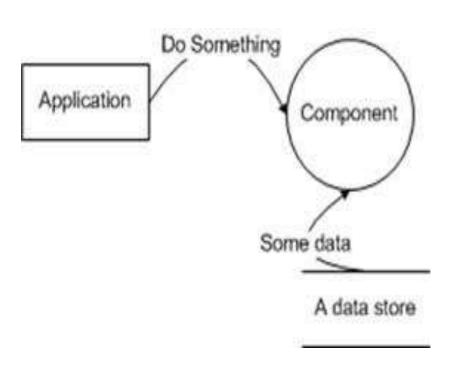


Real World Threat Modeling Using the PASTA Methodology

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Why Threat Modeling?

Threat Dissection



Targeted Analysis

- Focused on understanding targeted attacks
- You can't mitigate all of your threats
- So, what are your most likely threats to your published sites/ services?

Taxonomy of Terms

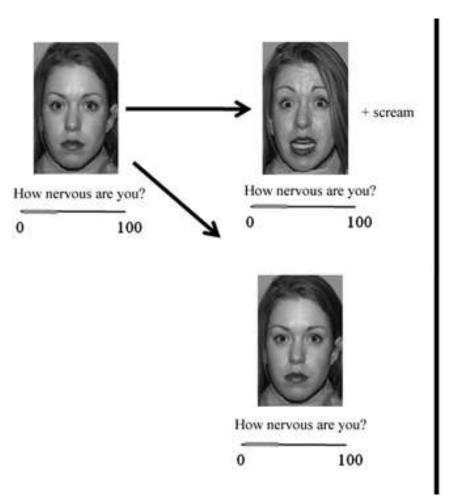


Asset



Asset. An asset is a resource of value. It varies by perspective. To your business, an asset might be the availability of information, or the information itself, such as customer data. It might be intangible, such as your company's reputation.

Threat

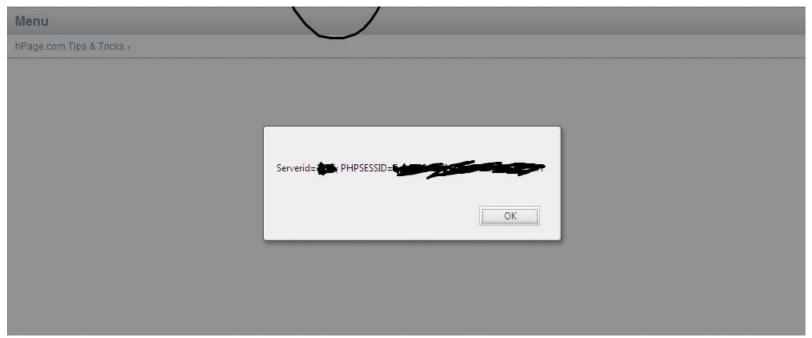




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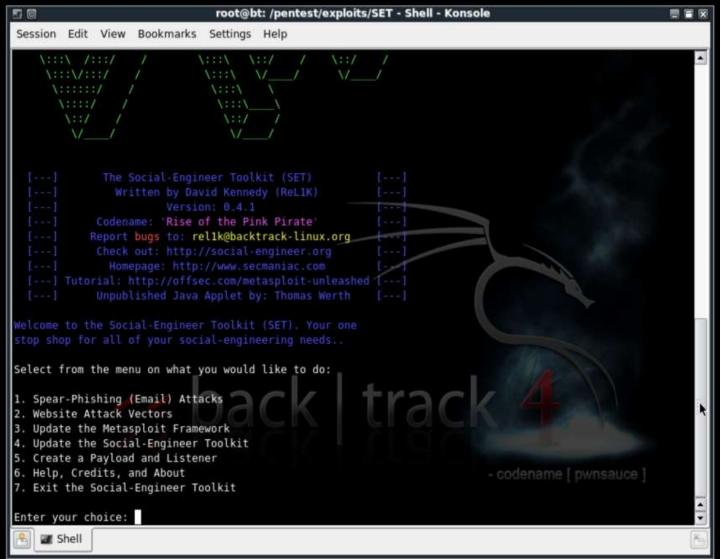
Threat. A threat is an undesired event. A potential occurrence, often best described as an effect that might damage or compromise an asset or objective. Relative to each site, industry, company; more difficult to uniformly define.

Vulnerability (Weakness)



Vulnerability. A vulnerability is a weakness in some aspect or feature of a system that makes an exploit possible. Vulnerabilities can exist at the network, host, or application levels and include operational practices.

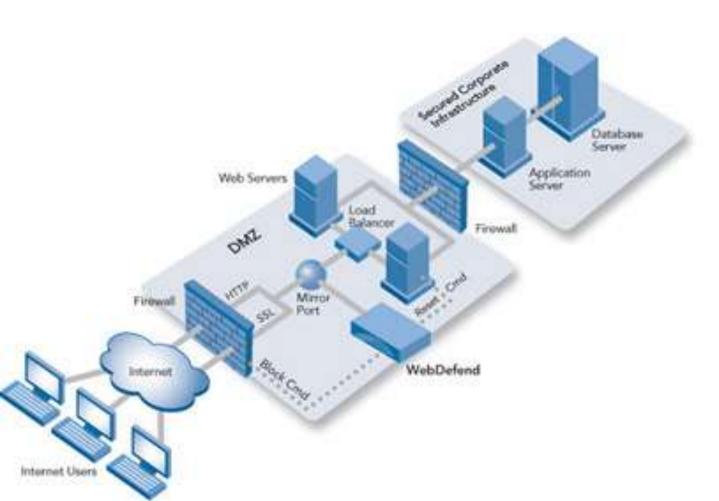
Attack



Attack (or exploit).

An attack is an action taken that utilizes one or more vulnerabilities to realize a threat.

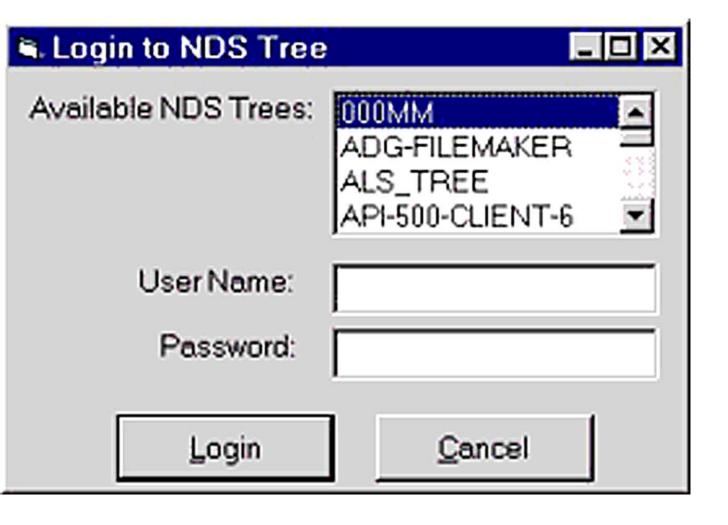
Countermeasures



Countermeasure.

Countermeasures address vulnerabilities to reduce the probability of attacks or the impacts of threats. They do not directly address threats; instead, they address the factors that define the threats.

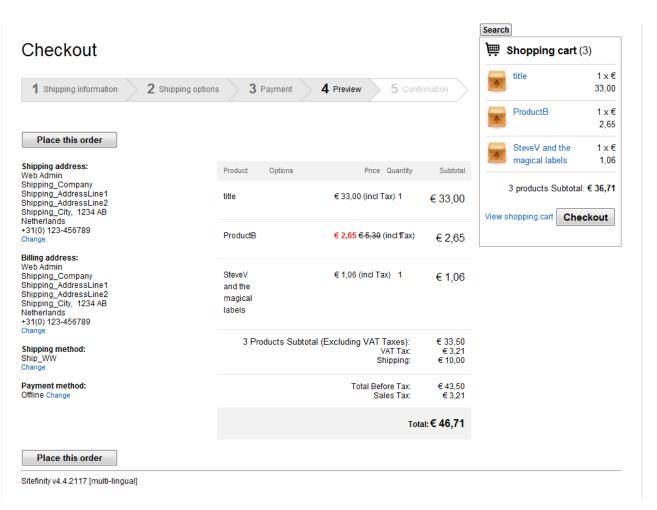
Use Case



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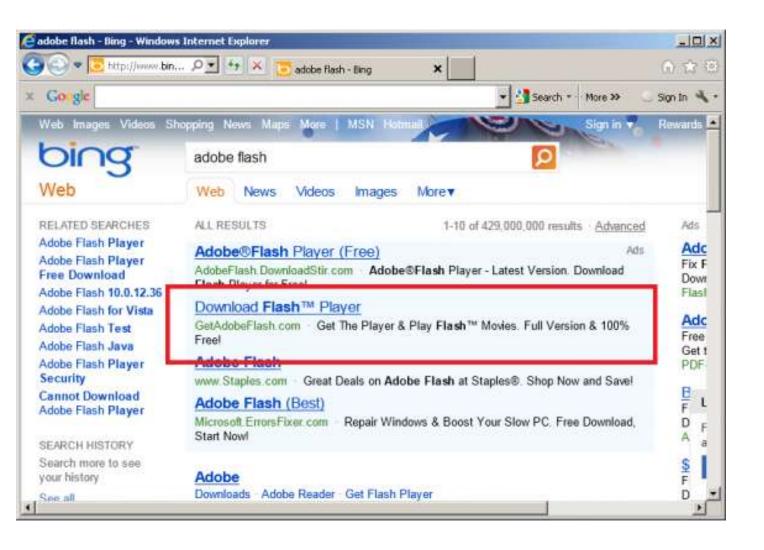
Functional, as designed function of an application.

Abuse Case



Abuse Case.
Deliberate
abuse of
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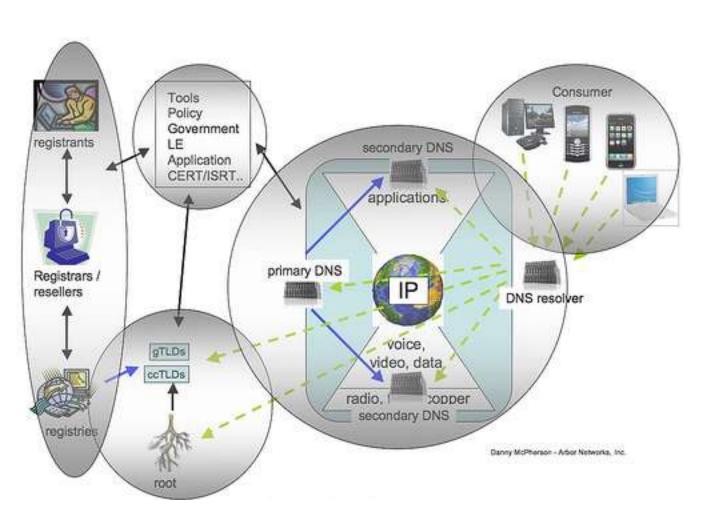
Attack Vector



Attack Vector.

Point & channel for which attacks travel over (card reader, form fields, network proxy, client browser, etc)

Attack Surface



Attack Surface.

Logical area (browser stack, infrastructure components, etc) or physical area (hotel kiosk)

Actor (Threat Agent)

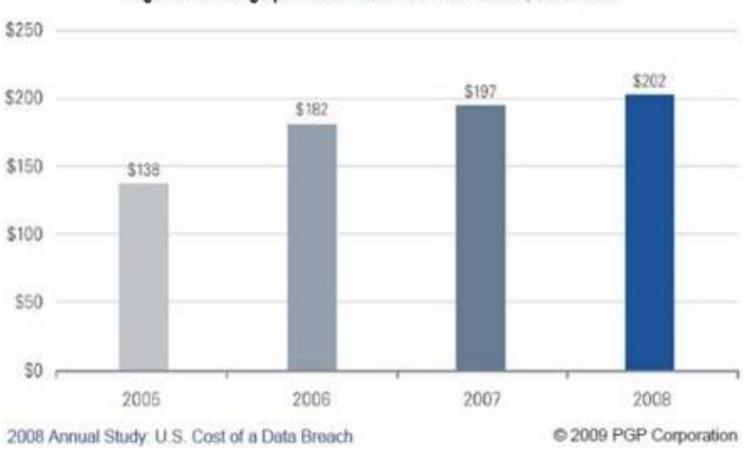
External Agent



Actor. Legit or adverse caller of use or abuse cases.

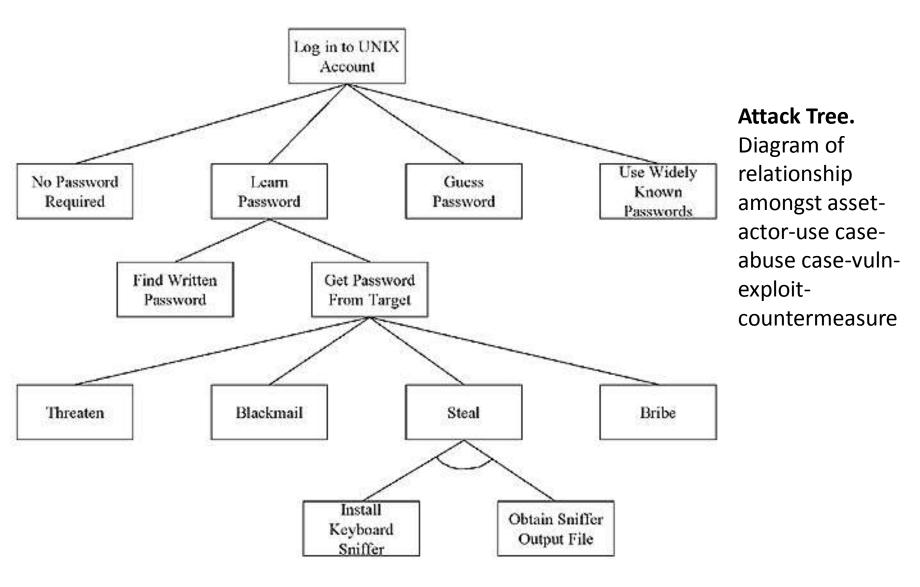
Impact

Figure 1: Average per-record cost of a data breach, 2005-2008



Impact. Value of [financial] damage possibly sustained via attack. Relative.

Attack Tress



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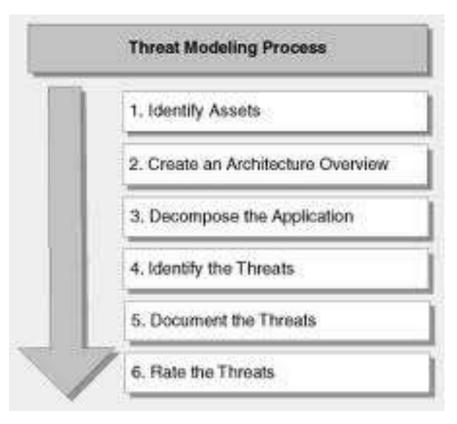
- Process for Attack Simulation
 & Threat Analysis
 - Integrated application threat analysis
 - Application threat modeling methodology
 - Risk or asset based approach;
 great for business integration
 - 7 stages building up to impact of threat to application & business.
- Aimed at addressing most viable threats to a given application target

Why should I eat this?

- Current menu of application testing doesn't provide a full security meal
 - Pen Tests: Exploit driven
 - Risk Assessments: Subjective; lacks meat
 - Static Analysis: Weakness, flaw driven; disregards threats, narrow focus
 - Vuln Scans: (C'mon! As if this could provide a decent meal!)
 - Security testing deliverables are adversarial
 - Integrated disciplines are needed via a unifying methodology
- Better form of risk analysis w/ more substance
- Encapsulates other security efforts

Threat Modeling Comparisons

MS Approach



Process for Attack Simulation & Threat Analysis (PASTA)



STAGE I

Define The Business & Security Objectives: "Capture requirements for the analysis and management of web based risks"



Stage 1 Walkthru – Understand Biz Objectives





Business Objectives affect Web Apps

- Function req of supercookies (marketing)
 - Persistent storage of PII
- Easily accessible web services for internal APIs
 - Internal' lets security guard down w/ authentication
- Over-scoping of functional requirements
 - Orphaned features that lose maintenance
- Change Management System Web App Example
 - Biz Objective: Track & Manage Changes Across Groups;
 Easily accessible; Control Changes; Role based access
 - Discovered Threats/ Vulnerabilities: Internet accessible, elevation of privileges,



Threat Modeling Stage 1 Artifact

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Application Profile: Online Banking Application						
General Description	The online banking application allows customers to perform banking activities such as financial transactions over the internet. The type of transactions supported by the application includes bill payments, wires, funds transfers between customer's own accounts and other bank institutions, account balance-inquires, transaction inquires, bank statements, new bank accounts loan and credit card applications. New online customers can register an online account using existing debit card, PIN and account information. Customers authenticate to the application using username and password and different types of Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) and Risk Based Authentication (RBA)					
Application Type	Internet Facing					
Data Classification	Public, Non Confidential, Sensitive and Confidential PII					
Inherent Risk	HIGH (Infrastructure, Limited Trust Boundary, Platform Risks, Accessability)					
High Risk Transactions	YES					

Visitor, customer, administrator, customer support representative

3 million registered customers

User roles

Number of users

Merging Business & Security Requirements

Project Business Objective	Security and Compliance Requirement					
Perform an application risk assessment	Risk assessment need to assess risk from attacker perspective and					
to analyze malware banking attacks	identify on-line banking transactions targeted by the attacks					
Identify application controls and	Conduct architecture risk analysis to identify the application					
processes in place to mitigate the	security controls in place and the effectiveness of these controls.					
threat	Review current scope for vulnerability and risk assessments.					
Comply with FACT Act of 2003 and	Develop a written program that identifies and detects the relevant					
FFIEC guidelines for authentication in	warning signs – or "red flags" – of identity theft. Perform a risk					
the banking environment	assessment of online banking high risk transactions such as					
	transfer of money and access of Sensitive Customer Information					
Analyze attacks and the targets that	Analyze attack vectors used for acquisition of customers'PII,					
include data and high risk transactions	logging credentials and other sensitive information. Analyze					
	attacks against user account modifications, financial transactions					
	(e.g. wires, bill-pay), new account linkages					
Identify a Risk Mitigation Strategy That	Include stakeholders from Intelligence, IS, Fraud/Risk, Legal,					
Includes Detective and Preventive	Business, Engineering/Architecture. Identify application					
Controls/Processes	countermeasures that include preventive, detective (e.g.					
	monitoring) and compensating controls against malware-based					
	banking Trojan attacks					

Baking in GRC

- Serve as inherent countermeasures in the form of people, process, technology
 - Policies (for people)
 - Standards (for technology)
- Prior risk assessments help build app risk profile
 - Historical RAs provide prior risk profile of app
- Regulatory landscape taken into consideration, but not the driver
 - Key here is to not retrofit compliance; more costly
- Web Related Example:
 - Tech: Using Nessus OWASP template to audit for PHP & ColdFusion hardening guidelines
 - OWASP Input Validation Cheat Sheets
 - CIS Web Technology Benchmarks



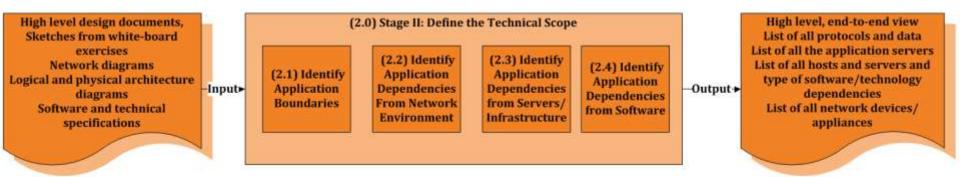


STAGE II

Define The Technical Scope: "Defining the scope of technical assets/ components for which threat enumeration will ensue"

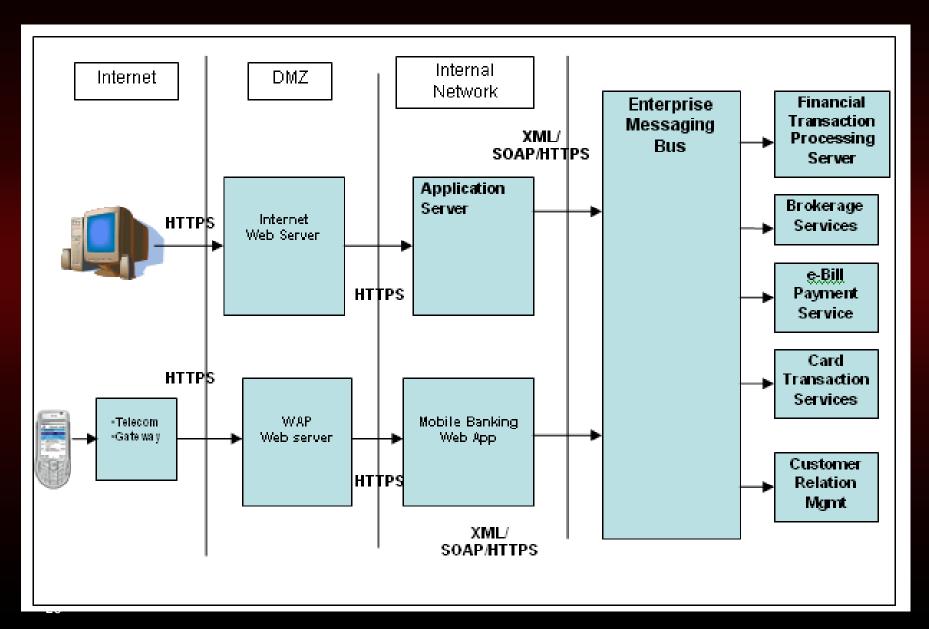


Stage 2 Walkthru – Define Tech Scope





The Application Architecture Scope



Technical Scope Definition

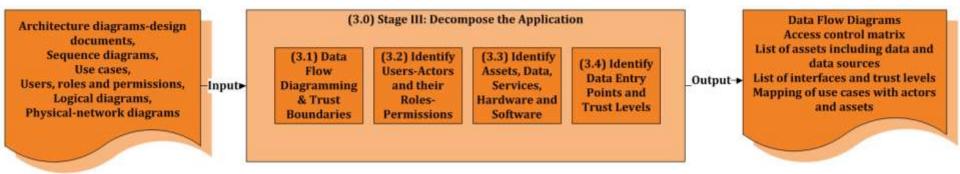
- Define the scope from design artifacts:
 - Application components with respect to the application tiers (presentation, application, data)
 - Network topology
 - Protocol/services being used/exposed from/to the user to/from the back end (e.g. data flow diagrams)
 - Use case scenarios (e.g. sequence diagrams)
- Model the application in support of security architecture risk analysis
 - The application assets (e.g. data/services at each tier)
 - The security controls of the application (e.g. authentication, authorization, encryption, session management, input validation, auditing and logging)
 - Data interactions between the user of the application and between servers for the main use case scenarios (e.g. login, registration, query etc)
- End of this stage results in inherent countermeasures (people, process, technology)

STAGE III

Decompose the Application: Identify the application controls that protect high risk web transactions sought by adversaries



Stage 3 Walkthru – App Decomposition

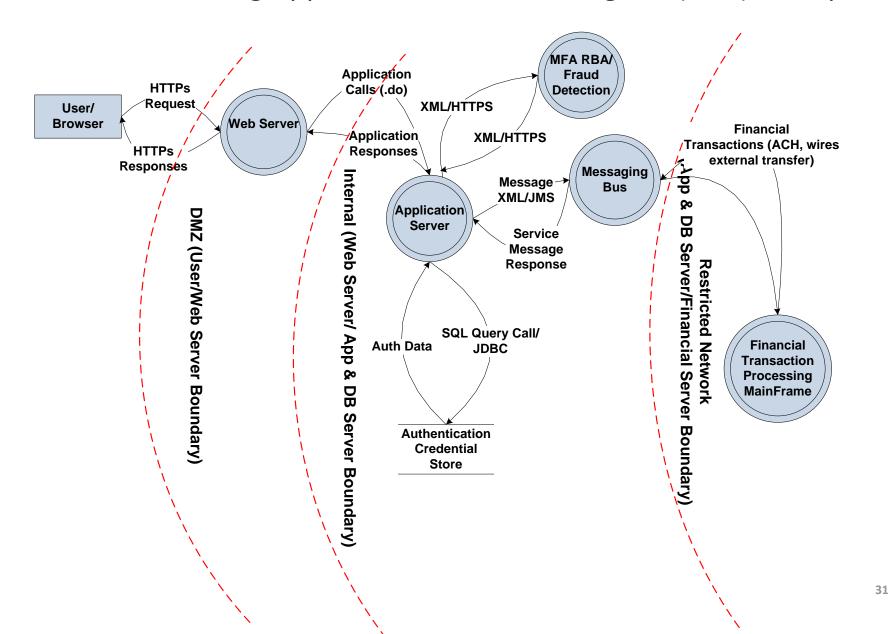




What's your web app cooking with?

- What/ who are the actors?
- What calls do the actors make?
 - Key aspect of this phase
- Enumerate all use cases
- Define trust boundaries (implicit vs explicit trust)
 - Domains, networks, hosts, services, etc
- Further identify data sources and their relevant data flows

On-line Banking Application Data Flow Diagram (DFD) Example



Transactional Security Control Analysis

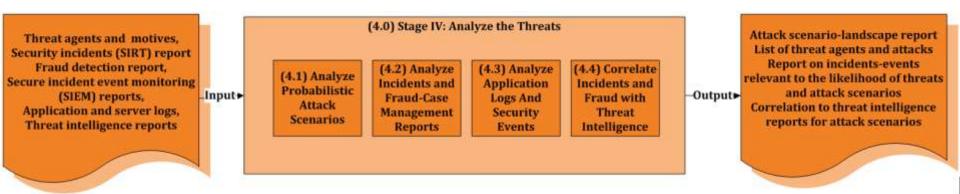
Online Banking Application Transaction Analysis		Data Input Validation (Initiation)	Authentication/ Identification	Authorization	Session Management	Cryptography (data in rest and transit)	Error Handling	Logging/Audting /Monitoring	
Transaction	Risk	Data Classification	Security Functions Invoked						
Password Reset	HIGH	Sensitive	Debit Card, PIN,Account#	Challenge/ Questions Risk Interdicted	Pre- Auth/Bank Customer	Pre-auth SessionID/ Cookie	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection
Username Recovery	HIGH	Sensitive	Debit Card, PIN,Account#	Challenge/ Questions Risk Interdicted	Pre- Auth/Bank Customes	Pre-auth SessionID/ Cookie	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection
Registration	MEDIUM	Confidential PII & Sensitive	Debit Card, PIN,Account#, PII (e.g. SSN), Demographics	OOB/ Confirmation	Visitor	Pre-auth SessionID/ Cookie	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application
Logon	HIGH	Confidential PII & Sensitive	Username /Password	Single Auth + Challenge/ Questions Risk Interdicted	Post- Auth/Bank Customer	Post-auth SessionID Mgmt	HTTPS/ 3DES Token	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection
Wires	HIGH	Confidential PII & Sensitive	Amount,Accou nt#, IBAN/BIC	Single Auth + C/Q Risk Interdicted + OTP	Post- Auth/Bank Customer	Post-auth SessionID Mgmt	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection
Bill Pay	HIGH	Confidential PII & Sensitive	Amount, Payee Account#	Single Auth + C/Q Risk Interdicted + OTP		Post-auth SessionID Mgmt	HTTPS	Custom Errors & Messages	Application, Fraud Detection

STAGE IV Threat Analysis:

"Identifying and extracting threat information from sources of intelligence to learn about threat-attack scenarios used by web focused attack agents"



Stage 4 Walkthru – Threat Intelligence/ Analysis





Threat Intelligence is Golden

Threat Enumeration Based upon Good Intel

- Threats based upon known intel
- Prior assessment info (where applicable & useful)
- Other application assessments from 3rd parties
- SIEM feeds/ Syslog data/ Application Logs/ WAF logs
 - Denote attacks but will reveal overarching threats
- Threat Intel/ Feeds
- Security Operations/ Incident Reports
 - Personnel/ Infrastructure

Threat examples:

- IP Theft
- Data Theft
- Sabotage
- Infrastructure compromise
- Ransom

Threat Analysis Prefaces Attack Enumeration

- Threat analysis will lead to attack enumeration
 - PII theft
 - XSS
 - SQL Injection
 - MITM
 - Sabotage driven threats
 - CMS exploits to web application (Zope, Joomla, Mambo, etc)
 - FTP Brute Force attacks
 - iFrame Injection attacks
 - Malware upload
- Identify most likely attack vectors
 - Address entire application footprint (email, client app, etc)
 - Web Forms/ Fields
 - WSDLs/ SWF Objects
 - Compiled Libraries/ Named Pipes

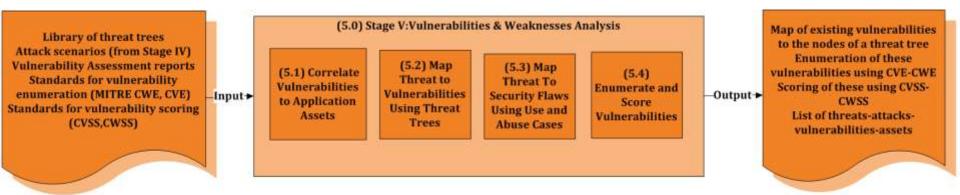


STAGE V Weakness and Vulnerabilities Analysis:

Analyzing the weaknesses and vulnerabilities of web application security controls

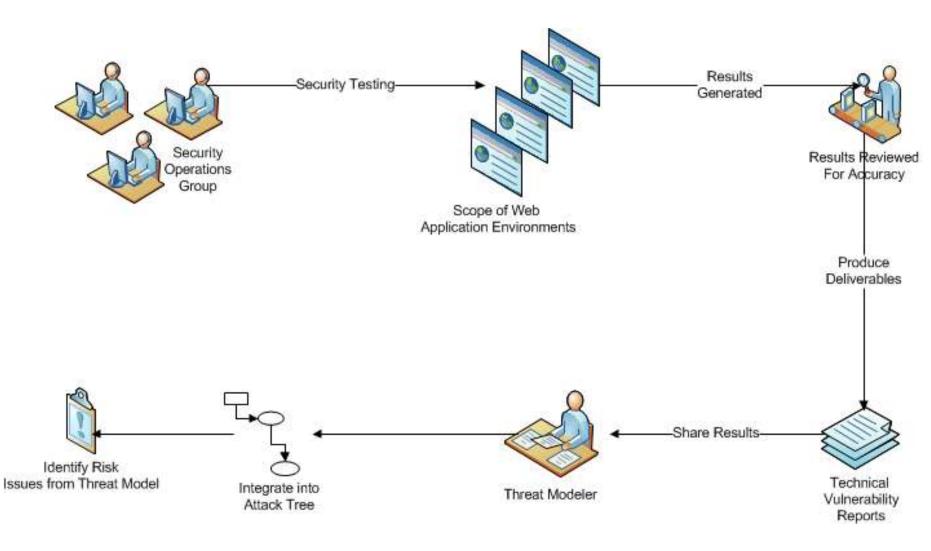


Stage 5 Walkthru – Vuln Analysis





Leveraging Web App Testing



MITRE CWE Cross-Section: 20 of the Usual Suspects

- Absolute Path Traversal (CWE-36)
- Cross-site scripting (XSS) (CWE-79)
- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) (CWE-352)
- CRLF Injection (CWE-93)
- Error Message Information Leaks (CWE-209)
- Format string vulnerability (CWE-134)
- Hard-Coded Password (CWE-259)
- Insecure Default Permissions (CWE-276)
- Integer overflow (wrap or wraparound) (CWE-190)
- OS Command Injection (shell metacharacters) (CWE-78)
- PHP File Inclusion (CWE-98)
- Plaintext password Storage (CWE-256)
- Race condition (CWE-362)
- Relative Path Traversal (CWE-23)
- SQL injection (CWE-89)
- Unbounded Transfer ('classic buffer overflow') (CWE-120)
- UNIX symbolic link (symlink) following (CWE-61)
- Untrusted Search Path (CWE-426)
- Weak Encryption (CWE-326)
- Web Parameter Tampering (CWE-472)





Vulnerability/ Weakness Classification

WASC Threat Classification v2	OWASP Top Ten 2010 RC1
/ASC-19 SQL Injection	A1 - Injection
/ASC-23 XML Injection	
ASC-28 Null Byte Injection	
/ASC-29 LDAP Injection	
ASC-30 Mail Command Injection	
/ASC-31 OS Commanding	
/ASC-39 XPath Injection	
ASC-46 XQuery Injection	
/ASC-08 Cross-Site Scripting	A2 -Cross Site Scripting (XSS)
VASC-01 Insufficient Authentication	A3 - Broken Authentication and Session
ASS 18 Credential/Session Prediction	
ASC-37 Session Fixation	
ASC-47 Insufficient Session Expiration	
/ASC-01 Insufficient Authentication	A4 - Insecure Direct Object References
/ASC-02 Insufficient Authorization	
ASC-33 Path Traversal	
/ASC-09 Cross-site Request Forgery	A5 - Cross-Site Request Forgery
/ASC-14 Server Misconfiguration	A6 - Security Misconfiguration
VASC-15 Application Misconfiguration	The second secon
VASC-02 Insufficient Authorization	A7 - Failure to Restrict URL Access
ASG-10 Denial of Service	
/ASC-11 Brute Force	
ASC-21 Insufficient Anti-automation	
ASO-St Productable Resource Location	
/ASC-38 URL Redirector Abuse	A5 - Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards
ASC-50 Insufficient Data Protection	A9 - Insecure Cryptographic Storage
/ASC-04 Insufficient Transport Layer Protection	A10 -Insufficient Transport Layer Protection

OWASP Top Ten 2010 RC1	2010 Top 25								
A1 - Injection	CWE-89 (SQL injection), CWE-78 (OS Command injection)								
A2 - Cross Site Scripting (XSS)	CWE-79 (Cross-site scripting)								
A3 - Broken Authentication and Session Management	CWE-306, CWE-307, CWE-798								
A4 Insecure Direct Object References	CWE-285								
A5 - Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	CWE-352								
A6 - Security Misconfiguration	No direct mappings; CWE-209 is frequently the result of misconfiguration.								
A7 - Failure to Restrict URL Access	CWE-285								
Mo Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards	CWE-601								
A9 - Insecure Cryptographic Storage	CWE-327, CWE-311								
A10 - Insufficient Transport Layer Protection	CWE-311								



MITRE CWE Cross-Section: 22 More Suspects

Design-Related

- High Algorithmic Complexity (CWE-407)
- Origin Validation Error (CWE-346)
 Small Space of Random Values (CWE-334)
- •Timing Discrepancy Information Leak (CWE-208)
- Unprotected Windows Messaging Channel ('Shatter') (CWE-422)
- •Inherently Dangerous Functions, e.g. gets (CWE-242)
- Logic/Time Bomb (CWE-511)

Low-level coding

- Assigning instead of comparing (CWE-481)
- Double Free (CWE-415)
- Null Dereference (CWE-476)
- Unchecked array indexing (CWE-129)
- •Unchecked Return Value (CWE-252)
- Path Equivalence trailing dot 'file.txt.' (CWE-42)

Newer languages/frameworks

- Deserialization of untrusted data (CWE-502)
- Information leak through class cloning (CWÉ-498)NET Misconfiguration: Impersonation (CWE-520)
- Passing mutable objects to an untrusted method (CWE-375)

Security feature failures

- Failure to check for certificate revocation (CWE-299)
- Improperly Implemented Security Check for Standard (CWE-358)
- Failure to check whether privileges were dropped successfully (CWE-273)
- Incomplete Blacklist (CWE-184)
- Use of hard-coded cryptographic key (CWE-321)



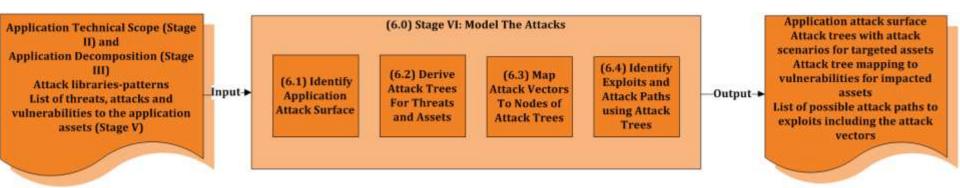
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STAGE VI Attacks/Exploits Enumeration & Modeling

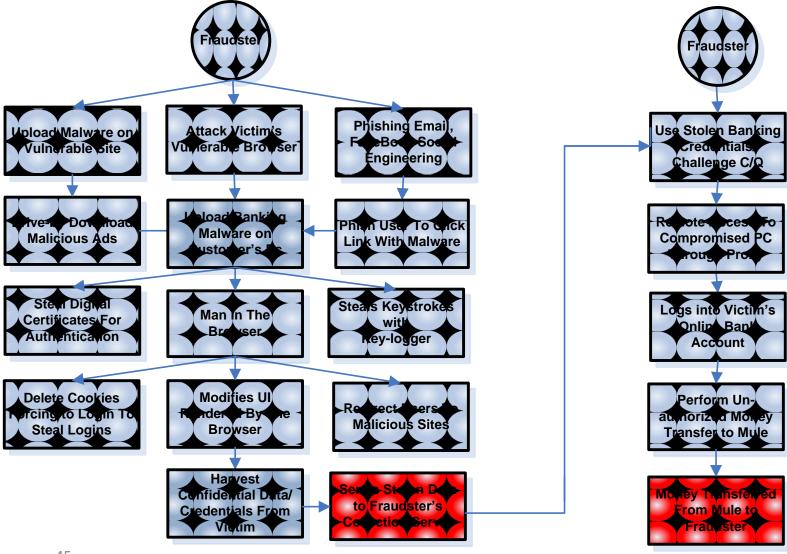


Stage 6 Walkthru – Attack Enumeration

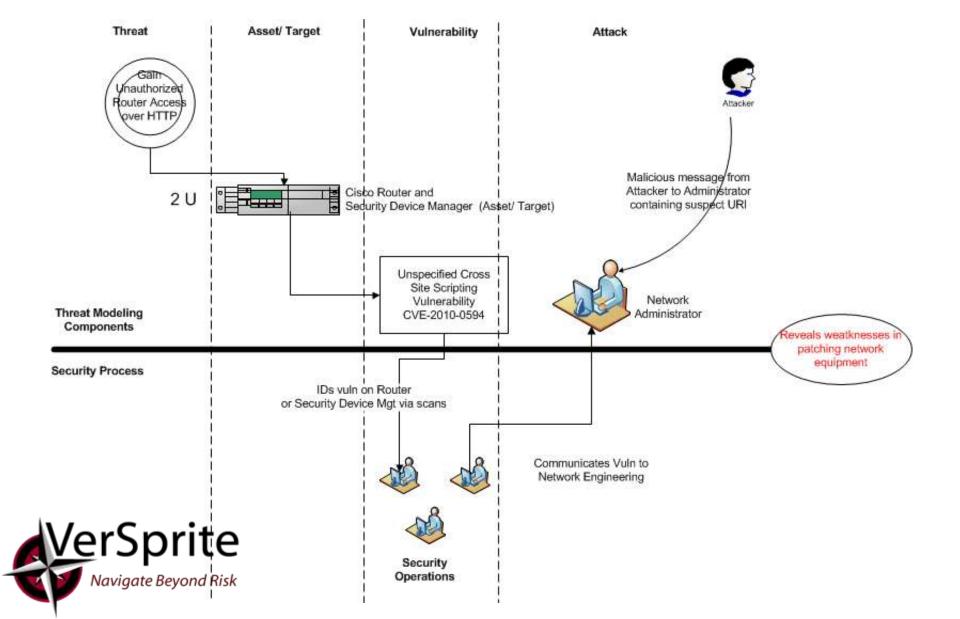




Analysis Of Attacks Using Attack Trees



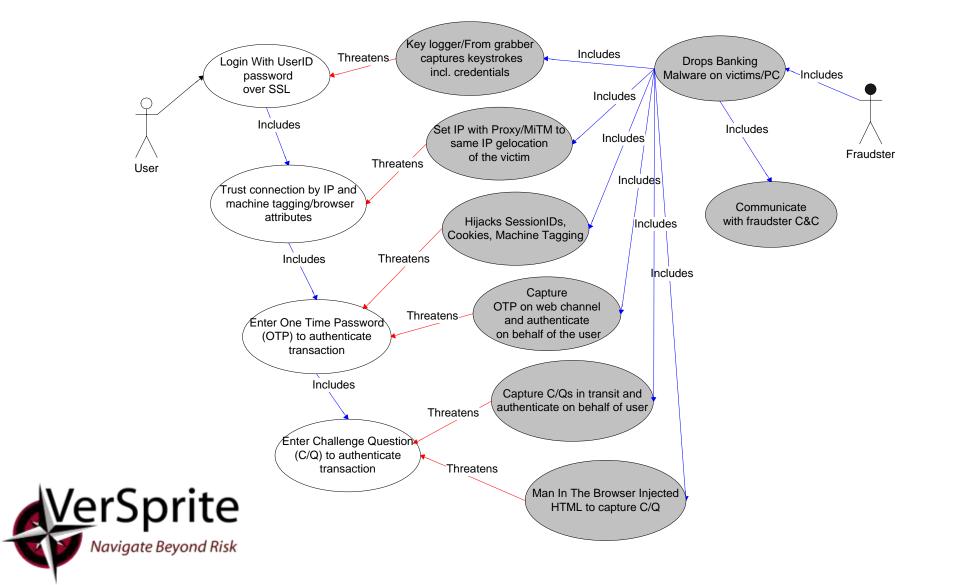
Attack Model



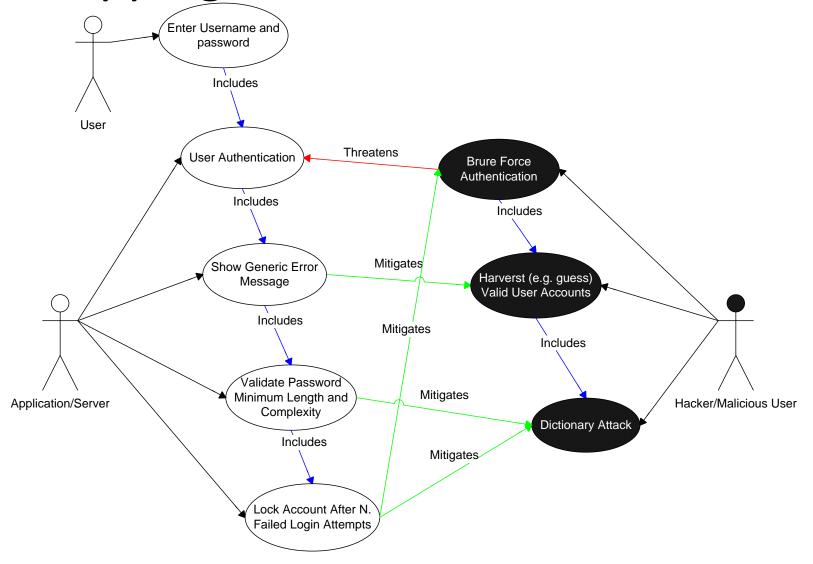
Attack Vectors Used By Different Types of Malware

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SpyEye	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*		*	*	*	*
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Silent Banker	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*		*	*		*
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Analysis of Web App Use and Abuse Cases



Mapping Use Cases to Misuse Cases

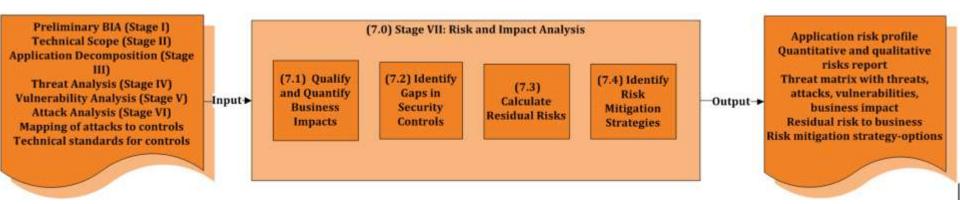


STAGE VII

Risk And Impact Analysis: Impact Analysis, Residual Risk, and Countermeasure Development



Stage 7 Walkthru – Residual Risk Analysis

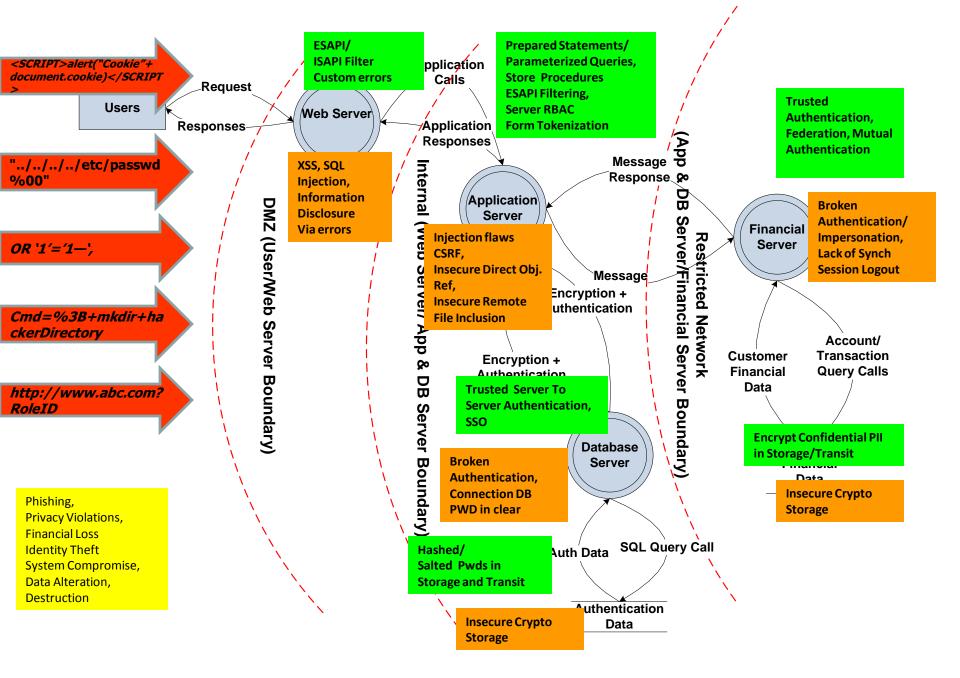




Exploits beget countermeasures

- Unacceptable risks give way to countermeasure development
- Develop countermeasures based upon the net risk of an application environment at multiple levels
 - Baseline configuration
 - Design and programmatic controls
 - 3rd party software/ COTS





Calegories - into which the problem types we divided for disposite and resolution purposes.	Problem Tupes - (i.e., desic canses) underlying security-related relates delities.	Description.	Consequences - of exploited roborabilities for basis security services. On the frainces in these basis security services. Authorization (resource secres control), Confidentially fel data or other resources), Anthorization (fidentially establishment integrity), Arabbellity (detail of service), Accountability , 4 May security.		Exposure Period — file, 5805 places) in which reherabilities can be incircularly introduced into application source code.	SOLC Phase - Avoidance & Mitigation		Platforms - which may be affected by a retherability.	Required Resources proreprisites for exploite attach reherabilities in application's source cod
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Range & Type		section of memory allocated to contain anything from a character string to an array of integers.		Inplementatio n	 Implementation: Many logic errors can lead to this condition. It can be exacerbated by lack of or misuse of mitigating technologies. 	Requiements	-Pre-design through Build Compiler-based can ary mechanisms such as StackGuard, ProPolice and the Microsoft Visual Studio I GS flag. Unless this provides automatic bounds checking, it is not a complete solution.	Languages: C.C++, Fornan, Assembly Operating platforms: All, although partial preventatine measures may be deployed, depending on environment.	Any
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The PASTA™ Recipe For Risk Eval of Web Apps

- Focus on the application as business-asset target
- Risk !=t * v * i
- Risk! = t * v * i * p

- Attack simulation enhances (p) probability coefficients
- Considers both inherent countermeasures & those to be developed
- Focused on minimizing risks to applications and associated impacts to business

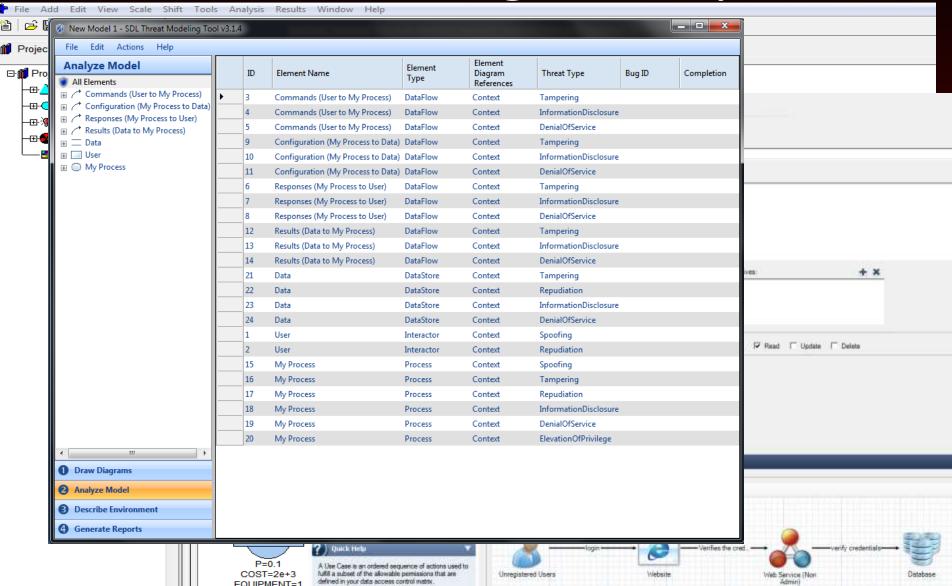
$$R_{risk} = [(t_p * v_p)/c] * i$$



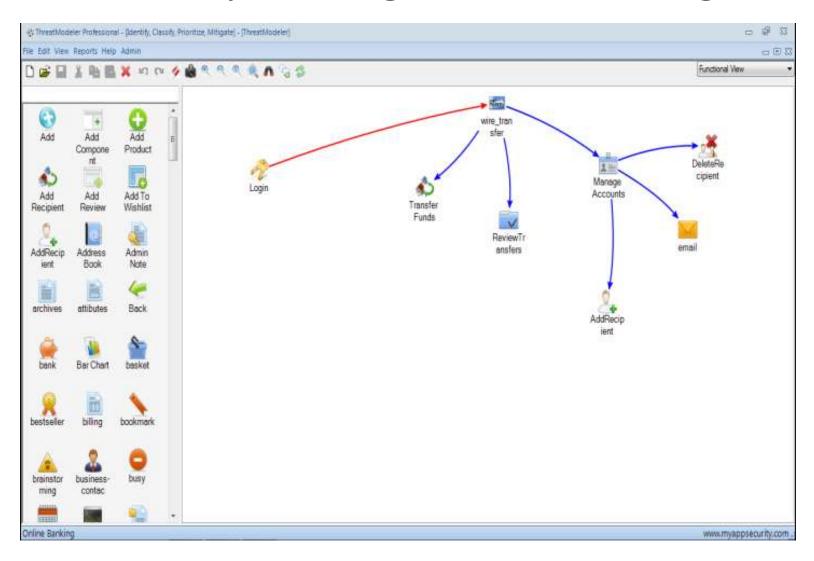
Bonus Round



Tools Along the Way

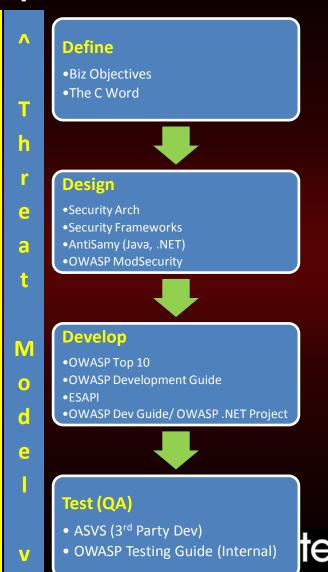


Threat Analysis Using Threat Modeling Tool



Threat Modeling Web Apps via SDLC

- Asset based threat model is able to address inherent and new risks that should be mitigated based upon baseline of info.
 - Pen Tests, Risk Assessments, Compliance Audits, etc
 - Business Risk Mitigation Key
- Software based threat models will build upon understood threats to software environ
 - Comparable web apps, prior static/ dynamic analysis, and other web app assessments
 - Safeguarding software integrity is key and fosters building security in
- Security centric threat model focused on security of web application environment
 - More focused on attack identification and applying countermeasures
- PMs, business analysts, business owners devise functional requirements (Definition Phase)
- Architects and IT Leaders speak to architectural design and platform solutions (Design Phase)
- Governance leaders inject compliance & standards requirements for during he design phase; BIA
- Threat Model* (SOC/ NOC fed), DFDs Introduced, Trust Boundaries defined, Countermeasures proposed



The Beneficiaries of PASTA™

- Business managers can incorporate which security requirements that impact business
- Architects understand security/design flaws and how countermeasure protect data assets
- **Developers** understand how software is vulnerable and exposed
- **Testers** can use abuse cases to security tests of the application
- Project managers can manage security defects more efficiently
- CISOs can make informed risk management decisions





