



PASTA and OCTIVE and STRIDE, Oh My!

Bringing Threat Modeling Out of the Woods





Hacker and Researcher

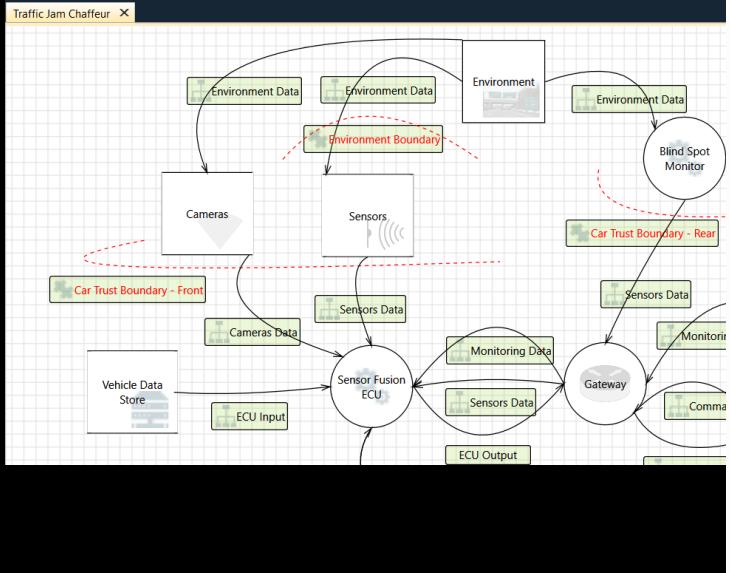
BISO* - S&P Global Ratings

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*What is a BISO? - <https://alyssa.link/BISO>

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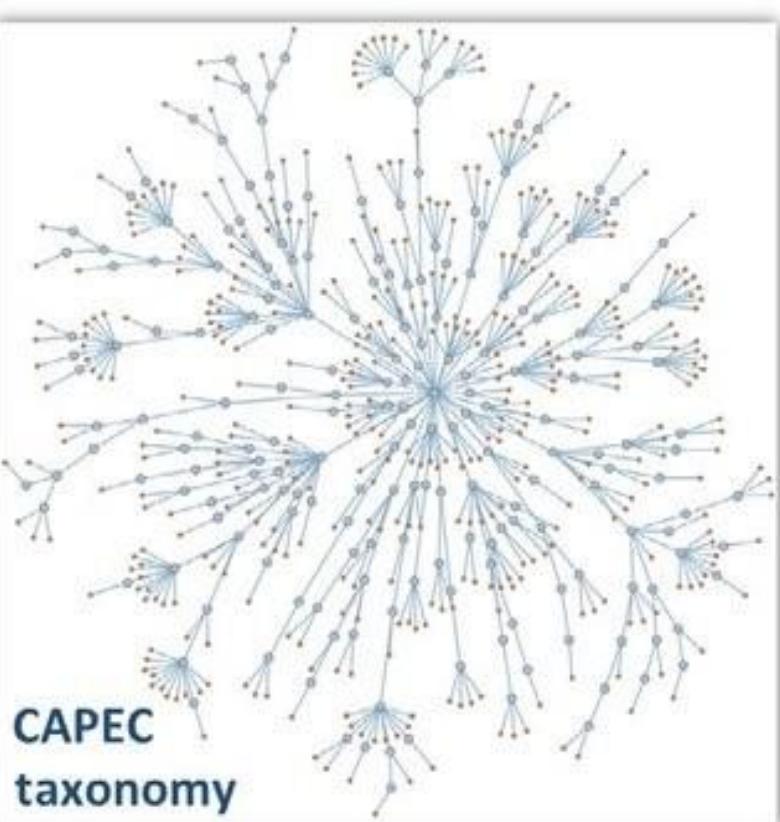


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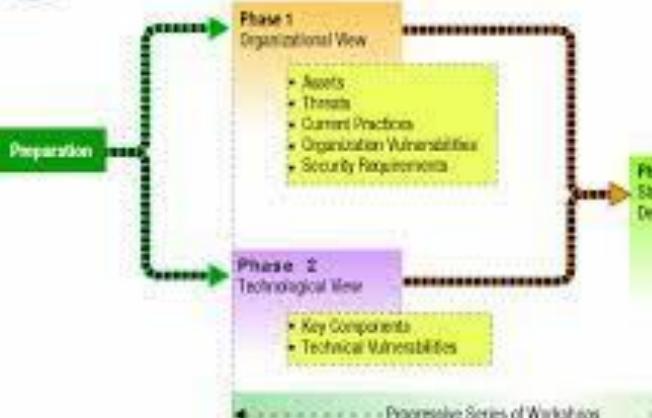
Damage	How bad would it affect users?
Reproducability	How easy to recreate the attack?
Exploitability	How easy to launch the attack?
Affected Users	How many are impacted?
Discoverability	How easy to discover for an attacker?
Detection	How hard to detect for an attacker?

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Octave Process



Progressive Series of Workshops

STRIDE

	Property	Example
Be someone else.	Authentication	Hack victim's email and use to send messages in name of the victim.
Change or code.	Integrity	Software executive file is tampered by hackers.
Not to do a action.	Non-repudiation	"I have not sent an email to Alice".
Sensitive	Confidentiality	Credit card information available on the internet.

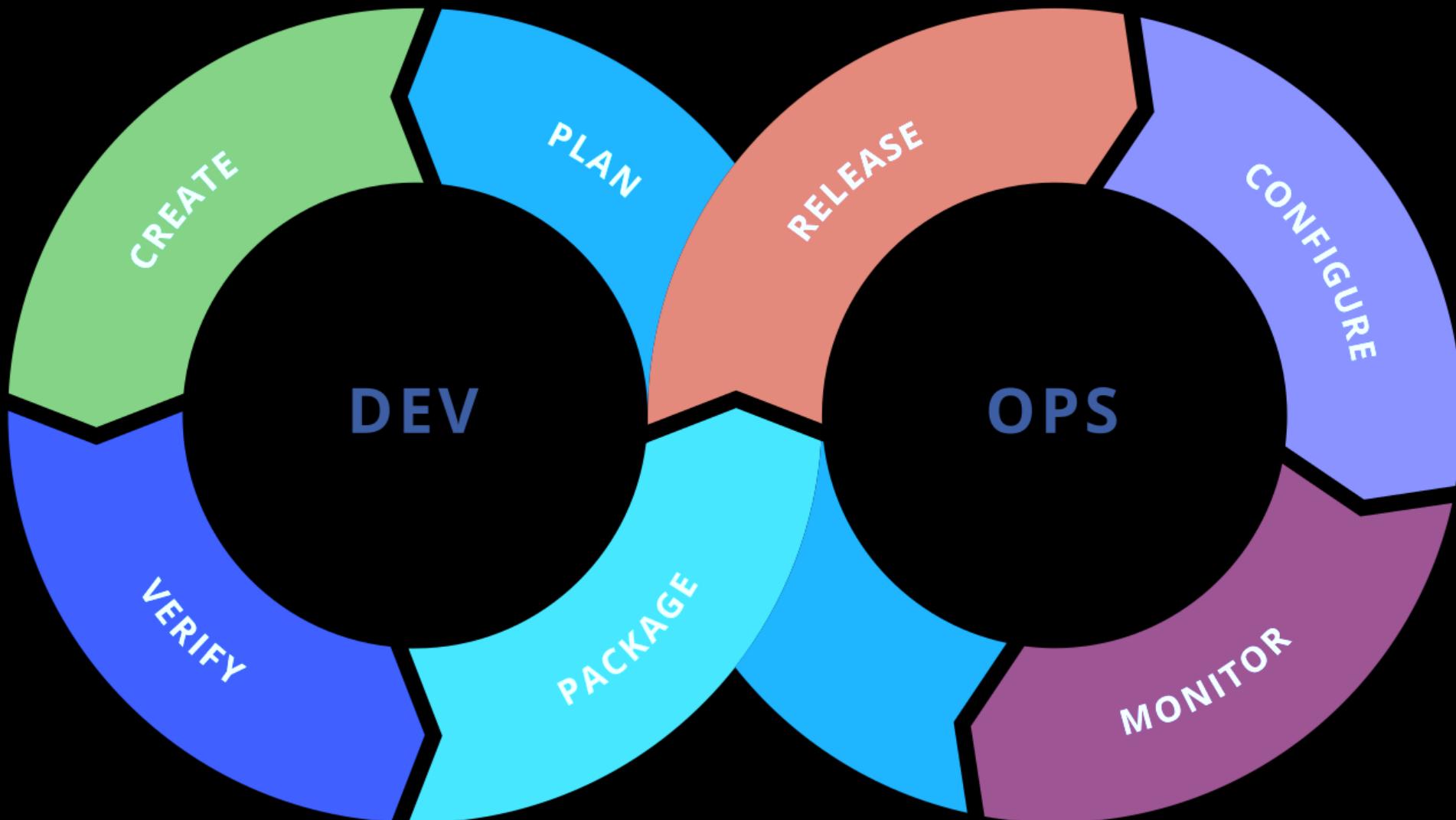
PASTA Methodology

1. Define Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Business Objectives Identify Security & Compliance Requirements Business Impact Analysis
2. Define Technical Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capture the boundaries of the technical environment Capture Infrastructure / Application / Software / Dependencies
3. Threat Identification & Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Use Cases / Define App Entry Points & Trust levels Identify Actors / Assets / Services / Roles / Data Sources Data Flow Diagramming (DFDs) / Trust Boundaries
4. Threat Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probabilistic Attack Scenarios Analysis Regression Analysis on Security Events Threat Intelligence Correlation & Analytics
5. Risk & Threat Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queries of Existing Vulnerability Reports & Issues Tracking Threat to Existing Vulnerability Mapping Using Thread Trees Design Flaw Analysis Using Use & Abuse Cases
6. Threat Modeling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attack Surface Analysis Attack Tree Development / Attack Library Mgt Attack to Vulnerability & Exploit Analysis using Attack Trees
7. Impact Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality & Quantify business impact Countermeasure Identification & Residual Risk Analysis ID risk mitigation strategies

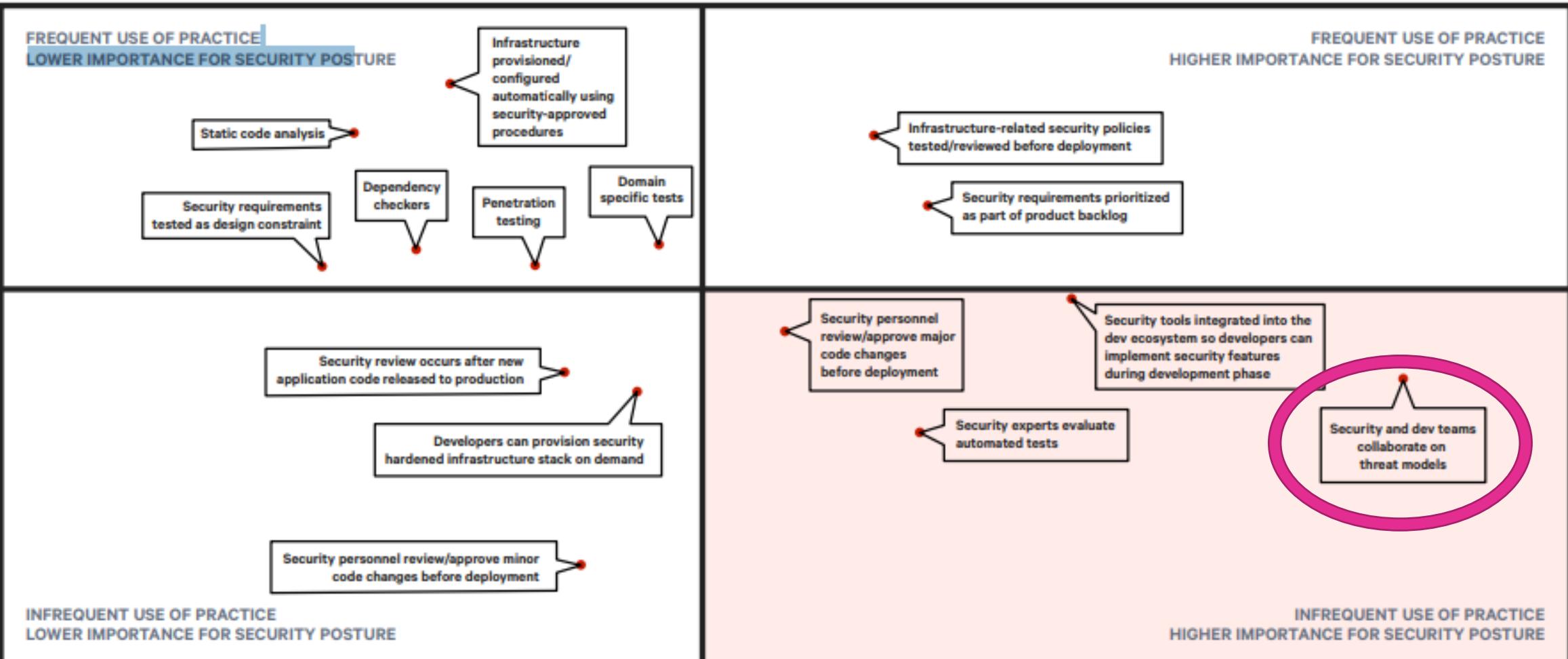
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That's so 2008



- FREQUENCY OF PRACTICE +



- IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICE FOR STRENGTHENING SECURITY POSTURE +

Source: <https://puppet.com/resources/report/state-of-devops-report/>
Puppet/Circle-CI 2019 State of DevOps Report

What is Threat Modeling?



Why do we Threat Model?

“Threat modeling is a family of activities for improving security by identifying objectives and vulnerabilities, and then defining countermeasures to prevent, or mitigate the effects of, threats to the system. A threat is a potential or actual undesirable event that may be malicious (such as DoS attack) or incidental (failure of a Storage Device). Threat modeling is a planned activity for identifying and assessing application threats and vulnerabilities.”

Source: https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:Threat_Modeling

“The purpose of threat modeling is to provide defenders with a systematic analysis of what controls or defenses need to be included, given the nature of the system, the probable attacker’s profile, the most likely attack vectors, and the assets most desired by an attacker. Threat modeling answers questions like ‘where am I most vulnerable to attack?’, ‘what are the most relevant threats?’, and ‘what do I need to do to safeguard against these threats?’”.

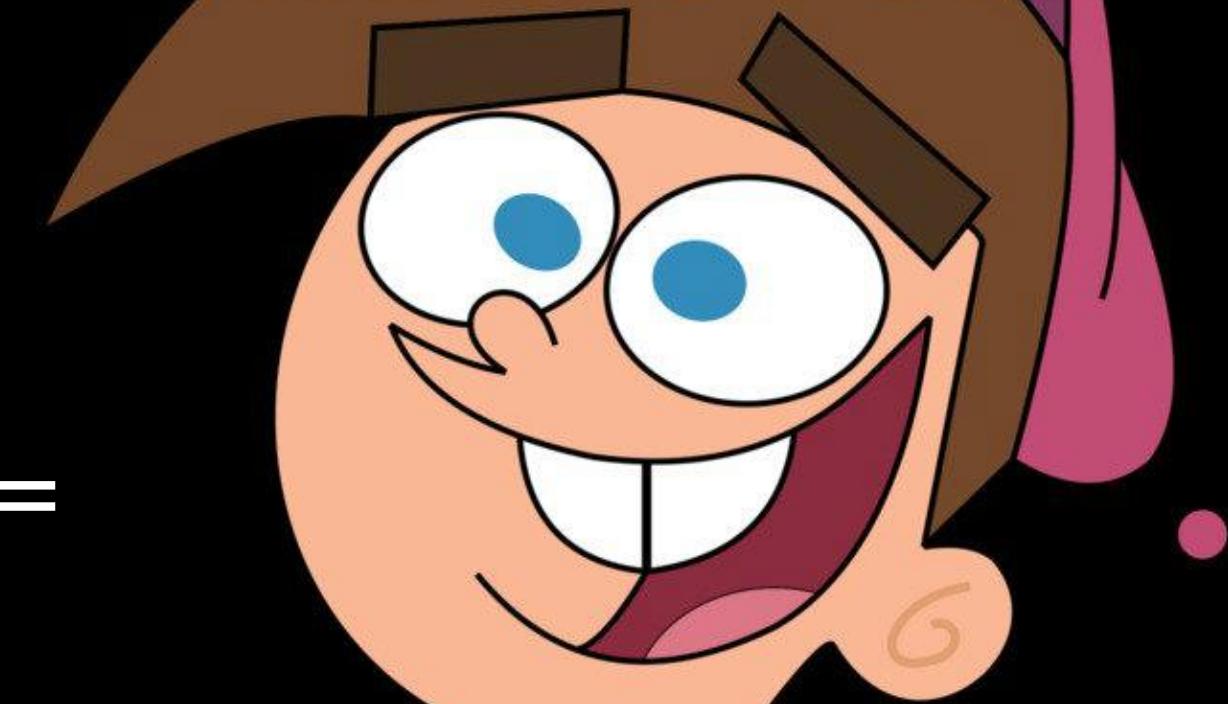
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Threat_model

“[Threat Modeling is] an engineering technique you can use to help you identify threats, attacks, vulnerabilities, and countermeasures that could affect your application. You can use threat modeling to shape your application's design, meet your company's security objectives, and reduce risk.”

Source: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/securityengineering/sdl/threatmodeling>

Threat Modeling ==

WHAT COULD



POSSIBLY GO
WRONG?

“Identify the likely threats to a system to inform the design of security countermeasures”

Source: Alyssa Miller

“Threat modeling is analyzing representations of a system to highlight concerns about security and privacy characteristics.”



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MODELING
MANIFESTO

<https://www.threatmodelingmanifesto.org/>

But 'Why?'



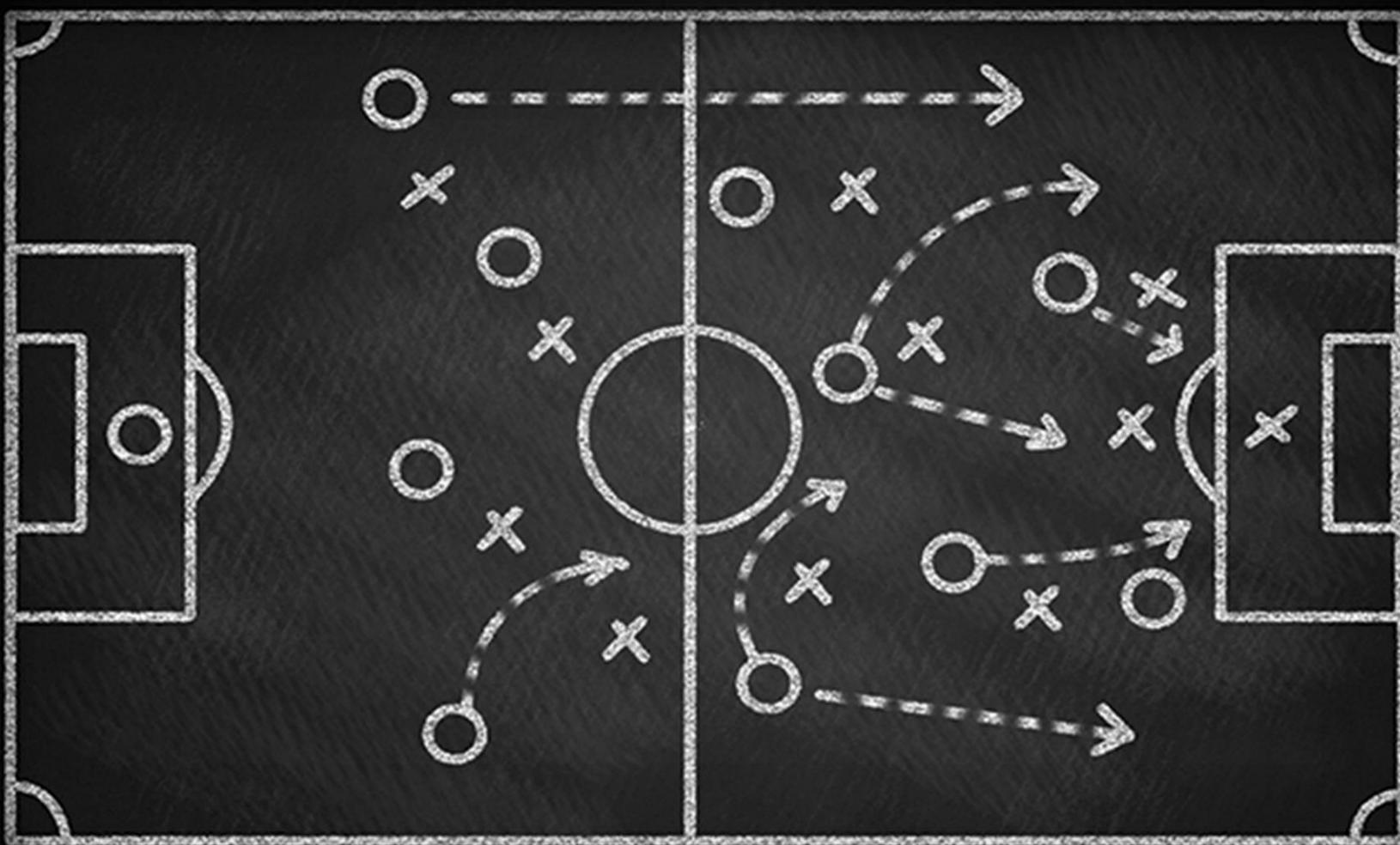
“The output of the threat model...informs decisions that you might make in subsequent design, development, testing, and post-deployment phases.”



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Building your methodology



“A value in threat modeling is something that has relative worth, merit, or importance. That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.”



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A culture of finding and fixing design issues...



...over checkbox compliance

People and collaboration...



...over processes, methodologies, and tools

A journey of understanding...



...over a security or privacy snapshot

Doing threat modeling...



...over talking about it

Continuous refinement...



...over a single delivery

“A principle describes the fundamental truths of threat modeling.”



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Early and frequent analysis



Of value to stakeholders

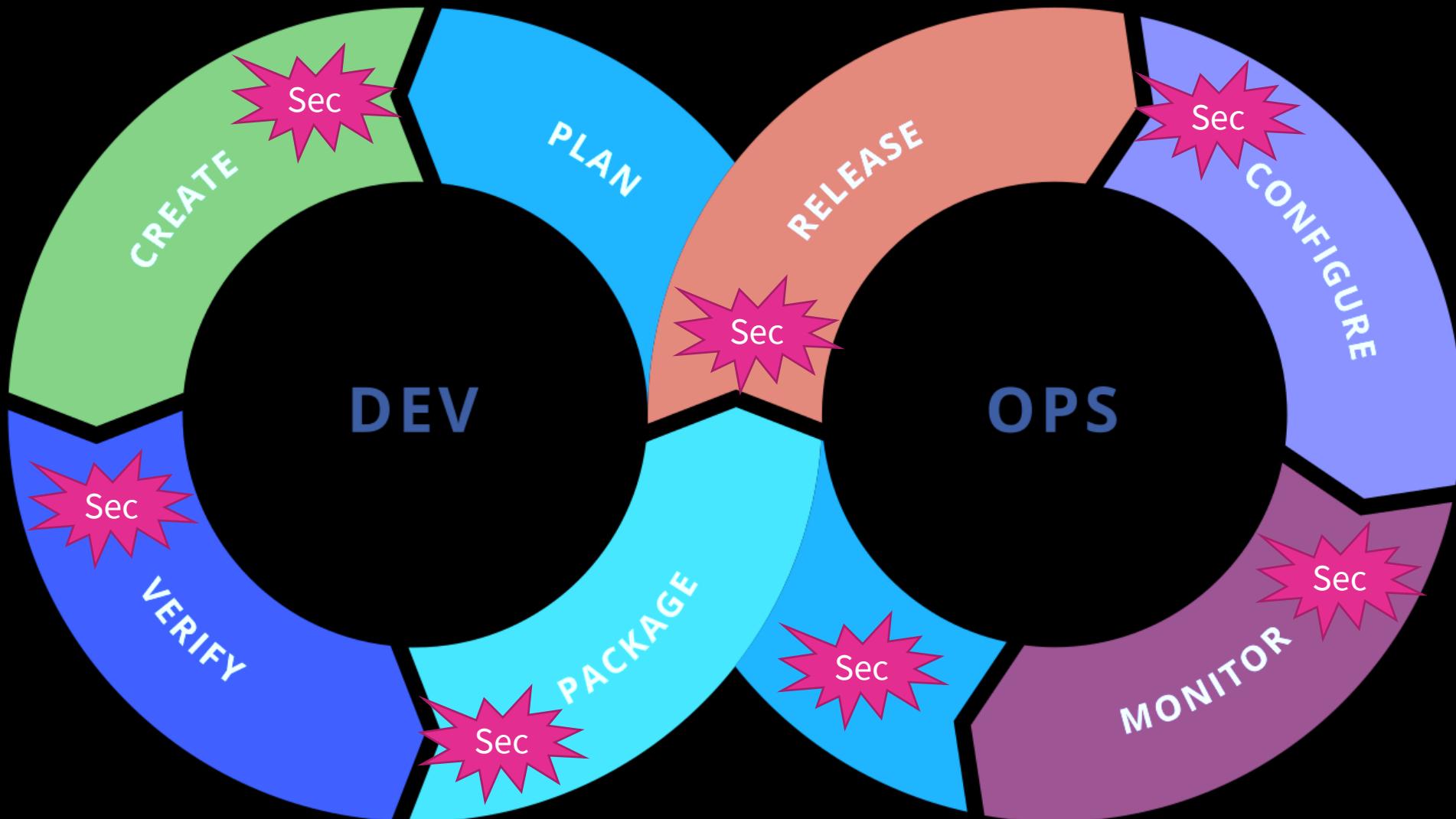


Iterations, manageable portions



Dialog is key, documents record

Let's Do Real DevSecOps



CIS board

Story Map by Easy Agile

+ Create Epic Quick filters Sprint swimlanes ... ? Backlog

Category	Sprint 1 Stories	Sprint 2 Stories	Unscheduled Stories
Navigation	The 'Young Professional' Driver / Install maps so that I can navigate to places easier (CIS-8)	The 'Sunday' Driver / Showcase local landmarks if travelling outside of standard travel radius (CIS-11)	The 'Young Professional' Driver / Hot Cues to make driving easier (CIS-28)
Car Statistics	The 'Young Professional' Driver / Touch Screen to navigate easily (CIS-38)	The 'Young Professional' Driver / Wear and Tear Report so that I can take preventative action to preserve the life of the car if needed (CIS-26)	The 'Young Professional' Driver / Custom... (CIS-9)
Phone Integration	The 'Young Adult' Passenger / Allow Wifi Hotspot to support up to 5 devices (CIS-39)	The 'Family' Driver / Microphone so that I can make phone calls safely while I'm driving (CIS-19)	The 'Family' Driver / Engine Temperatu... (CIS-24)
Play Media	The 'Sunday' Driver / Show miles/km to empty so that I don't run out of fuel (CIS-41)	The 'Family' Driver / Graphical User Interface for easier use of media while driving (CIS-18)	The 'Young Professional' Driver / Amazon... (CIS-40)
Fatigue Management	The 'Sunday' Driver / Enable 'Tourist Mode Assist' when travelling outside of standard travel radius (CIS-12)	The 'Family' Driver / Music Streaming service so that I can listen to music on trips (CIS-42)	The 'Sunday' Driver / Show designated '... (CIS-31)

As a Car driver

I want to Enter a destination name

So that I can navigate w/o an address

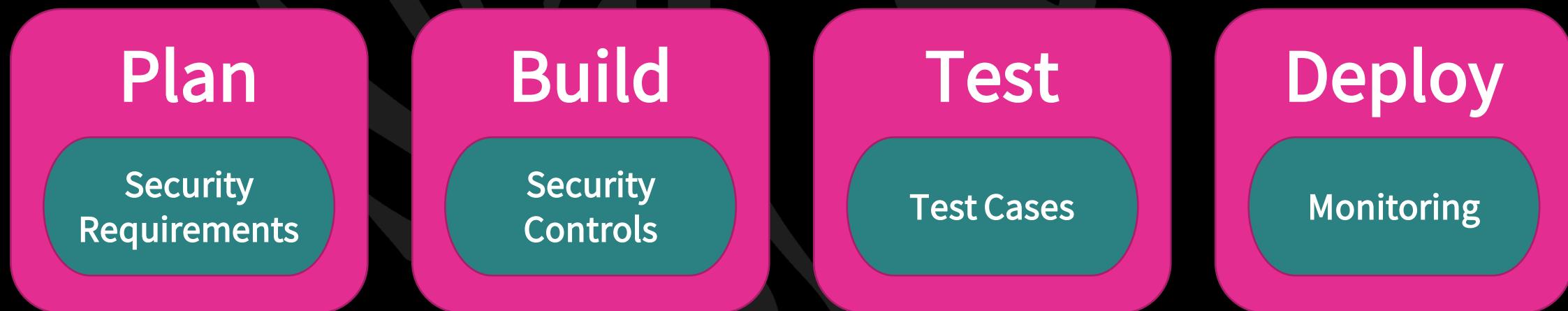
** I want you to:

Protect My search history

From Being accessed by attackers



Threat Information



asset:

name: search_terms

description: Destination names entered by users

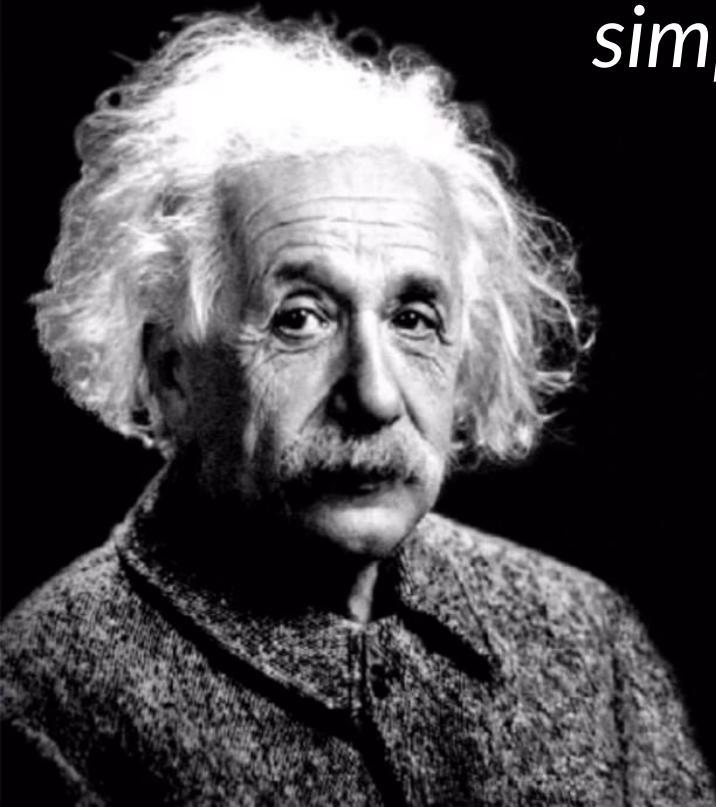
threats:

- theft-via-rest-svc:

- countermeasures: [client-cert,session-token]

- theft-via-db:

- countermeasures: [field-encrypt]

A black and white portrait of Albert Einstein, showing him from the chest up. He has his characteristic wild, white hair and a full, grey beard. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a thoughtful expression.

“Genius is making complex ideas simple, not making simple ideas complex.”

- Albert Einstein



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Thank You

