

What are we working on?

- **System context**
 - What's the system purpose?
 - What is the system made of? Which technologies?
 - With what other services does this system communicate?
 - What data is stored, processed or transferred in the documented interactions above?
- **Key Assets**
 - What must be protected in this system when it comes to Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability?

What can go wrong?

- **Threat agents**
 - Which attackers do you want to protect against?
 - Insiders
 - External attackers
 - Users with compromised devices
 - Governments
- **Threat Scenarios**
 - What are the *key threats* performed by *threat agents* that could lead to the compromise of the *key assets* considering the *system context*?
 - Start using STRIDE and/or Kill Chain to brainstorm
 - Consider previous security incidents as brainstorming sources
 - If you're fancy, you can use create a Knowledge Base (KB), but only after you master STRIDE

What are we going to do about it?

- **Impact Assessment**
 - What's the technical impact of exploiting the enumerated threats?
 - Don't use DREAD (not even MS uses it), keep it simple instead
- **Risk Assessment**
 - Classify threats in High, Medium or Low based on likelihood and business impact
- **Risk Treatment**
 - Should the identified risk be Avoided, Mitigated, Transferred or Accepted?
- **Derive Security Controls**
 - If the risk should be mitigated, what security principles and security controls can be applied?
- **Derive Security Detections & Responses**
 - What detection rules can be created to detect the materialisation of those threats?
 - What responses should we take to contain & recover from such incident?
- **Document**
 - Ensure a wiki page is created documenting every item
 - Create tasks to address the actions identified on *Risk Treatment*

Did we do a good job?

- **Compare the output of security tools**
 - Check SAST and DAST reports against the documented threat model
- **Compare the output of pentests**
 - Given the fact that pentests are manual, it's one of the best ways to challenge a threat model
- **Continuously Threat Model**
 - Threat model new features in your sprint
 - As threats evolve, redo the threat modeling at least 2x per year
- **Update your KB for future threat models**
- **Start/Stop/Continue**
 - Ask participants of the threat modeling session what they should start/stop/continue doing