

# Application Security

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**Application Security** is the process of developing, adding, and testing security features within applications to prevent security vulnerabilities against threats such as unauthorized access and modification.

Application Security describes security measures at the [application](#) level that aim to prevent data or code within the app from being stolen or hijacked. It encompasses the security considerations that happen during application development and design, but it also involves systems and approaches to protect apps after they get deployed.

Application Security may include hardware, software, and procedures that identify or minimize security vulnerabilities. A [router](#) that prevents anyone from viewing a computer's [Internet Protocol Address \(IP Address\)](#) from the [Internet](#) is a form of hardware Application Security. But security measures at the application level are also typically built into the software, such as an application [firewall](#) that strictly defines what activities are allowed and prohibited. Procedures can entail things like an Application Security routine that includes protocols such as regular testing.

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