

### Secure Coding Tips

#### Announcing New VA Application Registration Requirements

This week's Secure Coding Tip is the announcement of new VA requirements to register custom-developed applications with the VA Software Assurance Program Office, including those written in MUMPS and Delphi.[1] Registration is necessary to maintain an inventory of the total population of VA custom applications to ensure application security considerations are taken into account when determining readiness and performance of a project.

VA requirements to register custom-developed applications can now be found in the new "Registration Requirements" section of the OCS Accreditation Requirements Guide / SOP[2], in support of enforcement during the ATO issuance process.[3] Similarly, registration will be required in order to obtain VA-licensed code review tools, validations, and support from the VA Software Assurance Program Office, effective immediately.[4]

It is highly recommended to register applications with the VA Software Assurance Program Office at the soonest opportunity, to avoid delays resulting from the lack of registration during development and during the ATO issuance process.

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- [1] "Software Assurance Program Memorandum" (VAIQ #7477488), Stephen Warren, April 10, 2015.
- [2] "Accreditation Requirements Guide / Standard Operating Procedures", Office of Cyber Security (OCS) Assessment and Authorization intranet site.
- [3] "Accreditation Requirements Expectation Memorandum" (Section 2.a.ii "Code Review"), VA Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) Stanley F. Lowe, March 19, 2014.
- [4] VA Software Assurance Support Site FAQ: [When is guidance provided on this website effective as VA Secure Code Review SOP?](#)

#### More Information

For more information about the VA Software Assurance Program Office, please visit our website [here](#).



#### Resources

[Request VA-licensed code review tools, validations, and support here](#)

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