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A Short Introduction to Threat Modeling

as part of a secure software development lifecycle

What will be covered

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- Threat models
- The tools
- Why they are useful
- Open source Threat Dragon
- Cup Cake!

What is a threat model?

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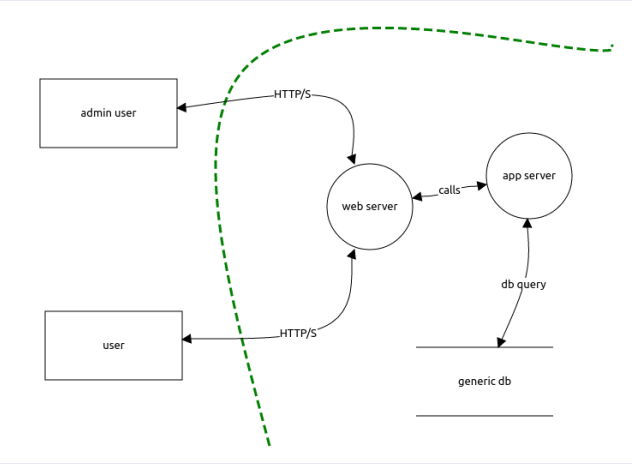
Essentially a data flow diagram



- Protected assets
- Attack vectors
- Attack surfaces

… that lists possible threats

Who models threats?

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- It can be diagrammatic
- It can be a spreadsheet
- It can be descriptive

… so, who already uses threat modeling?

Recap on vulnerability, asset, threat

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- Vulnerability

  an exploitable weakness in a system or its design

- Asset

  anything that is valuable to an organization

- Threat

  potential danger to an asset

- Vector

  method to realise an exploit

- Trust boundary
- *change in level of trust for information or execution*

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- OWASP top ten threats
- OWASP top ten remediations
- OWASP threat modeling cheat sheet(s)

OWASP Top Ten (2013 Edition)

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A1: Injection	A2: Broken Authentication and Session Management	A3: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	A4: Insecure Direct Object References
A5: Security Misconfiguration	A6: Sensitive Data Exposure	A7: Missing Function Level Access Control	A8: Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
	A9: Using Known Vulnerable Components	A10: Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards	

OWASP Top 10 Proactive Controls

- C1 Verify for security often and early
- C2 Parameterize Queries
- C3 Encode Data Before Use
- C4 Validate all Inputs
- C5 Establish Authentication and Identity Controls
- C6 Implement Appropriate Access Controls
- C7 Protect Data
- C8 Implement Logging And Intrusion Detection
- C9 Leverage Security Frameworks and Libraries
- C10 Error and Exception Handlin

OWASP cheat sheets

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- OWASP threat modeling cheat sheet(s)

  DRAFT CHEAT SHEET - WORK IN PROGRESS

  Introduction

  The objective of this cheat sheet is to provide guidance to developers, reviewers, designers and architects on conducting successful threat modeling. The main goal of threat modeling is to understand the controls needed for a software system. This is a complex endeavor that will involve investigations into:

- *The trust boundaries to and within the solution that we build*
- *The actors that interact within and outside of the trust boundaries*
- *etc*

Actors, Processes and Trust Boundaries

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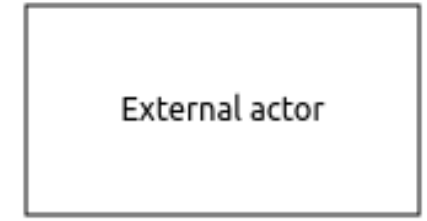
Threat Model components

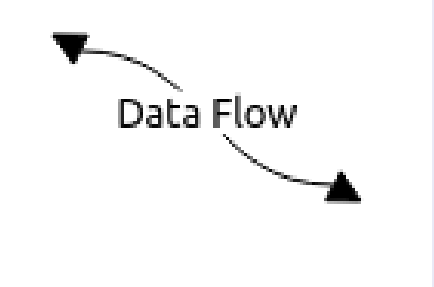
Actor



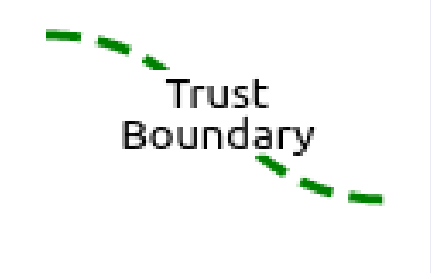
Process

Storage

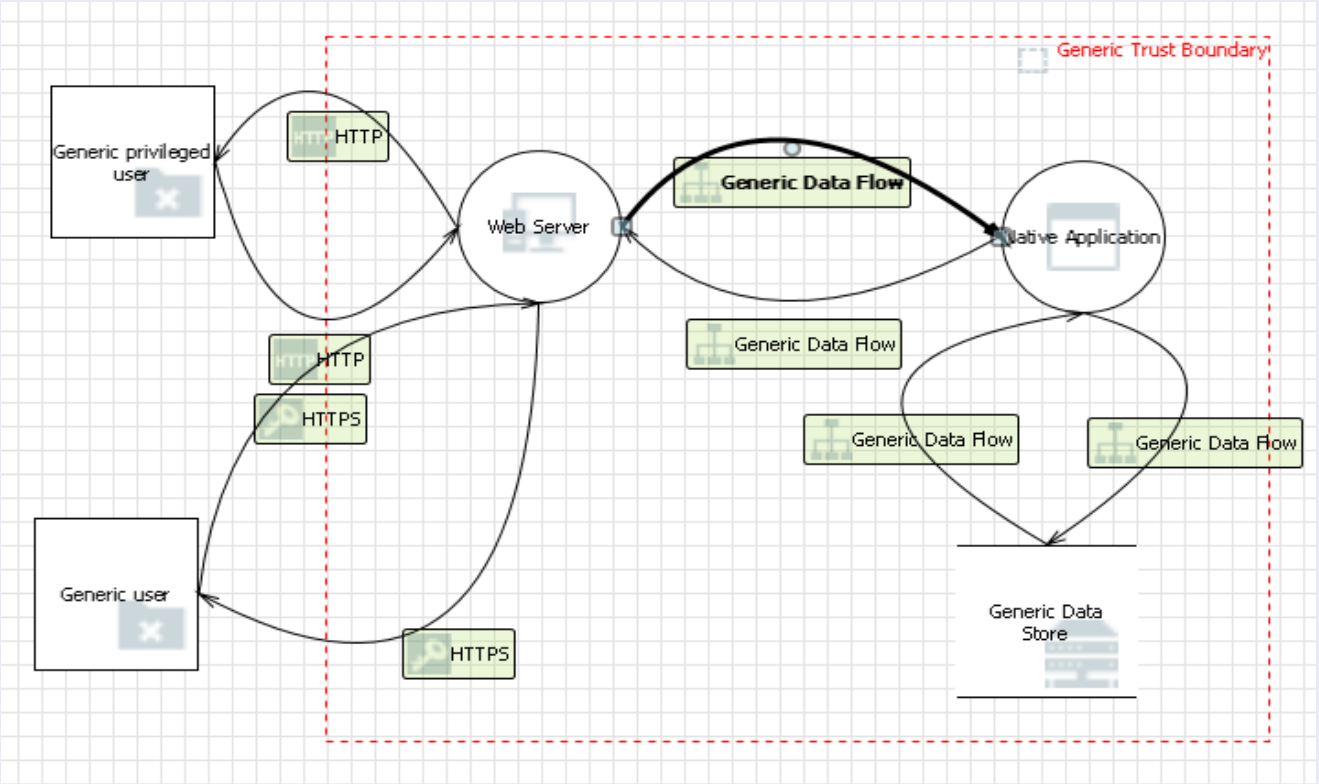
Data flow



Trust boundary



Microsoft Threat Model Tool



- 33 *possible* threats automatically identified

Something is better than nothing

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- The days of 'the whip' are very last century
- More tact and carrot
- Think hard before modeling existing systems
- Incremental threat modeling

Some threats can never be modeled

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- Government agencies
- Service provider
- Back doors
- The human (wet ware)

Questions (and answers)

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Questions?

(and maybe some answers)

… before the Threat Dragon demo

Demonstration of Threat Dragon

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Welcome! (0.1.26)

- Free, open source threat modeling tool
- OWASP incubator project
- Web application
- Desktop application for local use
- Mike Goodwin

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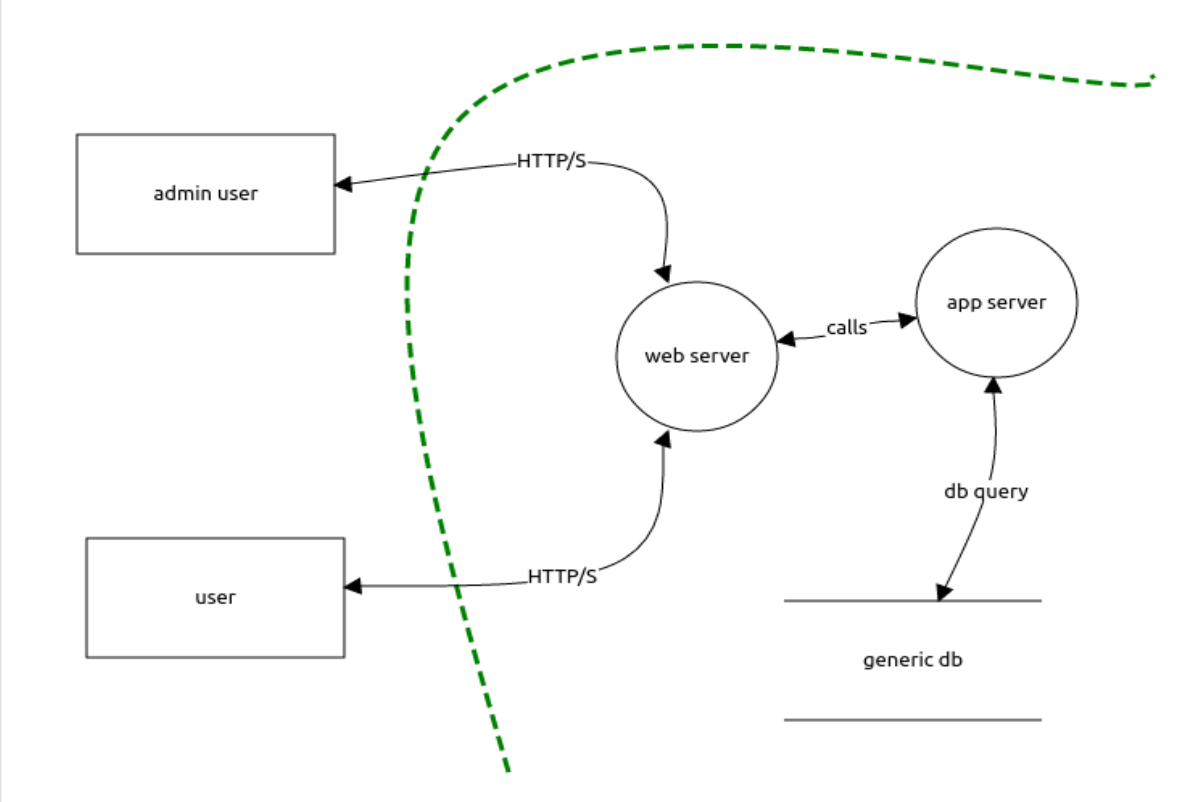

- 0 threats identified (needs work)

Cupcake's call for contributors

- Contribute
- Have a github account?
- Node.js
- Angular
- Electron
- MongoDB (well, not yet)