



Product Security for Bosch (IoT) Products

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Introduction

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- Business Sector **Energy and Building Technology**
- Company **Bosch Building Technologies**
- Product Business **Security and Safety Systems**
- Business Unit **Communication Systems**
- System Architect of **Platform Engineering Team**

- Product Security Partner for the Business Unit
- MSc Electrical Engineering (Delft University of Technology)

Introduction

Bosch business sectors



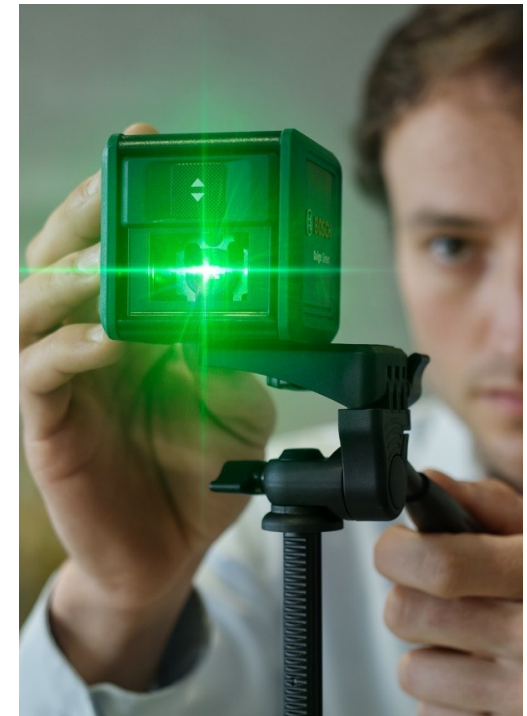
Mobility Solutions



Industrial Technology



Energy and Building Technology



Consumer Goods

Introduction

Mobility Solutions



Link to IoT:

- Software-Defined Vehicle
- Connected mobility solutions

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Industrial Technology



Link to IoT:

- Connected Industry (Industry 4.0)
- Manufacturing and Logistics

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Energy and Building Technology



Link to IoT:

- Connected residential and commercial products and services
- Connected business management products and services



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Consumer Goods

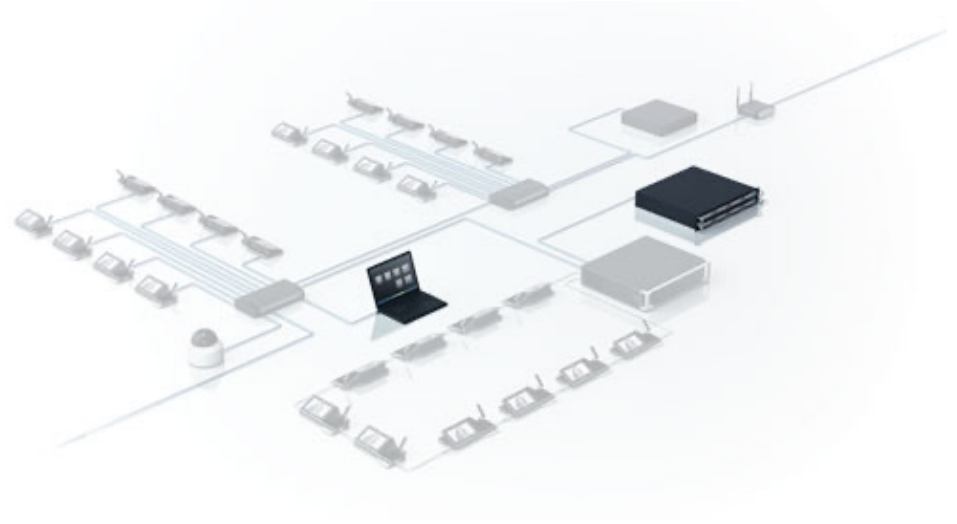


Link to IoT:

- Connected power tools (home/professional)
- Connected home appliances

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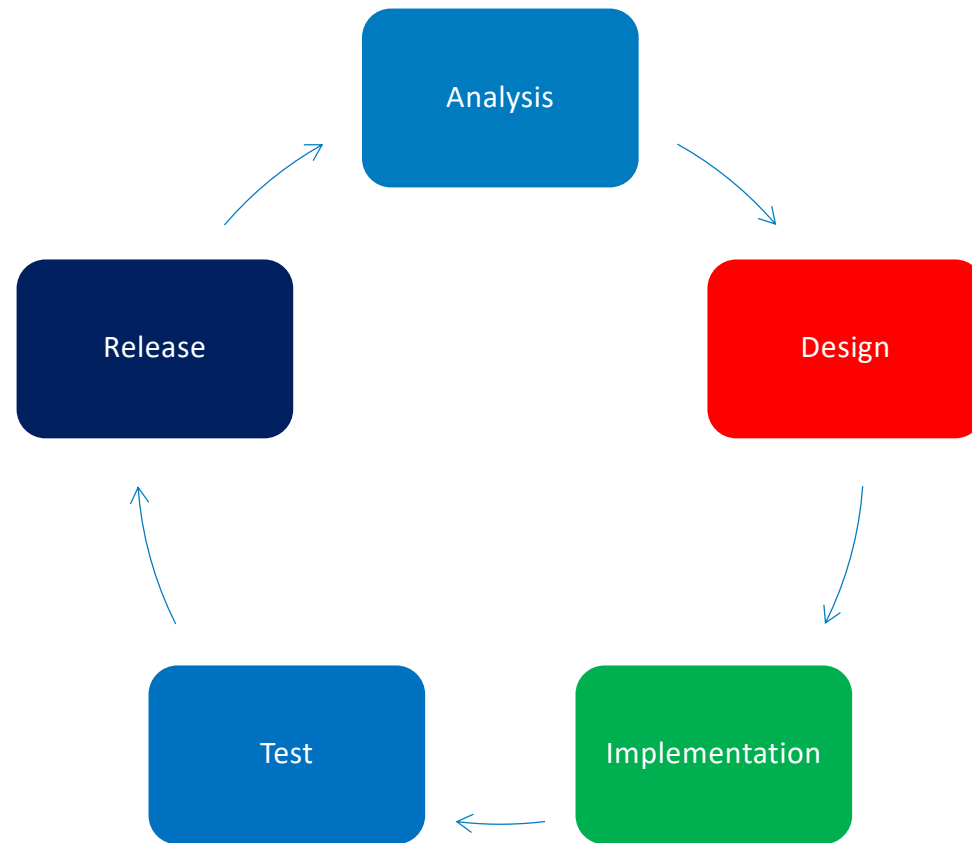
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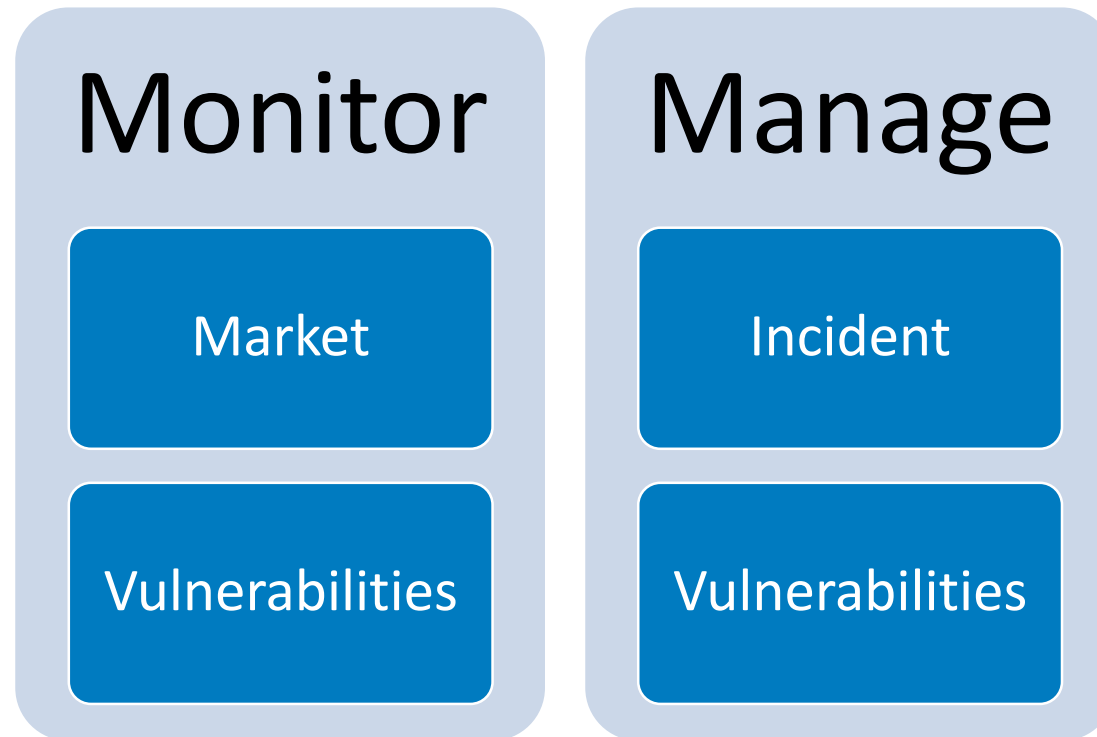
Security Engineering Process

Security Engineering Process During Development Project



Security Engineering Process

After Market Introduction

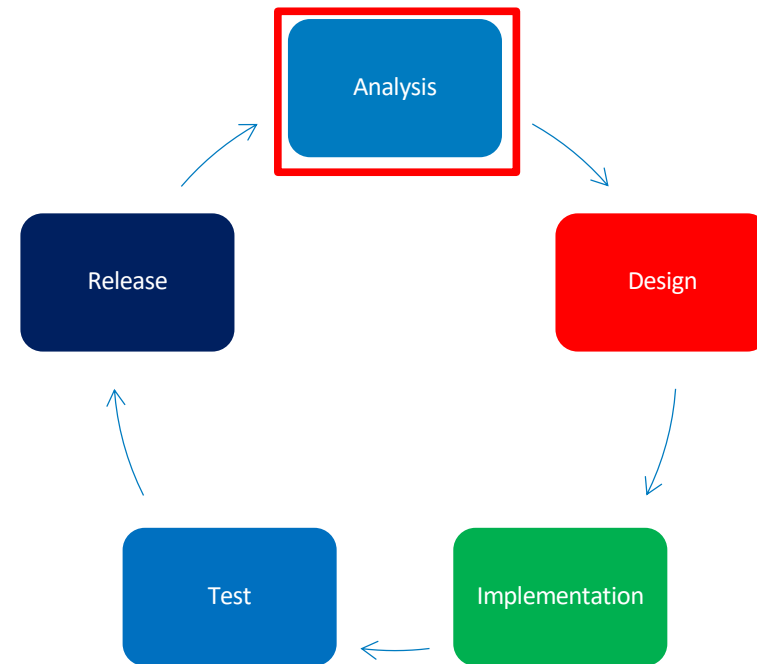


- Bosch Product Security Incident Response Team ([PSIRT](#))

Security Engineering Process

Analysis Phase

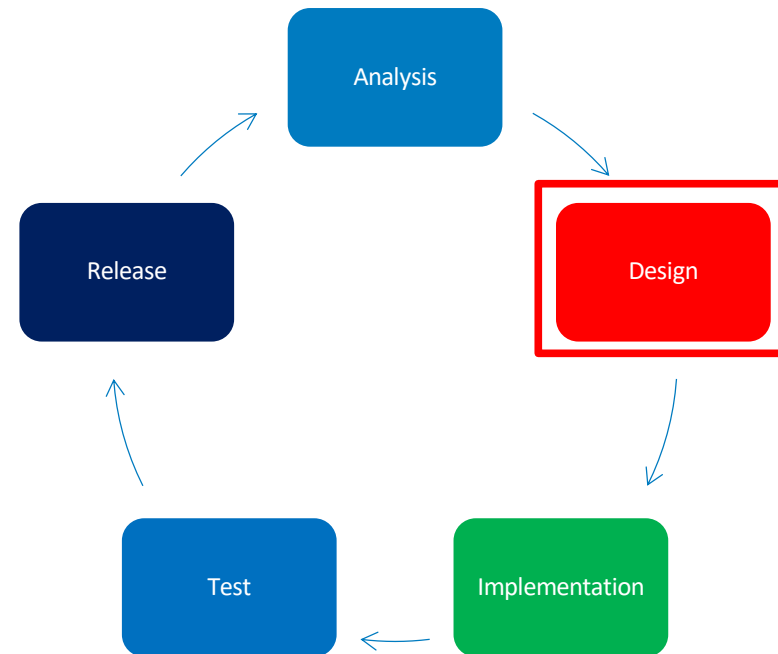
- Execute Threat and Risk Analysis
- Business owner and Security expert
- Bosch specific tool Armadillo



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Design Phase

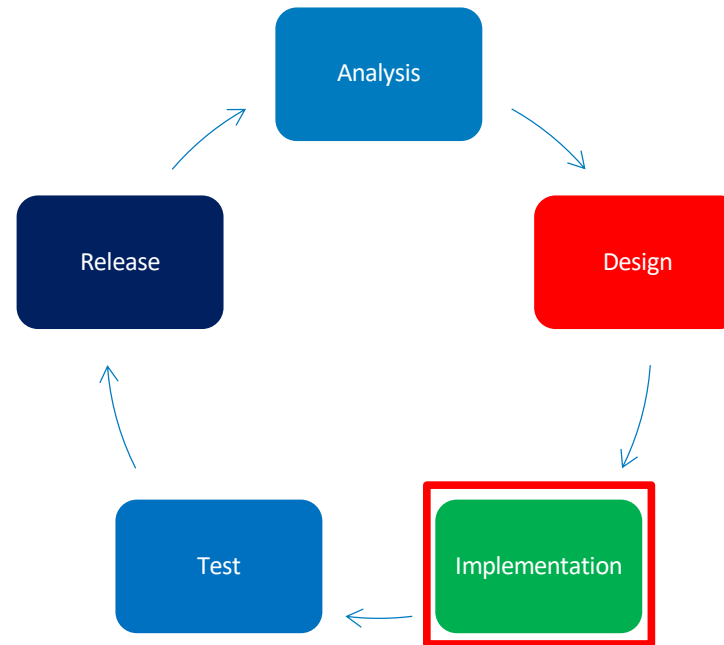
- No Security by Obscurity
- Always use industry standards
- Detailed example later on



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Implementation Phase

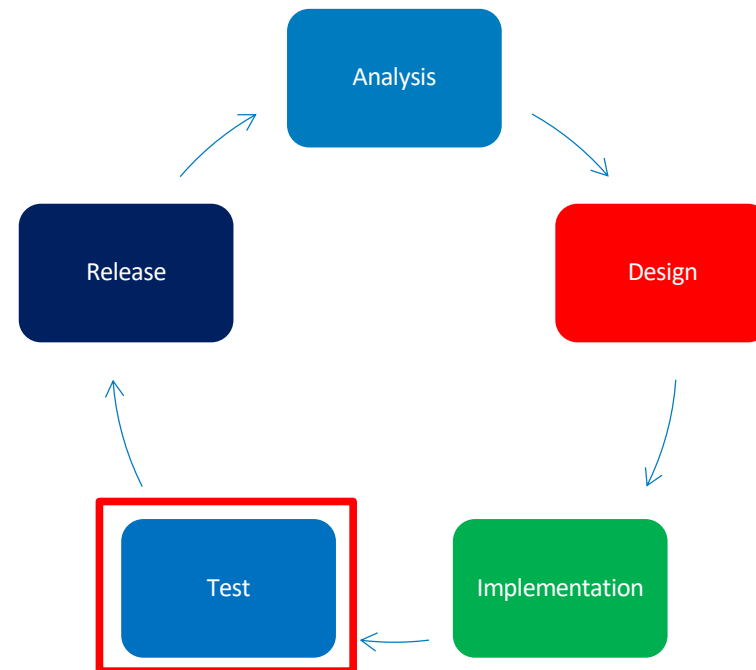
- Coding Guidelines
- Code reviews
- Tooling



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Test Phase

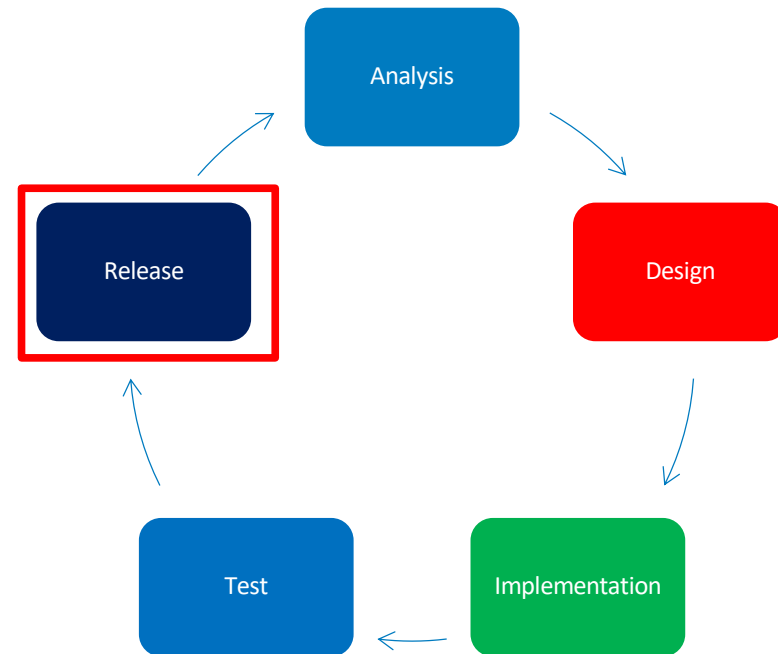
- Create Test Plan
 - Corporate Guidance on type of security test
 - External penetration test mandatory in many cases
- Execute Test Plan
- Some types are challenging
 - Lacking expertise



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Release Phase

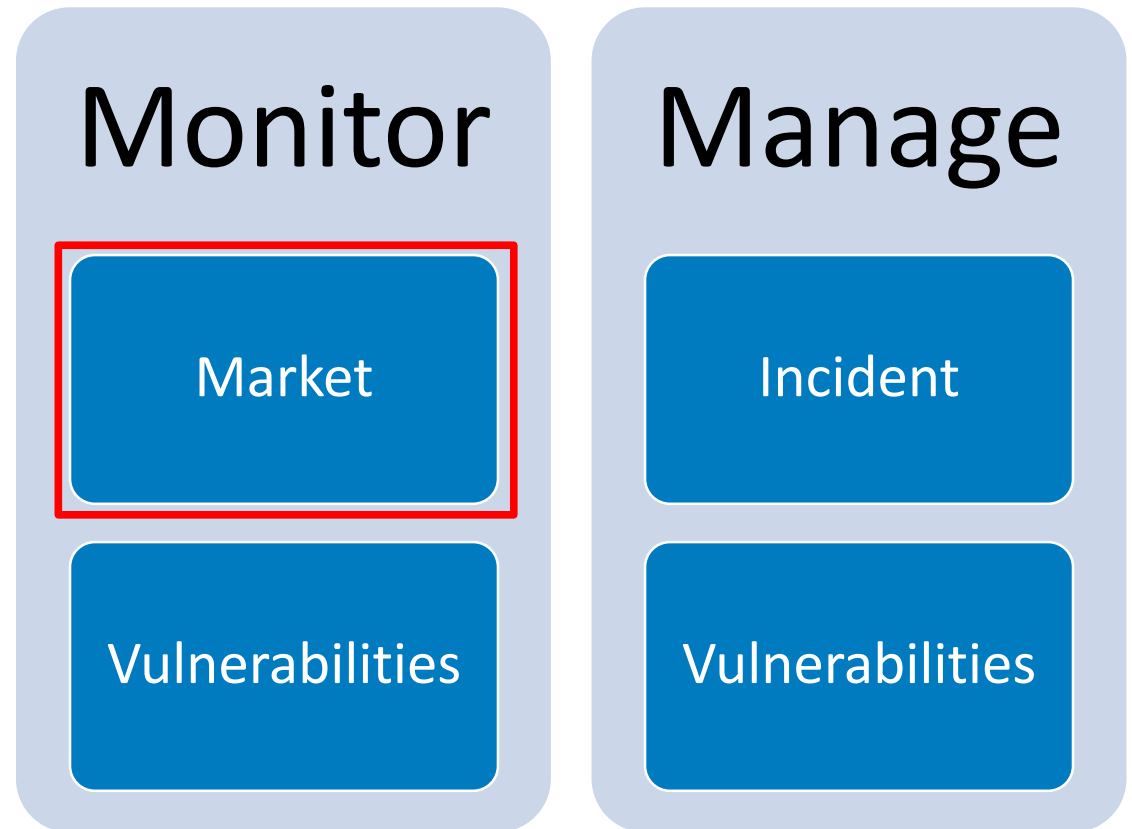
- Secure Delivery
- Strongly depends on type of product/service



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Monitor Market

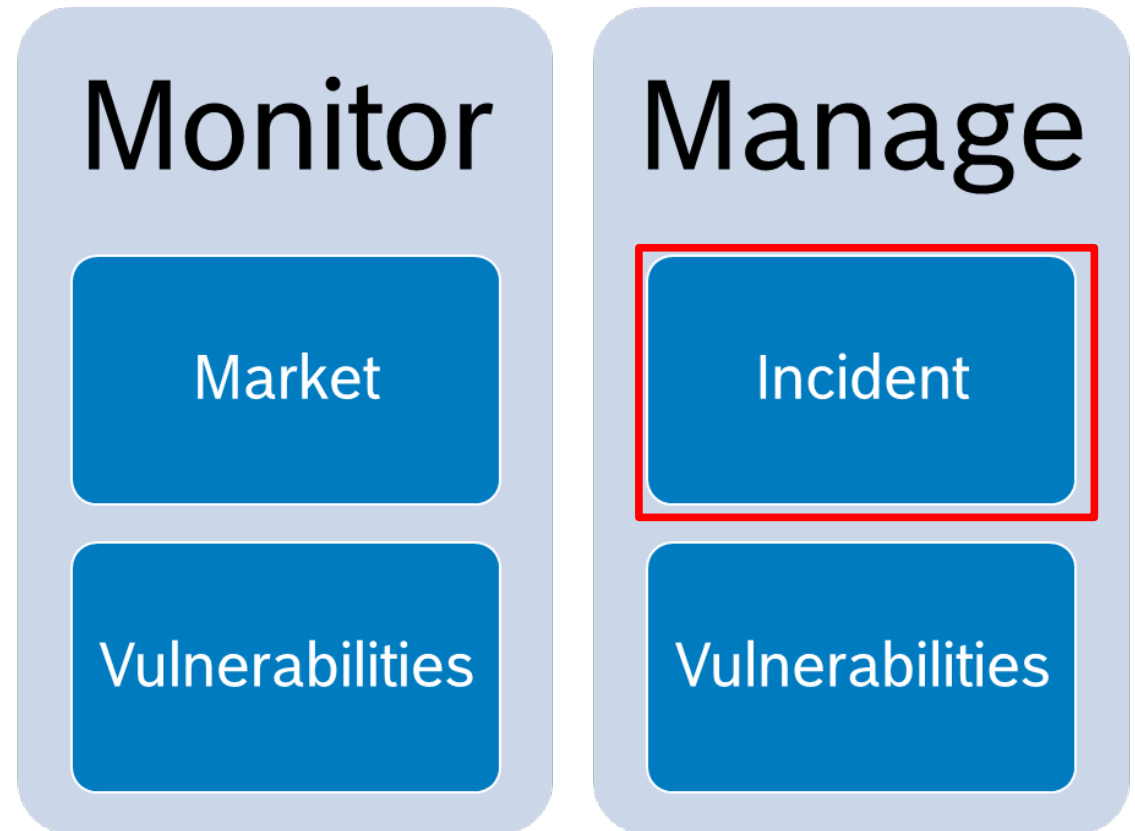
- Consider 'state of industry'
 - helps in finding right balance
- Strongly depends on type of product/service
 - (Cloud) SIEM / EDR
 - Questionnaire
 - ...



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Manage Incident

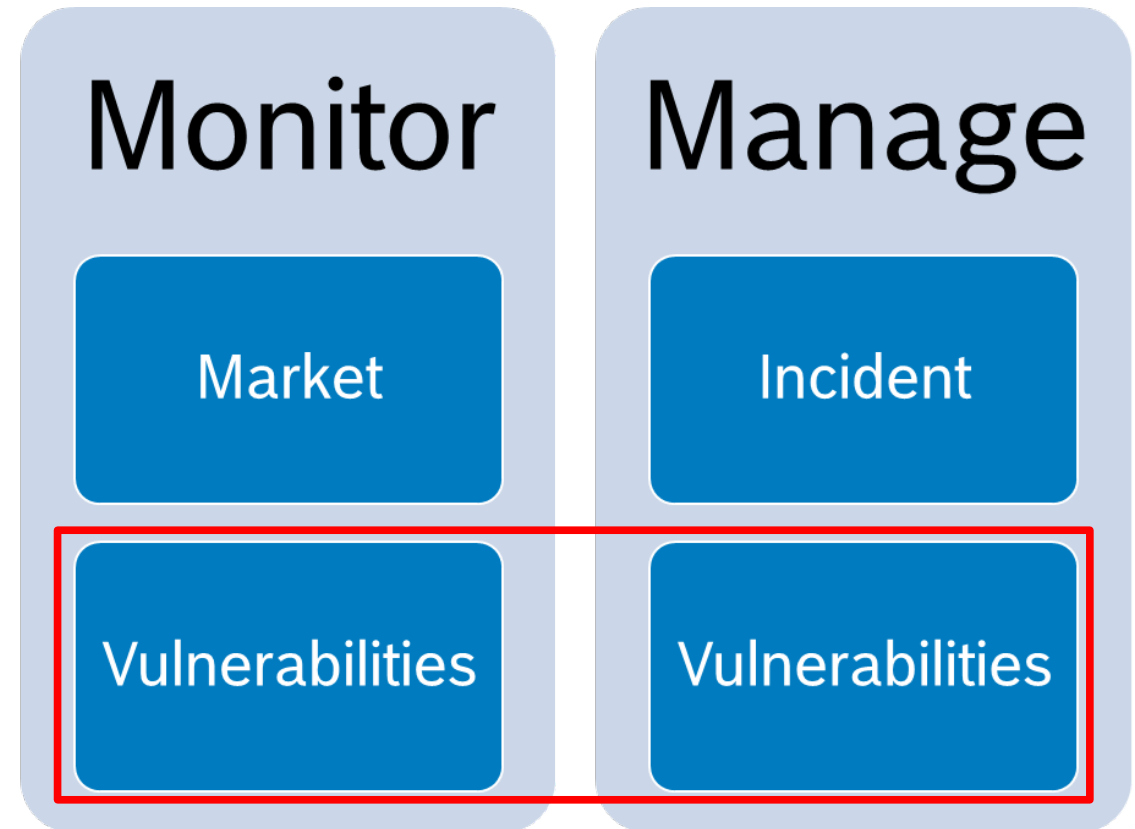
- Cross-functional crisis team is formed
 - Business owner
 - Security expert
 - Quality engineer
 - Etc
- Incident blueprint is followed
 - Corporate guideline



Security Engineering Process

Monitor and Manage Vulnerabilities

- Scanning of OSS components
 - Automated where possible
- In case of a critical issue crisis team is set up
 - Log4Shell most recent example
- Less critical issues are simply patched
 - Release schedule depends on type of product/service



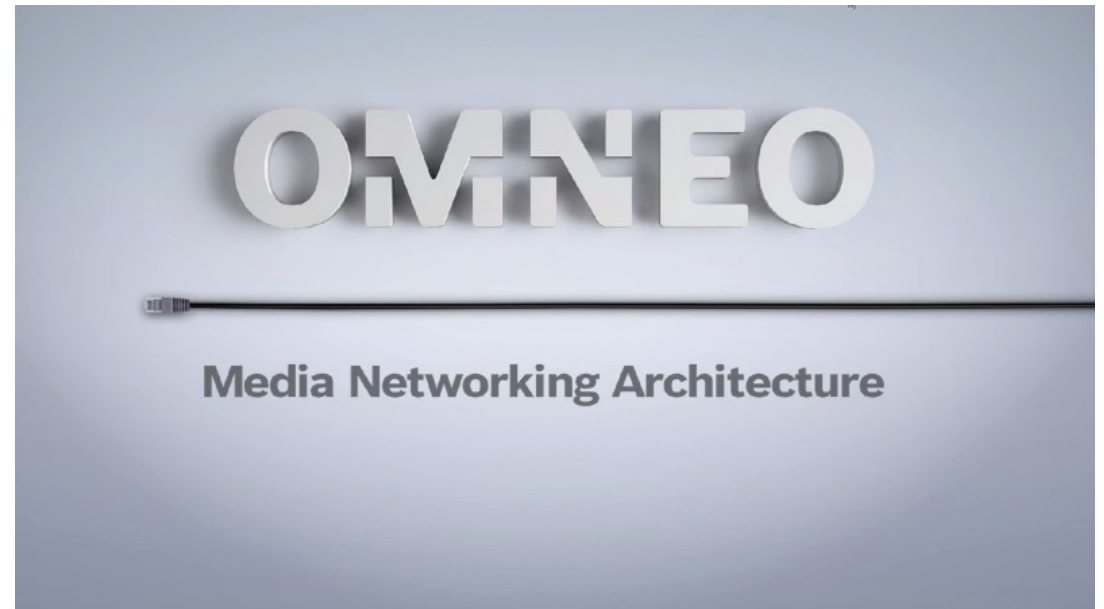
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Design Phase – A case study

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Introduction

- BT-CO develops OMNEO Media Networking Architecture
- Platform that offers
 - High-quality low-latency audio streaming on standard Ethernet networks
 - Standardized control protocol
 - Audio and control security
- Client/server architecture
 - Embedded controller (client) connects to embedded devices (servers)



Design Phase – A case study

Introduction

- Control security offered using TLS on top of TCP/IP
- TLS(1.2) ciphersuites split up into 5 elements:
 - **PROTOCOL_SESSKEYEX_SESSAUTH_WITH_ENCRYPTION_MESSAUTH**
 - **PROTOCOL**: TLS or SSL
 - **SESSKEYEX**: how to set up session specific keys (e.g. for encryption)
 - **SESSAUTH**: how to authenticate the session
 - **ENCRYPTION**: what encryption scheme is used after session is successfully established
 - **MESSAUTH**: what message authentication scheme is used after session is successfully established

Design Phase – A case study

Introduction

- TRA for next generation platform came up with new Security Requirement:
 - **Use Device Certificates instead of Pre-Shared Key for session authentication**
- What then happens in Design Phase?

Design Phase – A case study

Device Certificates explained

- Certificates use **public key cryptography**
- Certificates are meant to offer **trustworthiness**

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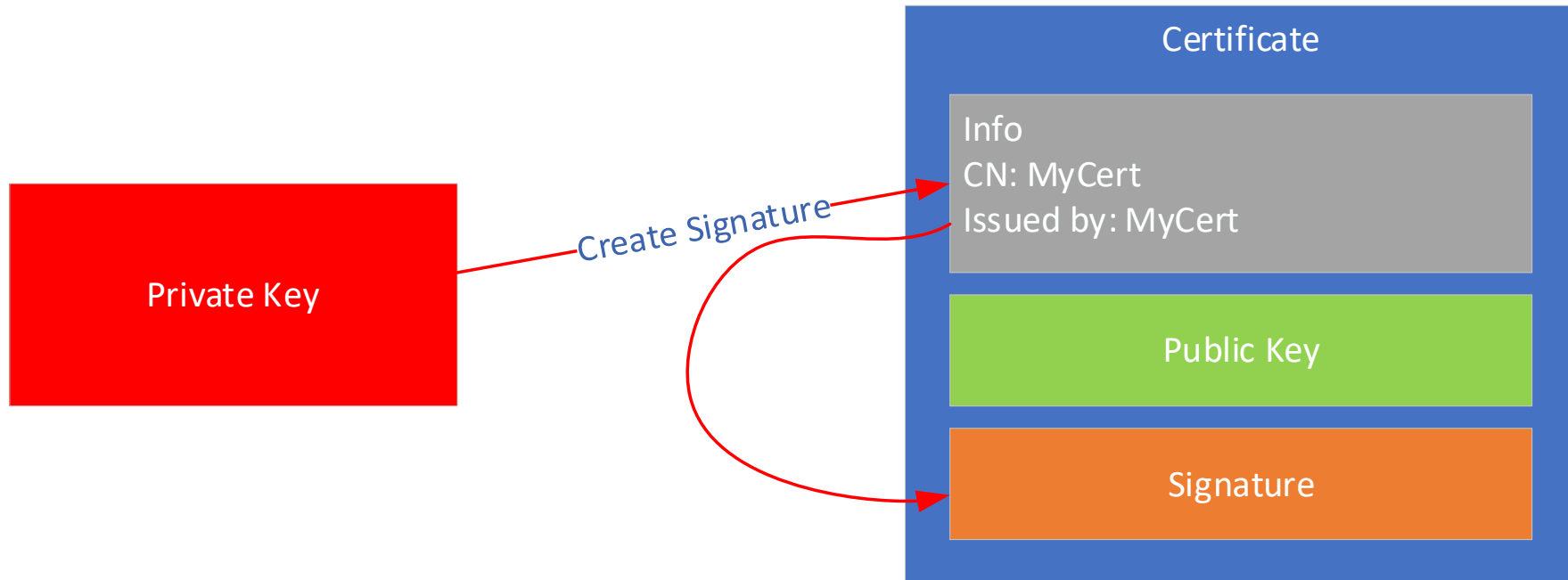
Device Certificates Explained

- A Device Certificate actually contains two main elements:
 1. Private key
 2. Certificate containing **information, public key, signature**
- Private key used to create a signature / decrypt a message
- Certificate:
 - **Information** about the certificate including 'Issued by' and 'Common Name'
 - **Public key** used to validate a signature / encrypt a message
 - **Signature** allows validation of the **Information** of the certificate

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Device Certificates Explained

- Self-Signed Certificate:
 - Generate public/private key pair, use private key to create signature
 - 'Issued by' is set to the info of the own certificate



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Device Certificates Explained

- How does server validation work in TLS?
 - Device (server) sends certificate
 - Client checks info -> date, CN, Issued by
 - With self-signed you have to **explicitly trust the info**
 - Client checks signature with public key
 - Ensures info is valid
 - Client uses public key to encrypt a message
 - Client sends encrypted message to server
 - Device decrypts message and sends back original message to client
 - Proves entity has the private key -> decryption can only be done with that key

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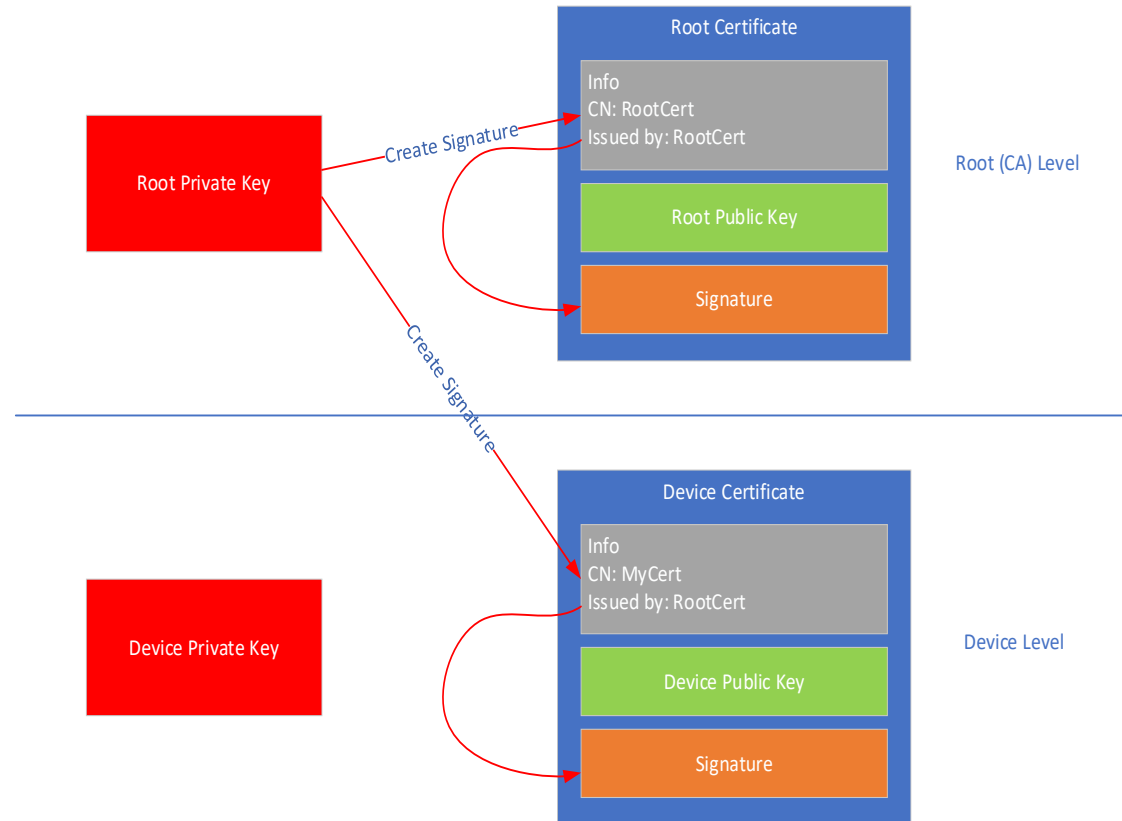
Device Certificates Explained

- Example: SSH
 - When SSH client connects for the first time it asks if you want to trust the server
- Example: web server
 - Web browser will not connect to a web server that has a self-signed certificate
 - User has to knowingly continue
 - Most browsers no longer allow storing exception
- Trusting certificate is still possible for many clients
 - Grab it from device and validate its CN
 - Import the certificate in some way (add to certificate file, certificate store, etc)
 - **This does not scale well**

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Device Certificates Explained

- Signed Certificates
 - Create a self-signed Root Certificate -> **Certificate Authority**
 - Use its private key to sign 'derived' certificates
 - Distribute the Root Certificate



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Device Certificates Explained

- How does server validation work?
 - Client inspects Root Certificate and **explicitly trusts it as Certificate Authority**
 - This is typically a preparation step
 - Device (server) sends certificate (chain)
 - Client checks info -> date, CN, Issued by
 - Issued by is now a **trusted party**
 - Client checks signature with public key **of Root Certificate**
 - Ensures info is valid **and trusted**
 - Client uses public key **of Device Certificate** to encrypt a message
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Device Certificates Explained

- Key points of signing:
 - Root Private Key is **only** used for **signing**
 - Root Public Key is **only** used for **validation**
 - Device Private Key is **only** used for **decryption**
 - Device Public Key is **only** used for **encryption**
- More layers can be added – see for example <https://www.ing.nl>
 - Each layer up to the point of creating a device certificate is only meant for signing
 - Allows distribution of signing entities
 - Validation involves the complete chain
- Guarding of Private Keys of Signing Certificates is **essential**
 - **Key compromise means no certificates signed by it can be trusted anymore**

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Device Certificates Explained

- Crucial part of certificate security is **trust of Certificate Authority**
 - Trust that the CA guards its private key and only supplies certificates to trusted parties
- Public Certificate Authorities distribute their certificates
 - Taken up into OS certificate stores / Browser certificate stores
 - Part of OS/Browser updates -> can be revoked
 - User never explicitly has to trust the CAs himself
 - Trust Microsoft / Red Hat / Mozilla etc to do it for you
- Private Certificate Authorities distribute their certificates
 - User must explicitly trust them
 - Typically manual action: download and import
 - Advantage is that this immediately **trusts all certificates signed by the chain -> Scalability!**

Design Phase – A case study

OMNEO Design

- Use Device Certificates instead of Pre-Shared Key for session authentication
- Design choices to be made:
 - Self-signed or CA-signed certificates?
 - If CA-signed: what Certificate Authority?
 - How to handle device private key?
 - What specific TLS ciphersuite?

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OMNEO Design

- Self-signed or CA-signed?
 - OMNEO systems are very scalable -> system size up to 10.000 devices
 - CA-signed is the only way to go
- What Certificate Authority?
 - Bosch owns company Escrypt
 - Private Certificate Authority
 - Expertise at guarding root and signing certificate
 - Offer signing solution that can be used during manufacturing

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OMNEO Design

- How to handle device Private key?
 - Add Secure Element to platform
 - Securely store key -> hardened device
 - Key never leaves element -> decryption is performed on Secure Element
- What specific TLS ciphersuite?
 - TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
 - Session key exchange is done using ECDHE (Elliptic-Curve Diffie-Hellman Ephemeral)
 - Session Authentication is based on ECDSA (Elliptic-Curve Digital Signature Algorithm)
 - After handshake encryption via AES with session 128-bit key in GCM (Galois/Counter Mode) mode
 - After handshake SHA-256 is used as hashing (message authentication) algorithm

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OMNEO Design

- OMNEO Controller (client) and Device (server) both have certificates
- TLS handshake should show both certificates being exchanged
- Tested using OpenSSL to emulate controller:

```
openssl s_client -connect <ipaddr>:55556 -cert <>.pem -key <>.key -CAfile  
<ca_chain>.pem
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THANK YOU

