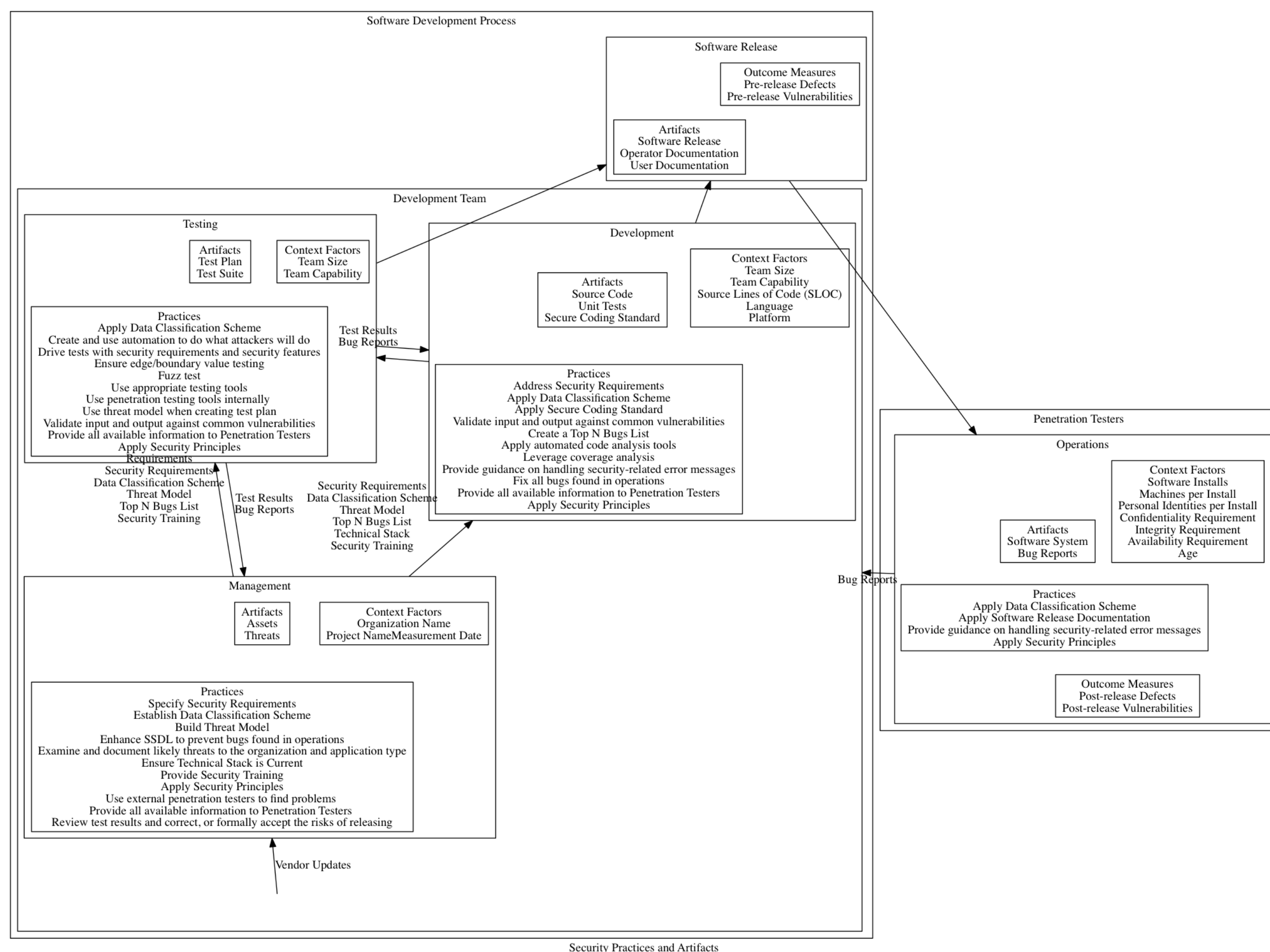




Building a Security Practices Evaluation Framework

Patrick Morrison, Laurie Williams
 Department of Computer Science
 North Carolina State University

pjmorris@ncsu.edu, williams@csc.ncsu.edu



Practice Adherence Metrics

- Practice
 - Usage - How often is this practice applied?
 - Ease of Use - How easy is this practice to use?
 - Utility - How much does this practice assist in providing security?
 - Training – Has the practice been taught?
- Artifact
 - Channel – How is this artifact delivered?
 - Source – Who created this artifact?
 - Type – How rigorous is this artifact?
 - Assurance – How is this artifact's use checked?
 - Revision – How often is this artifact revised?

Impact

- The Security Practices Evaluation Framework (SP-EF) supports empirical measurement of software development security practices and their effect on security outcomes.
- Teams can use the collected data to drive practice selection, prediction, and process improvement.
- SP-EF based replication and accumulation of data across projects and environments supports cross-project validation.

Schedule

- Now: Two case studies of open source projects are being conducted using the SP-EF data elements and guidebook.
- The year to come: Conduct studies in industrial environments, validate model, iterate over framework based on data collected. We have begun discussions with industrial partners.



<http://hot-sos.org/>

The Science of Security initiative is funded by the National Security Agency.