

Auditing Code: Taking a Look at Taking a Look

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Background

Agenda

Establishing a Baseline

Setting Expectations

Where to Look

Tricks to Maximize Effectiveness

When Enough is Enough

How to Deliver Results

Establishing a Baseline

Who, What, Where, When, How





Who

What

Where

When

How

Setting Expectations

Deliverables, Legal Requirements, Stopping Points

Deliverables

Legal Requirements

Stopping Points

Now is a good time
to sign the
paperwork

Where to Look

People, Places, and Things

People

Places

Things

Maximizing Effectiveness

Automated Tools, Static Analysis, Manual Follow-up

Automate Everything!

Static Analysis

Manual Follow-up

Enough Already

When it's time to call it

All goals have been
achieved

A major,
earthshattering
vulnerability has been
found

Testing window is closed

You couldn't find
anything



Delivering Results

How to break it down

Pro Tip:
Your job is only to
report the facts!

Make short, concise
statements about the
issues

When possible, link
to detailed
explanations

A Tale of Fail Most Epic

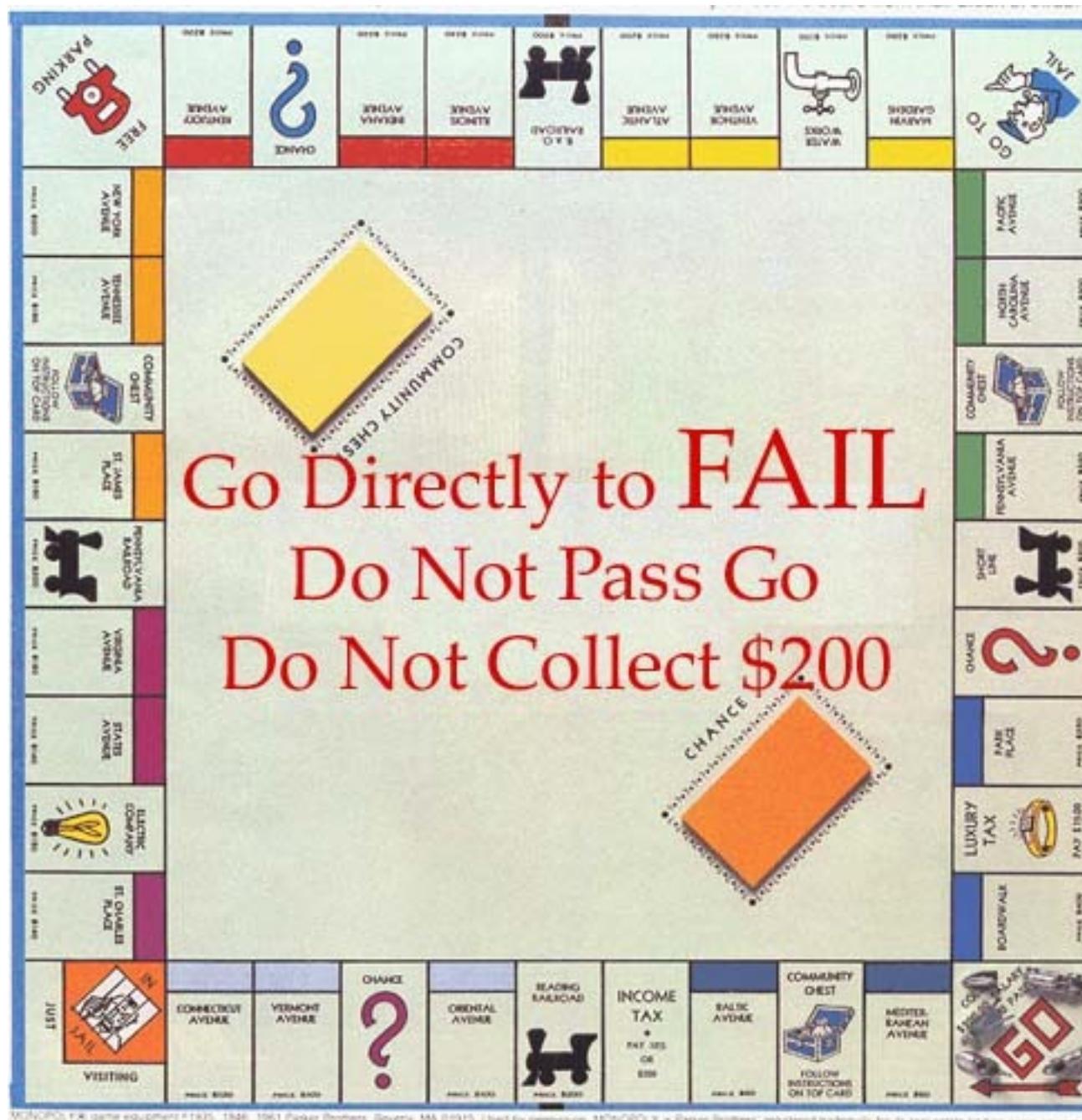


Meet Joe

Joe is having a bad
day



Meet Michael



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None of us is as dumb
as all of us

DEMO

Resources

- github.com/abedra/presentations/auditing-code
- github.com/abedra/safe-erb
- github.com/relevance/tarantula
- www.owasp.org/index.php/Top_10_2007
- www.infoq.com/presentations/secure-programming-static-analysis

Discussion and Questions