The Payoff of Improving the Dev and Security Relationship
How to release more secure apps, faster

Finding #1

Developers are less involved in security planning than they believe to be.

When asked if development was involved in security strategy planning:
- 45.1% of developers respondents said they were involved, but only
- 37.8% of security respondents said they involve development teams.

This indicates that developers are even less involved in security strategy planning than they think they are, deteriorating trust between the teams.

Finding #2

Development and security don’t have the same language.

- 36.5% of decision-makers reported their organizations’ teams are not effectively collaborating to strengthen security and development relationships.
- 1 in 3 development respondents said they were involved, but only
- 37.8% of security respondents said they involve development teams.
- The average number of employees on IT teams (97) and development teams (86) far outweighed security teams (59).

Security is outmatched in employee number, highlighting the need for automation.

Finding #3

Security and development teams with positive relationships can complete the software development life cycle five business days faster than teams with negative relationships.

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Use math as a common language by creating shared KPIs as a starting point.

Automate security to improve scalability. Development teams specialize in automation, which is something the security team needs most.

The Payoff

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And start releasing more secure apps, faster!

Source: "Bridging The Developer And Security Divide" A commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of VMware, September 2021

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VMware commissioned Forrester Consulting to evaluate the relationship between IT, security, and development teams and discovered hard data on the soft topic of relationship.