



Cybersecurity Modeling in SPARX Enterprise Architect

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Build a security culture...

... save money and reputation

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- OMG Certified UML® Professional™
- 20+ years' experience in software and systems engineering in several industries
- Experienced in the Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) appraisal journey and with the development of the New Product Introduction (NPI) process.
- Contributing to the institutionalization of cybersecurity as a part of a system development lifecycle.

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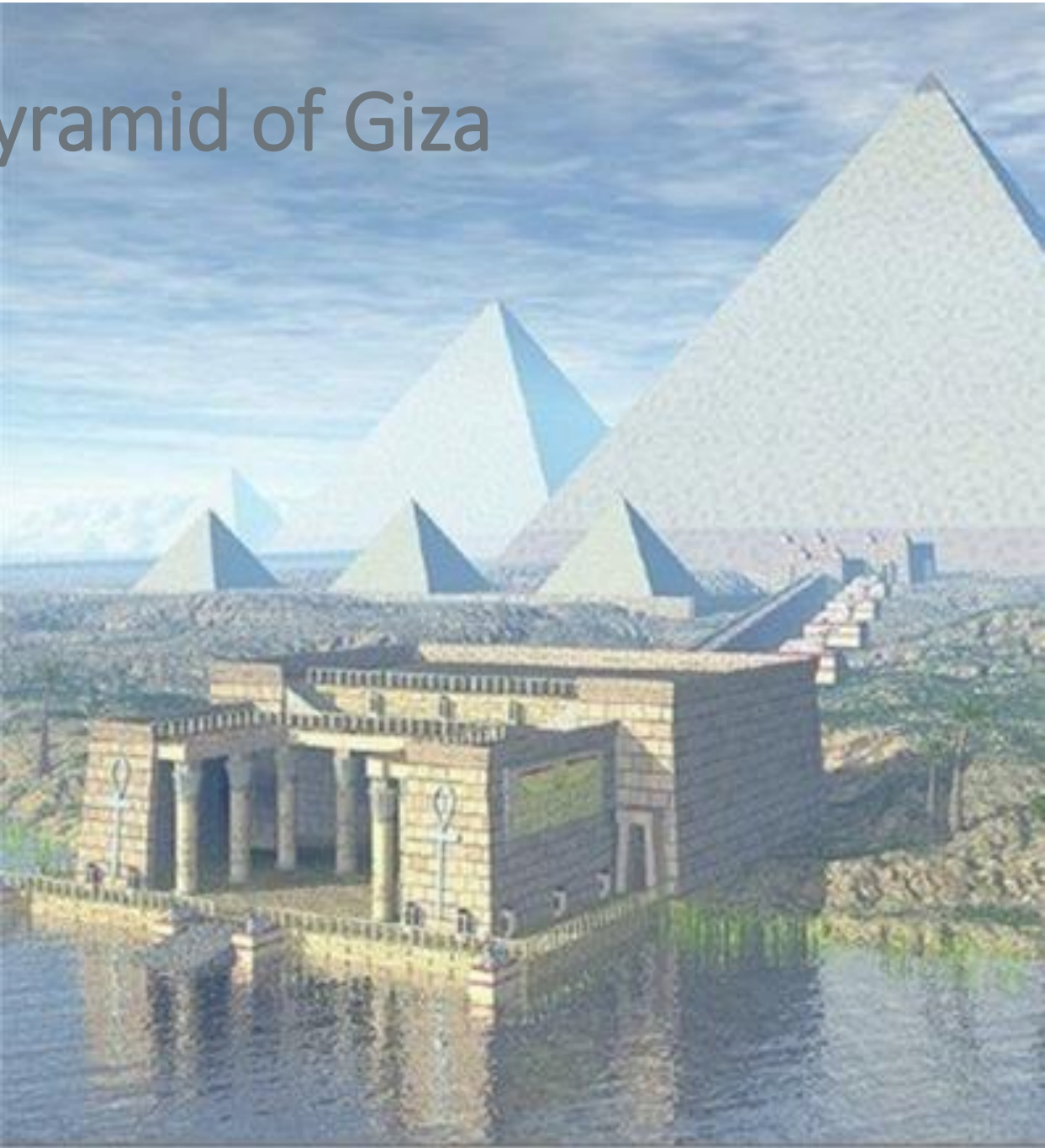
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Let's talk about:

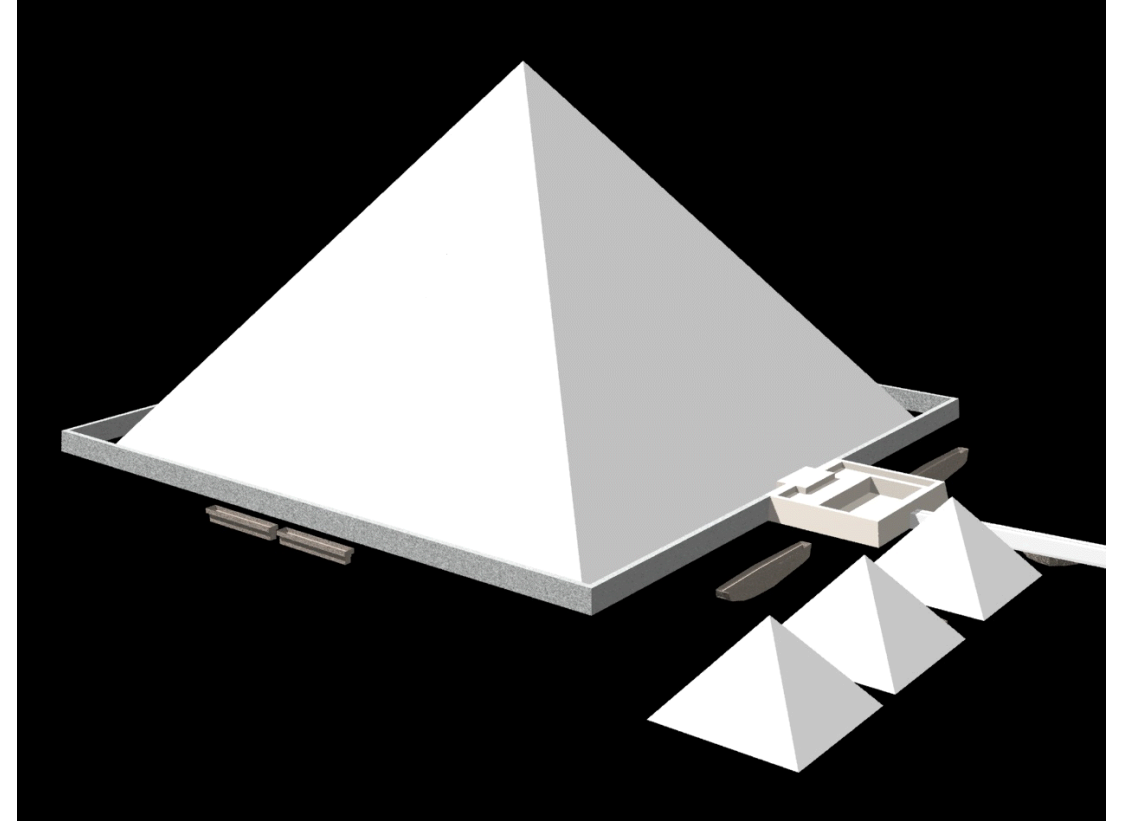
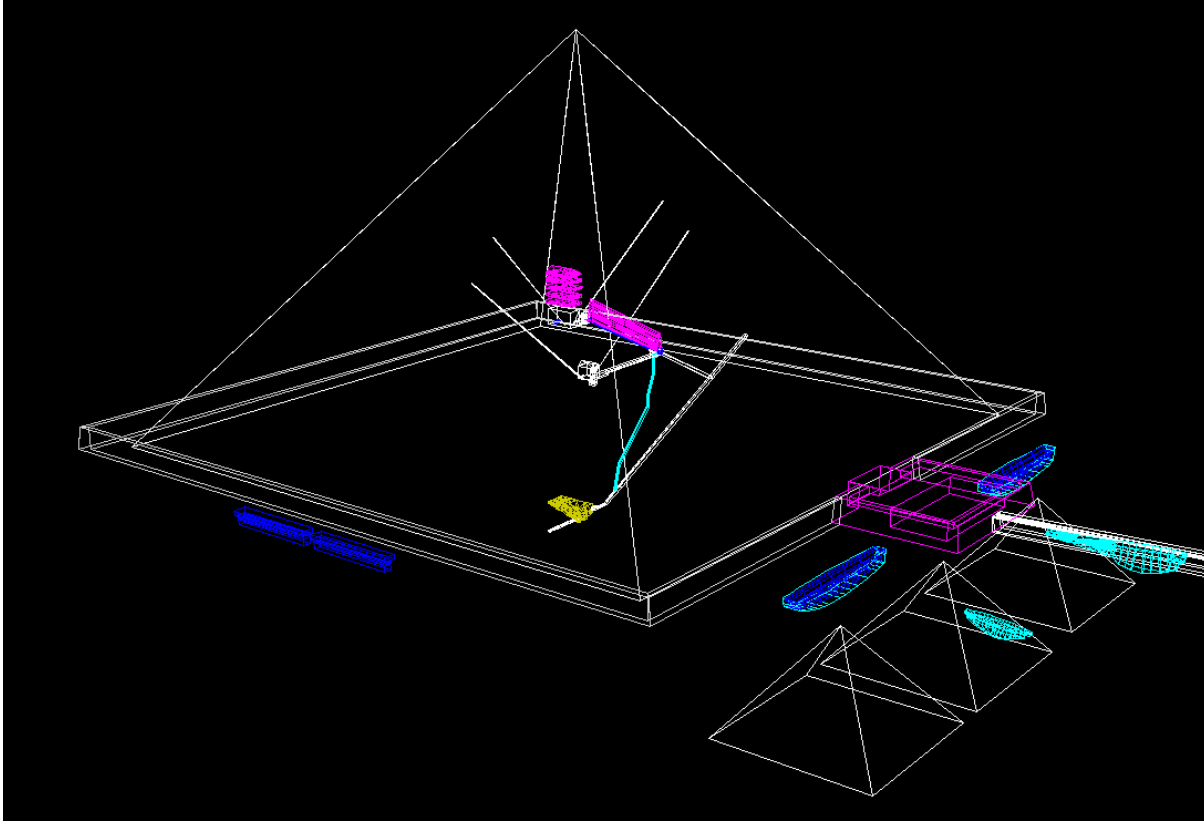
- What's the essential prerequisite for modeling cybersecurity threats?
- What's threat modeling?
- Learn about security challenges in system development
- Modeling threats using Enterprise Architect
- Analyzing, visualizing and communicating the threat model to all stakeholders



The Great Pyramid of Giza



There is no evidence, no ancient plans...



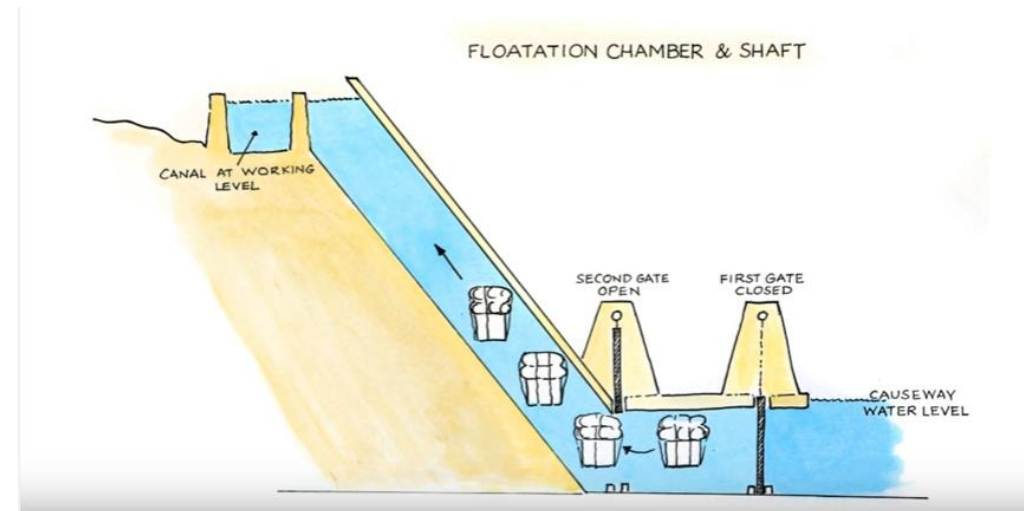
Giza Plateau Computer Model - University of Chicago

How were the Pyramids built then?

- The Ramp Theory



- The Water Shaft Theory



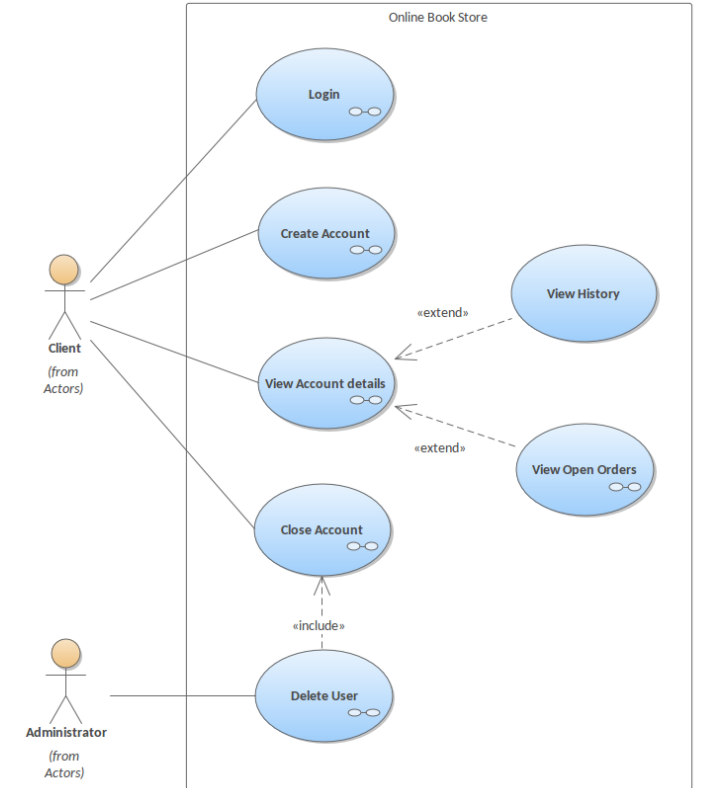
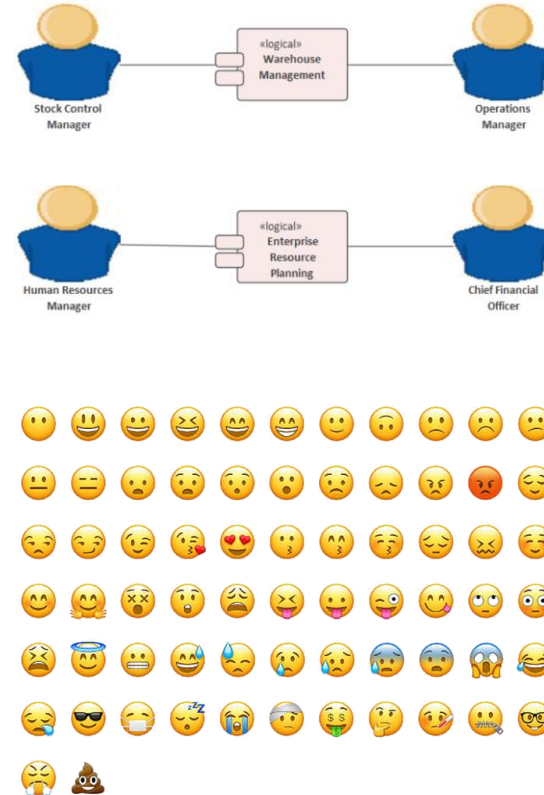
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The oldest architectural plan



- Discovered in Iraq and dating back to the Mesopotamia civilization (8000-2000 B.C.)

4000 years and we're back to the same language 😊

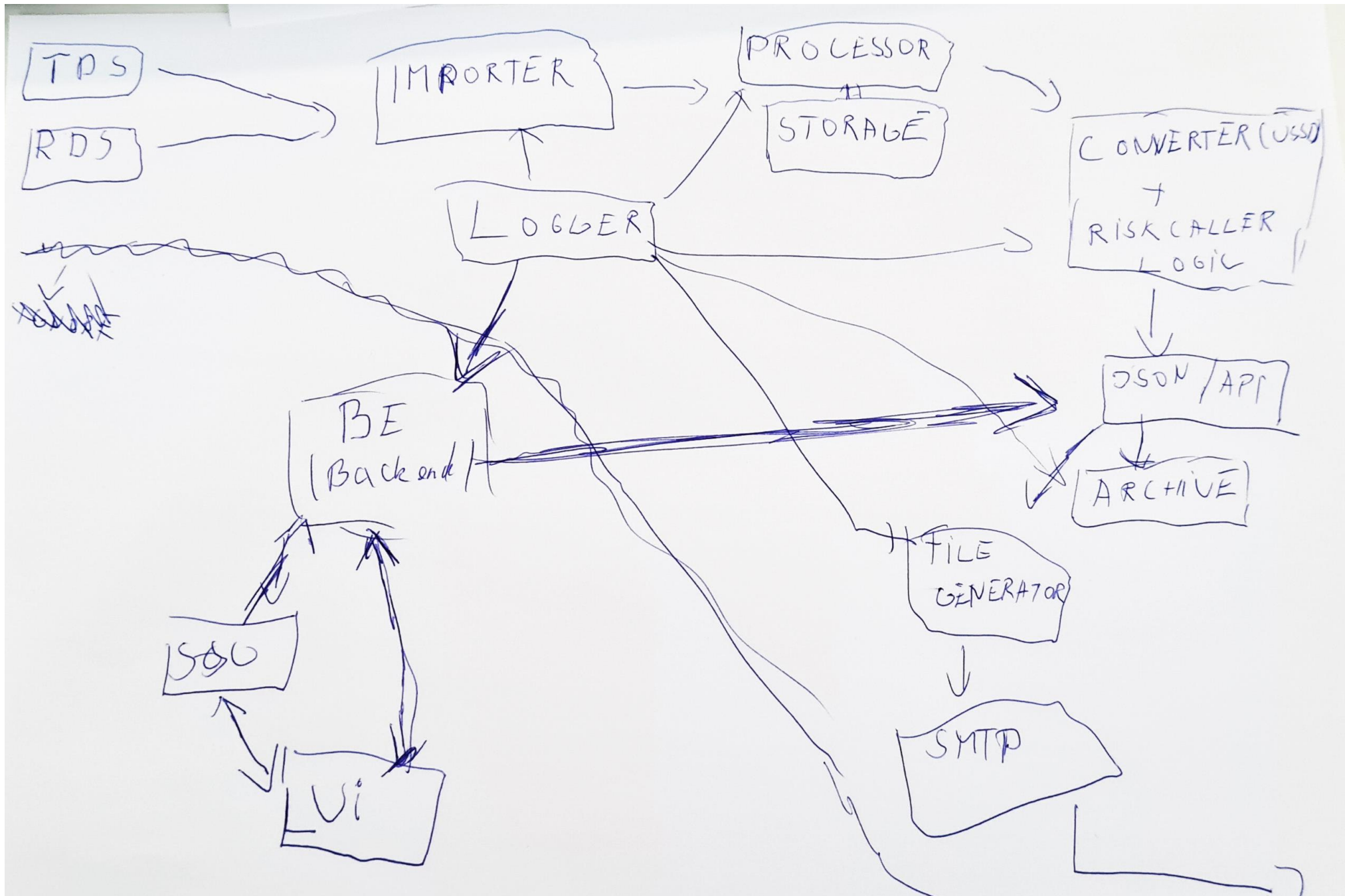


Thousands of years later

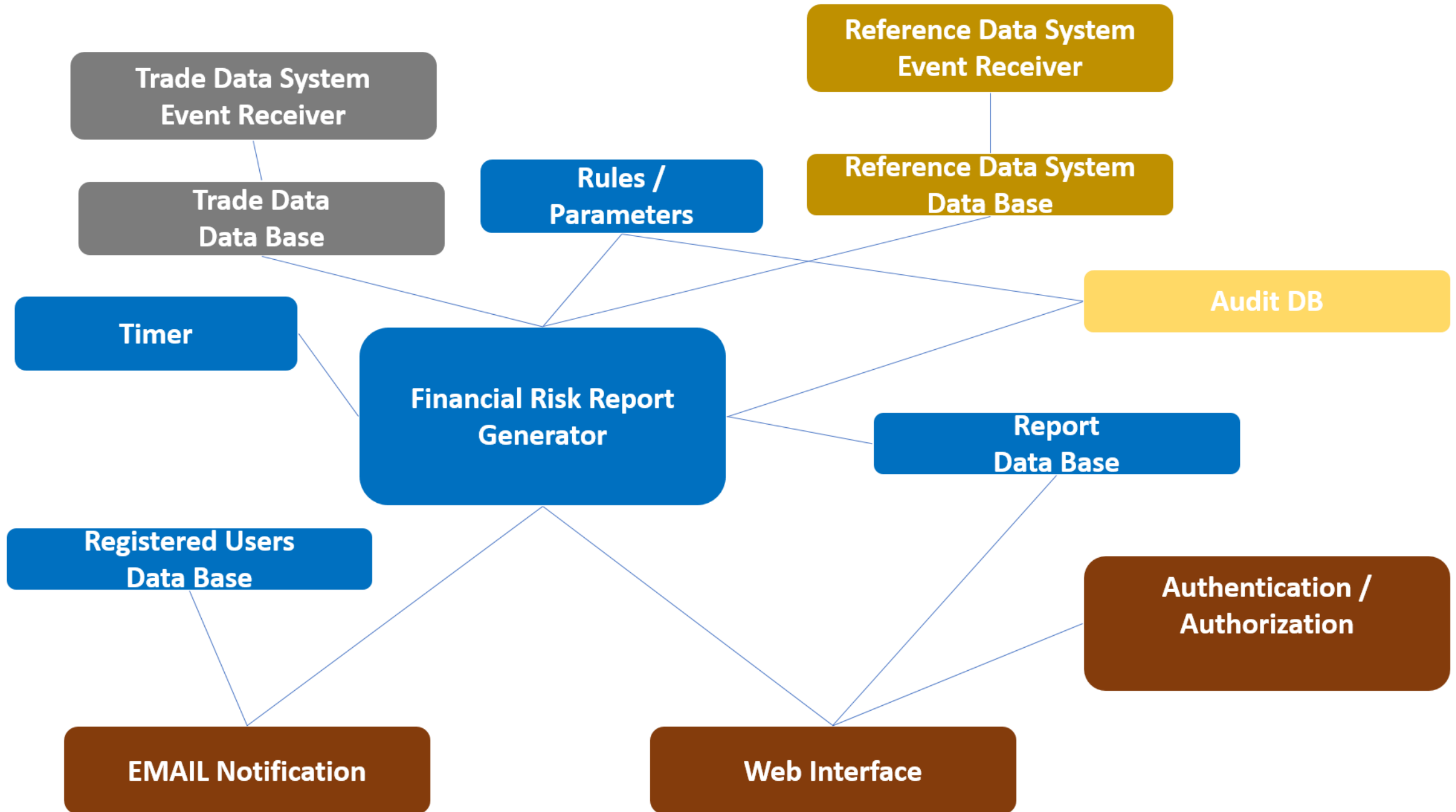
modern houses floor plan



Software architects
struggle to communicate
architecture



Financial Risk System – Software Components



Params

Calcs

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App Log~~

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Floor Log~~
Date
- Risk Cell
- calcs
- par

Params - Riskolit

Batch

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B-id:
cust id





Importance of Architecture in Cybersecurity Threat Modeling

- Having a well-designed architecture plan is crucial for modeling cybersecurity threats
- The architecture provides a blueprint of the organization's IT infrastructure components
- The clear understanding of architecture enables experts to identify potential vulnerabilities and risks
- It also helps in identifying potential attack vectors and entry points for cybercriminals
- A well-designed architecture is critical for effective cybersecurity threat modeling
- It provides a clear picture of the organization's technological landscape for accurate and effective models



threat

/θræt/

noun

noun: **threat**; plural noun: **threats**

1. a statement of an intention to inflict pain, injury, damage, or other hostile action on someone in retribution for something done or not done.

"members of her family have received **death threats**"

Similar:

threatening remark

warning

ultimatum

intimidating remark



• **LAW**

a menace of bodily harm, such as may restrain a person's freedom of action.

2. a person or thing likely to cause damage or danger.

"hurricane damage poses a major **threat** to many coastal communities"

- the possibility of trouble, danger, or ruin.

"the company faces the threat of liquidation proceedings"

Similar:

danger

peril

hazard

menace

risk

possibility



Origin

GERMANIC

OLD ENGLISH

thrēat

DUTCH

verdrieten

grieve

GERMAN

verdrissen

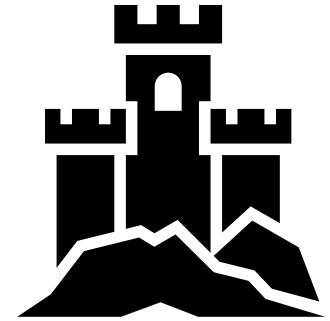
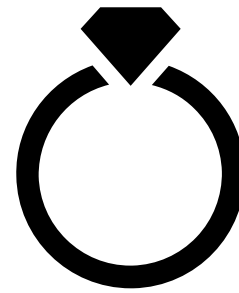
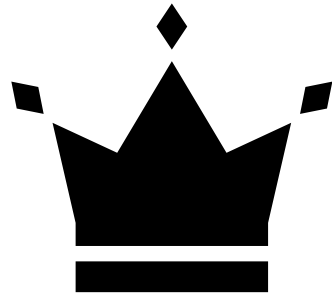
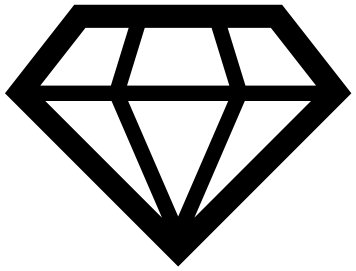
irritate

→ threat

Old English *thrēat* 'oppression', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *verdrieten* 'grieve', German *verdrissen* 'irritate'.



What is Threat Modeling



- **Structured Process**
- Examination of a system for potential weaknesses

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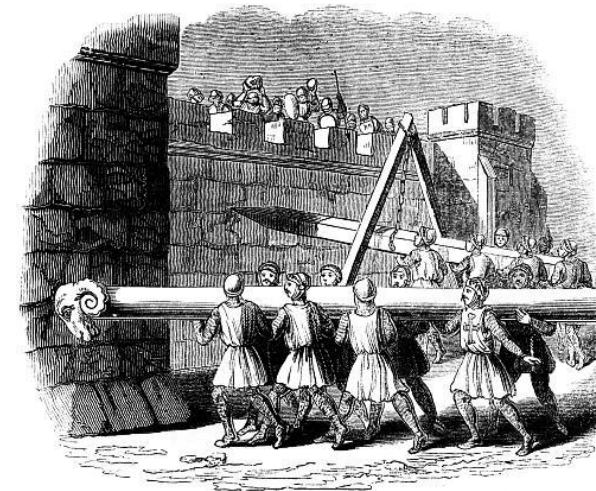
- Examination of a system for potential weaknesses

Systematic approach

- Based on a conceptual model of weaknesses and threats



<https://www.castlesworld.com/tools/motte-and-bailey-castles.php>



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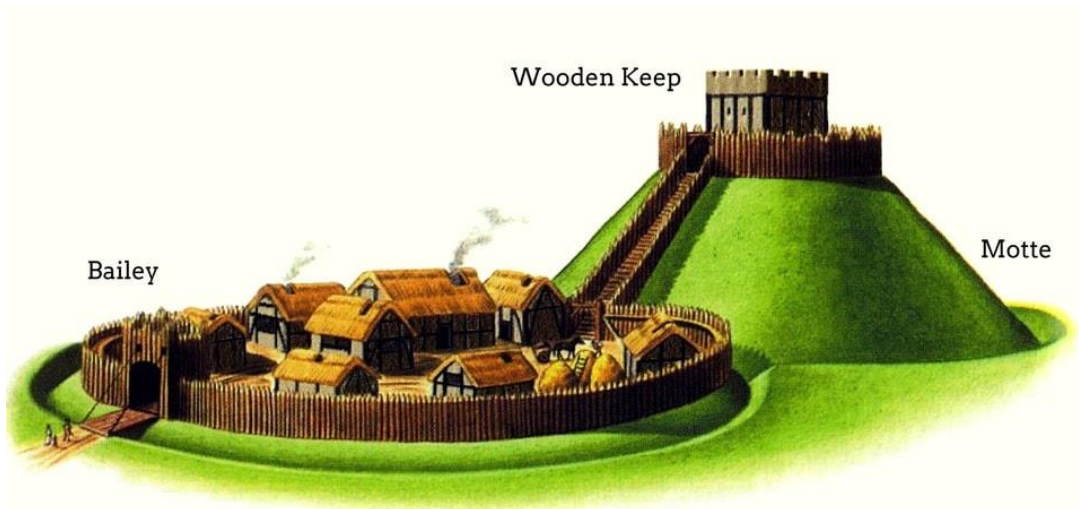
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https://deadliestwarrior.fandom.com/wiki/Huo_Chien

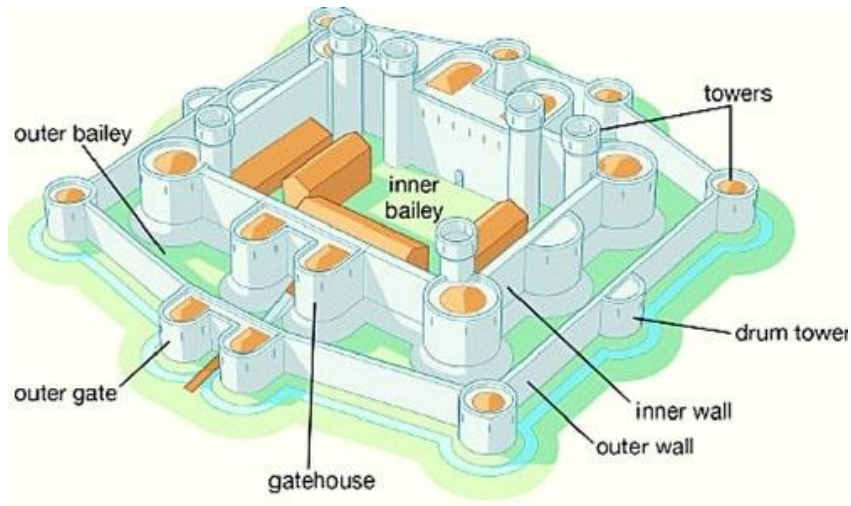
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- Based on a conceptual model of weaknesses and threats
- Keeping the model of weaknesses and threats up to date



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<https://www.pbs.org/video/1812-niagara-frontier-fort-george-cannon-firing/>

Nowadays challenges...

- Insider attacks are typically executed by employees who have access to sensitive data
- The usage of cloud services has led to the emergence of new security obstacles that must be addressed immediately
- The Internet of Things (IoT) has introduced new security challenges
- Ransomware attacks, which demand higher payments
- Supply chain attacks are growing
- Data privacy regulations have made protecting sensitive information
- Organizations need to be aware of AI and ML-based cybersecurity threats

**ARE YOU UP FOR
THE CHALLENGE?**



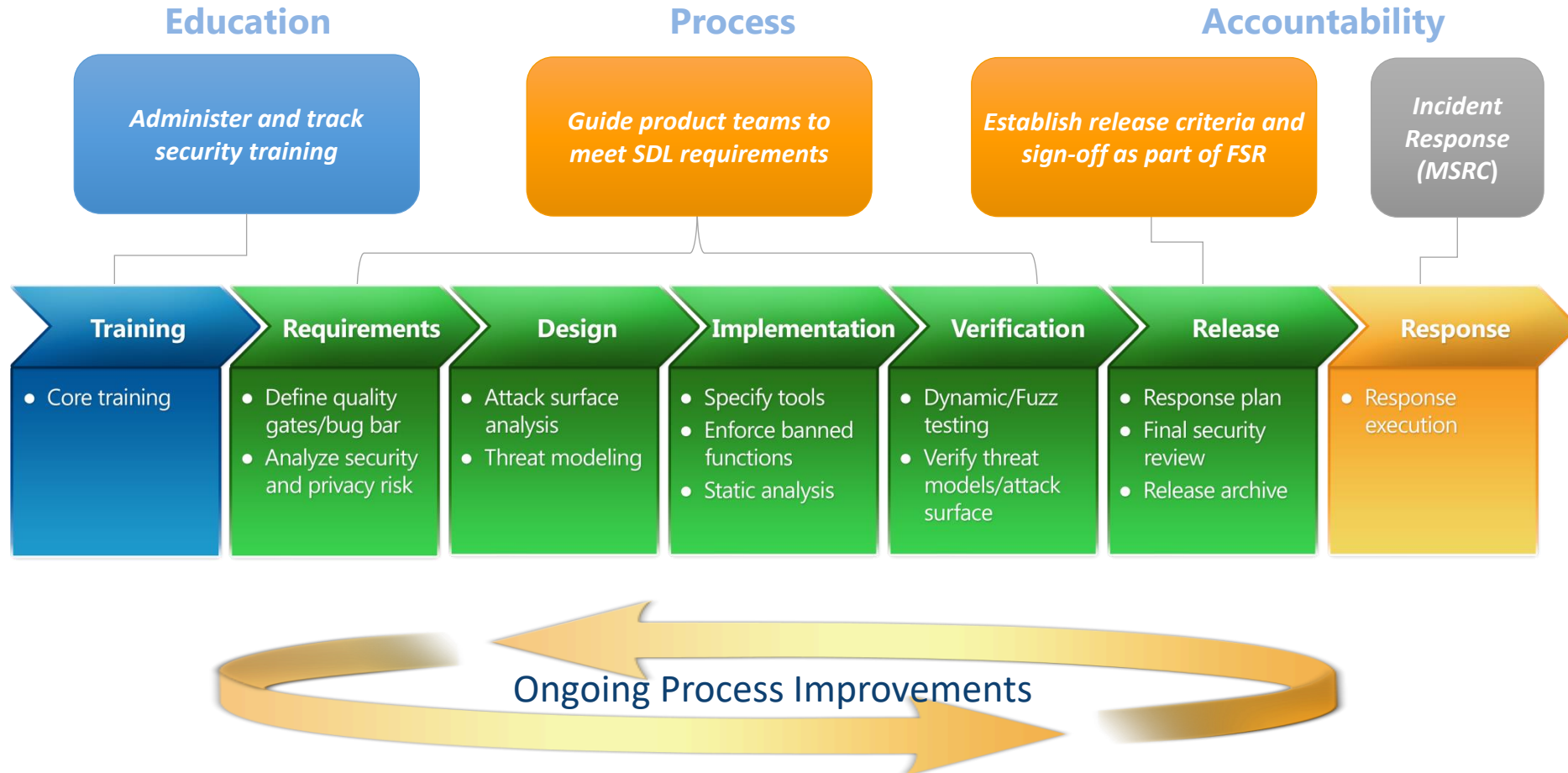
Cybersecurity is not in a development DNA!

- Insert security practices as a part of your software development lifecycle
- Verification must happen as soon as possible (end- users ARE NOT your testers 😊)

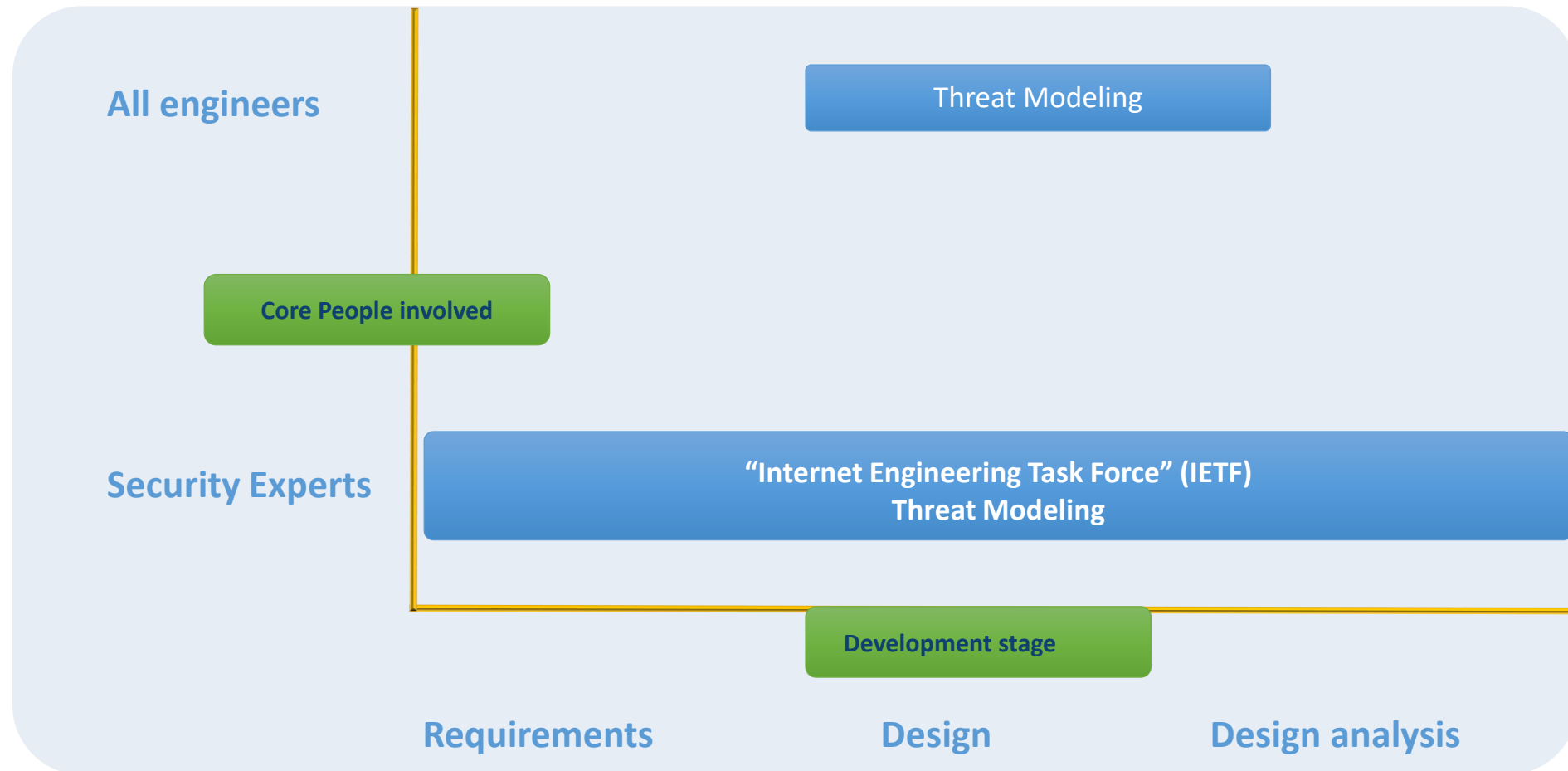




Microsoft | Security Development Lifecycle



Terminology and Context

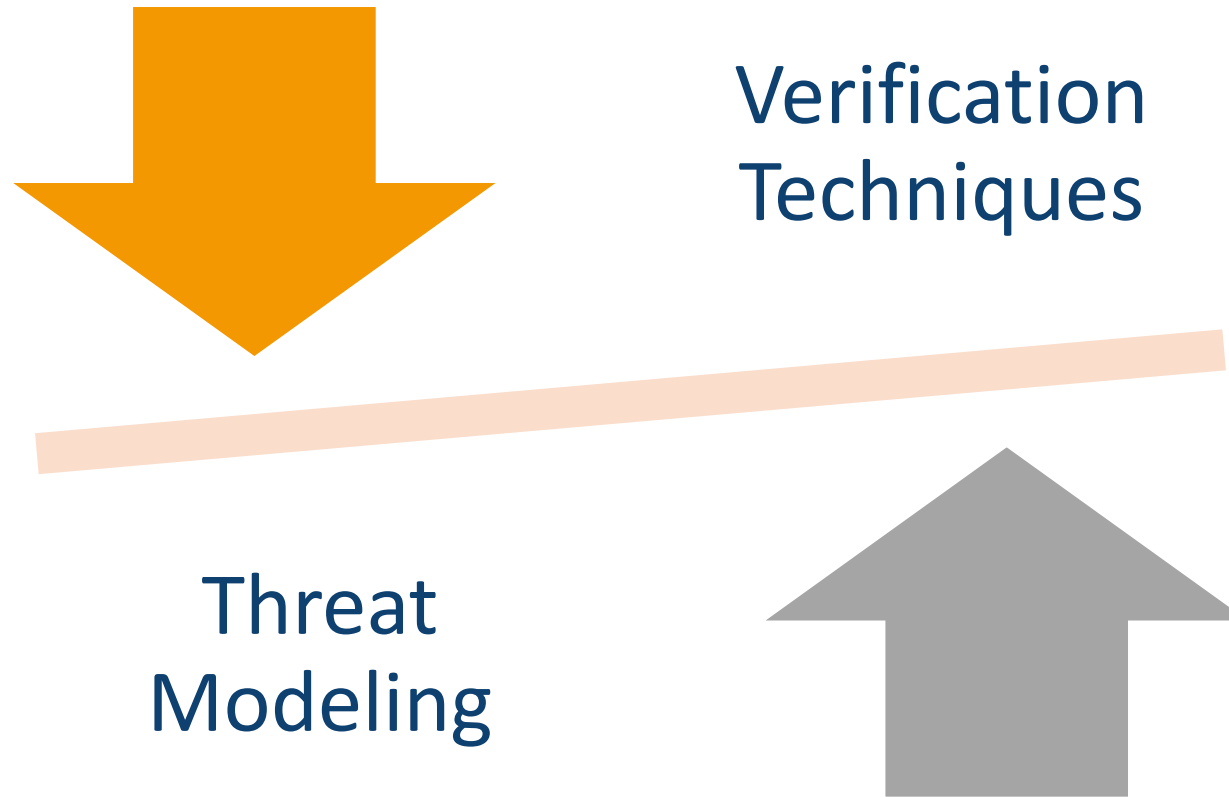


Threat Modeling in Software Development

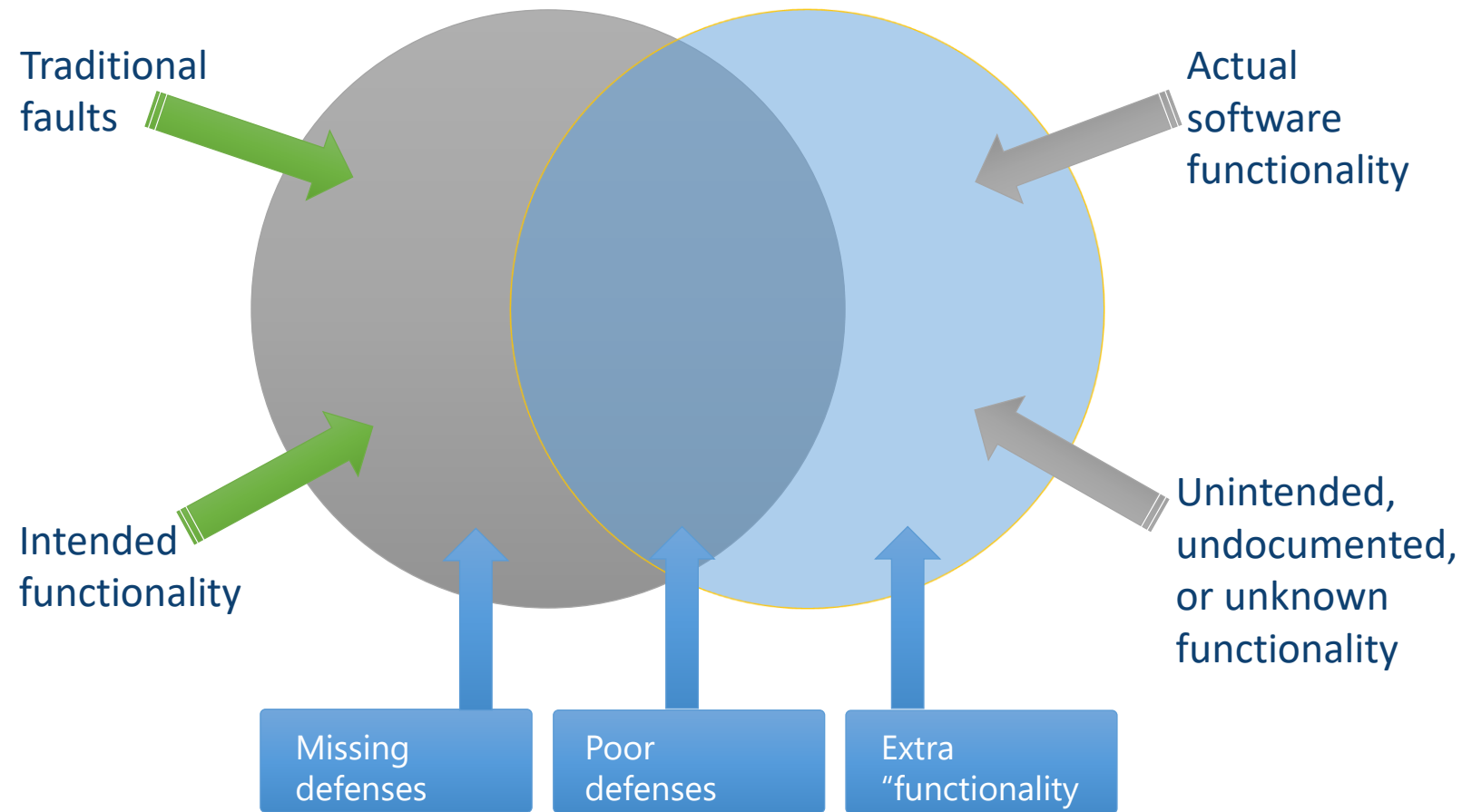
- Software development is about creating applications that enable users to perform some tasks
- Secure development requires determining what a user shouldn't do and ensuring that the code properly restricts users to authorized actions
- Threat modeling is a design activity to do just that

Threats are not vulnerabilities!

Threat modeling can be performed before a product or service has been implemented



Security Testing

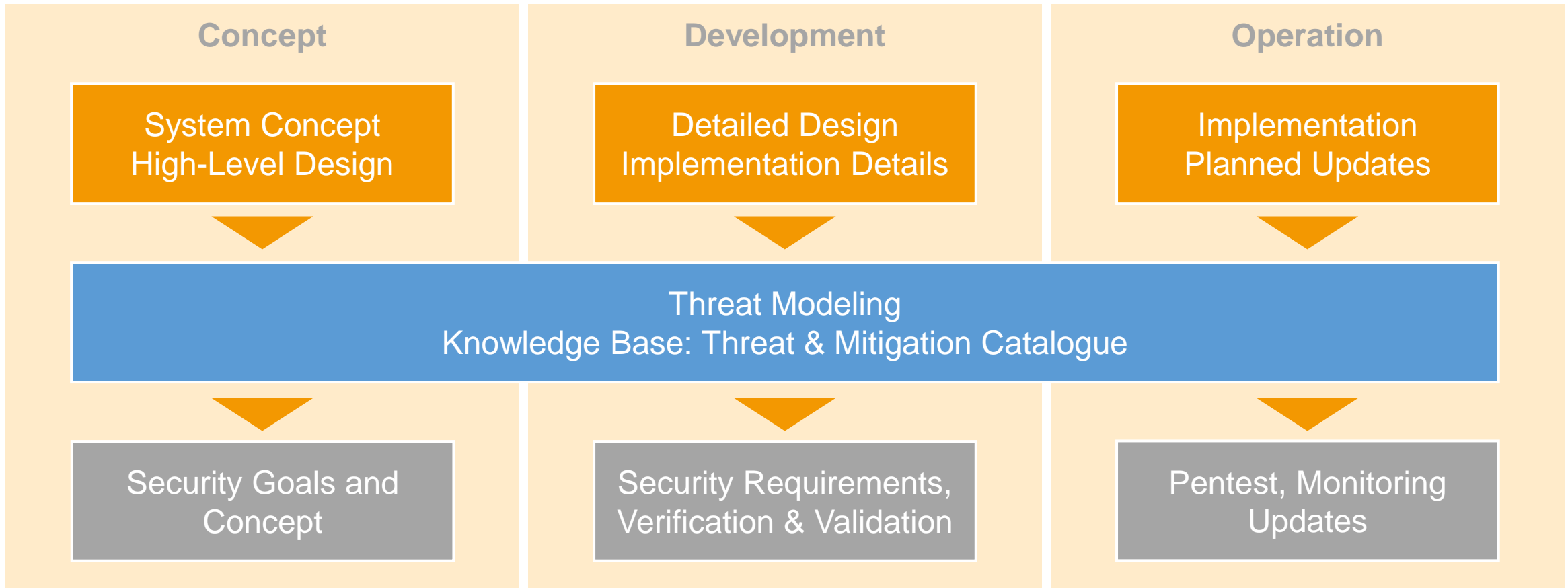


Threat Modeling Enables

- Identify threats
- Identify vulnerabilities
- Identify mitigating factors
- Perform risk analysis
- Prioritize security fixes
- Derive security test cases



When do we Threat Model



Understanding the STRIDE Threats

Threat	Property	Definition	Example
S poofing	Authentication	Impersonating something or someone else.	Pretending to be any of billg, microsoft.com or ntdll.dll
T ampering	Integrity	Modifying data or code	Modifying a DLL on disk or DVD, or a packet as it traverses the LAN.
R epudiation	Non-repudiation	Claiming to have not performed an action.	"I didn't send that email," "I didn't modify that file," "I certainly didn't visit that web site, dear!"
I nformation Disclosure	Confidentiality	Exposing information to someone not authorized to see it	Allowing someone to read the Windows source code; publishing a list of customers to a web site.
D enial of Service	Availability	Deny or degrade service to users	Crashing Windows or a web site, sending a packet and absorbing seconds of CPU time, or routing packets into a black hole.
E levation of Privilege	Authorization	Gain capabilities without proper authorization	Allowing a remote internet user to run commands is the classic example but going from a limited user to admin is also EoP.

<https://www.microsoft.com/security/blog/2007/09/11/stride-chart/>

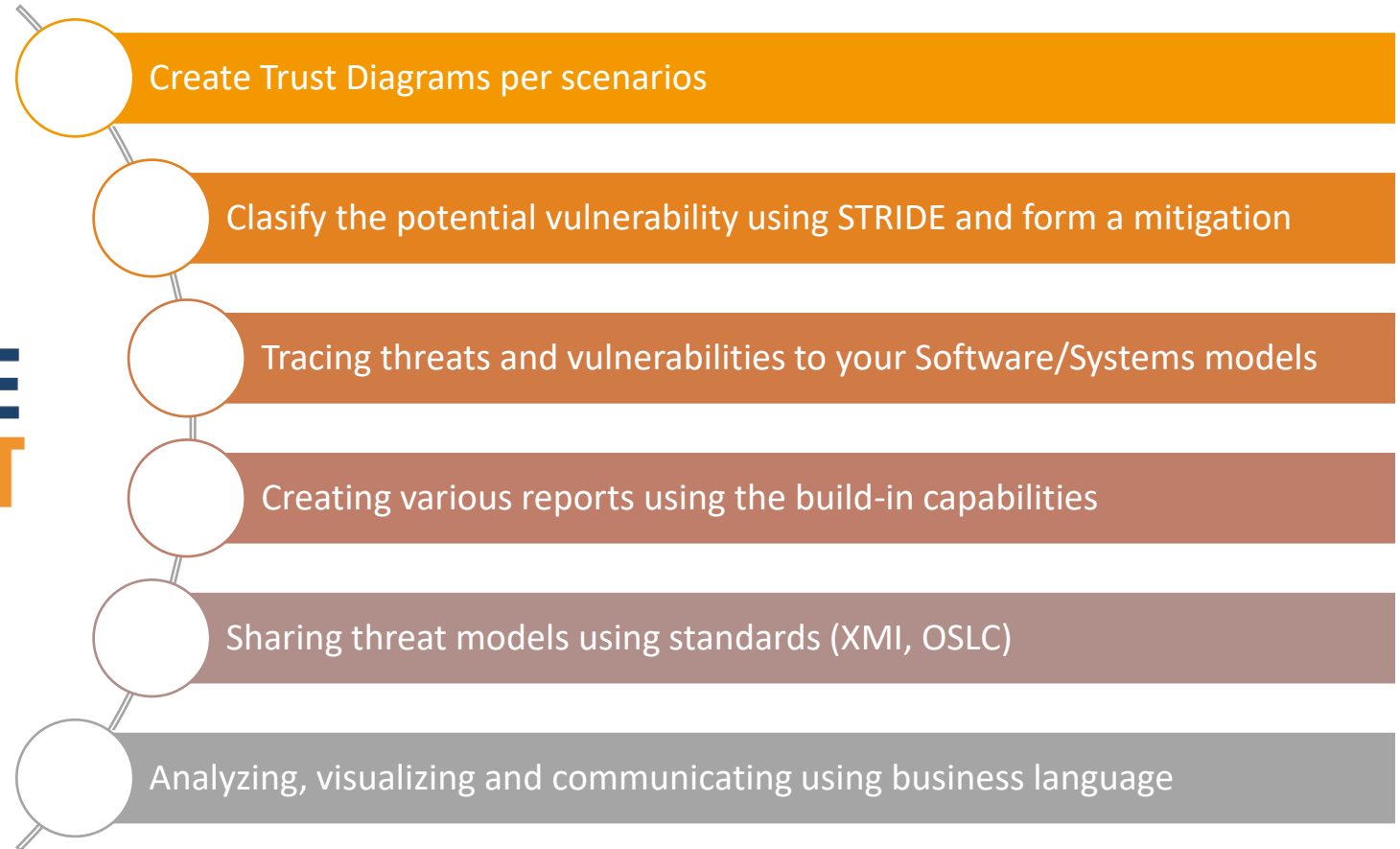


Threat modeling in Enterprise Architect



- Create DFDs (Data Flow Diagrams)
 - Include processes, data stores, data flows
 - Include trust boundaries
 - Diagrams per scenario may be helpful
- Identify Threats
 - Get specific about threat manifestation
- Mitigate
 - To address or alleviate a problem
- Validate the whole threat model
 - Validate Quality of Threats and Mitigations
 - Validate Information Captured

Cyber Security in Enterprise Architect enables



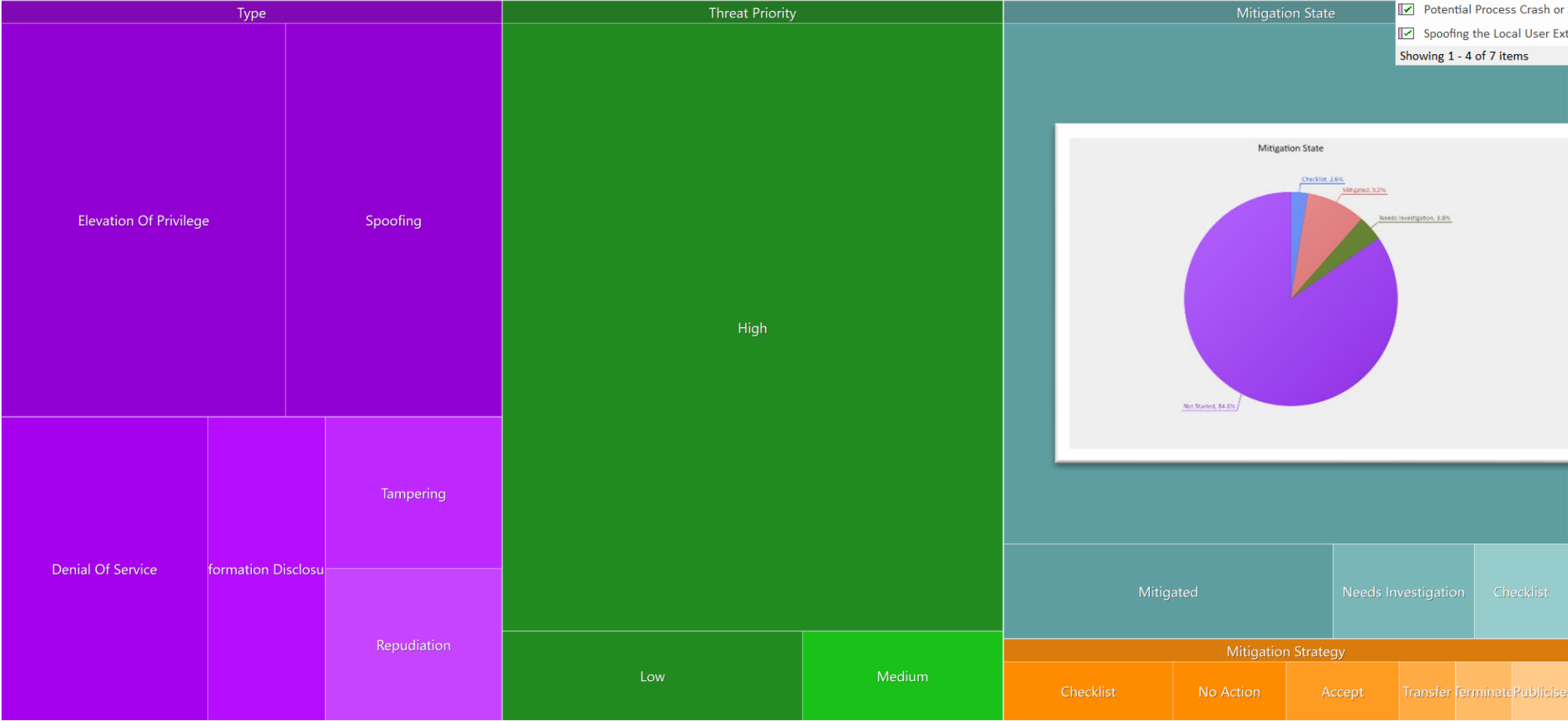
Have you ever wanted to:

- Analyze your threat models by visual aggregation or relevance?
- Absorb information in new ways?
- Identify emerging trends with ease and respond quickly?
- Interact directly with your data?
- Communicate with a new business language?

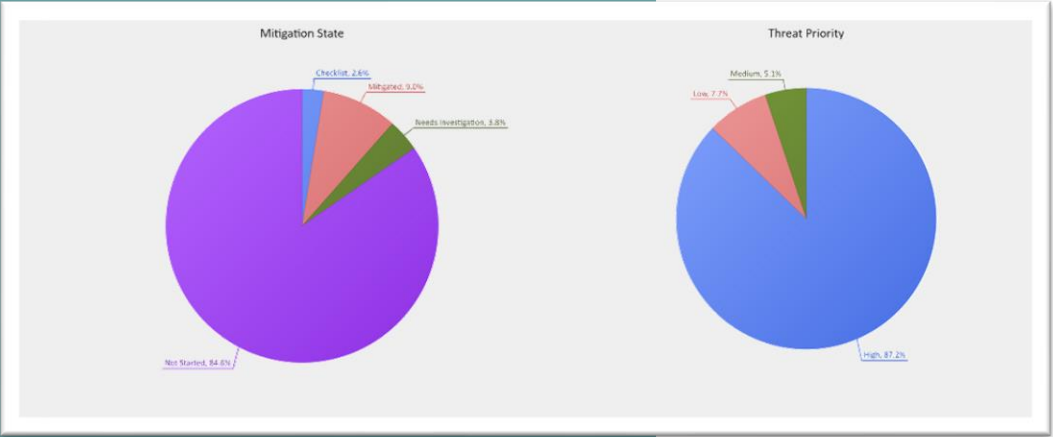


You can do this in EA ...

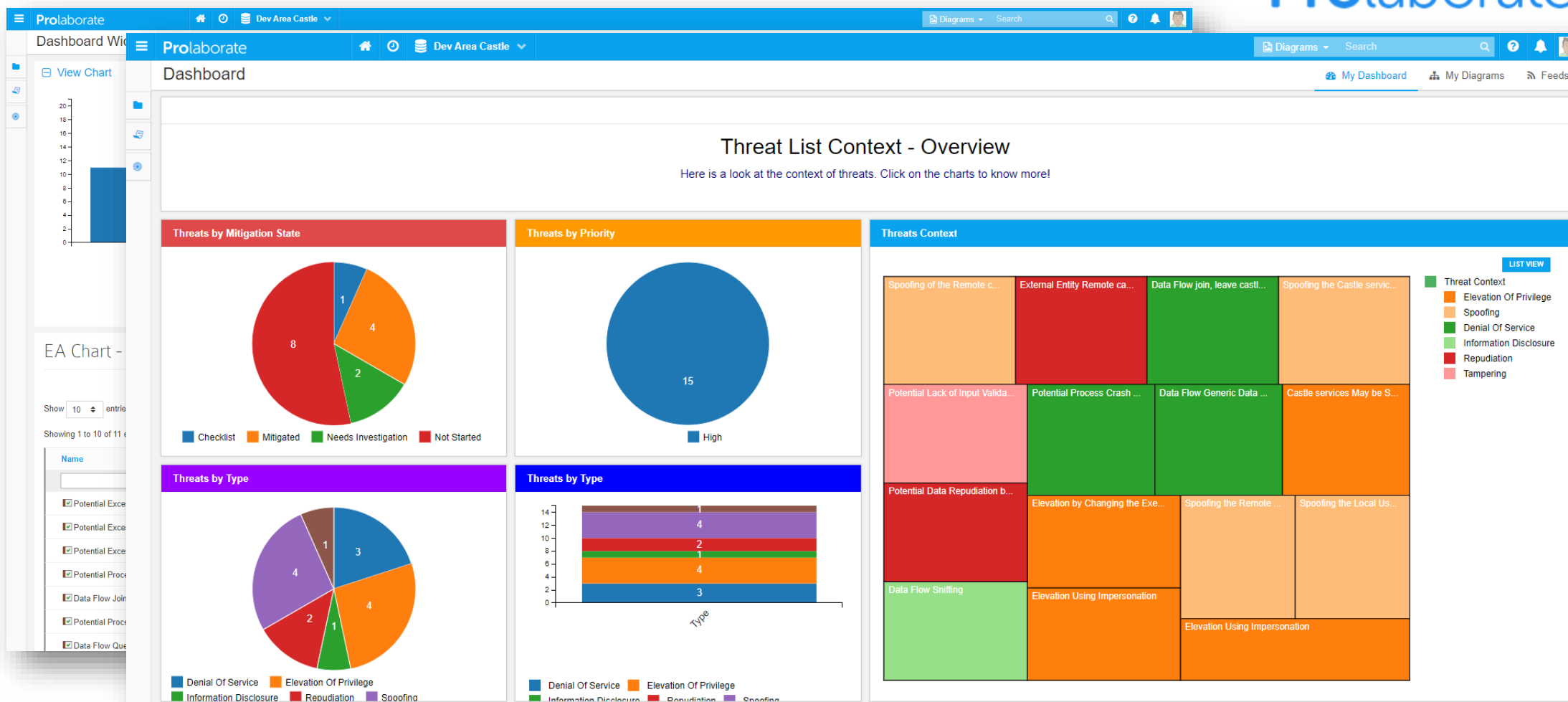
Threats overview



Mitigated Threats	
Name	value
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential Excessive Resource Consumption for Castle service or LSA	Mitigated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elevation Using Impersonation	Mitigated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential Process Crash or Stop for Remote Castle service	Mitigated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spoofing the Local User External Entity	Mitigated
Showing 1 - 4 of 7 items	



...or this in Prolaborate



DEMO



Follow up event:

June 15th



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for the new cyber security management system "ThreatGet". The eAward from report.at is one of the most important Austrian IT awards. It honors economical, user-friendly and innovative IT projects of Austrian companies.



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(October 2021 to March 2022): Cyber Security Management System "ThreatGet" from AIT Austrian Institute of Technology is a selected exhibition project in the Austria – Pavilion



Constantinus
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Winner "Digitalization" and "IoT" Category
ThreatGet: Cyber Security by Design, comprehensive consulting for IT professionals in security-critical technology architecture.





Is Cybersecurity Modelling the Silver Bullet?...

... no – but it is one more strong puzzle piece that could change the game

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Questions?

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