

# From Zero to Hero - or how OWASP saved my holiday



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# The Beginning

You **think you have this**:

- Well fortified. Secure perimeter protection,
- anti-virus,
- secure off-the-shelf software systems customized for your business needs and
- a few self-built system applications.
- Very little budget, but you are doing fine, because you never had a breach....



..... until Today.





# The Truth

In truth **you** have this:



# “Hello John.”

- “Hello, my name is John Smith. I am the CISO of a medium sized company. And we had a breach.”
- “Hello John.”



# What now?



# Now?

- ... your Exec Management team is pretty upset,
- ... your customers worried,
- ... your employees confused,
- ... your CEO has you on speed dial
- ... and you get the "pleasure" of daily and then weekly briefings on fixing everything and what you do to make sure this never happens again.





# Summer holiday???

- Now is May, and you had so nice plans for a relaxing summer holiday on the beach in July....
- Are you crazy???
- All bets are off....



# Fix it

- Before you could even think of going on holiday, you need to...
- Have a security strategy?
- Upgrade your Security policy?
- SDLC – do we have one, do we live it? And if yes, why did everything go sideways....?
- How do we benchmark against others?
- Use Risk Management?
- Have a security team / organise it?
- Security training and awareness?
- Secure coding guidelines....

.... All by yesterday



# You are not alone....



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- Make everything yourself?
- No chance to get there in time....



# Learn and copy from the experts

There is this crazy group of experts and everything they do is open source and free.....

..... maybe we should take a look. Shall we?





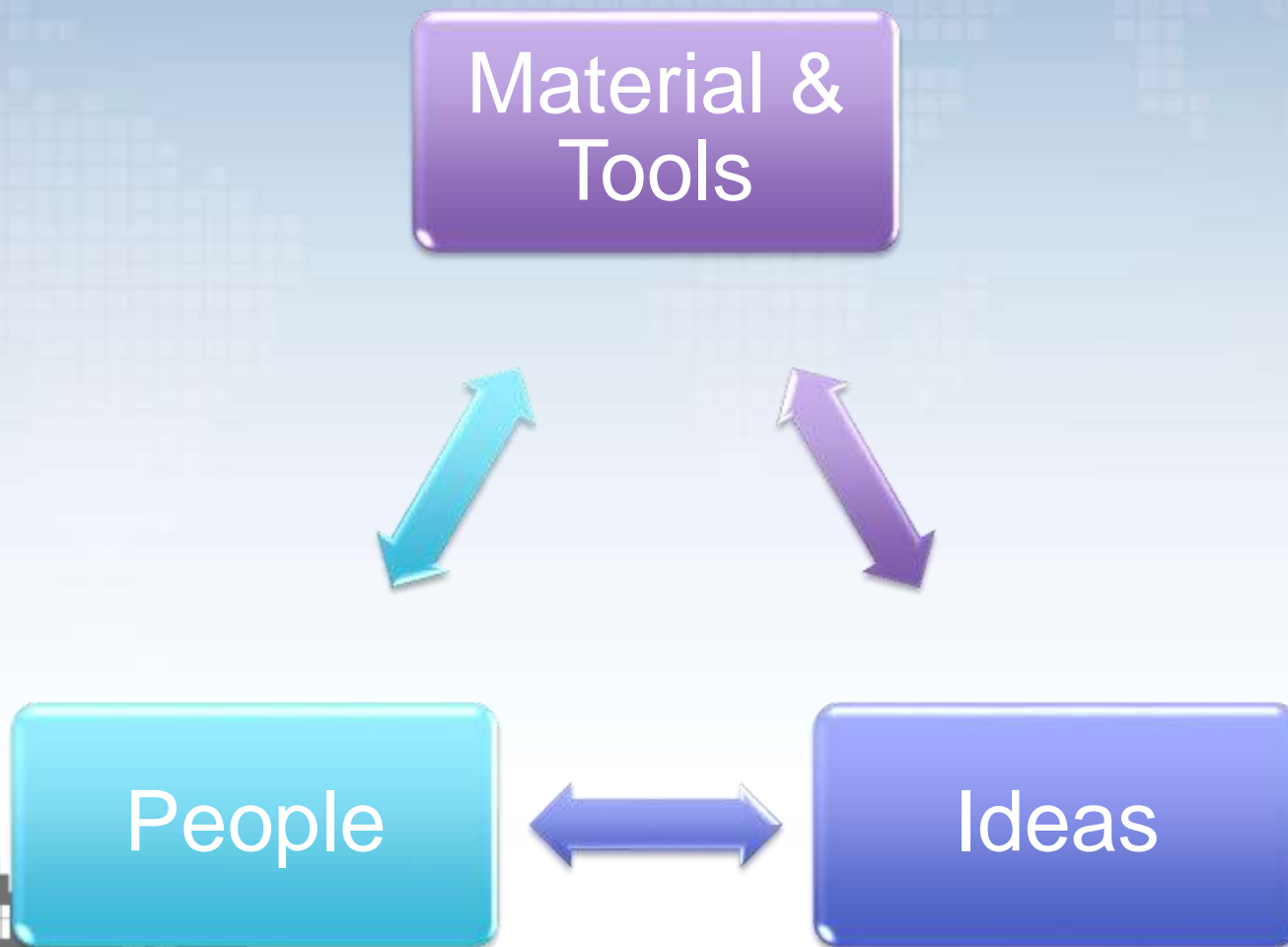
# So how do we get there...

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.... All by yesterday / all by next month / within 3 months?



# How OWASP can help you



# You go to the OWASP web page - Projects and more

## O2 Platform

# Broken Web

# Hatkit tafiddler

# Hackademi C Challenges

# Scrubbr

# Web Browser Testing System

# Fuzzing Code

# Application Security Guide For CISOs

# Podcast Project

HTTP  
POST

# Mutillidae Project

# Vicnum Project

# Wapiti Project

# WebScarab

# JavaScript Sandboxes

# OWASP Top Ten

# AppSec Tutorial Series

# Cloud - 10 Project

# Cornucopia

# Joomla Vulnerability Scanner

# Security Framework

# Orizon Project

# Broken Web Applications Project

# Cheat Sheets Project

# Forward Exploit Tool

# EnDe Project

# Practical Project for AppSecEU 15

# And others?

## Multitude of Standards and Documents

- OWASP
- ISO 2700x, ISO 31000
- Cobit, Risk IT (ISACA)
- ITIL, NIST, PCI-DSS, ISF “Standard of Good Practice for Information Security”
- CSA (Cloud Security Alliance)
- ....



# Web & Application Security

## People

- Training
- Organisation

## Process

- Risk Mgmt.
- SDLC
- Guidelines
- Verification

## Technology

- Tools
- Development
- Frameworks





# OWASP Projects for an industry or development company

OWASP  
Top Ten

openSAMM -  
Software  
Assurance  
Maturity Model

Application  
Security  
Guide For  
CISOs

Code  
Review  
Guide

Developme  
nt Guide  
Project

Secure Coding  
Practices -  
Quick  
Reference  
Guide

Cheat  
Sheets  
Project

ASVS -  
Application  
Security  
Verification  
Standard

WebGoat  
Project

Testing  
Guide

CISO  
Survey



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# One Roadmap Example

## Basic

- Benchmarking / Maturity Model
- OWASP Top-10 - Awareness

## Intermediate

- Risk management
- Organisational Design
- SDLC
- Training

## Sophisticated

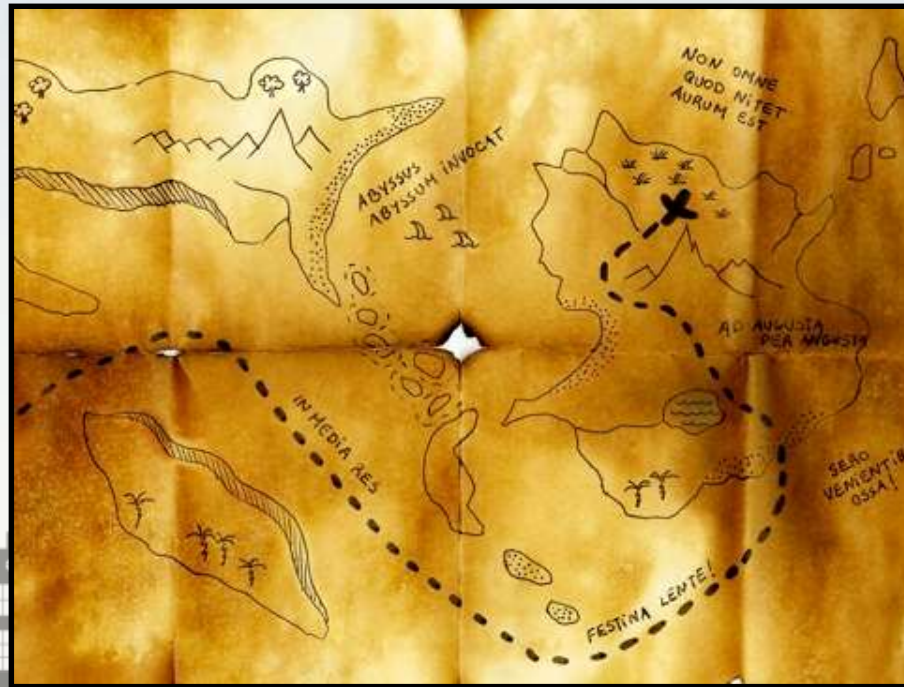
- Training: Development Guide
- Verification: ASVS Application Security Verification Standard Project, Code Review Guide, Testing Guide
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- Operation: AppSensor

# Maturity Models & Benchmarking

Benchmarking

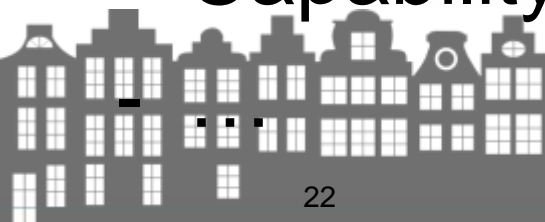
Or:

Where are we? – And where are we going?



# Maturity Models & Benchmarking

- Review of existing security efforts
- Benchmarking, Measuring Progress and Maturity Models
  - Software Assurance Maturity Model (SAMM, <http://www.opensamm.org>)
  - ISO 27000s
  - Capability Maturity Model (CMM)





# Your choice

BSIMM, or another x00 page model....

- Sophisticated and detailed, but....



openSAMM

- Short, but easy
- First assessment done in a day....



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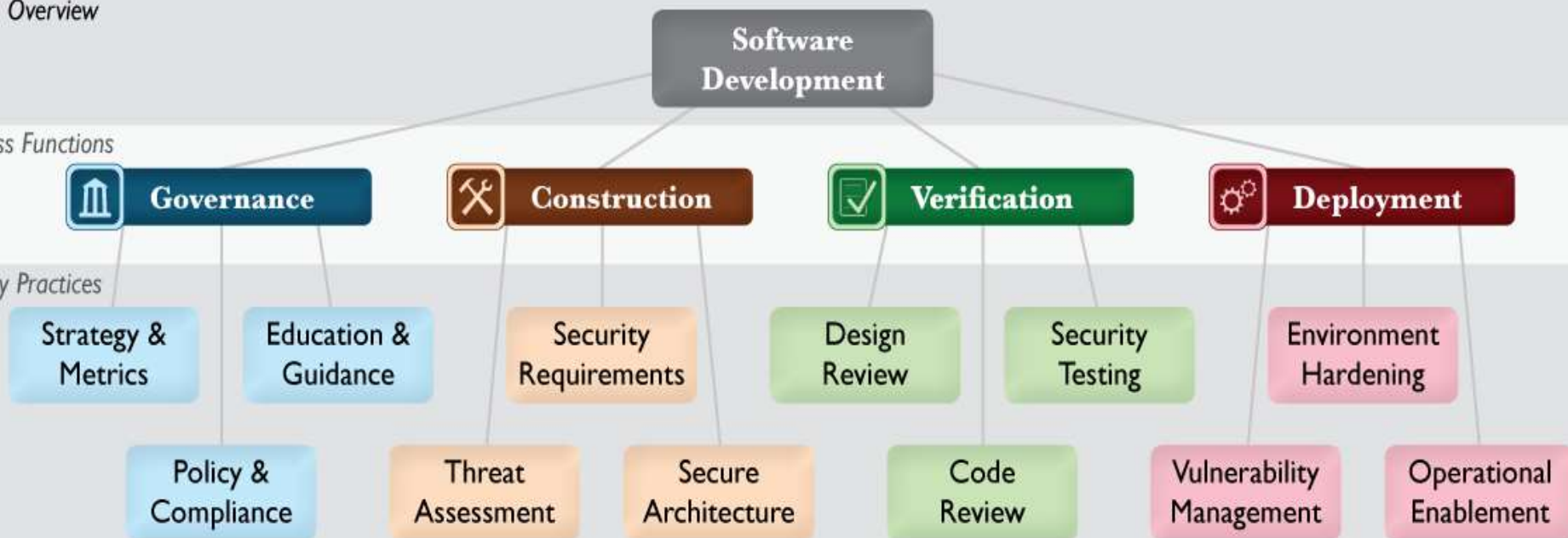
# SAMM Security Practices

- From each of the Business Functions, 3 Security Practices are defined
- The Security Practices cover all areas relevant to software security assurance
- Each one can be targeted individually for improvement

SAMM Overview

Business Functions

Security Practices



# Basic awareness training....

- Build / Buy / Use....



# OWASP Top 10 – Awareness & Training

**A1 Injection**

**A2 Broken  
Authentication  
and Session  
Management**

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

**A4 Insecure  
Direct Object  
References**

**A5 Security  
Misconfiguration**

**A6 Sensitive Data  
Exposure**

**A7 Missing  
Function Level  
Access Control**

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

**A9 Using  
Components with  
Known  
Vulnerabilities**

**A10 Unvalidated  
Redirects and  
Forwards**



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# OWASP Top-10 version 2013 - how

- Easy to use to start a first discussion and awareness
  - Initial developer training (1.5 hours)
  - Management awareness
  - Available in many languages (Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Indonesian, ...)
  - Also other Top-10 for cloud, ...
- But: there exist more risks beyond top-10!
- Referenced by many external standards, regulation and best practices, e.g. PCI DSS etc.



# OWASP Top-10

- Usually a good first awareness training for developers (~1-2 hours)
- Recommend to tailor it to your application landscape: make it meaningful for them as some of the security risks may not be as urgent in your organisation as others
- Enrich with examples / use cases from your applications





# ... and some more Training

- OWASP Top-10
- Secure Coding Practices
- Cheatsheets
- Webgoat



# Secure Coding Practices Quick Reference Guide

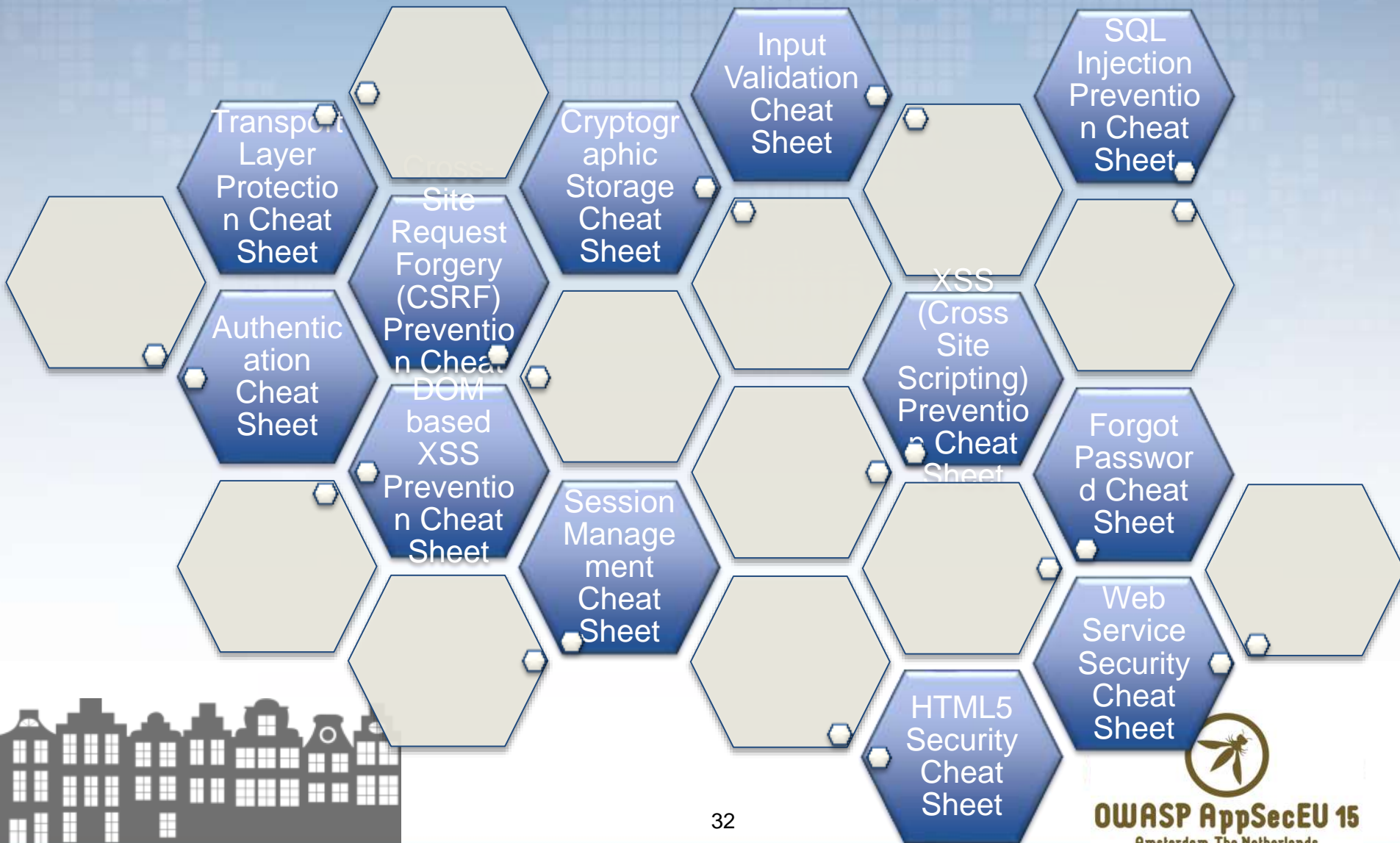
- Good next step of “To do” after initial “OWASP Top-10”
- Technology agnostic coding practices
- What to do, not how to do it
- Compact (17 pages), comprehensive checklist format
- Focuses on secure coding requirements, rather than on vulnerabilities and exploits
- Includes cross referenced glossary to get developers and security folks talking the same language
  - Tailor to your application landscape  
(not all parts may be equally important for your organisation).
- Goal: Build a secure coding kick-start tool, to help development teams quickly understand secure coding
- Originally developed for use inside The Boeing Company, July 2010, Boeing assigned copyright to OWASP



# Secure Coding Practices Quick Reference Guide Summary



# OWASP Cheat Sheet Series



# Webgoat

- Exercise with Example Web Application to illustrate typical Security Flaws within Web-Applications
- Practice Lessons for Common Vulnerabilities
- Teach a Structured Approach to Testing and Exploiting
- Give Practical Training and Examples





# Risk Management

What &  
How much  
is enough?



# Risk Management

Risk: The probable frequency and probable magnitude of future loss

- Why – or where do you put your resources?
- Methods: OWASP, ISO-27005, ITIL, NIST SP 800-30, OCTAVE
- Asset Classification, Threat Analysis & Vulnerability Assessment
- What do you do with Risks?
- Quality vs. quantity, Human behavior & risk



# Risk management

## Why / Benefits:

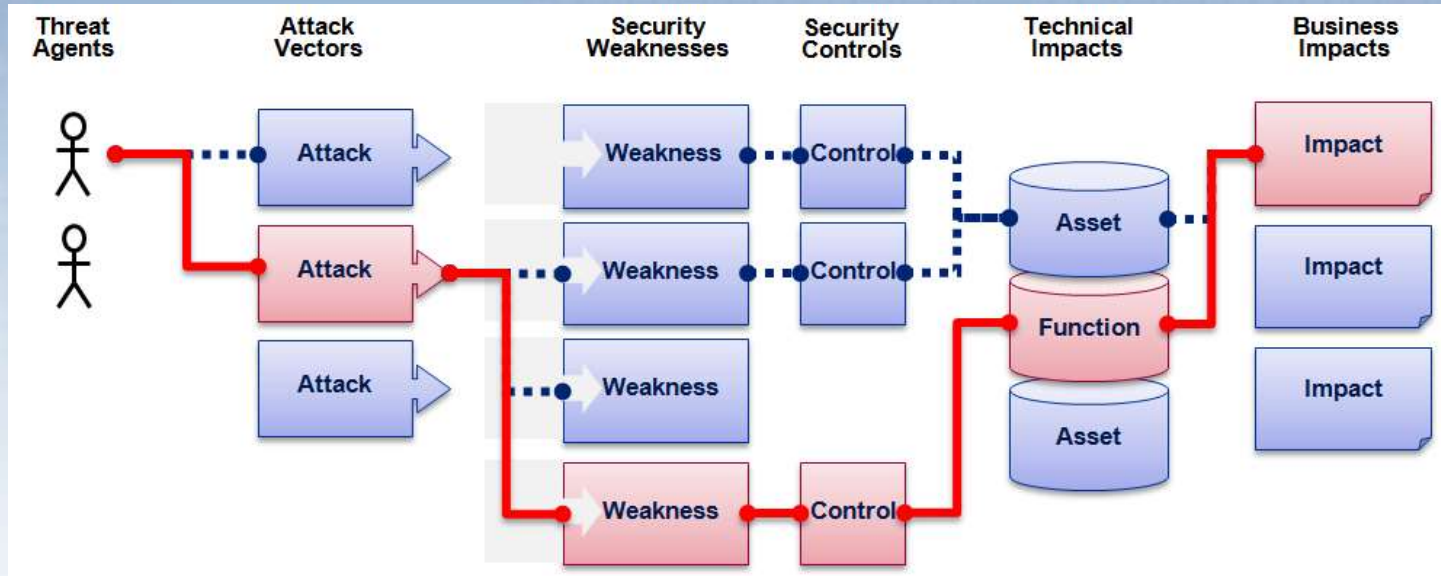
- Allocation of resources
  - Asset Classification and values?
  - Threats Analysis & Scenarios?
- Establish ownership of assets, risk and controls

## Methods:

- OWASP
- FAIR (Factor Analysis of Information Risk)
- ISO 27005, ISO 31000
- Risk IT (ISACA)
- ...



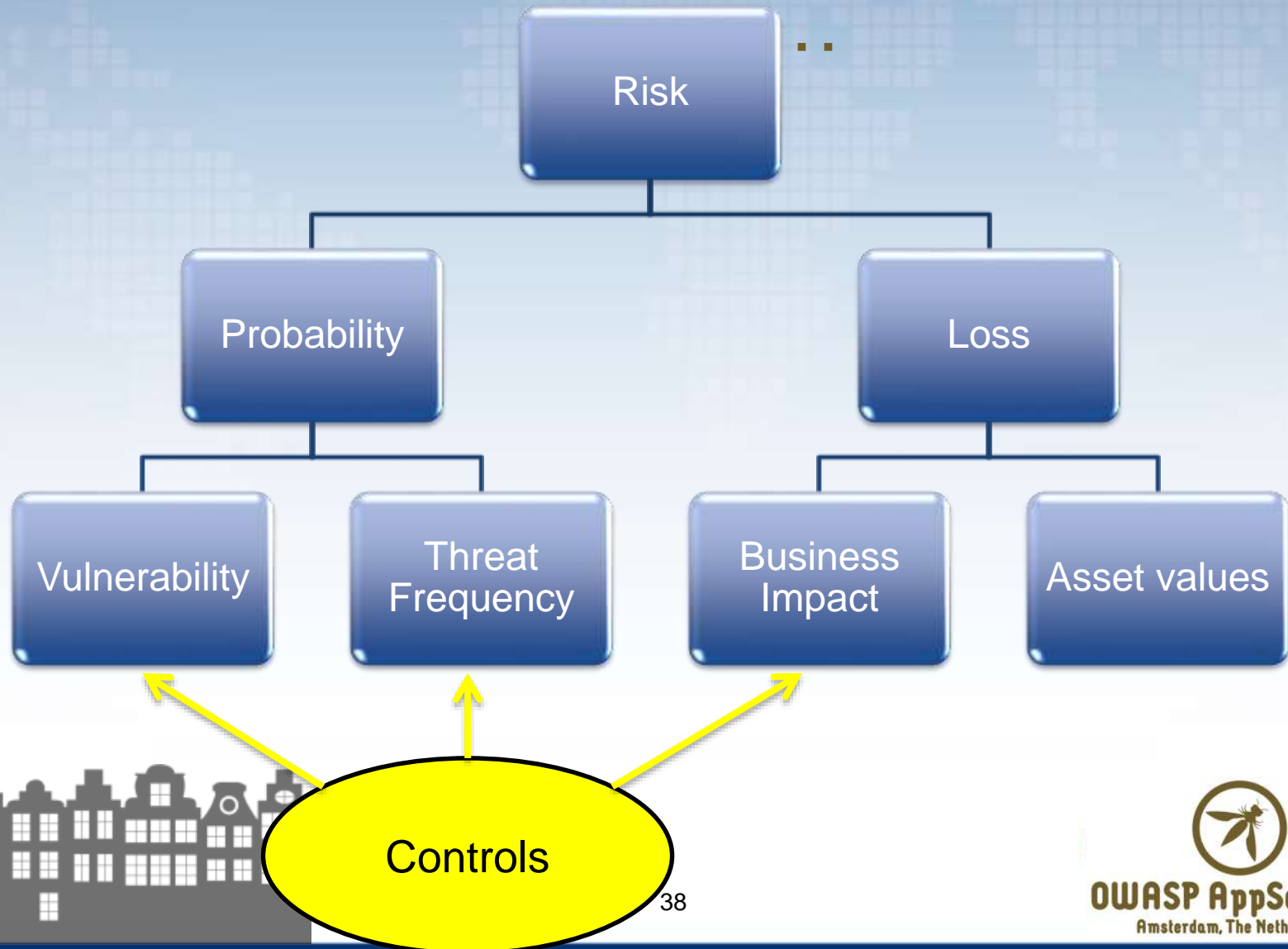
# OWASP Top 10 Risk Rating Methodology



Threat Agent	Attack Vector	Weakness Prevalence	Weakness Detectability	Technical Impact	Business Impact
?	1 Easy	Widespread	Easy	Severe	?
	2 Average	Common	Average	Moderate	
	3 Difficult	Uncommon	Difficult	Minor	
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Injection Example

Other methods:  
e.g. ISO 27005,



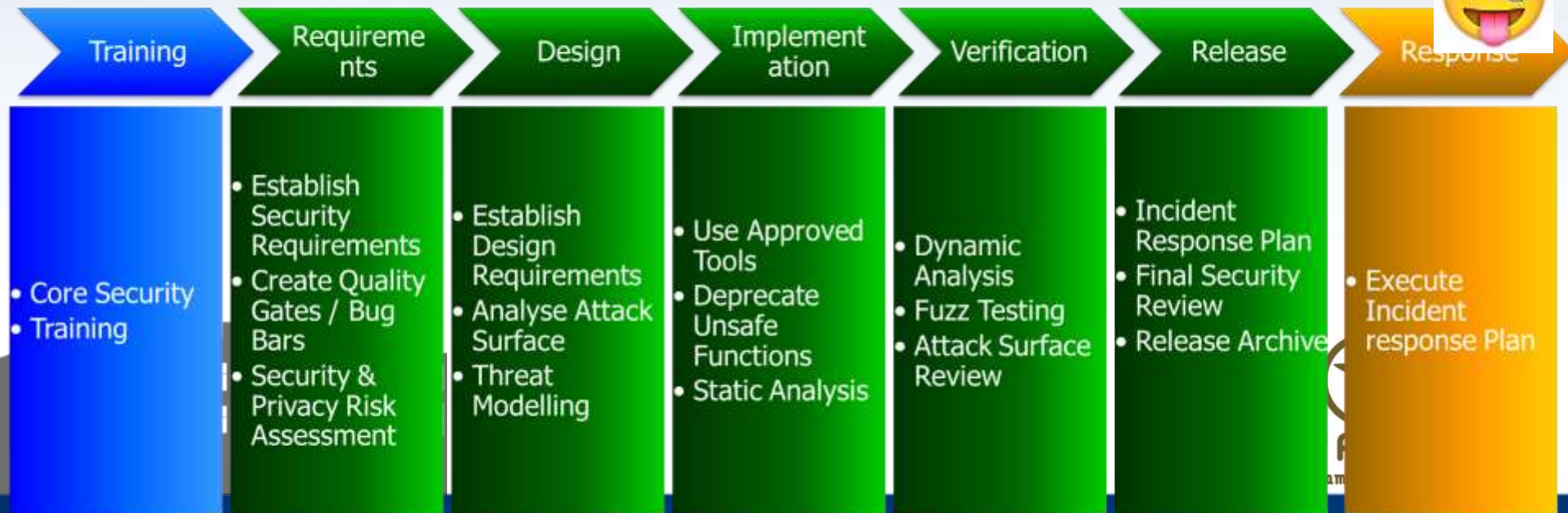


# Risk Heat Map – Threat Level



# Secure Software Development Lifecycle - SDLC

- e.g. Microsoft has a nice one: SDL
  - comprehensive, but heavy. But has some very good ideas; btw. if you don't like Microsoft, Adobe has a nice one published, too. "Adobe Secure Product Lifecycle"
  - => But if you want to get ready in time for your holiday (read: in the next 2 years) => don't try to do all of it at once.... – Cherry pick what is good for you...



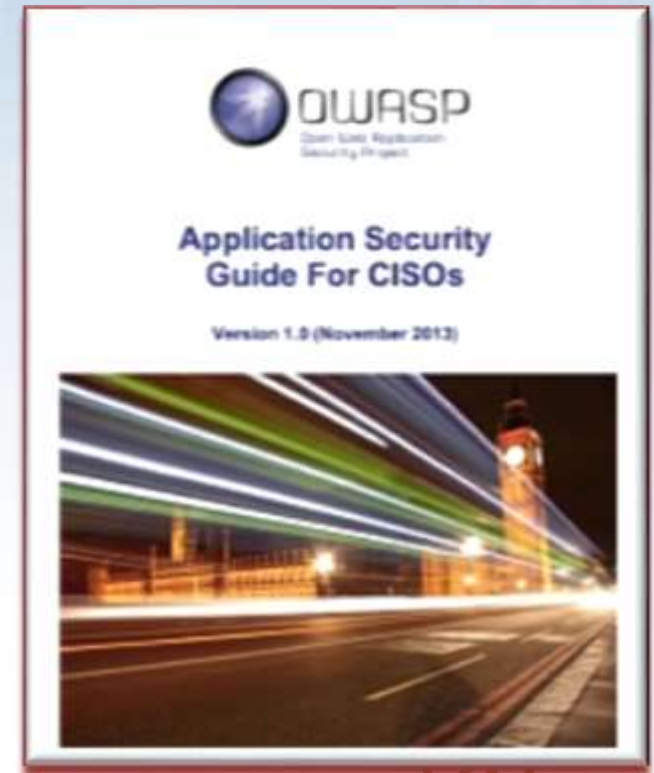
# Security Strategy and want some “high-level stuff”

- E.g. not sure what should be in your security strategy?

=> OWASP CISO Guide

- **OWASP CISO Guide:**

<https://www.owasp.org/images/d/d6/Owasp-ciso-guide.pdf>



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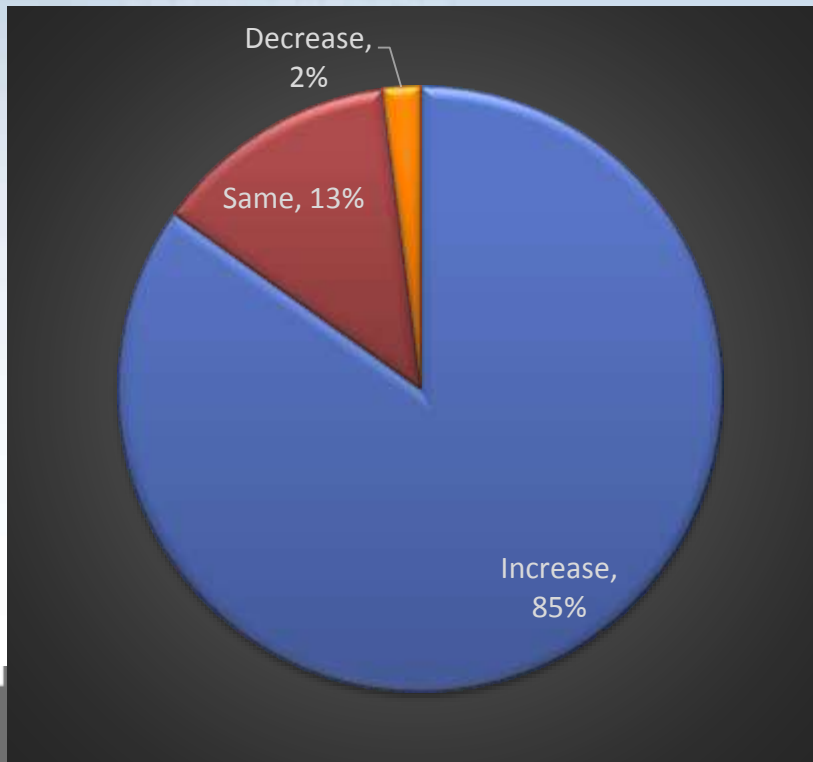
# Want some forward looking intelligence? Need some data to justify your proposals?

- Further Resources:
- OWASP CISO Survey  
[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_CISO\\_Survey](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_CISO_Survey)

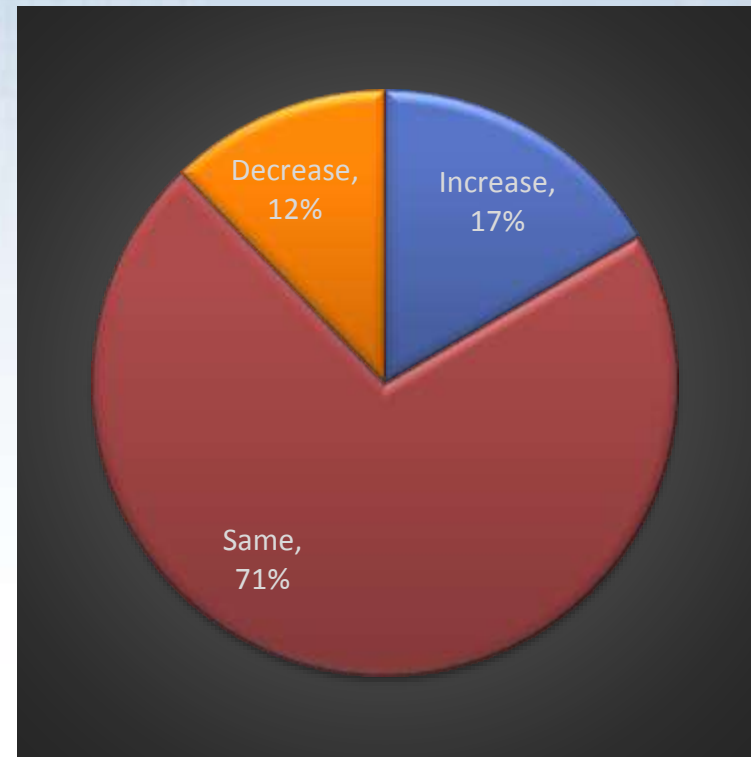


# CISO Survey: External Threats are on the Rise!

- External attacks or fraud (e.g., phishing, website attacks)

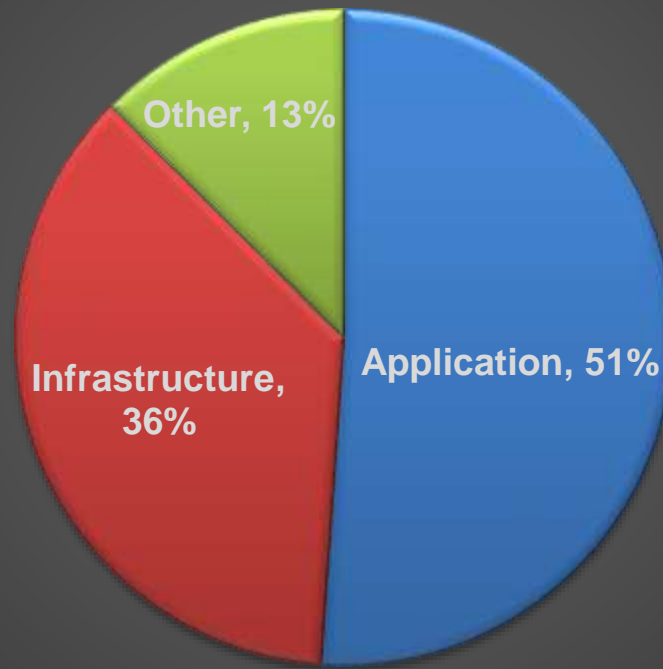


Internal attacks or fraud (e.g., abuse of privileges, theft of information)





**what are the main areas of risk for your  
organisation in % out of 100%?**

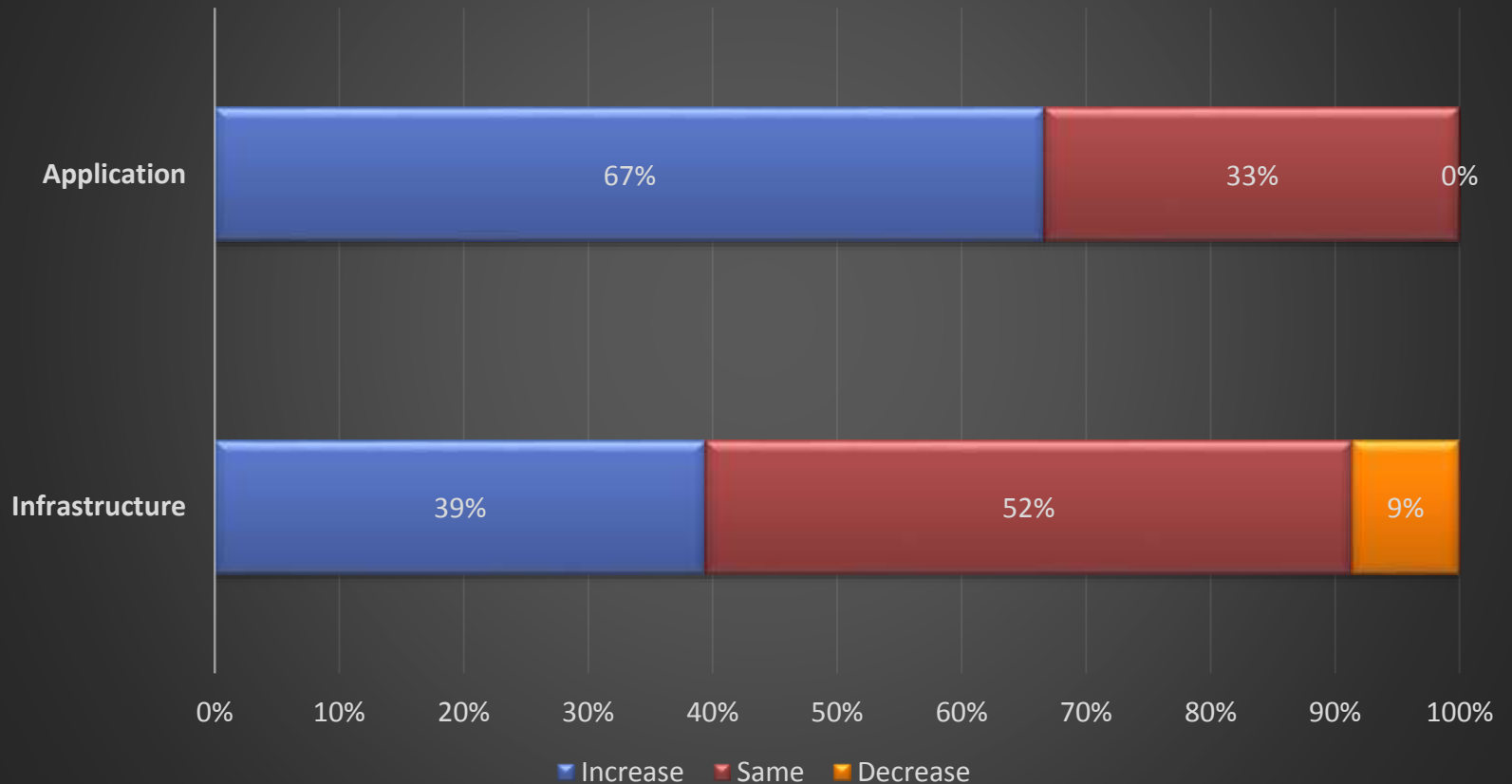


■ Application ■ Infrastructure ■ Other



# CISO Survey : Change in the Threats

Compared to 12 months ago, do you see a change in these areas

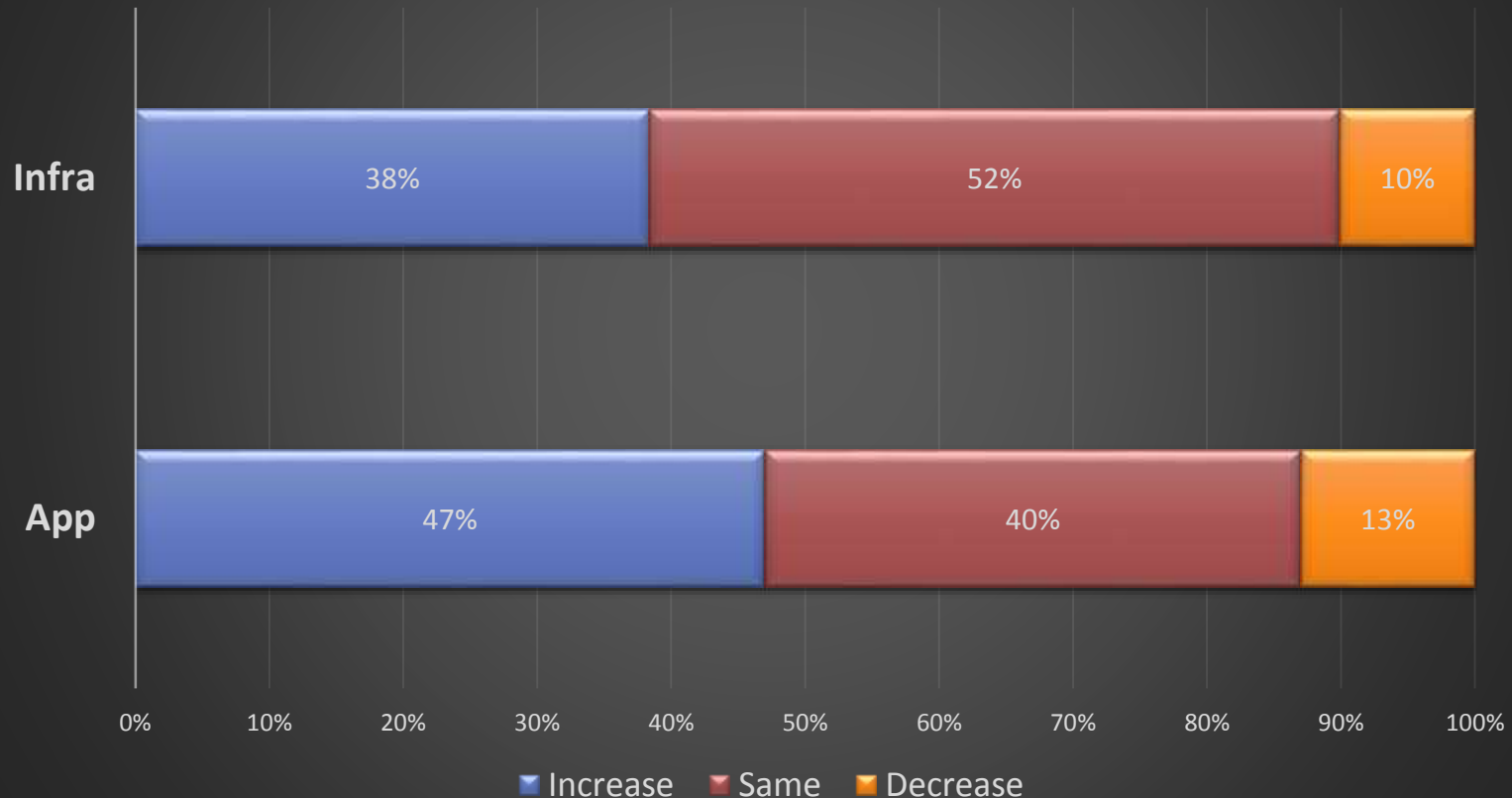


## •Top five sources of application security risk within your organization?



# CISO Survey & Report: Investments in Security

## Aspects of organization's annual investment in security?



- Top application security priorities for the coming 12 months.



Security awareness and training for developers

Secure development lifecycle processes (e.g., secure coding, QA process)

Security testing of applications (dynamic analysis, runtime observation)

Application layer vulnerability management technologies and processes

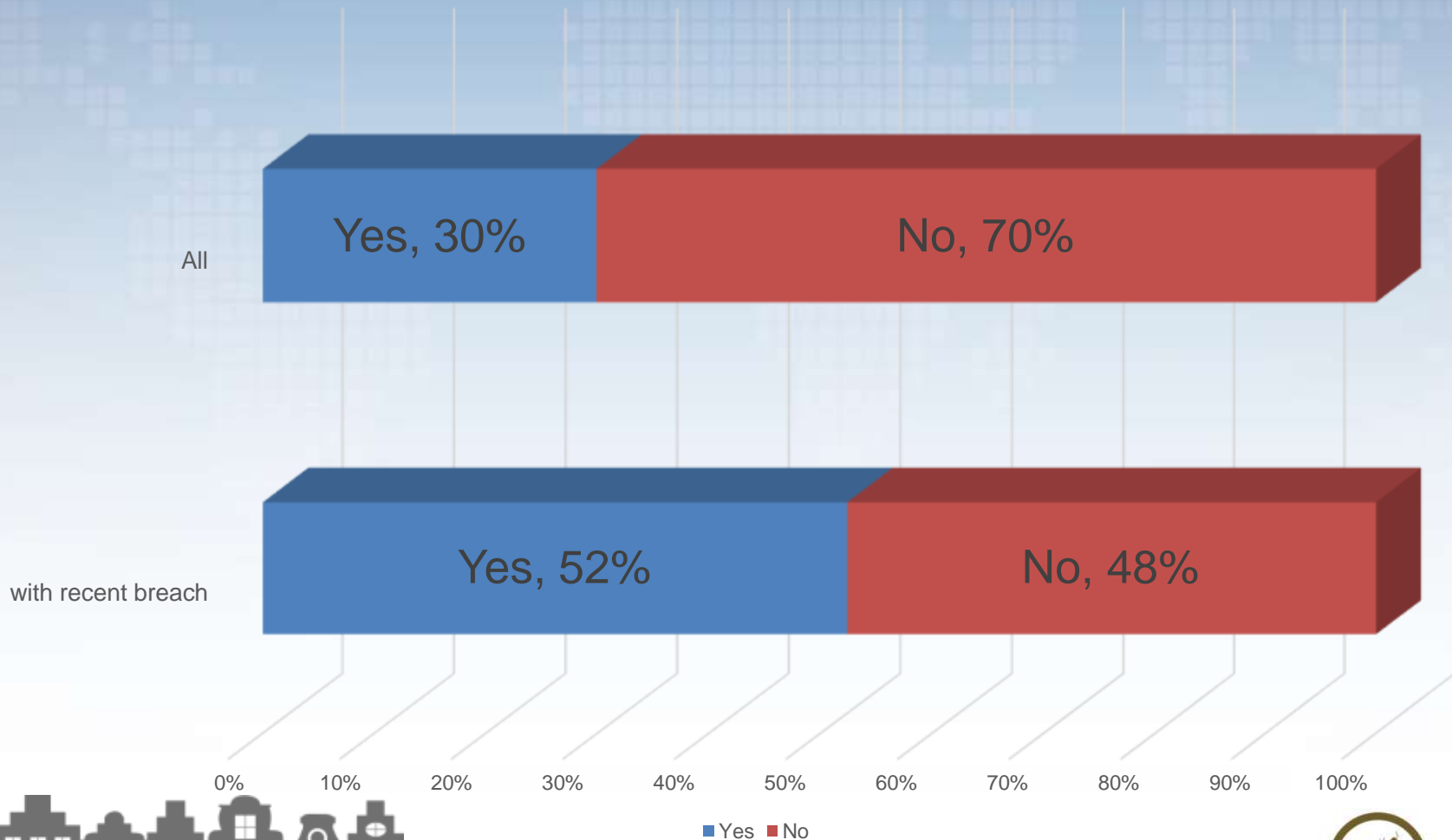
Code review (static analysis of source code to find security defects)



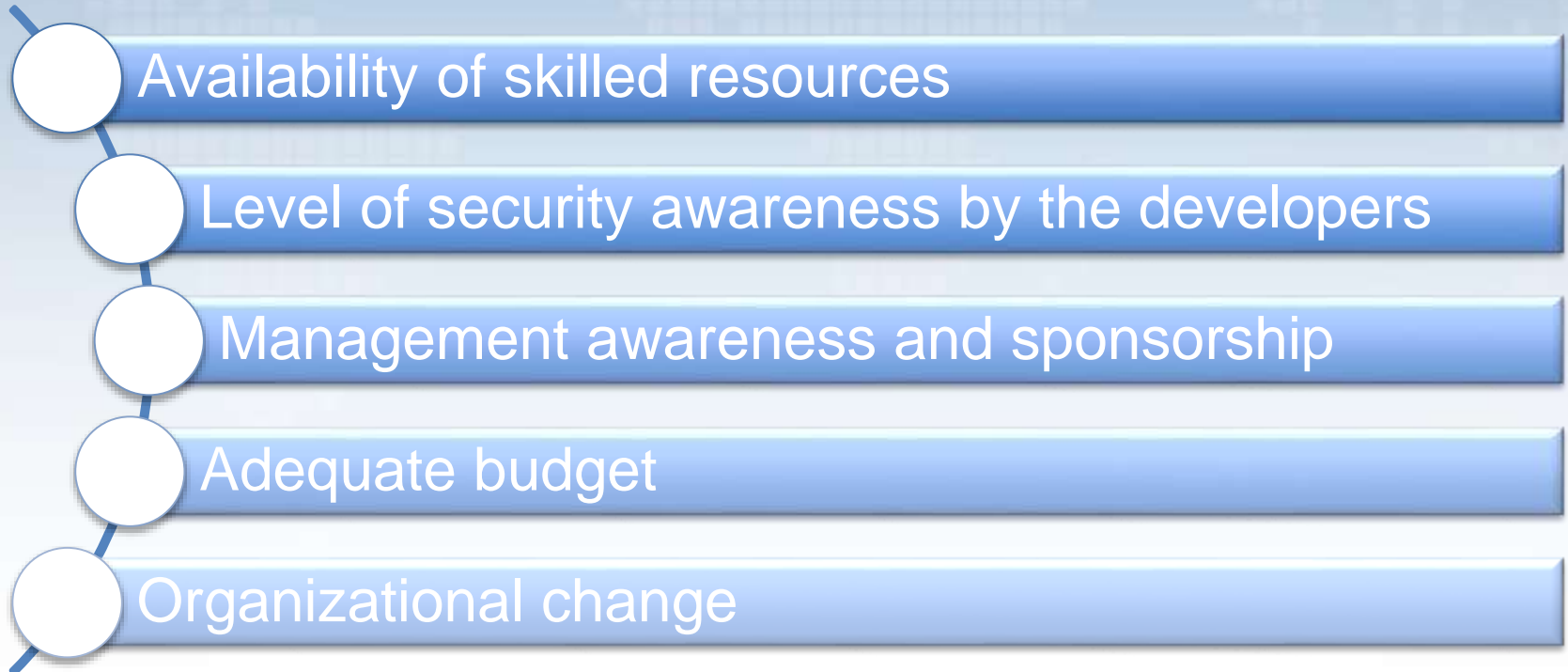


# Spending after security incident

Is your organization spending more on security in response to a security incident?



- Top five challenges related to effectively delivering your organization's application security initiatives



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# So how are we doing?

- Have a security strategy? Template, write one. ✓
- Upgrade your Security policy? Guide, Coding guide ✓
- SDLC – do we have one, do we live it? And if yes, why did everything go sideways....? Learn from Microsoft SDL ✓
- How do we benchmark? openSAMM, CISO Survey ✓
- Use Risk Management? ISO 27005 ✓
- Have a security team / organise it? Hey, we need to leave some work also for you... ✓
- Security training and awareness? OWASP Top-10, and more ✓
- Secure coding guidelines.... OWASP Secure Coding Quick Reference Guide ✓

.... All within 3 months?



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# Will your holiday be saved?







- Questions?
  - What OWASP tools do you think will be useful for you right away?
  - What would you like to have in the future?





Thank you

