



SECURE CODE
WARRIOR



How to spend \$3.6M on one coding mistake
and other fun stuff you can do with \$3.6M

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What we believe...

... that developers can become the first line of defense against cyber attacks.

What can coding mistakes lead to?

INTRODUCTION

Coding failure costs money

Ariane 5 rocket

- \$7 billion
- 10 years of work

Technical:

- Velocity: 64-bit float
- Convert to 16-bit int
- Overflow
- Error handling suppressed (performance)



Coding failure brand damage



C-Level people get fired



What's in the name?

APPSEC

Code Sample: Ariane 5 rocket

Why visibility matters—the Ariane 5 crash

- Velocity was represented as a 64-bit float
- A conversion into a 16-bit signed integer caused an overflow
- The current velocity of Ariane 5 was too high to be represented as a 16-bit integer
- Error handling was suppressed for performance reasons

```
-- Vertical velocity bias as measured by sensor
L_M_BV_32 :=  
    TBD.T_ENTIER_32S ((1.0/C_M_LSB_BV) *  
        G_M_INFO_DERIVE(T_ALG.E_BV));  
-- Check, if measured vertical velocity bias can be  
-- converted to a 16 bit int. If so, then convert  
if L_M_BV_32 > 32767 then  
    P_M_DERIVE(T_ALG.E_BV) := 16#7FFF#;  
elseif L_M_BV_32 < -32768 then  
    P_M_DERIVE(T_ALG.E_BV) := 16#8000#;  
else  
    P_M_DERIVE(T_ALG.E_BV) :=  
        UC_16S_EN_16NS(TDB.T_ENTIER_16S(L_M_BV_32));  
end if;  
-- Horizontal velocity bias as measured by sensor  
-- is converted to a 16 bit int without checking  
P_M_DERIVE(T_ALG.E_BH) :=  
    UC_16S_EN_16NS (TDB.T_ENTIER_16S ((1.0/C_M_LSB_BH) *  
        G_M_INFO_DERIVE(T_ALG.E_BH)));
```

*Source: <http://moscova.inria.fr/~levy/talks/10enslongo/enslongo.pdf>

Typical SQL Injection sample



PaymentController.java
⚠ > PaymentDAOImpl.java

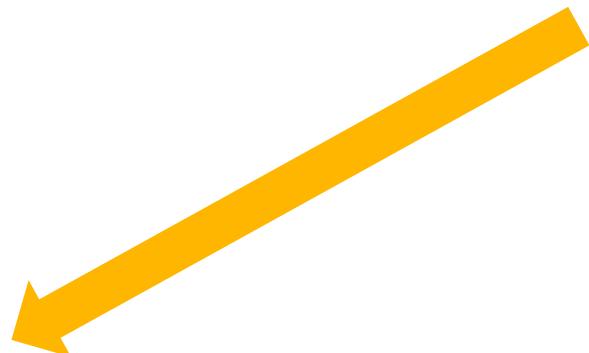
```
20  /**
21  * Method will save the payment details into the database.
22  */
23
24  public boolean savePaymentDetails(PaymentDetails paymentDetails) {
25      //Session session = HibernateUtil.getCurrrntSession();
26      Session session=null;
27      Transaction tx=null;
28      boolean isSuccess=true;
29      try{
30          session = sessionFactory.getCurrentSession();
31          tx = session.beginTransaction();
32          String dml = "insert into paymentDetails (orderId, cardNumber, cardOwner, totalAmount) va
33          dml = dml.replace(":orderId", String.valueOf(paymentDetails.getOrderId()));
34          dml = dml.replace(":cardNumber", paymentDetails.getCardNumber());
35          dml = dml.replace(":cardOwner", paymentDetails.getCardOwner());
36          dml = dml.replace(":totalAmount", String.valueOf(paymentDetails.getTotalAmount()));
37          jdbcTemplate.update(dml);
38
39          tx.commit();
40      }catch (Exception e) {
41          logger.error("Error at saving Payment Details information ", e);
42          if (tx != null) {
43              tx.rollback();
44              throw new ApplicationException(1111,"Database Exception.");
45          }
46          isSuccess=false;
```

Frame



Why is this not resolved yet?

Security knows about issues in code



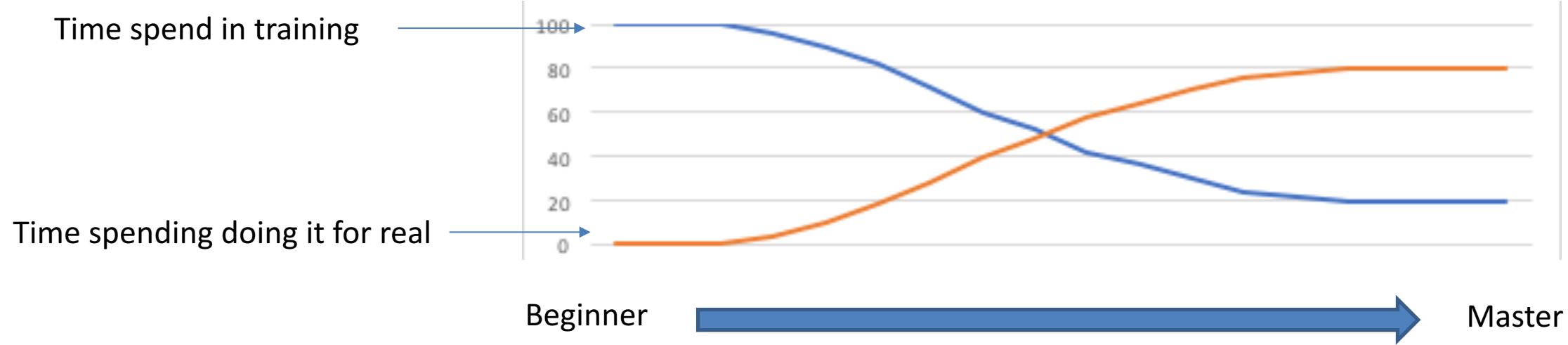
CLEAN vs EMPTY

- 1) Fix known security issues → Scale of AppSec team?
→ Ton of overhead!
- 2) Do not introduce new issues → 700+ categories of problems!



Never ending story...

Flying a plane: simulator vs flying for real



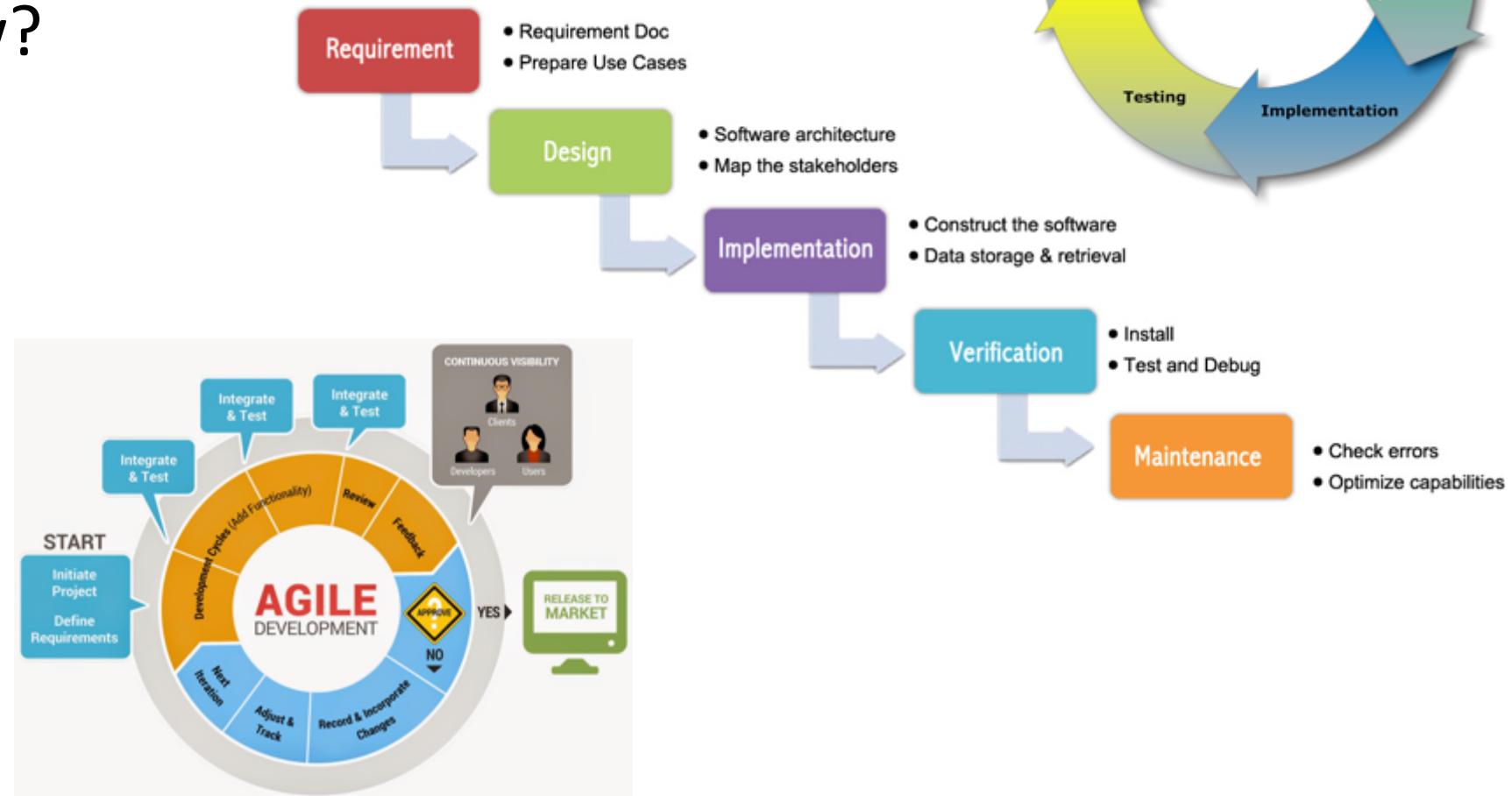
Software Development Lifecycle

WHERE DO MISTAKES HAPPEN

Software development lifecycle

Waterfall, agile, ...

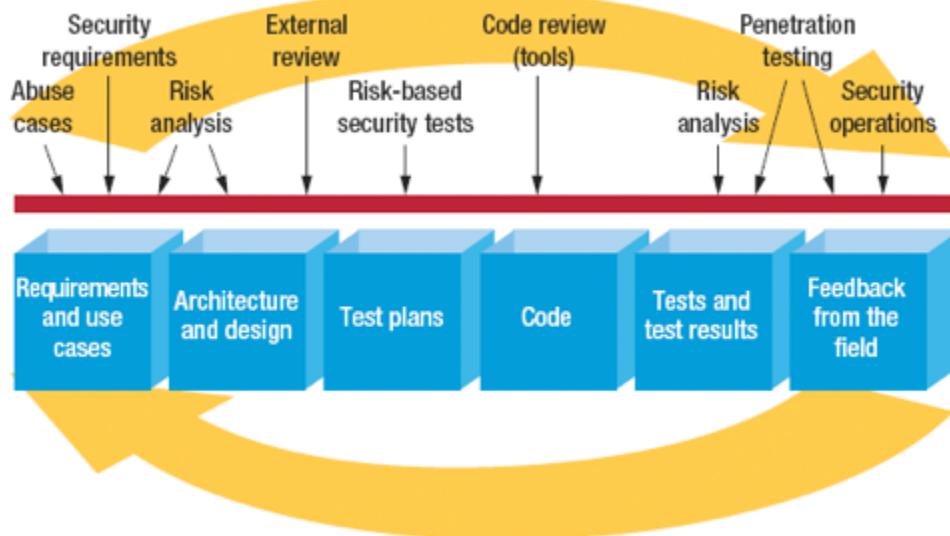
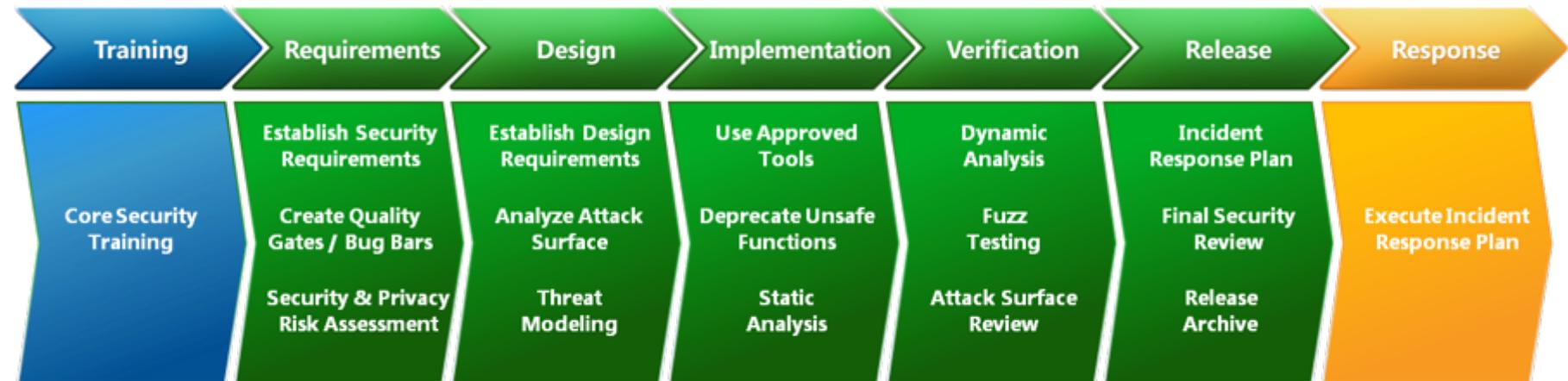
1. Security, where?
2. Developer view?



Secure Software Development Lifecycle



Microsoft SSDLC



Digital Touchpoints

How does a developer look at this?



How does a developer look at this?

Developers can do something



No idea what's happening over there



SECURITY...

How does

Developers can do

Developer



SEEN BY
DEVELOPERS



DESIGNERS



PROJECT
MANAGERS



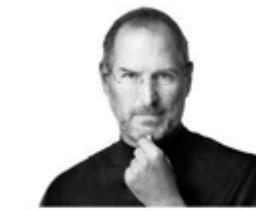
QA



SYSADMINS



SEEN BY
DESIGNERS



Production

SEEN BY
PROJECT
MANAGERS



SEEN BY
QA



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How does a developer look at this?

Developers can do something



Developer

Write

Repository

No idea what's happening over there

Build

Deploy

Production



SECURITY...

Developer: total control
Security: no control

Developer: no control
Security: can access it...

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Developers can do something



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Training

In IDE help



SECURITY...

SAST

IAST

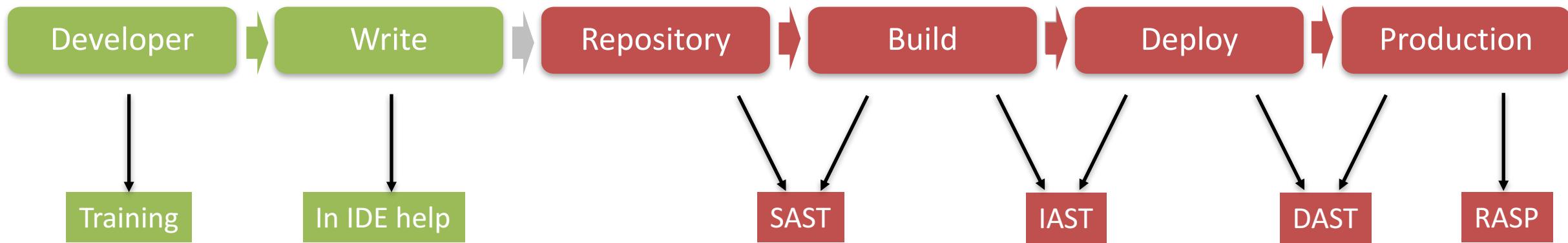
DAST

RASP

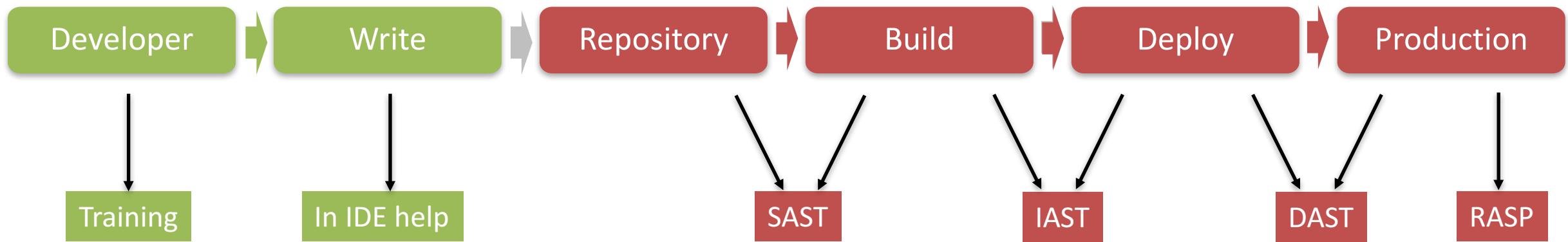
Solutions in place. Results

WHERE DO WE SPEND THE MONEY

How do companies spend their money?

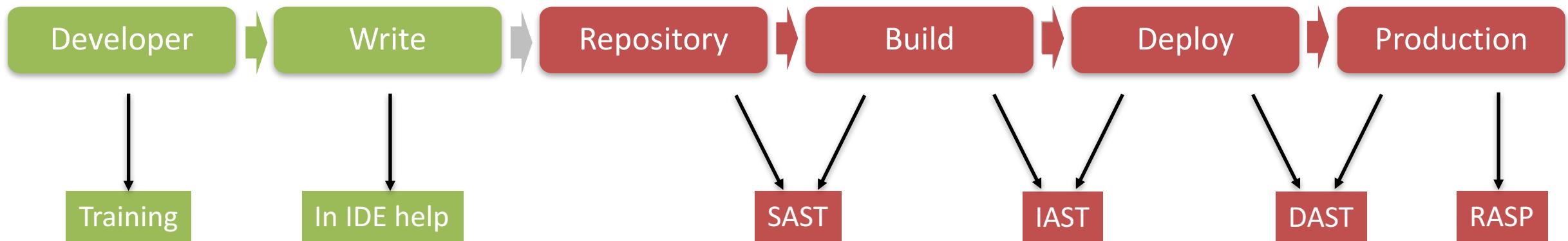


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How do we spend the AppSec budget in the most optimal way? Nobody knows.



What we see in the field? Is there a pattern?

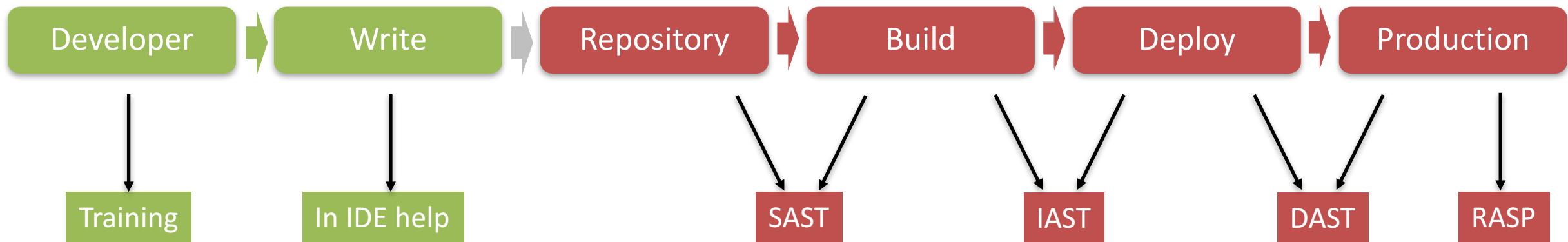
ACTUAL SPENDING

What type of company is this?

“All is good”-company

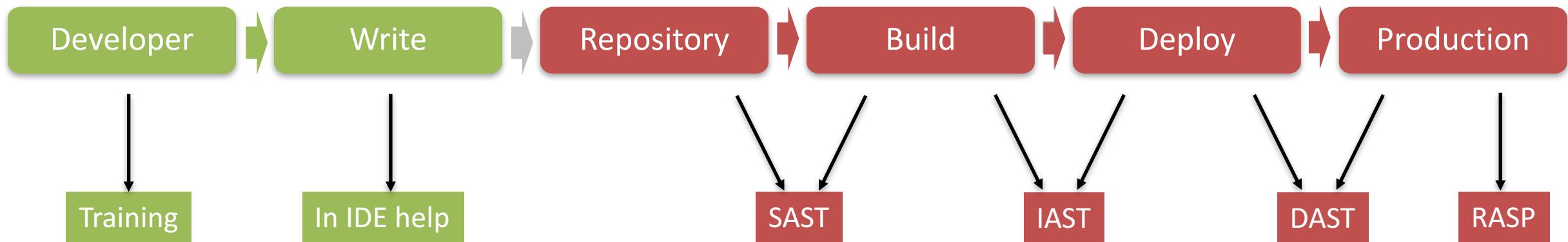
Or, we are not hacked company

... yet



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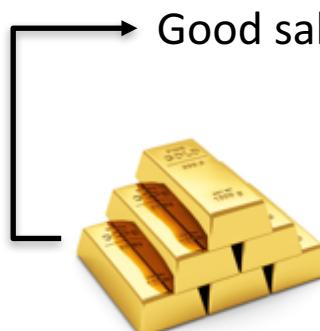
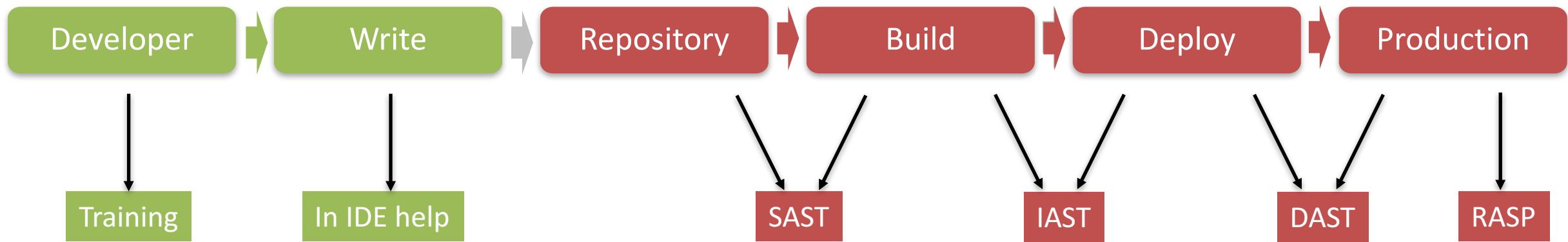
“Ow s***, we need to do something” - company



Ow s***, we need to do “pen-testing” and hackers and the like

What type of company is this?

Company maturing over time... but it's very reactive and baseless.



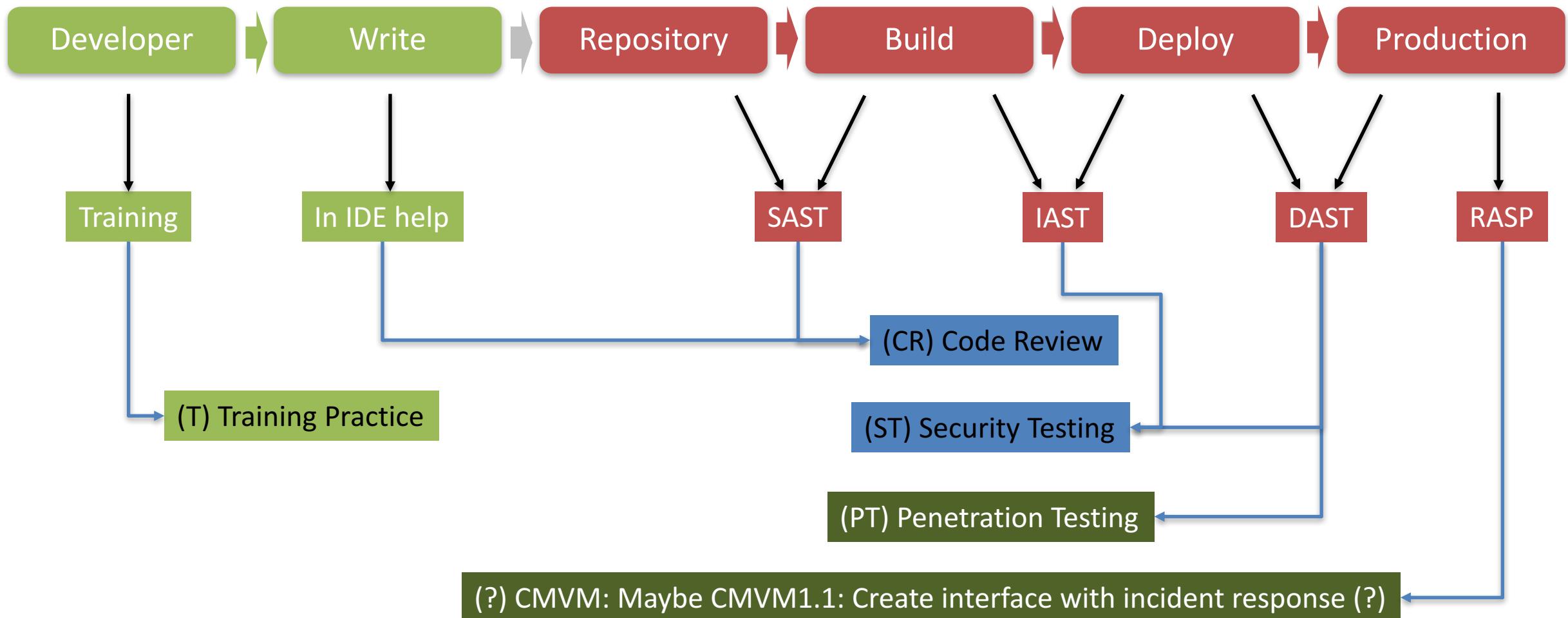
PCI Compliance sticker

Gartner says it's the latest good stuff

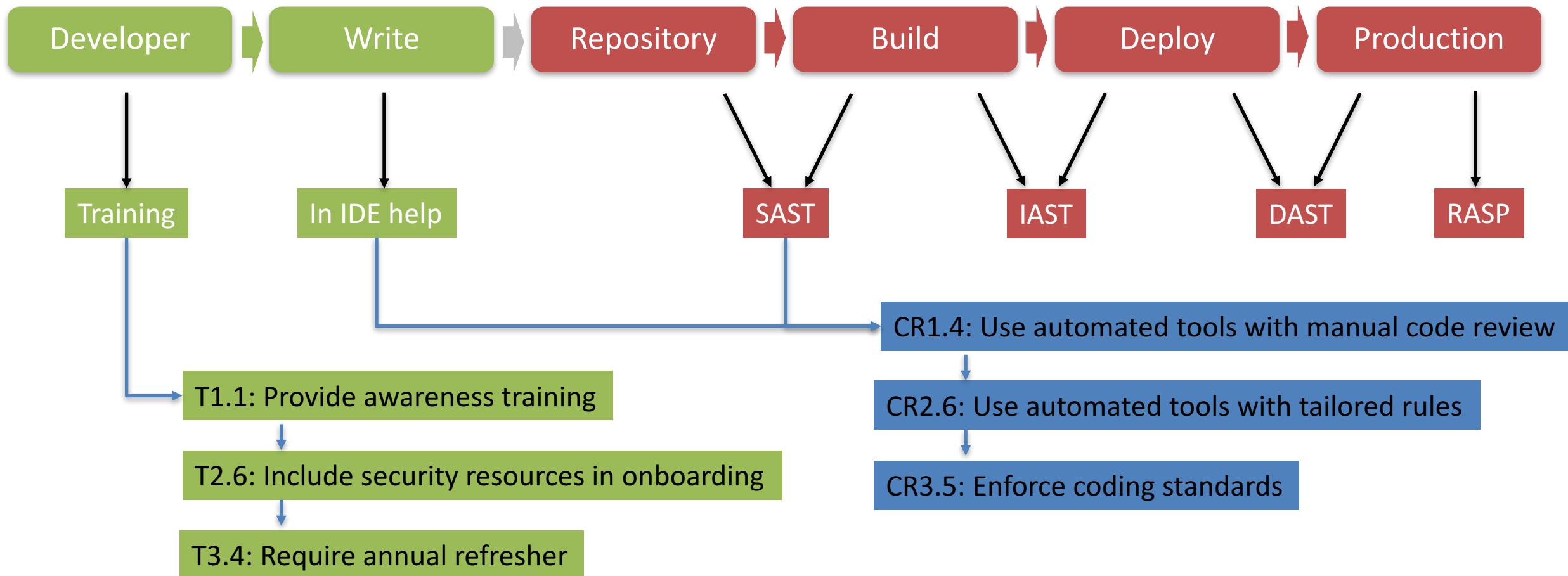
Pros and cons on the technology

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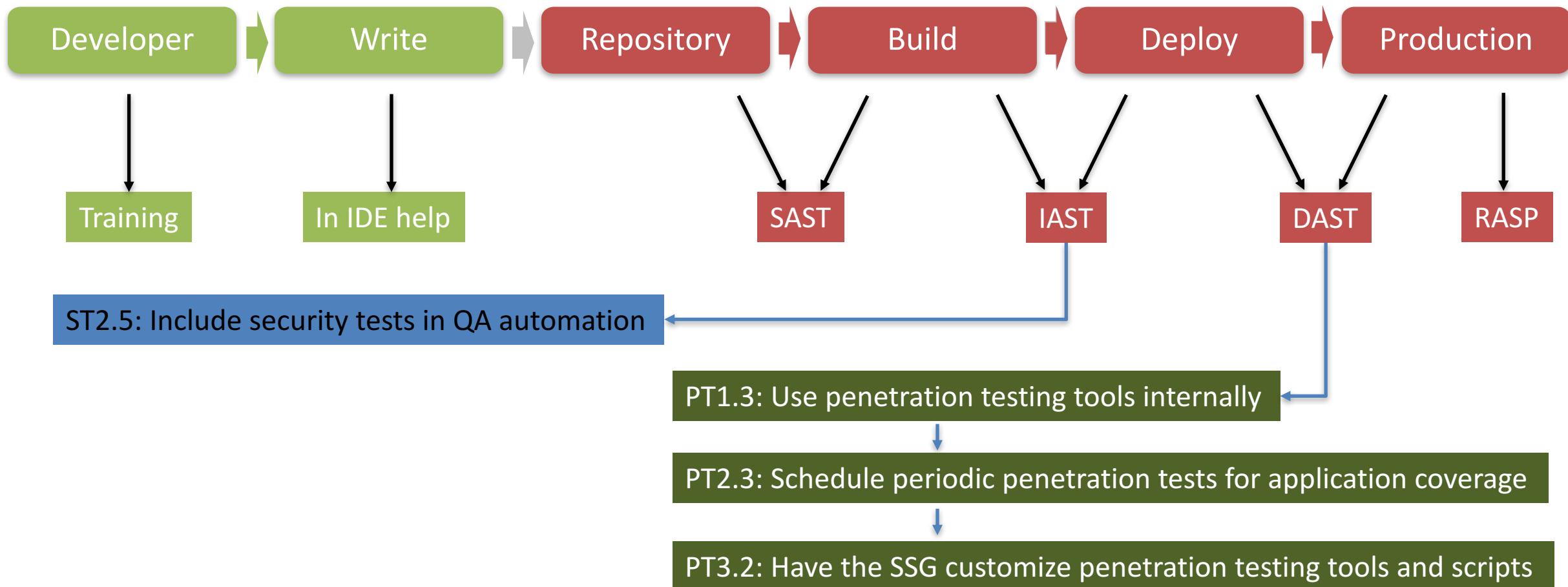
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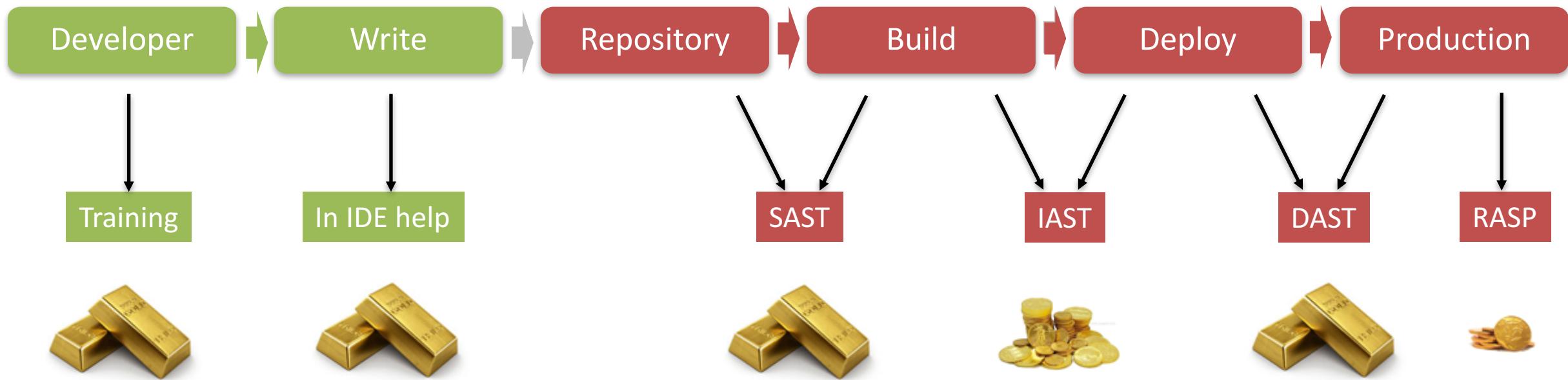


What does the BSIMM say?



End result: all solutions have their pros and cons

Cool ... but we cannot call this progress



All this is saying: Yes, there is a valid case to spend money

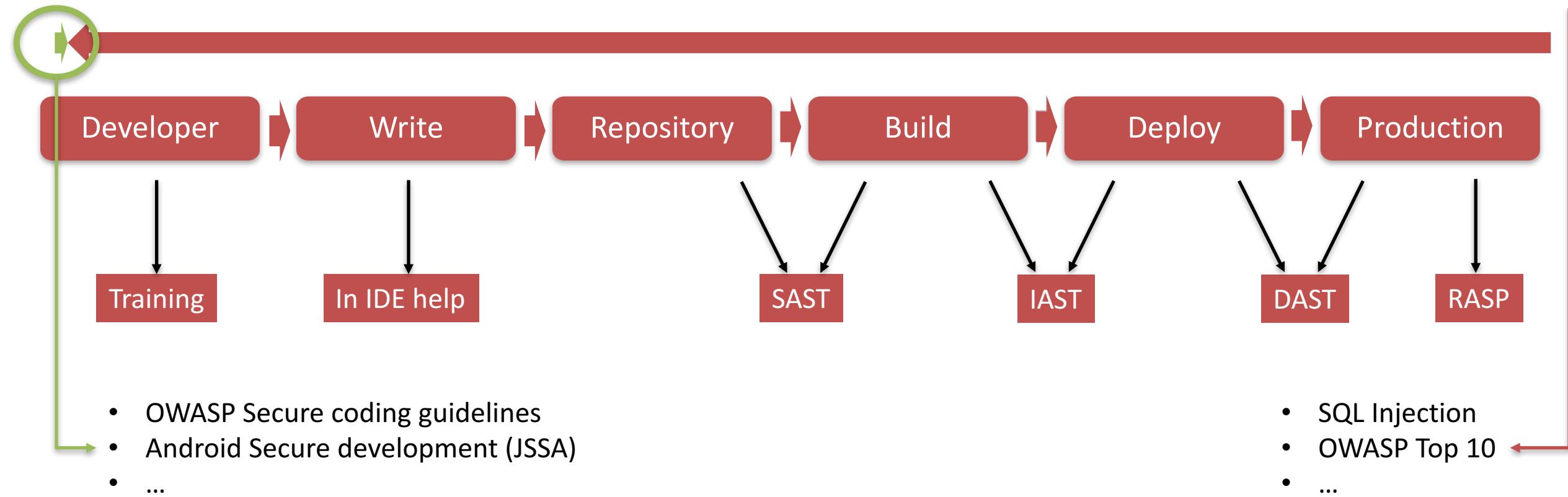
Finding problems vs. coding right

WHAT DO WE DO IN APPSEC?

What do we do?

Write Secure code: Coding guidelines

Find the bad stuff: talk about vulnerabilities



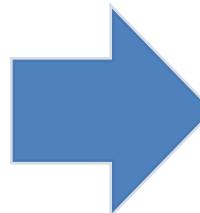
AppSec approach today

“SELECT * FROM database WHERE
param1 = ‘ ” + param1 + ” ’ and

param2 = ‘ ” + param2 + ” ’ and

param3 = ‘ ” + param3 + ” ’ and

param4 = ‘ ” + param4 + “ ’;”

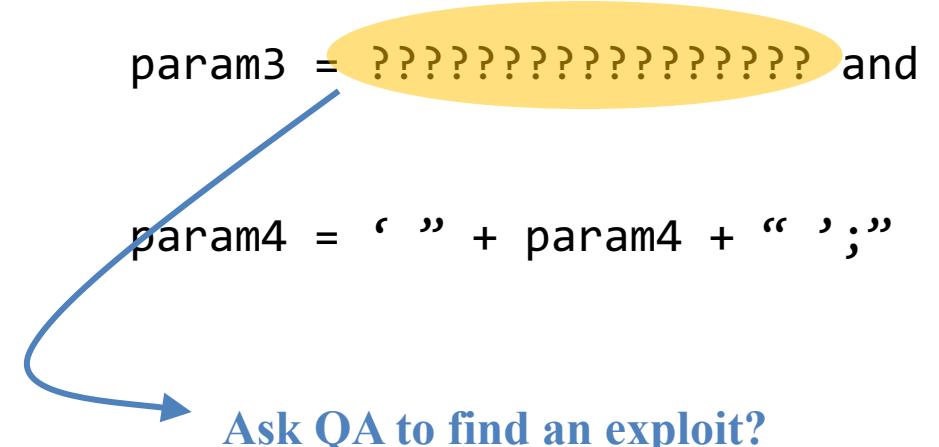


“SELECT * FROM database WHERE
param1 = ? and

param2 = ? and

param3 = ?????????????????? and

param4 = ‘ ” + param4 + “ ’;”



What's the difference?

Vulnerability

- SQL injection
- Command injection
- ...



Badness-ometer

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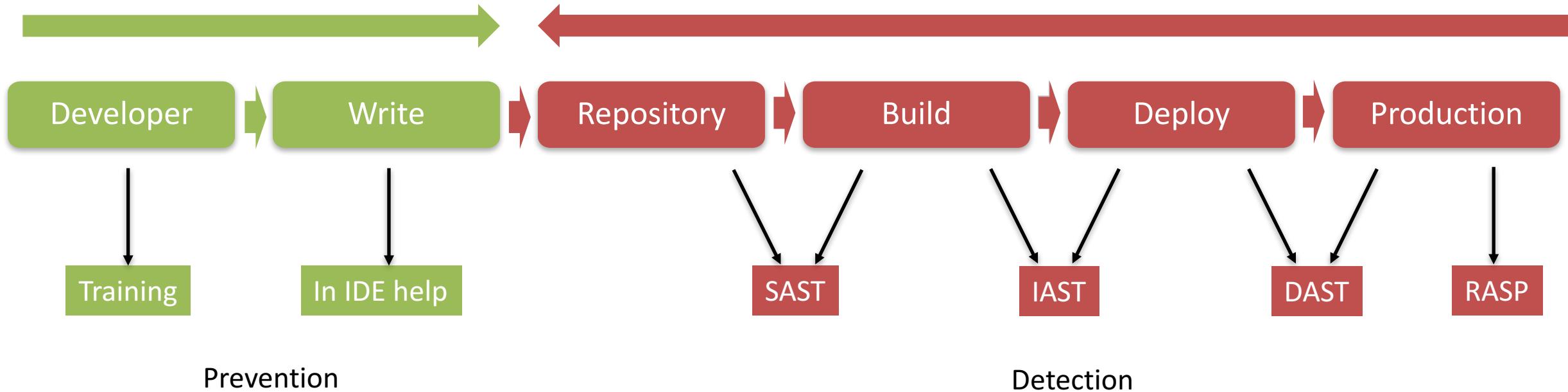
Write coding guideline

- Use parameterized queries
- Command line execution is forbidden
- ...

Best ROI and value for money?

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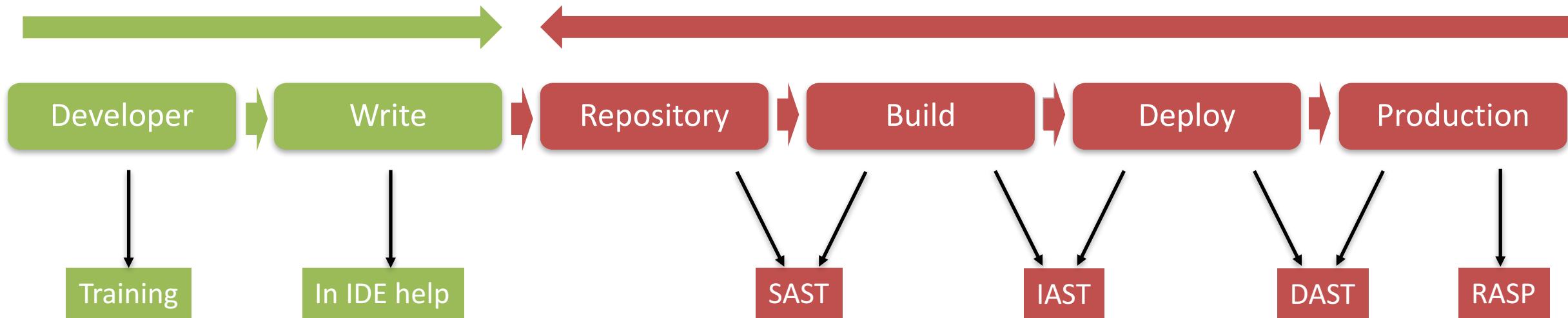


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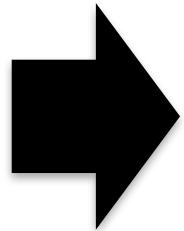
80% NOT introduced

20% detected and fixed

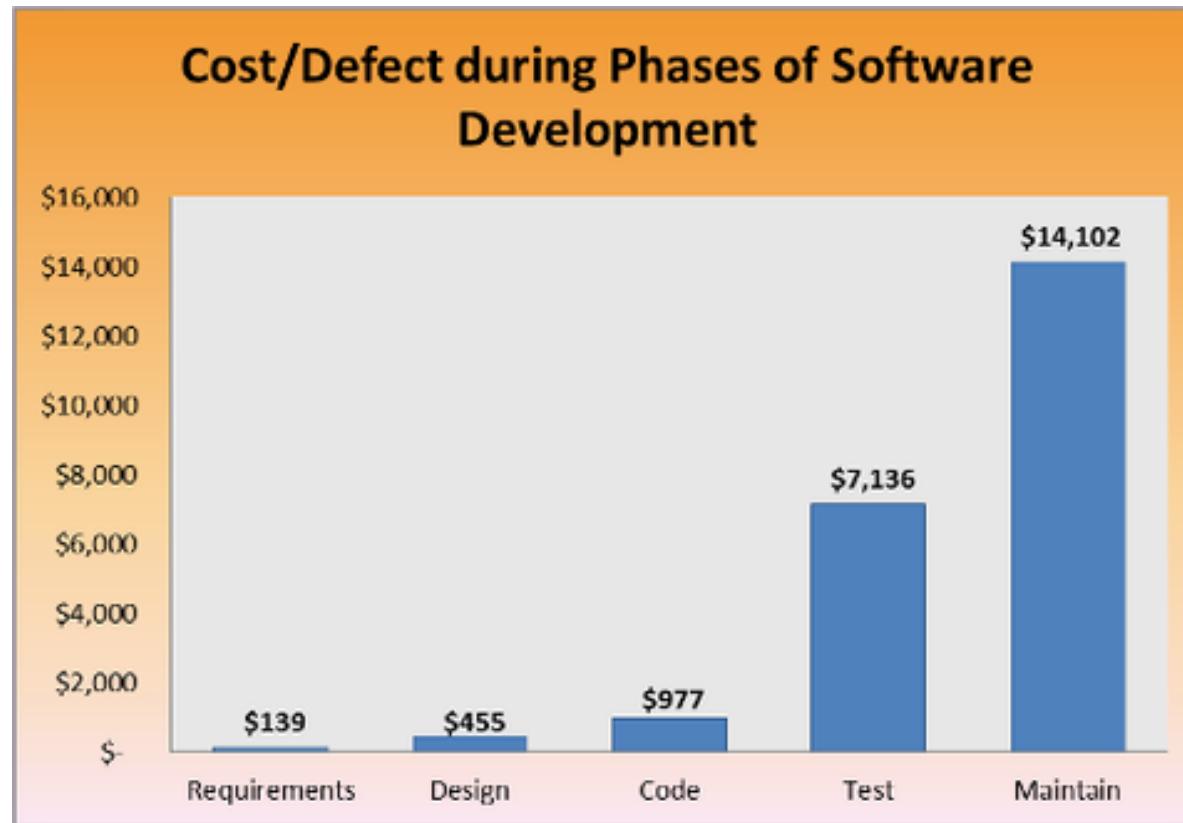
Deeper dive

WHERE DO WE HAVE TO SPEND?

Let's throw numbers in there

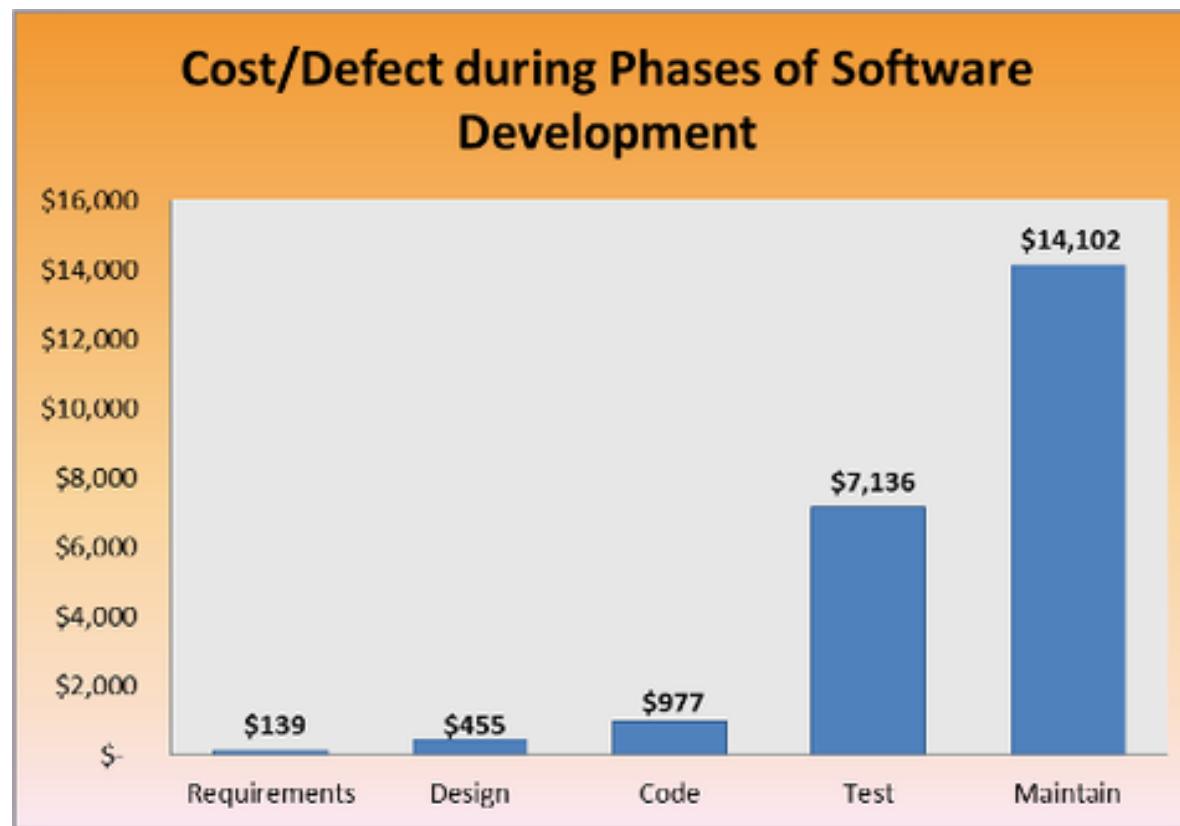


General consensus: the earlier you find it, the less it costs to fix



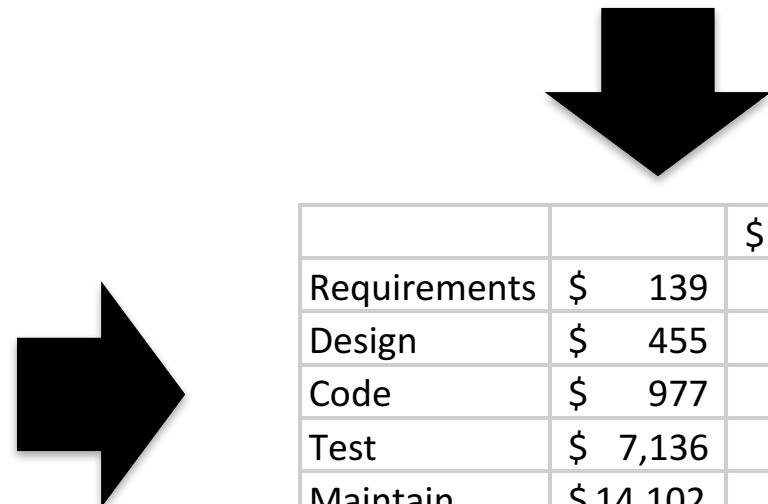
Actual data from Jim Routh, Aetna

Should we care?



Actual data from Jim Routh, Aetna

3.6 million, average cost of a breach



		\$ 3,600,000	
Requirements	\$ 139	25,899	issues
Design	\$ 455	7,912	issues
Code	\$ 977	3,685	issues
Test	\$ 7,136	504	issues
Maintain	\$ 14,102	255	issues

You can fix more than 1 problem!

The numbers:

10D @ \$\$/day	Xxxx	\$20,000
Issues found	Yyyy	10
Developer cost(fix)	Zzzz	No time
COST	Pretty big number	Waste of money
		
COST/issue	Still a big number	

The numbers:

10D @ \$\$/day	Xxxx	\$20,000
Issues found	Yyyy	10
Developer cost(fix)	Zzzz	\$2,000
COST	Pretty big number	\$40,000
		
COST/issue	Still a big number	\$4,000

Fill in your own numbers! This is an example. Do the exercise internally.

The numbers:

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Bear in mind that these are real issues !

Likability of an adversary exploiting these is high

The numbers:

Cost of SAST solution XXXX

Issues found YYYY

Developer cost(fix) ZZZZ

COST Pretty big number



COST/issue Looks better than Pen testing



Bear in mind that these are theoretical problems

The numbers:

Cost of training

??

??

COST



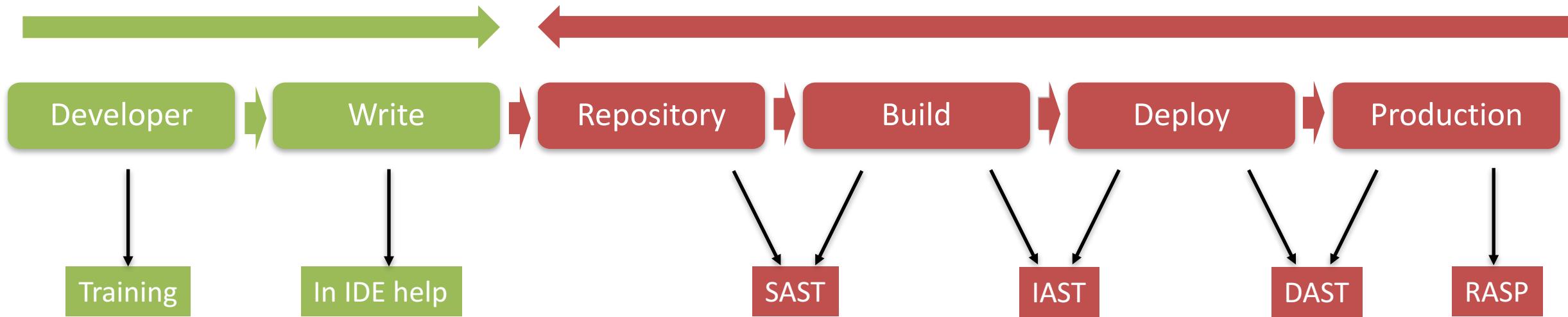
COST/issue

Effect of training on coding: Less mistakes introduced + issues fixed

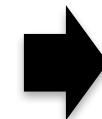
Conclusion on where to spend money

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1. Measure! Security is measurable
2. Calculate ROI
3. Optimize your budget



Developer introduces \$45.18/day on security problems in the code

Solution 1: Get rid of all developers

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Find the bad stuff: talk about vulnerabilities

Developer

Training

Production

RASP

1. Measure
2. Calculate
3. Optimize

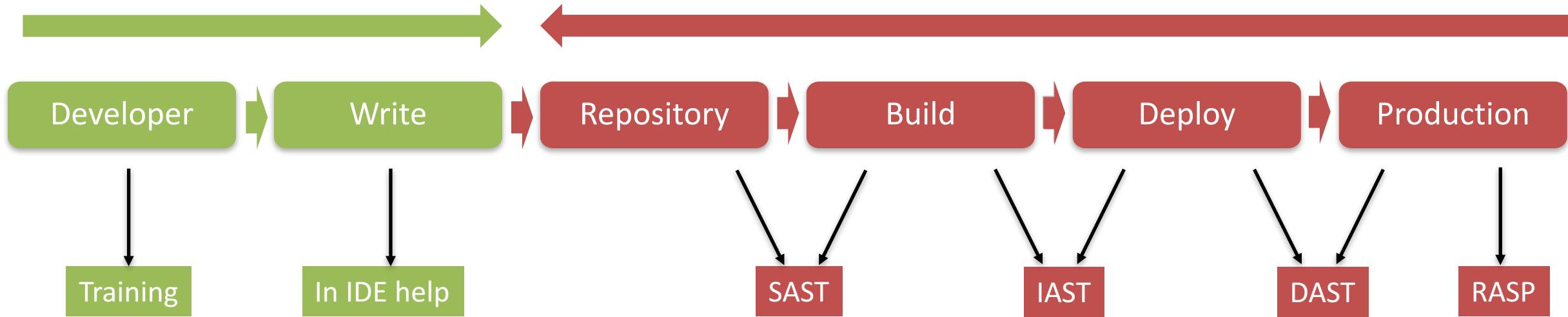


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Solution 2: Do the numbers and optimize budget

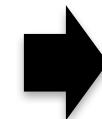
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Bring down this number!



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Try it out yourself

TOURNAMENT

Join the Tournament: Play and win

The interface shows a world map with several player icons (red circles with white symbols) located in Europe and North America. A modal window displays a level summary: Level 1, Most Critical Weaknesses, Accuracy, Security Maturity, 0 points, and five circular icons.

A-Team Leaderboard
Developer names have been anonymised by your company administrator

Rank	Name	Points
33	Firebreathing Wireworm	0
34	Next Zebraswalltailbutterfly	0
35	Crazy Hamadryas	0
36	Noncollinear Bighornedsheep	0
37	Smartalecky Malamute	0
38	Uncongestive Marbledmurrelet	0
39	Bilingual Germanspaniel	0
40	Shiny Squamata	0
41	Angeli Castro	0
42	Germless Whitebeakeddolphin	0

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