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**Managing Web & Application Security  
with OWASP – bringing it all together**

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Survey, [www.owasp.org](http://www.owasp.org)
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IETF Administrative Oversight Committee (IAOC),  
Chair of the IETF Trust
- Cloud Security Alliance, Hong Kong chapter, Vice Chairman



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- What was in it for me.
- What's in it for you.
- How you can bring it all together.

# How OWASP can help you



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Material &  
Tools



People



Ideas

But which of the currently  
148 active projects is good  
and can help me solve my  
problems?



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# OWASP Flagship Projects



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AntiSamy  
Project

openSAMM -  
Software  
Assurance  
Maturity Model

ModSecurity  
Core Rule Set  
Project

CSRFGuard  
Project

Code Review  
Guide

WebGoat  
Project

OWASP  
Top Ten

Web Testing  
Environment  
Project

Secure Coding  
Practices -  
Quick  
Reference  
Guide

ZAP - Zed  
Attack Proxy

ASVS -  
Application  
Security  
Verification  
Standard

Development  
Guide Project

ESAP -  
Enterprise  
Security API

Testing Guide

Codes of  
Conduct

# OWASP Labs Projects and more



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O2 Platform

Broken Web Application

Hatkit  
Stafiddler

Hackademic  
Challenges

Scrubbr

Fuzzing  
Code

Web  
Browser  
Testing  
System

Application  
Security  
Guide For  
CISOs

Podcast  
Project

HTTP P  
Tool

Mutillidae  
Project

Vicnum  
Project

WebScarab

JavaScript  
Sandboxes

OWASP  
Top Ten

Wapiti  
Project

AppSec  
Tutorial  
Series

Joomla  
Vulnerability  
Scanner

Cloud - 10  
Project

OWASP  
Project

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Security  
Framework

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Exploit Tool

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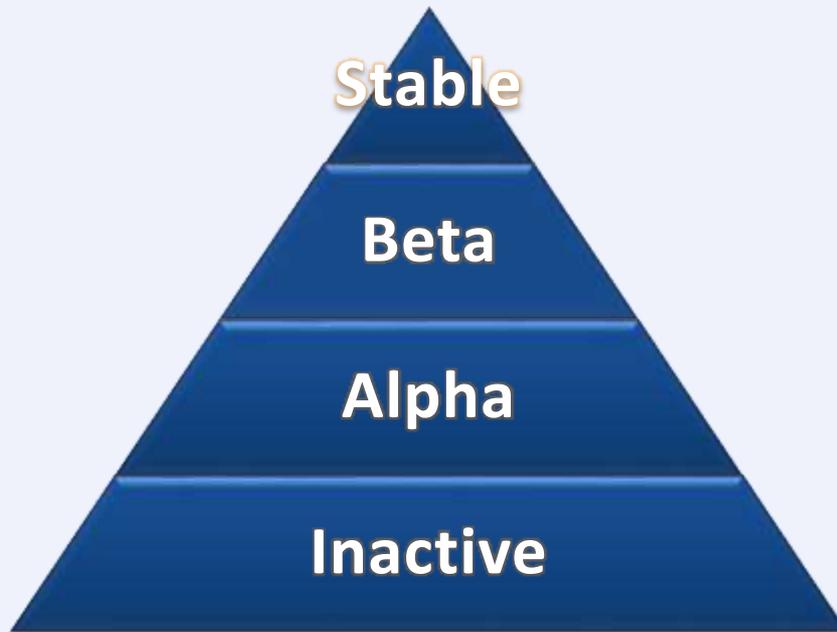
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Project



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- Project Status



## Categories



e.g. OWASP Top-10: Stable, Documentation, Protect



## 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



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Top Ten

openSAMM -  
Software  
Assurance  
Maturity Model

Application  
Security  
Guide For  
CISOs

Code Review  
Guide

Development  
Guide Project

Secure Coding  
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Reference  
Guide

Cheat Sheets  
Project

ESAPI -  
Enterprise  
Security API

WebGoat  
Project

Testing Guide

ASVS -  
Application  
Security  
Verification  
Standard

AntiSamy  
Project

AppSensor  
Project

O2 Platform



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### Basic

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

### Intermediate

- Risk management
- Organisational Design
- SDLC
- Training

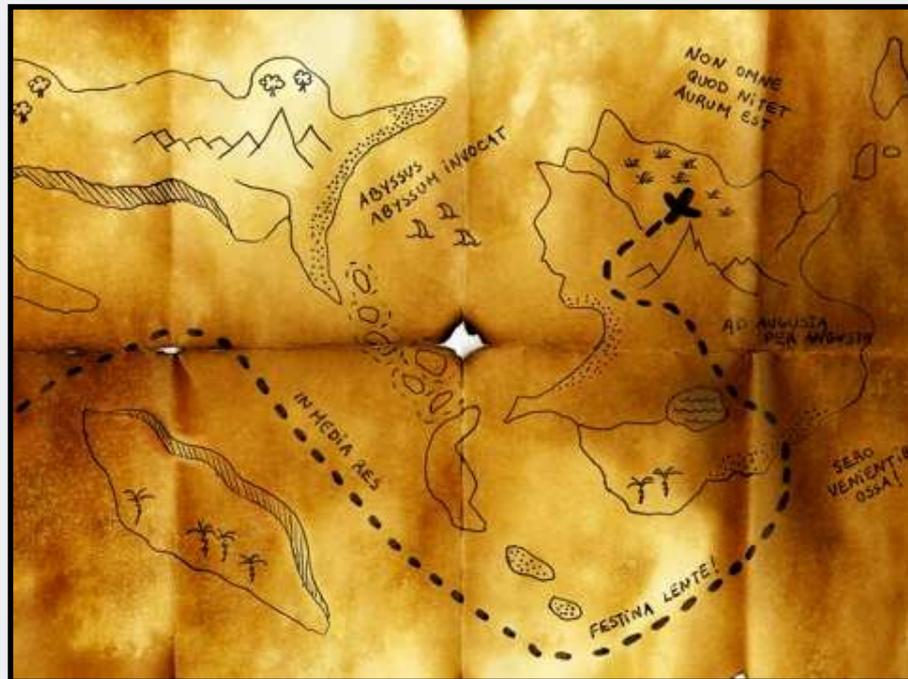
### Sophisticate

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



Or:

Where are we? – And where are we going?





- 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)
  - ...

# SAMM Security Practices



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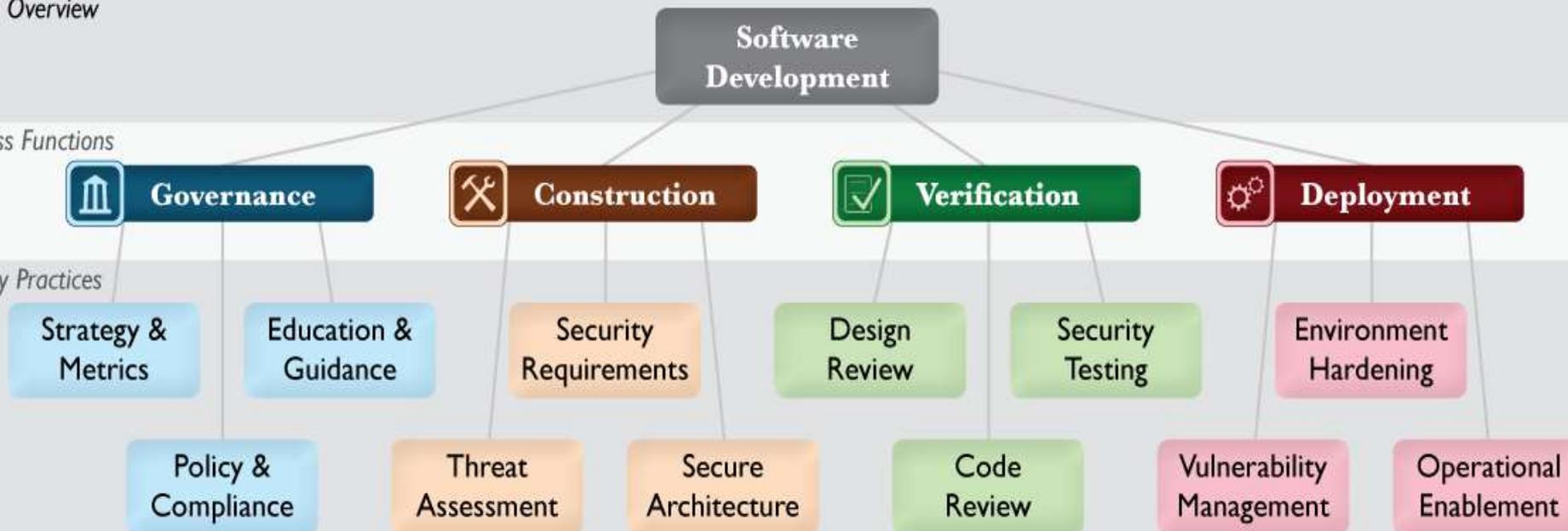
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- From each of the Business Functions, 3 Security Practices are defined
- The Security Practices cover all areas relevant to software security assurance
- Each one can be targeted individually for improvement

SAMM Overview

Business Functions

Security Practices



# OWASP Top 10 – Awareness & Training



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**A1: Injection**

**A2: Cross-Site  
Scripting (XSS)**

**A3: Broken  
Authentication  
and Session  
Management**

**A4: Insecure Direct  
Object References**

**A5: Cross Site  
Request Forgery  
(CSRF)**

**A6: Security  
Misconfiguration**

**A7: Failure to  
Restrict URL Access**

**A8: Insecure  
Cryptographic  
Storage**

**A9: Insufficient  
Transport Layer  
Protection**

**A10: Unvalidated  
Redirects and  
Forwards**



- Top 10 Most Critical Web Application Security Risks
  - there exist more risks beyond top-10!
- Referenced by many external standards and best practices, e.g. PCI DSS etc.
- Great tool for awareness programs and training
- Available in many languages: e.g. Chinese, German, ...
- Currently in revision for new version in 2013 (review stage of RC1)



- 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.



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What & How  
much is  
enough?



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



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## Why / Benefits:

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

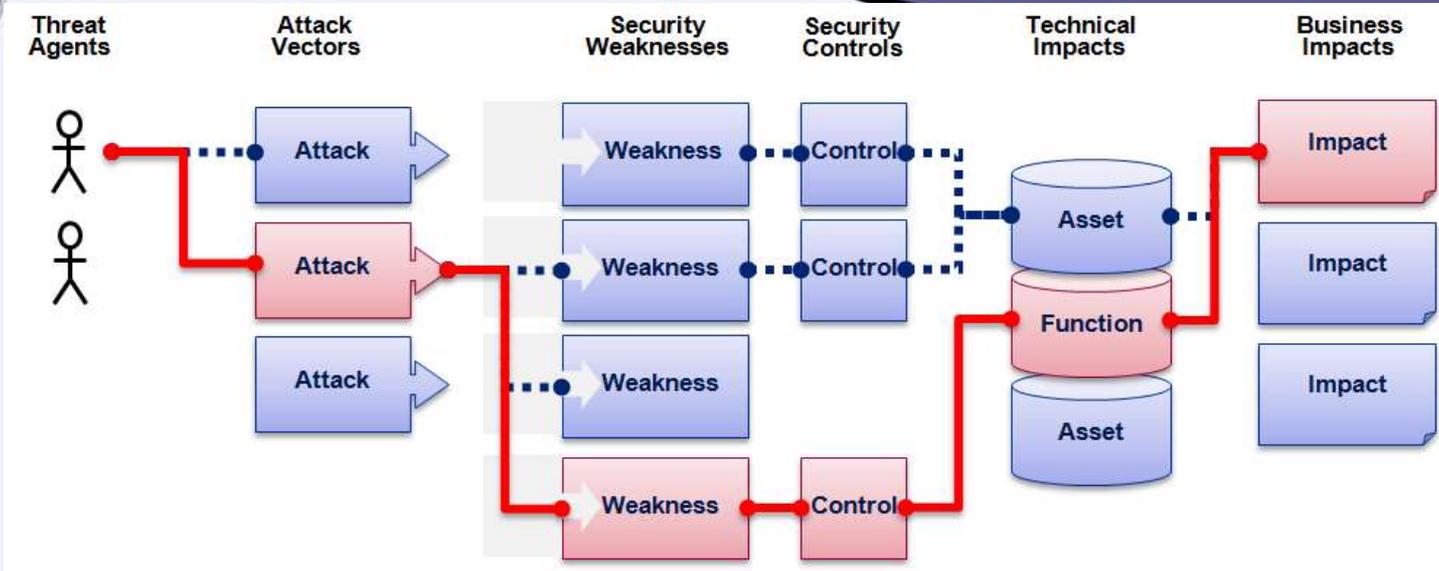
## Methods:

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

# OWASP Top 10 Risk Rating Methodology



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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	
	1	2	2	1	
<b>Injection Example</b>		1.66	*	1	

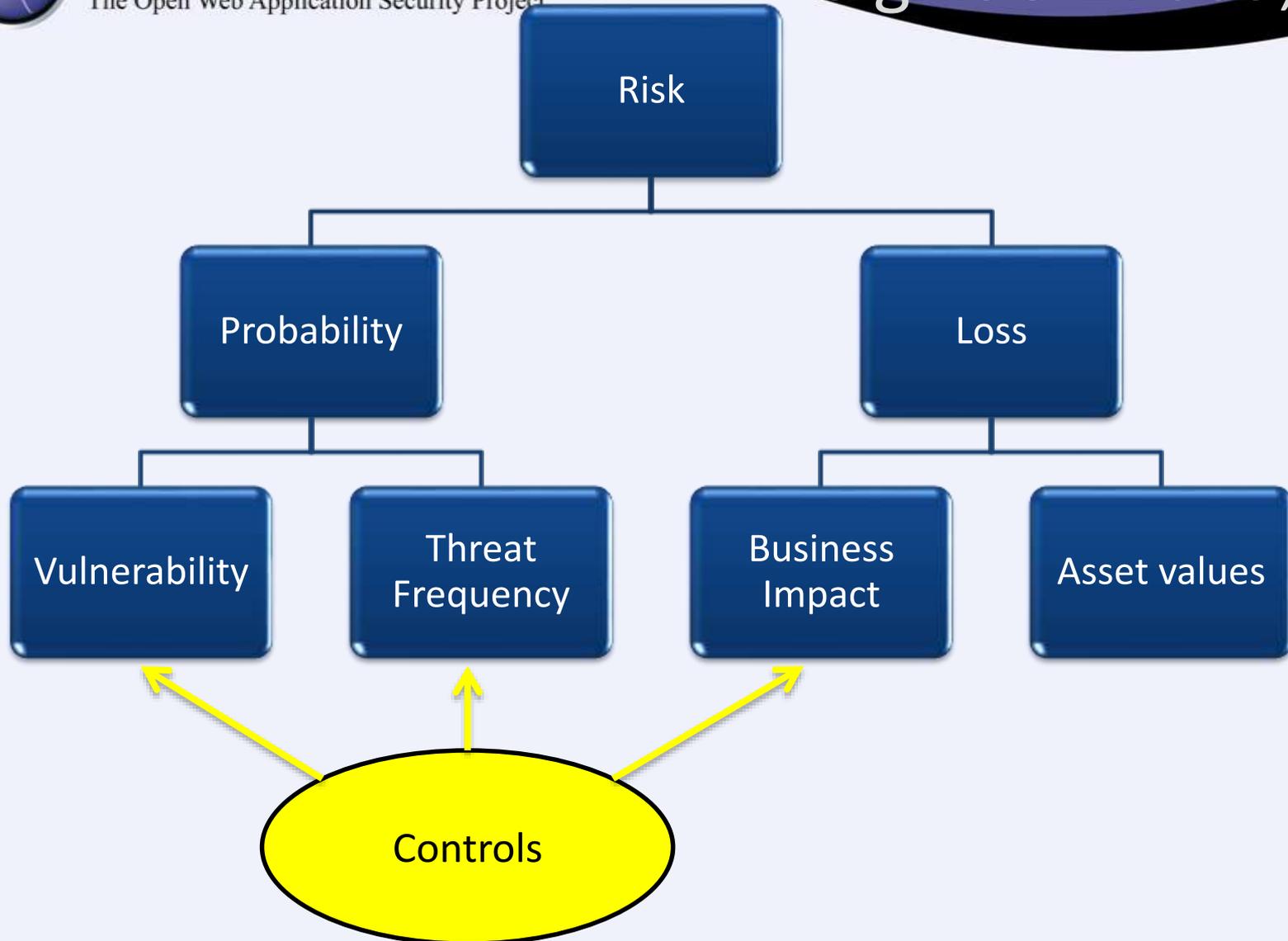
**1.66 weighted risk rating**



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Other methods:  
e.g. ISO 27005, ...

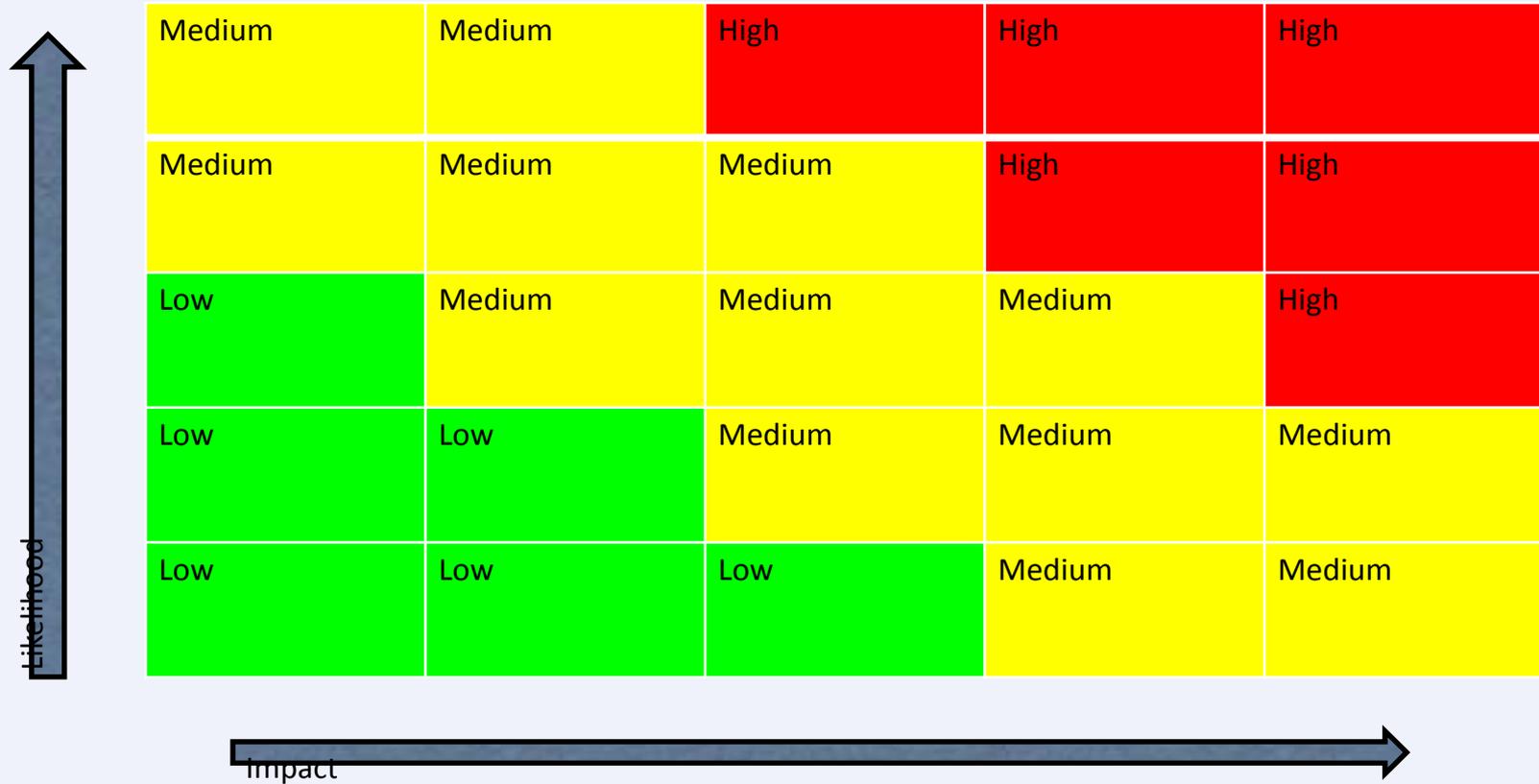


# Risk Heat Map – Threat Level



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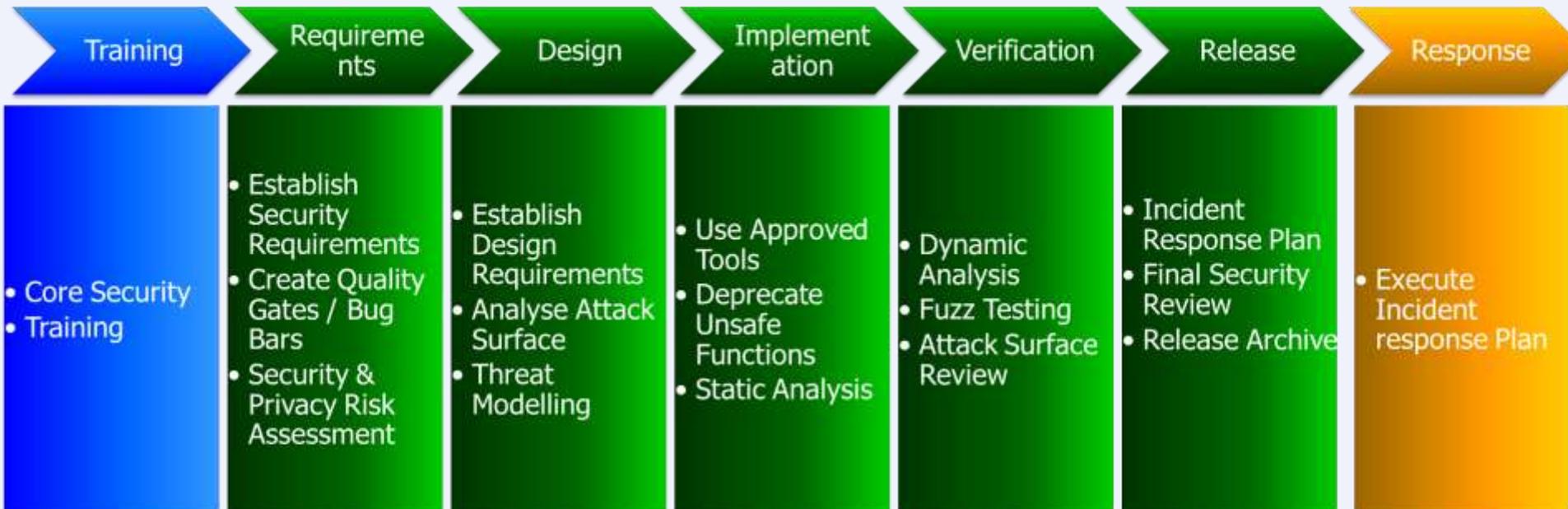


- Microsoft SDL
- Adobe Secure Product Lifecycle
- OWASP's CLASP
- ...

# Secure Software Development Lifecycle - SDLC



- e.g. Microsoft SDL





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



- 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

# Secure Coding Practices Quick Reference Guide



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- 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



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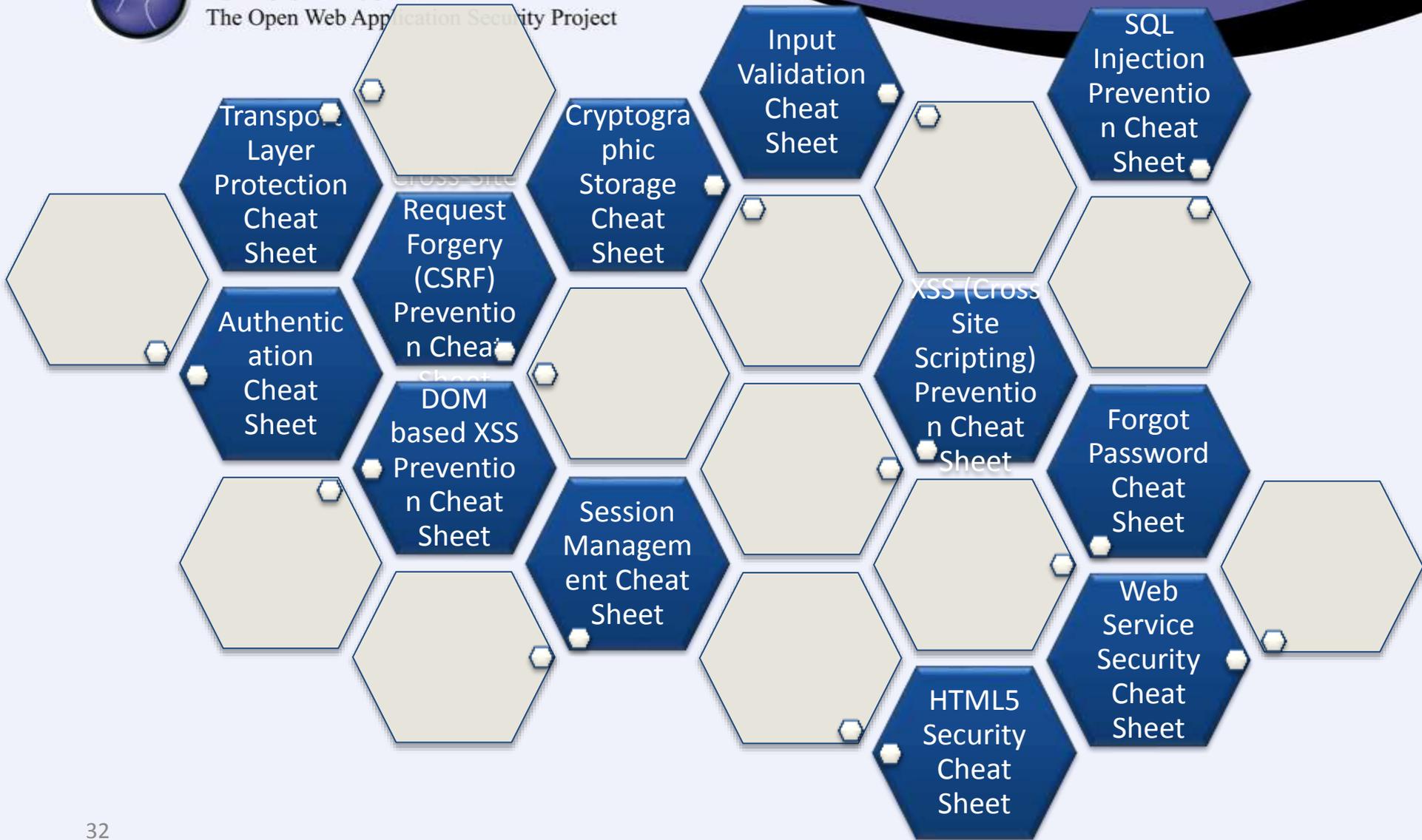


# OWASP Cheat Sheet Series



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- 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



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- Further Resources:

- OWASP CISO Guide:

[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Application\\_Security\\_Guide\\_For\\_CISOs](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Application_Security_Guide_For_CISOs)

- OWASP CISO Survey

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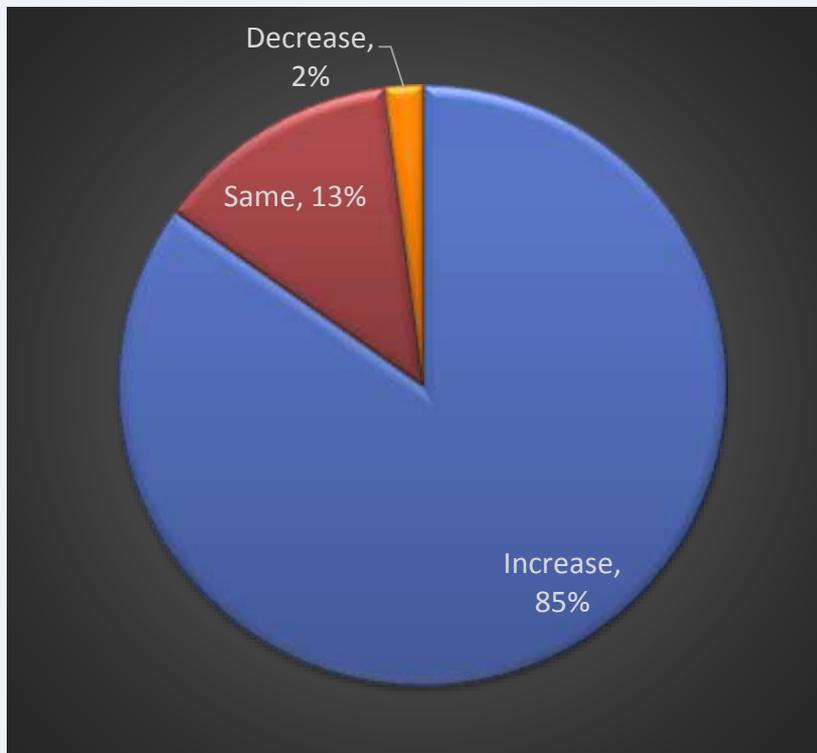


- Methodology
  - Phase 1: Online Survey sent to CISOs and Information Security Managers
  - Phase 2: Followed by selective personal interviews
  - More than 100 replies from various industries and counting...

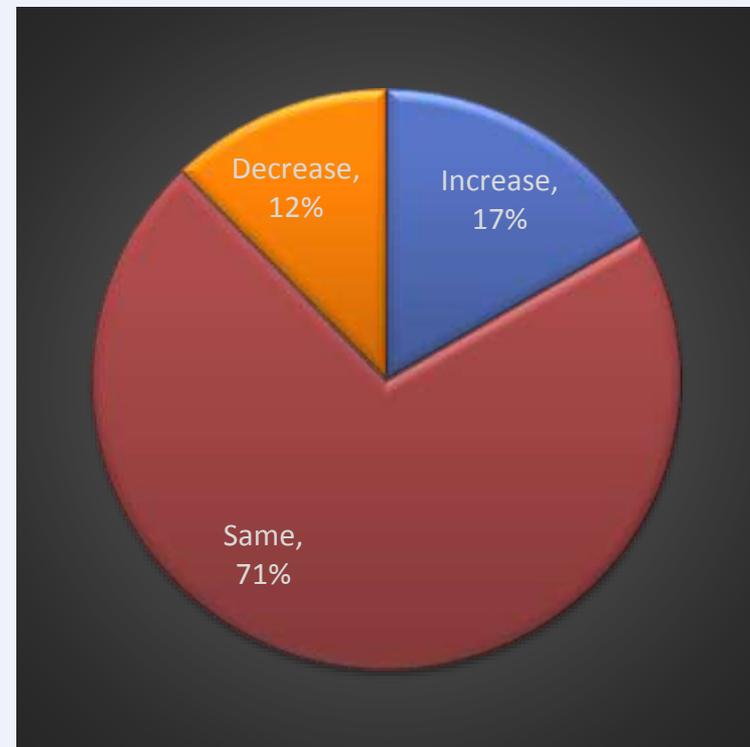
# CISO Survey: External Threats are on the Rise!



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



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

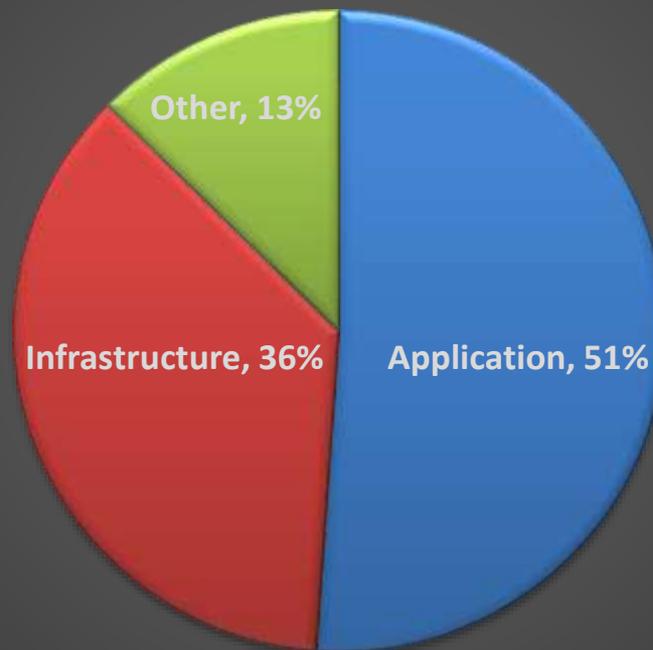




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what are the main areas of risk for your organisation in % out of 100%?



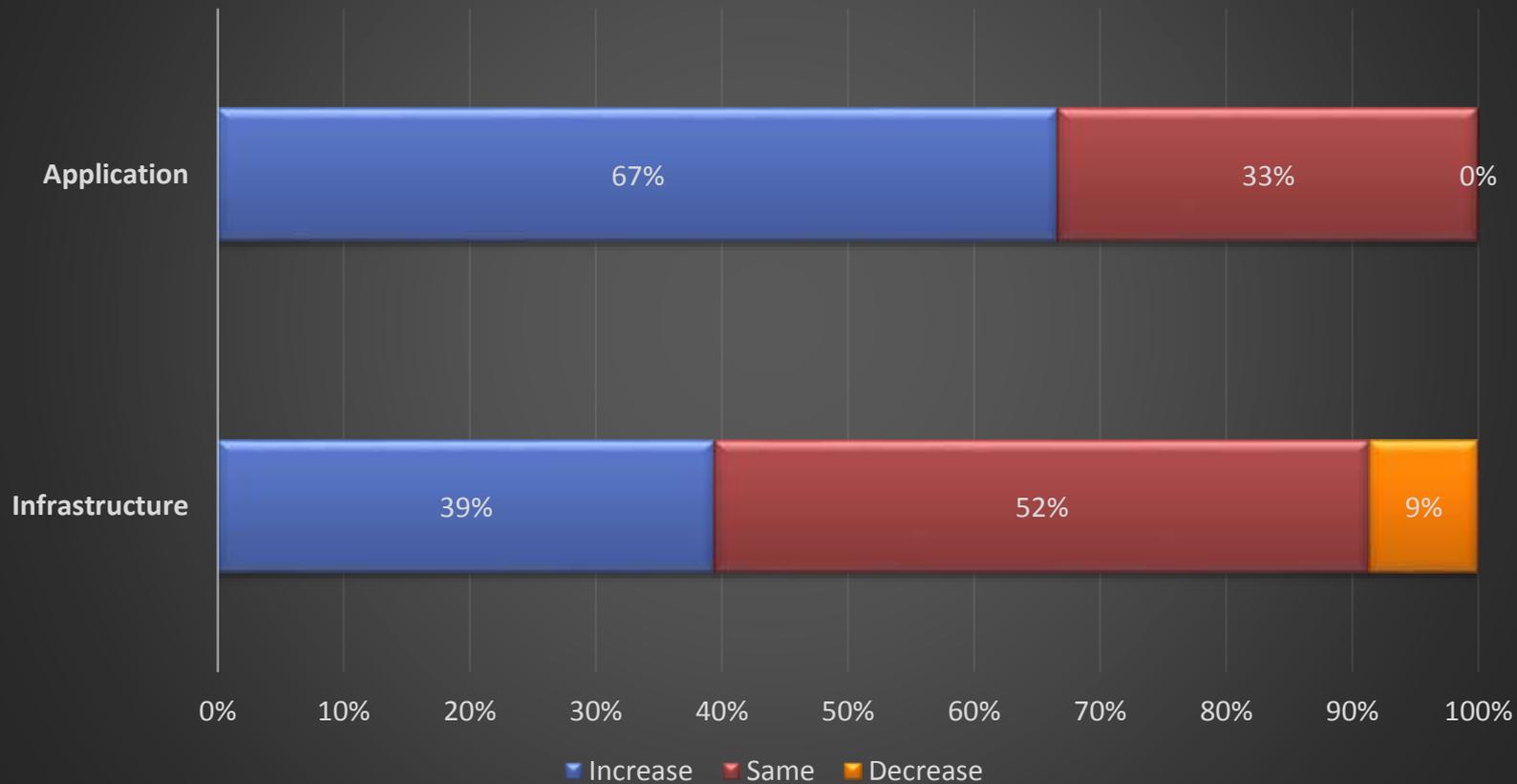
■ Application ■ Infrastructure ■ Other



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

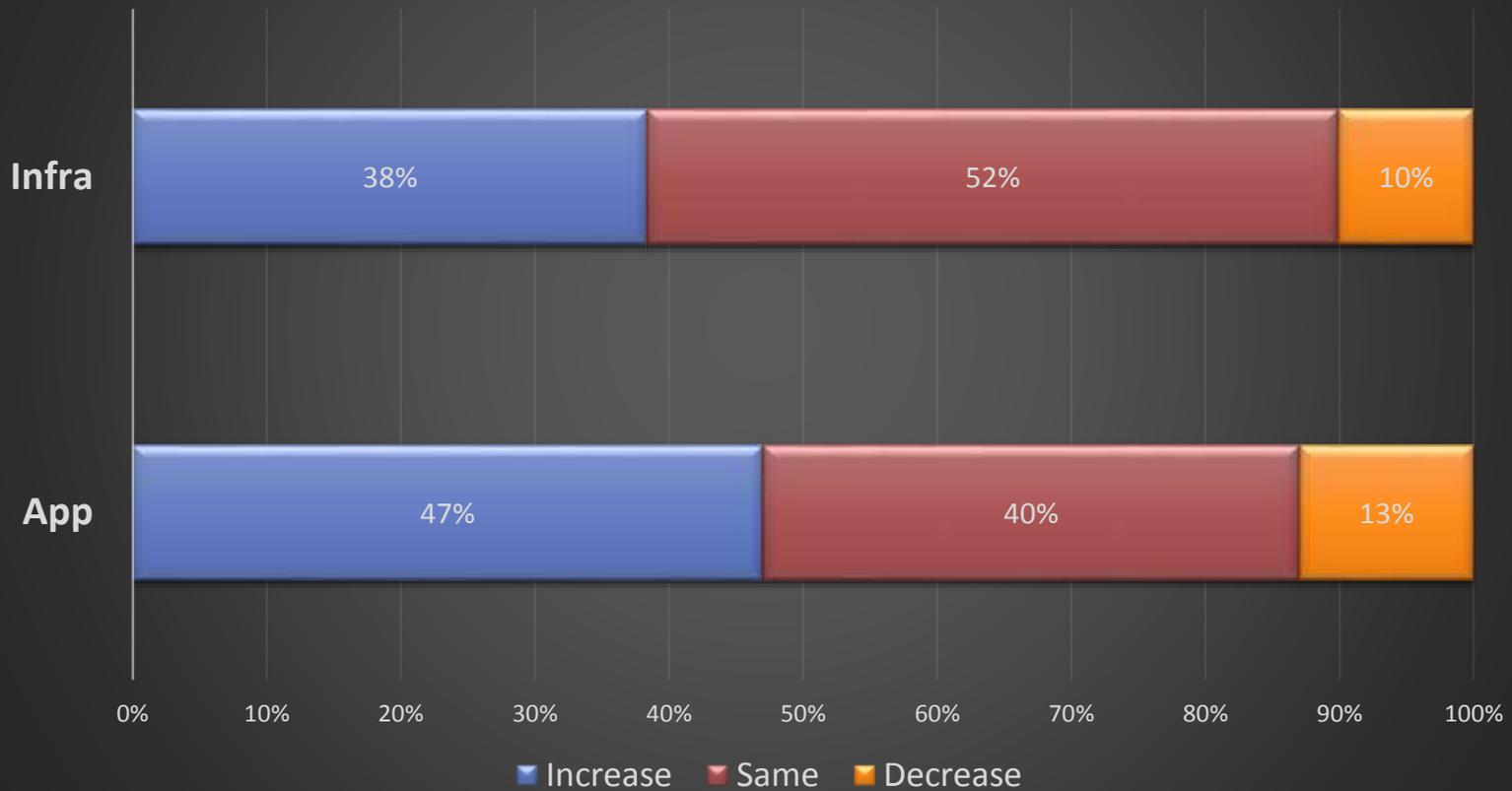




•Top five sources of application security risk within your organization?

- Lack of awareness of application security issues within the organization
- Insecure source code development
- Poor/inadequate testing methodologies
- Lack of budget to support application security initiatives
- Staffing (e.g., lack of security skills within team)

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

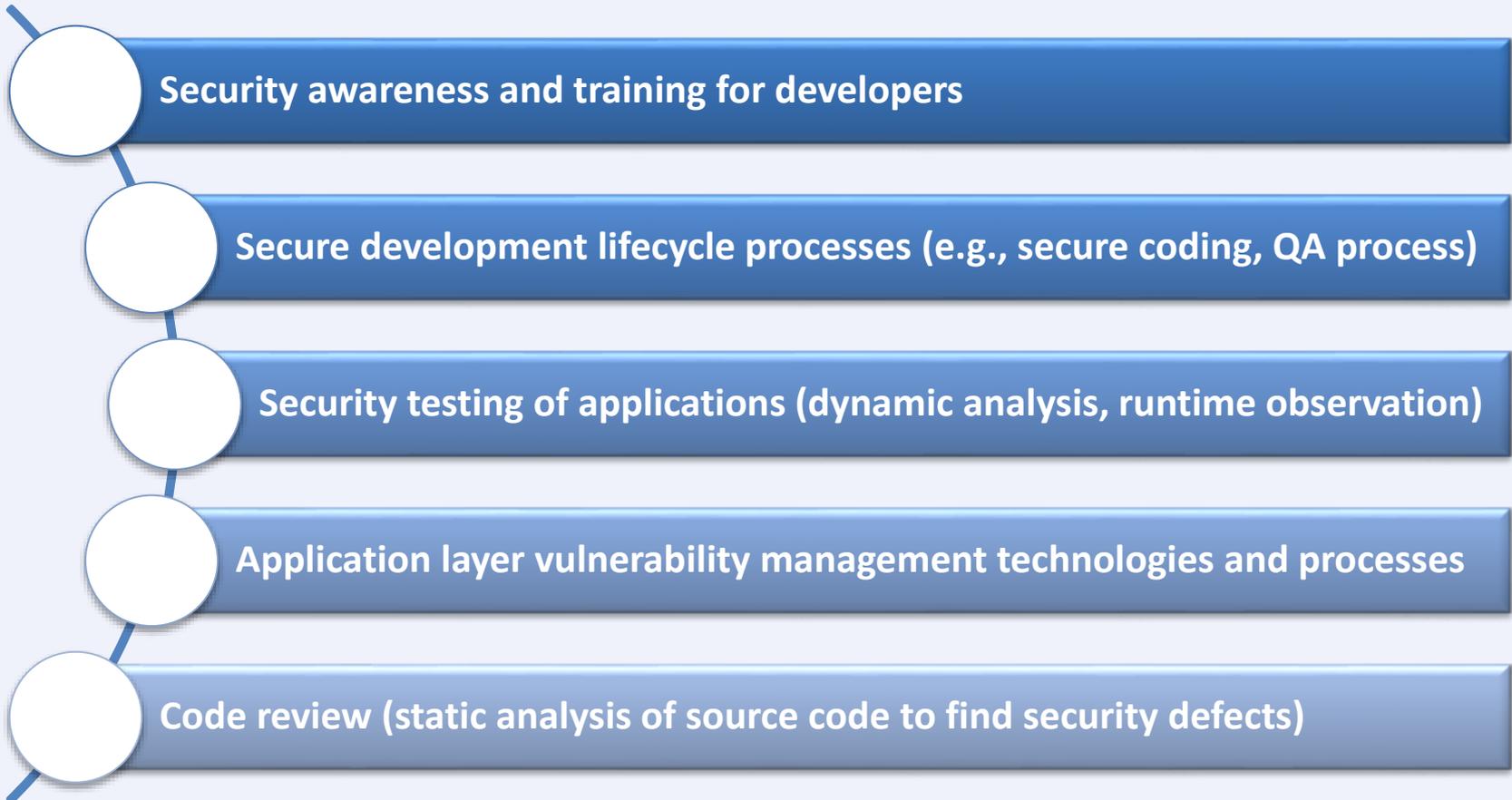




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- Top application security priorities for the coming 12 months.





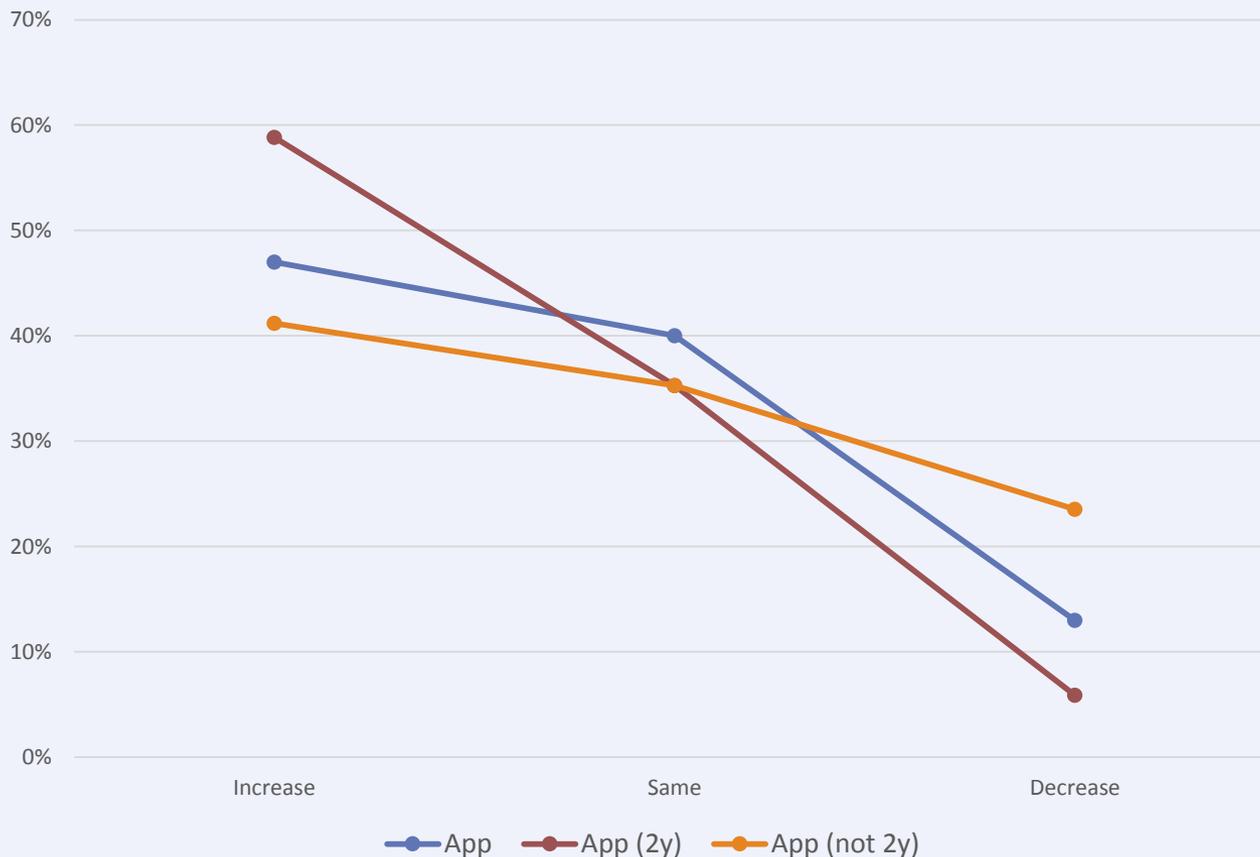
- Security Strategy:
  - **Only 27% believe their current application security strategy adequately addresses the risks** associated with the increased use of social networking, personal devices, or cloud
  - Most organisations define the strategy for 1 or 2 years:

Time Horizon	Percent
3 months	9.3%
6 months	9.3%
1 year	37.0%
<b>2 years</b>	<b>27.8%</b>
3 years	11.1%
5 years+	5.6%



## • Benefits of a security strategy for application security investments:

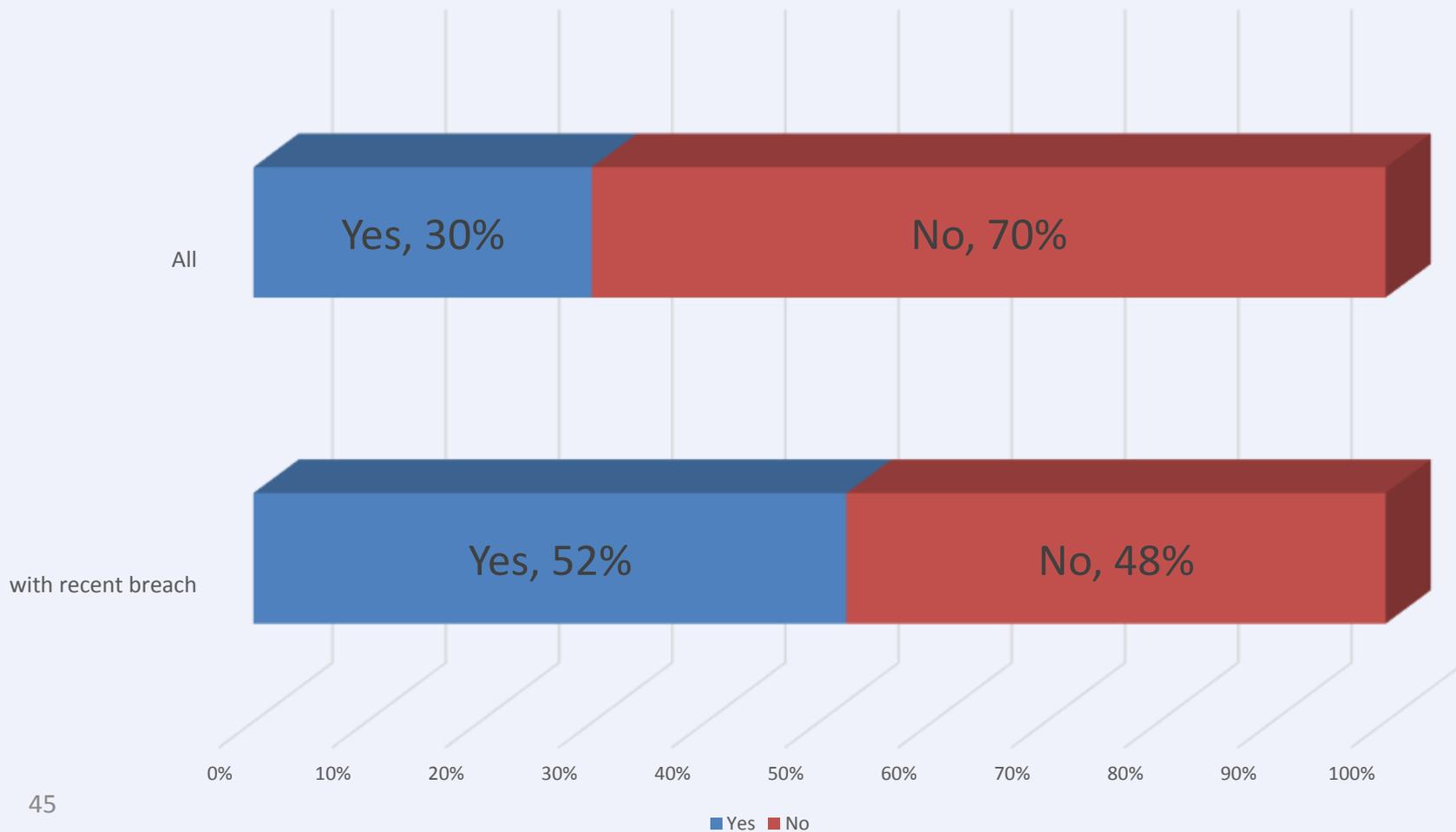
Correlation between investments in Application Security and a  
2year Application Security Strategy



- Analysis for correlations with:
- Recent security breach
  - Has a ASMS
  - Company size
  - Role (i.e. CISO)
  - Has a Security Strategy
  - **Time horizon of security strategy (2 years)**



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

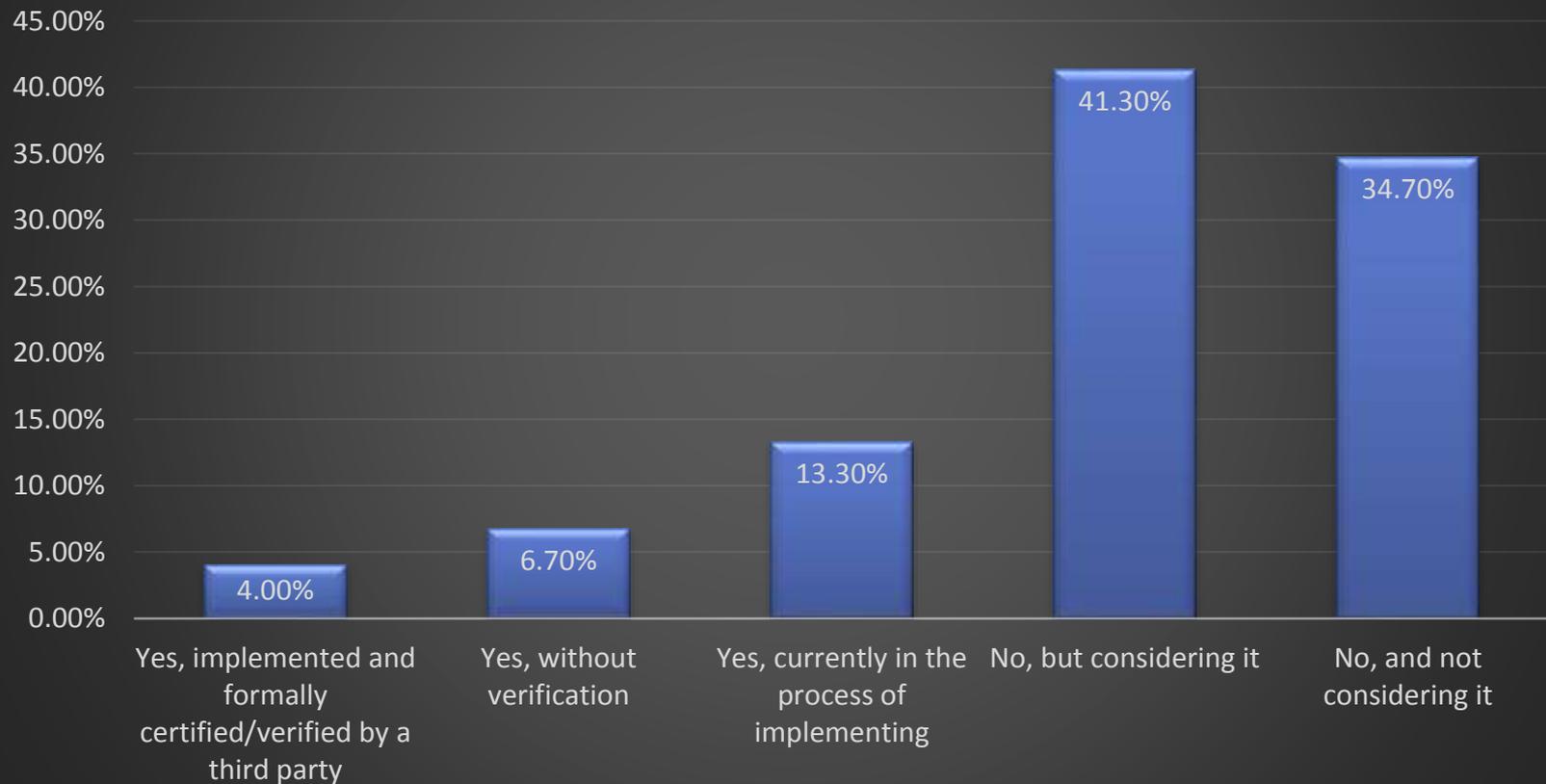




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### Application Security Management System (ASMS) or Maturity Model (e.g., OWASP SAMM)





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

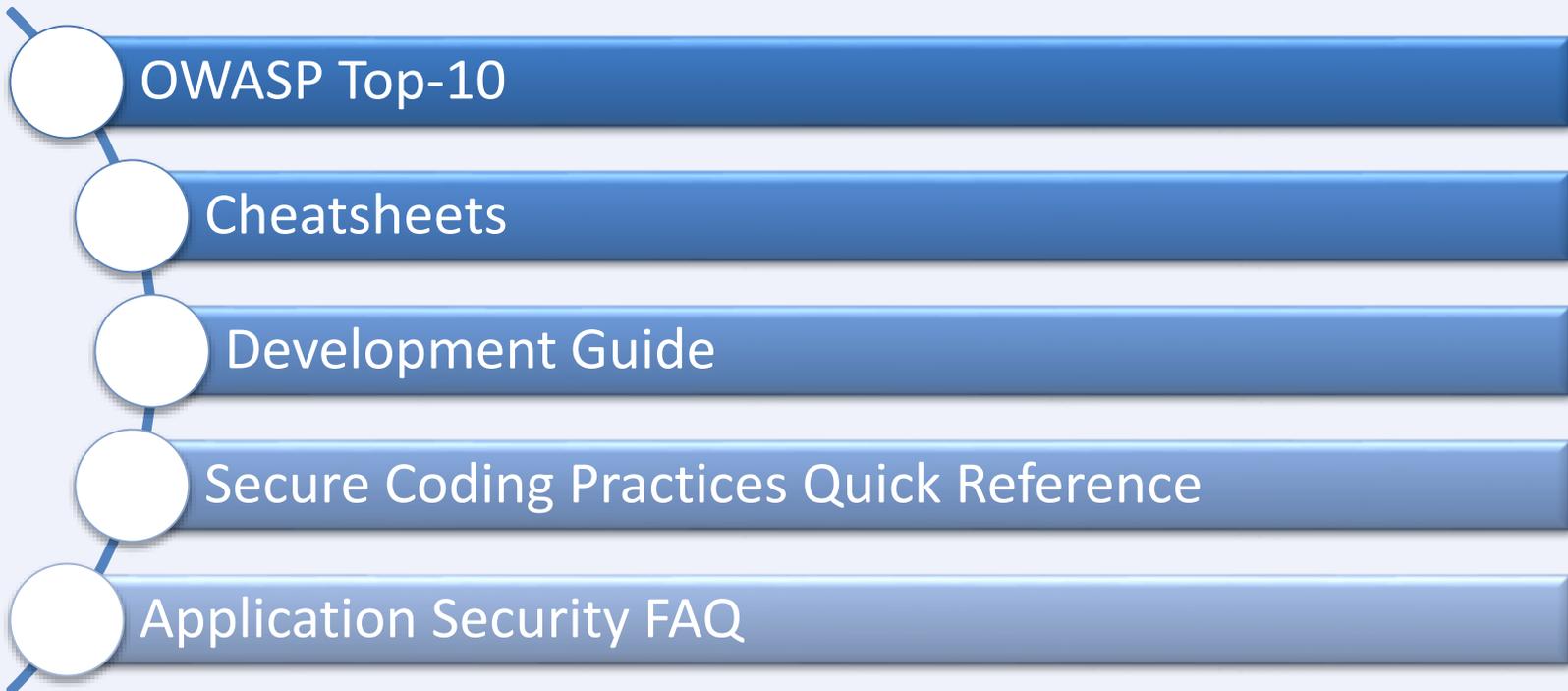




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- CISOs found the following OWASP projects most useful for their organizations (note: we did not have a full list of all 160 active projects)



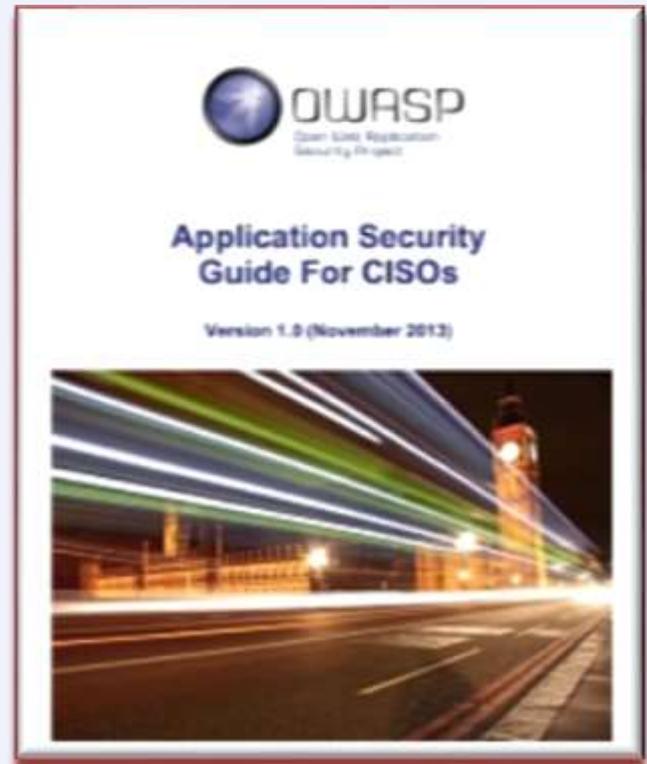


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Register to receive future CISO updates and  
CISO survey reports



## Register to receive future updates and survey reports

- to receive only updates about future releases of the OWASP CISO Survey and related CISO projects, you can **register your email address** here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DBYIpWcx6IAZNH0XufdkLZKLIQXetwgbxxd7h\\_mqWN0/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DBYIpWcx6IAZNH0XufdkLZKLIQXetwgbxxd7h_mqWN0/viewform)

- (or in short URL: <http://ow.ly/tHeT9> )

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- 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

