

# Lecture 2

## Threat Modeling

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# Agenda

1. Vulnerabilities in the news: Adobe flash player vulnerability by Manjiri Birajdar
2. SSD Labs by Lisa
3. Lecture by Sven Törpe and Andreas Poller from Fraunhofer SIT

# Survey

Thanks to the students who took the survey (even incomplete).



# SVN

- The SVN for the course is now available  
<https://repository.st.informatik.tu-darmstadt.de/sse/secdev/2015/>
- Accessible from the TU network
  - VPN information: [http://www.hrz.tu-darmstadt.de/netz/netz\\_datennetz\\_internet\\_1/netz\\_datennetz\\_internet\\_vpn\\_1/netz\\_vpn\\_downloads\\_1/index.de.jsp](http://www.hrz.tu-darmstadt.de/netz/netz_datennetz_internet_1/netz_datennetz_internet_vpn_1/netz_vpn_downloads_1/index.de.jsp)

# Labs

- Only the groups who have registered through the **form** (not the spreadsheet) will be registered for the labs
- The registered groups are considered **final**
- Group numbers will be communicated via the students' TU emails
- Groups with at least one member not registered in TUCaN will **not** be registered
- Groups **not** submitting on time will **not** be graded

# Responsible Disclosure

- When finding vulnerabilities:
  - No disclosure
  - Limited disclosure
  - Full disclosure
  - Responsible disclosure
- Balance between
  - Informing the public
  - Giving the vendor's time to respond properly



# Responsible Disclosure

- It is tempting to gloat ...

Look at me! I did it!



The vulnerability  
in the powerplant's  
control system  
is right here!

# Responsible Disclosure

- ... but it is also dangerous to the public ...





# Responsible Disclosure

- ... and to yourself



# Responsible Disclosure

➤ What is responsible disclosure?

Keep silent



Inform vendors



Wait



Gloat moderately



- Short term anonymous buzz

+ Long lasting reputation

# Responsible Disclosure

- Responsible disclosure
  - Is encouraged, and sometimes rewarded

Google Application Security G+1

Home Learning Reward Programs **Hall of Fame** Research



### The "0x0A List"

The table below lists our best bug reporters since we launched Google's vulnerability reward program back in [available here](#).

**Congratulations to the current group!**

What factors influence the ranking?

- **Volume:** The more valid bug reports you've sent in, the more points you get. Points are deducted for sp
- **Severity:** For those bugs, how severe are they? Better bugs earn more points.
- **Recency:** The most recent bug reports receive maximum value. Bug reports older than 6 months lose a 50%.
- **Charity:** If you give, you receive a bump to your score.

Rank	Profile	Website
0x00	 <b>Nils Juenemann</b>	<a href="https://www.nilsjuenemann.de/">https://www.nilsjuenemann.de/</a>
		

### Reward amounts

**New!** To read more about our approach to vulnerability rewards you can read our Bug Hunter University article [here](#).

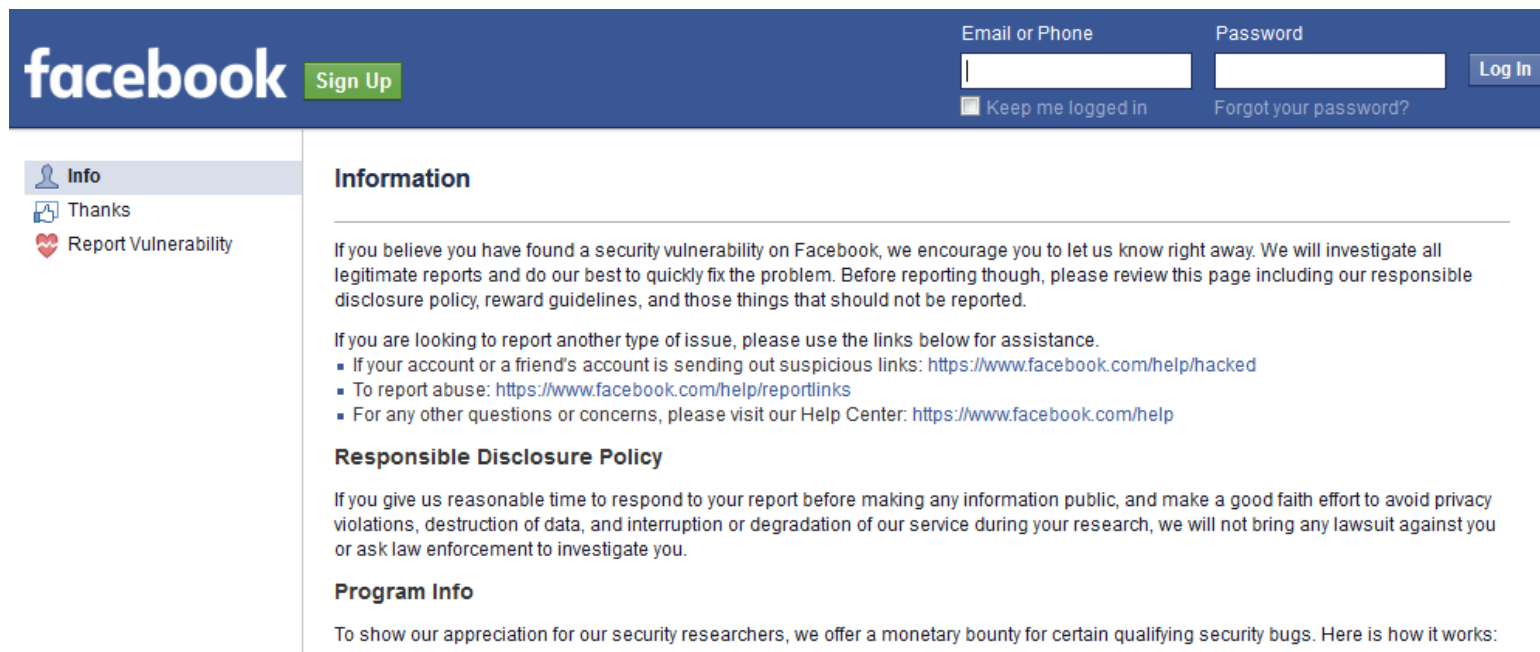
Rewards for qualifying bugs range from \$100 to \$20,000. The following table outlines the usual rewards chosen for the most common classes of bugs:

Category	Examples	Applications that permit taking over a Google account [1]	Other highly sensitive applications [2]	Normal Google applications	Non-integrated acquisitions and other sandboxed or lower priority applications [3]
Vulnerabilities giving direct access to Google servers					
Remote code execution	<i>Command injection, deserialization bugs, sandbox escapes</i>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$1,337 - \$5,000
Unrestricted file system or database access	<i>Unsandboxed XXE, SQL injection</i>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$1,337 - \$5,000
Logic flaw bugs leaking or bypassing significant security controls	<i>Direct object reference, remote user impersonation</i>	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$500
Vulnerabilities giving access to client or authenticated session of the logged-in victim					
Execute code on the client	<i>Web: Cross-site scripting Mobile: Code execution</i>	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$3,133.7	\$100
Other valid security vulnerabilities	<i>Web: CSRF, Clickjacking Mobile: Information leak, privilege escalation</i>	\$500 - \$7,500	\$500 - \$5,000	\$500 - \$3,133.7	\$100

[1] For example, for web properties this includes some vulnerabilities in Google Accounts (<https://accounts.google.com/>)

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The screenshot shows the Facebook login and navigation bar at the top. The navigation bar includes the Facebook logo, a 'Sign Up' button, and login fields for 'Email or Phone' and 'Password' with a 'Log In' button. Below the navigation bar is a left sidebar with links: 'Info', 'Thanks', and 'Report Vulnerability'. The main content area is titled 'Information' and contains the following text:

If you believe you have found a security vulnerability on Facebook, we encourage you to let us know right away. We will investigate all legitimate reports and do our best to quickly fix the problem. Before reporting though, please review this page including our responsible disclosure policy, reward guidelines, and those things that should not be reported.

If you are looking to report another type of issue, please use the links below for assistance.

- If your account or a friend's account is sending out suspicious links: <https://www.facebook.com/help/hacked>
- To report abuse: <https://www.facebook.com/help/reportlinks>
- For any other questions or concerns, please visit our Help Center: <https://www.facebook.com/help>

**Responsible Disclosure Policy**

If you give us reasonable time to respond to your report before making any information public, and make a good faith effort to avoid privacy violations, destruction of data, and interruption or degradation of our service during your research, we will not bring any lawsuit against you or ask law enforcement to investigate you.

**Program Info**

To show our appreciation for our security researchers, we offer a monetary bounty for certain qualifying security bugs. Here is how it works:

# Responsible Disclosure

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**GitHub Security** Leaderboard Rules Open bounties FAQs Bounty hunters Submit a vulnerability

## GitHub Security Bug Bounty

Software security researchers engaging with Internet companies and others have helped to create a more secure community. Our bounty program rewards these researchers and provides them with financial incentives for their efforts.

If you've found a vulnerability, find more information in the [GitHub Security Bug Bounty](#) page. Also check the current ranking of bounty hunters.

Happy bug hunting!

### Leaderboard

These are the current top 10 bounty hunters based on total points earned across all targets. For listings by target, visit their individual [pages](#). For the full list of contributors, check out [GitHub's bounty hunters](#).

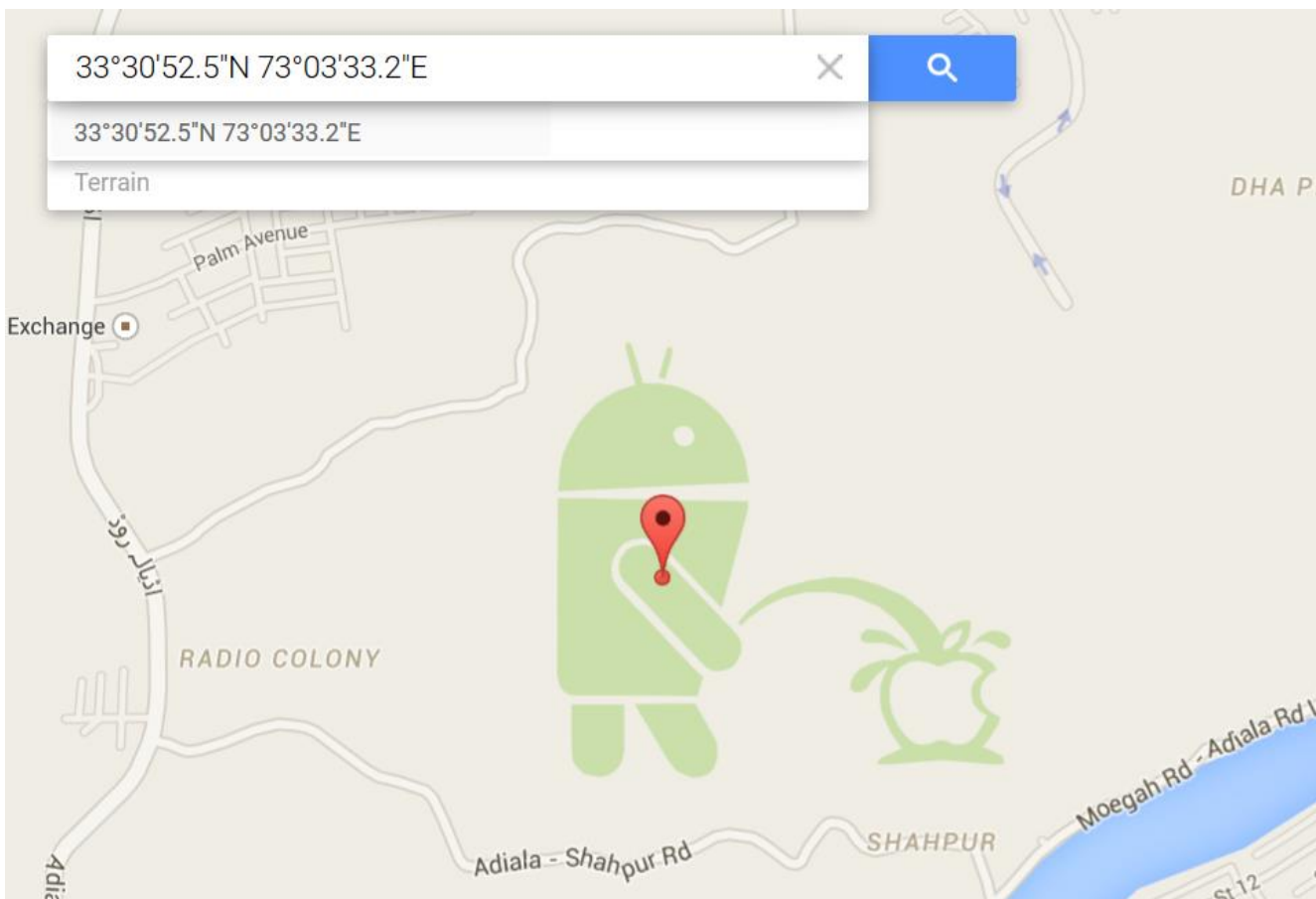
Rank	Name	Handle	Points
1	Aleksandr Dobkin	@adob	25,750 pts
2	joernchen of Phenoelit	@joernchen	10,500 pts
3	Egor Homakov	@homakov	5,750 pts
4	Jon	@bitquark	3,600 pts
5	Choongwoo Han	@tunz	3,500 pts
6	Giancarlo Canales Barreto	@gcanalesb	3,000 pts
7	Stefan Sundin	@stefansundin	2,500 pts
8	Mathias Karlsson		

# Examples of Responsible Disclosure

- 769 Google Security Reward recipients between 2010 and 2015
- 519 people additionally reported confirmed vulnerabilities
- 155 GitHub bounty hunters since June 2013
- And many more, especially in research groups

<https://www.google.com/about/appsecurity/>  
<https://bounty.github.com/>

# Example of Irresponsible Disclosure



- Why is this an irresponsible disclosure?
- What should the bug finder have done?

# Responsible Disclosure

- We encourage you to find flaws
- BUT do it ethically.
- From now on in this course:
  - Responsible disclosure will be rewarded
  - Irresponsible disclosure will be sanctioned



# Lab 1

- Students will choose one of two subjects:
  - Set-UID
  - Web same-origin policy
- Available on TUCAN and the course's webpage
- Due: **Thursday, Nov 5th, 23:59**

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# Secure Software Development Course

## **Threat Modeling**

Sven Türpe, Andreas Poller

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# Introduction to Threat Modeling

# Lets talk about threats!



# What is a threat?

## Definition..

- "A threat is an intent to inflict damage on a system." (Landwehr 2001)
- "A threat consists of an adverse action performed by a threat agent on an asset." (Common Criteria)
- "Who might attack against what assets, using what resources, with what goal in mind, when/where/why, and with what probability." (Johnston 2010)
- "Threats remain ideas until practical examples have been demonstrated." (Schäfer 2009)
- "A threat is a potential cause of an unwanted incident." (Lund 2011)

# What is a threat?

More definitions..

- "A threat is an entity that wants to do harm to you or something you care about"  
(<http://www.bitsmasherpress.com/?p=67>)
- "intended cause" (Pieters 2011)
- "A potential for harm of an asset." (Yoshioka 2008)
- "Threats are the likelihood of, or potential for, hazardous events occurring." (Schumacher 2006)
- "A threat is the potential for abuse of an asset that will cause harm in the context of the problem" (Haley 2004)
- "Threat is a general condition, situation, or state ([...]) that may result in one or more related attacks" (Firesmith 2004)

# The concept of „threats“ is ....

- ... ambiguous
- ... approached from various perspectives
- ... subjective dependent on *who* talks about threats
- ... often used inappropriately (e.g. as synonym for vulnerabilities)
- ... but crucial to understand security problem at hand.

# Components of a Security Problem



No encryption  
Software defects  
Mobile gadget

## Vulnerabilities

## Threats

Petty criminals  
Organized crime  
Law enforcement

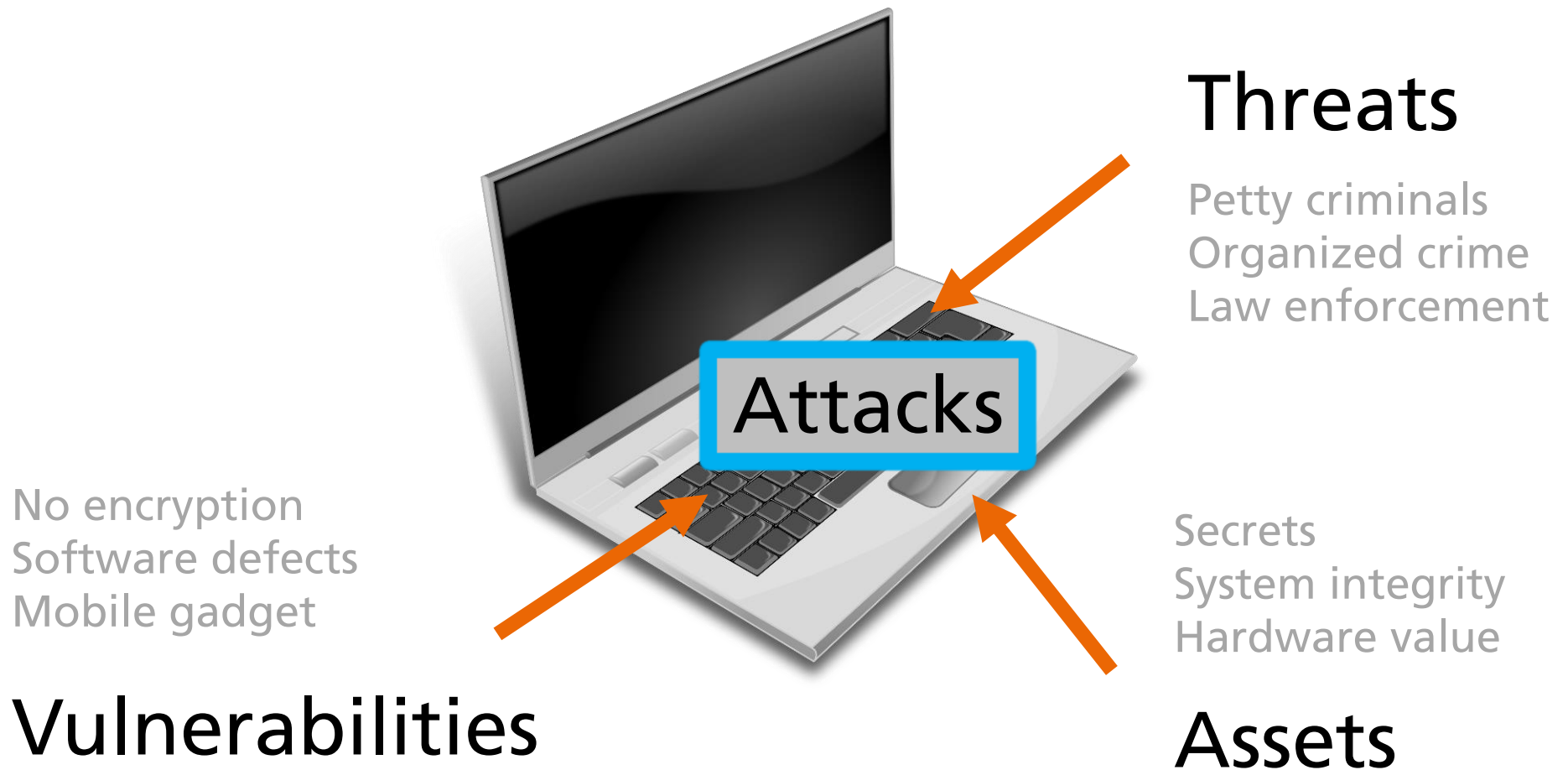
Secrets  
System integrity  
Hardware value

## Assets

(all going after assets..)



# Components of a Security Problem



# Approaches to Threat Modeling



## Attacker-Centric

Who are my opponents?  
How will they act?

How am I vulnerable?  
What can attacks achieve?

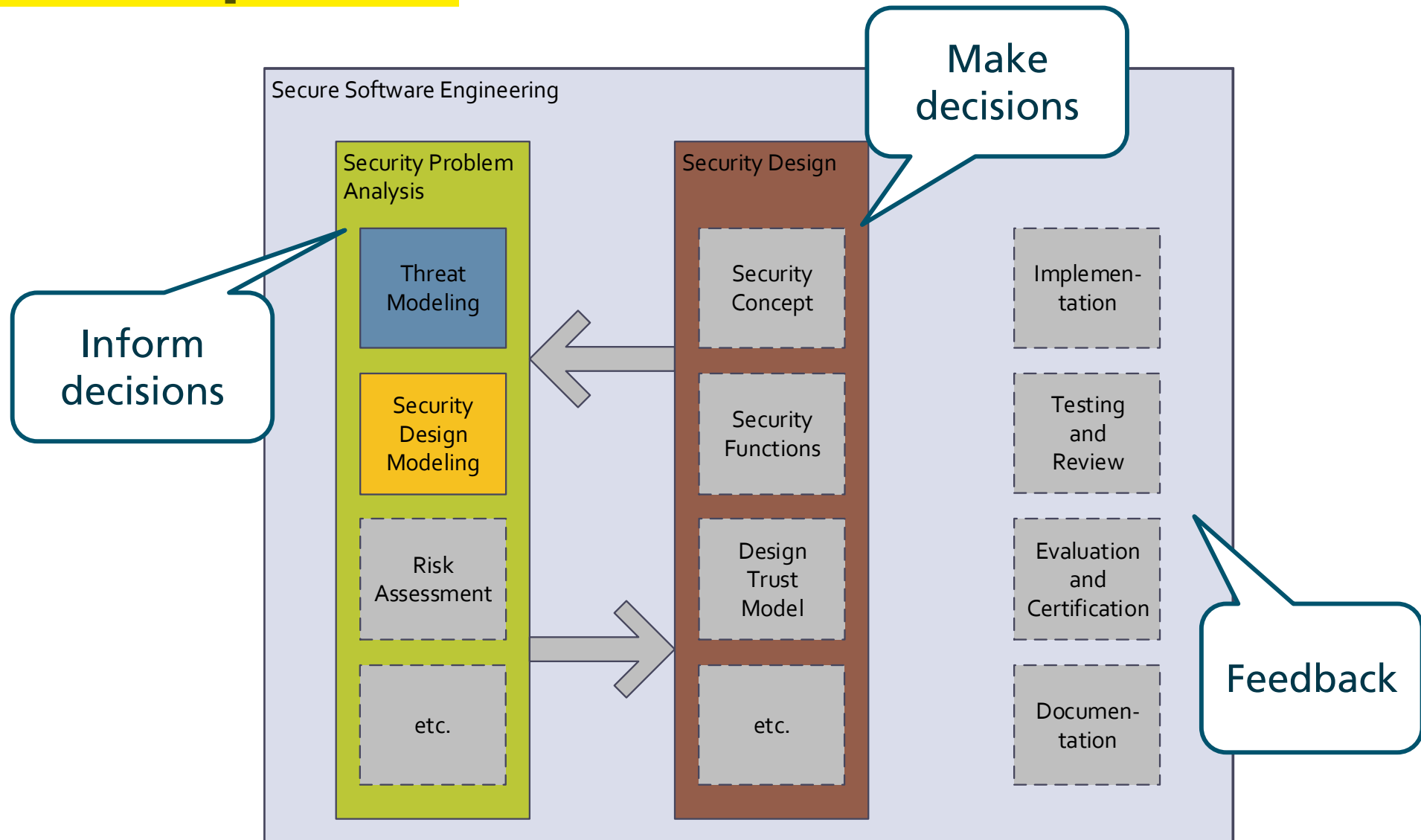
## Software-Centric

What's there to protect?  
What would hurt me?

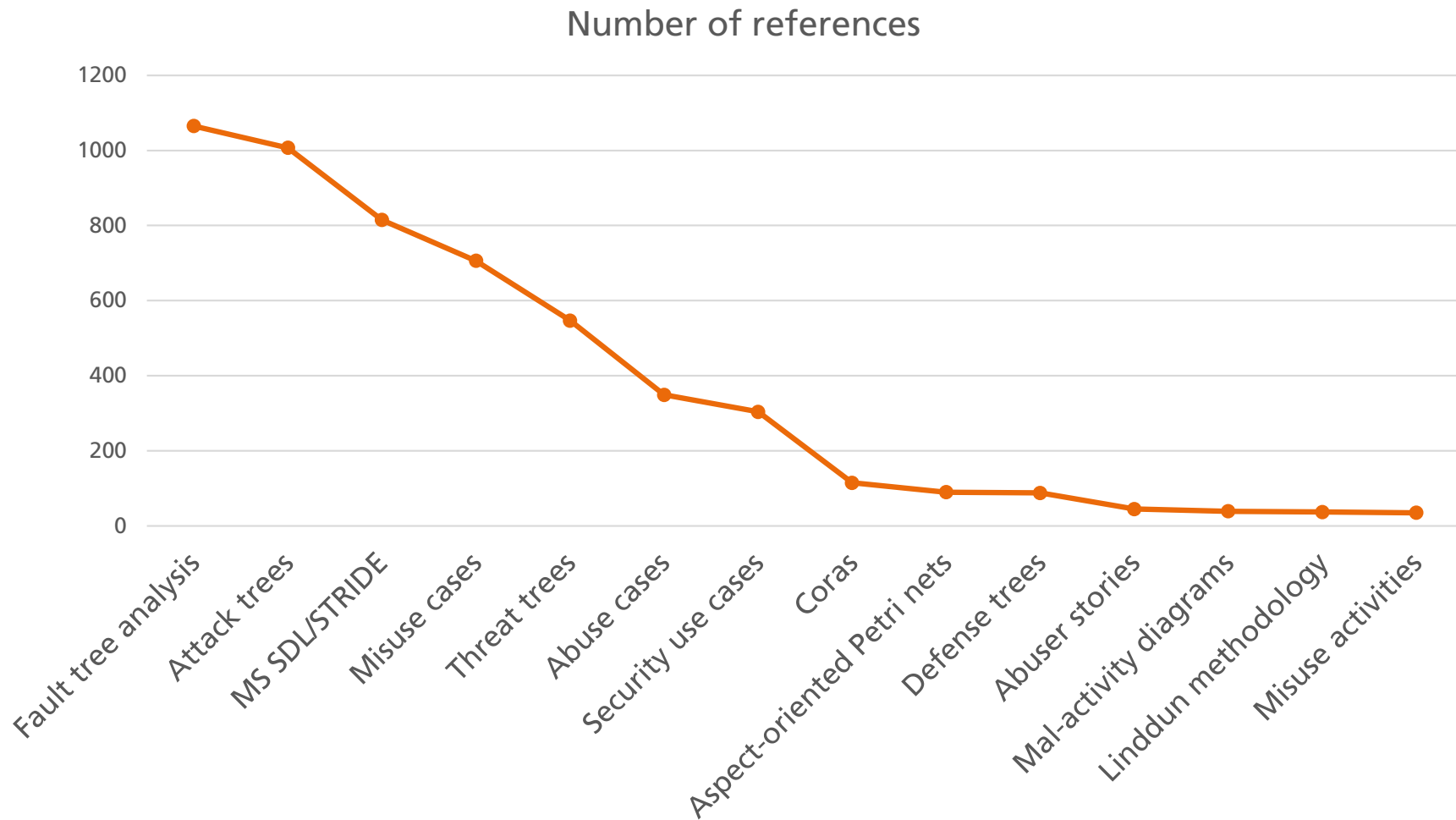
## Asset-Centric

# Threat Modeling as a Development Activity

# Threat Modeling in Software Development

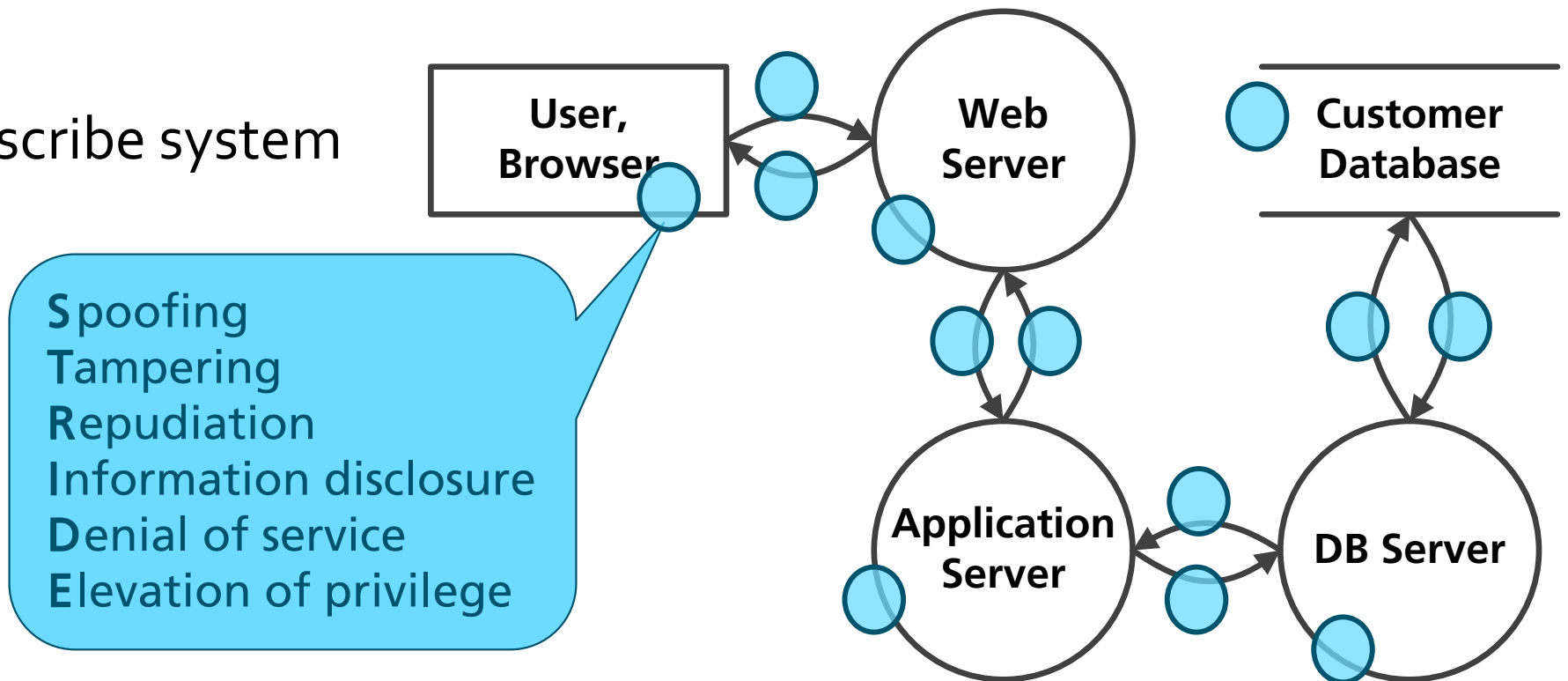


# Threat Modeling Techniques



# MS SDL Threat Modeling

## 1. Describe system

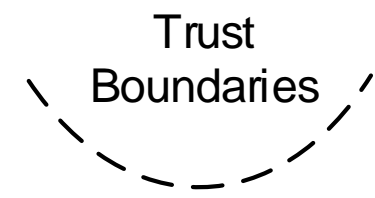
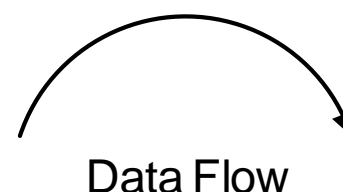
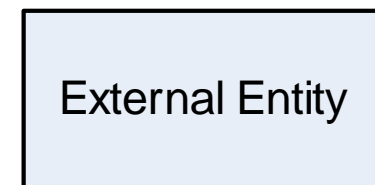
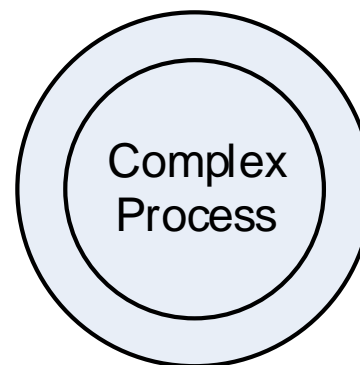
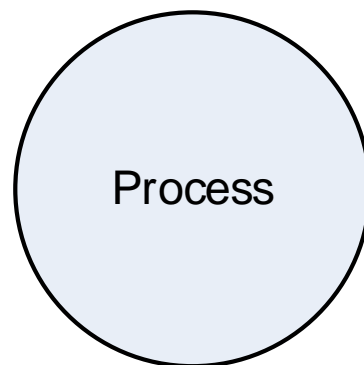


## 2. Create checklist

## 3. Assess impact and find countermeasures for each item

# STRIDE, Data Flow Diagrams

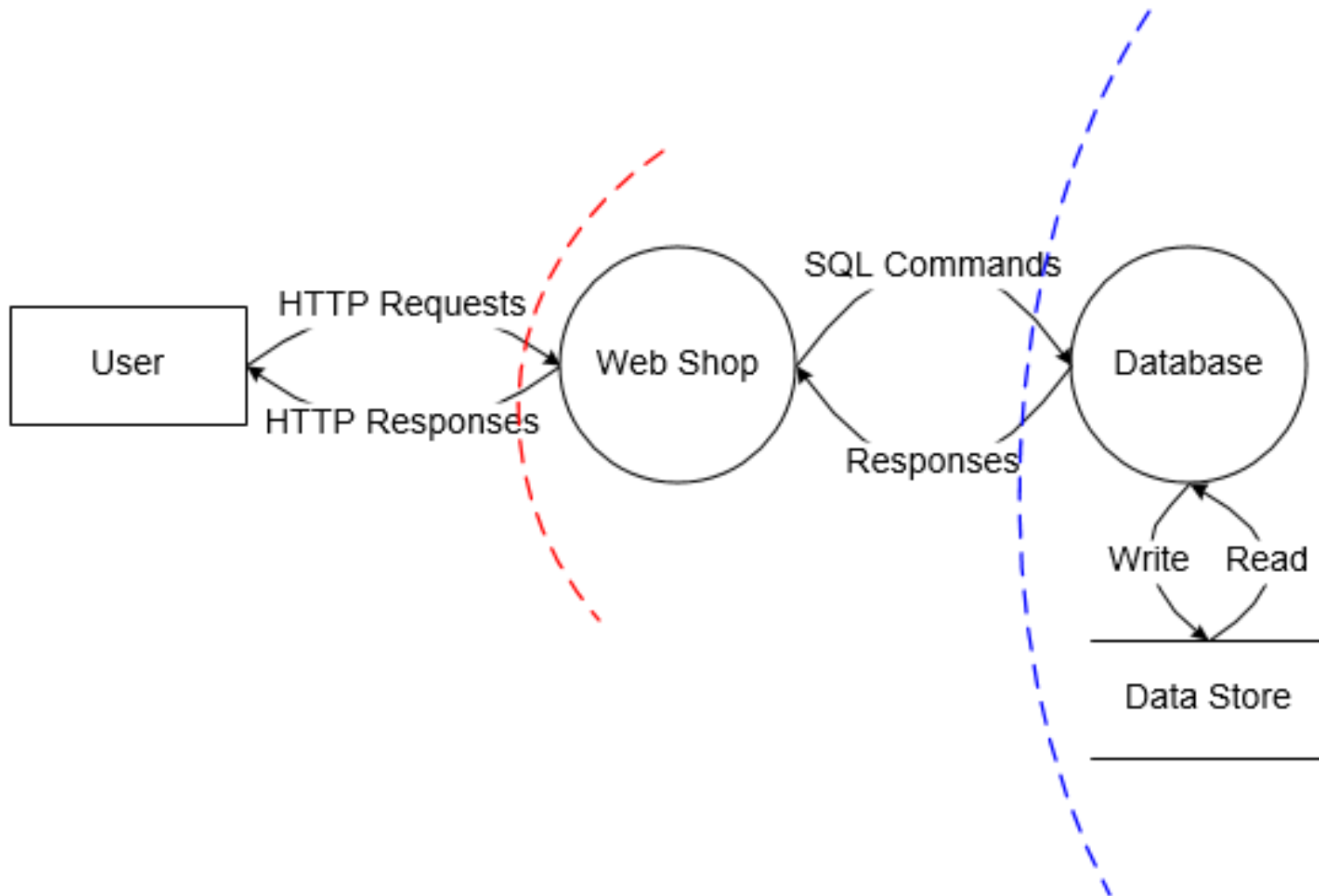
DFD entity	S	T	R	I	D	E
External Entity	X		X			
Data Flow		X		X	X	
Data Store		X	(X)	X	X	
Process	X	X	X	X	X	X



# Demo: MS Threat Modeling Tool



# Example: The famous web shop



## Analyze Model

## All Elements

- [-] HTTP Requests (User to Web Shop)
  - [-] Tampering
  - [-] InformationDisclosure
  - [-] DenialOfService
- [+] HTTP Responses (Web Shop to User)
- [+] Read (Data Store to Database)
- [+] Responses (Database to Web Shop)
- [+] SQL Commands (Web Shop to Database)
- [+] Write (Database to Data Store)
- [-] Data Store
  - [-] Tampering
  - [-] Repudiation
  - [-] InformationDisclosure
  - [-] DenialOfService
- [-] User
  - [-] Spoofing
  - [-] Repudiation
- [-] Database
  - [-] Spoofing
  - [-] Tampering
  - [-] Repudiation
  - [-] InformationDisclosure
  - [-] DenialOfService
  - [-] ElevationOfPrivilege
- [+] Web Shop

	ID	Element Name	Element Type	Element Diagram References	Threat Type
▶	3	HTTP Requests (User to...	DataFlow	Context	Tampering
	4	HTTP Requests (User to...	DataFlow	Context	InformationDisclosure
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	21	Data Store	DataStore	Context	Tampering
	22	Data Store	DataStore	Context	Repudiation
	23	Data Store	DataStore	Context	InformationDisclosure
	24	Data Store	DataStore	Context	DenialOfService
	1	User	Interactor	Context	Spoofing
	2	User	Interactor	Context	Repudiation





## Data

## Data Store

Subject to: Tampering, Repudiation, Information Disclosure, Denial Of Service

☐ Do not auto generate threats for this element because

Some questions to ask about this threat type

-  Tampering is altering the bits in a data store.
-  Is there a plan for protecting the data?
-  Are all names used to access data complete, unique and canonical?
-  Are the permissions set to protect all objects?

[more](#)

[more](#)

[more](#)






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### Details:

Have you looked at the permissions on all objects to determine whether they offer the correct level of protection?

### Mitigation suggestion:

Set permissions carefully. Consider the case of a user with less permissions than the app, and what happens if they can alter the data store directly.

-  Do you implement a 'monitor' which controls access to all resources?
-  Can you access the datastore and go around expected permissions?
-  Is data discarded when the store is full?
-  Does the data storage wrap when full?
-  Do you handle all data store full conditions?

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**Tampering** does not apply to **Data** because it is (Select A Reason)

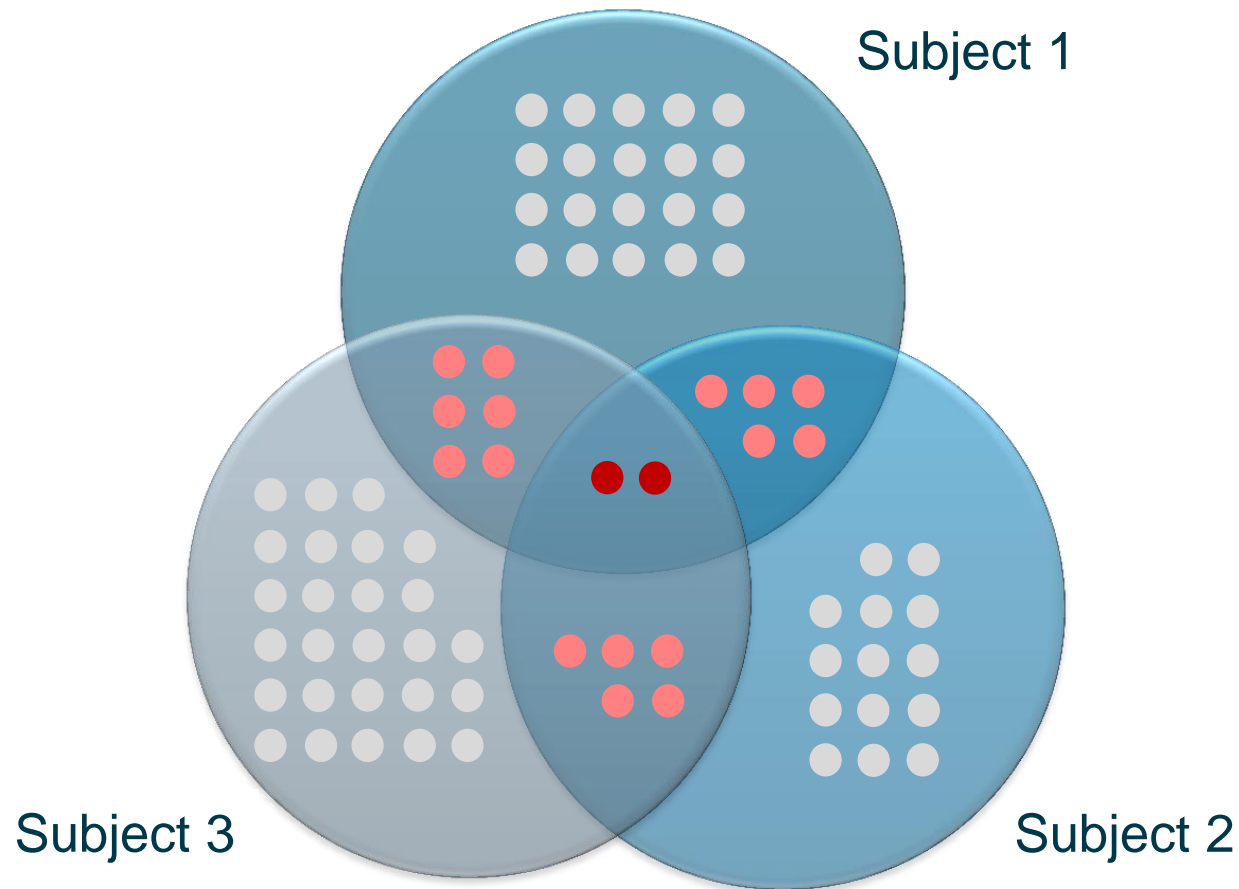
Details

Advice: Steps to certify a threat type: **1)** Select a reason. **2)** Explain the reason. **3)** You're done.

**Within a trust boundary** means that this is within a trust or process boundary. Consider turning off threat auto-generation, unless you know of a threat.

# Summary: Challenges for Using MS SDL Threat Modeling

# When Three Engineers Interpret a Threat Model ...



# SDL Threat Modeling in the Wild: Research Setting



IT Services



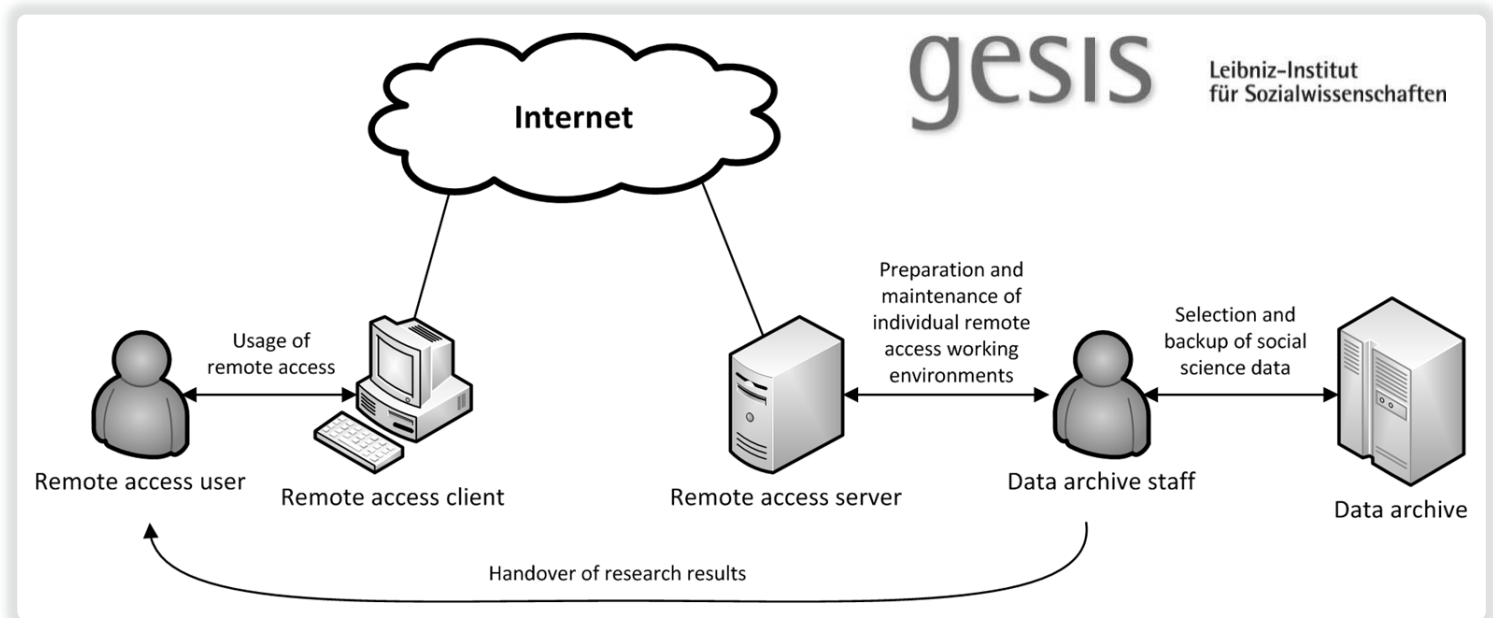
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Scientist



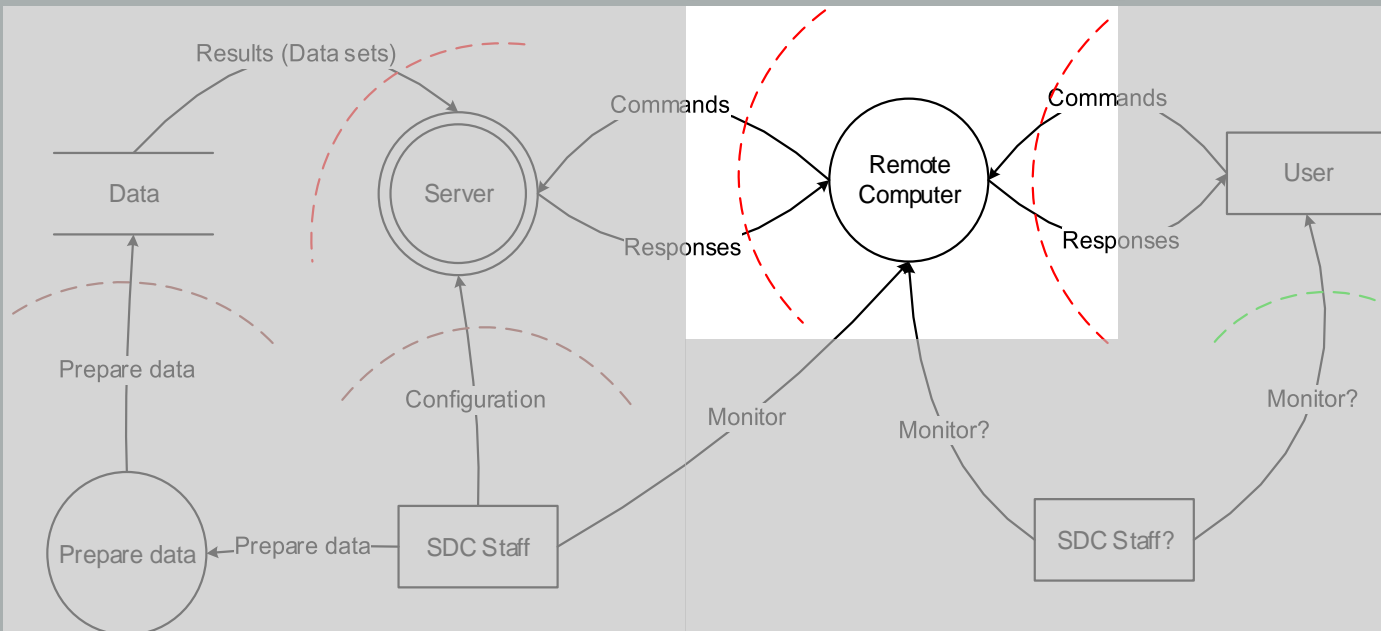
Computer  
Scientist



Data Archive  
Staff



# Individual Perspectives



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What can you build?

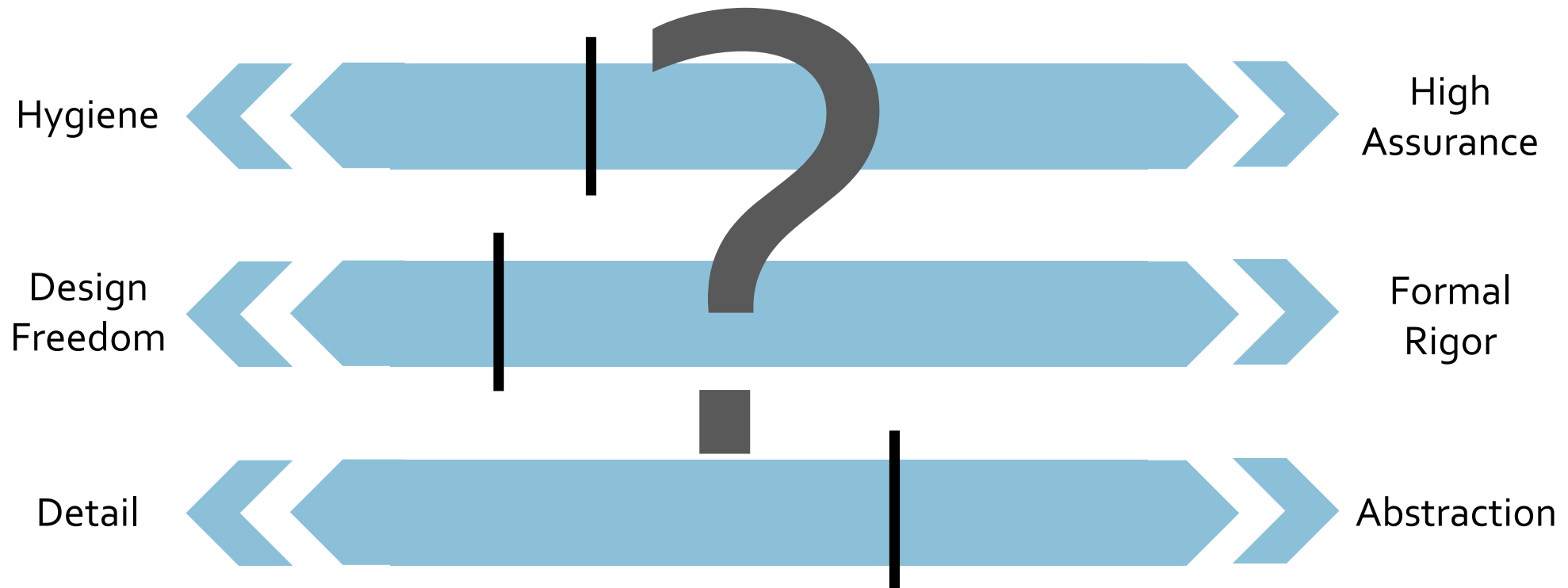


What do you need?



# Wrap-up

# Where Is the Sweet Spot?



- Little empirical evidence
- Moving targets – security designs evolve
- Tacit knowledge – documentation is always outdated

# Tools



Problem:

Identify security  
concerns

Developer  
Team  
Process  
Organization

# Back to Laptop Scenario

# When is HDD Encryption required?



# When is HDD Encryption *not* required?



# Is there a reasonable threat for this bug?

## Issue [538](#): Truecrypt 7 Derived Code/Windows: Drive Letter Symbolic Link Creation EoP

3 people starred this issue and may be notified of changes.

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Status: Fixed

Owner: [fors...@google.com](#)

Closed: Oct 3

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Vendor-IDRIX

Product-Veracrypt

Severity-High

Finder-forshaw

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Project Member Reported by [fors...@google.com](#), Sep 18, 2015

Truecrypt 7 Derived Code/Windows: Drive Letter Symbolic Link Creation EoP

Platform: Windows

Class: Local Elevation of Privilege

Tested on: VeraCrypt 1.13 x86 on Windows 10

### Summary:

The Windows driver used by projects derived from Truecrypt 7 (verified in Veracrypt and CipherShed) are vulnerable to a local elevation of privilege attack by abusing the drive letter symbolic link creation facilities to remap the main system drive. With the system drive remapped it's trivial to get a new process running under the local system account.

### Description:

Any user on the system can connect to the Truecrypt device object and mount a new encrypted volume. As part of this process the driver will try and create the requested drive letter by calling IoCreateSymbolicLink. To prevent redefining an existing drive letter a call is made to IsDriveLetterAvailable which attempts to open the link "\\DosDevices\\X:" for reading, returning FALSE if it was successfully opened. The specific code in src\\Driver\\Ntdriver.c is:

```
if (NT_SUCCESS (ZwOpenSymbolicLinkObject (&handle, GENERIC_READ, &objectAttributes)))  
,
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