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Designed-in Security: Needs, successes, prospects

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Transition-driven technical challenges

- Interplay of development and evidence production
 - A harmonized practice for development and evaluation teams
- Metrics
 - Towards ROI models for assurance-related investment
- Recertification
 - Necessary for SAAS and agile/IID
- Configurations and product families
 - Evidence of need: massive #ifdef combinatorics
- Component-based systems
 - Composition with a wide range of trust attack surface is within
- Framework configurations
 - More than mobile



Patterns of transition success



Ex. 1: Microsoft





Ex. 2: Secure coding



Ex. 3: DSLs



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Patterns

- Structure
 - Support composability
 - Use cutpoints and specifications
- Models and analysis
 - Acknowledge attribute specificity
 - Employ diverse analytics: MC, SwA, TP, verification, etc.
- Tooling and practice
 - Integrate with widely used IDEs and team tools
 - Provide ongoing traceability support
 - Guide developers to errors; guide them to the fixes
 - Support proof management and truth maintenance (examples)
 - Deliver useful metrics of progress
- Adoptability and business case
 - Hide the cool math focus on usability for developers/evaluators
 - Offer heuristic assist
 - Deliver early and ongoing gratification for verification effort
 - Manifest ROI models for each of developers, teams, enterprise

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Interplay of development and assurance

- Code, models, proof structures
- Process and practice in development

Influence of success on devt infrastructure

- Types, storage, encap, parallelism, ...

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Relevant material from the NRC Critical Code report

- 1. **Practice** Enhance mission capability, agility, assurance, linking
 - Enable incremental iterative development at arm's length
 - Process and measurement rethinking the practice
 - Enable architecture leadership, interlinking, flexibility
 - Architecture "architecture ≈ strategy"
 - Enable mission assurance at scale, with rich supply chains
 - Assurance and security evidence-based and preventive
- 2. **Research** *Promote game-changers*
 - Architecture modeling and architectural analysis
 - Validation, verification, and analysis of design and code
 - Process support and economic models for assurance
 - Requirements
 - Language, modeling, code, and tools
 - Cyber-physical systems
 - Human-system interaction

Challenge issues

- Technology leadership focal point
- Smart customer: inside expertise
- Accelerate the pipeline
- 3. Leadership Never relinquish the innovation lead
 - Recognize the unboundedness of software
 - Stay ahead in assurance (cf. DSB'07)
 - Sustain innovation and ecosystem lead



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Adopt a strategic approach to software assurance

- Current technical approaches to software assurance are inadequate.
 - Assurance
 - A human judgment regarding reliability, safety, security, etc.
 - Current technical approaches need to be augmented
 - Costs range from 30-50% for typical major projects
 - Testing and inspection techniques are inadequate for modern software devt

Assurance conclusions are difficult to draw.

- Not analogous to reliability models for physical systems
- Cannot be achieved entirely through *post hoc* acceptance evaluation
 - Quality and security are built in, not "tested in"

"Foreign influence" on software – DSB 2007

- Provenance is a poor surrogate for direct evaluation
- We need to be better at understanding our own code

RECOMMENDATION: DoD should provide incentives to industry to produce higher quality code.

There will never be a single set of best practices, testing tools, methodologies, or development process that works for all vendors -- nor is that desirable, since

Promote the Use of Automated Tools in Product Development

Tools for the detection of vulnerabilities continue to improve and proliferate. Different vendors will choose to use different tools; no one tool is right for every company. The DoD may well have an interest in determining how good the tools are that vendors use, but DoD should not be in the position of dictating particular

Report of the Defense Science Board Task Force on Mission Impact of Foreign Influence on DoD Software



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Office of the Under Secretary of Defense For Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Washington, D.C. 20301-3140

Adopt a strategic approach to software assurance

DoD faces particular challenges to assurance.

- 1. The **arms-length relationship** between a contractor development team and government stakeholders
- 2. Modern systems of all kinds draw on components from **diverse sources**
 - This implies that **supply-chain attacks** must be contemplated, along with attack surfaces within the software application
 - There will necessarily be differences in the levels of trust conferred on components.
 - There may also be opacity in the supply chain for vendor and sub components
 - Evaluative and preventive approaches can be integrated to enhance assurance in complex supply chains with diverse sourcing.
- 3. **High consequences** due to roles in war-fighting and protection of human lives and national assets
- 4. Failure to maintain a lead in the ability to prevent and evaluate confers advantage to adversaries (*DSB2007, paraphrased*)

• Finding from DSB2007

It is an essential requirement that the United States maintain advanced capability for "test and evaluation" of IT products. Reputation-based or trustbased credentialing of software ("provenance") needs to be augmented by direct, artifact-focused means to support acceptance evaluation.

Conclusions – patterns for progress in the mainstream

- Languages are improving
 - $L + M + A \rightarrow L'$
- Enrich API focus
 - Enrich models at APIs
- Enhance architecture focus
 - Structure for trust localization/isolation
- Push further development of abstractions and modeling formalisms
 With CPS and beyond CPS
- Tools are essential to support modeling and analysis
 - Already true for development: individuals, teams, enterprise
 - Proof management is a first-class activity
 - Heuristic assist (abductive, correlative, etc) pays off
 - Replace missionary work with metrics
- Adapt evaluation practices and policies
 - Support incrementality and continuous evolution constant ROI
 - Don't require full-scope verification tests and inspection results
 - Incent the interplay of development, evidence-building, assurance
 - Integrate with SDL-like processes

