



Security Professional's role

Today, modern application security programs feature centralized governance by security, but testing and fixing are owned by development in an automated fashion throughout the build process. In this approach, security owns setting policies, tracking KPIs, and providing security coaching to developers.

In addition, security is responsible for providing developers with support in integrating scalable tools into their SDLC. Developers own testing applications in their development environment, fixing flaws to pass policy, and continuing to build code.

In this process, security-related defects are just another bug during the build process, and developers have the tools and guidance needed to fix them. At the same time, security can govern the program to make sure KPIs and policies are met.

In this realm, security professionals will have new responsibilities and new skill requirements.

NEW SKILL REQUIREMENTS

Enable developers to find and fix security-related code defects

Ability to provide remediation coaching and guidance on security-related code defects

Govern the use of open source components

Basic understanding of application development and why and how third-party components are used

Implement developer training on secure coding

Understanding of the basics of software development

Manage and report on application security policy, KPIs and metrics

The ability to measure meaningful metrics at each point in the SDLC process

Understand the requirements for security testing solutions in a DevSecOps environment — including the need for immediacy and accuracy of results to avoid impacting the delivery cycle — and enable dev to use these solutions

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Create developer security champions

Be empathetic and consultative

Ref: VERACODE GUIDE - THE SECURITY PROFESSIONAL'S ROLE in a DevSecOps World

