

# Security & Privacy by Design in the SDLC:

Why, When, How?



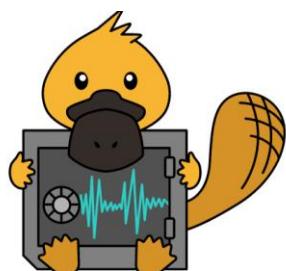
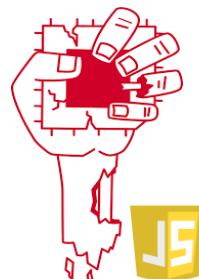
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# whoami

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- Lead Dynatrace's Privacy Engineering team in close collaboration with our Product Security teams
- Outside of work: research and tech policy, trail running, hiking, skiing...
- Previously: hacking CPUs at TU Graz



# Outline

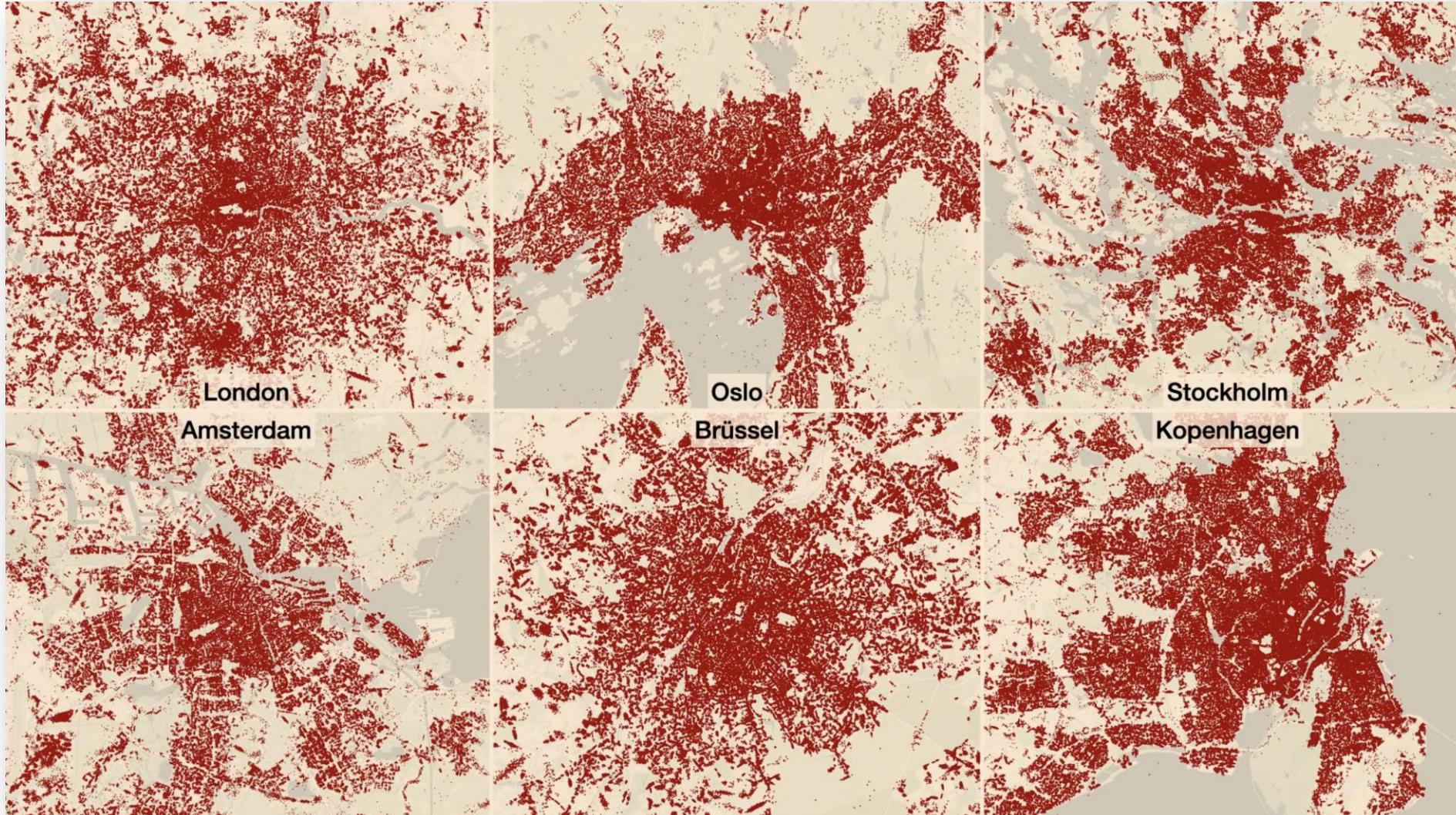
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- **Why?**
  - And what does ‘by design’ really mean?
- **When?**
- **How?**
  - Two case studies: technical privacy controls, scaling vulnerability management
- **Q&A**

Why?

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## Volkswagen 2024 data breach (coverage: [38C3](#), [Der Spiegel](#))

### Insecurity by design

- Spring API endpoint to retrieve heap dumps publicly exposed
  - Contained credentials for AWS account and IDP's client ID and client secret
  - Leaked data for 800 000 electric cars; precise location data for 460 000 of them
- Compromised credentials not revoked after responsible disclosure

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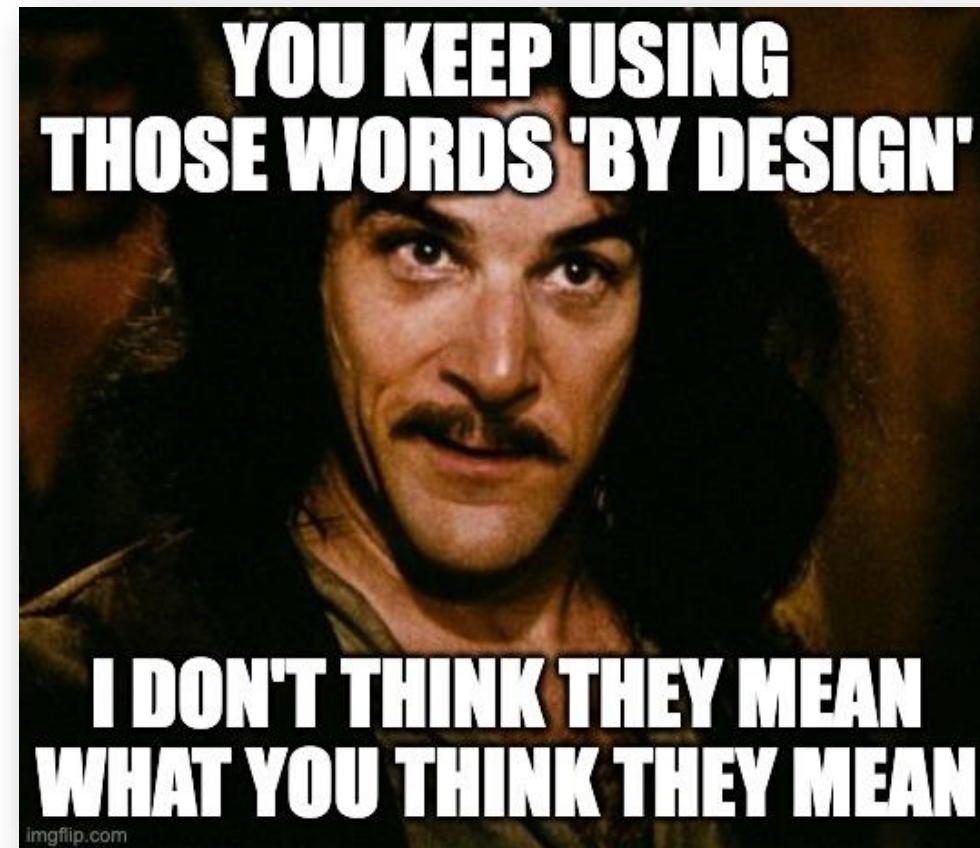
Privacy violated by design - but it's ok, it's not 'sensitive' data (!!)

- No pseudonymization
- Geo-coordinates not truncated (10cm precision)
- EU eCall Regulation (2015): mandates microphones, GPS, and internet/cellular comms in cars

What?

# What does 'by design' really mean?

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Voluntary pledge to demonstrate progress in seven areas (US CISA)



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Security is a core business requirement, **principles** implemented during design, **secure defaults** (US CISA)

Official Journal of the European Union

Article 25

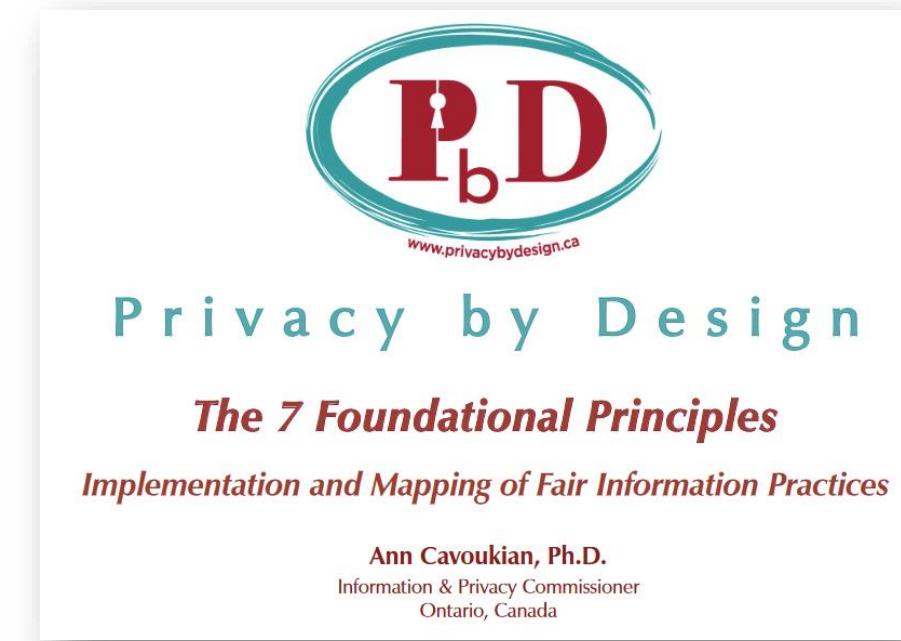
Data protection by design and by default

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**Principles** implemented during design and data processing, **private defaults** (GDPR)

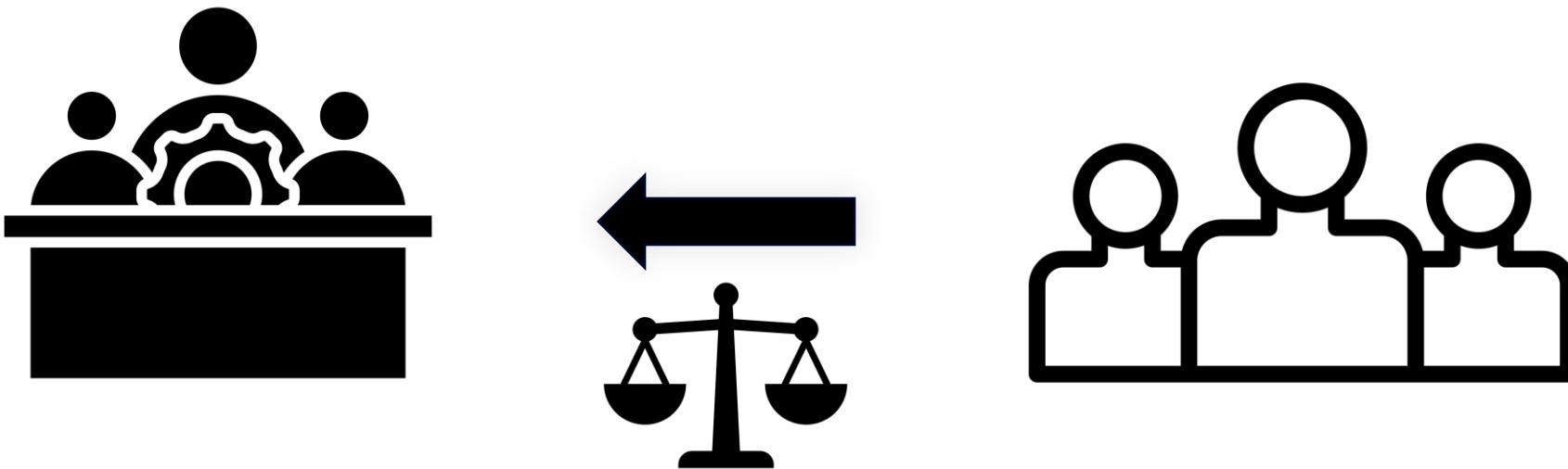
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## Shifting risk from customers -> company

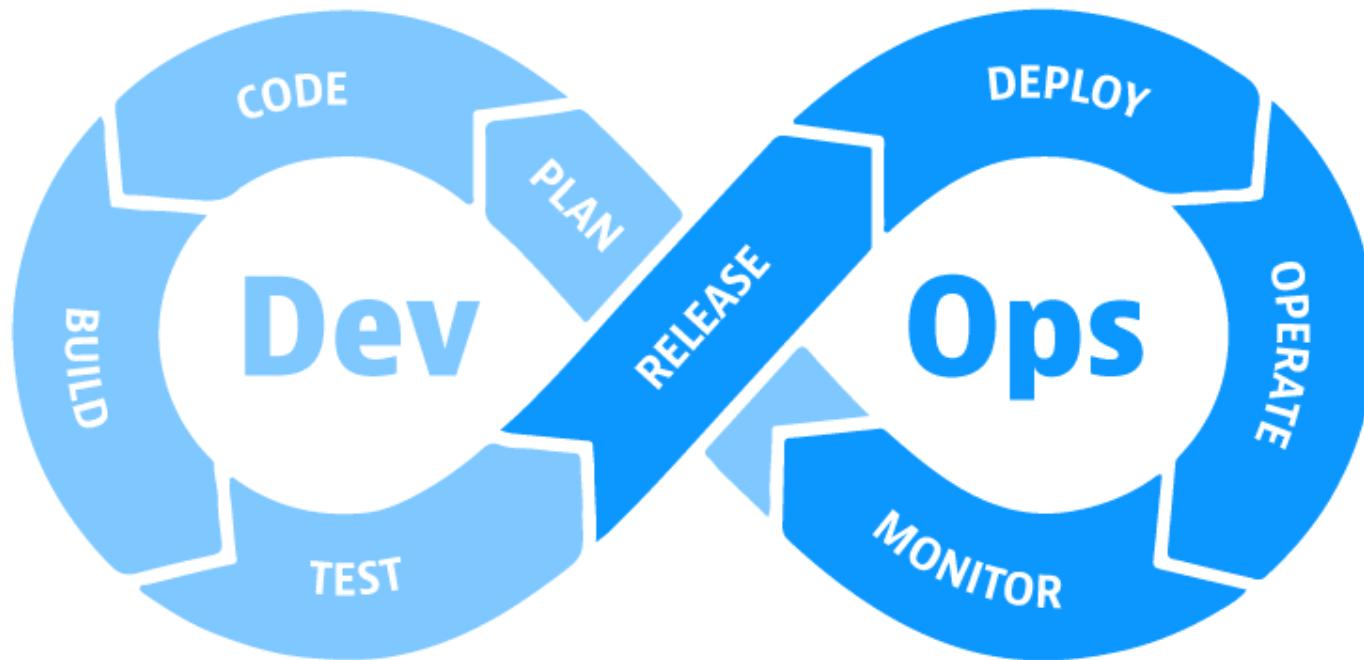
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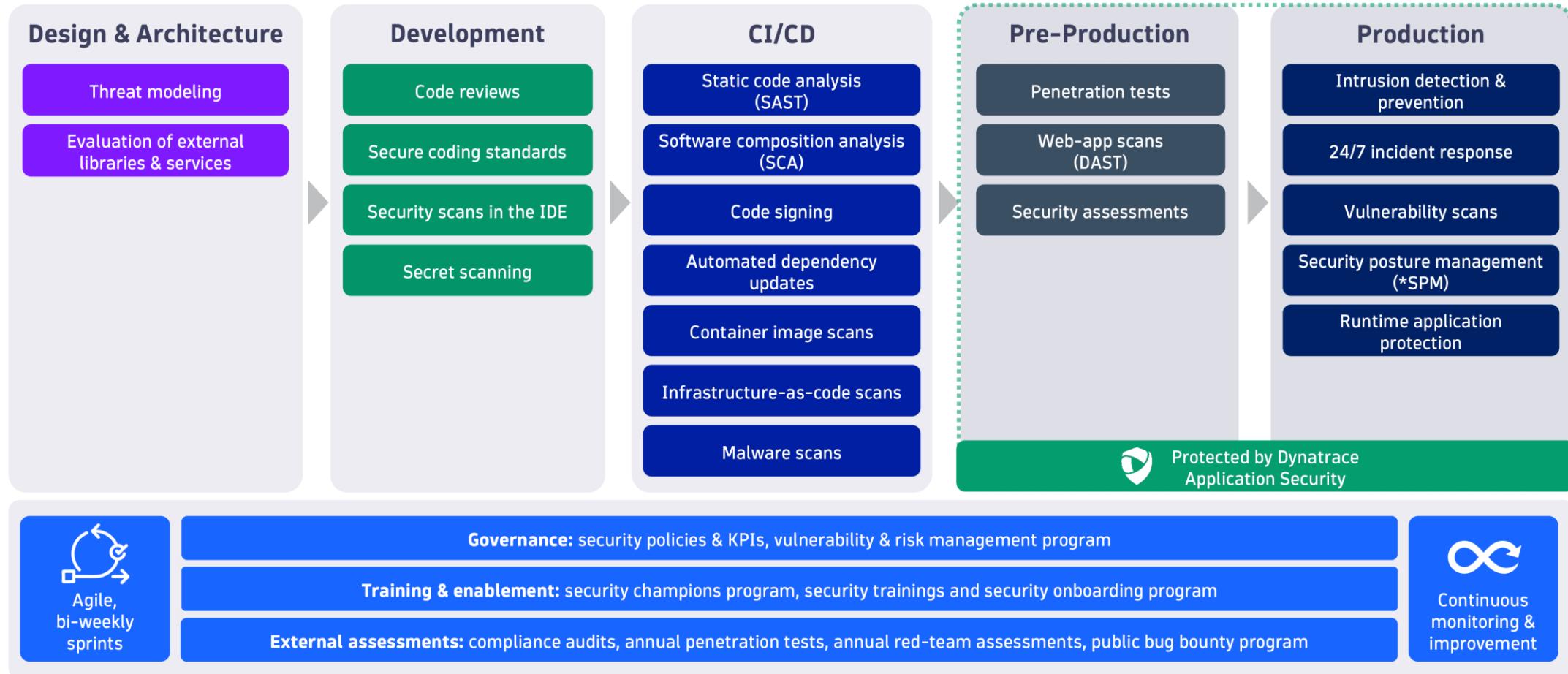
When?

# Controls in the SDLC

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# Secure Development Lifecycle: Dynatrace Edition



# How?

## Case Study 1: Privacy Controls

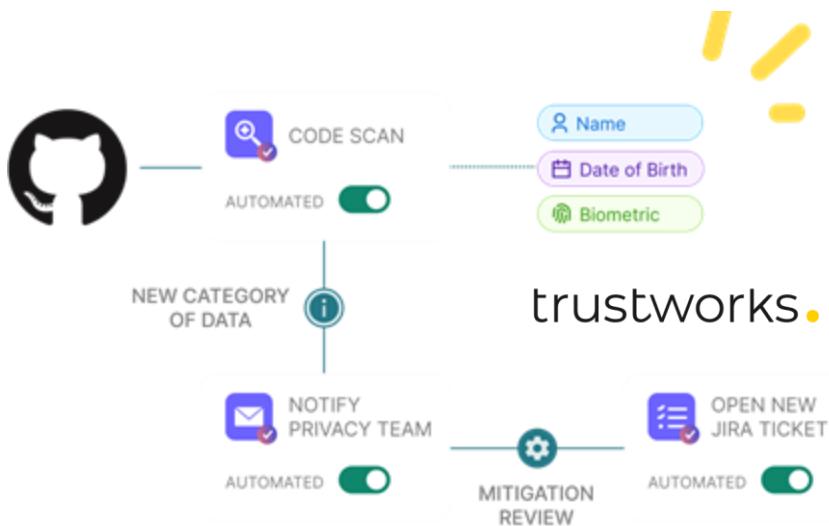
# (Ideal) Scope of Privacy Controls

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# Mapping Personal Data Flows

- Code-level annotations
- Per-system manifests
- Scanning
  - Code-level: Privado, Trustworks
  - Database and data warehouse level: assorted vendors ('data discovery')



```
1 system:
2   - fides_key: demo_analytics_system
3     name: Demo Analytics System
4     description: A system used for analyzing customer behaviour.
5     system_type: Service
6     administrating_department: Engineering
7     egress:
8       - fides_key: another_demo_system
9         type: system
10        data_categories:
11          - user.contact
12     ingress:
13       - fides_key: yet_another_demo_system
14         type: system
15        data_categories:
16          - user.device.cookie_id
17     privacy_declarations:
18       - name: Analyze customer behaviour for improvements.
19         data_categories:
20           - user.contact
21           - user.device.cookie_id
22         data_use: improve.system
23         data_subjects:
24           - customer
25         egress:
26           - another_demo_system
27     ingress:
28       - yet_another_demo_system
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# Privacy Code Scanning with Semgrep



privado

ooo Semgrep

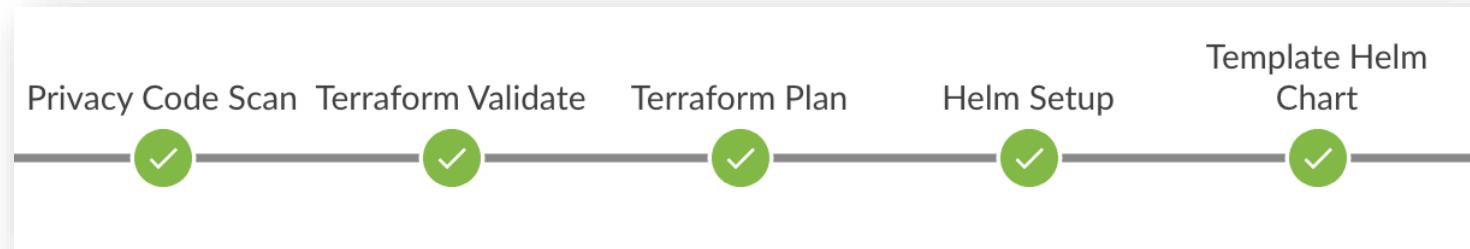
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1 rules:
2   - id: no-personal-data-in-logs
3     languages:
4       - java
5     message: Personal data should not be output to logs
6     mode: taint
7     pattern-sources:
8       - patterns:
9         - metavariable-pattern:
10           metavariable: $PERSONAL_DATA
11           patterns:
12             - pattern-either:
13               # approximate location
14               - pattern-regex: (?i)^(?:(?!(capa|velo))(city|country|continent))
15               # precise location
16               - pattern-regex: (?i)^((gps[^\\s/();#|=!>]{0,2}(?:location|position)|user[^\\s/();#|=!>]{0,2}location|latitude|longitude|geo[^\\s/();#|=!>]{0,2}coordinates)|(latlng|latlon)(\\b|[^\g])))
17               # email address
18               - pattern-regex: (?i)((.*email)|(?:business|personal|work|contact)[^\\s/();#|=!>]{0,2}email.*|.*email[^\\s/();#|=!>]{0,2}(?:address|id))
19                 - pattern-either:
20                   - pattern: $PERSONAL_DATA()
21                   - pattern: $PERSONAL_DATA = ...
22     pattern-sinks:
23       - pattern: log.$LEVEL(...)
24       - pattern: log. .... .log(...)
25       - pattern: LOG.$LEVEL(...)
26       - pattern: LOG. .... .log(...)
27       - pattern: LOGGER.$LEVEL(...)
28     severity: ERROR
```

Regexes adapted from [Privado OSS](#)



# Privacy Code Scanning with Semgrep

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git-privacy-ops 31 May 2024 ⏲

**Personal data should not be output to logs**

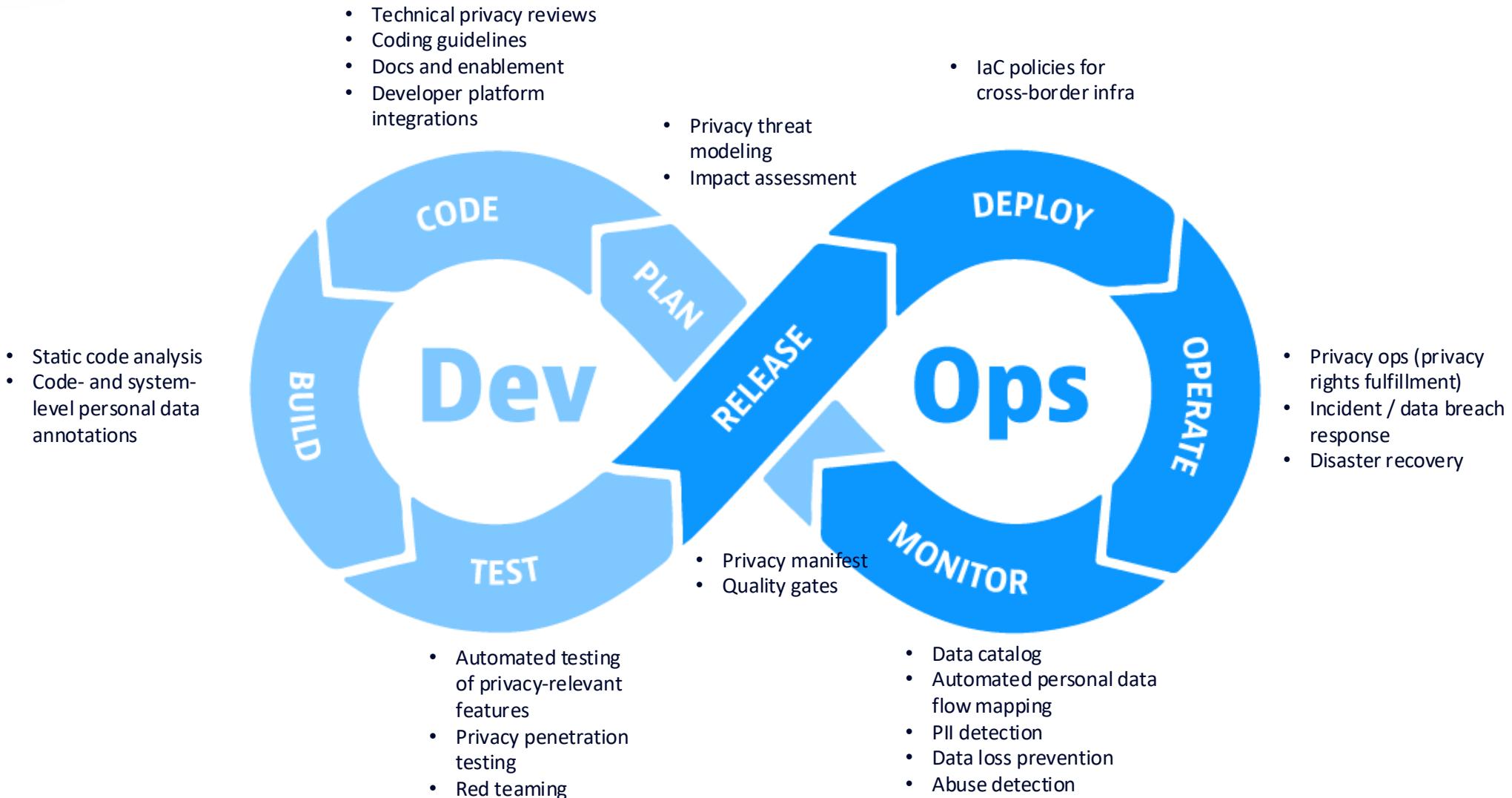
Please confirm that:

- Processing this personal data is **relevant** and **necessary**
- If this data is persisted, a retention period is enforced
- You have followed the [Privacy Coding Guidelines](#)

Reply ⏲ ...

# A Look Into The Future...

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# How?

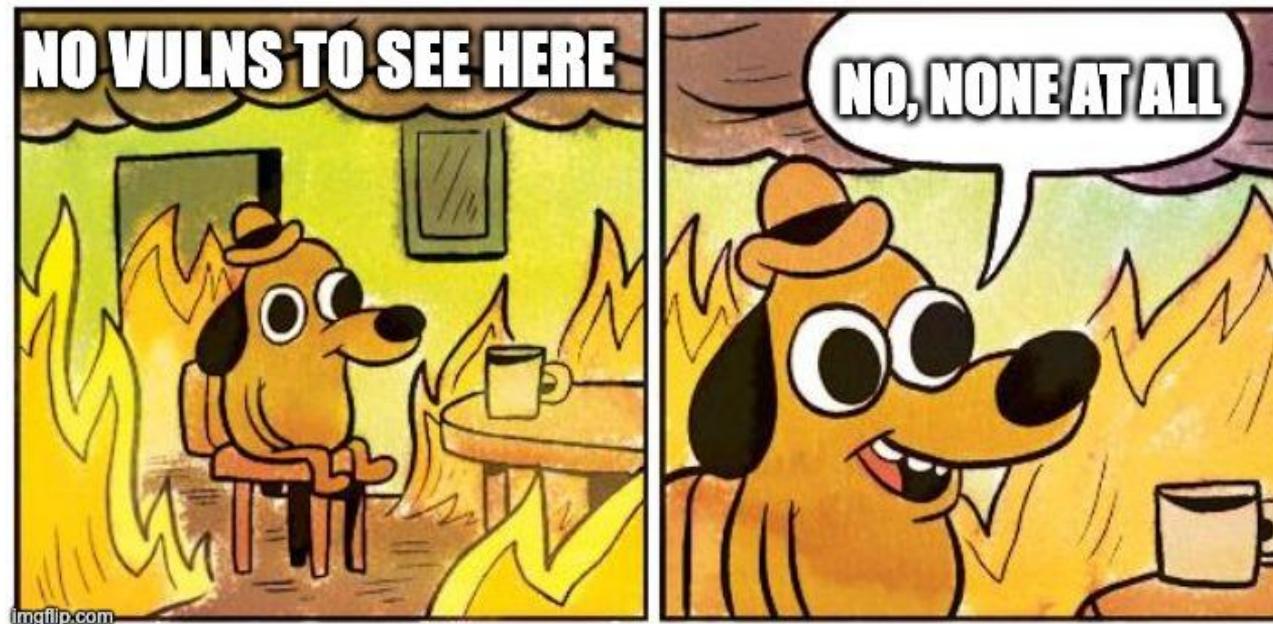
## Case Study 2: Scaling Vulnerability Management

# Scaling Vulnerability Management

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## Maturity level 0

- Vulnerabilities get discovered by accident 😊
- Nobody feels responsible for them



# Scaling Vulnerability Management

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## Maturity level 1

- Somebody feels responsible for manually finding and handling vulnerabilities
- ...and is drowning in work trying to handle them
- The teams owning vulnerable codebases are rarely cooperative



# Scaling Vulnerability Management

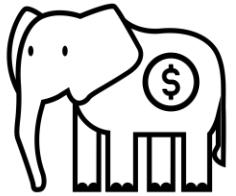
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## Maturity level 2

- Automated scanning will solve all our problems 💯 ✨ 🎉
- Owning teams have been ~~coerced into~~ gently reminded of the importance of prompt vuln handling



# Scaling Vulnerability Management



## Maturity level 3

- Basic scan results are extended with context-specific insights to reduce false positives and speed up triage and prioritization



Davis® Security Advisor

Top recommended fixes

These are the most impactful actions you can take right now to improve the security of your environment.

**.NET** Upgrade .NET  
Solves 19 critical (77 vulnerabilities total)  
▼ Add as filter

**hazelcast** Upgrade hazelcast  
Solves 1 critical (4 vulnerabilities total)  
▼ Add as filter

# Scaling Vulnerability Management

## Maturity level 3+

- Context-specific deduplication and automated triage

The image shows a screenshot of a vulnerability management tool's user interface, illustrating a workflow for scaling vulnerability management.

**Prioritization View:** On the left, a card for a third-party vulnerability (SNYK-JAVA-COMNIMBUSDS-6247633) is displayed. It includes a **Davis Security Score** of 7.5 (High risk), a shield icon, and a **Risk assessment** section listing **Public internet exposure**, **Reachable data assets** (Within range), **Vulnerable functions** (Not available), and **Public exploit** (No public exploit published). The status is **Open**, last detected on Mar 19, 10:02 (about 2 months ago).

**Central Workflow:** A blue arrow labeled **~20x De-duplication Create / Update Jira** points from the prioritization view to a Jira ticket screen. The Jira ticket for S-13100 contains the following details:

- Description:** SNYK-JAVA-COMNIMBUSDS-6247633 found in [redacted].
- Vulnerability Details:** [com.nimbusds:nimbus-jose-jwt](https://connect2id.com/products/nimbus-jose-jwt) is a library for JSON Web Tokens (JWT). Affected versions of this package are vulnerable to Allocation of Resources Without Limits or Throttling due to a large JWE 'p2c' header value (AKA iteration count) for the 'PasswordBasedDecrypter' (PBKDF2) class. An attacker can cause resource consumption by specifying an excessively large iteration count.
- CVE(s):** CVE-2023-52428
- Snyk Id(s):** SNYK-JAVA-COMNIMBUSDS-6247633
- Dynatrace Security Problem(s):** S-13100

**Process Group Overview:** Below the Jira ticket, a second screenshot shows a **Process group overview related to S-13100**. It lists two process groups under the heading "Showing 2 process groups related to S-13100". Both process groups are marked as **Affected** and have 1/1 processes affected. The tracking link for both is CA-10047.

**Annotations:** Blue arrows and callouts highlight the integration between the prioritization view and the Jira ticket creation, and between the Jira ticket and the process group overview. A green cube icon is also present in the interface.

# Scaling Vulnerability Management

Triaging Step	Description	State	Previous Score	Increase	Current Score	Reasoning
check_client_sign_in_logs_3	Checks if there are client sign in logs for the attacker IP or actor	✓	50	20	70	Score was increased by <b>20</b> due to no successful logins found.
check_suspicious_logs_3	Checks if there were logs by the attacker IP on any stage.	✓	70	20	90	Score was increased by <b>20</b> due to suspicious logs found by attacker IP.
check_sso_logs_2	Checks if there were successful logins by the attacker IP on any stage.	✓	90	-20	70	Score was decreased by <b>-20</b> due to no successful SSO logins found by attacker IP.
Total Score	Determined Severity	Recommendation				
70	High	(Preview) Investigate Ticket				

# Scaling Vulnerability Management

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But wait a second...

*Finding* vulnerabilities is only part of the story!

What have we missed so far?

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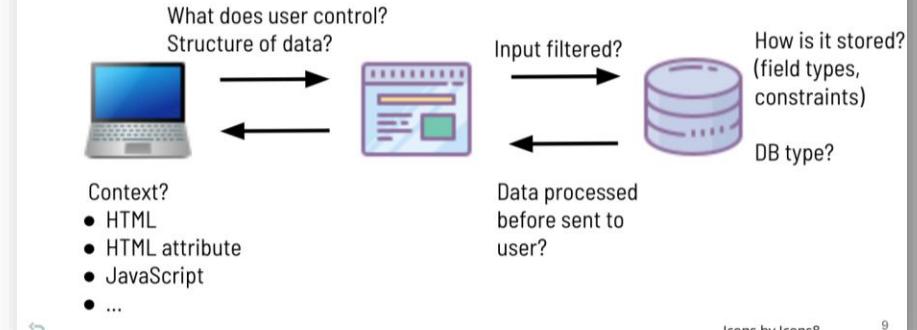
## Prevent

- Understand what you have where (software + data catalog)
- Secure defaults, a.k.a. paved roads, golden paths, guardrails -> prevent entire vuln classes
- Automated patching
- Security advocate / champion programs

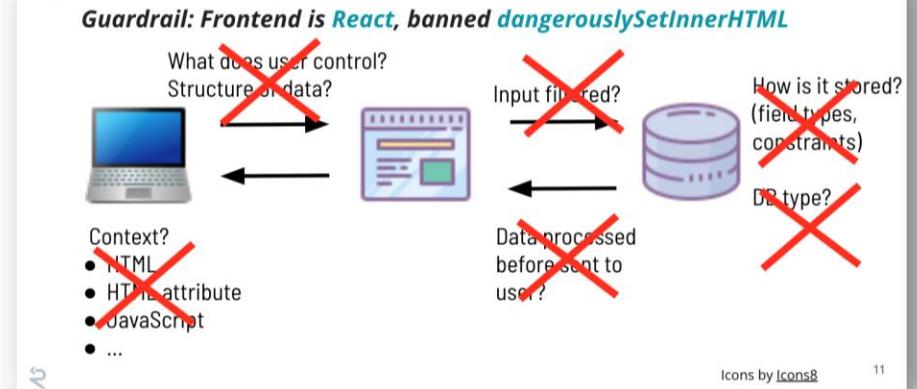
## Remediate

- Leadership buy-in
- Establish guidance for each vuln class, upskill devs
- Automate remediation monitoring

### Quiz: Does this app have XSS?



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[How to Kill Bug Classes with Secure Guardrails,](#)  
[Clint Gibler & Colleen Dai](#)



# Scaling Vulnerability Management

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 **Security Bot** APP 11:00

You have been assigned a vulnerability ticket that has a **Medium** severity and needs a fix in production before 2024-04-20.

Within the next 24h, please triage [REDACTED] and add a comment answering:

- Is there a potential customer impact?
- Is the affected application or service (publicly) accessible or directly used by customers?



## Weekly Overdue Vulnerability Report

The following vulnerabilities  
**have not been resolved in time**  
according to our [Vulnerability Remediation Policy](#)

*Please prioritize accordingly*

Team	Overdue Tickets	Link to Jira
[REDACTED]	1	<a href="#">View Tickets in Jira</a>

Thanks for listening!

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