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AppSec Awareness: A Blue Print for Security Culture Change

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Agenda

- The Problem Space or why do we need an application security awareness?
- Creating sustainable security culture
- Application Security Awareness
 - Designing your own program



Software is eating the world



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Customers demand security in
everything

FAILED OWASP TOP 10

How many apps fail the OWASP Top 10
upon initial risk assessment?



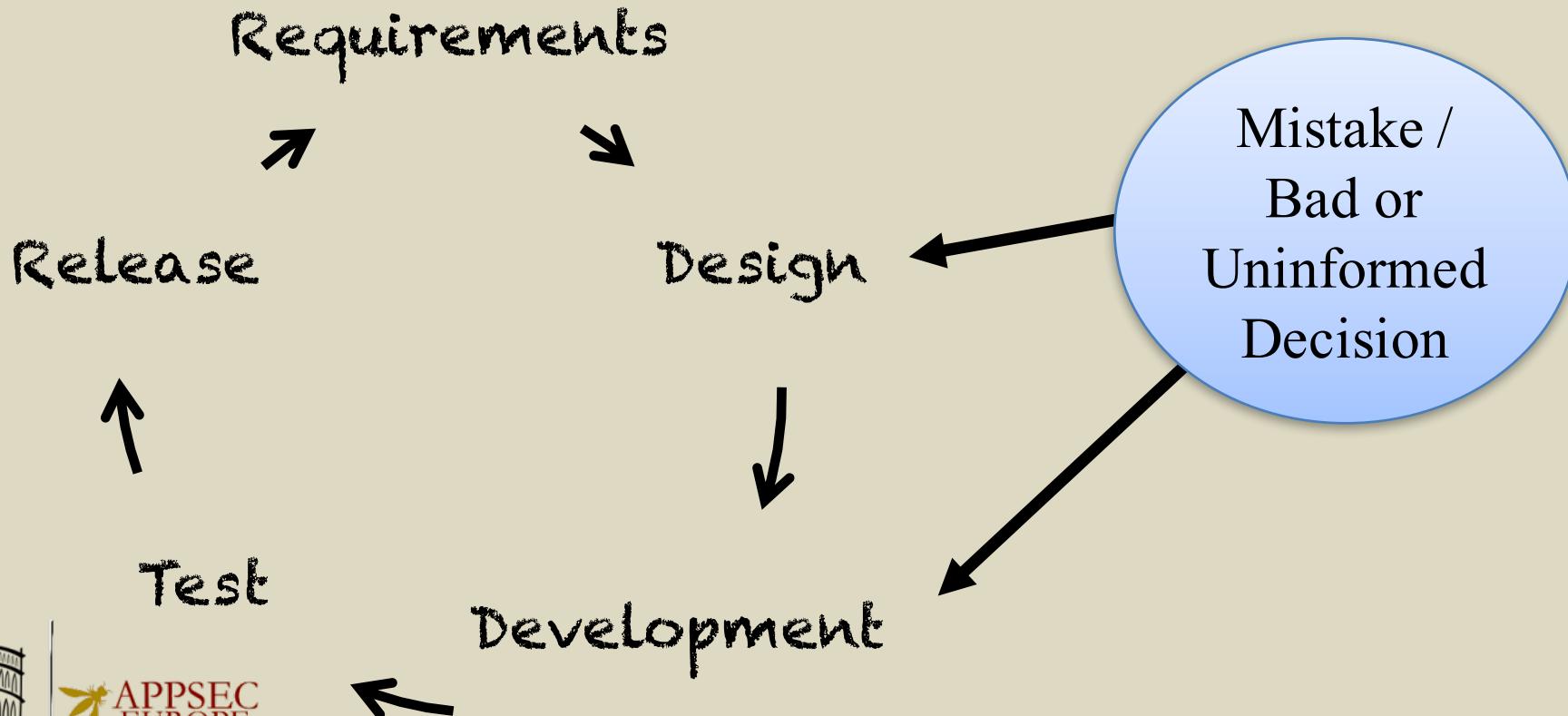
The data represents 208,670 application assessments submitted for analysis during the 18-month period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015 by large and small companies, commercial software suppliers, open source projects and software outsourcers.

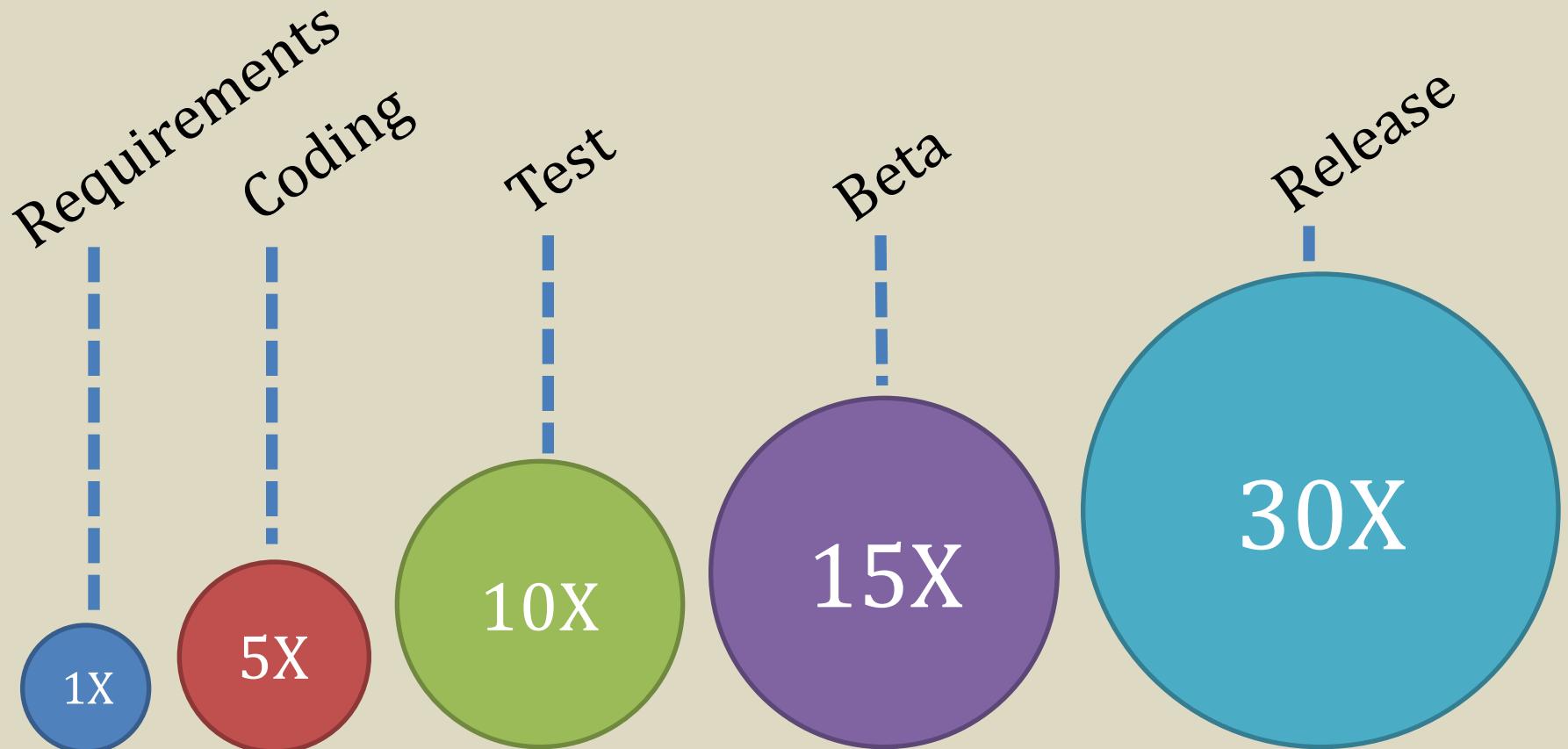
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The Source of Vulnerabilities





Relative Cost to Fix



The Mindset of the “Average” Developer



The Goal

Developers that
think like security
people.



Security Culture



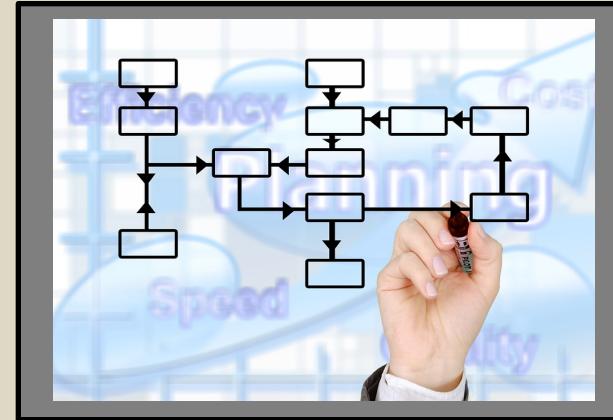
“What happens {**with security**} when people are left to their own devices.”

--Tim Ferriss

1. Application security is about the people.
2. The people introduce the vulnerabilities.



Why change a security culture?



Defining Features of a Sustainable Security Culture

Deliberate
and disruptive

Engaging and
fun

Rewarding

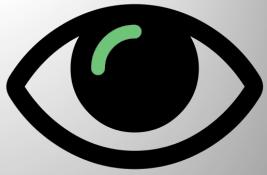
Return on
investment



How do we change a security culture?



Open
their
eyes



Awareness



Fill their
brains



Knowledge



Fill their
brains



History



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Fill their
brains



Role Specific

Developer

Web

C / C++ / C#

Java

Embedded

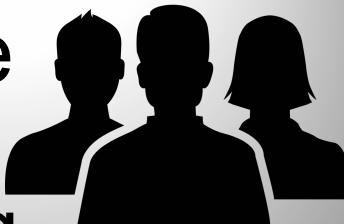
Task
their
hands



Activity



Embrace
the
gathering



Community



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"Security Champions"

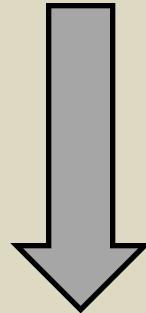
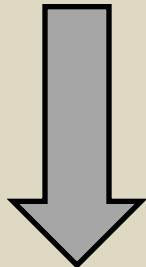
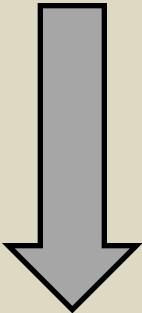


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Security
Awareness



Security
Training



The Security Learning Spectrum



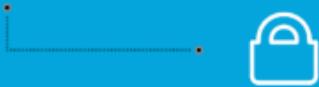
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Benefits of an #appsec awareness program

- 1. Everyone gains a foundational knowledge of #appsec and with minimal investment**
- 2. Dev's learn the detailed lessons of #appsec and avoid repeating history**
- 3. Provides a defined mission through security activity**
- 4. Central connection point for your new crop of security conscious**



Security



Security

The Cisco Security Dojo



Chris Romeo - April 30, 2015 - 2 Comments

Over the past three years, Cisco has invested in the creation of an application security awareness program. The program helps the good citizens of this company understand, apply, and act upon a strategy to build more trustworthy products. We launched the existence of the program to the world at the RSA Conference 2015. I am sharing this with you because we've created something unique to the industry, and we want to encourage other companies to pursue the creation of an application security awareness program.

When you think about security awareness, do you envision phishing e-mails, Nigerian princes, and tailgating cyber criminals? Security vulnerabilities are a fact of life, but we can help our organizations develop a greater level of understanding and a desire to put security first in their development efforts. At Cisco, we believe that security awareness training should feature traditional training about crazy links you should not click under any circumstances and how to stop strangers from entering your buildings, as well as application security awareness. Application security awareness, when done well, can drive security culture change to make a company and its products and solutions safer. Moving an organization to focus on security is possible, because we have done it.

Enough talking about it, please take a sneak peek at how we do it here in this video.



Building an Application Security Awareness Program

1. Program
Architecture

2. Content

3. Humor /
Story

4.
Gamification



Building an Application Security Awareness Program Program Architecture

- Design your program and record decisions in a planning document
- Impact: Everyone involved in the project understands the vision and execution



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Assess Security Culture



Define the problem

- Our organization lacks:
 - general application security knowledge
 - appreciation for the evolving threat landscape
 - experience with secure development practices and tools
 - motivation to improve security



Build a Team

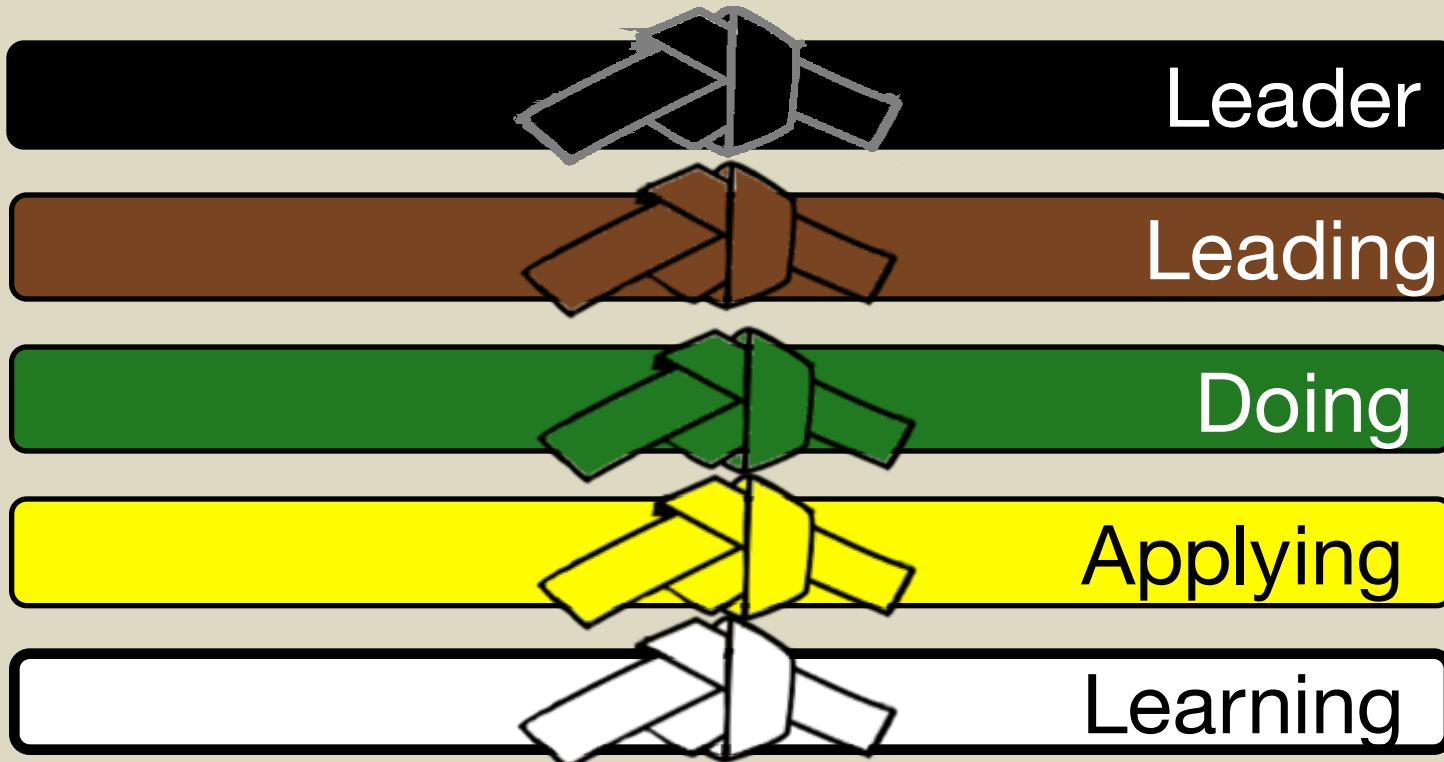


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Design Decision #1: Theme



Design Decision #2: Levels



Design Decision #3: Roles

Development	Operations	Internal	Everyone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SW Engineer• Tester• Manager• HW Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IT• DevOps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sales• Marketing• Executives	 The image is the official ESRB rating logo for "Everyone". It features a large, bold letter 'E' in the center, with a registered trademark symbol (®) above it. The word "EVERYONE" is written in a bold, sans-serif font at the top, and "CONTENT RATED BY" is at the bottom. The entire logo is enclosed in a black rectangular border.

Design Decision #4: Activities & Behaviors



Build

- A security tool or process
- Partnerships
- Security community

Enrich

- Mentor
- Teach a course
- Deliver presentations



Explore

- Security issue analysis
- Security committee
- A vulnerable web app

Implement

- A security feature
- A security test
- Security strategy



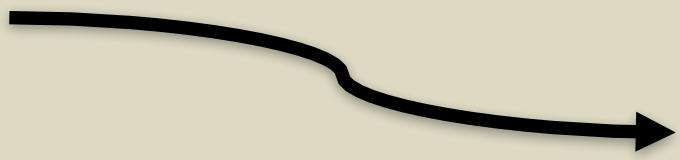
Recognition



Budget & Schedule



2016



2017, 18, 19?

Building an Application Security Awareness Program Content



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Assessment

The screenshot shows a web-based assessment interface titled "Assessment" from the URL <https://www.securityjourney.com/modules/threatmodeling/>. The top navigation bar includes links for Overview, Training, Assessment, and Leave Feedback. The main content area is titled "Threat Modeling". A question is displayed: "Threat modeling provides the best return on resource investment during which phase of the secure development lifecycle?". Three options are listed: "Secure Design" (selected), "Requirements", and "Implementation". A feedback message states: "Correct. The secure design phase provides the best return on investment." Below the question is a "Continue" button. At the bottom, it says "Question 4 of 9" and "Submit".



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Resources

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Threat Modeling" at the top. The address bar contains the URL <https://www.securityjourney.com/modules/ThreatModeling/resources>. Below the address bar is a navigation menu with links: Overview, Training, Assessment, Resources, and Leave Feedback. The main content area is titled "Threat Modeling Resources". It lists several resources with blue underlined links:

- [Microsoft Threat Modeling Tool](#)
- [STRIDE](#)
- [DREAD](#)
- [Threat Modeling for Dummies](#)



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Level 1 Content Map

Security
Fundamentals

Attacks &
Attackers

Simple SDL

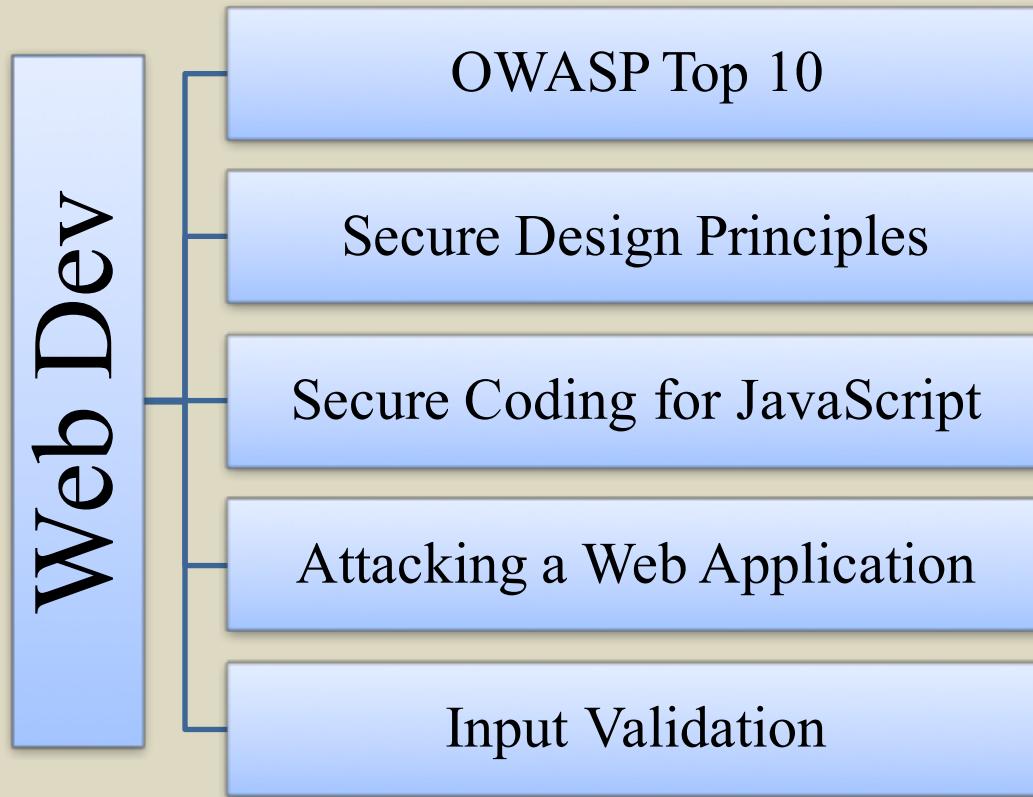
Security Myths

Privacy &
Customer Data
Protection

Security
Business Case



Level 2 Content Map



Content Creation Process

Outline

ID Review

Rough Draft

Technical review

ID Review

Final draft



Building an Application Security Awareness Program

Humor / Story



Examples

- Still Cartoons
- Full motion cartoons
- Video



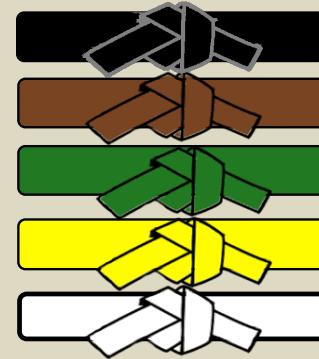
A word of caution...



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Building an Application Security Awareness Program

Gamification



User Interface

Security
Fundamentals



Attacks &
Attackers



Threat
Landscape



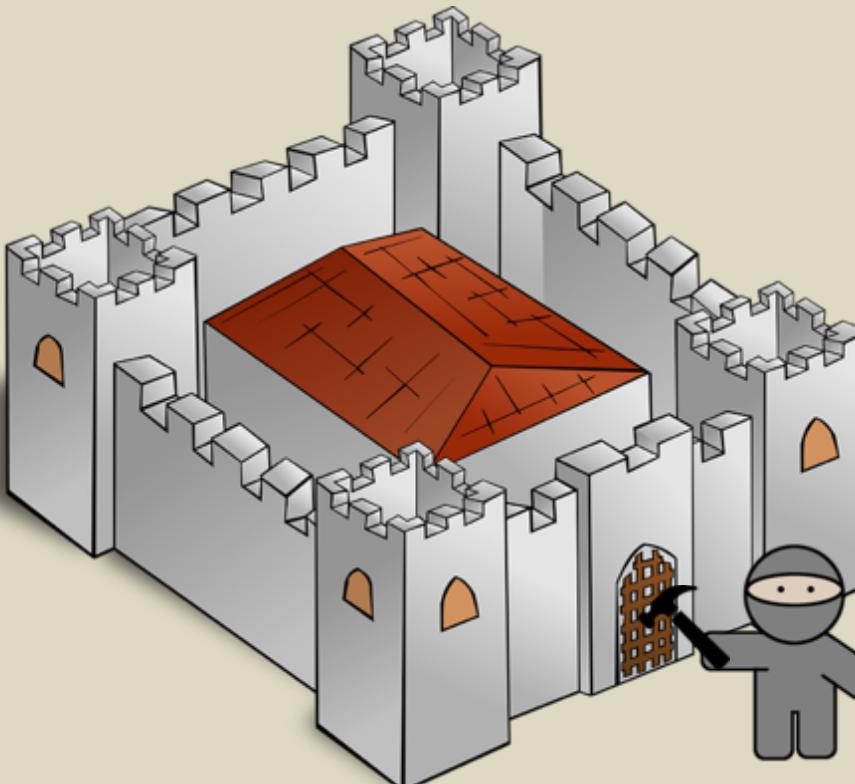
Security Myths



Cryptography



Privacy



Competition

Dashboard <https://www.securityjourney.com/dashboard/>

Employee Name	Department	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
▷ Giacomo Guilizzoni	Operations	X	X	0	0	0
▷ Marco Botton	Engineering	X	0	0	0	0
▷ Mariah MacLachlan	Engineering	X	X	X	X	0
▽ Valerie Liberty	Operations	X	X	X	X	X
▽ Guido Jack Guilizzoni	Operations	X	X	X	X	X



Key Takeaways

- Vulnerabilities are real and everywhere
- Changing security culture
 - Open their eyes (awareness)
 - Fill their brains (knowledge / history)
 - Task their hands (activity)
- Building an application security awareness program
 - Program Architecture
 - Content
 - Humor / Story
 - Gamification



Build Your Own



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Build one with OWASP



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