

Application Security



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■ Agenda

- ▶ Threats Landscape
- ▶ Application Threats
- Survey Samples
- Secure SDLC Process
- Security _ Non functional requirements
- Mitigation
- Awareness Level
- Role of OWASP

Threats Landscape

- Non availability of resources, Data integrity loss, loss of confidentiality of sensitive information
 - ▶ Attack can be directly on to the information
 - Attack can be through application vulnerability
 - Attack can be internal
 - Attack can be from outside
 - ▶ Attack can be compromising the IT infrastructure
 - Attack due to Natural Disaster/Man made disaster

Application Threats

- Social Engineering
- Non segregation of Duties
- Improper Control Validation
- Improper coding
- Improper Security Testing
- Non availability/ non execution of compensating controls

Confidence in house developed applications



A majority of applications in use at our organization are commercial off-the-shelf applications.	23%
Not at all confident - we haven't done enough to assess and mitigate vulnerabilities.	20%
Somewhat confident - we haven't had any issues to date. Very confident - we've assessed our risks and tested our security.	35%
	22%

Confidence in third party applications



Not at all confident - they haven't done enough to assess and mitigate vulnerabilities.

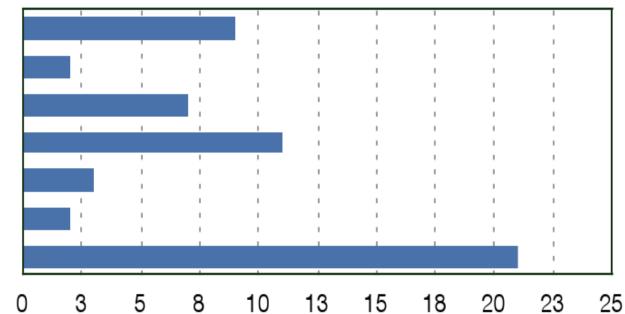
Somewhat confident - we haven't had any issues to date. 60%

Very confident - they've assessed their risks and tested their security.

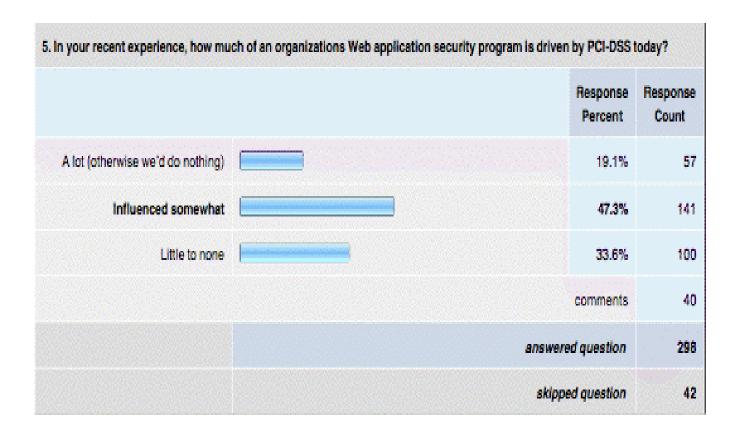
Reasons for not adopting Secure Coding Practices

Reasons for Not Adopting

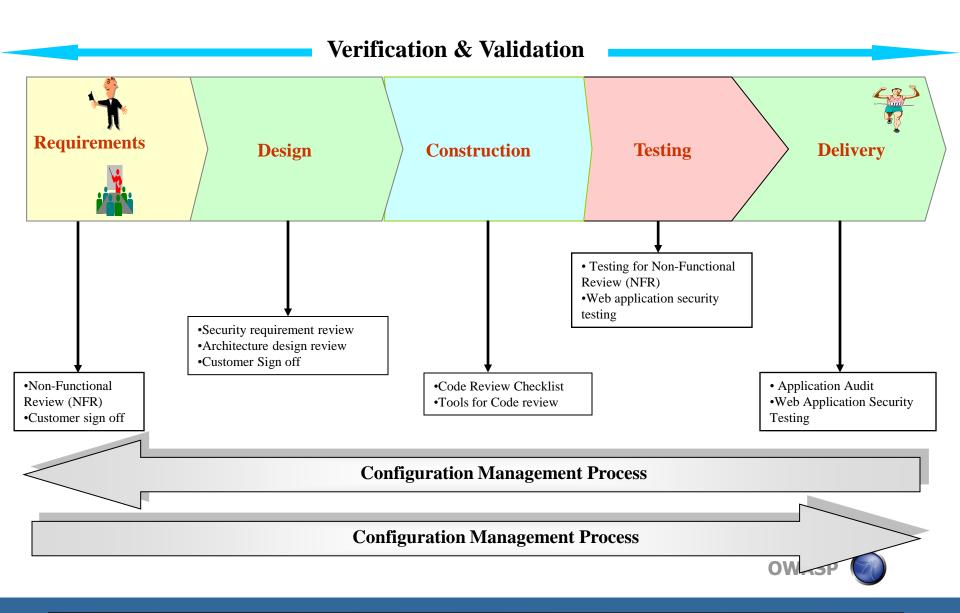
Not aware of methodologies
Too expensive
Requires too many resources
Too time consuming
Deemed unnecessary
Other
Blank



Driven by PCI DSS Compliance



Secure Software Development Lifecycle



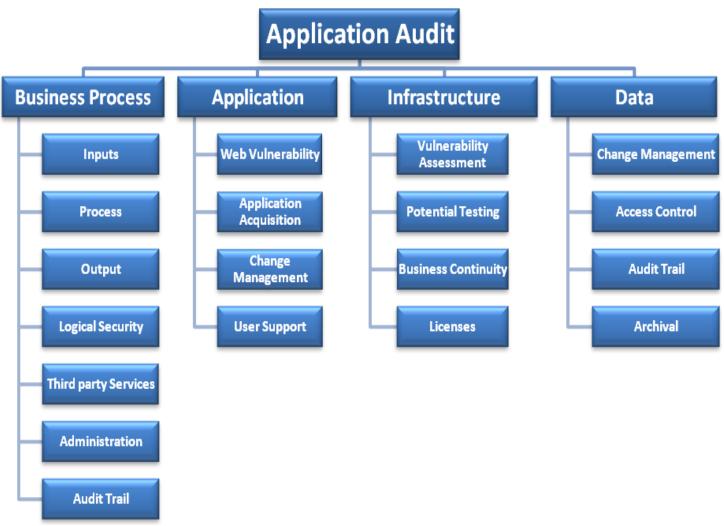
Security- Non Functional Requirements

- Validations (input, Processing, Output)
- Identification & Authentication
- **■** Entitlements
- Operational Configurations
- **■** Implementation Configurations
- Audit Trail
- Segregation of Duties

Mitigation

- Application Security as part of Enterprise Risk Management Program
- Design Review
- Code review using coding standards
- Security Testing as part of System Testing
- Application Audit at frequent intervals
- Application weaknesses to be compensated by administrative controls

Application Audit - Definition





Awareness Level

- It is at minimum and slowly improving
- Should be encouraged through forums like ISACA, OWASP, CLASP etc.
- Security Testing should be mandated as part of SDLC framework
- Training, workshop on continuous basis on new threats and mitigation

OWASP Role

■ Should be lauded for pioneering in this area

■ Collaborate with other organizations like ISACA, CSI to reach more people

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