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The Defense RESTs: Automation and APIs for Better Security

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Introduction





Want to get better
at security?

Improve your operations

Improve your development

The Problem





Huge % of incidents
revolve around
operational or coding
issues

Why?



People Are Bad At
Repeatable Tasks!



Centralization, automation
& testing can address this



Use *APIs* and existing
ops/dev tools!

Chef, Puppet, etc

Compliance

&

Change Control

Configuration Drift

AKA

Variation is Evil

Key Management

Auto-Scaling

Auto-scanning on VM launch

```
INSTANCE=`ec2-run-instances $AMI -t $TYPE -k $KEY |  
grep i- | cut -f 2`; until [ $IP ]; do sleep 15; IP=`ec2-describe-  
instances $INSTANCE | grep i- | cut -f 17`; done ; curl -H "X-  
Requested-With: DM Automation" -u $USER:$PASS  
"https://qualysapi.qualys.com/msp/asset_ip.php?action=add  
&host_ips=$IP"; curl -H "X-Requested-With: DM  
Automation" -u $USER:$PASS  
"https://qualysapi.qualys.com/msp/scan.php?ip=$IP&save_r  
eport=yes"
```

Jenkins



Findbugs et al.

<http://findbugs.sourceforge.net/>

Functional and Unit Testing

Positive and Negative Testing

Gauntlt

<https://github.com/thegauntlet/gauntlt>

Auto-code/site scanning on commit

PUT

<https://sentinel.whitehatsec.com/api/vulnerability/retest/<id>>

A Little DevOps



Woodward: Code Changes & Complexity

APIs

APIs: REST vs SOAP

Future Directions & Resources

iControl

&

Space

IF-MAP



Security Automation List

SecurityAutomata.Com

IAM

SCIM/XACML

Conclusion



Any questions?

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