

# Secure Software Development on the Enterprise Level

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Shift Left: The Incredible Impact Early Security Testing Makes

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# Personal Background

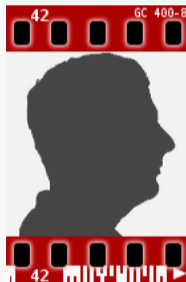
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## ❖ Eight year of enterprise secure software development:

- ❖ Member of the central security team, SAP SE (Germany)
  - ❖ (Global) Security Testing Strategist
  - ❖ Security Research Expert/Architect
- ❖ Work areas:
  - ❖ Defining the risk-based Security Testing Strategy of SAP
  - ❖ Introducing security testing tools (e.g., SAST, DAST) at SAP
  - ❖ Identify white spots and evaluate and improve tools/methods
  - ❖ Secure Software Development Life Cycle integration
  - ❖ Applied security research
  - ❖ ...

## ❖ Since 12/2015:

- ❖ Senior Lecturer, The University of Sheffield, UK
- ❖ Head of the Software Assurance & Security Research Team
- ❖ Available as consultant & (research) collaborations



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- ❖ Leader in Business Software
  - ❖ Cloud
  - ❖ Mobile
  - ❖ On premise
- ❖ Many different technologies and platforms, e.g.,
  - ❖ In-memory database and application server (Hana)
  - ❖ Netweaver for ABAP and Java
- ❖ More than 25 industries
- ❖ 63% of the world's transaction revenue touches an SAP system
- ❖ over 68 000 employees worldwide  
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- ❑ nearly 157,000 customer records leaked
- ❑ nearly 16,000 records included bank details
- ❑ more than 150,000 customers lost  
(home services market share fall by 4.4 percent  
in terms of new customers)
- ❑ Costs for TalkTalk: around any £60 million



## Example (Ashley Madison, July 2015)

- ❖ more than 30 million email addresses & much more
- ❖ Compromised data:
  - ❖ Dates of birth
  - ❖ Email addresses
  - ❖ Ethnicities, Genders
  - ❖ Sexual preferences
  - ❖ Home addresses, Phone numbers
  - ❖ Payment histories
  - ❖ Passwords, Usernames, Security questions and answers
  - ❖ Website activity
- ❖ **Similar Leak:** Mate1 in February 2016:  
27 million records with even more personal details (e.g., drinking/drug habits, political views)



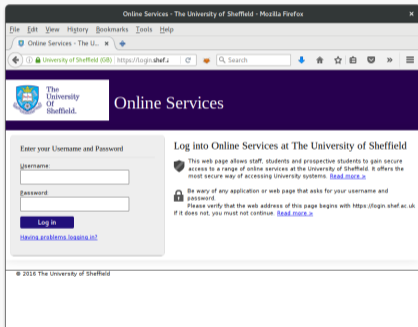
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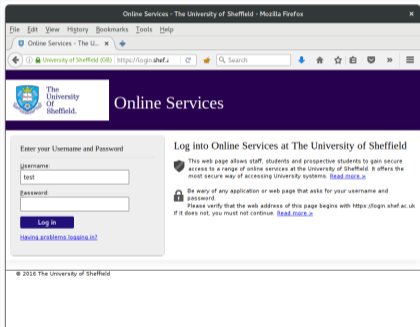
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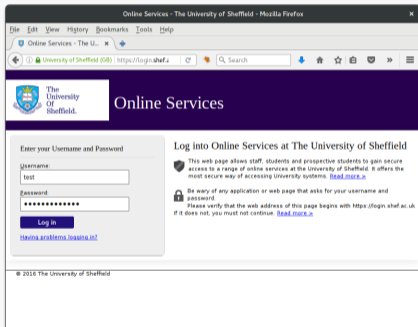
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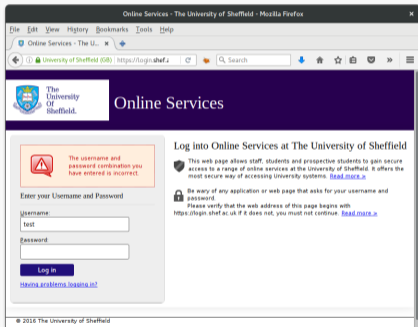
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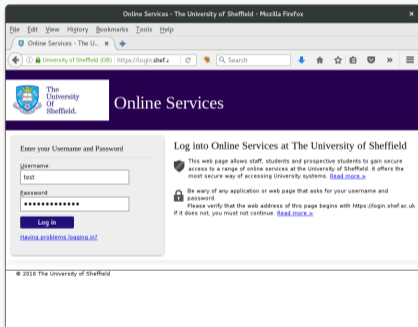
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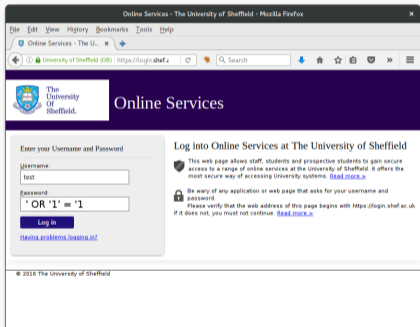
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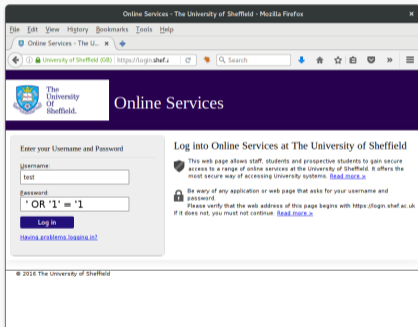
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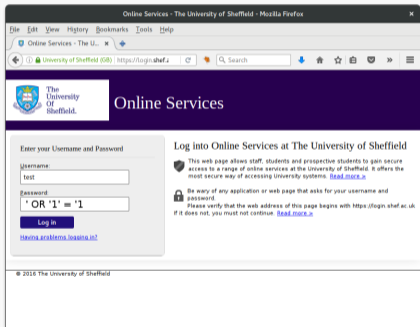
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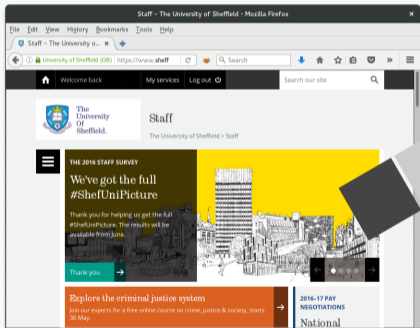
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- ❖ No password check!

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## Training

- ❑ Security awareness
- ❑ Secure programming
- ❑ Threat modelling
- ❑ Security testing
- ❑ Data protection and privacy
- ❑ Security expert curriculum ("Masters")

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## Risk Identification

- ❑ Risk identification ("high-level threat modelling")
- ❑ Threat modelling
- ❑ Data privacy impact assessment

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## Plan Security Measures

- ❑ Plan product standard compliance
- ❑ Plan security features
- ❑ Plan security tests
- ❑ Plan security response

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## Secure Development

- ❑ Secure Programming
- ❑ Static code analysis (SAST)
- ❑ Code review



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## Security Testing

- ❑ Dynamic Testing (e.g., IAST, DAST)
- ❑ Manual testing
- ❑ External security assessment

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## Security Validation ("First Customer")

- ❖ Check for "flaws" in the implementation of the S<sup>2</sup>DL
- ❖ Ideally, security validation finds:
  - ❖ No issues that can be fixed/detected earlier
  - ❖ Only issues that cannot be detect earlier (e.g., insecure default configurations, missing security documentation)

Penetration tests in productive environments are different:

- ❖ They test the actual configuration
- ❖ They test the productive environment (e.g., cloud/hosting)

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## Security Response

- ❑ Execute the security response plan
- ❑ Security related external communication
- ❑ Incident handling
- ❑ Security patches
- ❑ Monitoring of third party components

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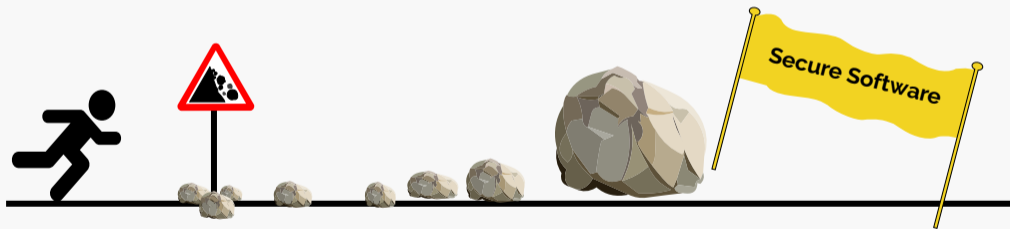
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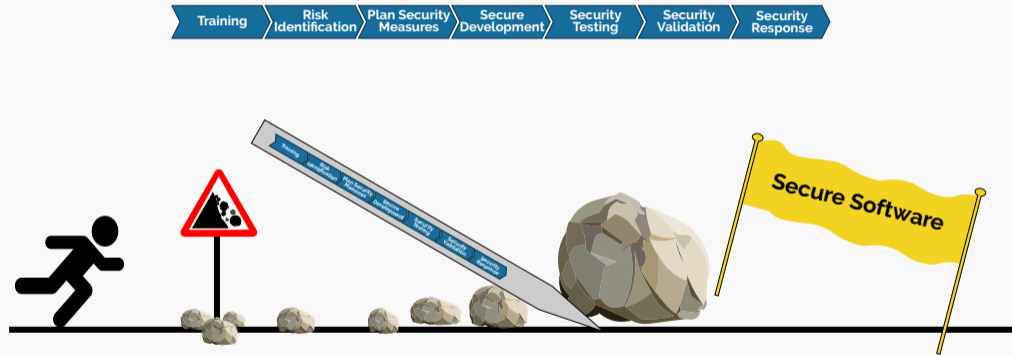
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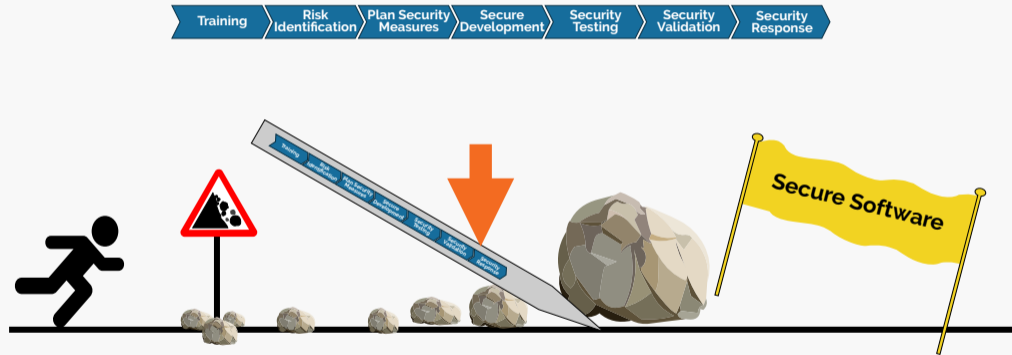
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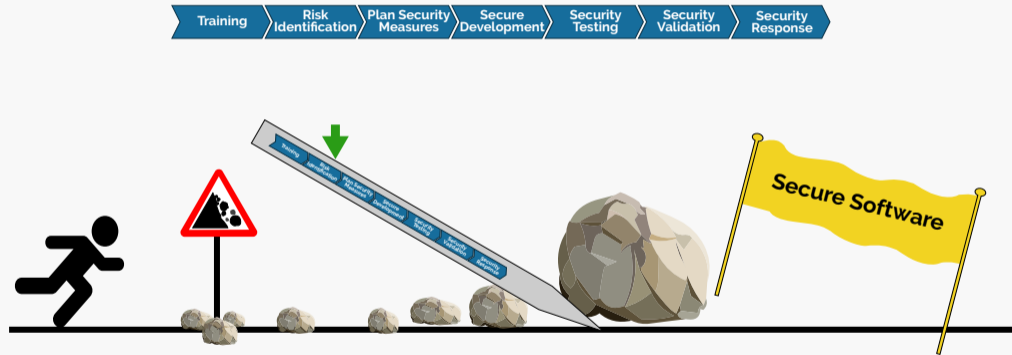
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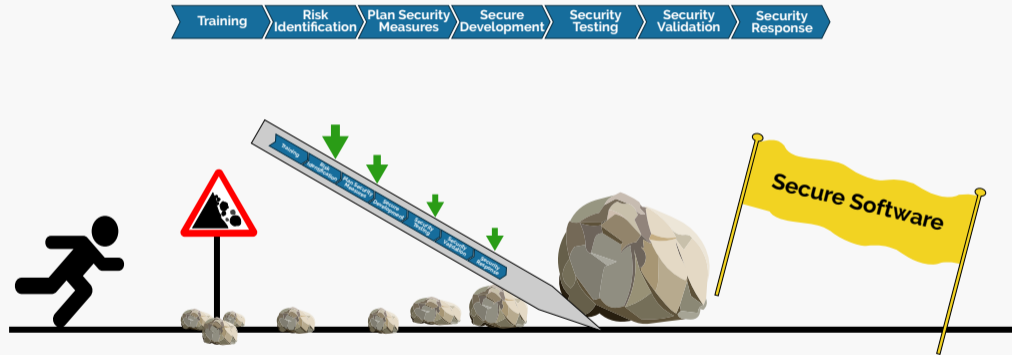
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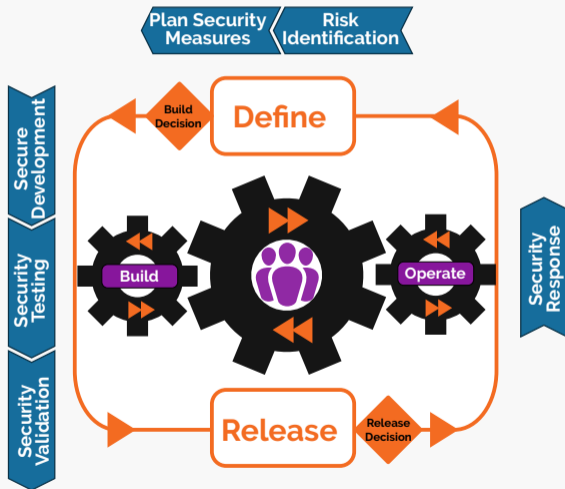


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# Secure Software Development Lifecycle for Cloud/Agile



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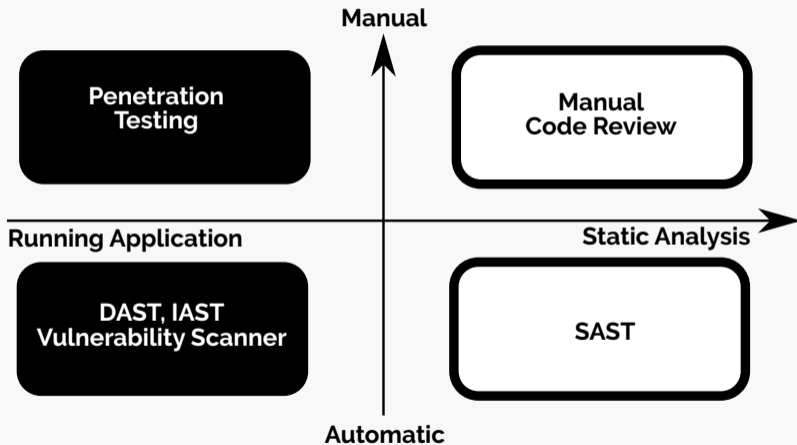
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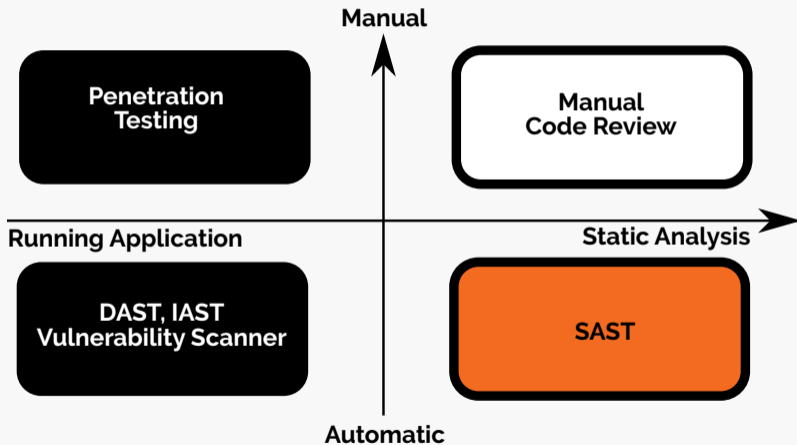
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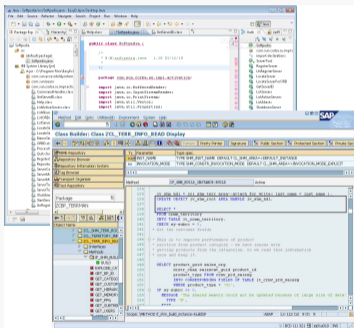
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# In 2010: Static Analysis Becomes Mandatory

## SAST tools used at SAP:



Language	Tool	Vendor
ABAP	CodeProfiler	Virtual Forge
Others	Fortify	HP

- ❖ Since 2010: SAST mandatory for all SAP products
- ❖ Within two years, multiple billions lines analysed
- ❖ Constant improvement of tool configuration
- ❖ Further details:  
Deploying Static Application Security Testing on a Large Scale. In GI Sicherheit 2014. Lecture Notes in Informatics, 228, pages 91-101, GI, 2014.

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❖ ~~One~~ Two SAST tools fit all

- ❖ VF CodeProfiler
- ❖ Fortify

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- ❖ are **responsible**

Central Security Team

- ❖ Supports development teams
- ❖ Can focus on improvements
  - ❖ filling white spots
  - ❖ tooling
  - ❖ processes

# De-Centralised Approach: Organisational Setup

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## ❖ Central security expert team (S<sup>2</sup>DL owner)

- ❖ Organizes security trainings
- ❖ Defines product standard "Security"
- ❖ Defines risk and threat assessment methods
- ❖ Defines security testing strategy
- ❖ Selects and provides security testing tools
- ❖ Validates products
- ❖ Defines and executes response process

## ❖ Local security experts

- ❖ Embedded into development teams
- ❖ Organize local security activities
- ❖ Support developers and architects
- ❖ Support product owners (responsibles)

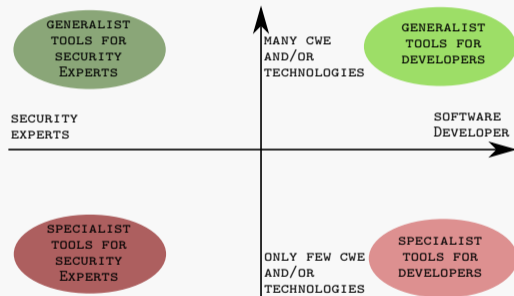
## ❖ Development teams

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- ❖ Select development model
- ❖ Design and execute security testing plan
- ❖ ...

# Security Team Focus: Security Testing for Developers

Security testing tools for developers, need to

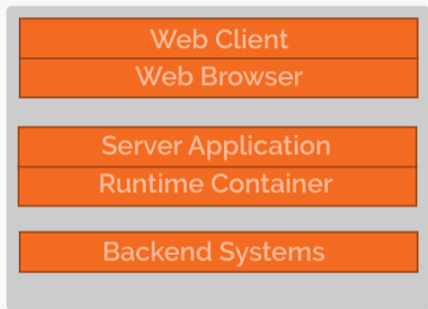
- ❖ Be applicable from the start of development
- ❖ Automate the security knowledge
- ❖ Be integrated into dev world, e.g.,
  - ❖ IDE (instant feedback)
  - ❖ Continuous integration
- ❖ Provide easy to understand fix recommendations
- ❖ Declare their "sweet spots"



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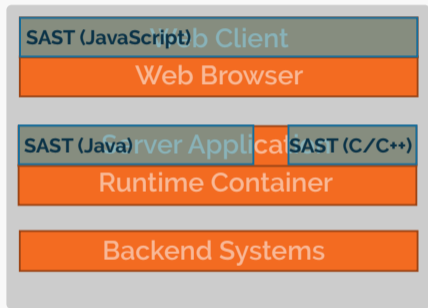


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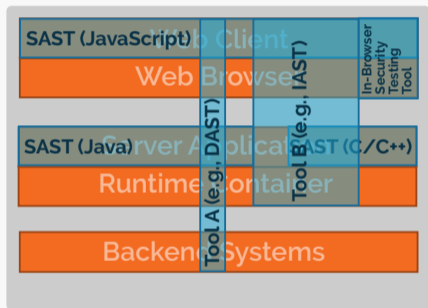
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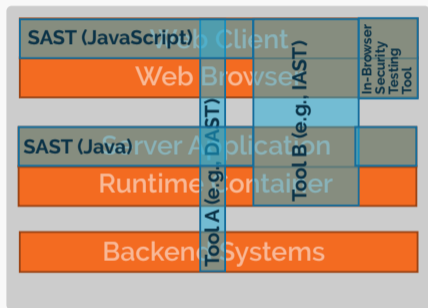
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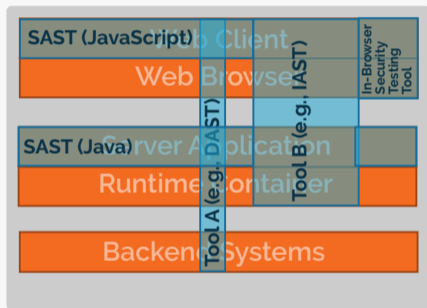
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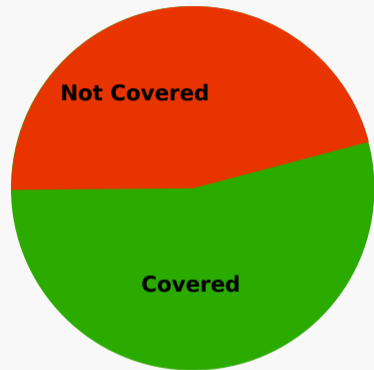
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- ❖ A comprehensive approach combines
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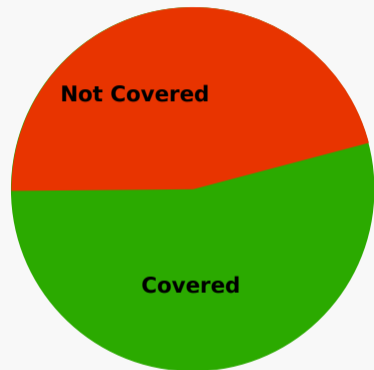
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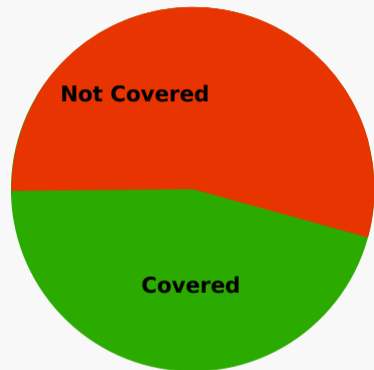
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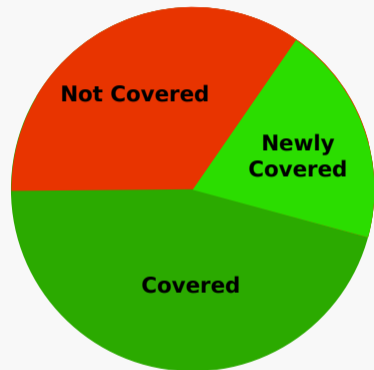
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# Listen to Your Developers And Make Their Life Easy!

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We are often talking about a lack of security awareness and, by that, forget the problem of lacking development awareness.

- ❖ Building a secure system more difficult than finding a successful attack.
- ❖ Do not expect your developers to become penetration testers (or security experts)!

Organisations can make it hard for developers to apply security testing skills!

- ❖ Don't ask developers to do security testing, if their contract doesn't allow it
- ❖ Budget application security activities centrally
- ❖ Educate your developers and make them recognised experts

# Final remarks

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## What works well:

- ❖ Delegate power **and** accountability to development teams
- ❖ Multi-tiered model of security experts:
  - ❖ local experts for the local implementation of secure development
  - ❖ global experts that support the local security experts (champions):
    - ❖ act as consultant in difficult/non-standard situations
    - ❖ evaluate, purchase, and operate widely used security testing tools
    - ❖ can mediate between development teams and response teams
- ❖ Strict separation of
  - ❖ security testing supporting developers and
  - ❖ security validation

## What does not work well:

- ❖ Forcing tools, processes, etc. on developers
- ❖ Penetration testing as "secure development" approach
  - ❖ Penetration has its value, e.g.,
    - ❖ as security integration test
    - ❖ as "meta-test" for your secure development process (validation)

Thank you for your attention!  
Any questions or remarks?

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