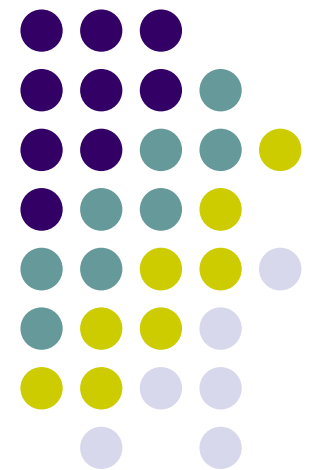


IS 2620: Developing Secure Systems

**Secure Software Development
Models/Methods**

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Objective

- Understand/Familiarize with various process models for secure software development and assurance
 - Capability Maturity Models
 - CMMI, iCMM, SSE-CMM, TSP
 - Security Assurance Maturity Model
 - Secure software development life cycle models

Software/Systems Security

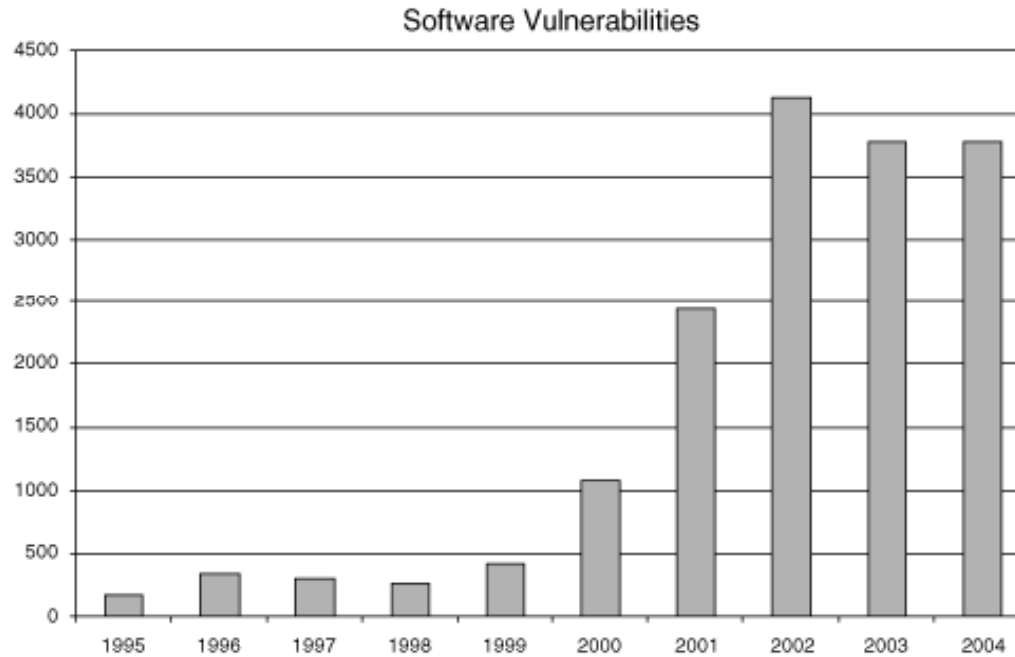


- Renewed ---- interest & importance
 - *“idea of engineering software so that it continues to function correctly under malicious attack”*
 - Existing software is riddled with design flaws and implementation bugs
 - ~70% related to design flaws*
 - “any program, no matter how innocuous it seems, can harbor security holes”

*http://www.securitymanagement.com/archive/library/atstake_tech0502.pdf



Software Problem



vulnerabilities
Reported by CERT/CC

- More than half of the vulnerabilities are due to buffer overruns
- Others such as race conditions, design flaws are equally prevalent



Software security

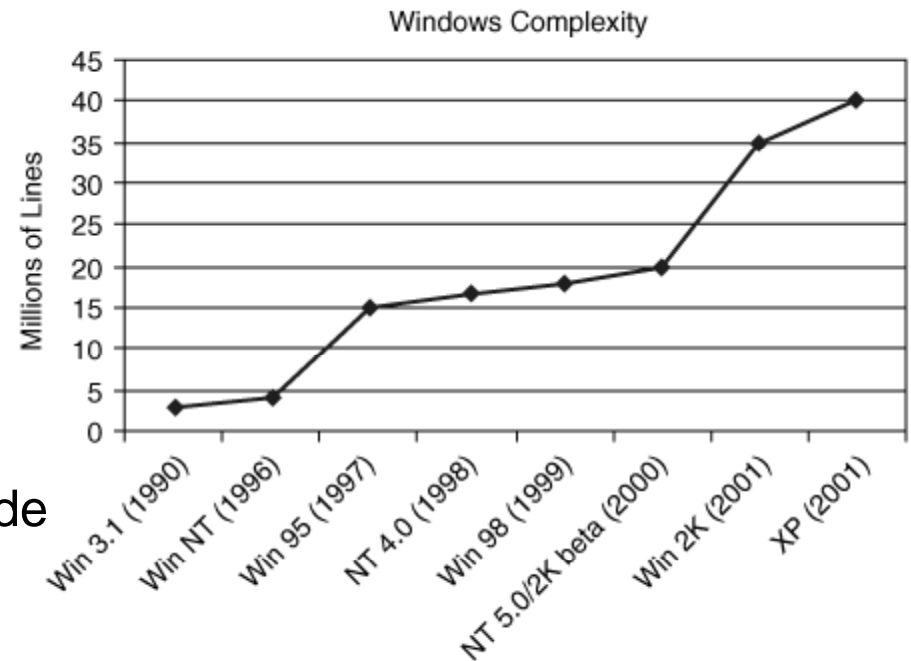
- It is about
 - Understanding software-induced security risks and how to manage them
 - Leveraging software engineering practice,
 - thinking security early in the software lifecycle
 - Knowing and understanding common problems
 - Designing for security
 - Subjecting all software artifacts to thorough objective risk analyses and testing
- It is a knowledge intensive field

Trinity of trouble



- Three trends
 - **Connectivity**
 - Inter networked
 - Include SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition systems)
 - Automated attacks, botnets
 - **Extensibility**
 - Mobile code – functionality evolves incrementally
 - Web/Os Extensibility
 - **Complexity**
 - XP is at least 40 M lines of code
 - Add to that use of unsafe languages (C/C++)

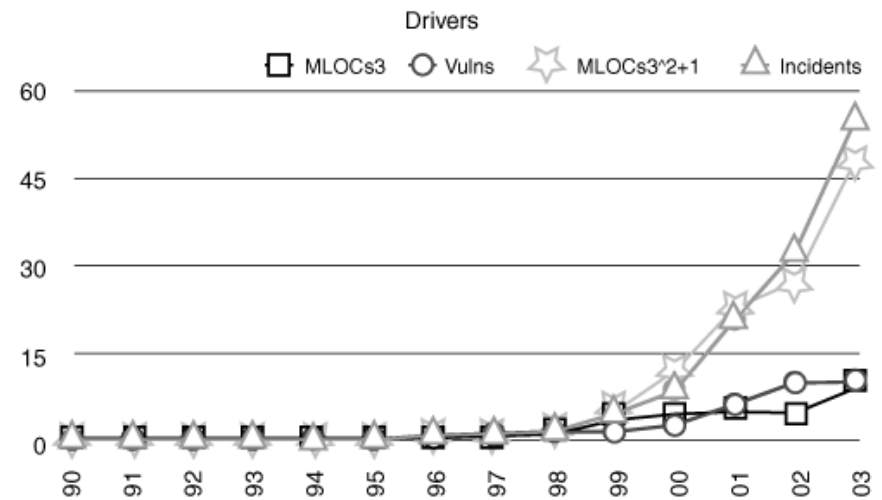
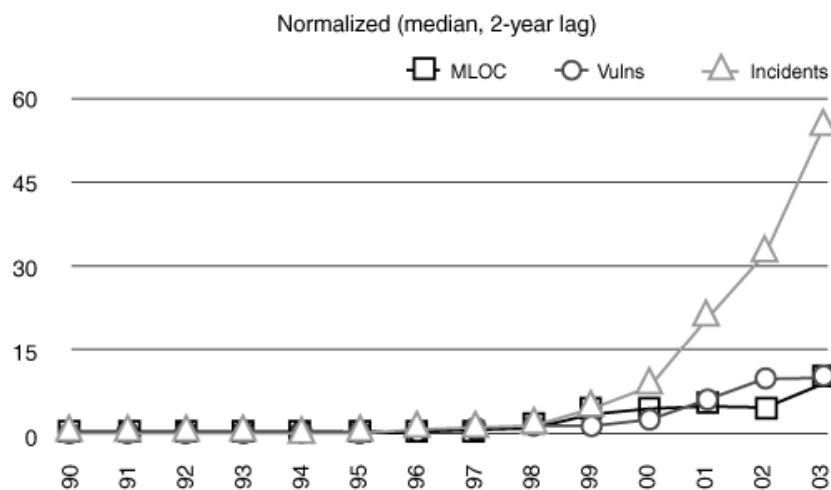
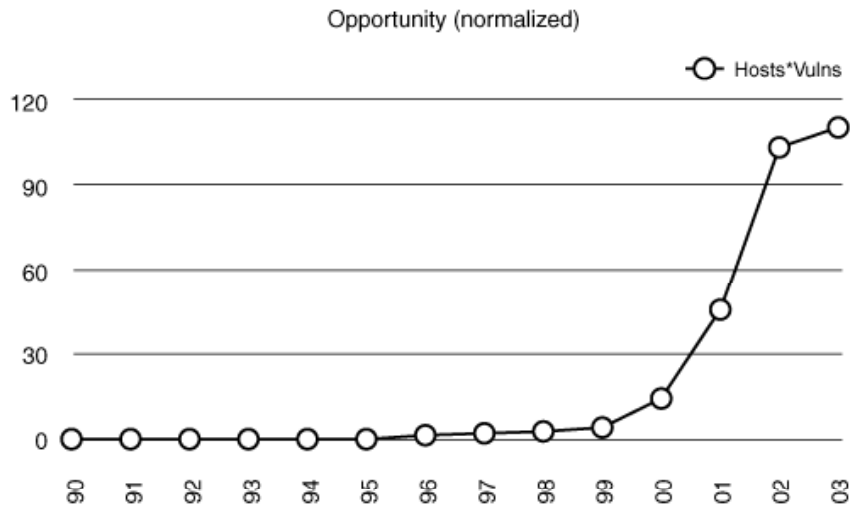
Bigger problem today .. And growing



It boils down to ...



*more code,
more bugs,
more security problems*

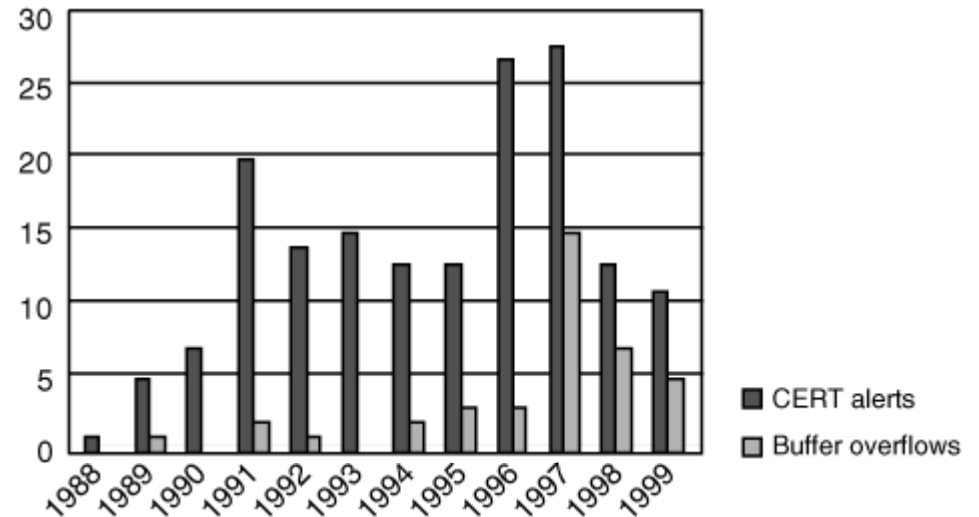


Security problems in software

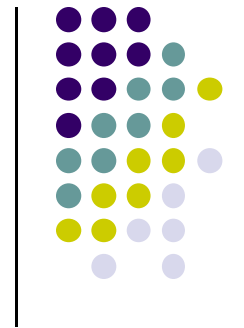


- Defect
 - implementation and design vulnerabilities
 - Can remain dormant
- Bug
 - An implementation level software problem
- Flaw
 - A problem at a deeper level
- Bugs + Flaws
 - leads to Risk

Security Problems (CERT)



Bug	Flaw
Buffer overflow: stack smashing Buffer overflow: one-stage attacks Buffer overflow: string format attacks Race conditions: TOCTOU Unsafe environment variables Unsafe system calls (fork(), exec(), system()) Incorrect input validation (black list vs. white list)	Method over-riding problems (subclass issues) Compartmentalization problems in design Privileged block protection failure (DoPrivilege()) Error-handling problems (fails open) Type safety confusion error Insecure audit log design Broken or illogical access control (role-based access control [RBAC] over tiers) Signing too much code





Process Models

- **Secure Process**

- *Set of activities performed to develop, maintain, and deliver a secure software solution*

- Activities could be concurrent or iterative

- **Process model**

- provides a reference set of **best practices**
 - process improvement and process assessment.
- defines the characteristics of processes
- usually has an architecture or a structure

Process Models



- Process Models
 - Help identify *technical* and *management* practices
 - good software engineering practices to manage and build software
 - Establishes
 - common measures of organizational processes throughout the software development lifecycle (SDLC).
- But ... no guarantees product is bug free



Process Models

- Typically also have a
 - *capability* or *maturity* dimension used for
 - Purposes: **assessment** and **evaluation**.
- **Assessments, evaluations, appraisals** includes:
 - comparison of a process being practiced to a reference process model or standard
 - understanding process capability in order to improve processes
 - determining if the processes being practiced are
 - adequately specified, designed, and implemented

Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)



- **Four key SDLC focus** areas for secure software development
 - Security Engineering Activities
 - Security Assurance
 - Security Organizational and Project Management Activities
 - Security Risk Identification and Management Activities

Based on a survey of existing processes, process models, and standards seems to identify the following

SDLC



- Security Engineering Activities
 - activities needed to *engineer a secure solution*.
security requirements elicitation and definition,
secure design based on design principles for security,
use of static analysis tools,
reviews and inspections, security testing, etc..
- Security Assurance Activities
verification, validation, expert review,
artifact review, and evaluations.

Waterfall Model



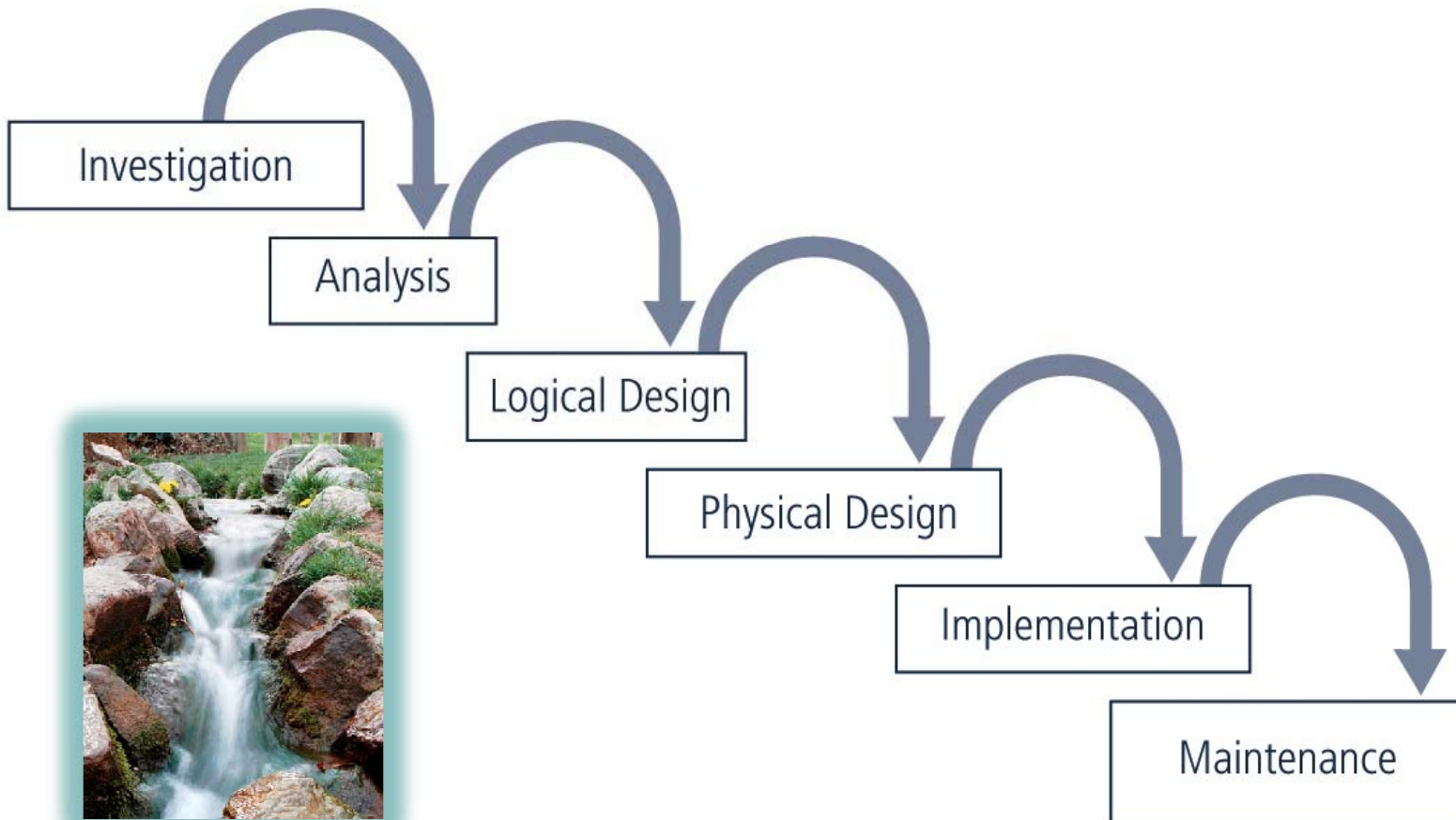
SDLC



- Security Focused Activities
 - Organizational management focused
 - organizational policies, senior management sponsorship and oversight, establishing organizational roles,
 - Project management focused
 - project planning and tracking,
 - resource allocation and usage
- Security Risk Identification and Management Activities
 - Cost-based Risk analysis
 - Risk mitigation ..



System DLC



Capability Maturity Models (CMM)



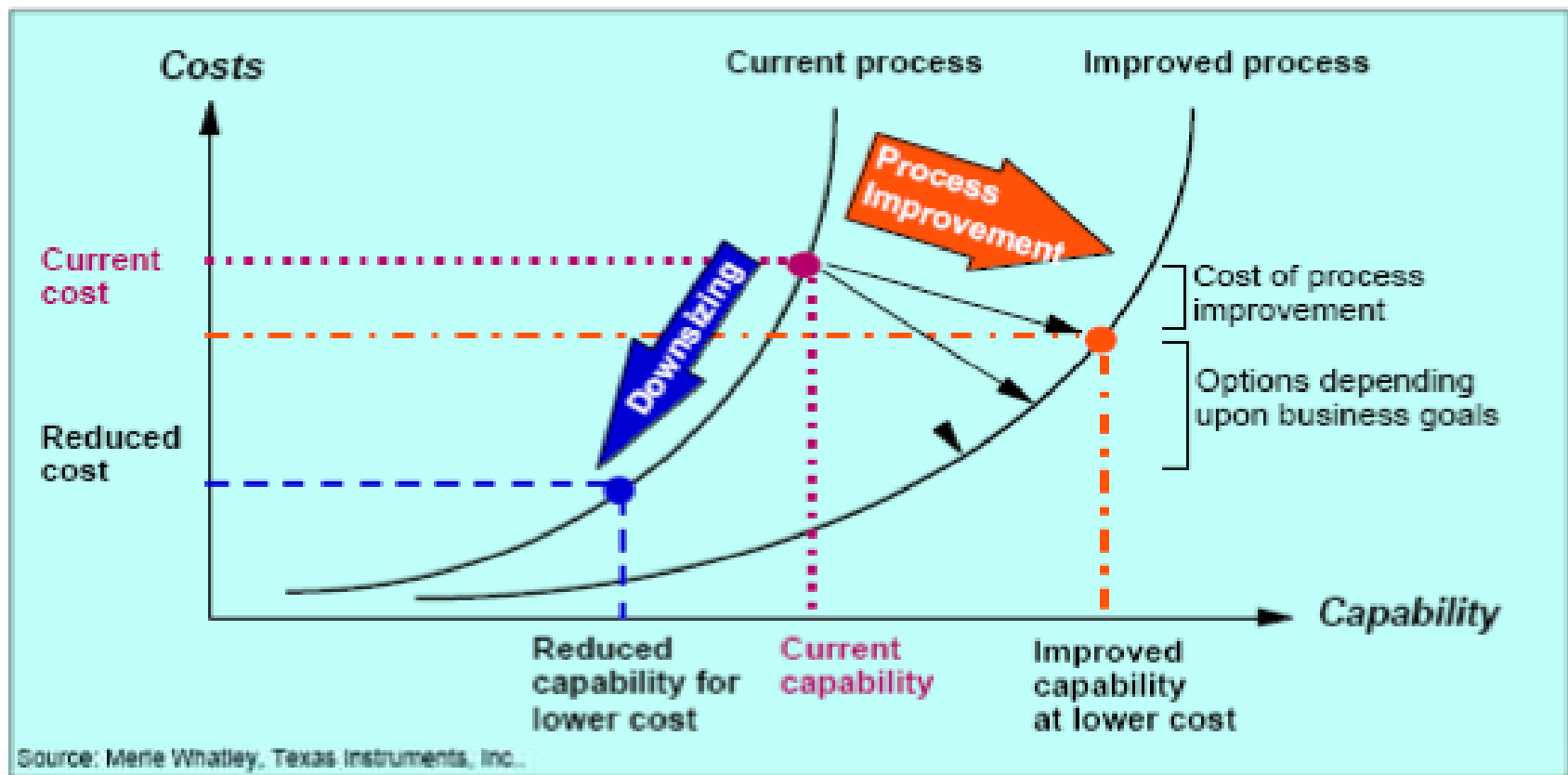
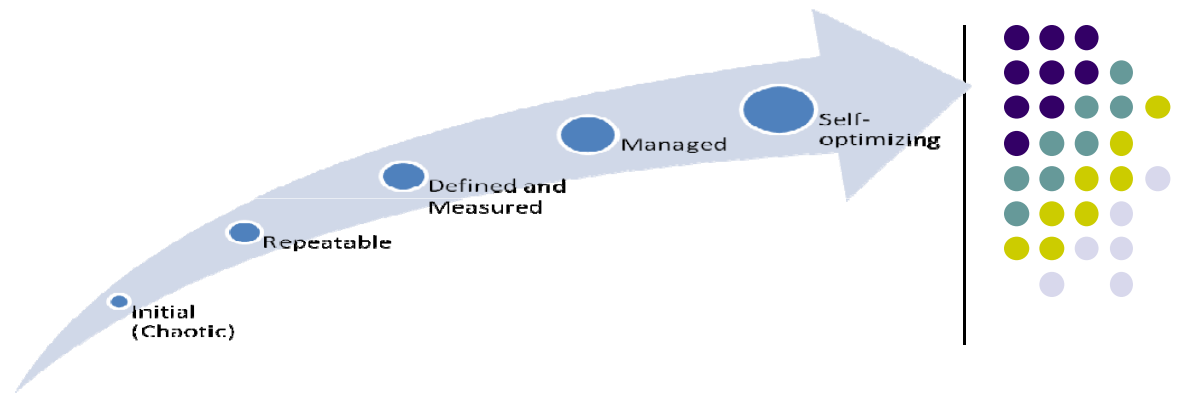
- CMM – focuses on process characteristics
 - Provides reference model of mature practices
 - Helps identify the potential areas of improvement
 - Provides goal-level definition for and key attributes for specific processes
- **No operational guidance !!**
Focuses on/Defines process characteristics

CMM



- Three CMMs
 - **Capability Maturity Model Integration® (CMMI®)**,
 - The **integrated Capability Maturity Model (iCMM)**,
and the
 - **Systems Security Engineering Capability Maturity Model (SSE-CMM)**
 - Specifically to develop secure systems

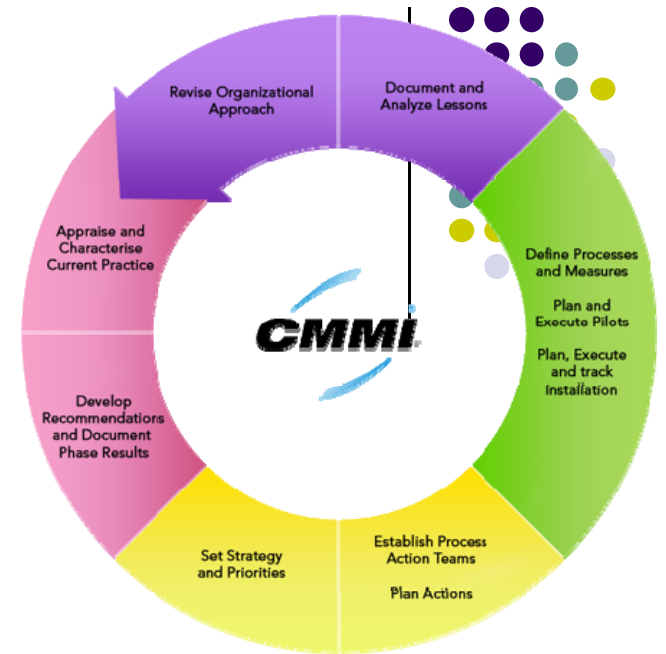
Why CMM?



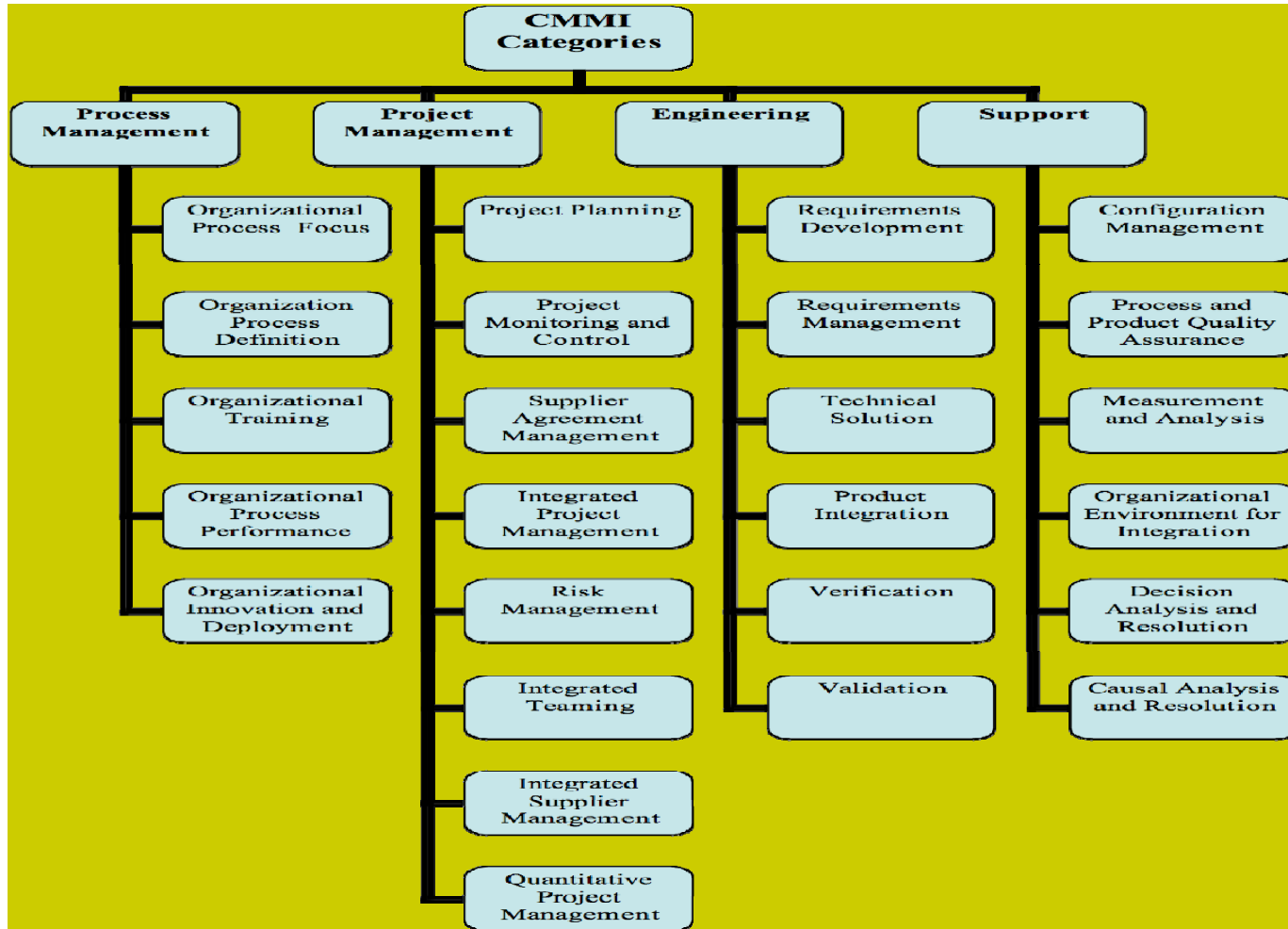
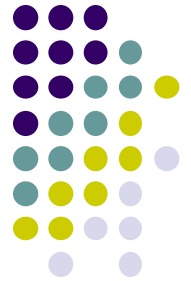
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CMMI

- CMM Integration (CMMI) provides
 - the latest best practices related to –
 - development, maintenance, and acquisition,
 - Includes
 - Mechanisms to improve processes and
 - Criteria for evaluating process capability and process maturity.
- As of Dec 2005, the SEI reports
 - 1106 organizations and 4771 projects have reported results from CMMI-based appraisals
- its predecessor, the software CMM (SW-CMM)
 - Since 80s – Dec, 2005
 - 3049 Organizations + 16,540 projects



CMMI



CMMI



CMMI Performance Results Summary

Performance Category	Median Improvement	Number of Data Points	Lowest Improvement	Highest Improvement
Cost	34%	29	3%	87%
Schedule	50%	22	2%	95%
Productivity	61%	20	11%	329%
Quality	48%	34	2%	132%
Customer Satisfaction	14%	7	-4%	55%
Return on Investment	4.0 : 1	22	1.7 : 1	27.7 : 1

Maturity levels

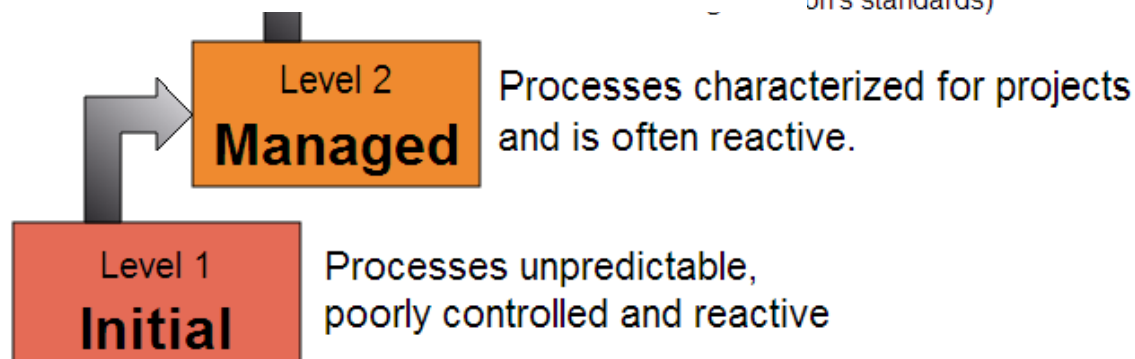
Level 5 Optimizing Focus on process improvement

Level 4 Managed Processes measured and controlled

Processes characterized for the organization and is proactive.

(tailor their processes from organization's standards)

Note: The performance results in this table express change over varying periods of time.

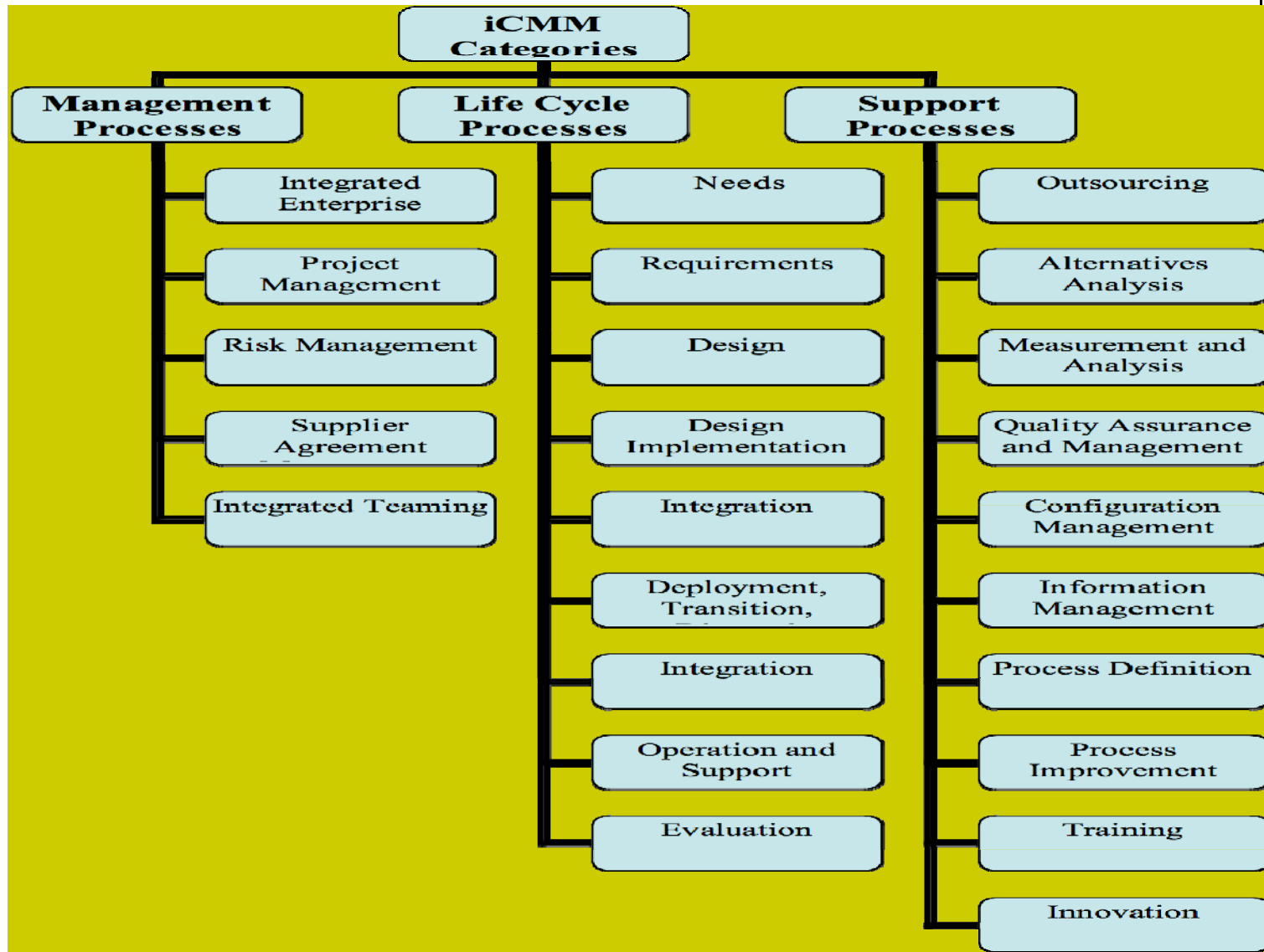
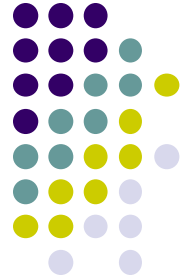


Integrated CMM



- iCMM is widely used in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA-iCMM)
 - Provides a single model for **enterprise-wide improvement**
- integrates the following standards and models:
 - ISO 9001:2000, EIA/IS 731,
 - Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and President's Quality Award criteria,
 - CMMI-SE/SW/IPPD and
 - CMMI-A, ISO/IEC TR 15504, ISO/IEC 12207, and ISO/IEC CD 15288.

Integrated CMM





Trusted CMM

- Trusted CMM
 - Early 1990 -Trusted Software Methodology (TSM)
 - TSM defines trust levels
 - *Low* emphasizes resistance to unintentional vulnerabilities
 - *High* adding processes to counter malicious developers
 - TSM was later harmonized with CMM
 - Not much in use

Systems Security Engineering CMM



- The SSE-CMM
 - To improve and assess the ***security engineering capability*** of an organization
 - provides a comprehensive framework for
 - **evaluating** security engineering practices against the generally accepted security engineering principles.
 - provides a way to
 - **measure** and **improve** performance in the application of security engineering principles.

SSE-CMM: ISO/IEC 21827



- Purpose for SSE-CMM

- To fill the lack of a comprehensive framework for evaluating security engineering practices against the principles

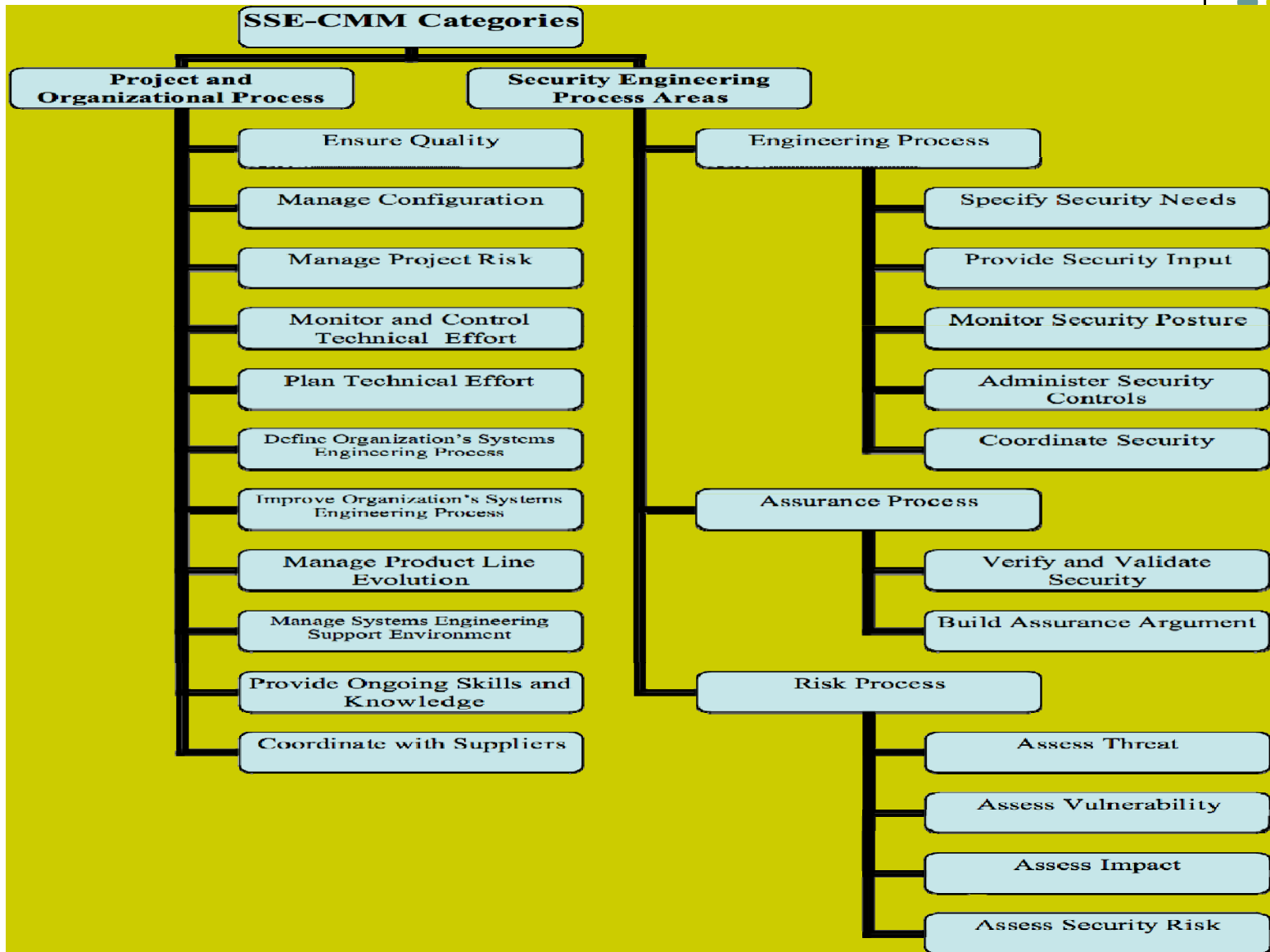
- Helps

- Identify Security Goals
- Assess Security Posture
- Support Security Life Cycle

- The SSE-CMM also

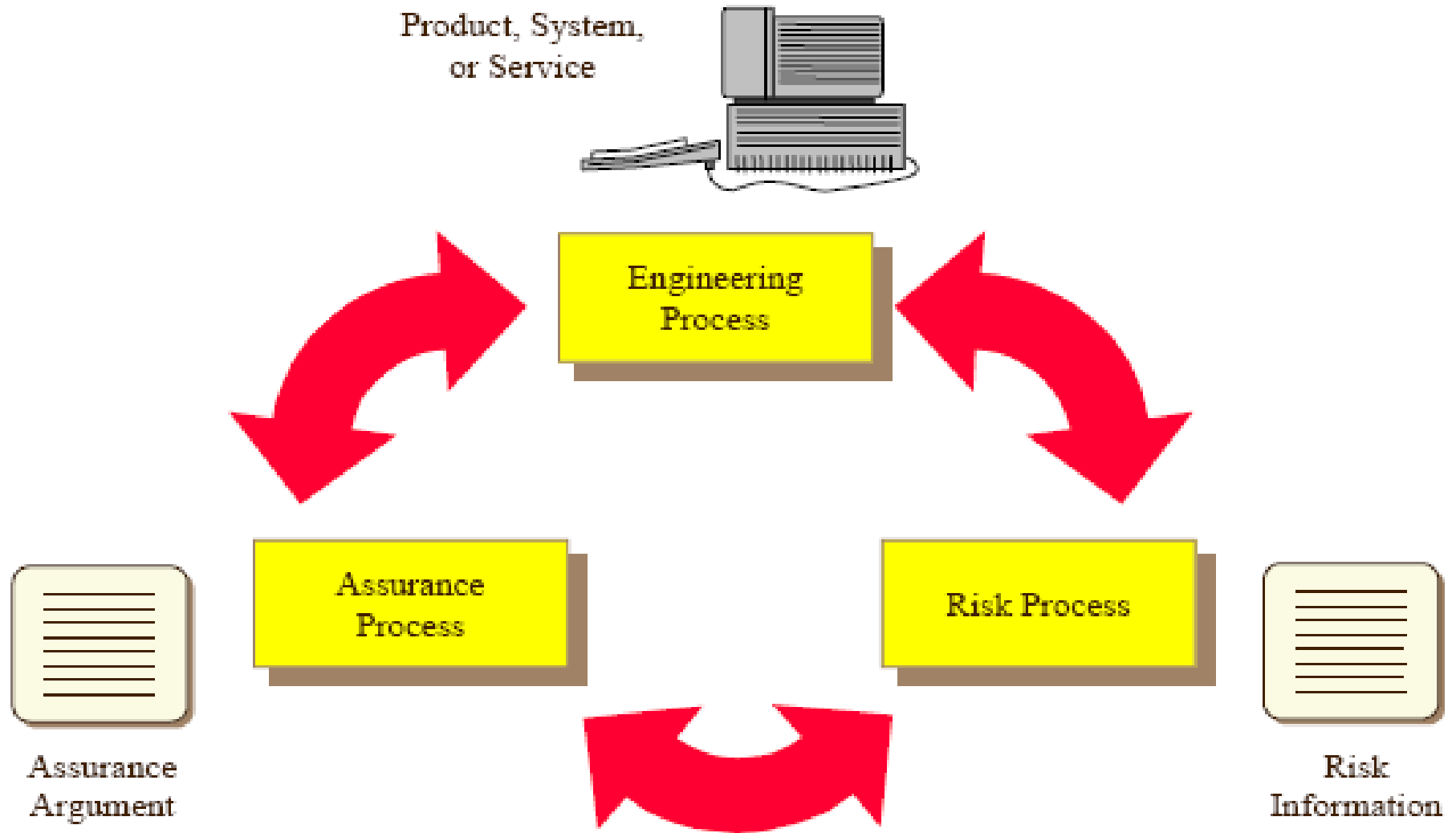
- describes the essential characteristics of an organization's security engineering processes.
- The SSE-CMM is now ISO/IEC 21827 standard

SSE-CMM



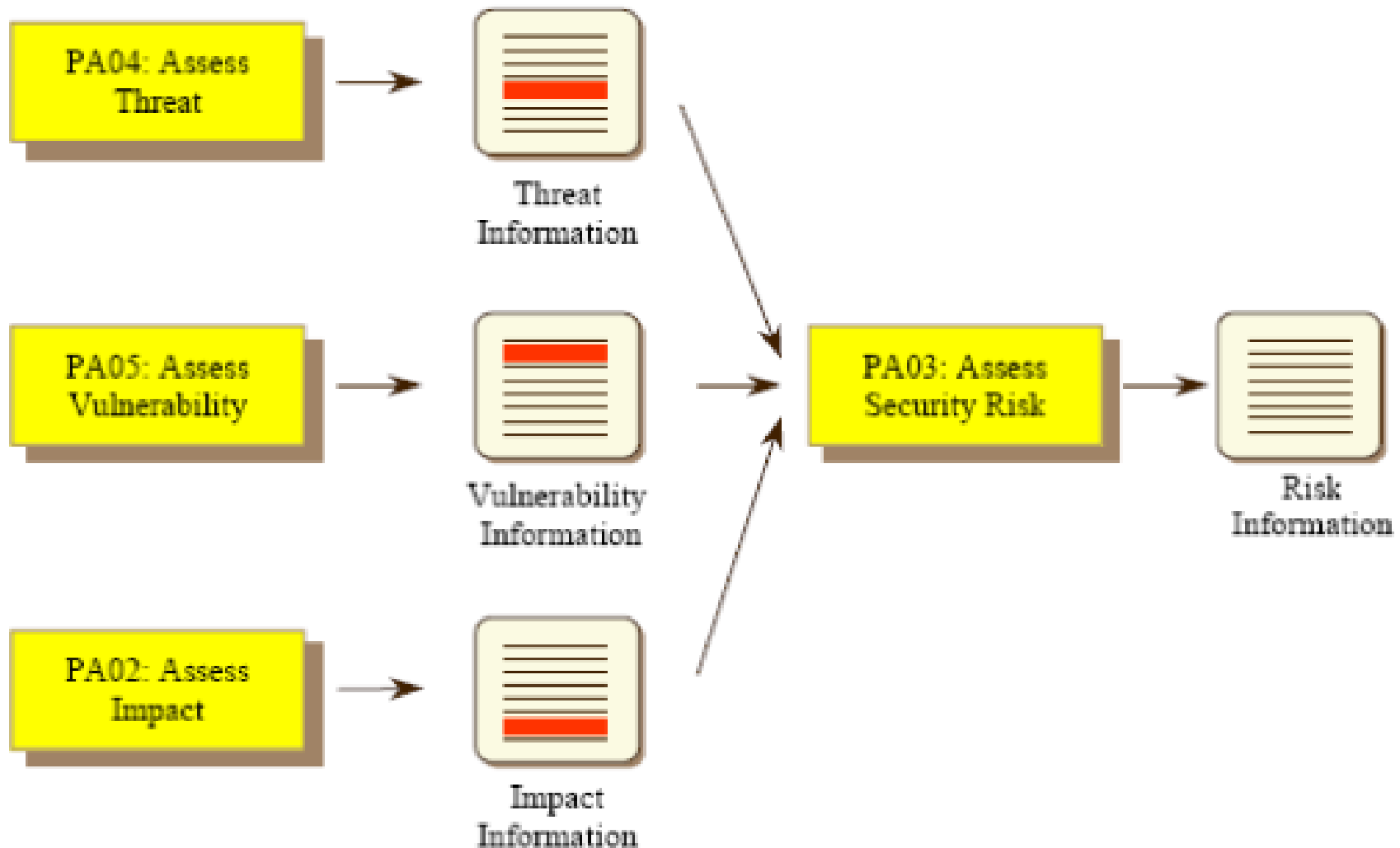


Security Engineering Process



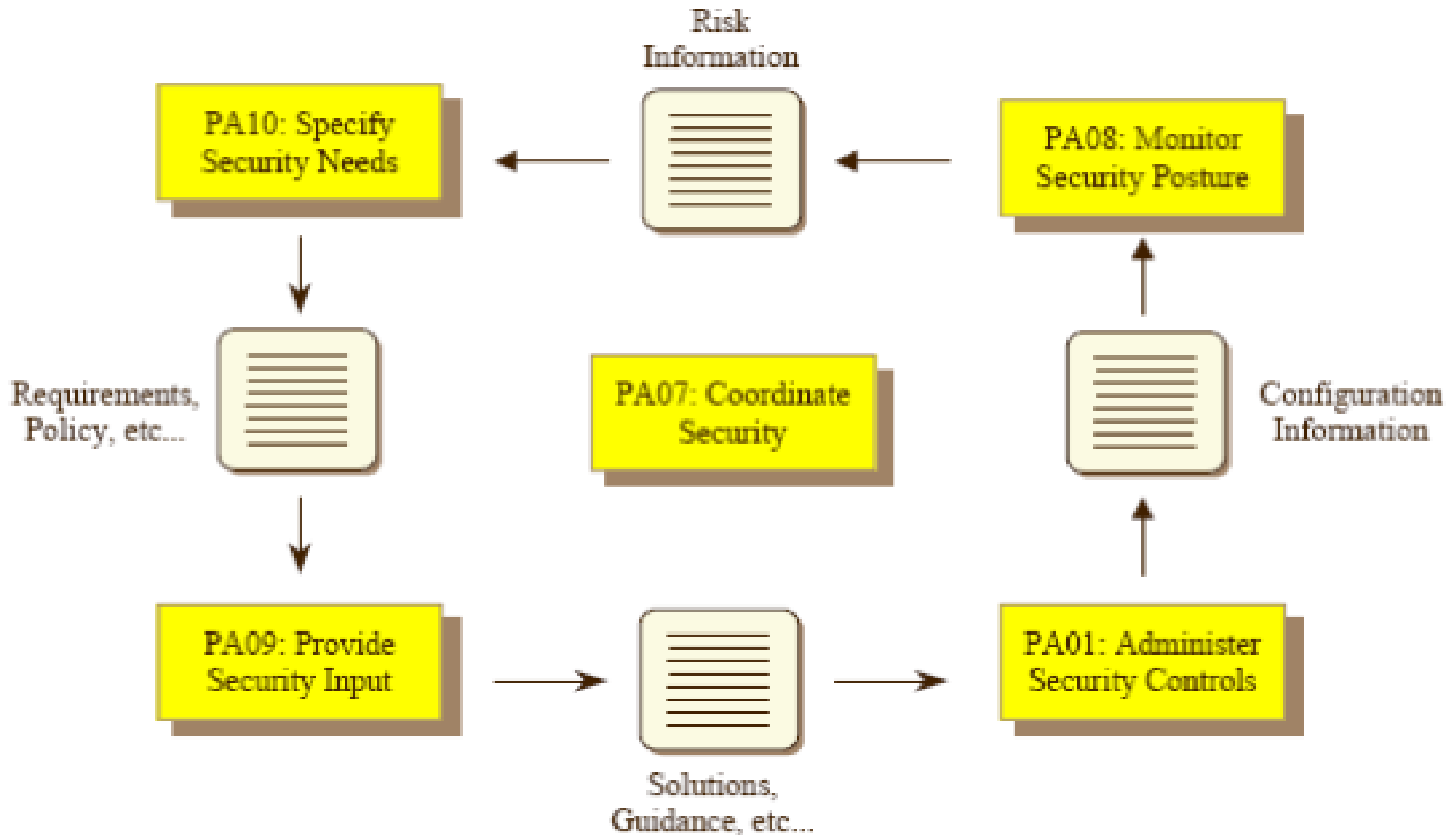


Security Risk Process

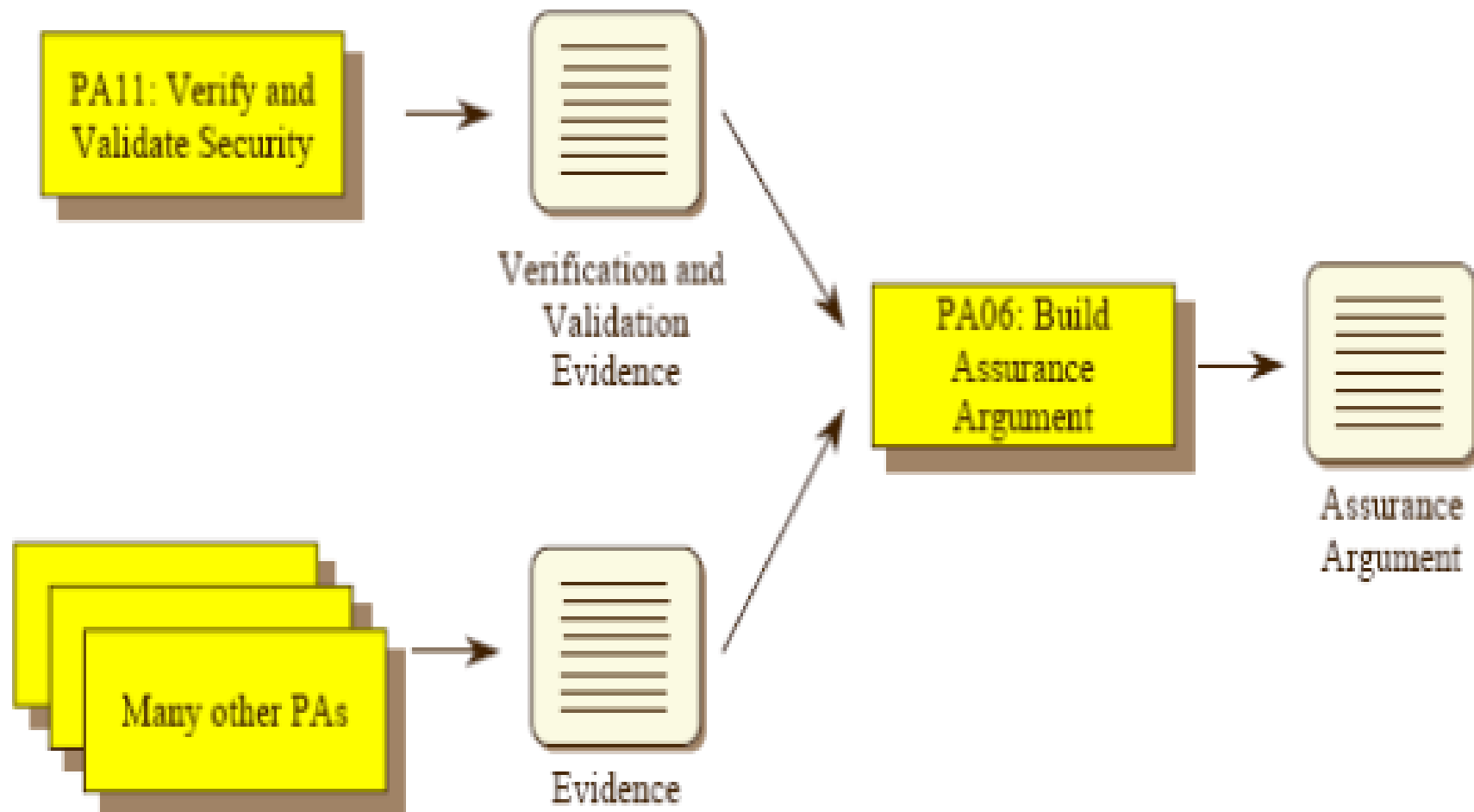




Security is part of Engineering



Assurance

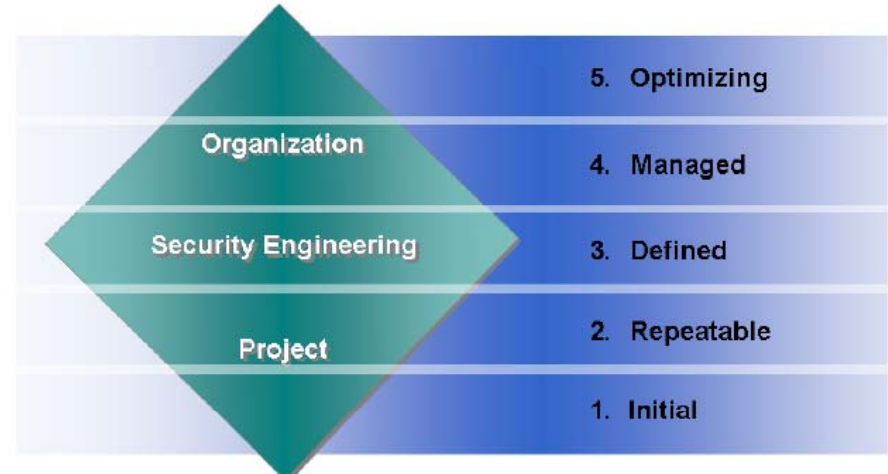


SSE-CMM Dimensions

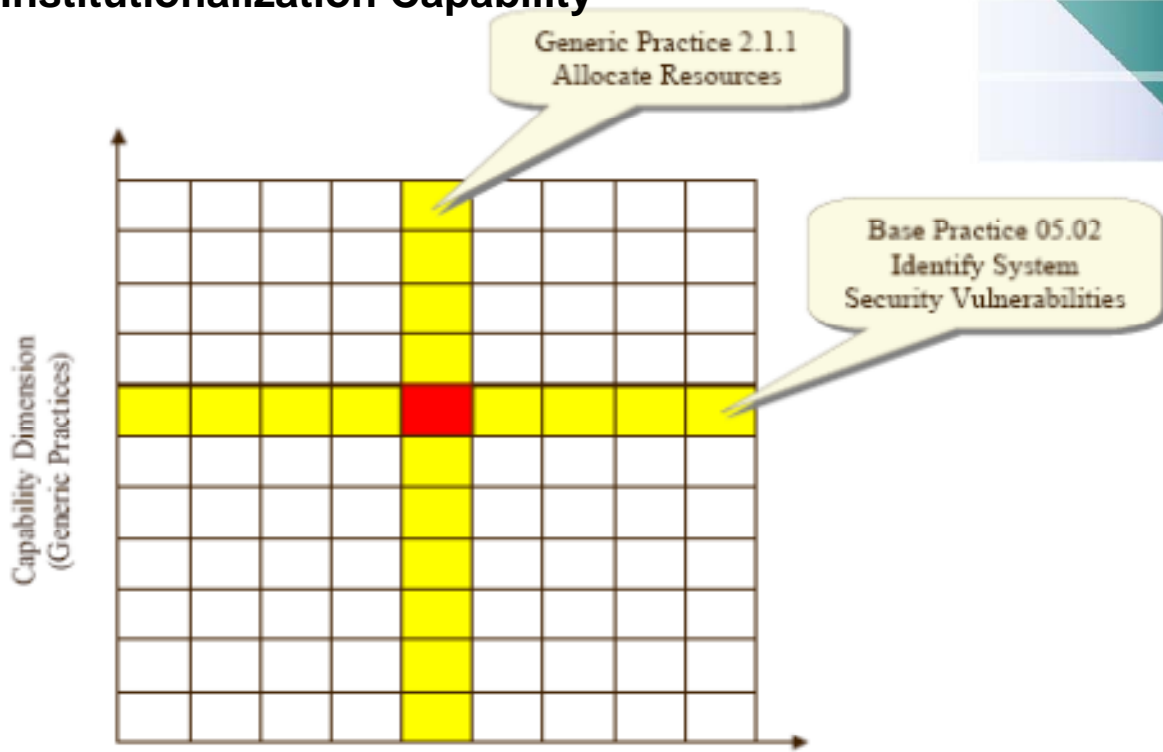


DOMAIN
(Process Areas)

CAPABILITY LEVEL
(Common Features)



Practices (generic) that indicate Process Management & Institutionalization Capability



Domain Dimension
(Base Practices)

All the base practices

SSE-CMM



- 129 base practices **organized** into 22 process areas
 - *Security engineering* : 61 of these - organized in 11 process areas
 - *Project* and *Organization* domains : remaining
- Base practice
 - Applies across the life cycle of the enterprise
 - Does not overlap with other base practices
 - Represents a “*best practice*” of the security community
 - Does not simply reflect a state of the art technique
 - Is applicable using multiple methods in multiple business context
 - Does not specify a particular method or tool

Process Area



- Assembles related activities in one area for ease of use
- Relates to valuable security engineering services
- Applies across the life cycle of the enterprise
- Can be implemented in multiple organization and product contexts
- Can be improved as a distinct process
- Can be improved by a group with similar interests in the process
- Includes all base practices that are required to meet the goals of the process area



Process Areas

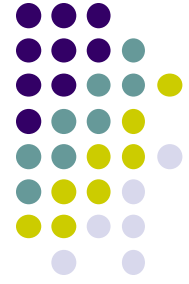
Security Engineering Process Areas	# of Base Practices
Administer Security Controls	4
Assess Impact	6
Assess Security Risk	6
Assess Threat	6
Assess Vulnerability	5
Build Assurance Argument	5
Coordinate Security	4
Monitor Security Posture	7
Provide Security Input	6
Specify Security Needs	7
Verify and Validate Security	5

Project and Organizational Process Areas	# of Base Practices
Ensure Quality	8
Manage Configuration	5
Manage Project Risk	6
Monitor and Control Technical Effort	6
Plan Technical Effort	10
Define Organization's Security Engineering Process	4
Improve Organization's Security Engineering Process	4
Manage Product Line Evolution	5
Manage Systems Engineering Support Environment	7
Provide Ongoing Skills and Knowledge	8
Coordinate with Suppliers	5

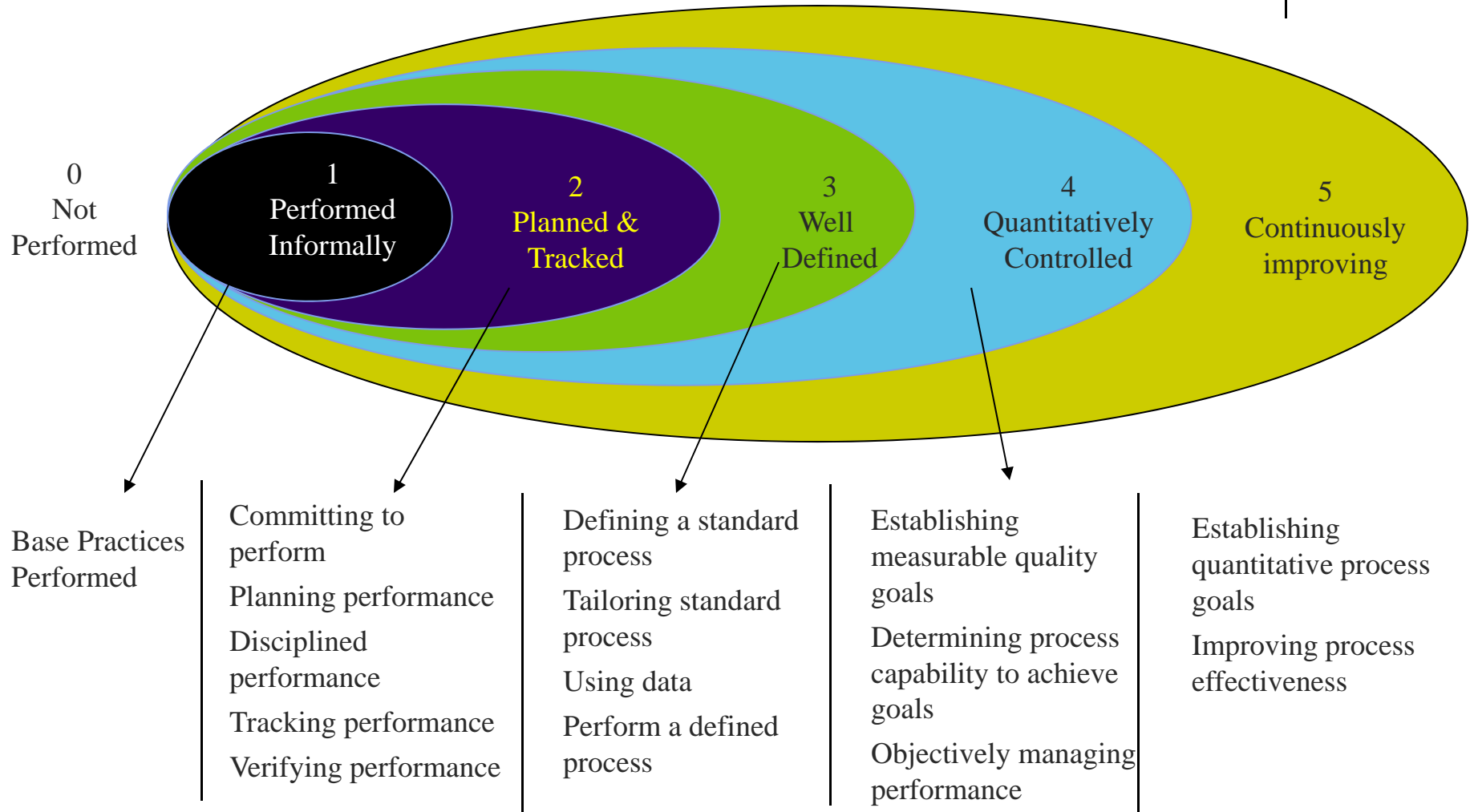


Generic Process Areas

- Activities that apply to all processes
- They are used during
 - Measurement and institutionalization
- Capability levels
 - Organize common features
 - Ordered according to maturity



Capability Levels



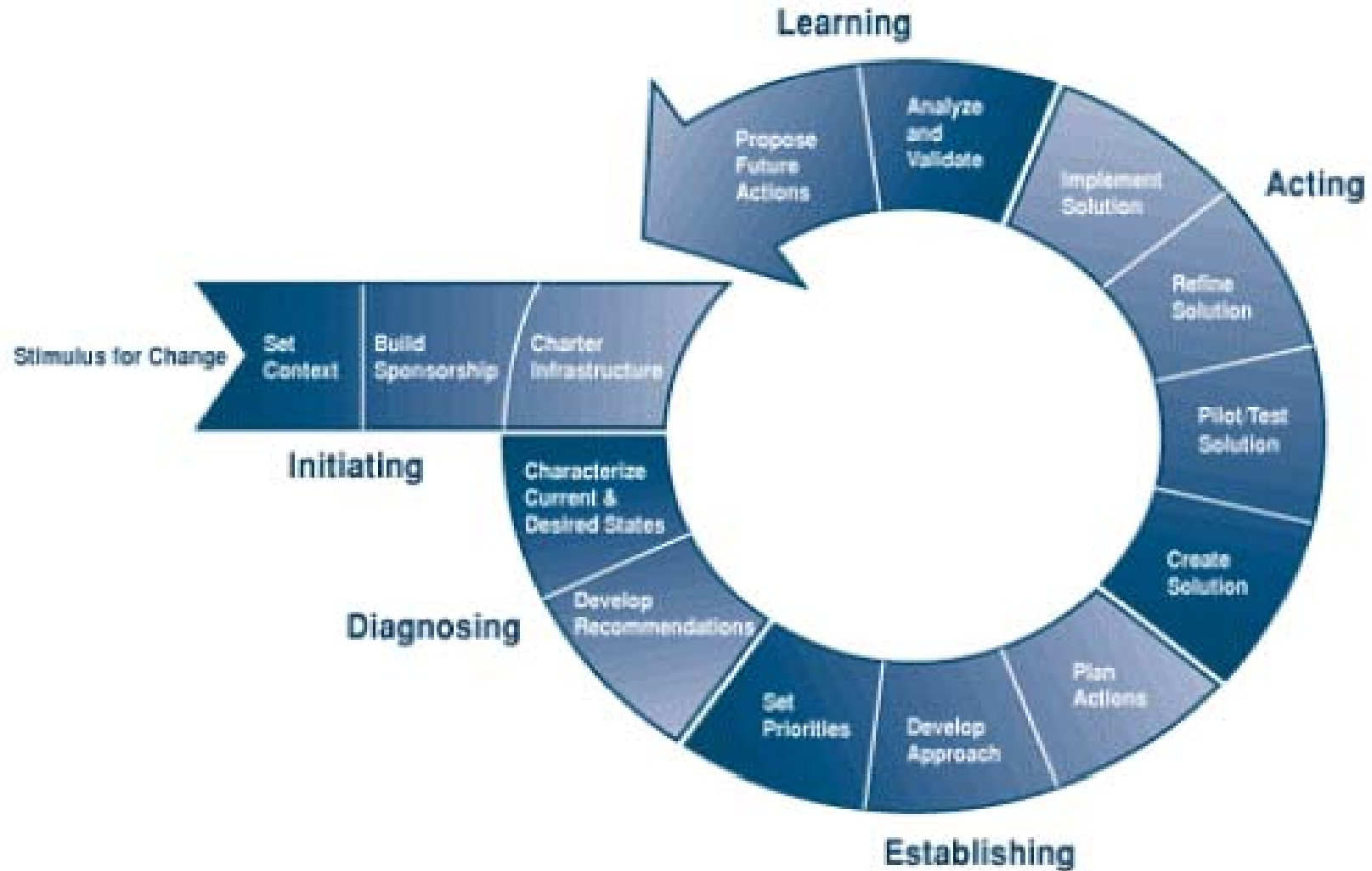


Using SSE-CMM

- Can be used in one of the three ways
 - Process improvement
 - Facilitates understanding of the level of security engineering process capability
 - Capability evaluation
 - Allows a consumer organization to understand the security engineering process capability of a provider
 - Assurance
 - Increases the confidence that product/system/service is trustworthy



Process Improvement





Capability Evaluation

- No need to use any particular appraisal method
- SSE-CMM Appraisal (SSAM) method has been developed if needed
- SSAM purpose
 - Obtain the baseline or benchmark of actual practice related to security engineering within the organization or project
 - Create or support momentum for improvement within multiple levels of the organizational structure



SSAM Overview

- Planning phase
 - Establish appraisal framework
- Preparation phase
 - Prepare team for onsite phase through information gathering (questionnaire)
 - Preliminary data analysis indicate what to look for / ask for
- Onsite phase
 - Data gathering and validation with the practitioner interviews
- Post-appraisal
 - Present final data analysis to the sponsor



Assurance

- A mature organization
 - more likely to create a product or system with appropriate assurance
- Process evidence
 - to support claims for the product trustworthiness
- It is conceivable that
 - An immature organization could produce high assurance product.

CMI/iCMM/SSE-CMM



- CMMI / iCMM used by more organizations than the SSE-CMM
 - Because of the integration of process disciplines and coverage of enterprise issues,
- One weakness CMMI and iCMM
 - have gaps in their coverage of safety and security.
- Joint effort sponsored by FAA and the DoD
 - to identify *best safety and security* practices for use in combination with the iCMM and the CMMI.



Safety/Security additions

- The proposed Safety and Security additions include the following four goals:
 - **Goal 1** – An *infrastructure* for safety and security is established and maintained.
 - **Goal 2** – Safety and security *risks* are identified and managed.
 - **Goal 3** – Safety and security *requirements* are satisfied.
 - **Goal 4** – Activities and products are *managed* to achieve safety and security requirements and objectives.



Goal 1 related practices

1. Ensure safety and **security awareness**, guidance, and competency.
2. Establish and maintain a **qualified work environment** that meets safety and security needs.
3. Ensure integrity of information by providing for its **storage and protection**, and **controlling access** and distribution of information.
4. **Monitor, report and analyze** safety and security **incidents** and identify potential corrective actions.
5. Plan and provide for **continuity of activities** with contingencies for threats and hazards to operations and the infrastructure

Goal 1 – An infrastructure for safety and security is established and maintained.

Goal 2 related practices



1. **Identify risks** and sources of risks attributable to vulnerabilities, security threats, and safety hazards.
2. For each risk associated with safety or security, determine the causal **factors**, estimate the consequence and **likelihood** of an occurrence, and determine relative priority.
3. For each risk associated with safety or security, determine, implement and monitor the **risk mitigation** plan to achieve an acceptable level of risk.

Goal 2 – Safety and security risks are identified and managed.



Goal 3 related practices

1. Identify and document applicable **regulatory** requirements, laws, standards, policies, and acceptable levels of safety and security.
2. Establish and maintain **safety and security requirements**, including integrity levels, and design the product or service to meet them.
3. Objectively **verify** and validate work products and delivered products and services to assure safety and security requirements have been achieved and fulfill intended use.
4. Establish and maintain safety and security **assurance** arguments and supporting evidence throughout the lifecycle.

Goal 3 – Safety and security requirements are satisfied.



Goal 4 related practices

1. Establish and maintain **independent reporting** of safety and security status and issues.
2. Establish and maintain a **plan to achieve** safety and security requirements and objectives.
3. **Select and manage products** and suppliers using safety and security criteria.
4. **Measure, monitor and review** safety and security activities against plans, control products, take corrective action, and improve processes.

Goal 4 – Activities and products are managed to achieve safety and security requirements and objectives.

Team Software Process for Secure SW/Dev



- TSP
 - provides a framework, a set of processes, and disciplined methods for applying software engineering principles at the team and individual level
- TSP for Secure Software Development (TSP-Secure)
 - focus more directly on the security of software applications.

Team Software Process for Secure SW/Dev



- TSP-Secure addresses secure software development (three ways).
 1. **“Secure software is not built by accident”**
 - **Plan**: TSP-Secure addresses planning for security.
 - **Self-direct**: Since schedule pressures and people issues get in the way of implementing best practices, TSP-Secure helps to build **self-directed development teams**, and then put these teams in charge of their own work.

TSP-Secure



1. Since security and quality are closely related,
 - TSP-Secure helps manage **quality** throughout the product development life cycle.
2. Since people building secure software must have an awareness of software security issues,
 - TSP-Secure includes **security awareness training for developers**.

TSP-Secure



- Teams
 - Develop their own plans
 - Make their own commitments
 - Track and manage their own work
 - Take corrective action when needed



TSP-Secure

- Initial planning – “Project Launch” (3-4 days)
 - Tasks include
 - identifying security risks,
 - eliciting and defining security requirement, secure design, and code reviews,
 - use of static analysis tools, unit tests, and Fuzz testing.
- Next, the team executes its plan, and ensures all security related activities are taking place.
 - Security status is presented and discussed during every management status briefing.

TSP-Secure

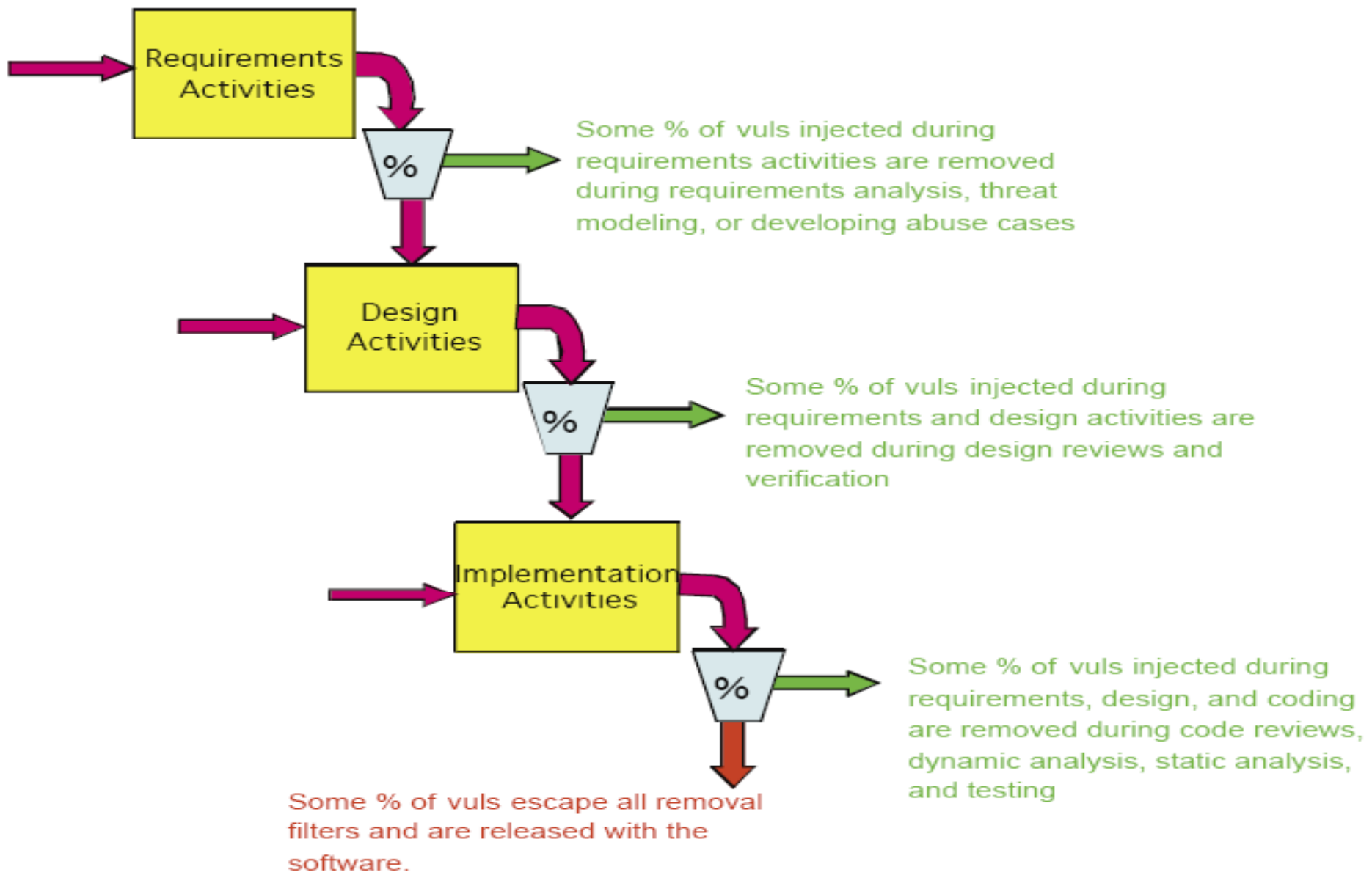


- Basis
 - Defective software is seldom secure
 - Defective software is not inevitable
 - Consider cost of reducing defects
 - Manage defects throughout the lifecycle
 - Defects are leading cause of vulnerabilities
 - Use multiple defect removal points in the SD: *Defect filters*

TSP-Secure



- Key questions in managing defects
 - What type of defects lead to security vulnerabilities?
 - Where in the software development life cycle should defects be measured?
 - What work products should be examined for defects?
 - What tools and methods should be used to measure the defects?
 - How many defects can be removed at each step?
 - How many estimated defects remain after each removal step?
- TSP-Secure includes training for developers, managers, and other team members.





Correctness by Construction

- CbC Methodology from Praxis Critical Systems
 - Process for developing high integrity software
 - Has been successfully used to develop safety-critical systems
 - Removes defects at the earliest stages
- uses formal methods to specify behavioral, security and safety properties of the software.

Correctness by Construction



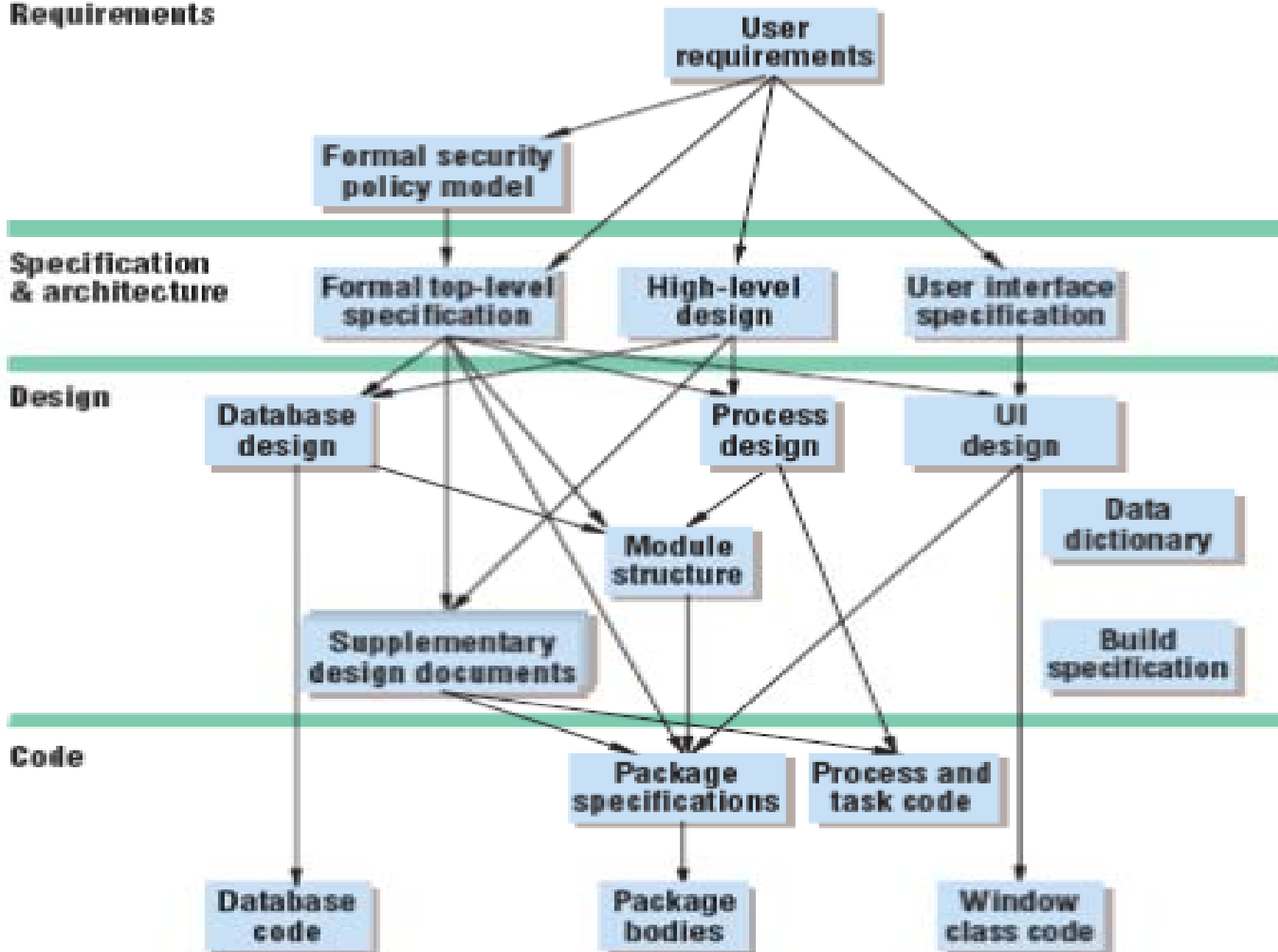
- The seven key principles of Correctness-by-Construction are:
 - Expect requirements to change
 - Know why you're testing (debug + verification)
 - Eliminate errors before testing
 - Write software that is easy to verify
 - Develop incrementally
 - Some aspects of software development are just plain hard
 - Software is not useful by itself



Correctness by Construction

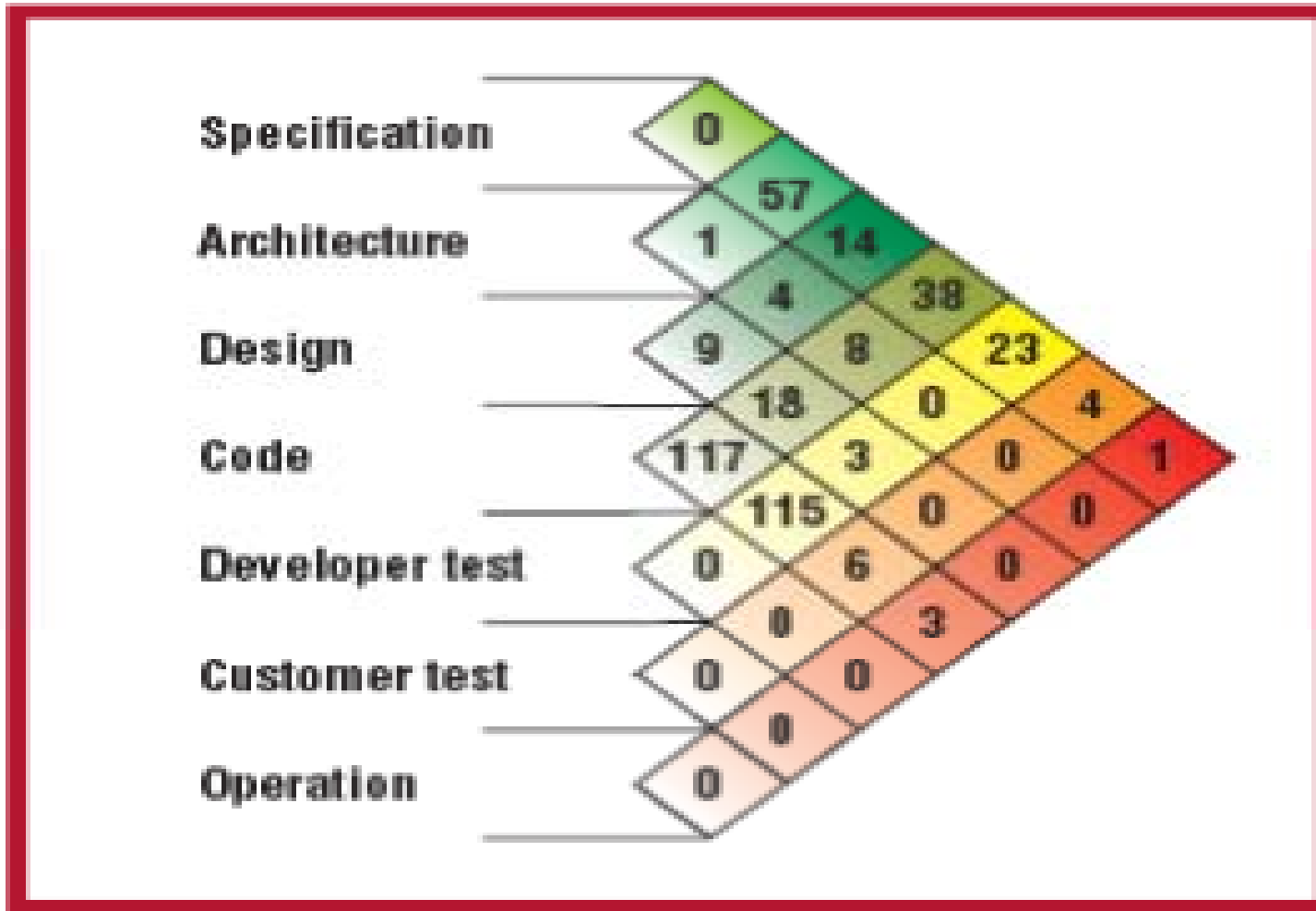
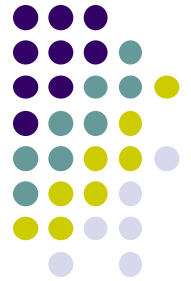
- Correctness-by-Construction is
 - one of the few secure SDLC processes that incorporate formal methods into many development activities.
 - Requirements are specified using Z, and verified.
 - Code (in Spark) is checked by verification software.

Requirements



Correctness by Construction

Defect detection/Correction



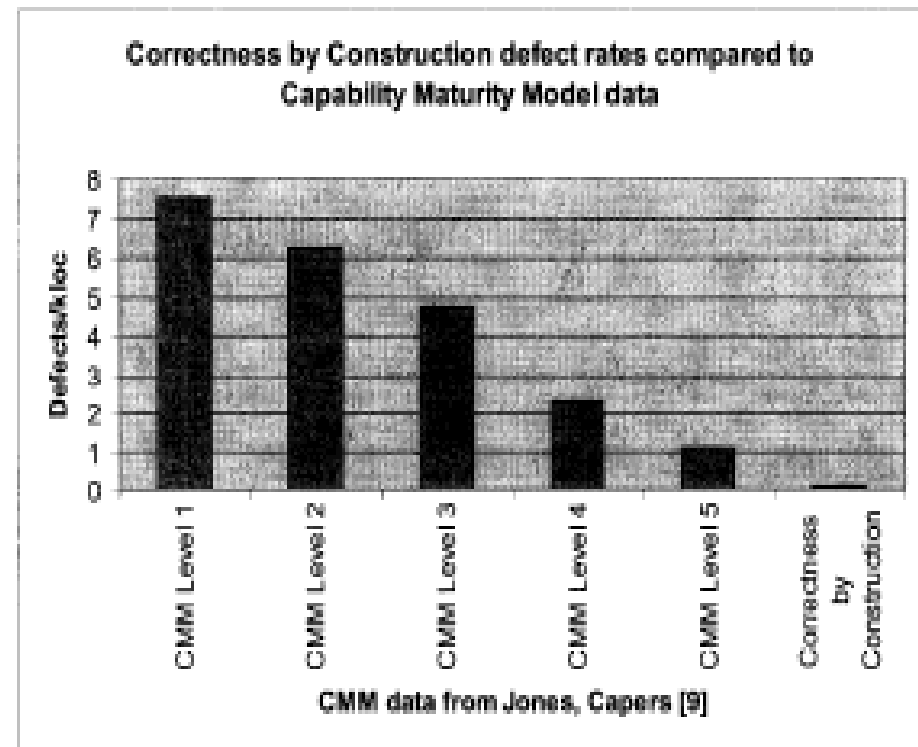


Effort and Defect Rate

Table 1

Distribution of effort.

Activity	Effort (%)
Requirements	2
Specification and architecture	25
Code	14
Test	34
Fault fixing	6
Project management	10
Training	3
Design authority	3
Development- and target-environment	3



Agile Methods



- Agile manifesto
 - “We are **uncovering better** ways of developing software by **doing it** and **helping others** do it. Through this work we have come to value:
 - *Individuals and interactions* over processes and tools
 - *Working software* over comprehensive documentation
 - *Customer collaboration* over contract negotiation
 - *Responding to change* over following a plan

Agile manifesto principles



- Our highest priority is to satisfy the customer through early and continuous delivery of valuable software.
- Welcome changing requirements, even late in development. Agile processes harness change for the customer's competitive advantage.
- Deliver working software frequently, from a couple of weeks to a couple of months, with a preference to the shorter timescale.
- Business people and developers work together daily throughout the project.
- Build projects around motivated individuals. Give them the environment and support they need, and trust them to get the job done.
- The most efficient and effective method of conveying information to and within a development team is face-to-face conversation.
- Working software is the primary measure of progress.
- Agile processes promote sustainable development. The sponsors, developers and users should be able to maintain a constant pace indefinitely.
- Continuous attention to technical excellence and good design enhances agility.
- Simplicity—the art of maximizing the amount of work not done—is essential.
- The best architectures, requirements and designs emerge from self-organizing teams.
- At regular intervals, the team reflects on how to become more effective, then tunes and adjusts its behavior accordingly.

Agile Processes



- Among many variations
 - Adaptive software development (ASP)
 - Extreme programming (XP)
 - Crystal
 - Rational Unified Process (RUP)

TSP Revisited

- How TSP Relates to Agile ..



- *Individuals and interactions* over processes and tools
- TSP holds that the individual is key to product quality and effective member interactions are necessary to the team's success.
 - Project launches strive to create gelled teams.
 - Weekly meetings and communication are essential to sustain them.
 - Teams define their own processes in the launch.



How TSP Relates

- *Working software* over comprehensive documentation
- TSP teams can choose evolutionary or iterative lifecycle models to deliver early functionality—the focus is on high quality from the start. TSP does not require heavy documentation.
 - Documentation should merely be sufficient to facilitate effective reviews and information sharing.



How TSP Relates

- *Customer collaboration over contract negotiation*
- Learning what the customer wants is a key focus of the “launch”. Sustaining customer contact is one reason for having a customer interface manager on the team.
 - Focus on negotiation of a contract is more a factor of the organization than of whether TSP is used.



How TSP Relates

- *Responding to change* over following a plan
- TSP teams expect and plan for change by:
 - Adjusting the team's process through **process improvement proposals and weekly meetings**.
 - Periodically re-launching and re-planning **whenever the plan is no longer a useful guide**.
 - Adding new tasks as they are discovered; removing tasks that are no longer needed.
 - Dynamically rebalancing the team workload as required to finish faster.
 - Actively identifying and managing risks.

Security assurance method or technique		Match (2)	Independent (8)	(semi)-automated (4)	Mis-match (12)
Requirements	Guidelines		X		
	Specification analysis				X
	Review				X
Design	Application of specific architectural approaches		X		
	Use of secure design principles		X		
	Formal validation				X
	Informal validation				X
	Internal review	X			
	External review				X
Implementation	Informal correspondence analysis				X
	Requirements testing			X	
	Informal validation				X
	Formal validation				X
	Security testing			X	
	Vulnerability and penetration testing			X	
	Test depth analysis				X
	Security static analysis			X	
	High-level programming languages and tools		X		
	Adherence to implementation standards		X		
	Use of version control and change tracking		X		
	Change authorization				X
	Integration procedures		X		
	Use of product generation tools		X		
	Internal review	X			
	External review				X
Security evaluation				X	



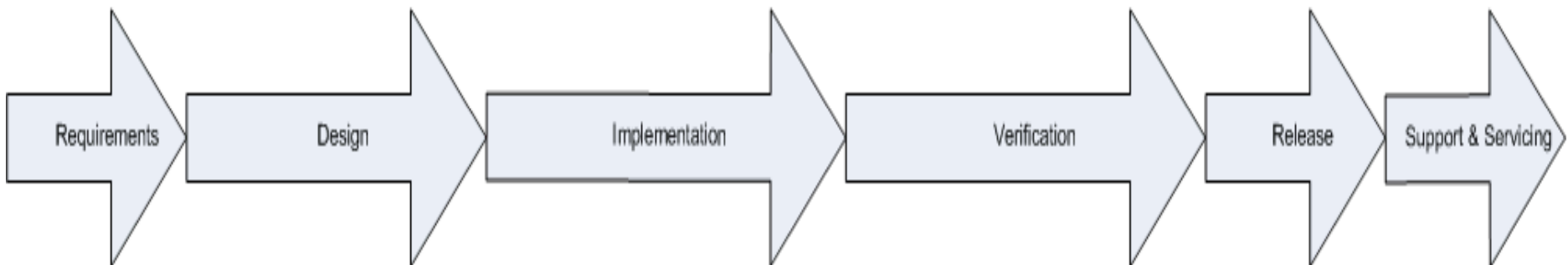
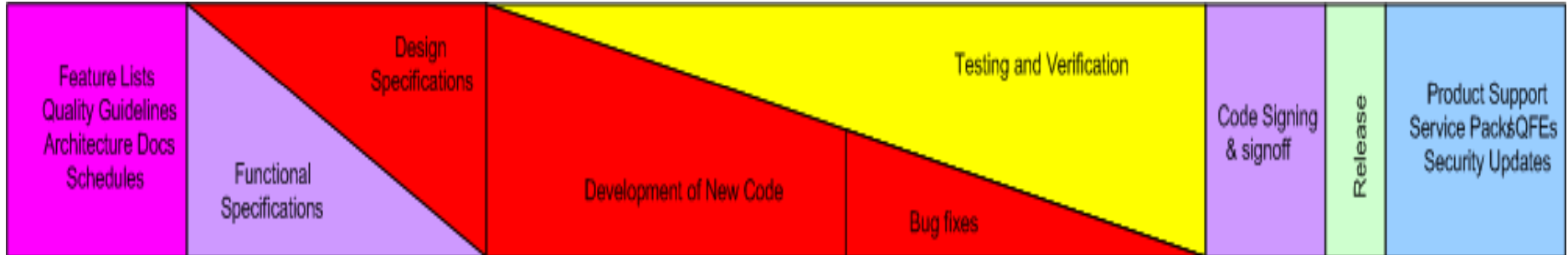
Besosov Comparison

- 50% of traditional security assurance activities are not compatible with Agile methods (12 out of 26),
- less than 10% are natural fits (2 out of 26),
- about 30% are independent of development method, and
- slightly more than 10% (4 out of 26) could be semi-automated and thus integrated more easily into the Agile methods.

Microsoft Trustworthy Computing SDLC



- Generally accepted SDL process at MS
- (actually spiral not “waterfall” as it indicates)





SDL Overview

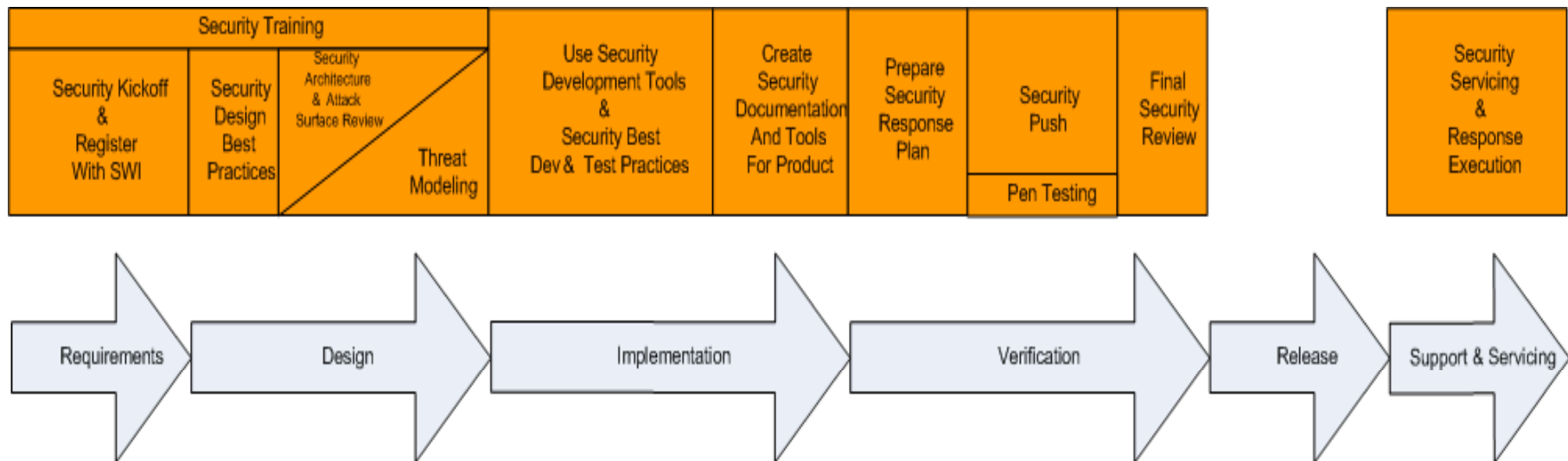
- MS's SD³ + C paradigm
 - Secure by Design
 - Secure by Default
 - Secure by Deployment
 - Communications
 - software developers should be prepared for the discovery of product vulnerabilities and should communicate openly and responsibly

The SDL is updated as shown next



SDL at MS

- Add the SD³ + C praradigm





Design Phase

- Define Security architecture and design guidelines
 - Identify tcb; use layering etc.
- Document the elements of the software attack surface
 - Find out default security
- Conduct threat modeling
- Define supplemental ship criteria



Implementation phase

- Apply coding and testing standards
- Apply security testing tools including fuzzing tools
- Apply static analysis code scanning tools
- Conduct code reviews



Verification Phase

- “Security push” for Windows server 2003
 - Includes code review beyond those in implementation phase and
 - Focused testing
- Two reasons for “security push”
 - Products had reached the verification phase
 - Opportunity to review both code that was developed or updated during the implementation phase and “legacy code” that was not modified

Results

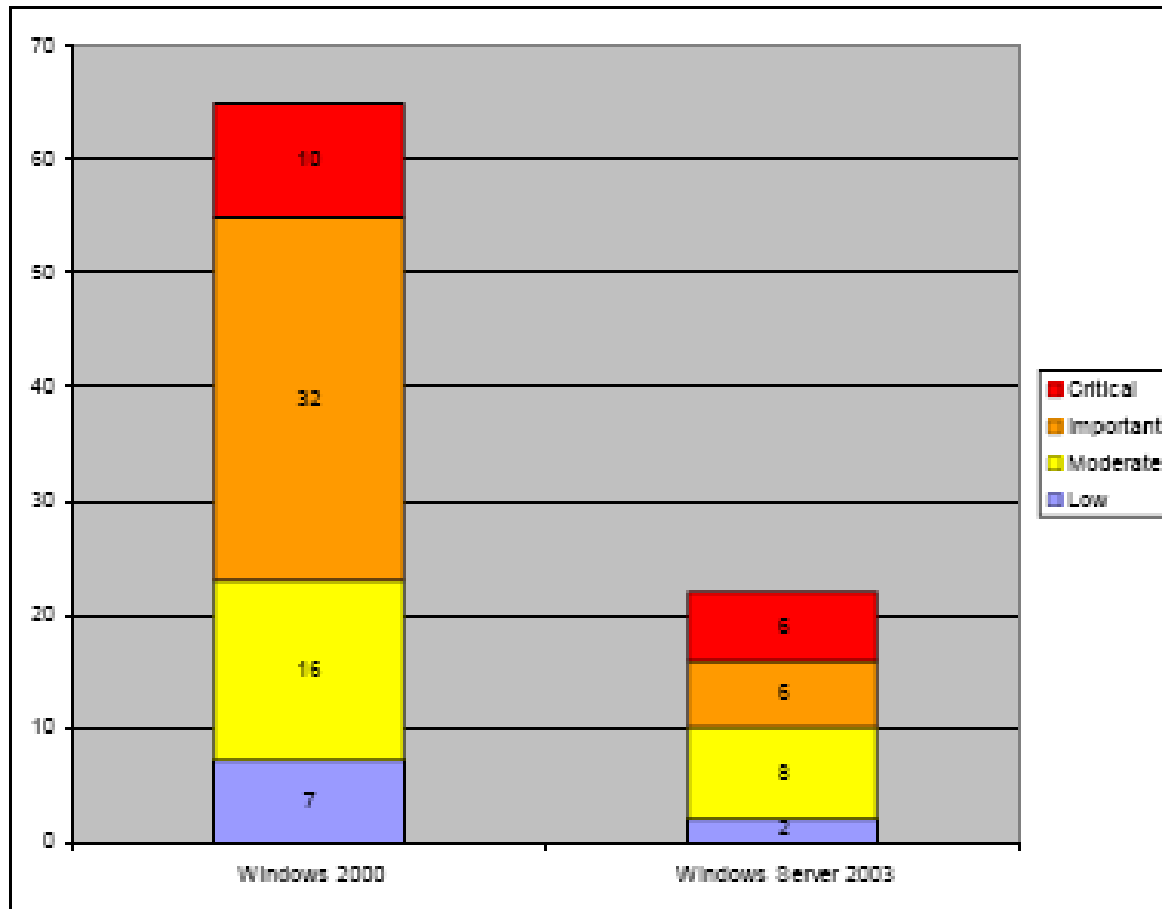
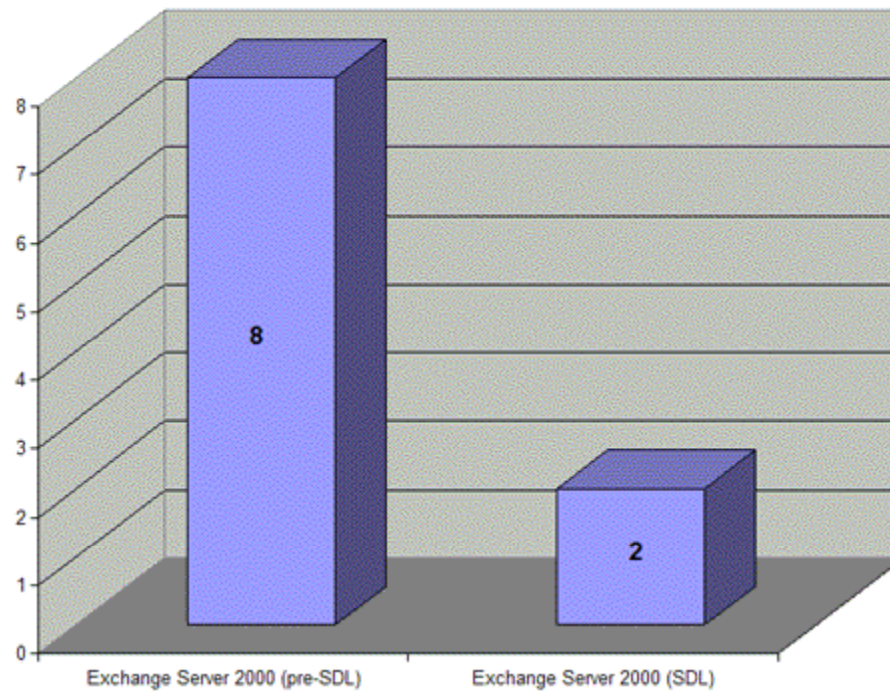


Figure 3. First Year Security Bulletins: Windows 2000 vs. Windows Server 2003

Results





- Topic to be continued ...