

# Domo arigato, Mr. Roboto: Security Robots a la Unit-Testing

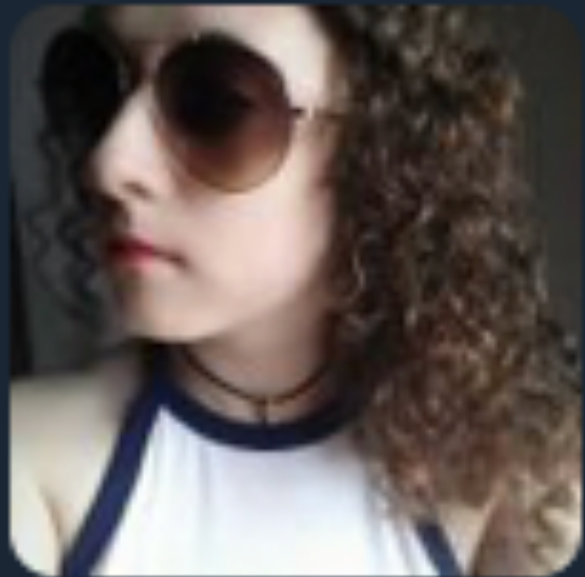
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# Introduction

# Who am I?



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@sethlaw @miketweaver @BsidessLC I'm so excited  
but I can't unsee you as anyone other than the dad  
from Mr Robot

# Who am I?



Seth



Not Seth

# Who am I?

- From Salt Lake City, UT
- Chief Security Officer at nVisium
- Focused on Application Security
- Developer/Security Engineer/Consultant/  
Speaker
- Soccer Hooligan



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# Security Unit-Testing

Why are we here?

**I ALREADY RUN SECURITY TESTS**

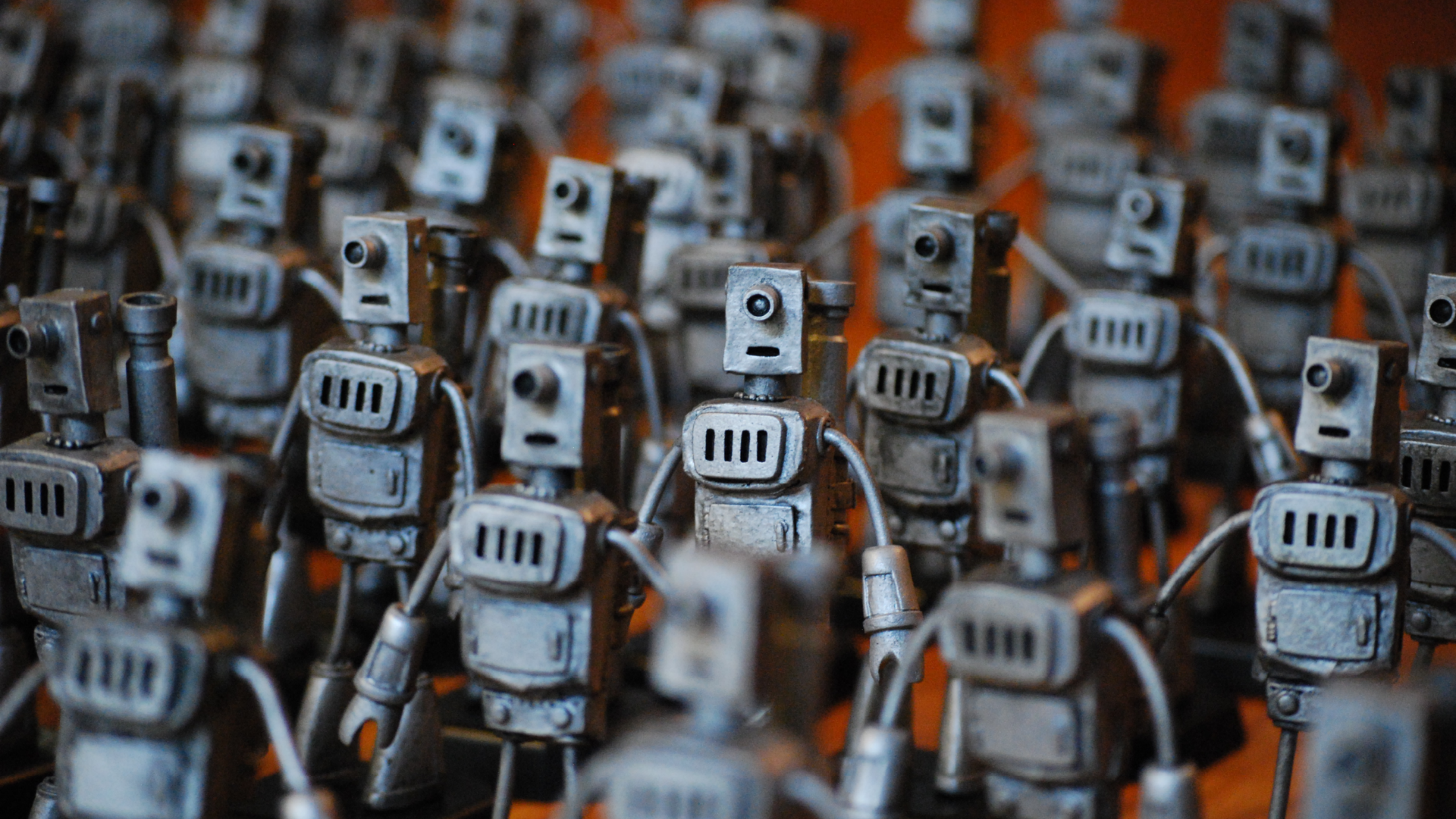
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# Why are we here?

- Security goals != Development goals
- Existing security tools don't always fit into the development pipeline
- Business goals are at odds with full-coverage security testing
- Solve these problems with Test Driven Development (TDD) tools.



Find flaws, not Exploits



# Agenda

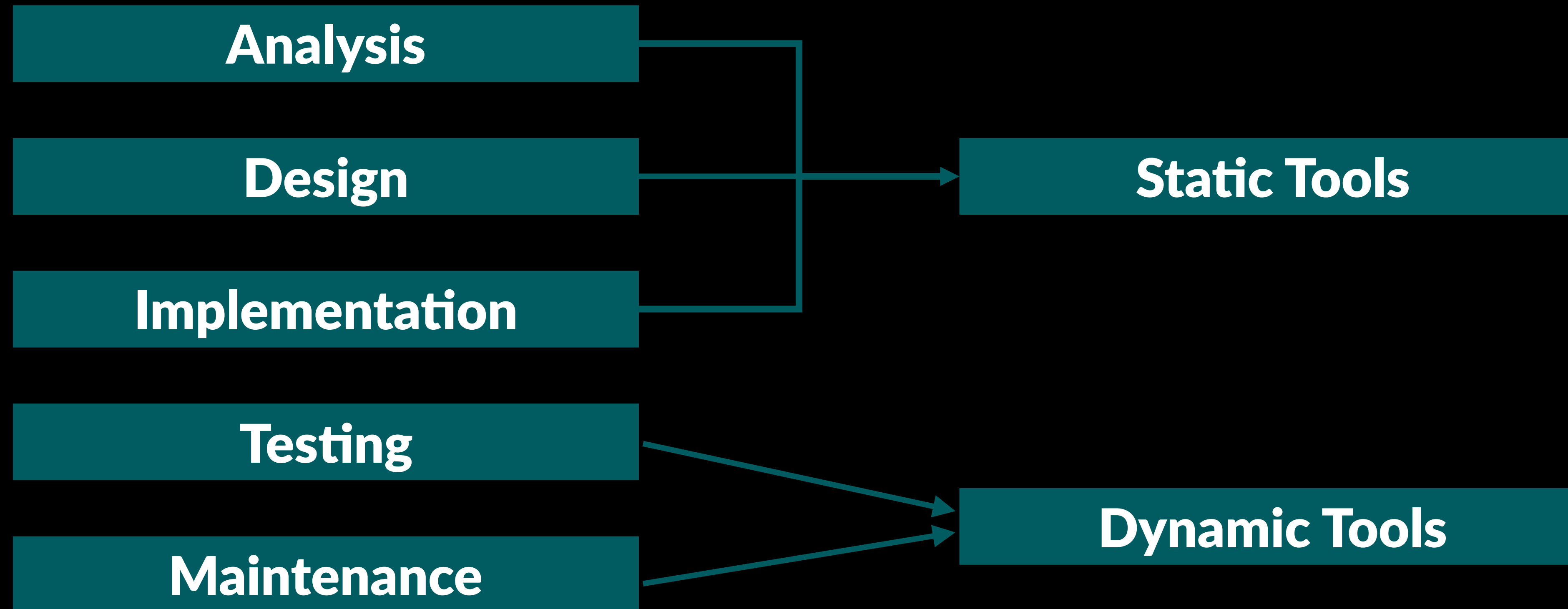
- Current Security Testing Tools
- Unit-Testing Frameworks
- Security Unit-Testing Requirements
- Security Unit-Testing Approach
- Security Payload Unit-Testing Repository/Runner (SPUTR)

# Current Security Testing Tools

# Current Security Testing Tools

- Target specific needs in the SDLC
- Vulnerability identification and false positive reduction
- Easy(ish) to use, hard to absorb
- Typically driven by compliance needs
- Divided into static and dynamic tools

# Current Security Testing Tools





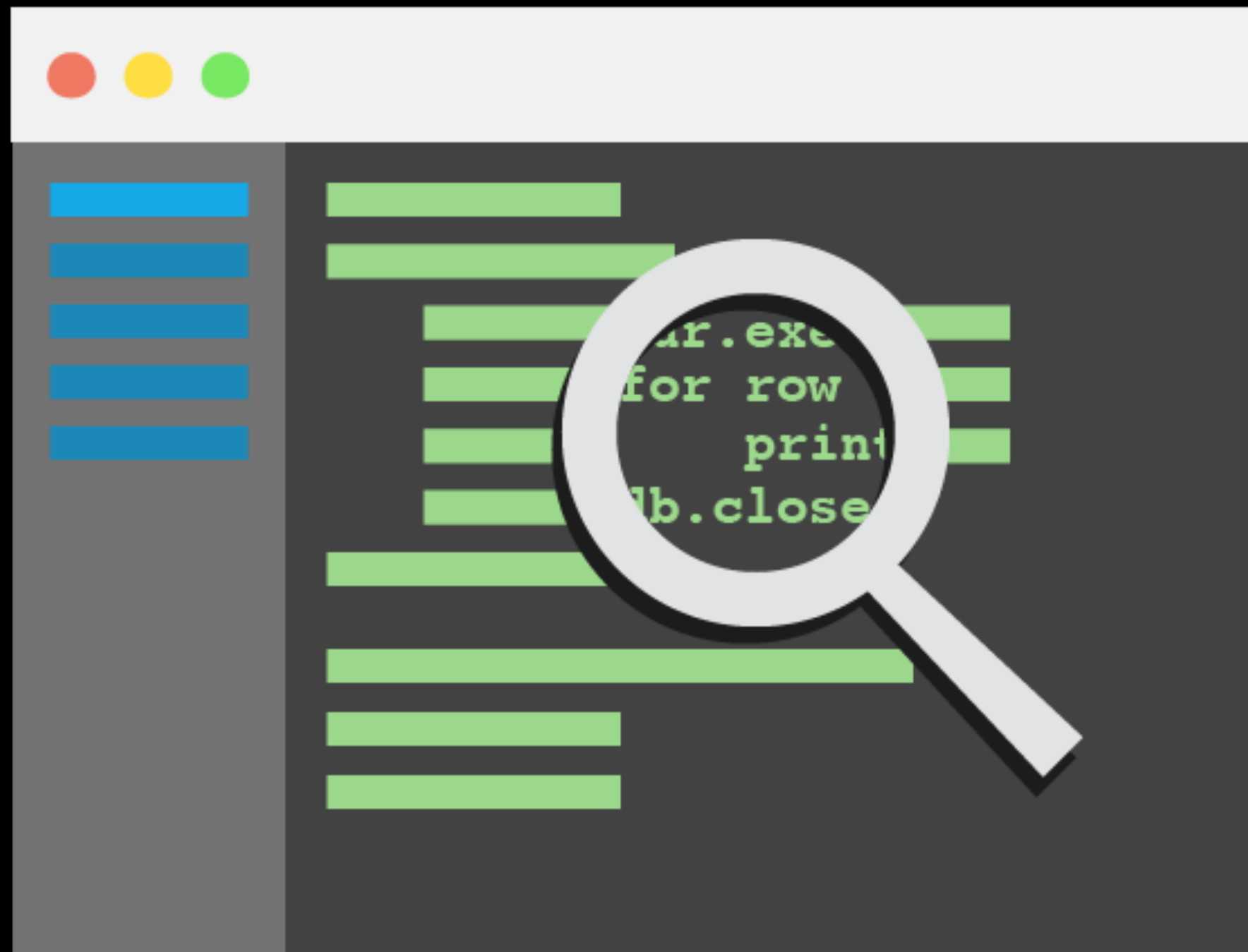
# Dynamic Tools

- Interact with running application to identify vulnerabilities
- Usually implemented by security engineers
- Happen later in the SDLC after successful application builds
- Glorified QA integration test





# Static Tools



- Inspects and instruments application source to identify vulnerabilities
- Implemented into SDLC by developers or build engineers
- Introduced early in the SDLC during development with developer IDE integration
- Cross between functional and integration test

# Tool Strengths

- Speed of setup/configuration
- Meet compliance needs
- Identify vulnerabilities with known exploits/payloads
- Regular-expression engines with vulnerability-specific payloads

# Tool Weaknesses

- False negatives due to generic identification of vulnerabilities through exploitation payloads
- Lack of human component means full classes of vulnerabilities are ignored (business logic, authorization, ...)
- Edge cases are ignored because of timing needs.
- Cost

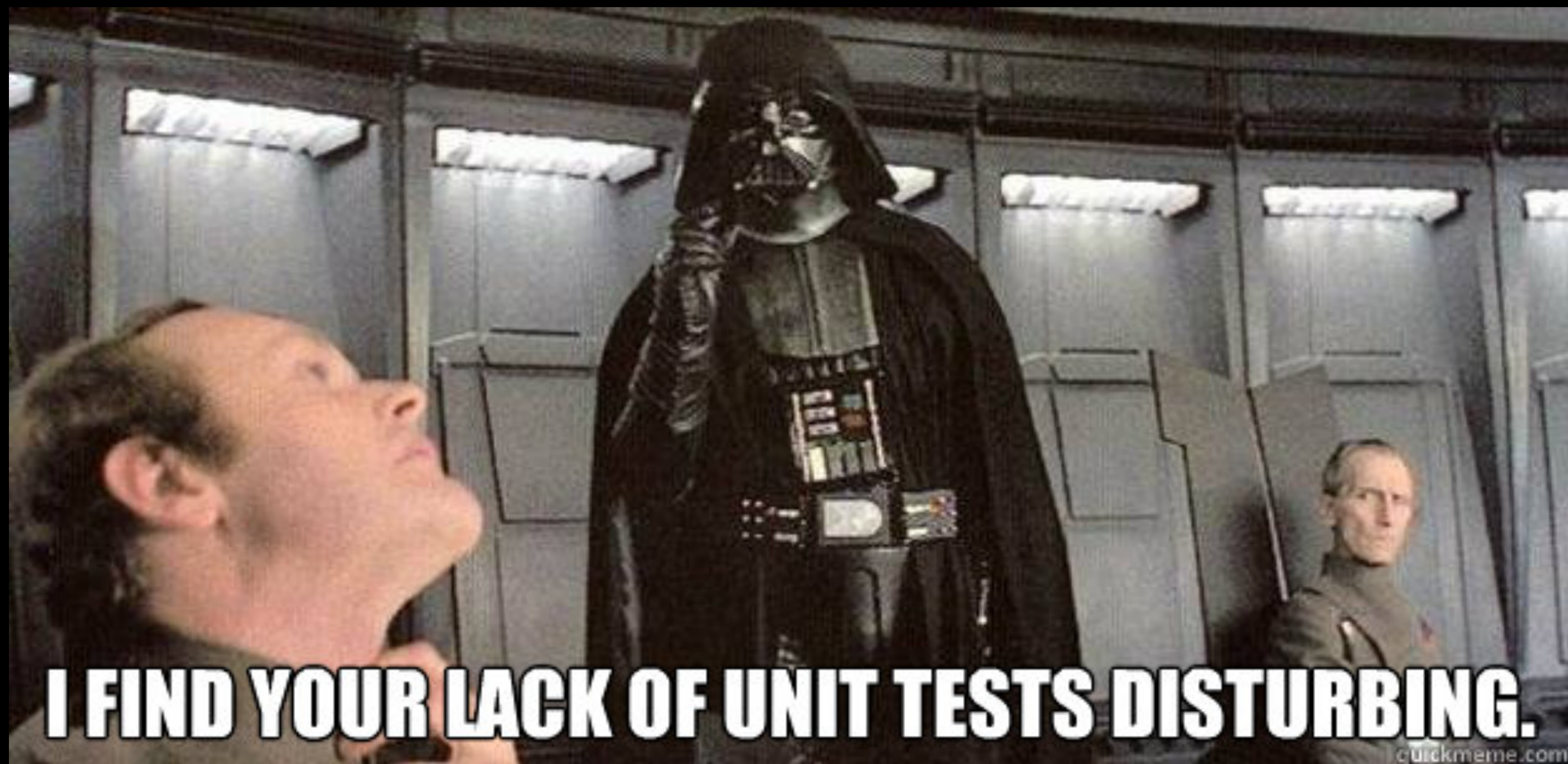
# Unit-Testing Frameworks

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```
1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED]
3 import org.junit.Test;
4
5 import static org.junit.Assert.*;
6
7 /**
8  * To work on unit tests, switch the Test Artifact in the Build Variants view.
9  */
10 public class ExampleUnitTest {
11     @Test
12     public void addition_isCorrect() throws Exception {
13         assertEquals(4, 2 + 2);
14     }
15 }
```



**I FIND YOUR LACK OF UNIT TESTS DISTURBING.**

# Unit-Testing Frameworks

- Frameworks & languages have built-in scaffolding for testing
- Include mock controllers, third party libraries, and test runners
- Cover low-level unit testing to complete integration testing.



.NET



django

# Java Spring Unit-Testing

- Allows testing without full Spring or other containers
- Framework provides mock objects for environment, jndi, servlets, and portlets
- Also includes basic reflection test objects and MVC to access Model and View objects.





# Java Spring Integration-Testing

- Allows testing with full Spring environment, data access via JDBC or ORM
- Provides context and transaction management, dependency injection, and support classes
- Means you can interact with any piece of the application without using application server



# ASP.NET MVC Testing

- Allows testing of an MVC application
- Built-in unit test framework directly calls MVC controllers methods
- Not available in all versions of Visual Studio (\$\$\$)
- Ability to mock different components using built-in and 3<sup>rd</sup> party frameworks

# ASP.NET MVC Testing

- Whoops!
  - No access to HTML
  - Limited access to full HTTP Request/Response

# Django Testing

- Uses python standard unit-test library
- Hybrid of unit/integration test framework
- Auto-creates model database for tests
- Test client acts as dummy web browser with low-level access to HTTP Request/Response

# Testing Frameworks Summary

- Unit-test frameworks focus on low level functionality (ASP.NET, Java Spring Unit Tests, etc)
- Integration-test framework provide more of a full-stack approach to testing components

# Security Unit-Testing Requirements

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# Functional Application

- Application should run in a production-like state, including:
  - Mock and/or test data
  - Full HTTP Request/Response
  - Rendered HTML



# Maintain Authentication State

- Unit-Test framework must perform authentication and authorization functions
  - Working client AND application
  - Full vulnerability classes depend on this functionality.
  - Include login, logout, and registration functions

# Consistent Responses

- Application should maintain state during the duration of a test
  - Still part of a functional application
  - Allow for multiple calls in one test

# Java Spring Example

```
@RunWith(SpringJUnit4ClassRunner.class)

@SpringBootTest(classes =
    {MvcConfig.class, MoneyxApplication.class},
webEnvironment =
    SpringBootTest.WebEnvironment.RANDOM_PORT)

public class InjectionTest extends MoneyXTestTemplate {

    @LocalServerPort
    private int port;
```



# ASP.NET MVC Example

```
private void StartIIS() {  
    var appPath = GetApplicationPath(_appName);  
    var pf = Environment.GetFolderPath(  
        Environment.SpecialFolder.ProgramFiles  
    );  
    _iis = new Process();  
    _iis.StartInfo.FileName = pf +  
        @" \IIS Express\iisexpress.exe"  
    _iis.StartInfo.Arguments = string.Format("/path:\"{0}\" /port:{1}",  
        appPath, 2020);  
    _iis.Start();  
}
```

# Python Django Example

```
class TestSecurity(TestCase):  
    "Security Tests"  
    fixtures = ['users', 'userProfiles', 'groups']  
  
    def setUp(self):  
        self.client = Client()  
  
    def test_caching(self):  
        vuln = False  
        req = self.client.login(username='test',  
                                password='pass')  
  
    ...
```



# Security Unit-Testing Lessons Learned

- Requires unique setup for each language and framework
- Spend as much time meeting requirements as writing tests
- Combination of dynamic and static security testing

# Security Unit-Testing Approach

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- Building one security unit-test != impenetrable application
- Must test each endpoint
- AND each parameter
- AND each vulnerability
- AND possible vulnerability payload



# Math is hard

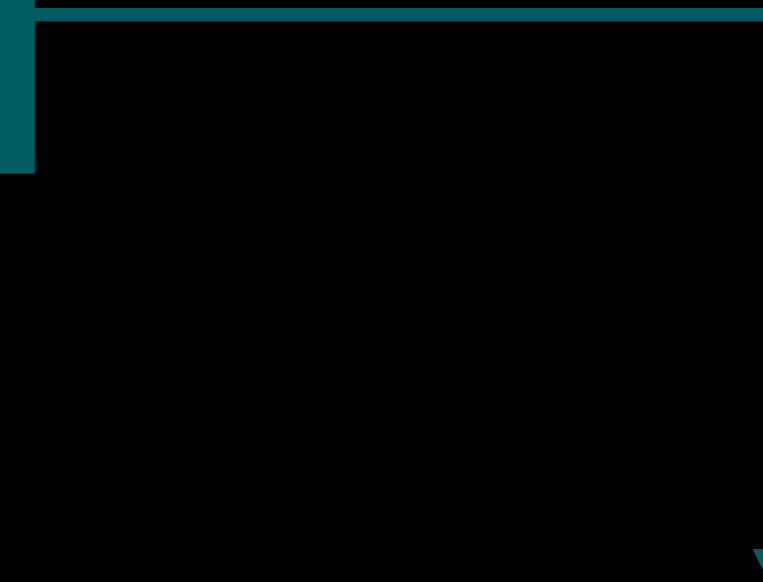
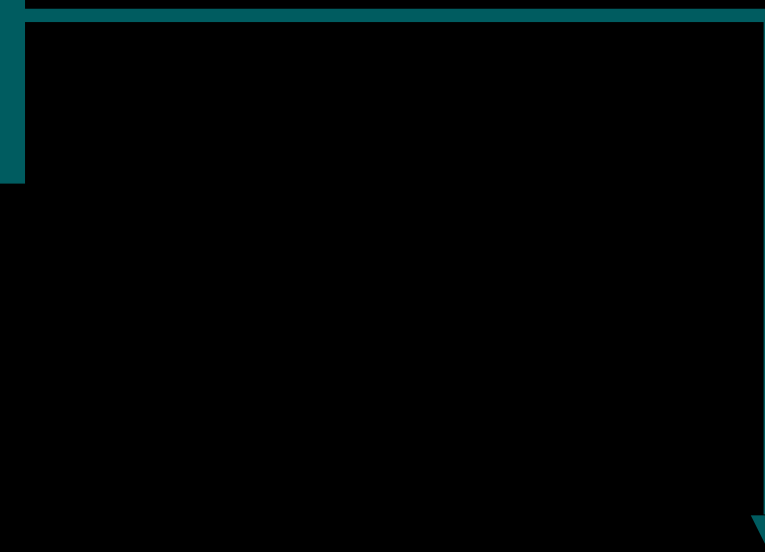
- 10 endpoints
- 10 parameters on each endpoint
- 10 vulnerabilities for each parameter
- 5 payloads per vulnerability
- $10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 5 = 5000$  tests

# Security Unit-Testing Approach

**Identify Endpoints,  
Parameters, Flaws**

**Create Test for each  
variation**

**Run the Tests**



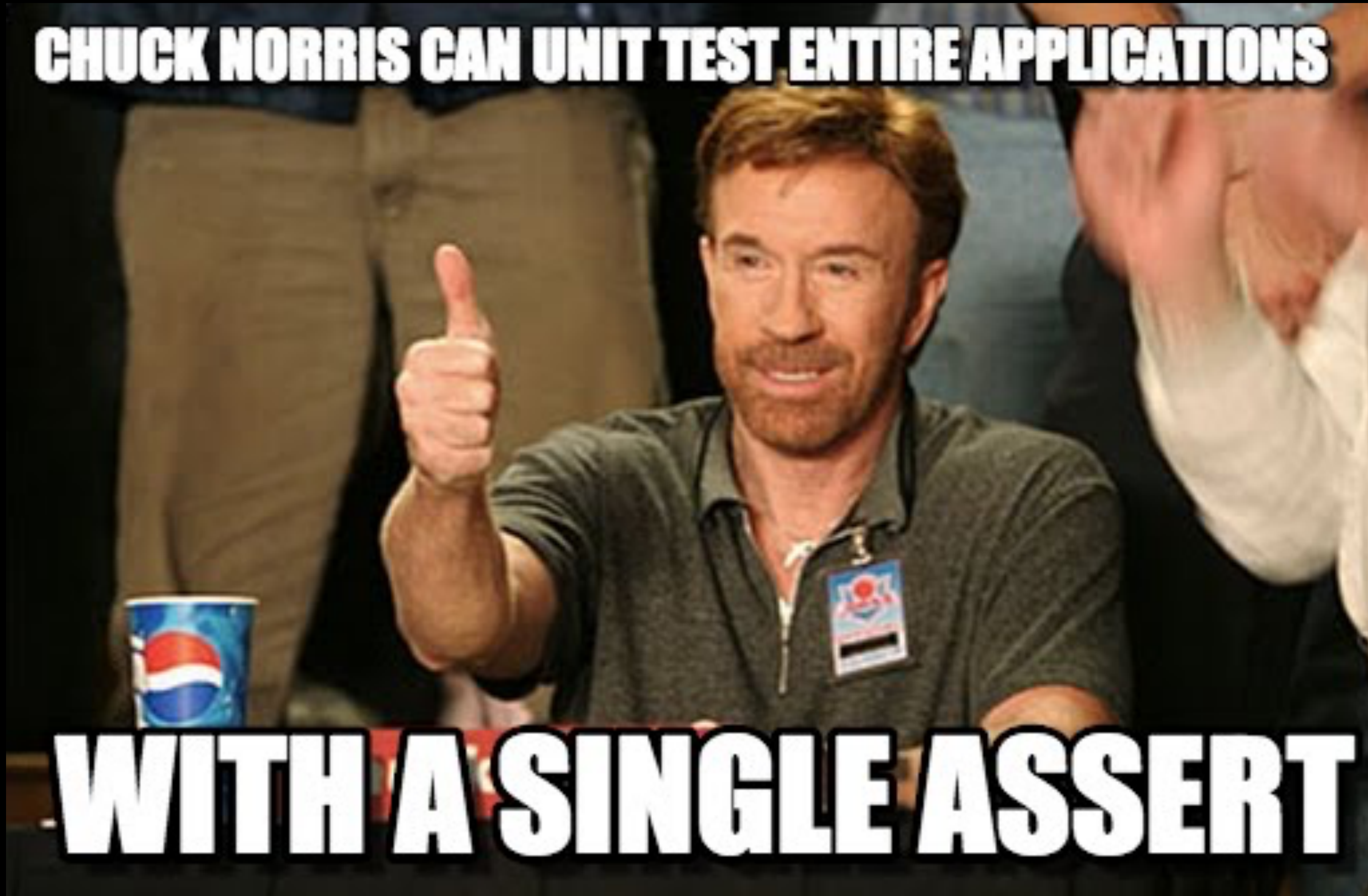
# Identify



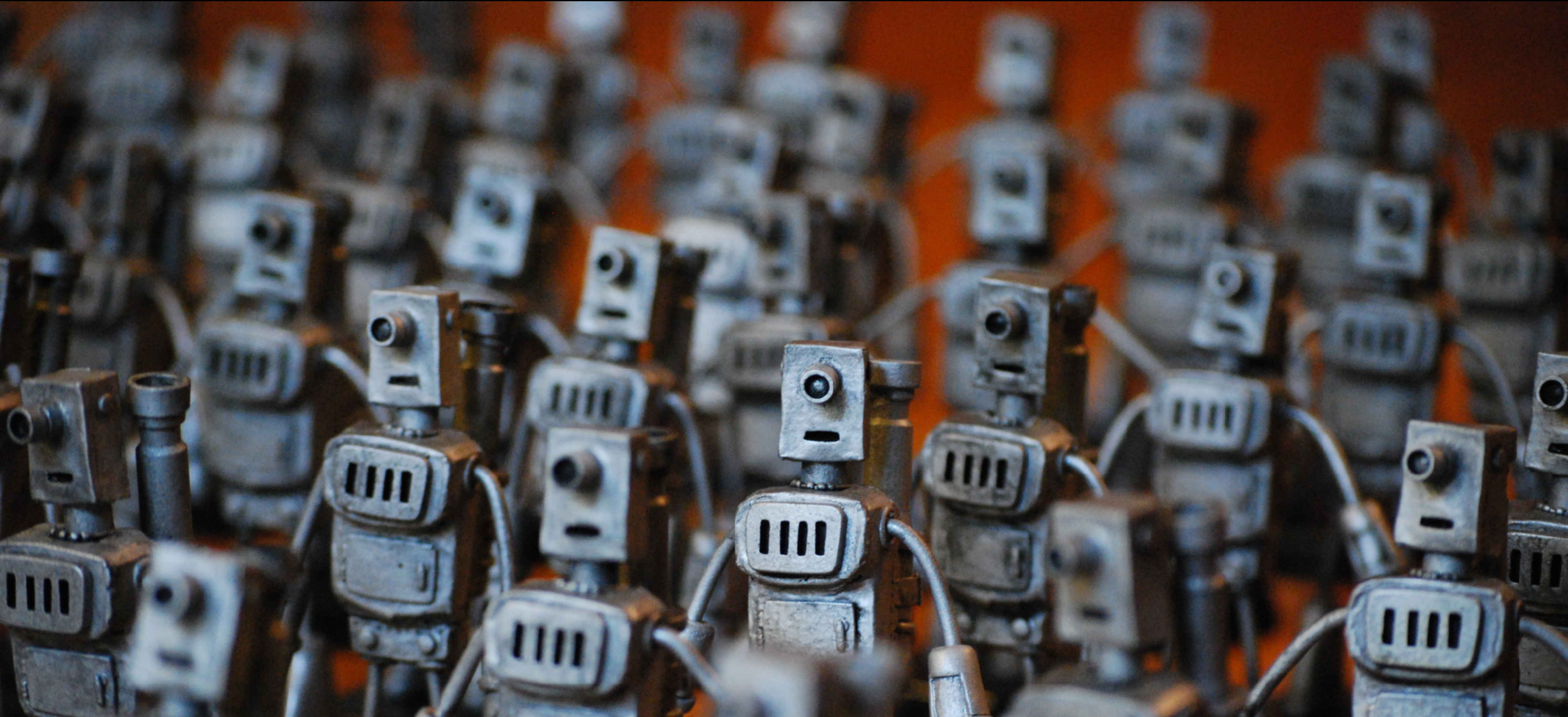
# Create

**CHUCK NORRIS CAN UNIT TEST ENTIRE APPLICATIONS**

**WITH A SINGLE ASSERT**



# Test



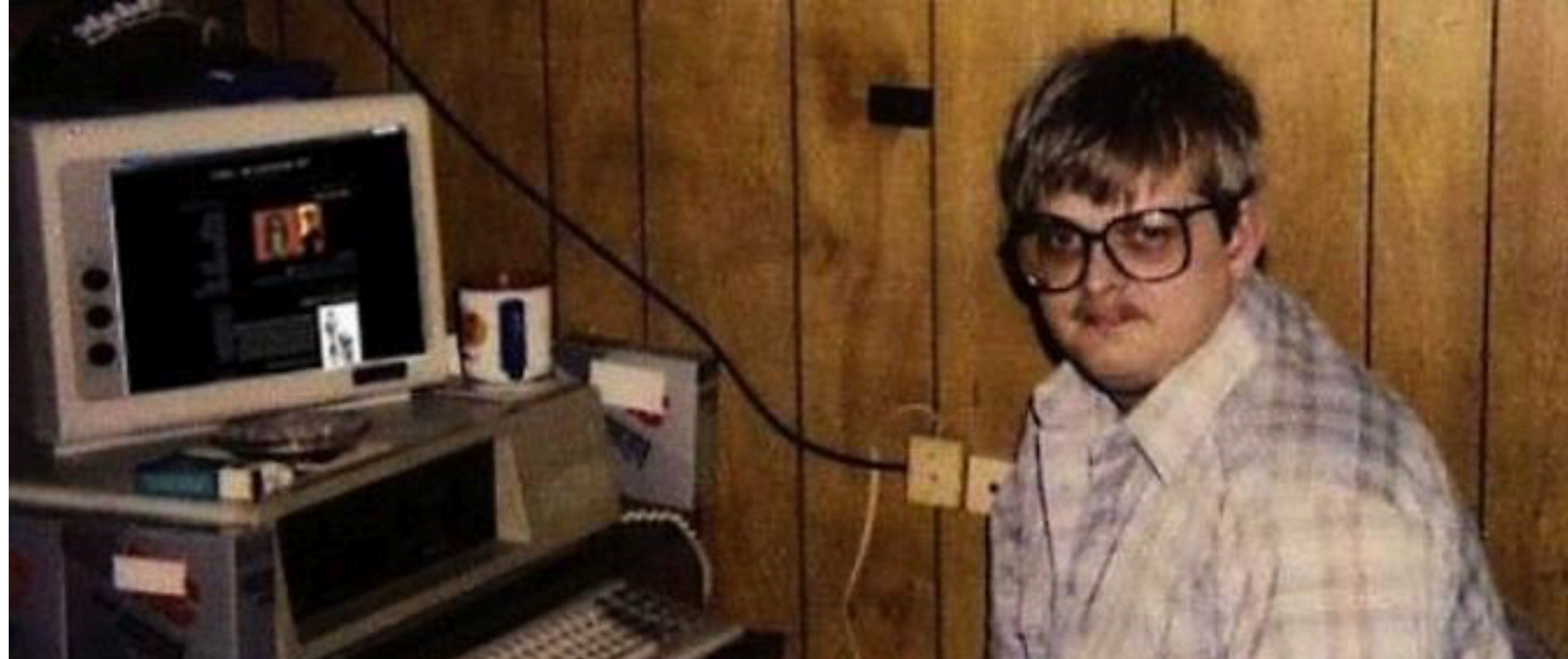
# Security Payload Unit-Testing Repository/Runner

# SPUTR

- Building intentionally-vulnerable applications
- Test known vulnerable endpoints and parameters
- Security payloads are exploit focused, redundant and produce false-positives
- Speed up security integration into SDLC

**#**





Handwritten text on a white background, showing a sequence of numbers and symbols:

0	0	4	8	0	0	9	6
0	0	4	9	0	0	9	7
0	0	5	0	0	0	9	8

# Current Security Payloads

- Developed to uncover exploitable flaws for false positive reduction
- Use generic escape sequences and payloads
- Focused on application output more than input

# XSS Payloads from fuzzdb

```
1 '
2 <font style='color:expression(alert('XSS'))'>
3 ' onmouseover=alert(/Black.Spook/)
4 ' or 2=2
5 "
6 " or 202
7 ";eval(unescape(location))//# %0Aalert(0)
8 "><BODY onload!#$%&()*~+-_.,:;?@[/|\]^`=alert("XSS")>
9 "><iframe%20src="http://google.com"%203E
10 "><img src=x onerror=prompt(1);>
11 "><img src=x onerror=window.open('https://www.google.com/');>
12 '%22--%3E%3C/style%3E%3C/script%3E%3Cscript%3Eshadowlabs(0x000045)%3C/script%3E
13 %27%22--%3E%3C%2Fstyle%3E%3C%2Fscript%3E%3Cscript%3ERWAR%280x00010E%29%3C%2Fscript%3E
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15 &#x61;l&#x65;rt&#40;1)
16 &<script&S1&TS&1>alert&A7&(1)&R&UA;&&<&A9&11/script&X&>
```

“ ‘ & %

# SPUTR Payloads

- Focus on characters and strings that expose application errors, not exploitation
- Eliminate redundant testing of the same escape sequences

# XSS Payload from SPUTR

4j0kh"4j0kh

# Payload Generation

Demo

# SPUTR Test Generation

- Identify as many endpoints as possible from the code of different frameworks
- Starting point for unit-test creation
- Map which parameters and tests apply to the endpoints



Generation

Demo

# SPUTR Testing

- Consistent way to test multiple application built on different languages and frameworks
- Callable from AWS CodePipeline or Jenkins
- Decrease cost of building unit tests

Testing

Demo

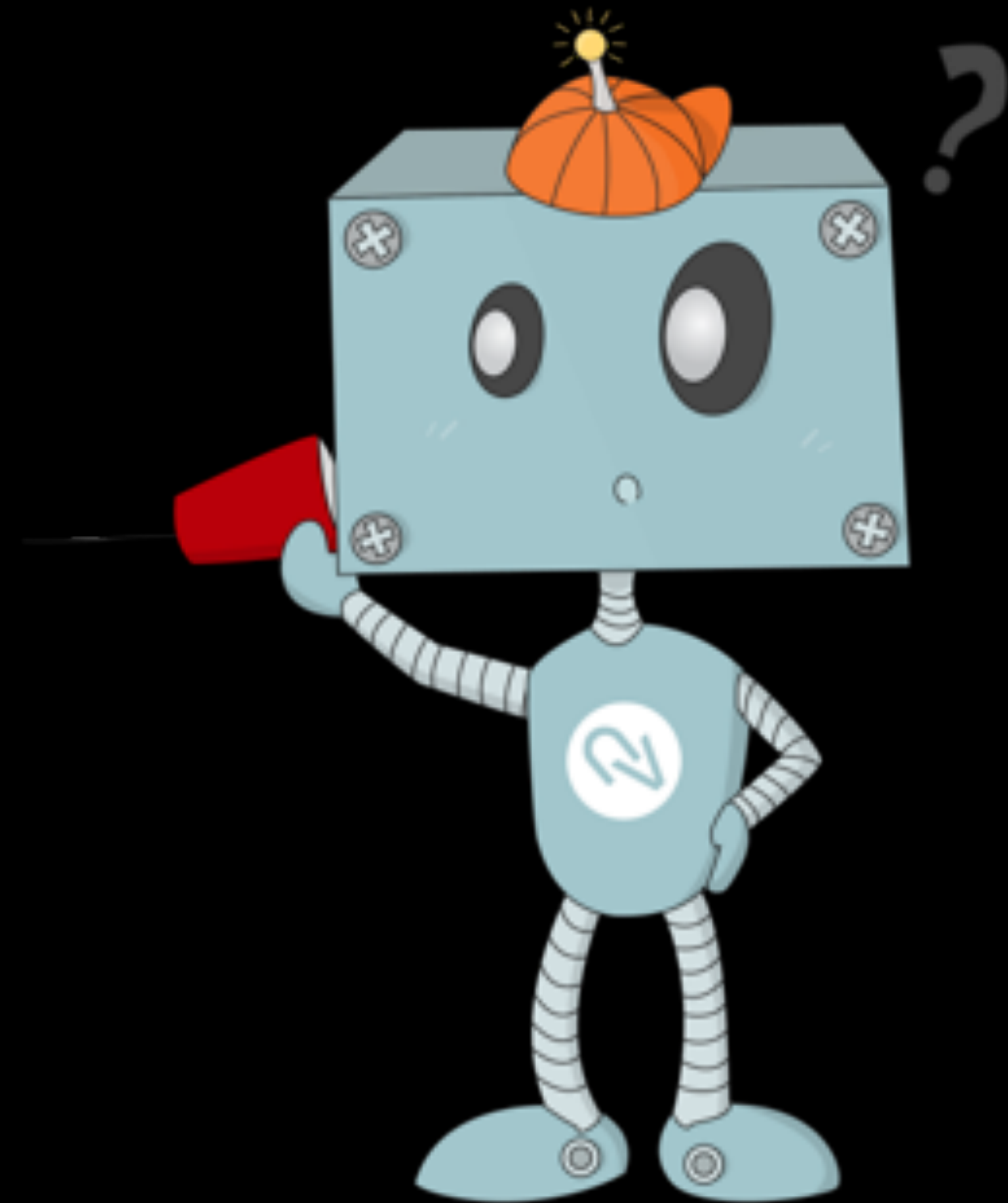
# SPUTRing the future

- Payloads
  - Further payload options + refinement
  - Additional vulnerabilities (IDOR/Redirects/etc)
- Testing
  - Speed
- Generation
  - Automated analysis
  - More languages and frameworks
  - Burp Suite Pro plugin

# Summary

- Current security testing tools are great at finding some vulnerabilities, but not all
- Creation of simple security bots for unit testing specific functionality reveal additional flaws.
- Use SPUTR (<https://github.com/sethlaw/sputr>) in a DevOps pipeline to speed up security bot creation.

# Questions



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