

Secure Development Lifecycle

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Security in the SCLC

Essential that security is embedded in all stages of the SDLC

- Requirements definition
- Design
- Development
- Testing
- Implementation

BE FLEXIBLE!

"The cost of removing an application security vulnerability during the design phase ranges from 30-60 times less than if removed during production."

- NIST, IBM, and Gartner Group

If you do not have a published SDLC for your organization then you will NOT be successful.



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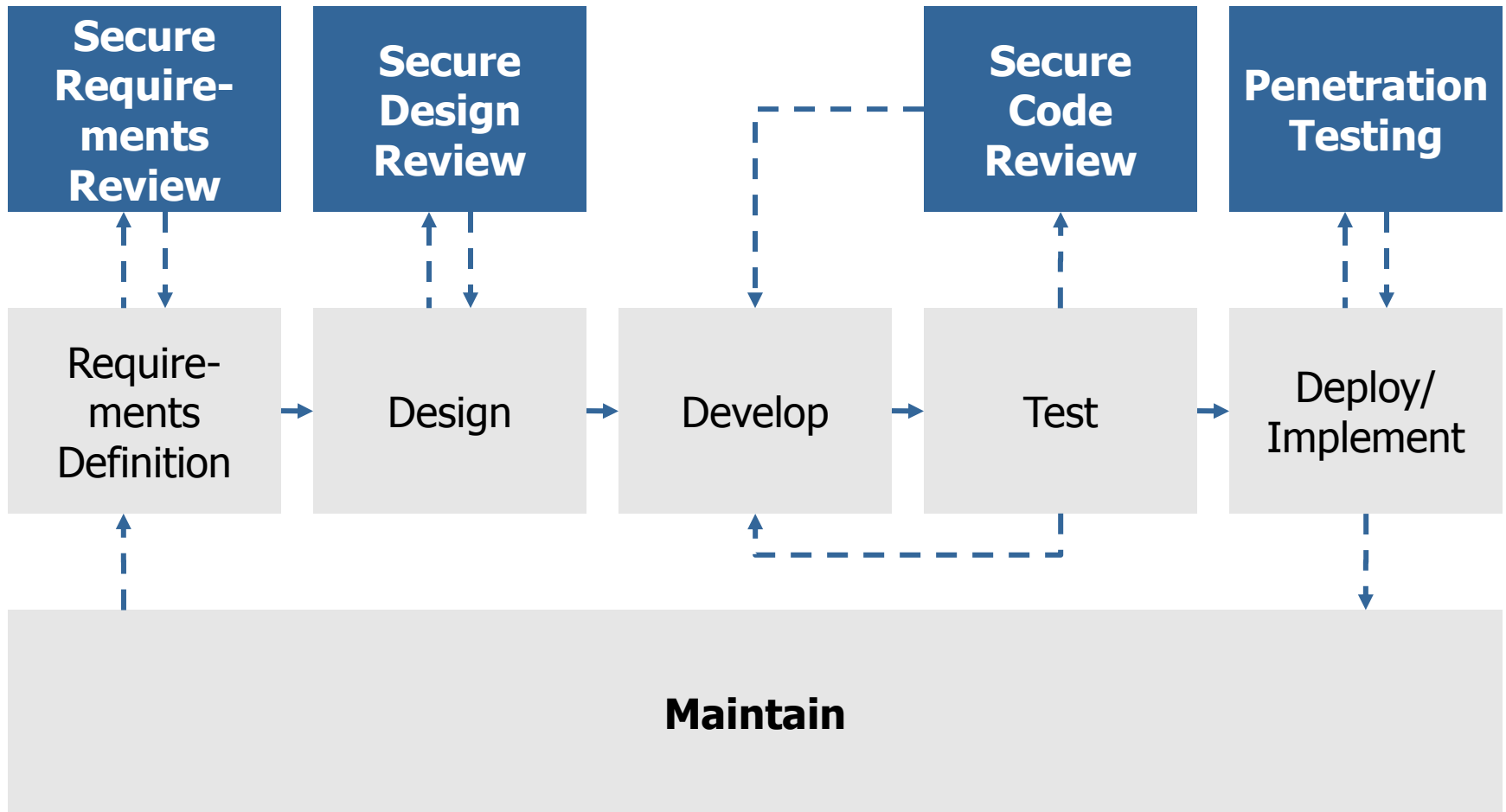
SDLC building blocks

- Supporting quotes and research (+)
- Secure Coding Guidelines (-)
- Secure Coding checklist (+)
- Non Functional Requirements (++)
- Static Code Analysis (+)
- Dynamic Code Analysis (+)
- Security Awareness Training (++)
- Threat Modeling (+/-)
- Application Security Risk Matrix (++)
- Published SDLC (++)

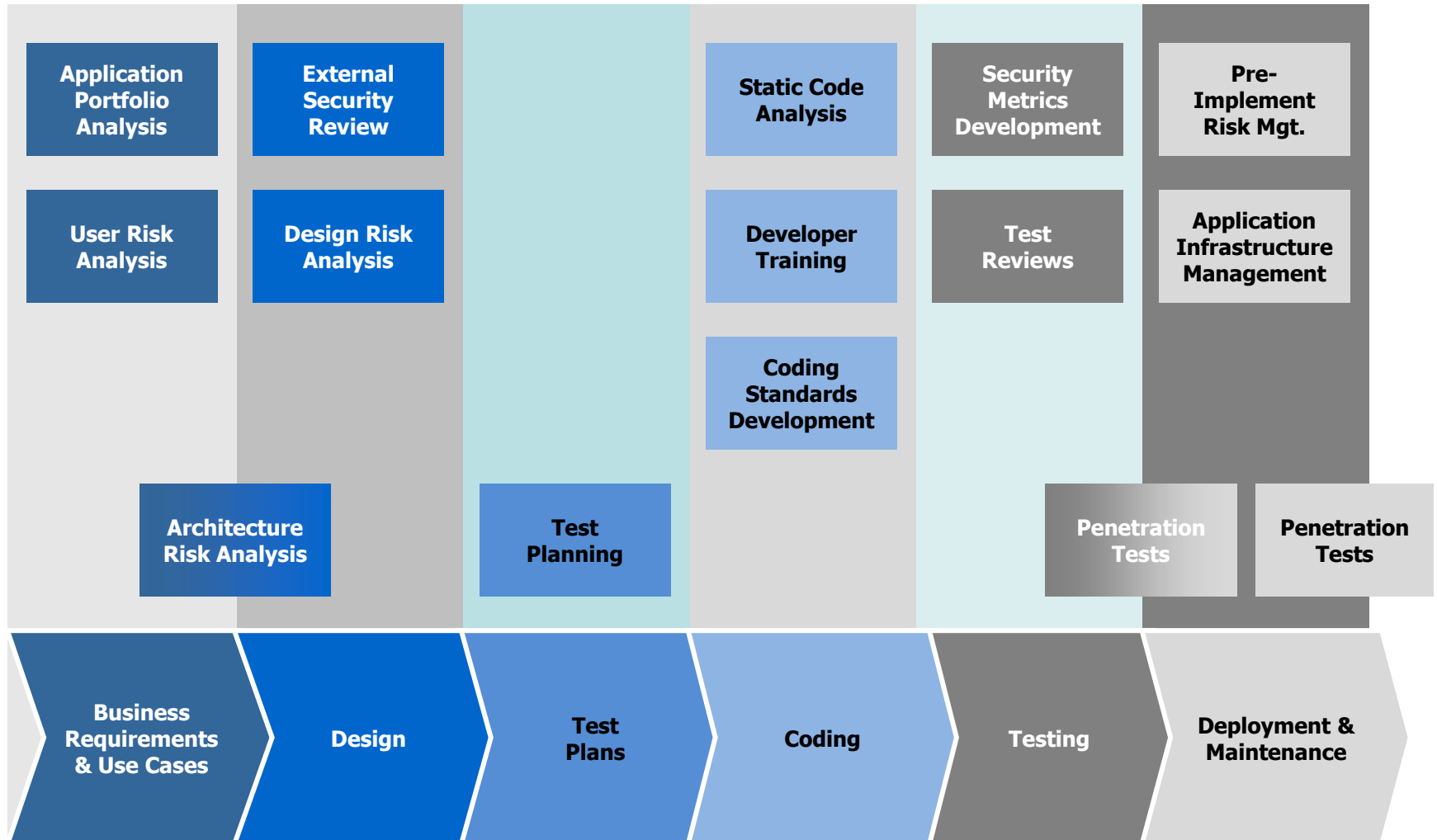
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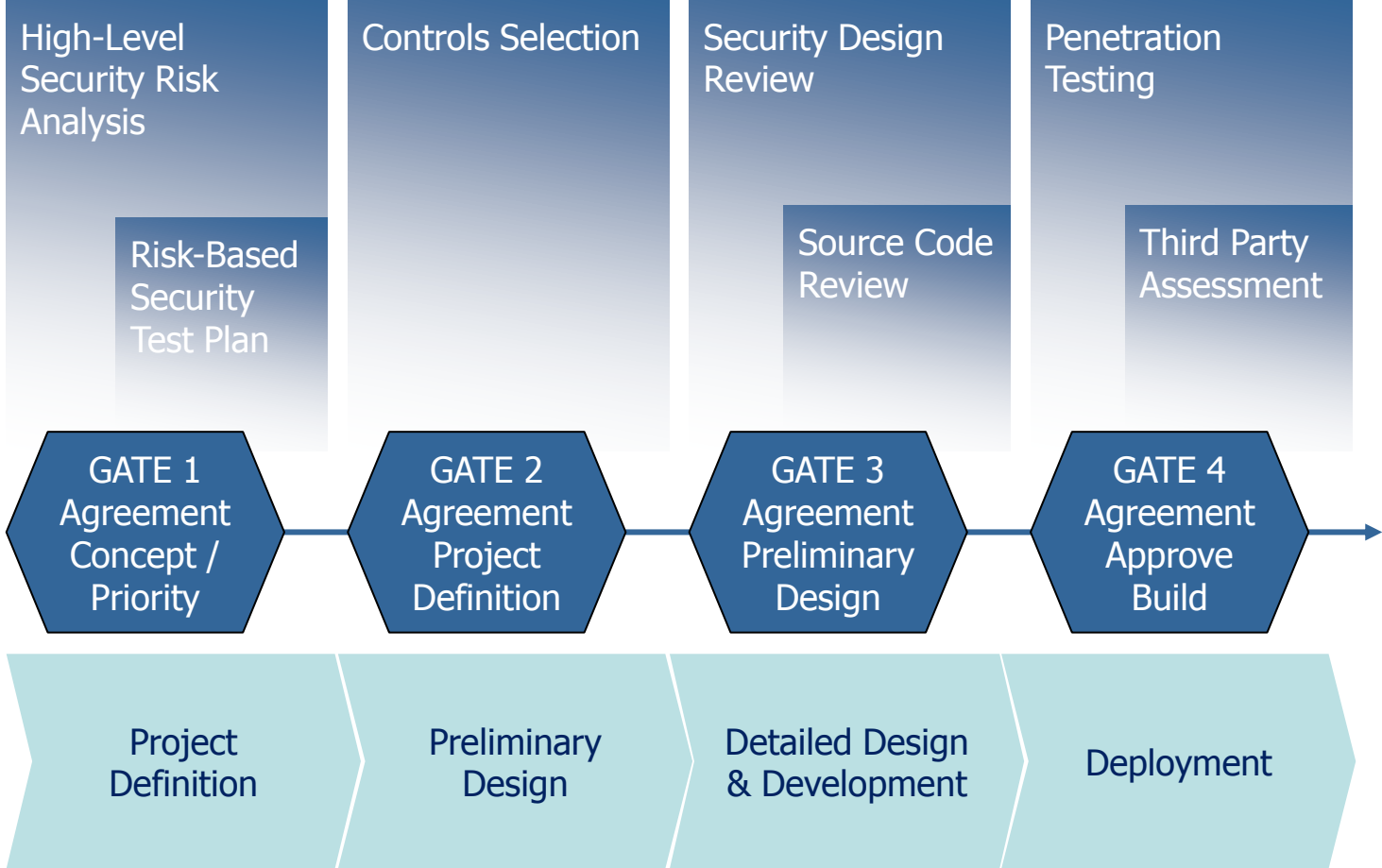
Security in the SCLC



Security in the SDLC



Security quality gates



COMPANY Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC)

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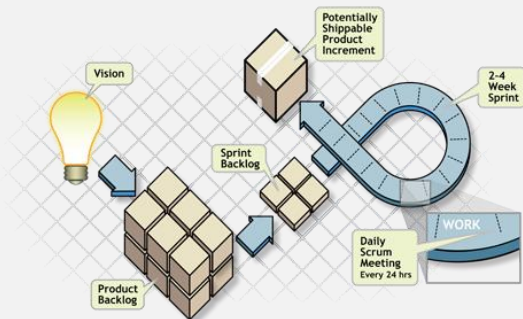
Agile Security

Security Sprint Approach

Security Sprint Approach:

- Dedicated sprint focusing on application security.
- Stories implemented are security related.
- Code is reviewed.
- Stories may include:
 - ▶ Input validation story,
 - ▶ Logging story,
 - ▶ Authentication story,
 - ▶ Authorisation

and some technical risks such as XSS, SQLI etc.



Every Sprint Approach

Every Sprint Approach:

- Similar to Microsoft Security Development Lifecycle (SDL).
- Consists of the requirements and stories essential to security.
- No software should ever be released without requirements being met.
- Sprint is two weeks or two months long.
- Every security requirement in the every-Sprint category must be completed in each and every Sprint.
 - ▶ Or the Sprint is deemed incomplete, and the software cannot be released.

Requirements

Security Sprint SDL Requirements

Why?

- Repetition not necessary
- Must occur at the beginning of the project
- Not possible at the beginning of the project

Examples:

- Configure bug tracking system (3 months)
- Identify security/privacy experts (1 month)
- Baseline threat model (3 months)
- Establish a security response plan (6 months)

Every-Sprint SDL Requirements

Examples:

- Update the threat model
- Communicate privacy-impacting design changes to the team's privacy advisor
- Fix all issues identified by code analysis tools for unmanaged code
- Follow input validation and output encoding guidelines to defend against cross-site scripting attacks

Non-Functional Requirements (++)

Most effective of all building blocks

‘Container’ for other SDLC building blocks.

Can include application security guidelines, secure coding checklist, security policies, etc.

Effective NFRs will document the requirement
and explain why the requirement is
necessary.

Security requirements

Establishing the security requirements for the application

What are the key security risks within the application?

- Type of information application is processing
- Functionality
- Use case modelling

Involve group risk and/or internal audit to avoid later conflict

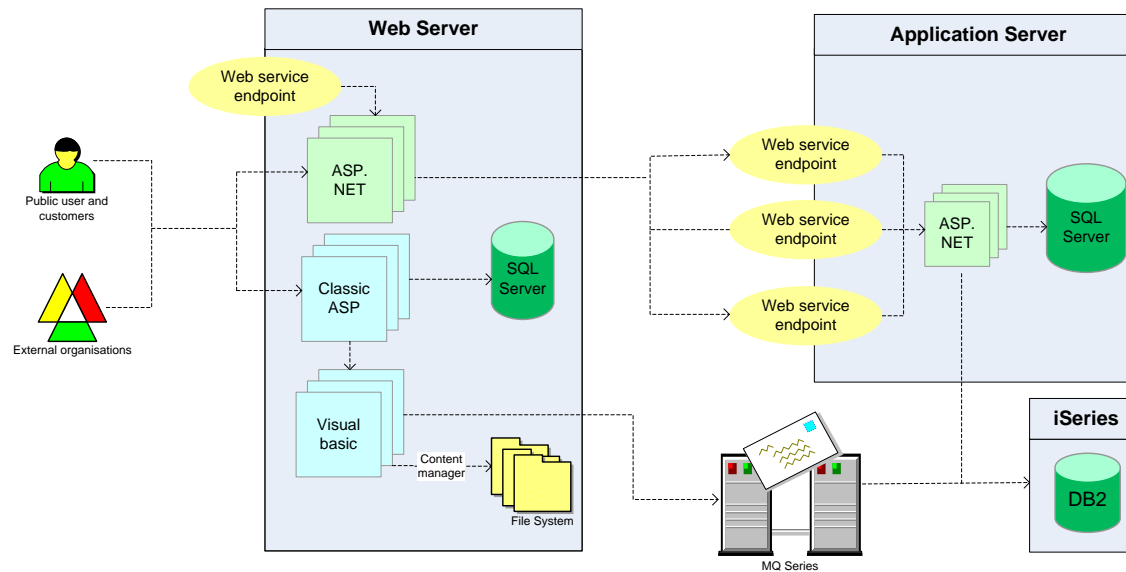
What are the Group standards (e.g. password lengths, security schemes), legal and regulatory security requirements?

Is the project acceptable from an information security perspective and what are the key security requirements which should be deployed?

Security architecture

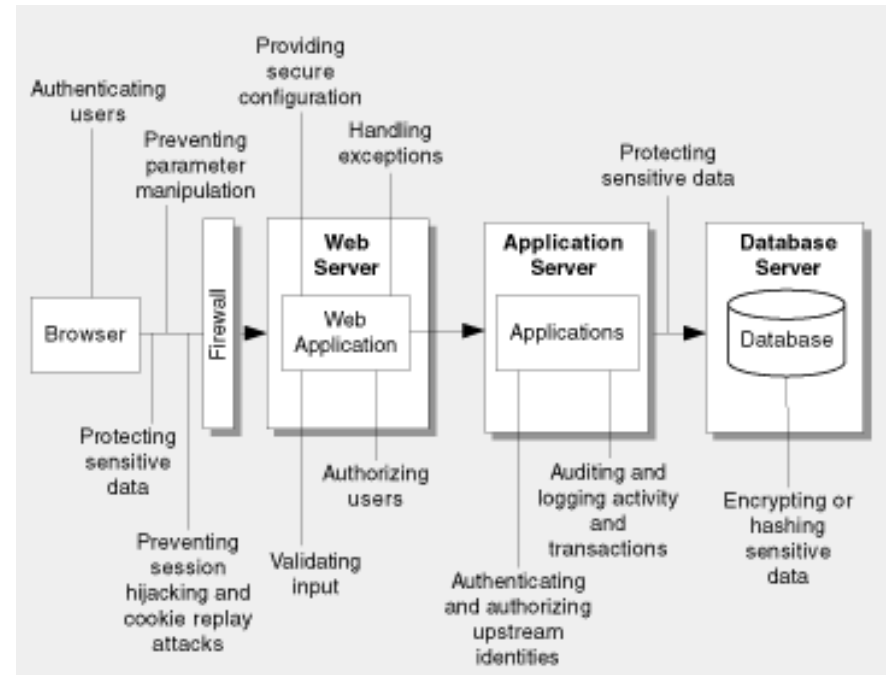
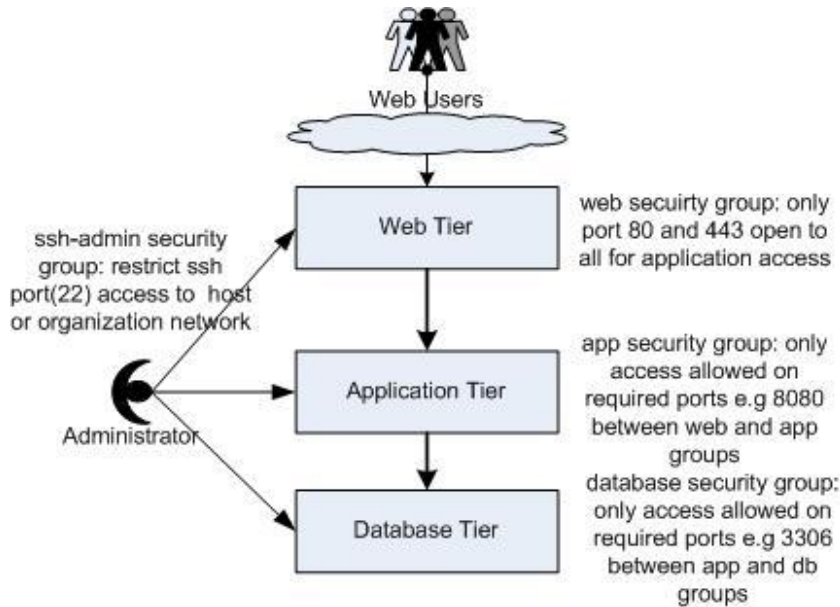
How do the application components fit together

- Web server
- Database
- Underlying operating systems
- Middleware
- Interfaces with backend systems



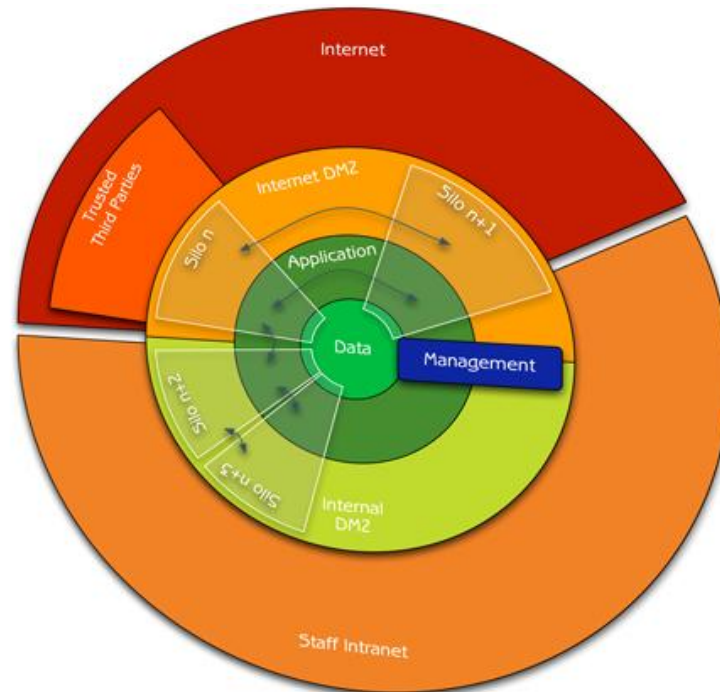
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Deployment



Logical Zones

Compartmentalise
Minimise attack
surface
Levels of trust
Defence in depth



Security design

Building security into the design of the application

Threat modeling has four major steps:

- Decomposing the application
- Categorizing threats
- Ranking threats
- Mitigation

Designing the countermeasures to mitigate threats identified and address the security requirements

Planning the security testing phase
(i.e. how to test the countermeasures designed)

Output is the security technical specifications and security test plans

Threat modeling (+/-)

Hit or miss at most locations

Can be informal process

Combines nicely with NFRs

Discussing NFR often leads to threat modeling discussion



Application Security Risk Matrix (++)

External facing	Data: Non sensitive	Data: sensitive
Internal facing	Data: Non sensitive	Data: sensitive

Development

Ensuring that code is developed securely and implementing the security controls identified during the design phase

Developer security awareness programs

Unit testing of security features of the application

Security audit and code reviews

- Secure coding standards
- Automated code review tools
- Independent code review by third party or IT security

Security awareness training (++)

Instructor-led training

Course curriculum for each job responsibility

Very useful for educating on attack techniques and unexpected behavior

Rewards for training



Your goal should be to provide anyone that can influence application security, e.g. project managers, development managers, application developers, server configuration, release management, QA, etc. with the training, awareness and resources they need to be successful.

Secure Coding Guidelines (-)

Overlooked by developers

“Static and not helpful”

100+ pages that can be language specific

Most surprising discovery over the last 5 years

Can be successful if collaborative/wiki format and regularly updated



Secure Coding Checklist (+)

Simple 1-2 page document

Useful if combined with a peer code review prior to code check-in.



Testing

Ensure the application meets the security standards and security testing is performed

Has the security design been implemented correctly in the application components?

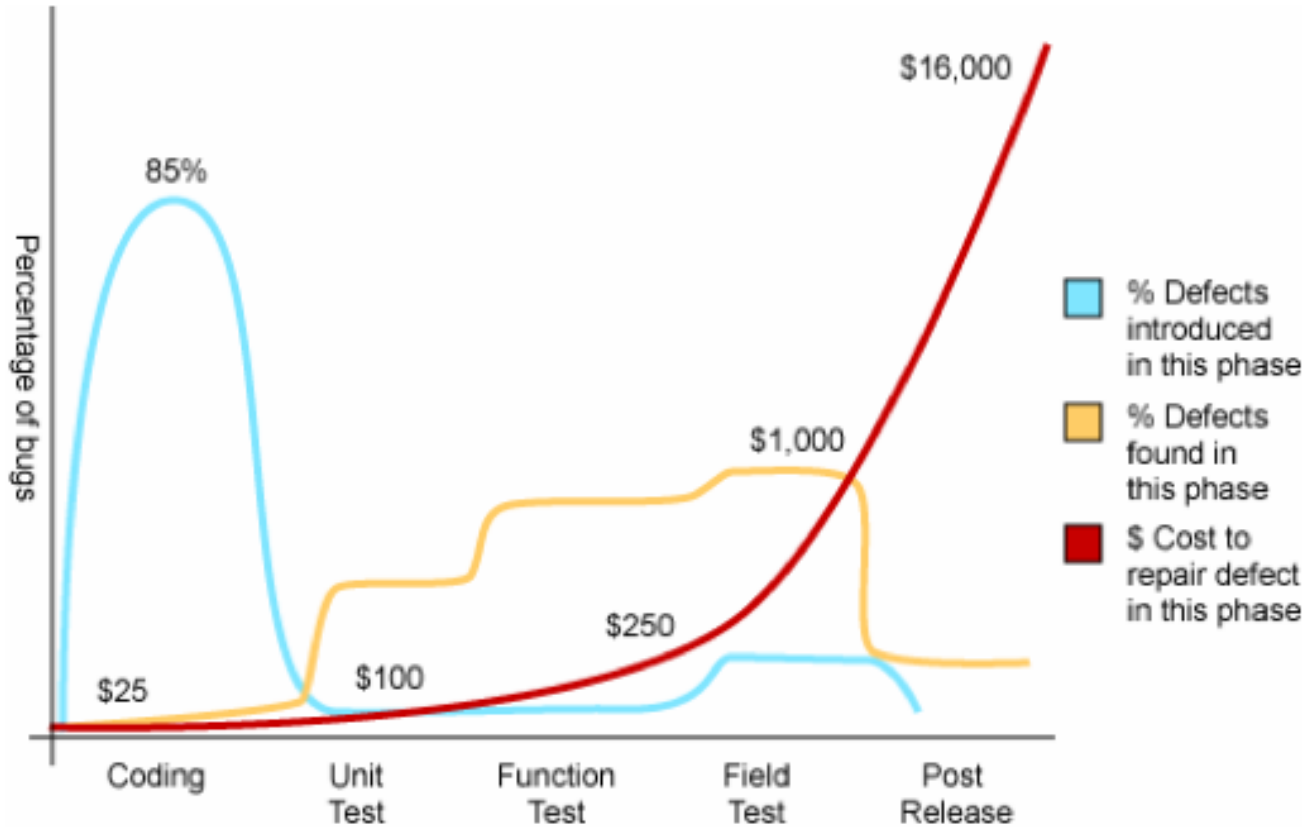
Execution of test plans created during the design phase

Independent penetration testing, including infrastructure assessment

Security release and sign off before deployment to the production environment

Why Code review

The Cost of Software Bugs



**“We cant
hack our-
selves
secure, and if
we could it
would cost
too much”**

Source: Applied Software Measurement, Capers Jones, 1996

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Static Code Analysis (SCA) (+)

SDLC requires SCA

Must be baked into acceptance criteria for code to leave the SDLC.

Assurance to QA that code is ready for testing

SCA can be integrated into the build process (each automated build spawns Static Code Analysis)



Dynamic Code Analysis (+)

Looks for unexpected application behavior within the interface

Dynamic analysis can happen multiple times during each iteration

Assurance to QA that code is ready for testing

Dynamic analysis can offer 24/7 monitoring

Be tied to incident management process

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COE Drivers

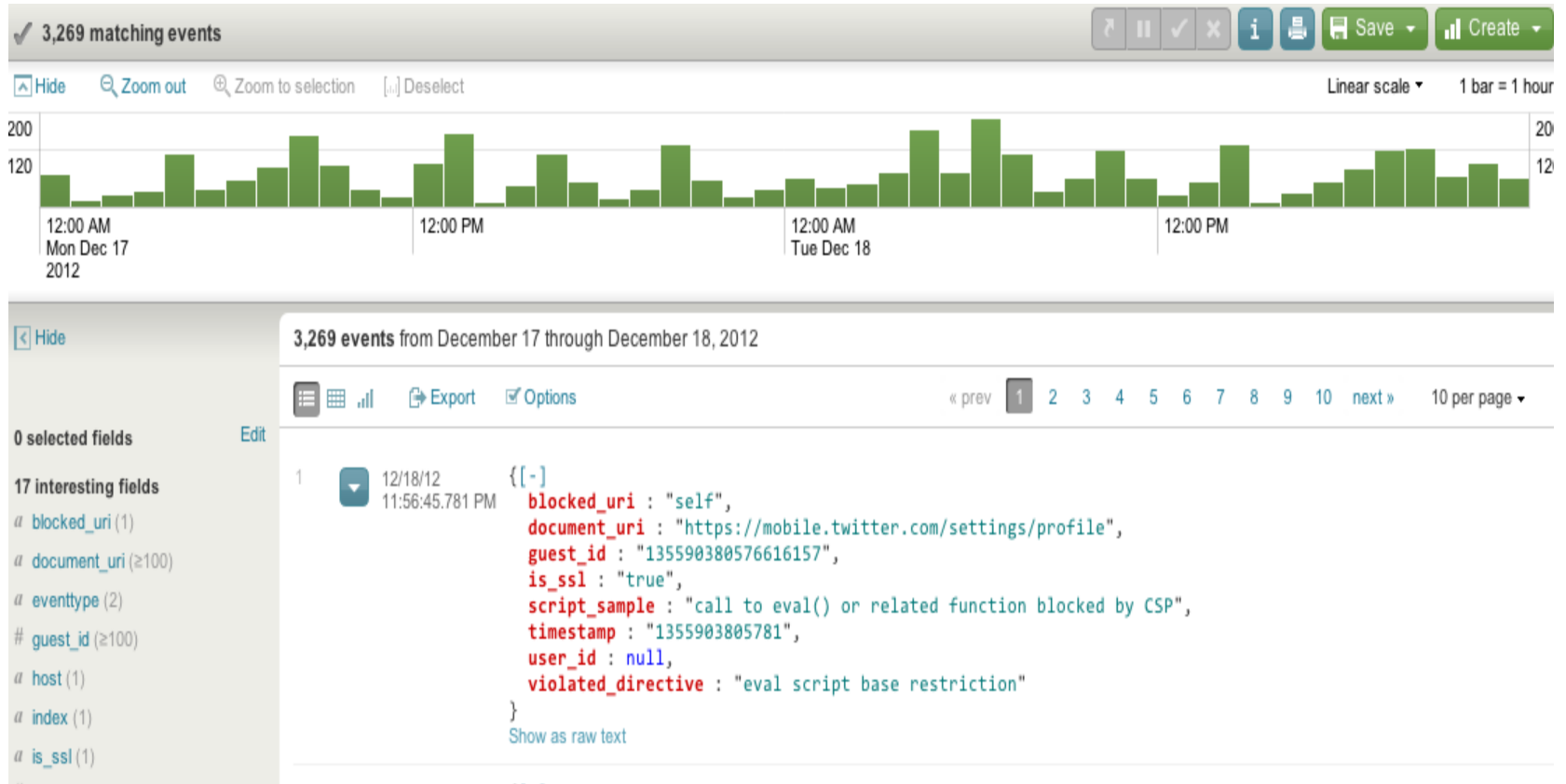
COE Members

Remove barriers between
departments

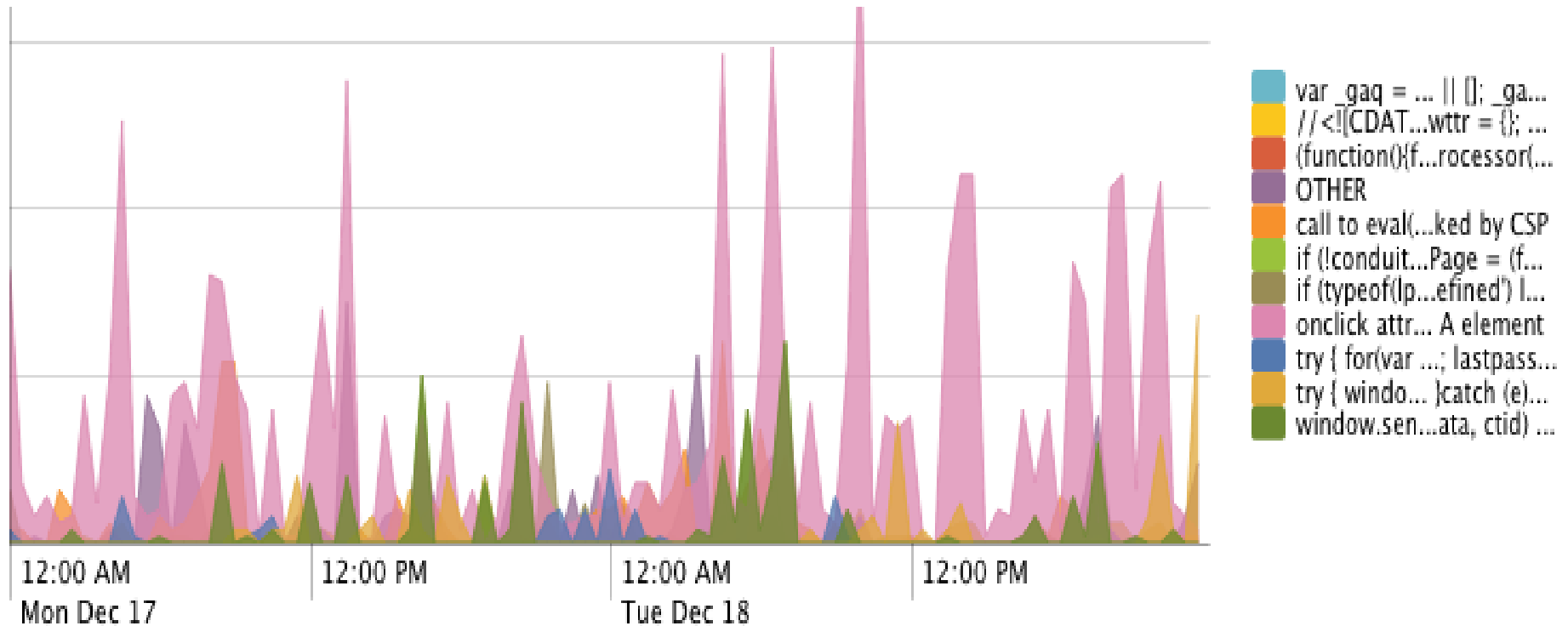
Positively impact change



Splunk



Trending and anomalies



Continuing Education

Websites

- The Open Web Application Security Project (<http://www.owasp.org>)
- OWASP SAMM (<http://www.opensamm.org>)

Online Documents & Books

- OWASP Code Review Guide & OWASP Testing Guide

Continuing Education

Tools

- Burp suite (<http://www.portswigger.net>)
- HTTrack (<http://www.httrack.com/>)
- WebScarab(<http://www.owasp.org/>)

Conferences

- OWASP (<http://www.owasp.org/conferences.html>)

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