IBM Innovate 2011 "Look Ma, No Hands!" A Practical Guide to Automated Source Code Scanning

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Agenda

- A successful security initiative
- The security policy
- Is automation the answer for you
- Cost and coverage of automation
- Demo
- Q&A

Qualities of a Successful Application Security Program

- 1. There is a Marketing Plan (<u>Really</u>)
- 2. Security begins with an organization, not an application
- 3. Organizational structure is well understood
- 4. Initial projects are carefully chosen
 - Impact
 - Exposure
 - Acceptance
- 5. Outcomes are demonstrable
 - Justify focus
 - Refine budgets and timelines
 - Coalesce key metrics and reporting
- 6. Implementations focus on automation and integration
 - Decreases disruption to existing processes
 - Increases value and leverage of existing investments in personnel and systems
- 7. Processes are consistent and repeatable to scale









Prerequisite: Craft a Starter App Sec Policy and Plan

- You decide: what is and is not acceptable in your production applications
- Consider application security as a whole: policy, organization, tools, resources and related support and training
- Limit the scope of the initial implementation, but imagine and plan for the complete portfolio
- Build capabilities through a sequence of steps that build upon each other
- Help communicate realistic expectations about how and when business benefits accrue





Phase I: Walk Before Run

- Select 3 or 4 vulnerability types to identify and correct
- Criteria
 - Easy to find (easy to hack)
 - Easy to fix
 - Ensure remediation assistance fits organizational requirements
- Candidates
 - Cross Site Scripting
 - SQL Injection
 - Command Injection
 - Authentication/Password problems (e.g. hardcoded, weak, clear text)





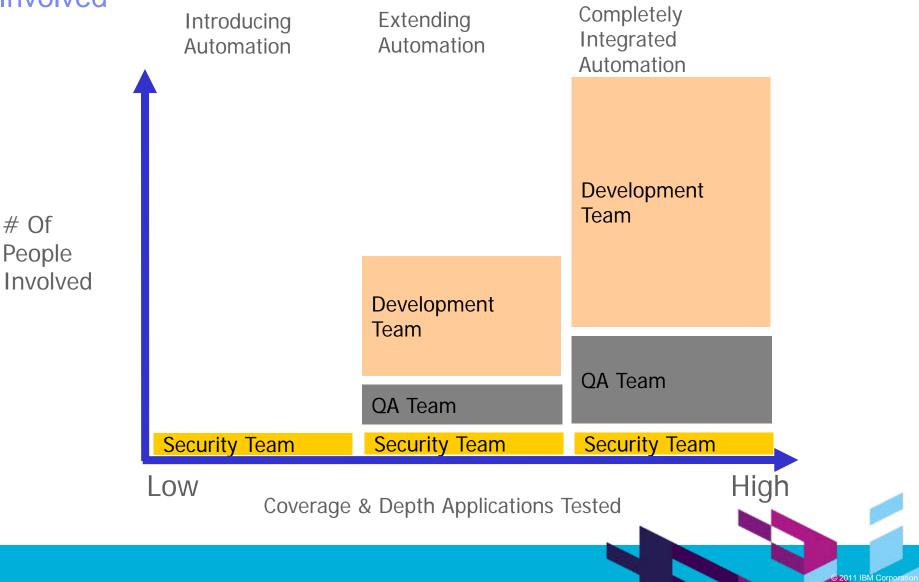
Phase II: Walk a Little Faster/Farther

- Once you're underway and (somewhat) comfortable, consider expanding to the OWASP Top Ten or the SANS 25
 - <u>OWASP</u>
 - <u>SANS 25</u>
- 2010 list includes
 - A1: Injection
 - A2: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
 - A3: Broken Authentication and Session Management
 - A4: Insecure Direct Object References
 - A5: Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
 - > A6: Security Misconfiguration
 - A7: Insecure Cryptographic Storage
 - A8: Failure to Restrict URL Access
 - > A9: Insufficient Transport Layer Protection
 - A10: Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards





Phase III: Scaling Testing / Gradually Getting More Resources Involved



The Current State of Scanning at Many Organizations

- High degree of domain expertise required by Security and Development
 - Developers vs. Security vs. Scanning Tools
 - Need all three to get the job done
 - Scan configuration language skill set for building
 - Deep product knowledge for triage workflow
 - Application security expertise to understand risk
- Poor data distribution and notification cycles
- Disruptive to development team
 - False positives creates low confidence in process
 - Integration of tools into development environment
- Roadblocks for the security team
 - Development environment is off limits to Security for build integration
 - Missing parts of the source code
 - Deep triage is too time consuming
- Bad assumptions and expectations
 - Identification of every security vulnerability





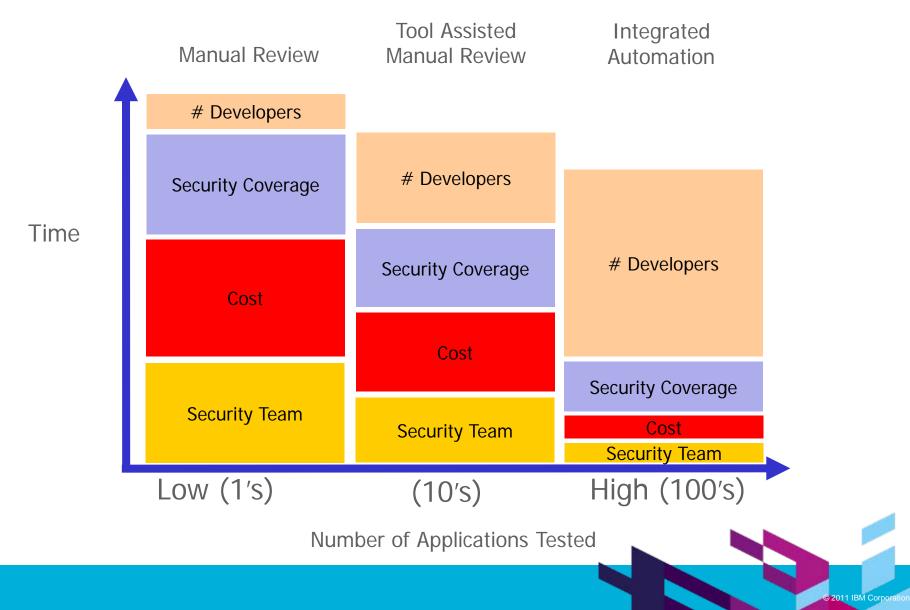
Goals of Automated Scanning

- Quick and easy configuration
- Scalable
- Produce high confidence results
- Provide automated notification of scan results to consumers
- Minimal disruptions for development and security
- Provide scan configuration confidence
- Ability to provide self service model





Manual Review vs Automation





Cost of Manual vs Automated Scanning

	Manual	Automated
Applications to assess	200	200
Dedicated security staff	2	1
Average application size	250 (KLoC)	250 (KLoC)
Average config & assessment time per application	40 (hours)	2 (hours)
Average remediation assessments per year	3	Unlimited
Average remediation assessment time per application	24 (hours)	0
Cost of security for 1 man year (fully loaded)	\$200,000	\$100,000
Total time for initial assessments	3.3 (years)	10 (weeks)
Total time for remediation assessments	3.5 (years)	0
Total LOE costs	\$2,680,000	\$19,230

Based on estimated labor costs only





What About Scanning on the Desktop?

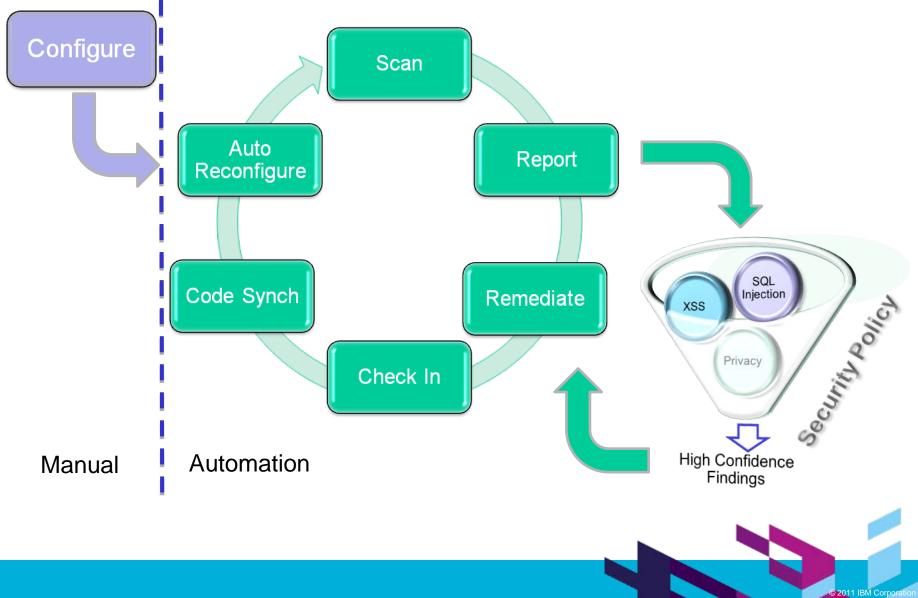
Assume 200 Applications

- Approximately 300 Developers
- > 20% are testing on any giving day. 60 developers per day run 1 scan
- Average scan time: 30 Minutes
- 30 hours per day of limited productivity while developers are scanning
- Often don't have ALL the pieces on the desktop
- Necessary in some environments
 - Should be incorporated into overall solution (champions)



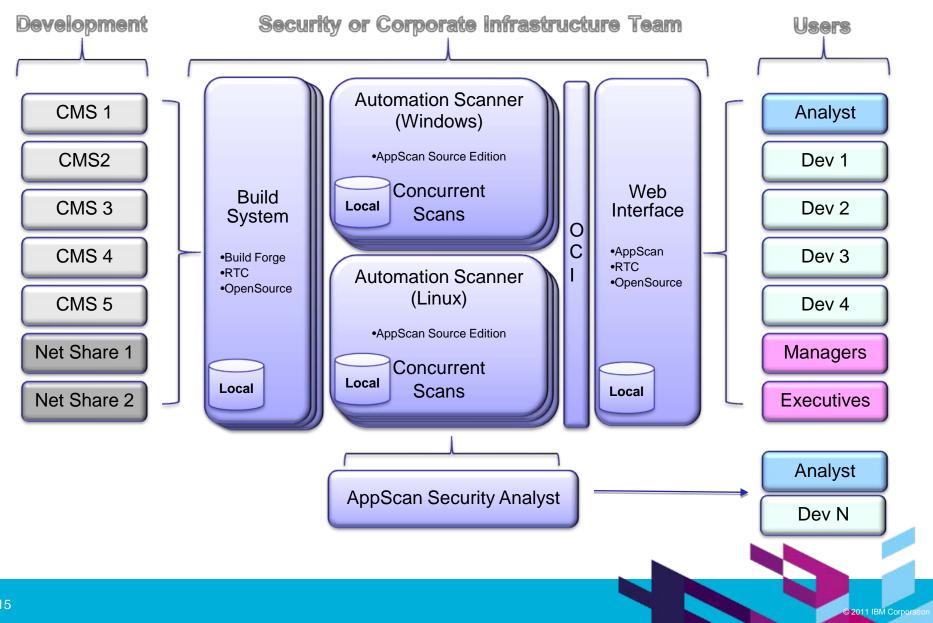


Repeatable "Low Touch" High Confidence Findings





Scalable Solution





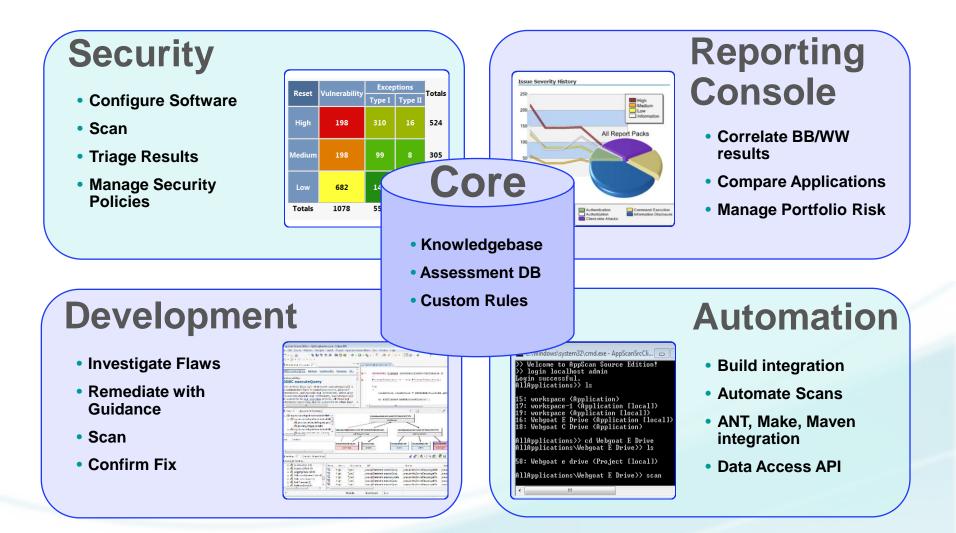
Automation Scanning Workflow

- Setup scan in build system
 - Assign repository
 - Assign notifications
 - Select filtering
- Configure application in AppScan Security client (if needed)
- Validate first scan (optional)
- Add scan to reporting console
- Assign rights to report data
- Press GO





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Broad Application Language Support

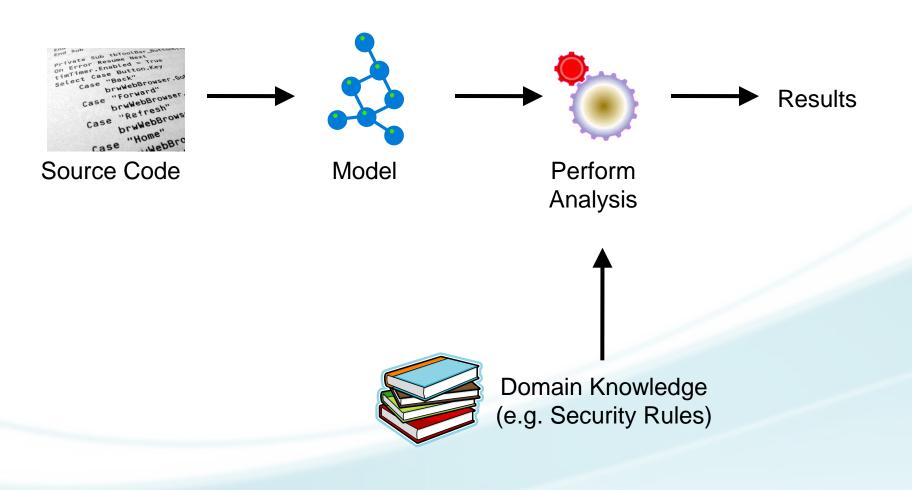
Out-of-the-Box

- Java
- JSP
- C
- C++
- .NET
 - C#
 - VB.NET
 - ASP.NET
- Classic ASP (VB6)
- COBOL
- PL/SQL
- T-SQL

- PHP
- HTML
- Perl
- ColdFusion
- Client-Side JavaScript
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- VBScript



Static Analysis



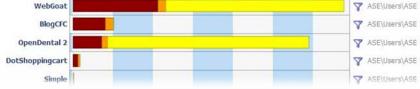
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Summary: Goals of Automated Scanning

- 2 hours per application for configuration
- High confidence reports
- Differential reporting
- Facilitate the distribution of scanning artifacts
- Automated notification of scan results to consumers
- Configuration confidence indicators for misconfigured scans
- Minimal disruptions for development and security
- Provide self serve scanning model





Benefits: Automated Scanning

- Scan large number of applications very quickly
- Scans initiated by schedule no remediation "costs"
- Non-intrusive, low maintenance
- Immediate notifications of security issues to development staff
- Easy access to high confidence assessment data for developers
- Catches critical issues early in SDLC
- Quickly raises the overall security state of the enterprise







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