



OWASP SAMM

and other Software Security Assurance Frameworks

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Who the hell am I?

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Software Security Assurance

Process that **helps design and implement** software that **protects the data and resources** contained in and controlled by the software.



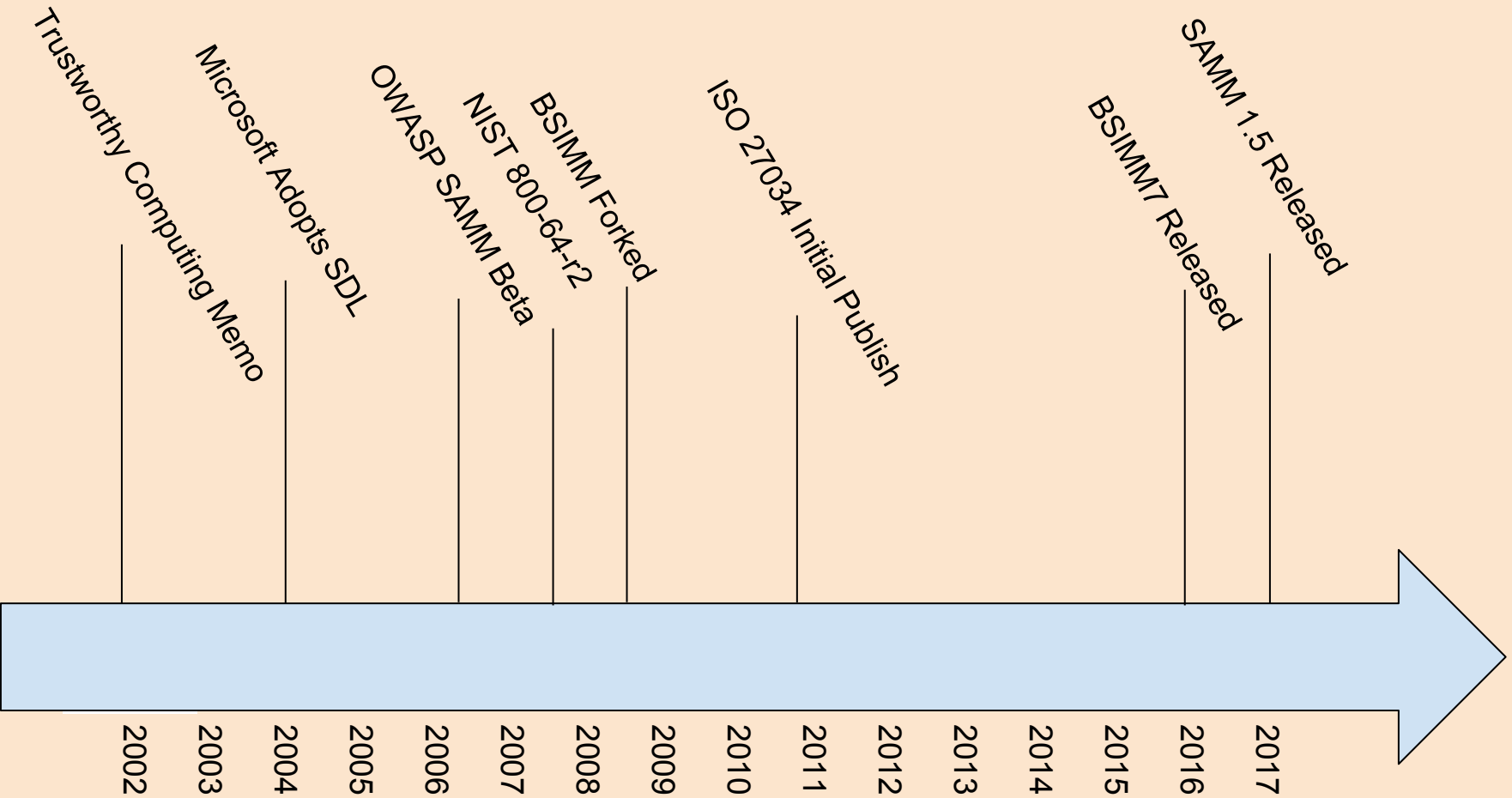
Software Security Assurance - Who is it for?

If you have involvement or influence in the creation or maintenance of software, there are items in here that can apply to you.



Common Models

- ISO 27034
- NIST SP-800-64
- Microsoft SDL (Security Development Lifecycle)
- BSIMM (Building Security In Maturity Model)
- OWASP SAMM (Software Assurance Maturity Model)





ISO 27034

Heavy, wordy, not user-friendly.

Only part of the standard is officially published, missing some key pieces.



NIST SP-800-64

Gov't only.

Giant, headache inducing wall of text.

Free!

Actually lays things out pretty decently once you get into it, if a bit dated.

porting processes. Continuously monitoring internal sources and using integrity-based tools to ensure configuration and control may be of use by providing an automated central audit log collection, correlation, and analysis tool. A good idea to monitor the National Vulnerability Database (<http://nvd.nist.gov>) for known component vulnerabilities to build in controls to mitigate them. These would then need to be tested.

When dealing with a system having multiple owners (sometimes across different domains), it is important to identify and address shared and inherited risks.

Depending on the rigor needed and the complexity of the system, it may be important to follow the data flow/information flow beyond the first interface. Failure to do so may result in inheriting unknown risks.

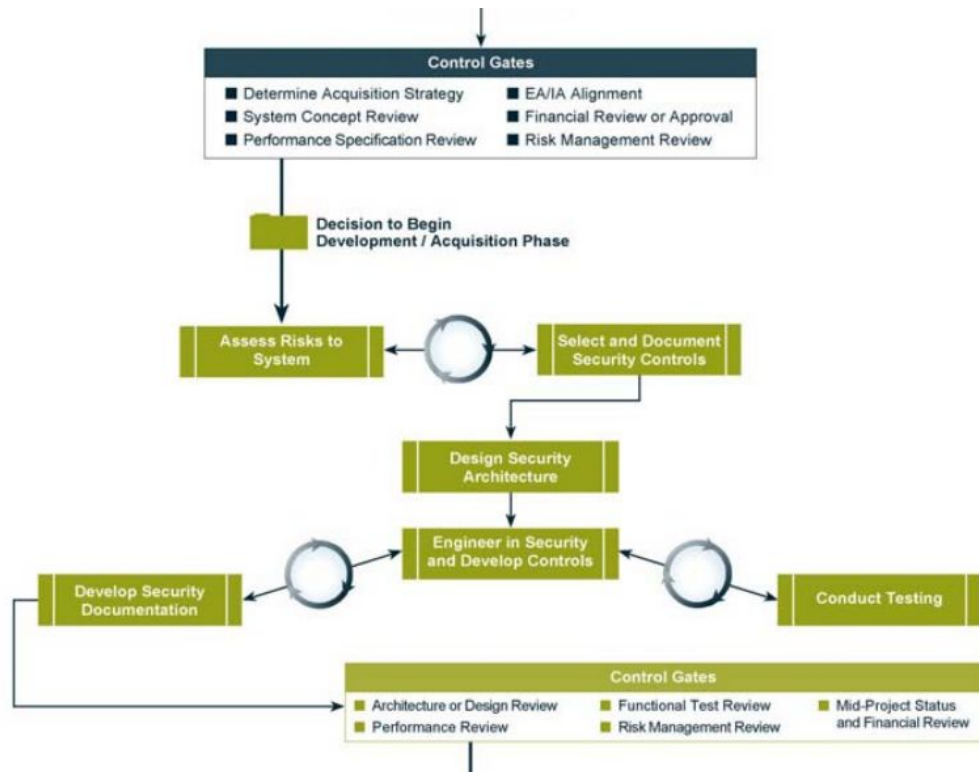
Inherited risks may be evaluated through the supply of materials for the system. Supply chain risk should be understood and evaluated to mitigate potential use of fraudulent, pirated, unlicensed or intentionally compromised material.

Select and Document Security Controls

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| Description: | <p>The selection and documentation of security controls corresponds to step 2 in the NIST Risk Management Framework. The selection of security controls consists of three activities: the selection of baseline security controls (including common security controls); the application of security control tailoring guidance to adjust the initial security control baseline; and the supplementation of the tailored baseline with additional controls based on an assessment of the system and local conditions. An organization-wide view is essential in the security control selection process to ensure that adequate risk mitigation is achieved for all mission/business processes, the information systems and organizational infrastructure supporting those processes.</p> <p>The security control selection process should include an analysis of laws and regulations, FISMA, OMB circulars, agency-enabling acts, agency-specific governance, FIPS and NIST Special Publications, and other legislation and federal regulations that define applicable security controls to the security controls selected.</p> <p>As with other aspects of security, the goal should be cost-effective implementation that meets requirements for protection of an organization's information assets. In each situation, a balance should exist between the system security benefits to mission performance and the risks associated with operation of the system.</p> <p>The security controls allocated to individual information systems are documented in the system security plan as described in NIST Special Publication 800-18. Security plans provide an overview of the security requirements for the information systems within an organization and describe security controls in place, or planned, for meeting those requirements. The plans also describe the rationale for security categorization, tailoring, and supplementation activities, how individual controls are implemented within specific operational environments, and any use restrictions enforced on information systems due to high-risk situations. Security plans are important to document the decisions taken during the security control selection process and the rationale for those decisions. They are approved by appropriate authorizing officials within the organization and provide one of the key documents in security accreditation packages that are instruments</p> |
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NIST SP-800-64

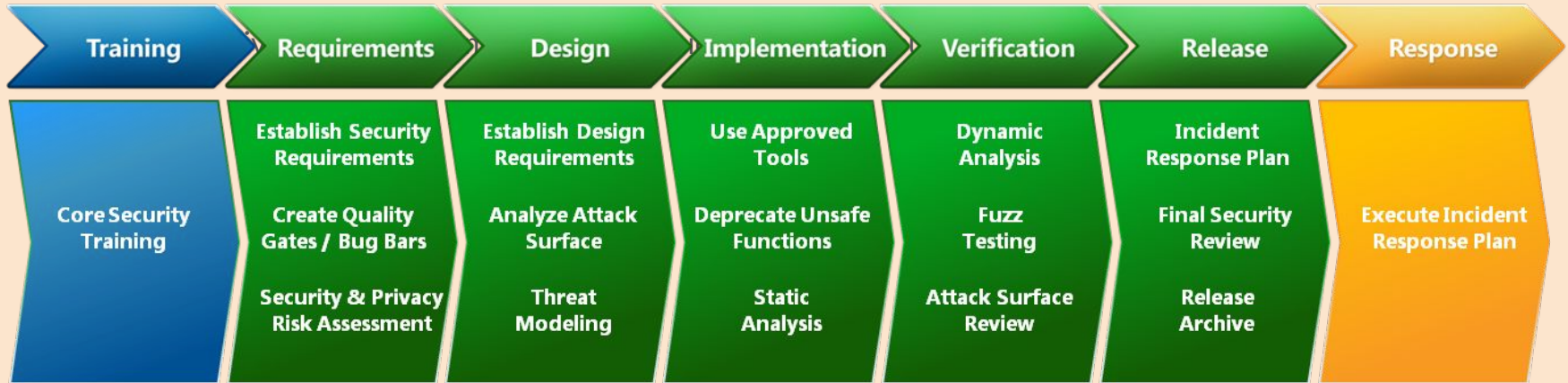
Phase 2: Development / Acquisition





Microsoft Security Development Lifecycle

Scope is different than most of the rest.





BSIMM

Basically a big set of survey results.

Descriptive, not Prescriptive





Measuring Real-world Practices

“Just the facts.”

In-person interview with the organizations.

BSIMM professional completing the interviews.



Cloud (16 of 109)

Healthcare (17 of 109)



BSIMM - Helpful Concepts and Conclusions

Software Security Group - Internal group charged with carrying out and facilitating software security.

Everyone struggles.

Trend is definitely towards increased maturity.



Fun Stats from the BSIMM

Of Organizations surveyed:

67% Provide awareness training.

40% Have an operations inventory of applications.

25% Identify PII data inventory.

21% Provide penetration testers with all available information.

11% Have a bug bounty program.



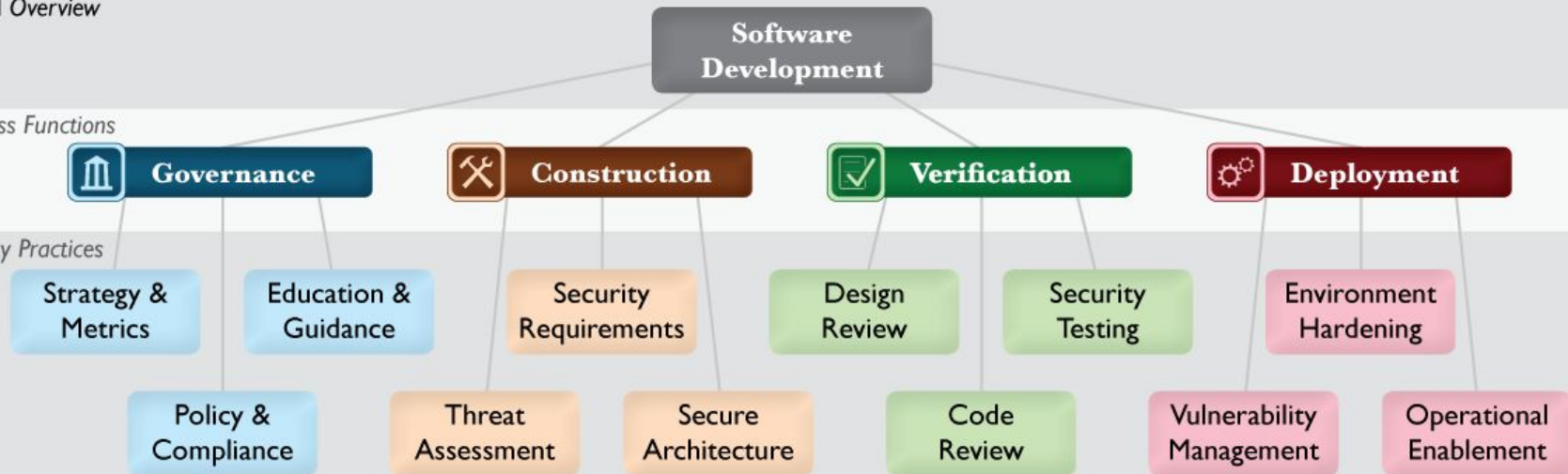
OWASP SAMM

“...to help organizations formulate and implement a strategy for software security that is tailored for the specific risks facing the organization.”

SAMM Overview

Business Functions

Security Practices





Governance

- Strategy and Metrics
 - Establishing the framework
 - Risk classification
- Policy and Compliance
 - Regulations and Standards
 - Audits
- Education and Guidance
 - Pretty much exactly what it sounds like.



Construction

- Threat Assessment
 - Identifying explicit threats at a project level.
 - Weighting those threats.
- Security Requirements
 - Proactively specifying expected behavior
 - More mature: pushing requirements to suppliers.
- Secure Architecture
 - “Build secure software by default.”
 - Reusable service and components, approved frameworks, centralized services.



Verification

- Design Review
 - Detect architecture-level issues.
 - Evolves towards formal inspection, and baselines for design assessments.
- Implementation Review
 - More eyes on code means less bugs and vulnerabilities.
 - Automation (SASTs)
- Security Testing
 - Runtime Inspection, human, robot, and otherwise.



Operations

- Issue Management
 - Have an incident response process, to start with.
 - Go from there.
- Environment Hardening
 - Patching.
 - Monitoring.
- Operational Enablement
 - Kind of like the user manual for the operators of the software.
 - “Formal operational security guidelines.”



Deep dive: Education and Guidance 1 - 3

EG1 Objective:

“Offer development staff access to resources around topics of secure programming and deployment.”

EG2 Activities:

- * Conduct role specific application security training.
- * Utilize security coaches to enhance project teams

EG3 Results: Efficient remediation of vulnerabilities in both ongoing and legacy code bases.





Deep Dive: Implementation Review 1 - 3

AKA Code Review

Starts with checklists and point-reviews.

Proceeds to automation, and significant integration of that tool.

Ends with enforced, objective goals for judging code-level security.





Deep Dive: Environment Hardening 1 - 3

Understand baseline operational environment for applications and software.

Establish reliable patching and monitoring systems.

Deploy protection tools, and expand audit program.





Tools available for the SAMM

- Great big PDF
- Wiki, with about 85% of the content of the PDF.
- SAMM_Assessment_Toolbox_v1.5_FINAL.xlsx



Self-Assessment

- One of the first steps.
- How bad is it?
- Probably not as bad as you fear, but definitely not great.



Self-Assessment - Lightweight

(AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION)

| Education & Guidance | | Answer | Interview Notes | Rating |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| EG1 | Have developers been given high-level security awareness training? | Yes, we did it once | 2017 Roadmap item. | 0.30 |
| | <i>Guidance:</i> Application security awareness training is provided to all developers. <i>Guidance:</i> Training covers topics such as common vulnerabilities and best practice recommendations for eliminating vulnerabilities. <i>Guidance:</i> Training is conducted at least annually as well as on demand based on need. | | | |
| | Does each project team understand where to find secure development best-practices and guidance? | Yes, a small percentage are/do | 2017 Roadmap item. The resources are | |
| | <i>Guidance:</i> Resources regarding secure development practices have been assembled and made available to developers. <i>Guidance:</i> Management informs development groups that they are expected to utilize secure development resources. <i>Guidance:</i> A checklist based on the secure development resources has been created to ensure guidelines are met during | | | |

Assessment Results

| Current Maturity Score | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|----------|------|------|
| | | Maturity | | |
| Security Practices | Current | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Strategy & Metrics | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Policy & Compliance | 1.60 | 0.75 | 0.35 | 0.50 |
| Education & Guidance | 0.30 | 0.20 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| Threat Assessment | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Security Requirements | 1.20 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.10 |
| Secure Architecture | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Design Analysis | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Implementation Review | 0.60 | 0.50 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| Security Testing | 0.23 | 0.13 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| Issue Management | 1.32 | 0.47 | 0.25 | 0.60 |
| Environment Hardening | 1.00 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.00 |
| Operational Enablement | 1.10 | 0.60 | 0.50 | 0.00 |



Self-Assessment - Detailed

Prove it!

This is what happens at the end of every phase.

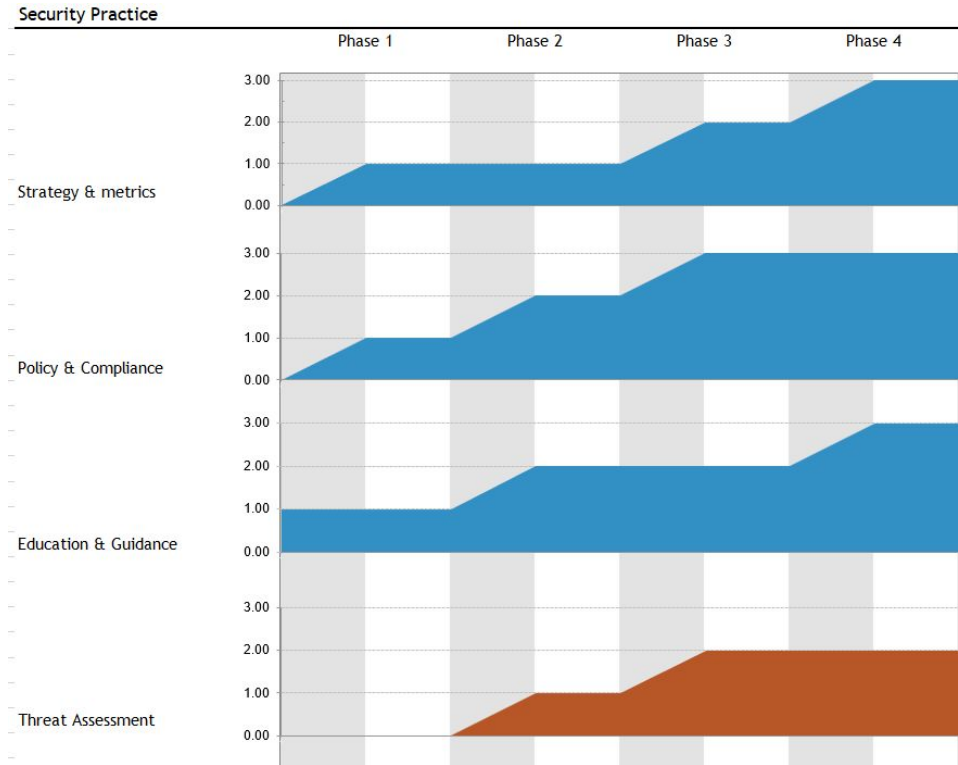
Forever...

Building a Roadmap

Start where you can.

Align to stuff that's in-flight already.

Use the tools.





Building a Roadmap - Examples

Small, agile organization with key pieces in place.

Monolithic, resistant to change organization.

Heavily remote organization with diverse technology stacks and siloed teams.

Setting Metrics

Defining groups/people is harder than you think.

You don't have to use the ones they pick!

Make them testable and gatherable.

Pick your percentages. Plan to crank them up.





Executing your Roadmap

Based on organization size and agility, pick your phase length.

Pick your end goals.

Calculate the difference, and lay it out in the phases.

Tweak it.

Tweak it some more.



I did it! What now?

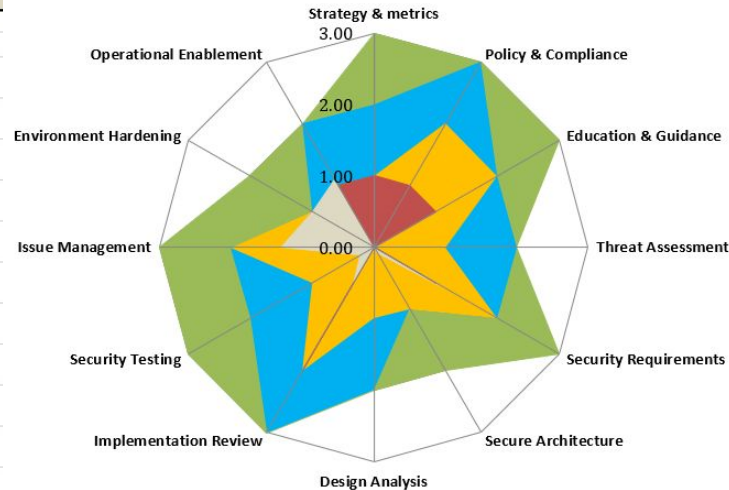
Eh, it never really ends.

The end of the last phase means you have ongoing activities and audits.

Keep upping your metrics. “100% of devs get 1 on 1 training from drunk Steve Ballmer himself, daily.”

In Practice - Observations So Far

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| Policy & Compliance | | Level 1 |
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| Objective | | |
| Understand relevant governance and compliance drivers for the organization. | | |
| Activities | | |
| A. Identify and monitor external compliance drivers B. Build and maintain compliance guidelines | | |
| Description | | |
| <p>People: The work is primarily completed by the Risk Management Team, with some consultation work and communication to be done by the Security Team.</p> <p>Process: The creation of an ongoing compliance checklist and formalized repository is the primary process defined by this practice. This process can be an extension of our current attestation and compliance processes.</p> <p>Tools: We will likely use ServiceNow for management of this repository and checklist. Many different GRC tools could accomplish this goal.</p> | | |
| Results | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased assurance for handling third-party audit with positive outcome Alignment of internal resources based on priority of compliance requirements Timely discovery of evolving regulatory requirements that affect your organization | | |
| Netsmart Success Metrics | | |
| <p>___ >1 Compliance discovery event in the last year.</p> <p>___ Compliance discovery process documentation updated/reviewed in last year.</p> <p>___ Compliance guidelines/standards communicated to Technical Leads and Owners in the last year.</p> | | |



Getting Started

Maybe start with the BSIMM even?

Pick one area that you have some influence over, and measure yourself.

Push for change!



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