

SEI 2015 Research Review

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SEI and CMU

Welcome to the Software Engineering Institute

SEI is a Federally-Funded R&D Center

- Operated by Carnegie Mellon University
- Other FFRDCs: MITRE, MIT/Lincoln, LLNL, IDA, JPL

Within CMU, we resemble a “school” or “college” in the org chart

- Such as: Computer Science, Engineering, Fine Arts, Humanities/Social Science (Dietrich), Business (Tepper), Science (Mellon), Public Policy and Information Science (Heinz)
- Our ~600 employees are CMU staff members
 - Some hold additional academic titles (researcher, adjunct faculty)

R&D Work at SEI

Line funded projects (“line” and “LENS”)

- LENS = Line-funded Exploratory New Starts
- One and two year projects, with collaborators

Project work (with individual “customers”)

- PWP = Project Work Plans

As a DoD FFRDC, we are subject to ‘ceiling’ (called “STE”)

- Applies to our entire DoD-supported work

Line Funded Project Proposals

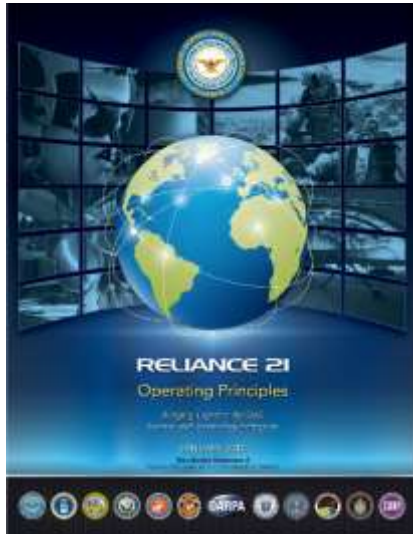
Project proposals are solicited in approximately January and April each year

- 1-2 year “Line” projects ; 1 year “LENS” projects
- Selected and approved projects start in new FY (Oct 1)

Projects for FY16 are just getting started

We collaborate with (and often fund) joint work with other parts of CMU and other research institutions

DoD Research and Engineering (R&E) Reliance 21: Operating Principles



Available at
www.defenseinnovationmarketplace.mil/resources/2014-Reliance21OperatingPrinciples.pdf

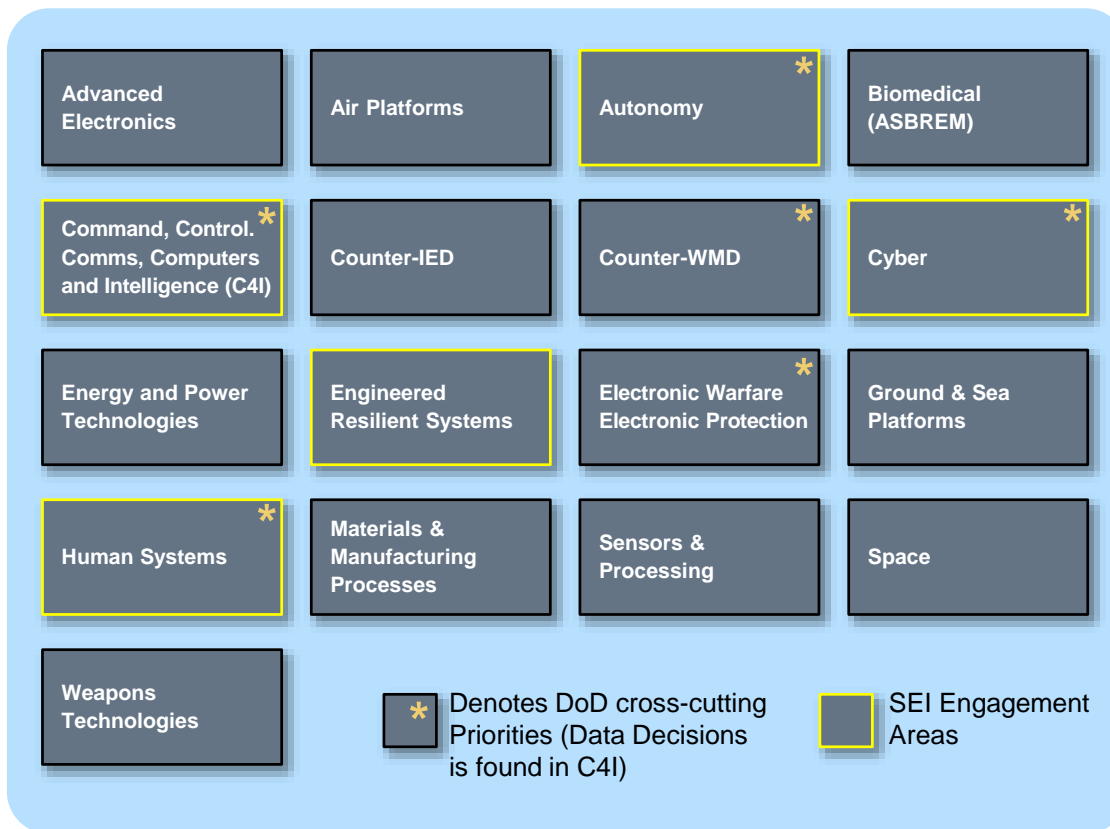
From *16th Annual Science and Engineering Technology Conference*, Al Shaffer, Principal Deputy, ASD(R&E), Mar 2015

Operational Framework of the DoD S&T Joint Planning and Coordination process (updated January 2014)

- Executes the DoD R&E Strategies
 - Portfolio Management Infrastructure to enable:
 - Information sharing
 - Alignment of effort against capability gaps
 - Coordination of priorities and investments
 - Exploit synergies and develop new opportunities
 - Support for scientists and engineers across the DoD R&E Enterprise
- Communities of Interest (COI)
 - 17 cross-domain technical areas, each with their own Steering Group Lead and multiple technical 'challenge areas' or sub groups, staffed with Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)
 - Specific cross-cutting technology areas where there is substantial investment across multiple Components

Reliance 21: Communities of Interest (Cols)

Mission: Leverage **global commercial** and **non-commercial research and development (R&D)** to ensure superior and affordable development in areas critical to defense, including but not limited to:



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What You Will Hear

The 2015 Research Review covers the line-funded work from FY15 (our FY starts Oct 1) and area introductions, three keynote talks, and two talks from CMU's Cylab

Technical details can be shared if:

- It is covered by a 'Fundamental Research' exclusion
- Contains no sensitive information (PII, etc)
- They are already available in public

For some projects, additional detail may be possible to discuss elsewhere.

Topics for the Research Review

Acquisition and Management

Assured Design

C4I

Human Factors

Cylab Presentations – Usable Security/Privacy, Facial Recognition

Verification and Validation

Cybersecurity

Motivation: Software and Complexity

Composing [simple] software components leads to complexity that is difficult to reason about and secure

especially when networked together across organizations

At least 75% of organizations rely on open-source software and it is not immune from seemingly simple problems (e.g., Heartbleed, Shellshock, etc)

Neither is non-open/proprietary embedded system software (e.g., Toyota, Boeing 787 shutdown)

IoT will likely increase the challenges

different expertise, use cases, security needs, privacy issues

How to achieve (software) *capabilities with confidence*?

... Can we just 'build it better'?

Software Engineering and Cybersecurity

Software Engineering includes studies of

- Software development efficiency and metrics (faults, function points)
- Requirements and validation, verification and formal methods
- Scale, operational performance, configuration management
- Software development techniques and languages
- Logic / model theory and related mathematics

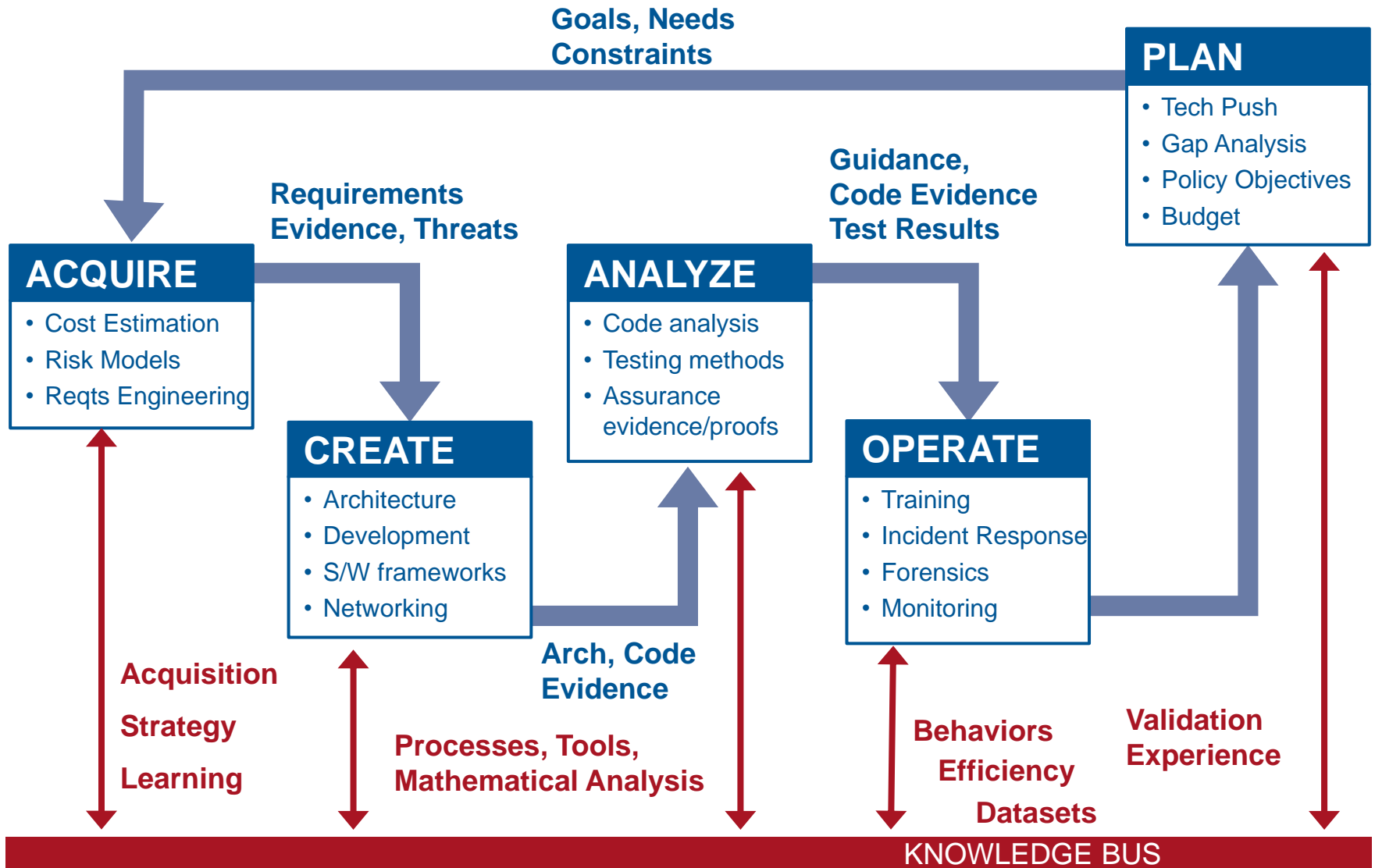
Cybersecurity includes studies of

- Malware analysis and countermeasures
- Forensics
- Incident response, remediations, and threat intelligence
- Software development techniques
- Cryptography and related mathematics



**Well, there's
some overlap**

Technical Strategic Framework



Lifecycle View



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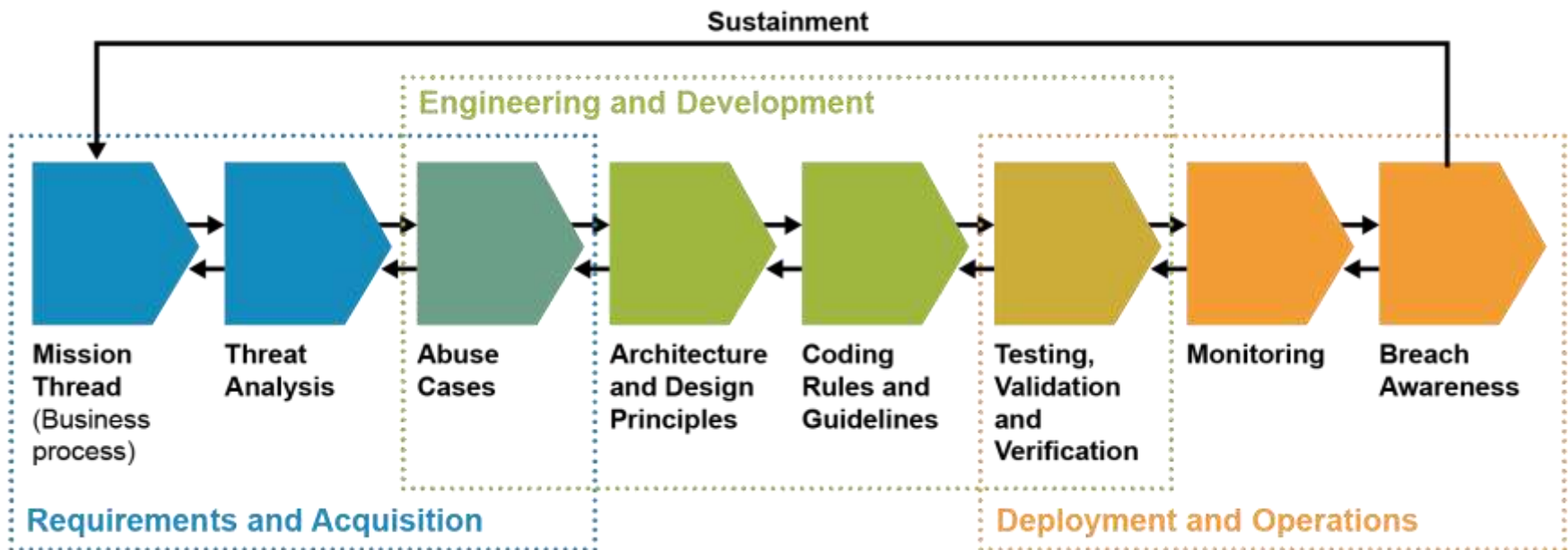
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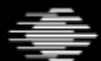
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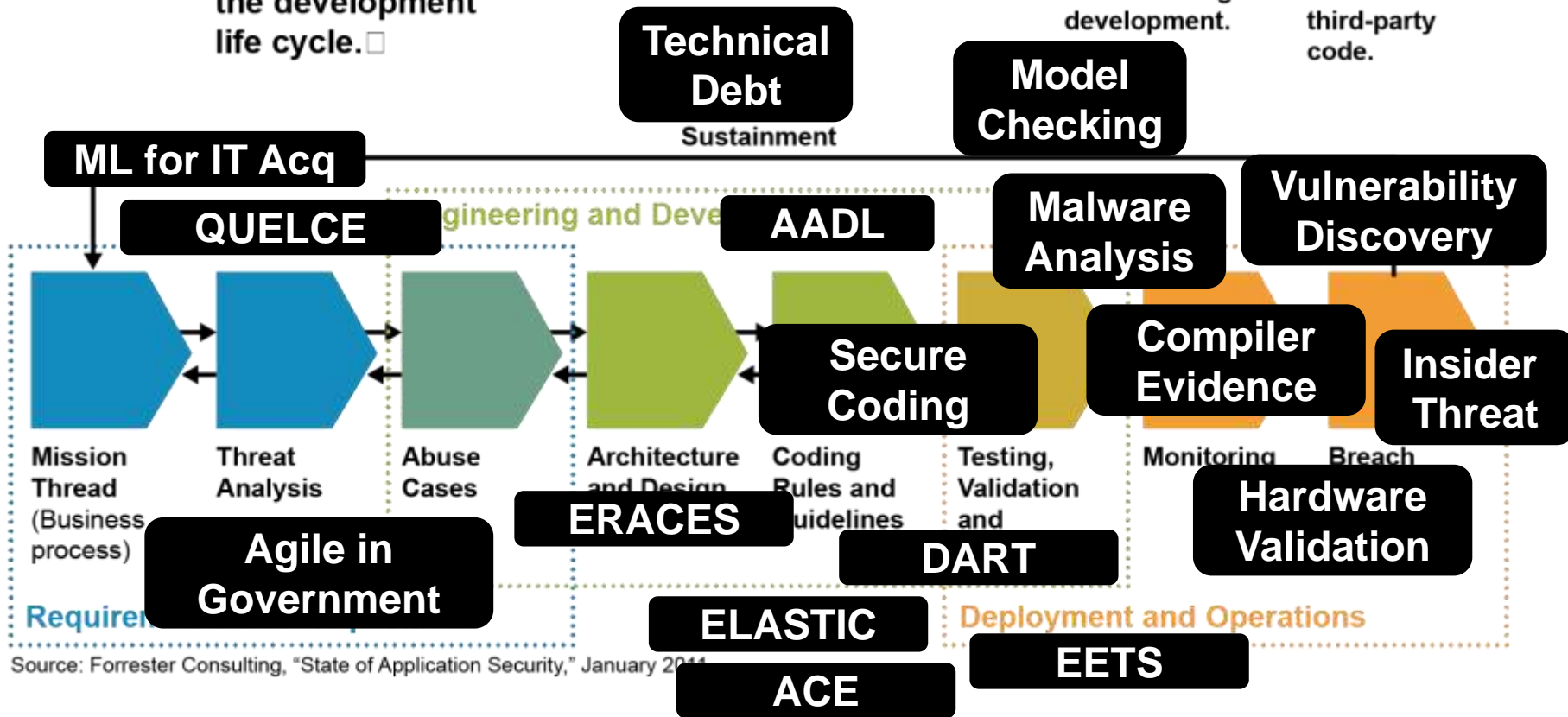
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