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API Abuse Coding Errors Can Lead To Vulnerabilities

This week's Secure Coding Tip is about how making API abuse types of coding errors can introduce vulnerabilities into VA applications. Scanning source code to perform code review is an authorization requirement included in the OCS Accreditation Requirements Guide / SOP, and enforced as part of the ATO issuance process.

An example of an API abuse type of vulnerability is calling a potentially dangerous function incorrectly, resulting in a vulnerability. Another example is when a function is inherently dangerous and cannot be used safely (and thus should never be used). API abuse coding errors such as these are errors that the HPE Fortify Static Code Analyzer (SCA) can detect.



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