State of Application Security Operations 2022

How industry leaders ship secure software and ship it fast

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Over 500 Respondents so far ...

65% Security Team, 35% Development Team
59% Leaders, 41% Practitioners

Where are you currently working?

North America
Latin America
Asia Pacific
Europe, Middle East, Africa

How would you rate the maturity of your application security program?

Advanced
Mature
Somewhat mature
Just starting
>42% of Respondents have

“Unmanaged risk in the portfolio”
How often do critical or high severity vulnerabilities make their way into production?

What does a Leader look like?

- Never release a Critical
- Never/Rarely release a High

Only 7.6% of Respondents
>63% of Respondents agree

“Shipping fast takes priority over shipping secure.”
How fast do we release? How fast do we remediate?

What is the typical frequency of your organization’s software releases?

The Leaders:
• Never release more often than “Weekly”
• Most common is “Every two weeks”

What is your typical remediation time? (Critical)

What is your typical remediation time? (High)
“AppSec tools embedded into the DevOps pipeline” is the #1 AppSec initiative
What are the techniques needed?

The Leaders ...

- SAST, DAST, and Penetration Testing are core capabilities
- >80% also leverage SCA, Cloud, Container, Infrastructure security tools
What are the tools used?

What is your approach to AppSec tool selection?

- **Open Source first / we prefer to build vs buy**
- **Best of breed vendor selection / different vendors for different tools**
- **Portfolio preference / single vendor with multiple tools**

The Leaders ...

- >75% take "Best of Breed" approach
>86% of Respondents agree

“Security tools are interchangeable; it is the process that is most important.”
What initiatives are part of your AppSec program?

The Leaders ...
1. AppSec tools embedded into DevOps
2. Code review of all committed code before release
3. Secure by design practices
>40% of Respondents leverage “Security Champions”
How are AppSec programs structured and budgeted?

**Size of AppSec Team**
(Dev:AppSec ratio)
- Average: 90:1
- Max: 500:1
- Leaders: 50:1

**Budget (tools, training, AppSec engineers)**
($ / Developer)
- Average: $7000
- Most common: $5000
- Leaders: $3500

How do you expect your application security budget to change over the next 12 months?
“Hiring qualified application security engineers” is the #1 challenge for building a successful AppSec program
What about the next 12 months?

What is your biggest fear for the coming 12 months?

![Pie chart showing the biggest fears for the coming 12 months]

The top 3 challenges for a successful AppSec program?
1. Hiring qualified AppSec engineers
2. Disconnected systems and processes
3. Poor collaboration between teams

Focus on over the next 12 months
1. Automation of critical AppSec workflows
2. Visibility of application security posture
3. Collaboration between Security and Development teams
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