

Semestral Project



PV286 – Secure Coding Principles and Practices

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Project introduction

- Teams of three people
- Programming language from the following set
 - C, C++, Rust, Go, C#, Java
- Four phases (~3 weeks each)
- Up to 45 points awarded
 - Bonus points possible for exceptional contribution
- Questions
 - By email to xdufka1@fi.muni.cz or your project feedback person (to be assigned)

Project idea

- Project topic assigned in two weeks
- Implementation of an application that includes:
 - Input parsing (CLI arguments, files)
 - Data manipulation and data structures
 - Output formatting
- Allowed to use only standard library
- Focus on the security of the implementation
 - Use defensive programming
 - Write tests (consider using TDD)
 - Use code analysis tools

Project phase outputs

- Phase I – deadline 3rd week
 - Teams of 3 people, programming language, GitHub repository
- Phase II – deadline 6th week (10 points)
 - The first part of the implementation, report
- Phase III – deadline 9th week (15 points)
 - The final implementation, recording of a project presentation
- Phase IV – deadline 14th week (20 points)
 - Report of analysis of another team's project

Phase I

- Form teams of 3 people
- Agree on your programming language
 - C, C++, Rust, Go, C#, Java
- Create a **private** repository on GitHub
- Write an email to xdufka1@fi.muni.cz containing:
 - Team member names + GitHub usernames
 - Selected programming language
 - Link to the GitHub repository
- Deadline: **26. 2. 2023**

Phase III

- Finalize the implementation
 - Include all test vectors in GitHub Actions
 - Test it for correctness and try to fix potential security issues
 - [Release the final version/build on GitHub](#)
- Prepare and record a presentation of your project (10 minutes)
 - Code overview
 - Description of your testing and analysis
 - Application demonstration (building and running)
- Deadline: **9. 4. 2023**
 - Submit presentation slides and the recording to IS
 - Submission from this phase will be made available to reviewing teams
 - Setup your code for a review (see the following two slides)
 - You will be requested to add access to your repository to reviewing teams later on

Phase III – Review setup

```
# Create review branch without code
```

```
git checkout -b review
```

```
git rm -r --cached .
```

```
git commit -m "Create review branch"
```

```
git push --set-upstream origin review
```

```
# Create branch for pull request into the review branch
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```
git checkout -b review_code
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```
git add .
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```
git commit -m "Add review code"
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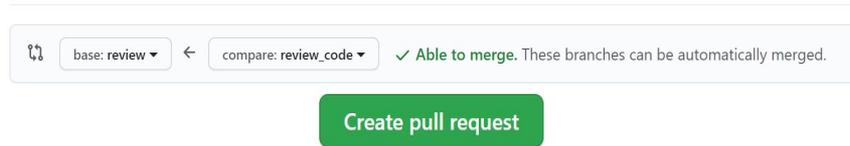
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git push --set-upstream origin review_code
```

Phase III – Review setup

- Create pull request from `review_code` to `review` branch

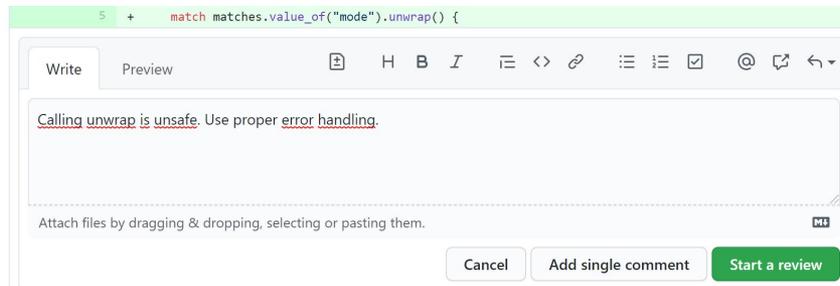
Comparing changes

Choose two branches to see what's changed or to start a new pull request. If you need to, you can also [compare across forks](#).



The screenshot shows a web interface for creating a pull request. It features two dropdown menus: 'base: review' and 'compare: review_code'. To the right of these menus is a green checkmark and the text 'Able to merge. These branches can be automatically merged.' Below this information is a prominent green button labeled 'Create pull request'.

- Reviewing team will comment in the pull request



The screenshot displays a code review comment in a web browser. At the top, a code snippet is visible: `match matches.value_of("mode").unwrap() {`. Below the code, there is a text input field containing the comment: 'Calling `unwrap` is unsafe. Use proper error handling.' The comment is underlined. Below the text field, there is a dashed line indicating where to attach files. At the bottom right of the comment area, there are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Add single comment', and 'Start a review'.

Phase IV

- Analyze the assigned implementation
 - Overall code quality
 - Static analysis (at least 1), dynamic analysis (at least 1), fuzzing (at least 1)
 - Use at least 5 different tools in total
- Provide comments on the code in GitHub review branch
 - Consider using [Conventional Comments](#)
- Prepare pull requests fixing at least 1 discovered issue
- Write 3-4 page report of your analysis covering
 - Overall code quality
 - Used analysis tools
 - Discovered issues and fixes
 - Summary and score of the implementation based on your analysis (5 highest, 0 lowest).
- Deadline: **14. 5. 2023**
 - Submit the report to IS