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Security Analytics From Use Case and User Needs to Innovation

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Agenda



**WHAT ARE WE
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**PROCESS OF
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Open Source
Software
Security Analytics

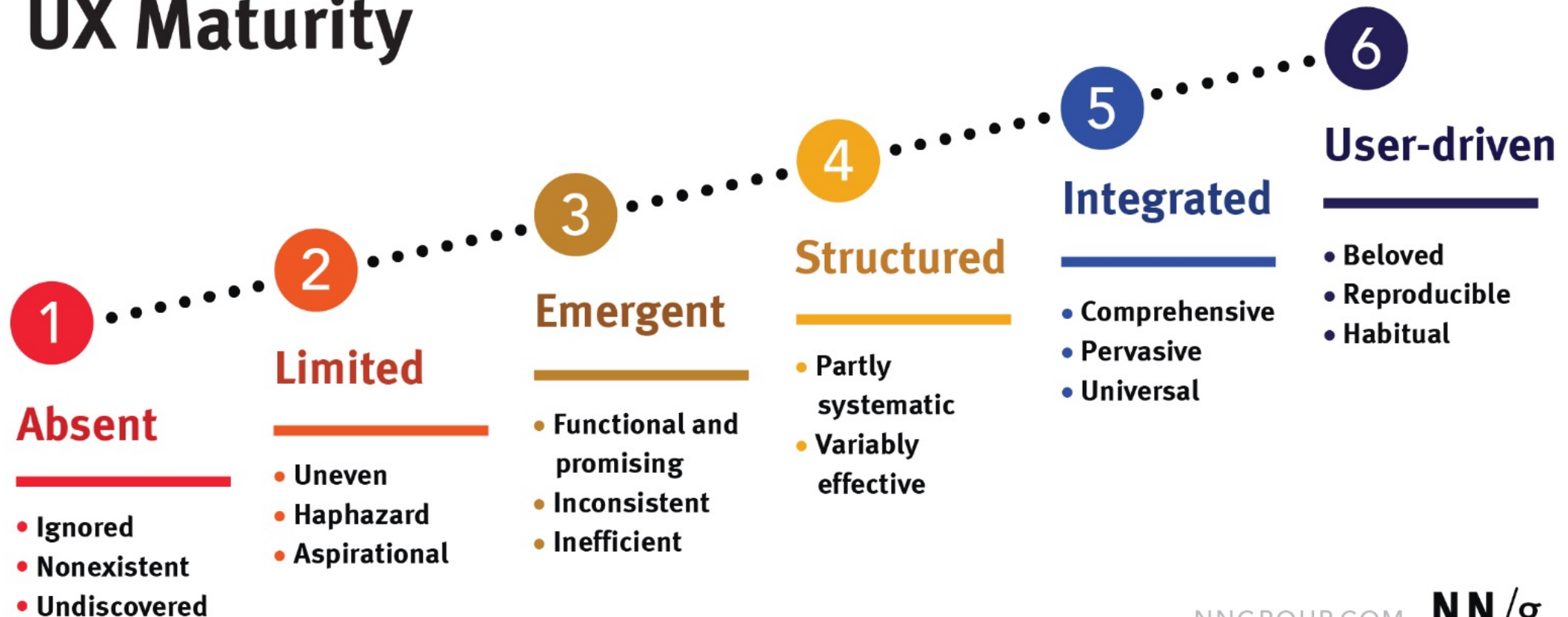
New
Features



Evolving
Needs

User
Experience

Stages of UX Maturity



Future Trends in Security Analysis



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Artificial Intelligence

AI-powered solutions will enhance threat detection and response capabilities.

2

IoT Security

Securing the increasing number of connected devices and networks.

3

Cloud Security

Addressing the unique challenges and risks associated with cloud-based infrastructure.



Some of the Design Objectives

Designing software for security analysts requires a deep understanding of their needs. By conducting user research and engaging in direct conversations, we can develop user-centric solutions.

1

Task-Oriented Approach

Focus on providing tools and functionalities that align with the specific tasks and workflows of security analysts.

2

Intuitive Interface

Create a user-friendly interface that minimizes cognitive load and enhances productivity.

3

Flexible Customization

Allow users to customize their software, adapting it to their unique preferences and requirements.

4

Responsive Design

Ensure optimal performance across various devices, enabling seamless access in both desktop and mobile environments.

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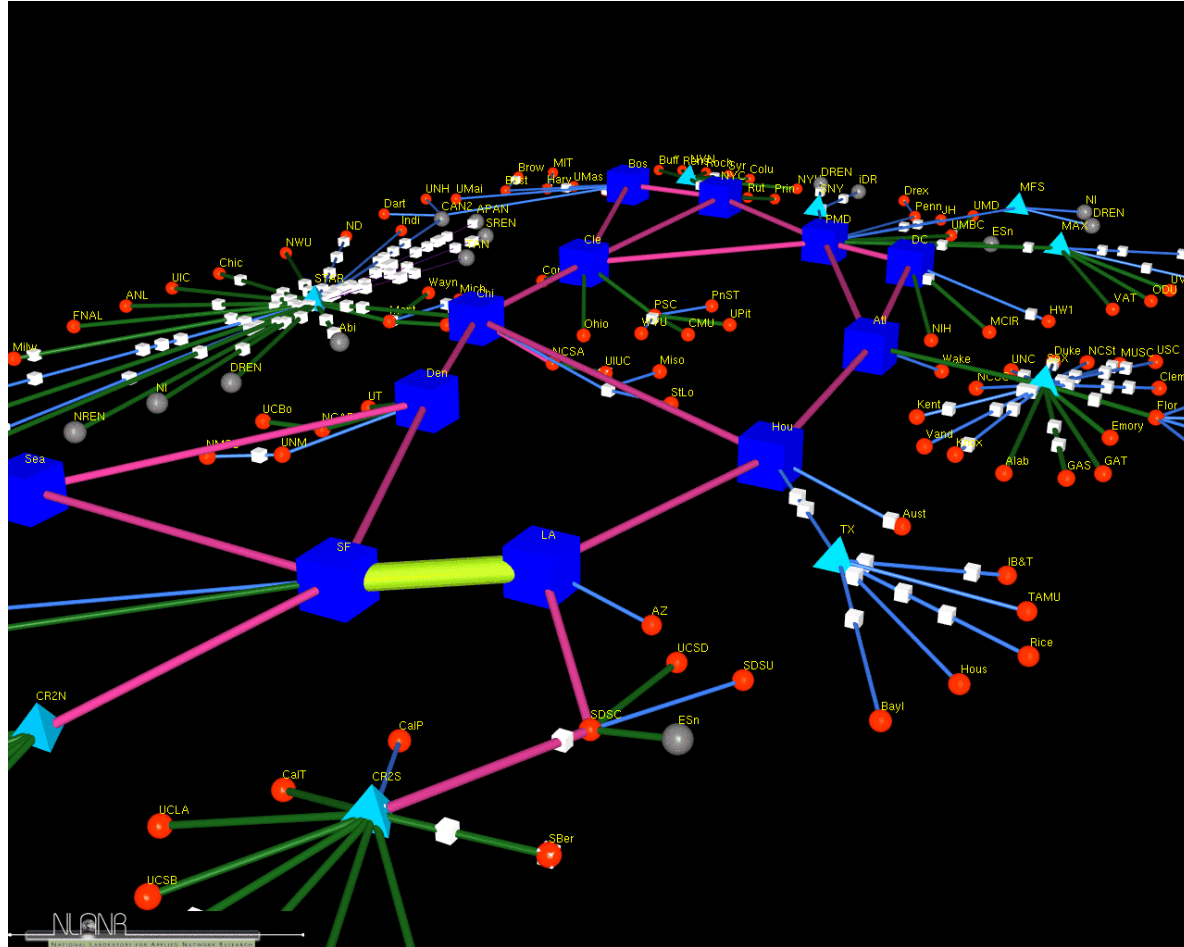
Core User

Threat Assessment

**Security
Architecture Design**

Incident Response

Security analysts or developers are professionals who specialize in analyzing and improving the security of computer systems and networks. They play a crucial role in protecting sensitive data and preventing cyber attacks.



Software Needs

Network Traffic Analysis

Vulnerability Scanning

Security Incident
Management

Security Analytics

Opportunities we find from talking to users are due to



Specialty needs



**Complexity of
systems**



**Compliance and
awareness**



Data Encryption

Implement robust encryption mechanisms to secure data both at rest and in transit.



User Permission Controls

Provide granular user permission settings to ensure that only authorized individuals can access sensitive data.



Compliance with Data Regulations

Adhere to data protection regulations, such as GDPR, to safeguard user privacy and maintain legal compliance.

In addition, and to enhance efficiency and productivity

Efficiency and productivity are crucial for security analysts. By incorporating intelligent features and automation, our software enables them to focus on critical tasks.

Smart Search Capabilities

Enable advanced search functionalities to quickly locate relevant information, leveraging advanced filtering options and machine learning.

1

Automated Alert Triage

Implement intelligent algorithms to prioritize and categorize alerts, saving analysts valuable time and effort.

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3

Automated Report Generation

Streamline report creation by automating

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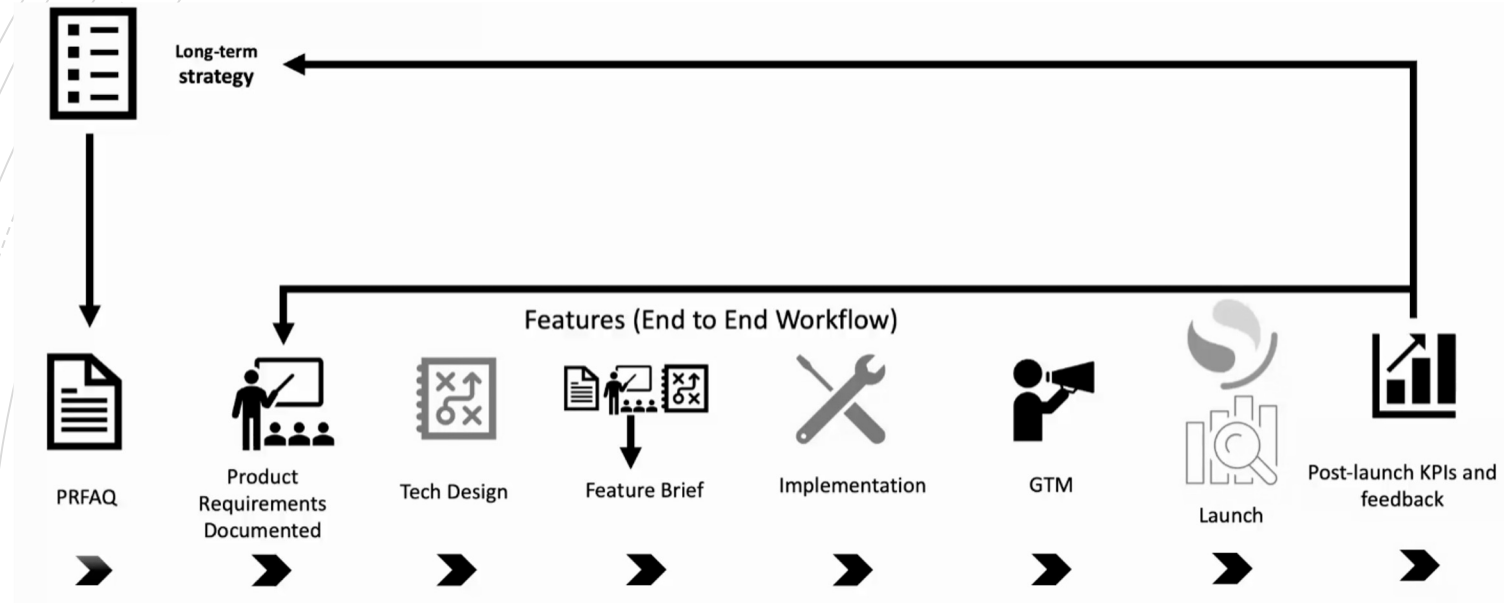


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Research integration with product development lifecycle

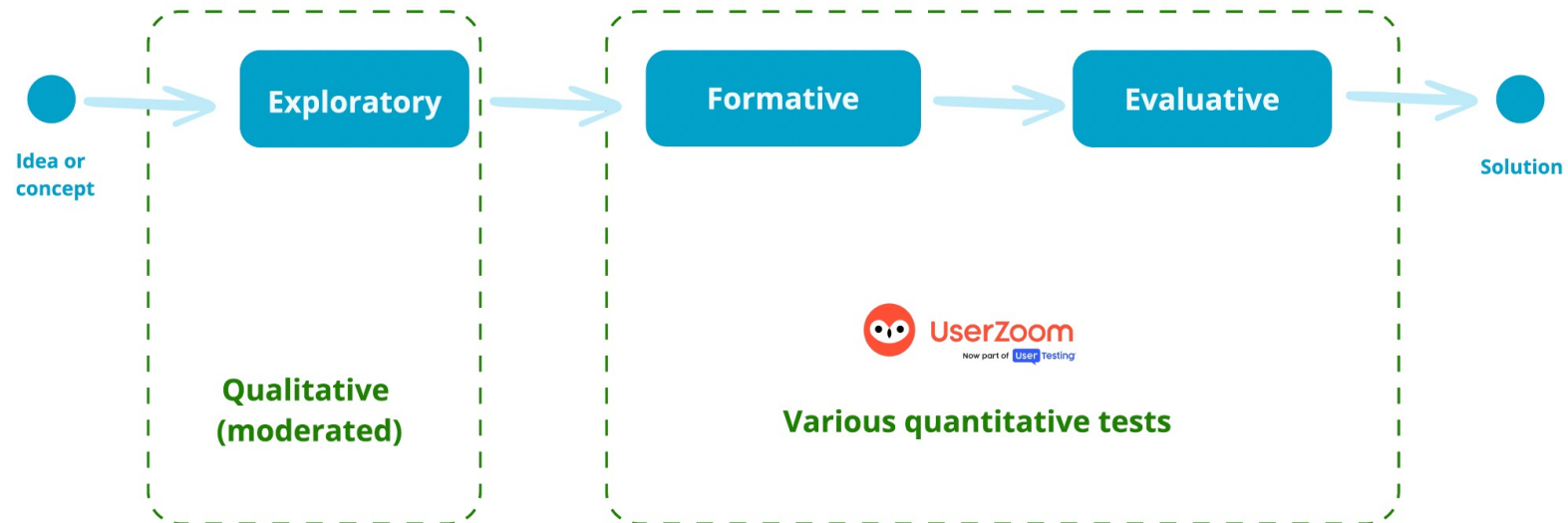


Exploratory

Formative

Evaluative

Types of User Research studies



Understanding User Needs



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Use Cases

A list of actions or event steps defining user interactions to achieve goals.

2

Iterative Solutioning

User reflections and discussions lead to incremental innovations in security solutions.

3

Customization

Users' varying motivations may require customized log or security analytics solutions.



Research Insights

User Personas

Creating profiles of typical users to understand their needs and preferences.

Jobs to be Done

Identifying the specific tasks or problems users are trying to solve with security analytics solutions.

Strategic Reflection

Users reflecting on their experiences to drive improvements in the security solution.

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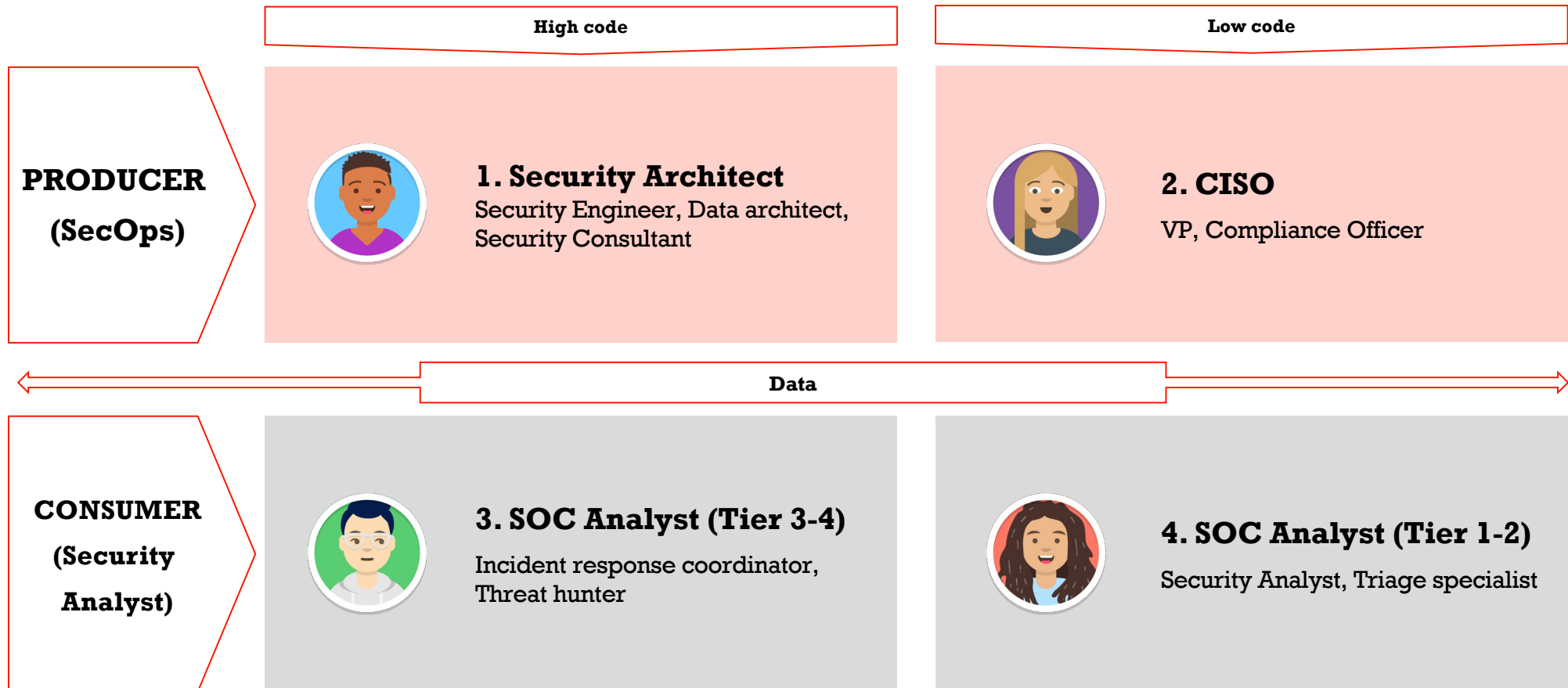


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User personas





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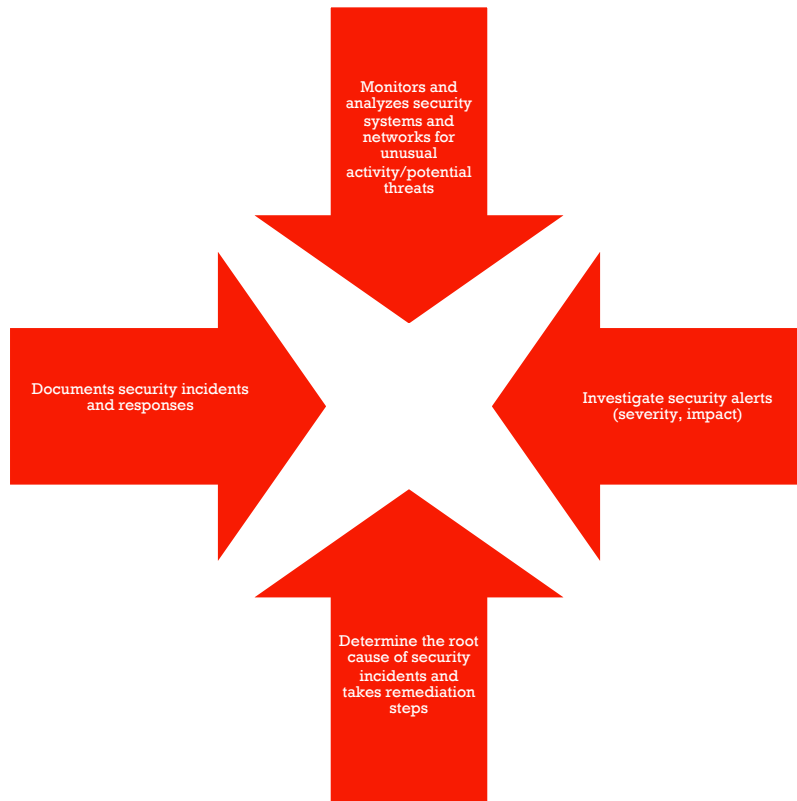
Security Analyst, Triage Specialist

Consumer

Low Code

Knowledge and skills:

- May be able to write a basic query
- Analyze information
- Communicate
- Stay up-to-date on the latest technology
- Code and program
- Have knowledge of JavaScript, C++, and Python





3. SOC Analyst (Tier 3-4)

Incident response coordinator, Threat hunter

Consumer

High Code

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3	4

Knowledge and skills:

- Proficient with queries and scripting languages
- Deep domain knowledge
- Analyze information
- Manages security incidents
- Evaluates escalated security alerts
- Assesses security and other risks associated with a security incident
- Maintains an incident response plan



REVIEW ALERT
RESPONSES TIME



PERFORM
VULNERABILITY
ASSESSMENTS



PROACTIVELY
LOOK FOR
THREATS



DEFINE
MITIGATION
STRATEGIES



SHARE
DASHBOARDS



CREATE REPORTS



VP, Compliance Officer

Producer

Low Code

2. CISO

1	2
3	4



Facilitate legal
compliance audit



Monitor PII protection
policies

Knowledge and skills:

- Highly Technical
- More awareness of systems
- Less domain knowledge
- Developing, implementing, and enforcing security policies
- Managing security staff
- Managing the budget and capital or operating expenditure
- Developing strategy, culture, and risk profile

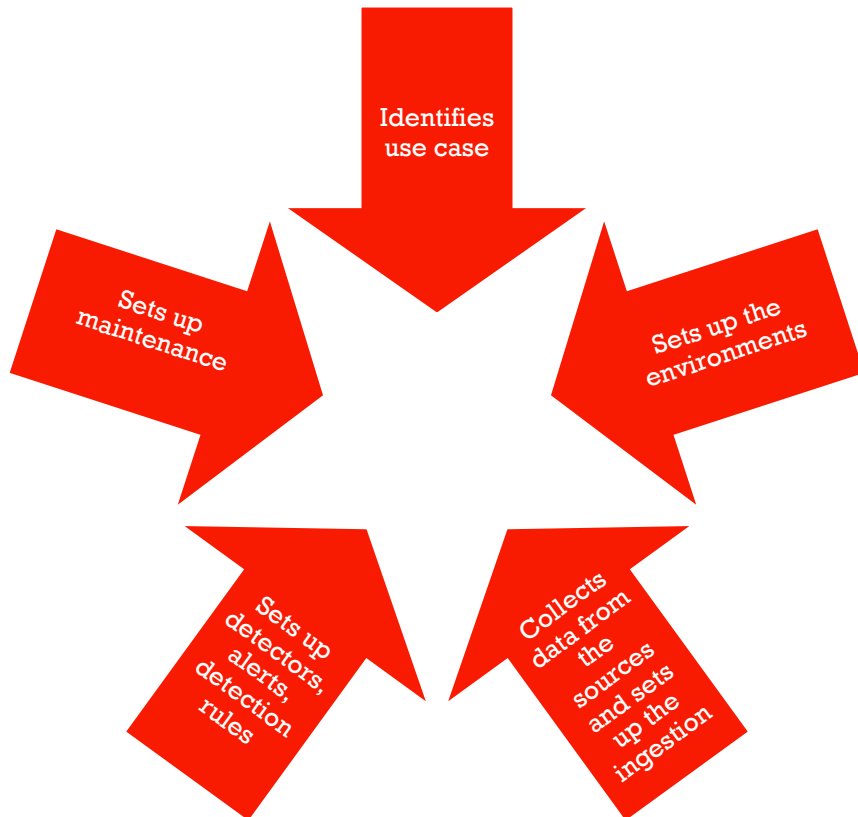


1. Security Architect

Security Engineer, Data architect, Security Consultant

Producer

High Code



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Knowledge and skills:

- Strong technical background
- Service and Network tooling
- Process mindset
- Data and system savvy
- Understands the nature of data, and how to connect data sources

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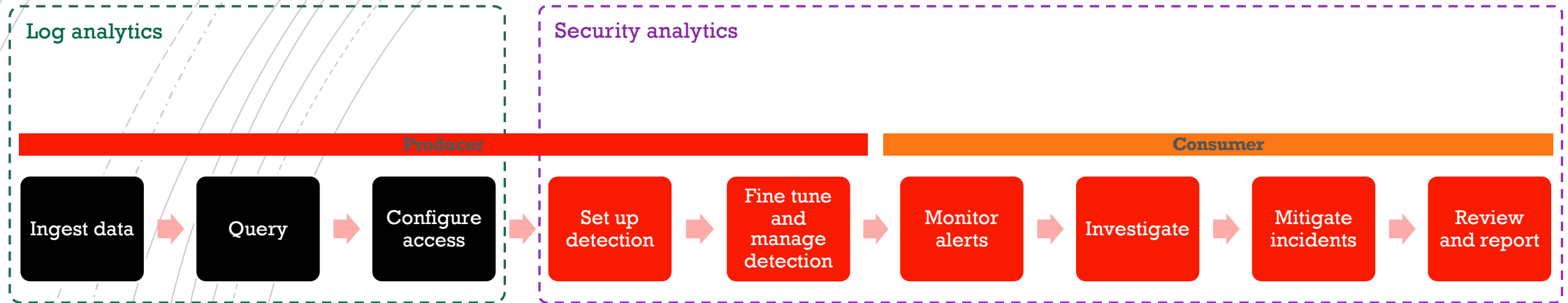
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Curating User Flows

User flows
guide users
through the
product

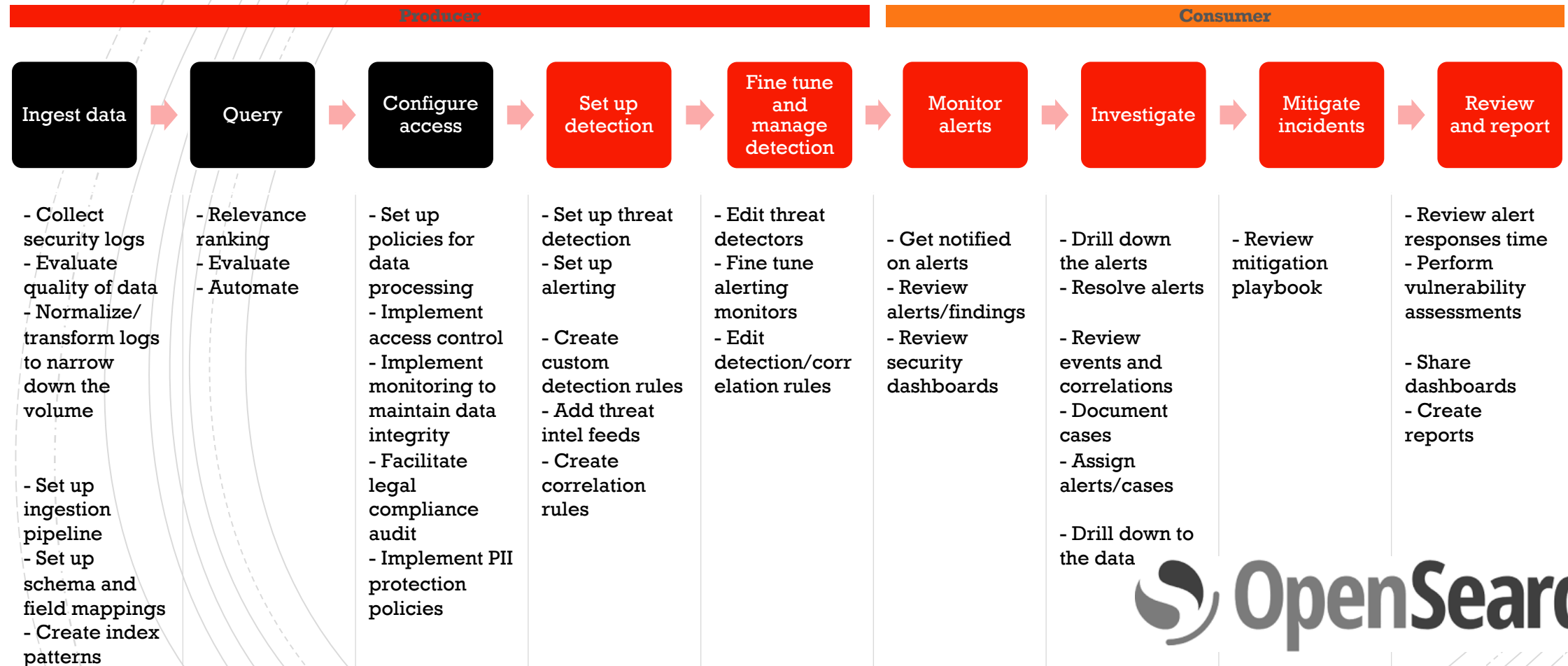
Clarify
interactions

Identifies
potential pain
points



User Journey

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Questions?



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