



# Building Security In Maturity Model

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Software Confidence. Achieved.

# Digital

- Founded in 1992 to provide software security and software quality professional services
- Recognized experts in software security and software quality
  - Widely published in books, white papers, and articles
  - Industry thought leaders



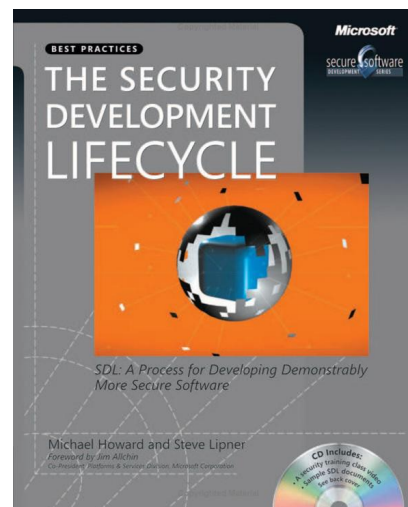
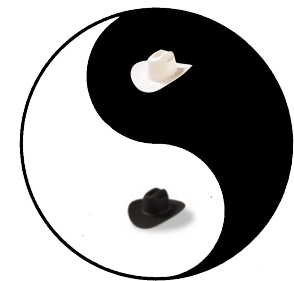
# We hold these truths to be self-evident

- Software security is more than a set of security functions
  - Not magic crypto fairy dust
  - Not silver-bullet security mechanisms
- Non-functional aspects of design are essential
- Bugs and flaws are 50/50
- Security is an emergent property of the entire system (just like quality)
- To end up with secure software, deep integration with the SDLC is necessary



# A shift from philosophy to HOW TO

- Integrating best practices into large organizations
  - Microsoft's SDL
  - Cigital's touchpoints
  - OWASP adopts CLASP



# Breaking new ground



- Building Security In Maturity Model
- Real data from real initiatives
- McGraw, Chess, & Miguez





# 46 software security initiatives

## ■ 26 Financial

## ■ 7 ISV

## ■ 6 Tech

## ■ 2 Defense

## ■ 3 Retail

## ■ 1 Oil

## ■ 1 Behemoth

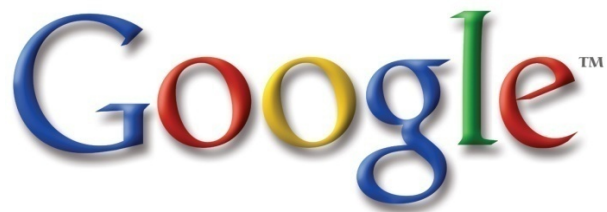
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- omgeo
- motorola
- general electric
- lockheed martin
- intuit
- vmware
- amex
- bank of ny mellon
- harris bank
- paypal



## The (original) nine



Two more unnamed financial services firms



# Building BSIMM

- Big idea: Build a maturity model from actual data gathered from 9 of 46 known large-scale software security initiatives
- Create a software security framework
- Nine in-person executive interviews
- Build bullet lists (one per practice)
- Bucketize the lists to identify activities
- Create levels
  - Objectives → Activities
  - 110 activities supported by real data
  - Three levels of “maturity”





# A Software Security Framework

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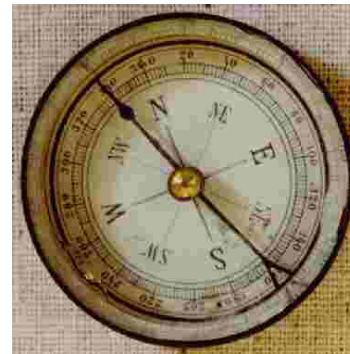
- Four domains
- Twelve practices
- An “archeology grid”
- See informIT article at <http://bsi-mm.com>

# Monkeys eat bananas



- BSIMM is not about good or bad ways to eat bananas or banana best practices
- BSIMM is about observations

# On cargo cults and divining rods



## Real-world data: the nine

- Initiative age: 5yrs  
4months avg.
  - Newest: 2.5
  - Oldest: 10
- SSG size: 41
  - Smallest: 12
  - Largest: 100
  - Median: 35
- Satellite size: 79
  - Smallest: 0
  - Largest: 300
  - Median: 20
- Dev size: 7750
  - Smallest: 450
  - Largest: 30,000
  - Median: 5000

Average SSG size: 1% of dev



## Ten surprising things

1. Bad metrics hurt
2. Secure-by default frameworks
3. Nobody uses WAFs
4. QA can't do software security
5. Evangelize over audit
6. ARA is hard
7. Practitioners don't talk attacks
8. Training is advanced
9. Pen testing is diminishing
10. Fuzz testing

- InformIT article on BSIMM website <http://bsi-mm.com>



## BSIMM basics

- Software security framework
- Top-down presentation through GOALS and OBJECTIVES
- 110 activities with examples
- Three levels of maturity
- Discussion of how to use the model





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# Training practice skeleton

GOVERNANCE: TRAINING			
	Objective	Activity	Level
[T1.1]	promote culture of security throughout the organization	provide awareness training	1
[T1.2]	ensure new hires enhance culture	include security resources in onboarding	
[T1.3]	act as informal resource to leverage teachable moments	establish SSG office hours	
[T1.4]	create social network tied into dev	identify satellite during training	
[T2.1]	build capabilities beyond awareness	offer role-specific advanced curriculum (tools, technology stacks, bug parade)	2
[T2.2]	see yourself in the problem	create/use material specific to company history	
[T2.3]	keep staff up-to-date and address turnover	require annual refresher	
[T2.4]	reduce impact on training targets and delivery staff	offer on-demand individual training	
[T2.5]	educate/strengthen social network	hold satellite training/events	
[T3.1]	align security culture with career path	reward progression through curriculum (certification or HR)	3
[T3.2]	spread security culture to providers	provide training for vendors or outsource workers	
[T3.3]	market security culture as differentiator	host external software security events	

## Example activity

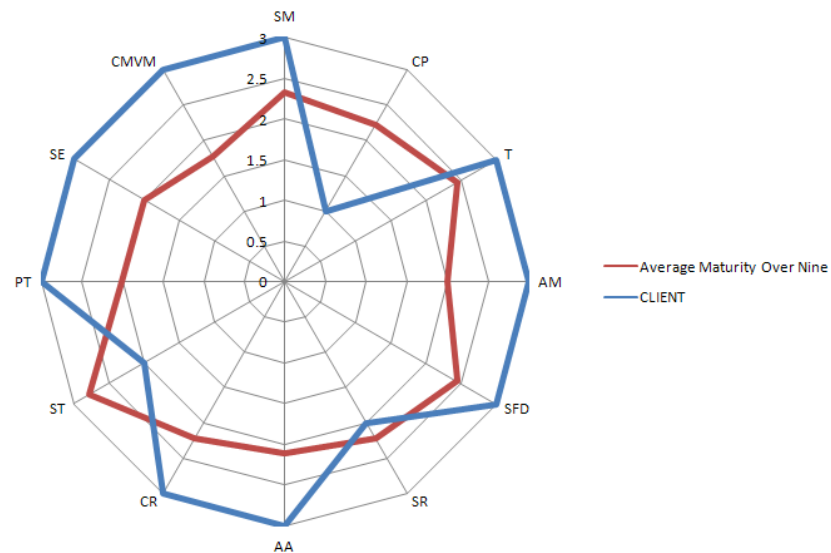
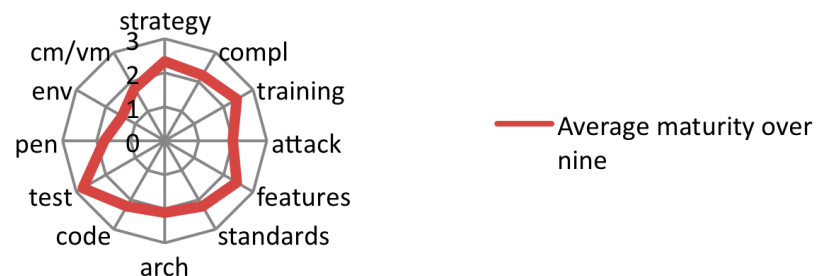
[T1.3] **Establish SSG office hours.** The SSG offers help to any and all comers during an advertised lab period or regularly scheduled office hours. By acting as an informal resource for people who want to solve security problems, the SSG leverages teachable moments and emphasizes the carrot over the stick. Office hours might be held one afternoon per week in the office of a senior SSG member.



# Ten things everybody does

- Activities that ALL do
  - evangelist role
  - policy
  - awareness training
  - history in training
  - security features
  - SSG does ARA
  - code review tools
  - black box tools
  - external pen testing
  - good network security

**Average maturity over nine**

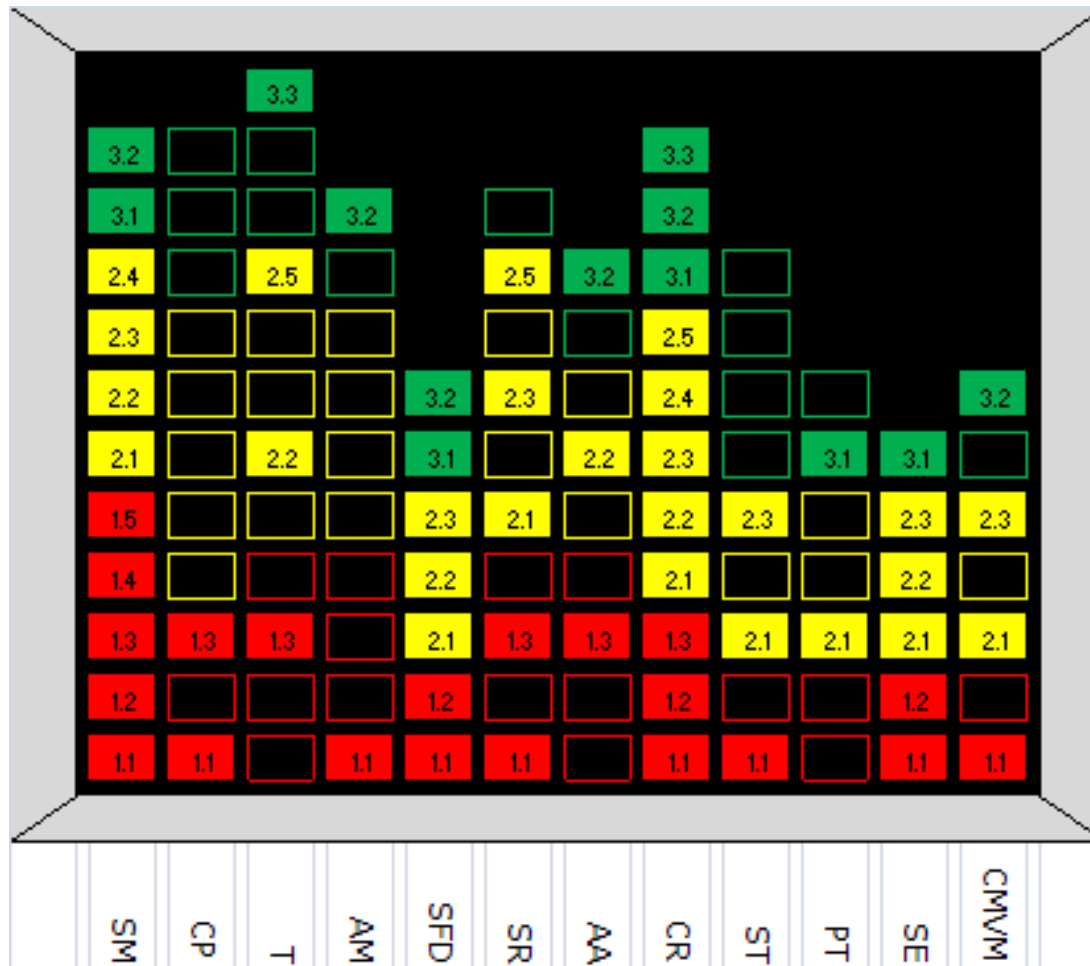


# BSIMM Scorecard

Governance			Intelligence			SDL Touchpoints			Deployment		
Activity	Observed	CLIENT	Activity	Observed	CLIENT	Activity	Observed	CLIENT	Activity	Observed	CLIENT
[SM1.1]	4	1	[AM1.1]	5	1	[AA1.1]	5		[PT1.1]	9	
[SM1.2]	8	1	[AM1.2]	6		[AA1.2]	4		[PT1.2]	2	
[SM1.3]	6	1	[AM1.3]	2		[AA1.3]	8	1	[PT2.1]	3	1
[SM1.4]	7	1	[AM1.4]	7		[AA1.4]	3		[PT2.2]	2	
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- Top 10 things
  - green = good?
  - red = bad?
- Blue shift practices to emphasize
  - activities you should maybe think about in blue

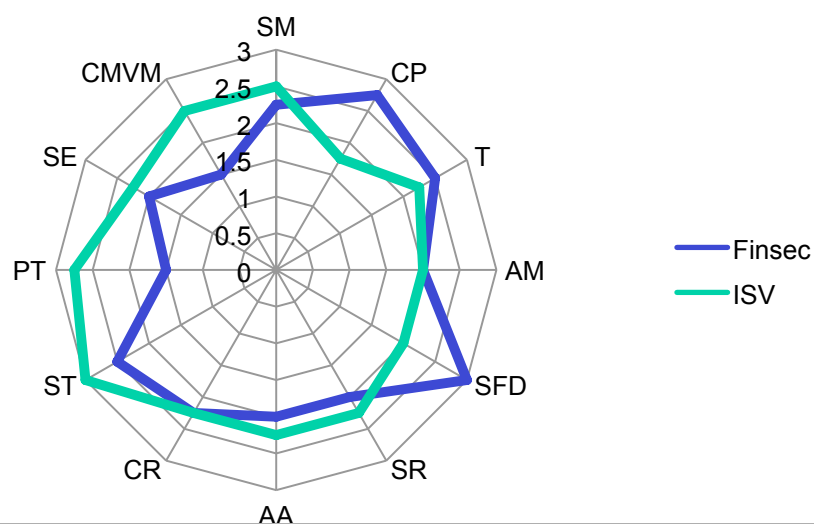
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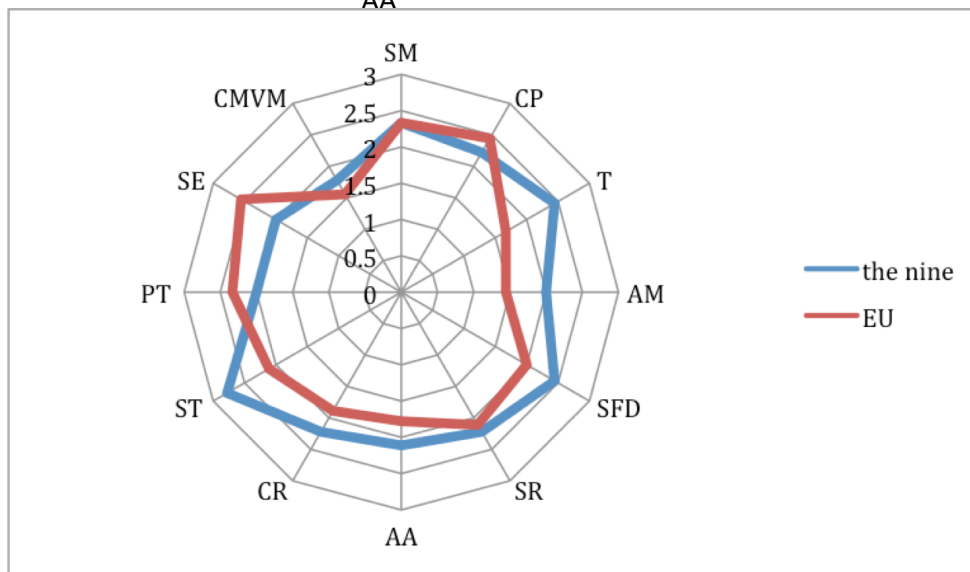
- What you do (by level)
- Gaps are apparent and lead to good conversation



# We are a special snowflake (NOT)



- ISV results are similar to financial services
- You do the same things
- You can demand the same results



- BSIMM Europe coming Nov 8!



# BSIMM Europe (brand new results)

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# Using BSIMM

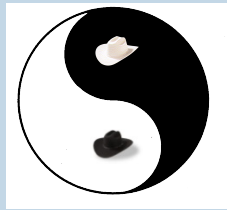
- BSIMM released March 2009 under creative commons
  - <http://bsi-mm.com>
  - steal the data if you want
- BSIMM is a yardstick
  - Use it to see where you stand
  - Use it to figure out what your peers do
- BSIMM is growing
  - More BSIMM victims (9+17 and counting)
  - BSIMM Europe
  - BSIMM Begin
  - Statistics
  - Correlations



## Take the BSIMM Begin survey today

- Web-based survey of level one activities and the ten things everybody does
- <http://bsi-mm.com/begin>





## Where to Learn More

# informIT & Justice League



- [www.informIT.com](http://www.informIT.com)
- No-nonsense monthly security column by Gary McGraw

- [www.cigital.com/justiceleague](http://www.cigital.com/justiceleague)
- In-depth thought leadership blog from the Cigital Principals
  - Scott Matsumoto
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# IEEE Security & Privacy Magazine + 2 Podcasts



## The Silver Bullet Security Podcast

with Gary McGraw



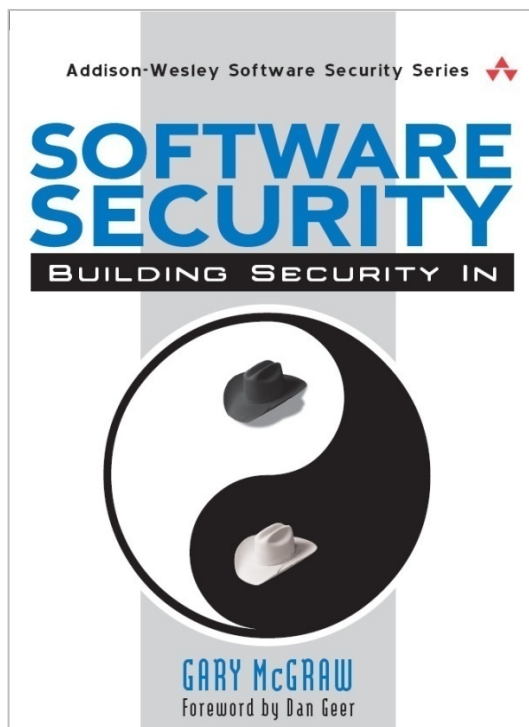
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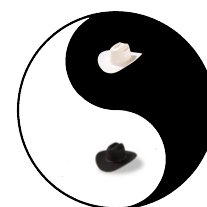
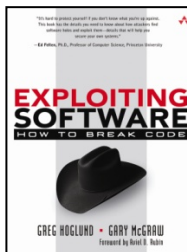
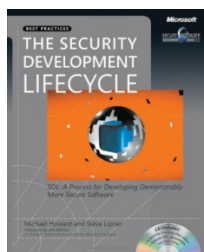
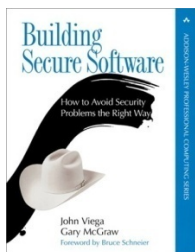
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- [www.cigital.com/realitycheck](http://www.cigital.com/realitycheck)



# Software Security: the book



- How to DO software security
  - Best practices
  - Tools
  - Knowledge
- Cornerstone of the Addison-Wesley Software Security Series
- [www.swsec.com](http://www.swsec.com)



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## For more on BSIMM

- <http://bsi-mm.com>
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*“So now, when we face a choice  
between adding features and  
resolving security issues, we need  
to choose security.”*

-Bill Gates

