



# App Security? There is a metric for that!

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# Agenda

- Background – Why is this necessary?
- Defining Risk:
  - Value / Potential Impact
  - Maturity / Susceptibility
- Why Open SAMM?
- Dashboards – Decision Support Systems
- Demo

# Risk Measurement Challenges

- Applications can be developed with different SDLC methodologies
- Inconsistent maturity of the design and embedded security mechanisms
- Applications range in size, complexity, and perception of risk
- Application security / maturity is difficult to normalize, contrast, and compare

# Defining Application Risks



# Defining Risk

- Significance / Impact
  - What an application is
  - Does not change without significant changes to the nature of the application
- Maturity / Susceptibility
  - Maturity of the application
  - Can be changed by implementing additional security controls
  - Based on OWASP Software Assurance Maturity Model (SAMM)

# Static Risk

- Customized for each organization
- Should not change unless the application or the organization undergoes big changes
- Focuses on application risk categories and attributes that are significant and meaningful
- Static risks can be used for risk calculation or presenting correlated risk scores as they relate to each static risk
- Static risks can be used to pivot data, highlighting internal initiatives

# Dynamic Risk

- Based on OWASP Software Assurance Maturity Model (SAMMM)
- Uses SAMMM's questionnaire for determining the maturity model
- Answers to questions help calculate numeric dynamic risk score as well as determine control maturity levels
- In addition to establishing the maturity level, SAMMM provides detailed control implementation requirements

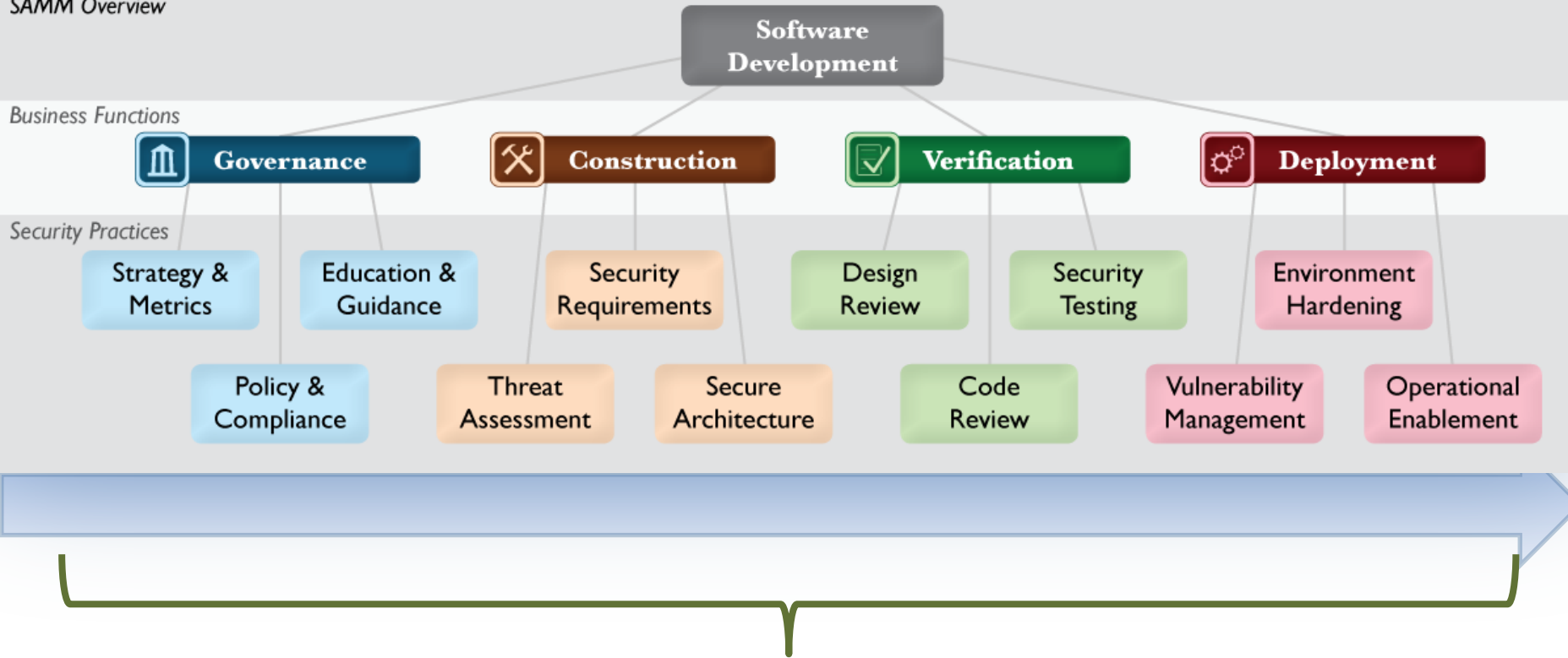


# Why they Open SAMM?



# SAMM

SAMM Overview



Secure Development Lifecycle  
(SAMM)

# Sample Dashboards – SAMM Scores

	Application 1	Application 2	Application 3	Application 4	Application 5	Application 6
<b>Governance: Strategy &amp; Metrics</b>	0+	2+	0+	0+	0+	0+
<b>Governance: Policy &amp; Compliance</b>	0+	1+	0+	0+	0+	0+
<b>Governance: Education &amp; Guidance</b>	0+	2	2+	2+	2+	2+
<b>Construction: Threat Assessment</b>	0+	1+	1+	0+	1+	1+
<b>Construction: Security Requirements</b>	0	2+	0+	0+	1+	0+
<b>Construction: Security Architecture</b>	1+	2	1+	1+	1+	1+
<b>Verification: Design Review</b>	1+	0+	1+	0+	1	0+
<b>Verification: Code Review</b>	1	2	3	1+	0+	3
<b>Verification: Security Testing</b>	1+	1+	1+	0+	1+	0+
<b>Deployment: Vulnerability Management</b>	1+	2+	1+	1+	1+	1+
<b>Deployment: Environment Hardening</b>	0	2	0+	0	0	0+
<b>Deployment: Operational Enablement</b>	0	2	0+	0+	0+	0+

# Correlated Risk Analysis / Dashboards



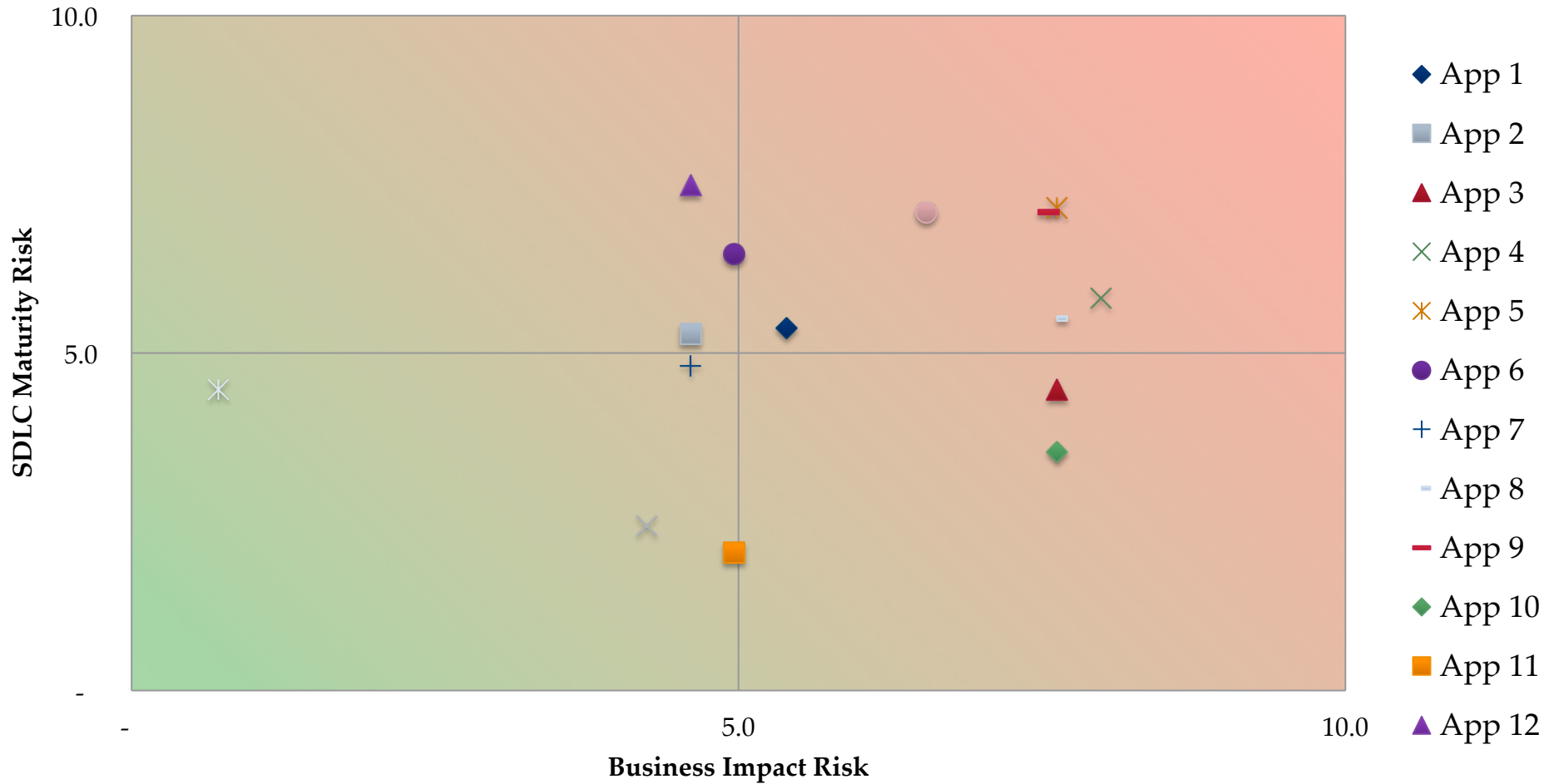
# Risk Correlation

$$\underline{\text{Value}} * \underline{\text{Maturity}} = \underline{\text{Correlated Risk}}$$

- Value / Impact factors generate a numeric score, normalized against all applications
- SAMM activities generates a numeric score, based on answers provided as part of the SAMM assessment
- Provides a single measure of security for each application
- Can be applied uniformly across all applications
- Provides a “true” value, allowing a side-by-side comparison of all applications

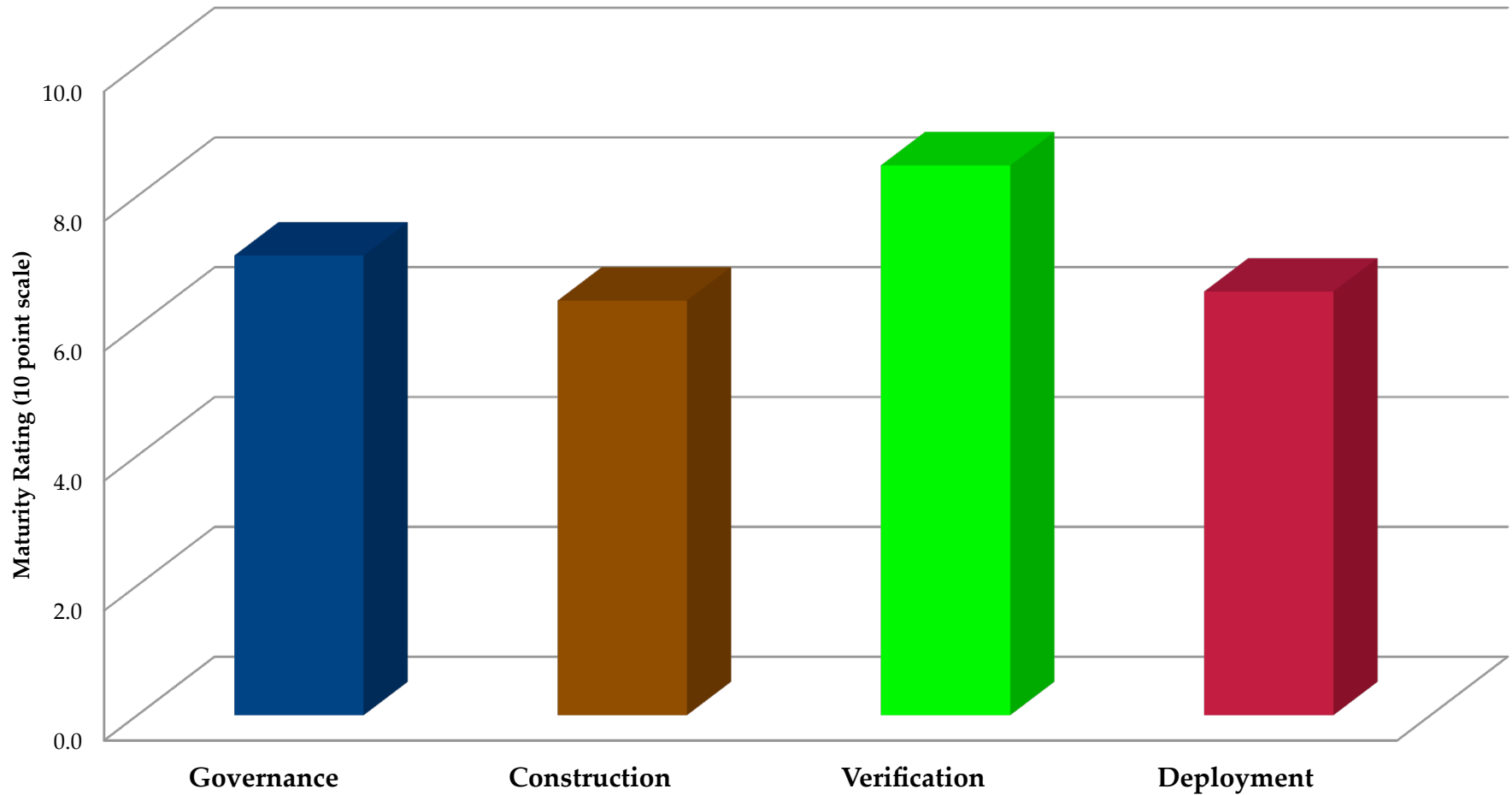
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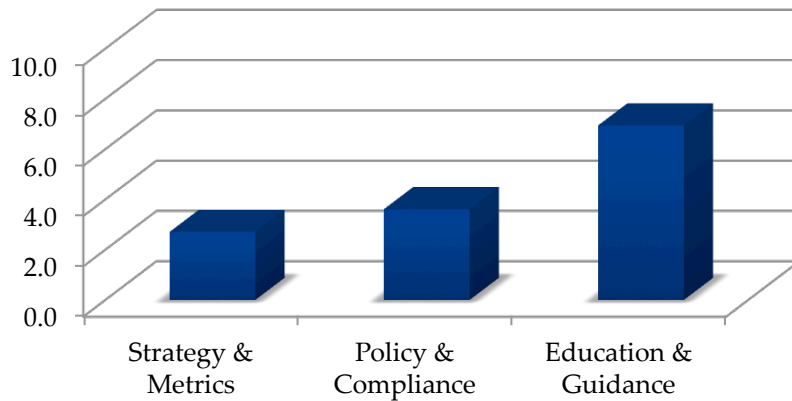
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## Overall Maturity Categories

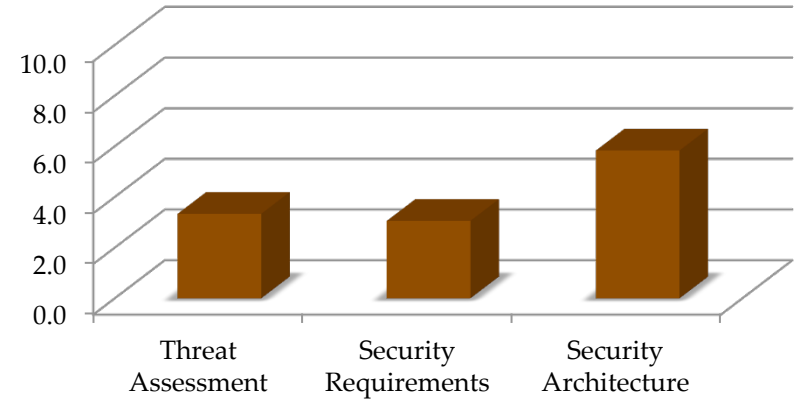


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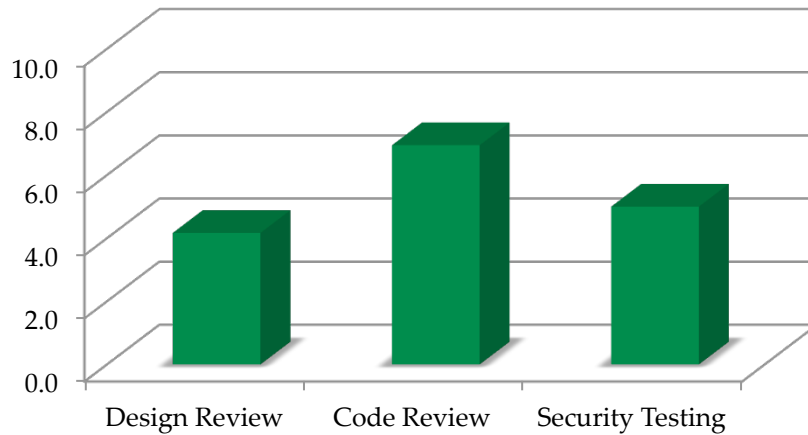
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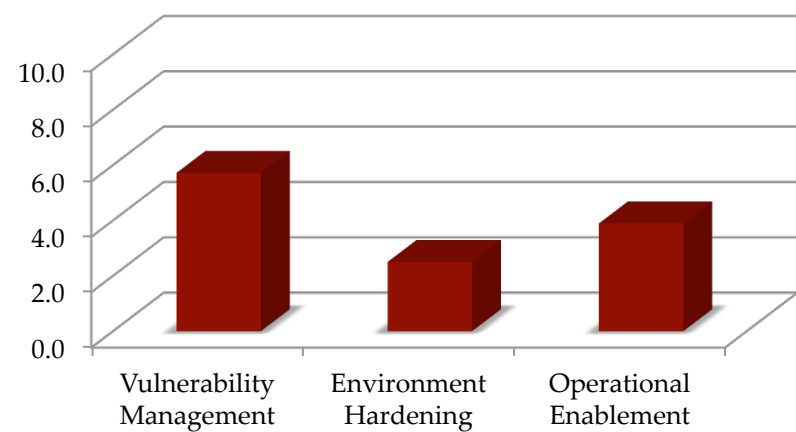
## Construction



## Verification



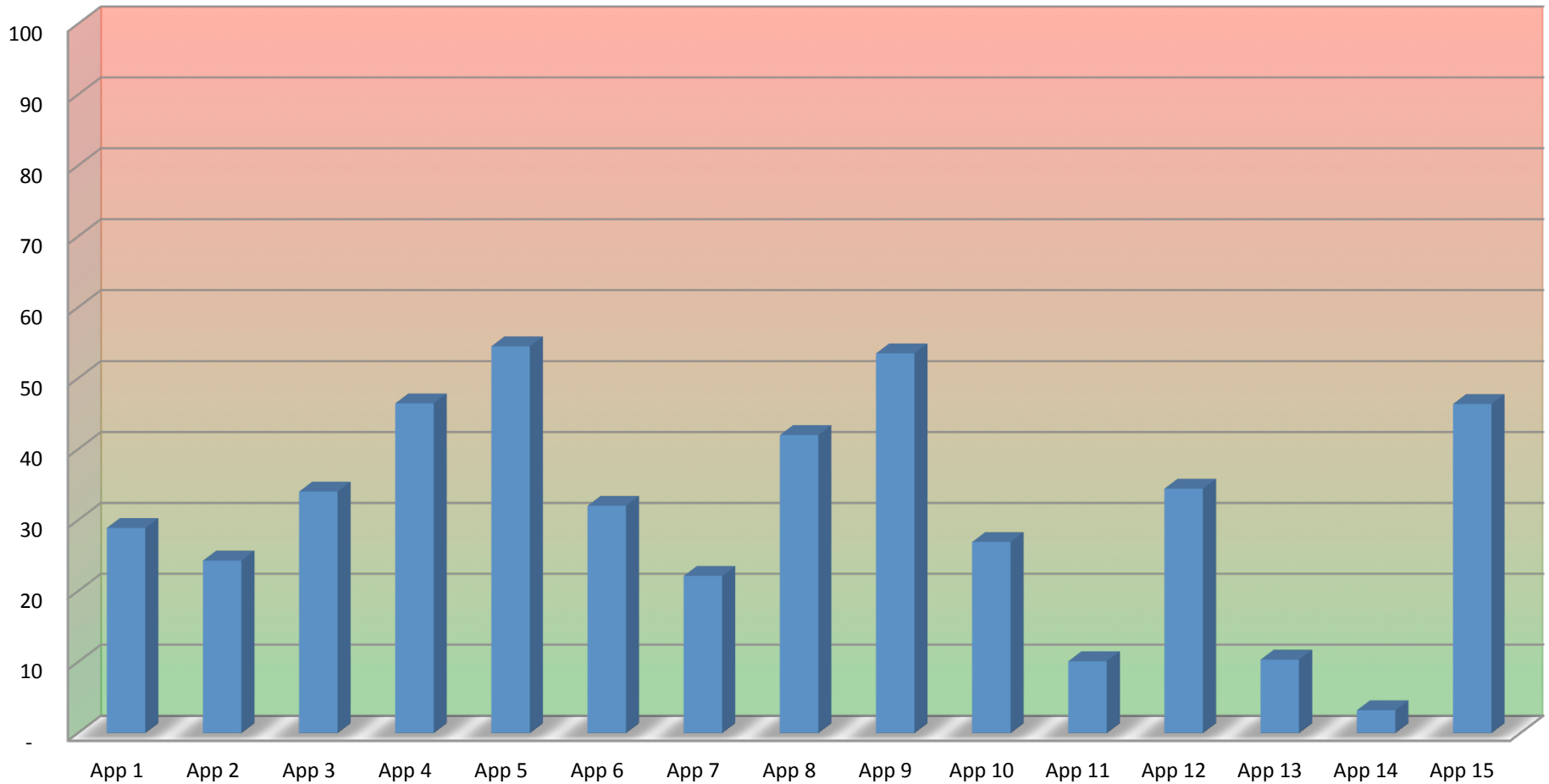
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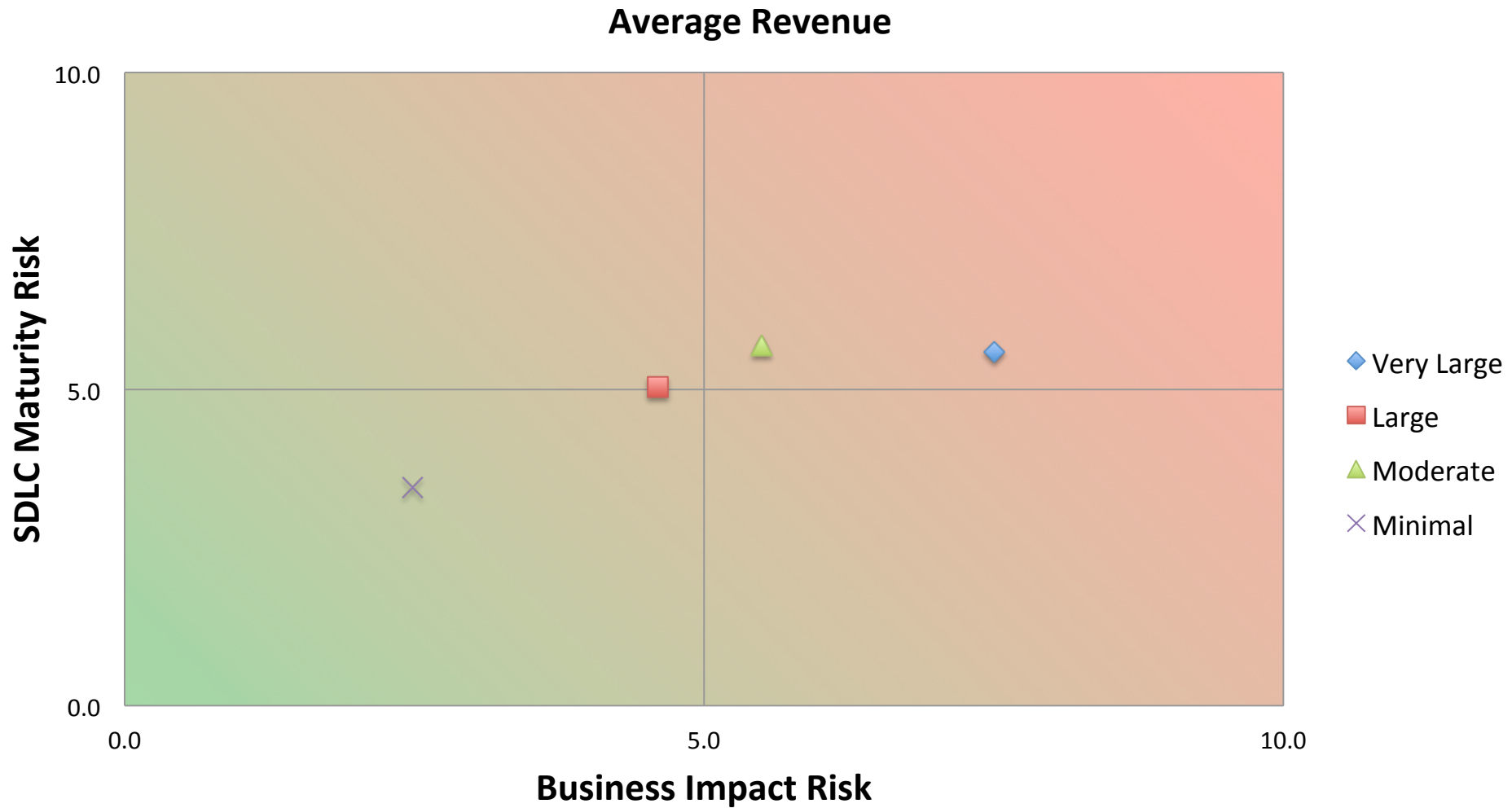


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## Application Risk Scores

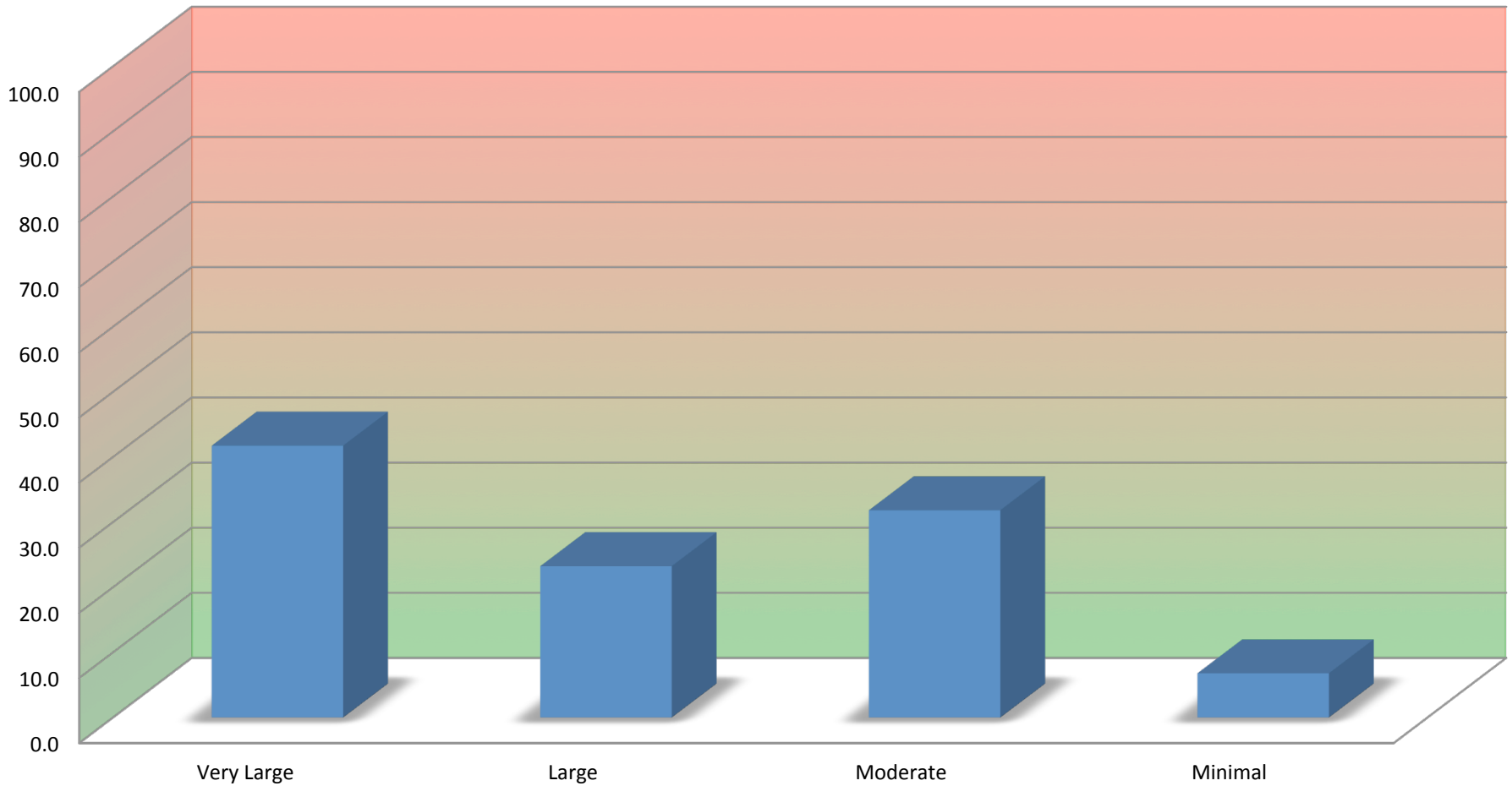


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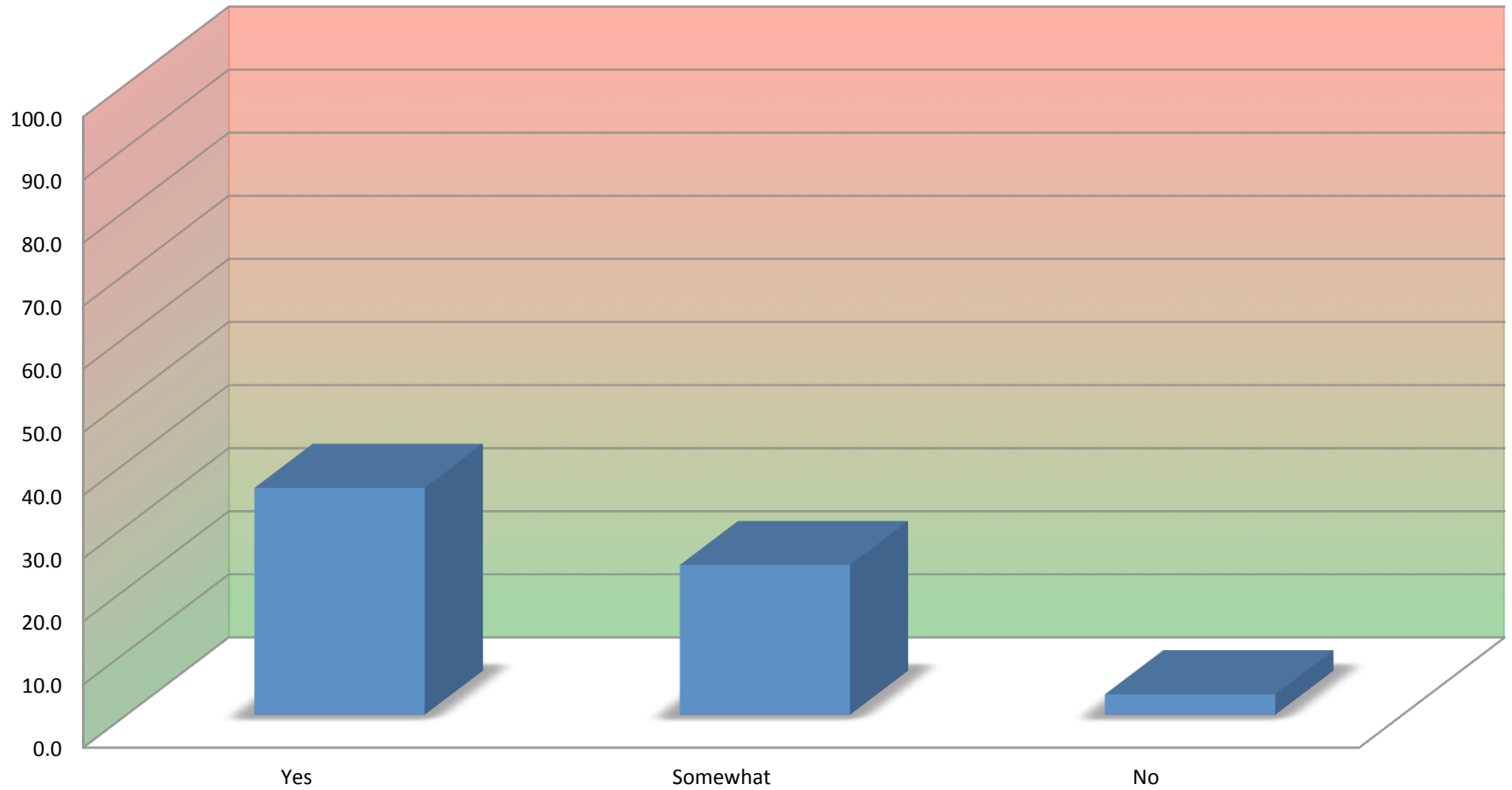
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## Average Revenue Scores



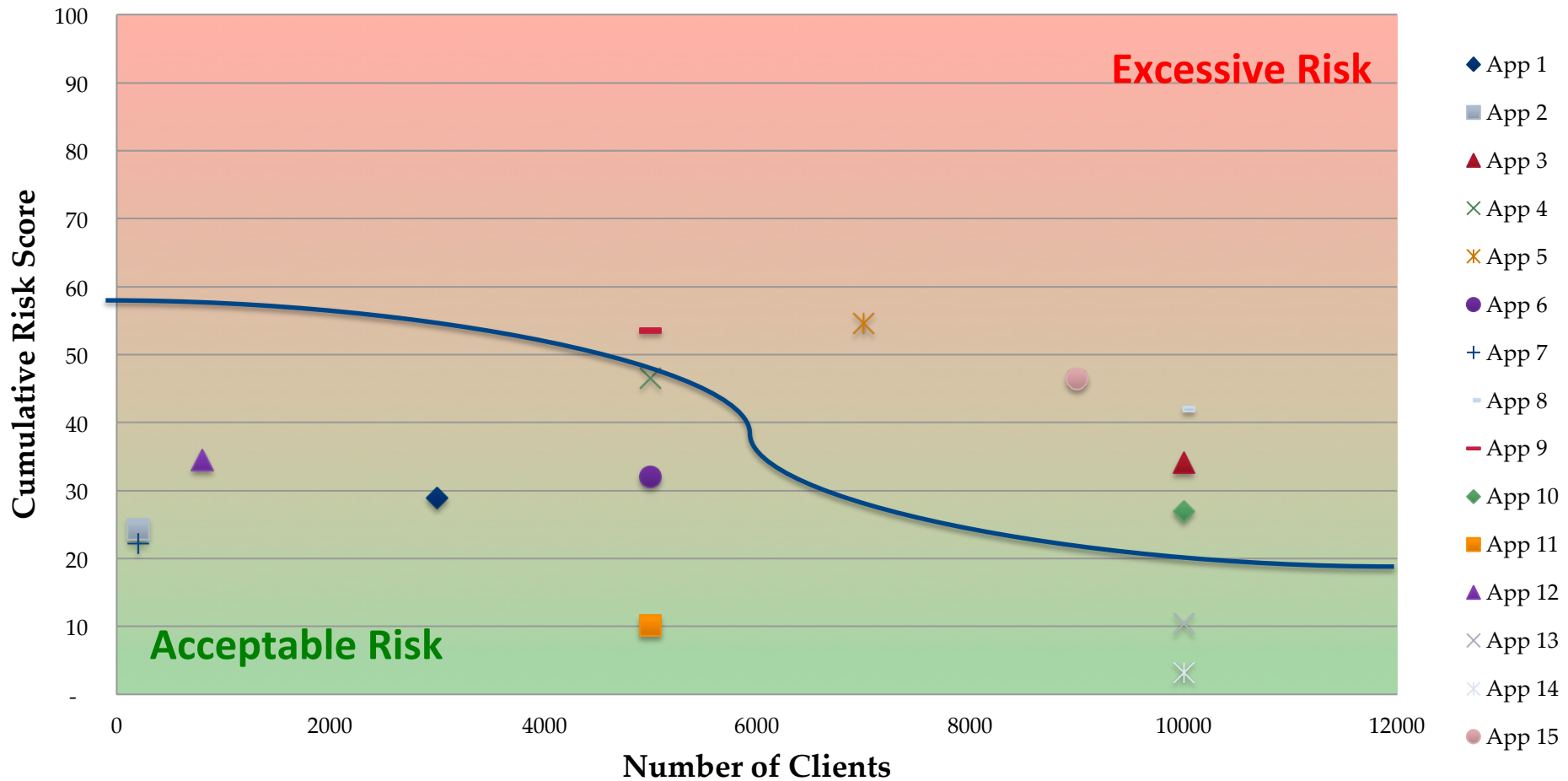
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## Materially Significant



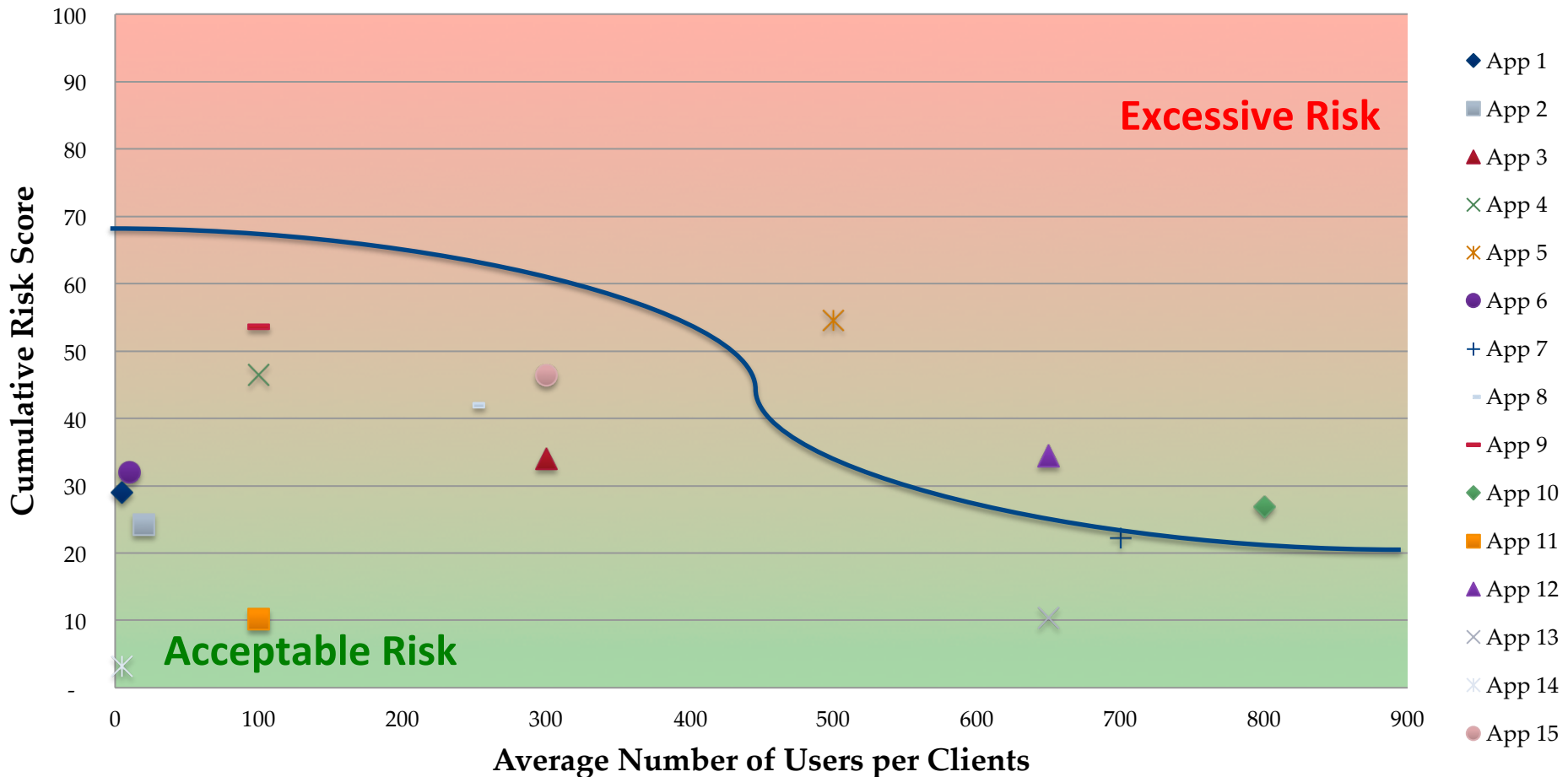
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## Number of Clients Risk Datagram

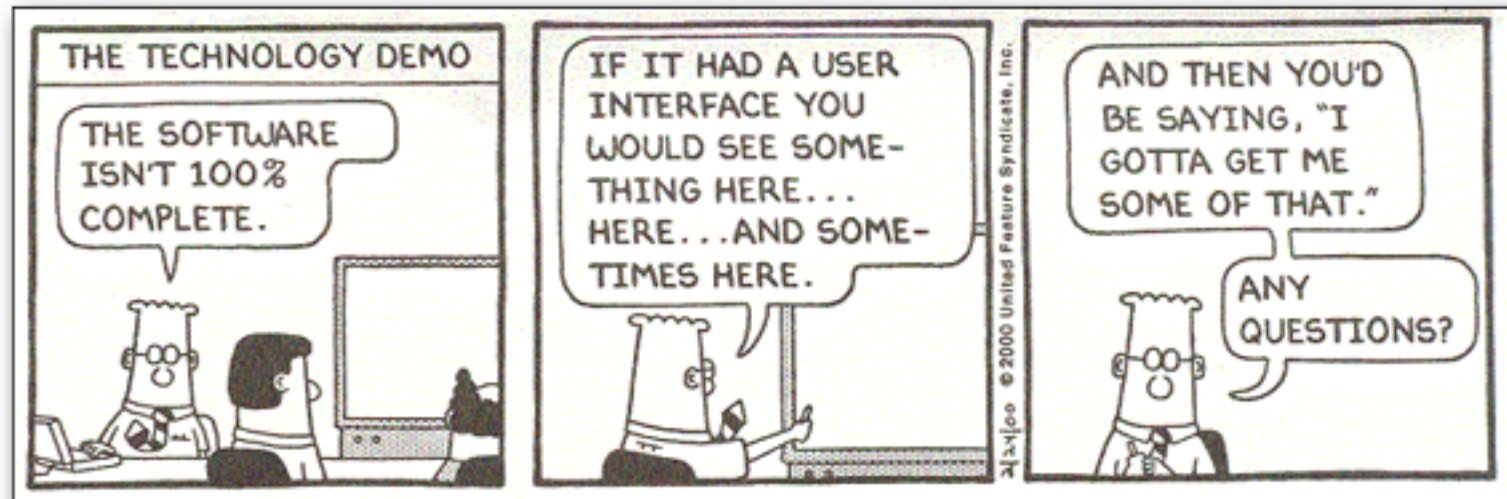


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## Average Number of Users per Client Risk Datagram



Time for a quick demo...



# Summary

- Enhanced ability to manage the entire application security portfolio
- Normalizes risk scoring between different applications
- Allows application security optimization through efficient “what-if” calculations
- Helps identify insecure applications
- Metrics support ability to make application security decisions
- Measures accomplishments and highlights application risk reduction activities



# Questions?

- Application Value / Potential Impact
- Maturity / Susceptibility
- Open SAMM
- Risk Correlation
- Dashboards



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**Thank you!**

