

# Code responsibly with generative AI in C++ (CRWGAIC++)

ID CRWGAIC++   Prix CHF 2 250,– (Hors Taxe)   Durée 3 jours

## A qui s'adresse cette formation

C/C++ developers using Copilot or other GenAI tools

## Pré-requis

General C++ and C development

## Objectifs

- Understanding the essentials of responsible AI
- Getting familiar with essential cyber security concepts
- Correctly implementing various security features
- Identify vulnerabilities and their consequences
- Learn the security best practices in C++
- Managing vulnerabilities in third party components
- Input validation approaches and principles
- All this put into the context of GitHub Copilot

## Wrap up

- Secure coding principles
  - Principles of robust programming by Matt Bishop
  - Secure design principles of Saltzer and Schroeder
- And now what?
- Software security sources and further reading
  - C and C++ resources
  - Responsible AI principles in software development
  - Generative AI – Resources and additional guidance

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### Day 1

#### Coding responsibly with GenAI

- What is responsible AI?
- What is security?
- Threat and risk
- Cyber security threat types – the CIA triad
- Cyber security threat types – the STRIDE model
- Consequences of insecure software
- Security and responsible AI in software development
- GenAI tools in coding: Copilot, Codeium and others

## Memory management vulnerabilities

- Assembly basics and calling conventions
  - x64 assembly essentials
  - Registers and addressing
  - Most common instructions
  - Calling conventions on x64
  - Calling convention – what it is all about
  - Calling convention on x64
- The stack frame
- Stacked function calls
- Buffer overflow
  - Memory management and security
  - Buffer security issues
  - Buffer overflow on the stack
  - Buffer overflow on the stack – stack smashing
  - Exploitation – Hijacking the control flow
  - Lab – Buffer overflow 101, code reuse
  - Exploitation – Arbitrary code execution
  - Injecting shellcode
  - Lab – Code injection, exploitation with shellcode
  - Case study – Stack BOF in FriendlyName handling of the Wemo Smart Plug
- Pointer manipulation
  - Modification of jump tables
  - Overwriting function pointers
  - Best practices and some typical mistakes
- Unsafe functions
  - Dealing with unsafe functions
  - Lab – Fixing buffer overflow (exploring with Copilot)
- Using std::string in C++
  - Manipulating C-style strings in C++
  - Malicious string termination
  - Lab – String termination confusion (exploring with Copilot)
  - String length calculation mistakes

### Day 2

#### Memory management hardening

- Securing the toolchain
  - Securing the toolchain in C++
  - Using FORTIFY\_SOURCE
  - Lab – Effects of FORTIFY
- AddressSanitizer (ASan)
  - Using AddressSanitizer (ASan)

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- Lab – Using AddressSanitizer
- Stack smashing protection
  - Detecting BoF with a stack canary
  - Argument cloning
  - Stack smashing protection on various platforms
  - SSP changes to the prologue and epilogue
  - Lab – Effects of stack smashing protection
- Runtime protections
  - Runtime instrumentation
  - Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR)
    - ASLR on various platforms
    - Lab – Effects of ASLR
    - Circumventing ASLR – NOP sleds
    - Circumventing ASLR – memory leakage
- Non-executable memory areas
  - The NX bit
  - Write XOR Execute (W^X)
  - NX on various platforms
  - Lab – Effects of NX
  - NX circumvention – Code reuse attacks
  - Return-to-libc / arc injection
  - Return Oriented Programming (ROP)
  - Protection against ROP
- Case study – Systematic exploitation of a MediaTek buffer overflow

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- Copilot)
- Unreleased resource
- Array disposal in C++
- Lab – Mixing delete and delete[] (exploring with Copilot)
- Object oriented programming pitfalls
  - Accessibility modifiers
  - Are accessibility modifiers a security feature?
  - Inheritance and object slicing
  - Implementing the copy operator
  - The copy operator and mutability
  - Mutability
  - Mutable predicate function objects
  - Lab – Mutable predicate function object

## Using vulnerable components

- Security of AI generated code
- Practical attacks against code generation tools
- Dependency hallucination via generative AI
- Case study – A history of GitHub Copilot weaknesses (up to mid 2024)

## Day 3

### Common software security weaknesses

- Security features
  - Authentication
  - Password management
    - Inbound password management
    - Storing account passwords
    - Password in transit
    - Lab – Is just hashing passwords enough?
    - Dictionary attacks and brute forcing
    - Salting
    - Adaptive hash functions for password storage
    - Password policy
    - NIST authenticator requirements for memorized secrets
    - Password database migration
- Code quality
  - Code quality and security
- Data handling
  - Type mismatch
    - Lab – Type mismatch (exploring with Copilot)
  - Initialization and cleanup
    - Constructors and destructors
    - Initialization of static objects
    - Lab – Initialization cycles (exploring with

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