

# Defense in Depth, as learned from watching football



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Seatbelt



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Airbags



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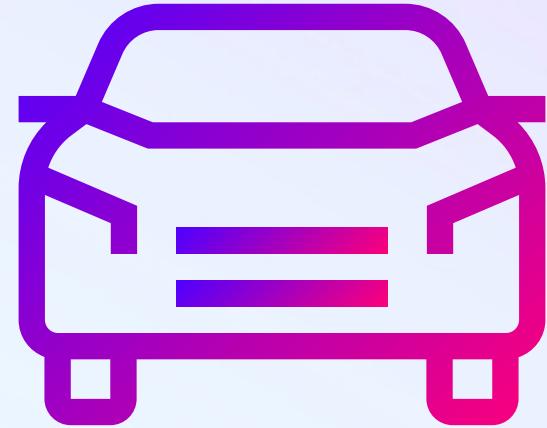
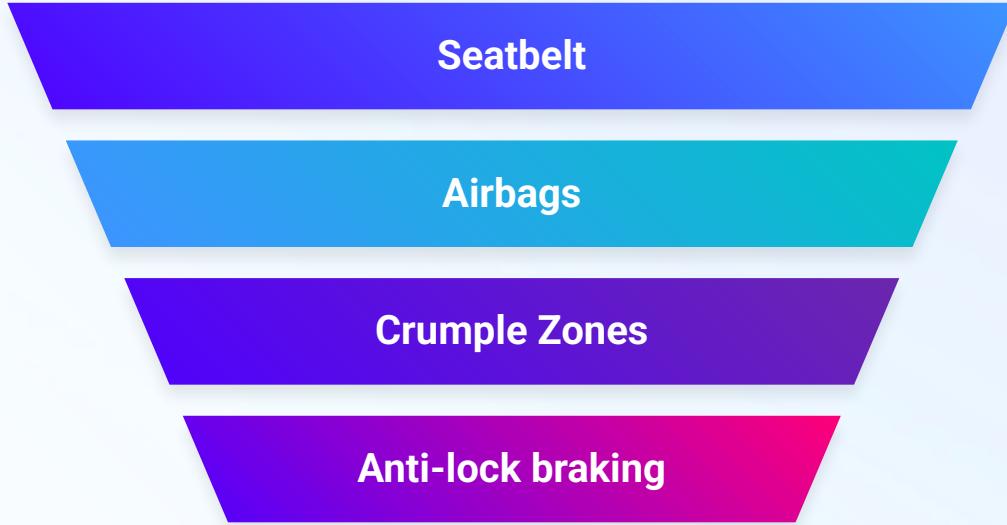
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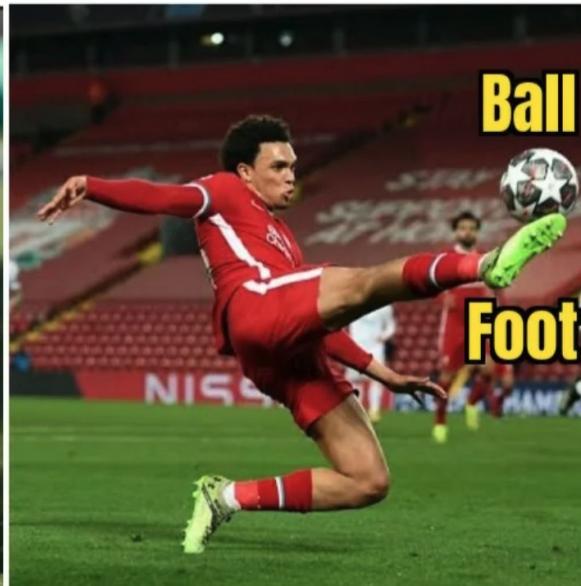
# Why Football?

# FOR SOME REASON

THIS IS  
FOOTBALL



THIS IS  
SOCCER



# Quick football basics



# Quick football basics

Offense



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Offense



Defense

# An Application Security Mindset

# The Coaching Staff

# The Coaching Staff

aka the Security Team

**Football**

**Security**

# **Head Coach**

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Role: Set overall game strategy

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and make the important  
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Security

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Football

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Role: Implement and design the security strategy

Responsibilities: Create and implement security controls

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# Position Coaches

**Football**

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Role: Provide expertise on a specialized group

**Security**

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**Responsibilities:** Develop individual player skills

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**ex.** Quarterback coach

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Role: Provide expertise on specialized security topic

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# Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

Role: Provide expertise on specialized security topic

Responsibilities: Use expertise to advise & implement security strategy

# Behind the Scenes

**Football**

**Security**

# Playbook

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# Playbook

Role: Collection of potentials  
plays to be run

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# Incident Response Playbook

Role: Outlines a set of procedures for responding to security incidents

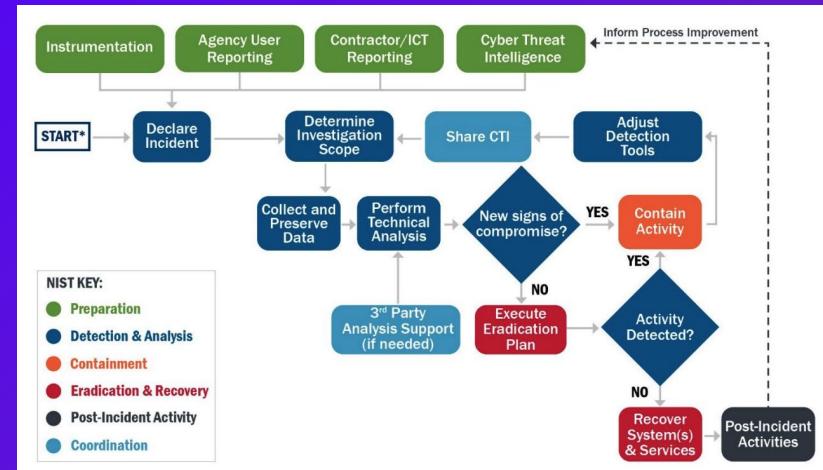
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Security

# Incident Response Playbook



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# The Offense

# The Offense

aka the Attack

**Football**

**Security**

# Quarterback



**Football**

**Security**

# Quarterback

Role: Organize and run each play

Football

# Quarterback

Role: Organize and run each play

Security

# Threat Actor

Football

# Quarterback

Role: Organize and run each play

Security

# Threat Actor

Role: Organize and run attacks

Football

Security

# Receivers & Running Backs



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Security

# Receivers & Running Backs

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# Tools & Scripts

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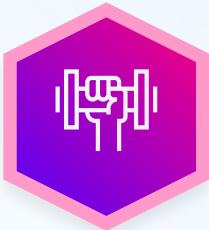
Role: Use vulnerabilities in a system to gain access

# The Defense

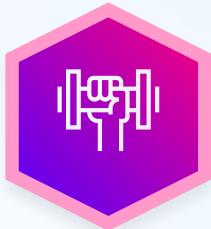
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aka the security measures

# Layers of a Defense



# Layers of a Defense



**The Defensive Line - the first line of defense**

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# Layers of a Defense



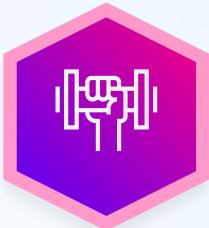
**The Defensive Line - the first line of defense**



**The Linebackers - the middle protection**



# Layers of a Defense



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**The Linebackers - the middle protection**



**The Secondary - the last line of defense**

# Layers of a Defense



The Secondary - the last line of defense



The Linebackers - the middle protection



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# The Defensive Line

aka the first point of defense

# Layers of a Defense



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Responsibilities: Identify vulnerable dependencies and associated versions

# The Linebacker

aka the middle protection

# Layers of a Defense



The Linebackers -  
the middle protection





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# Dynamic Application Security Testing (DAST)

Role: Run automated attacks to find runtime vulnerabilities

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Responsibilities: Simulate easily automated attacks to identify vulnerabilities

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# Inside Linebackers



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# Penetration Testing

Role: Run custom attacks to find runtime vulnerabilities

Responsibilities: Manually find custom and complex vulnerabilities, cover gaps that automated tools miss

# The Secondary

aka the last line of defense

# Layers of a Defense



The Secondary - the last line of defense





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# Web Application Firewall (WAF)

Role: Block malicious attacks by filtering and monitoring incoming web traffic

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Responsibilities: Protect against DDoS and other suspicious payloads

**Football**

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# Safety

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# Runtime Application Self Protection (RASP)

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# Runtime Application Self Protection (RASP)

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Responsibilities: Monitor and block exploits within the application

# No “I” in Team



# Teamwork



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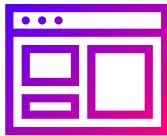
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Continue to adapt and adjust the defense until you find a working combination.

# Example

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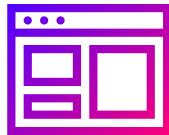


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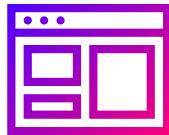


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**Tip:** For faster feedback, add the scans to pull requests or the CI/CD pipeline!

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Watch  
film

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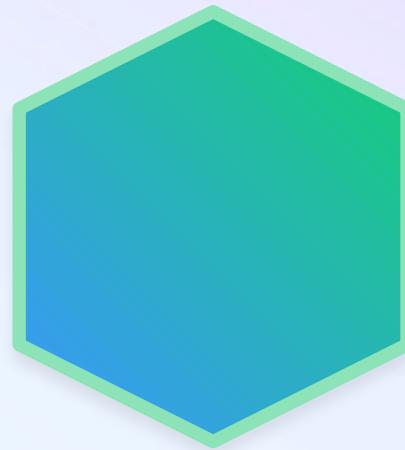
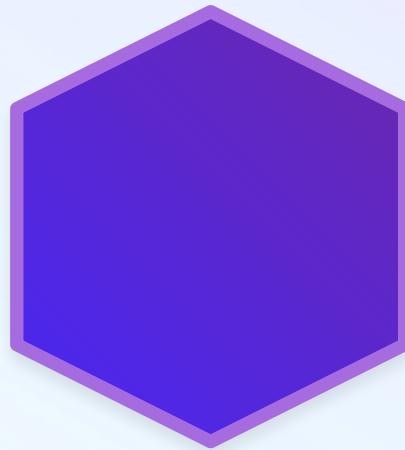
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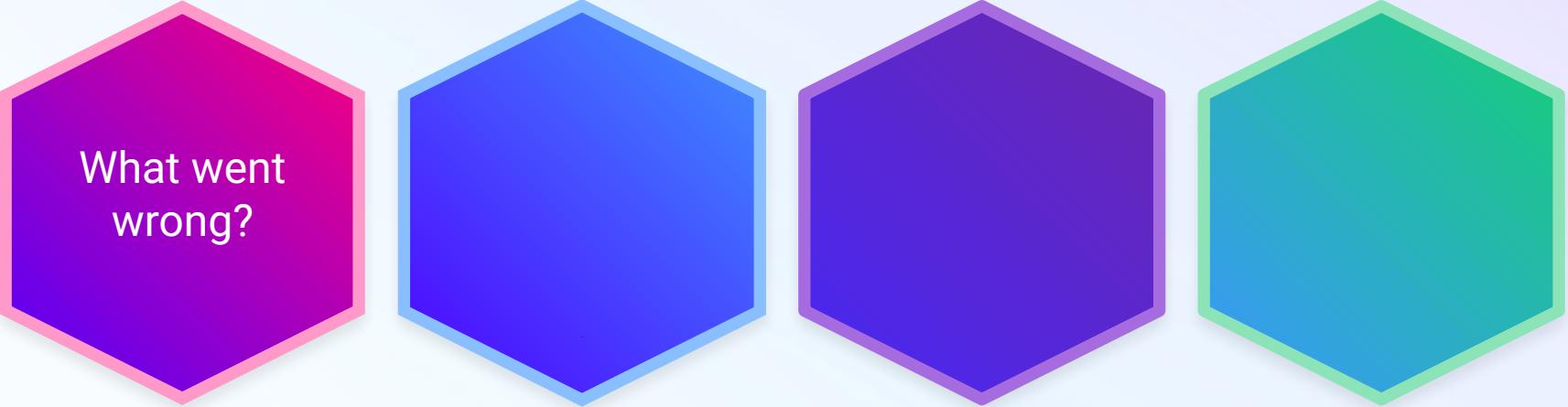
Walkthrough  
plan

# Learn From Past Mistakes

# Retrospective



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What went  
wrong?

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What could be improved for next time?

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What could be improved for next time?

What lessons did we learn?

# Defense in Depth

# Datadog Security Newsletter



Security Labs

**Securely integrating with customers' AWS accounts, supply chain security, and investigating a DoS attack**



We've recently released a guide for SaaS providers to **securely integrate with customers' AWS accounts**. It goes through not only the basics, but also hardening and architectural tips, including:

<https://securitylabs.datadoghq.com/newsletters/>



# Questions?



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# Thank you!



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