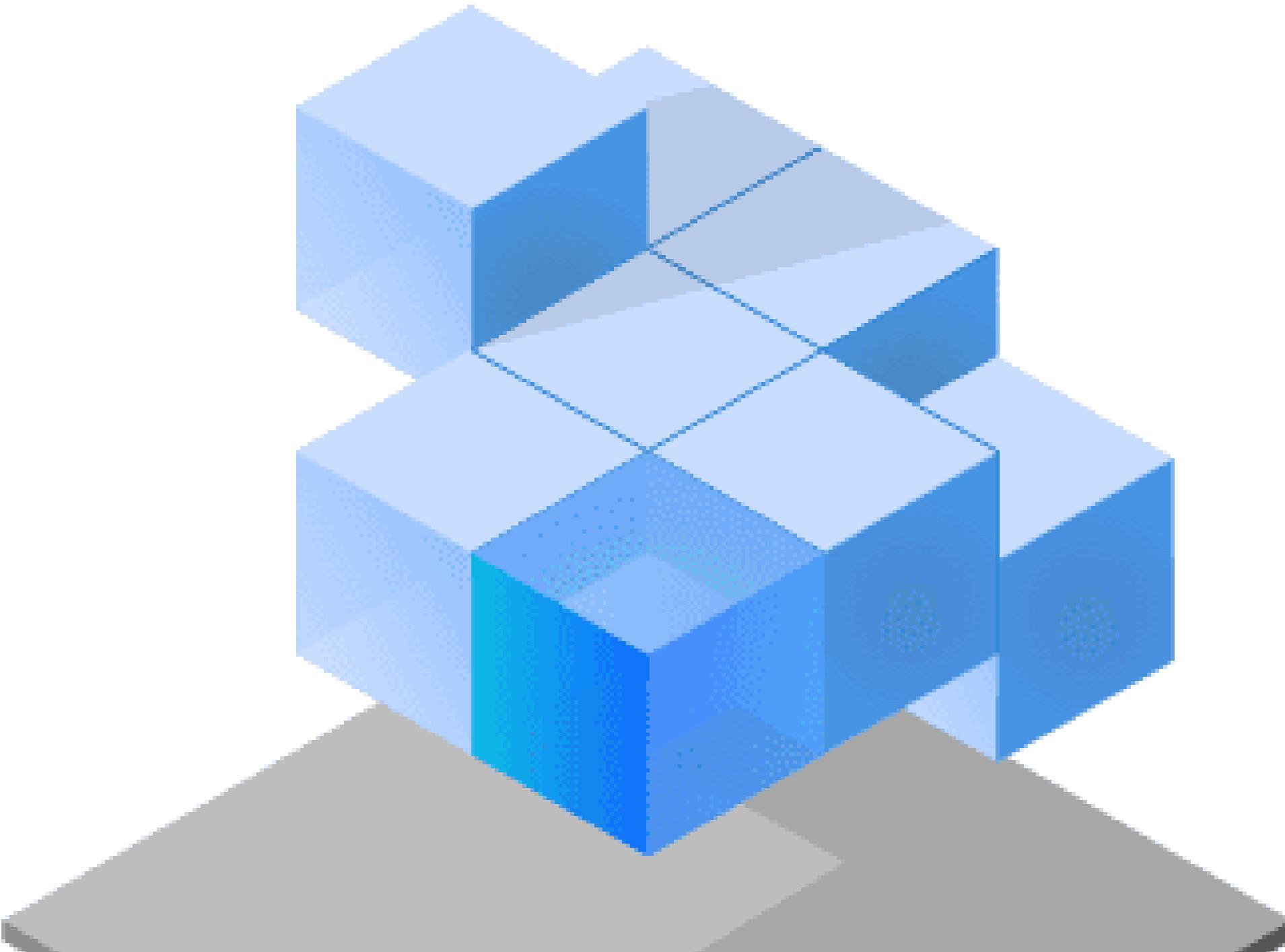




Cyber Security Challenge

Team 15





Improving Audits

■ *Problem Statement*

Enhancing the quality of Audits

Deliverables

- Design an application / tool to enhance the quality of Audits.
- Have a multi-faceted approach focusing on enriching the process of Audit for all stakeholders.

Current Auditing Limitations

Traditional methods are fragmented and lag behind in dynamic cyber environments.

 *Solution*

All inclusive web app

User Authentication and Authorization

Dashboard and Communication Hub

Collaborative Planning and Audit Initiation

Technical Integration and Automation

Risk-Based Approach and Security Measures

Automated Report Generation

Personnel Training and Development

Regulator and Auditee Engagement

 *Solution*

User Authentication and Authorization

01.

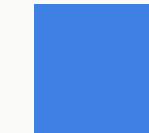
Multi-factor
Authentication (MFA)

02.

Role-Based Access
Control (RBAC)

03.

Single Sign-On
(SSO)

 *Solution*

Dashboard and Communication Hub

01.
E2E Secure
Communication

03.
Track Ongoing Audits

02.
Document and
Information Exchange

04.
Visualize Key Metrics

03.
Realtime Updates
using WebSockets

05.
Deadline Tracking

Solution

Collaborative Planning & Audit Initiation

01 .

Structured Form Submission

Allow auditees to initiate audits through a structured form for consistent information submission.

02 .

Customizable Forms

Use technologies like HTML forms or dynamic form builders to provide customizable templates and guidelines.

Collective Definition

To ensure thorough and refined audit scopes.

Comment Sections

To gather feedback and refine audit scopes collaboratively.

Refinement Process

To ensure the completeness and accuracy of audit scopes.

Solution

Technical Integration and Automation

Vulnerability Scanning

Integrate with tools like Nessus for effective vulnerability scanning.

RESTful APIs

Utilize RESTful APIs to ensure smooth connectivity with other tools.

Risk Assessment

Ensure seamless integration for comprehensive risk assessment.

Routine Task Automation

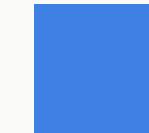
Achieve efficiency by automating tasks like data collection and report generation.

User-Friendly Interface

Ensure an intuitive interface for interacting with automated processes.

Tool Utilization

Leverage Ansible, Puppet, or Chef for effective task automation.

 *Solution*

Risk-based Approach

Integrate Risk Assessment Tools

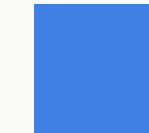
Prioritize audit activities using tools like OpenVAS and Qualys.

Highlight Critical Assets

Identify high-risk areas within the system for focused protection.

Risk Scoring Algorithms

Implement FAIR framework for comprehensive risk scoring.

 *Solution*

Automated Report Generation

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

KPIs such as total time and risk exposure will be included in the automatic reports.

Risk Identification

Reports should include identified risks for proactive mitigation.

Improvement Areas

Find weak points in the systems and suggest ways to protect better.

Solution

Personnel Training and Development

Enrollment in Workshops

- Wide array of workshops.
- Expert trainers with industry experience.
- Practical, interactive training to apply concepts.

Training Materials Repository

- Comprehensive resources from videos to e-books.
- Up-to-date with the latest industry information.
- Easy access to all the needed resources.

E-learning Platforms Integration

- Smooth transition from past usage experiences.
- Implement custom e-learning modules tailored to needs.
- Monitor and assess learning progress easily with integrated SCORM models.

 *Solution*

Ensuring Compliance & Security

Compliance Concerns

Ensure that all compliance concerns are met with secure communication and file transfer protocols.

Safeguarding Data

Implementing secure channels and protocols is critical for safeguarding sensitive information.

Regulatory Requirements

Adhere to regulatory requirements by implementing secure communication and file transfer methods.



Reducing Vulnerabilities

 *Solution*

Security Baseline to secure SDLC

Design

Model all the possible threats and implement mitigations for vulnerability surface area minimization.

Development

Software features are designed and developed with the benefit of aligning the product closely with user needs and requirements.

Testing

Ensures that product meets the quality standards and functions as intended.

Deployment

Make the system operational across an intended environment for real-world usage.

Maintainance

Focus on the ongoing upkeep and improvement of the system, ensuring longevity.

 *Solution*

Phase I: Design

01.

Threat Modelling

Threat Modeling in the application design phase involves modeling potential threats and implementing mitigations to minimize vulnerability surface areas, enhancing overall security.

02.

Design Mitigations based on STRIDE Framework

Enhances application security by addressing potential threats related to Spoofing, Tampering, Repudiation, Information Disclosure, Denial of Service, and Elevation of Privilege.

Solution

STRIDE-based Mitigations

Spoofing

Ensuring authentication integrity by verifying user identities, thereby reducing unauthorized access.

Tampering

Ensuring data accuracy and trustworthiness, reducing the risk of malicious alterations.

Repudiation

Providing accountability and traceability, deterring fraudulent activity

Information Disclosure

Protecting IP and personal data, maintaining privacy & regulatory compliance.

Denial of Service

Enhancing system reliability and uptime, ensuring continuous service delivery.

Elevation of Privilege

Minimizing the impact of breaches by limiting access to only what is necessary for a given role or task.

 *Solution*

Phase II: Development

01.
Secure Coding Practices

05.
Network Security

02.
Data Security

06.
Third Party Codes

03.
Web Security

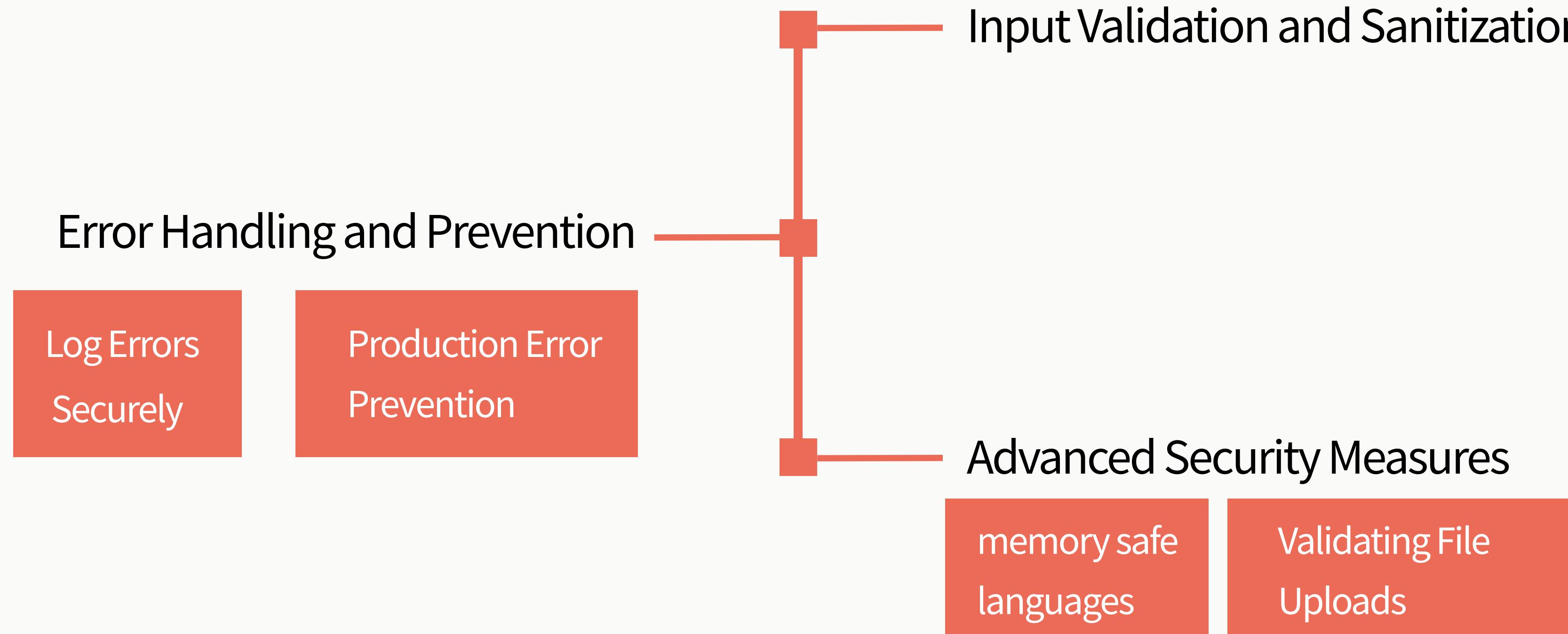
07.
Authentication

04.
Authorization

■ *Phase - II Development*

Secure Coding Practices

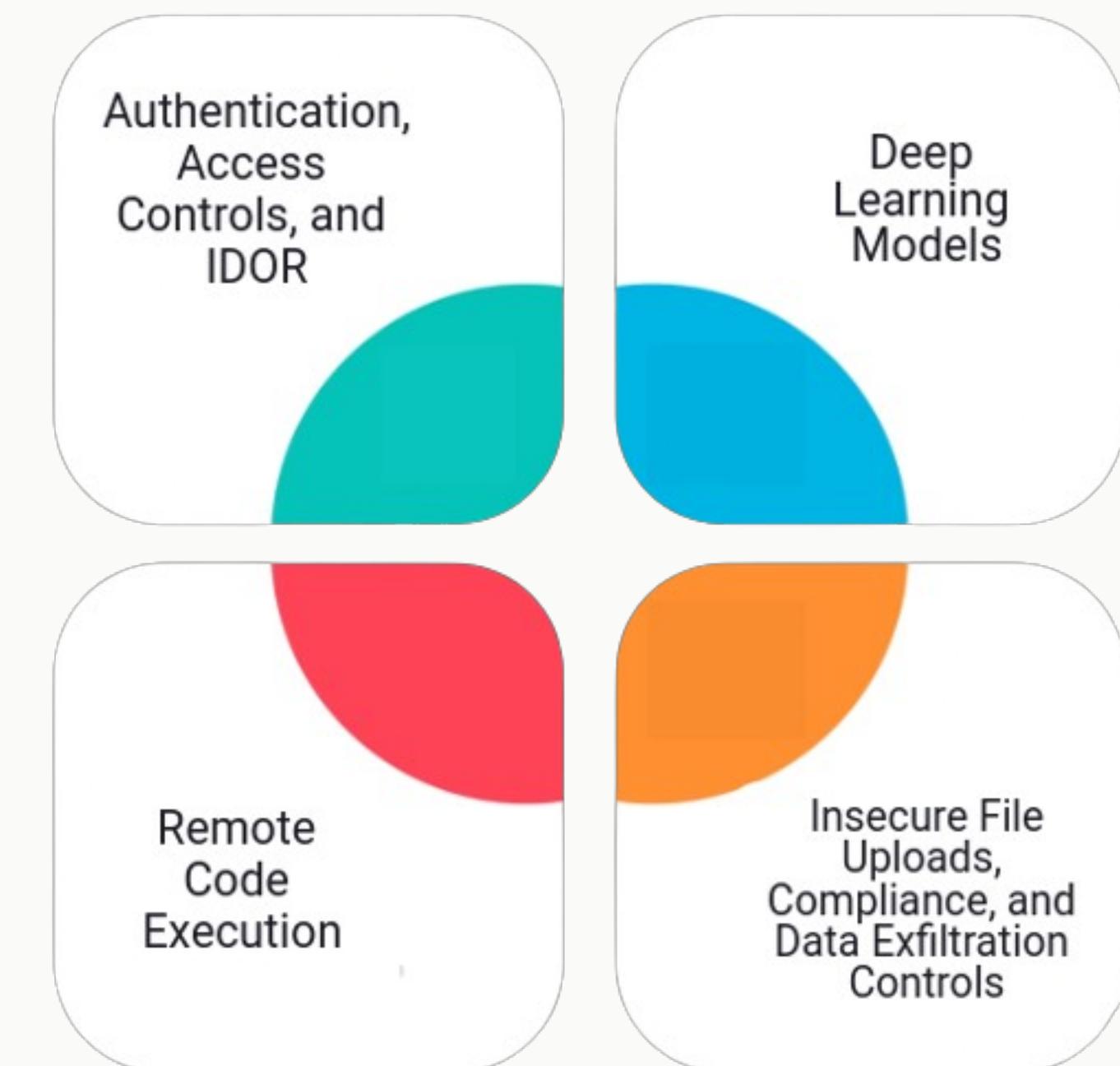
These are guidelines for writing code that is resistant to vulnerabilities, benefiting the project by reducing the risk of security breaches.



■ *Phase - II Development*

Data Security

Refers to the handling and management of data and the units that process them, which ensures efficient and secure data operations.



■ *Phase - II Development*

Network Security

Isolate Critical Components

Use firewalls and VLANs to segment and isolate critical parts of the network.

Enforce Strong Encryption

Regularly update TLS/SSL standards to enhance resilience against potential breaches.

Centralized Logging

Set up centralized logging to monitor and analyze network activity for potential security issues.

■ *Phase - II Development*

Third-Party Codes

Managing risks associated with using external code or libraries to ensure they don't introduce vulnerabilities

Operating System Patches

- Security Updates, Version Tracking
- Integrity Checks

Stay Alert

- Security Tools
- Monitoring Security Alerts

 *Phase - II Development*

Authentication

Verify the identity of a user or process, allowing access by only authorized entities.

01.
Cookie Security

02.
Deep Packet Inspection

03.
Blockchain



■ *Phase - II Development*

Authorization

Involves defining and enforcing what an authenticated user is allowed to do.

Access Control Lists

Centralize access control decisions in your codebase and employ methods such as URL checking or inline assertions in the code.

Role-Based Control

Provide role-based access control and ownership-based access control to enhance security measures.

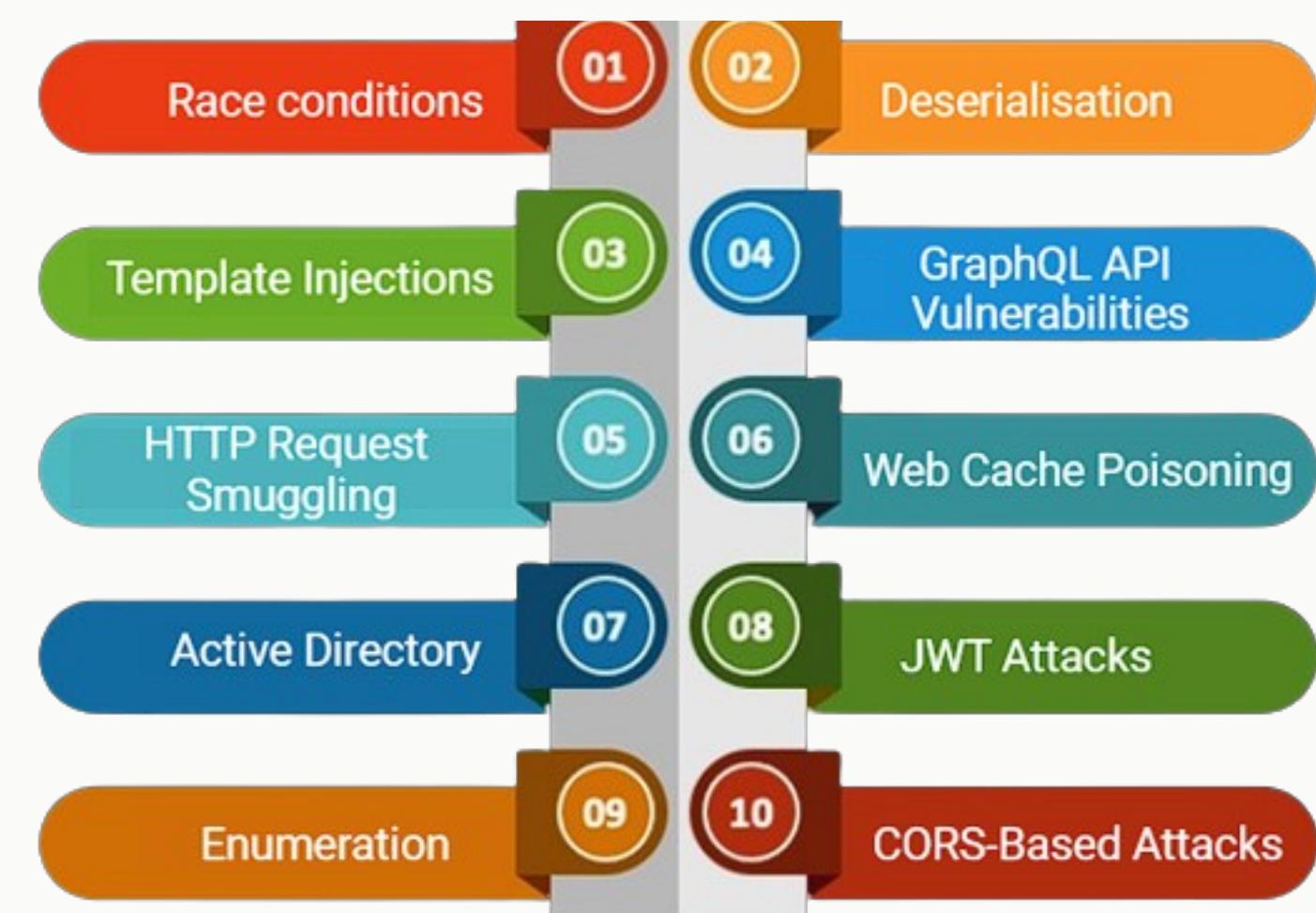
Rate-Limiting and Monitoring

Implement rate-limiting and explore the use of Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) during the authentication process.

■ *Phase - II Development*

Web Security

Various measures to protect web applications from internet-based threats, crucial for maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of transmitted data.



Solution

Phase III - Testing

Various measures to protect web applications from internet-based threats, crucial for maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of transmitted data.

Dynamic Analysis

Testing software during execution to find runtime issues, enhancing reliability and performance.

Static Analysis

Examining code without executing it to identify vulnerabilities, improving code quality and security.

Solution

Phase IV - Deployment

Secure Deployment

Create a robust security framework with firewalls, SDN for dynamic segmentation, limited administrative roles, multi-factor authentication, consent restrictions, end-to-end encryption, and controlled traffic through firewalls.

Cloud Security

Utilize AWS Config, Azure Policy, or Google Cloud Security Command Center for automated compliance monitoring, enhance threat detection with EDR solutions, mitigate data exfiltration through egress filtering, secure against web vulnerabilities with a WAF, and employ bastion hosts to minimize the attack surface.

 *Solution*

Phase - V: Maintenance

Host & Network Security

This involves safeguarding computers and networks against unauthorized access or attacks

Secure Container Practices

Implementing security measures in containerized environments

 *Solution*

Phase - V: Maintenance

Vendor Security (For Third-Party Services)

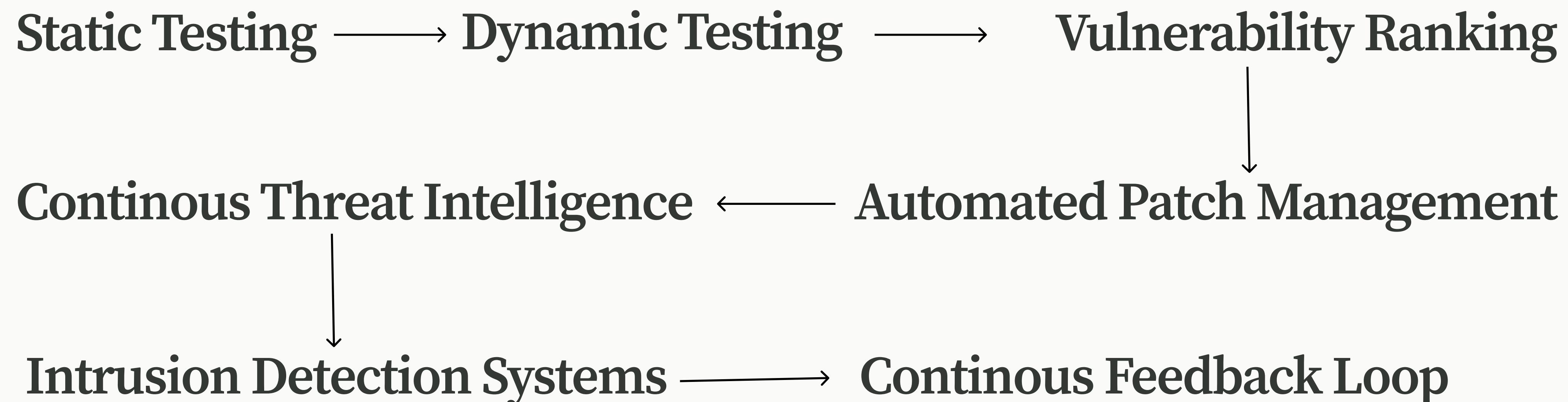
Implementing security measures for third-party services and products

Log Analysis

Systematically examining event logs to detect anomalies, aiding in timely threat detection and system health monitoring.

 *Solution*

Automation workflow



Solution

Impact

Automated framework leads to **early detection** of vulnerabilities which **reduces the cost** needed to mitigate the risk.

Automation **reduces human errors** and gets **seamlessly integrated** in the SDLC, hence becoming more robust and efficient.

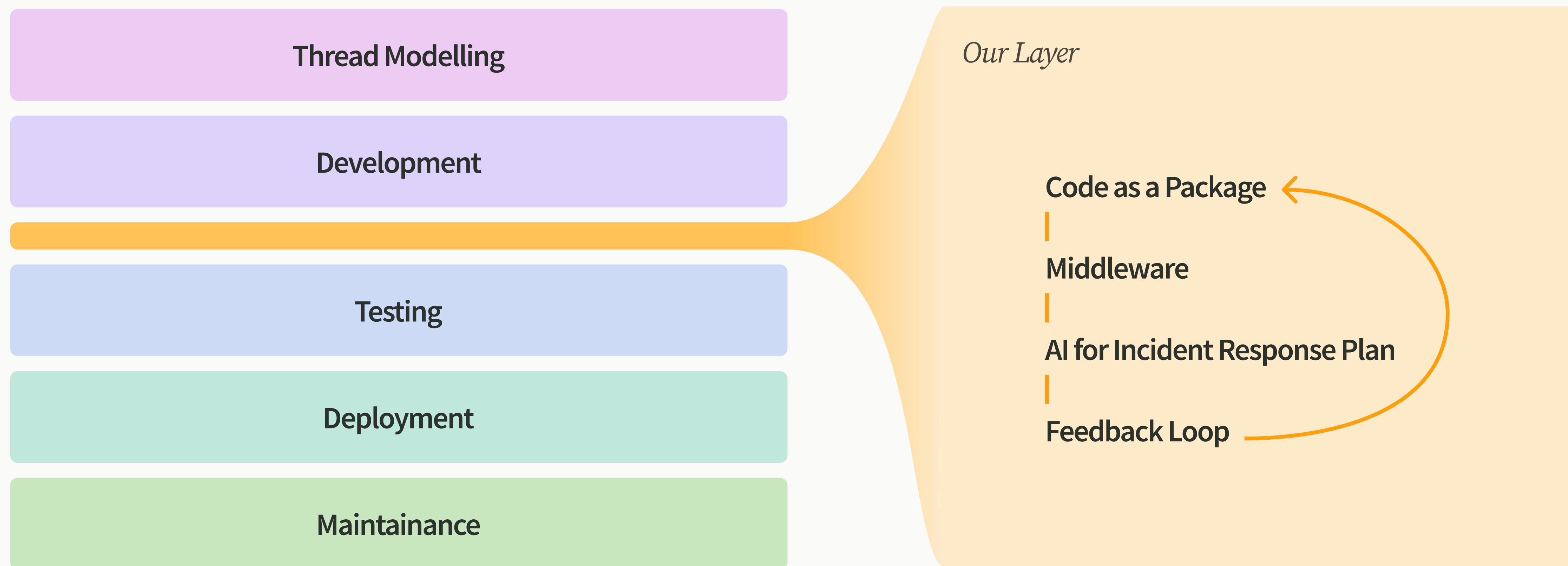


Securing Application Development

Detecting, Reporting, and Responding to Cyber Threats

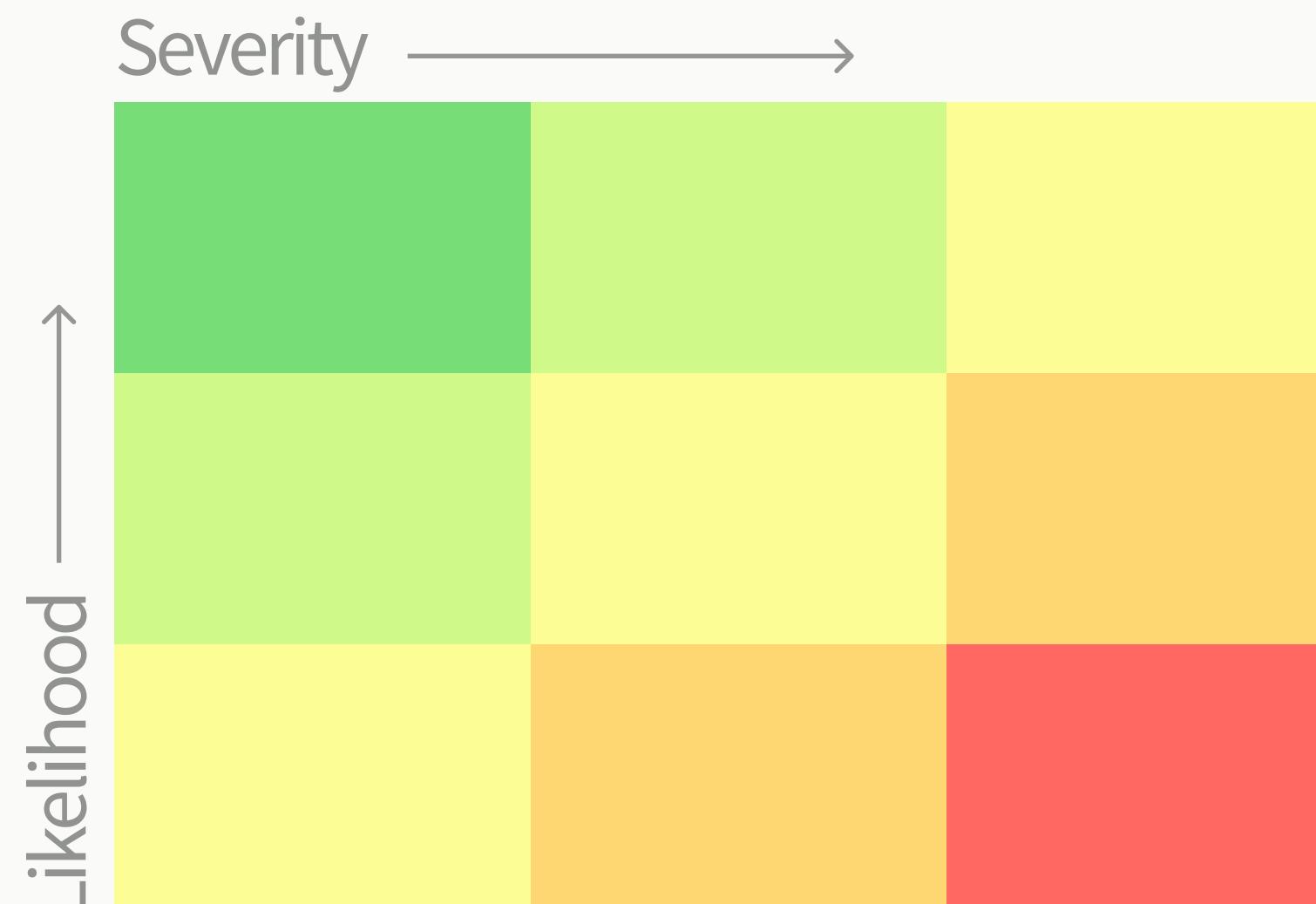
■ *Secure layer addition*

Software Development Life Cycle





Code as a Package: Risk Matrix



```
1 def calculate_risk_matrix(probability, impact):  
2     """  
3     Calculate risk matrix score.  
4  
5     Args:  
6         probability (float): Probability of the risk (0 to 1).  
7         impact (float): Impact of the risk (0 to 1).  
8  
9     Returns:  
10        float: Risk matrix score.  
11        """  
12        return probability * impact  
13  
14    # Example  
15    probability = 0.7  
16    impact = 0.8  
17    risk_score = calculate_risk_matrix(probability, impact)  
18    print(f"Calculated Risk Score: {risk_score:.2f}")  
19
```

Middleware

Technical Implementation of APIs

Opening a Portal API:

```
openPortal()
```

Calculating Risk Matrix API:

```
calculateRiskMatrix  
(probability, impact)
```

Reporting and Responding API:

```
reportAndRespond(riskScore)
```

```
1 @app.route('/openPortal', methods=['POST'])  
2 def open_portal():  
3     user_credentials = request.json  
4     session_token = "Generated_Session_Token"  
5     return jsonify({"message": "Portal Opened Success-  
session_token})
```

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1 @app.route('/calculateRiskMatrix', methods=['POST'])  
2 def calculate_risk_matrix_endpoint():  
3     data = request.json  
4     probability = data['probability']  
5     impact = data['impact']  
6     risk_score = calculate_risk_matrix(probability,  
7     impact)  
8     return jsonify({"riskScore": risk_score})
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1 @app.route('/reportAndRespond', methods=['POST'])
2 def report_and_respond_endpoint():
3     risk_score = request.json['riskScore']
4     # Log
5     # Alert on Portal
6     return jsonify({"message": "Response Initiated", "riskScore": risk_score})
```

 *AI for Incident Response Plan*

AI implementation pipeline for IRP

Incident Response Plan

Preparation

Identification & Assessment

Containment & Mitigation

Recovery & Lessons Learned

Features for analysis

Incident Type

Severity Level

Affected Assets

Source of Threat

User Behaviour

Network Traffic Anomalies

Incident
Response
Team

 *Feedback Loop*

Continuous Model Enhancement

1

Feedback Loop

2

Continual
Retraining

3

Model Updates



Impact

1

Time

Significant reduction in response time with our solution compared to current market solutions

2

Efficiency

The various usecases of our proposed solution

3

Intelligence

Early Threat Detection, Adaptive Nature and Return on Investment (ROI)



Conclusion

1

Redefining cybersec
Intelligent, Efficient, Dynamic

2

**Rapid Response &
Adaptive Security**

3

Continual Retraining
Forward-thinking in design, our approach
is not just for today's challenges but also a
guard against tomorrow's uncertainties