

Static Code Analysis @ Swisscom

Group Security
Secure Software Development

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Who am I?

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- Automated source code scanning for security vulnerabilities



Introduction

What do we do?

- Application security key business success factor
- Professional hackers are after you (govs, criminals, terrorists, hacktivists, wargamers, ..)
- Broad arsenal of technologies
- Assumption you might be vulnerable
- Our approach
- Detect in the earliest stage (where product gets implemented) as possible: Development
- Secure Software Development Lifecycle (SSDLC)
- This does not save the world but makes it a better place.
- So just one building block in a program

SSDLC – Problems

Governance

- Uncertainty during development.
- Responsibility at the devs.
- Results in different implementations for the same problems.



SSDLC – Problems

Security Approval

- Security approval / audit only held at a fraction of projects
- Slow due to the lack of standards and automation
- Security approvals conducted in a late project state
- Flaws from earlier stages in the process (e.g. Design) are hard to mitigate against.



SSDLC – Problems

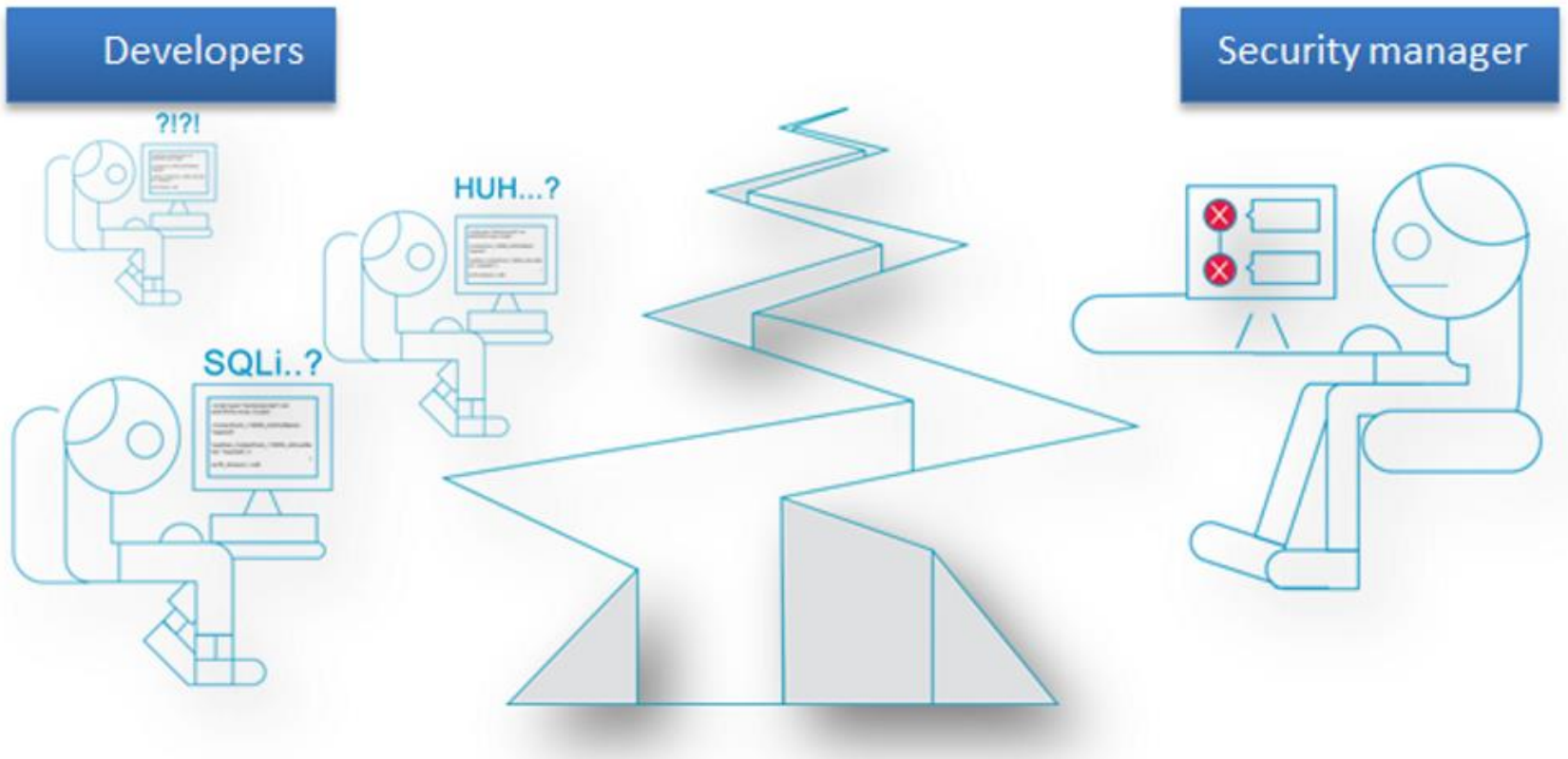
Dev Infrastructure

- Operating of non standardized dev infrastructure
- Working on operations equals wasted time
- «Do best in what you can» (dev)



SSDLC – Problems

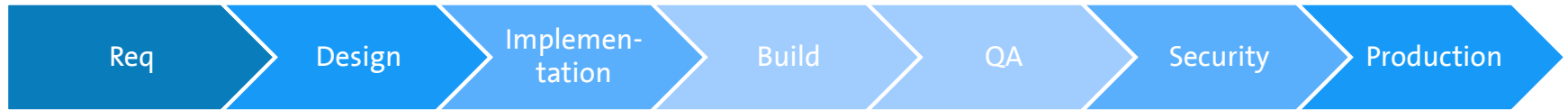
Communication



Everybody loves Security



Development vs. Security



Development

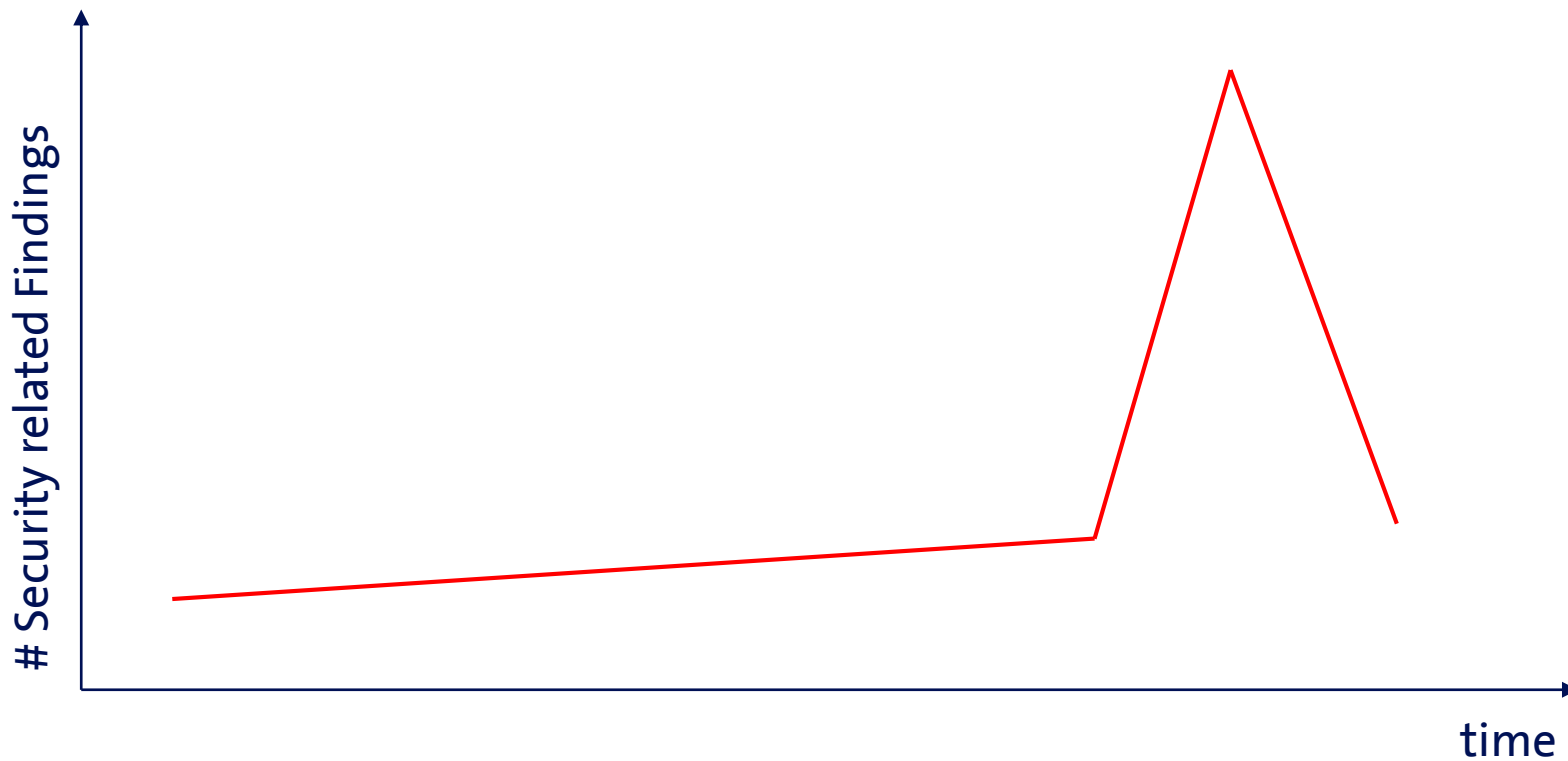
- Lack of education / standards
- Complexity
- «Not my job»

Security

- Testing just before release
- Too many applications
- Too many technologies

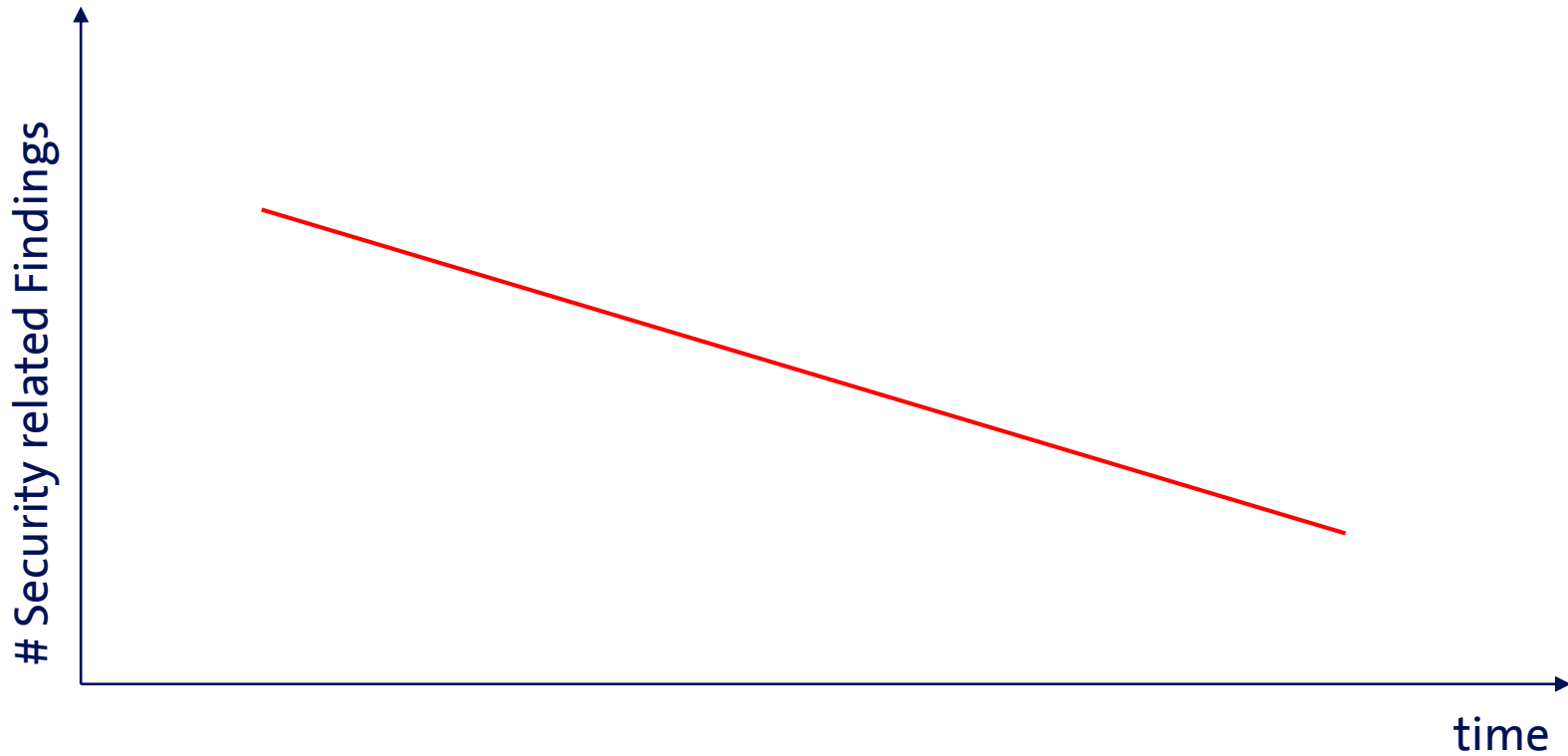
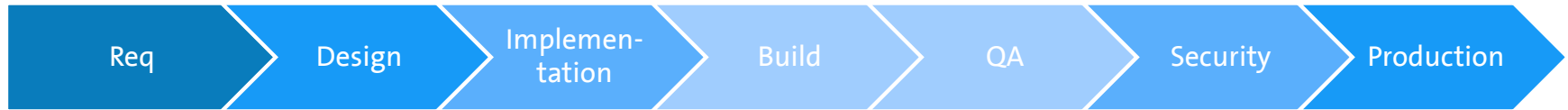
Findings per phase

Most of the time this is what we see



Findings per phase

Considering mitigation costs: This is desired



SSDLC & SCA can save you \$s

The earlier we find a vulnerability the cheaper its mitigation

Data Breach Costs

\$7.2M average cost of a data breach

80 days to detect and **123 days** (4+ months) to resolve



Remediation Costs (at each stage in the lifecycle)



\$80/defect

Development

\$240/defect

Build

\$960/defect

QA/Test

\$7,600/defect

Production

Sources: National Institute of Standards and Technology; Ponemon Institute

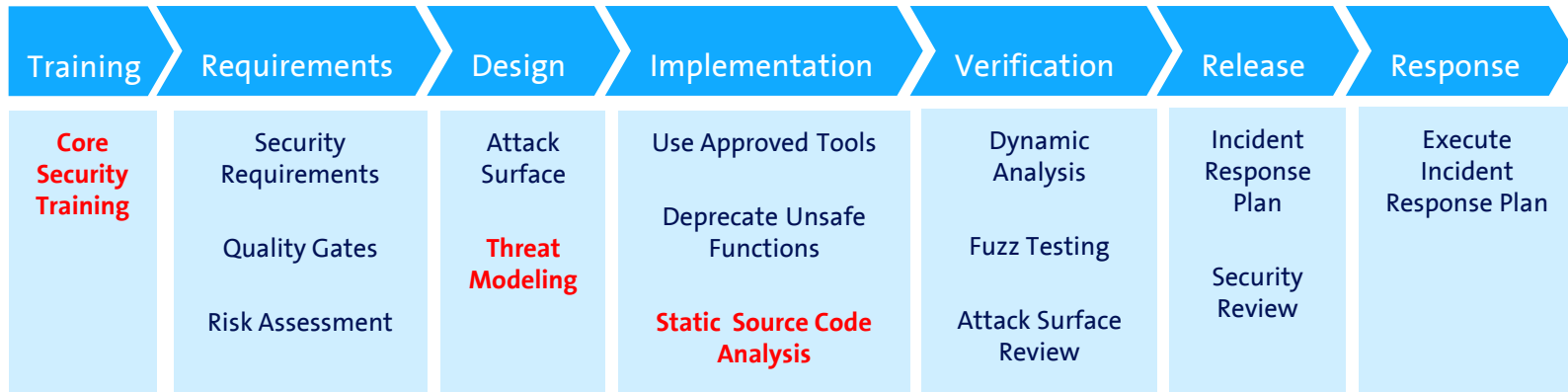
Fixing a flaw in production

Sometimes dangerous!



SSDLC – Framework

A formal security program



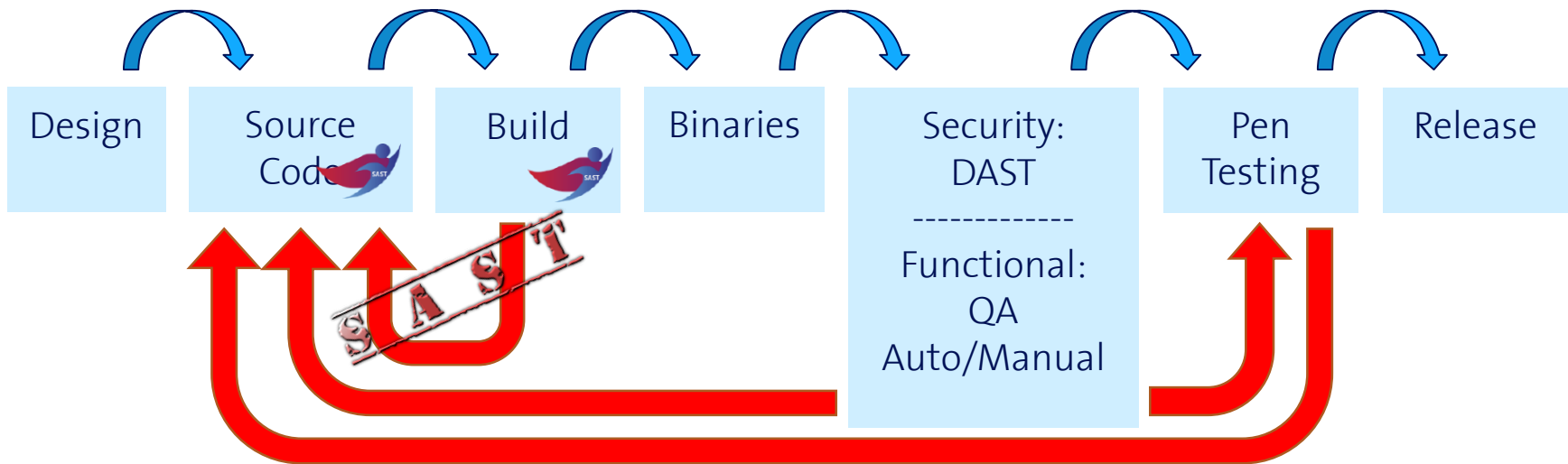
Microsoft SDL (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/sdl/>) 

Comparison of different Frameworks:

http://www.opensecurityarchitecture.org/cms/images/OSA_images/SDLC_Comparison.pdf

SSDLC – Framework

Who feeds back into the code?



Static Code Analysis

Theories Overview

- Static vs. Dynamic Application Security Testing.
- Whitebox Approach.
- Needs the sources.
- Ranges from simple style checks , to buffer overflows, memory leaks, up to higher level security vulnerabilities.
- Similar checks might be already carried out by compiler.
- Available tools language specific or multi language.
- Open source tools
 - Lint, Checkstyle, Findbugs, PMD (Java)
 - FXCop / StyleCop (C#)
 - Cppcheck (C++)



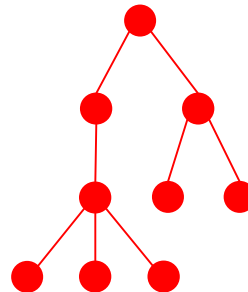
Static Code Analysis Process



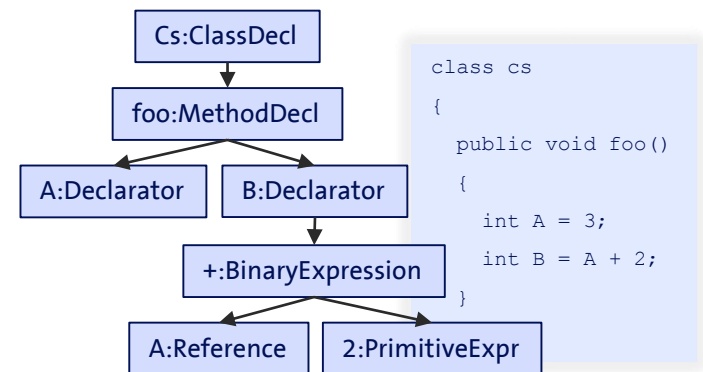
Symbol Table

| Name | Kind | Location |
|--------|-----------|-------------|
| add | Method | Helper.java |
| result | MemberVar | Helper.java |
| sum_a | Parameter | Helper.java |
| sum_b | Parameter | Helper.java |

Abstract Syntax Tree (Tokens)



Data Flow Graph (DFG)



Open Source Tools

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Multi Language Support

- Visual Code Grepper (C#, VB, C++, PHP, Java)
- YASCA (C/C++, Java, JavaScript), offers integration of other Tools

JAVA: OWASP LAPSE+

PHP: RIPS, DevBug

C/C++: Flawfinder, CppCheck

Ruby on Rails: Brakeman

Python: PyLint

Vulnerabilities that we find

- OWASP Top 10, SANS 25
- E.g.
- XSS (stored, reflected, DOM based)
- Code injections
- LDAP injections
- SQL injection
- Sensitive data stored insecure (credentials in logfile)

- Vulnerabilities are ordered by severity (High, Medium, Low, Info)



Some lessons learned

We are now running the program for one year

- Developers want to deliver secure software
- There needs to be governance (sec champion, process, training)
- There needs to be automation
- Analog to other project disciplines the process has to be lived
- When projects under pressure security is left out first (NFR)

- If projects can use any technology they want it might be hard to find a scanning solution.

Q&A

- Does anyone have set up / plan to set up an SSDLC?
- Do you have experience with static analysis tools?
- Was there a tool missing?
- Any questions?
- ...



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