

Root

Improper protection (initialization and enforcement)

Improper choice of initial protection domain  
an incorrect initial assignment of security or integrity level at system initialization or generation; a security critical function manipulating critical data directly accessible to the user

Improper isolation of implementation detail  
allowing users to bypass operating system controls and write to absolute input/output addresses; direct manipulation of a hidden data structure such as a directory file being written to as if were a regular file; drawing inferences from paging activity

Improper change  
the attribute-check to attribute-use flaw; changing a parameter unexpectedly

Improper naming  
allowing two different objects to have the same name, resulting in confusion over which is referenced

Improper deallocation or deletion  
leaving old data in memory deallocated by one process and reallocated to another process, enabling the second process to access the information used by the first; failing to end a session properly

Improper validation  
not checking critical conditions and parameters, leading to a process addressing memory in its memory space by referencing through an out-of-bounds pointer value; allowing type clashes; overflows

Improper synchronization

Improper indivisibility  
interrupting atomic operations (e.g. locking); cache inconsistency

Improper choice of operand or operation  
using unfair scheduling algorithms that block certain processes or users from running; using the wrong function or wrong arguments

Improper sequencing  
allowing actions in an incorrect order (e.g. reading during writing)