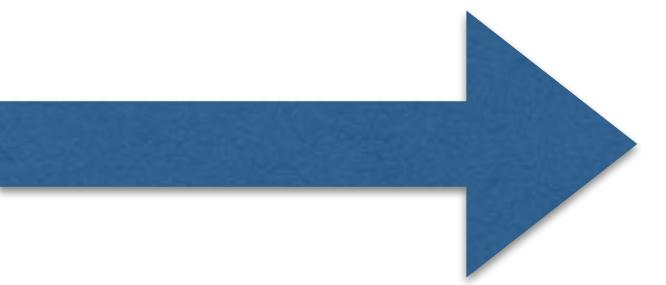




Das Backend schlägt zurück

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Application Intrusion Detection with OWASP AppSensor



Introduction



Basics



Implementation

Introduction



Attacks are often executed as trial & error



Do you know
when your web
applications are
under attack?

Do you learn
about successful
attacks before the
data has been
leaked?



Automatically react on identified attacks in realtime

Stop attackers before they are successful

**It's impossible to
detect every attack**

**It's enough to
know about a
device's intentions**





What makes application intrusion detection
more effective than a web application firewall?

?gateway=12345&device=7&temperature=100

Device Manager (Gateway: 12345)

Manage your Devices

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- 2 - Thermostat
- 3 - Temperature Detector
- 4 - Smoke Detector

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Context Matters

Application is aware of business context

Application is aware of valid and invalid data

Application aware defense

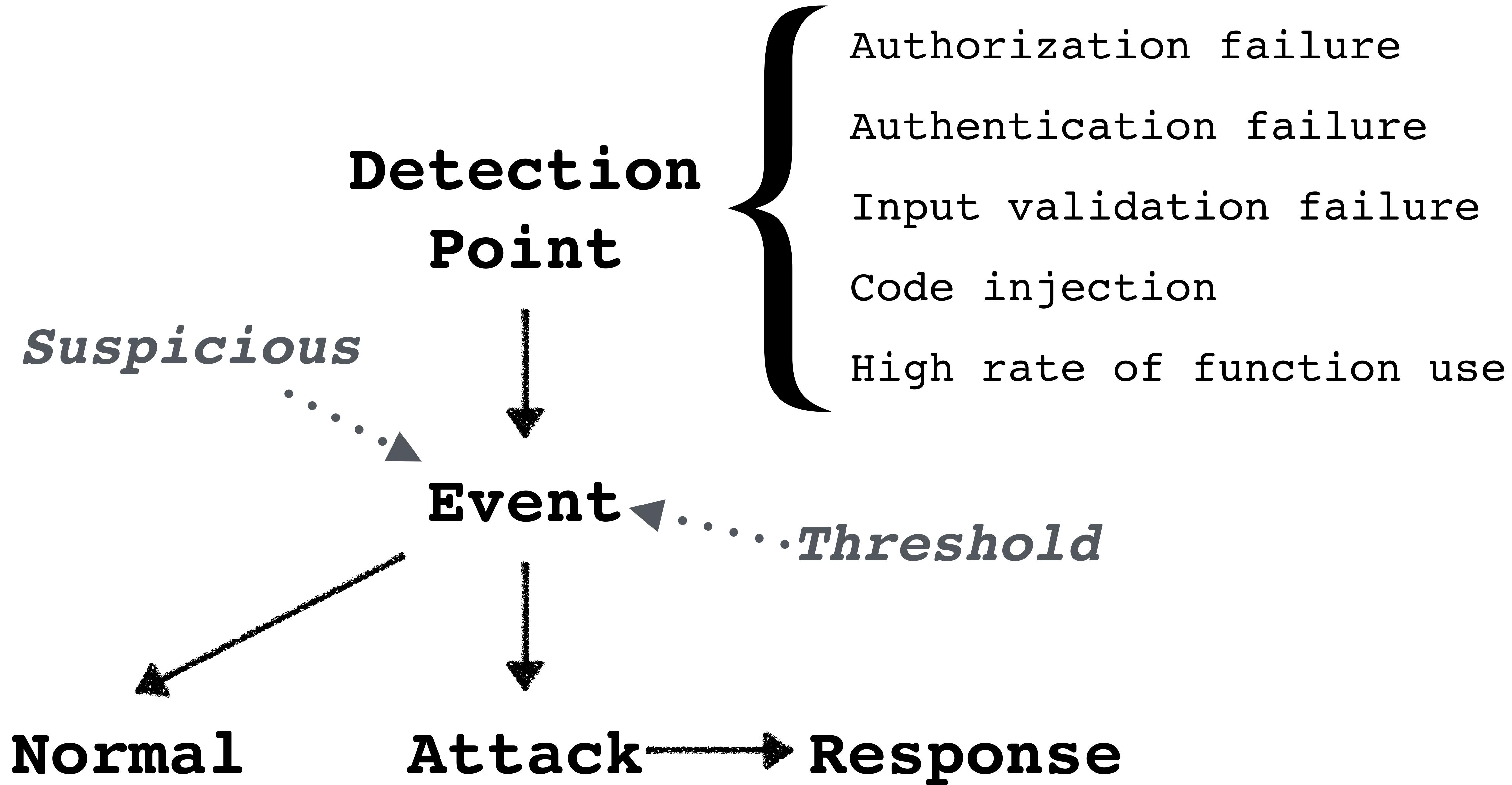


**Part of a defense in
depth strategy**

Applications and devices have to be secure

Detect attacks, not vulnerabilities

Basics



Detection Points

Detect events in the backend (like a sensor)

Tightly integrated in the application code

Useable in any backend application layer

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public class EncounterValidator implements Validator {  
    @Autowired  
    private SpringValidatorAdapter validator;  
  
    public void validate(Object target, Errors errors) {  
        validator.validate(target, errors);  
        // ...  
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Often already available as isolated notification



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private DetectionSystem detectionSystem;  
@Autowired  
private EventManager ids;  
  
public void validate(Object target, Errors errors) {  
    validator.validate(target, errors);  
    Encounter encounter = (Encounter) target;  
  
    if (hasXssPayload(encounter.getEvent())) {  
        fireEvent();  
        errors.rejectValue("event", "xss.attempt", "Stop!");  
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Identification of attacks
may require **blacklists**



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public boolean hasXssPayload(String payload) {  
    return containsAnyIgnoreCase(payload, "<", "script",  
        "onload", "eval", "document.cookie");  
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Connect with a central analysis and response unit



Detection Point Categories

Request Exception (RE)

Authentication Exception (AE)

Session Exception (SE)

Access Control Exception (ACE)

Input Exception (IE)

Encoding Exception (EE)

Command Injection Exception (CIE)

FileIO Exception (FIO)

User Trend Exception (UT)

System Trend Exception (STE)

Input Exception

IE1 - Cross-Site Scripting attempt

IE2 - violation of implemented white lists

IE3 - violation of implemented black lists

IE4 - violation of input data integrity

IE5 - violation of stored business data integrity

IE6 - violation of security log integrity

IE7 - detect abnormal content output structure

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    DetectionPoint dp = new DetectionPoint(  
        DetectionPoint.Category.INPUT_VALIDATION, "IE1");  
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Events

Observable occurrences in an application

Monitored and analyzed to determine an attack

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Thresholds

React immediately to malicious events (**threshold = 1**)

Requires **count**

React delayed to suspicious events (**threshold > 1**)

Requires **count** and **interval**

Threshold Examples

2 events over the last 5 minutes

10 events over the last 24 hours

200% increase over one hour

Without Input Validation

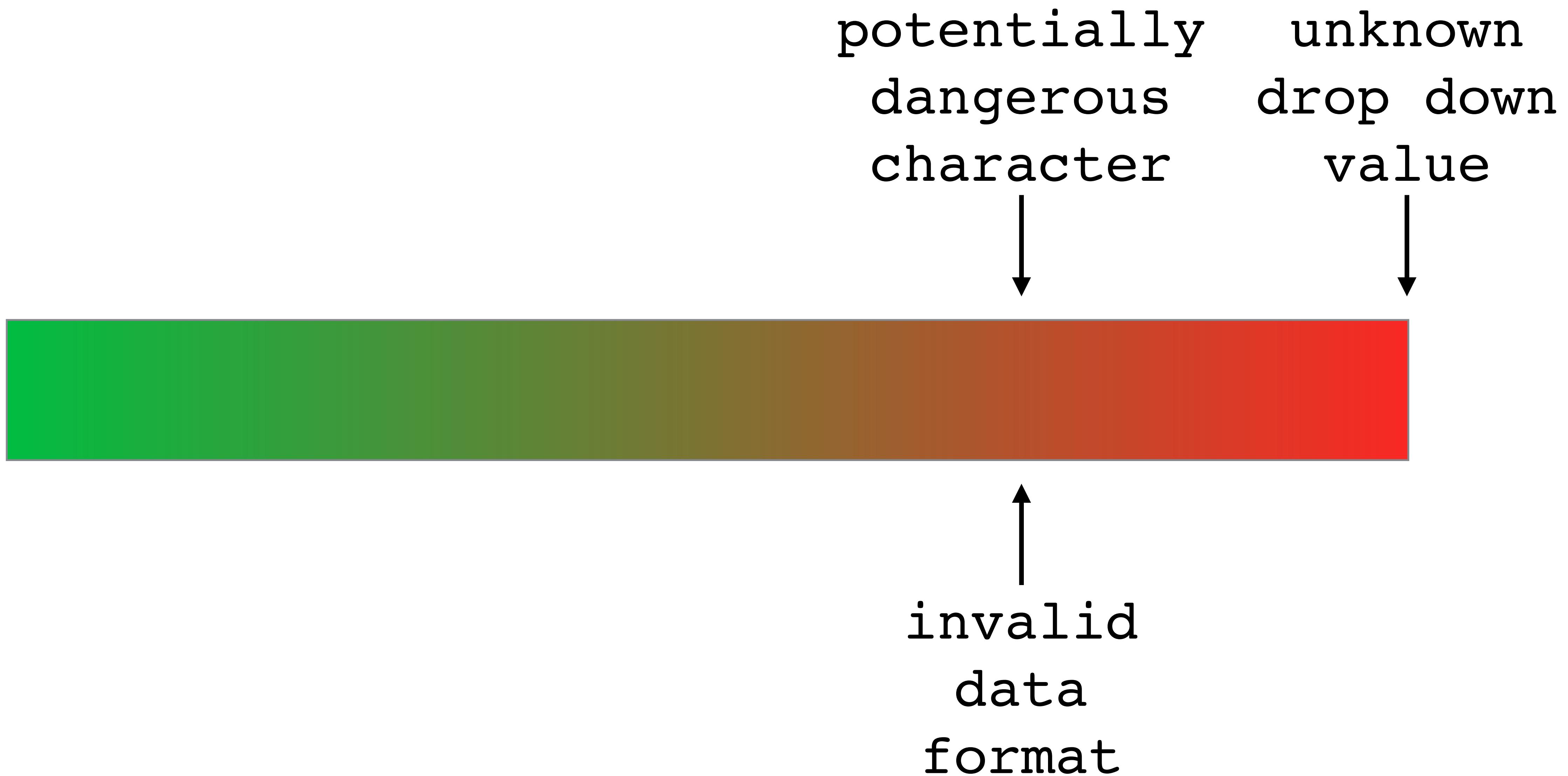
invalid
data
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potentially
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With Input Validation



Device and System Tends

More difficult to configure

Require a large device base/ frequent usage

Consider special situations (e.g. weekdays vs. weekends)

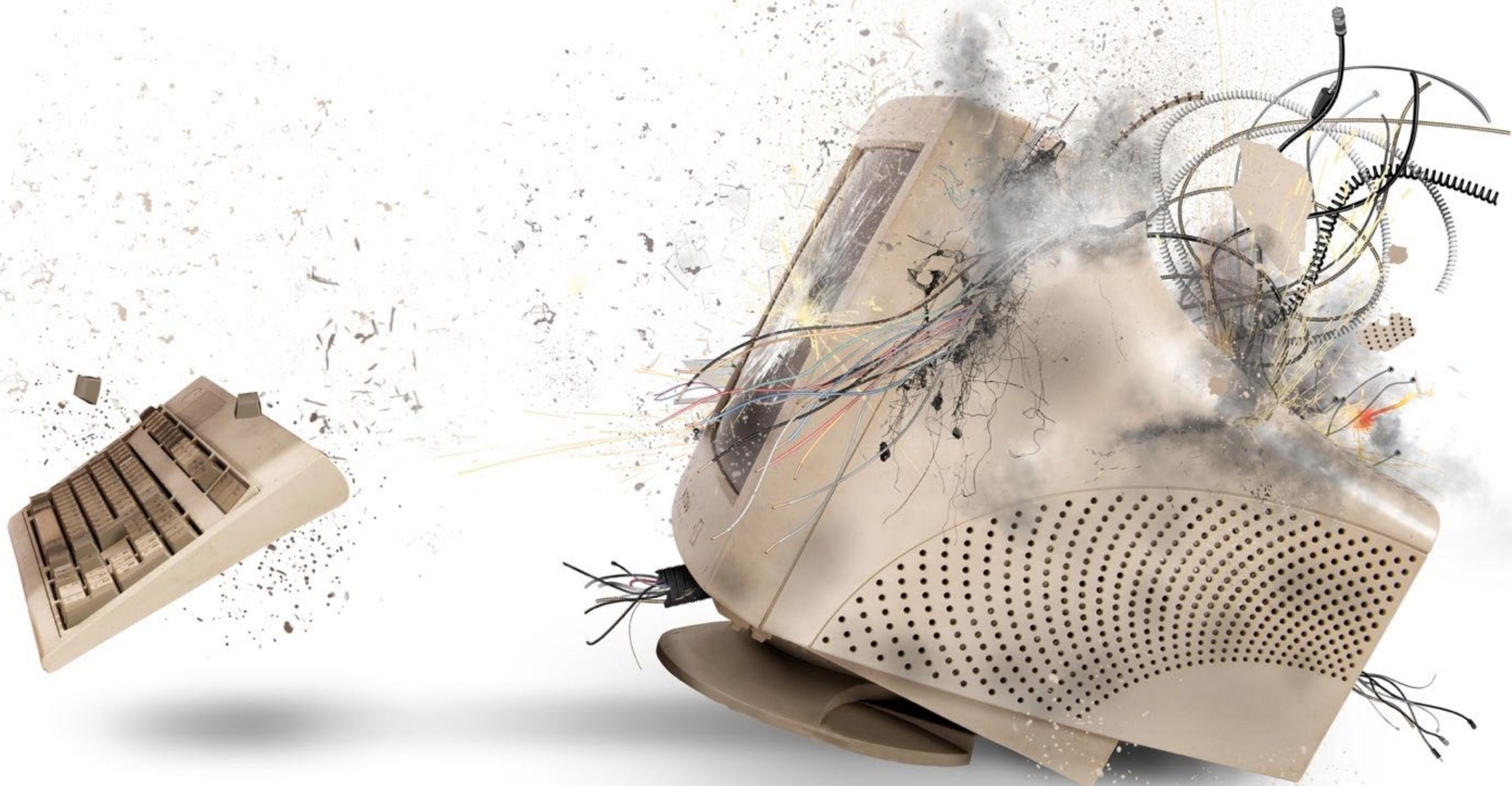
Responses

Defend the application and its data

Respond to an attack in any way the application supports

Respond automatically in realtime

No Retaliation



Possible Attack Reactions

No response

Function disabled
Application disabled

Account monitored
Admin notification
Application monitored

Honeypot redirect

Timing change
Request terminated
Account logout
Account lockout

...

React differently on suspicious events
and identified attacks

Responses and Thresholds

Threshold	Response
2. event	Log request
4. event	Logout account
6. event	Lockout account

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Implementation

Execution Modes

	REST	SOAP	Thrift	RabbitMQ	Kafka	Embedded
Application language			any			Java
# of applications			multiple			1
Cluster support			yes			no

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San Francisco (USA)

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About

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Demo

Treat anonymous and authenticated devices
differently

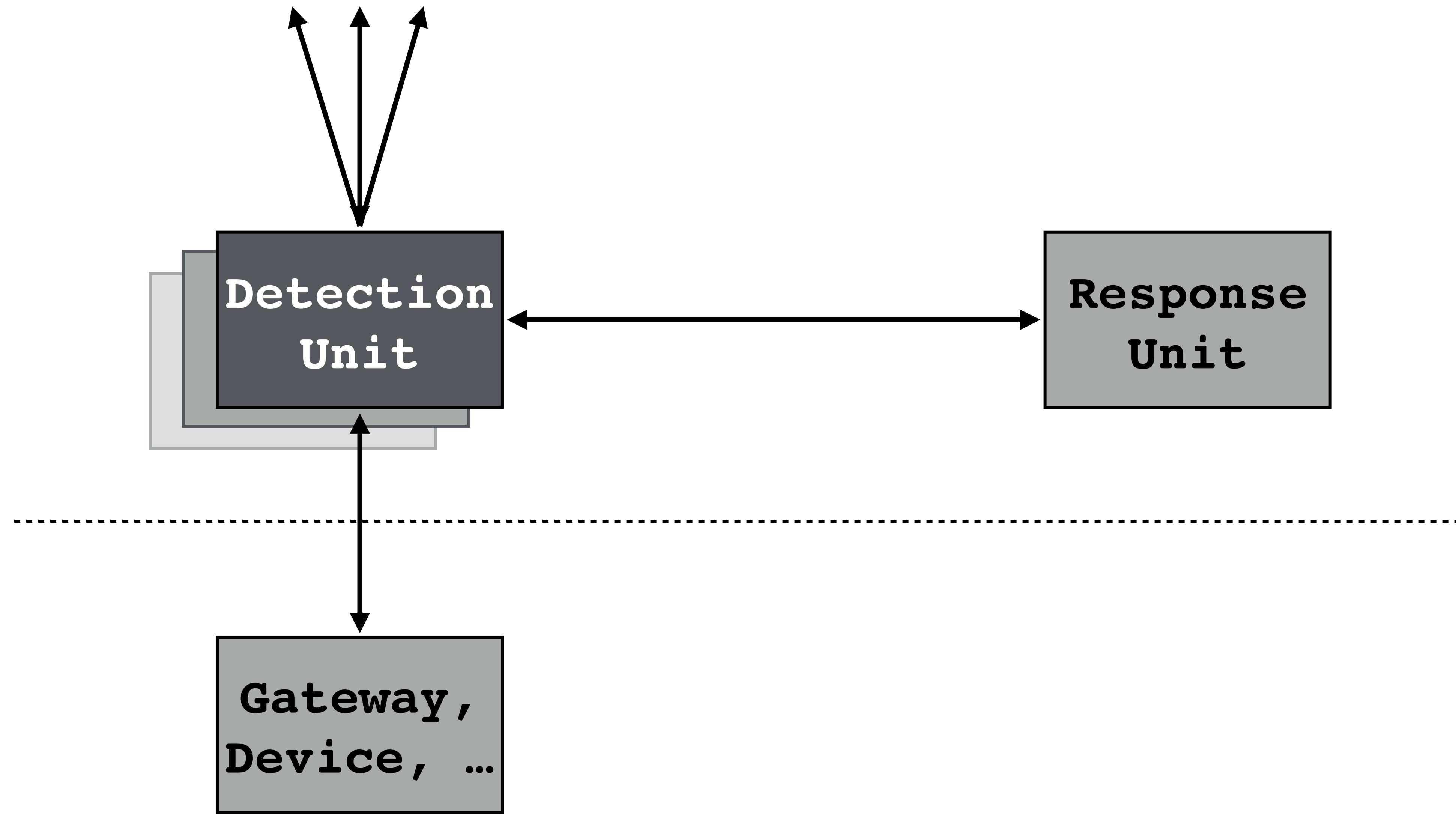


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    if (user.isAnonymous()) {
        DetectionPoint dp = new DetectionPoint(
            INPUT_VALIDATION, "IE1-001");
        ids.addEvent(new Event(user, dp, detectionSystem));
    } else {
        DetectionPoint dp = new DetectionPoint(
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Separate Detection and Response Unit(s)

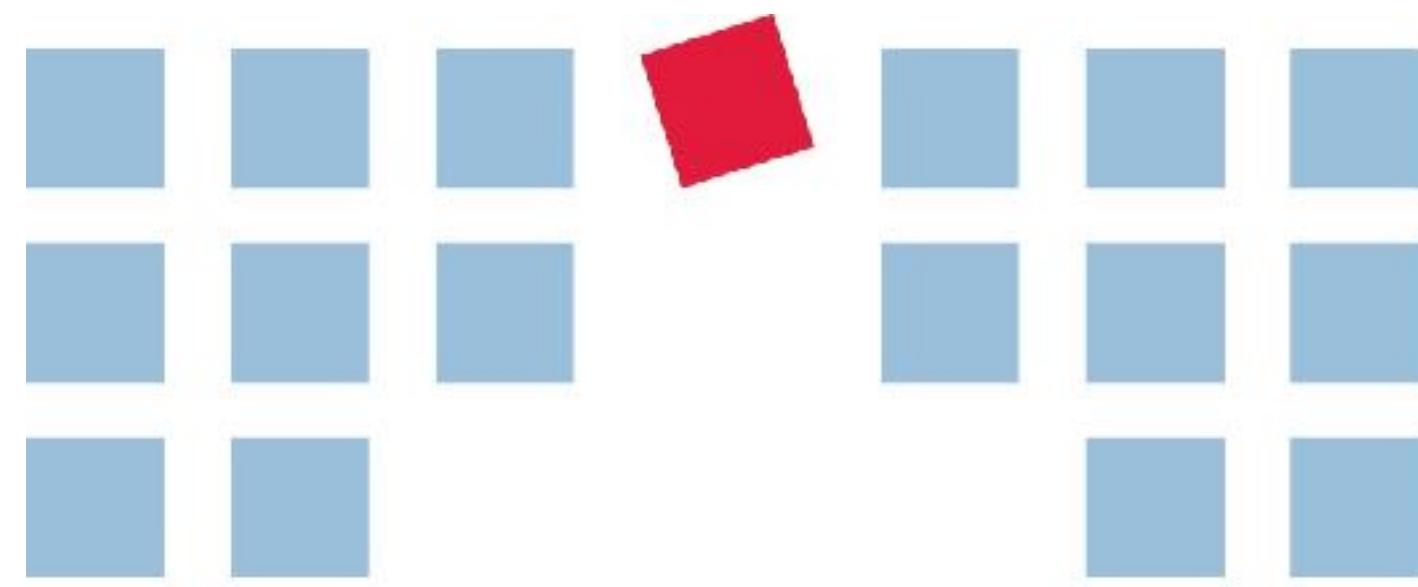


Wrap up

Another layer of defense for your backend

Respond to ongoing attacks in realtime

Reduce impact of successful attacks



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Demo Project

github.com/dschadow/ApplicationIntrusionDetection

OWASP AppSensor

appsensor.org

Detection Points

www.owasp.org/index.php/AppSensor_DetectionPoints

Pictures

www.dreamstime.com

