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Error Handling Coding Errors Can Lead To Vulnerabilities

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

This type of vulnerability has to do with issues related to the handling of errors in code. An example is ignoring exceptions and other error conditions which may then allow an attacker to induce unexpected behavior unnoticed. Error handling coding errors such as these are errors that the HPE Fortify Static Code Analyzer (SCA) can detect.



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