



# OWASP

Open Web Application  
Security Project



## OWASP SAMM v2.0

# What is SAMM?

- The Software Assurance Maturity Model (SAMM) is an open framework to help organizations formulate and implement a strategy for software security that is tailored to the specific risks facing the organization.
- The resources provided by SAMM will aid in:
  - *Evaluating an organization's existing software security practices.*
  - *Building a balanced software security assurance program in well-defined iterations.*
  - *Demonstrating concrete improvements to a security assurance program.*
  - *Defining and measuring security-related activities throughout an organization.*

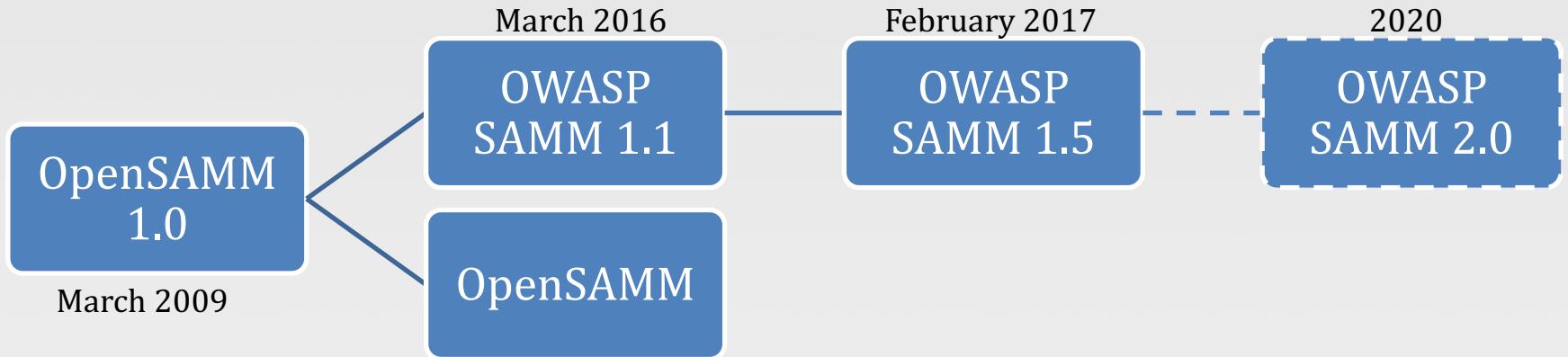
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# Project History



# Why SAMM?

“The most that can be expected from any model is that it can supply a useful approximation to reality: All models are wrong; some models are useful.”

– George E. P. Box

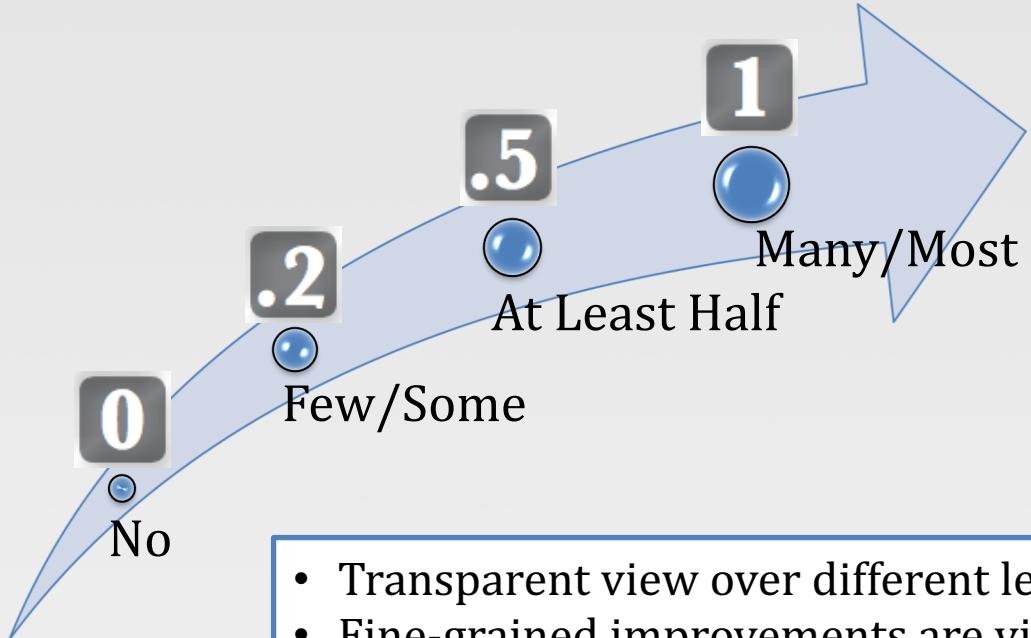
# Core Principles of SAMM

- An organization's behavior changes slowly over time
  - Changes must be iterative while working toward long-term goals
- There is no single recipe that works for all organizations
  - A solution must enable risk-based choices tailored to the organization
- Guidance related to security activities must be prescriptive
  - A solution must provide enough details for non-security-people
- Overall, must be simple, well-defined, and measurable
  - OWASP Software Assurance Maturity Model (SAMM)



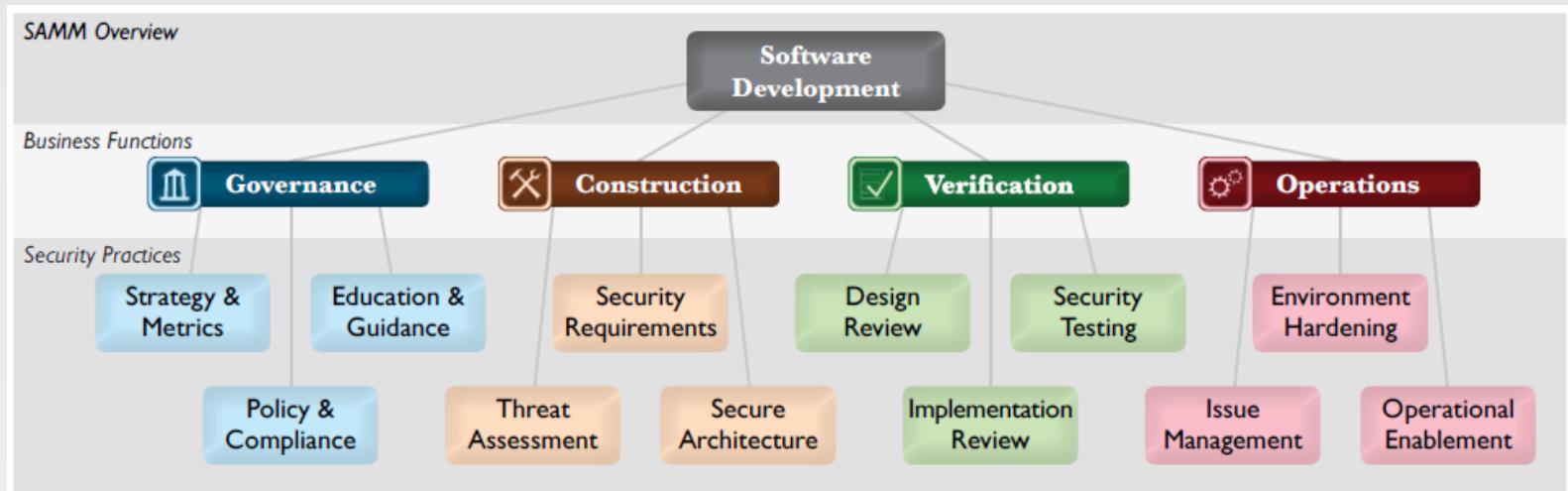
# Maturity Levels & Assessment Scores

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



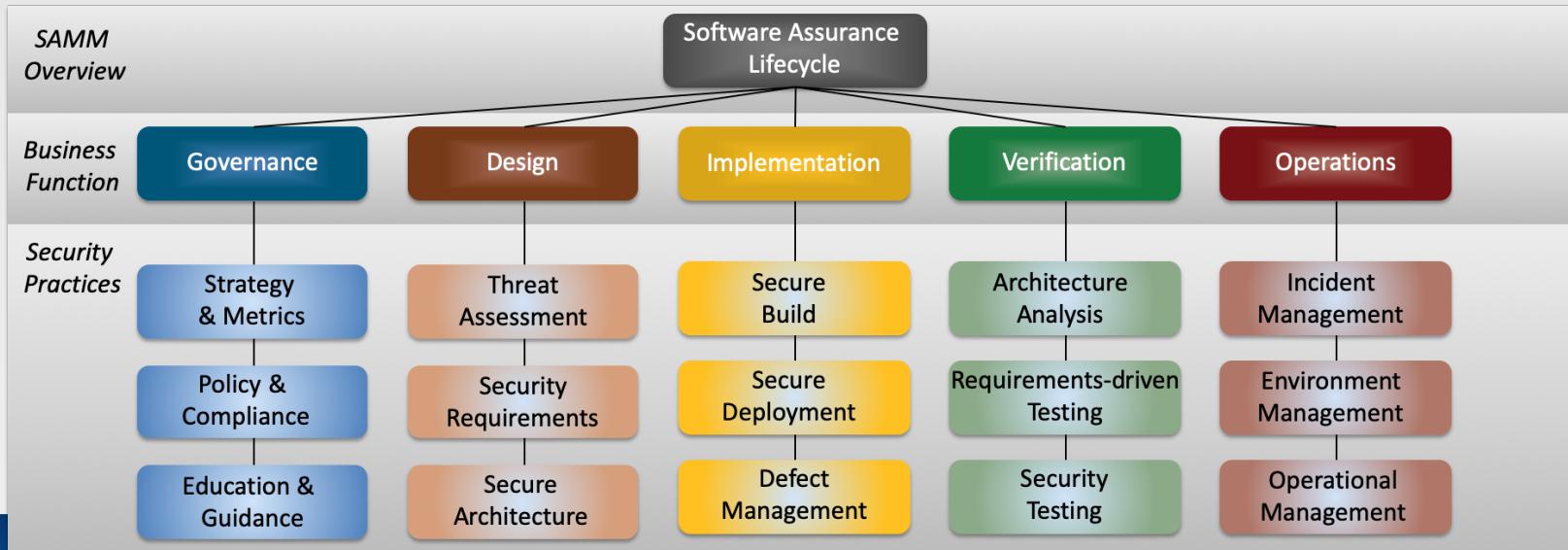
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- The security practices cover areas relevant to software security assurance



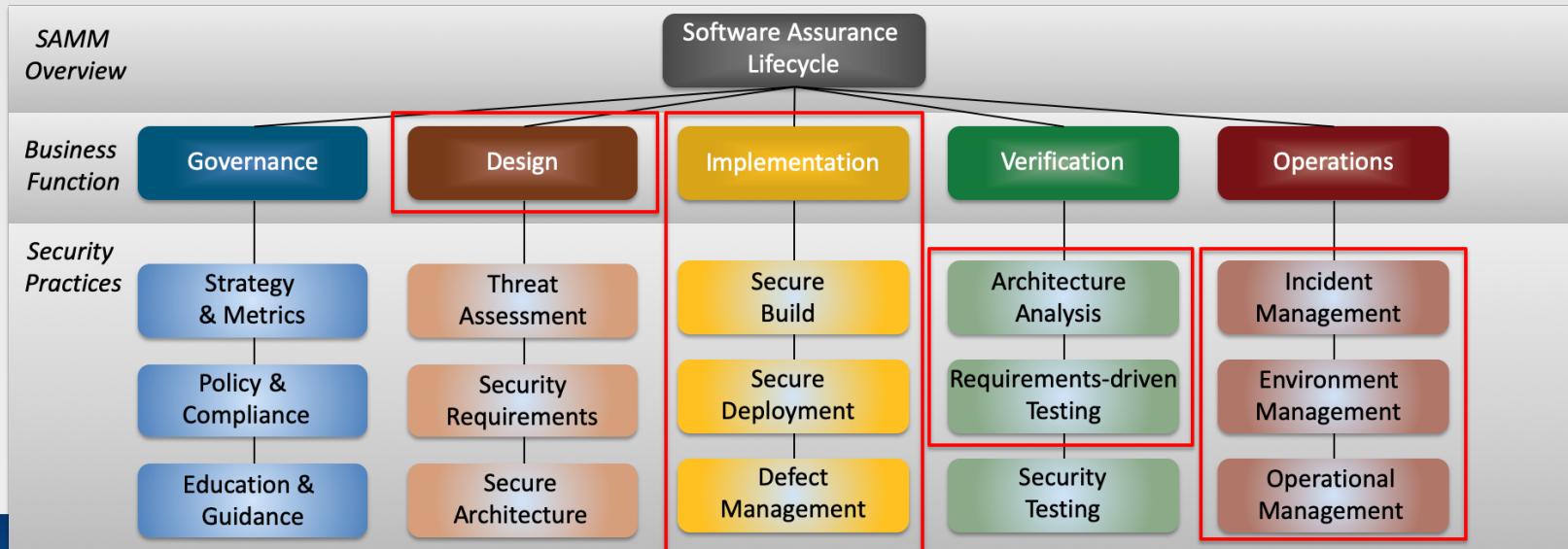
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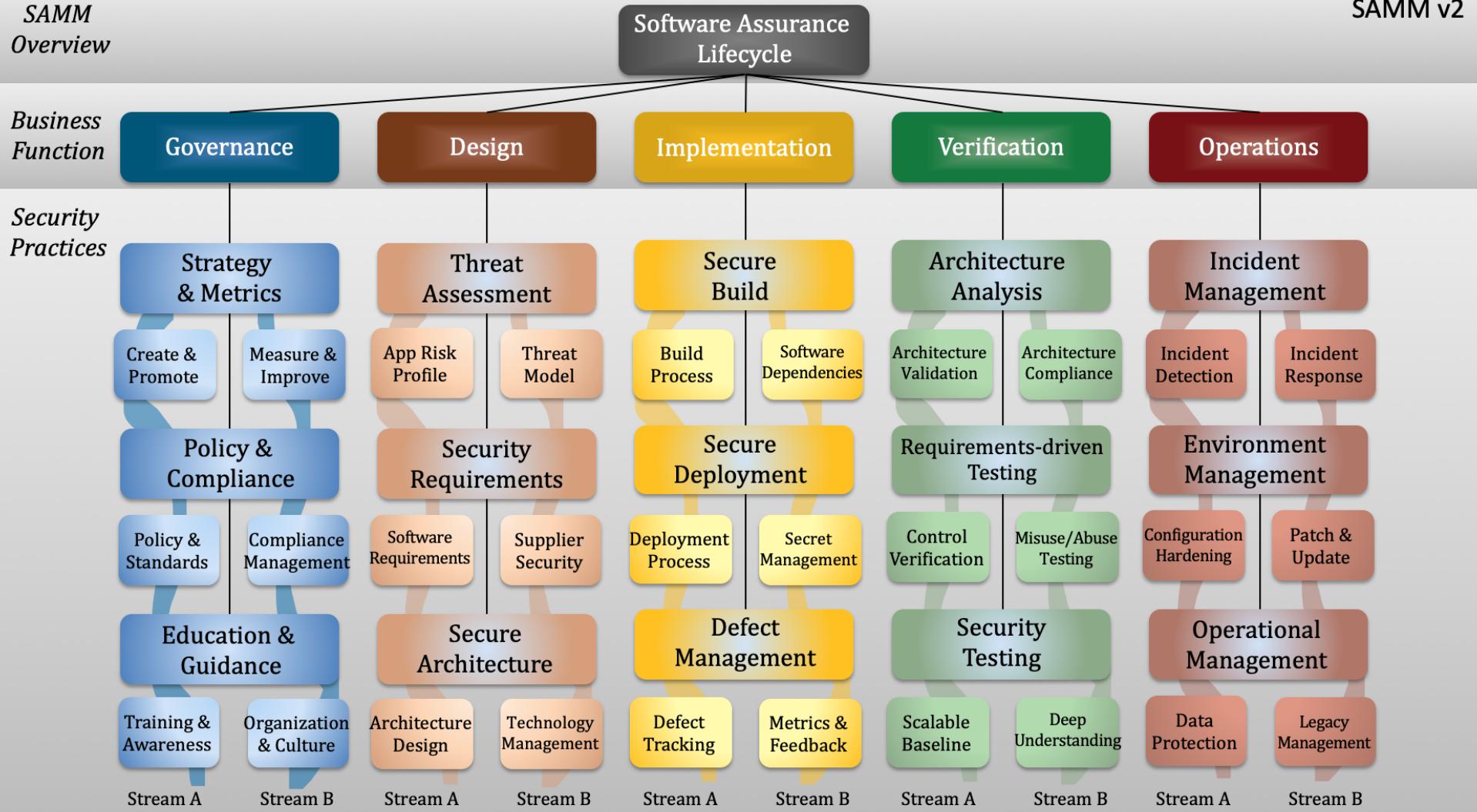
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# Assess via Toolbox

Stream	Level	Strategy & Metrics	Governance	Answer
Create and Promote	1	<p><b>Do you prioritize applications based on a granular set of risks?</b></p> <p>You capture the risk appetite of your organization's executive leadership            The organization's leadership vet and approve the set of risks            You identify the main business and technical threats to your assets and data            You document risks and store them in an accessible location</p>		
	2	<p><b>Do you have a strategic plan for application security and use it to make decisions?</b></p> <p>The plan reflects the organization's business priorities and risk appetite            The plan includes measurable milestones and a budget            The plan is consistent with the organization's business drivers and risks            The plan lays out a roadmap for strategic and tactical initiatives            You have buy-in from stakeholders, including development teams</p>		
	3	<p><b>Do you regularly review and update the Strategic Plan for Application Security?</b></p> <p>You review and update the plan in response to significant changes in the business environment, the organization, or its risk appetite            Plan update steps include reviewing the plan with all the stakeholders and updating the business drivers and strategies            You adjust the plan and roadmap based on lessons learned from completed roadmap activities            You publish progress information on roadmap activities, making sure they are available to all stakeholders</p>		
	1	<p><b>Do you use a set of metrics to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of the application security program across applications?</b></p> <p>You document each metric, including a description of the sources, measurement coverage, and guidance on how to use it to explain application security trends            Metrics include measures of efforts, results, and the environment measurement categories            Most of the metrics are frequently measured, easy or inexpensive to gather, and expressed as a cardinal number or a percentage            Application security and development teams publish metrics</p>		
	2	<p><b>Did you define Key Performance Indicators (KPI) from available application security metrics?</b></p> <p>You defined KPIs after gathering enough information to establish realistic objectives            You developed KPIs with the buy-in from the leadership and teams responsible for application security            KPIs are available to the application teams and include acceptability thresholds and guidance in case teams need to take action            Success of the application security program is clearly visible based on defined KPIs</p>		
	3	<p><b>Do you update the Application Security strategy and roadmap based on application security metrics and KPIs?</b></p> <p>You review KPIs at least yearly for their efficiency and effectiveness            KPIs and application security metrics trigger most of the changes to the application security strategy</p>		

# Dashboards

Current Maturity Score						
Functions	Security Practices	Current	Maturity			
			1	2	3	
Governance	Strategy & Metrics	0.63	0.25	0.13	0.25	
Governance	Policy & Compliance	1.00	0.25	0.13	0.63	
Governance	Education & Guidance	0.75	0.13	0.00	0.63	
Design	Threat Assessment	1.25	0.25	0.25	0.75	
Design	Security Requirements	0.88	0.50	0.25	0.13	
Design	Secure Architecture	1.75	0.50	0.25	1.00	
Implementation	Secure Build	0.75	0.25	0.25	0.25	
Implementation	Secure Deployment	1.13	0.38	0.38	0.38	
Implementation	Defect Management	0.63	0.25	0.25	0.13	
Verification	Architecture Assessment	0.88	0.38	0.25	0.25	
Verification	Requirements Testing	1.25	0.75	0.38	0.13	
Verification	Security Testing	1.63	0.75	0.38	0.50	
Operations	Incident Management	1.63	0.38	0.63	0.63	
Operations	Environment Management	0.75	0.25	0.50	0.00	
Operations	Operational Management	0.88	0.50	0.25	0.13	

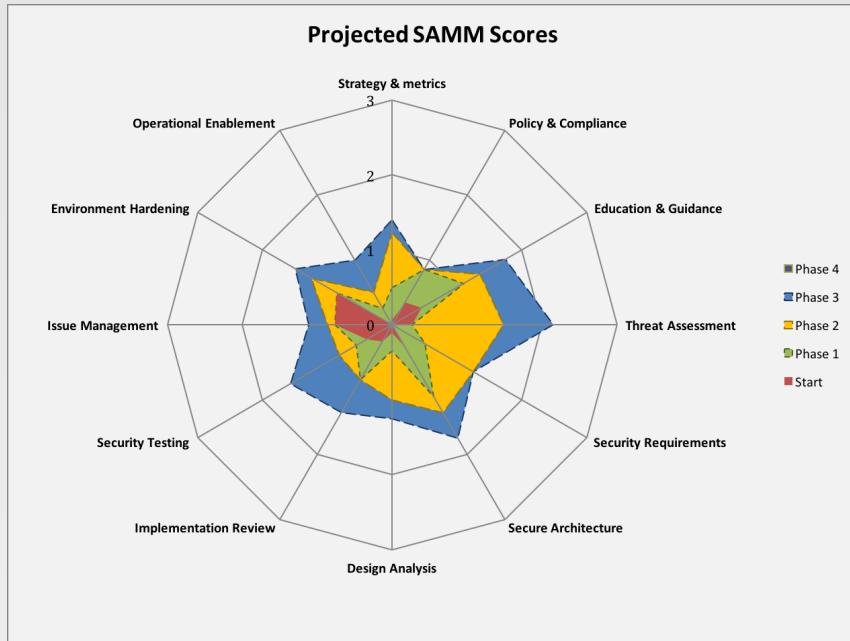
  

Functions	Current
Governance	0.79
Design	1.29
Implementation	0.83
Verification	1.25
Operations	1.08

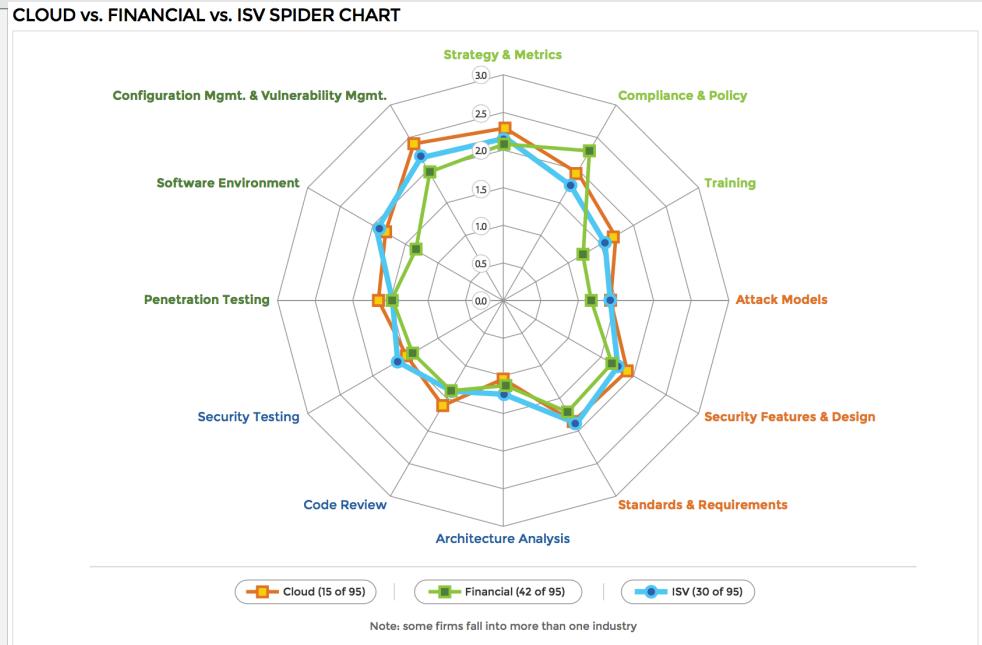
# Critical Success Factors

- Get buy-in from stakeholders
- Adopt a risk-based approach
- Awareness & Education is the foundation
- Integrate & automate security in your development, acquisition, and deployment processes
- Measure: Provide Management Visibility

# SAMM can(sorta) map to BSIMM



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# SAMM BENCHMARK

# Time to answer the question...

## HOW DO I COMPARE?

<https://owaspamm.org/benchmarking/>

# What is SAMM Benchmark

- The goal of this project is to collect the most comprehensive dataset related to organizational maturity of application or software security programs.
- This data should come from both self-assessing organizations and consultancies that perform third party assessments.

# Contribution Infrastructure

- The plan is to leverage the OWASP Azure Cloud Infrastructure to collect, analyze, and store the data contributed.
- There will be a minimal number of administrators that have access to manage the raw data.
- Dashboards and comparative analysis will be performed with data that is aggregated and/or separated from the submitting organization.

# Data Contributions

## Verified Data Contribution

- Scenario 1: The submitter is known and has agreed to be identified as a contributing party.
- Scenario 2: The submitter is known but would rather not be publicly identified.
- Scenario 3: The submitter is known but does not want it recorded in the dataset.

## Unverified Data Contribution

- Scenario 4: The submitter is anonymous.

# Contribution Process

**There are a few ways that data can be contributed:**

- Email a CSV/Excel/Doc file with the dataset(s) to [brian.glas@owasp.org](mailto:brian.glas@owasp.org)
- Upload a CSV/Excel/Txt file to a “contribution page” (future)
- Complete the web-based form (future)
- Upload the data from the SAMM Toolbox (future)

# Data Structure

**The following data elements are required\* or optional:**

- \*Contributor Name (org or anon)
- Contributor Contact Email
- \*Date assessment conducted (MM/YYYY)
- \*Type of Assessment (Self or 3rd Party)
- \*Answers to the SAMM Assessment Questions
- Geographic Region (Global, North America, EU, Asia, other)
- Primary Industry (Multiple, Financial, Industrial, Software, ??)
- Approximate number of developers (1-100, 101-1000, 1001-10000, 10000+)
- Approximate number of primary AppSec (1-5, 6-10, 11-20, 20+)
- Approximate number of secondary AppSec (0-20, 21-50, 51-100, 100+)
- Primary SDL Methodology (Waterfall, Agile, DevOps, Other)

# Get involved

- Website: <https://owaspSAMM.org>
- Github: <https://github.com/OWASP/samm/>
- Slack: OWASP - #project-samm
- Use and donate (feed)back!
- Donate resources
- Sponsor SAMM



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# Thank you!

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