# CWE Detail – CWE-1074

## Description

A class has an inheritance level that is too high, i.e., it  
 has a large number of parent classes.

## Extended Description

This issue makes it more difficult to understand and maintain the product, which indirectly affects security by making it more difficult or time-consuming to find and/or fix vulnerabilities. It also might make it easier to introduce vulnerabilities. While the interpretation of "large number of parent classes" may vary for each product or developer, CISQ recommends a default maximum of 7 parent classes.

## Threat-Mapped Scoring

Score: 0.0

Priority: Unclassified

## Common Consequences

**•** Impact: Reduce Maintainability — Notes: