

# Architecture QOS



# Topics

- QOS – what it means for Architecture
- Security - What to protect and How
- Incorporating Security in SDLC
- Design principles
- Integration of security with functional requirements
- Case Study

# Business are continuously under threat, making security a functional requirement

1. Lack of awareness
2. State Sponsored attacks
3. Thefts/Financial Gains
4. To impact the Brand

# What to protect & How

- Data
  - Business requirements and translations
  - Architecture and Code
  - Test Data
  - Changes, approvals, transfer and movement
  - Production data
- Brand
  - Business use cases and flow
  - internet facing applications/device

Security QA – Robustness test

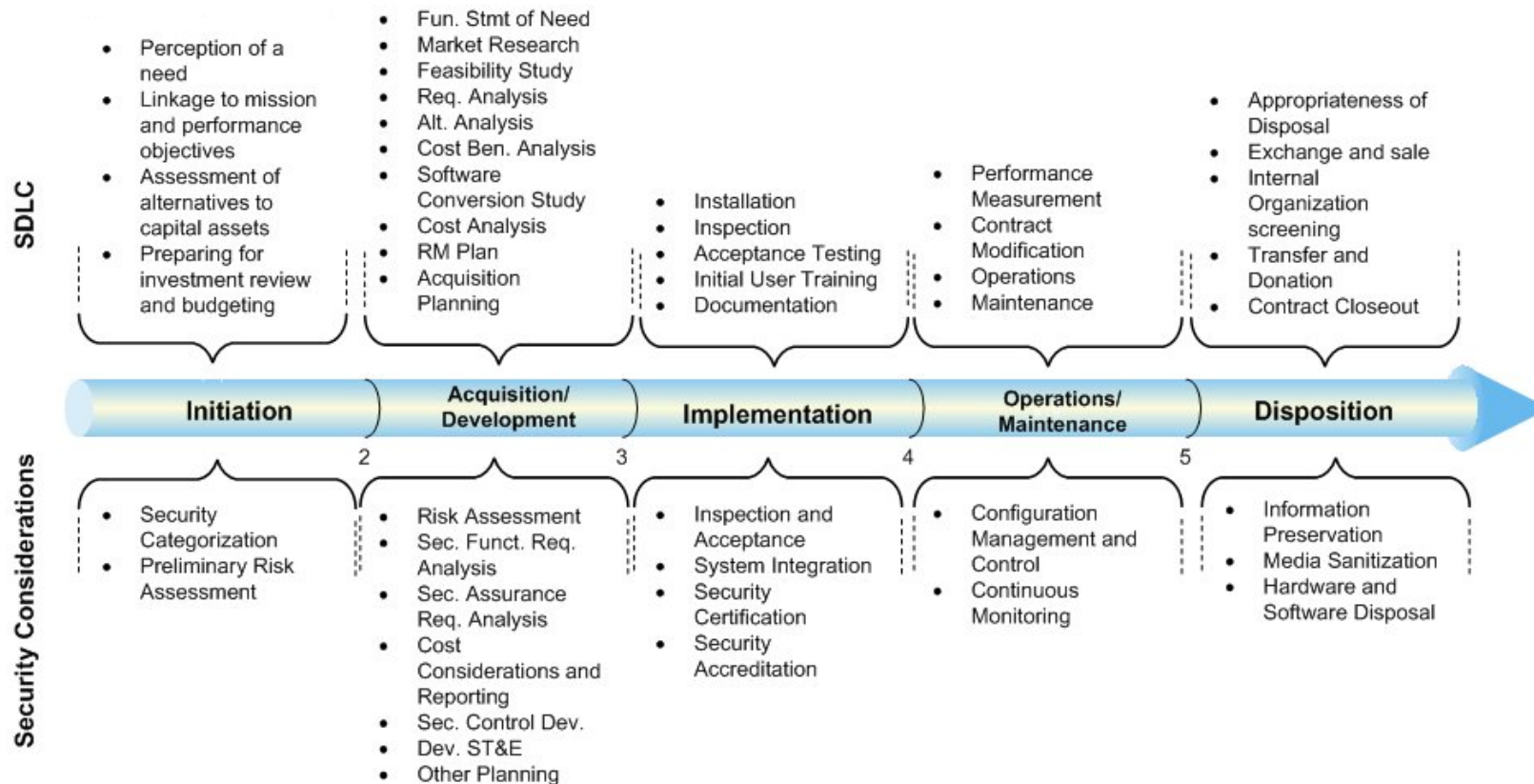
Mitigate common patterns - XSS, SQL injection, buffer overflow, factory default settings....

Input validations, error handling, privilege management, credential management

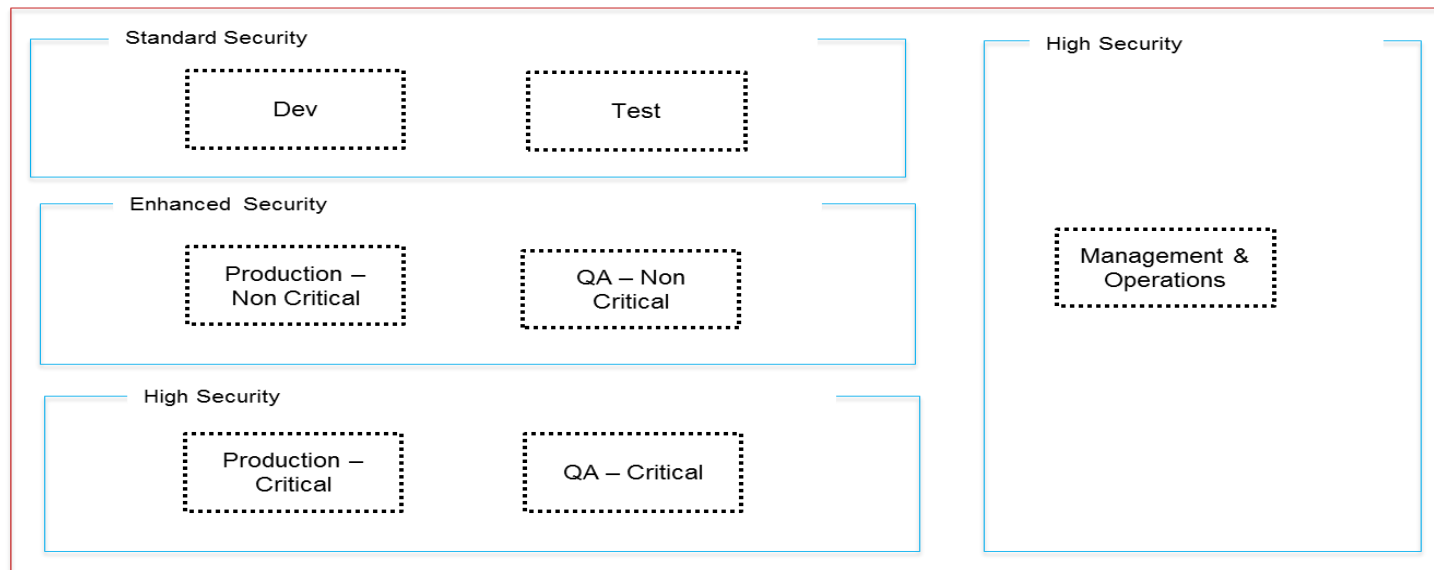
Data classification, handling, security considerations

Coding standards, Security policy, compliance requirements, security training

# Security Considerations in SDLC



# Security layers



**Primary environment**

## Legend



Physically secured/controlled



Environment

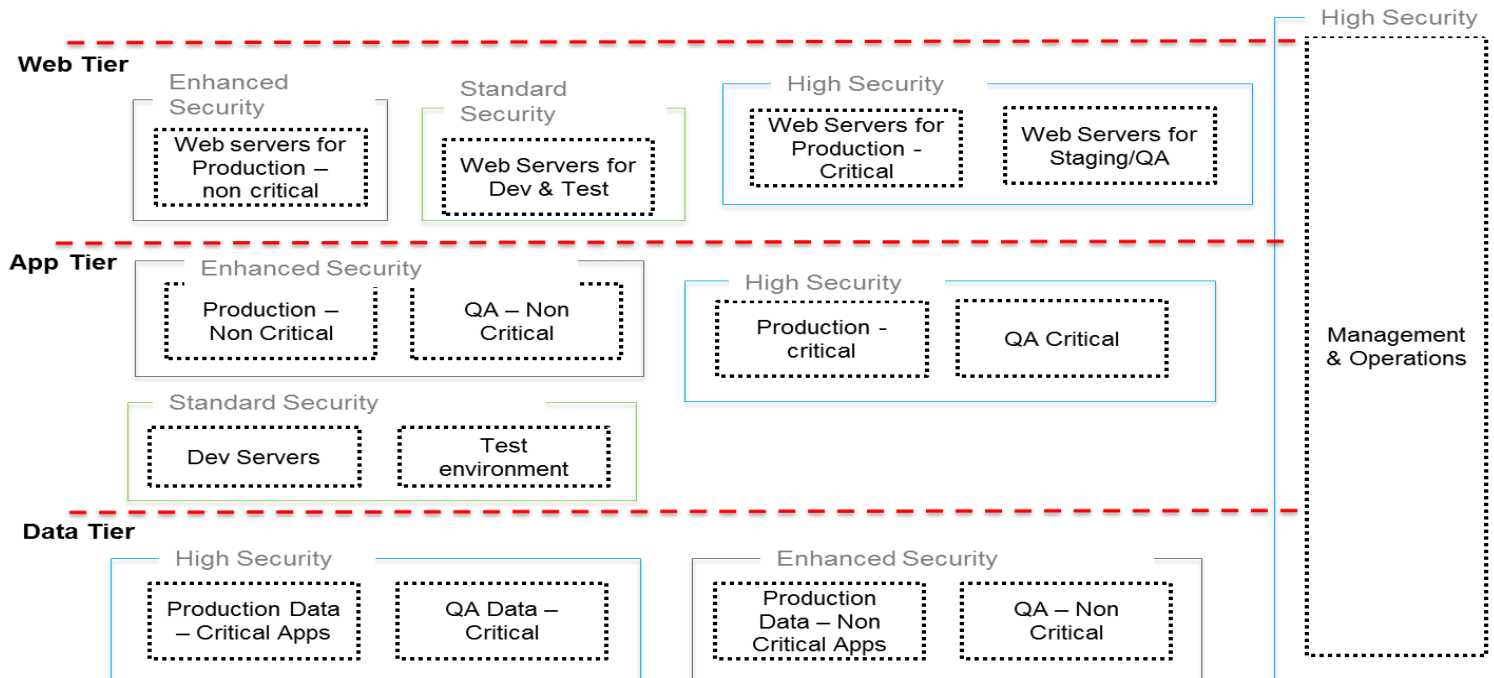


Physical, Air Gap instance of a collection of one or more logical environments

Key parameters influencing the architecture are -

1. Physical & environmental security
2. Technical controls within the infrastructure and processes
3. Security operations and management

# Security segregation – Layers & Tiers, Applications and Data



## Legend

High Security

Secure Zones/VLANs

Standard Security

Enhanced security

# Design Principles for the development team

1. Ensure the critical applications should be positioned in High Security Zone and/or in specific server pools.
2. Based on the criticality of data, logical/physical segregation, test data management needs to be handled appropriately
3. No direct access from external to internal critical systems/data
4. Never use “factory default” settings
5. Integrating the security architecture (understand this architecture from your project’s security architect) within each functional tier
6. Security QA must be done along with regular QA
7. Design decisions, exceptions must be approved and documented



# Data Security controls at leach Tier

## Web Tier

### Manage privilege access

- No shared user ID
- In-time access
- Access revision & certification

### Data Leakage Prevention

- At the periphery
- Protect against unauthorized data proliferation

## App Tier

### Session monitoring & control

- Protect against the misuse by privileged users
- Monitor all the privileged access
- White listing of commands
- Online session auditing & control

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## Data Tier

### Encryption/Obfuscation of Data at rest

- Protect against unauthorized access and data theft
- Encryption in the production environment
- Ofuscation in the non production environment

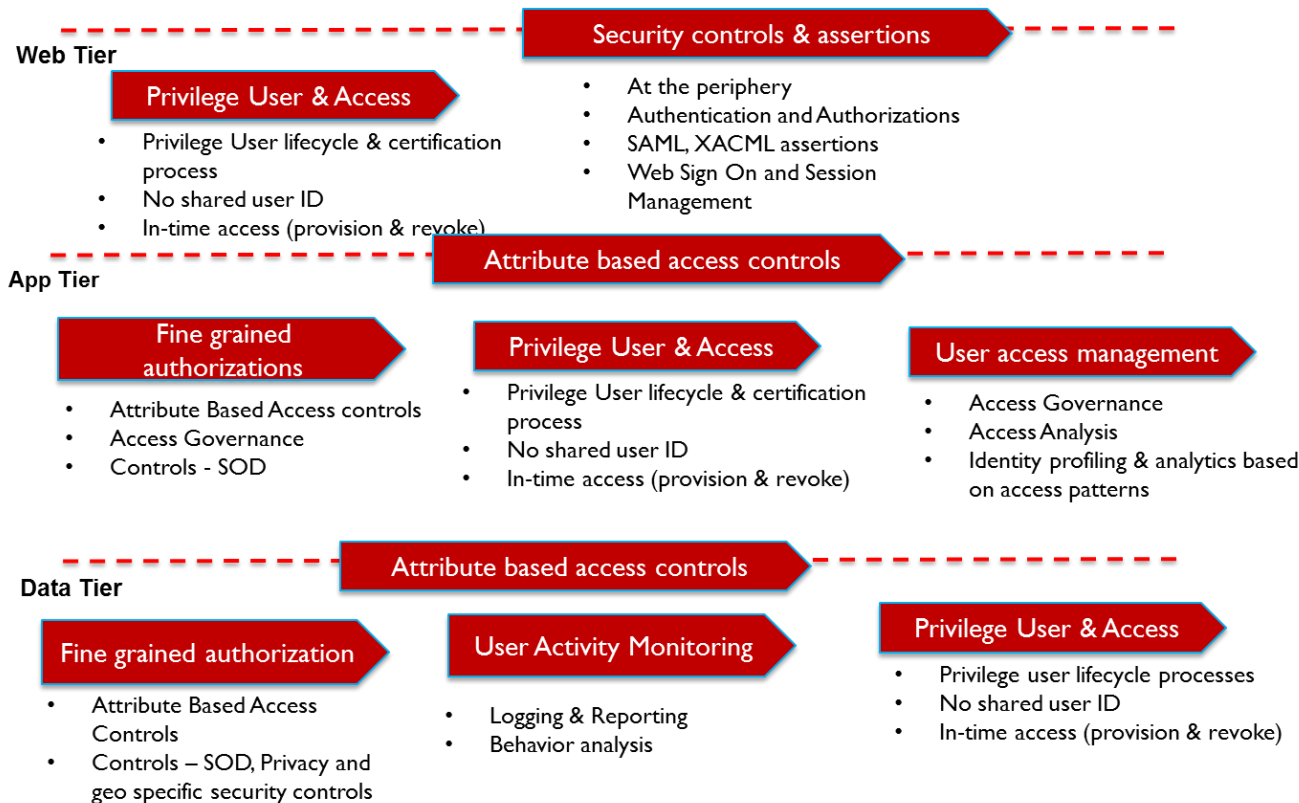
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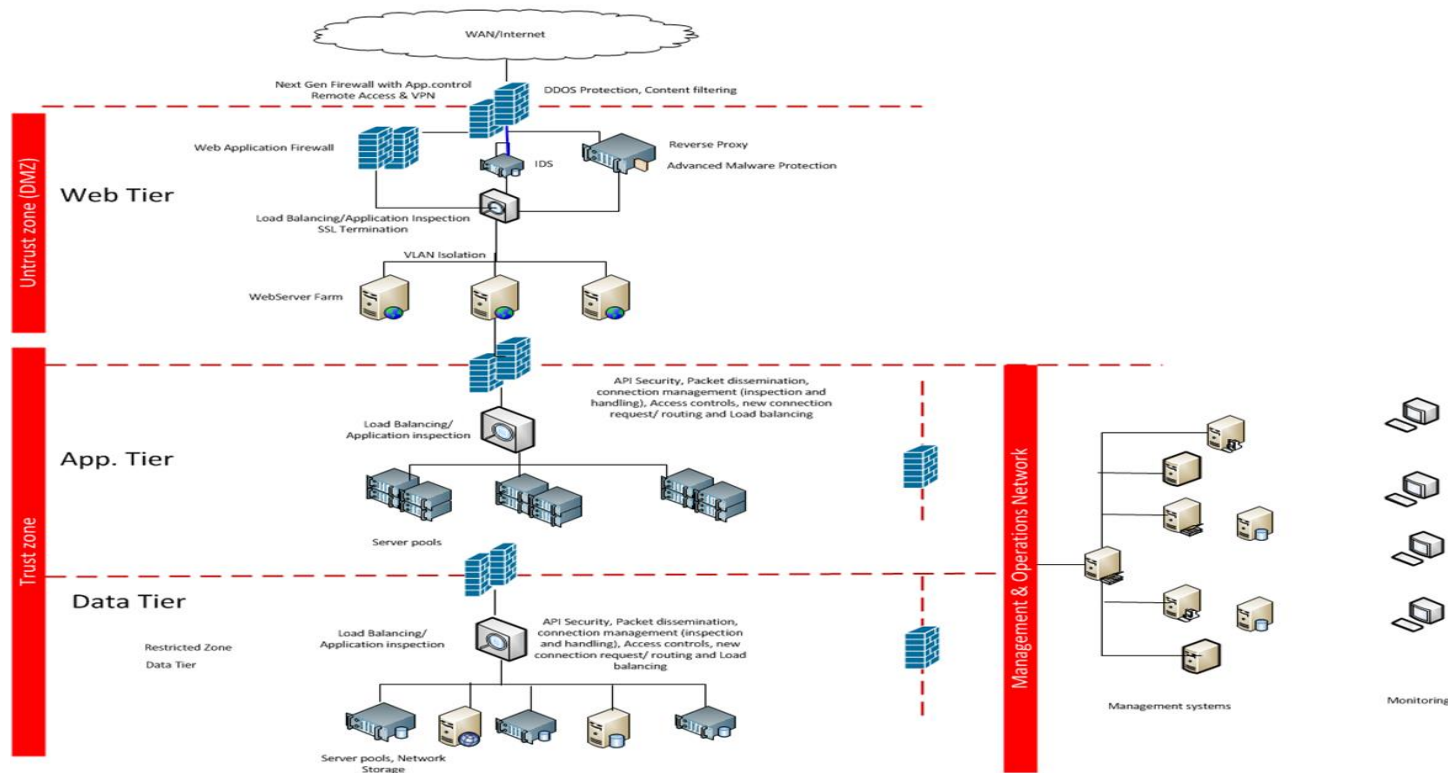
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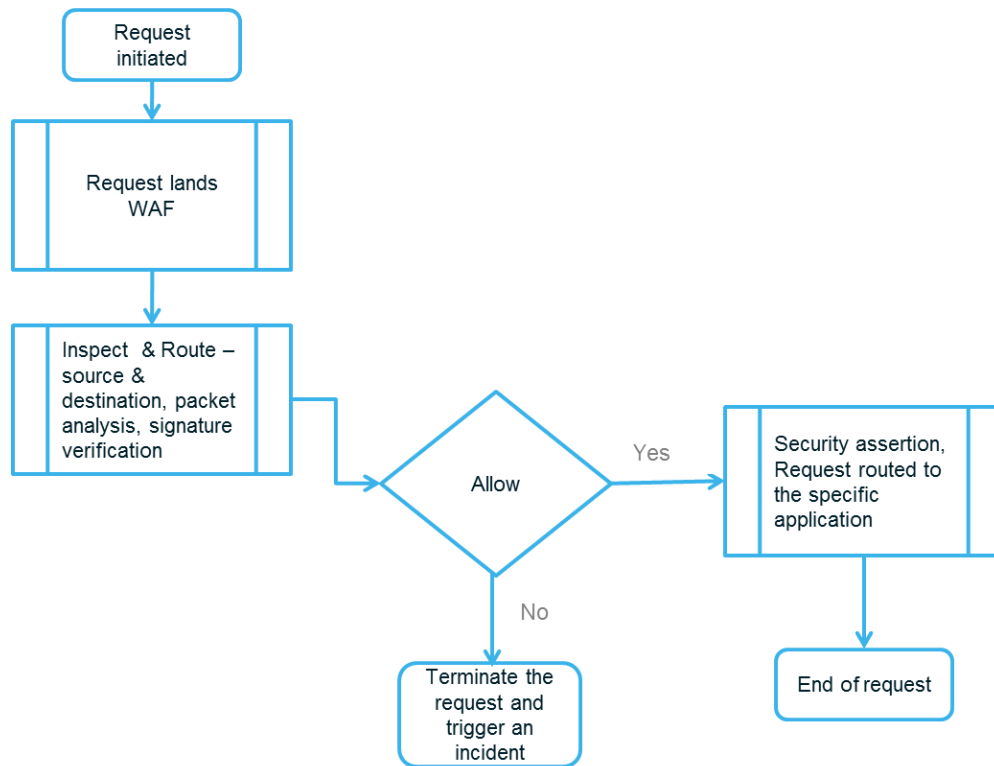
# Access controls at each Tier



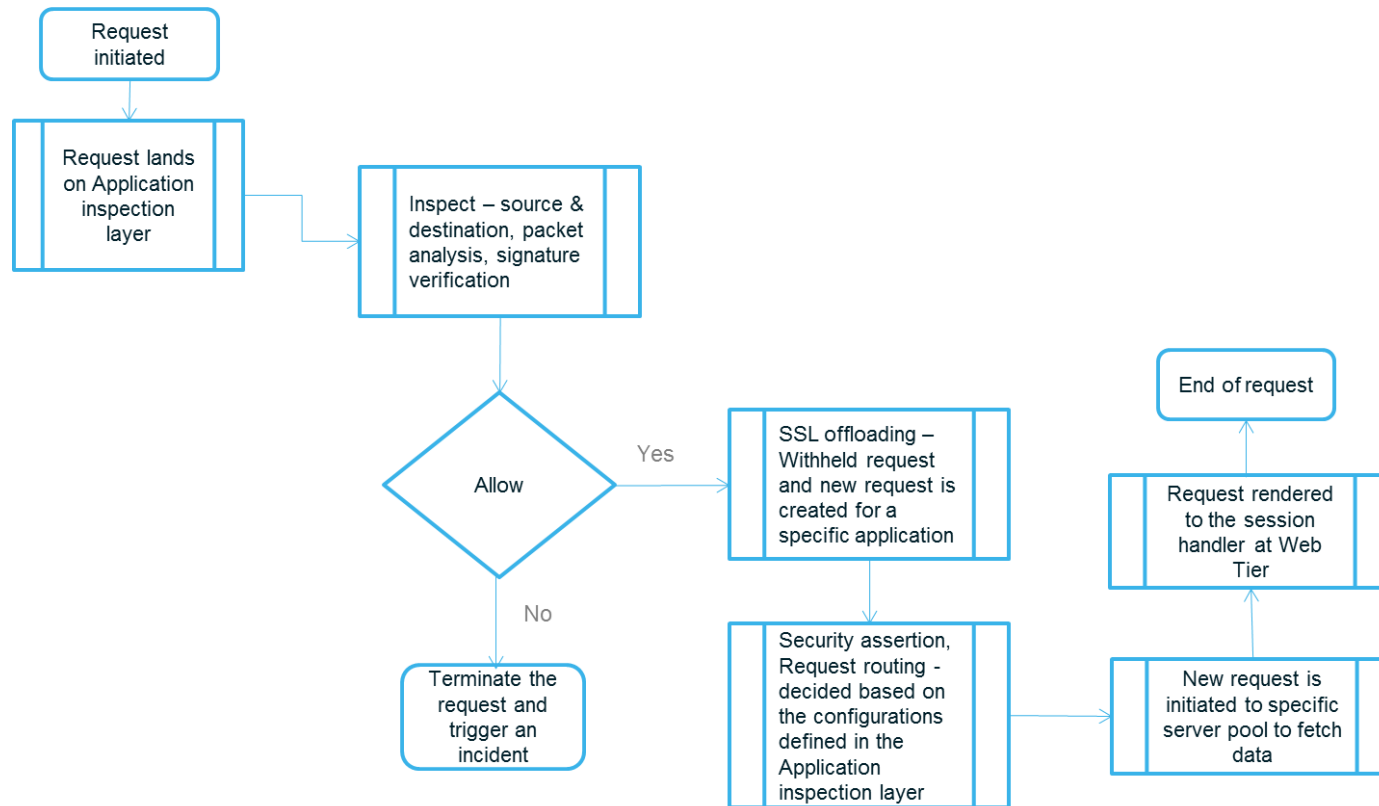
# Secure communication – a Sample flow



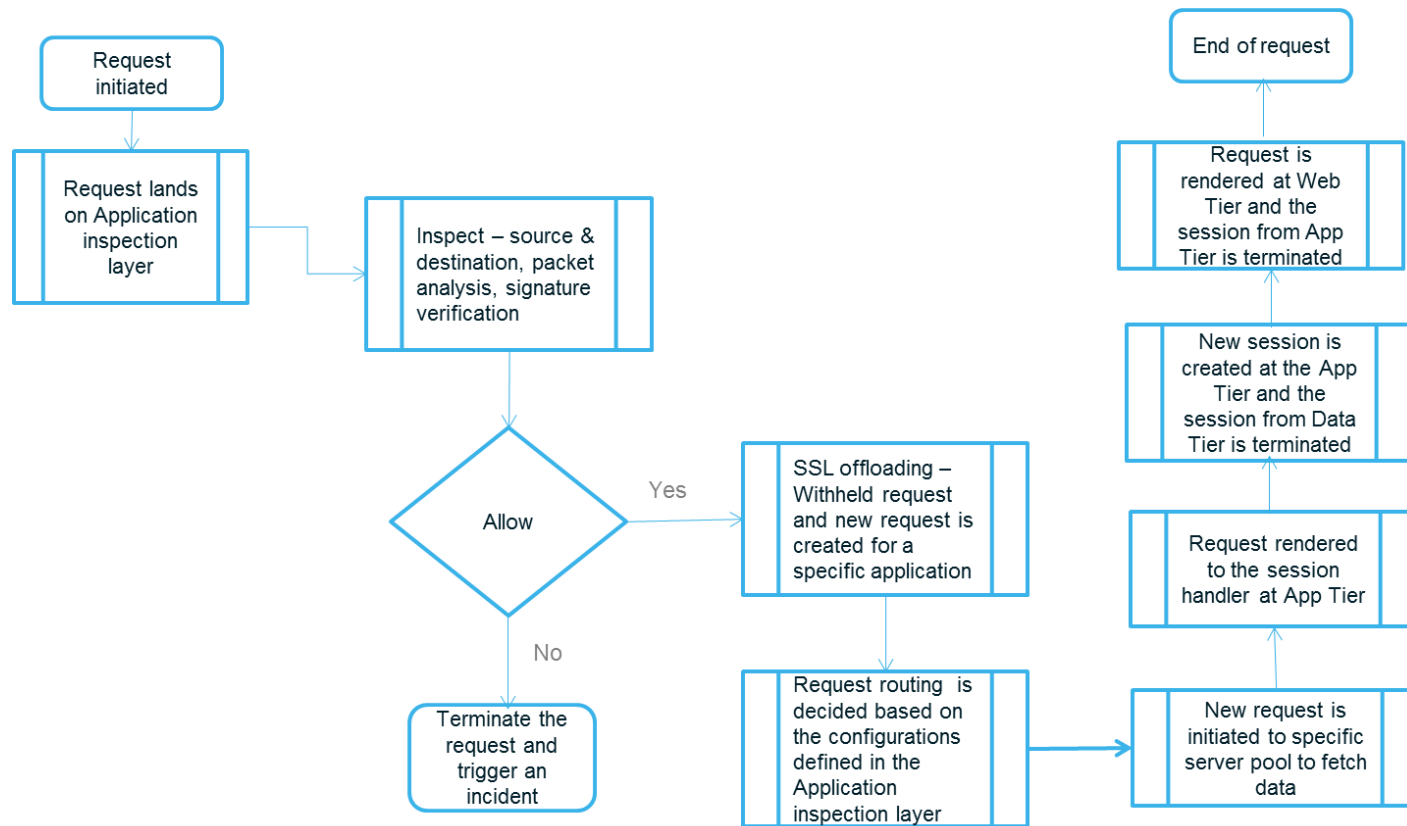
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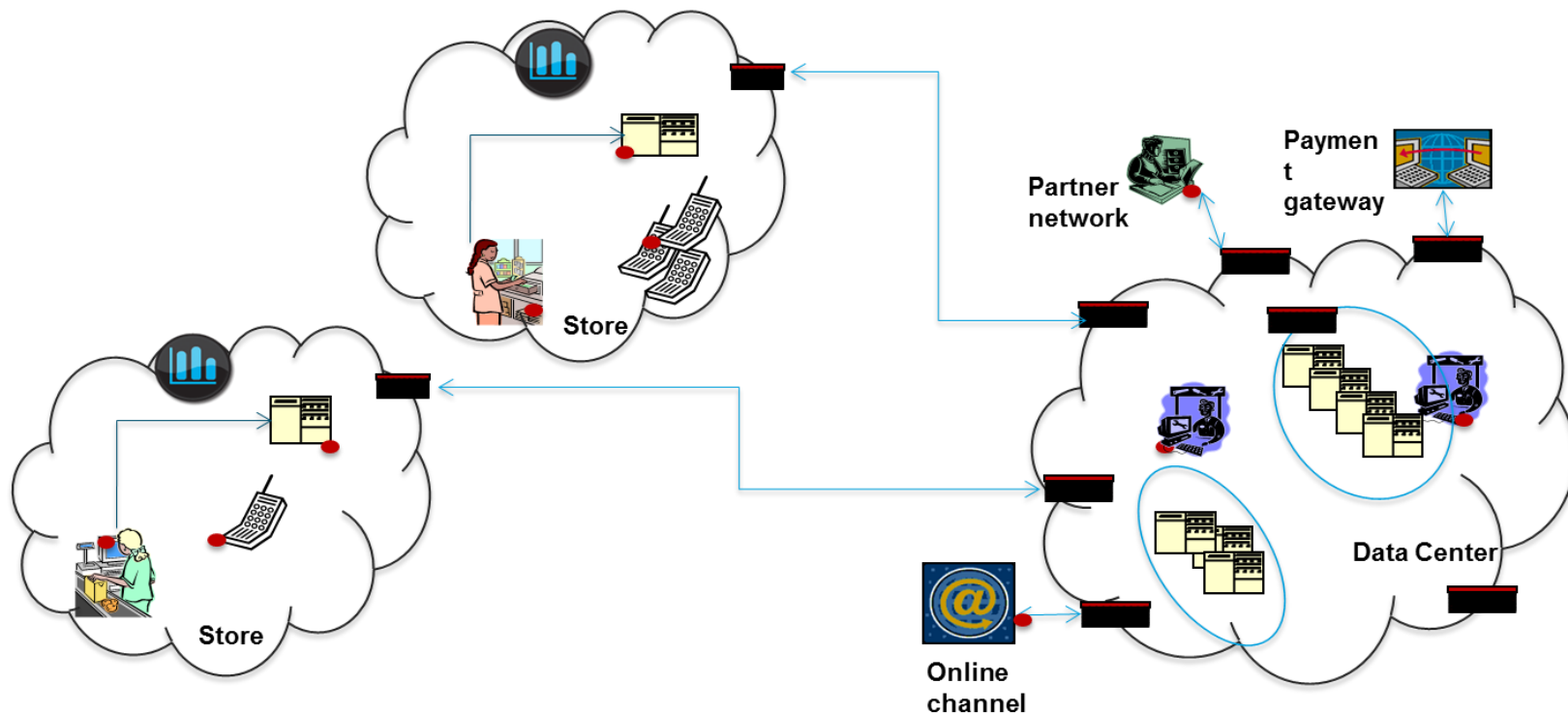
# Data Flow – Request handling (Enhanced Security)



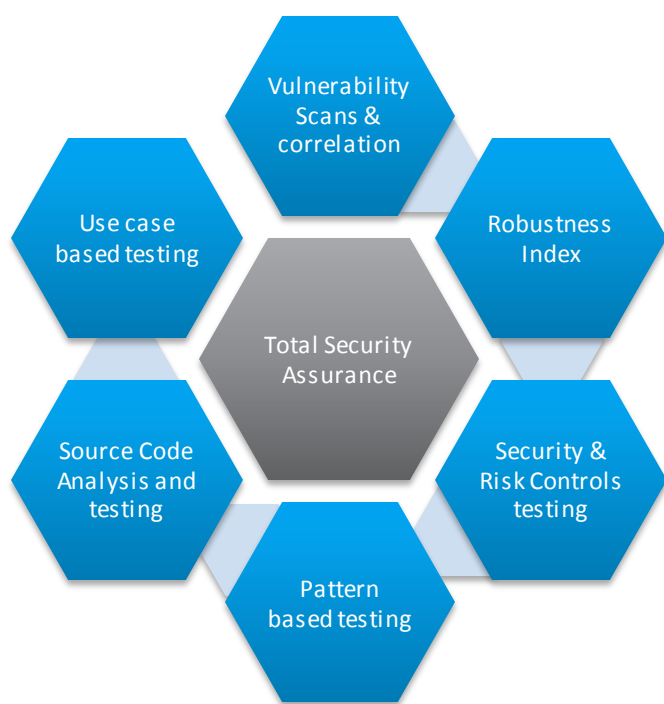
# Data Flow – Web request handling (High Security)



# Integration of Security with Functional requirements



# Infosys Application Security Assurance Framework



Vulnerability assessments of the environment, applications, use cases, data and processes

Robustness Index based on negative Scenarios and strength of code, strength of the environment, security controls and underlying platform

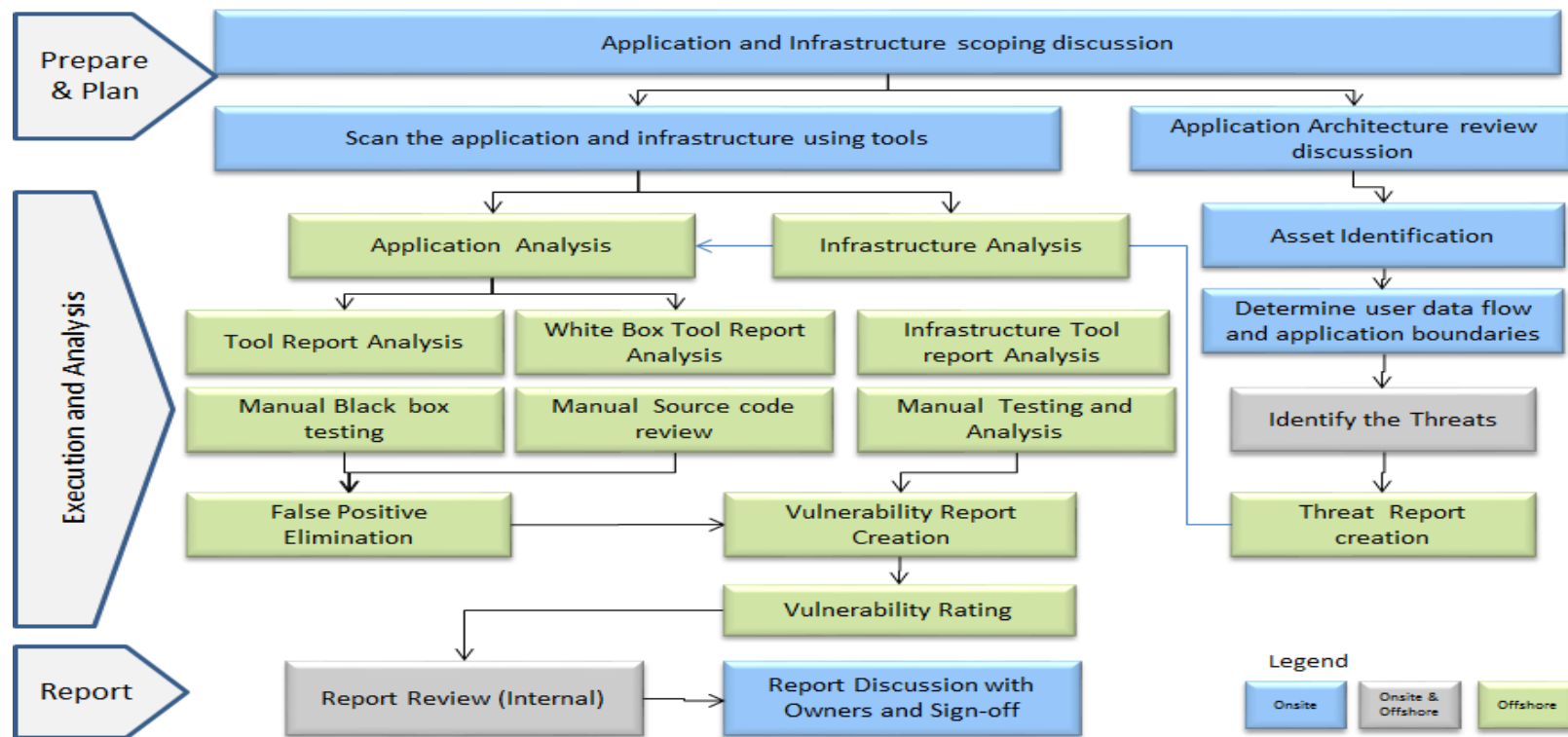
Minimum Baselined Security Controls required for the environment is tested. These controls are defined based on the Domain, Geo, Regulatory and Privacy requirements

Security Platform & Service Standardization for Security QA

Derived patterns based on past vulnerabilities, threat actions, process gaps. These patterns are used in defining new test scenarios and also to strengthen security and Risk Governance processes



# Security Testing approach



# Sample deliverables



**Web Security  
Check List**



**Web Application  
Security Analysis Brief**



**Summary Report  
(Sample)**

# Case Studies



# Case Study 1: Application security assurance & testing for a Leading Pharmaceutical Company



## Approach

- ❑ Contextualize Infosys security assurance framework – testing controls and metrics to client's business processes and applications which needed to be tested
- ❑ Executions –
  - ❑ external and internal penetration test
  - ❑ Scanning – applications (web and enterprise)
  - ❑ Source code analysis
- ❑ Security posture creation - risk identification and scoring, gaps with security, regulatory and privacy controls
- ❑ Remediation roadmap and business case definition

## Solution

- ❑ Manual and tool based analysis of identified set of applications
- ❑ Contextualized outcome of the analysis with use cases and by applying security controls
- ❑ Segregated security gaps by processes and configurations
- ❑ Remediate the gaps based on the approved roadmap and milestone definitions
- ❑ Retest and certify
- ❑ Appended Metrics and added testing controls to be part of Security QA for application onboarding

## Result

- ❑ Security posture, Risk score of the gaps
- ❑ Business case development
- ❑ Gap remediation, retest and certify applications for security
- ❑ Provided specific security testing controls to be added into Client's QA process

# Case study 2: Pre-audit security assessment for a US based Bank



## Context

- ❑ The client is one of the world's leading multinational bank, situated in USA
- ❑ It operates in over 130 countries around the globe
- ❑ Its subsidiaries and affiliates offer banking services, credit services and advisory fraud protection services to its worldwide customers

## Drivers

- ❑ Customer was not satisfied by risk assessment done internally or by other third party vendor involved especially in the manual validation of Vulnerabilities.
- ❑ Even after security testing done, there were high rate of vulnerabilities found at production stage. This could make customer web application vulnerable to intrusion even after assessment.
- ❑ The customer was in need to comply to security compliance mandate for their web applications before release.
- ❑ There was no co-ordination between the security assessment team and the project development teams to fix the findings.

## Challenges

- ❑ Unavailability of web-application & the testing could not be done due to unplanned downtime of customer test environment
- ❑ This hit reduced our deadline, which could not be extended since it would hit the overall project delivery schedule
- ❑ Unavailability of in-depth briefing about the application being tested. It was the highest challenge to understand the application and its logic before manual testing
- ❑ Understand the user code and business logic to disclose any vulnerabilities not detected by black box testing.
- ❑ Generating high quality and accurate reports in the first iteration of assessment.

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## Approach

- ❑ Infosys offered the Global Delivery Model to the customer to assess the web-applications.
- ❑ The already available Source code analysis scan setup with the customer was used to acquire source code scan result for code analysis for white box testing.
- ❑ Coupled with all the reports, Infosys offshore team conducted the manual security testing for validating and exposing the truly known vulnerabilities.
- ❑ These findings are then peer reviewed and built into a report for customer development team.
- ❑ The development team is then briefed with the findings and helped in fixing or understanding the vulnerability if required.

## Solution

- ❑ Infosys built a team of security analysts offshore to assess the applications and a very small project management team for client interfacing at onsite. This reduced the total cost of engagement for the customer while enhancing the quality of deliverables.
- ❑ Infosys team scanned the application using various tools and rigorous manual testing, these reports are then analyzed and filtered for false positives.

## Result

- ❑ Remove false positives by manual validation of findings from the tool scan.
- ❑ Highly technical and accurate security findings to assist development team in remediation & effective delivery through an assembly line model
- ❑ Designing & Creating customized technical reports and test case documents and reports
- ❑ Fast turn-out time even for large application assessment so that overall project delivery time is not hampered.
- ❑ Provide recommendations in the reports that could help development team in their future design and development work.

# Thank You



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