



Is This The Software Security Crisis?

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Privacy



Acknowledgement of Country

I begin today by acknowledging the Wurundjeri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which I stand today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.



Agenda

- Who Am I
- What Happened In The Software Quality Crisis?
- Signs We're Heading In The Same Direction
- How Did The Crisis End?
- The Future



Who Am I?

- CTO for multiple startups (Ynomia, Greensync Donesafe)
- Consultant (Midnyte City, Dius)
- Ex MYOB

What Happened In The Software Quality Crisis?

Computers Were Different



Programming Was Different

- Intimately tied to the machine it was deployed upon
- Low-level - lots of code to get the outcome
- Optimised for memory efficiency not speed or maintenance

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MONITOR FOR 6802 1.4          9-14-80  TSC ASSEMBLER  PAGE  2

C000                                ORG   ROM+$0000 BEGIN MONITOR
C000 8E 00 70 START                LDS   #STACK

                                *****
                                * FUNCTION: INITA - Initialize ACIA
                                * INPUT: none
                                * OUTPUT: none
                                * CALLS: none
                                * DESTROYS: acc A

0013                                RESETA EQU  %00010011
0011                                CTLREG EQU %00010001

C003 86 13                          INITA LDA A  #RESETA  RESET ACIA
C005 B7 80 04                        STA A  ACIA
C008 86 11                          LDA A  #CTLREG  SET 8 BITS AND 2 STOP
C00A B7 80 04                        STA A  ACIA

C00D 7E C0 F1                        JMP   SIGNON   GO TO START OF MONITOR

                                *****
                                * FUNCTION: INCH - Input character
                                * INPUT: none
                                * OUTPUT: char in acc A
                                * DESTROYS: acc A
                                * CALLS: none
                                * DESCRIPTION: Gets 1 character from terminal

C010 B6 80 04 INCH  LDA A  ACIA      GET STATUS
C013 47                                ASR A  SHIFT RDRF FLAG INTO CARRY
C014 24 FA                                BCC  INCH  RECIEVE NOT READY
C016 B6 80 05 LDA A  ACIA+1        GET CHAR
C019 84 7F                                AND A  #87F  MASK PARITY
C01B 7E C0 79                                JMP   OUTCH  ECHO & RTS

                                *****
                                * FUNCTION: INHEX - INPUT HEX DIGIT
                                * INPUT: none
                                * OUTPUT: Digit in acc A
                                * CALLS: INCH
                                * DESTROYS: acc A
                                * Returns to monitor if not HEX input

C01E 8D F0 INHEX BSR   INCH      GET A CHAR
C020 81 30                                CMP A  #'0  ZERO
C022 2B 11                                BMI  HEXERR NOT HEX
C024 81 39                                CMP A  #'9  NINE
C026 2F 0A                                BLE  HEXRTS GOOD HEX
C028 81 41                                CMP A  #'A  # A
C02A 2B 09                                BMI  HEXERR NOT HEX
C02C 81 46                                CMP A  #'F  #' F
C02E 2E 05                                BGT  HEXERR
C030 80 07                                SUB A  #7
C032 84 0F HEXRTS AND A  #80F    FIX A-F
C034 39                                RTS      CONVERT ASCII TO DIGIT

C035 7E C0 AF HEXERR JMP   CTRL   RETURN TO CONTROL LOOP
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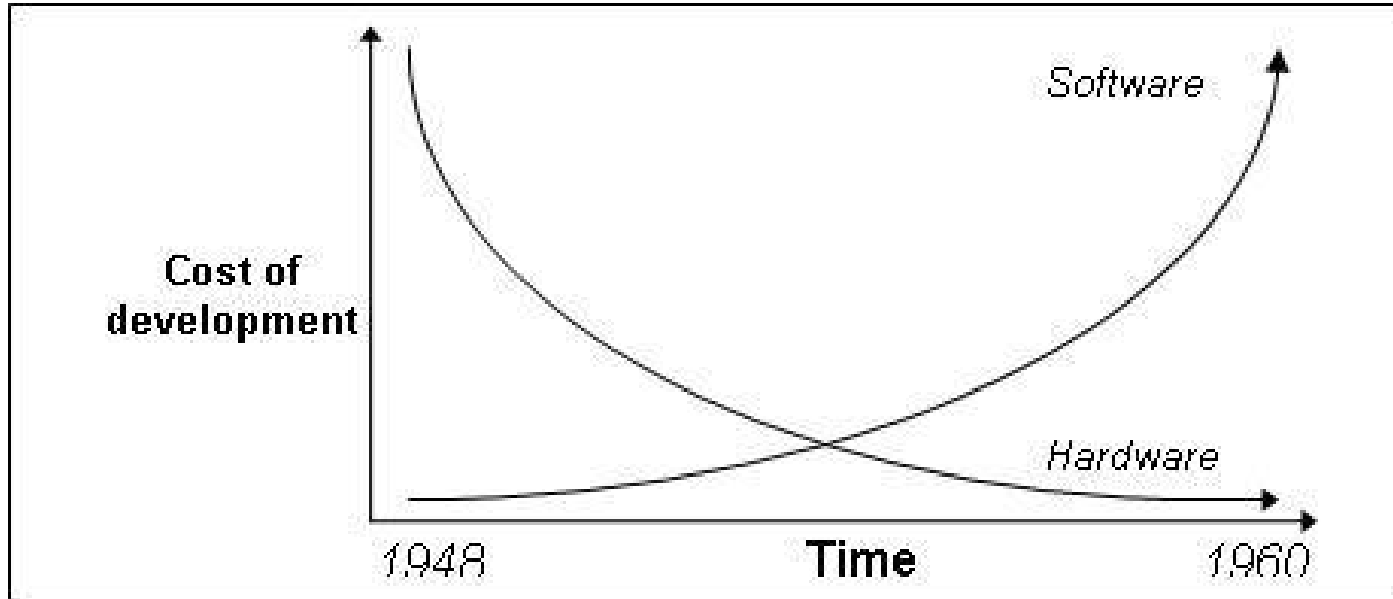


We Hit A Limit For Complexity

The major cause of the software crisis is that the machines have become several orders of magnitude more powerful! To put it quite bluntly: as long as there were no machines, programming was no problem at all; when we had a few weak computers, programming became a mild problem, and now we have gigantic computers, programming has become an equally gigantic problem.

Edsger Dijkstra, The Humble Programmers (1972)

We Began To Realise We Were In The Mire





We Failed... A L-O-T :grimace:

London Stock Exchange – Taurus

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Following entry is a record in the “**Catalogue of Catastrophe**” – a list of failed and troubled projects from around the world.

London Stock Exchange – UK

Project : Taurus (Transfer and Automated Registration of Uncertificated Stock)

Project type : Share trading system

Date : Mar 1993 (filed under golden oldies)

Cost : £75M lost by the London Stock Exchange and as much as £400M by other stakeholders

Signs We're Heading In The Same Direction

We Haphazardly Implement Software



We Can't Seem To Find Anything To Make That Doesn't Require Exceptional Quality



We Don't Seem To Know How To Price Software



How Did The Crisis End?

We Developed Better Tools





New Analysis Techniques



We Tried To Understand Delivery Better





The Future

Regulation Is Coming



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We're Going To Need To Price Software Differently



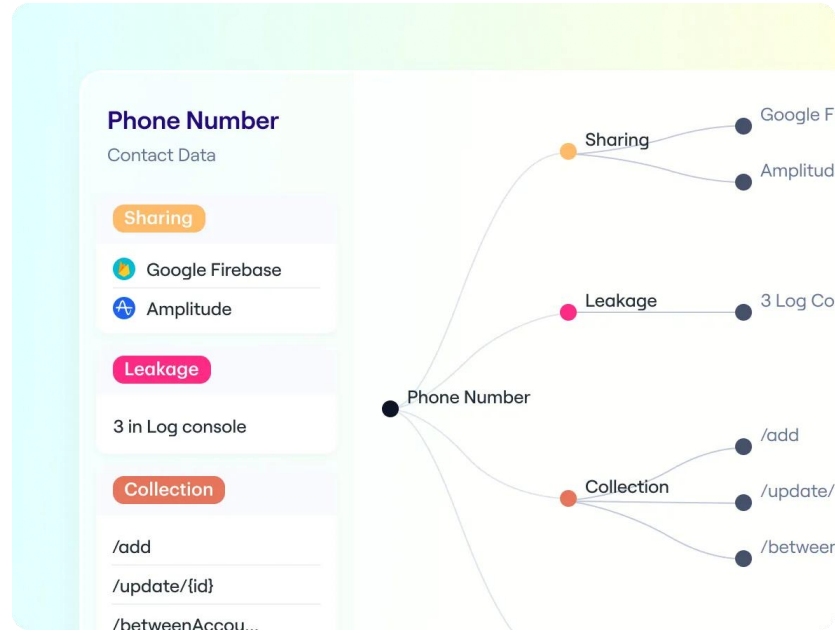
We're Going To Need To Change The SDLC



SDLC Changes - Privacy By Design



SDLC Changes - Data Mapping



SDLC Changes - Threat Modelling

S T R I D E



SPOOFING

In the context of information security, and especially network security, a spoofing attack is a situation in which a person or program successfully identifies as another by falsifying data, to gain an illegitimate advantage.



TAMPERING

Tampering can refer to many forms of sabotage but the term is often used to mean intentional modification of products in a way that would make them harmful to the consumer.



REPUDIATION

In digital security, non-repudiation means a service that provides proof of the integrity and origin of data, or an authentication that can be said to be genuine with high confidence.



INFO DISCLOSURE

Information disclosure is the unwanted dissemination of data, technology, or privacy, legal and political issues surrounding them. It is a violation of data privacy^[2] or data protection. The challenge of data privacy is to use data



DENIAL OF SERVICE

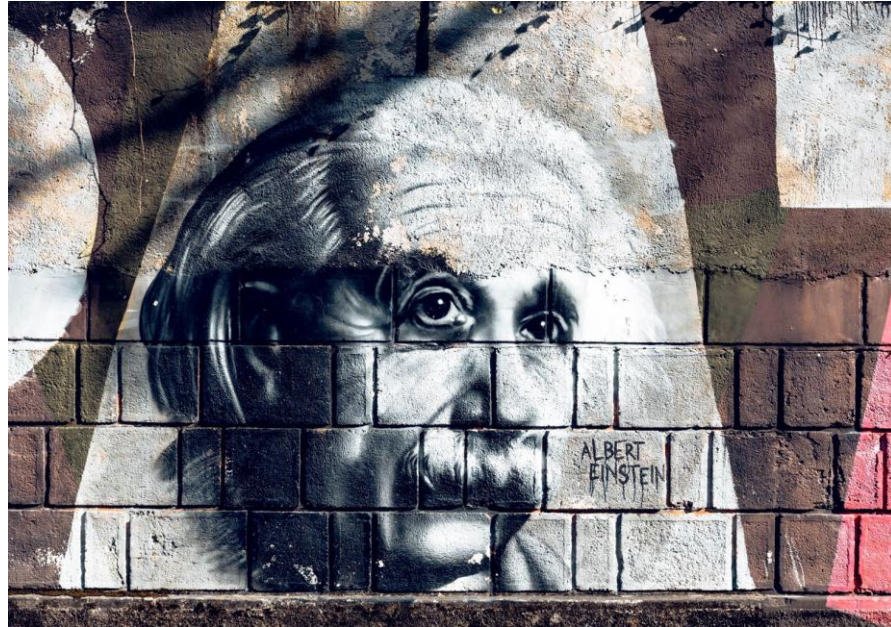
A denial-of-service attack (DoS attack) is a cyber-attack in which the perpetrator seeks to make a machine or network resource unavailable to its intended users by temporarily or indefinitely disrupting services of a host connected to the



ELEVATION OF PRIVILEGE

Privilege escalation is the act of exploiting a bug, design flaw or configuration oversight in an operating system or software application to gain elevated access to resources that are normally protected from an application or user.

We Need To Step To Our Destiny



“In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity.”

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