

Security is an Awesome Product Feature

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Braking Down Security Podcast

“teams want to work on awesome features, not security, and they don't realize that security is an awesome feature”

-@noid



<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/awesome>

Etymology

From **awe** + **-some**; compare Old English egeful (“fearful; inspiring awe”).

Adjective

awesome (comparative more awesome or awesomer, superlative most awesome or awesomest)

1. (dated) Causing awe or terror; inspiring wonder or excitement. [from 1590–1600.] *The waterfall in the middle of the rainforest was an awesome sight. The tsunami was awesome in its destructive power.*
2. (colloquial) Excellent, exciting, remarkable. *That was awesome!*



Describing Value

Teams need methods to evaluate the value and trade offs for security features:

- Relative Value
- Monetary Methods
- Checklists
- Frameworks



Relative Valuations

- Hard Requirements
 - Regulatory mandates
- Important Requirements
 - TLS and up to date cypher suites
 - OAuth2
 - Multi Factor Authentication
 - Encryption at rest
 - Correct Session Timeouts
- Nice to Haves
 - Application Firewall



Monetary Valuation

2022 IBM / Ponemon Data Breach Report

- Data Breach
 - \$4.35 Million - average total cost of breach
 - \$164 - average cost per record
- Regulations
 - €20 Million or 4% - minimum GDPR fine
 - \$2,500 / consumer - CCPA Fine

<https://www.ibm.com/reports/data-breach>



Gartner: 12 Things to Get Right

1. Adapt the security testing tools and processes to the developers
2. Quit trying to eliminate all vulnerabilities during development
3. Identify and remove known open-source vulnerabilities
4. Don't expect to use traditional dast/sast without changes
5. Train all developers on the basics of secure coding
6. Adopt a security champion model
7. Secure infrastructure with automation and infrastructure as code (IaC)
8. Implement strong version control on all code and components
9. Implement secrets management
10. Adopt an immutable infrastructure mindset
11. Rethink how service delivery incidents, including security, are handled
12. Use dynamic access provisioning for developers in DevSecOps



OWASP OpenSAMM Model

Governance	Design	Implementation	Verification	Operations
Strategy and Metrics	Threat Assessment	Secure Build	Architecture Assessment	Incident Management
Policy and Compliance	Security Requirements	Secure Deployment	Requirements-Driven Testing	Environment Management
Education and Guidance	Security Architecture	Defect Management	Security Testing	Operational Management

<https://owaspsamm.org/>



Agile Methods Empower Teams

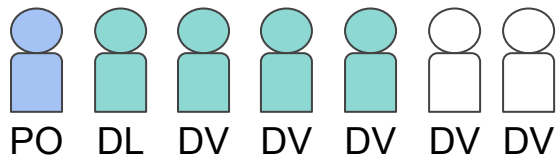
Empowered teams can move fast and solve their own problems.

Empowered teams can collaborate with other teams directly without communication gaps.

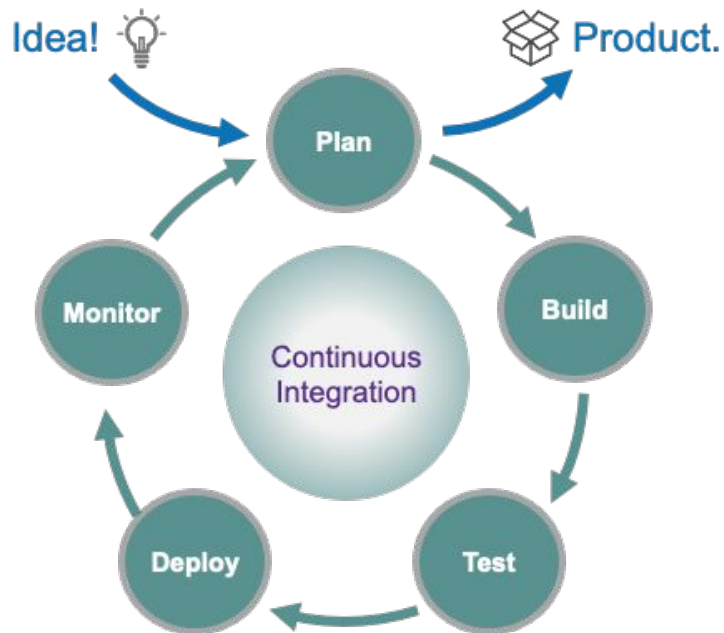
Empowered teams can embrace security needs and prioritize security features for their product.



Cybersecurity is a Business Problem



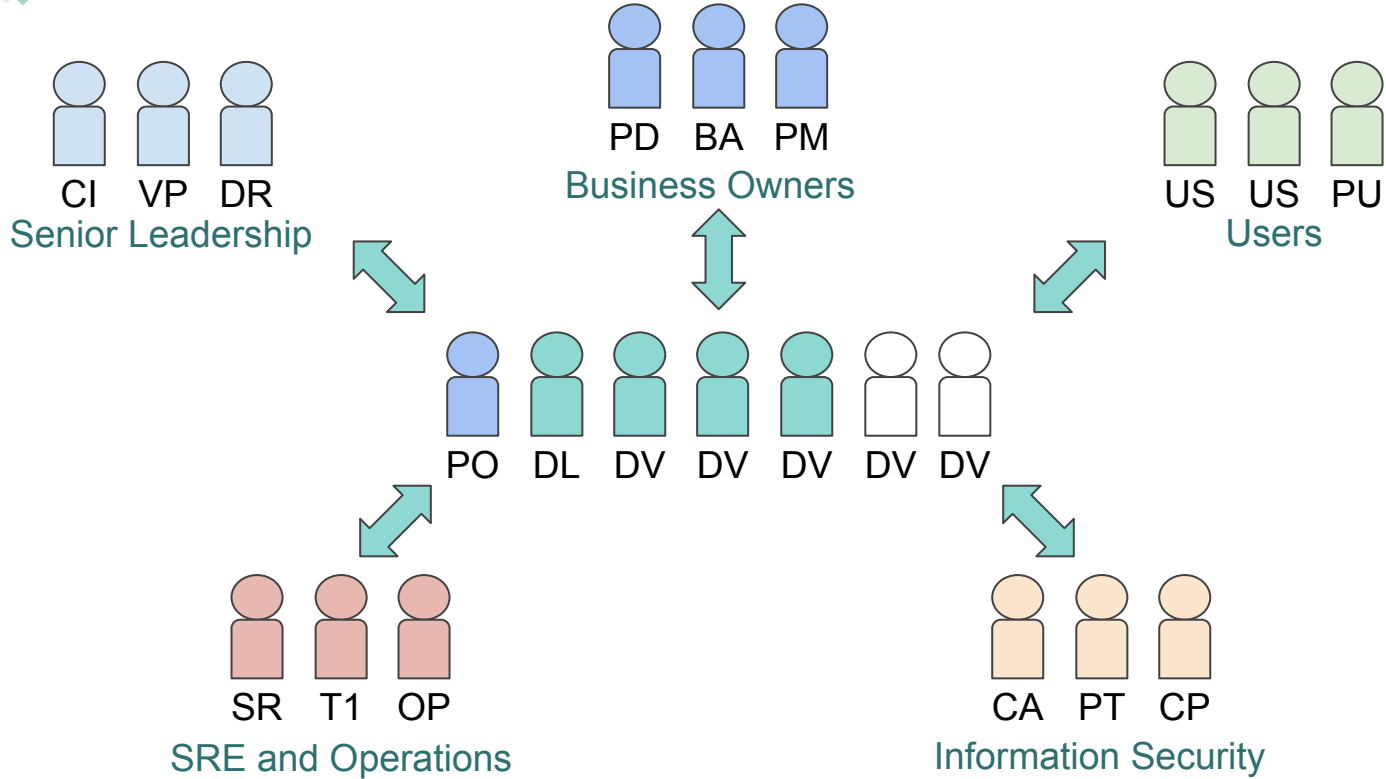
Empowered teams are responsible for all phases of software development.



Fire Doesn't Innovate by Kip Boyle, ISBN-10: 1544513194

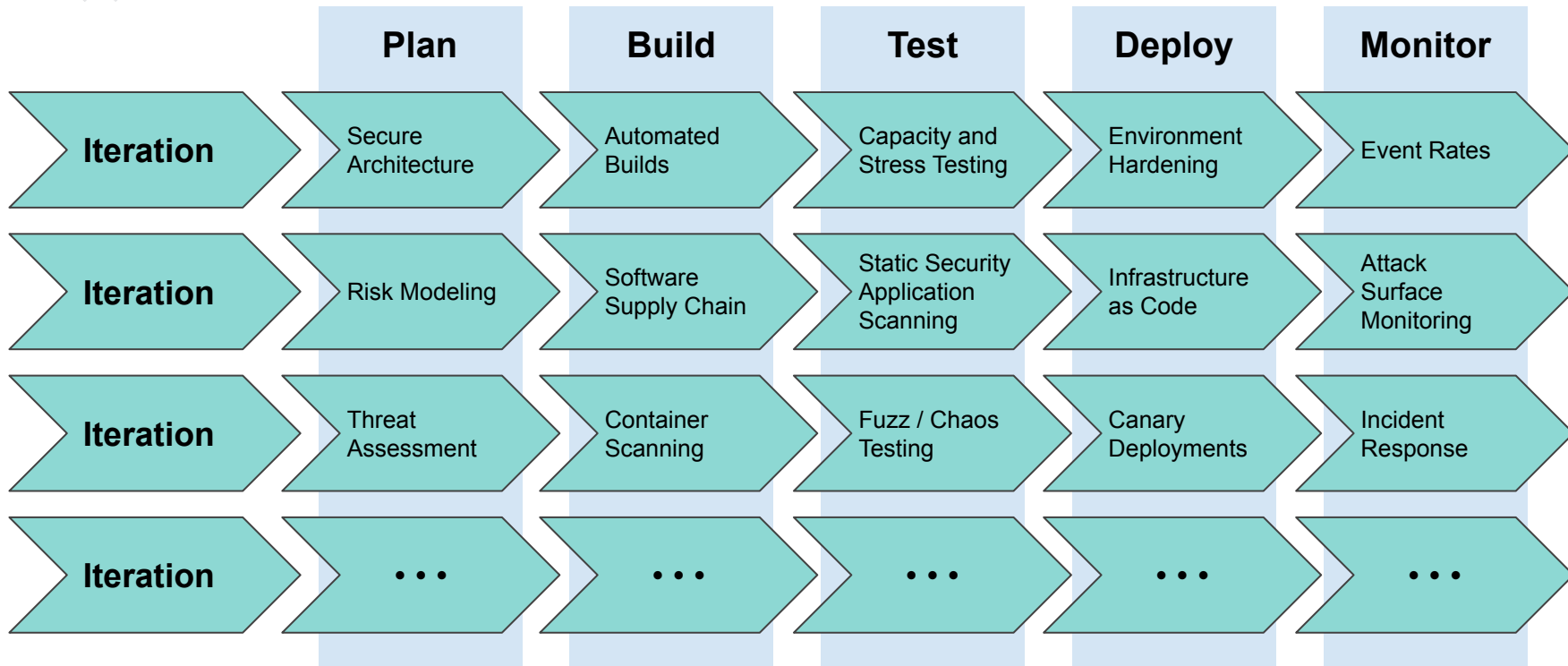


Business Value Chain





Iterative Approach





Application Trust

- The business value of a system cannot be realized if the system is not trustworthy. To gain that trust information security requirements must be addressed.
- In many organizations, security features are added as requirements in a category called “non-functional requirements”.
- This category devalues these features. Product owners and development teams must value security aspects of the product as first-class features.



Security Culture

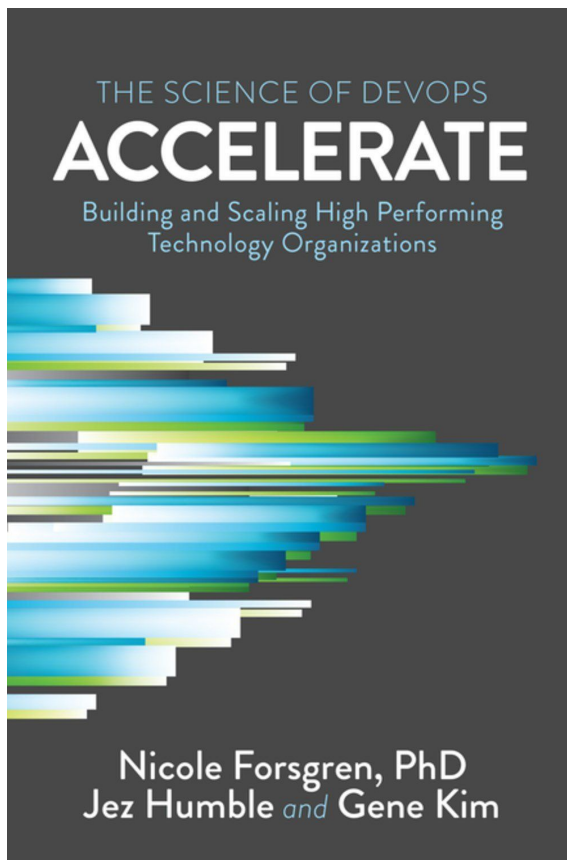
- Build a security culture
- Empower security champions
- Make small security steps at daily habit
- Learn to describe good security as return on investment
 - Not just risk avoided

<https://owasp.org/www-project-security-culture/>



Summary

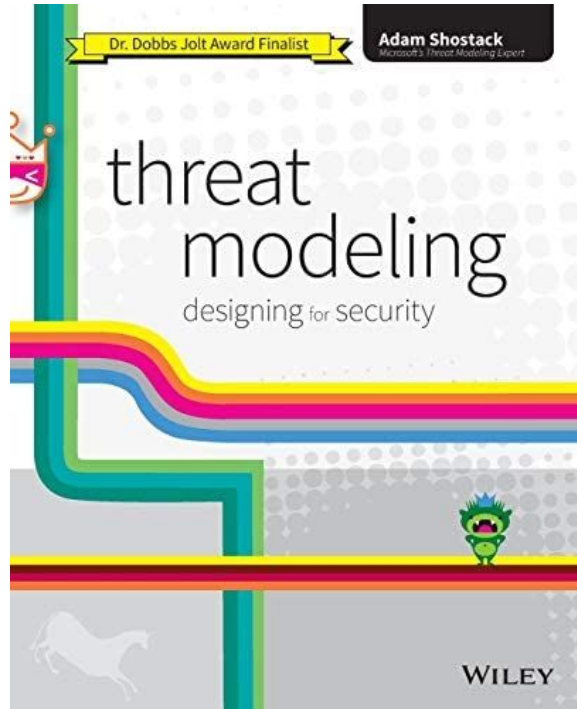
- Help your organization empower development teams.
- Pose security requirements as product requirements which bring value
- Search for developers who finds security interesting
- Work iteratively - don't boil the ocean



DevOps Efficiency Matrix

<https://devopsefficiency.com/>

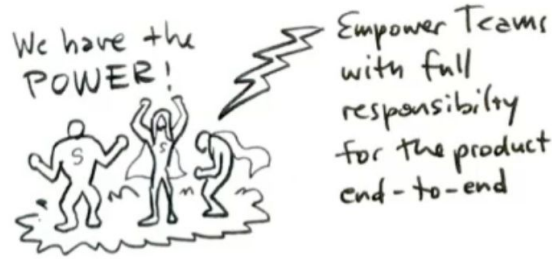
An open source tool for evaluating the effectiveness of your product delivery process



- Tools and a framework for structured thinking about what can go wrong.
- Jargon-free and accessible introduction to this essential skill.
- Techniques to discern changing threats and discover the easiest ways to adopt a structured approach to threat modeling.

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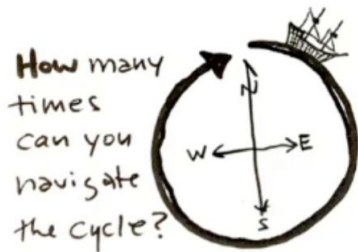
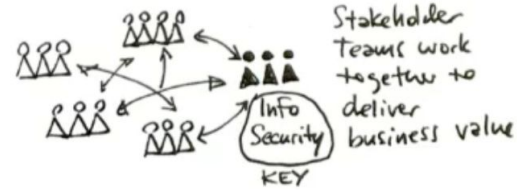


Empower Teams
with full
responsibility
for the product
end-to-end

What's the
cost of NOT
doing this?

Thank
You!

awesome ~
what has the most value?



Average cost of a security breach:
\$4,000,000.00

Remember: you're working in iterations,
so take bite-size chunks.

The business
value of a
system
cannot be
realized if
the system
is not
trustworthy.



Empowered Teams Drive Business Value

