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Software Assurance

The OWASP way



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OpenSAMM.org

Objective

Narrative overview.

Quick comprehension.

Introduce the model, then briefly illustrate each practice.

Goals:

- Enable quick understanding of Software Assurance for a wide audience.
- Inspire the adoption of assurance activity.

Why Care?

Why care?

Compliance has noticed.



Sadly, this is important to the adoption of Assurance in the SDLC:

- A group of buzzards is called a “wake”.
- The buzzards stick around when the herd’s experiencing significant loss

PCI-DSS 3.1 section 6.3:

“Without the inclusion of security during the requirements definition, design, analysis, and testing phases of software development, security vulnerabilities can be inadvertently or maliciously introduced into the production environment.”

HIPAA Security Rule:

- Speaks specifically to NIST.
- NIST SP 800-64 reads “To be most effective, information security must be integrated into the SDLC from its inception.”
- It’s said so since 2003.

Why care?

No clear perimeter.

Not simple.

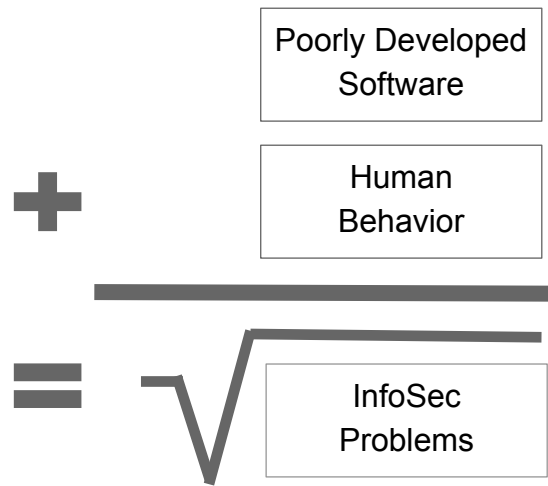


Trends in software:

- Perimeter dissolves
- Complexity increases
- Extensibility increases

Why care?

Risk Convergence.



Software assurance in general addresses:

- Behavior
- Development of software

There are other places where this convergence exists . . .

Why OpenSAMM?

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“It Depends.”

- ISO, IEEE are not freely available.
- The freely-available consensus standards evolve faster, and do map up.

Options:

- BSIMM6
 - Descriptive
 - Answers “weakest zebra” question (-- McGraw)
 - More detailed, software focused
- OpenSAMM
 - Prescriptive
 - Great marketing collateral . . .
 - Easy to consume at all levels

Model Intro



Open Software Assurance Maturity Model

http://www.opensamm.org/downloads/SAMM-1.0-en_US.pdf

Assurance

Deeds not words. Deeds not tools.

Assurance = **Integrity**.

Saying “We care about security” . . . and proving it with our actions.

Maturity

Quantify progress.

Apply flexibly.

How much assurance do we really have?

Model

“All models are wrong . . .”

“ . . . but some are useful.”

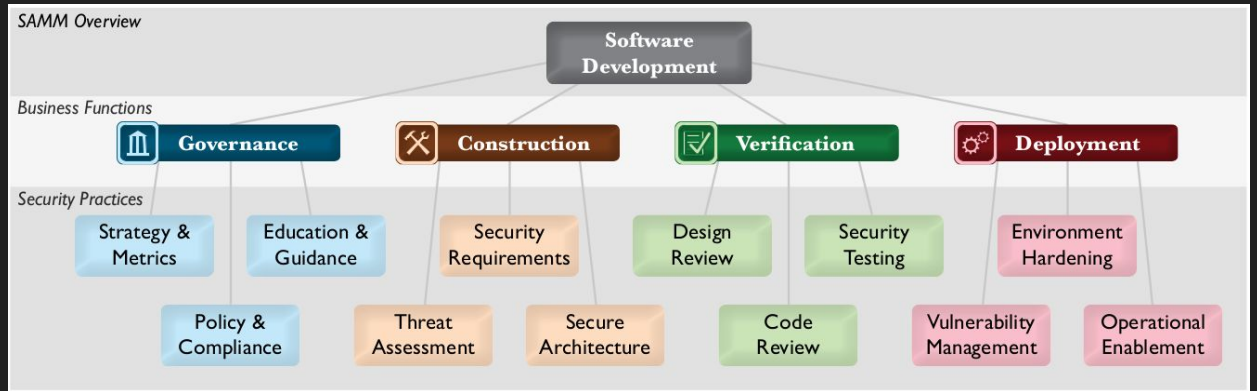
- George Box

Zen moment: models are not reality.

George Box has been called "one of the great statistical minds of the 20th century". Use a Bayesean classifier?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_E._P._Box

OpenSAMM



Look at the back of the handouts...

Activity Overview



Governance



Difference between fear and risk?

Have we described the demons? Do we have a plan to escape them?

- Record your fears (define risk profile).
- Have a roadmap from fear to assurance (OpenSAMM roadmap).
- Inform with data (**internal and external**).

“The Triumph of Death” by Pieter Bruegel the Elder. Depicts 16th century security fears.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Triumph_of_Death



Strategy & Metrics

SM 1

- Profile your Risk Tolerance
- Have an Assurance Roadmap

SM 2

- Classify Data / Applications according to Risk Profile
- Have Goals and Measurements for each Classification

SM 3

- Compare spend to peers
- Estimate history loss due to incidents

Who are your risk managers?

- Senior, Strategic Leadership.



Policy & Compliance

Understand the vision, make it your own, ensure it's not a fantasy.

- Understand and meet external requirements.
- Drive internal security standards.
- Maintain integrity through audit.

Regulatory framework is an imperfect vision of security, set forth by well meaning people. They are a place to begin, not a place to end.



Policy & Compliance

PC 1

- Understand Regulatory Drivers
- Establish Compliance Guidelines

PC 2

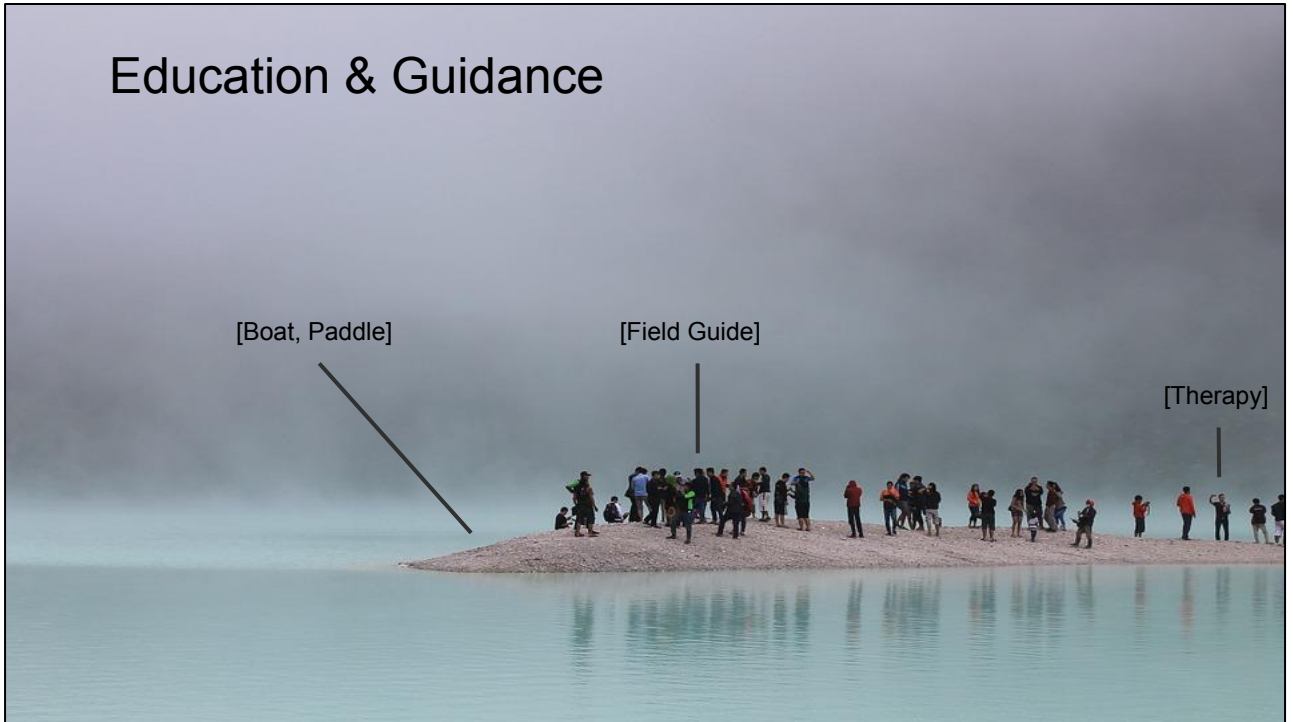
- Build Policy and Standards
- Create audit service

PC 3

- Gate Projects
- Aggregate and automate compliance checks

- Policy and Standard for SECURITY and regulation.

Education & Guidance



- Offer help mitigating security bugs and flaws
 - Resources, guides advice
 - Coaching
- Continue education

When venturing into new territory, it's easy to feel stranded. **Don't drop a development team in the wilderness without a guide.**



Education & Guidance

EG 1

- Do Technical Security Training
- Build Library of Technical Guidance

EG 2

- Do Role-Specific Training
- Provide Expert Consulting Service

EG 3

- Create Support Portal
- Do Role-based Certification





Construction

Threat Assessment

- Know thy threats.
- Understand how they act.
- Apply to systems.

Remember the demons? The Soviet Union was one of them post WWII (arguably).

U2 was commissioned by CIA to better understand Soviet capability and intention. This info was applied to national security.

Note: Threat assessment is NOT threat intelligence(™). It is threat intelligence applied to the development of a system. [Deeds not tools!]

Post-WWII, only visual intelligence was from German spy planes. U2 could fly above fighters, radar and SAM...

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockheed_U-2



Threat Assessment

TA 1

- Build Threat Models
- Profile Attackers

TA 2

- Develop Abuse Cases
- Rate and Weight Threats

TA 3

- Risk-rate Third-party Components
- Consider Compensating Controls in Models

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Specify the expected behaviors within a system.

How should they interact with each other, how should they interact with actors.



Security Requirements

SR 1

- Write Security into Business Requirements
- Require Best Practice

SR 2

- Understand Access Control
- Match security requirements to risk profile

SR 3

- Write security requirements into 3rd-party agreements
- Add security requirements to audits

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Define how you build the thing . . . Securely. This house had a blueprint, but . . .

“We use this framework”

“We build in this way”

threat model = the cold. Architects said “because cold, 2” extra foundation, special joints for the roof, and R32 minimum insulation ratings. Put your pipes in the middle of the house”

Did the architect then leave the project? No.



Secure Architecture

SA 1

- List recommended software frameworks
- Apply security principles checklist to design

SA 2

- ID & Promote shared security services
- ID & promote secure design patterns

SA 3

- Make Formal reference architecture
- Validate usage of frameworks, patterns, architecture

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Verification



- Consider design and architecture of built software.
- This is an exercise in detecting flaws:
 - does the design reflect the purpose of security?
 - Is the vision of architecture represented in the substance of what which is created.

Lee Green, VP at IBM. In quote, he speaks of the Eames, who were credited with inspiring IBM's design philosophy.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_and_Ray_Eame

Legs = Security mechanism



Design Review

DR 1

- Identify Attack Surface
- Match Design to Requirements

DR 2

- Inspect the Application of security mechanisms
- Provide Design Review Service

DR 3

- Diagram key data flows
- Make release gates for design review





Inspect the code for bugs.

Focus efforts based on risk.



Code Review

CR 1

- Create review checklist from requirements
- Do reviews of high-risk code

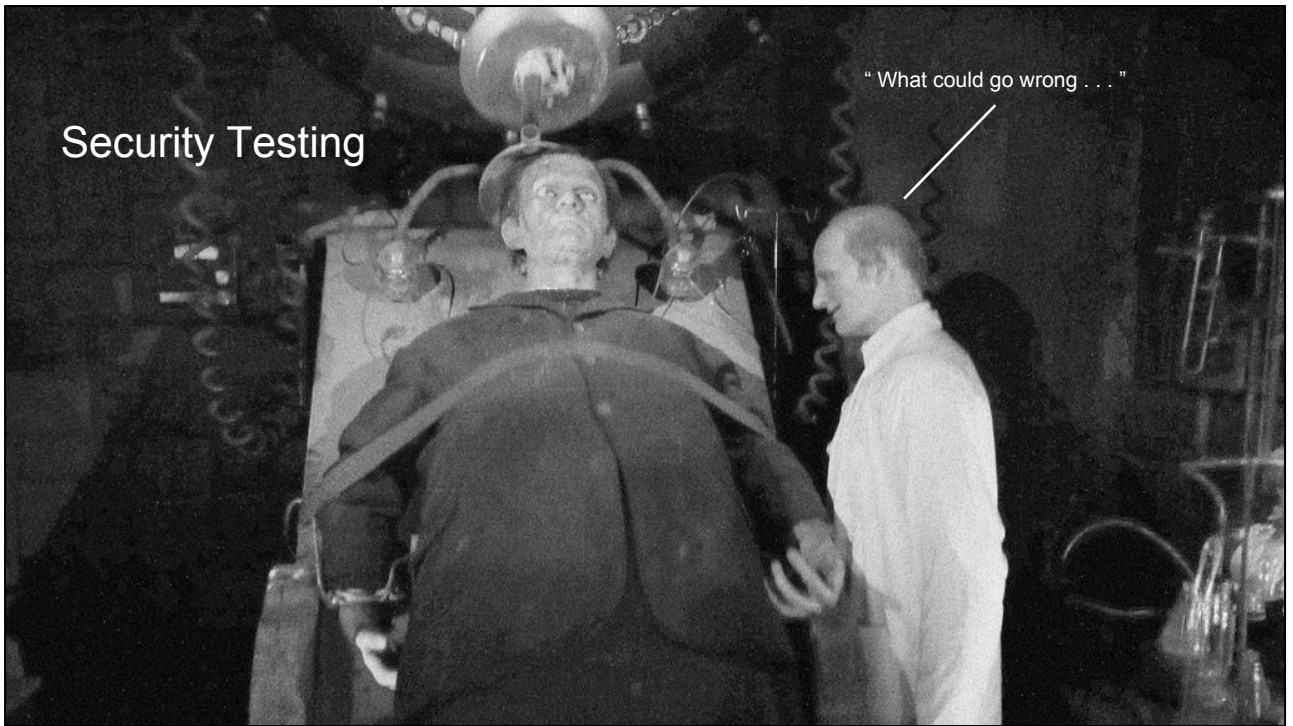
CR 2

- Utilize automated code review tools
- Do code review in development

CR 3

- Tune code review for application specifics
- Make release gates for code review

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- Inspect the monster in its runtime environment, living and breathing.
- Question and test assumptions made in building it.

No matter how good the Dr.'s intentions, the monster never quite cooperates...



Security Testing

ST 1

- Make test cases from requirements
- Pen test on release

ST 2

- Utilize automated testing tools
- Test security in development

ST 3

- Tune security tests to application specifics
- Make release gates for security testing

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Deployment

Vulnerability Management

- Define bat-team
- Provide bat-signal
- Do bat-things



Handling vulnerabilities, and handling incidents (two sides, same coin)

- Define Roles (the PM receives the report, the team lead forms the incident response group)
- Define the bat-signal.



Vulnerability Management

VM 1

- Identify point of contact for project
- Make loose incident response team

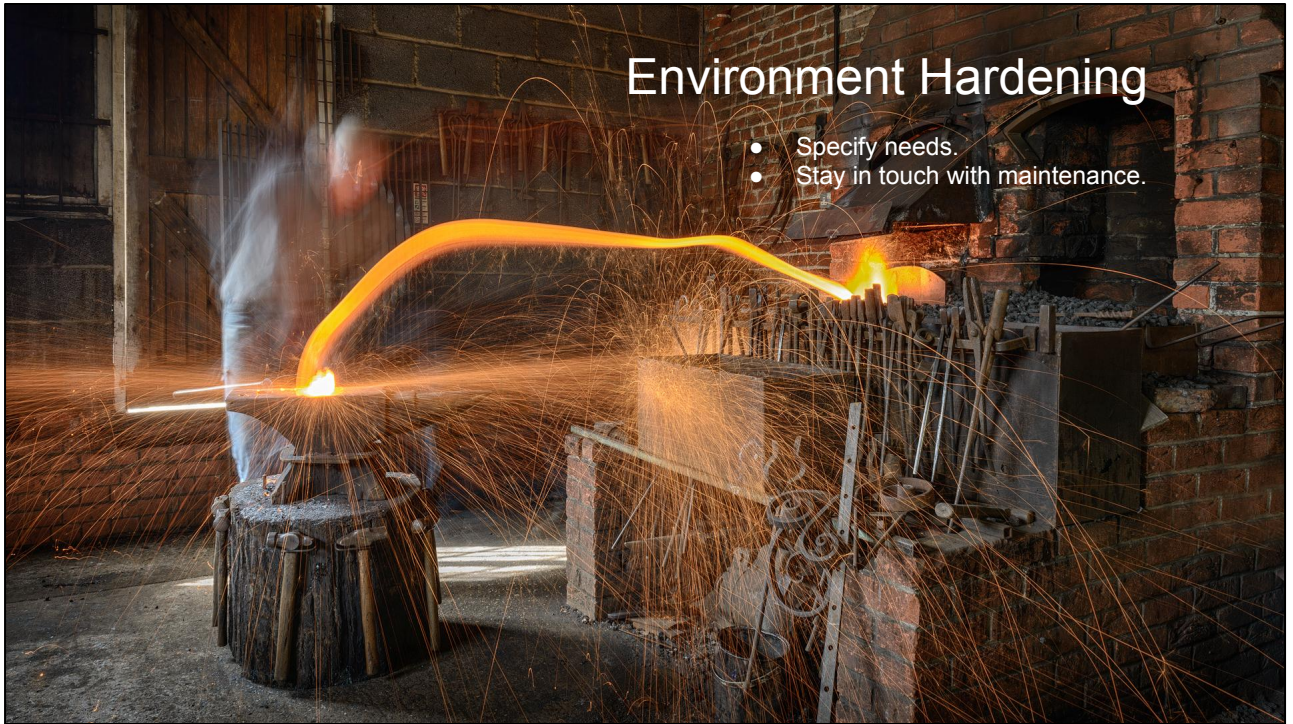
VM 2

- Define incident response process
- Adopt a disclosure process

VM 3

- Do root cause analysis on incidents
- Measure trends in incidents

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Environment Hardening

- Specify needs.
- Stay in touch with maintenance.

Ensure the underlying infrastructure is configured securely.

- Maintain a configuration spec (project group communicates effectively, expressing the configurations needed to run the app securely)
- Manage patches (with communication...)

What happens when Infrastructure and the Project don't communicate? patches break apps, and apps confound infrastructure.

Note that infrastructure is much more than this: From the perspective of software projects, they train the horse, and infrastructure puts the shoes on it.



Environment Hardening

EH 1

- Specify assumptions of operating environment
- Do security patching

EH 2

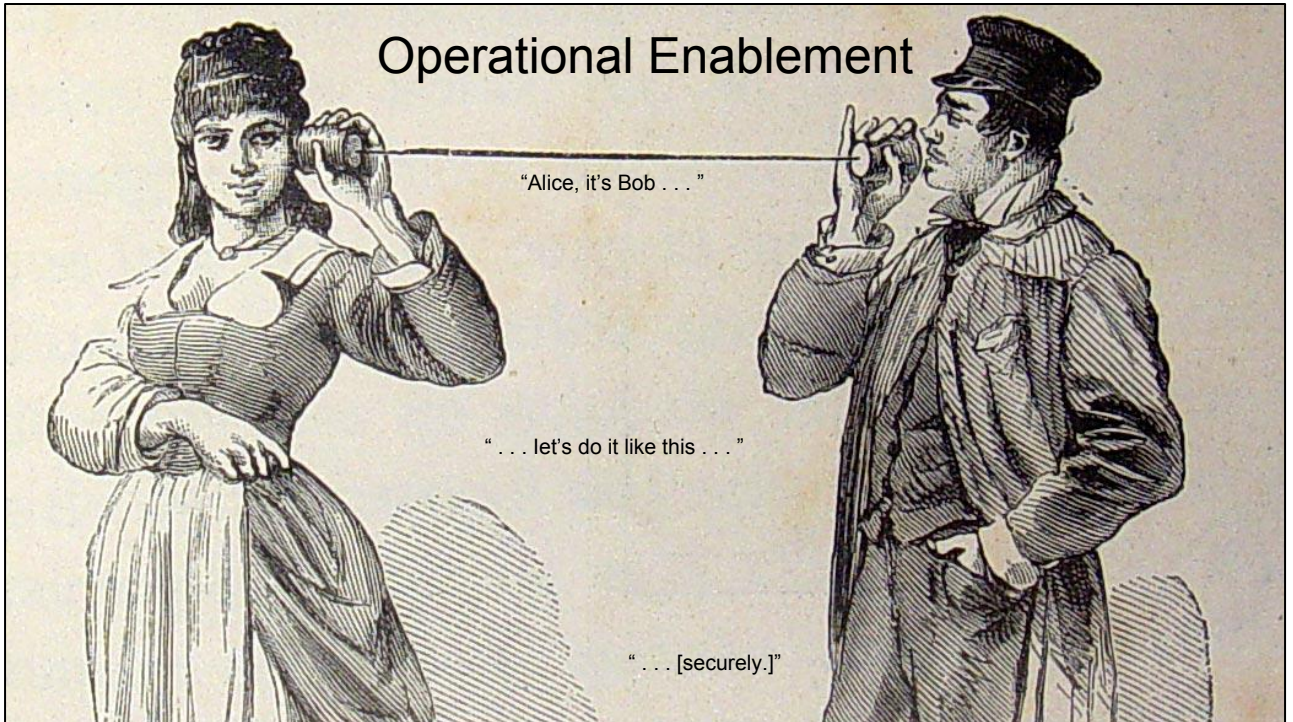
- Establish routine patch process
- Monitor baseline configurations

EH 3

- ID and deploy protective controls
- Audit baselines for configuration and patching

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Operational Enablement



Communicate best way to use the software.

- Gather information critical to using an app securely.
- share that information to the appropriate people (users, operators, administrators).



Operational Enablement

OE 1

- Record security-related configuration info
- Write procedures for alerts

OE 2

- Have change management procedures
- Maintain operational security guidelines

OE 3

- Audit for operational enablement
- Do code signing

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Case Study

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