Application Vulnerability Management

- Application security teams uses automated static and dynamic test results as well as manual testing results to assess the security of an application
- Each test delivers results in different formats
- Different test platforms describe same flaws differently, creating duplicates
- Security teams end up using spreadsheets to keep track manually
- It is extremely difficult to prioritize the severity of flaws as a result
- Software development teams receive unmanageable reports and only a small portion of the flaws get fixed



The Result

- Application vulnerabilities persist in applications:
 - **Average serious vulnerabilities found per website per year is 79
 - **Average days website exposed to one serious vulnerability is 231 days
 - **Overall percentage of serious vulnerabilities that are fixed annually is only 63%
- Part of that problem is there is no easy way for the security team and application development teams to work together on these issues
- Remediation quickly becomes an overwhelming project
- Trending reports that track the number of reduced vulnerabilities are impossible to create

**WhiteHat Statistics Report (Summer 2012): https://www.whitehatsec.com/assets/WPstats summer12 12th.pdf



Vulnerability Fun Facts:

Industry	Annual Avg. Vulnerabilities	Avg. Time- to-Fix (Days)	Average Remediation	Window of Exposure (Days)
ALL	79	38	63%	231
Banking	17	45	74%	185
Education	53	30	46%	261
Financial Services	67	80	63%	227
Healthcare	48	35	63%	239
Insurance	92	40	58%	211
IT	85	35	57 %	208
Manufacturing	30	17	50%	252
Retail	121	27	66%	238
Social Networking	31	41	62%	264
Telecom	52	50	69%	271
Non-Profit	37	94	56%	320
Energy	31	4	40%	250

- Average number of serious vulnerabilities found per website per year is 79 **
- Serious Vulnerabilities were fixed in ~38 days **
- Percentage of serious vulnerabilities fixed annually is only 63% **
- Average number of days a website is exposed, at least one serious vulnerability ~231 days

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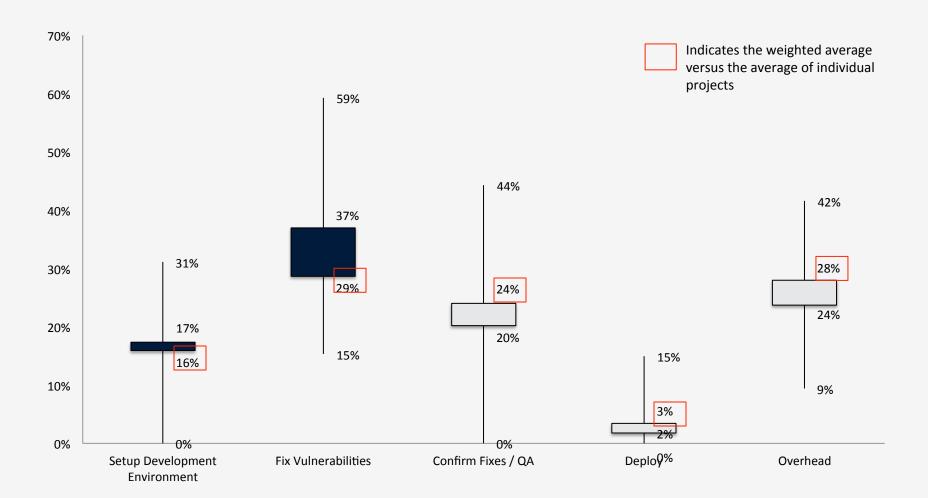


Vulnerability Remediation Data

Vulnerability Type	Sample Count	Average Fix (minutes)
Dead Code (unused methods)	465	2.6
Poor logging: system output stream	83	2.9
Poor Error Handling: Empty catch block	180	6.8
Lack of Authorization check	61	6.9
Unsafe threading	301	8.5
ASP.NET non-serializable object in session	42	9.3
XSS (stored)	1023	9.6
Null Dereference	157	10.2
Missing Null Check	46	15.7
XSS (reflected)	25	16.2
Redundant null check	21	17.1
SQL injection	30	97.5



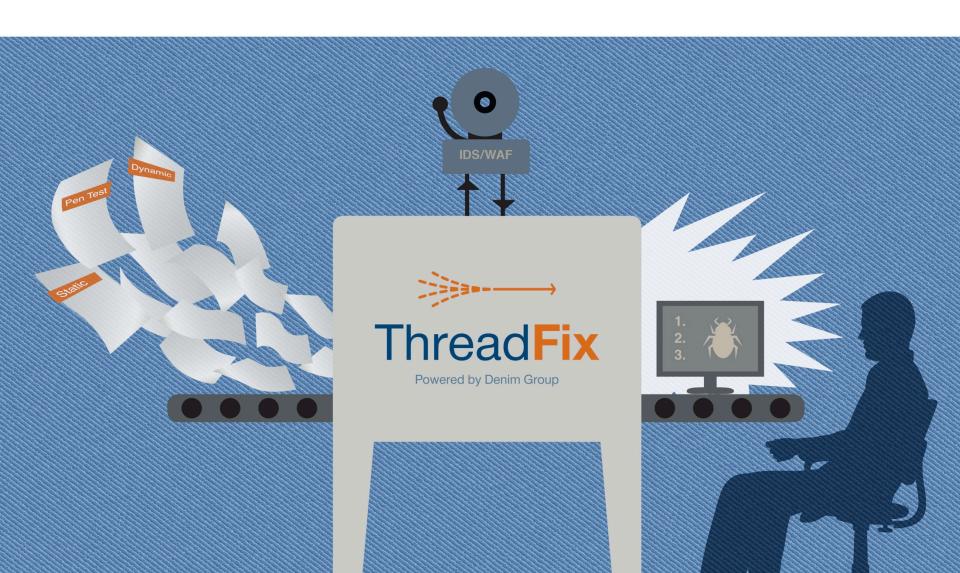
Where Is Time Being Spent?







ThreadFix is a software vulnerability aggregation and management system that helps organizations aggregate vulnerability data, generate virtual patches, and interact with software defect tracking systems.





Open source vulnerability management and aggregation platform:

- Allows software security teams to reduce the time to remediate software vulnerabilities
- Enables managers to speak intelligently about the status / trends of software security within their organization.

Features/Benefits:

- Imports dynamic, static and manual testing results into a centralized platform
- Removes duplicate findings across testing platforms to provide a prioritized list of security faults
- Eases communication across development, security and QA teams
- Exports prioritized list into defect tracker of choice to streamline software remediation efforts
- Auto generates web application firewall rules to protect data during vulnerability remediation
- Empowers managers with vulnerability trending reports to pinpoint issues and illustrate application security progress
- Benchmark security practice improvement against industry standards
- Freely available under the Mozilla Public License (MPL) 2.0
- Download available at: www.denimgroup.com/threadfix



List of Supported Tools / Technologies:

Dynamic Scanners

Acunetix
Arachni
Burp Suite
HP WebInspect
IBM Security AppScan Standard
IBM Security AppScan Enterprise
Mavituna Security Netsparker
NTO Spider
OWASP Zed Attack Proxy
Tenable Nessus
Skipfish
w3aF

Static Scanners

FindBugs
IBM Security AppScan Source
HP Fortify SCA
Microsoft CAT.NET
Brakeman

SaaS Testing Platforms

WhiteHat Veracode QualysGuard WAS

IDS/IPS and WAF

DenyAll
F5
Imperva
Mod_Security
Snort



Defect Trackers

Atlassian JIRA Microsoft Team Foundation Server Mozilla Bugzilla

Known Vulnerable Component Scanner

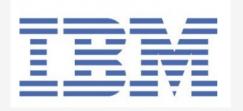
Dependency Check



Large Range of Tool Compatibility

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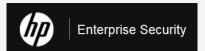


















What is a Unique Vulnerability?

- (CWE, Relative URL)
 - Predictable resource location
 - Directory listing misconfiguration
- (CWE, Relative URL, Injection Point)
 - SQL injection
 - Cross-site Scripting (XSS)
- Injection points
 - Parameters GET/POST
 - Cookies
 - Other headers



Why Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE)?

- Every tool has their own "spin" on naming vulnerabilities
- OWASP Top 10 / WASC 24 are helpful but not comprehensive
- CWE is exhaustive (though a bit sprawling at times)
- Reasonably well-adopted standard
- Many tools have mappings to CWE for their results
- Main site: http://cwe.mitre.org/



What Can We Do With ThreadFix?

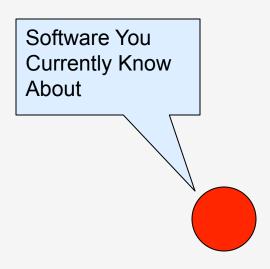
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- Prioritize application risk decisions based on data
- Translate vulnerabilities to developers in the tools they are already using





Create a consolidated view of your applications and vulnerabilities





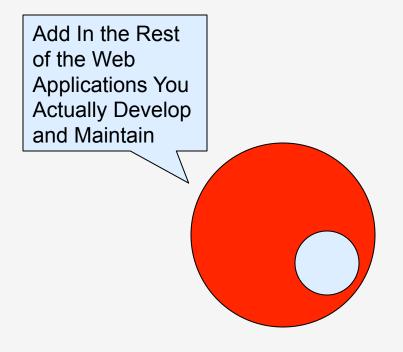
What?

- Critical legacy systems
- Notable web applications

Why?

- Lots of value flows through it
- Auditors hassle you about it
- Formal SLAs with customers mention it
- Bad guys found it and caused an incident (oops)





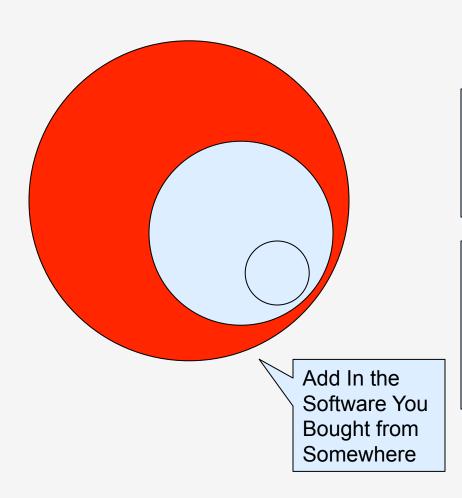
What?

- Line of business applications
- Event-specific applications

Why Did You Miss Them?

- Forgot it was there
- Line of business procured through nonstandard channels
- Picked it up through a merger / acquisition





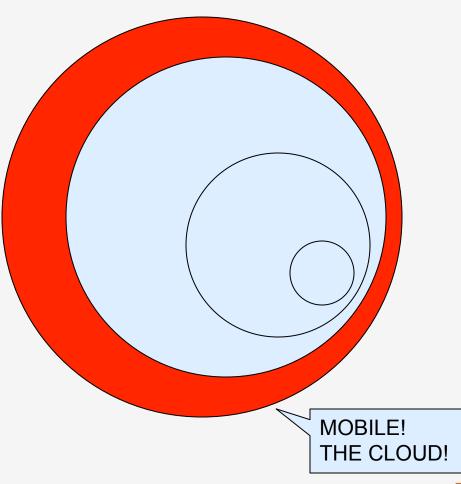
What?

- More line of business applications
- Support applications
- Infrastructure applications

Why Did You Miss Them?

- Most scanner only really work on web applications so no vendors pester you about your non-web applications
- Assume the application vendor is handling security





What?

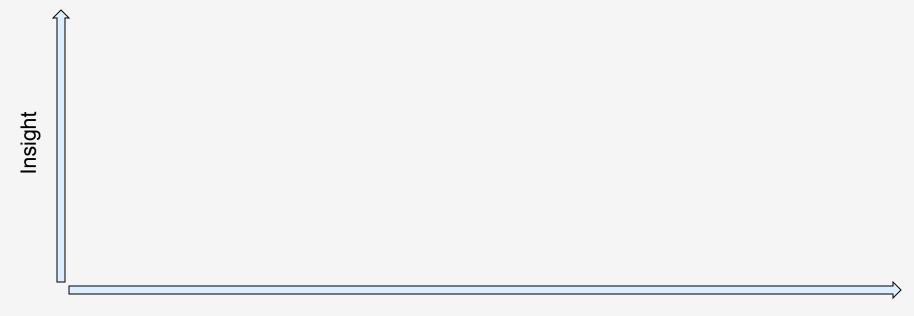
- Support for line of business functions
- Marketing and promotion

Why Did You Miss Them?

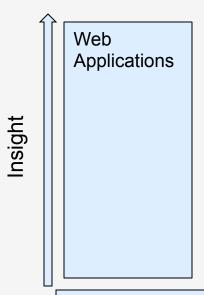
 Any jerk with a credit card and the ability to submit an expense report is now runs their own private procurement office



- Two Dimensions:
 - Perception of Software Attack Surface
 - Insight into Exposed Assets



 As perception of the problem of attack surface widens the scope of the problem increases





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Web Applications Client-Server Applications

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Insight

Web Applications	Client-Server Applications	Desktop Applications	Cloud Applications and Services



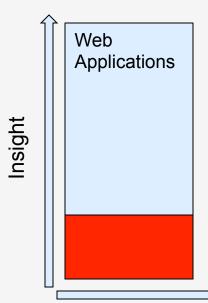
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Insight

Web Applications	Client-Server Applications	Desktop Applications	Cloud Applications and Services	Mobile Applications
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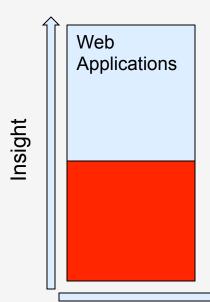


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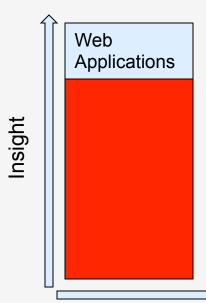


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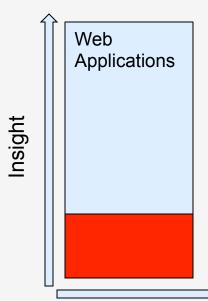


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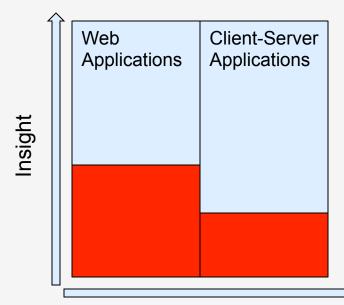


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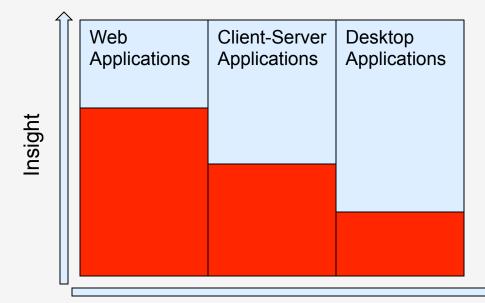


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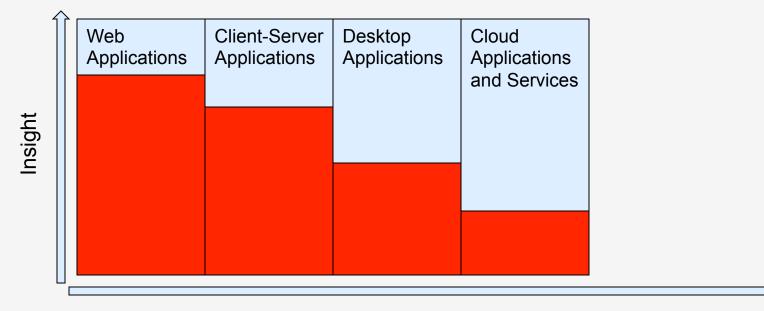


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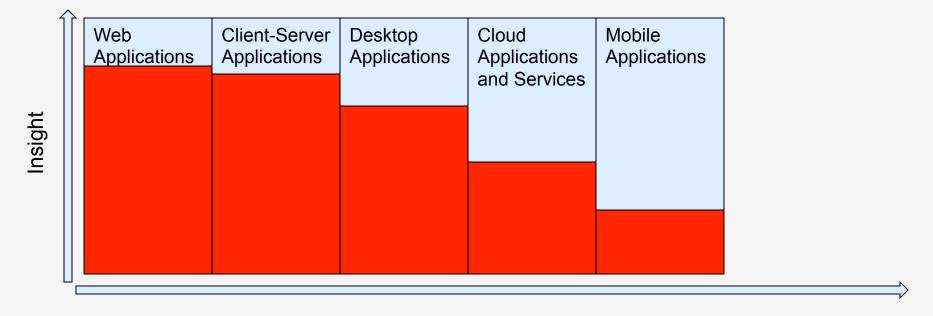


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Over time you end up with a progression



- When you reach this point it is called "enlightenment"
- You won't reach this point

Web Applications Client-Server Applications Desktop Applications and Services Mobile Applications

Insight



Value and Risk Are Not Equally Distributed

- Some Applications Matter More Than Others
 - Value and character of data being managed
 - Value of the transactions being processed
 - Cost of downtime and breaches
- Therefore All Applications Should Not Be Treated the Same
 - Allocate different levels of resources to assurance
 - Select different assurance activities
 - Also must often address compliance and regulatory requirements



Do Not Treat All Applications the Same

- Allocate Different Levels of Resources to Assurance
- Select Different Assurance Activities
- Also Must Often Address Compliance and Regulatory Requirements

What Goes Into An Application Test?

An Application Test



What Goes Into An Application Test?

Dynamic Analysis

Static Analysis



Automated Application Scanning

Manual Application Testing

Static Analysis



Automated Application Scanning

Automated Static Analysis

Manual Application Testing Manual Static Analysis



Unauthenticated Automated Scan

Authenticated Automated Scan Automated Static Analysis

Blind Penetration Testing Informed Manual Testing Manual Static Analysis



Unauthenticated Automated Scan

Authenticated Automated Scan

Manual Testing

Informed

Automated Source Code Scanning Automated Binary Analysis

Manual Binary Analysis

Blind Penetration Testing

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Source

Manual

Code Review

How To Allocate Scarce Resources?

- What Do You HAVE To Do?
 - What discretion do you have within these constraints?
- What Is Left Over?
- Strategies
 - Breadth-first
 - Depth-first
 - Hybrid



Breadth-First

- Do Base-level Security Testing of Everything
 - Well, everything you can find
 - And everything you test with automation
- Automation is key
- Understand the limitations
 - Some applications cannot be effectively scanned
 - Often scans are unauthenticated
 - Whole classes of vulnerabilities are out of testing scope



Depth-First

- Do Deeper Testing of Critical Applications
- Typically Combination of Automation and Manual Testing
- Understand the Limitations
 - · Some applications remain unexamined
 - And breaches to those applications put shared resources and infrastructure at risk



Hybrid

- Combination of Automation and Manual Testing Across Portfolio
- This is where most organizations end up
 - Often because regulatory and compliance mandates
- Know Your Gaps

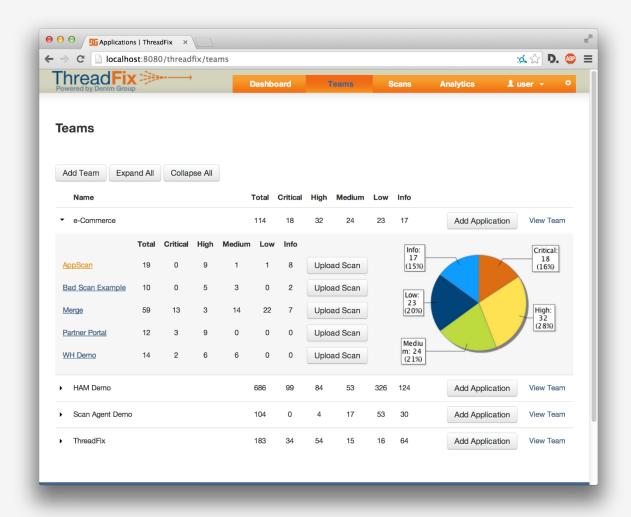


Application Portfolio Tracking

- Track multiple "Teams"
 - Arbitrary distinction geography, line of business, common tools and practices
- Track multiple "Applications" per "Team"
 - Unit of scanning or testing
- Track Application metadata
 - Criticality, hosted URL, source code location
- Reporting can be done at the organization, Team or Application level



Demo: Application Portfolio Tracking





Fill ThreadFix Up With Vulnerability Data

- Manual file upload
- REST API
 - https://github.com/denimgroup/threadfix/wiki/Threadfix-REST-Interface
- Command Line Interface (CLI)
 - https://github.com/denimgroup/threadfix/wiki/Command-Line-Interface
 - JAR can also be used as a Java REST client library
- Jenkins plugin
 - Contributed from the ThreadFix community (yeah!)
 - https://github.com/automationdomination/threadfix-plugin

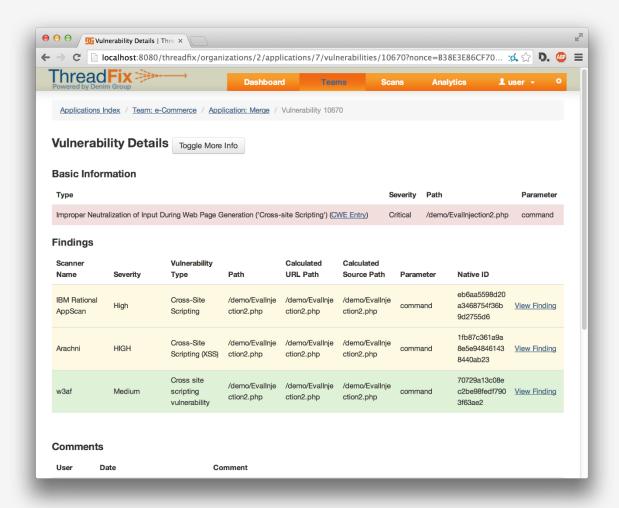


What Does ThreadFix Do With Scan Results

- Diff against previous scans with same technology
 - What vulnerabilities are new?
 - What vulnerabilities went away?
 - What vulnerabilities resurfaced?
- Findings marked as false positive are remembered across scans
 - Hopefully saving analyst time
- Normalize and merge with other scanners' findings
 - SAST to SAST
 - DAST to DAST
 - SAST to DAST via Hybrid Analysis Mapping (HAM)



Demo: Vulnerability Merge





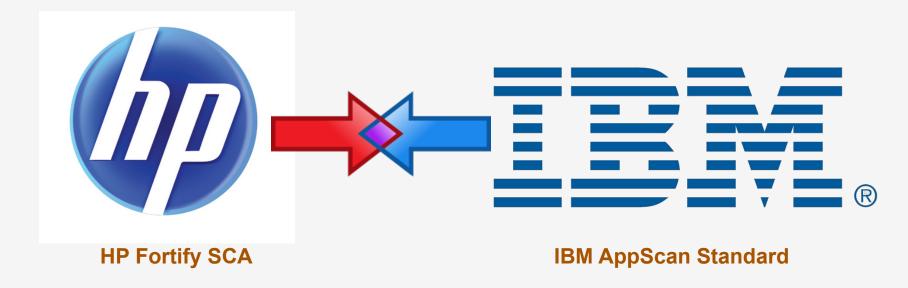
Hybrid Analysis Mapping (HAM)

- Initial research funded by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate via a Phase 1 and (now) Phase 2 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) contract
 - Acronyms!
- Initial goal: SAST to DAST merging
- Results: That, plus other stuff



Hybrid Analysis Mapping – Phase 1 Goal

 Determine the feasibility of developing a system that can reliably and efficiently correlate and merge the results of automated static and dynamic security scans of web applications.



Dynamic Application Security Testing

- Spider to enumerate attack surface
- Fuzz to identify vulnerabilities based on analysis of request/ response patterns



Static Application Security Testing

- Use source or binary to create a model of the application
 - Kind of like a compiler or VM
- Perform analysis to identify vulnerabilities and weaknesses
 - Data flow, control flow, semantic, etc

```
String username = request.getParameter("username");
String sql = "SELECT * FROM User WHERE username = '" + username + "'";
Statement stmt;
stmt = con.createStatement();
stmt.execute(sql);
```

Hybrid Analysis Mapping – Phase 1 Sub-Goals

- Standardize vulnerability types
- Match dynamic and static locations
- Improve static parameter parsing



Hybrid Analysis Mapping Phase 1 - Technical Objectives

- Technical Objective 1: Create common data structure standards for both automated static and dynamic security scanning results.
 - Task 1: Create a Data Structure for Automated Dynamic Security Scanning Results
 - Task 2: Create a Data Structure for Automated Static Security Scanning Results
- Technical Objective 2: Research and prototype methods of mapping the results of automated static and dynamic security scanning.
 - Task 1: Create a Structured Model for Hybrid Analysis Mapping
 - Task 2: Investigate Approaches for Vulnerability Type Mapping
 - Task 3: Investigate Approaches for Mapping Source Code Files to URLs
 - Task 4: Investigate Approaches for Determining Injection Points



Information Used

- Source Code (Git URL)
- Framework Type (JSP, Spring)
- Extra information from Fortify (if available)



Vulnerability Types

- Successful CWE standardization
- Investigation into trees and Software Fault Patterns
 - Meant to correct for human errors
 - Hard to do in an automated fashion



Unified Endpoint Database (Static and Dynamic)

EndpointQuery

- dynamicPath
- staticPath
- Parameter
- httpMethod
- codePoints [List<CodePoint>]
- informationSourceType

EndpointDatabase

- findBestMatch(EndpointQuery query): Endpoint
- findAllMatches(EndpointQuery query): Set<Endpoint>
- getFrameworkType(): FrameworkType



Parsing Attack Surface Locations

JSP: Start with root JSP folder

Spring: Parse @Controller classes

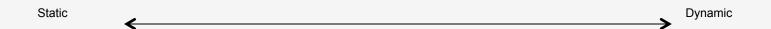


Parsing Parameters

- JSP: Look for request.getParameter() calls
 - Coupled with lightweight dataflow analysis
- Spring: Parse @RequestParam, @PathVariable, @Entity annotations



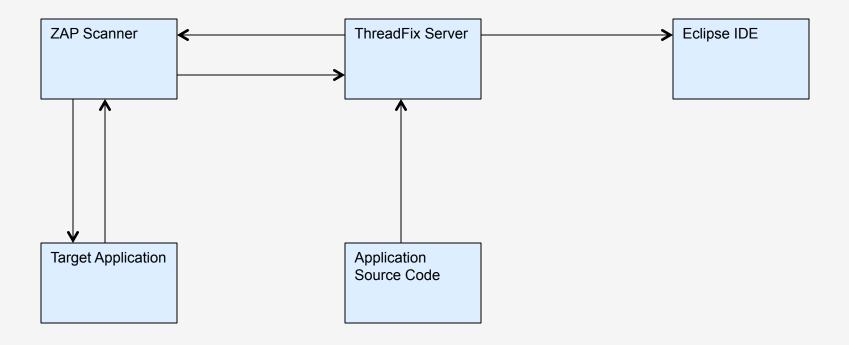
HAM Bridge



- EndpointDatabase enables more than merging
- Scanner integration allows smarter scanning
- IDE plugin shows all vulnerabilities inline

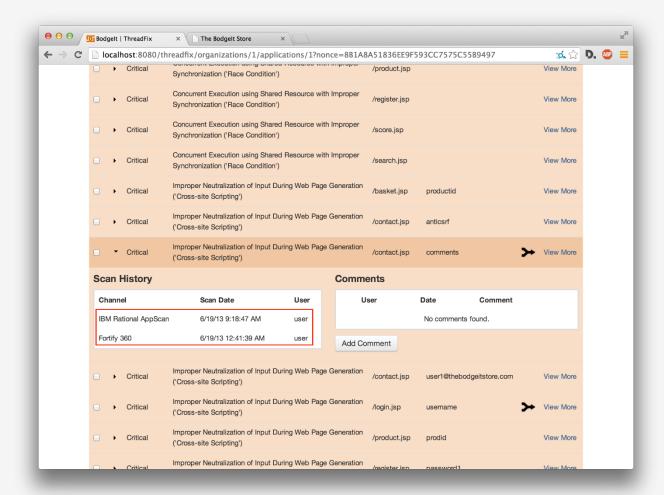


System Structure



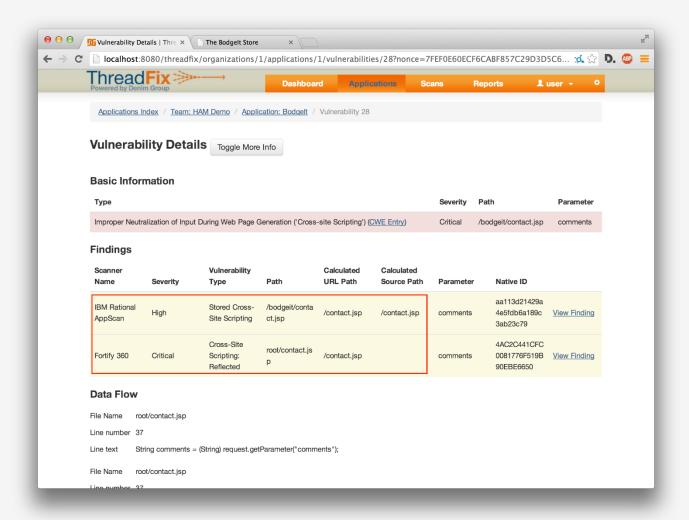


Demo: Merging Static and Dynamic Scanner Results





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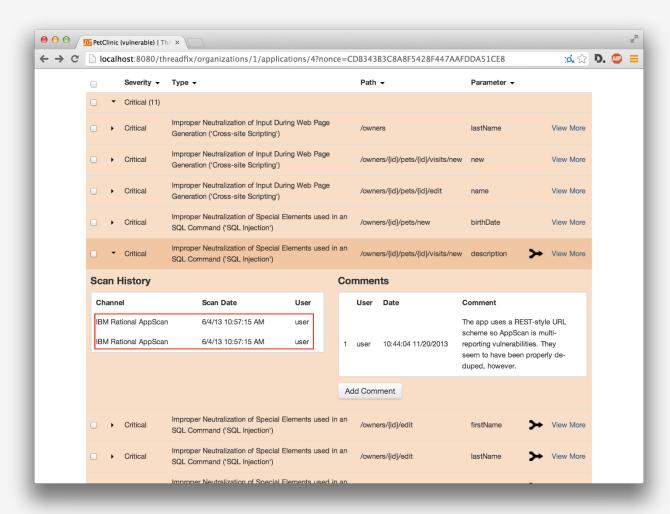
Merging Static and Dynamic Results Is Cool...

...But I want more

- Problem: Many DAST scanners handle applications with RESTful URLs poorly
- Problem: Many applications have "hidden" landing pages and parameters that will not be found by standard crawling
- Problem: DAST scanner results can be hard for developers to act on
- What else can we do with this attack surface model / database?
 - Clean up scanner results
 - Enumerate application attack surface
 - Map dynamic results to specific lines of code

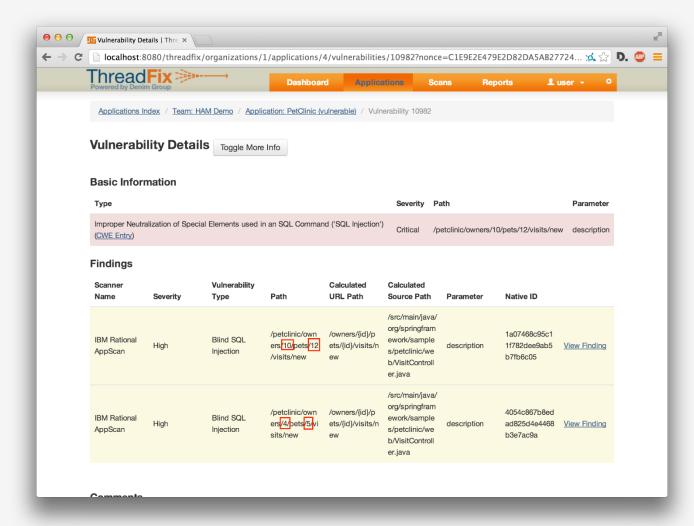


Demo: De-Duplicate Dynamic RESTful Scanner Results





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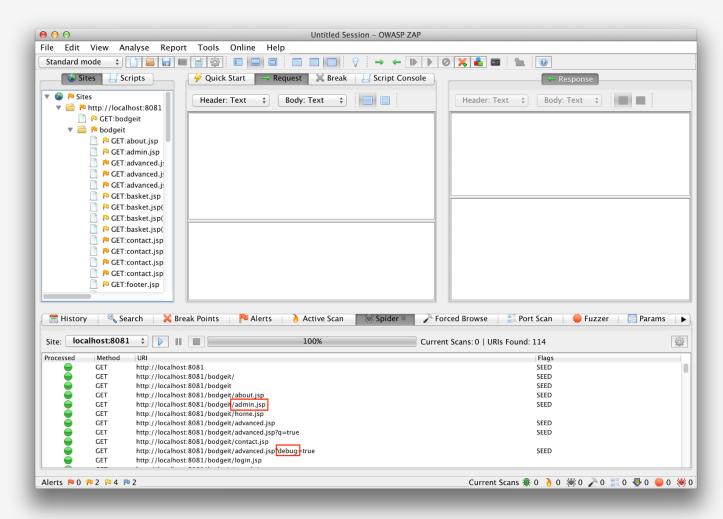


Demo: Application Attack Surface (CLI)

```
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Dans-MacBook-Pro:ham dcornell$ java -jar endpoints-experimental-20131106.jar ~/git/bodgeit/root/
INFO [main] MergeConfigurationGenerator.getDatabase(20) | Attempting to calculate framework type based on project contents.
INFO [main] MergeConfigurationGenerator.getType(16) | Attempting to guess Framework Type from source tree.
INFO [main] MergeConfigurationGenerator.getType(17) | File: /Users/dcornell/git/bodgeit/root
INFO [main] ServletMappings.guessApplicationType(175) | About to guess application type from web.xml.
INFO [main] ServletMappings guessApplicationType(217) Determined that the framework type was JSP
INFO [main] MergeConfigurationGenerator.getType(34) | Source tree framework type detection returned: JSP
INFO [main] MergeConfigurationGenerator.getDatabase(24) | Calculated framework : JSP.
INFO [main] GeneratorBasedEndpointDatabase.<init>(54) | Using generic EndpointGenerator-based translator.
INFO [main] GeneratorBasedEndpointDatabase.buildMappings(69) | Building mappings.
INFO [main] GeneratorBasedEndpointDatabase.buildMappings(82) | Done building mappings. Static keys: 0, dynamic keys: 16
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Demo: Seed Scanner with Attack Surface



Prioritize application risk decisions based on data

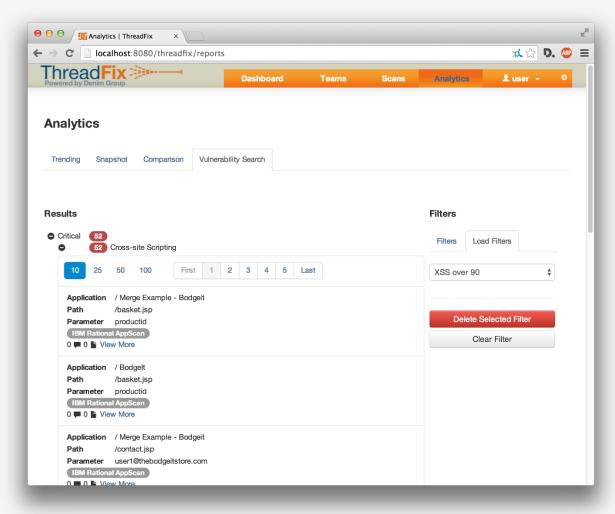


Vulnerability Filtering

- Filter vulnerability data
 - Scanner, scanner count
 - Vulnerability type
 - Path, parameter
 - Severity
 - Status
 - Aging
- Save filters for future use



Demo: Vulnerability Filtering



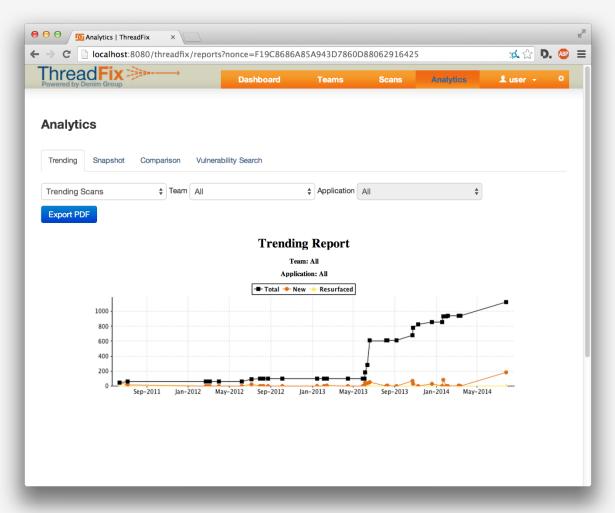


Reporting

- Trending
- Progress by Vulnerability
 - For program benchmarking
- Portfolio Report
 - For resource prioritization
- Comparison
 - For scanner/technology benchmarking



Demo: Reporting



Translate vulnerabilities to developers in the tools they are already using



Mapping Vulnerabilities to Defects

- 1:1 mapping is (usually) a horrible idea
 - 500 XSS turned into 500 defects?
 - If it takes longer to administer the bug than it does to fix the code...
- Cluster like vulnerabilities
 - Using the same libraries / functions
 - Cut-and-paste remediation code
 - Be careful about context-specific encoding
- Combine by severity
 - Especially if they are cause for an out-of-cycle release
- Which developer "owns" the code?

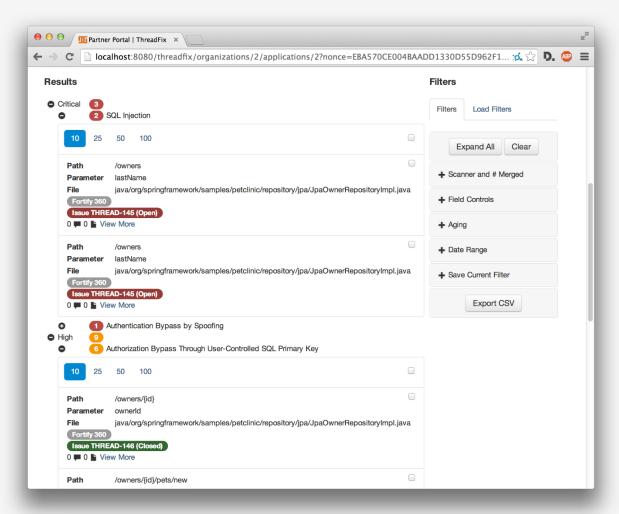


Defect Tracker Integration

- Bundle multiple vulnerabilities into a defect
 - Using standard filtering criteria
- ThreadFix periodically updates defect status from the tracker



Demo: Defect Tracker Integration



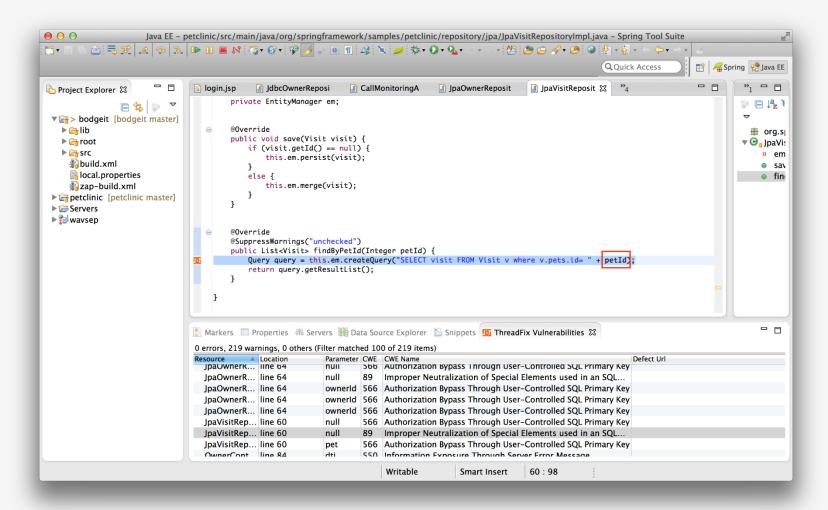


IDE Plug Ins

- Import vulnerability data to integrated development environments (IDEs)
- Static (SAST) scanners
 - Easy
- Dynamic (DAST) scanners
 - Possible using Hybrid Analysis Mapping (HAM)



Map Dynamic Scan Results to LoC in IDE



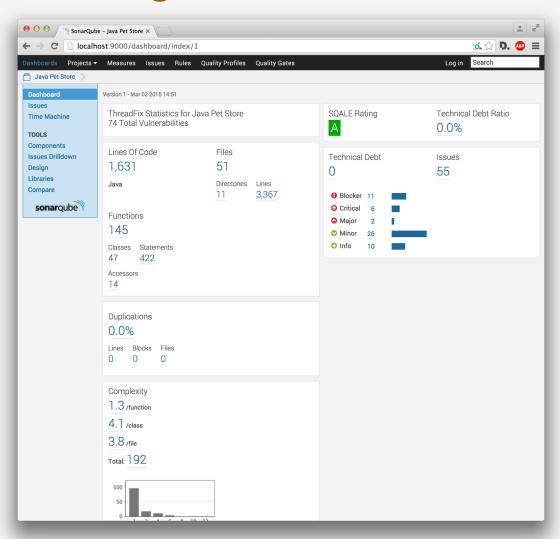


SonarQube Integration

- Pull security vulnerabilities into the backlog that is getting tracked on SonarQube
- Can be done either via the ThreadFix server or by analyzing local files
- This is essentially a universal security tool plugin for SonarQube



SonarQube Integration





Important Links

- Main ThreadFix website: www.threadfix.org
 - General information, downloads
- ThreadFix GitHub site: <u>www.github.com/denimgroup/threadfix</u>
 - Code, issue tracking
- ThreadFix GitHub wiki: https://github.com/denimgroup/threadfix/wiki
 - Project documentation
- ThreadFix Google Group: https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/threadfix
 - Community support, general discussion



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