



Why 'Positive Security' is the Next Security Game Changer



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> Today's challenges with software security

22M

Software developers around the world

~ Evans Data

111 BN

Lines of code written by developers
every year ~ CSO Online

1 to 4

Exploitable Security Bugs in every 50 000
Lines of Code

90%

Security incidents result from defects in
the design or code ~ DHS

21%

Of data breaches caused by software
vulnerability ~ Verizon

1 in 3

of newly scanned applications had SQL
injections over the past 5 yrs ~ Cisco

Statistics can prove anything?
Yes, but they can't all be THAT wrong

> How did we end up **here?**

AppSec in 2000



Corporates had a branding website, the Internet was mostly for geeks

- > *AppSec was virtually non-existent in corporate world*
- > *Hacking was focussed on exploiting infrastructure vulnerabilities (bof, race conditions, fmt str*)*
- > *Research on first web app weaknesses*
- > *OWASP started and Top 10 released!*
- > Penetration testing was black magic

We've got bigger problems (Y2K) than
worrying about Application Security



AppSec in 2010

**Companies started offering web-based services;
Web 2.0 and Mobile are new**

- > Penetration testing was THE thing
- > Web Application Firewalls will stop everything
- > Paper-based secure coding guidelines
- > Static Code Analysis Tools (SAST) emerge



**Monthly data breaches,
Hackers everywhere,
Privacy, GDPR, PCI-DSS, HIPAA
Putin**

AppSec in 2019

- Everything runs on software.
Cybersecurity & AppSec are hot topics.
- > SAST is still here...
- > Runtime Application Security Protection (RASP)
- > Dynamic Application Security Testing (DAST)
- > Interactive Application Security Testing (IAST)
- > Crowd-Sourced Security Testing (*CSST?*)
- > **DevSecOps** is getting traction
 - Containerisation
 - Integrating security and ops into dev
 - Security pipelining
- > **SHIFT Left**



Challenge:
Right to Left is Backwards

*“We want to provide a service
that transports stuff from A to B”*



Civil Engineering



Wayward wallaby crosses
the Harbour Bridge

News



Software
Engineering

Customers



A photograph of a person wearing a white helmet and safety gear, walking across a series of wooden beams suspended by ropes between trees in a dense jungle. The person is in the center-right of the frame, looking towards the camera. The background is filled with lush green foliage and trees.

Security Experts

Secure Dev



30x

more expensive to fix vulnerabilities at the end of the development cycle

Challenge:

Security vs Development is an unfair game

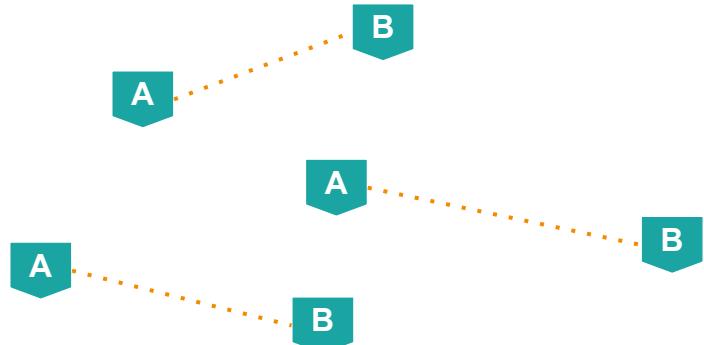
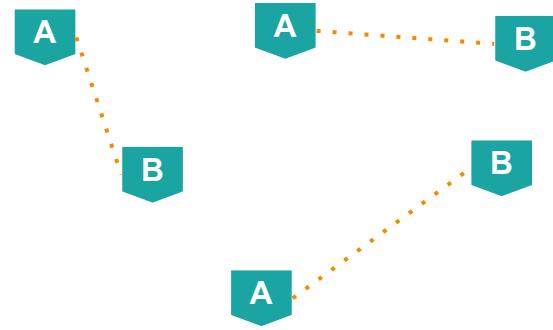


Developers without security skills
BIG problem!

Security experts without coding skills
SMALL chance of success.

Software Developers (Agile)

100



Application Security Experts

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Developers and Security speak different languages

BUILDERS

Know their code

Do not speak security

JAVA Spring

Constructors

SWIFT

Angular.JS

BREAKERS

Always points out problems

Not Developers

SQL Injections

Object Deserialization

XSS

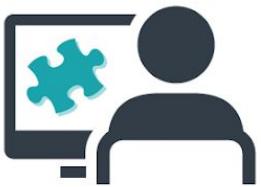
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Challenge:
“Black Hole” of security knowledge



SAST DAST IAST



SECURITY EXPERTS
TEST AND FIND
VULNERABILITIES

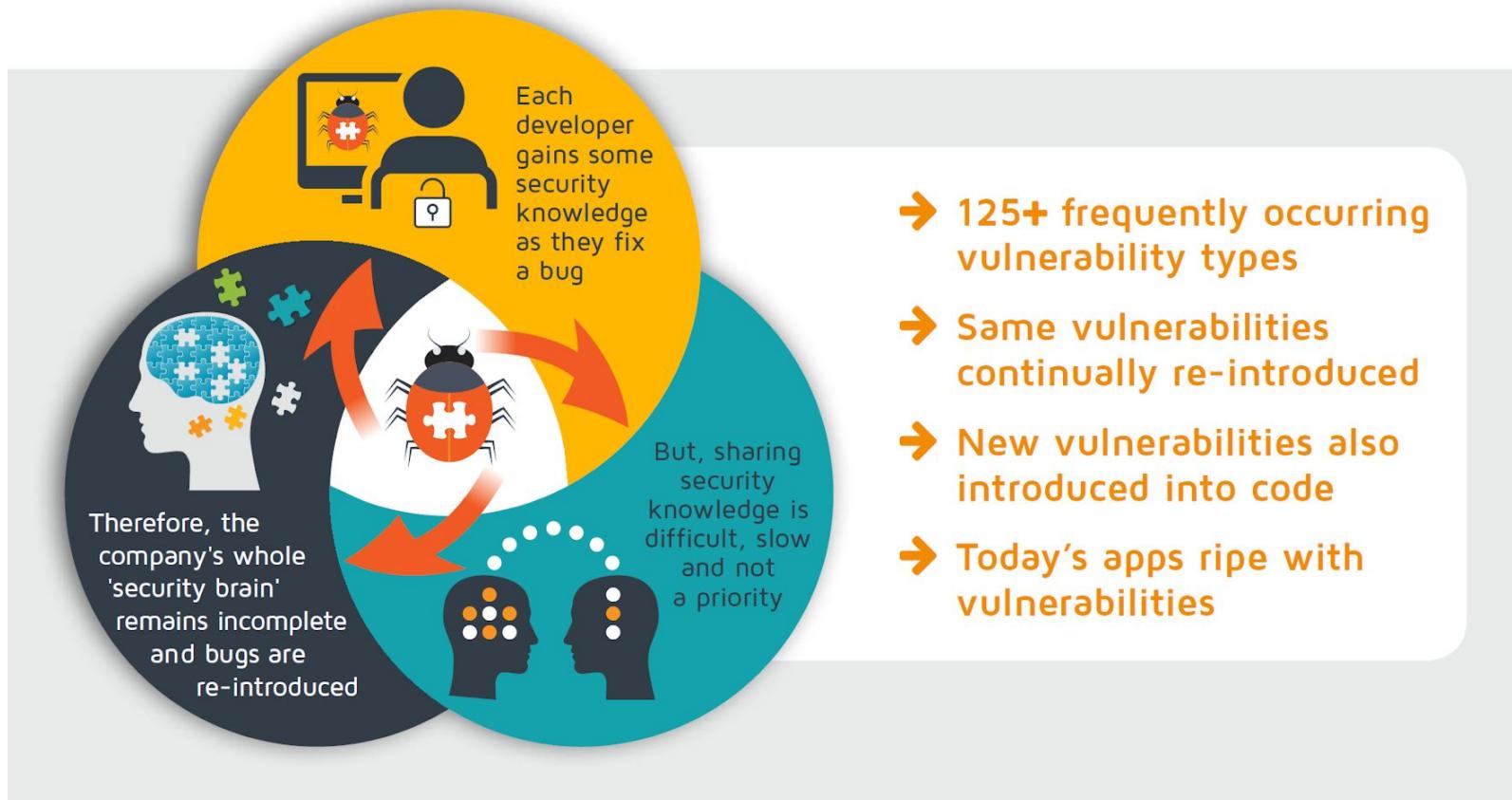
RESULTS ARE LOADED
INTO THE BUG
TRACKING SYSTEM

DEVELOPER
FINDS WAY TO FIX THE
PROBLEM

KNOWLEDGE
DISAPPEARS INTO A
BLACK HOLE

BUG
REAPPEARS

We're failing in Learning from Our Mistakes

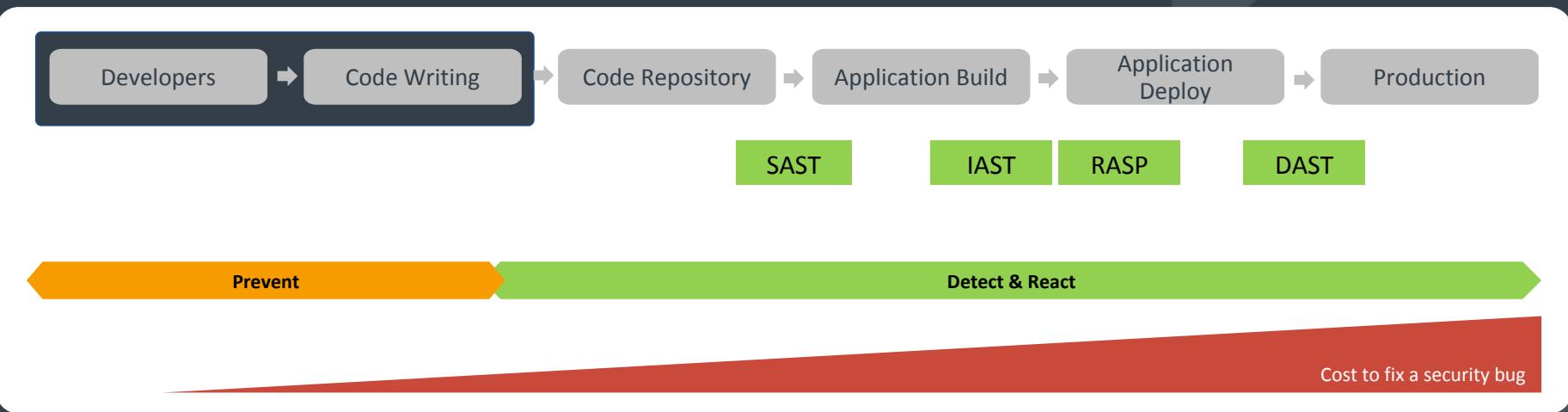




Solution

Empower developers to code **securely**

Shift security to the left



Weaknesses vs Controls



OWASP Top 10 - 2017

The Ten Most Critical Web Application Security Risks



<https://owasp.org>

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OWASP
PRO Active
CONTROLS
FOR DEVELOPERS
2018 v 3.0

10 Critical Security Areas That Software Developers Must Be Aware Of

PROJECT LEADERS

KATY ANTON
JIM MANICO
JIM BIRD

Application Security Verification Standard 3.0

October 2015



OWASP
Open Web Application
Security Project

Distribute Knowledge

Application Security

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Secure Coding Guidelines

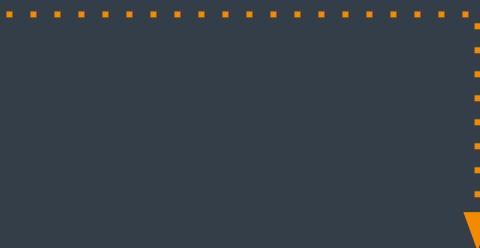
e.g.

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- Use context encoding on untrusted user input

Distribute Knowledge

Secure Coding Guidelines

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2. Use context encoding on untrusted user input



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Project X - Secure Coding rules for *<insert your favourite coding framework>*

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Upon Commit

Application Security



1. Your code violates security rules: You shall not pass!
2. Your code violates security rules: Fill in your get out of jail card (JIRA ticket)
3. Points++ for delivering secure code

Learn from Mistakes

Application Security

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Security Vulnerabilities

- *Sensitive data not transported securely*



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Building Skills Engaging and Competitive



Active Missions

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Cross-site Scripting 101: A state-sponsored adversary from 🇳🇪 Niger is attacking the C# (.NET) MVC Code Snippets application

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OWASP London Leaderboard

Rank	Name	Points
1	Axel Bengtsson	15389
2	Rich Fairhurst	7682
3	Lucas Philippe	4087
4	kieran rendall	674
5	John FITZ	50
6	...	0
7	Louise S	0
8	Kate Posener	0
9	Erin Burns	0
10	Jordan Watson	0

Working hard (or hardly working!)



Takeaways:

- Focus on positives such as security fundamentals
- Distribute knowledge to scale AppSec
- Define good patterns and re-use
- Put some fun into everything

A photograph of a LEGO Superman minifigure standing on a rocky cliff edge. He is wearing his classic red and blue suit with the 'S' emblem on the chest. The background shows a warm sunset or sunrise over a hilly landscape.

Secure Developers Are Heroes



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