

APPSEC AWARENESS: A BLUE PRINT FOR SECURITY CULTURE CHANGE

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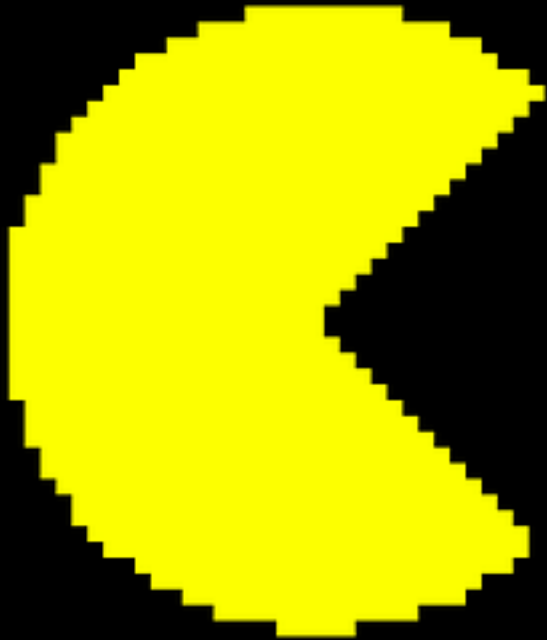
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Agenda

- The Problem Space or why do we need an application security awareness?
- Creating sustainable security culture
- Application Security Awareness
 - *Designing your own program*

Software is eating the world



Customers demand security in
everything



Security vulnerabilities and bug counts continue to rise



OWASP TOP 10

A1: Injection

**A2: Broken
Authentication and Session
Management**

**A3: Cross-Site
Scripting
(XSS)**

**A4: Insecure
Direct Object
References**

***A5: Security
Misconfigurat
ion***

**A6: Sensitive
Data
Exposure**

**A7: Missing
Function
Level Access
Control**

**A8: Cross Site
Request
Forgery
(CSRF)**

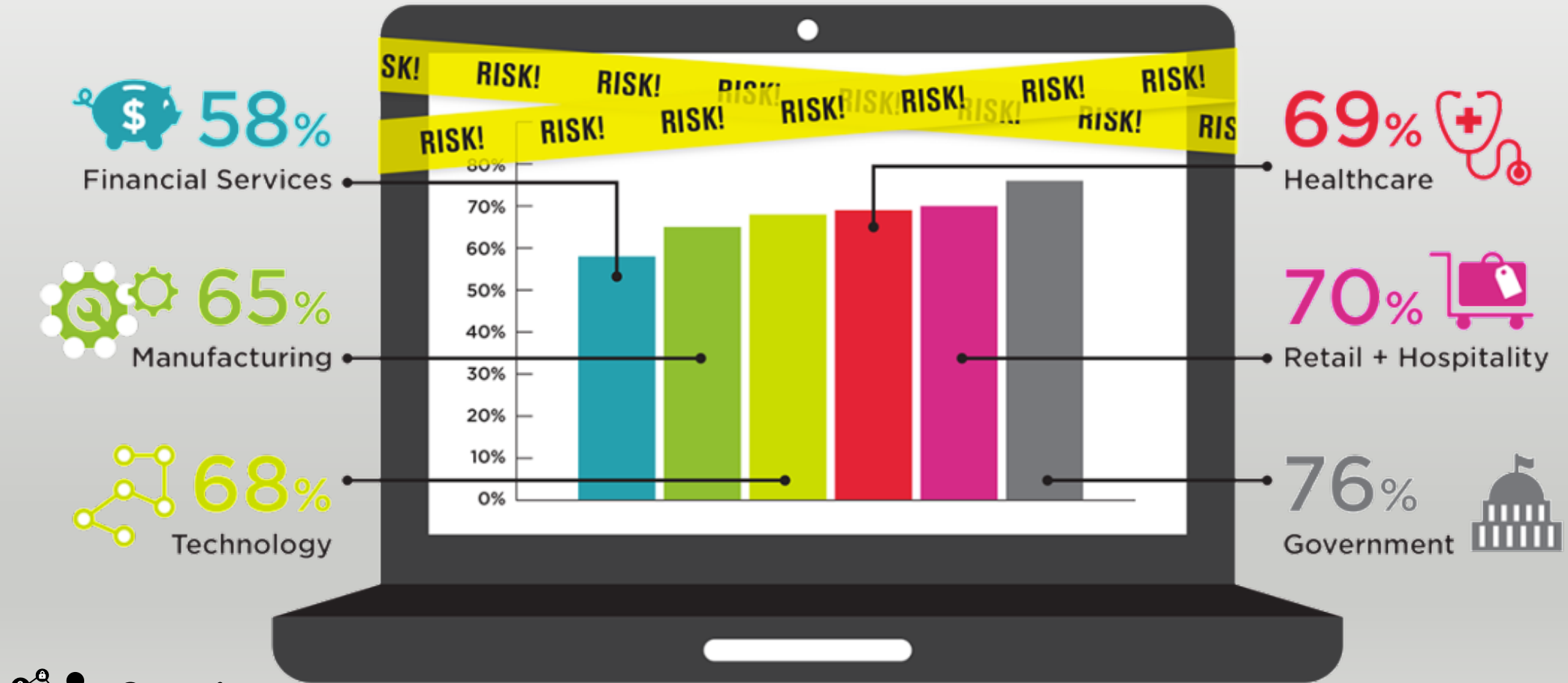
**A9: Using
Known
Vulnerable
Components**

**A10:
Unvalidated
Redirects and
Forwards**

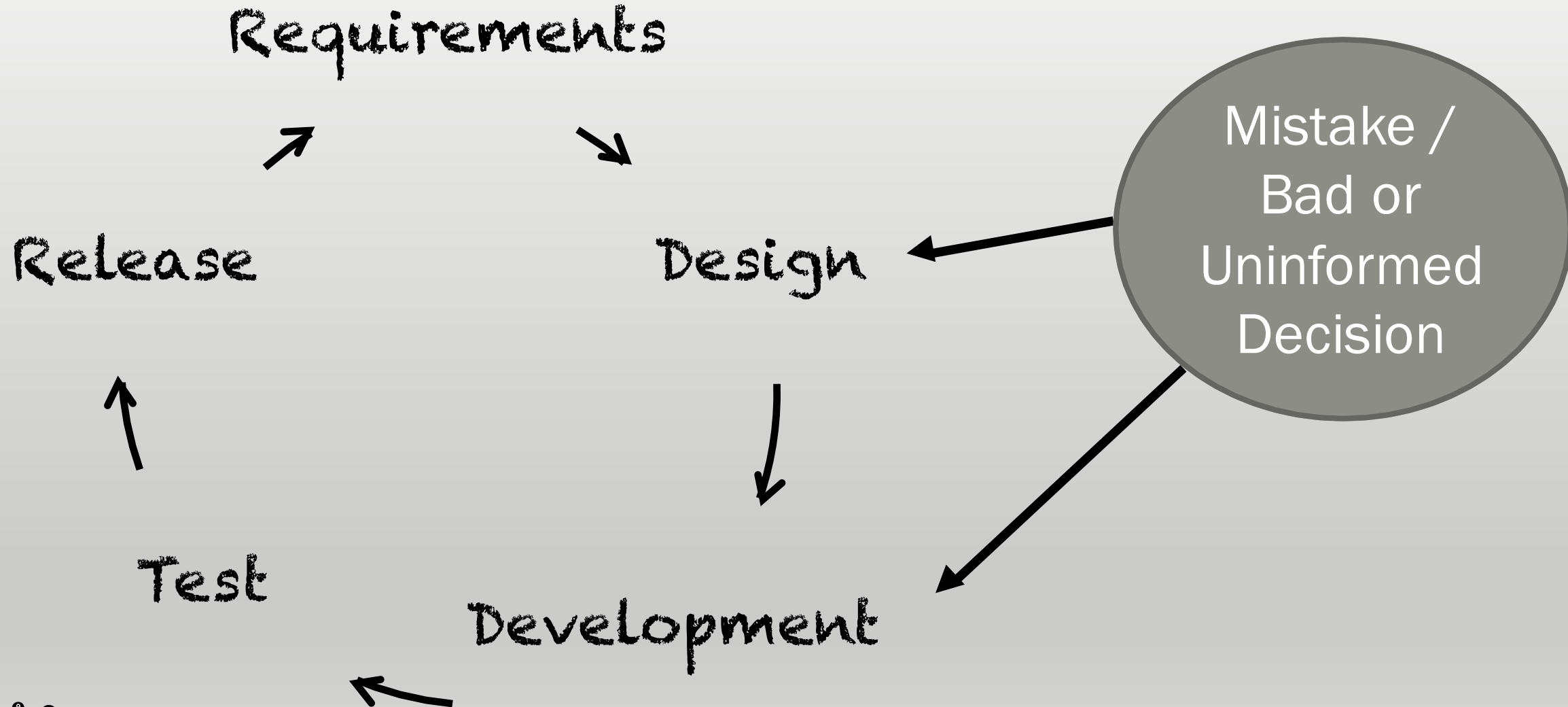
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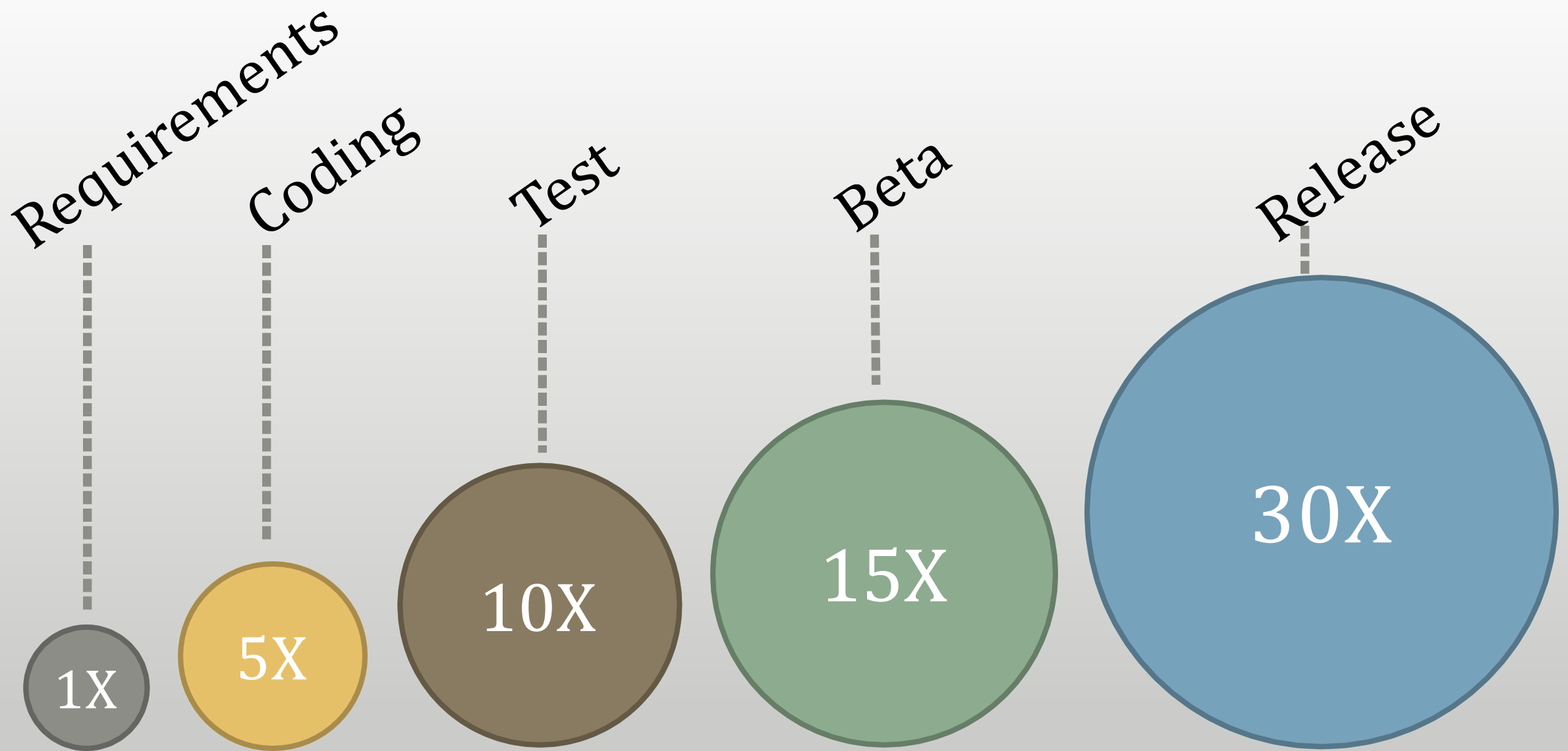
FAILED OWASP TOP 10

How many apps fail the OWASP Top 10 upon initial risk assessment?



The Source of Vulnerabilities





Relative Cost to Fix

The Mindset of the “Average” Developer



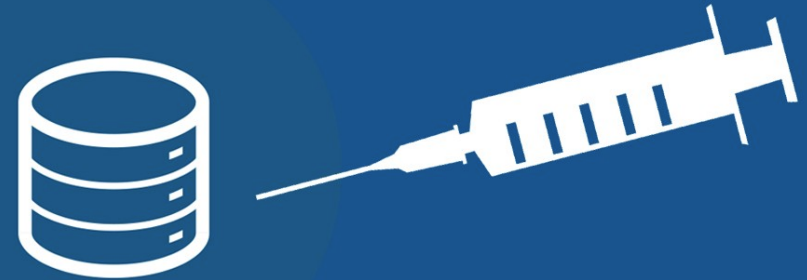
Security is a
stretch for
everyone.

Lack of
understanding of
the real problem.



Security is a stretch for everyone.

They do not understand the ramifications of inaction or the why.



SQL Injection

XSS

OK

Developers are
not monsters.

They want to do
the right thing.



The Goal

Developers that
think like security
people.



RVASec



Security Culture



“What happens {**with security**} when people are left to their own devices.”

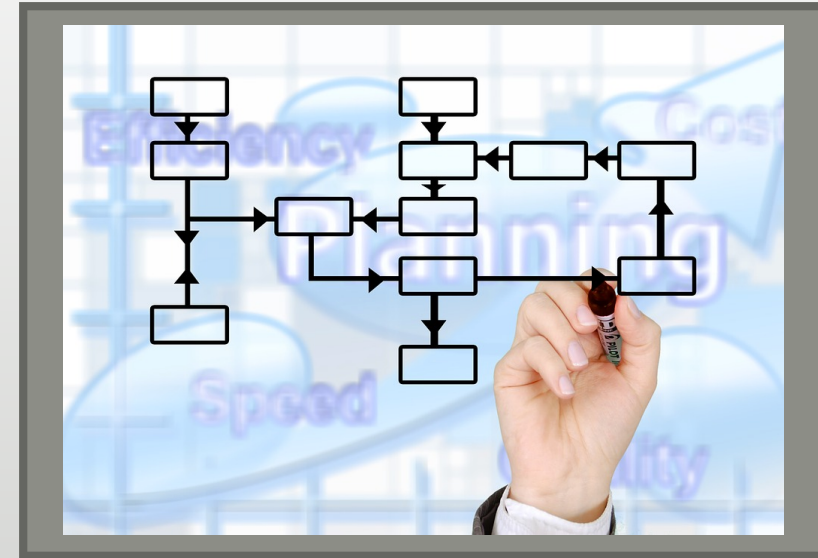
--Tim Ferriss

Application security is
about the people.



The people introduce
the vulnerabilities.

Why change a security culture?



Defining Features of a Sustainable Security Culture

Deliberate
and
disruptive

Engaging
and fun

Rewarding

Return on
investment

How do we change a security culture?

Open
their eyes



Awareness

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Fill their
brains



Knowledge



Fill their
brains



History



Fill their
brains



Role Specific

Developer

Web

C / C++ / C#

Java

Embedded

Task their
hands



Activity



Embrace
the
gathering



Community

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Solution?

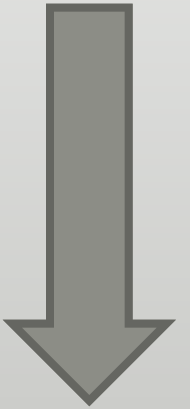
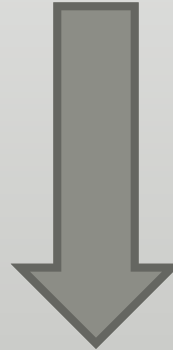
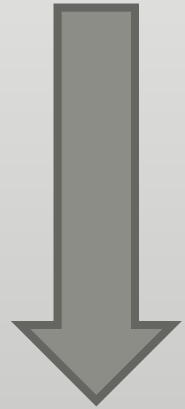




Security
Awareness



Security
Training



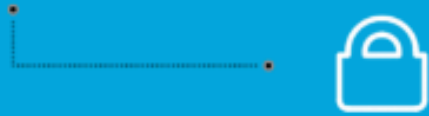
The Security Learning Spectrum

Benefits of an application security awareness program

- 1. Everyone gains a foundational knowledge of #appsec and with minimal investment**
- 2. Dev's learn the detailed lessons of #appsec and avoid repeating history**
- 3. Provides a defined mission through security activity**
- 4. Central connection point for your new crop of security conscious**



Security



Security

The Cisco Security Dojo



Chris Romeo - April 30, 2015 - 2 Comments

Over the past three years, Cisco has invested in the creation of an application security awareness program. The program helps the good citizens of this company understand, apply, and act upon a strategy to build more trustworthy products. We launched the existence of the program to the world at the RSA Conference 2015. I am sharing this with you because we've created something unique to the industry, and we want to encourage other companies to pursue the creation of an application security awareness program.

When you think about security awareness, do you envision phishing e-mails, Nigerian princes, and tailgating cyber criminals? Security vulnerabilities are a fact of life, but we can help our organizations develop a greater level of understanding and a desire to put security first in their development efforts. At Cisco, we believe that security awareness training should feature traditional training about crazy links you should not click under any circumstances and how to stop strangers from entering your buildings, as well as application security awareness. Application security awareness, when done well, can drive security culture change to make a company and its products and solutions safer. Moving an organization to focus on security is possible, because we have done it.

Enough talking about it, please take a sneak peek at how we do it here in this video.



Building an Application Security Awareness Program

1. Program
Architecture

2. Content

3. Humor /
Story

4.
Gamification

Building an Application Security Awareness Program

Program Architecture

- Design your program and record decisions in a planning document
- Impact: Everyone involved in the project understands the vision and execution

Assess Security Culture



Define the problem

■ Our organization lacks:

- general application security knowledge
- appreciation for the evolving threat landscape
- experience with secure development practices and tools
- motivation to improve security

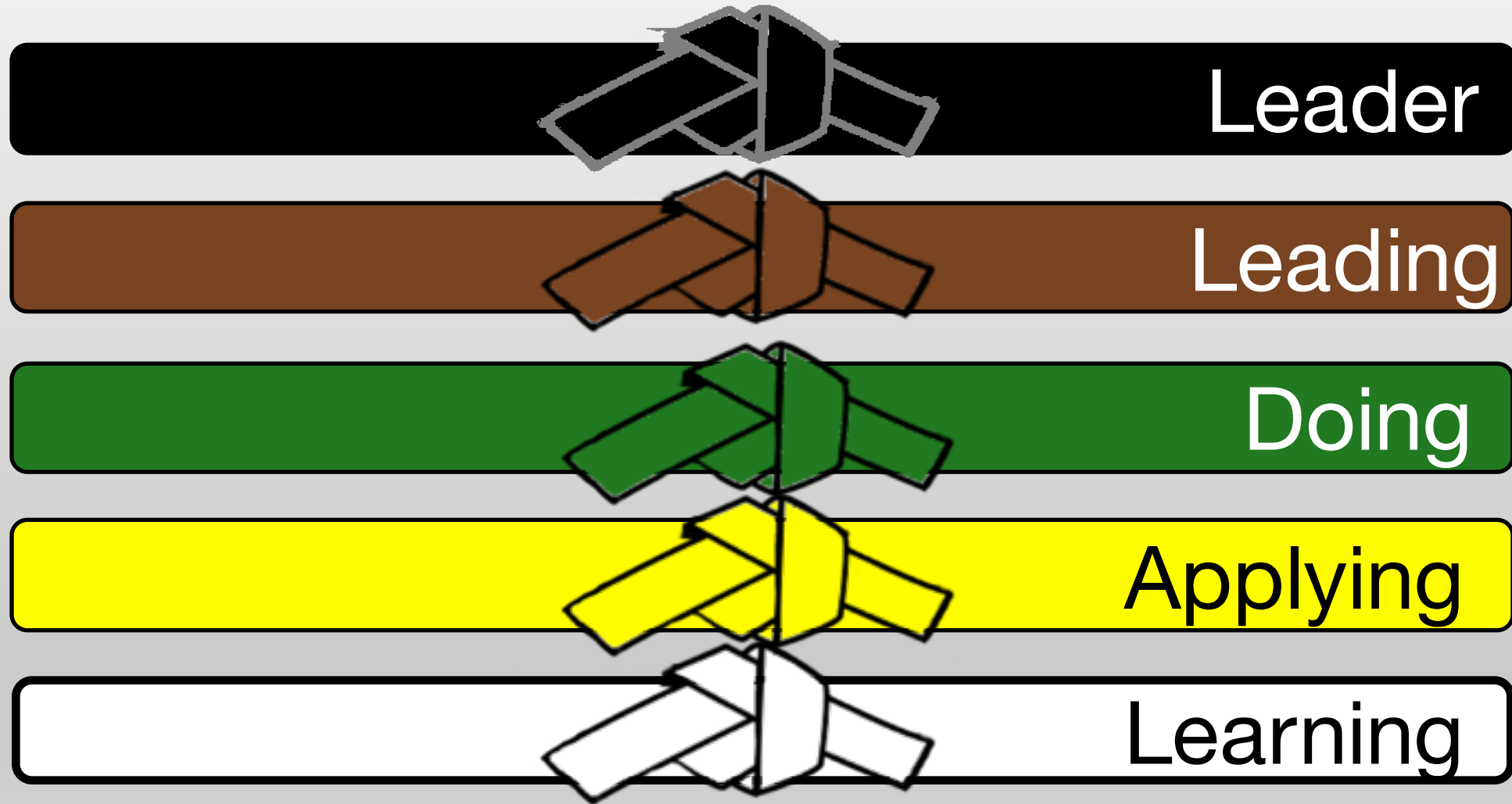
Build a Team



Design Decision #1: Theme



Design Decision #2: Levels



Design Decision #3: Roles

Development

- SW Engineer
- Tester
- Manager
- HW Engineer

Operations

- IT
- DevOps

Internal

- Sales
- Marketing
- Executives

Everyone



Design Decision #4: Activities & Behaviors



Build

- A security tool or process
- Partnerships
- Security community

Enrich

- Mentor
- Teach a course
- Deliver presentations



Explore

- Security issue analysis
- Security committee
- A vulnerable web app

Implement

- A security feature
- A security test
- Security strategy



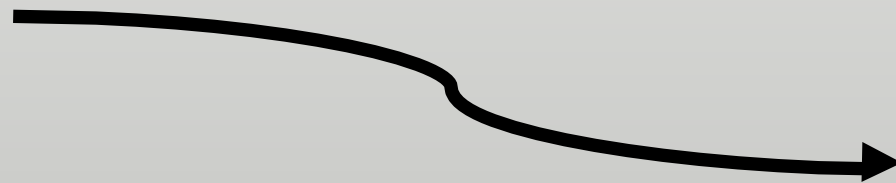
Recognition



Budget & Schedule



2016



2017, 18, 19?

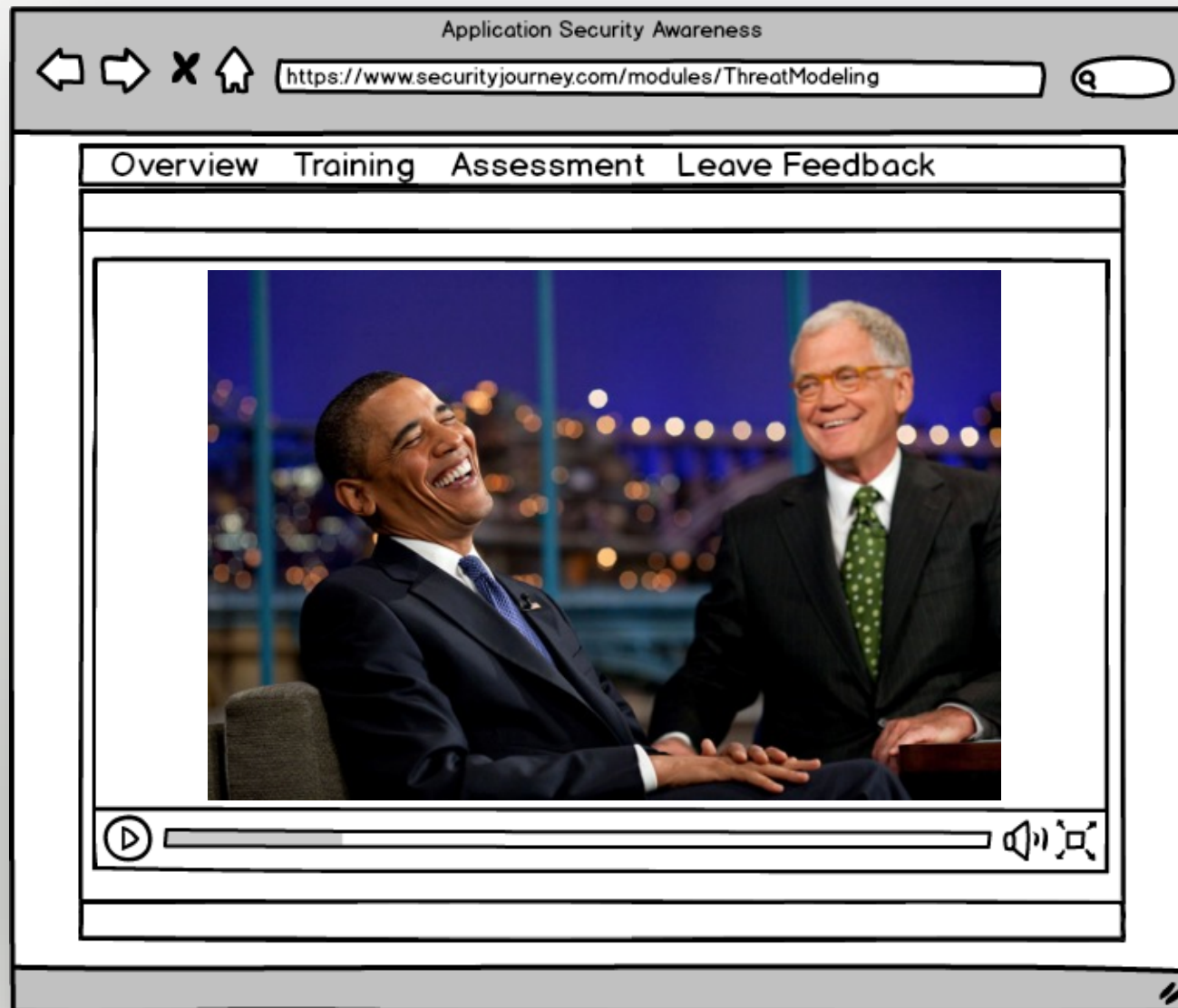
Building an Application Security Awareness Program

Content

- Foundational and role specific video modules, answering:
 - *“Why care about appsec?”*
 - *“How do we do #appsec?”*
- Impact: Video scales to the size of your organization



Content



Assessment

Assessment

← → ✕ 🏠 https://www.securityjourney.com/modules/threatmodeling/ 🔍

Overview Training Assessment Leave Feedback

Threat Modeling

Threat modeling provides the best return on resource investment during which phase of the secure development lifecycle?

☒ Secure Design
☐ Requirements
☐ Response
☐ Implementation

Correct

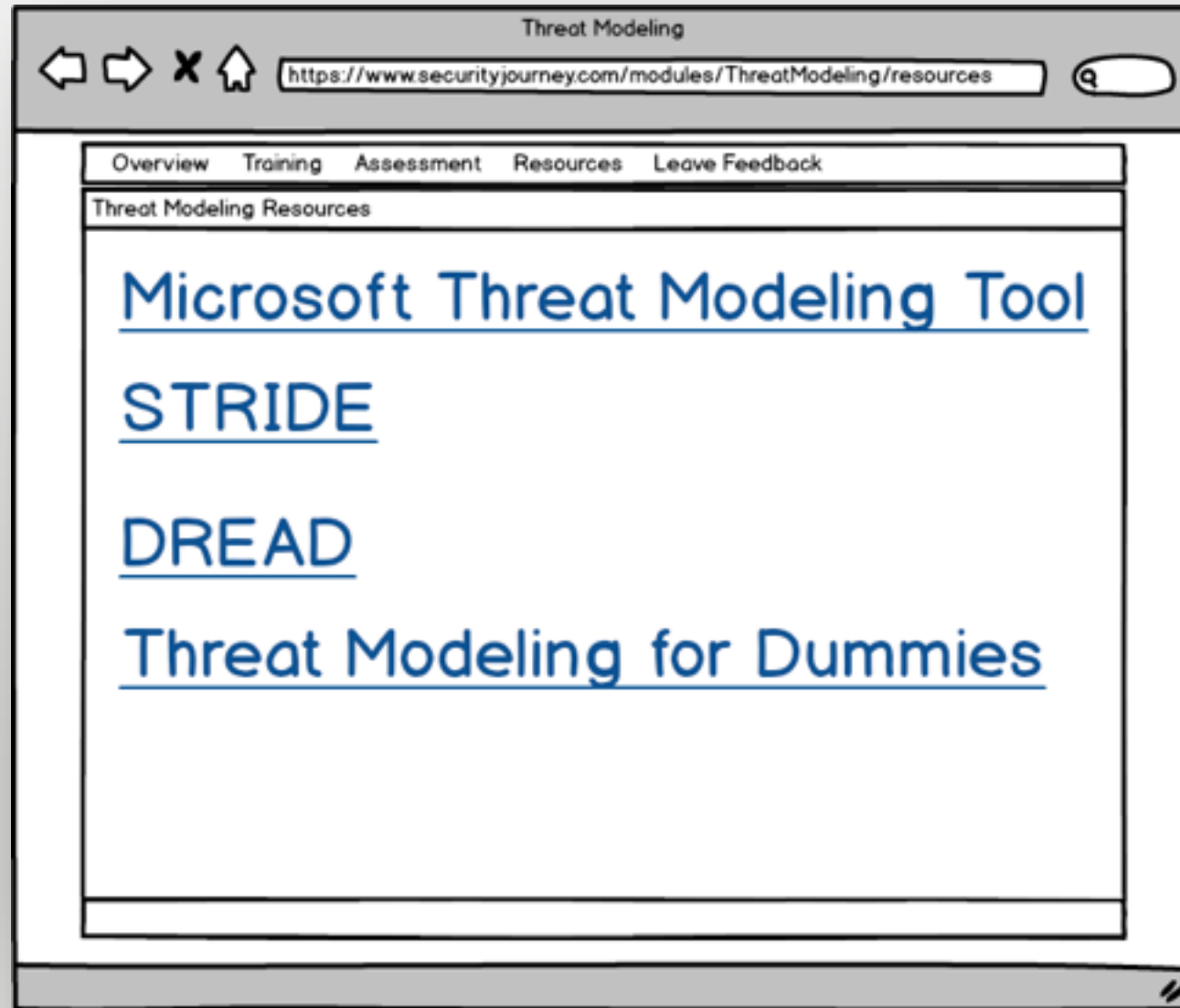
The secure design phase provides the best return on investment.

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Resources



Level 1 Content Map

Security
Fundamentals

Attacks &
Attackers

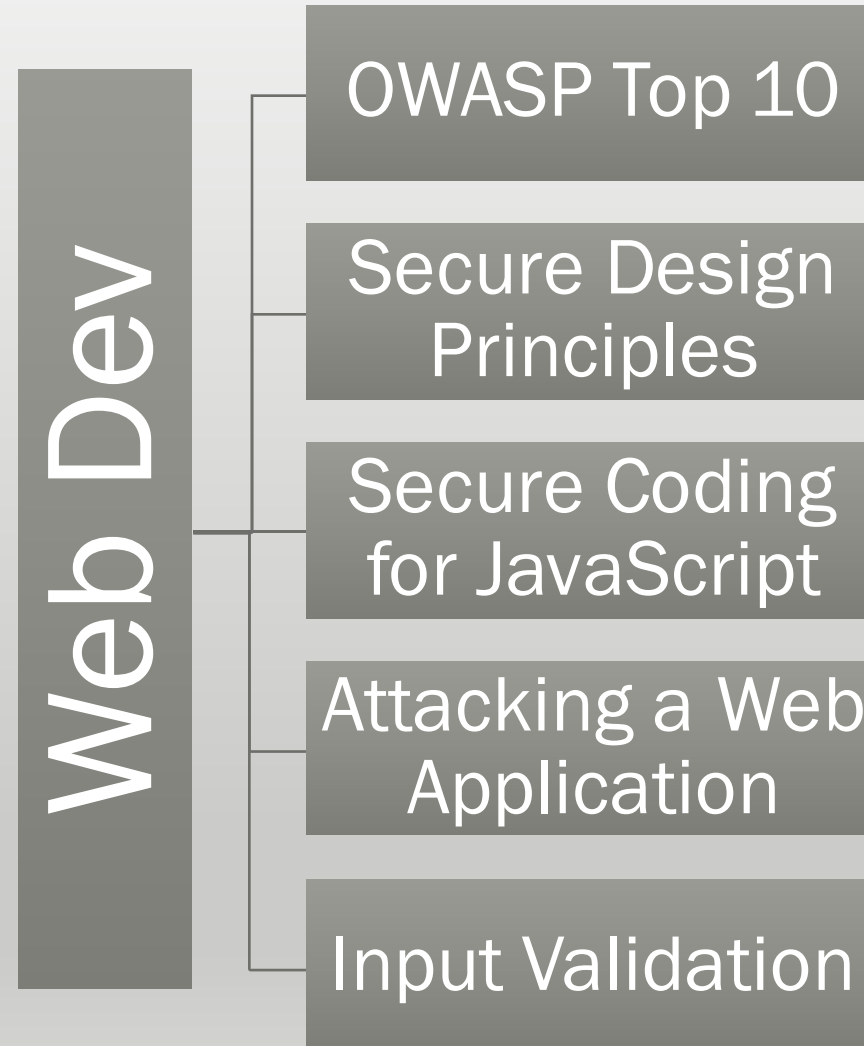
Simple SDL

Security Myths

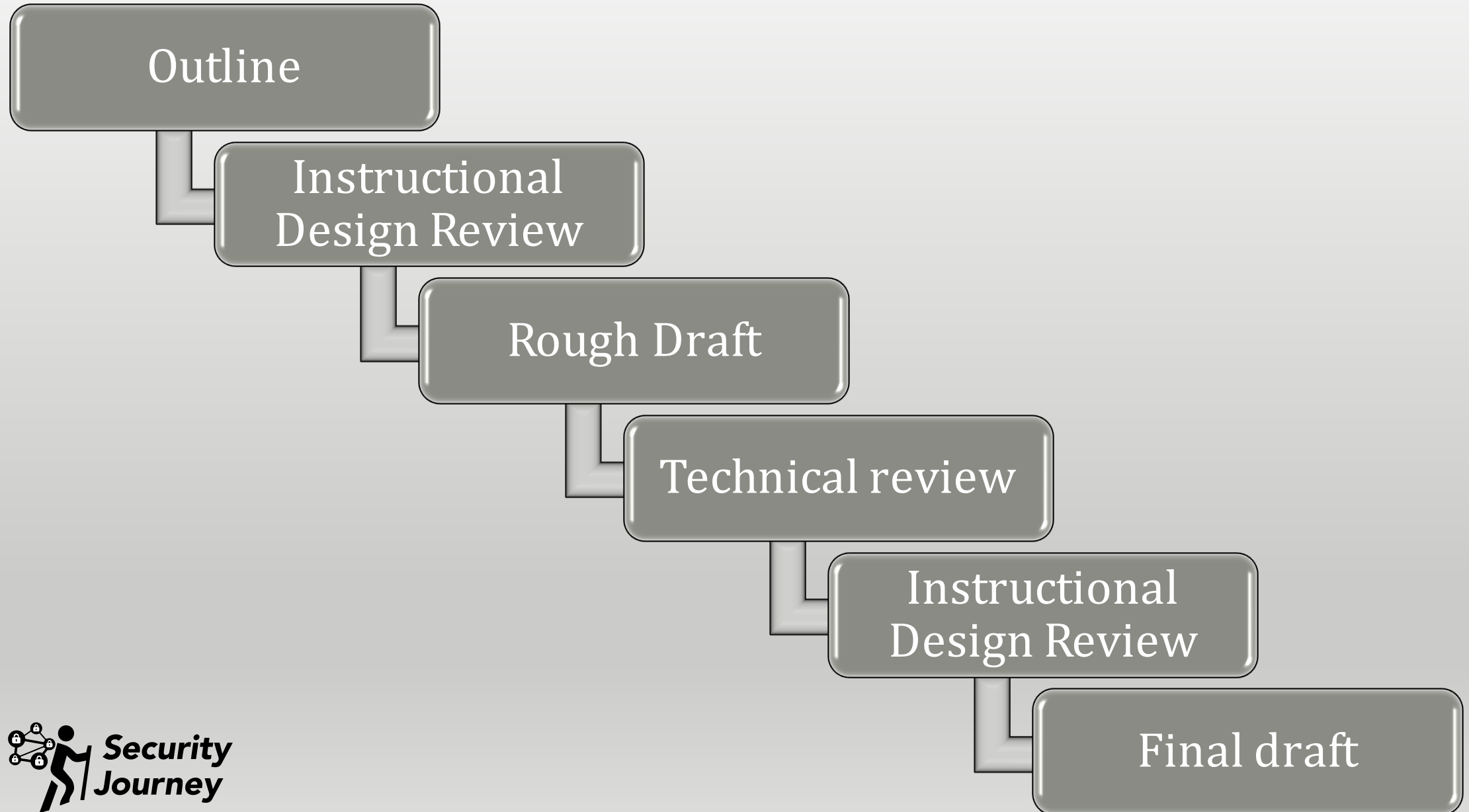
Privacy &
Customer Data
Protection

Security
Business Case

Level 2 Content Map



Content Creation Process



Building an Application Security Awareness Program

Humor / Story

- Inject some humor into your security learning
- Use a story to illustrate security principles
- Impact: Content is not so serious and learners begin to have FUN

What is a security metaphor?



Examples

- Still Cartoons
- Full motion cartoons
- Video



A word of caution...



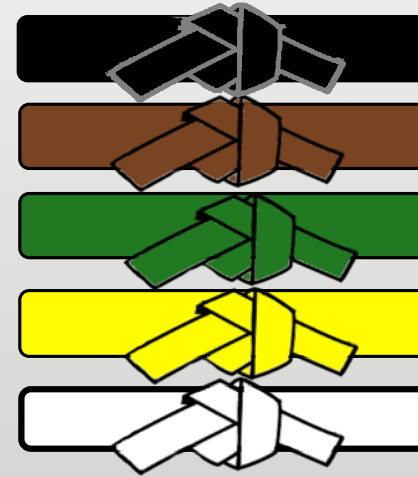
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Gamification

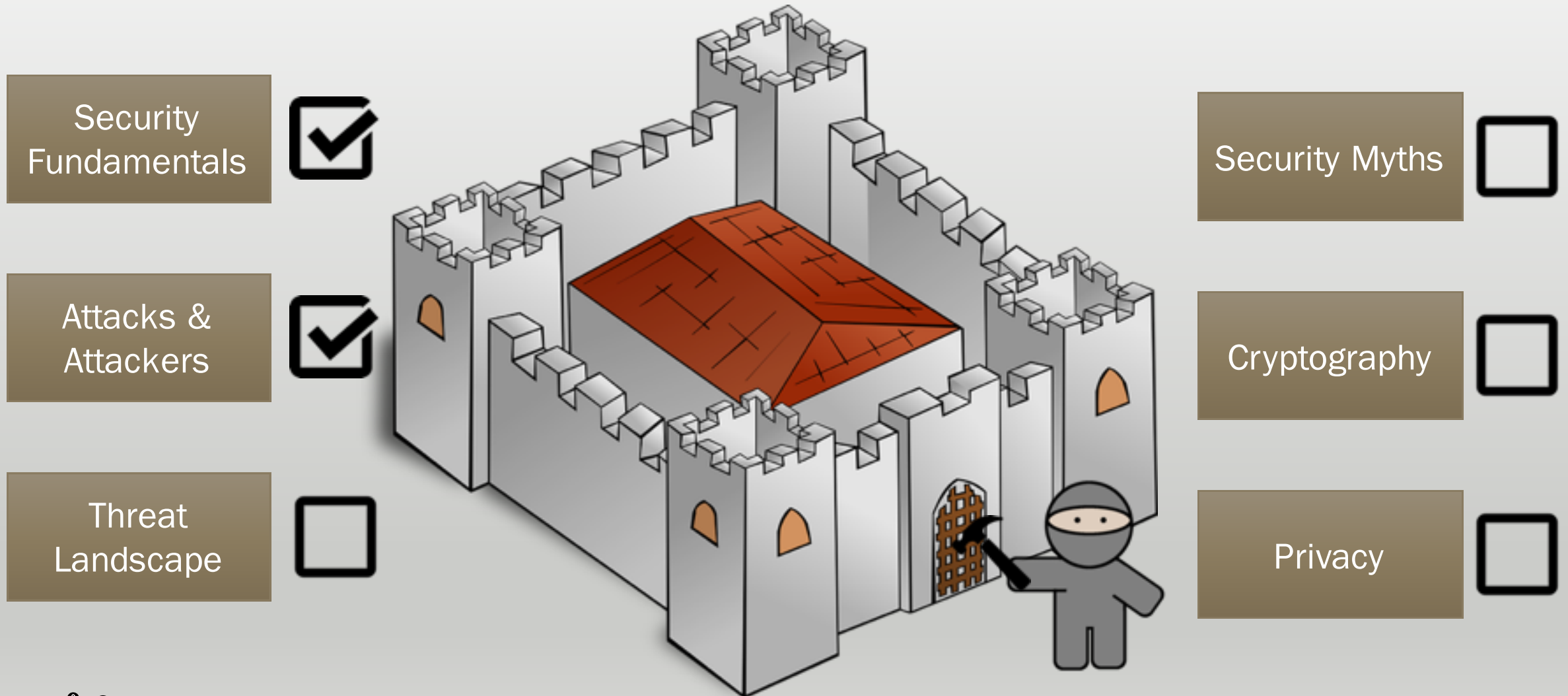
- Utilizing what makes games fun and apply it to #appsec
- Impact: An engaged learner is a learner that sticks around



Gamification



User Interface



Competition

[illegible]

Key Takeaways

- Vulnerabilities are real and everywhere
- Changing security culture
 - *Open their eyes (awareness)*
 - *Fill their brains (knowledge / history)*
 - *Task their hands (activity)*
- Building an application security awareness program
 - *Program Architecture*
 - *Content*
 - *Humor / Story*
 - *Gamification*



Build Your Own



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