



# Threat Modeling

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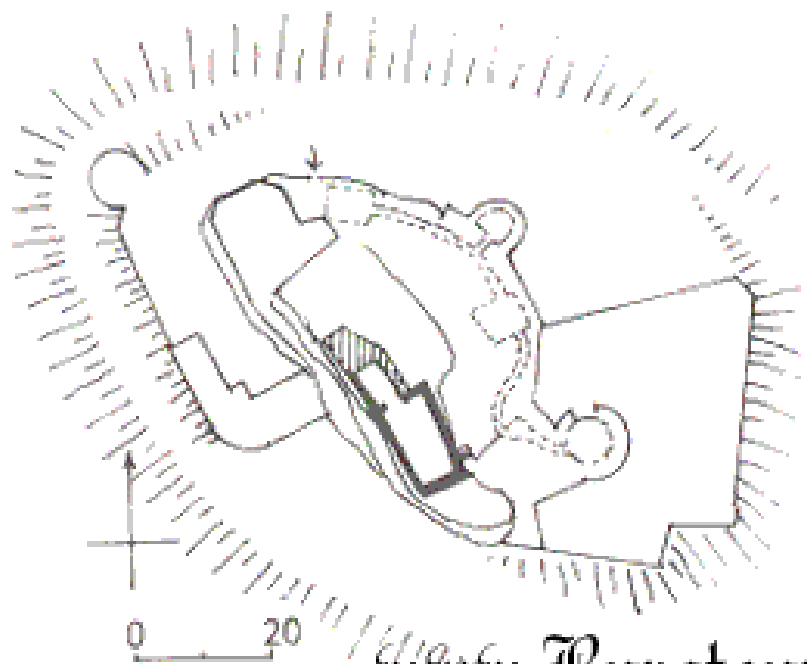
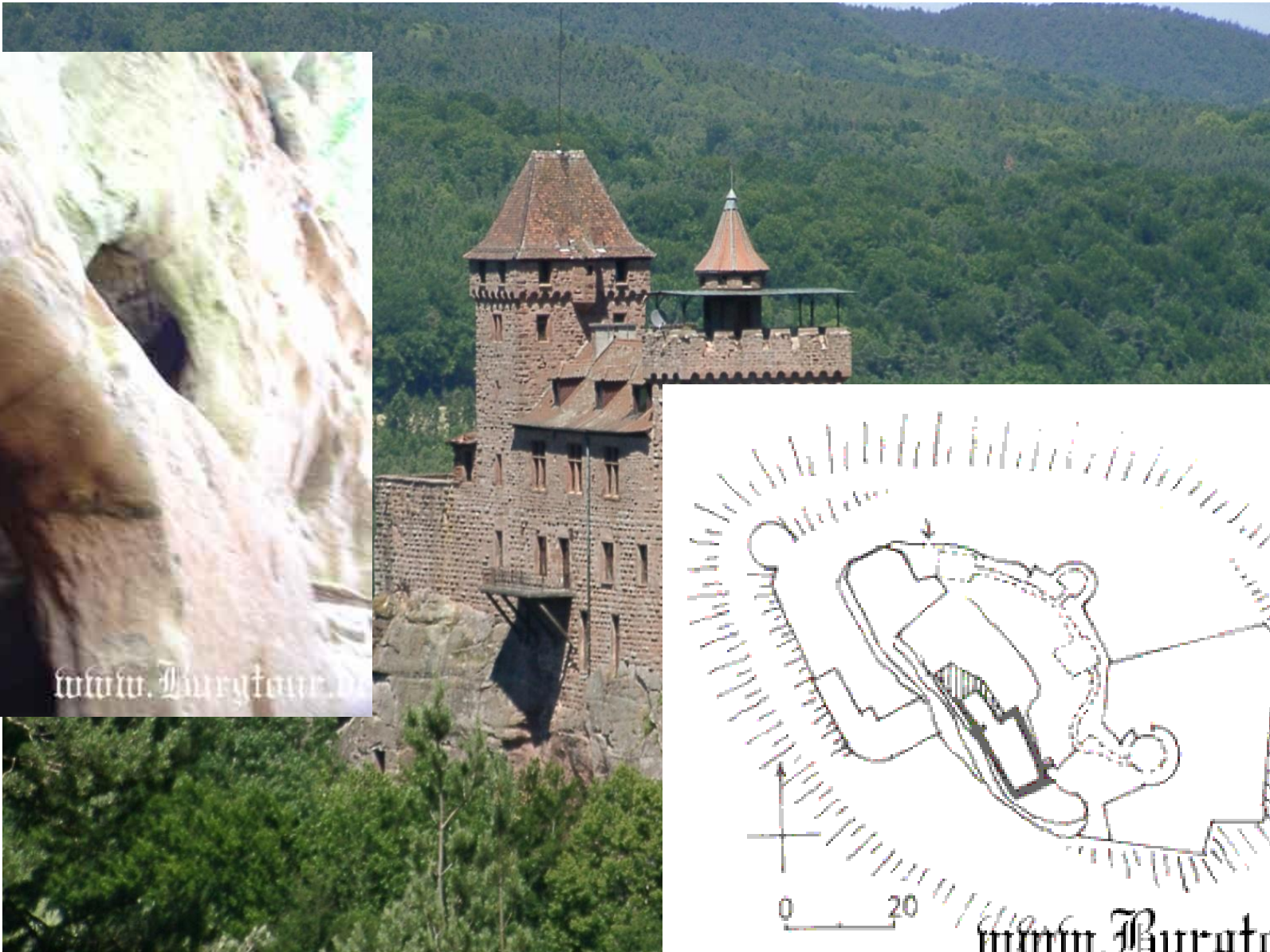
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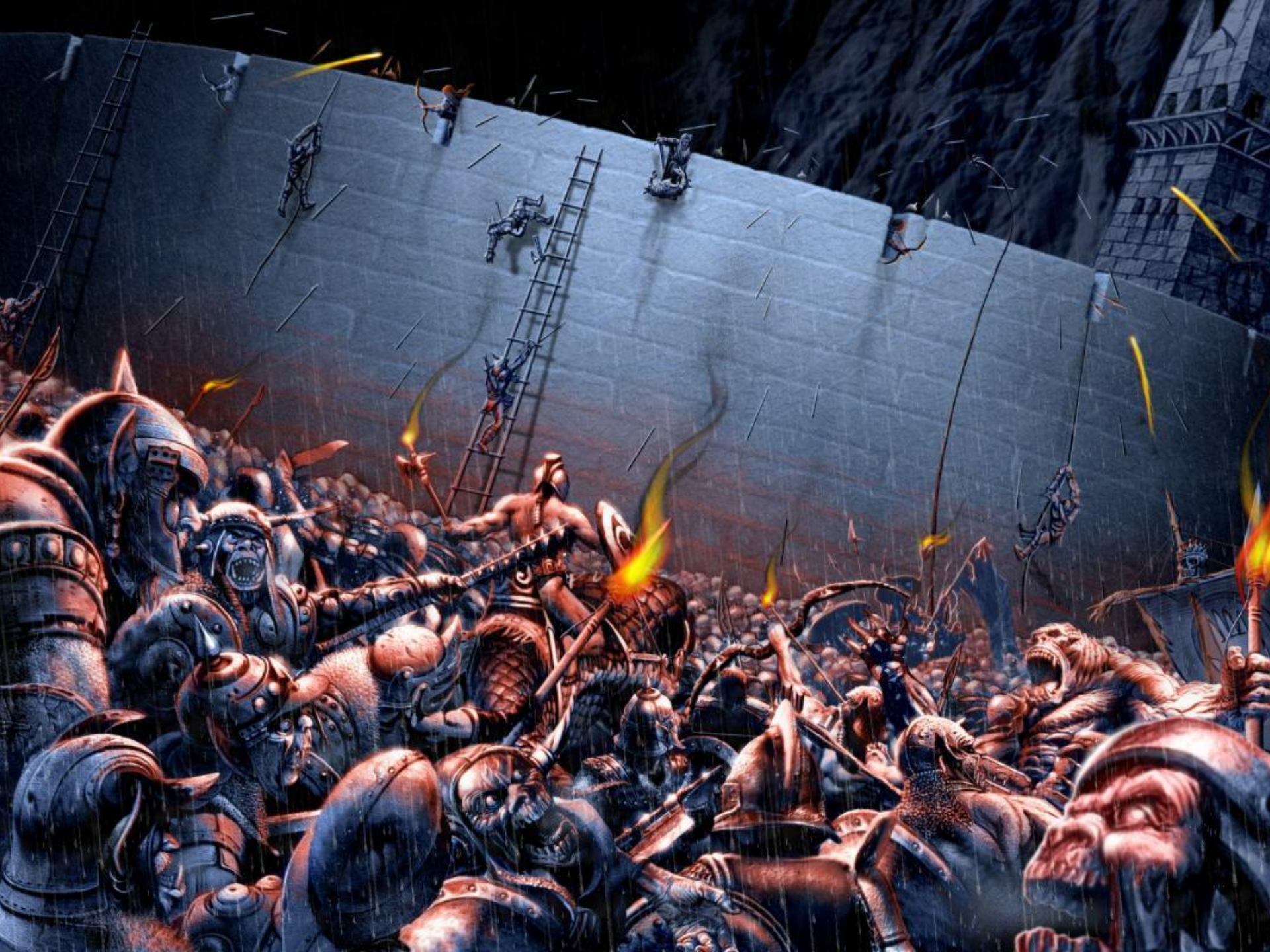


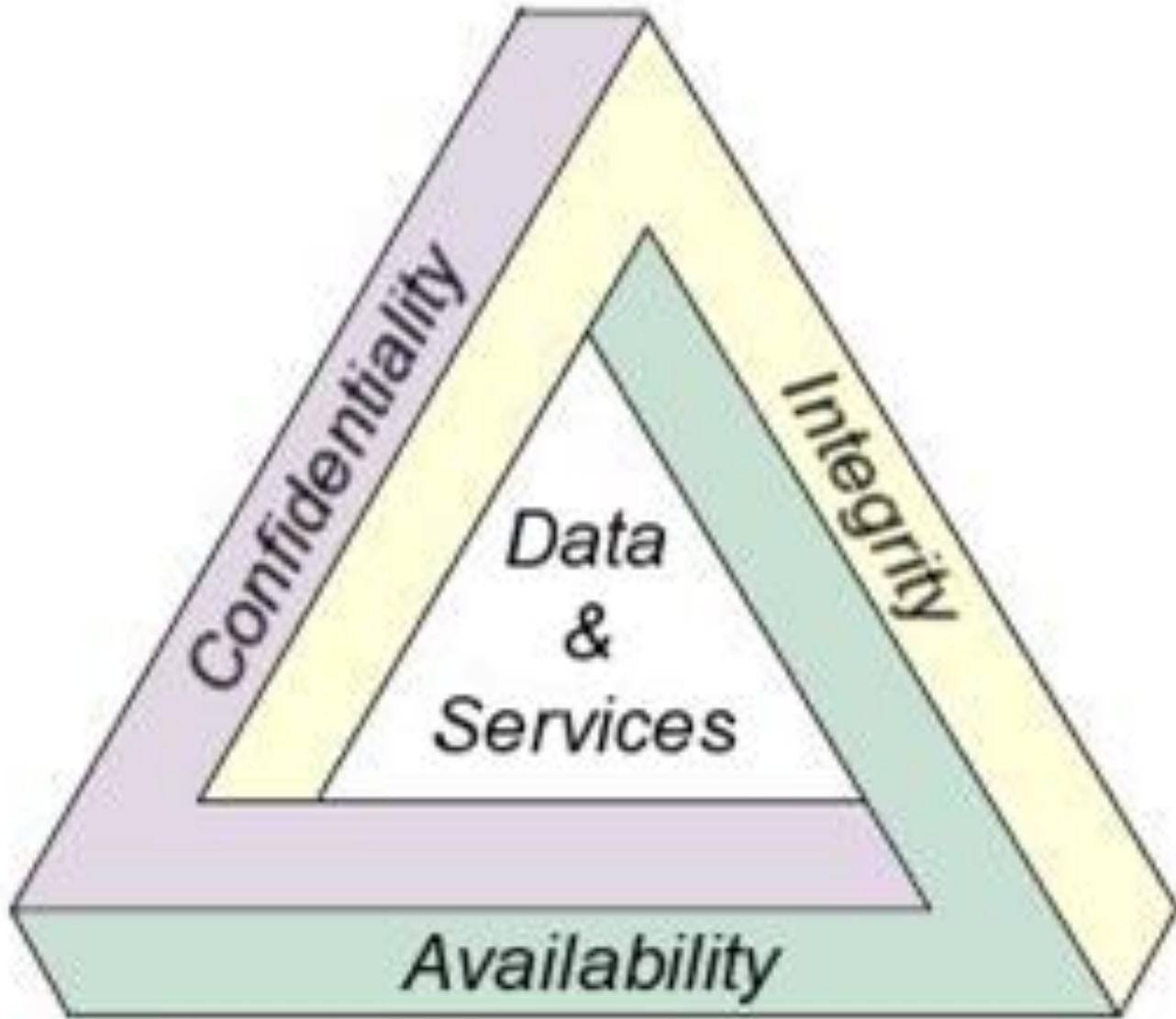
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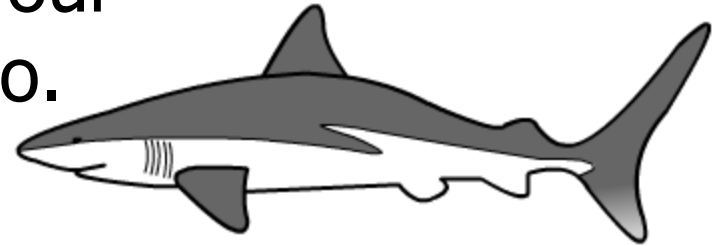




# Threat Modeling Objectives

By performing Threat Modeling you can:

- Identify relevant **threats** to your particular application scenario.



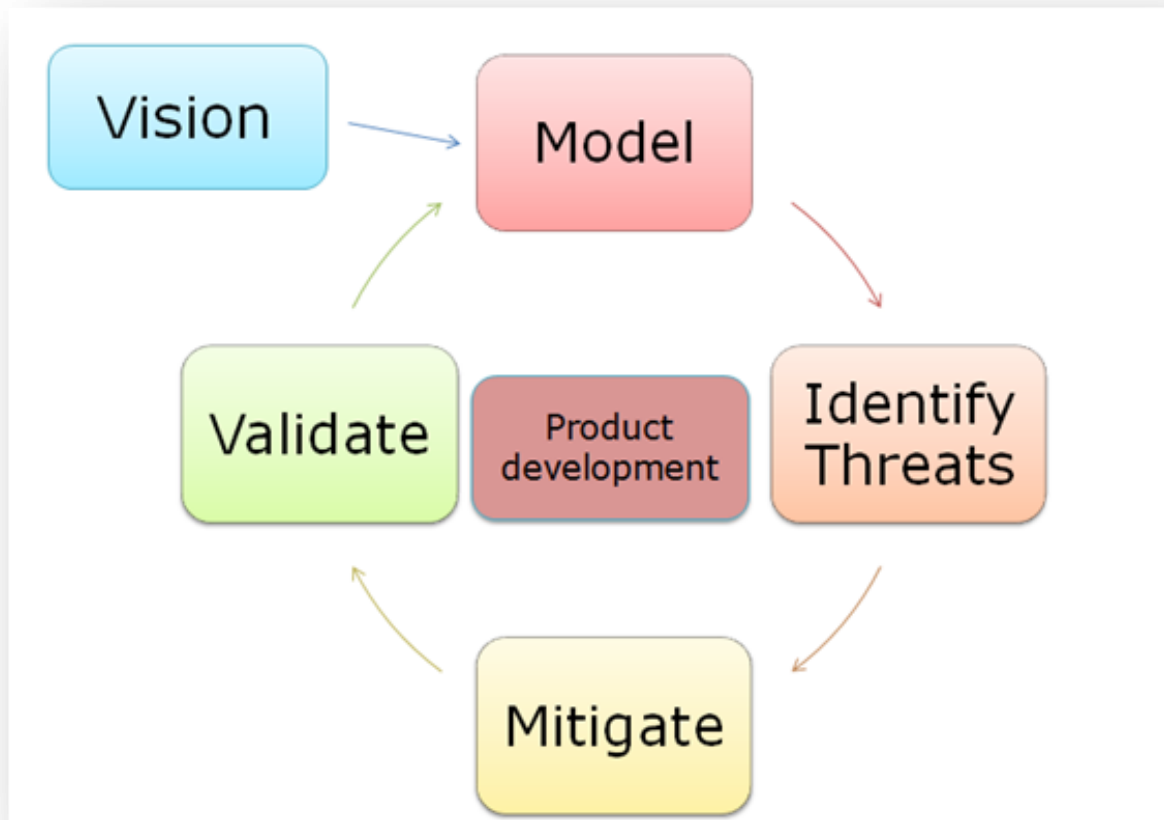
- Identify key **vulnerabilities** in your application design.



- Improve your security design.

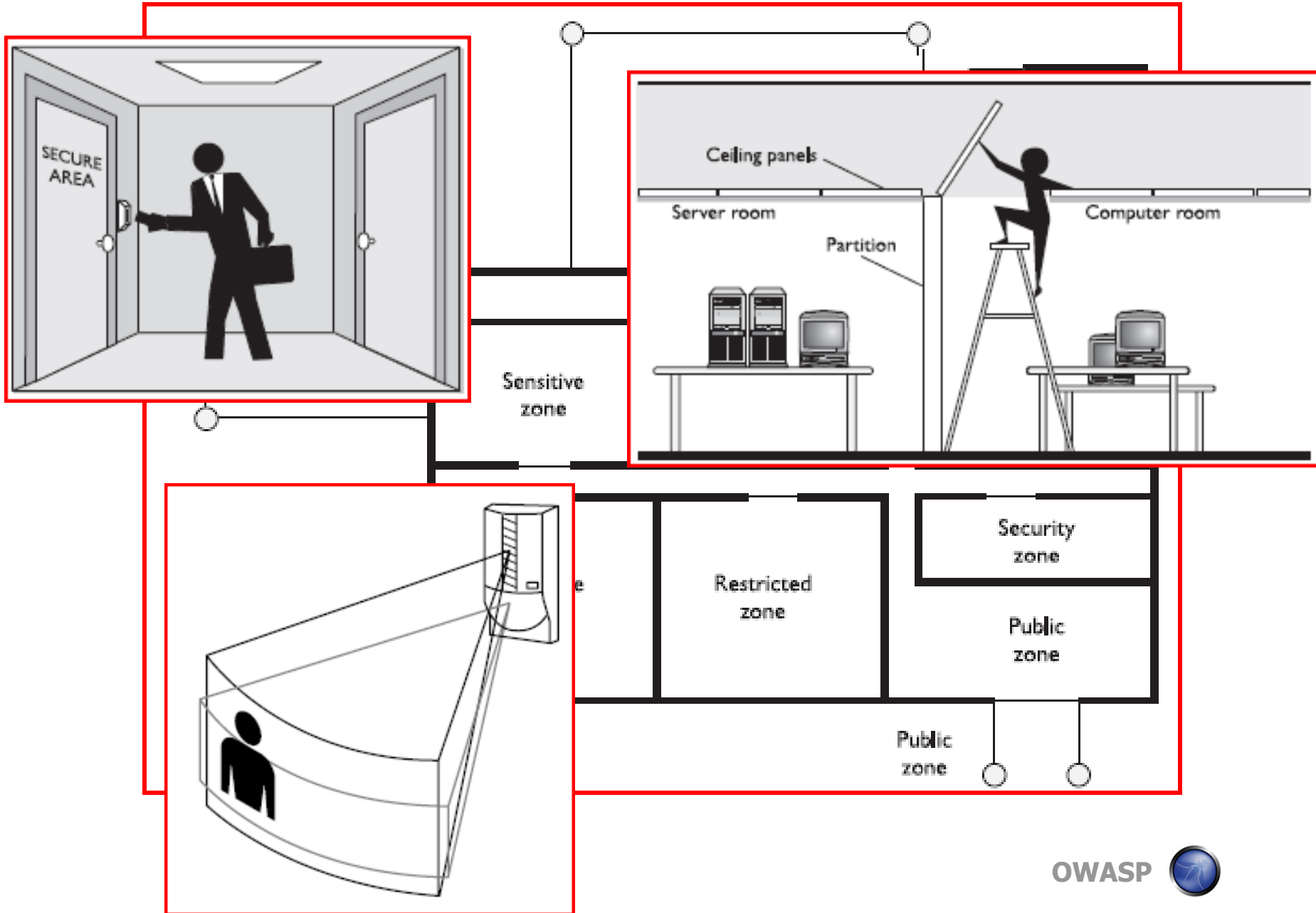


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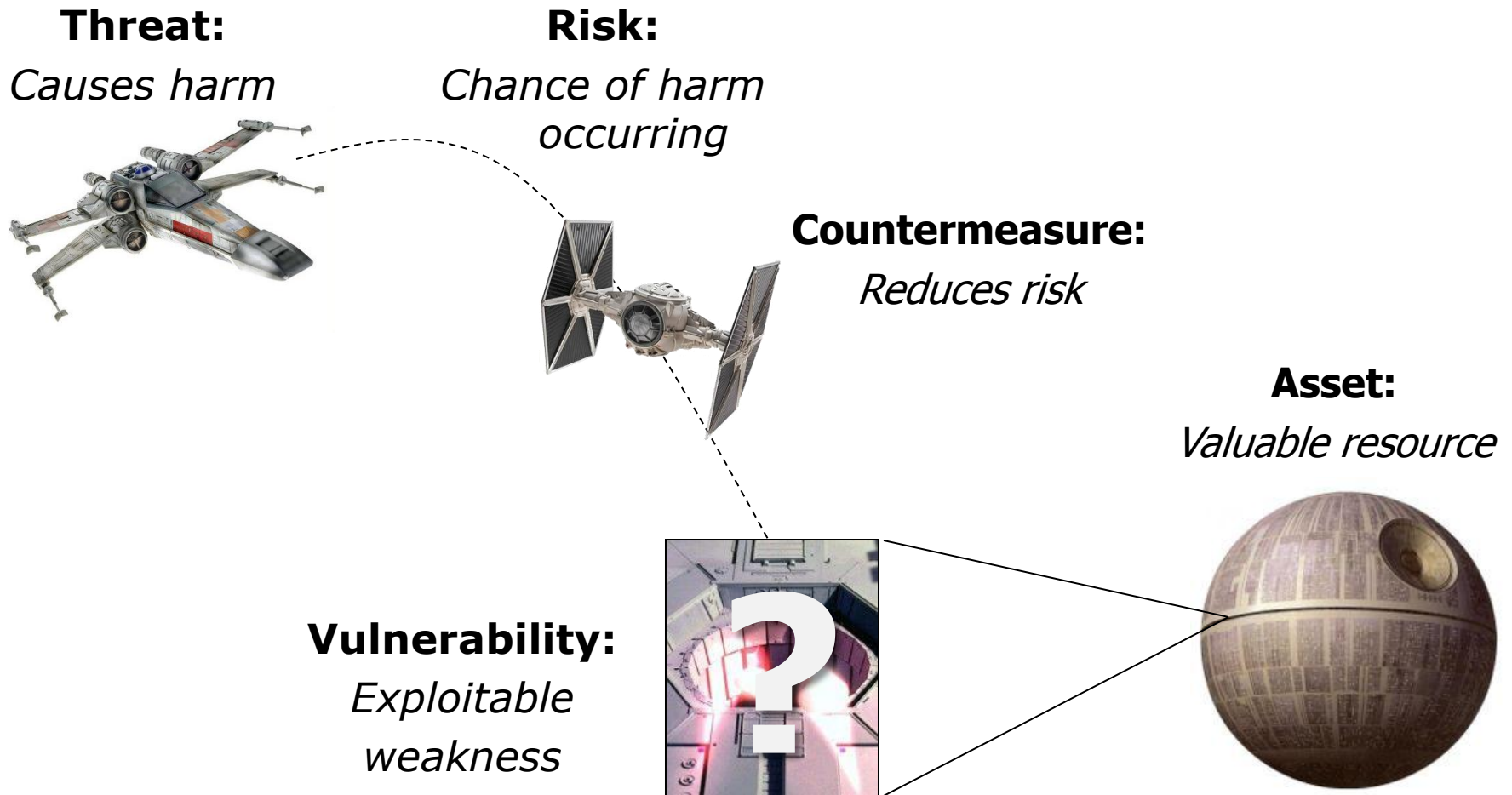
# Threat Modeling – Terminology

- **Asset: Any resource with value**
  - > **Literal or perceived**
- **Vulnerability: Exploitable weakness**
  - > **Bugs and flaws**
- **Threat: Anything that can cause harm**
  - > **Intent is irrelevant**
- **Risk: Chance that a threat will cause harm**
  - > **Risk amount = (probability \* impact)**
  - > **Risk will *always* be present in *any* system**
- **Countermeasure: Control to reduce risk**
  - > **Reduction to an acceptable level**
  - > **Must be balanced against both risk and asset**





# Threat Modeling – The Basics



# Threat Categories:

- **Spoofing**
- **Tampering**
- **Repudiation**
- **Information Disclosure**
- **Denial of Service (Ddos)**
- **Elevation of privilege**



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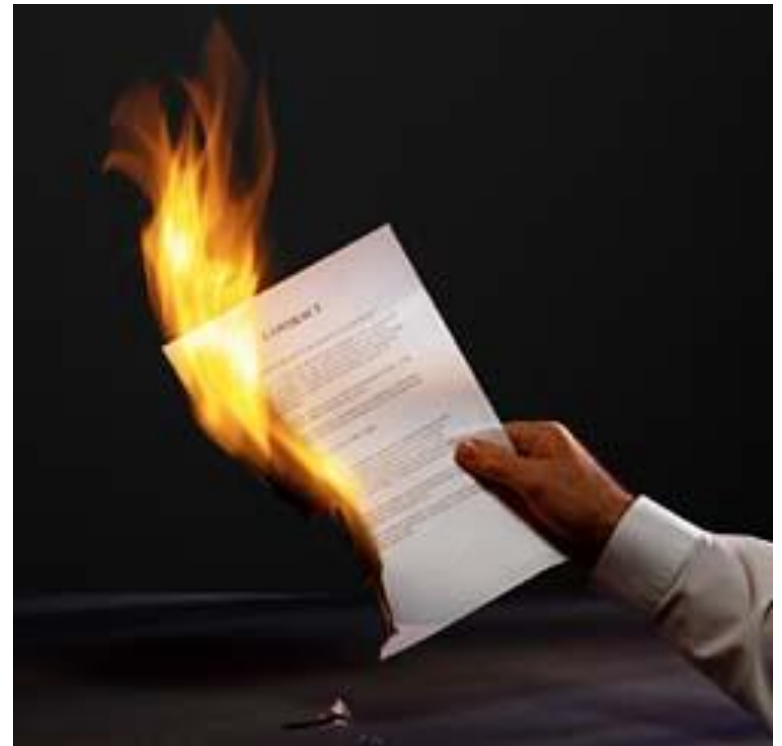
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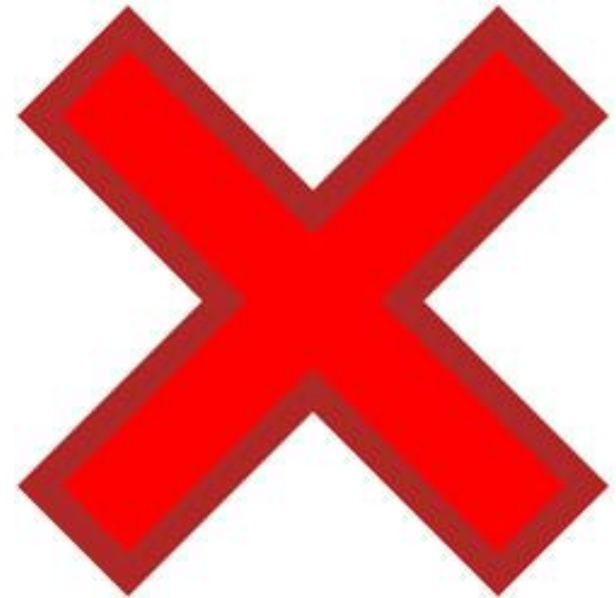
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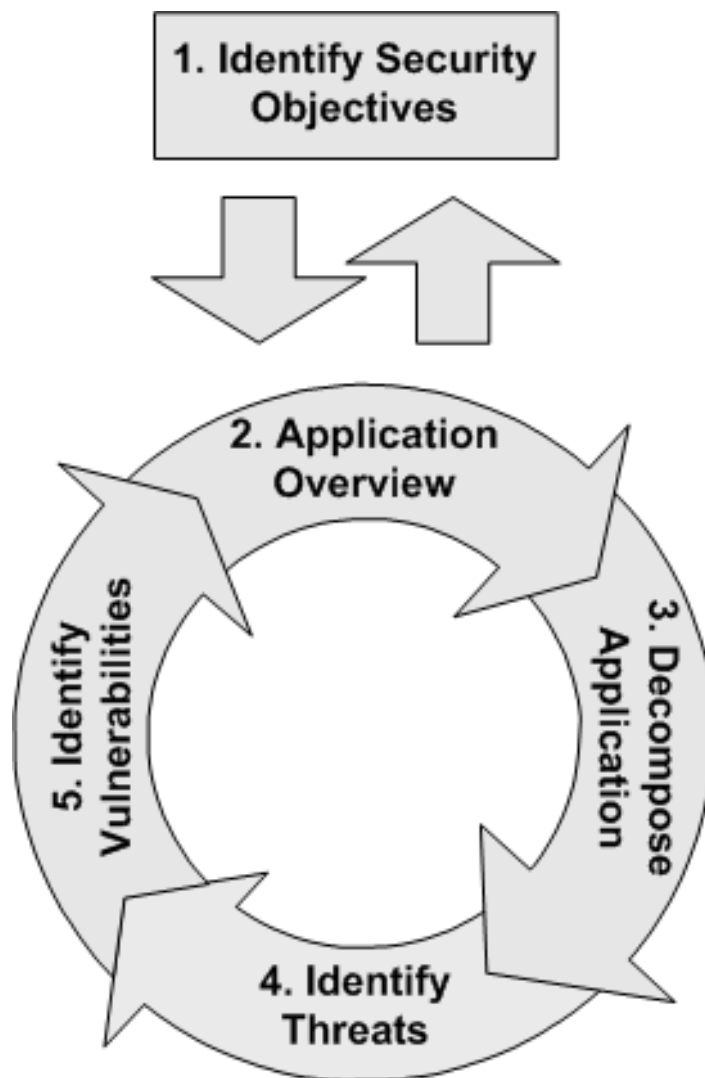
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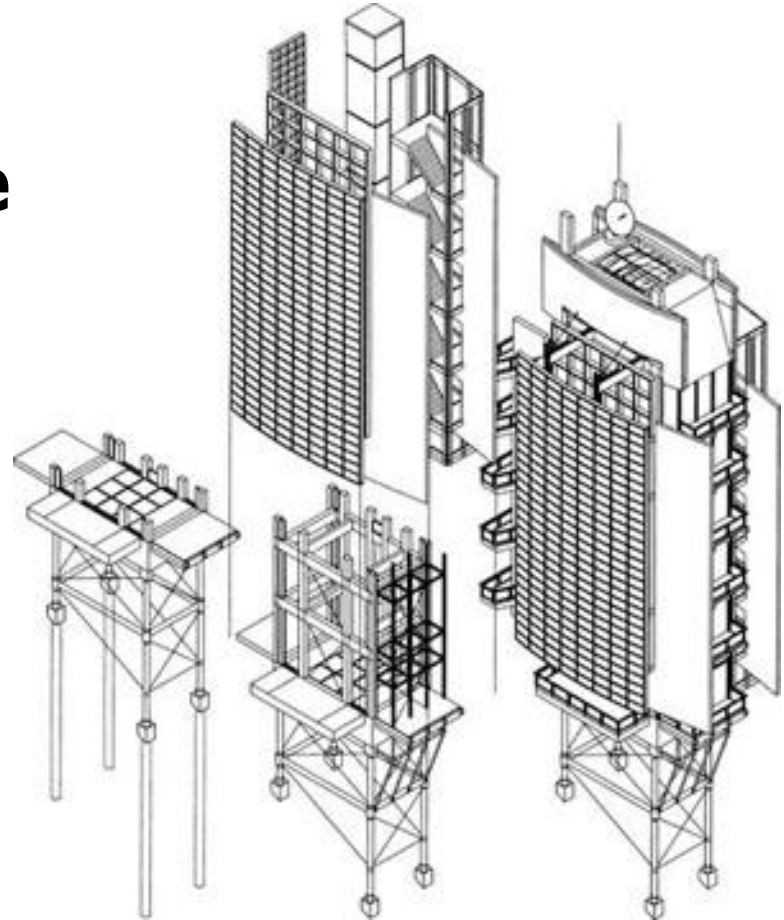
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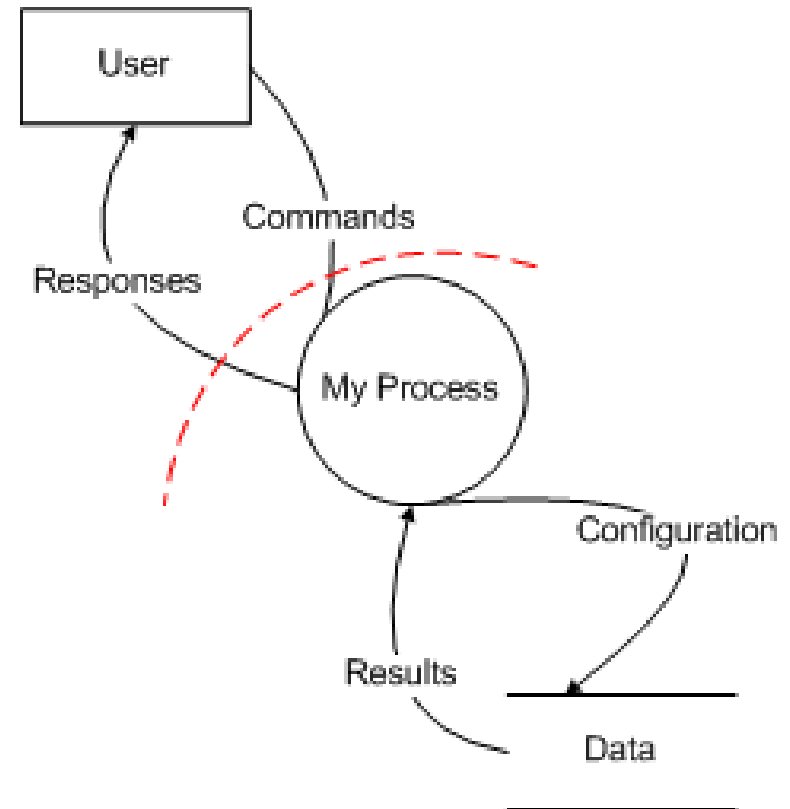
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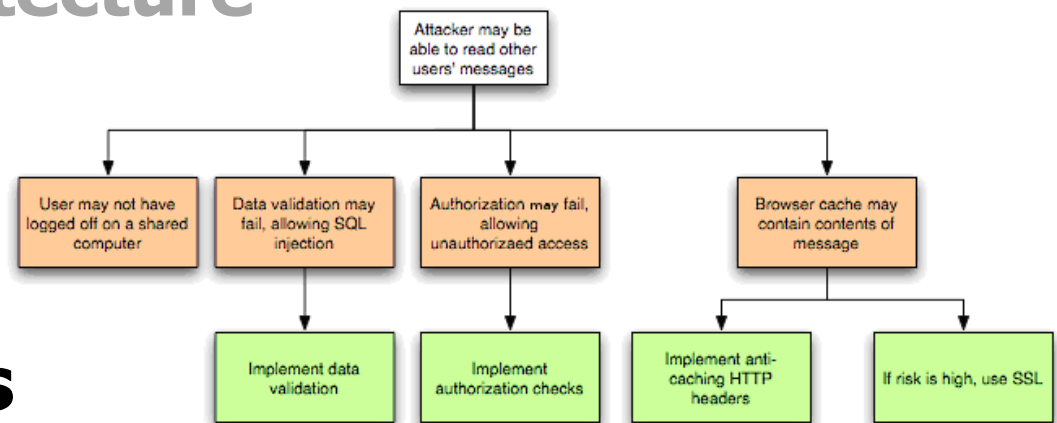
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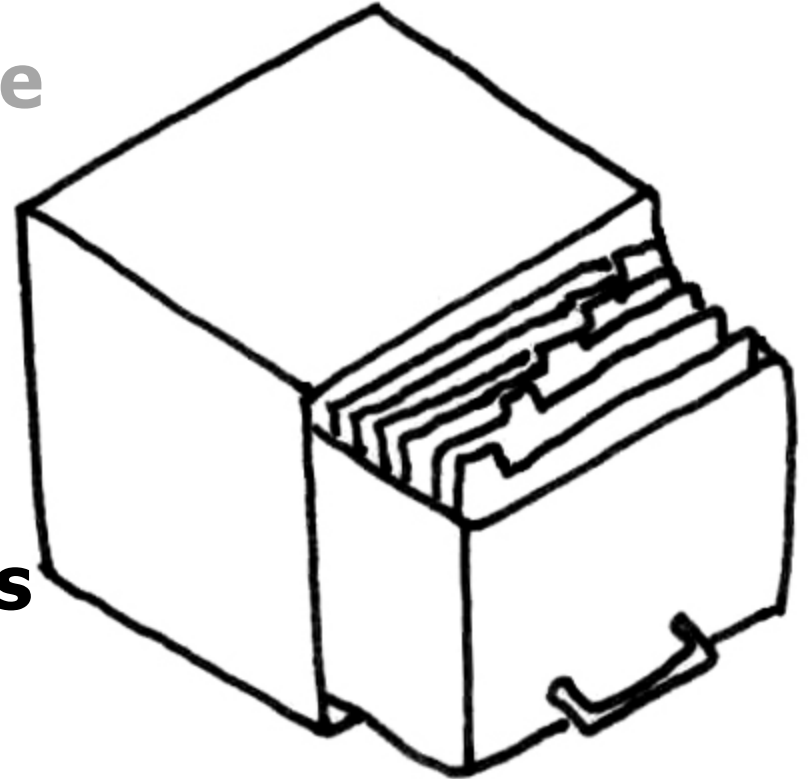
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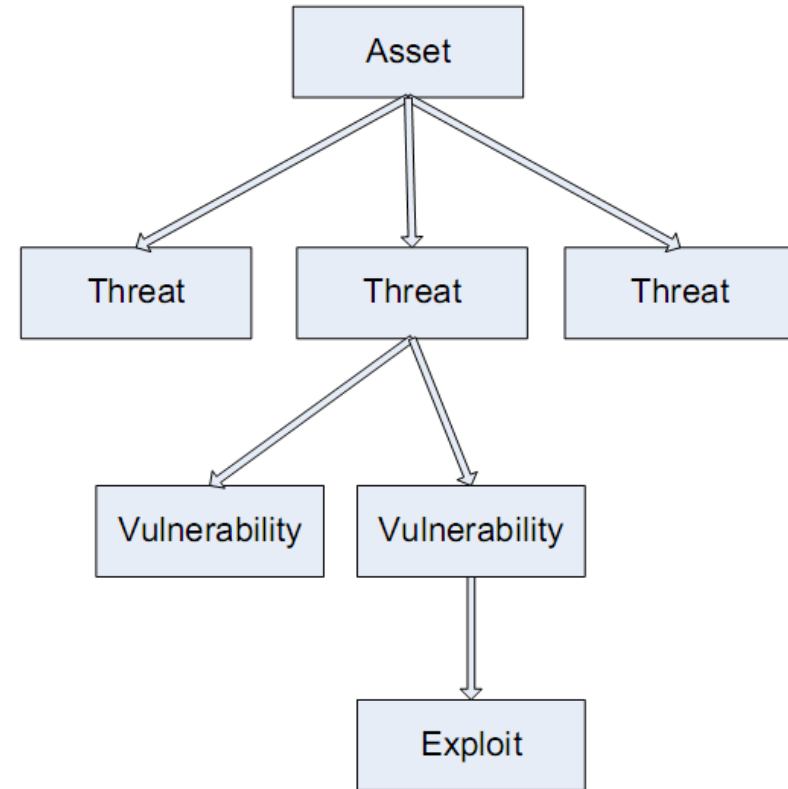
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# Threat Modeling – The process

## 1 Assets / Vulnerabilities

- 1 Identify critical resources
- 2 Their weaknesses
- 3 How they could be harmed

## 2 Threats / Risks

- 1 Best guess what would and could cause this harm
- 2 How likely is it to happen
- 3 The potential damage

## 3 Countermeasures

- 1 Ways to prevent or reduce the damage
- 2 Compare the cost of implementation

## 4 Implementation

- 1 Choose and implement the best control
- 2 Evaluate and document the results and lessons learned
- 3 Start again

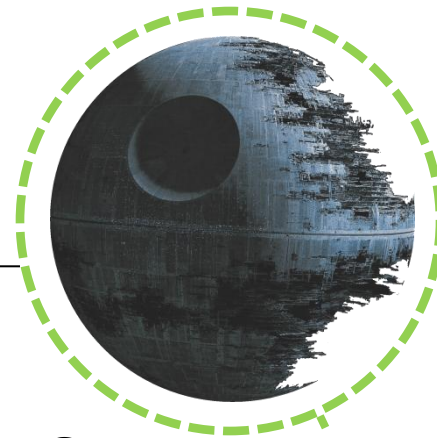
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**Threat**



**Risk is low**

**Asset**



**Countermeasure**

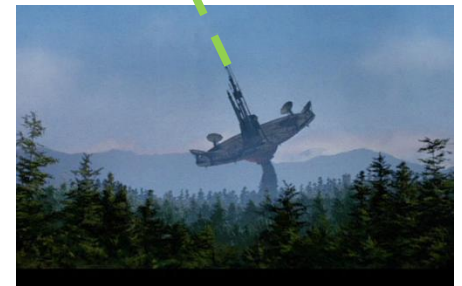
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Remote weapons station



Loader's Armor Gun Shield



Loader's thermal sight



tank/infantry telephone



Thermal sight goggles

Rear protecting unit slat armor



Thermal sight components



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