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- Since 17+ years in “the” InfoSec field (and SBA)
 - Main consulting **focus on security governance**
 - ISO27001 lead auditor and implementer, etc.

- **CISO** within the research center SBA Research
 - Research area (maybe NIS-2 challenge)
 - Professional Services = ISO27001 certified

- Prokurist = **responsible for business success**

For an ISO27001 certification you need an Information Security Management System (ISMS)





Continual Improvement

- + Timer
- + Bean supply chain
- + Adequate controls
- ... etc.

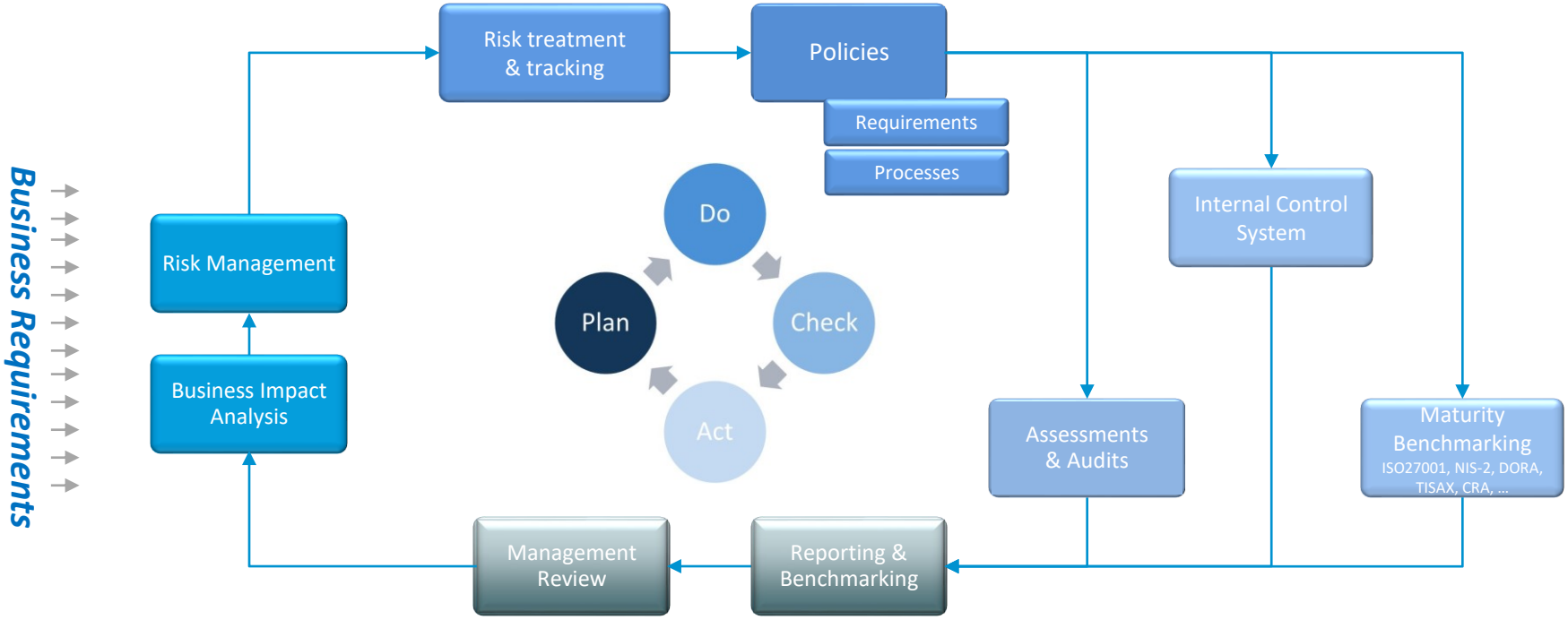
An ISMS...

... is a **systematic approach for** establishing, implementing, operating, monitoring, reviewing, maintaining and improving **an organization's information security to achieve business objectives.**

It is **based upon** a risk assessment and **the organization's risk acceptance levels** designed to effectively treat and manage risks.

Source: ISO27000

Schematic ISMS Cycle



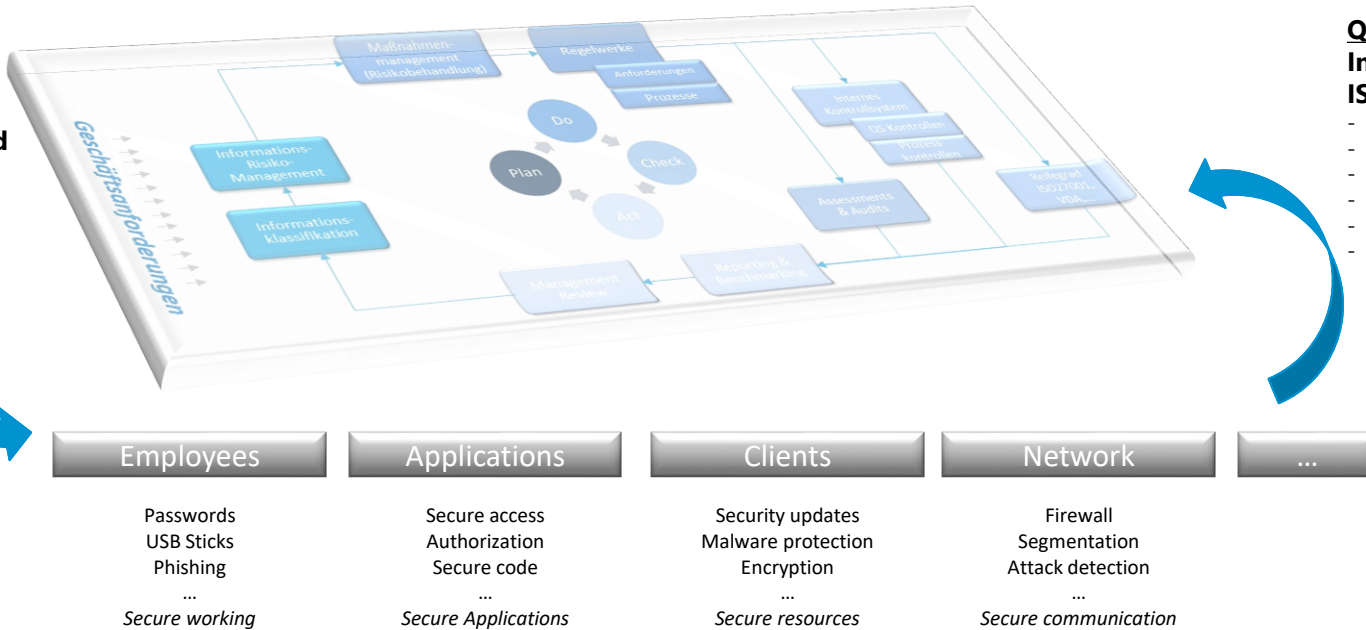
Why so expensive / time-consuming?



ISMS & Security Controls (Measures)

Risk Management Ensure that no (new) risk remains untreated

- Risk analyses
- Policies
- Measures
- Trainings
- ...



Quality Assurance Indicators whether ISMS is effective

- GAP Analyses
- Technical audits
- Internal controls
- Accepted risks
- Security Incidents
- ...

Example: NIS-2 Risk Management Areas

(1)
Management

(2) Security
Policies

(3) Risk
Management

(4) Asset
Management

(5) HR security

(6) Awareness

(7) Supply
Chain Security

(8) Access
Management

(9) Procurement, development,
operation and maintenance
(g) Software Security

(10)
Cryptography

(11) Security
Incident Mgmt

(12) Business Continuity and Crisis
Management

(13) Physical
Security

+/- 50 measures

Don't reinvent the wheel!

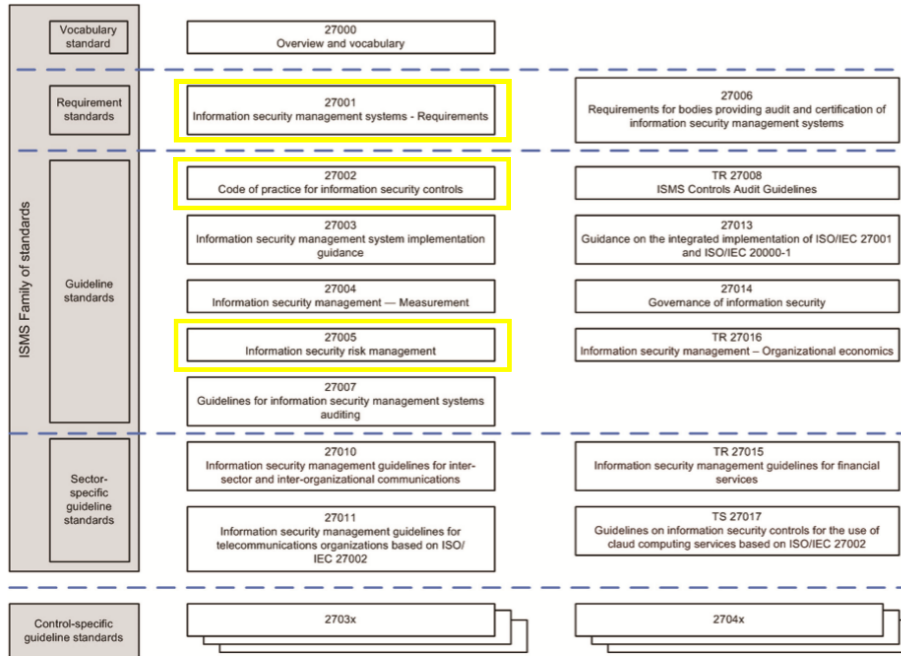


Figure 1 — ISMS Family of Standards Relationships

Supplementary ISO-Standards

- 27017 Cloud Services
- 27034 Application Security
- 22301 Business Continuity

Supplementary Best-Practices

- BSI Grundschriftkompodium
- CIS CSC & Benchmarks
- OWASP Top10, ASVS, SAMM, etc.
- CSA Cloud Security
- NIST CSF
- ...

The Why?



Business Case vs Business Risks

- ISO27001 certification required in order to secure revenue streams, e.g.
 - ... be chosen as **trusted** security service partner
 - ... be able to participate in **tenders**
 - ... be able to provide comprehensible **proof**
 - Established information security processes.
 - Security of clients' confidential data (e.g. critical exploitable vulnerabilities)
 - ... be an NISG **qualified body** (QuaSte)
 - (... NIS-2 **regulatory compliance**)

Business Case vs Business Risks

1. **Breach of contract**, e.g. non-compliance with a confidentiality agreement
2. (Negligent) **damage to a customer**, e.g. due to security tests
3. Lasting **damage to reputation**, e.g. due to negligent misconduct (data leakage)

>> Defines our **business case for information security** (= risk appetite & security posture)

ISMS effort

Less effort if...

- Clear business case
- Small org. structure
- High homogeneity



More effort if...

- Large org. structure
- Low homogeneity
- Regulatory pressure

If your focus lies on software (products)

... think about a management system for application security

INTERNATIONAL
STANDARD

ISO/IEC
27001

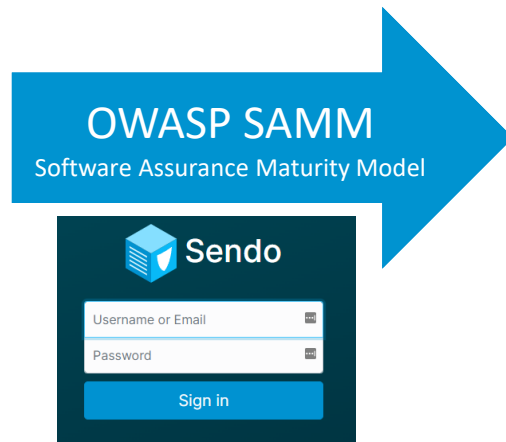
Third edition
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Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection — Information security management systems — Requirements

Sécurité de l'information, cybersécurité et protection de la vie privée — Systèmes de management de la sécurité de l'information — Exigences

8.25	Secure development life cycle	Control Rules for the secure development of software and systems shall be established and applied.
8.26	Application security requirements	Control Information security requirements shall be identified, specified and approved when developing or acquiring applications.
8.27	Secure system architecture and engineering principles	Control Principles for engineering secure systems shall be established, documented, maintained and applied to any information system development activities.
8.28	Secure coding	Control Secure coding principles shall be applied to software development.
8.29	Security testing in development and acceptance	Control Security testing processes shall be defined and implemented in the development life cycle.
8.30	Outsourced development	Control The organization shall direct, monitor and review the activities related to outsourced system development.
8.31	Separation of development, test and production environments	Control Development, testing and production environments shall be separated and secured.

Source: ISO/IEC 27002:2022



Referenced Standards & Frameworks

ISMS Information Security Management System

- ISO Standards [::Link::](#)
- BSI Grundschutz [::Link::](#)

Cyber Defense

- CIS CSC & Benchmarks [::Link::](#)
- NIST CSF [::Link::](#)

Software Security & Maturity

- OWASP SAMM [::Link::](#)
- OWASP ASVS [::Link::](#)

Secure Software Development

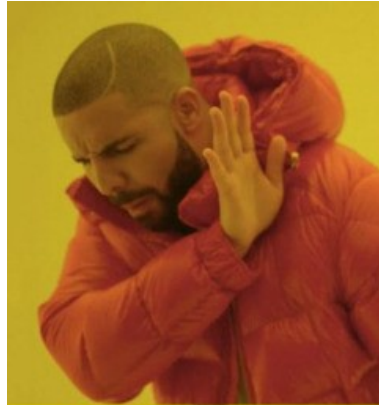
A Short Introduction to the OWASP SAMM

Who Am I?

- IT Security Consultant at SBA Research
 - Web application security
 - Spear phishing simulations
 - Source code audits
 - Architecture reviews
 - SAMM assessments
 - Security training
- Software developer



When you are a hands-on guy and start consulting



**SECURE
DEVELOPMENT
LIFECYCLE AUDITS**



**WEBAPP
PENTEST**

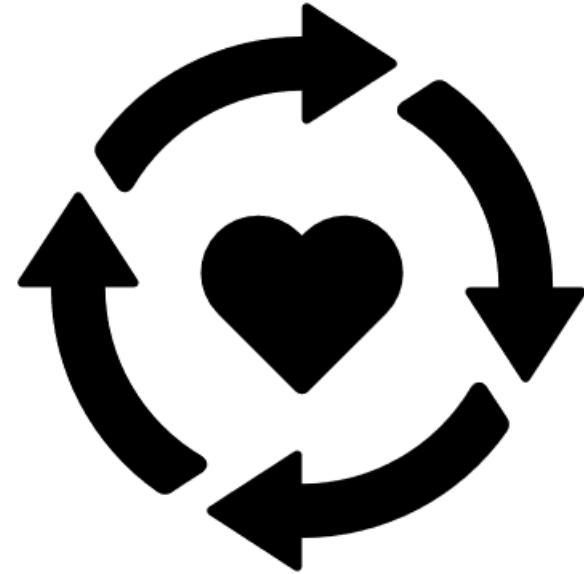
Secure Development is not just Secure Coding

Example: Vulnerability found too late

1. No Threat Modeling or security architecture review done in advance
2. No security requirements in application design, only functional requirements
3. Penetration Test done at the end finds severe security vulnerabilities
4. Only two ways forward
 1. Security problems ignored, application goes live in an exploitable state
 2. Go back to design phase and update implementation; very expensive at this stage of the project

What Is A Secure Development Process?

- Considering security earlier
- Multi-layer security - Building strong safety nets
- Empowering developers
- Measuring and improving security
- Traceability of security decisions



OWASP SAMM

- **What is it?**
 - Concise set of interview questions across security domains
 - Granular score in all areas
 - Proposals & activities how you can improve

You talk to a team, SAMM tells you what to talk about.

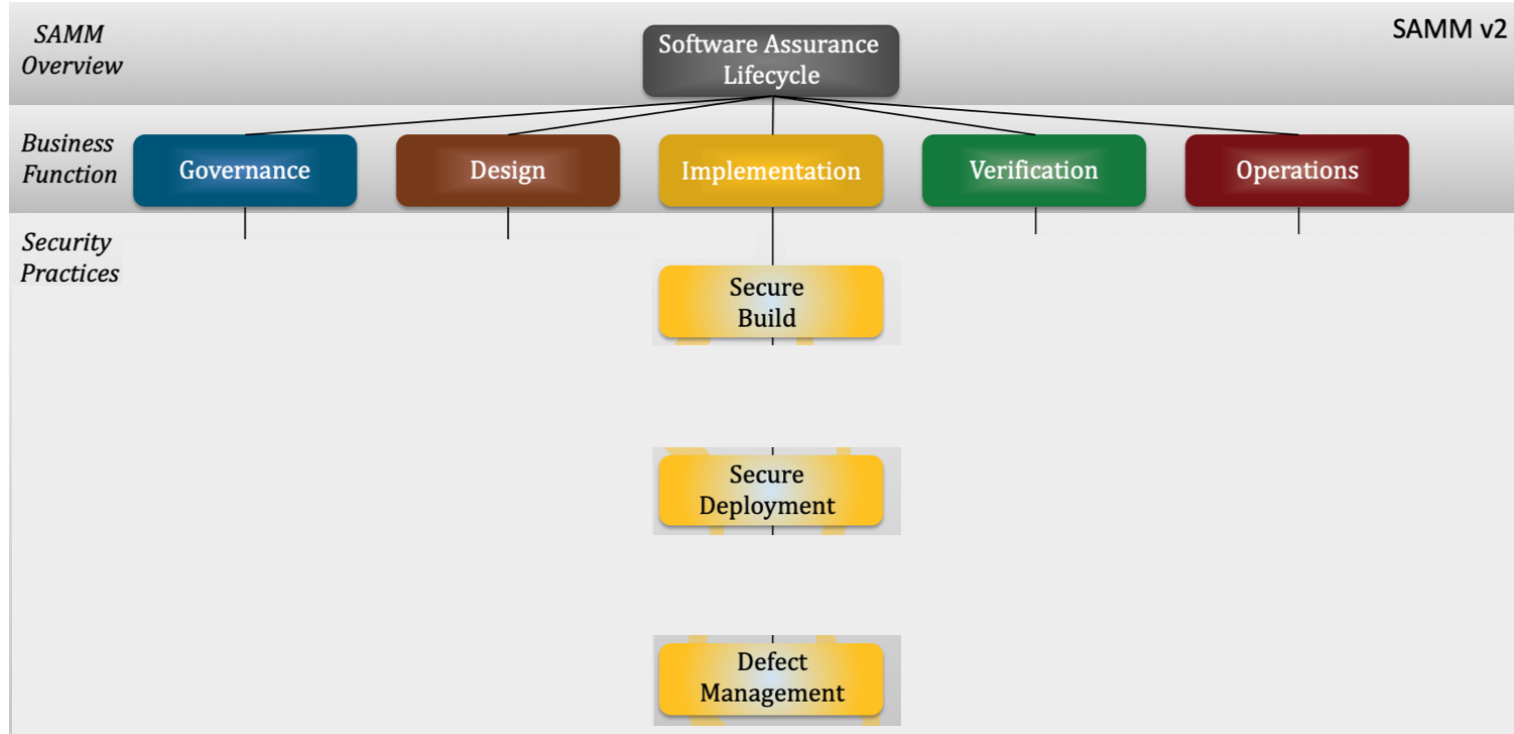
OWASP SAMM

Business functions



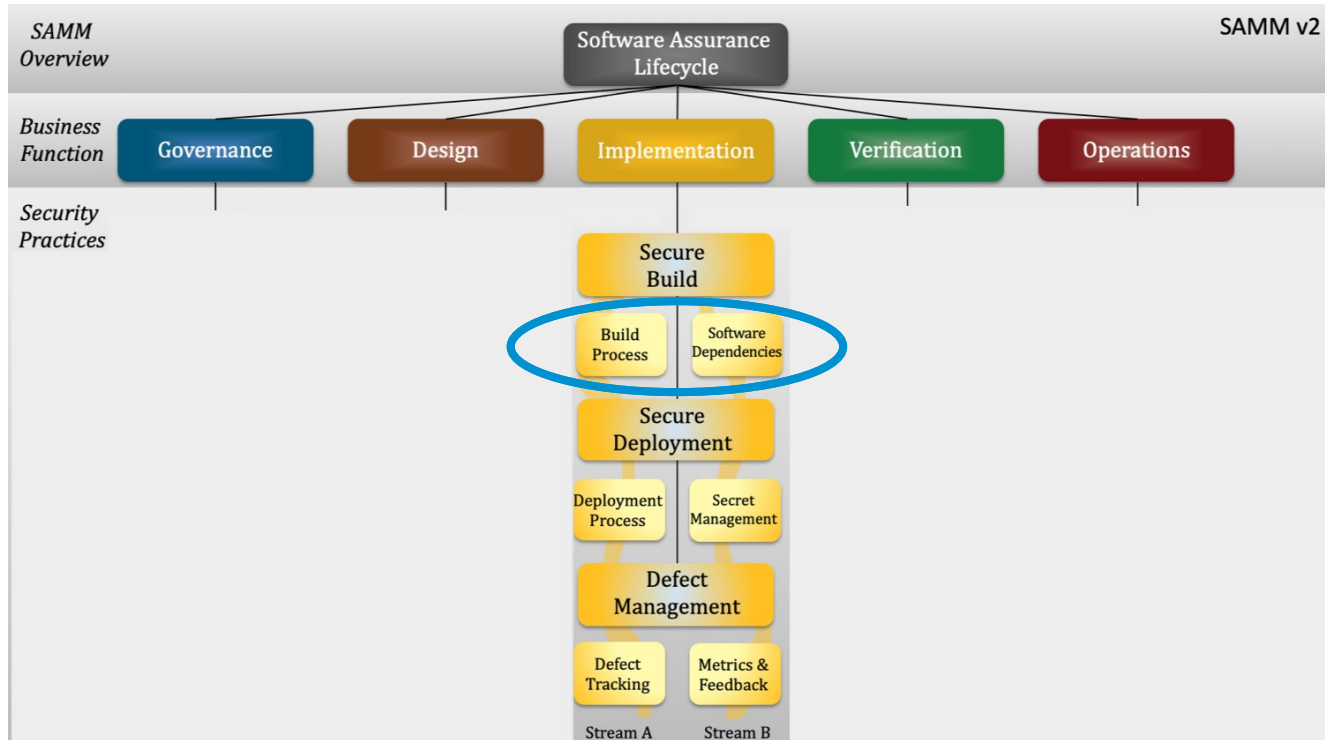
OWASP SAMM

Security practices



OWASP SAMM

Stream / activity



OWASP SAMM

Maturity level

Maturity level		Stream A Build Process	Stream B Software Dependencies
1	Build process is repeatable and consistent.	Create a formal definition of the build process so that it becomes consistent and repeatable.	Create records with Bill of Materials of your applications and opportunistically analyze these.
2	Build process is optimized and fully integrated into the workflow.	Automate your build pipeline and secure the used tooling. Add security checks in the build pipeline.	Evaluate used dependencies and ensure timely reaction to situations posing risk to your applications.
3	Build process helps prevent known defects from entering the production environment.	Define mandatory security checks in the build process and ensure that building non-compliant artifacts fails.	Analyze used dependencies for security issues in a comparable way to your own code.

<https://owaspsamm.org/model/>

OWASP SAMM

Activities

Model | **Implementation** | **Secure Build** | **Build Process**

MATURITY LEVEL 1

MATURITY LEVEL 2

MATURITY LEVEL 3

Benefit

Limited risk of human error during build process minimizing security issues

Activity

Define the build process, breaking it down into a set of clear instructions to either be followed by a person or an automated tool. The build process definition describes the whole process end-to-end so that the person or tool can follow it consistently each time and produce the same result. The definition is stored centrally and accessible to any tools or people. Avoid storing multiple copies as they may become unaligned and outdated.

The process definition does not include any secrets (specifically considering those needed during the build process).

Review any build tools, ensuring that they are actively maintained by vendors and up-to-date with security patches. Harden each tool's configuration so that it is aligned with vendor guidelines and industry best practices.

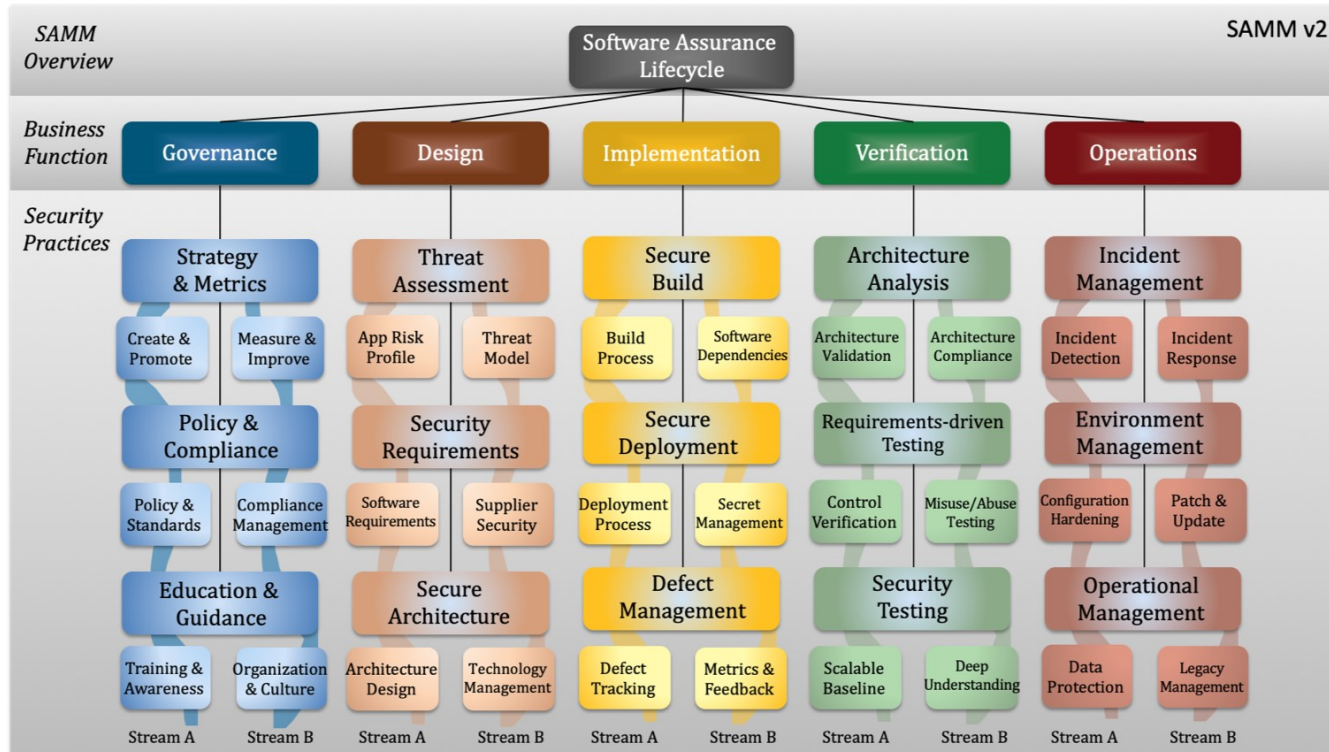
Determine a value for each generated artifact that can be later used to verify its integrity, such as a signature or a hash. Protect this value and, if the artifact is signed, the private signing certificate.

Ensure that build tools are routinely patched and properly hardened.

<https://owasp samm.org/model/implementation/secure-build/stream-a/>

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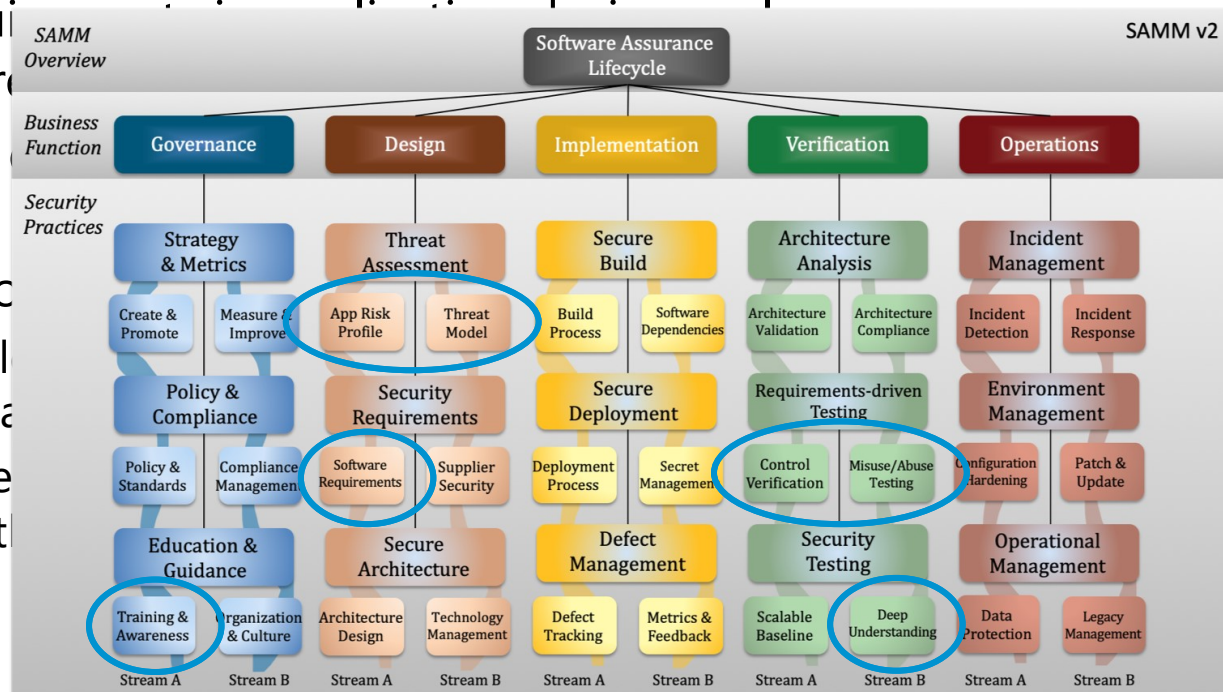
Overview




Secure Development is not just Secure Coding

Example, revisited

1. No Threat Modeling or security architecture review done in advance
2. No security requirements derived from functional requirements
3. Penetration Test only to find vulnerabilities
4. Only two ways for security problems to be exploitable states:
 1. Security problem is not exploitable state
 2. Go back to development to fix problem, which is expensive at that point



OWASP SAMM At SBA



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OWASP SAMM At SBA

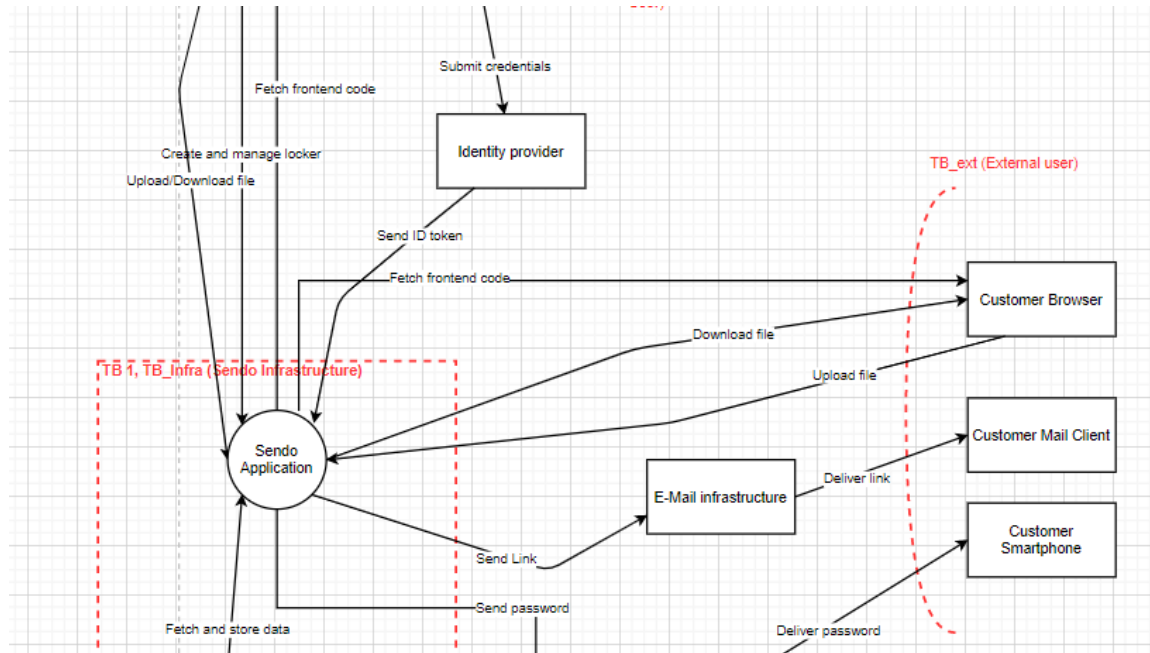
Governance

- Policy & Standards: Internal policy for secure software development
- Compliance Management: ISMS task board with requirements
- Training & Awareness: Our devs regularly visit security conferences and give trainings themselves

OWASP SAMM At SBA

Design

- Threat Model: Regular assessments conducted
- Architecture Design: We incorporate “Security by default” practices into our design
- Technology Management: We use SBOMs and track our third-party dependencies including the end-of-life dates of large components



Threat Model

- Do a smoke test on [Prod](#)
- Check the table below if we're getting close to an EOL
 - Open an issue if an EOL is within 6 months
 - Set the issue's due date to 1 month before EOL

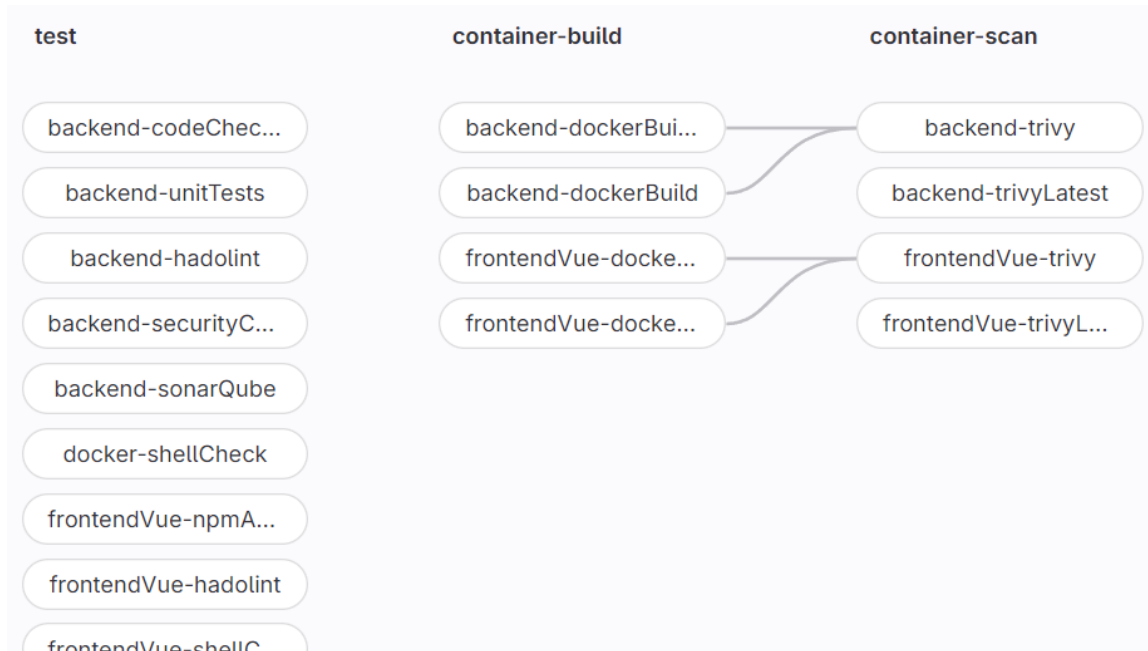
Software	Currently Used Major Version	Supported Until
PHP	8.2	2025-12-08 Source
Symfony	5.4	2025-11-01 Source
Node.js	20	2026-04-01 Source
Vue.js	3.4	- Source
PostgreSQL	15	2027-11-11 Source
RabbitMQ	3	- Source

Tracking of Major Dependency Versions

OWASP SAMM At SBA

Implementation

- Build Process: Completely automated, including security scanners
- Deployment Process: Also completely automated
- Secret Management: We adhere to the principle of least authority



Automated Build and Deploy Pipelines

OWASP SAMM At SBA

Verification

- Control Verification: We test for security controls and include regression testing
- Scalable Baseline: We have security scanners that test our deployed application daily
- Deep Understanding: We regularly conduct a penetration test from employees outside of the dev team

Open 0 Closed 6 All 6

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📄 Missing CSP and Feature Policy header

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2023-3 Sendo Behebungsverifikation

Hardening

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Penetration Test Findings and Issue Tracking

OWASP SAMM At SBA

Operations

- Incident Detection: Our application is monitored for security events
- Configuration Hardening: We perform best-effort hardenings of the configuration of all components
- Patching and Updating: We monitor the status of our dependencies and alert when vulnerable versions are detected

Output & Results

Scoring

- **What you get**
 - A scored result for each function
 - Every activity has the same weight
 - Every level has the same weight
 - Helps detect blind spots
- **What you don't get**
 - Overall score

Current Maturity Score					
Functions	Security Practices	Current	Maturity		
			1	2	3
Governance	Strategy & Metrics	0,63	0,25	0,25	0,13
Governance	Policy & Compliance	0,63	0,50	0,13	0,00
Governance	Education & Guidance	0,75	0,38	0,13	0,25
Design	Threat Assessment	0,50	0,25	0,25	0,00
Design	Security Requirements	0,25	0,25	0,00	0,00
Design	Secure Architecture	0,88	0,50	0,13	0,25
Implementation	Secure Build	1,88	1,00	0,63	0,25
Implementation	Secure Deployment	1,13	0,75	0,38	0,00
Implementation	Defect Management	0,63	0,63	0,00	0,00
Verification	Architecture Assessment	0,88	0,75	0,00	0,13
Verification	Requirements Testing	0,75	0,25	0,25	0,25
Verification	Security Testing	1,50	0,75	0,50	0,25
Operations	Incident Management	0,13	0,13	0,00	0,00
Operations	Environment Management	0,50	0,38	0,13	0,00
Operations	Operational Management	1,25	1,00	0,13	0,13

Output & Results

Roadmap

- **Main output of assessment**
 - Status quo
 - Motivation and goals for short-term and long-term development
- **Where should I start?**
 - Ways to improve optimally and easiest
 - Activities that are almost established already
 - Most relevant activities in the given environment

Assessment Types

- **External interviewers**
 - Security experts are interviewers
 - Report with suggestions for moving forward
- **Self assessment**
 - Interview done by the team itself
 - Much faster since no evidence is collected
 - Can be done more often



Interview

- 1-5 team members with different roles get interviewed
- 2 interviewers
- Preparation
 - Interviewers should know about team, organization & software
 - Teams should have relevant documents and software at hand
- Initially takes ~1 day to interview a team



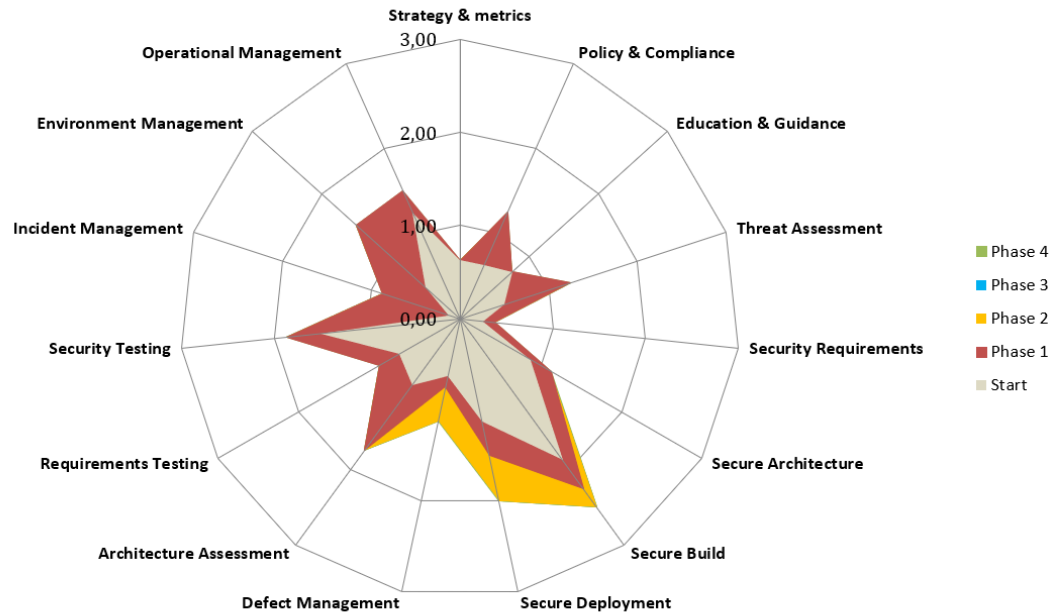
Questionnaire

Roadmap

Implementation			Current		Phase I	
Stream	Level	Secure Build	Answer	Rating	Answer	Rating
Build Process	1	Is your full build process formally described?	Yes, for most or all of the applications	1,88	Yes, for most or all of the applications	2,25
	2	Is the build process fully automated?	Yes, for most or all of the applications		Yes, for most or all of the applications	
	3	Do you enforce automated security checks in your build processes?	Yes, for some applications		Yes, for at least half of the applications	
Software Dependencies	1	Do you have solid knowledge about dependencies you're relying on?	Yes, for most or all of the applications		Yes, for most or all of the applications	
	2	Do you handle 3rd party dependency risk by a formal process?	Yes, for some applications		Yes, for at least half of the applications	
	3	Do you prevent build of software if it's affected by vulnerabilities in dependencies?	Yes, for some applications		Yes, for at least half of the applications	
Stream	Level	Secure Deployment	Answer	Rating	Answer	Rating
Deployment Process	1	Do you use repeatable deployment processes?	Yes, for most or all of the applications	1,13	Yes, for most or all of the applications	1,50
	2	Are deployment processes automated and employing security checks?	Yes, for some applications		Yes, for at least half of the applications	
	3	Do you consistently validate the integrity of deployed artifacts?	No		No	
Secret Management	1	Do you limit access to application secrets according to the least privilege principle?	Yes, for at least half of the applications		Yes, for most or all of the applications	
	2	Do you inject production secrets into configuration files during deployment?	Yes, for at least half of the applications		Yes, for at least half of the applications	
	3	Do you practice proper lifecycle management for application secrets?	No		No	
Stream	Level	Defect Management	Answer	Rating	Answer	Rating
Defect Tracking	1	Do you track all known security defects in accessible locations?	Yes, for most or all of the applications	0,63	Yes, for most or all of the applications	0,75
	2	Do you keep an overview of the state of security defects across the organization?	No		Yes, for some applications	
	3	Do you enforce SLAs for fixing security defects?	0		0	
Metrics and Feedback	1	Do you use basic metrics about recorded security defects to carry out quick win improvement activities?	Yes, for some applications		Yes, for some applications	
	2	Do you improve your security assurance program upon standardized metrics?	No		No	
	3	Do you regularly evaluate the effectiveness of your security metrics so that its input helps drive your security strategy?	No		No	

Roadmap

Score graph




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