# ADDO ALL DAY DEVOPS

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Building
Self-Defending
Applications With
OWASP AppSensor





#### Introduction





### thesis: modern secure applications protect themselves against attackers









#### a (brief) history





#### Not too long ago dev

- mostly web apps [RoR, PHP, .NET, Java)
- ajax (jquery) use growing
- mobile just getting started
- deployment to VMs
- BI tools
- AWS starting
- cloud hype cycle (NIST)



#### ~now dev

- service mesh
- functional / rx programming
- cloud everything
- nosql / CAP light
- containers / orchestration
- big data
- stream processing
- microservices

- config management
- <u>ci/cd</u>
- beacons [usage, ads, errors, performance]
- actors/csp
- cqrs / event sourcing
- mobile
- JS Everywhere

#### 1 .. \* of [scale, speed, cloud, lack of environmental access]



























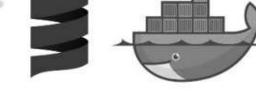






























#### last ~5 years security

- 3rd party libs (dep-check)
- bug bounties
- sast / dast evolve (ZAP)
- iast / rasp
- http security headers
- automatic encoding (JXT)

- \*-monkey –NetflixOSS
- bdd-security/gauntlt
- ci/cd plugins
- 2fa
- osquery

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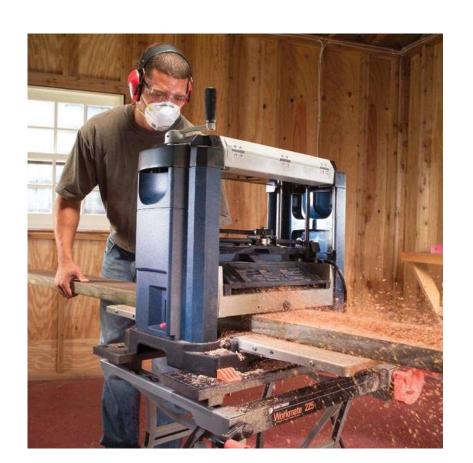
#### dev vs. security

 dev is exploiting fundamental architectural and deployment changes to add business value

 security is iterating on existing solutions and - trying to close gaps (known problems)



#### security is sharpening hand tools





while dev has moved to power tools



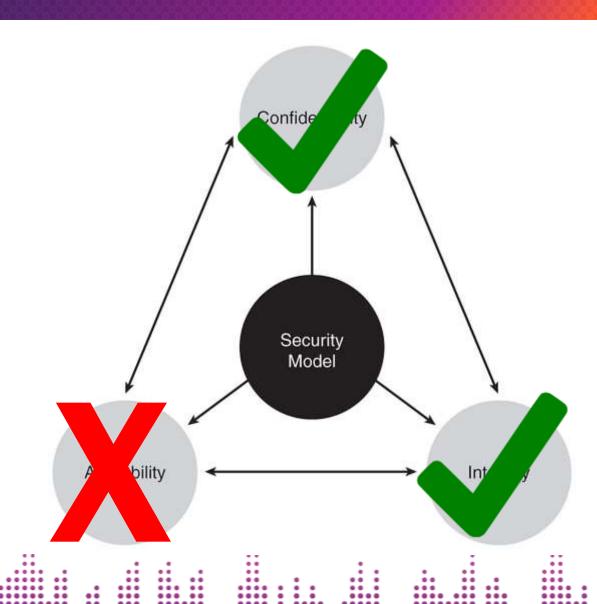
#### motivations





#### traditional "security"

- confidentiality and integrity important
- availability often <u>ignored</u> by security (informs the whole industry- eg. tooling)
- if availability important, runtime important





#### Service Temporarily Unavailable

The server closed the connection without sending any data.

The server is temporarily unable to service your request due to maintenance downtime or capacity problems.

Due to heavy load on the server, connections may be temporarily blocked from locations that fetch an unusually high number of pages.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Yep, that's secure!



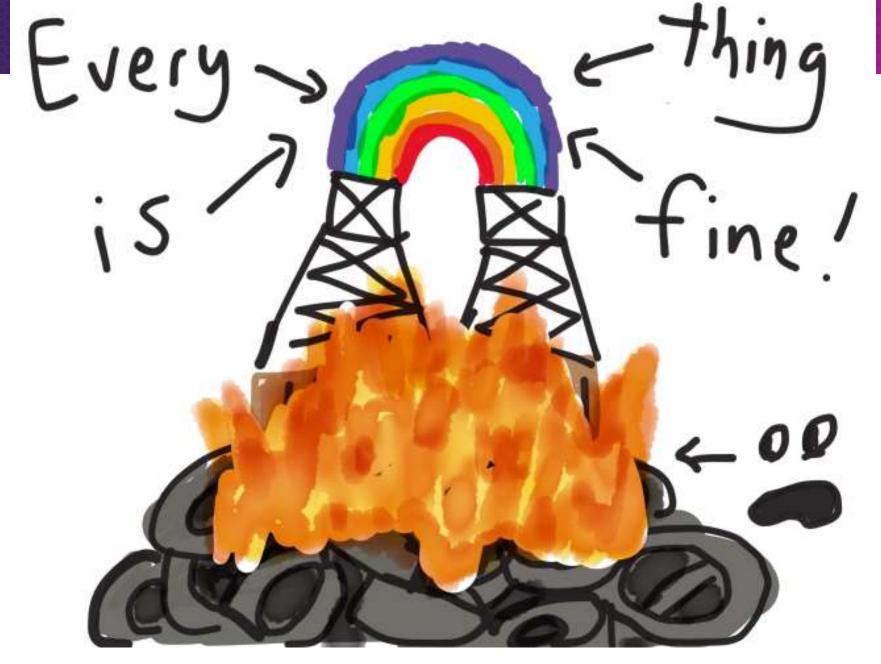


#### your environment

 how many concurrent users do you have right now?

what are your users doing in the app?

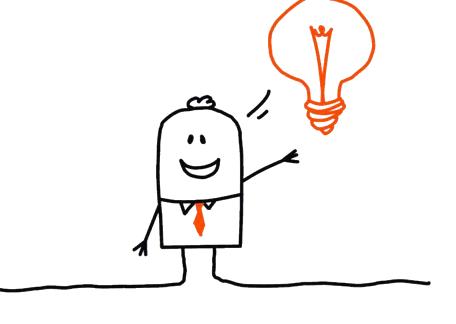




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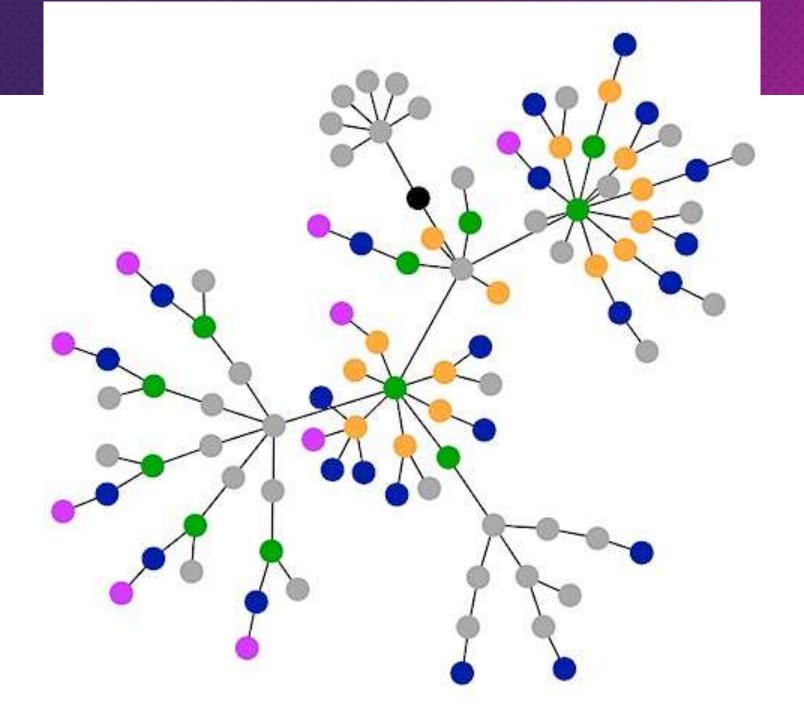


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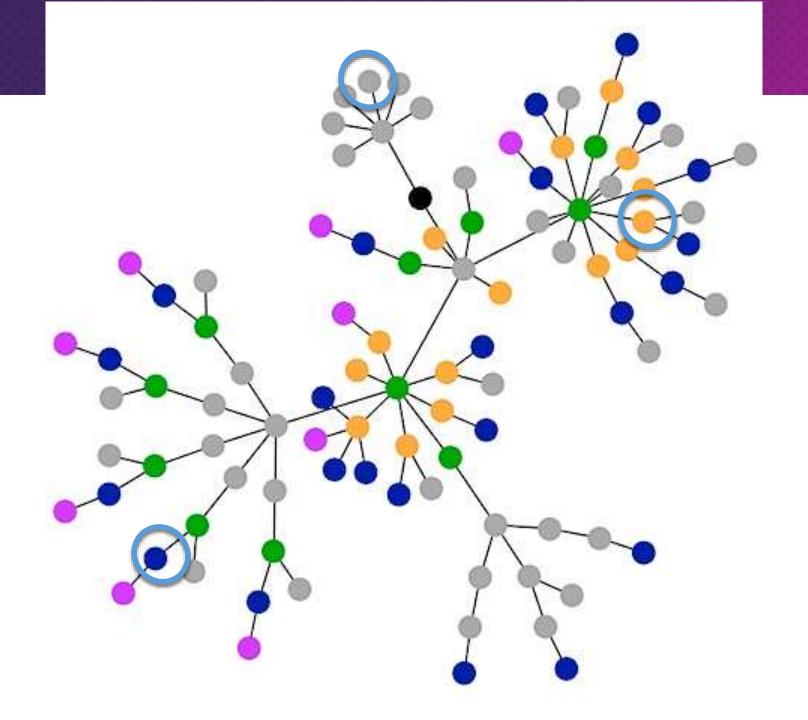


## Security defects are a subset of all defects











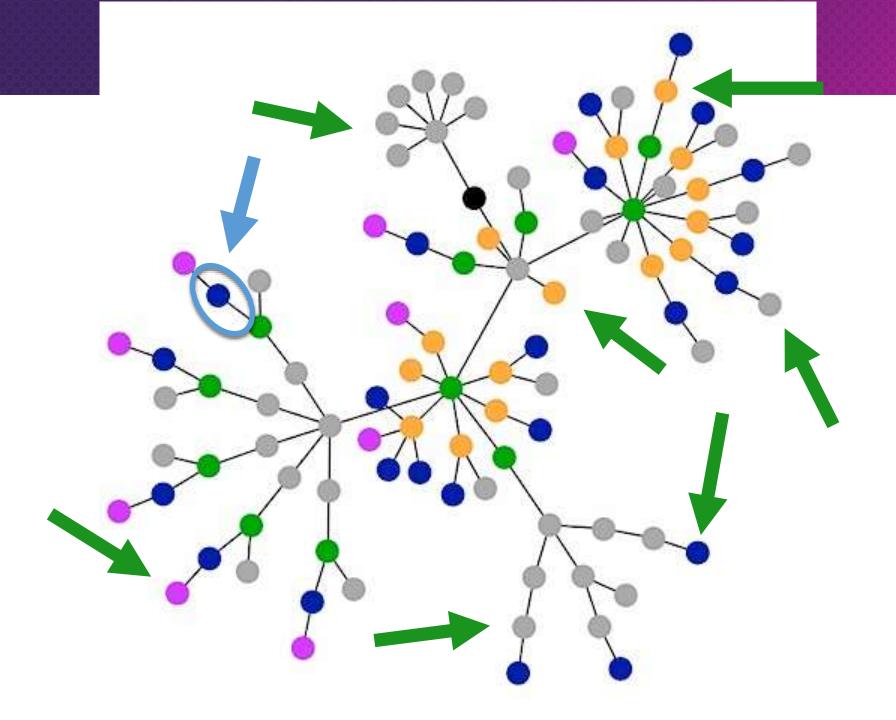
#### catching defects

- what do dev/qa do for functionality?
  - test [unit, integration, system, manual, tools]
- what do attackers do for security?
  - test [automated tools, manual]









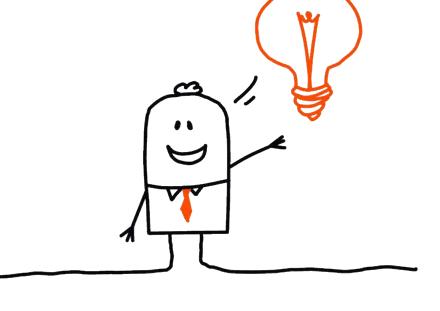


#### observations

- attackers do bad things
- bad things often easily recognizable (to you ... in your business ... if you're looking)
- attacker success often\* requires > 1 attempt



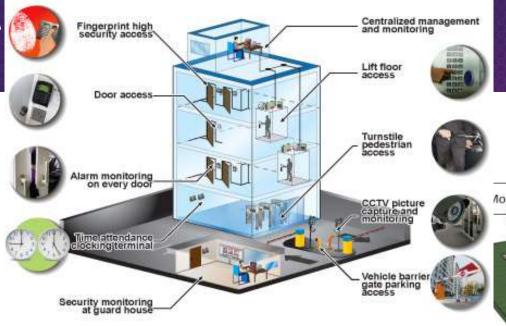




security defects exist

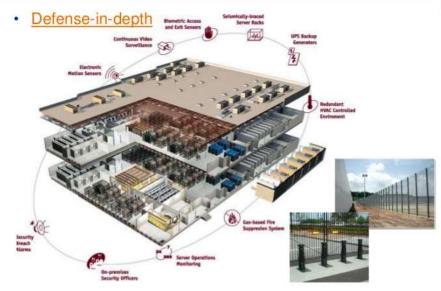
attackers don't magically know what's vulnerable

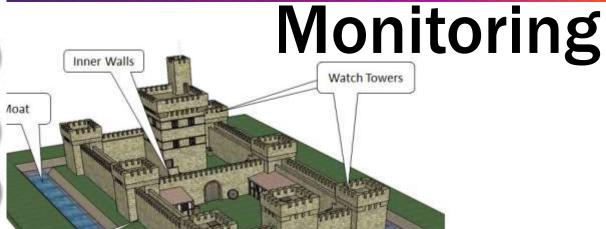




Security Countermeasures & Technologies

Strategic Approach to Physical Security ...(2/2)





Limited Entry

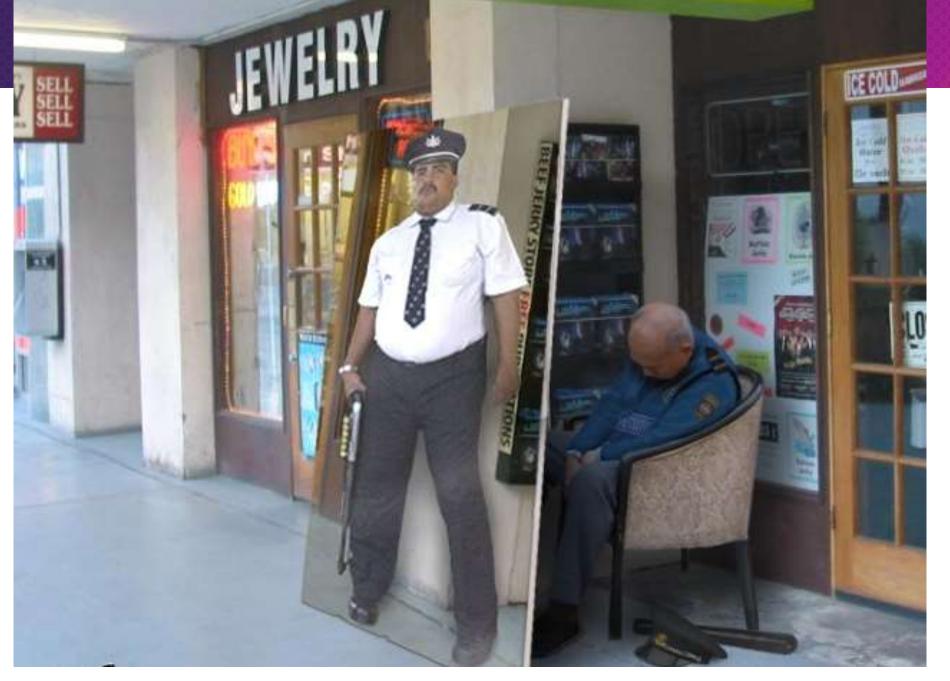
Points



**Guards Check** 

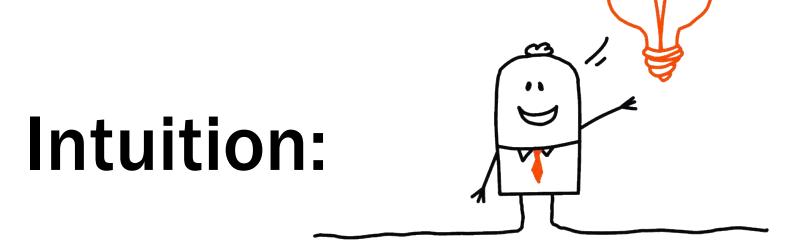
High Hard Walls





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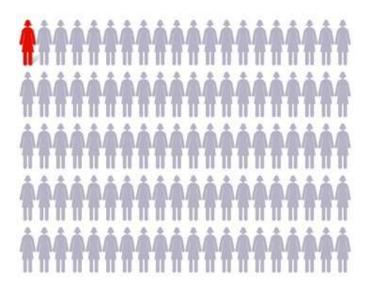
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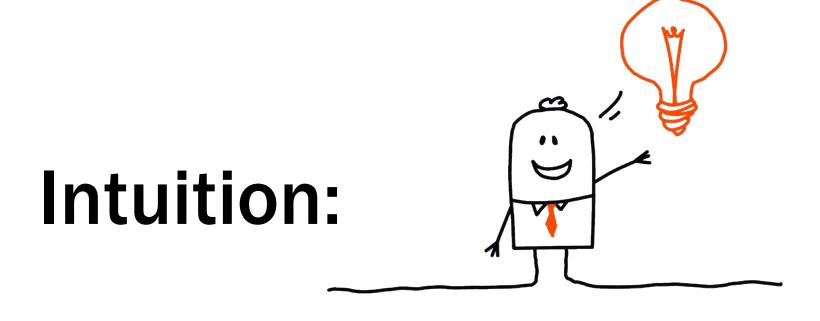
#### "security"

- 18.2 million devs
- 200K security (all, not appsec only)
- ~ 1.1 sec : 100 dev

• 1.75 sec : 100 dev (bsimm)







there will never be enough "security" people



#### security tooling

- a single mature, static language
- monolith
- http (really html) endpoints

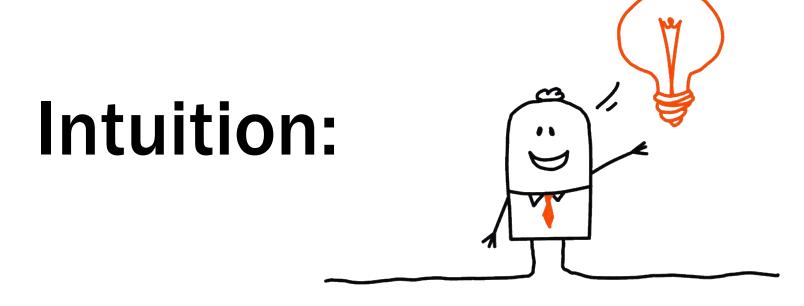


#### modern dev

- polyglot static and dynamic languages
- microservices / soa
- json, thrift, protobuf, grpc, etc. endpoints
- WebAssembly ???







"traditional" security tooling doesn't fit modern dev

... and is unlikely to be able to keep up



#### defender's dillemma

- attacker needs ONE successful attack
- defender \* must defend ALL attacks



<sup>\*</sup> you are defenders



#### in summary (so far) ...

- "traditional" security, dev, ops doesn't know what's going on in the app at runtime (holistically)
- security defects exist
- attackers don't magically know what's vulnerable
- existing (security) "monitoring" is usually terrible
- there will never be enough "security" people
- "traditional" security tooling doesn't fit modern dev

#### ... actual defense is \_really\_ hard



#### the pitch

(a humble proposal)





having to deal with [scale, speed, cloud, lack of environmental access]..

...this as of now incomplete transition...

..is a huge opportunity for improving security



## the pitch (#0)

• in addition to a secure SDLC ... (ie. > 1 request/attack)

• if you're not at this stage, work on it first





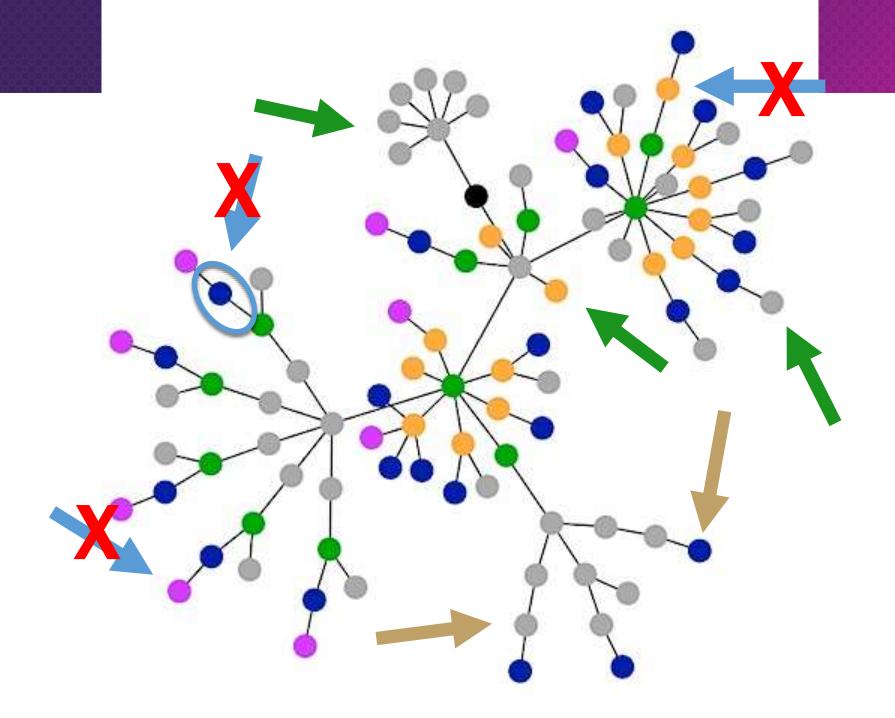
## the pitch

- figure out what's happening at runtime
- make intrusion detection primitives available in app
- exploit automated response > manual response
- stop attacker before success \*

  AppSensor
- get self-protecting applications and valuable intel

\* define success







# terminology

- event suspicious
- attack malicious (1 .. \* events)
- response take action (1.. 1 attack)
- detection point activity category (e.g. cookie modification)



... On the shoulders of giants ...

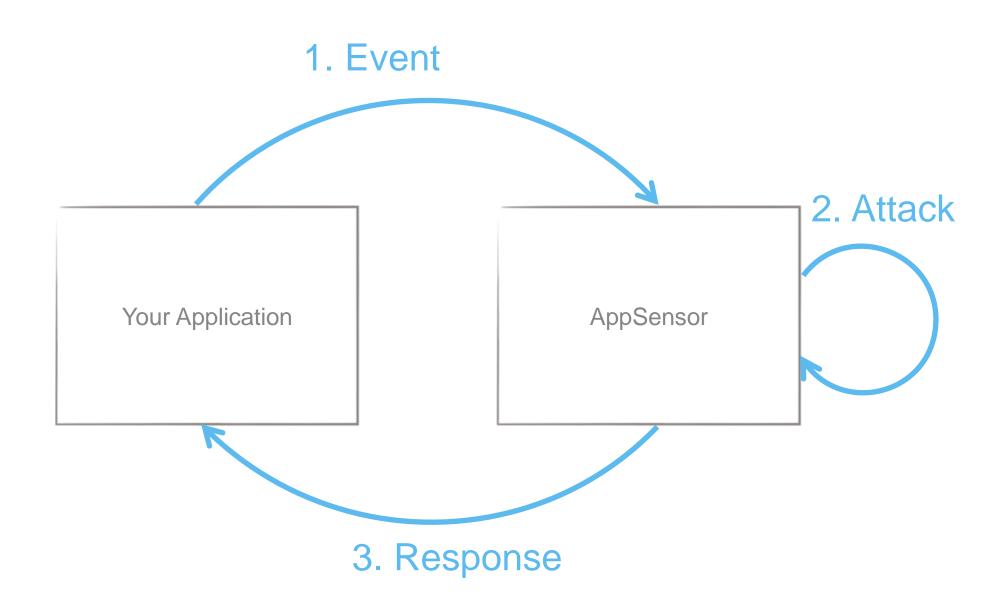




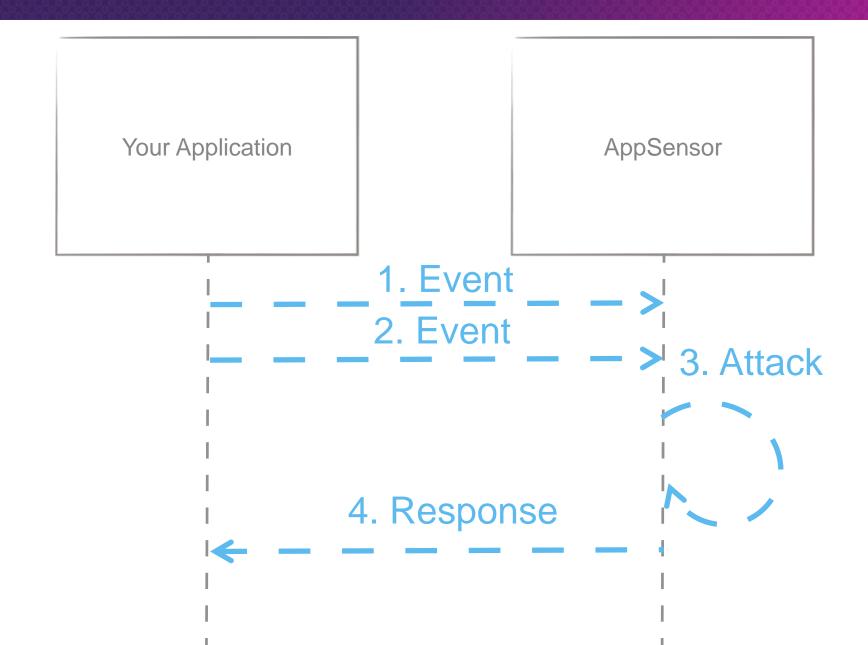
## the tech



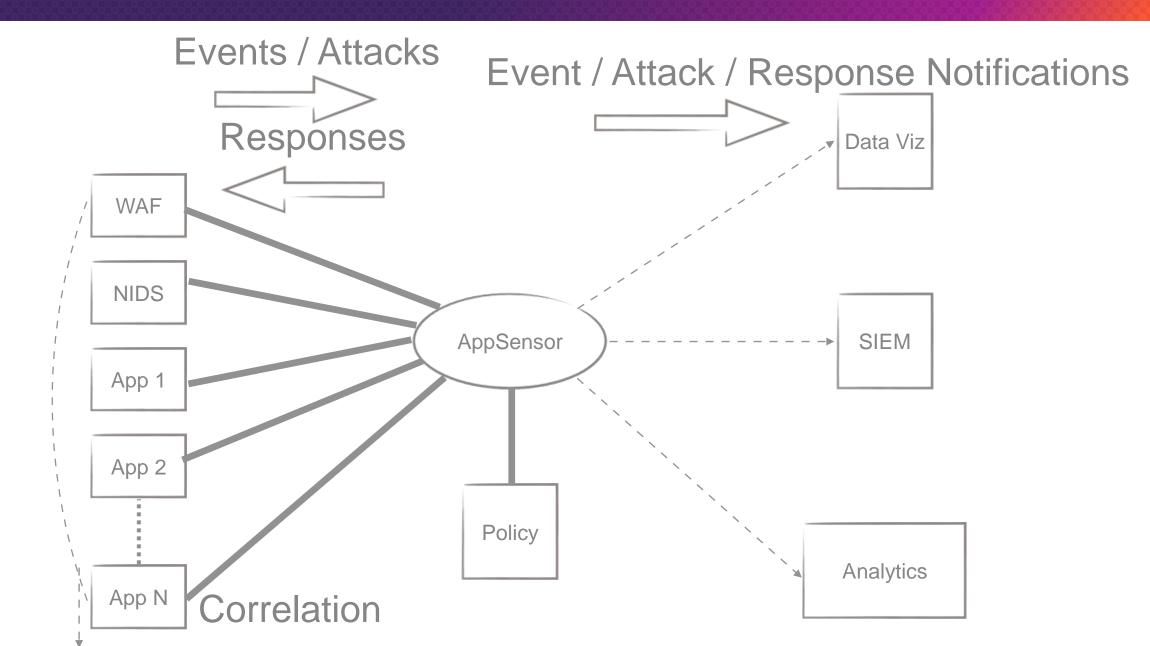




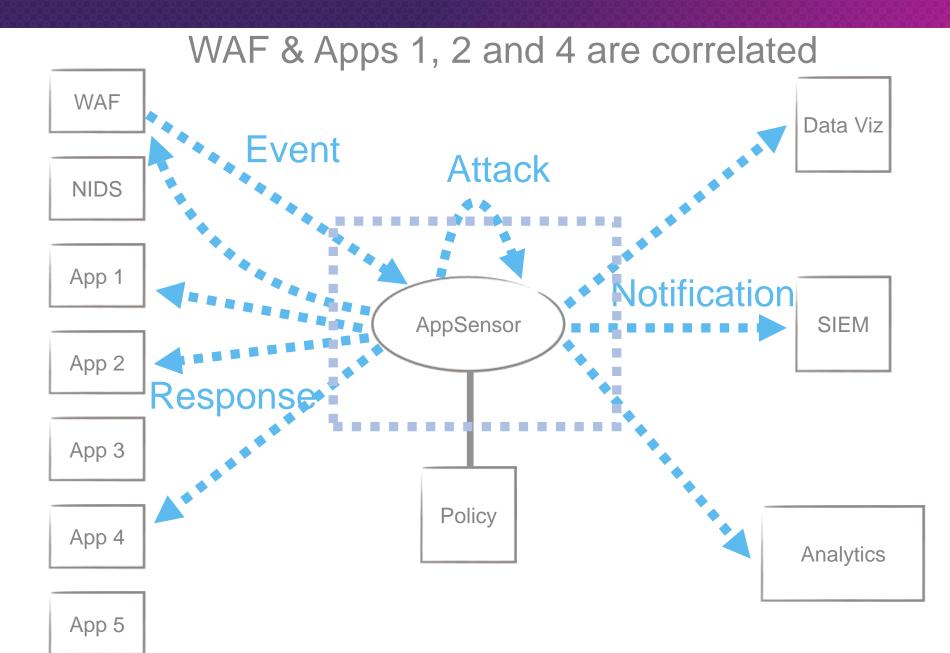




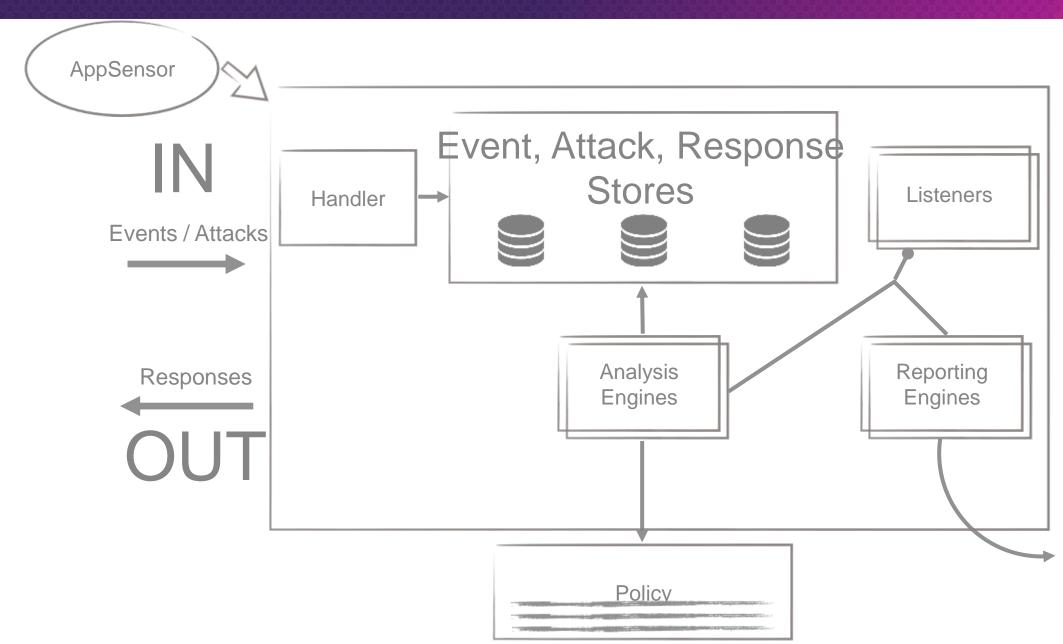














#### **Emitters**

- ELK
- CEF / Syslog
- Influx / Grafana
- WebSocket
- JMX
- Prometheus

#### Framework Integration

Spring Security

#### **Configuration**

· XML





#### **Execution Modes**

- REST
- Kafka
- ActiveMQ
- RabbitMQ
- Thrift
- SOAP
- embedded (jvm)

#### **Storage Providers**

- · JPA2
- ElasticSearch
- Mongo
- Riak
- Influx
- File
- In-memory (testing)



## adding detection points

- manually
- appsensor-reverse-proxy
- WAF (e.g. OWASP CRS in ModSecurity)



POST /account/transfer HTTP/1.1

Host: 127.0.0.1

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Win...)

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Referer: http://127.o.o.1/account.php

Cookie: PHPSESSID=l9...lgt5

Connection: keep-alive

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Content-Length: 30

from\_acct=xxx1234&to\_acct=xxx9876&amt=20.00





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Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Content-Length. 32

from\_acct=xxx1234&to\_acct=xxx9876&amt=20.00





```
@POST
public Response transfer(
    String from,
    String to,
    String amount) {
    transfer(from, to, amount);
    return Response.ok();
}
```



```
@POST
public Response transfer(
    String from,
    String to,
    String amount) {

    if ( currentUser.owns(from) ) {
        transfer(from, to, amount);
    }

    return Response.ok();
}
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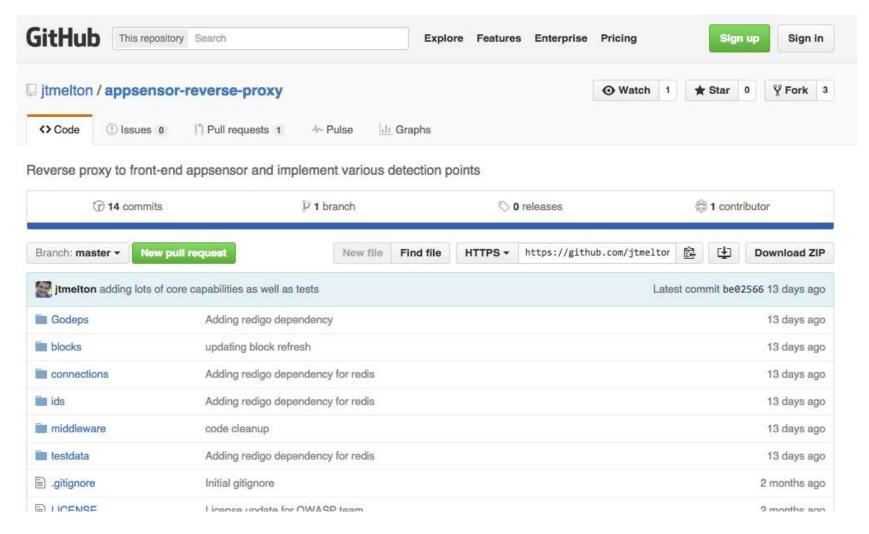
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   transfer(from, to, amount);
 } else {
   showErrorPage(); // normal error handling
 return Response.ok();
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@POST
public Response transfer(
   String from,
   String to,
   String amount) {
 if ( currentUser.owns(from) ) {
   transfer(from, to, amount);
 } else {
    appsensor.addEvent( new Event(currentUser, "ACE2") );
   showErrorPage(); // normal error handling
 return Response.ok();
```



## appsensor-reverse-proxy





#### **WAF**

- Send events and/or attacks
- Receive and process responses
- OWASP CRS in ModSecurity has AppSensor rules already
- https://www.trustwave.com/Resources/SpiderLabs-Blog/Implementing-AppSensor-Detection-Points-in-ModSecurity/



# viewing data

- ELK stack (OWASP SoC)
- influxdb / grafana (OWASP SoC)
- appsensor-ui

Month (1171 / 71) Week (1171 / 71) Day (1171 / 71) Shift (1172 / 71) Hour (1172 / 71)

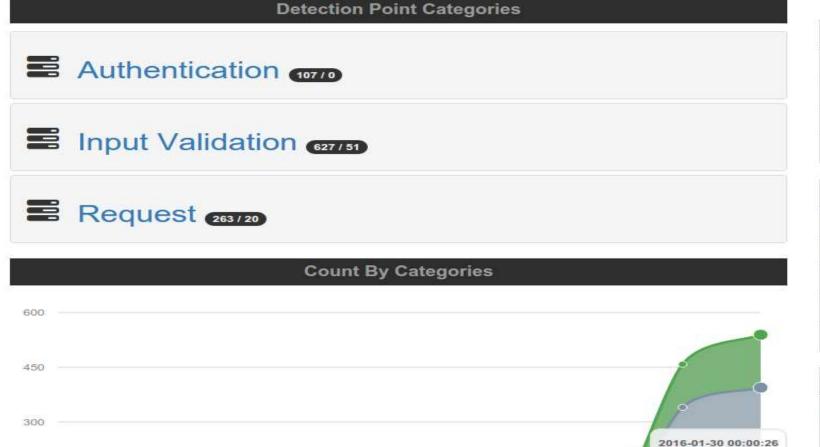
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Authentication: 61

Input Validation: 333

Request 145

00:00



23:30

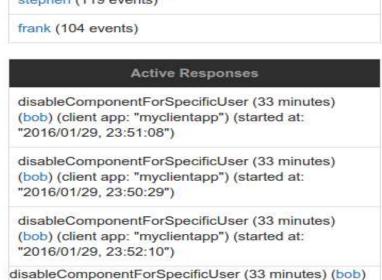
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23:15

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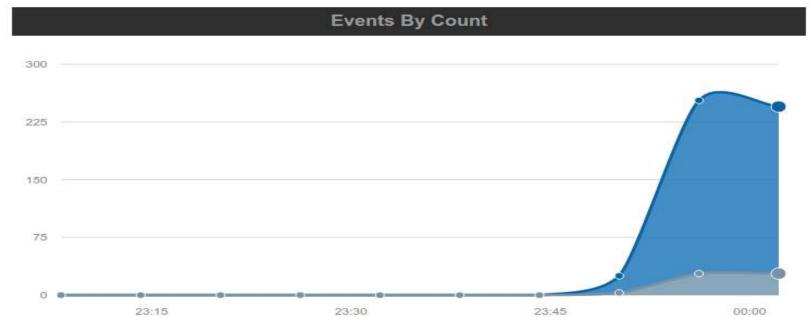
Activity Log (most recent)							
Туре	Category	From	То	Timestamp			
Event	RE3 (Request)	cherie (10.10.10.4) (-25.423505 / 27.106885)	myclientgeoapp2 (10.10.10.6) (-7.471493 / -47.248578)	2016-01- 30T05:01:55.574Z			
Event	IE1 (Input Validation)	stephen (10.10.10.3) (29.66889 / -8.576706)	myclientgeoapp3 (10.10.10.7) (59.164625 / 123.96234)	2016-01- 30T05:01:55.162Z			
Event	IE1 (Input Validation)	bob (10.10.10.1) (37.596758 / -121.647992)	myclientapp (no IP Address) (no geo)	2016-01- 30T05:01:54.796Z			
Event	AE4 (Authentication)	frank (10.10.10.1) (37.596758 / -121.647992)	myclientgeoapp3 (10.10.10.7) (59.164625 / 123.96234)	2016-01- 30T05:01:54.479Z			
Event	RE3 (Request)	bob (10.10.10.1) (37.596758 / -121.647992)	myclientapp (no IP Address) (no geo)	2016-01- 30T05:01:54.464Z			
Event	IE1 (Input Validation)	stephen (10.10.10.3) (29.66889 / -8.576706)	myclientgeoapp1 (10.10.10.5) (52.629678 / -7.873585)	2016-01- 30T05:01:54.150Z			
Event	IE2 (Input Validation)	cherie (10.10.10.4) (-25.423505 / 27.106885)	myclientgeoapp4 (10.10.10.8) (12.875989 / 77.5561)	2016-01- 30T05:01:52.986Z			
Event	IE2 (Input Validation)	bob (10.10.10.1) (37.596758 / -121.647992)	myclientapp (no IP Address) (no geo)	2016-01- 30T05:01:51,558Z			
Event	IE1 (Input Validation)	cherie (10.10.10.4) (-25.423505 / 27.106885)	myclientgeoapp3 (10.10.10.7) (59.164625 / 123.96234)	2016-01- 30T05:01:51.139Z			
Response	logout	myclientapp (no IP Address) (no geo)	bob (10.10.10.1) (37.596758 / -121.647992)	undefined			

(bob) (client app: "myclientapp") (started at: "2016/01/29, 23:50:29")

disableComponentForSpecificUser (33 minutes) (bob) (client app: "myclientapp") (started at: "2016/01/29, 23:52:10")

disableComponentForSpecificUser (33 minutes) (bob) (client app: "myclientapp") (started at: "2016/01/29, 23:52:46") disableComponentForSpecificUser (33 minutes) (bob) (client app: "myclientapp") (started at: "2016/01/29, 23:51:38")

#### Information For Detection Point IE1



2016-01-30 00:02:11

Events: 245 Attacks: 28

Category	User	Detection System	Timestamp
Input Validation	cherie	myclientgeoapp3	2016-01-30T05:02:11.232Z
Input Validation	bob	myclientapp	2016-01-30T05:02:09.907Z
Input Validation	bob	myclientapp	2016-01-30T05:02:08.887Z
Input Validation	frank	myclientgeoapp3	2016-01-30T05:02:08.220Z
Input Validation	bob	myclientapp	2016-01-30T05:02:05.867Z

Last Refresh: 2016-01-29T23:02:11-05:00

Seen By These Client Applications
myclientgeoapp1 (69 events)
myclientgeoapp2 (84 events)
myclientapp (297 events, 59 attacks)
myclientgeoapp3 (73 events)

Most Active Users					
bob (297 events)					
susan (67 events)					
cherie (60 events)					
stephen (53 events)					
frank (46 events)					

#### **Associated Configuration**

Category: Input Validation Threshold: 5 in 20 seconds

Responses:

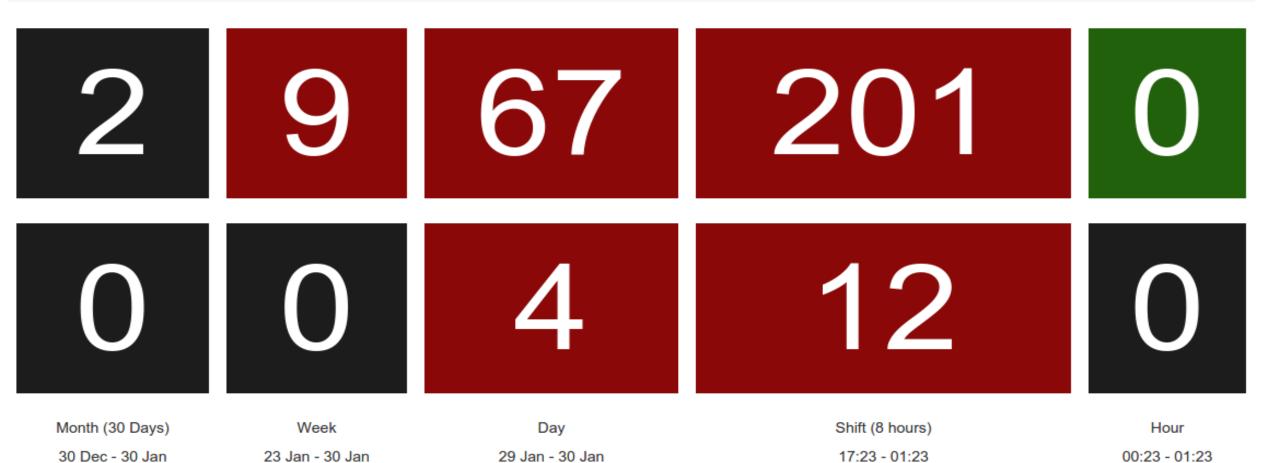
- · log (for 10 minutes)
- logout

Category: Input Validation Threshold: 30 in 1 minutes

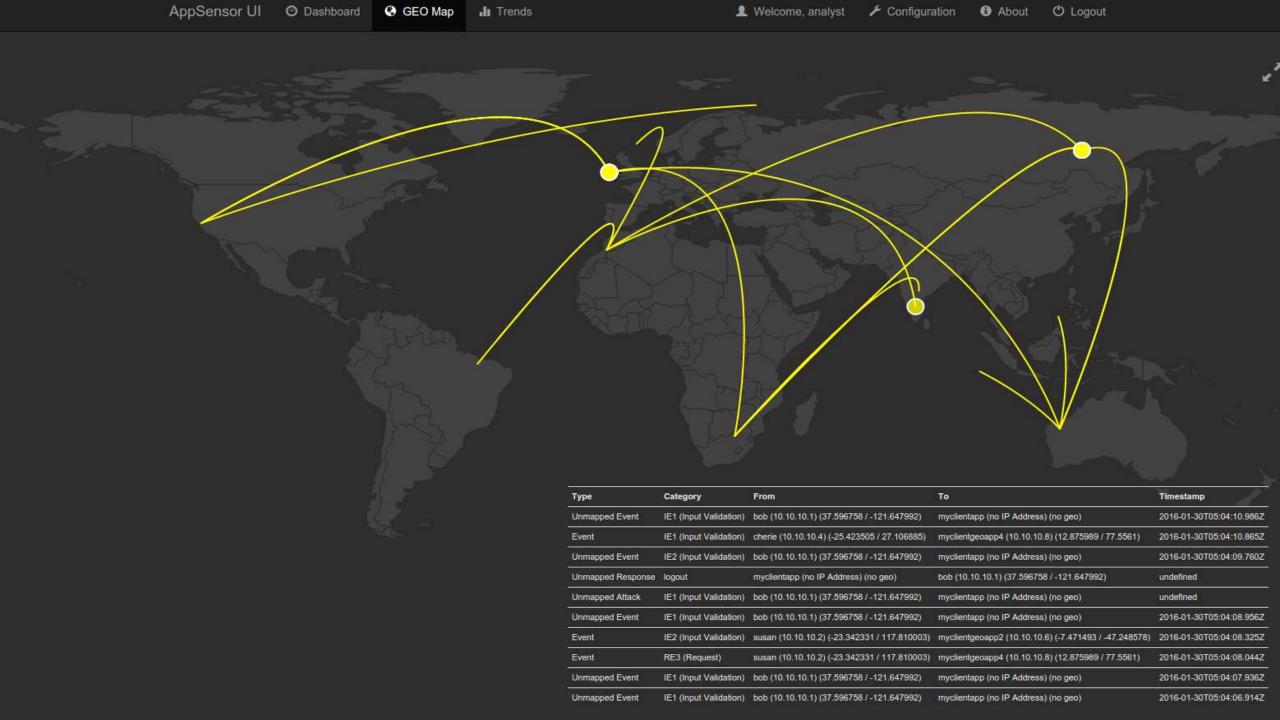
Responses:

- · disable (for 10 minutes)
- logout

#### **Trends**



Last updated: 2016/01/30, 01:23





## rules engine goals

- <u>Expand detection capabilities</u> by providing boolean logic and new span primitives
- Reduce false positives by leveraging several suspicious events to discover a malicious event



## rules engine

- Multiple sensors grouped into single "Rule" to trigger an attack
- Rule combines sensors with AND/OR/NOT/THEN operators
- Thresholds can be lowered without increasing false-positive rate because there are multiple indicators
  - I.e. many SUSPICIOUS factors can define a MALICIOUS factor



# example - default engine

Sensor1 - Multiple failed login attempts (50 attempts / 1 minute)

Rule: Sensor1



#### **AND**

Sensor1 - Multiple failed login attempts

Sensor2 - Use of blacklisted characters

Sensor3 - Password attempt too long

Sensor4 - Multiple usernames attempted from single IP

Rule: Sensor1 AND Sensor2 AND Sensor3 AND Sensor4



#### OR

Sensor1 - Multiple failed login attempts

Sensor2 - Use of blacklisted characters

Sensor3 - Password attempt too long

Sensor4 - Multiple users attempting to login from single IP

Rule: Sensor1 AND (Sensor2 OR Sensor3 OR Sensor4)



## **THEN**

Sensor1 - Use of blacklisted characters

Sensor2 - Large file upload

Sensor3 - Large file download

Sensor<sub>1</sub> THEN (Sensor<sub>2</sub> OR Sensor<sub>3</sub>)



### combination rules

Sensor<sub>1</sub> OR Sensor<sub>2</sub>

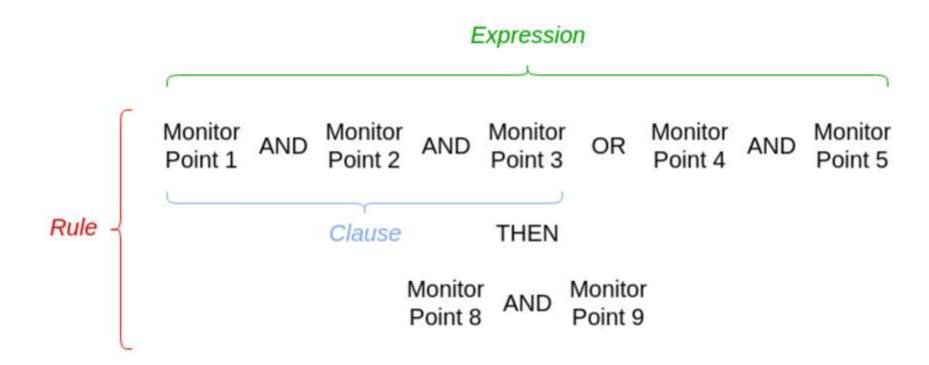
**THEN** 

Sensor<sub>3</sub> AND (Sensor<sub>4</sub> OR Sensor<sub>5</sub>)

**THEN** 

Sensor6 AND Sensor7 AND Sensor8 AND Sensor9 AND Sensor10







# **Under the Hood**

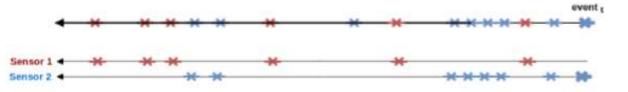




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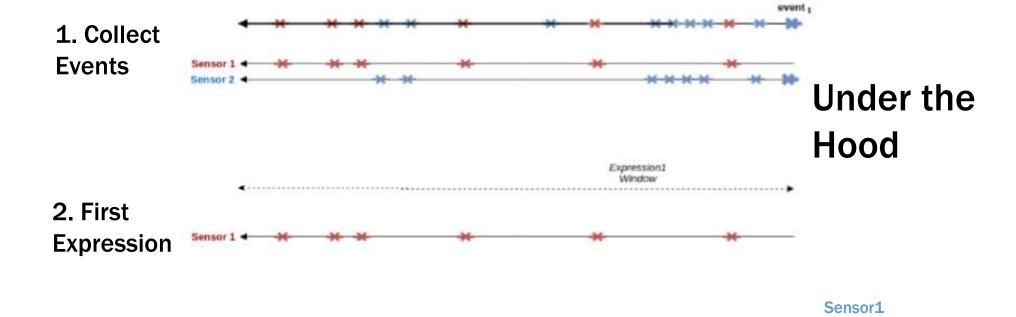


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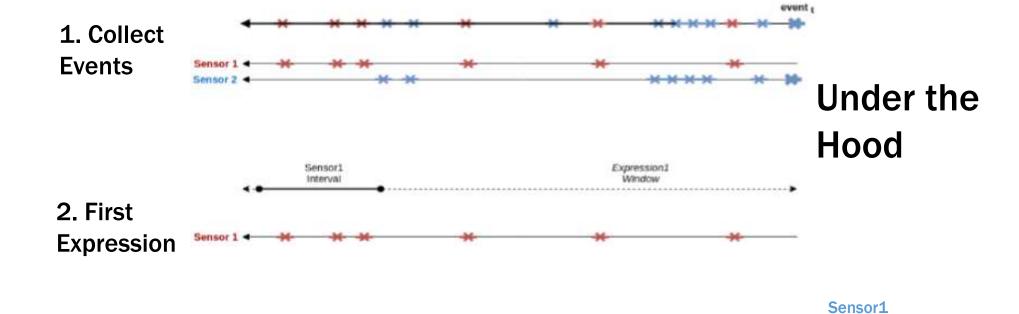
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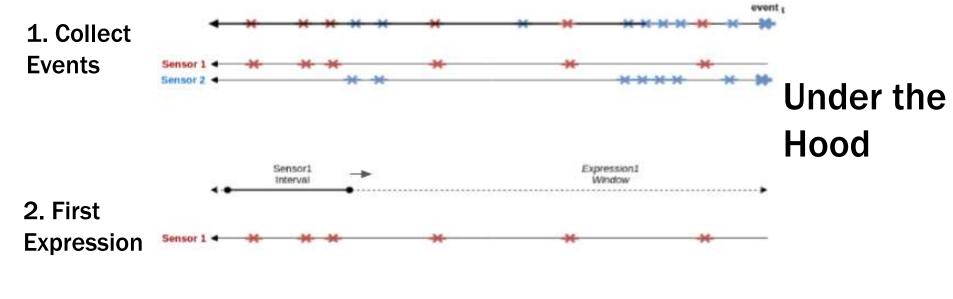
THEN
Sensor2



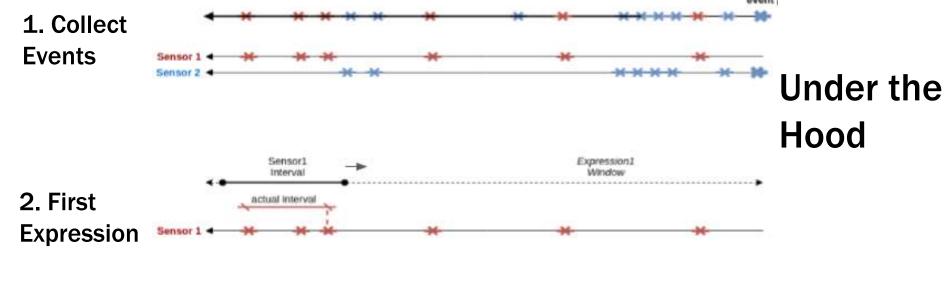


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Sensor2

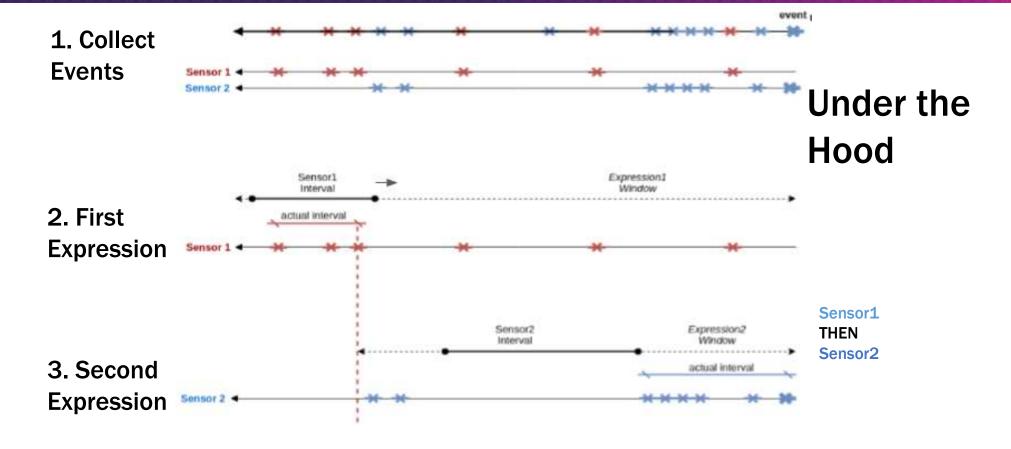




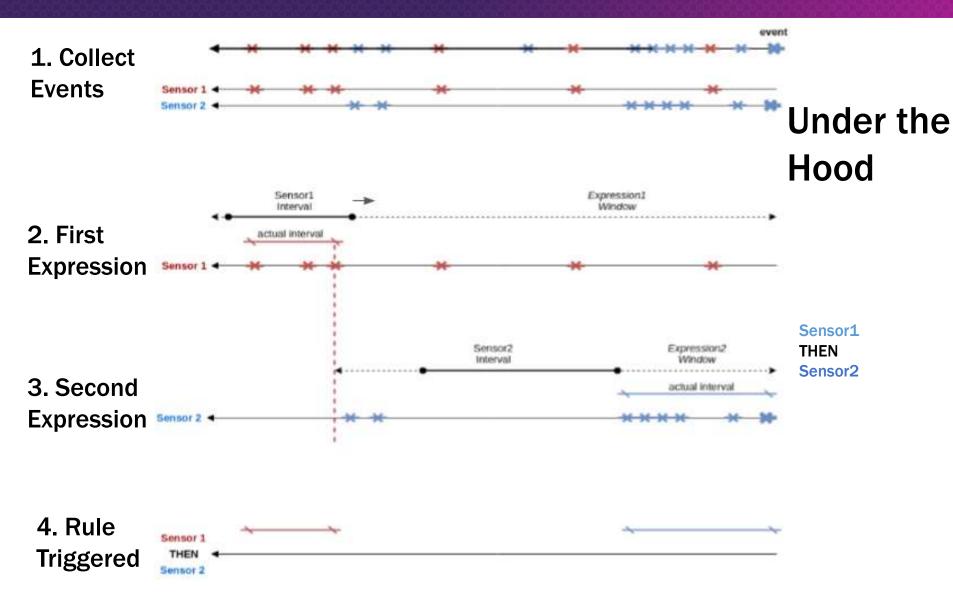














## analysis engines

Basic

**Trend** 

Machine Learning

Rules

Simple thresholds

Large user changes in user base or application

**Anomaly Detection** 

Aggregation of simple thresholds

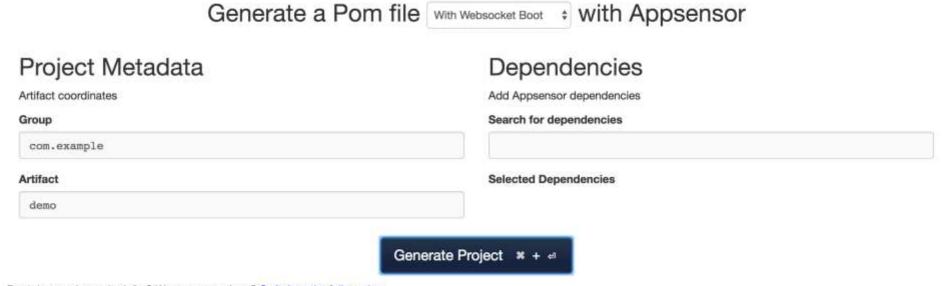


### server assembler

- Generate your server app!
- Easily select your components and generate a proper app
- Instructions for what config changes to make (db passwords, header names, etc.)



#### APPSENSOR STARTER



Don't know what to look for? Want more options? Switch to the full version.



Too many options? Switch back to the simple version.

#### **Execution Modes** □ ActiveMQ It is ActiveMQ RabbitMQ Follow the Rabbit □ Kafka The Kafka ☐ Thrift Thrift! Rest Just like all the rest Soap Clean up

Generate Project # + #

G	eolocators
	Appsensor Geolocation - GeolP2
	Geolocate everyone
Ir	ntegrations
0	CEF over Syslog
	All Syslog all the time
	InfluxDB
	Acid Influx DB
	JMX
	To JMX or not to JMX
	Prometheus
	And Bob
	Spring Security
	Secure all the Springs



#### Reporting Engines

☐ Simple Logging Log simple

□ WebSocket

Socket all the Webs

#### Storage Providers

□ In Memory
□ Do it in memory
□ Flat file on disk
□ The flatter the file...
□ InfluxDB
□ Influx the DB
□ Jpa2
□ Basically any SQL-compliant DB
□ Elastic Search
□ Search with Elastic
□ MongoDB
■ Mongo
□ Riak

Generate Project # + @

riak



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mvnw.cmd	Today, 9:46 AM	5 KB	Docum
pom.xml	Today, 9:46 AM	11 KB	XML
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```
package com.example;
import org.owasp.appsensor.core.AppSensorClient;
import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.EnableAutoConfiguration;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.ComponentScan;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.FilterType;
import org.springframework.web.socket.server.standard.ServerEndpointExporter;
@Configuration
@EnableAutoConfiguration
@ComponentScan(value="com.example", excludeFilters = @ComponentScan.Filter(value = AppSensorClient.class, type =
FilterType.ASSIGNABLE_TYPE))
public class DemoApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(DemoApplication.class, args);
    @Bean
    public ServerEndpointExporter serverEndpointExporter() {
        return new ServerEndpointExporter();
```



## wrap-up





## related projects

- repsheet
- ensnare
- fido
- riemann

- apache eagle
- devsecops
- elastalert
- fouroneone



# pick a tool (or 2) ...

but use the idea



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### links

- https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\_AppSensor\_Project (download book, dev guide, etc.)
- http://appsensor.org/ (end user / dev docs)
- https://github.com/jtmelton/appsensor



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