

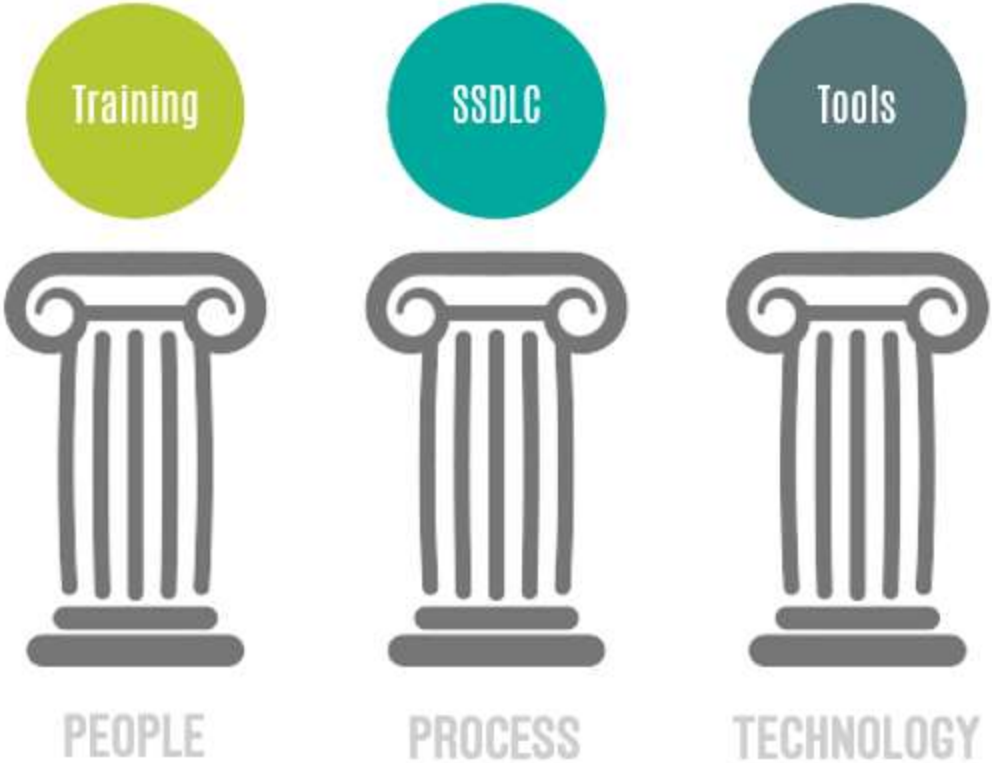


# Application Security On-Prem and in the Cloud

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# Our Focus

## Application Security Program



# About Me - 17 yrs.

Application Security & Cloud - **Now**

Security Researcher/Bug Hunting

Security Architecture - **Past**

**Past** - Network Security Engineering

Software & Systems Engineering - **Past**



Leadership roles in between

# First things First

Software defects with security ramifications fall into two distinct categories:

- **Implementation Bugs** (Cross-site scripting, SQL Injection, etc.)
- **Design Flaws** (Architecture, business logic, insecure fail state, etc.)



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**“Tell me and I forget,  
teach me and I may remember,  
involve me and I learn.”**

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*- Benjamin Franklin*

# Key

- Developers are first line of defense
- Should be MANDATORY for anyone who writes code
- Tailored to the programming language / framework
- Ongoing education (brown bags, conferences, etc.)
- Secure code training throughout SDLC phases

# Application Inventory

- Document each application within an inventory
- Document security related details (sensitive data, exposure, existing controls)
- Identify POCs to ensure continuity
- Leverage automation to help populate data. **Always Verify.**





## Software Development Lifecycle without security

- Developer domain
- Silo'd approach
- Systematic and proven process
- Wasn't design with security in mind



## Secure Software Development Lifecycle

- Developer and Application Security team domain
- Unified approach to secure software
- Prescriptive, practical, **proactive**
- **Eliminate security problems early**

# Approach

SSDLC for Agile development reorganizes security practices into:

- One-Time practices
- Every-Sprint practices
- Bucket practices

# One-Time

Foundational security practices that must be established once at the start of every new project.

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	3. Create Quality Gates/Bug Bars	6. Perform Attack Surface Analysis/Reduction	9. Deprecate Unsafe Functions	12. Perform Fuzz Testing	15. Conduct Final Security Review	
	4. Perform Security and Privacy Risk Assessments	7. Use Threat Modelling	10. Perform Static Analysis	13. Conduct Attack Surface Review	16. Certify Release and Archive	

# Every-Sprint

Essential security practices that should be performed in every release.

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# Federal SDLC Requirements

## **NIST SP 800-64** Security Considerations in the System Development Life Cycle:

*“Special attention should be placed upon code repositories with an emphasis on systems that support distributed code contribution with check-in/check-out functionality.”*

*“...System maintenance, security, and operational considerations...”*

## **NIST SP 800-65** Integrating Security into the Capital Planning and Investment Control Process

*“Project manager responsibilities include the following: Developing a project management plan that integrates security throughout the life cycle.”*

**DON'T ATTEMPT TO READ**

## **NIST SP 800-53, control SA-3 guidance:**

*“The security engineering principles in SA-8 cannot be achieved if individuals that develop and test information systems and components (including information technology products) do not understand security.... It is equally important that **developers include individuals on the development team that possess the requisite security expertise and skills** to ensure that needed security capabilities are effectively integrated into the information system.”*

*\*This control is selected for all system categorizations including LOW impact systems.*



# Common Approach

- Dynamic scanning – CDM (Appscan, Web Inspect etc.)
- Penetration testing / Vulnerability Assessment

**//NOT Comprehensive enough//**



# Proactive Approach

- Static Analysis
- Dynamic Analysis
- Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Testing
- Activity Monitoring & Metrics
- Web Application & Database Firewalls

**WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN**  
....in the Cloud?



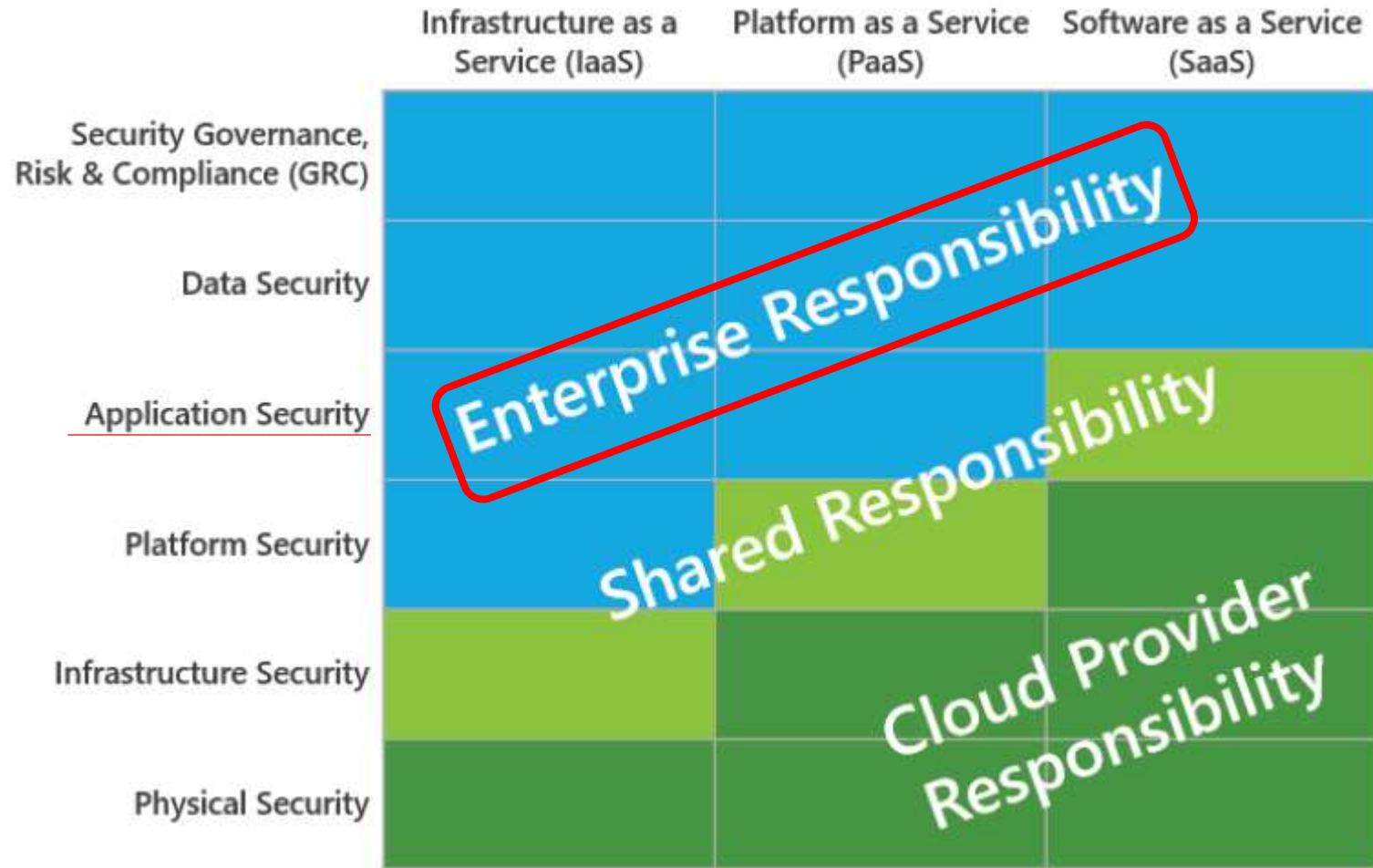
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# Application Security Responsibility?



## Cloud Ready / Friendly Application?

Being able to determine impact if:

- Cloud provider / employee accessed the application
- Manipulation of function or process by unauthorized entity
- Inability to provide expected results / unexpected changes
- Loss of application availability



# Application Risks

Two key risks to watch out for:

- Multi-tenancy
- Third-party administrators



<https://www.pinterest.com/gettelsarasota/real-estate-jokes/>

## New Frontier

Crucial for developers to understand security requirements specific to:

- Deployment model (Public, Private, Community, Hybrid) where the application will operate / run
- Service model (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS)

Help to determine organization and provider security responsibilities

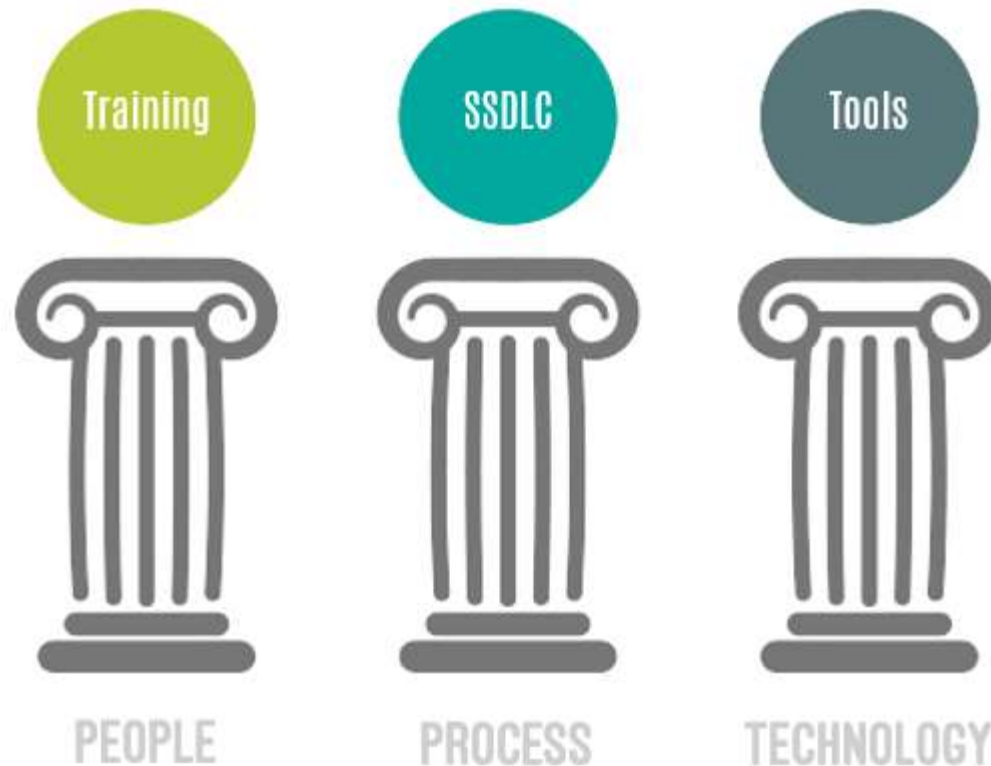
# Configuration Management & Versioning

Having proper software configuration management and versioning will go a long way.

- CI/CD pipeline
- Tools (Chef, Puppet)
- Clearly define processes

# Summary

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# Resources & References



- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/sdl/>
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You!

Any Questions?