

# Maxim Baele

## Volunteer

OWASP Belgium chapter leader

OWASP SAMM core team member

OWASP Regulations & Standards Liaison

→ Bridge-builder

ORC-WG (Resources)



# Maxim Baele

Principal Consultant Product Security @TOREON

Tinkering with Linux

Linux system engineering

Automation

Build systems (CI/CD)

... and product security



# Can you help us build secure products?

... and product security



## How to draw an owl

1.



1. Draw some circles

2.



2. Draw the rest of the fucking owl

## How to build secure products

1.



1. Draft some policies

2.



2. Build secure products



Open Worldwide Application Security Project  
°2001

Tools, guidance, standards, community

Project-based



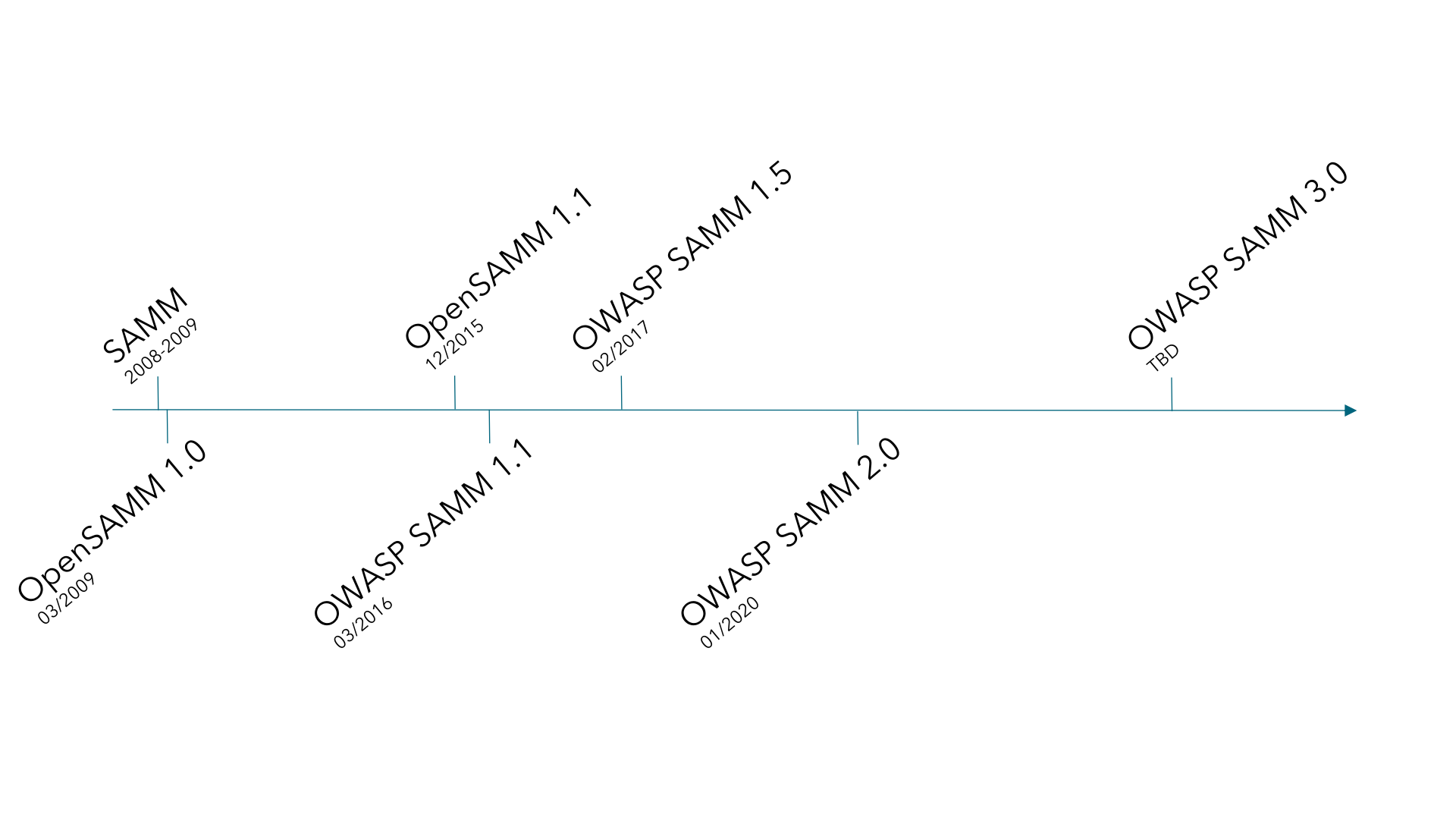
Software Assurance Maturity Model

V1 in 2009, now at version 2.1.0

Prescriptive standard (Opinionated!)

Implementation tool to help you prepare for product security certifications and legislative compliance

<https://owaspsamm.org>





Microsoft SDL

† Digital Security Touchpoints

† OWASP CLASP

BSIMM

NIST SP800-218 SSDF

(ISO 27034)



All core team members are practitioners themselves

Experts contribute to core team guidance (e.g. agile guidance)

Practitioners contribute to community guidance

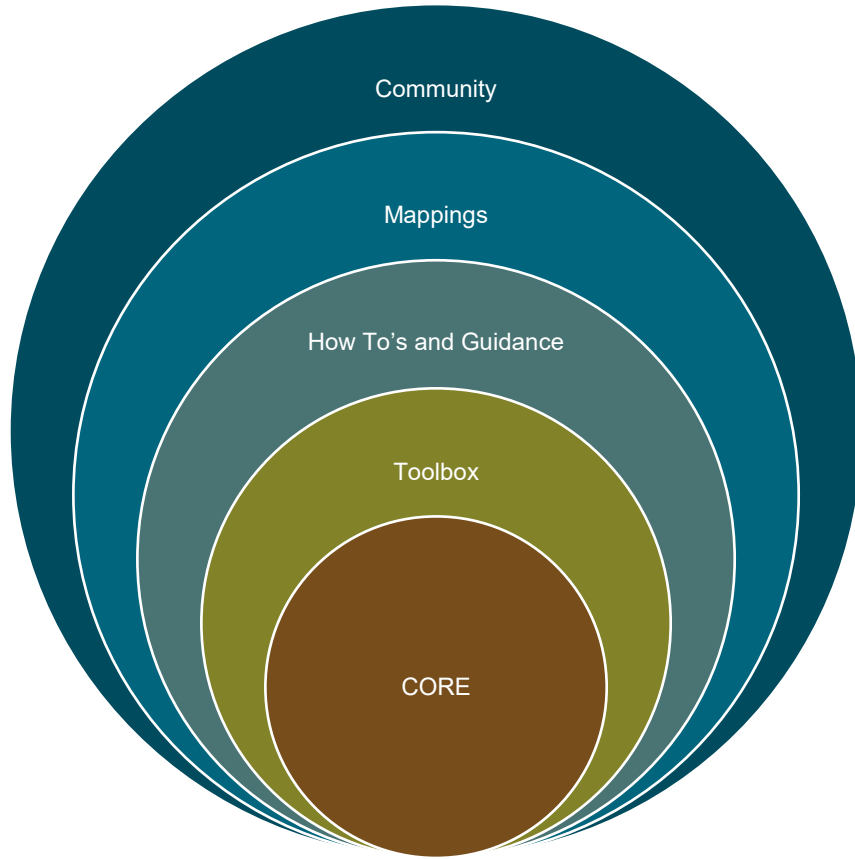
Work happens in public

<https://github.com/owaspsamm/>

<https://www.meetup.com/owasp-samm/>

<https://owasp.slack.com/messages/C0VF1EJGH>

→ Community-driven improvements

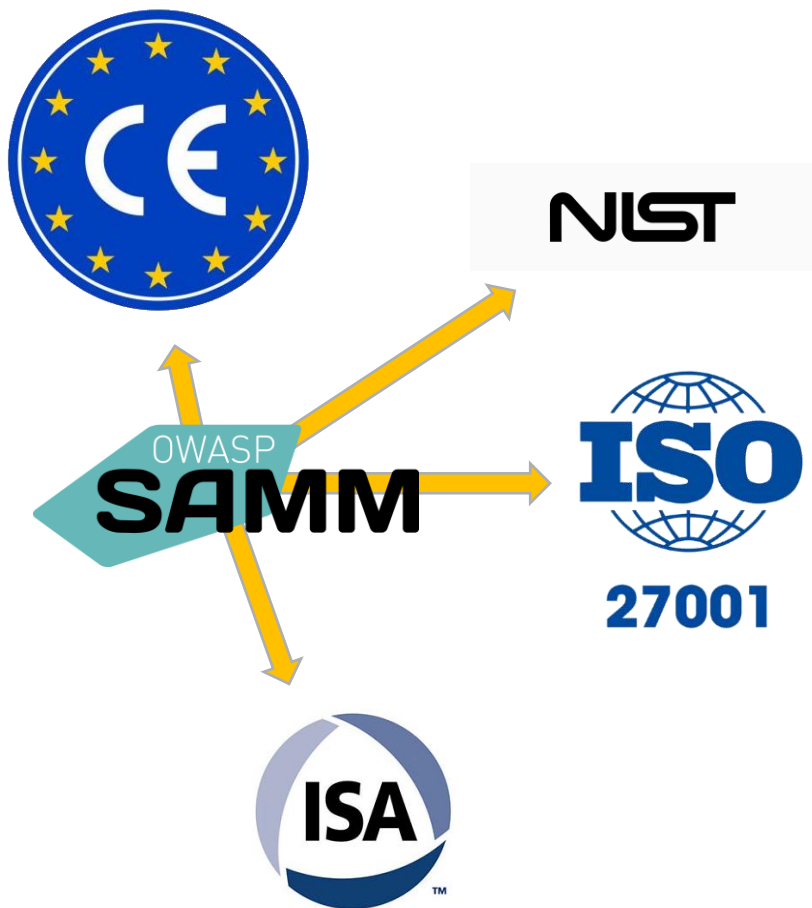


Stable Core & Toolbox  
→ automation-friendly

Continuously expanding guidance

Growing set of mappings

Helpful community  
& growing set of experts



- NIST SSDF (Co-op with NIST)
- OpenCRE → [opencre.org](https://opencre.org)
- ISO 27002:2022
- BSIMM13 & 14
- IEC62443-4-1
- EU Cyber Resilience Act
- Microsoft SDL
- NIST CSF
- NIST SP800-53 rev 5
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Declaration of Conformity

Technical Documentation





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Vulnerability Management





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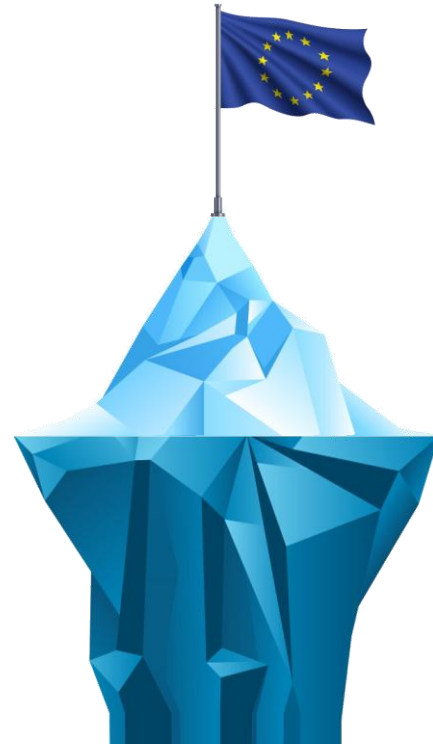
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Secure by design, based on risk analysis

Released without known, exploitable vulnerabilities

Adhering to high-level Technical Requirements

Patchable



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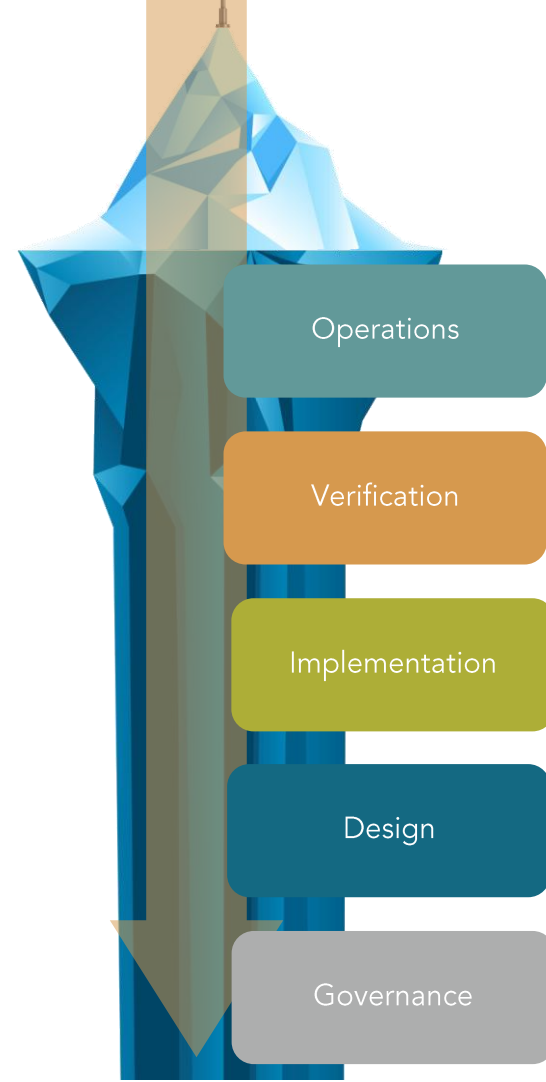
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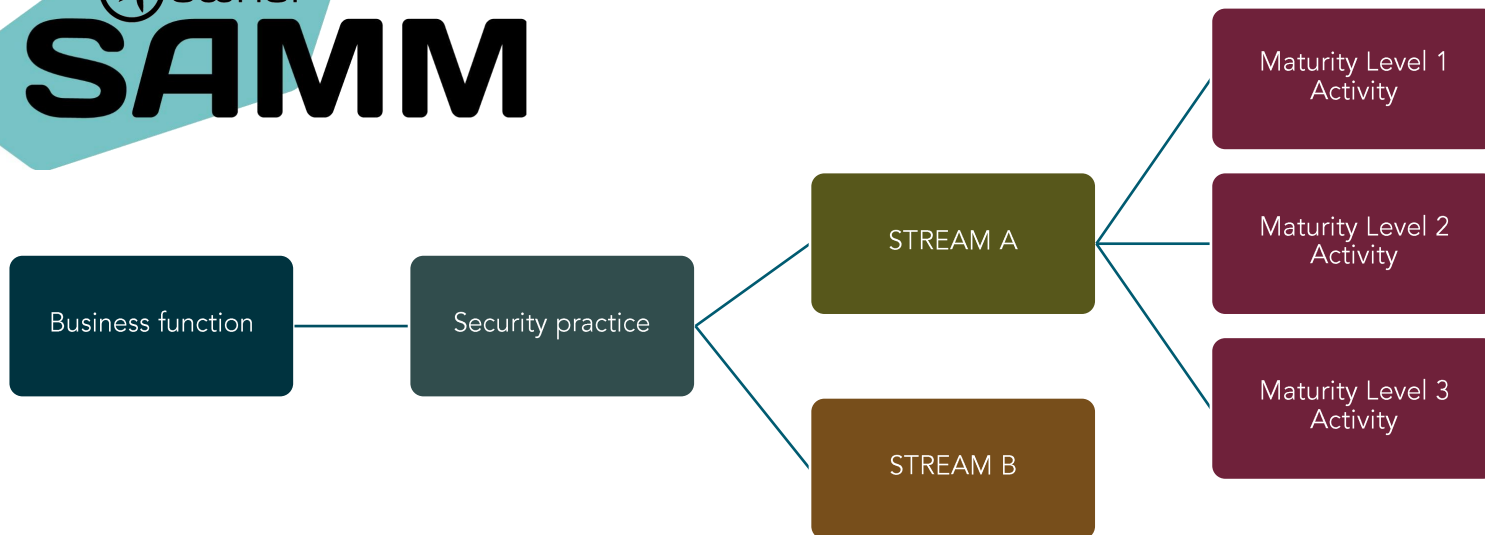
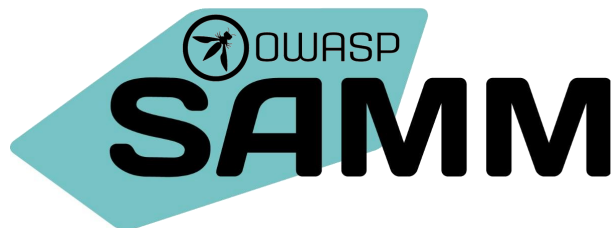
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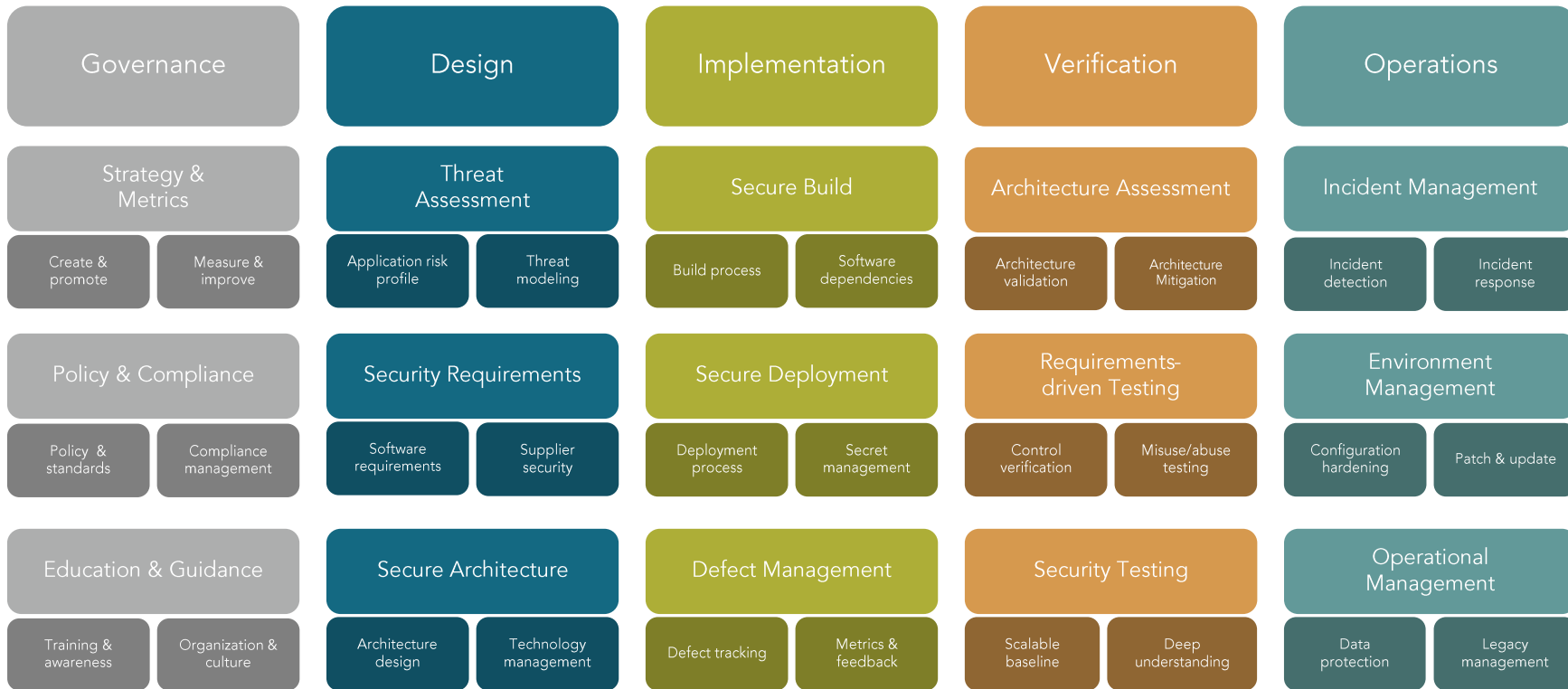




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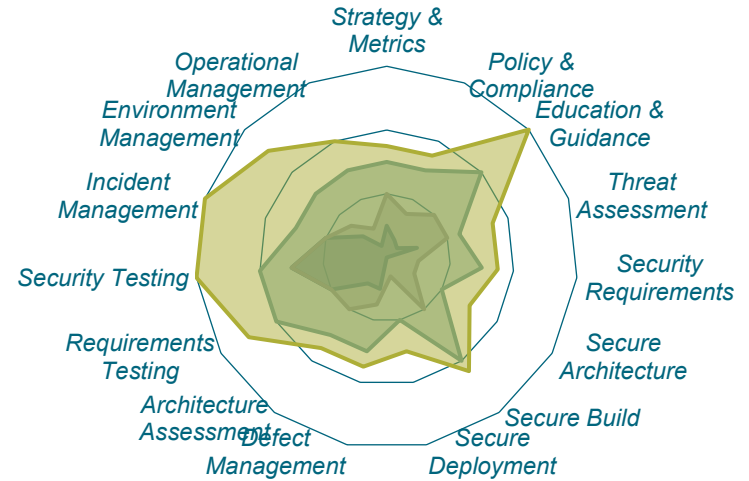
## Maternity levels

- 0) Practice unfulfilled
- 1) Ad-hoc provision
- 2) Increased efficiency and effectiveness
- 3) Comprehensive mastery at scale

## Assessment tooling

<https://owaspsamm.org/assessment>

- SAMM Toolbox
- Sammy (Codific)
- SAMMwise





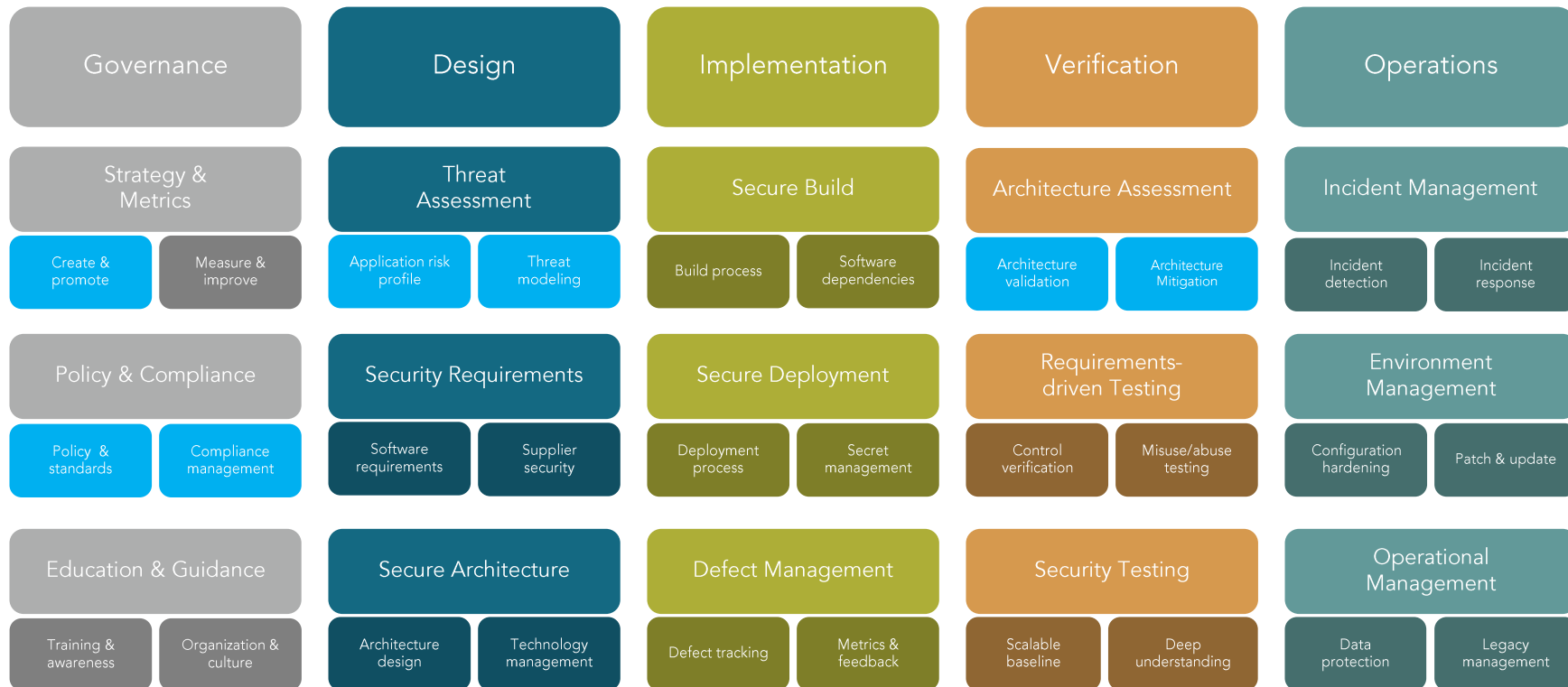
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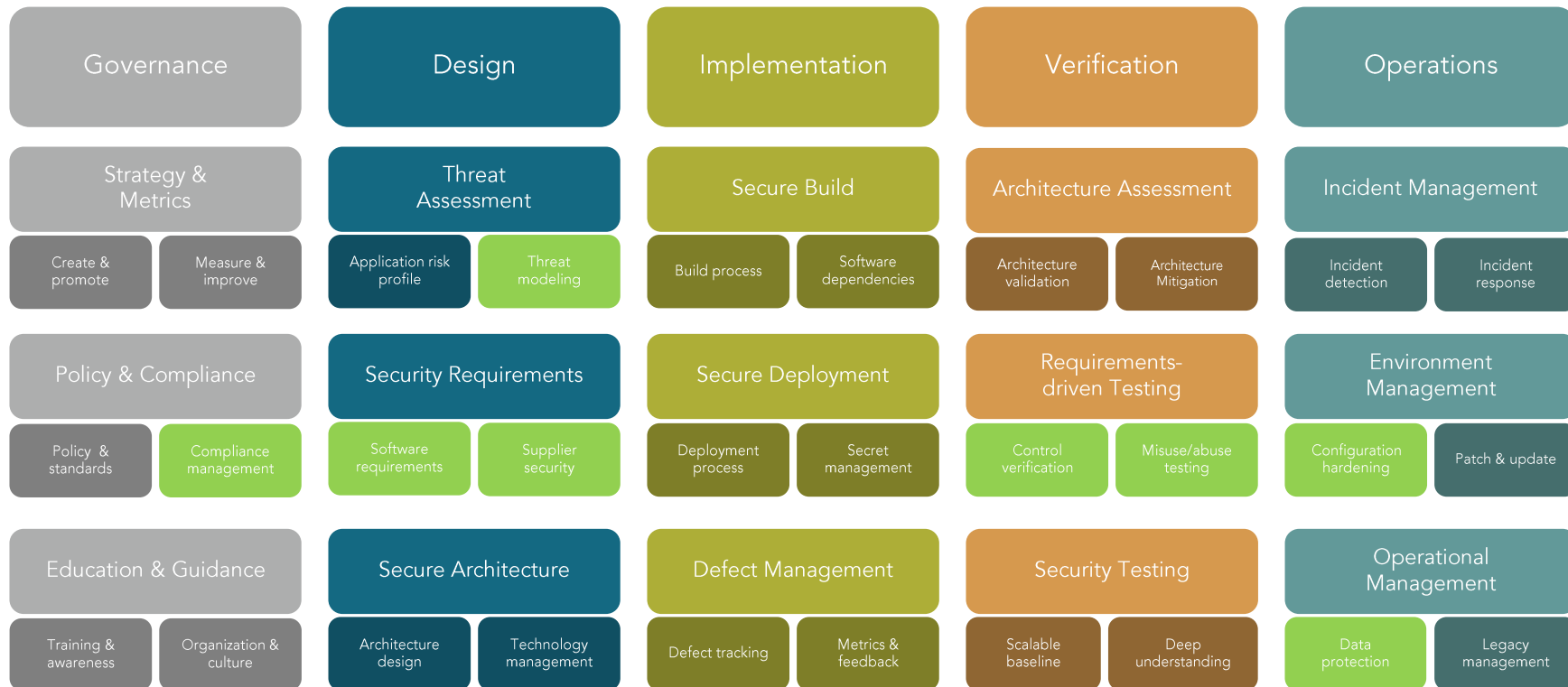
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Vulnerability handling

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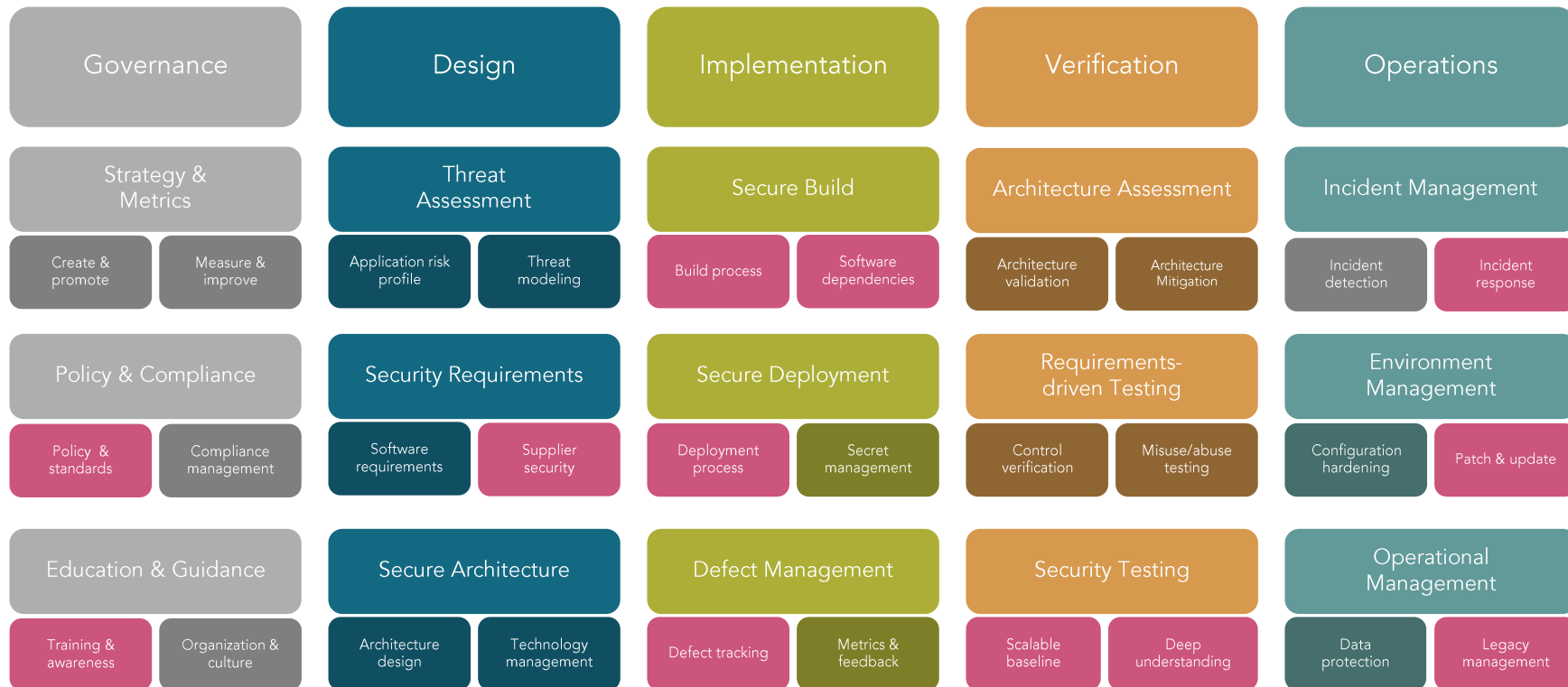


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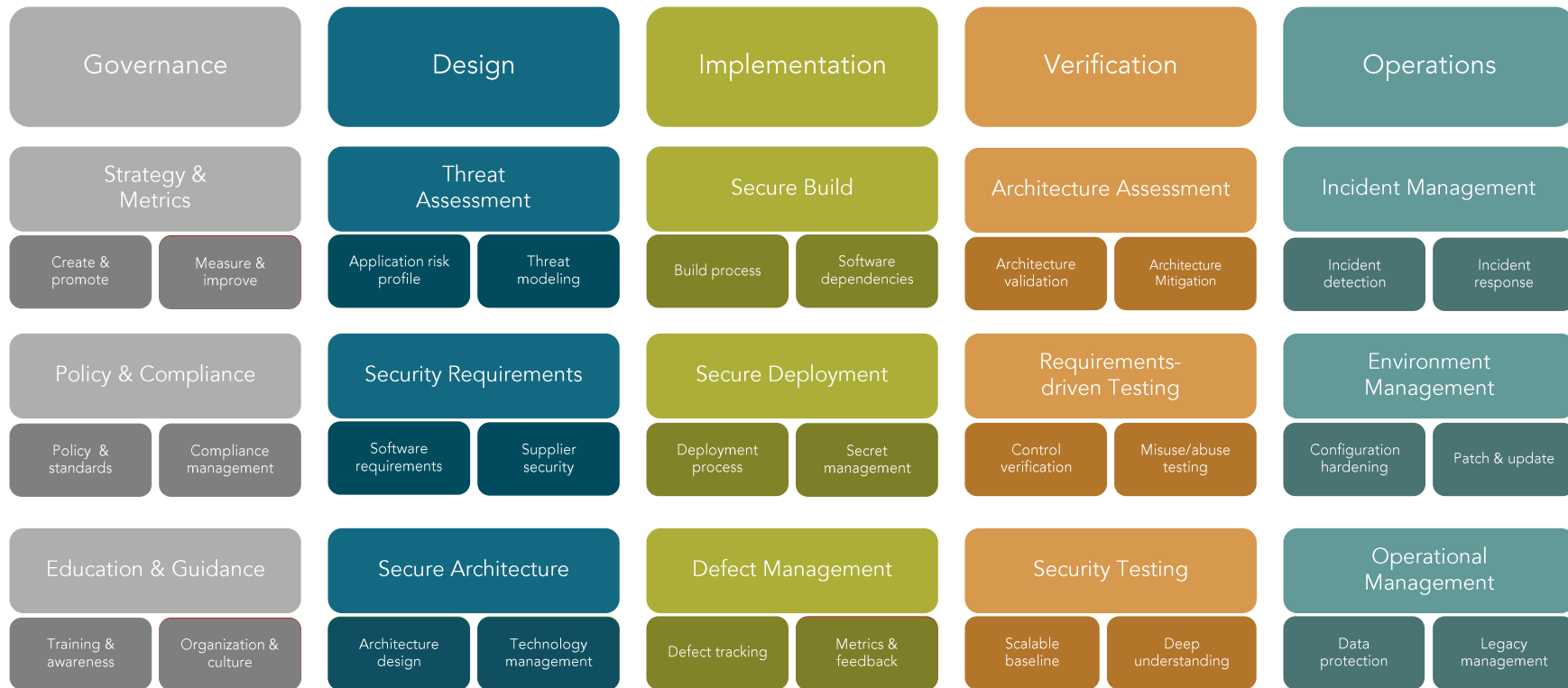


**Do you classify applications according to business risk based on a simple and predefined set of questions?**

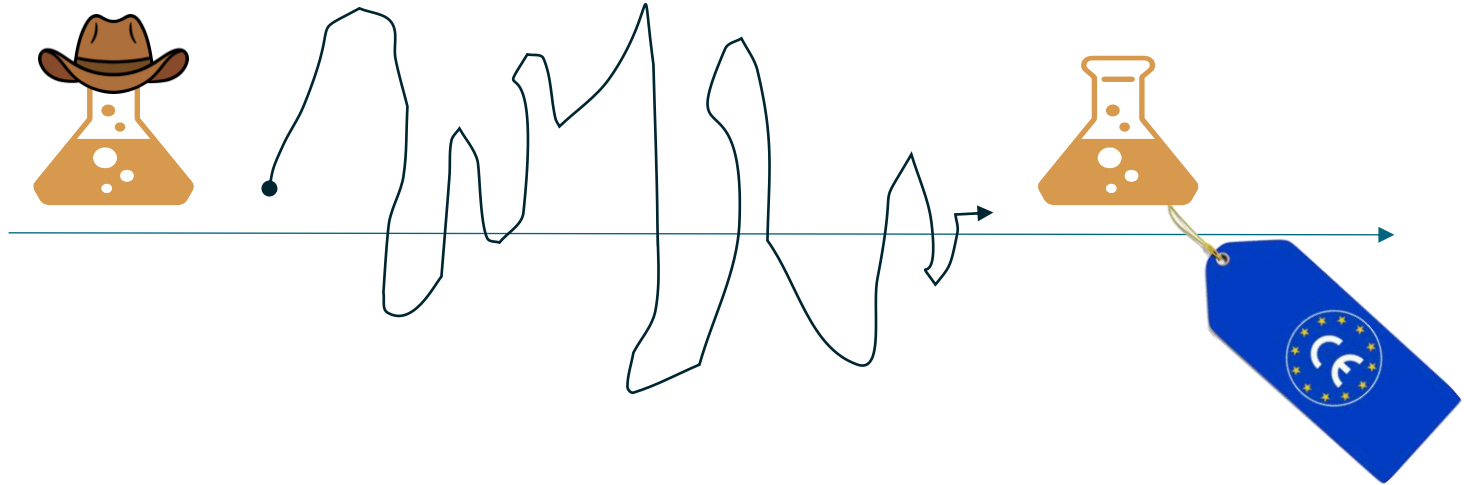
An agreed-upon risk classification exists	Yes	A clear and simple risk classification system is in place, at minimum aligning with CRA product classification categories. All products are classified, including existing and legacy applications.
The application team understands the risk classification	Yes	Application risk classification is part of security training, explaining both the classification scheme and the implications for products.
The risk classification covers critical aspects of business risks the organization is facing	Yes	Non-compliances to CRA obligations are classified as business risks.
The organization has an inventory for the applications in scope	Yes	The inventory is centrally documented (see L2 requirements), linked to context defined in G-SM-A and requirements defines in G-PC-B

# → Product Security Strategy

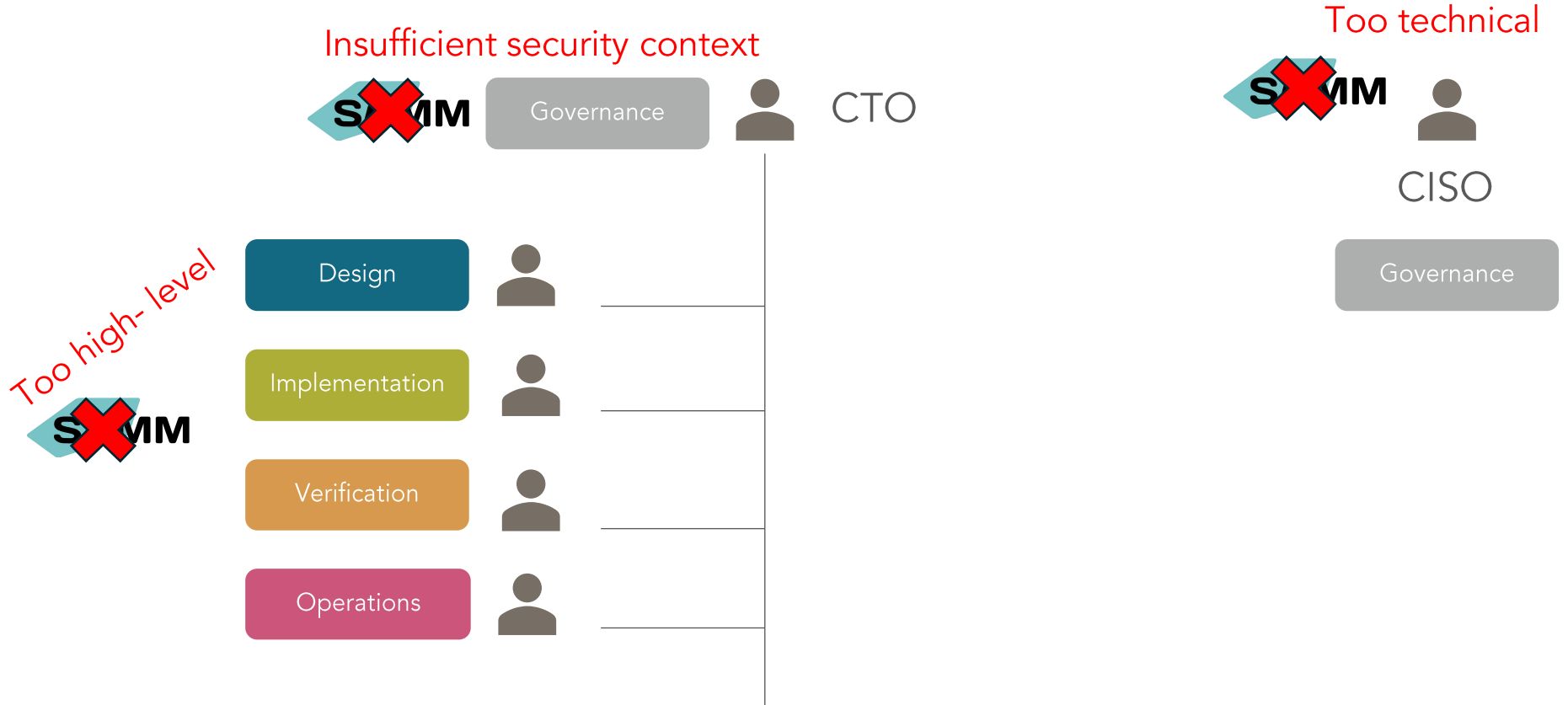
"Supporting Activities"



# → Product Security Strategy



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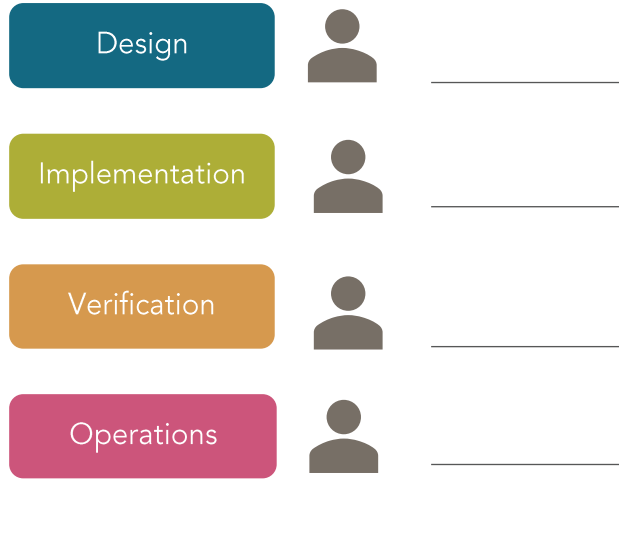


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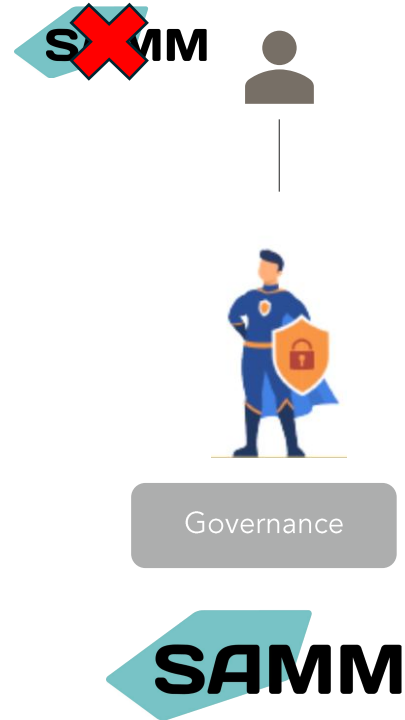
Insufficient security context



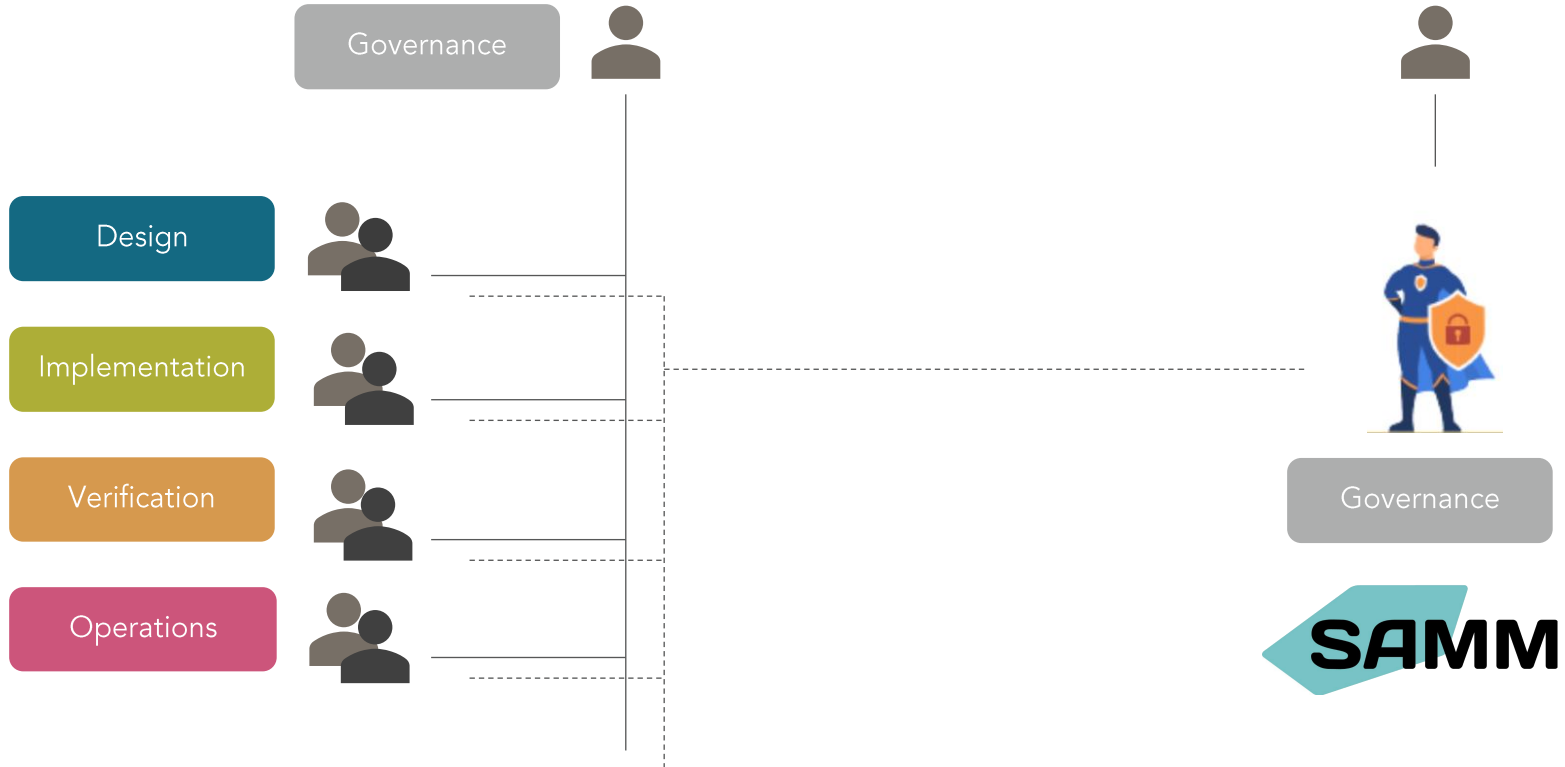
Too high-level



Too technical



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Technical background

- CTO, Architect, Lead Developer
- Product Security [Architect|Officer|Manager|...]

Security Champion

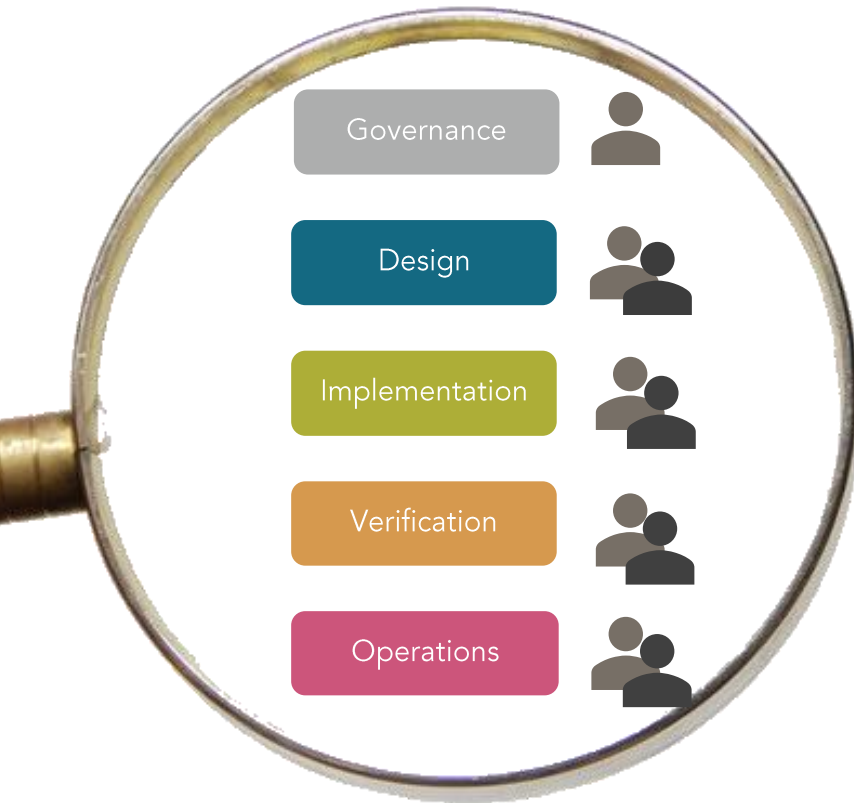
- Advisory role!
- Assistance from legal
- Supported by the full organization







# **SAMM**



Focused on a single product  
...or similar set of products

Taking part in the same SDLC



# Scope

# SAMM

Governance



Design



Implementation



Verification



Operations



Company History

Active markets and industries

Organizational Structure

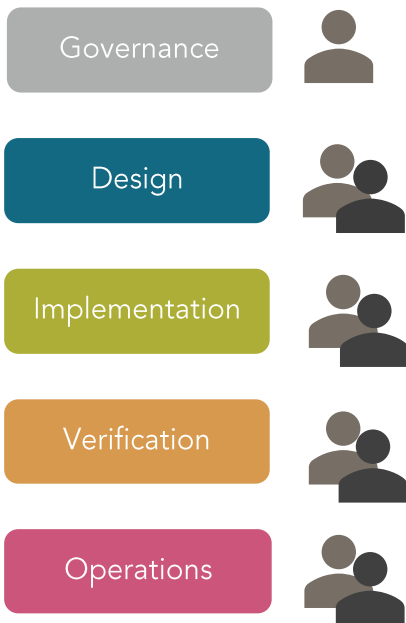
Internal & External Drivers  
for security

Efforts and initiatives thus far

Historic Incidents



## Context

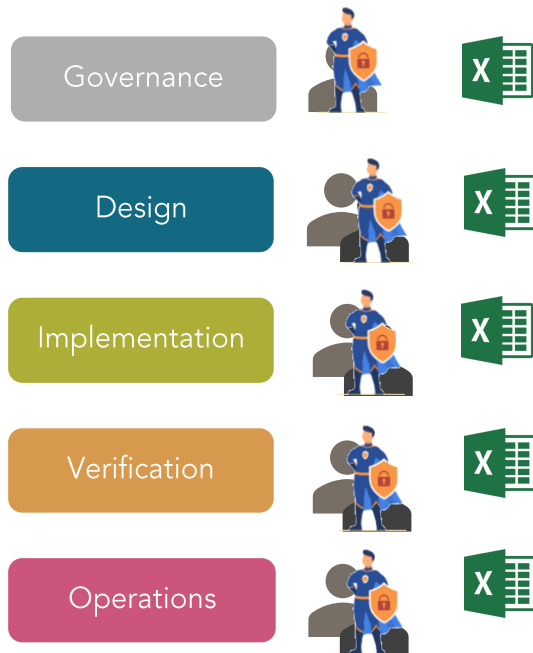


Getting Data



In-depth knowledge of SAMM required

Inconsistencies!



→ (Very) mature organizations

→ *Still not recommended*

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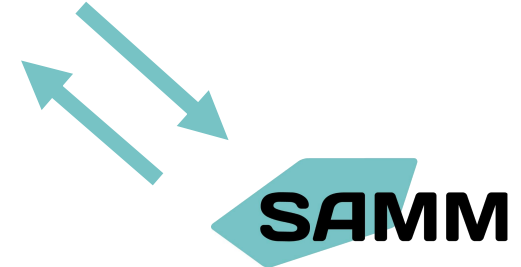
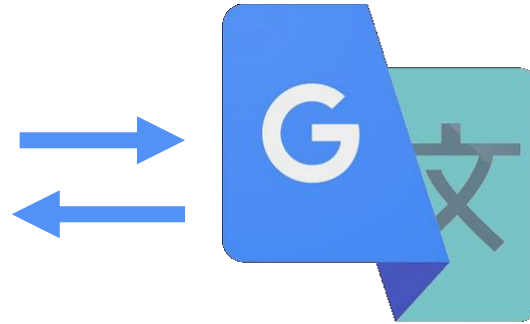
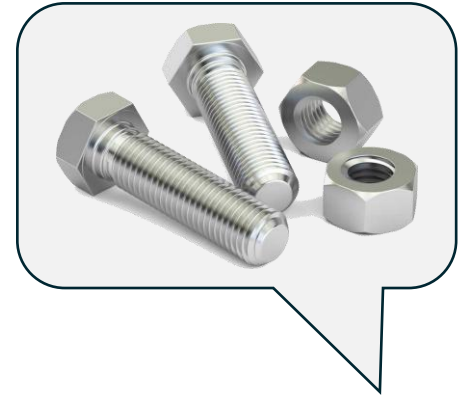
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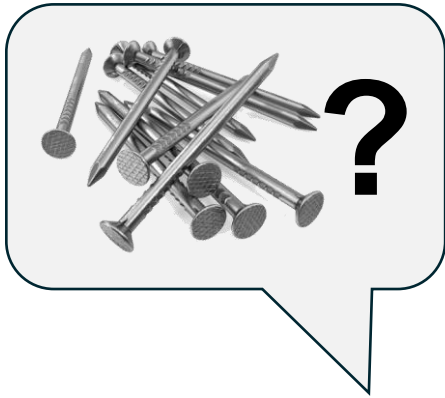
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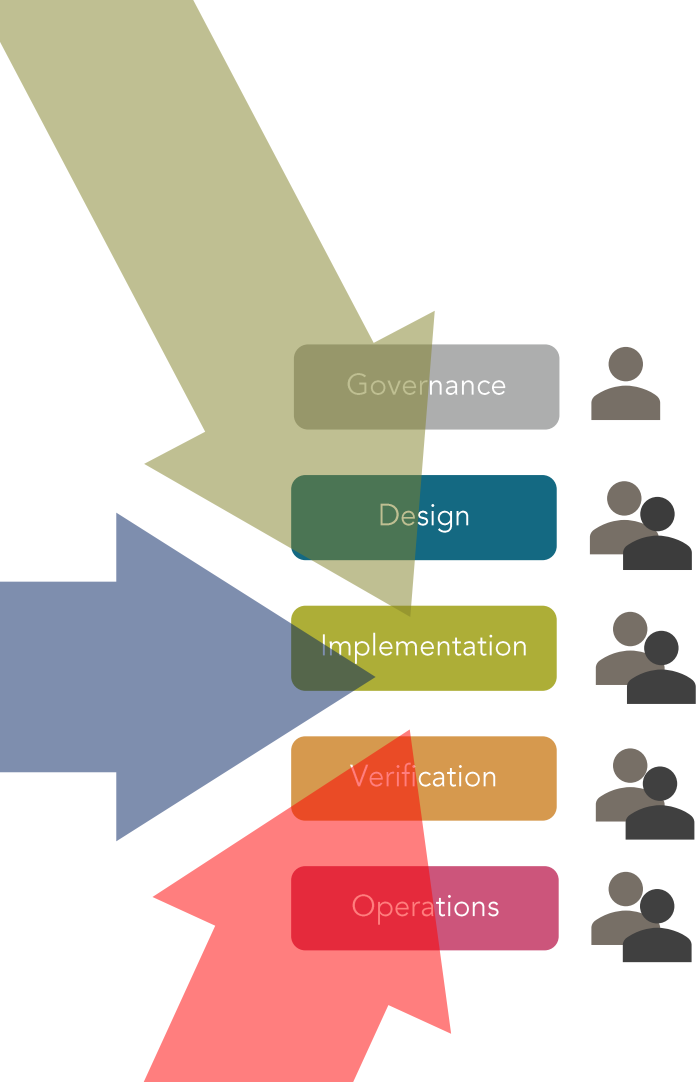
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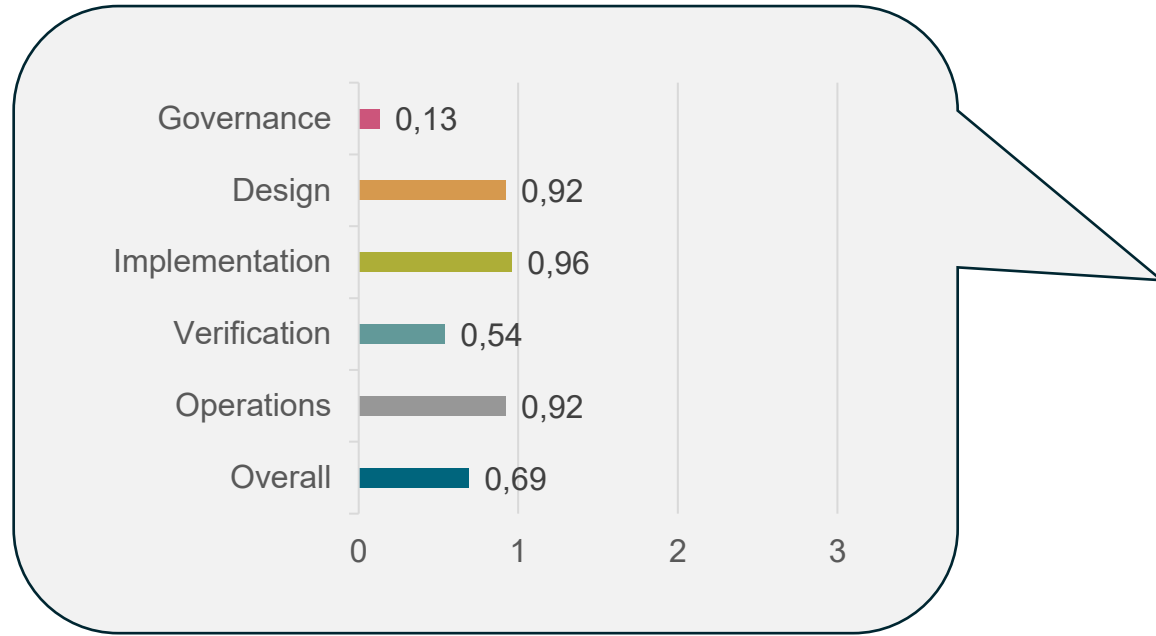
Security Testing	
1	<b>Do you scan applications with automated security testing tools?</b>
You dynamically generate inputs for security tests using automated tools	
You choose the security testing tools to fit the organization's architecture and technology stack, and balance depth and accuracy of inspection with usability of findings	







Answer
No
Yes, some of them
Yes, at least half of them
Yes, most or all of them



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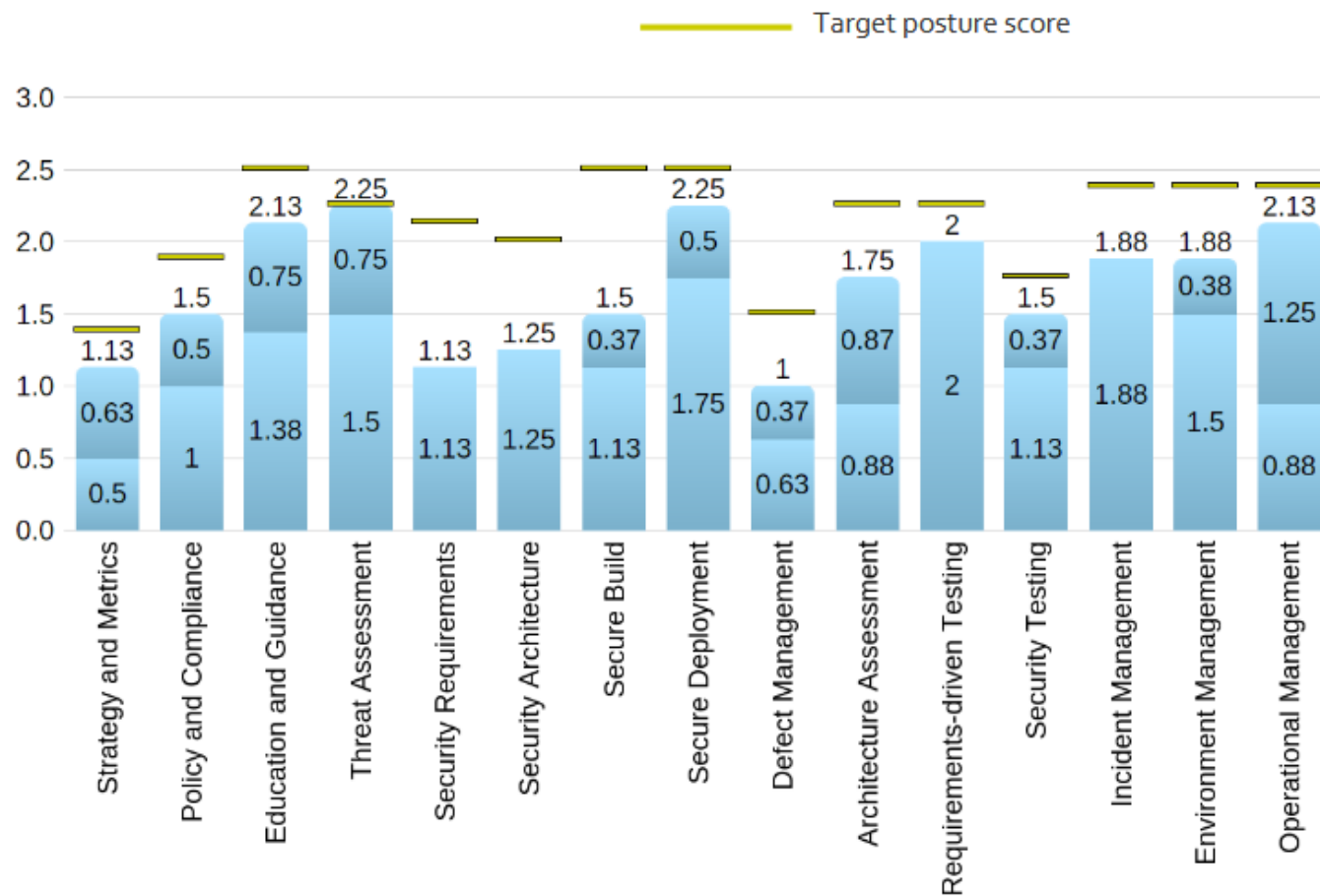
- ...to the organization's risk appetite
- ...to the team's maturity
- ...to a point in time
- ...to the assessor (in some cases)

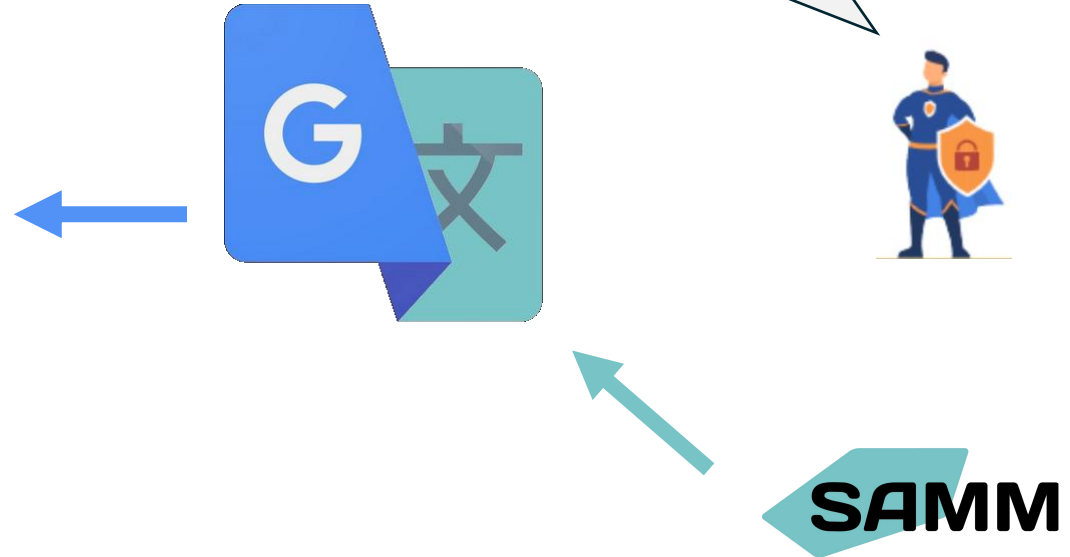
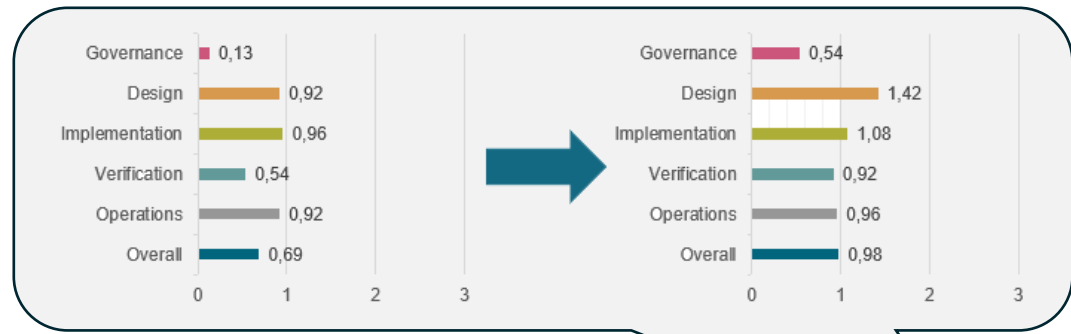
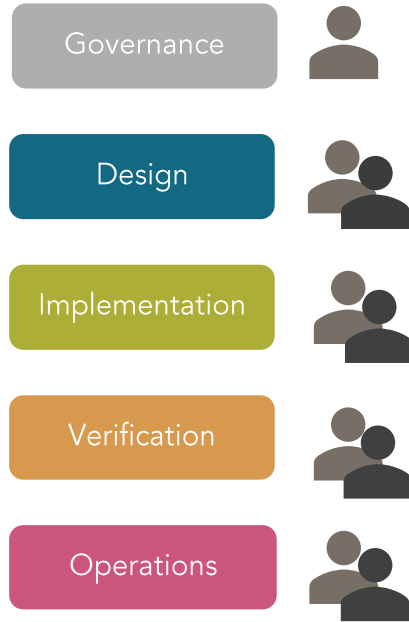
# TARGETS ARE RELATIVE

- ...to the capacity for change
- ...to market and legislative demands
- ...to the lifecycle of the product(s) in scope

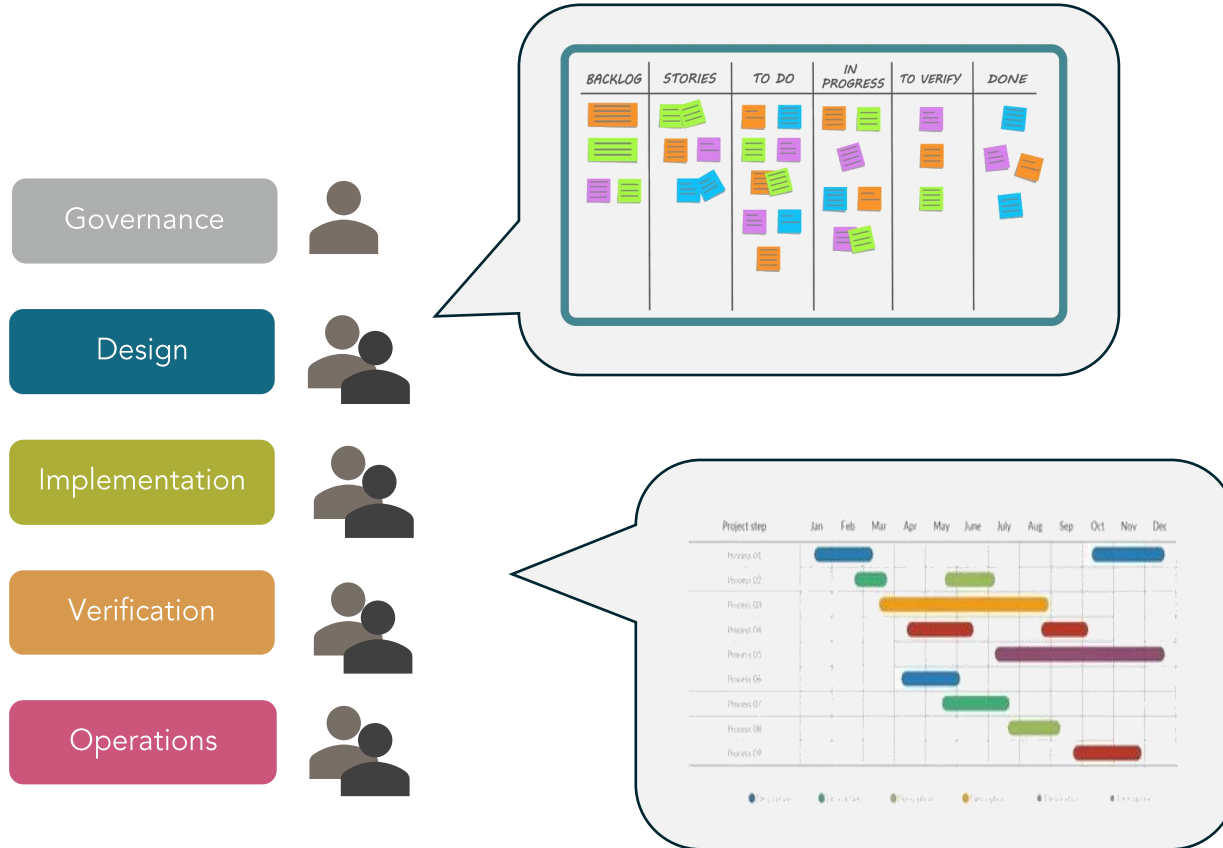


Per practice

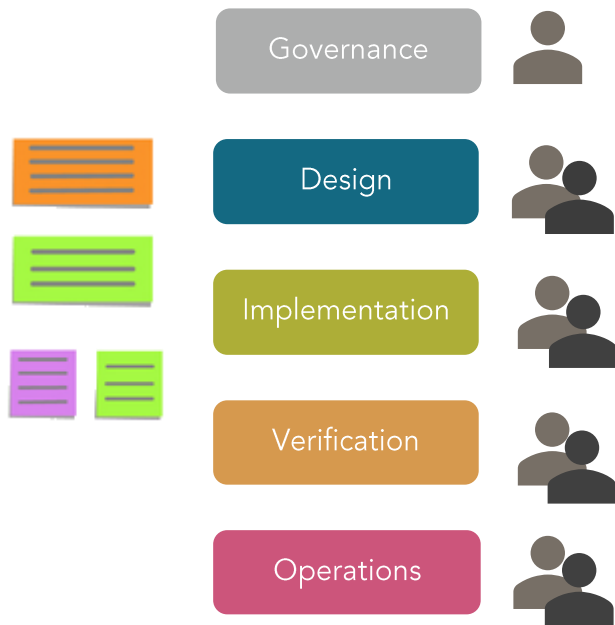




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NIST



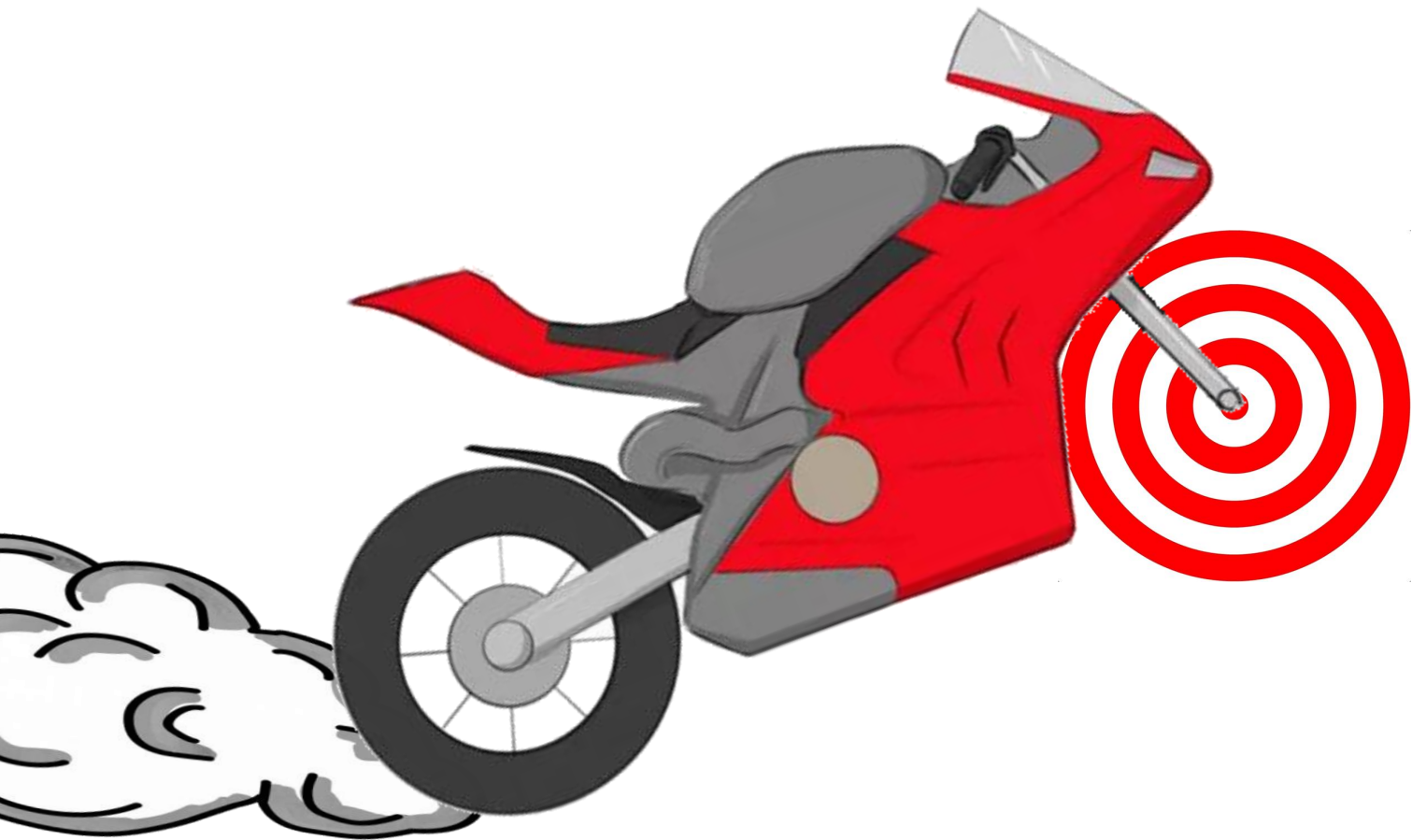
***"You get  
what you measure"***

■ Richard Hamming









## Baseline score

- Your initial SAMM scores

## Current score

- Your current SAMM scores

## Target score

- SAMM scores that represent an acceptable level of risk
- You should improve to reach the target, not an absolute 3.0!

# Percent to target

$$\text{PercentToTarget} = 1 - \text{Gap} / \text{Target}$$

Activity	Current	Target	Gap	Percent to target
I-SB-A-1	0.75	1.00	0.25	75%
I-SB-A-2	0.00	0.75	0.75	0%
I-SB-A-3	0.00	0.00	0.00	100%
I-SB-B-1	1.00	0.75	0.00*	100%
I-SB-B-2	0.25	0.75	0.50	33%
I-SB-B-3	0.00	0.00	0.00	100%

## Legend

Within target

Need to improve

"Not applicable"

\* Gap is zeroed out to avoid giving credit for "overshooting"

# THE TEAM OWNS THE ROADMAP



# Summary

SAMM requires interpretation

Interviews work better than questionnaires

→ Coaching & consistency

SAMM scores are “personal”

→ Relative to the team/scope

Targets are relative to the team/score AND risk

→ Measure progress, not raw scores

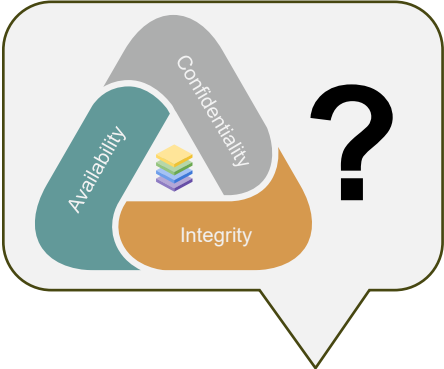
→ Use initiatives to support team progress

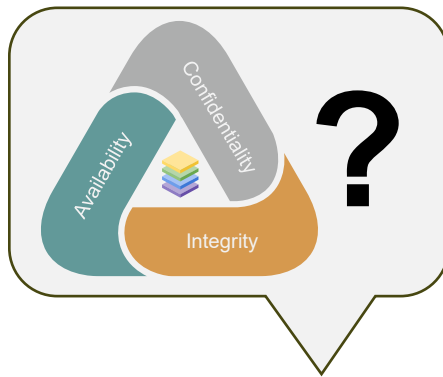
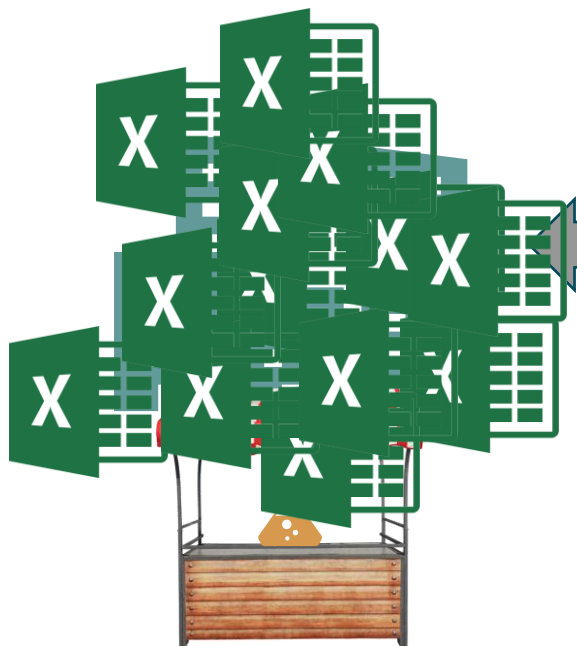


**SAMM:  
12-24m**

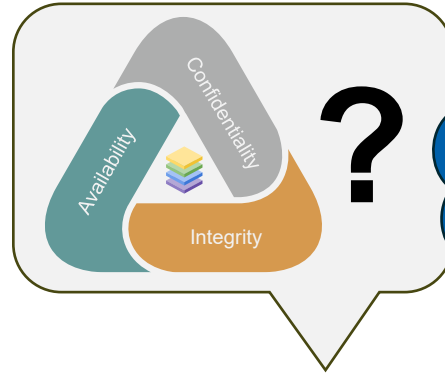


**Roadmap  
Progress:  
3-6m**







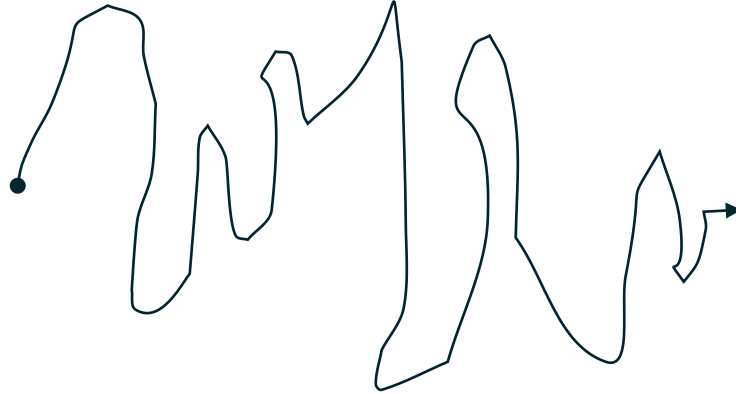


Common context

Common language



*Clear delineation of shared responsibilities*

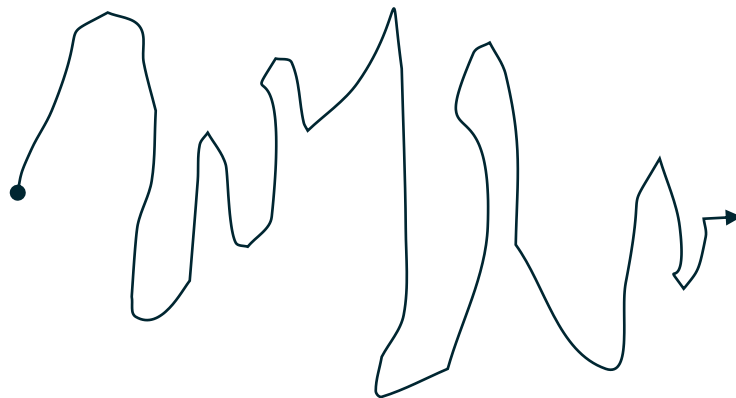


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HOW

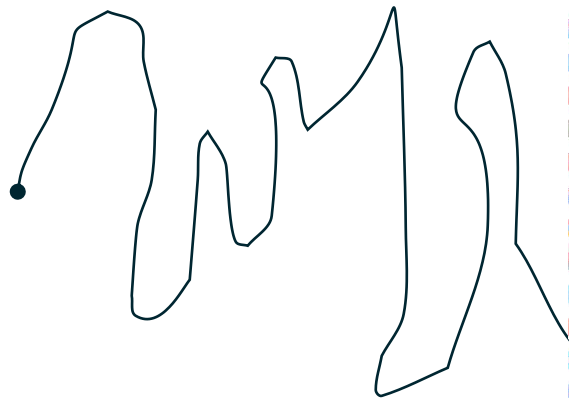




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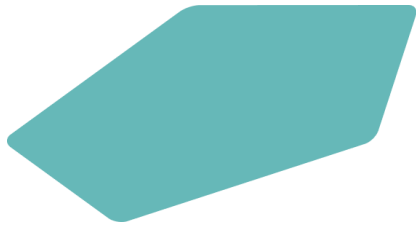
HOW

SAMM & OSS









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2nd Wednesday  
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21:30 CET - 3:30 pm EDT/EST

2nd Friday  
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14:00 CET - 8:00 am EDT/EST

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Thank you

