

# Implementing and Maturing the Security Development Lifecycle (SDL)

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# Agenda

Review Security  
Development  
Lifecycle (SDL)

OWASP Software  
Assurance Maturity  
Model (SAMM)

Relate SDL to  
SAMM

I speak for  
myself



About me





SDL and  
S-SDLC are  
synonymous



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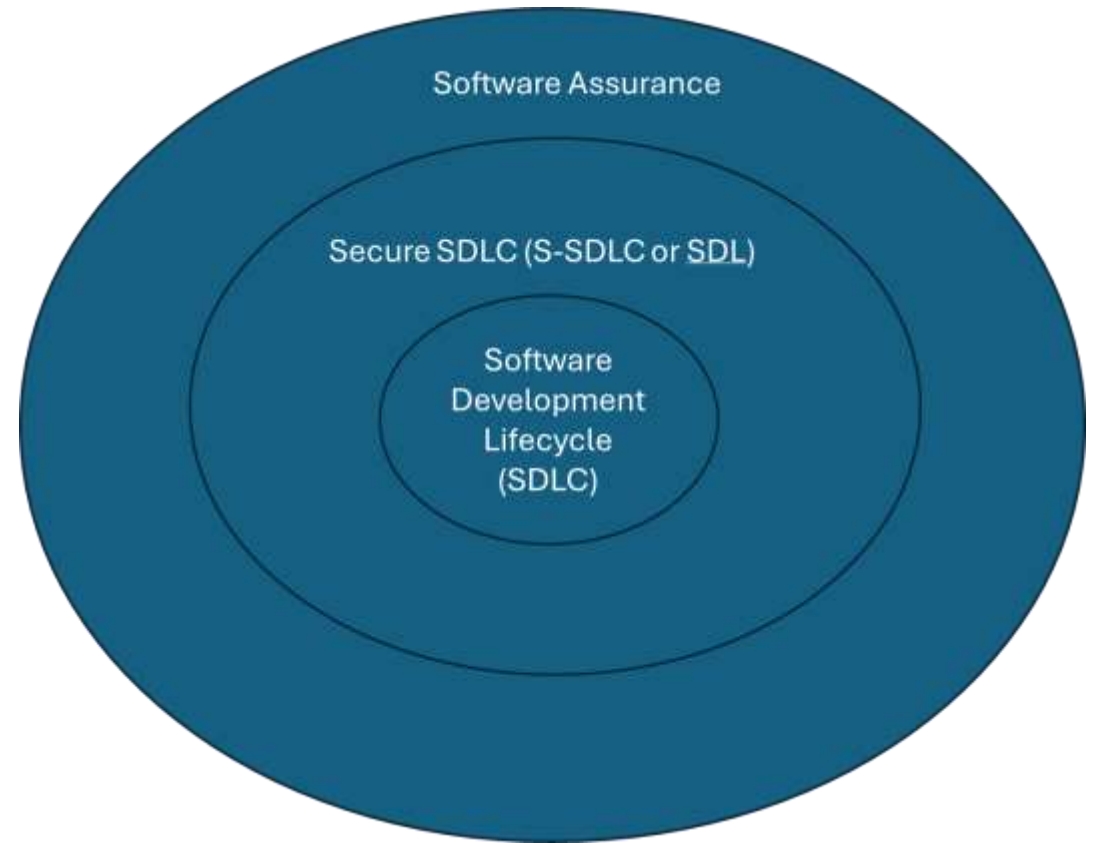


Would you like a  
to-MAH-to?

But SDLC can get confusing

# SDL should be a continuous, automated process

- SDLC typically injects security check at a few points
- S-SDLC or DevSecOps, security is continuous, and much of it is automated

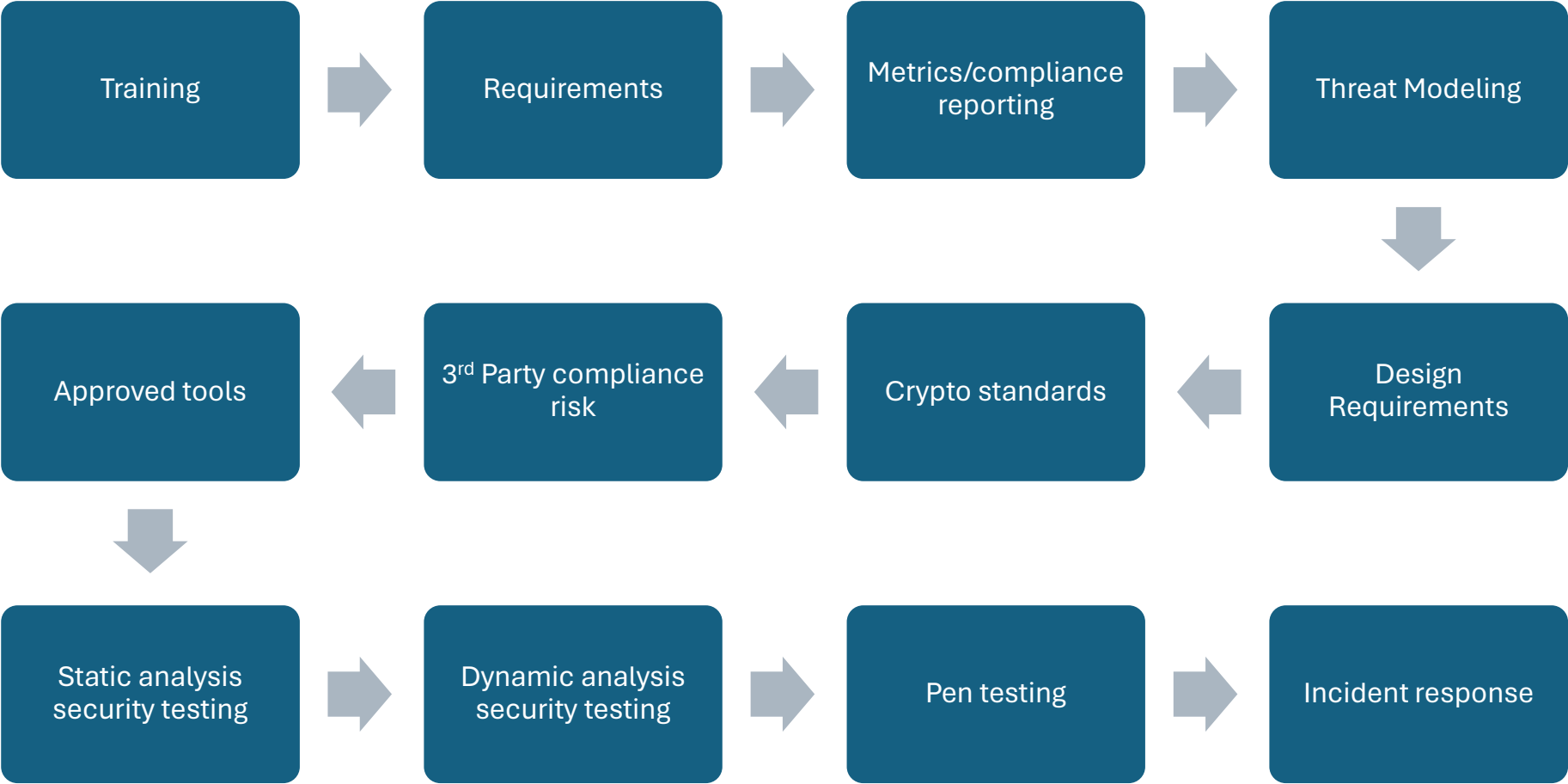


# SDL is foundational to good products and customer trust

- Reduce odds of incidents and breach
  - Detect/Respond/Recover better when they do happen
- Compliance/Legal
- Create a better product
  - Security is element of quality
  - AI example
  - IAM – passwordless, federation, RBAC, automation
- Build customer trust
  - More customers are directly asking about security practices
  - Security is foundational to privacy



# Twelve MS SDL Practices





# Be proactive rather than reactive – shift left!

Proactive, less expensive

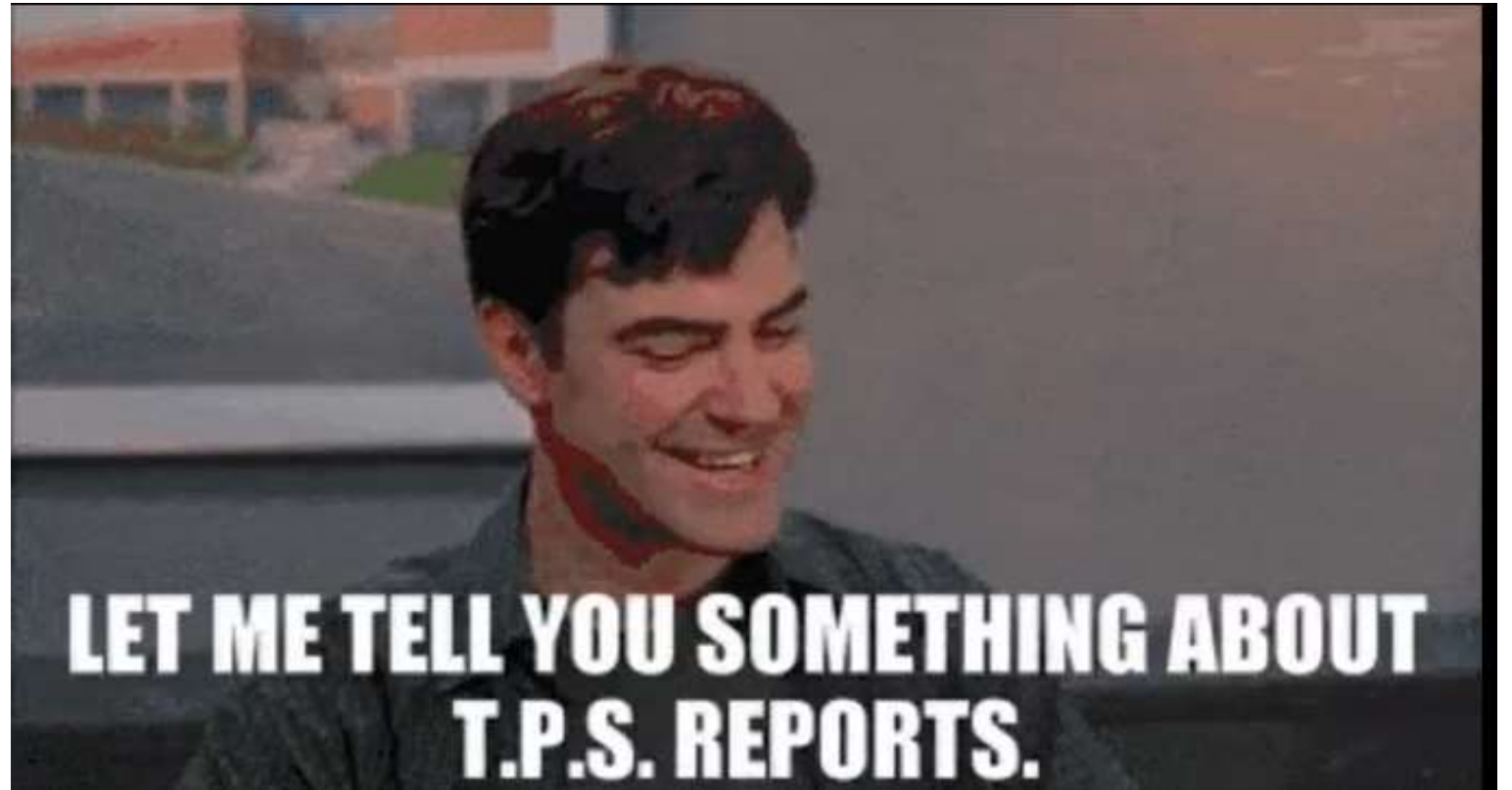
Reactive, more expensive



# Provide Training



Training  
should not  
check a box



# Training should be metrics driven

- Completion metrics
- Target coding deficiencies
- Score ability to code securely





# Training options

- NOT vanilla online courses
- OWASP projects
  - Juice Shop
  - Top 10
  - Security Shepherd
  - Secure Coding Dojo
- Commercial secure code training options



# Security Champions are critical to training

- Security points of contact w/in dev teams
- Scale security
- Build security culture
- Management support is key



# Security Champions selection should be by criteria



# Define Security Requirements

- Business
- Customer
- Legal and regulatory
- Internal standards
- Review of previous Incidents
- Known threats





# Threat modeling (TM)



# How much threat modeling is needed?

- Systems for Top Secret government information?
- Products that leverage individual's personal health data?
- Website for storing recipes?

- Context is critical
  - Organizational objectives
  - Data sensitivity
  - Risk tolerance/capacity

The term  
threat  
modeling is  
unintuitive



# Consider not using the term threat modeling

01

Terminology can  
be a barrier

02

Make TM more  
business  
friendly

03

Integrate with  
Design  
Requirements  
stage

04

Call it Security  
Requirements



# Establish Design Requirements

- Security design requirements aka “Threat modeling”
- Secure design patterns
- Security platform team
- Netflix Wall-E



# Define and Use Cryptography Standards



Don't roll your own



Easily replaceable

# Manage the Security Risk of Using Third-Party Components



**Pretty much all software is composed of 3<sup>rd</sup> party components**

Commercial and open source



**Consider how to address license risk**

# Remaining SDL practices

1

Use Approved Tools

2

Perform Static Analysis Security Testing (SAST)

3

Perform Dynamic Analysis Security Testing (DAST)


4

Perform Penetration Testing

5

Establish a Standard Incident Response Process





# Maturing software development

# Frameworks to mature software development

- Bigger picture than SDL
  - Culture
  - Business focus
  - Governance
- Building Software Assurance Maturity Model (SAMM) versus Security In Maturity Model (BSIMM)

SAMM	BSIMM
Open model	Proprietary
Prescriptive	Descriptive
Traditional Maturity model	Frequency of activities compared w/ other orgs

# Value of SAMM



**Measure and evaluate current application security posture**



**Define a target maturity level**



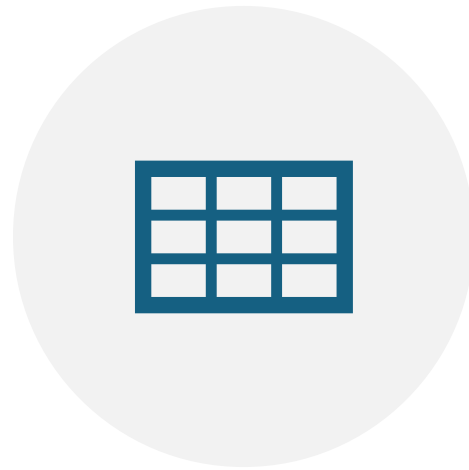
**Develop a roadmap to achieve maturity**

SAMM offer prescriptive guidance



**Demonstrate security improvements**

# Tools



SPREADSHEET

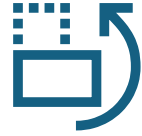


OTHERS: SAMMWISE,  
SAMMY

# SAMM process is six phases



Prepare



Assess



Set Target



Define Plan



Implement



Roll out



# Prepare



Scope



Stakeholders



Communication plan

# Assess



**Evaluate current practices**



**Determine maturity level**



**Best practices**

Consistency

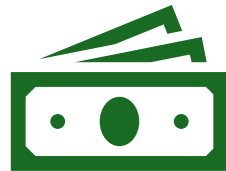
Format? Interview or workshop

Determine activities that are n/a

# Set Target



**Define target**



**Estimate impact (\$)**



**Best practices**

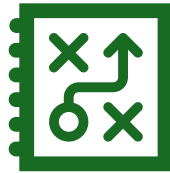
Consider risk profile

Assurance 5% - 10% of total development cost

# Define the plan



**Determine change schedule**



**Develop/update the roadmap plan**



**Best practices**

Quick wins

Start with awareness/training

Work with program manager, if possible

# Implement



**SAMM offers prescriptive advice**



**Consider impact on processes,  
people, knowledge, and tools**



**Best practices**

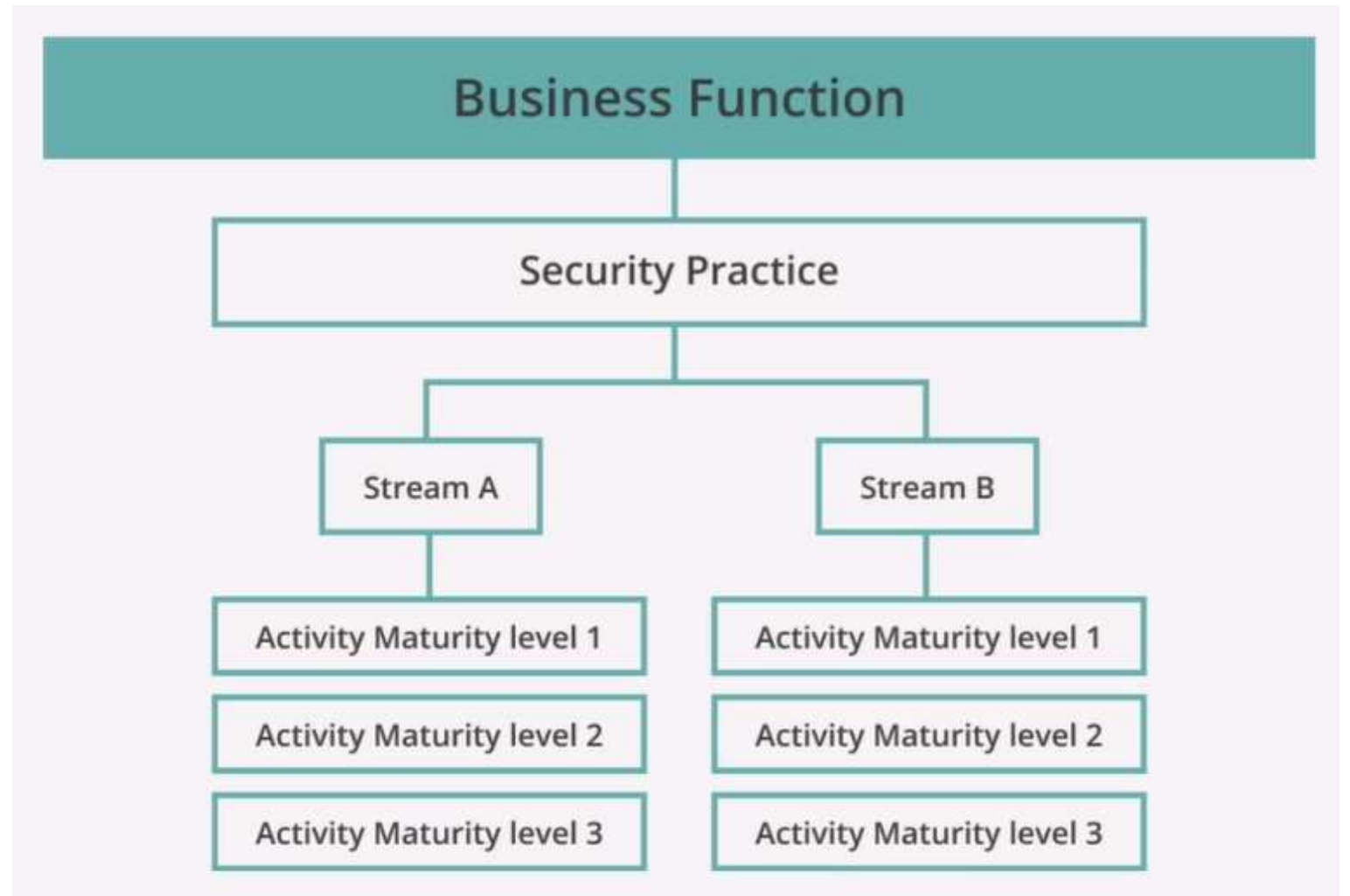
Treat legacy software separately  
Avoid operational bottlenecks



# Roll out

- Evangelize improvements
- Measure effectiveness
- Best practices
  - Focus of high impact applications
  - Use team champions to communicate

# SAMM structure



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# SAMM assesses maturity level and coverage

## Maturity Level

- 0 – Practice not occurring
- 1 – Ad hoc
- 2 – Consistent, repeatable
- 3 – Continuous improvement

## Coverage

- 0 – None
- .25 – Some / a few
- .5 – At least half
- 1 – Most or all

The goal does not have to be maturity level 3 across your org

# SAMM is questionnaire based

Maturity level		Stream A Create and Promote	Stream B Measure and Improve
1	Identify objectives and means of measuring effectiveness of the security program.	Identify organization drivers as they relate to the organization's risk tolerance.	Define metrics with insight into the effectiveness and efficiency of the Application Security Program.
2	Establish a unified strategic roadmap for software security within the organization.	Publish a unified strategy for application security.	Set targets and KPI's for measuring the program effectiveness.
3	Align security efforts with the relevant organizational indicators and asset values.	Align the application security program to support the organization's growth.	Influence the strategy based on the metrics and organizational needs.

Stream	Level	Governance	
		Strategy & Metrics	Answer
Create and Promote	1	<b>Do you understand the enterprise-wide risk appetite for your applications?</b> You capture the risk appetite of your organization's executive leadership The organization's leadership vet and approve the set of risks You identify the main business and technical threats to your assets and data You document risks and store them in an accessible location	Yes, it covers general risks  No Yes, it covers organization-specific risks Yes, it covers risks and opportunities
	2	<b>Do you have a strategic plan for application security and use it to make decisions?</b>  The plan reflects the organization's business priorities and risk appetite The plan includes measurable milestones and a budget The plan is consistent with the organization's business drivers and risks The plan lays out a roadmap for strategic and tactical initiatives You have buy-in from stakeholders, including development teams	Yes, we consult the plan before making significant decisions
	3	<b>Do you regularly review and update the Strategic Plan for Application Security?</b> You review and update the plan in response to significant changes in the business environment, the organization, or its risk appetite Plan update steps include reviewing the plan with all the stakeholders and updating the business drivers and strategies You adjust the plan and roadmap based on lessons learned from completed roadmap activities You publish progress information on roadmap activities, making sure they are available to all stakeholders	Yes, we review it at regular times



# Need to understand the background of questions

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

## SAMM model overview

Governance	Design	Implementation	Verification	Operations
Strategy and Metrics	Threat Assessment	Secure Build	Architecture Assessment	Incident Management
Policy and Compliance	Security Requirements	Secure Deployment	Requirements-driven Testing	Environment Management
Education and Guidance	Security Architecture	Defect Management	Security Testing	Operational Management

Or check out the little 303 page PDF!

<https://owaspsamm.org/resources/pdf/>

# But understanding the background of questions is a rabbit hole

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## Model | Governance | Strategy & Metrics | **Create and Promote**

MATURITY LEVEL 1

MATURITY LEVEL 2

MATURITY LEVEL 3

Benefit  
Activity  
Question  
Quality criteria  
Answers

### Stream Guidance

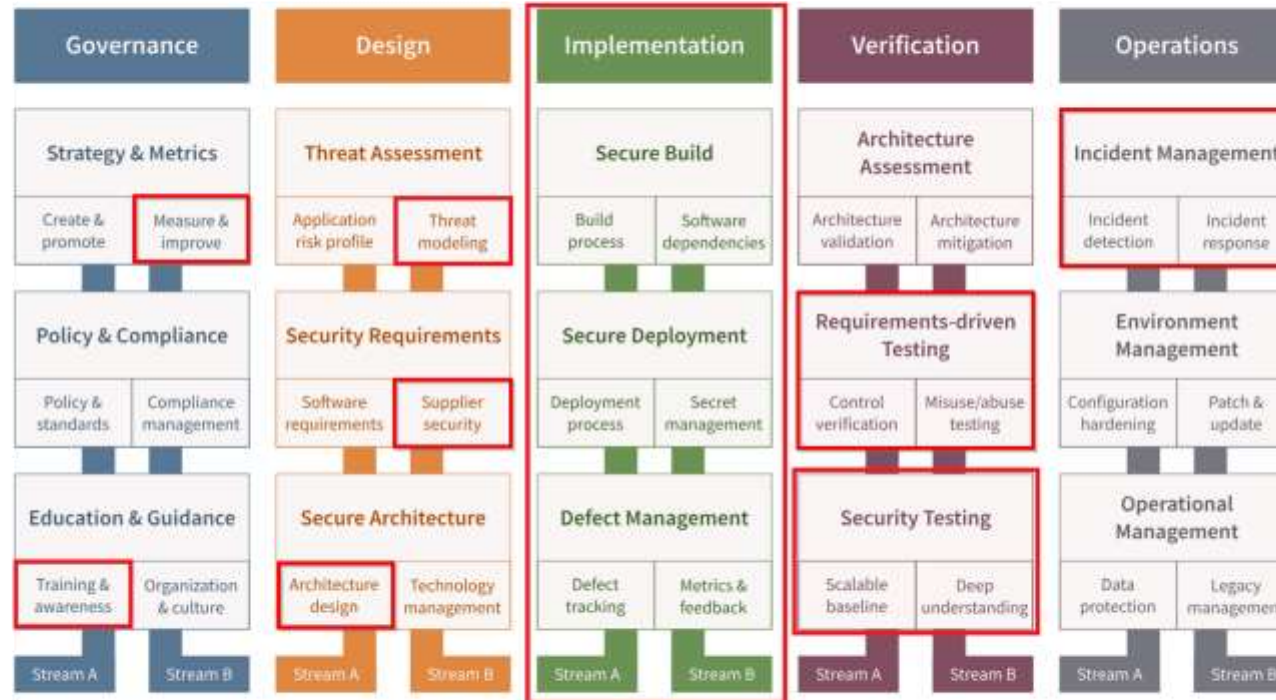
- **SAMM team** guidance [Google Doc](#)
- **Community** guidance [Google Doc](#)

Business Functions	Security Practices	Score	Maturity		
			1	2	3
Governance	Strategy & Metrics	0.50	0.00	0.25	0.25
Governance	Policy & Compliance	2.25	0.75	1.00	0.50
Governance	Education & Guidance	1.13	0.50	0.13	0.50
Design	Threat Assessment	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.13
Design	Security Requirements	1.75	0.75	0.50	0.50
Design	Secure Architecture	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00
Implementation	Secure Build	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Implementation	Secure Deployment	0.38	0.13	0.13	0.13
Implementation	Defect Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Verification	Architecture Assessment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Verification	Requirements Testing	0.25	0.13	0.13	0.00
Verification	Security Testing	0.13	0.00	0.13	0.00
Operations	Incident Management	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Operations	Environment Management	0.38	0.13	0.13	0.13
Operations	Operational Management	1.13	0.25	0.63	0.25

Scoring based on responses to questions

Business Functions	Score
Governance	1.29
Design	0.67
Implementation	0.13
Verification	0.13
Operations	1.50
Overall	0.74

# SAMM relates to SDL

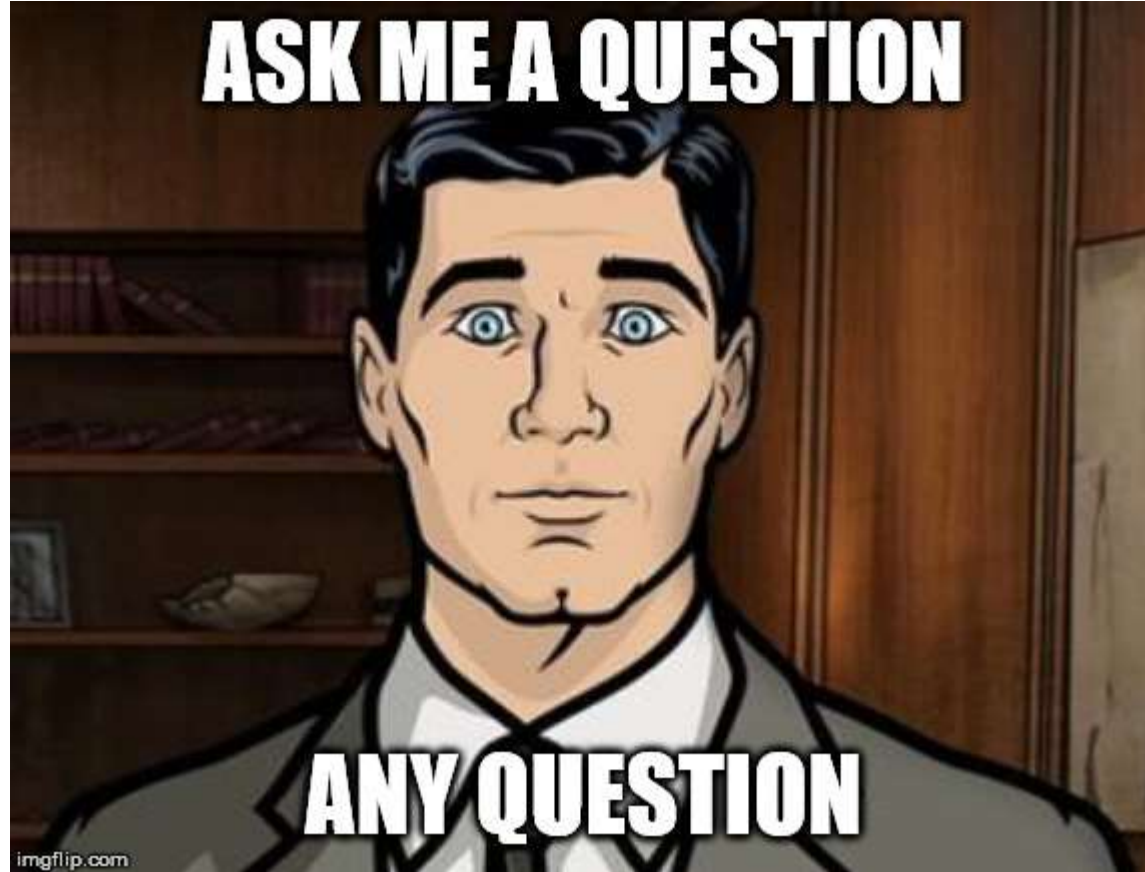


# Summary

- Implementing SDL well will improve your product
- Automate so that it's continuous
- Invest in proactive practices such as training and “threat modeling”
- Consider not using the term threat modeling
- Use SAMM to measure current state and roadmap improvements
- Invest time in better understanding SAMM before starting
- Evangelize!



**ASK ME A QUESTION**



**ANY QUESTION**

Thank you for your time!