

# Building Secure Software for Mission Critical Systems

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# Agenda



- **State of software**
- **Building software: the Secure Software Development Lifecycle**
  - Requirements
  - Development
  - Operations
- **Review**



# “Software is eating the world”



Marc Andreessen  
Wall Street Journal  
Aug 20, 2011

**Software is the new Hardware**

Source: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424053111903480904576512250915629460>



# Software is the new hardware – IT

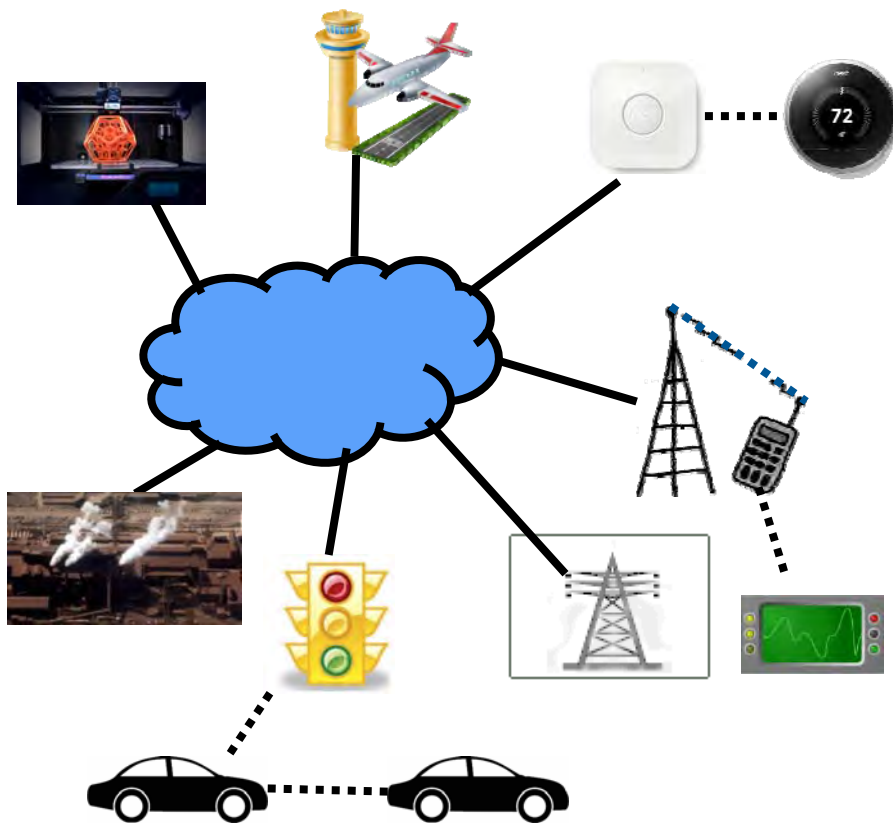


IT moving from specialized hardware to software, virtualized as

- Servers: virtual CPUs
- Storage: SANs
- Switches: Soft switches
- Networks: Software defined networks



# Software is the new hardware – cyber physical

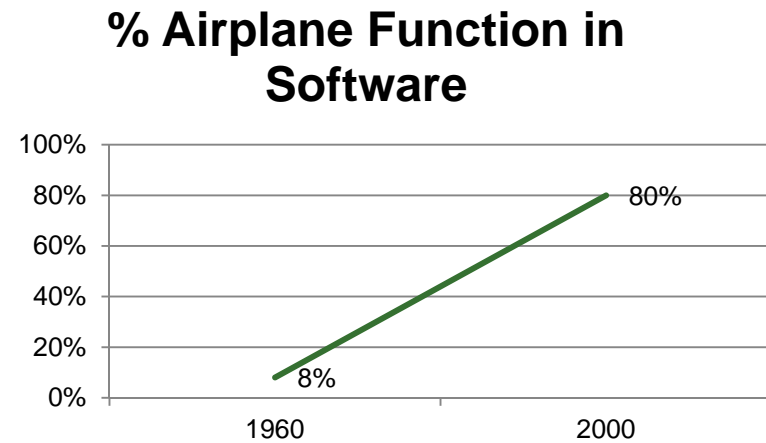
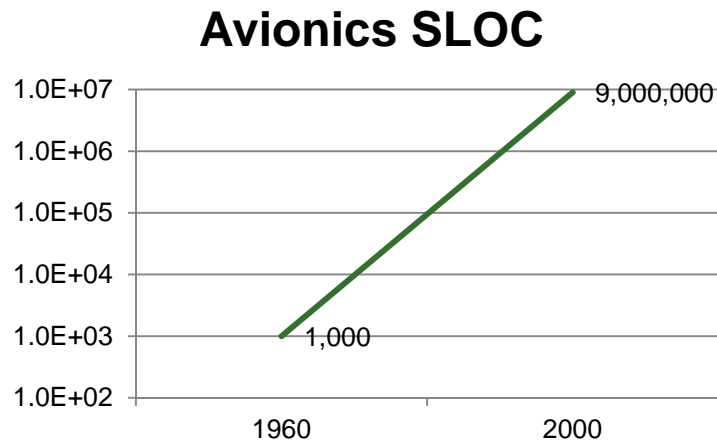


- Cellular
  - Main processor
  - Base band processor (SDR)
  - Secure element (SIM)
- Automotive
  - Autonomous vehicles
  - Vehicle to infrastructure (V2I)
  - Vehicle to vehicle (V2V)
- Industrial and home automation
  - 3D printing (additive manufacturing)
  - Autonomous robots
  - Interconnected SCADA
- Aviation
  - Next Gen air traffic control
- Smart grid
  - Smart electric meters
  - Smart metering infrastructure
- Embedded medical devices



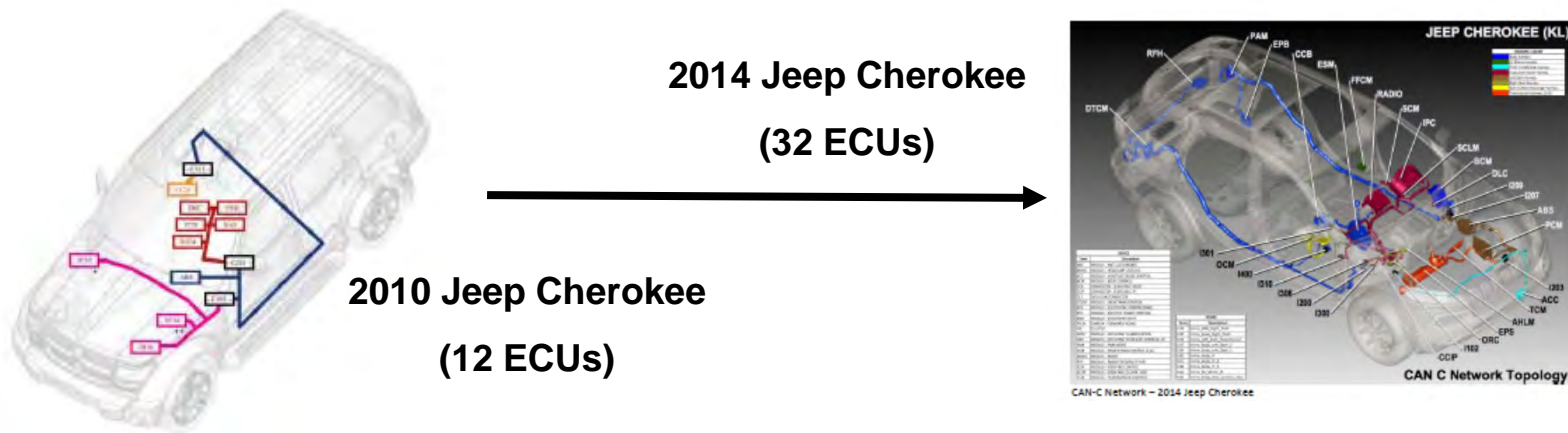
# Complex software is business and mission critical

## Evolution of avionics size and function from F-4A (1960) to F-35 (2000)



Sources: Final Report, NASA Study on Flight Software Complexity  
March 2009; Mel Conway, "Tower of Babel and the Fighter Plane," Oct 9, 2013

# Vehicle technology following the same path



Common assertion that modern high end vehicles have

- Over 50 antennas
- Over 80 ECUs
- Over 100M lines of code

Sources: Miller and Valasek, A Survey of Remote Automotive Attack Surfaces, <http://illmatics.com/remote%20attack%20surfaces.pdf>;

[https://www.cst.com/webinar14-10-23~?utm\\_source=rfg&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_content=mobile&utm\\_campaign=2014series](https://www.cst.com/webinar14-10-23~?utm_source=rfg&utm_medium=web&utm_content=mobile&utm_campaign=2014series)

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# Software vulnerabilities are ubiquitous



## Slide 9

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**MSS7**

New slide before 14 -- what's the external view why we need to get better and fast

Mark S. Sherman, 7/13/2015

# Cyber attacks on physical systems

## Steelworks compromise causes massive damage to furnace.

One of the most concerning was a targeted APT attack on a German steelworks which ended in the attackers gaining access to the business systems and through them to the production network (including SCADA). The effect was that the attackers gained control of a steel furnace and this caused massive damages to the plant.

## Dragonfly attacks a dozen companies

The Dragonfly hacker group attacked a number of companies' SCADA systems and installed the malware 'Havex'. This was used to gather information about the systems. No damage was done, because the compromise was detected and removed before the hackers had completed the observation and intelligence gathering phase.

Die Lage der IT-Sicherheit  
in Deutschland 2014

Sources: [https://www.bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/BSI/Publikationen/Lageberichte/Lagebericht2014.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile](https://www.bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/BSI/Publikationen/Lageberichte/Lagebericht2014.pdf?__blob=publicationFile);

<http://www.resilienceoutcomes.com/state-ict-security/>



Business

# Toyota reaches \$1.2 billion settlement to end probe of accelerator problems

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## Toyota Sudden Acceleration Defect Case: \$1.1 Billion Settlement



Target on Friday revised the number of customers whose personal information was stolen in a widespread data breach during the holiday season, now reporting a range of 70 million to 110 million people.

The stunning figure represents about a third of all American adults at the low end, and is nearly three times as great as the company's original estimate at the upper end. The theft is one of the largest ever of retail data.

Source: New York Times, Jan 10, 2014

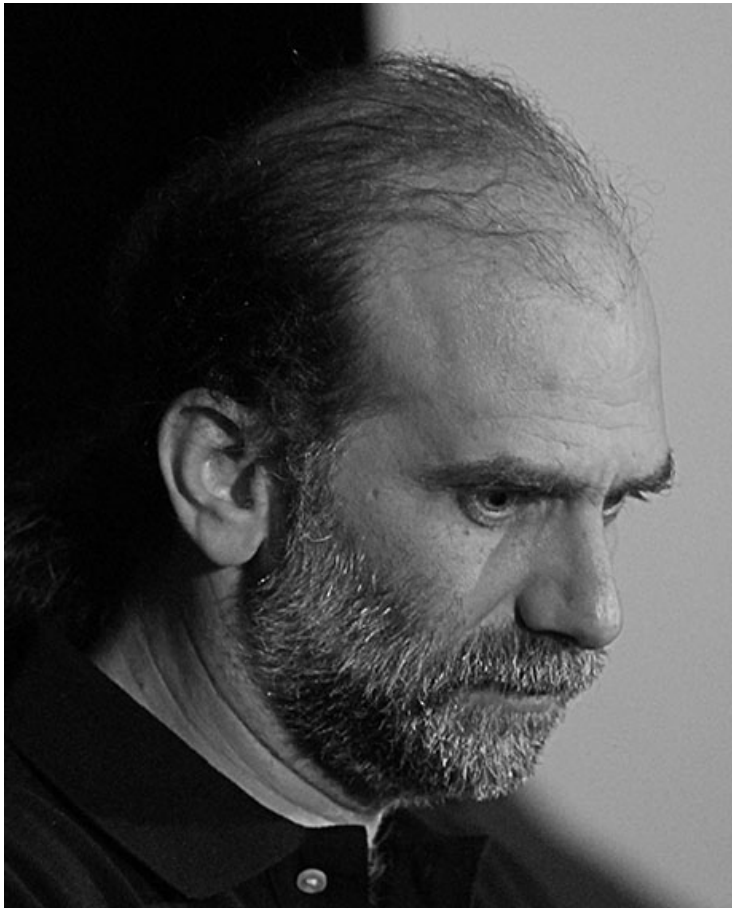
Average cost in a breach:

US\$188 per record

Source: Ponemon Institute, "2013 Cost of Data Breach Study: Global Analysis", May 2013



## An ounce of prevention ....



“We wouldn't have to spend so much time, money, and effort on network security if we didn't have such bad software security.”

Bruce Schneier in Viega and McGraw, “Building Secure Software,” 2001

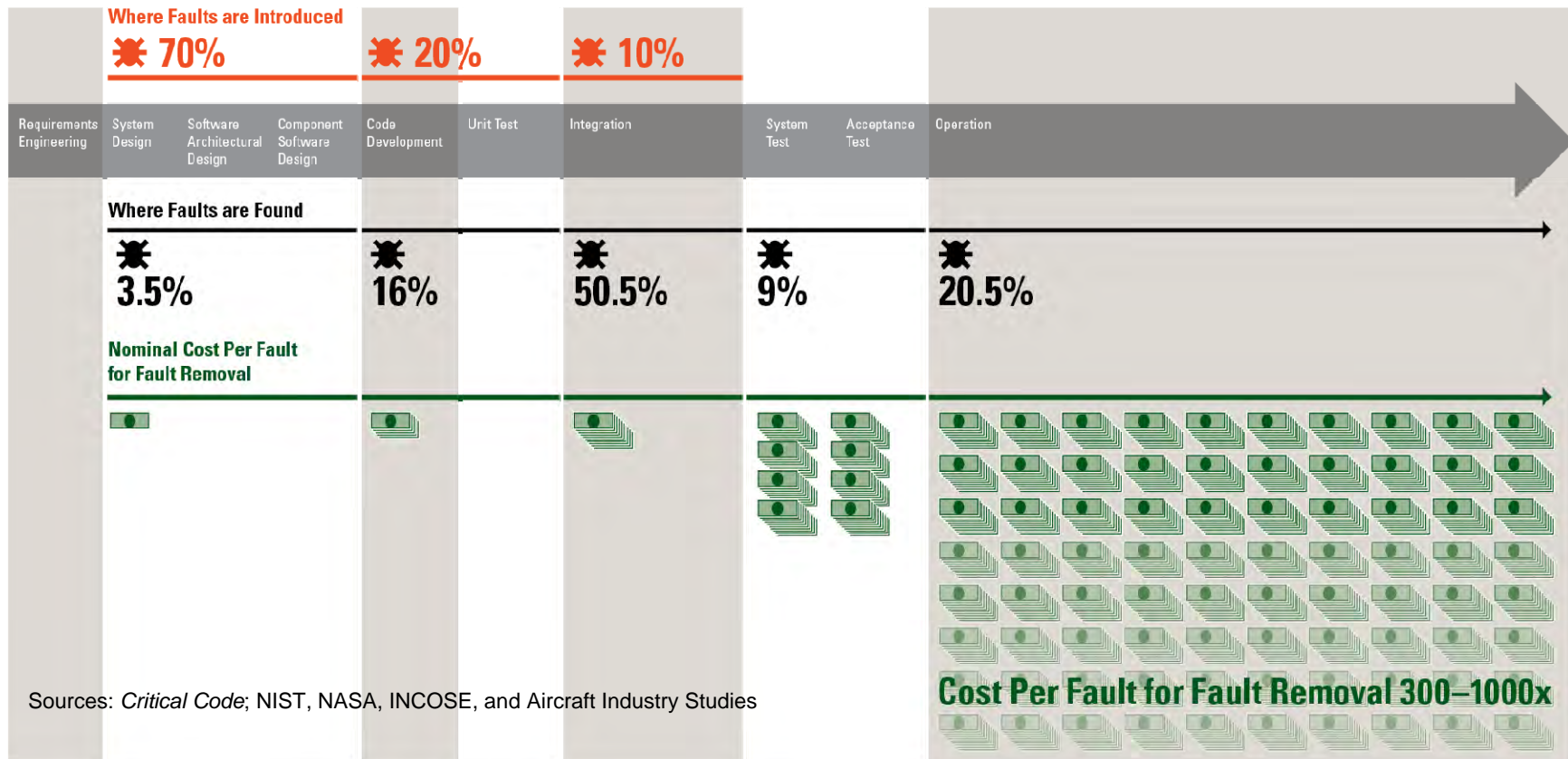
Source: Washington Post, March 19, 2014, [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/toyota-reaches-12-billion-settlement-to-end-criminal-probe/2014/03/19/5738a3c4-af69-11e3-9627-c65021d6d572\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/toyota-reaches-12-billion-settlement-to-end-criminal-probe/2014/03/19/5738a3c4-af69-11e3-9627-c65021d6d572_story.html); <http://www.greene-broillet.com/Articles/Toyotasuddenacceleration.shtml>



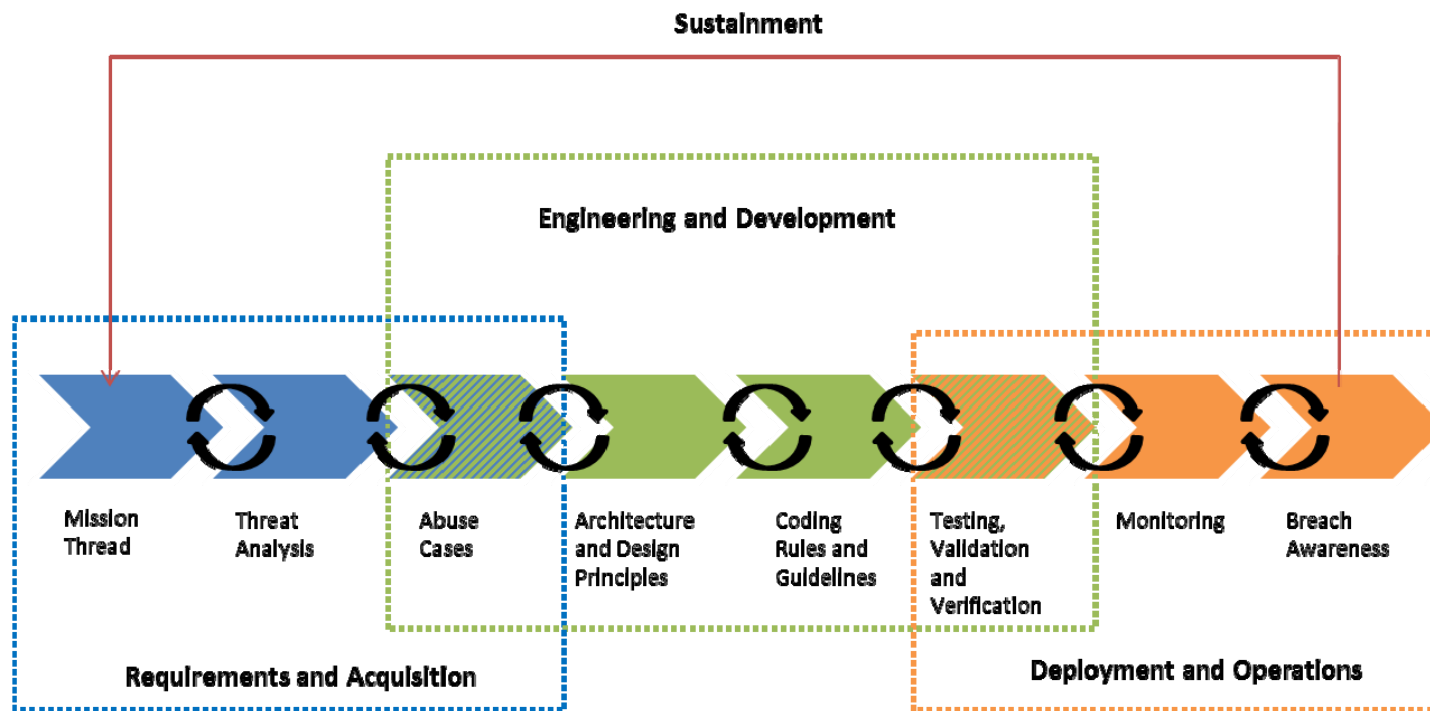
# Catching software faults early saves money

Faults accounts for 30–50% percent of total software project costs

## Software Development Lifecycle

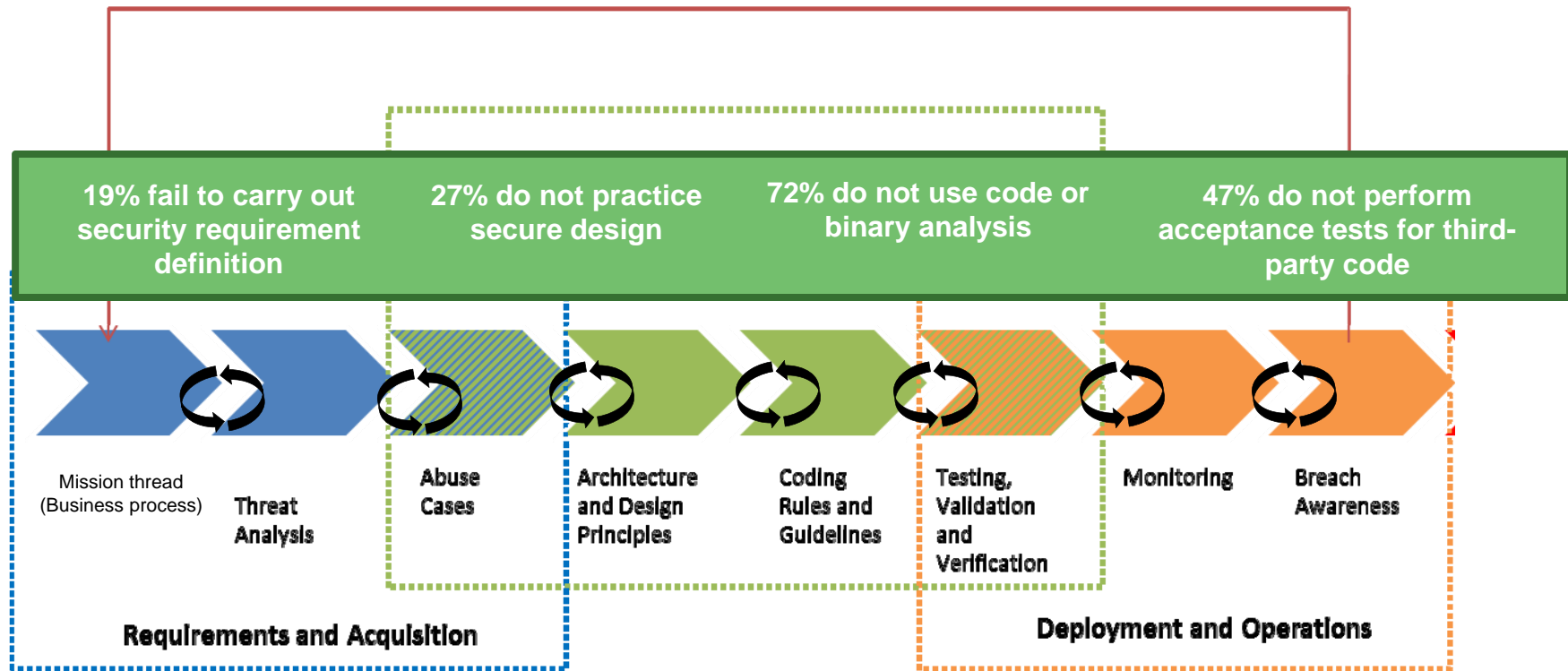


# Security is a lifecycle issue



# Room for improvement

Sustainment

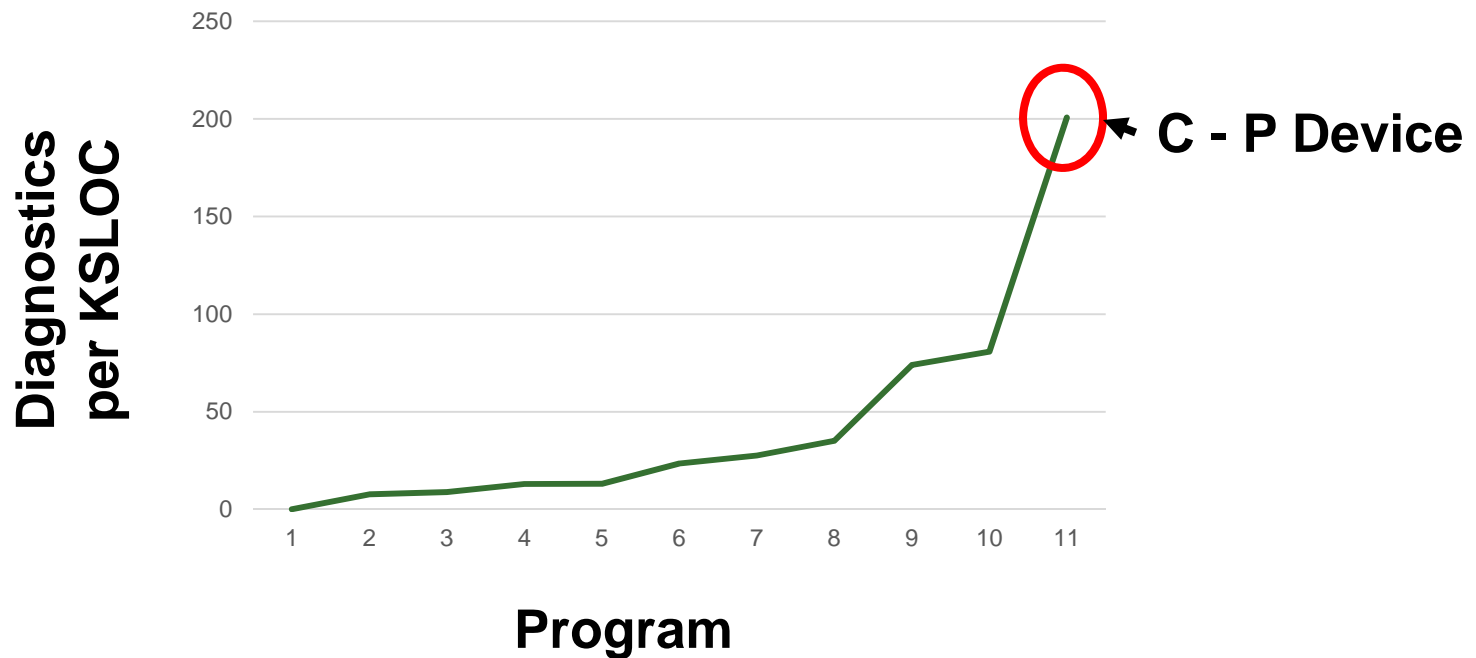


**More than 81% do not coordinate their security practices in various stages of the development life cycle.**

Sources: Forrester Consulting, "State of Application Security," January 2011; Wendy Nather, Research Director, 451 Research, "Dynamic testing: Why Tools Alone Aren't Enough, March 25, 2015"



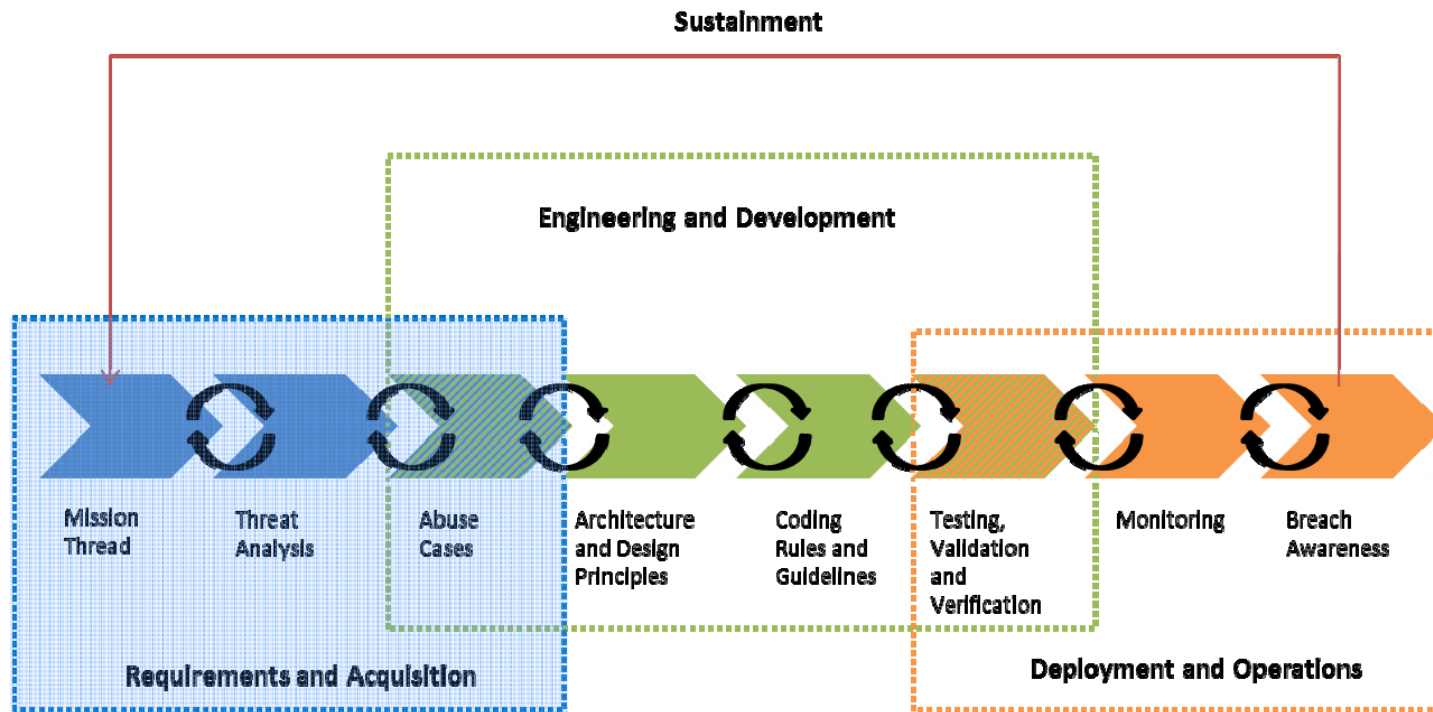
# There is a wide range of application security quality



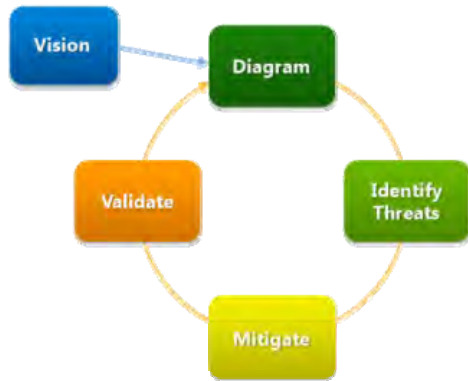
Source: CERT sample of evaluated programs



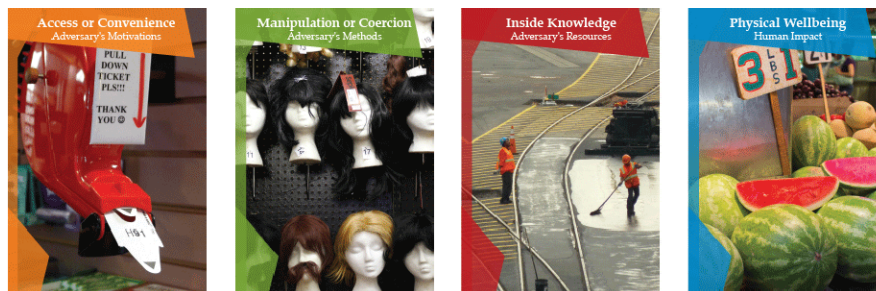
# Requirements



# Threat analysis tools help derive abuse and misuse cases



Microsoft SDL Threat Modeling Tool



Denning, Friedman, Kohno  
The Security Cards: Security Threat Brainstorming Toolkit

## STRIDE Threat Types

Desired Property	Threat	Definition
Authentication	Spoofing	Impersonating something or someone else
Integrity	Tampering	Modifying code or data without authorization
Non-repudiation	Repudiation	The ability to claim to have not performed some action against an application
Confidentiality	Information Disclosure	The exposure of information to unauthorized users
Availability	Denial of Service	The ability to deny or degrade a service to legitimate users
Authorization	Elevation of Privilege	The ability of a user to elevate their privileges with an application without authorization

Microsoft STRIDE Threat Types



Jane Cleland-Huang's Persona non Grata  
<http://www.infoq.com/articles/personae-non-gratae>

# Embedded systems represent new classes of vulnerabilities

## Embedded systems have different characteristics than IT systems



Size, weight, power and latency concerns

Unique architectures of embedded controllers

Bit and clock cycle level operations

Physical resources with real time sensors

Safety-Critical Real-time OS

Intermittent communications

Multiple command-and-control masters

Embedded firmware,

Unique internal busses & controllers

Developers are engineers, not software developers



# Security approaches for IT systems do not cover embedded system security

## Responses to attack surfaces and threat models not generally reusable



- Virus definitions and operating guidelines do not always apply
- Firewalls and IDS/IPS of limited value
- Centralized account control not possible
- Network tools and assessment techniques unaware of embedded systems architecture and interfaces
- Larger number of attack surfaces
- More diverse attack surfaces
- Maintenance backdoors
- Hardcoded credentials
- Unique and insecure protocols
- Unplanned connectivity and upgrades

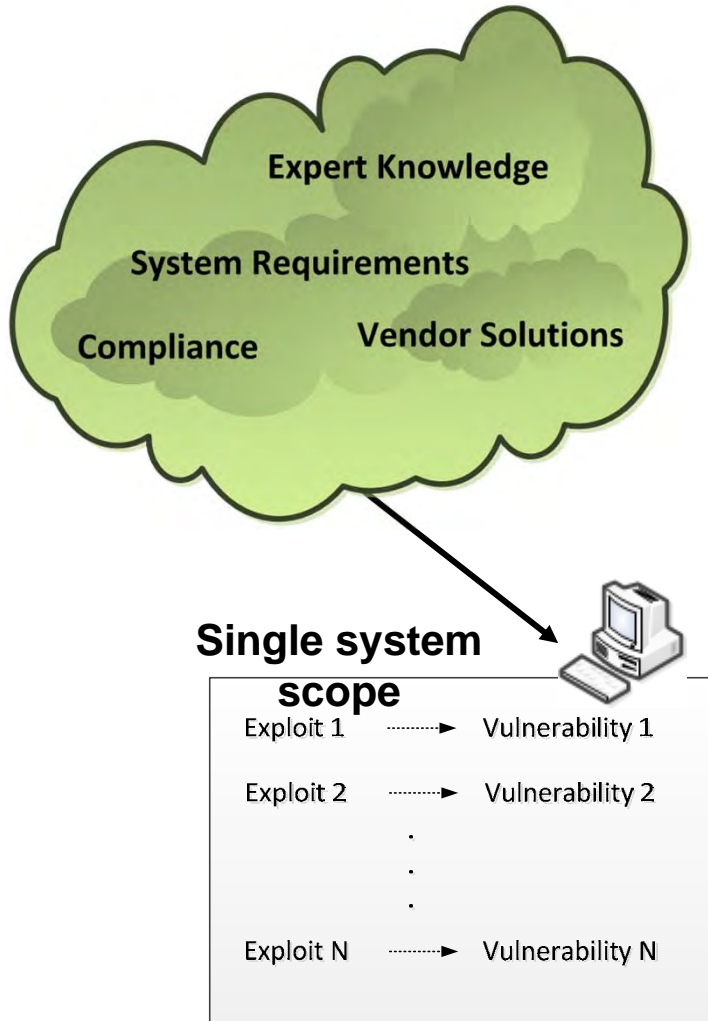


# Programming for security is not the same as programming for safety

Safety strategy	Security view
Rely on physical models in fault trees	Attackers do not obey the laws of physics
Redundancy mitigates single failures	Attackers are not independent events
Shared, global state improves behavior	Attackers use leaked information beyond intended purposes
Shared service containers to meet space, power and weight constraints	Coupled services enable denial of service attacks
Microcontrollers and air gaps implement boundaries	Side channels open vulnerabilities



# Need for multisystem risk analysis



Risk analysis is focused on a single system

- Standalone (i.e., single system) models have been developed
- Risk analysis considers the exploit of an individual vulnerability within a single system

Security risk identification techniques do not consider:

- Compositions of multiple vulnerabilities
- Cross-system security events/risks
- Impacts beyond the exploit of a single system (to the intended service and organization)

Need for systematic, multiple system evaluations

- Notation for expressing a security events and risks
- Take into account all context



# Security Engineering Risk Analysis approach

## Comprehensive context

### Use-Case View

Use Case ID	Use Case Name	Actor	Preconditions	Postconditions	Flow of Events	Exceptions
UC-001	Authenticate User	User	User is logged out	User is logged in	1. User enters credentials 2. System validates credentials 3. System grants access	Invalid credentials

### Data View

Entity	Attributes	Relationships
User	username, password, email	connected to System
System	status, configuration	connected to User, Network

### Network View

### Workflow View

### Physical View

### Stakeholder View

Stakeholder	Interests
AD Manager's Office	Ensure AD is secure and available
AD Operator	Manage AD day-to-day operations
AD System Administrator	Configure and maintain AD services

## Determining actions

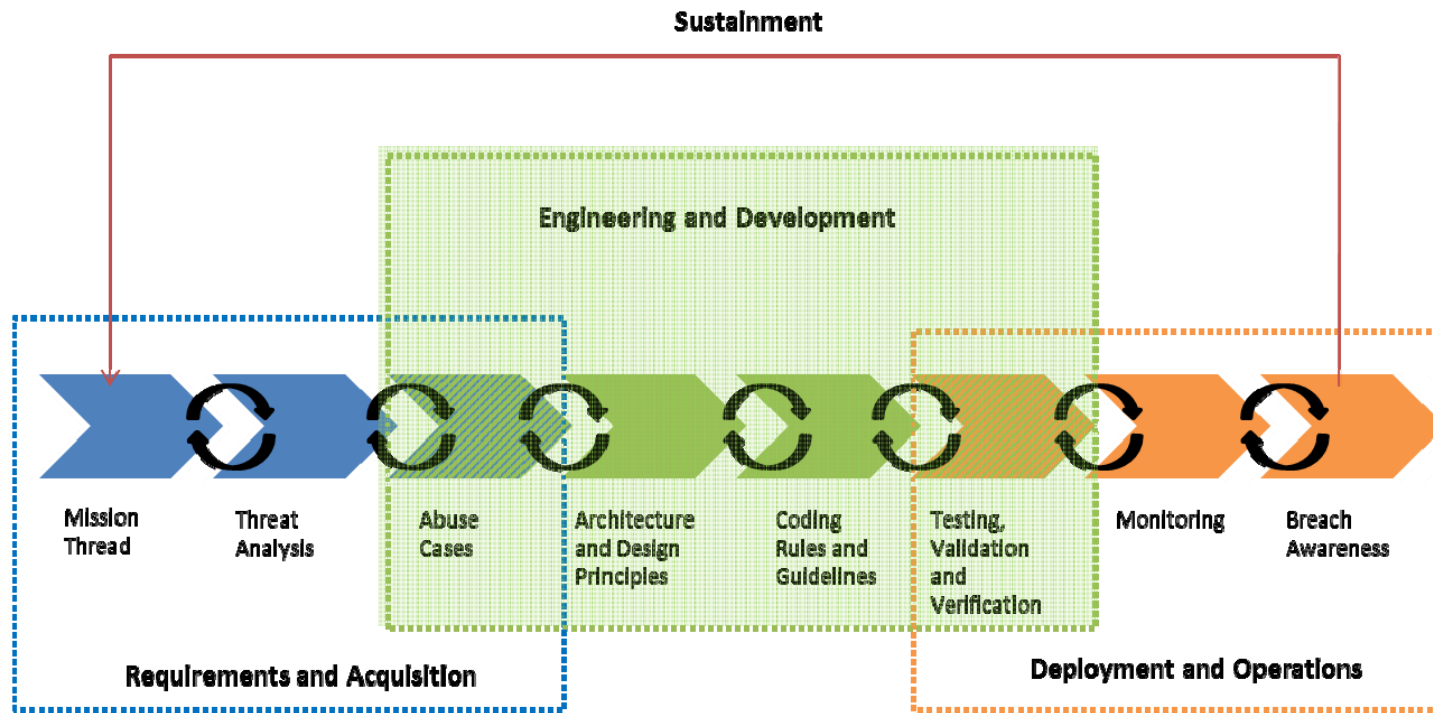
- Establish threat model
- Determine common system view
- Inspect connections between systems
- Evaluate
  - Consequences
  - Likelihood
  - Risk

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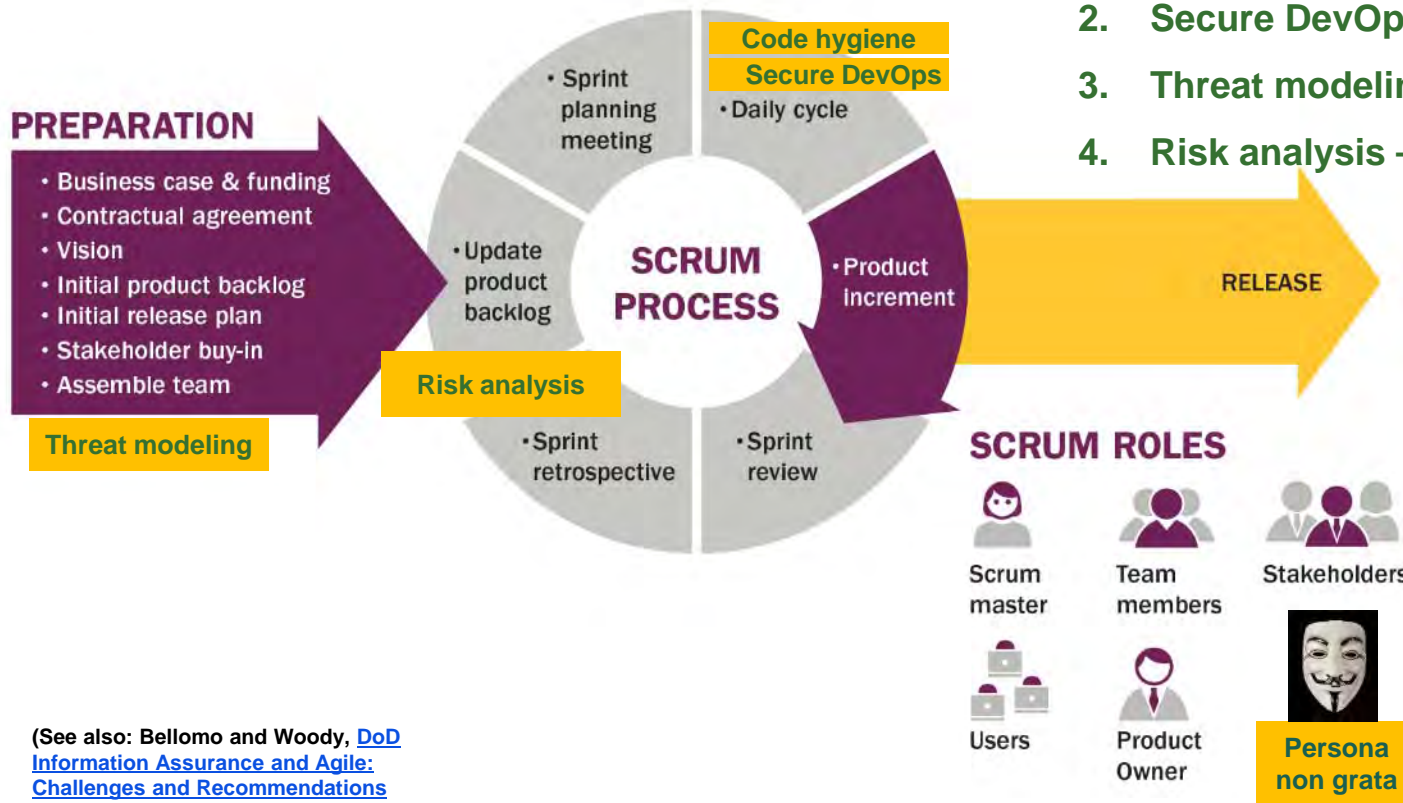


# Development



# Integrating security into Agile development

1. Code hygiene – introduce secure coding
2. Secure DevOps – include security tools
3. Threat modeling – represent a new role
4. Risk analysis – prioritize in backlog



(See also: Bellomo and Woody, [DoD Information Assurance and Agile: Challenges and Recommendations Gathered Through Interviews with Agile Program Managers and DoD Accreditation Reviewers](http://repository.cmu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1674&context=sei) (<http://repository.cmu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1674&context=sei>))

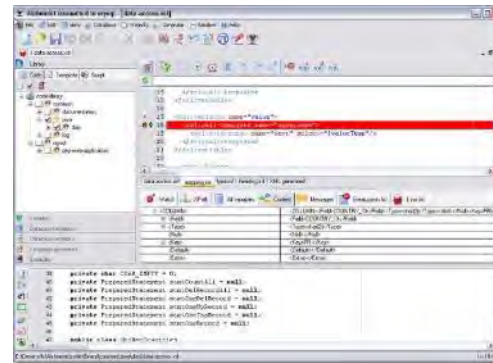


# Adoption of secure coding rules

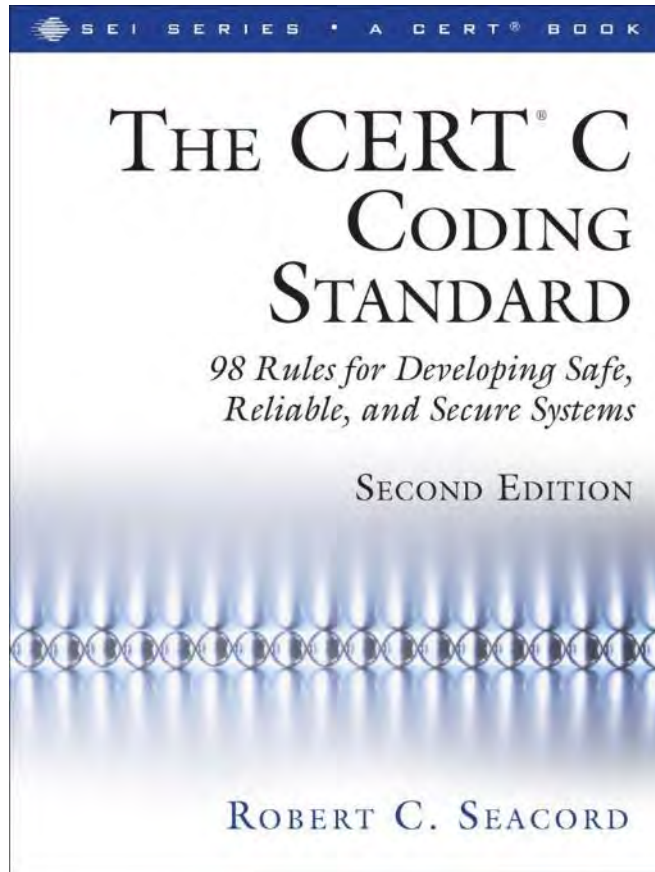
Training



Integrated development environments



# Coding rules



- Collected wisdom of programmers and tools vendors
  - **Fed by community wiki started in Spring 2006**
  - 1,576 registered contributors
- Basis for ISO Standard



# Learning from rules and recommendations

Rules and recommendations in the secure coding standards focus to improve behavior

The “Ah ha” moment:  
Noncompliant code examples or antipatterns in a pink frame—do not copy and paste into your code

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Noncompliant Code Example
In this example, the format_message() function allocates a buffer and stores it in the buf parameter. From the documentation of format_message_allocate_buffer():

The function allocates a buffer large enough to hold the formatted message, and places a pointer to the allocated buffer at the address specified by buf. The buf parameter is a pointer to an LPCTSTR; you must cast the pointer to an LPSTR (for example, (LPSTR)&buf). The nSize parameter specifies the maximum number of CHARs to allocate for an output message buffer. The zero should use the LocalFree function to free the buffer when it is no longer needed.

Instead of freeing the memory using LocalFree(), this code example uses GlobalFree() erroneously.

LPCTSTR buf;
DWORD n = FormatMessage(FORMAT_MESSAGE_ALLOCATE_BUFFER |
    FORMAT_MESSAGE_FROM_SYSTEM |
    FORMAT_MESSAGE_IGNORE_INSERTS, 0, GetLastError(),
    LANG_USER_DEFAULT, (LPSTR)&buf, 1024, 0);

if (n != 0) {
    /* Format and display the error to the user */
    GlobalFree(buf);
}

Compliant Solution
The compliant solution uses the proper deallocation function as described by the documentation.

LPCTSTR buf;
DWORD n = FormatMessage(FORMAT_MESSAGE_ALLOCATE_BUFFER |
    FORMAT_MESSAGE_FROM_SYSTEM |
    FORMAT_MESSAGE_IGNORE_INSERTS, 0, GetLastError(),
    LANG_USER_DEFAULT, (LPSTR)&buf, 1024, 0);

if (n != 0) {
    /* Format and display the error to the user */
    LocalFree(buf);
}
```

Compliant solutions in a blue frame that conform with all rules and can be reused in your code



# Secure Coding in C/C++ Training

The Secure Coding course is designed for C and C++ developers. It encourages programmers to adopt security best practices and develop a security mindset that can help protect software from tomorrow's attacks, not just today's.

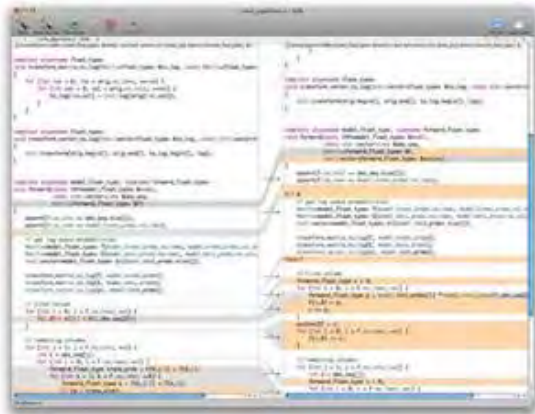
## Topics

- String management
- Dynamic memory management
- Integral security
- Formatted output
- File I/O

[Additional information at ttp://www.sei.cmu.edu/training/p63.cfm](http://www.sei.cmu.edu/training/p63.cfm)

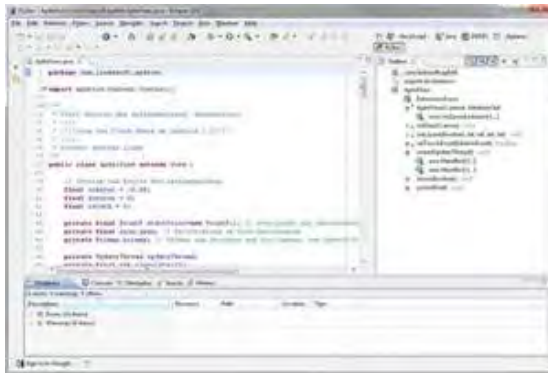


# Tools encourage application of secure coding



## Moving rules into IDE improves application of secure coding

- Early feedback corrects errors on introduction
- Exceptions are understood in context
- Feedback improves developer skill



## Target Clang static analyzer (C based languages)

- Widely used open source front end for popular compilers
- Integrated into Apple's Xcode IDE

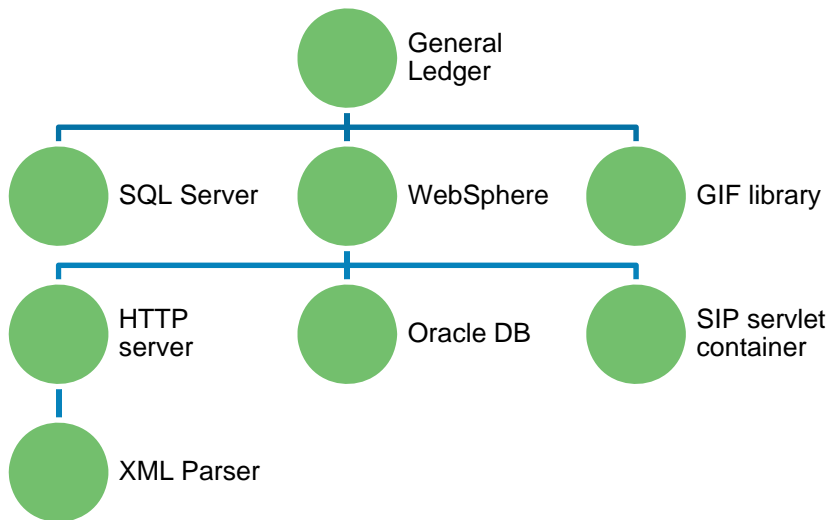
## Target FindBugs (Java)

- Integrated into Eclipse and JDeveloper



# Software depends on a supply chain of components

## Development is largely assembly



### Collective development – context:

- Too large for single organization
- Too much specialization
- Too little value in individual components

Note: hypothetical application composition





# Substantial open source contained in supply chain



- At least 75% of organizations rely on open source as the foundation of their applications
- Most applications are now assembled from hundreds of open source components, often reflecting as much as 90% of an application

Distributed development – context:

- Amortize expense
- Outsource non-differential features
- Lower acquisition (CapEx) expense

Source: Sonatype, 2014 Sonatype Open Source Development and Application Security Survey;



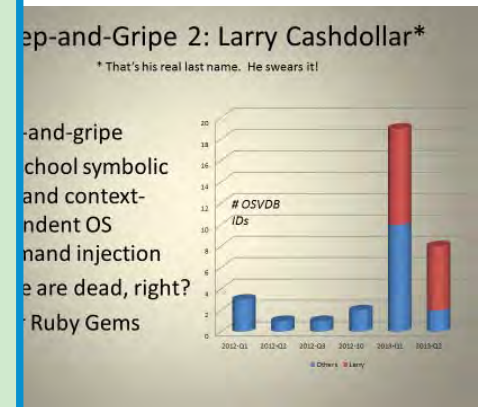
# Open source is not secure

Heartbleed and Shellshock were found by exploitation

Other open source software illustrates vulnerabilities from cursory inspection

**46 million vulnerable open source components downloaded annually**

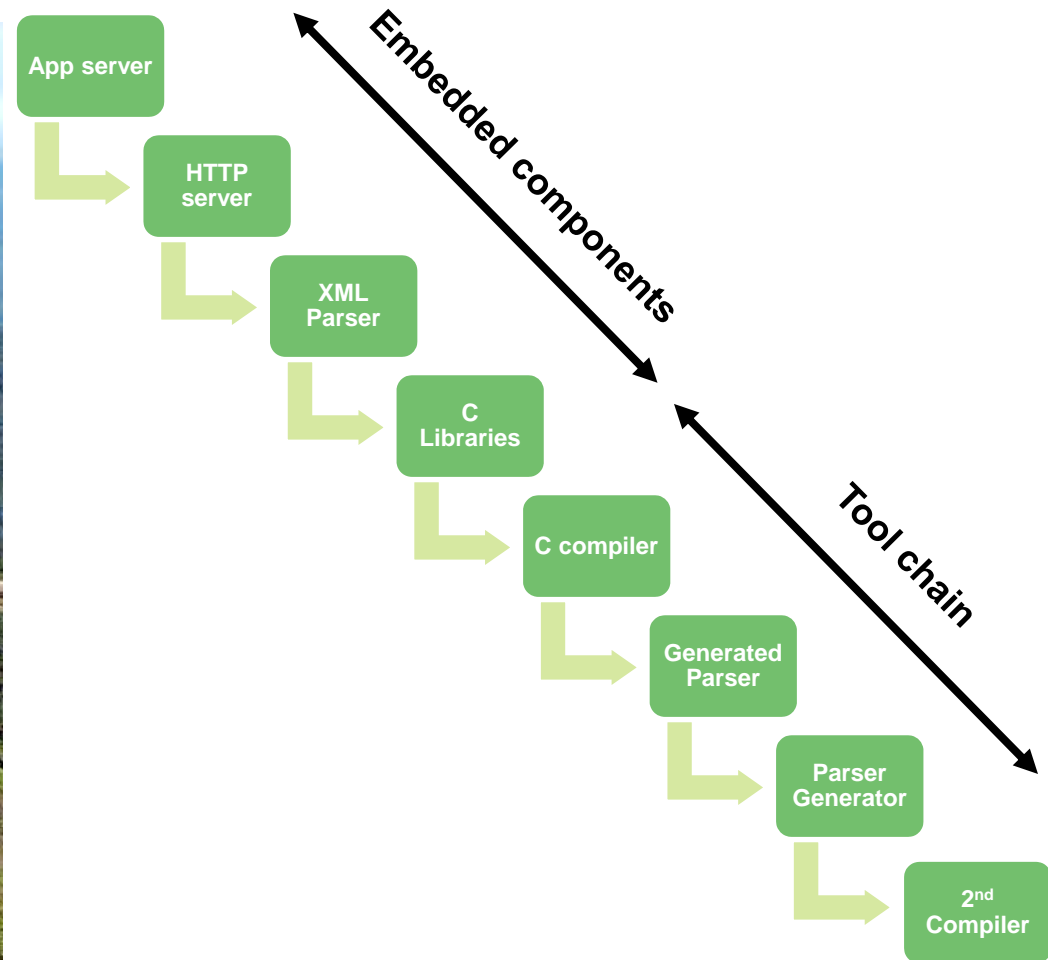
**26% of the most common open source components have high risk vulnerabilities**



Sources: Steve Christey (MITRE) & Brian Martin (OSF), Buying Into the Bias: Why Vulnerability Statistics Suck, <https://media.blackhat.com/us-13/US-13-Martin-Buying-Into-The-Bias-Why-Vulnerability-Statistics-Suck-Slides.pdf>; Sonatype, Sonatype Open Source Development and Application Security Survey; Aspect Software "The Unfortunate Reality of Insecure Libraries," March 2012



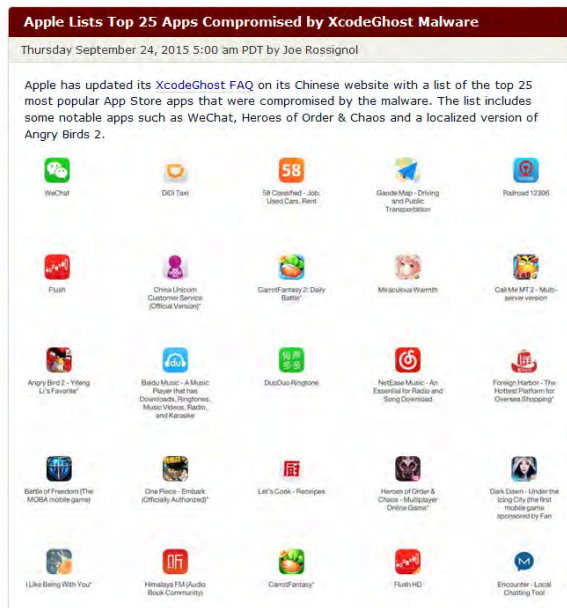
# Open source supply chain has a long path



# Corruption in the tool chain already exists



- XcodeGhost corrupted Apple's development environment

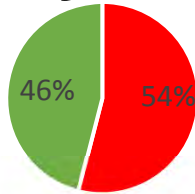


- Major programs affected
  - WeChat
  - Badu Music
  - Angry Birds 2
  - Heroes of Order & Chaos
  - iOBD2

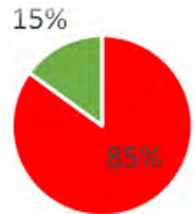
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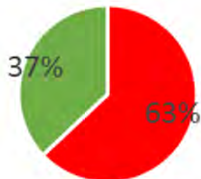
# Existing Customer Premise Equipment (SOHO) typically vulnerable



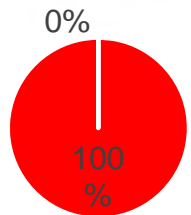
**54% of tested routers are vulnerable to cross-site request forgery (CSRF)**



**85% of tested routers use non-unique default credentials**



**63% of tested routers are vulnerable to DNS spoofing attacks**



**100% of router firmware use BusyBox versions from 2011 or earlier and embedded Linux kernel versions from 2010 or earlier**

Source: Land, J. "Systemic Vulnerabilities in Customer-Premises Equipment Routers," unpublished white paper, 2015



# Connecting automotive systems to internet opens system to attack



## HACKERS REMOTELY KILL A JEEP ON THE HIGHWAY—WITH ME IN IT



Extending systems opens vulnerabilities not anticipated

- Optimizations performed assuming one attack method
- Assumptions no longer hold with additional integrations

Studies suggest that new operational environments are a leading cause for introducing new vulnerabilities in existing systems.

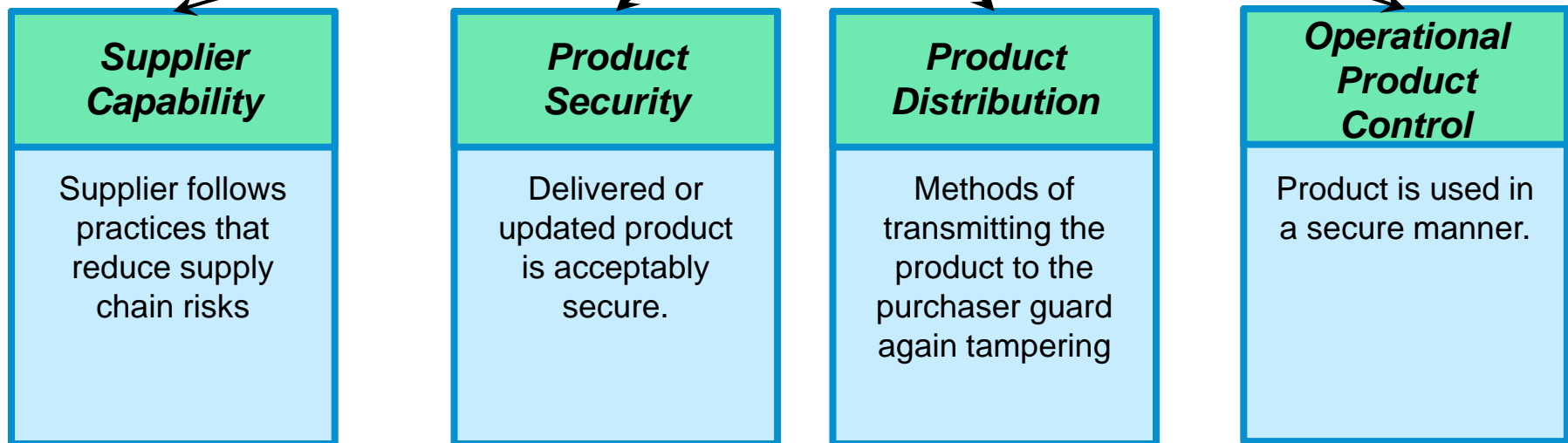
Source: <http://www.wired.com/2015/07/hackers-remotely-kill-jeep-highway/>

Clark, Frei, Blaze, Smith, "Familiarity Breeds Contempt: The Honeymoon Effect and the Role of Legacy Code in Zero-Day Vulnerabilities," ACSAC '10 Dec. 6-10, 2010, p. 251-260."

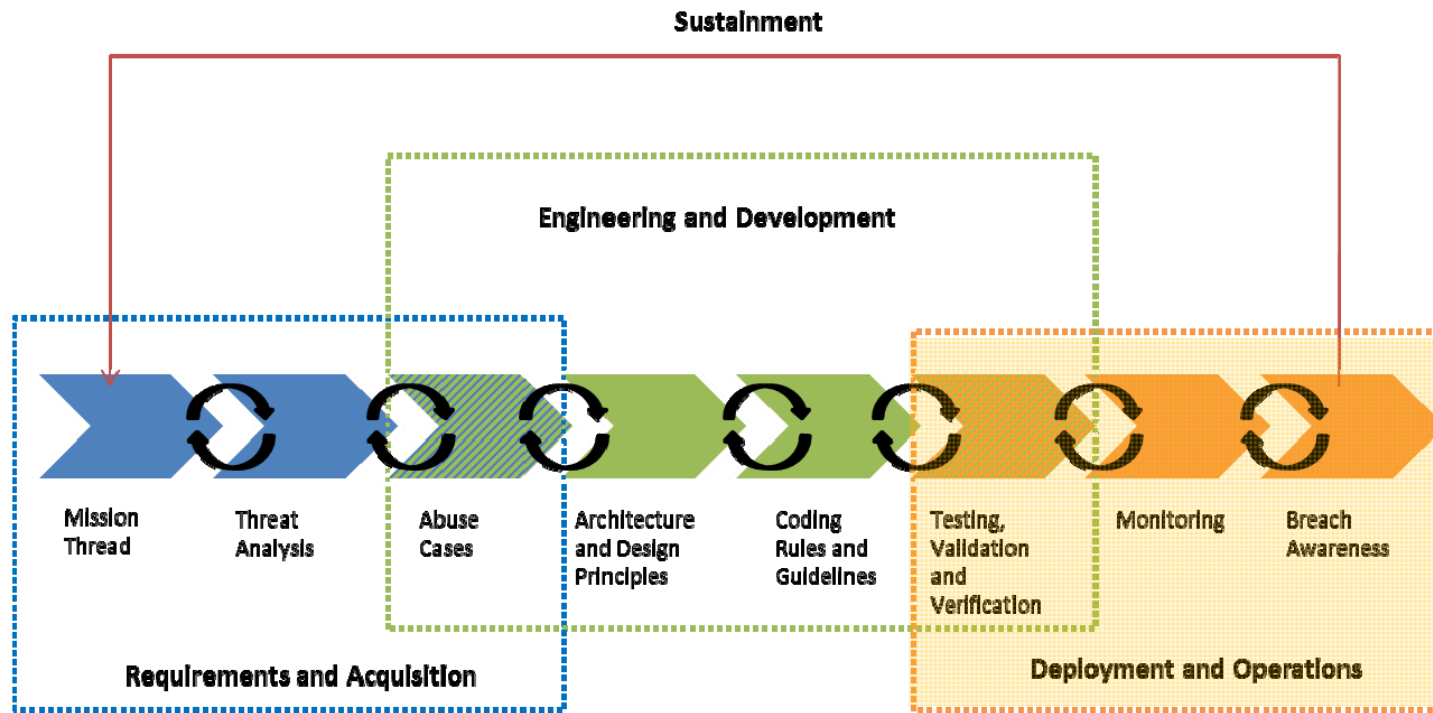


# Need to manage software supply chain

Software Supply Chain risk for a product **needs to be** reduced to acceptable level

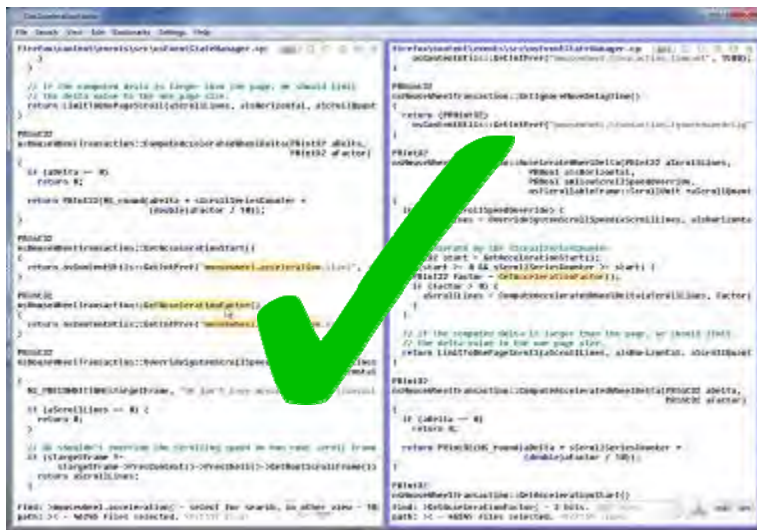


# Deployment and operations





# Static Testing – Source code analysis tools



## Secure Code Analysis Laboratory (SCALE)

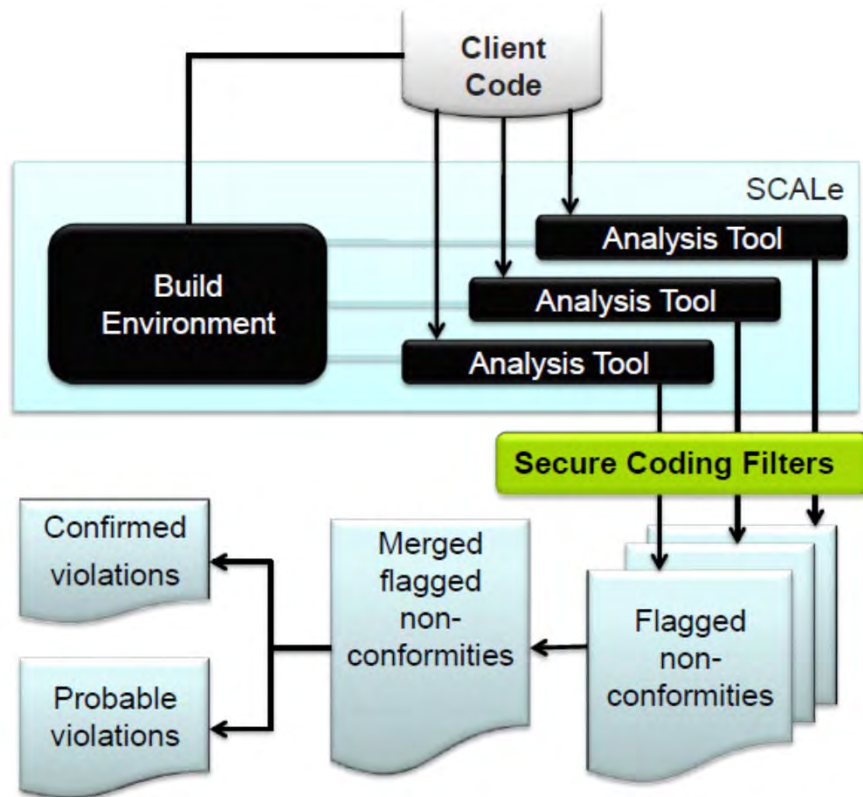
- C, C++, Java, PERL, Python, Android rule conformance checking
- Thread safety analysis
- Information flows across Android applications
- Operating system call flows

## Static testing optimization

- SCALE set up
- SCALE filters and visualizer
- Tool conformance and capability testing
- Multitool integration and statistical optimizer



# SCALe Multitool evaluation



Improve expert review productivity by focusing on high priority violations

Filter select secure coding rule violations

- Eliminate irrelevant diagnostics
- Convert to common CERT Secure Coding rule labeling

Single view into code and all diagnostics

Maintain record of decisions



# Dynamic testing and evaluation – fuzzing

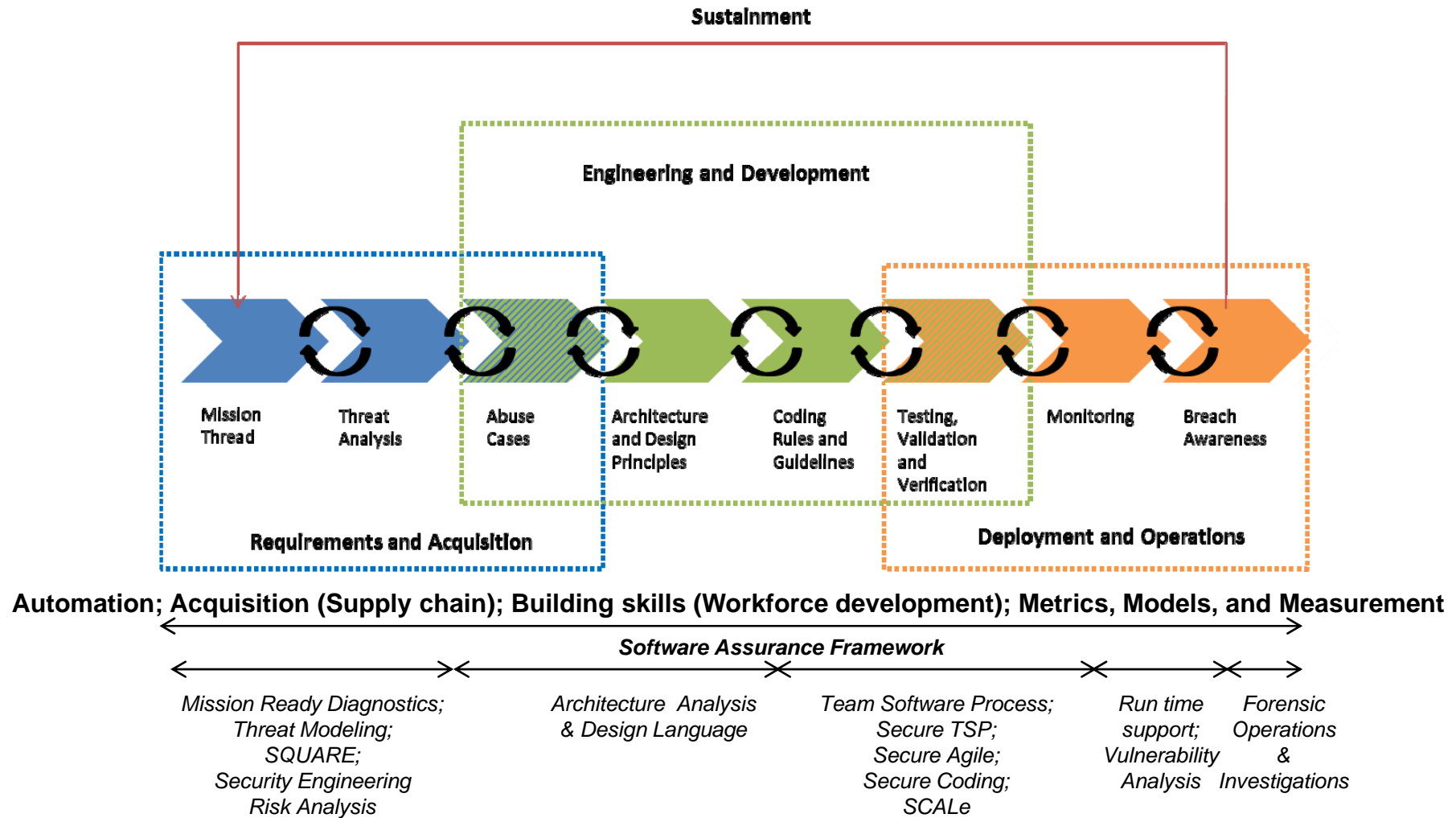


## Fuzz testing of attack surfaces

- Based on techniques used in CERT's Basic Fuzzing Framework (BFF)
- mutational fuzzing
- machine learning and evolutionary computing techniques
- adjusts its configuration parameters based on what it finds (or does not find) over the course of a fuzzing campaign



# Review: Secure Software Development Lifecycle



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