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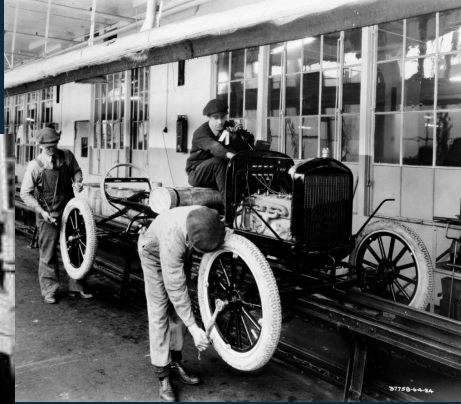
*AppSec Pipelines, DevOps,
and Making Things Better.*

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Assembly Lines



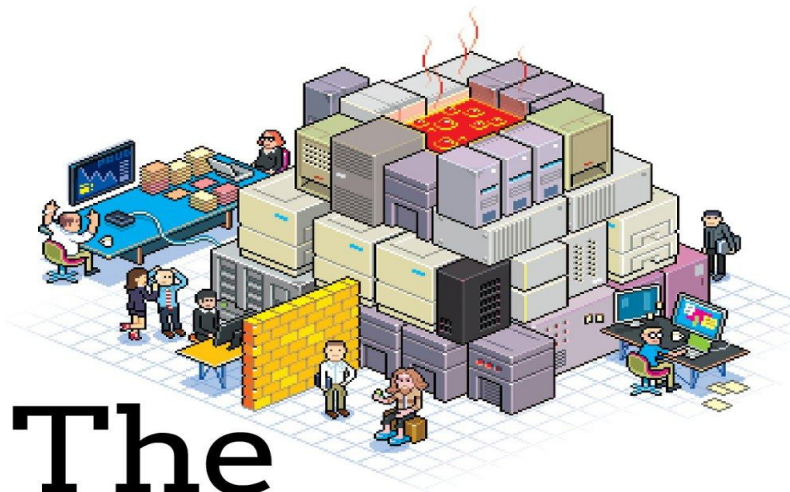


SPINAL TAP

This one goes to 11



From the authors of *The Visible Ops Handbook*



The Phoenix Project

A Novel About IT, DevOps,
and Helping Your Business Win

Gene Kim, Kevin Behr, and George Spafford

The Phoenix Project 3 Ways of DevOps

Strategies for
Improving Operations



#1 – Workflow

Look at your purpose
and those processes
which aid it

Timeline



Flow [rate] – the speed work goes through the process



#1 Workflow

First of the three ways

- Each Step Repeatable
- Never Pass on Defects
- Local optimizations with a global view





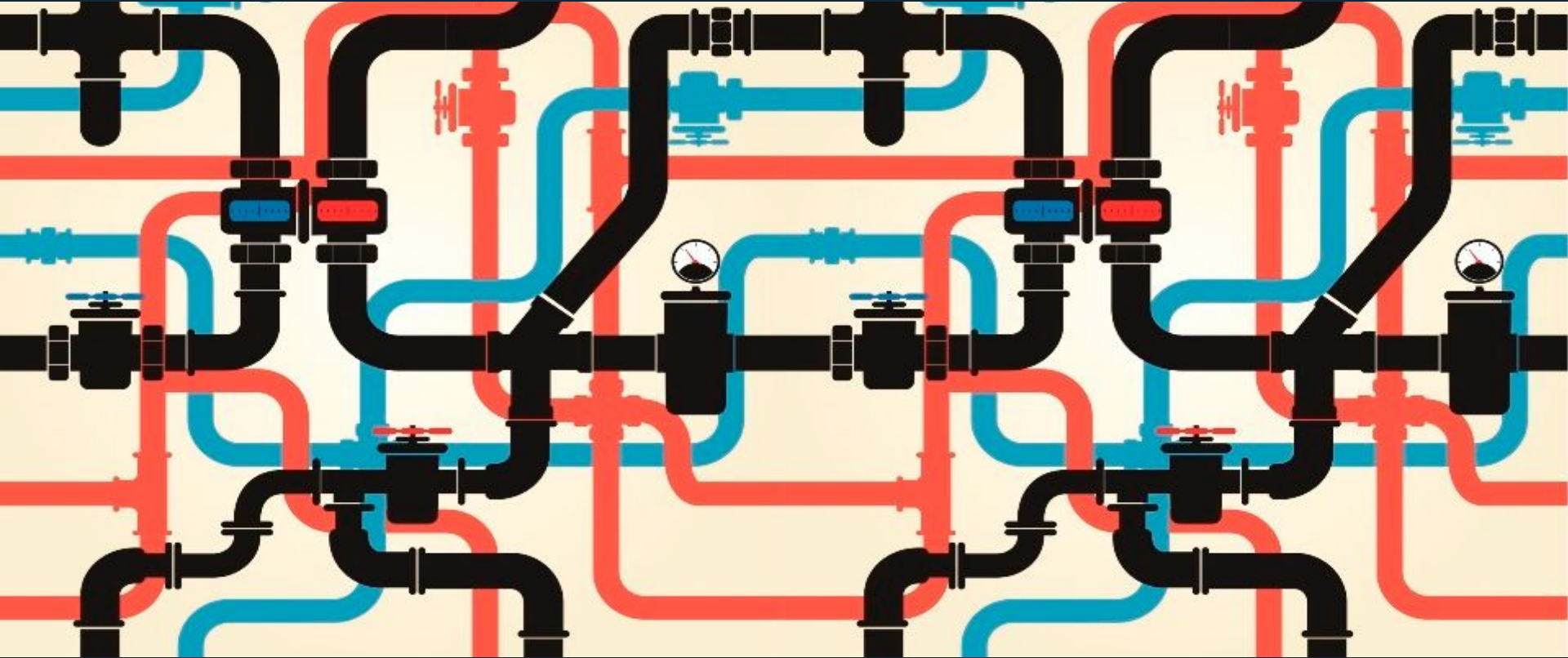
AppSec Pipelines

Figuring out your workflow

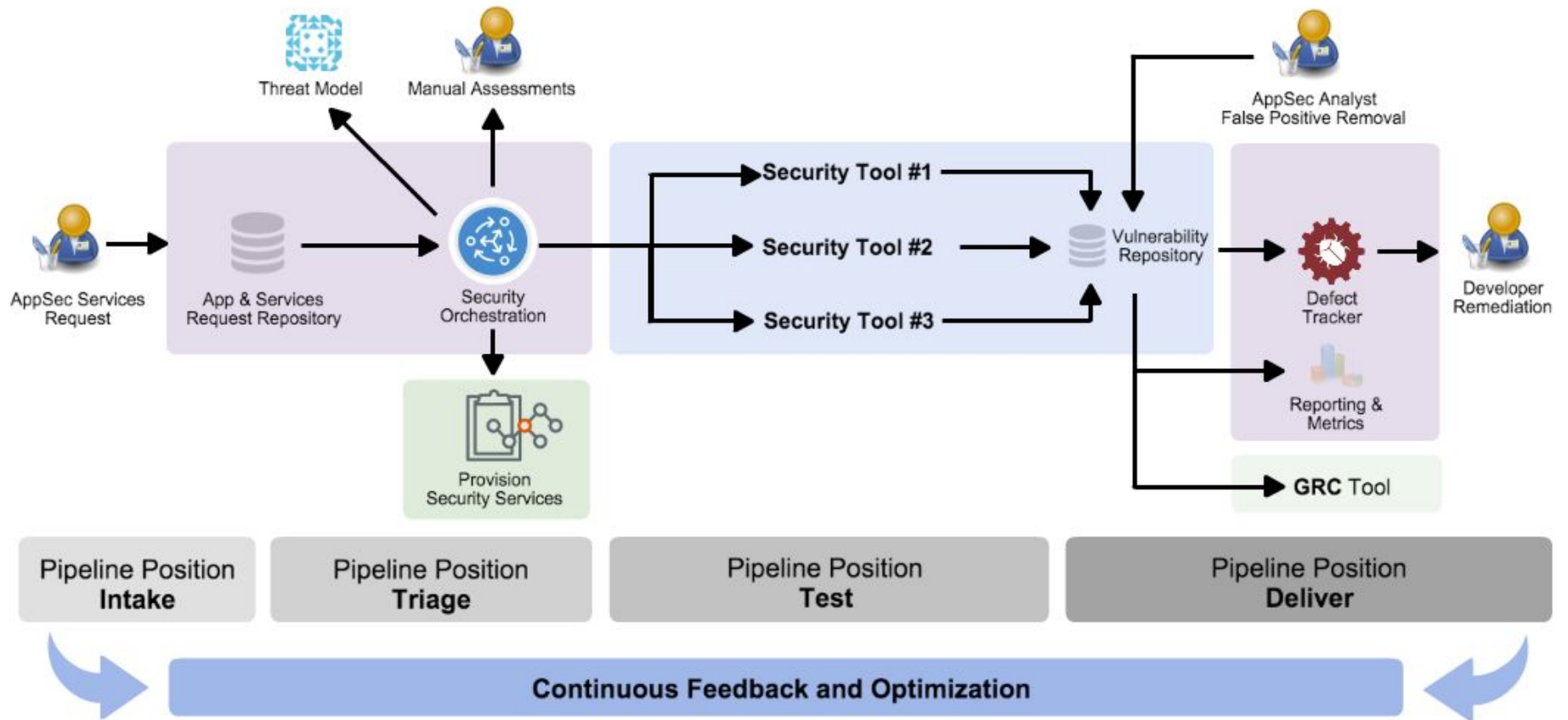




AppSec Pipelines



Rugged Devops - AppSec Pipeline Template



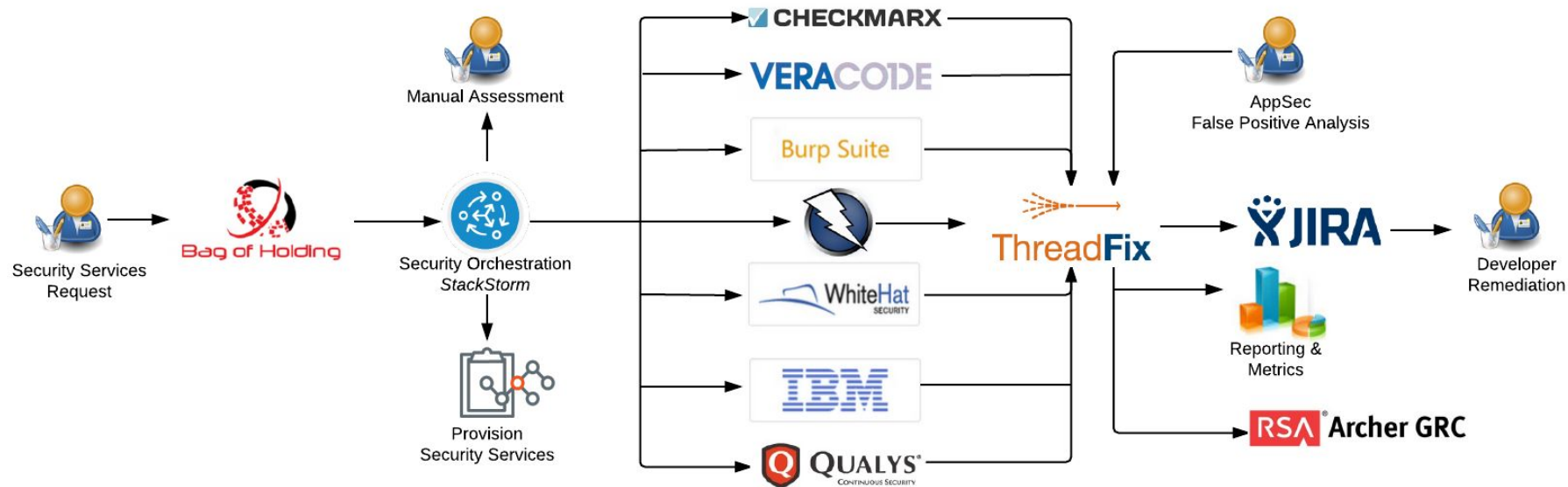


Key Features of AppSec Pipelines

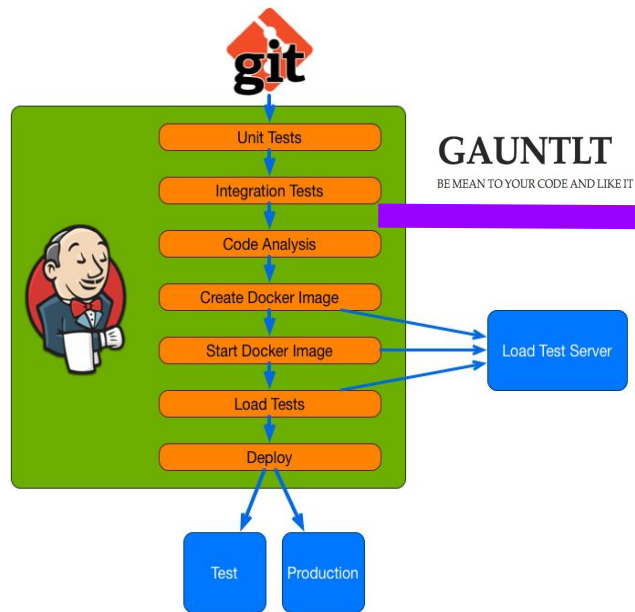
- ◇ Designed for iterative improvement
- ◇ Provides a reusable path for AppSec activities to follow
- ◇ Provides a consistent process for both the team and our constituency
- ◇ One way flow with well-defined states
- ◇ Relies heavily on automation
- ◇ Grow in functionality organically over time
- ◇ Gracefully interconnects with the development process



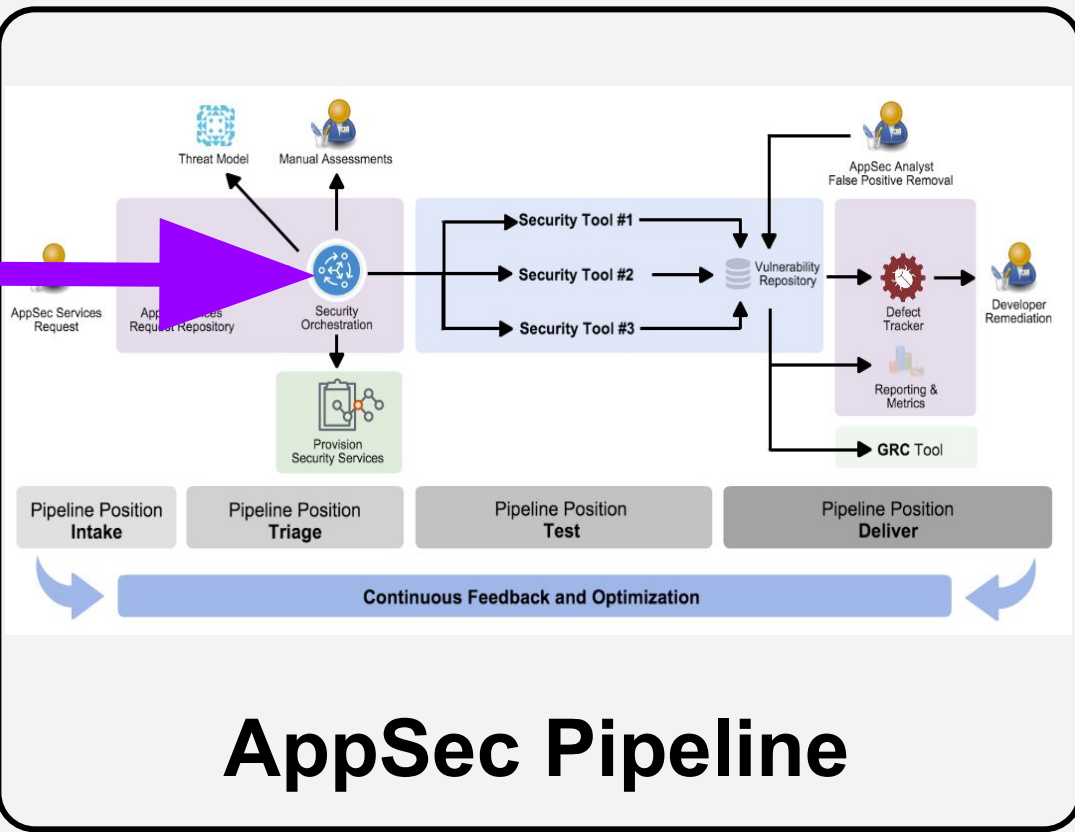
Pearson AppSec Pipeline



Integrating into the DevOps Pipeline



DevOps Pipeline



AppSec Pipeline



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optimizing anything
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resource is an **illusion**.

W. Edwards Deming



Key Goals of AppSec Pipelines

- ◇ **Optimize the critical resource - AppSec personnel**
 - Automate all the things that don't require a human brain
 - Drive up consistency
 - Increase tracking of work status
 - Increase flow through the system
 - Increase visibility and metrics
 - Reduce any dev team friction with application security



Pipeline – Intake

◇ “First Impression”

◇ Major categories of Intake

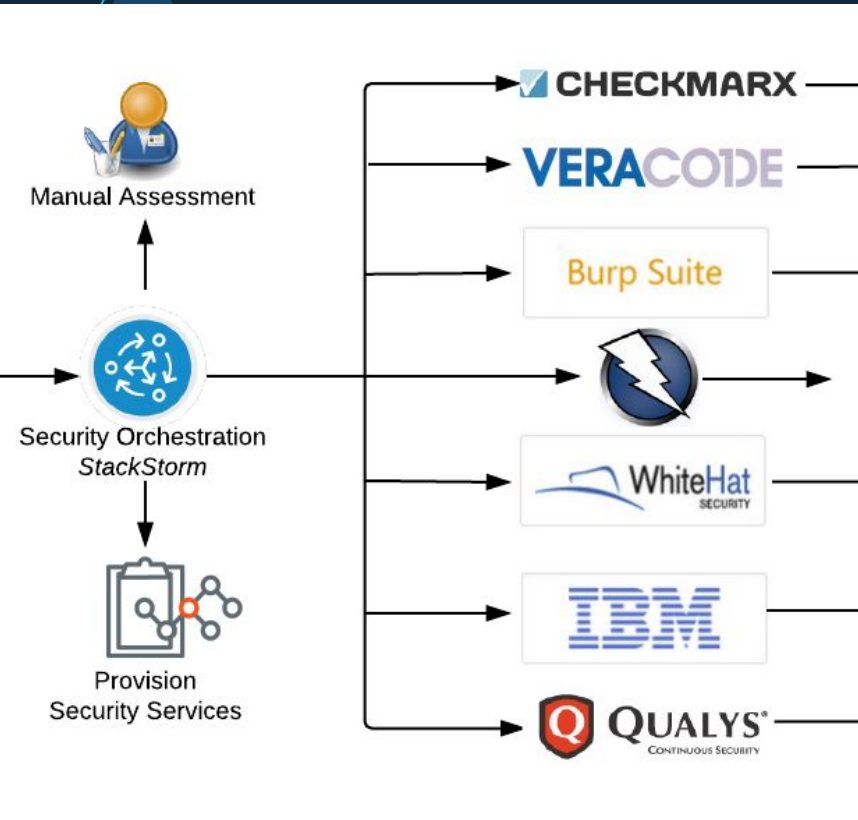
- Existing App
- New App
- Previously tested App
- App to re-test findings

◇ Key Concepts

- Ask for data about Apps only once
- Have data reviewed when an App returns
- Adapt data collected based on broad categories of Apps



Pipeline - Testing



- ◇ Inbound request triage
- ◇ Ala Carte App Sec
 - Dynamic Testing
 - Static Testing
 - Re-Testing mitigated findings
 - Mix and match based on risk
- ◇ Key Concepts
 - Activities can be run in parallel
 - Automation on setup, configuration, data export
- ◇ People focus on customization rather than setup



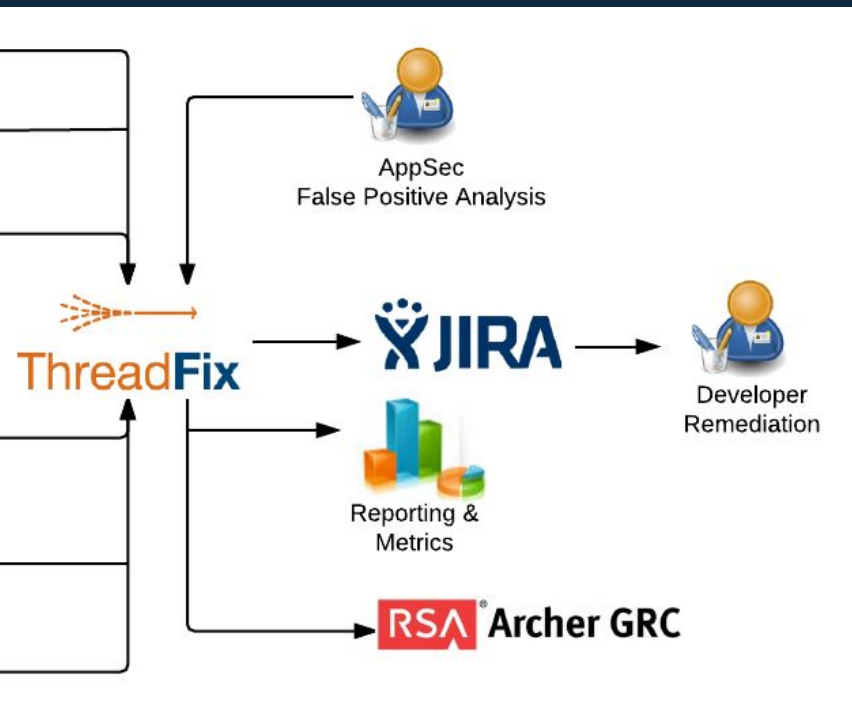


Pipeline - Testing

- ◇ Results from your CI/CD could flow into Threadfix from build Pipeline
- ◇ Gauntlt runs results could also flow into the AppSec Pipeline
- ◇ Choose the tools that make sense for you organization



Pipeline – Deliver



- ◇ Source of truth for all AppSec activities
- ◇ ThreadFix is used to
 - Dedup / Consolidate findings
 - Normalize scanner data
 - Generate Metrics
 - Push issues to bug trackers
- ◇ Report and metrics automation
 - REST + tfclient
- ◇ Source of many touch points with external teams



Why we like AppSec Pipelines

- ◇ Allow us to have visibility into WIP
- ◇ Better understand/track/optimize flow of engagements
- ◇ Average static test takes ...
- ◇ Great increase in consistency
- ◇ Easier re-allocation of engagements between staff
- ◇ Each step has a well defined interface
- ◇ Knowing who has what allows for more informed "cost of switching" conversations
- ◇ Flexible enough for a range of skills and app maturity





~5x increase

2014

44 assessments

2015

~200 assessments

Changes from 2014 to 2015:

- Created the AppSec Pipeline - initial launch in March 2015
- AppSec team numbers dropped - lost a couple of key people approx 3.5 FTEs
- Two of the AppSec team members went meta for most of 2015





Bag of Holding *aka BoH*

github.com/PearsonEducation/bag-of-holding






What does BoH do?

- ◇ Manages the Application Security Program
- ◇ Application Repository
- ◇ Engagement Tracking
- ◇ Report Repository
- ◇ Comments on any application, engagement or activity
- ◇ Data Classification and PII data
- ◇ Time taken on secure software activities
- ◇ Historical knowledge of past assessments
- ◇ Credential repository
- ◇ Environment details



Scheduling of Secure Software Activities

 **Dashboard** Applications People </> API ⚙️ Manage Aaron Weaver ▾

Dashboards

[My Dashboard](#) [Team Dashboard](#) [Metrics](#) [Reports](#)

Activities by User

Find open and pending activities for each user.

Adam Parsons (1)

Matt Brown (2)

Aaron Weaver (1)

Aaron Weaver (0)

Engagements

A list of open and pending engagements.

Open (1) Engagements that are in progress

- Jul. 6 - Jul. 10 (4 days) Alfa Application
 - External Penetration Test

Pending (2) Engagements that have not yet started

Unassigned Activities (1)

These activities need to have users assigned to them.


Threat Model Bravo Application
Aug. 10 - Aug. 13 (3 days)

Empty Engagements (0)

These engagements have no activities within them.

There are no empty engagements.

Application Repository

 [Dashboard](#) [Applications](#) [People](#) [API](#) [Manage](#) [Aaron Weaver](#)

[+ Add Organization](#) [+ Add Application](#) 1 - 3 of 3

[Filter](#) [Clear](#) [Advanced](#)

Platform:

Lifecycle:

Origin:

External audience:

Internet accessible:


Technologies:

Regulations:





Tags:

Service level agreements:

Application Security Profile

 Dashboard Applications People </> API ⚙️ Manage Aaron Weaver ▾

Example Line of Business / Moodle

 Overview  Engagements **1**  Environments **1**  People **1** ⚙️ Settings

Moodle is a free, online Learning Management system enabling educators to create their own private website filled with dynamic courses that extend learning, any time, anywhere.

Whether you're a teacher, student or administrator, Moodle can meet your needs. Moodle's extremely customisable core comes with many standard features.

ThreadFix Metrics

0	1	6	5	0	12
CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFORMATIONAL	TOTAL

Service Level Agreements (0)

There are no service level agreements.

Technologies (4)

MySQL	Data Store
Akamai	DDoS Protection
PHP	Language
Apache HTTPD	Web Server

Regulations (1)

FERPA United States	Education
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Metadata

Business Criticality	High
Platform	Web
Lifecycle	Grow
Origin	Open Source
User Records	4,500
Revenue (USD)	50,000.00

Resources

ThreadFix (ThreadFix 2.2.2 (Apr 30)) [🔗](#)

Tags

Demonstration Important

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Dashboard for Greg Anderson

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 Active Engagements

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 Findings In Last Seven Days

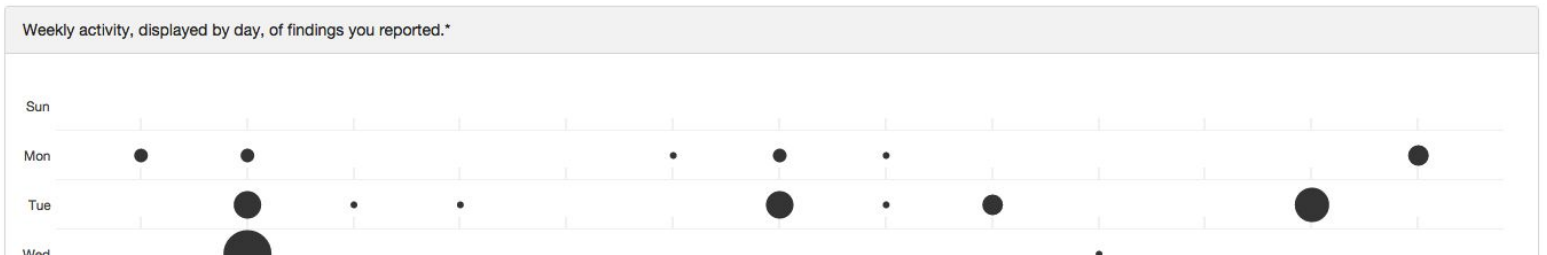
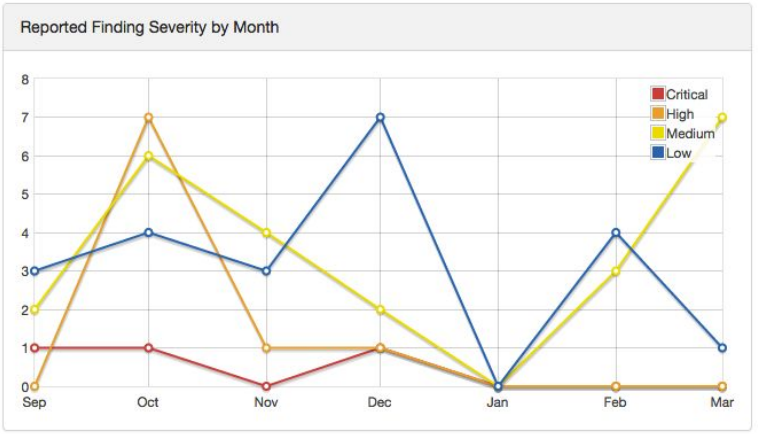
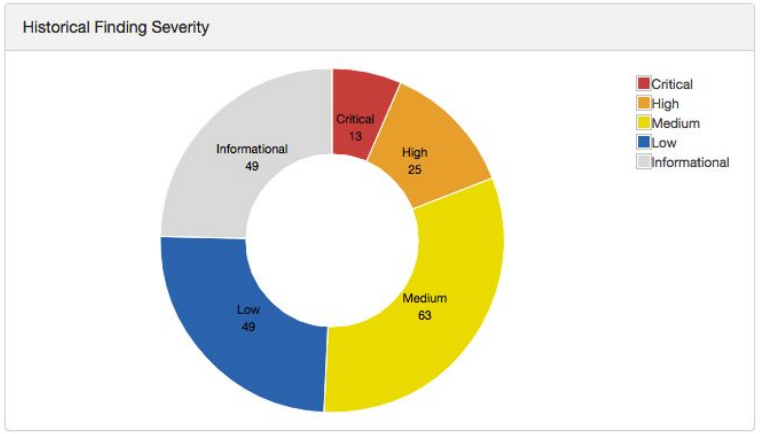
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#2 – Improve Feedback

Open yourself to upstream
and downstream information



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Security Tool Vendors: If I can do it with the UI, I want to do it with an API.



RETWEETS

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FAVORITES

2



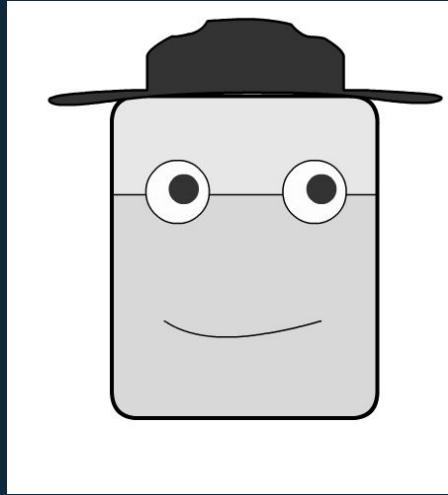
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AppSec ChatOps

aka Will

Your command line where you have your
conversations.



AppSec Help

Aaron Weaver

@AppSecBot help

4:27 PM

[BOT] AppSec... Sure thing, AaronWeaver.

4:27 PM

[BOT] AppSec... Here's what I know how to do:

4:27 PM

Help:

help: the normal help you're reading.

programmer help: Advanced programmer-y help.

Plugins:

"checkmarx -a appname -r repository: Creates a Checkmarx Job. If the app is new add: -o "Line of Business Example": -a Bag of Holding -o Core -r ssh://git@██████████:██████████/appsec/bag-of-holding.git

"create tfapp -o "Line of Business" -a "Application Name"

Example: create tfapp -o HigherEd -a Equella

Hangout: Get a google plus hangout url

advice ____: Remediation advice for application vulnerabilities and available tools. Example: advice xss or advice help

app ____: Vulnerability stats for an application. Example: app equella

get tfapp ____: Returns the Threadfix application name formatted for Checkmarx, AppScan or scanner integration. Example: get tfapp equella)

list apps: List all applications loaded by application name.

summary: Vulnerability summary by team and total vulnerabilities.

AppSec Advice

Aaron Weaver

@AppSecBot advice xss

4:25 PM

[BOT] AppSec... **Cross Site Scripting**

4:25 PM

Output encoding is the primary method for preventing XSS and injection attacks. Input validation helps minimize the introduction of malformed data, but it is a secondary control.

For a complete description visit the [AppSec Library](#).

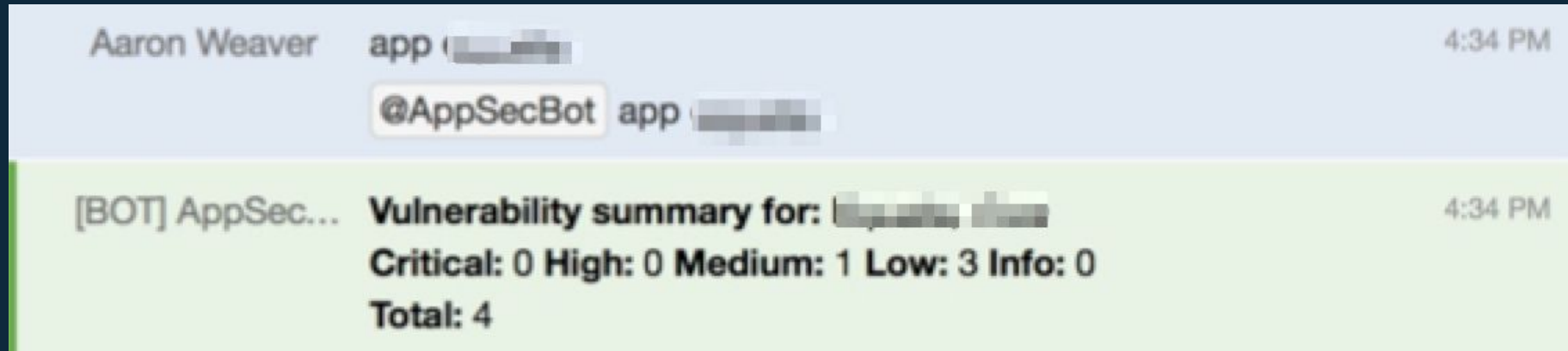
[BOT] AppSec... **Other information I know:**

4:25 PM

- **advice xss** - Information about Cross Site Scripting
- **advice sqli** - SQL Injection
- **advice cookies** - Using cookies securely
- **advice tools** - Security Tools & Services

Ping us on hipchat in the 'Application Security' room or visit the [AppSec Library](#).

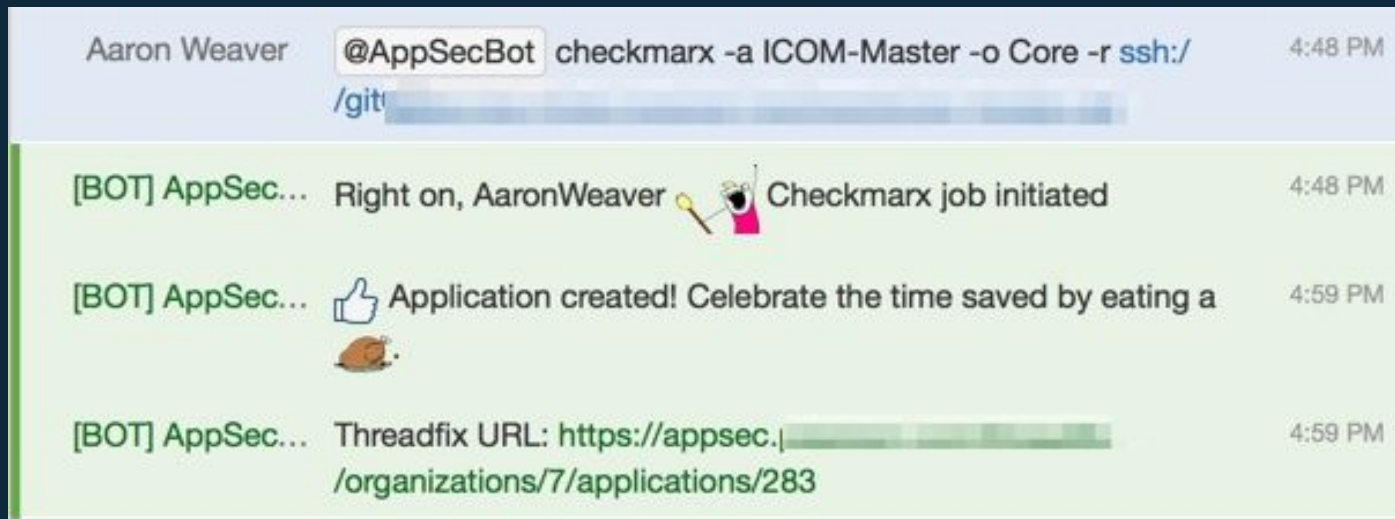
Threadfix Integration



And more:

- Create an Application
- Get Summary Metrics for AppSec Program

BOH/Threadfix/Static Integration



Setup recurring static analysis in about 1 minute!

#3 – Continual Experimentation & Learning

Create a culture of innovation and
experimentation



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Failures only serve to limit the scope of what must be tried to succeed.



11:22 PM - 11 Jun 2015



"I fear not the man
who has practiced
ten thousand kicks
once,
but I fear the man
who has practiced
one kick ten thousand
times."



OWASP

Open Web Application
Security Project

The OWASP AppSec Pipeline Project

The OWASP AppSec Pipeline Project is the place to find the information you need to increase the speed and automation of your AppSec program. Using the documentation and references of this project will allow you to setup your own AppSec Pipeline.

Description

The AppSec pipeline project is a place to gather together information, techniques and tools to create your own AppSec Pipeline. AppSec Pipelines take the principals of

What is OWASP Security Principles Project?

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Presentation

Aaron Weaver - AppSec EU 2015

[Building An AppSec Pipeline](#)

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Project Leaders

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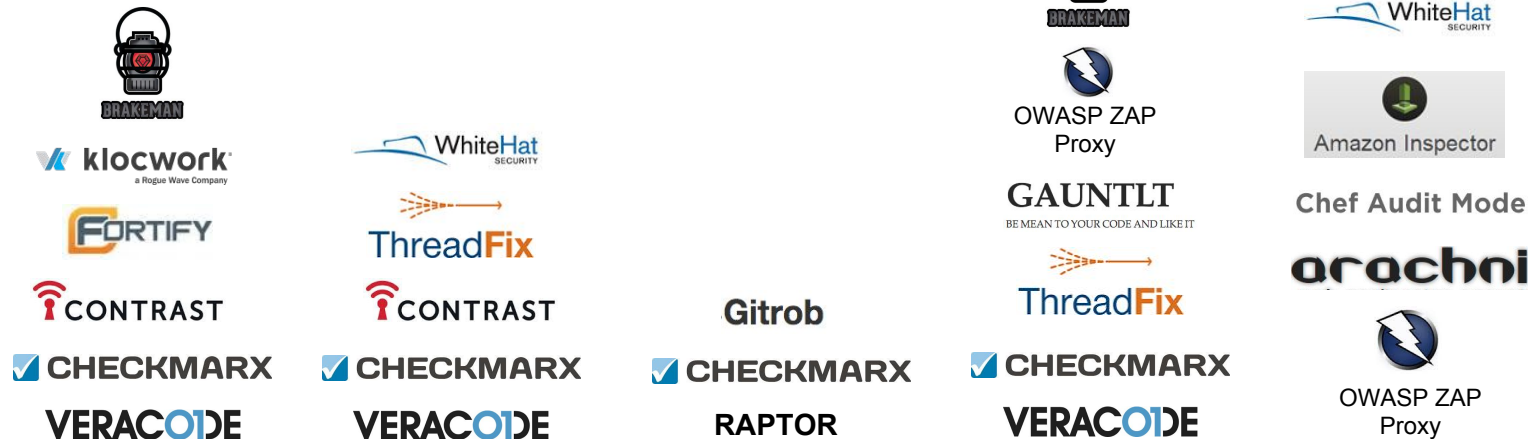
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Classifications

Dev & AppSec Tool Integration



*Not a comprehensive list. The OWASP DevOps AppSec Pipeline will have a complete listing.



Demo Time

A quick bit of show and tell...



Key Take Aways

- ◇ **Automate, automate, automate**
 - Look for “paper cuts” and fix those first
- ◇ **Finding workflow – your AppSec Pipeline**
 - Figure this out and standardize / optimize
- ◇ **Create systems which can grow organically**
 - App is never done, it’s just created to easily be added to over time
 - e.g. Finding blocks become templates for next report
- ◇ **Learn to talk “dev”**



Thanks!

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Resources

Exercises left to the student



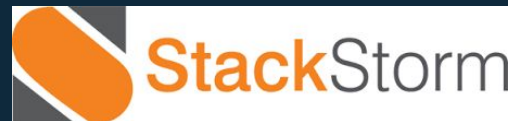
Orchestration

◇ Integrate Security Tools and Workflow

Example:

◇ Generic API for dynamic scanning

- URL
- Credentials
- Profile
- Call any Dynamic Scanner:
 - OWASP ZAP
 - BurpSuite
 - AppScan



Gauntlt

- ◇ Open source, MIT License
- ◇ Gauntlt comes with pre-canned steps that hook security testing tools
- ◇ Gauntlt does not install tools
- ◇ Gauntlt wants to be part of the CI/CD pipeline
- ◇ Be a good citizen of exit status and stdout/stderr





Tiaga

- ◇ **Project Management Software**
 - Focused on usability and speed
 - Kanban / Scrum
 - Backlog
 - Tasks
 - Sprints
 - Issues
 - Wiki
- ◇ **Open Source – Python / Django app**
 - Entire functionality is driven by a REST API !!
 - <https://taiga.io/>



WTE + FPM BACKLOG

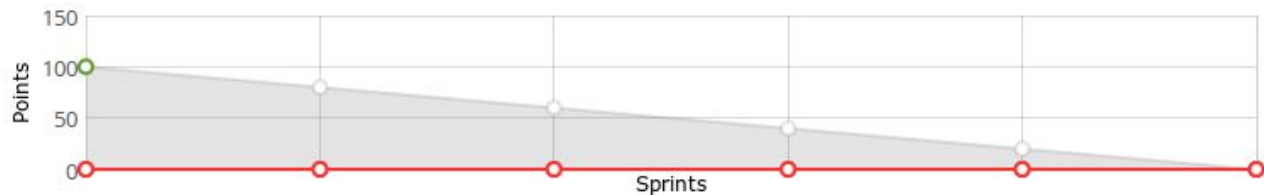
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project points

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0 closed points

0 points / sprint



SHOW FILTERS
SHOW TAGS

+ ADD A NEW USER STORY

User Stories	Status	Points
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SPRINTS

5 sprints

+ NEW SPRINT



TAIGA
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SEARCH



BACKLOG



KANBAN



ISSUES



WIKI



TEAM



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ATTRIBUTES



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PERMISSIONS

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PLUGINS

ATTRIBUTES

STATUS

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PRIORITIES

SEVERITIES



TYPES

CUSTOM FIELDS

WTE + FPM

Specify the severities your issues will have

ISSUE SEVERITIES

ADD

Color

Name



Informational



Low



Medium



High



Critical



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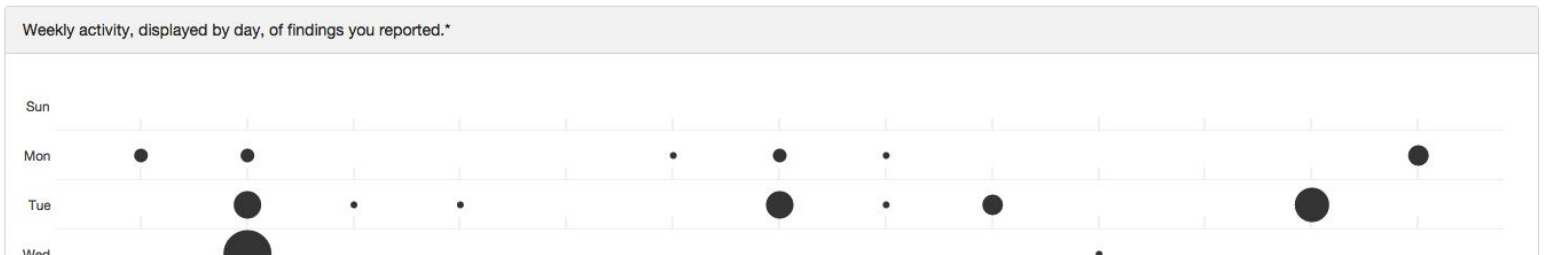
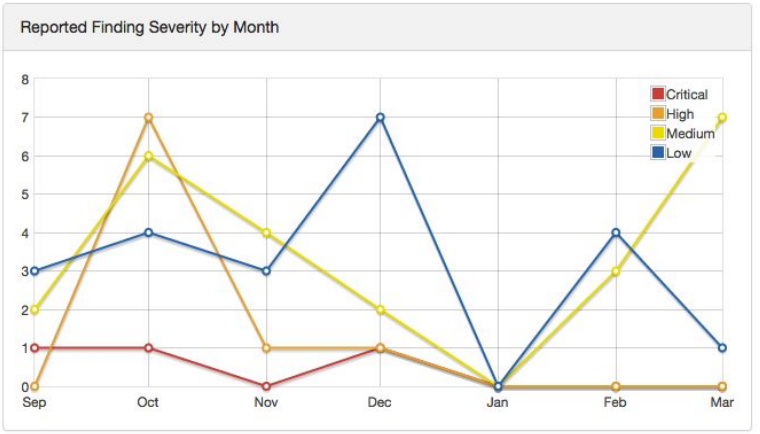
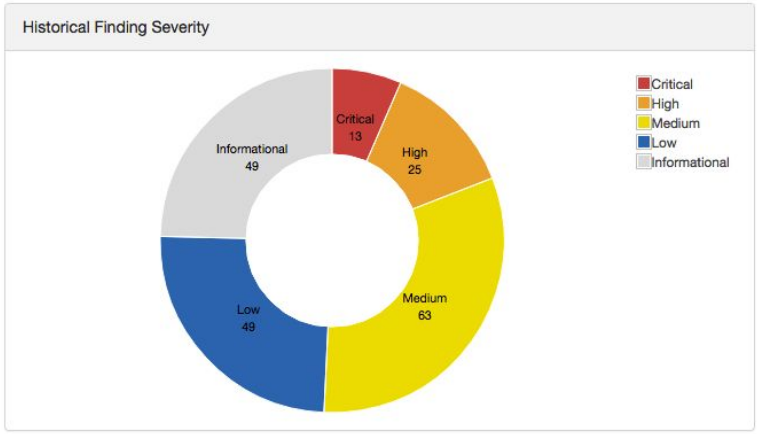
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Experimentation

Kick things up a notch



Findings directly to bug trackers

- ◇ PDFs are great, bugs are better
- ◇ Security issues are now part of the normal work flow
- ◇ ThreadFix is nice for pumping issues into defect trackers - <http://code.google.com/p/threadfix/>





For the reticent: nag, nag, nag

- ◇ Attach a SLA to each severity level for findings
- ◇ Walk up the Org chart as things get older
- ◇ Bonus points for dashboards and defect tracker APIs
- ◇ Get management sold first



Agent – one mole to rule them all



- ◇ Add an agent to the standard deploy
- ◇ Add a dashboard to visualize state of infrastructure
- ◇ Roll your own or find a vendor

Mozilla MIG





Turn Vuln Scanning on its Head

- ◇ Add value for your Ops teams
- ◇ Roll your own or find a vendor
- ◇ Reverse the scan then report standard





Related Presentations

AppSec EU 2015 – Ops Track Keynote

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Books to Read

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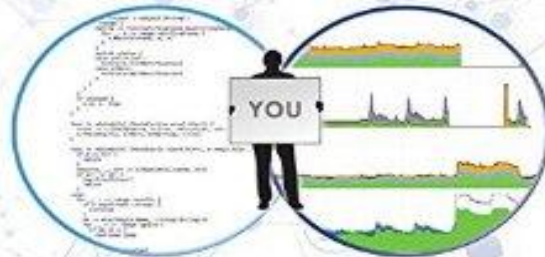
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#1 Workflow

Each Step Repeatable

- ◇ Remove all haphazard and ad hoc work from the process
- ◇ Scripting languages are your friends
- ◇ Config Mgmt – Puppet, Chef, Salt, Ansible, CFEngine
- ◇ Make sure what you do can be done on 1 server or 10,000 servers





#1 Workflow

Never Pass on Defects

- ◇ Test early and often
- ◇ Increase the rigor of testing as you work left to right
- ◇ When a failure occurs end that flow and start a new one after corrections
- ◇ The further right you are, the more expensive failure is so concentrate your early work on left side (intake)
- ◇ In AppSec, defects are false positives





#1 Workflow

Local optimizations with a global view

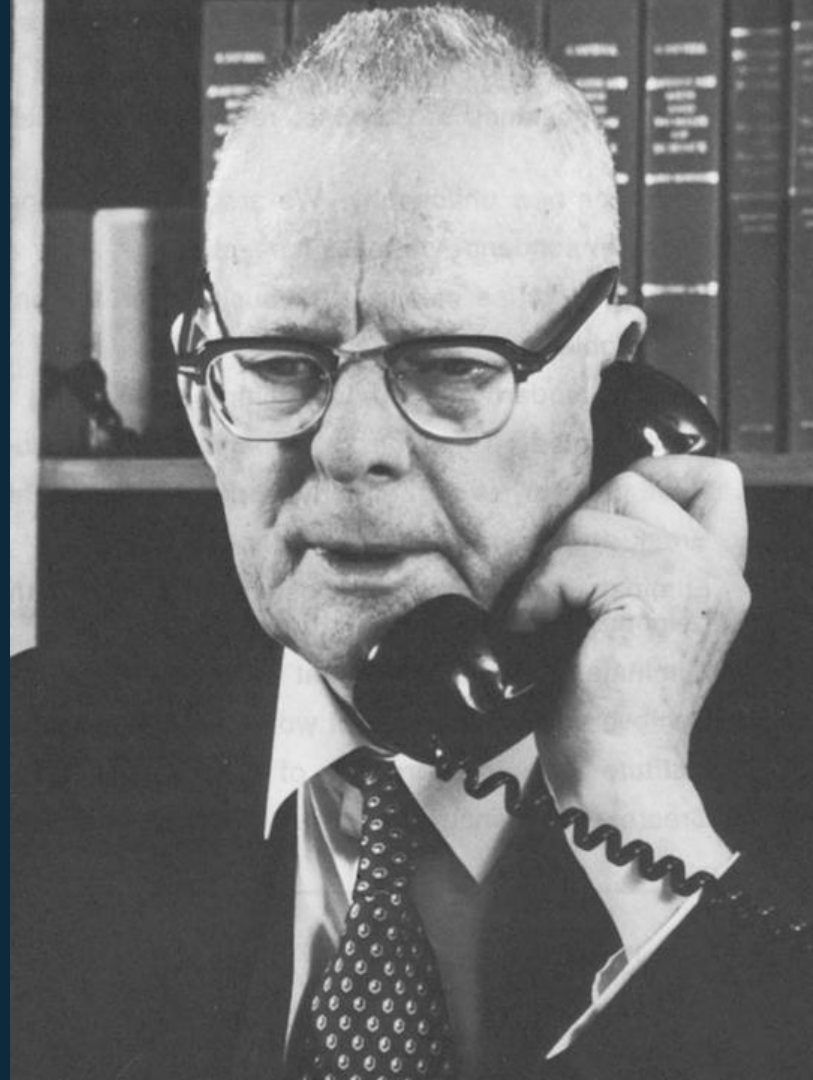
- ◇ **Ensure no single-step optimizations degrade the overall performance of the workflow**
- ◇ **Find the bottleneck in your workflow and start there**
 - Upstream changes will just back things up
 - Downstream changes won't manifest since input is limited
- ◇ **Each new optimization creates a new bottleneck**
 - Iterate on this!





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Japan's post-war miracle





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