

Application security of the Belgium electronic voting system

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Introduction

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Agenda

- Background
- Publishing source code
- How to analyze source code
- Our approach
- Key take-aways



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NEDERLANDERS ANALYSEREN BELGISCHE VERKIEZINGSSOFTWARE



SIG onderzoekt de broncode van de verkiezingssoftware die de FOD Binnenlandse Zaken tijdens de verkiezingen van 25 mei heeft gebruikt bij de stemcomputers en telsystemen.

SIG (Software Improvement Group) pleit al langer voor een doordacht beleid rond technische kwaliteit bij de ontwikkeling van software. Het Nederlandse bedrijf stelt dat kwaliteit het risico op mislukte ict-projecten vermindert. Aandacht voor softwarekwaliteit kan op die manier heel wat geld opleveren. Op 2 juni







Background

- May 2014: publishing of e-voting source
- European, federal & regional elections
- General e-voting sensitivities
- Sensitivities for Belgium
 - Reliability incidents
 - Usability incidents





What happens when you publish source code?







What happens when you publish source code?

- It radiates confidence
- People make very little effort to look at it (Heartbleed, anyone?)
- Setting up test environment is hard
- Good code review is hard, especially without interviews
- Code reviewing is sticking your neck out





How to analyze software security

All security risks

Penetration tests

Automated static code analysis

Design/code reviews

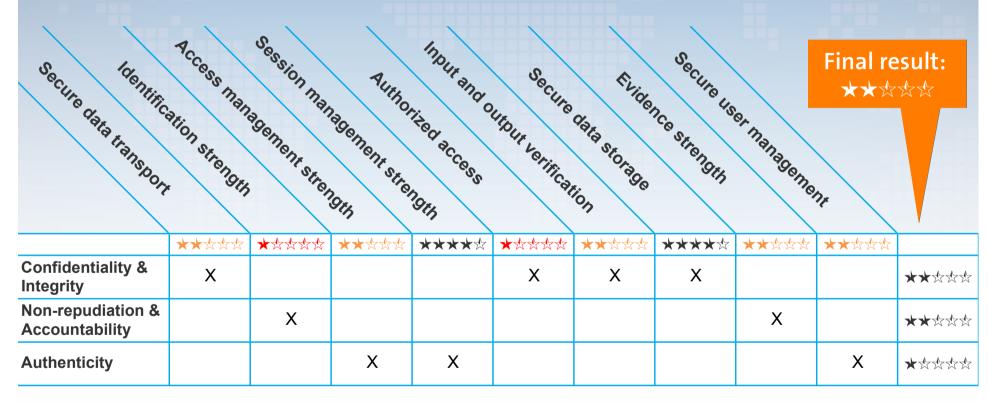
Build quality analysis



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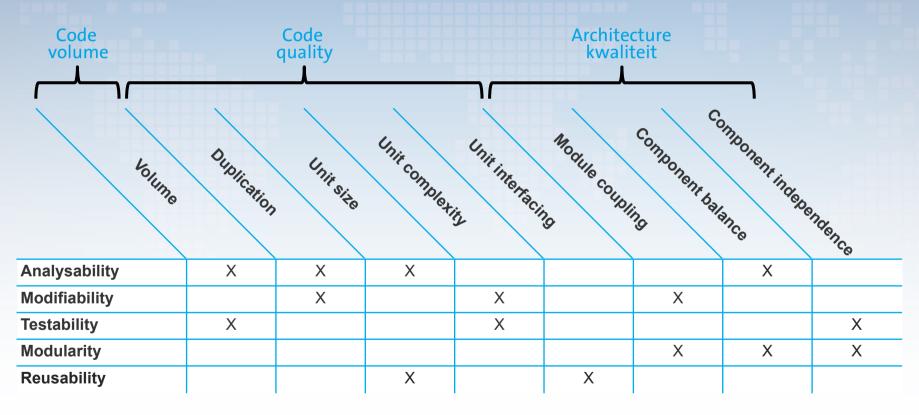
Review system properties to measure ISO25010 security







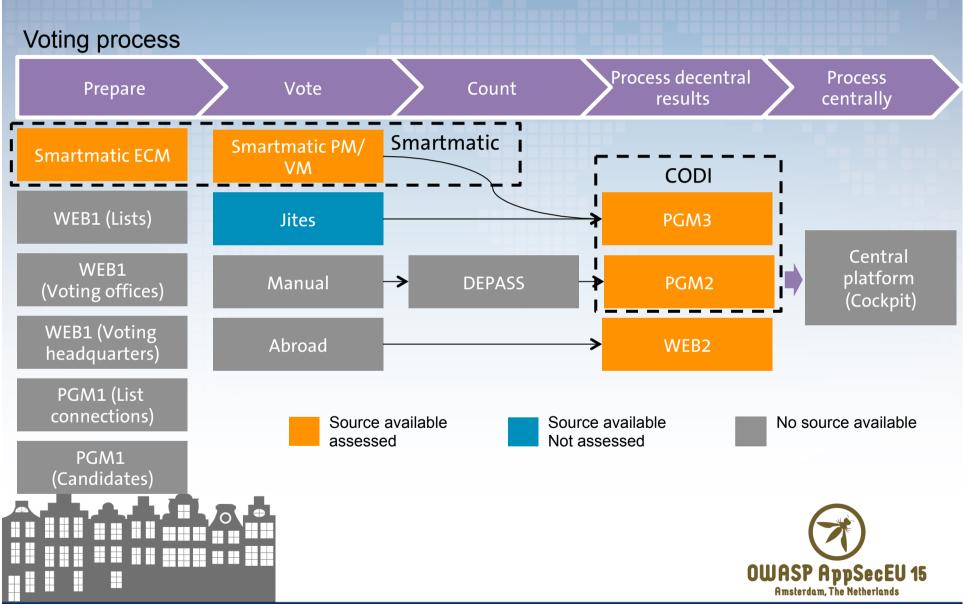
Measure ISO25010 maintainability



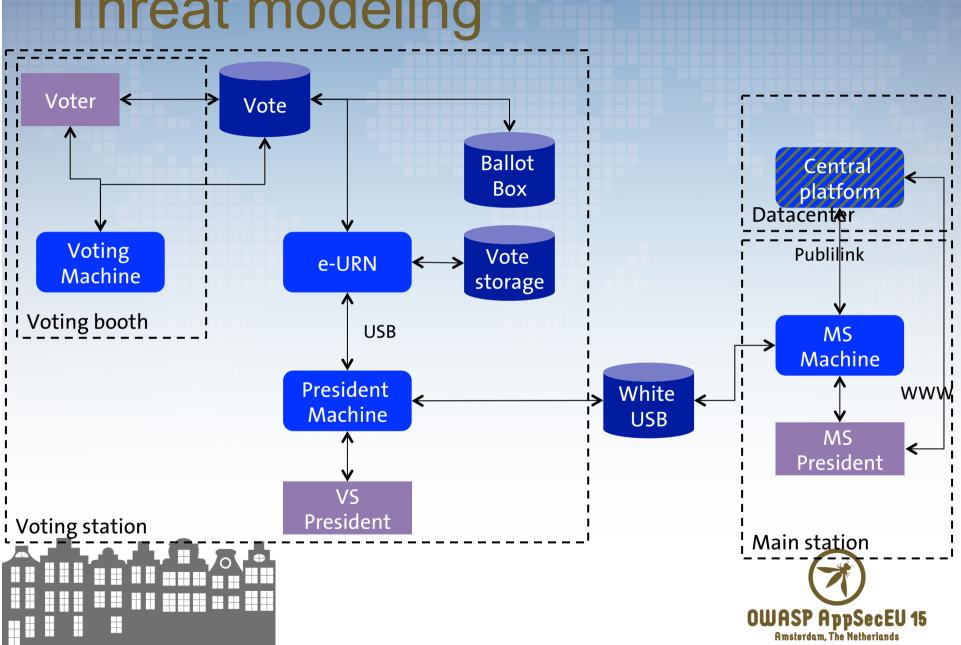




E-voting software overview



Threat modeling



Set SMART non-functional requirements from the start, including who does what

E-Voting requirements



22 functional requirements.

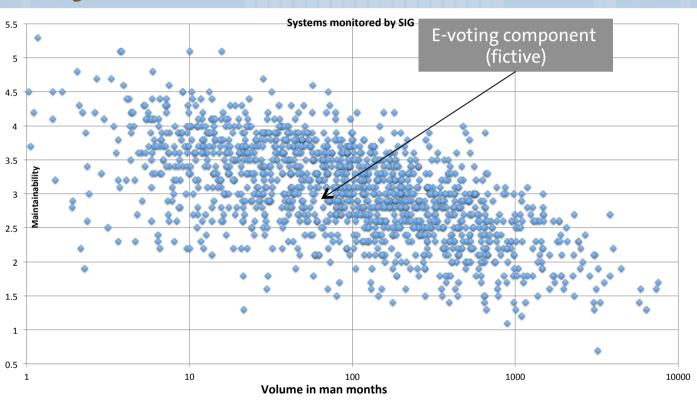
No nonfunctional requirements on building security in

No requirements for other applications in chain





Also require maintainable software as technical debt fuels security incidents







Mature the secure SDLC

Structural threat modeling and analysis of countermeasures

Do not reinvent wheel but be careful with unreliable components Keep testing, reviewing and patching

Train

Require

Design

Build

Test

Use

Software security training

SMART, who does what

Security review by tools, peers or experts

Automated and manual security tests





