

Secure Development: Models and Best Practices

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This training ?

- Software Assurance maturity models
- Secure Development in agile development
- Hands-on: SAMM analysis of your enterprise using SAMM 1.5
- Tips and tricks for practical SDLC
- Sneak preview of SAMM 2.0



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Timing

09h30 – 11h00:	Training
11h00 – 11h30:	<i>coffee break</i>
11h30 – 13h00 :	Training
13h00 – 14h00:	<i>lunch</i>
14h00 – 15h30:	Training
15h30 – 16h00:	<i>coffee break</i>
16h00 – 17h30:	Training



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Rules of the House

- Turn off mobile phones
- Interactive training
- Specific discussions about company practices don't leave this room



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Today's Agenda

1. Introduction to SDLC and SAMM

2. Applying SAMM

Methodology

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Assessment Construction

Assessment Verification

Assessment Operations

Setting Improvement Targets

3. Secure Agile development

4. SDLC Tips and tricks

5. Wrap-up



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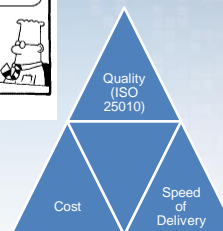
Application Security Problem



Software complexity

Technology stacks

Requirements?



75% of vulnerabilities are application related

Mobile

Connected

Multi-platform



Cloud

Responsive Design

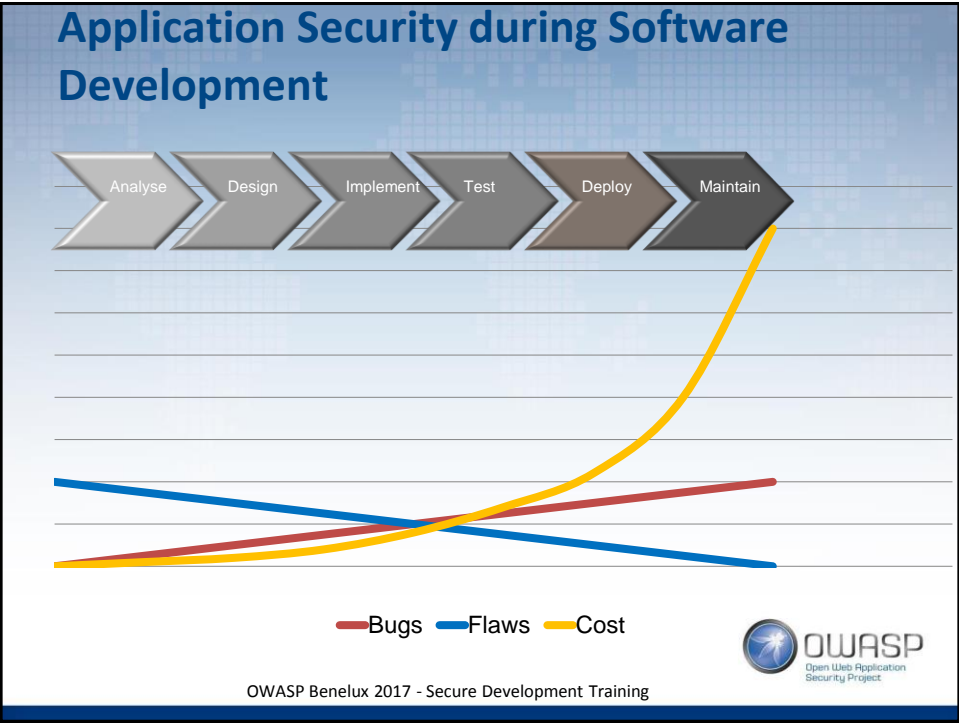


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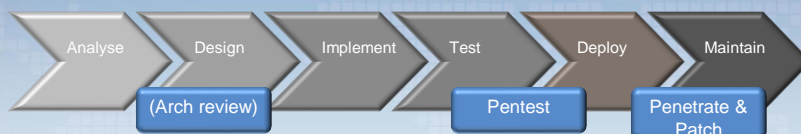
Application Security Symbiosis



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The State-of-Practice in Secure Software Development



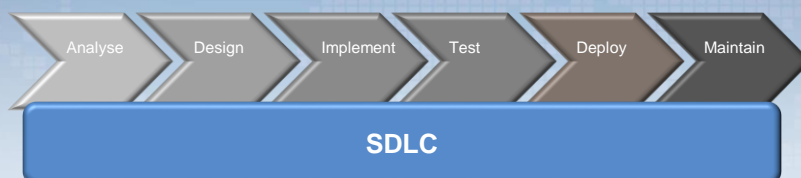
Problematic, since:

- Focus on bugs, not flaws
- Penetration can cause major harm
- Not cost efficient
- No security assurance
 - All bugs found ?
 - Bug fix fixes all occurrences ? (also future ?)
 - Bug fix might introduce new security vulnerabilities



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SDLC ?

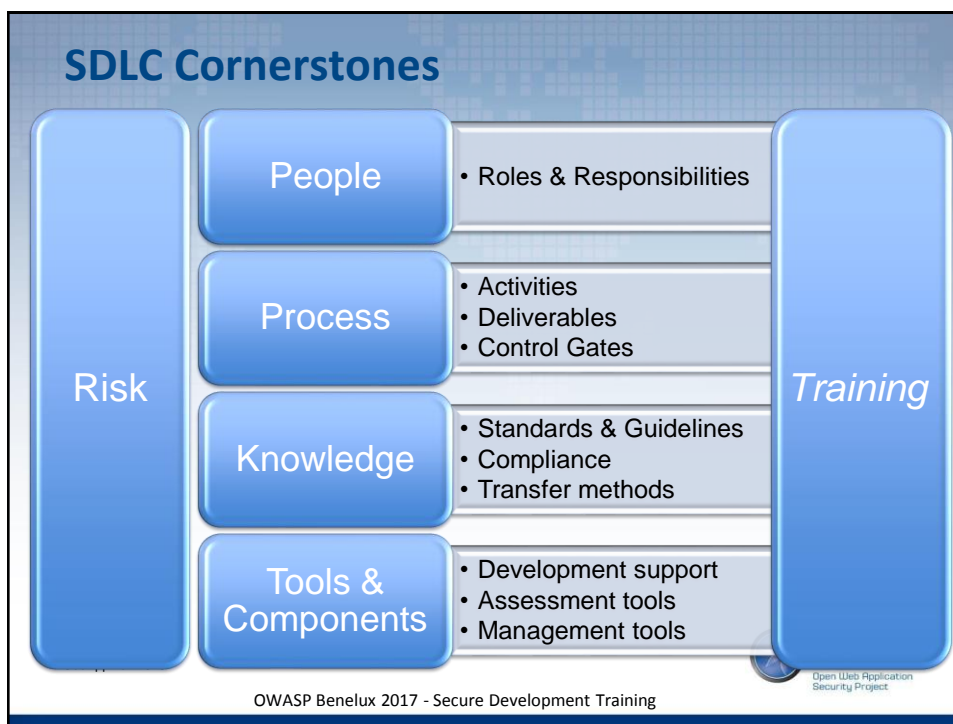


Enterprise-wide software security improvement program

- Strategic approach to assure software quality
- Goal is to increase systematicity
- Focus on security functionality and security hygiene

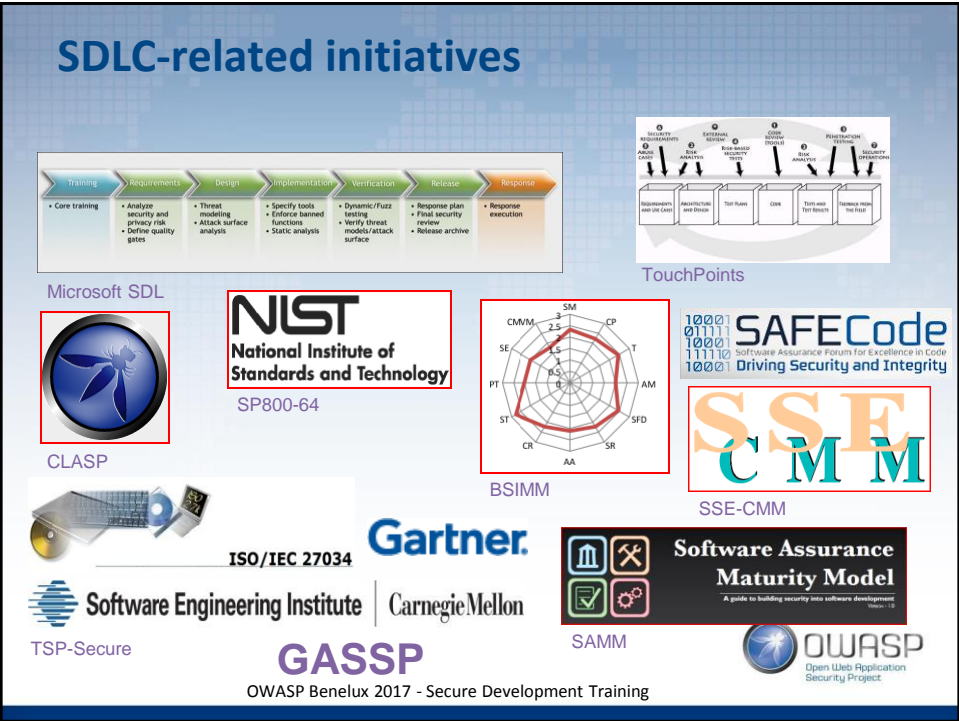
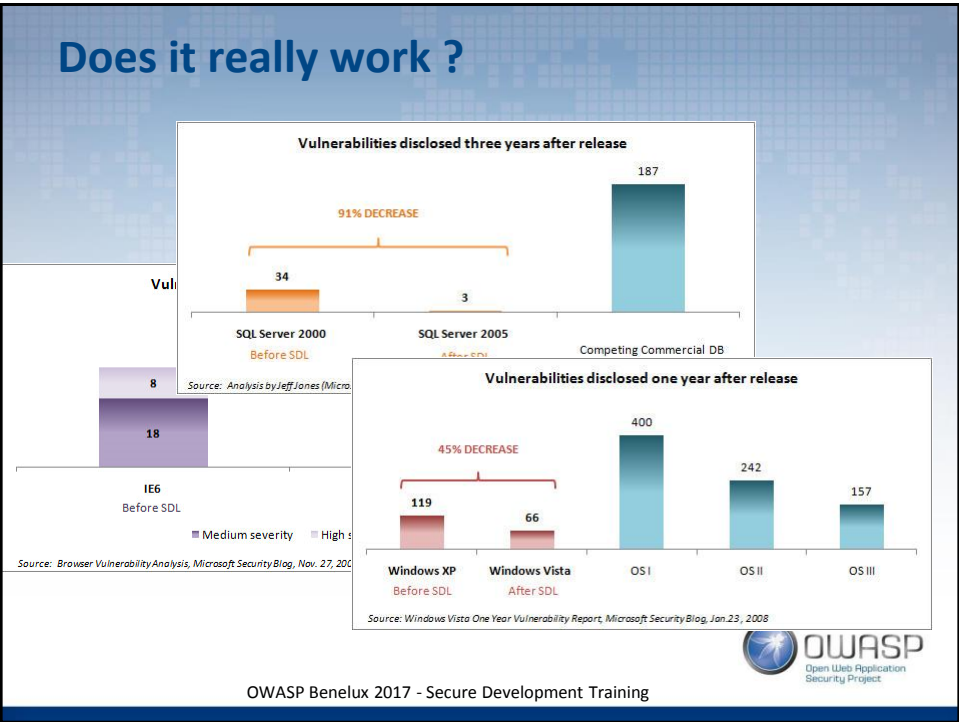


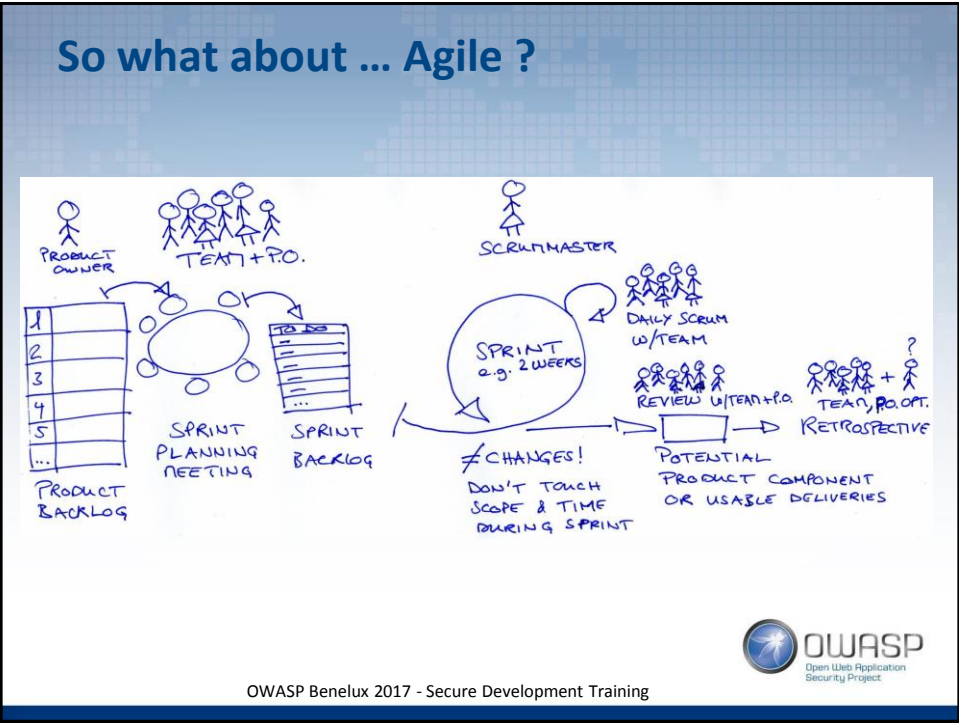
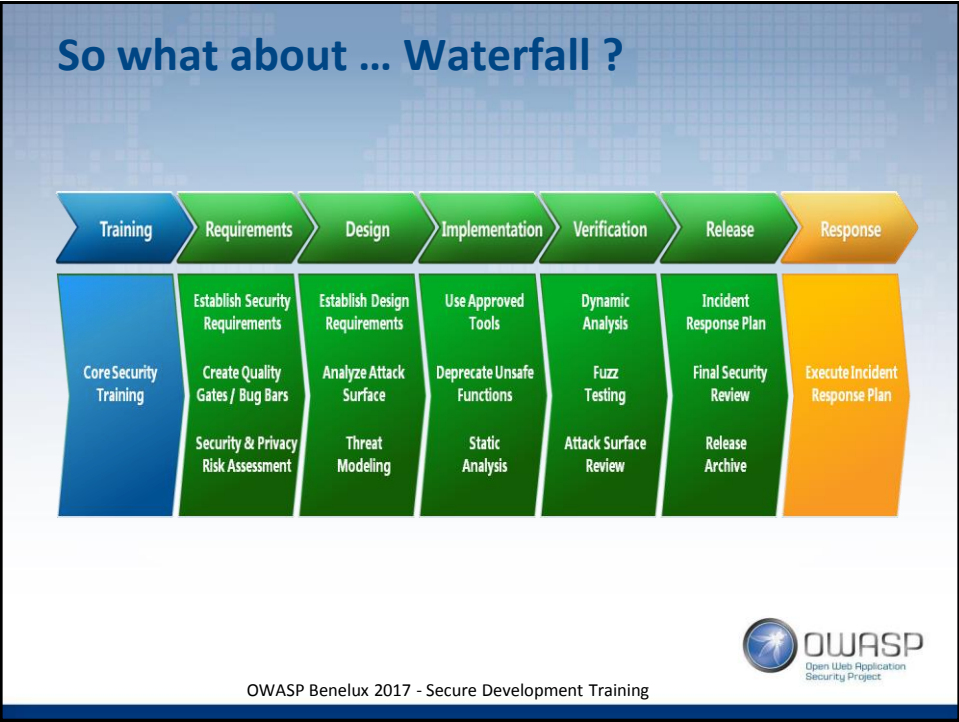
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Strategic ?

1. Organizations with a proper SDLC will experience an 80 percent decrease in critical vulnerabilities
2. Organizations that acquire products and services with just a 50 percent reduction in vulnerabilities will reduce configuration management and incident response costs by 75 percent each.



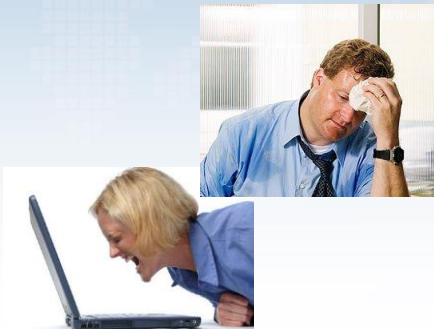


Software Assurance

Is NOT ...



But is ...



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Why a Maturity Model ?



https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_SAMM_Project



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SAMM 101 – Introduction to the model



Core model document



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SAMM Business Functions

- Start with the core activities tied to any organization performing software development
- Named generically, but should resonate with any developer or manager



Governance



Construction



Verification



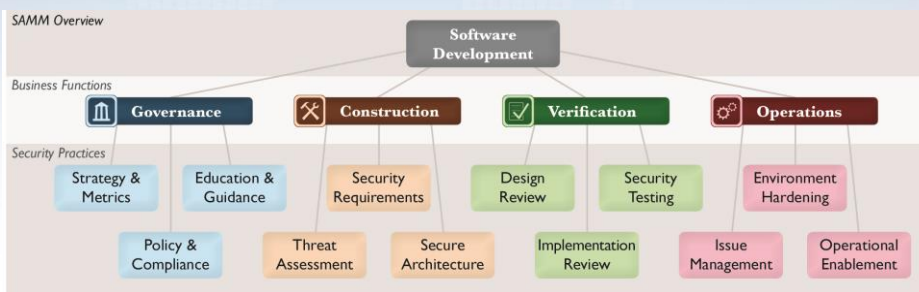
Operations



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SAMM Security Practices

- From each of the Business Functions, 3 Security Practices are defined
- The Security Practices cover all areas relevant to software security assurance
- Each one is a 'silo' for improvement



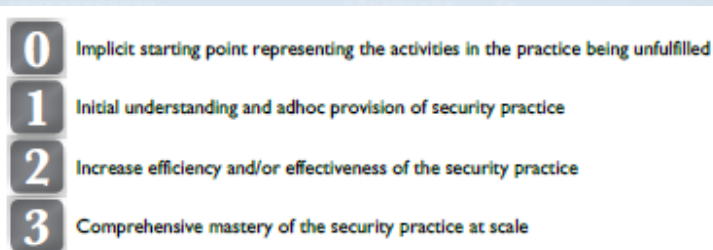
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Under each Security Practice

- Three successive Objectives under each Practice define how it can be improved over time

This establishes a notion of a Level at which an organization fulfills a given Practice

- The three Levels for a Practice:



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Check out this one...

Education & Guidance			
	EG 1	EG 2	EG 3
OBJECTIVE	Offer development staff access to resources around the topics of secure programming and deployment	Educate all personnel in the software life-cycle with role-specific guidance on secure development	Mandate comprehensive security training and certify personnel for baseline knowledge
ACTIVITIES	A. Conduct technical security awareness training B. Build and maintain technical guidelines	A. Conduct role-specific application security training B. Utilize security coaches to enhance project teams	A. Create formal application security support portal B. Establish role-based examination/certification



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Per Level, SAMM defines...

- Objective
- Activities
- Results
- Success Metrics
- Costs
- Personnel
- Related Levels

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Security Testing

Make security testing during development more complete and efficient through automation

Assessment

- Do projects use automation to enhance security test results?
- Do projects follow a consistent process to analyze and report on security test results?

Results

- Developers receive automated feedback on security test results
- Security test results are integrated into the development process
- Security test results are used to inform development decisions

Success Metrics

- 50% of projects with security testing and automation significantly reduce the number of security test results
- 50% of projects with automation in automated security testing results in the past month

Costs

- Research and adoption of automated security testing solutions
- Initial cost and maintenance of automated testing
- Change project overhead from automated security testing and integration

Personnel

- Developers
- Architects
- Engineers
- Security Auditors
- QA Teams

Related Levels

- None

Activities

A. Utilize automated security testing tools

In order to test for security issues, a potentially large number of input cases must be checked against each software artifact, which can make effective security testing using manual tests (aka implementation and iteration) extremely difficult. This automated security test tool should be used to automatically test software, resulting in more efficient security testing and higher quality results.

Both commercial and open-source products are available and should be reviewed for appropriateness for the organization. Selecting a suitable tool is based on several factors including: robustness and accuracy of built-in security test cases, efficiency in testing architecture types important to organization, customization to change or add test cases, quality and validity of findings in the development organization, etc.

Update input from security team technical staff as well as development and quality assurance staff in the selection process and review overall results with stakeholders.

B. Integrate security testing into development processes

With tools to run automated security tests, projects within the organization should routinely run security tests and review results during development. In order to make the results with low overhead, security testing tools should be configured to automatically run on a routine basis, e.g. nightly or weekly, and testing should be integrated as part of the build.

Conducting security tests as early as the requirements or design phase can be beneficial. While traditionally used for detecting test cases, this type of detection development approach involves identifying and running relevant security test cases early in the development cycle, usually during design. With the automatic execution of security test cases, projects enter the implementation phase with a number of failing tests for the non-expected functionality. Implementation is complete when all the tests pass. This provides a clear, optional goal for developers early in the development cycle, thus lowering risk of release delays due to security concepts or flawed acceptance of risk in order to meet project deadlines.

For each project release, results from automated and manual security tests should be presented to management and business stakeholders for review. If there are unaddressed findings, this results in assigned risks for the release, stakeholders and development managers should work together to establish a concrete timeline for addressing them.



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Applying the model

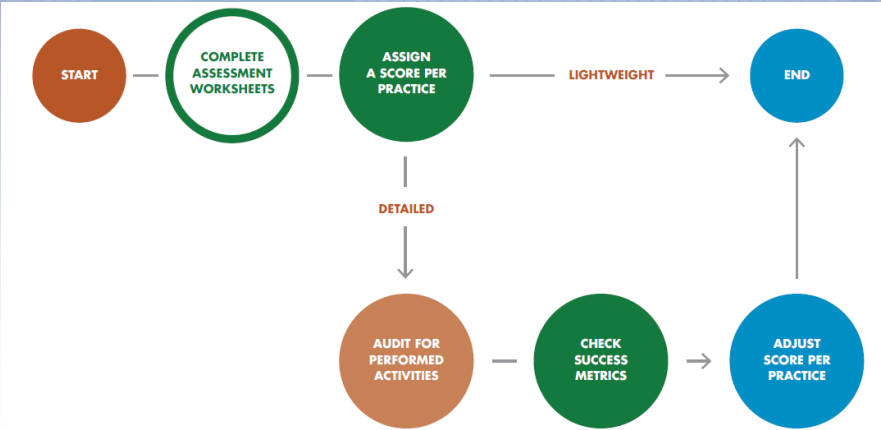


How-to guide



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Assessment process



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Assessment worksheets

Policy & Compliance	SCORE	0.0	0.2	0.5	1.0
Do project stakeholders know their project's compliance status?	No	SOME	HALF	MOST	PC 1
Are compliance requirements specifically considered by project teams?	No	NOT APPLY	AD-HOC	YES	
Does the organization utilize a set of policies and standards to control software development?	No	PER TEAM	ORG WIDE	INTEGRATED PROCESS	PC 2
Are project teams able to request an audit for compliance with policies and standards?	No	SOME	HALF	MOST	
Are projects periodically audited to ensure a baseline of compliance with policies and standards?	No	SOME	HALF	MOST	PC 3
Does the organization systematically use audits to collect and control compliance evidence?	No	BUS AREA	ORG WIDE	ORG WIDE & REQUIRED	




Intermezzo – how to measure



Assessment Toolbox

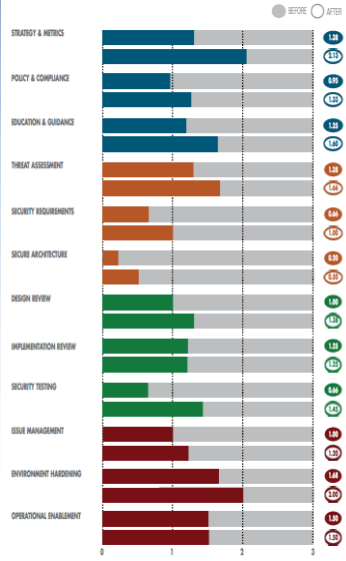
	Education & Guidance	Answer	Interview Notes	Rating
EQ1	Have developers been given high-level security awareness training? Guidance: Application security awareness training is provided to all developers. Guidance: Training covers topics such as common vulnerabilities and best practice recommendations for eliminating vulnerabilities. Guidance: Training is conducted at least annually as well as on demand based on need.	Yes, we do it every few years		1.05
	Does each project team understand where to find secure development best-practices and guidance? Guidance: Resources regarding secure development practices have been assembled and made available to developers. Guidance: Management informs development groups that they are expected to utilize secure development resources. Guidance: A checklist based on the secure development resources has been created to ensure guidelines are met during development.	Yes, at least half of them are/do		
EQ2	Are those involved in the development process given role-specific security training and guidance? Guidance: Role specific application security training is given to developers, architects, QA, etc. Guidance: Managers and requirements specifiers receive training in security requirements planning, vulnerability and incident management, threat modeling, and misfeasibility case design. Guidance: Testers and auditors receive training in code review, architecture and design analysis, runtime analysis, and effective security test planning. Guidance: Developer training includes security design patterns, tool-specific training, threat modeling and software assessment techniques. Guidance: Role specific training is provided at least annually as well as on demand based on need.	Yes, at least half of them are/do No Yes, a small percentage are/do Yes, the majority of them are/do		
	Are stakeholders able to pull in security coaches for use on projects? Guidance: Internal or external security experts are available to project teams for consultation. Guidance: The process for requesting these experts is advertised to project teams. Guidance: A set security analysts or security-savvy developers have been selected as security coaches.	Yes, a small percentage are/do		
EQ3	Is security-related guidance centrally controlled and consistently distributed throughout the organization? Guidance: A centralized repository has been created to organize secure development information, resources, and processes. Guidance: An approve board and change control management process is in place to control modification of information in this repository. Guidance: A method for collaboration and communication of secure development topics has been provided. Guidance: Content is searchable based on common factors like platform, language, library, life-cycle stage, etc.	Yes, teams write/run their own		
	Are developers tested to ensure a baseline skill-set for secure development practices? Guidance: Exams are used to verify retention of security knowledge in a per training module or per role context. Guidance: Exams are given to staff at least biannually. Guidance: Staff are engaged or tasked based on exam scores. Guidance: Some security activities or gates require staff of a certain rank to sign off before the item is marked as complete.	Yes, we did it once		




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Creating Scorecards

- Gap analysis
Capturing scores from detailed assessments versus expected performance levels
- Demonstrating improvement
Capturing scores from before and after an iteration of assurance program build-out
- Ongoing measurement
Capturing scores over consistent time frames for an assurance program that is already in place



Category	Before Score	After Score
Strategy & Metrics	1.5	1.5
Policy & Compliance	1.5	1.5
Education & Guidance	1.5	1.5
Threat Assessment	1.5	1.5
Security Requirements	1.5	1.5
Secure Architecture	1.5	1.5
Design Review	1.5	1.5
Implementation Review	1.5	1.5
Security Testing	1.5	1.5
Issue Management	1.5	1.5
Environment Hardening	1.5	1.5
Operational Engagement	1.5	1.5



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Roadmap templates

- To make the “building blocks” usable, SAMM defines Roadmaps templates for typical kinds of organizations
 - Independent Software Vendors
 - Online Service Providers
 - Financial Services Organizations
 - Government Organizations
- Organization types chosen because
 - They represent common use-cases
 - Each organization has variations in typical software-induced risk
 - Optimal creation of an assurance program is different for each

The chart displays the progression of various security activities across four phases. The activities listed on the y-axis are: STRATEGY & METRICS, POLICY & COMPLIANCE, EDUCATION & GUIDANCE, THREAT ASSESSMENT, SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, SECURE ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN REVIEW, IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW, SECURITY TESTING, ISSUE MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT HARDENING, and OPERATIONAL ENABLING. The phases are labeled at the top: PHASE 1, PHASE 2, PHASE 3, and PHASE 4. Each activity is represented by a colored bar indicating its duration across the phases. For example, STRATEGY & METRICS spans all four phases, while POLICY & COMPLIANCE starts in Phase 3 and continues through Phase 4. The colors used are blue, orange, green, and red.

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SAMM vs. BSIMM

The diagram consists of three blue hexagons arranged in a triangular pattern. The top hexagon contains the text 'Prescriptive vs. Descriptive'. The middle hexagon contains the text 'Open vs. Closed'. The bottom hexagon contains the text 'Low Watermark vs. High Watermark'.

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Before you begin

- Organizational Context
- Realistic Goals ?
- Scope ?
- Constraints (budget, timing, resources)
- Affinity with a particular model ?



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What's your Company Maturity ?

- In terms of IT **strategy** and application **landscape**
- In terms of software **Development** practices
 - Analysis, Design, Implementation, Testing, Release, Maintenance
 - Structured vs. ad-hoc development
- In terms of **ITSM** practices
 - Configuration, Change, Release, Vulnerability -Mngt.

**Company
Maturity**



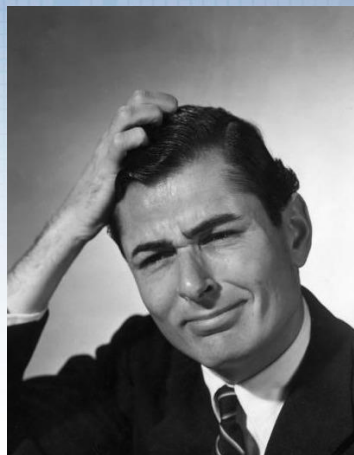
**Feasibility
SDLC
Program**



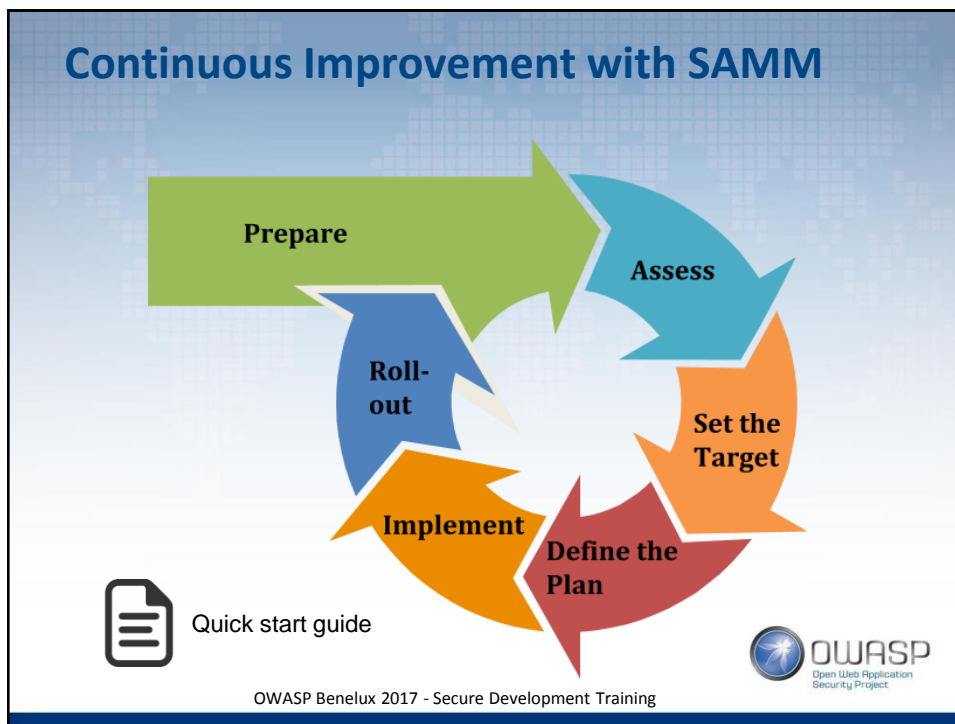
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Complicating factors, anyone ?

- Different development teams
- Different technology stacks
- Business-IT alignment issues
- Outsourced development
- ...



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Prepare

1. Purpose

Ensure a proper start of the project

2. Activities

Define the scope (uniform unit(s))

Identify stakeholders

Spread the word

Assess

1. Purpose

Identify and understand the maturity of the 12 practices for the chosen scope

2. Activities

Evaluate current practices

Determine maturity level

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Set The Target

1. Purpose

Develop a target score to guide you in future improvements

2. Activities

Define the target

Estimate overall impact

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Define the plan

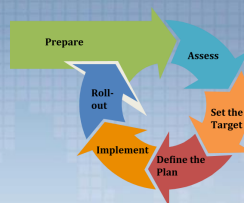
1. Purpose

Define or update the plan to take you to the next level

2. Activities

Determine change schedule

Develop/update the roadmap plan



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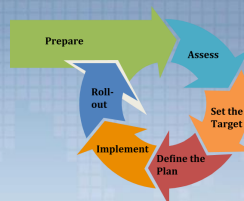
Implement

1. Objective

Work the plan

2. Activities

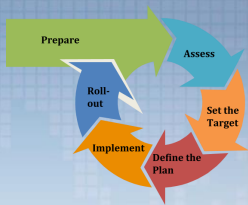
Implement activities



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Roll-out

1. Objective
- Ensure improvements are available
and effectively used
2. Activities
- Evangelize improvements
- Measure effectiveness



Governance

Business Function

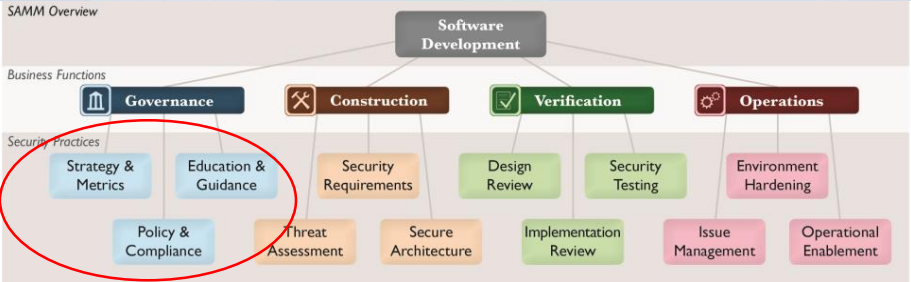


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SAMM Overview



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graph TD; SD[Software Development] --> G[Governance]; SD --> C[Construction]; SD --> V[Verification]; SD --> O[Operations]; G --> SM[Strategy & Metrics]; G --> EG[Education & Guidance]; G --> PC[Policy & Compliance]; C --> SR[Security Requirements]; C --> TA[Threat Assessment]; C --> SA[Secure Architecture]; V --> DR[Design Review]; V --> ST[Security Testing]; V --> IR[Implementation Review]; O --> EH[Environment Hardening]; O --> IM[Issue Management]; O --> OE[Operational Enablement];
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The diagram illustrates the SAMM (Software Assurance Maturity Model) Overview. It is structured into three levels: **Software Development** (top), **Business Functions** (middle), and **Security Practices** (bottom). The **Business Functions** are Governance, Construction, Verification, and Operations. Each function is associated with specific **Security Practices**. The Governance function is circled in red in the original image.



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Strategy & Metrics

1. Goal is to establish a software assurance framework within an organisation

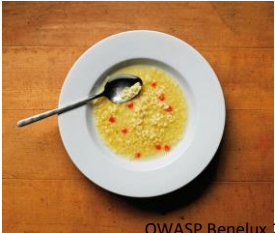
Foundation for all other SAMM practices

2. Characteristics:


Measurable


Aligned with business risk

3. Driver for continuous improvement and financial guidance



VS.









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Strategy & Metrics

	Strategy & Metrics ...more on page 34		
	 SM 1	 SM 2	 SM 3
OBJECTIVE	Establish unified strategic roadmap for software security within the organization	Measure relative value of data and software assets and choose risk tolerance	Align security expenditure with relevant business indicators and asset value
ACTIVITIES	<div>A. Estimate overall business risk profile</div> <div>B. Build and maintain assurance program roadmap</div>	<div>A. Classify data and applications based on business risk</div> <div>B. Establish and measure per-classification security goals</div>	<div>A. Conduct periodic industry-wide cost comparisons</div> <div>B. Collect metrics for historic security spend</div>



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Policy & Compliance

1. Goal is to understand and adhere to legal and regulatory requirements

Typically external in nature

This is often a very informal practice in organisations !


2. Characteristics


Organisation-wide vs. project-specific

Scope

3. Important driver for software security requirements

Privacy Policy





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Policy & Compliance

Policy & Compliance

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	 PC 1	 PC 2	 PC 3
OBJECTIVE	Understand relevant governance and compliance drivers to the organization	Establish security and compliance baseline and understand per-project risks	Require compliance and measure projects against organization-wide policies and standards
ACTIVITIES	A. Identify and monitor external compliance drivers B. Build and maintain compliance guidelines	A. Build policies and standards for security and compliance B. Establish project audit practice	A. Create compliance gates for projects B. Adopt solution for audit data collection



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Education & Guidance

1. Goal is to disseminate security-oriented information to *all* stakeholders involved in the software development lifecycle

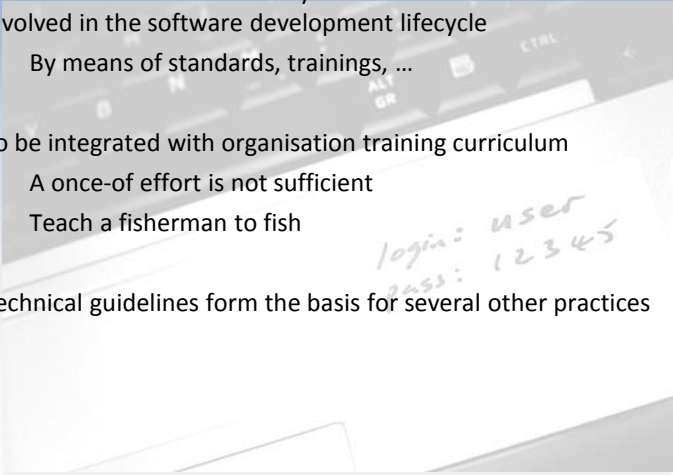
By means of standards, trainings, ...


2. To be integrated with organisation training curriculum

A once-of effort is not sufficient

Teach a fisherman to fish

3. Technical guidelines form the basis for several other practices








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Education & Guidance

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Assessment Exercise

- Use SAMM to evaluate the development practices in your own company
- Focus on *Governance* Business Function
- Applicable to both Waterfall and Agile models
- Using distributed sheets and questionnaires (toolbox)



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Assessment wrap-up

- What's your company's score ?
- What's the average scores for the group ?
- Any odd ratings ?



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Construction


Business Function



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The diagram illustrates the SAMM Overview, structured as follows:

- Software Development** (Root)
 - Business Functions**
 - Governance** (Icon: Building)
 - Security Practices**
 - Strategy & Metrics
 - Education & Guidance
 - Policy & Compliance
 - Construction** (Icon: Hammer)
 - Security Practices**
 - Security Requirements
 - Threat Assessment
 - Secure Architecture
 - Design Review
 - Implementation Review
 - Verification** (Icon: Checkmark)
 - Security Practices**
 - Security Testing
 - Operations** (Icon: Gear)
 - Security Practices**
 - Environment Hardening
 - Issue Management
 - Operational Enablement

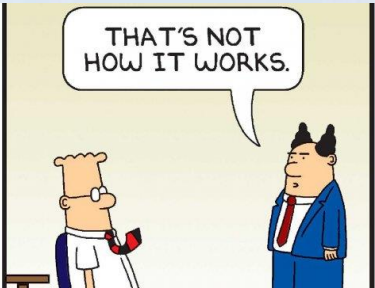


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Threat Assessment

1. The goal of this practice is to focus on the attacker perspective of things
- To make sure that security is not only functionality-driven
- Remember that software security = white + black
2. Very common practice in safety-critical systems
- Less so in others
3. This is where “the magic” kicks in
- Your imagination is the limit



Threat Assessment

	Threat Assessment		
	TA 1	TA 2	TA 3
OBJECTIVE	Identify and understand high-level threats to the organization and individual projects	Increase accuracy of threat assessment and improve granularity of per-project understanding	Concretely tie compensating controls to each threat against internal and third-party software
ACTIVITIES	A. Build and maintain application-specific threat models B. Develop attacker profile from software architecture	A. Build and maintain abuse-case models per project B. Adopt a weighting system for measurement of threats	A. Explicitly evaluate risk from third-party components B. Elaborate threat models with compensating controls



Security Requirements


1. Goal is to make security specification more explicit


Turn security into a positively-spaced problem

2. Source of security requirements

- Compliance
- Risk
- Functionality
- Quality

3. Requirements should be specified in a S.M.A.R.T. way





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Security Requirements

Security Requirements

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	 SR 1	 SR 2	 SR 3
OBJECTIVE	Consider security explicitly during the software requirements process	Increase granularity of security requirements derived from business logic and known risks	Mandate security requirements process for all software projects and third-party dependencies
ACTIVITIES	<div>A. Derive security requirements from business functionality</div> <div>B. Evaluate security and compliance guidance for requirements</div>	<div>A. Build an access control matrix for resources and capabilities</div> <div>B. Specify security requirements based on known risks</div>	<div>A. Build security requirements into supplier agreements</div> <div>B. Expand audit program for security requirements</div>



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Secure Architecture

1. Key practice for security
- Poor decisions at this step can have major impact, and are often difficult (or costly) to fix.
2. Characteristics
- Take into account security principles
- Risk is a factor of all components (incl. 3rd party)
3. Use proven solutions
- Don't roll you own crypto
- Use company standards and best practices



Secure Architecture

Secure Architecture			
	SA 1	SA 2	SA 3
OBJECTIVE	Insert consideration of proactive security guidance into the software design process	Direct the software design process toward known-secure services and secure-by-default designs	Formally control the software design process and validate utilization of secure components
ACTIVITIES	A. Maintain list of recommended software frameworks B. Explicitly apply security principles to design	A. Identify and promote security services and infrastructure B. Identify security design patterns from architecture	A. Establish formal reference architectures and platforms B. Validate usage of frameworks, patterns, and platforms



Assessment Exercise

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Assessment wrap-up

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Verification

Business Function



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Design Review


- security assessment of attack surface, software design and architecture
- lightweight activities => formal inspection of data flows & security mechanisms
- enforcement of baseline expectations for conducting design assessments and reviewing findings before releases are accepted.

software design security review

cross-check security design best practices

ensure known risks are covered




⇒ Assess and validate artifacts to understand protection mechanisms




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Design Review

	Design Review ...more on page 58		
	 DR 1	 DR 2	 DR 3
OBJECTIVE	Support ad hoc reviews of software design to ensure baseline mitigations for known risks	Offer assessment services to review software design against comprehensive best practices for security	Require assessments and validate artifacts to develop detailed understanding of protection mechanisms
ACTIVITIES	A. Identify software attack surface B. Analyze design against known security requirements	A. Inspect for complete provision of security mechanisms B. Deploy design review service for project teams	A. Develop data-flow diagrams for sensitive resources B. Establish release gates for design review



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Implementation Review

Assessment of source code:

- vulnerability discovery
- related mitigation activities
- establish secure coding baseline

Will require tool investment:

- Language specific
- Basic open source tooling
- Commercial tools maturing

Process & education important!

Start

Improve

Mature

- lightweight checklists
- inspect critical software

- Automation
- Increase coverage / efficacy

- Integrate in development
- Produce audit evidence
- Test & production release gates

Source: Starline (July 2013)

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Implementation Review

	IR 1	IR 2	IR 3
OBJECTIVE	Opportunistically find basic code-level vulnerabilities and other high-risk security issues	Make implementation review during development more accurate and efficient through automation	Mandate comprehensive implementation review process to discover language-level and application-specific risks
ACTIVITIES	A. Create review checklists from known security requirements B. Perform point-review of high-risk code	A. Utilize automated code analysis tools B. Integrate code analysis into development process	A. Customize code analysis for application-specific concerns B. Establish release gates for code review


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Security Testing

- Based on security & compliance requirements / checklist of common vulnerabilities
- Manual testing can be done, scaled with tooling: intercepting proxy and/or scanner
- Detected defects will require validation, risk analysis & recommendations to fix
- Automate to repeat tests for each release
- Introduce security test-driven development
- Test results to be reported to & accepted by owner for each deployment




A Venn diagram with three overlapping circles. The top circle is pink and labeled 'Dynamic security testing'. The bottom-left circle is green and labeled 'penetration testing => automation'. The bottom-right circle is orange and labeled 'Detect vulnerabilities & misconfigurations'. The circles overlap in the center and at the intersections of two circles.




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Security Testing

Security Testing			
	 ST 1	 ST 2	 ST 3
OBJECTIVE	Establish process to perform basic security tests based on implementation and software requirements	Make security testing during development more complete and efficient through automation	Require application-specific security testing to ensure baseline security before deployment
ACTIVITIES	A. Derive test cases from known security requirements B. Conduct penetration testing on software releases	A. Utilize automated security testing tools B. Integrate security testing into development process	A. Employ application-specific security testing automation B. Establish release gates for security testing



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Operations

Business Function

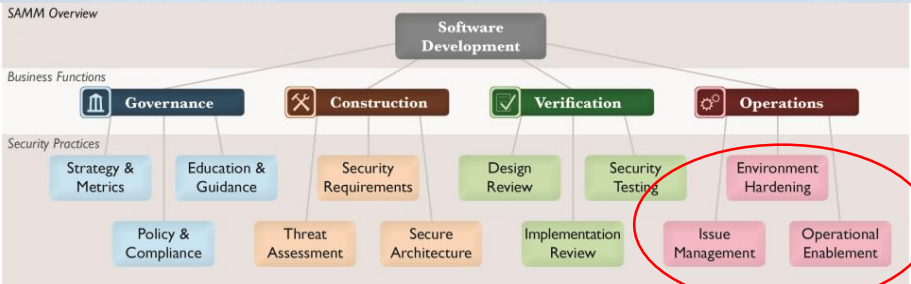


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SAMM Overview



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graph TD; SD[Software Development] --> G[Governance]; SD --> C[Construction]; SD --> V[Verification]; SD --> O[Operations]; G --> SM[Strategy & Metrics]; G --> EG[Education & Guidance]; G --> PC[Policy & Compliance]; C --> SR[Security Requirements]; C --> TA[Threat Assessment]; C --> SA[Secure Architecture]; V --> DR[Design Review]; V --> IR[Implementation Review]; V --> ST[Security Testing]; O --> EH[Environment Hardening]; O --> IM[Issue Management]; O --> OE[Operational Enablement];
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Business Functions

Security Practices




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Issue Management

Prepare for WHEN, not IF!
Symptoms of malfunctioning SDLC



- handling vulnerability reports and operational incidents
- lightweight assignment of roles=> formal incident response & communication process
- Use vulnerability metrics and root-cause analysis to improve SDLC
- spoc per team & security response team
- communication & information flow is key!
- patch release process & responsible/legal disclosure




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Issue Management

	Issue Management ...more on page 60		
	 IM 1	 IM 2	 IM 3
OBJECTIVE	Understand high-level plan for responding to issue reports or incidents	Elaborate expectations for response process to improve consistency and communications	Improve analysis and data gathering within response process for feedback into proactive planning
ACTIVITIES	A. Identify point of contact for security issues B. Create informal security response team(s)	A. Establish consistent issue response process B. Adopt a security issue disclosure process	A. Conduct root cause analysis for issues B. Collect per-issue metrics



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Environment Hardening

- Underlying infrastructure hardening & patching
- Track (3rd party) libraries & components
 - TOP-10 - A9 – Using Known Vulnerable Components
- Add WAF layer (virtual patching)
 - ModSecurity

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Environment Hardening

Environment Hardening				...more on page 74
	EH 1	EH 2	EH 3	
OBJECTIVE	Understand baseline operational environment for applications and software components	Improve confidence in application operations by hardening the operating environment	Validate application health and status of operational environment against known best practices	
ACTIVITIES	A. Maintain operational environment specification B. Identify and install critical security upgrades and patches	A. Establish routine patch management process B. Monitor baseline environment configuration status	A. Identify and deploy relevant operations protection tools B. Expand audit program for environment configuration	

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Operational Enablement

Support users & operators


Security documentation!

Feed/document application security logs into SIEM

Lightweight documentation => operational security guides

Change management & end to end deployment integrity


Even more important for outsourced development!



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Operational Enablement

	Operational Enablement ...more on page 78		
	 OE 1	 OE 2	 OE 3
OBJECTIVE	Enable communications between development teams and operators for critical security-relevant data	Improve expectations for continuous secure operations through provision of detailed procedures	Mandate communication of security information and validate artifacts for completeness
ACTIVITIES	A. Capture critical security information for deployment B. Document procedures for typical application alerts	A. Create per-release change management procedures B. Maintain formal operational security guides	A. Expand audit program for operational information B. Perform code signing for application components



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Setting the Target/Roadmap

1. Roadmap templates can provide direction for targets
What type of company are you ?
2. Take into account the company's risk appetite
3. Only include activities where you see added value for the company, even for lower levels
4. SAMM activities have dependencies – use them !
5. Think about links with other practices in the company
E.g., training, release management, ...



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Staged Roadmap

Security Practices/Phase	Start	One	Two	Three
Strategy & metrics	0,5	2	2	2
Policy & Compliance	0	0,5	1	1,5
Education & Guidance	0,5	1	2	2,5
Threat Assessment	0	0,5	2	2,5
Security Requirements	0,5	1,5	2	3
Secure Architecture	0,5	1,5	2	3
Design Review	0	1	2	2,5
Code Review	0	0,5	1,5	2,5
Security Testing	0,5	1	1,5	2,5
Vulnerability				
Management	2,5	3	3	3
Environment Hardening	2,5	2,5	2,5	2,5
Operational Enablement	0,5	0,5	1,5	3
Total Effort per Phase		7,5	7,5	7,5



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Improvement Exercise

- Define a target for your company and the phased roadmap to get there
- Focus on the most urgent/heavy-impact practices first
- Try balancing the complexity and effort of the different step-ups



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Conclusion Applying SAMM

Lightweight assessment of 12 security practices

Your thoughts:

- Representative summary ?
- New insights learned ?
- Anything not covered ?
- ...



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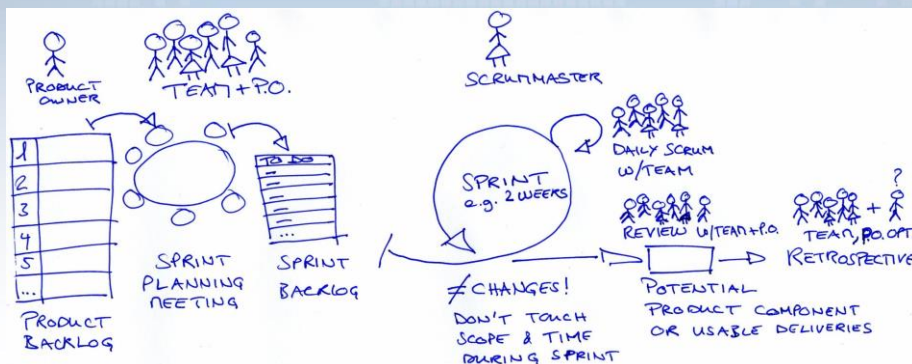
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Agile Models: Scrum



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Agile & Secure development: a mismatch?

Agile Dev.	Security
Speed & Flexibility	Stable & Rigorous
Short cycles	Extra activities
Limited documentation	Extensive analysis
Functionality-driven	Non-functional



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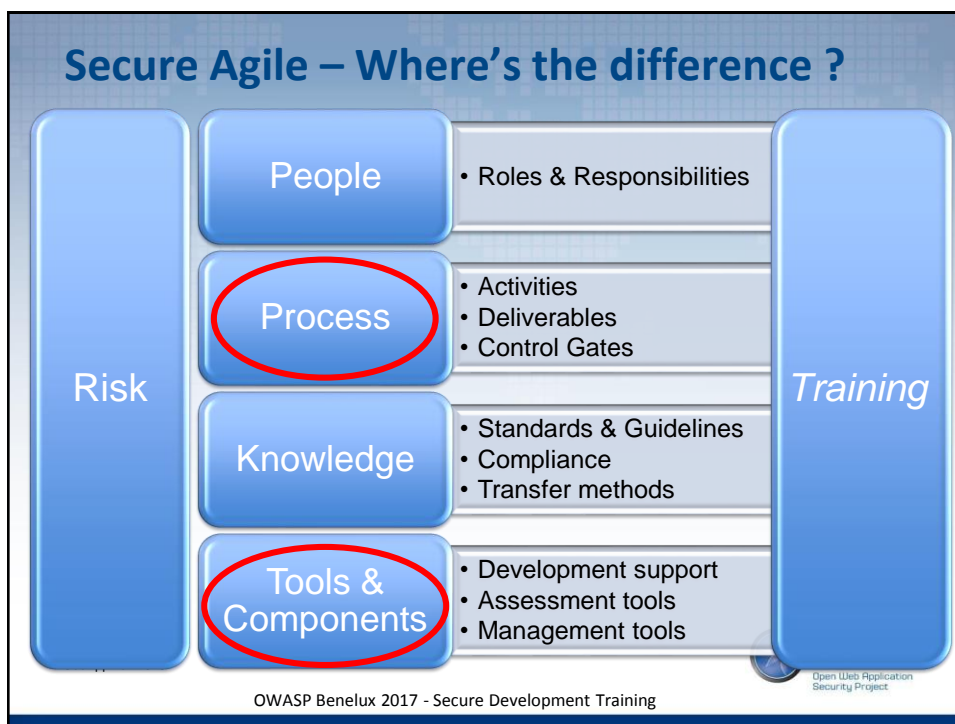
Secure Agile is ...

enablement, rather than control

scalability




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Secure Agile: general principles

- Make security a natural part of the process, but don't overdo
 - Lightweight, in-phase and iterative
 - Preventive and detective controls
- Be involved at key moments in the process
- Leverage important agile concepts
- Small steps at a time (i.e. continuous improvement)

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User Stories

- Capture security requirements, policies and regulations in user stories
- Simple, concrete and actionable
- Reusable?
- Mark all user stories with security labels
- Integrate security into user stories as:
 - Definition of Done
 - Acceptance criteria



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Threat Modelling & Abuser Stories

- Consider writing application security risks as stories
- Security stories: “As a developer, I want to prevent SQLi into my application”
 - Not a real user story (not relevant for product owner, but to help the development team)
 - Never really finished
- Thinking like the bad guy: “User X should not have access to this type of data”
 - Think about what users don’t want to and can’t do, how to trust users, what data is involved, ...



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Sprint Planning

- Features to be implemented per sprint are selected during sprint planning.
- Ensure security tasks are not “stuck” on the backlog
 - Presence of security-savvy person during sprint planning
 - Establish rules *upfront* to deal with security stories
 - Security labels can be used to drive selection



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Example: MS SDL-Agile

- Basic approach: Fit SDL tasks to the backlog as non-functional stories
 - Non-Technical vs. Technical
 - Requirement vs. Recommendation
- Each SDL task goes in one of three types of requirements:

Every
Sprint

Bucket

One-
Time



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Example: Every-Sprint Requirements (excerpt)

- All team members must have had security training in the past year
- All database access via parameterized queries
- Fix security issues identified by static analysis
- Mitigate against Cross-Site Request Forgery
- Update Threat models for new features
- Use Secure cookies over HTTPS
- Link all code with the /nxcompat linker option
- Encrypt all secrets such as credentials, keys and passwords
- Conduct internal security design review



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Example: Bucket Requirements (excerpt)

Bucket A: Security Verification

- Perform fuzzing (network/ActiveX/File/RPC/...)
- Manual and automated code review for high-risk code
- Penetration testing

Bucket B: Design Review

- Conduct a privacy review
- Complete threat model training

Bucket C: Planning

- Define or update the security/privacy bug bar
- Define a BC/DR plan



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Example: One-Time Requirements (excerpt)

- Create a baseline threat model
- Establish a security response plan
- Identify your team's security expert
- Use latest compiler versions



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Security testing

- Automated testing is an important element in agile quality control
- For security, this can be realized by:
 - Unit testing (e.g., authorisation checks, logging, ...)
 - Regression testing
 - Static analysis (SAST) based on coding guidelines
 - Dynamic analysis (DAST) based on scenarios and/or vulnerability tests
 - Fuzzing



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Thou shall use Iteration Zero

- Many agile projects start with an “Iteration Zero” to
 - Get the team together
 - Choose tools and frameworks
 - Get to know the domain
- This is an opportunity for security too, to
 - Assign security responsables
 - Select security tools
 - Determine risk levels

**BELIEVE IN
ZERO**



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Secure Agile process: key take-aways

- Ensure that security-savvy people are involved at important phases:
 - Sprint planning (to enhance/verify requirements)
 - Development (daily follow-up)
 - Review (to support acceptance)
 - Retrospective (to improve dev. Practices for security)
- Different profiles can be distinguished:
 - Security architect
 - Security engineer
 - Risk Manager/Governance



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Secure Agile Tool Chain: general principles

- Secure agile is about enabling, rather than controlling
 - Embedding security tools to support development
- Given short sprint cycles, automation is important.
- Good tools:
 - Work continuously (to avoid developers being blocked)
 - Integrate well into developer's world
 - Avoid causing too much overhead or confusion
- Evaluate carefully which tools to implement (and which to avoid)



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Secure Coding

- Integrate security tools in the development IDE's:
 - Support for secure coding guidelines
 - Static analysis tools
- Ensure common development environment:
 - Programming run-time
 - Security components (e.g., SSO IdP's, ...)
- Proper source control and versioning



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Security testing

Daily	Per sprint	Before release
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit tests• Regression tests• Peer reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Static Analysis• Dynamic Analysis• Fuzzing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Penetration testing

Involved with backlog where appropriate

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Secure Build

- Central build, using central configuration files
- Consider:
 - Code signing
 - Obfuscation
 - ...

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Secure Deploy / DevOps

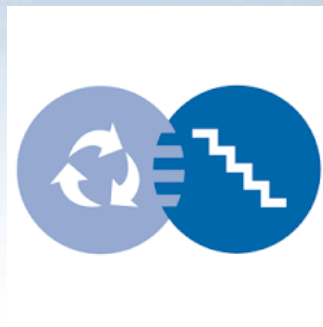
- Automated deploy, using central configuration files
- Consider:
 - Random key generation
 - Appropriate key/certificate protection (config files, key stores, ...)
 - Proper hardening of application servers
 - Security appliance configuration (e.g., WAF)
 - Security monitoring
 - ...



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Hybrid models

- Many companies are combining waterfall and agile
 - Studies indicate better resulting quality
- For security, easier to hook into
 - E.g., full architecture cycle



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Best Practices / Lessons Learned

- Use small steps at a time – the agile way
- Build on agile concepts (backlog, retrospective)
 - Find a way to prioritize security in the planning
- Use automation as much as possible
- Review samples independent of project sprints
- Rely on security champions
 - E.g., security requirements, design review, code review
- Agile should not be an excuse for not having documentation



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The importance of a Business Case

If you want your company to improve, management buy-in is crucial

⇒ You will need a business case to convince them

Typical arguments:

- Improved security quality
- Better cost efficiency
- Compliance
- Risk management
- Customer satisfaction
- Reputation management



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Entry Points

Pick the weak spots that can demonstrate short-term ROI

Typical examples

- Awareness training
- Coding Guidelines
- External Pentesting

Success will help you in continuing your effort



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Application categorization



Granularity !

Inter-
Connectivity !

Use this to rationalize security effort (according to the application risk)



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Communication & Support

Critical success factor !



Spreading the message – broad audience

Setup a secure applications portal !

Regular status updates towards management

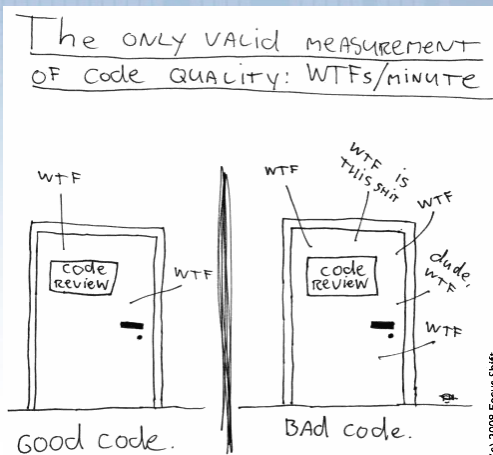


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Monitoring & Metrics

Project vs. Enterprise dashboard

Manual vs. Automated
data collection



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Responsibilities

Core Security team

Support vs. Responsible role

Security Satellite

- Analysts
- Architects
- Developers
- Operations
- Management

Formalized RACI will be a challenge



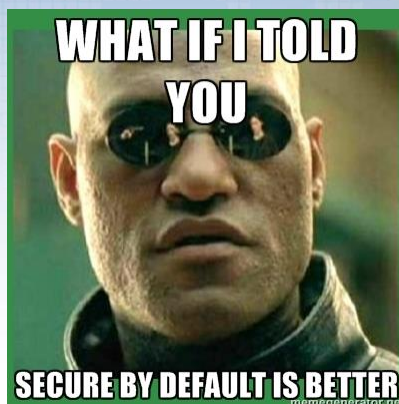
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The Power of Default Security

Construct development frameworks that are secure by default

Minimizes work for developers

Will lower number of vulns.

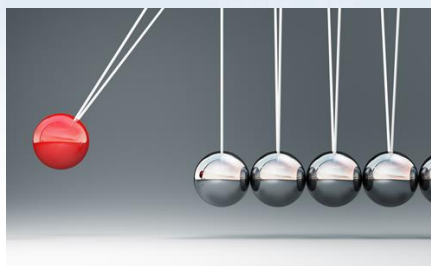


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SDLC impact

Difficult to predict, but:

- Projects are estimated to increase with 5 – 15% for security
- ROI is achievable taking maintenance and incident management into account
- SDLC capability costs approx. 1 FTE/100 developers



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Conclusions

Developing secure software gets more and more complex

SAMM = global maturity foundation for software assurance

Applying SAMM =

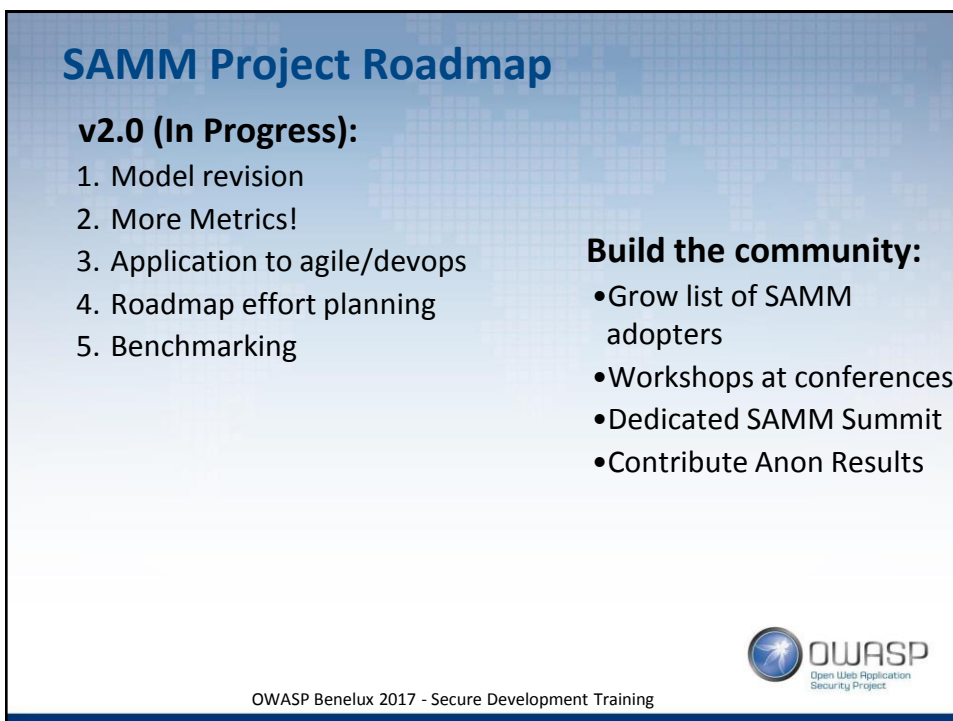
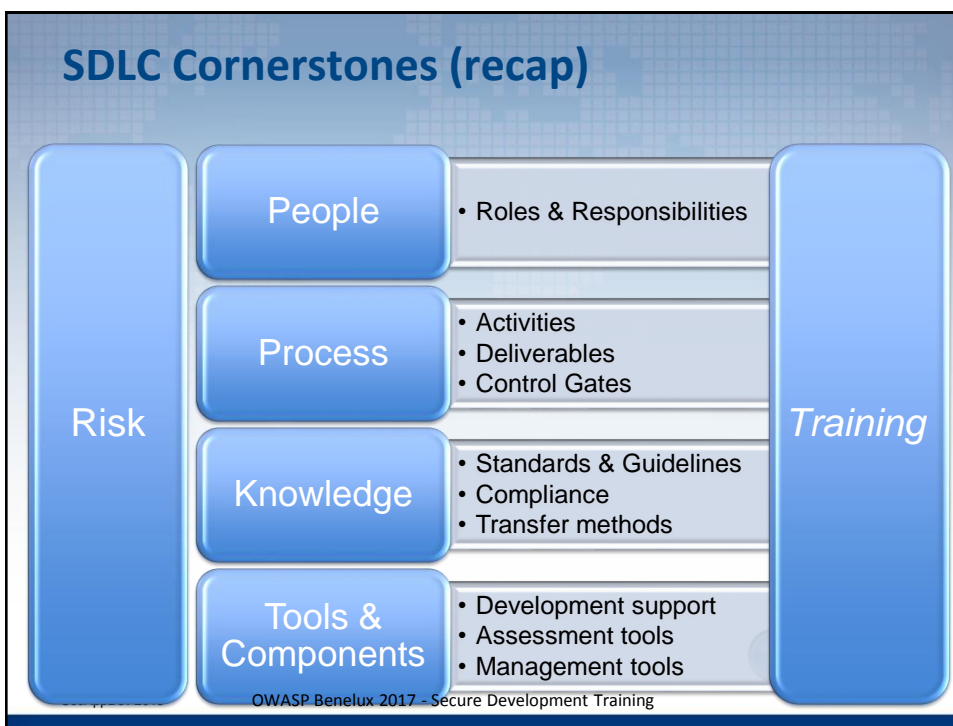
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- Roadmap
- (Continuous) Implementation

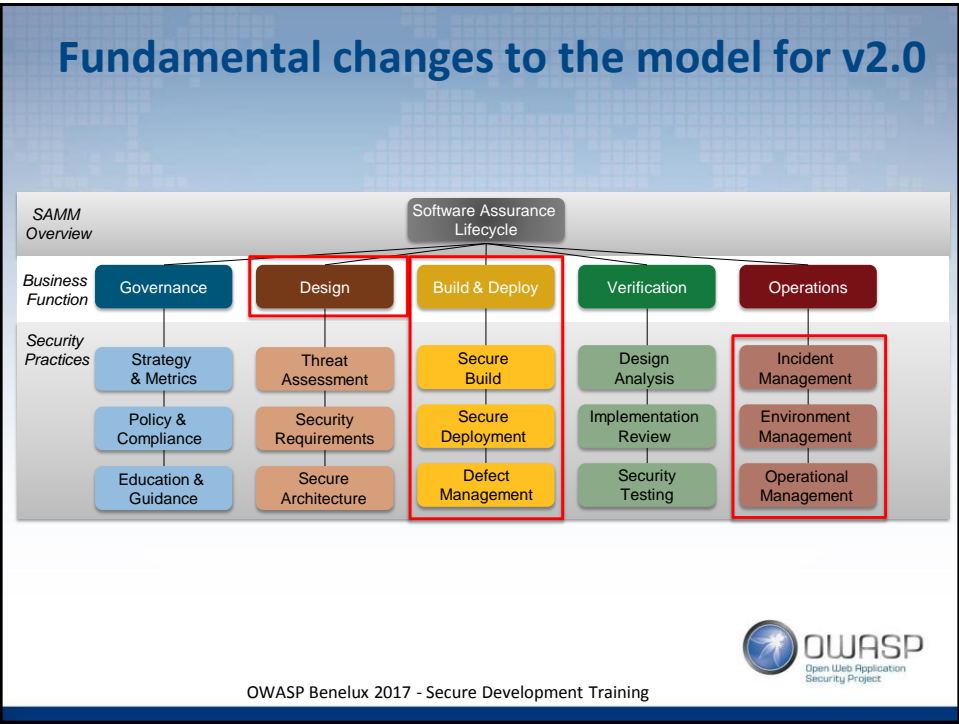


Be ready to face the organisational challenges that will pop up during the journey



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Working towards a stream-based structure

	Incident Management	Operations		
	Object:	1	2	3
Activity Stream	A: Continuous Monitoring	Understand high-level plan for responding to issue reports or incidents.	Elaborate expectations for response process to improve consistency and communications.	Improve analysis and data gathering within response process for feedback into proactive planning.
	B: Incident Response	Log monitoring, basic alerting Identify point of contact for security issues Defined IR Team and Process (res disclosure) Create informal security response team(s)	Automated, rule based incident detection Establish consistent issue response process Root Cause Analysis with feedback loop Adopt a security issue disclosure process	Behavioral monitoring/Anomaly detection Conduct root cause analysis for for issues Tiger Team/Emergency Code Response Collect per-issue metrics
	Environment Management*	1	2	3
Activity Stream	Object:	Understand baseline operational environment for applications and software components.	Improve confidence in application operations by hardening the operating environment.	Validate application health and status of operational environment against known best practices.
	A: Software Infrastructure (Pink Squirrel)	Identify and install critical security upgrades and patches Maintain operational environment specification Environment Config Hardening Identify and install critical security upgrades and patches	Establish routine software version management process Establish routine patch management process WAF/DoS/Gateway/ Monitor baseline environment configuration status	Regular monitoring of full stack Identify and deploy relevant operations protection tools HA/Scaling/Ops continuity Expand audit program for environment configuration
	B: Resilience			
Activity Stream	Operational Management*	1	2	3
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	B: End of Life	Document procedures for typical application alerts	Maintain formal operational security guides	Perform code signing for application components

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