing.

1) Security Architecture Study:

The primary step is to recognize the business necessities, security goals, and purposes in terms of the security compliance of the group. The test planning should consider all security aspects, like the group might have planned to attain PCI compliance.

2) Security Architecture Analysis:

Recognize and evaluate the necessities of the application under test.

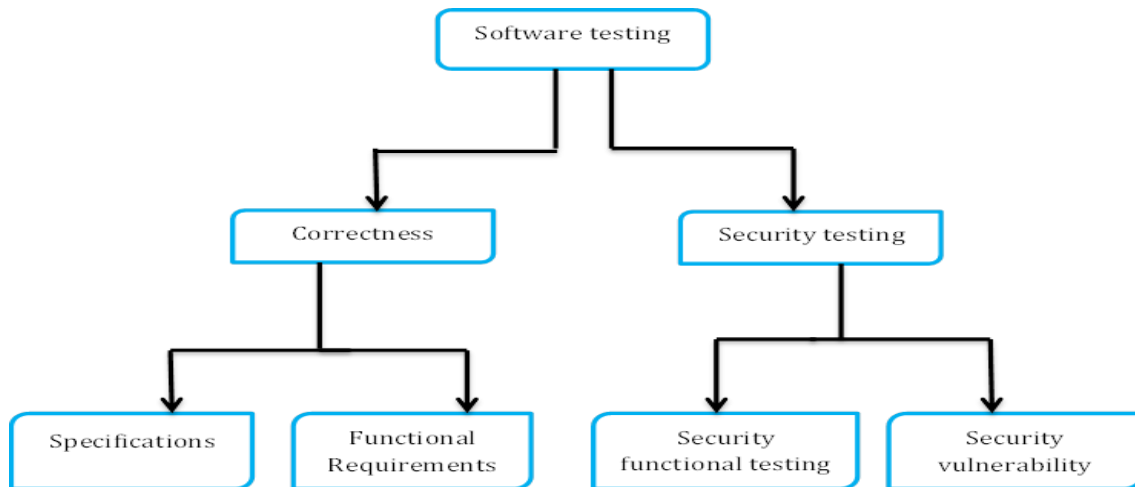


FIG 2 Software testing approach

3) Classify Security Testing:

Collect all system setup information used for improvement of Software and Networks like Operating Systems, technology, hardware. Create out the list of Vulnerabilities and Security Risks.

4) Threat Modelling:

Based on above step, prepare Threat profile.

5) Test Planning:

Based on identified Threat, Vulnerabilities and Security Risks prepare test plan to address these issues.

6) Traceability Matrix Preparation:

For separately recognized Threat, Susceptibilities and Security Risks make Traceability Matrix.

Security Testing Tool identification: All security testing cannot be implemented manually, so detect the tool to perform all security test cases faster & extra dependably.

7) Test Case Preparation:

Make the Security tests instance document.

8) Test Case Execution:

Achieve the Security Test cases implementation and retest the fault fixes. Perform the Regression Test cases.

9) Reports:

Arrange thorough report of Security Testing which comprises Vulnerabilities and Threats limited, describing risks, and still open issues etc.

V. CONCLUSION

As testers we work on all sorts of systems, including protection or life critical systems. It is significant that we understand the depth that we may essential to go to confirm adequate testing is done. The directions of software security testing methods include security functional model of approval, access control; formal security testing; risk-based security testing and its request in software engineering; threat model and attack tree based security testing. In addition, beside with the growth of web service newly, how to deal with security testing.

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