Advances in Measuring the Security and Architectural Integrity of Mission-Critical Systems

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Why Measure IT Applications?

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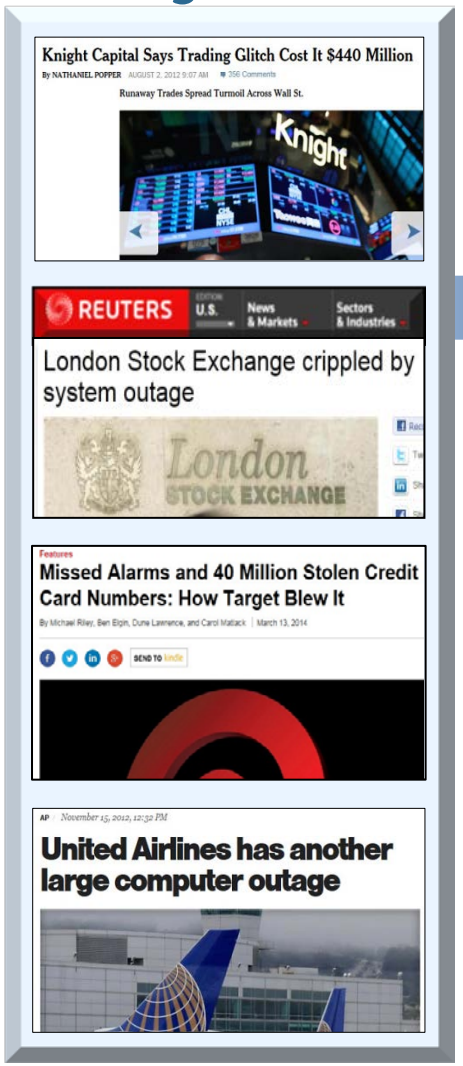

now affect

- Board of Directors
- CEO, COO, CFO
- Business VPs
- Corporate Auditors
- CIO

accountable for

- Governance
- Risk management
- Risk measurement
- Brand protection
- Customer experience

Evaluate Application Quality with CISQ Measures

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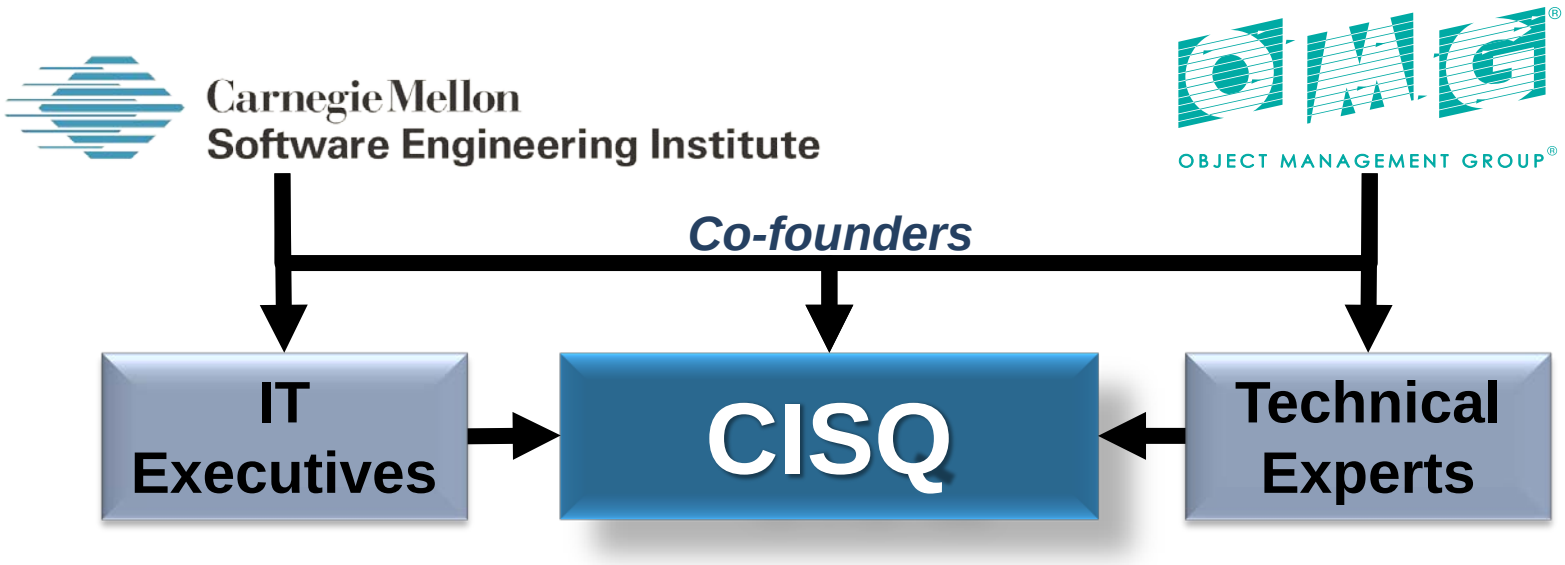
What is CISQ?



OMG Special Interest Group

CISQ is chartered to define automatable measures of software size and quality that can be measured in the source code, and promote them to become Approved Specifications of the OMG®

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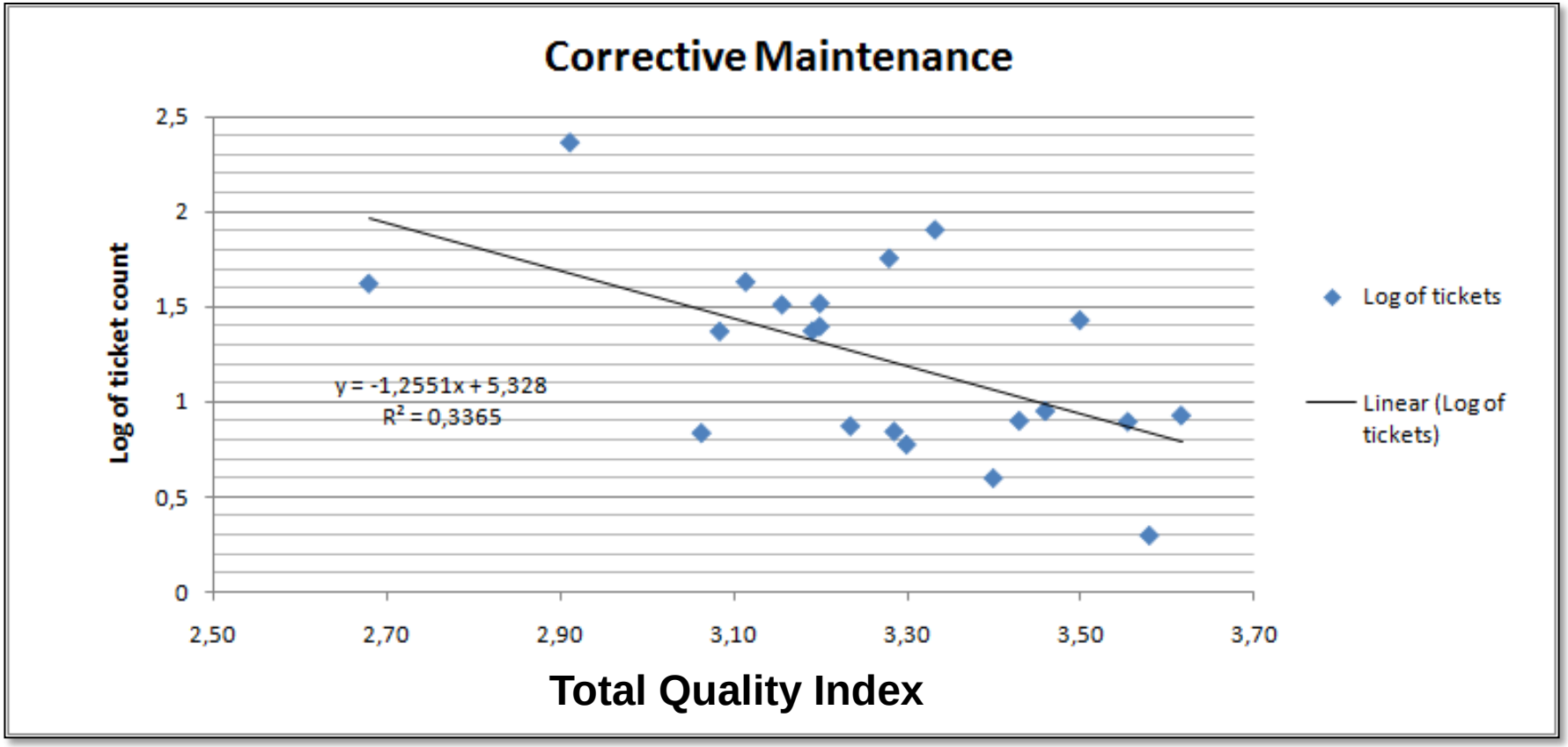
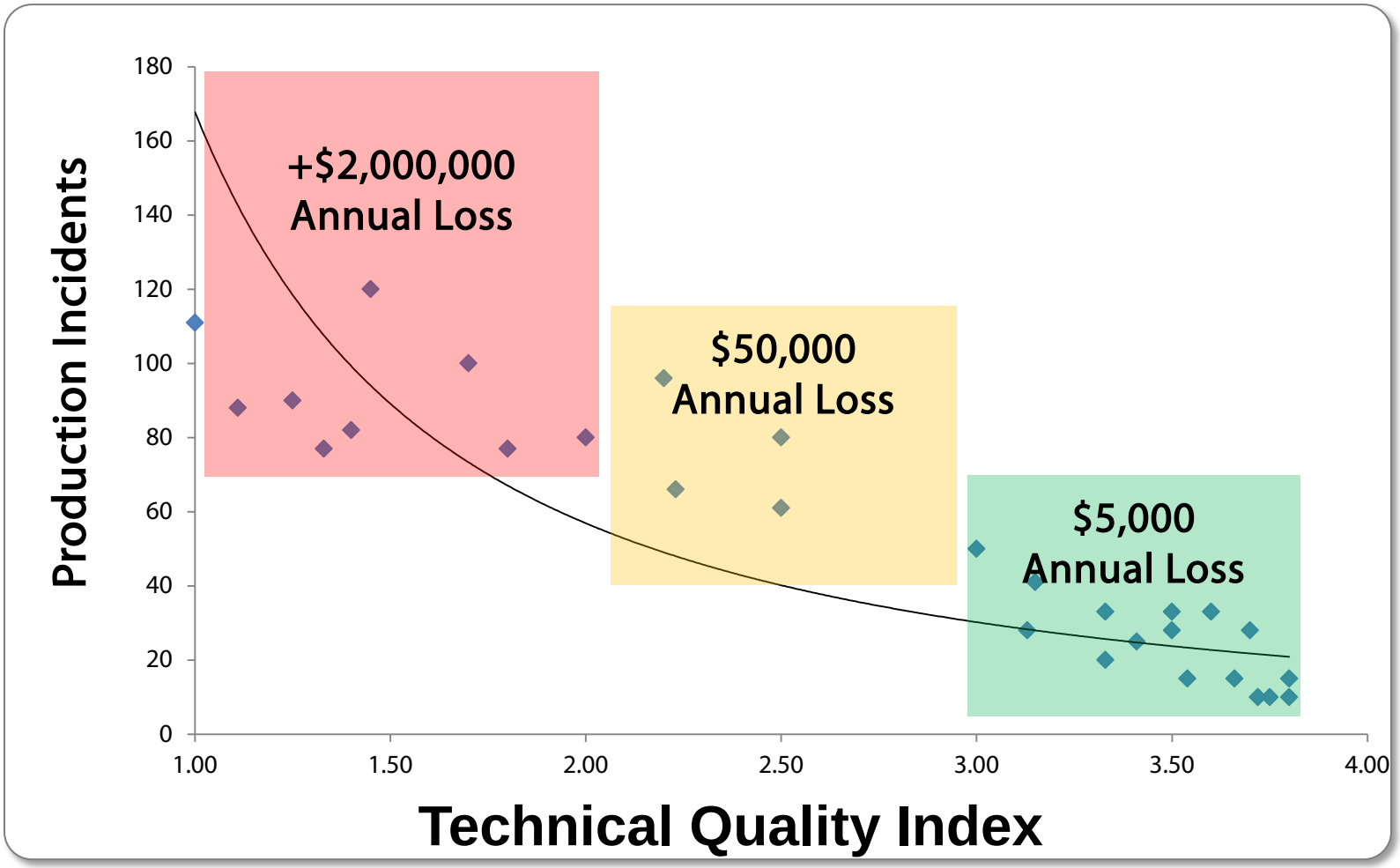
Reducing Operational Incidents & Costs

Study of structural quality measures and maintenance effort across 20 customers in a large global system integrator



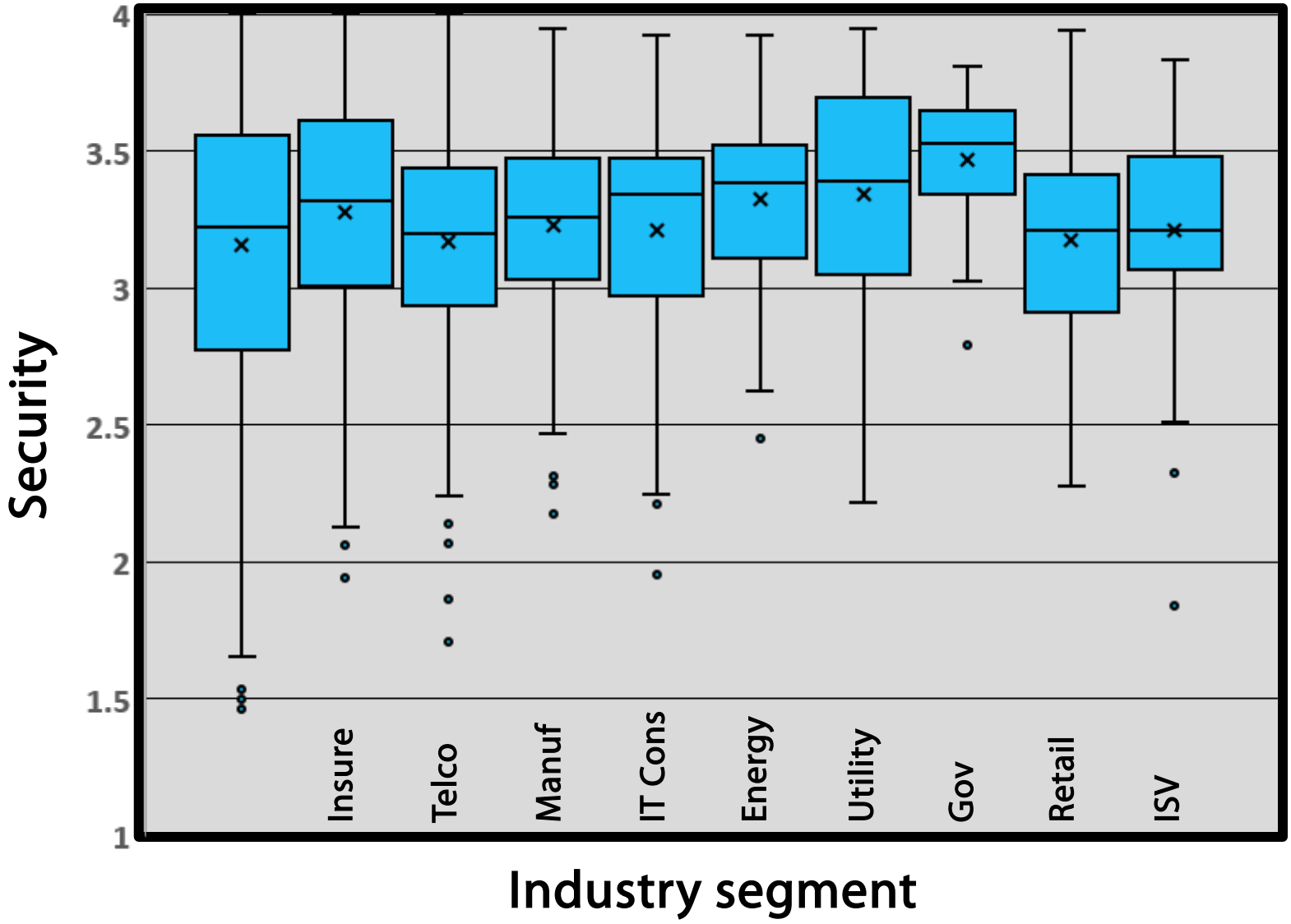
TQI increase of .24 decreased corrective maintenance effort by 50%

Reducing Operational Losses



Large international investment bank
Business critical applications

Too many Insecure Apps



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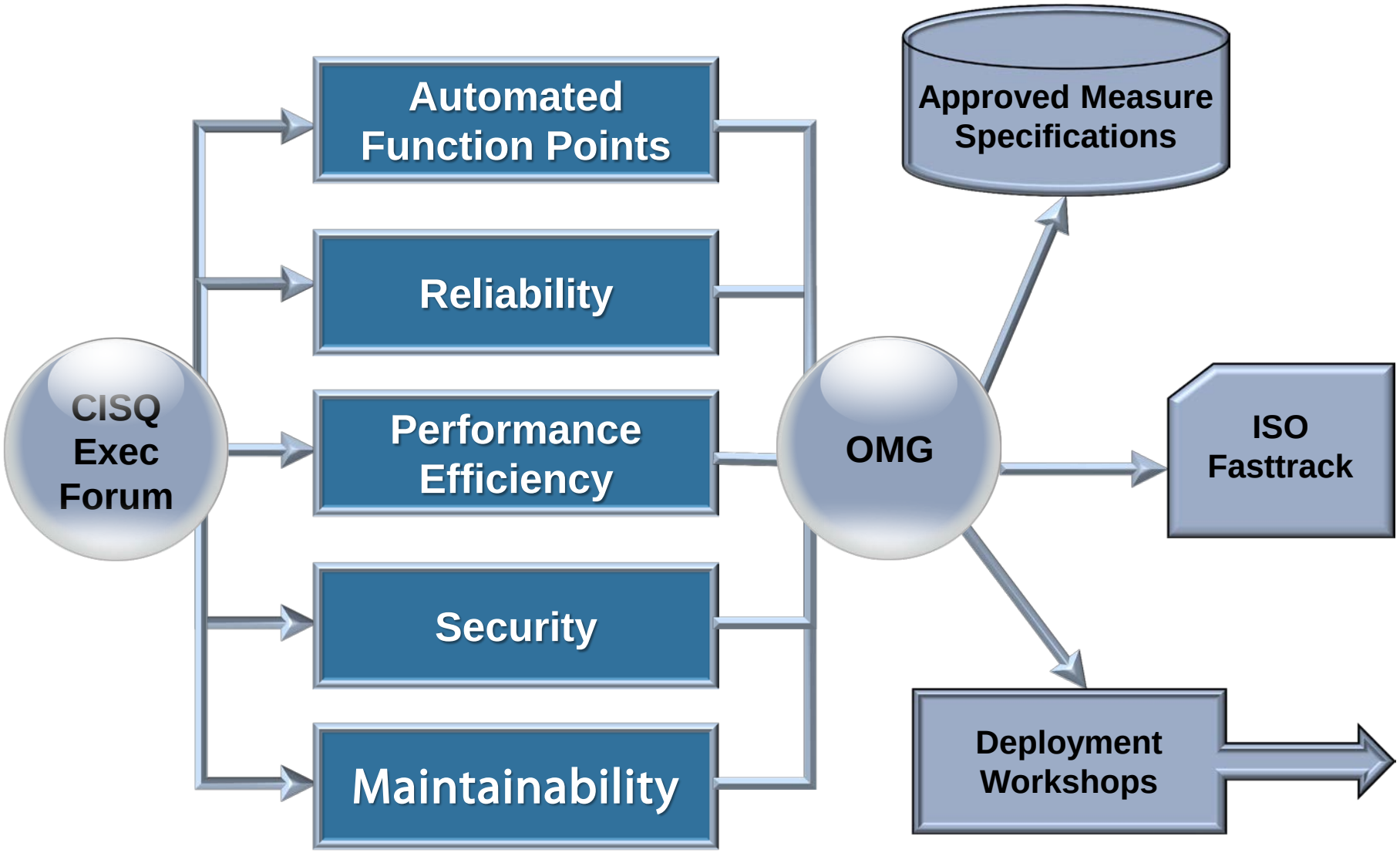
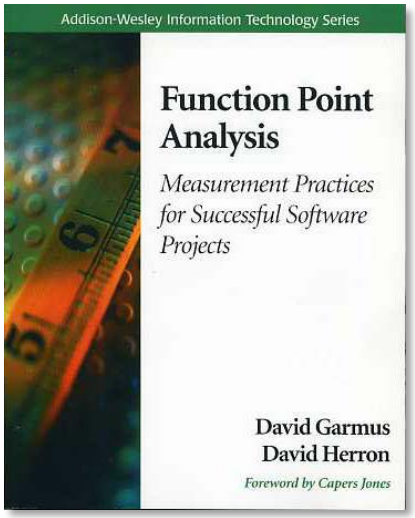
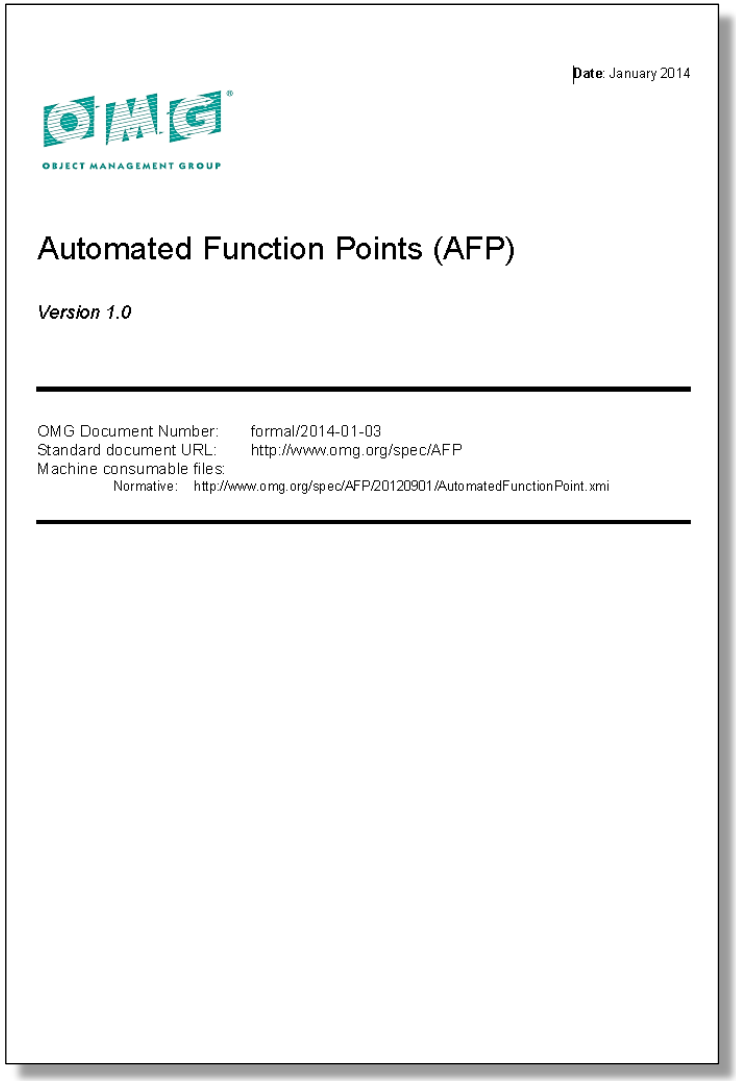


Automated Function Points

- OMG Supported Specification for Automated Function Points
- Mirrors IFPUG counting guidelines, but automatable
- Specification developed by international team led by David Herron of David Consulting Group





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Automated Function Points (AFP)

Version 1.0

OMG Document Number: formal/2014-01-03
Standard document URL: http://www.omg.org/spec/AFP
Machine consumable files:
Normative: http://www.omg.org/spec/AFP/20120901/AutomatedFunctionPoint.xmi

CISQ Structural Quality Measures

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CISQ Quality Characteristic Measures		Example architectural and coding violations composing the CISQ measures
Security	22 violations (Top 25 CWEs)	• SQL injection • Cross-site scripting • Buffer overflow
Reliability	29 violations	• Empty exception block • Unreleased resources • Circular dependency
Performance Efficiency	15 violations	• Expensive loop operation • Un-indexed data access • Unreleased memory
Maintainability	20 violations	• Excessive coupling • Dead code • Hard-coded literals

The 22 CWEs in the Security Measure

- CWE-22 Path Traversal Improper Input Neutralization
- CWE-78 OS Command Injection Improper Input Neutralization
- CWE-79 Cross-site Scripting Improper Input Neutralization
- CWE-89 SQL Injection Improper Input Neutralization
- CWE-120 Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input
- CWE-129 Array Index Improper Input Neutralization
- CWE-134 Format String Improper Input Neutralization
- CWE-252 Unchecked Return Parameter of Control Element Accessing Resource
- CWE-327 Broken or Risky Cryptographic Algorithm Usage
- CWE-396 Declaration of Catch for Generic Exception
- CWE-397 Declaration of Throws for Generic Exception
- CWE-434 File Upload Improper Input Neutralization
- CWE-456 Storable and Member Data Element Missing Initialization
- CWE-606 Unchecked Input for Loop Condition
- CWE-667 Shared Resource Improper Locking
- CWE-672 Expired or Released Resource Usage
- CWE-681 Numeric Types Incorrect Conversion
- CWE-706 Name or Reference Resolution Improper Input Neutralization
- CWE-772 Missing Release of Resource after Effective Lifetime
- CWE-789 Uncontrolled Memory Allocation
- CWE-798 Hard-Coded Credentials Usage for Remote Authentication
- CWE-835 Loop with Unreachable Exit Condition ('Infinite Loop')

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Common Weakness Enumeration
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Modern Apps Are a Technology Stack

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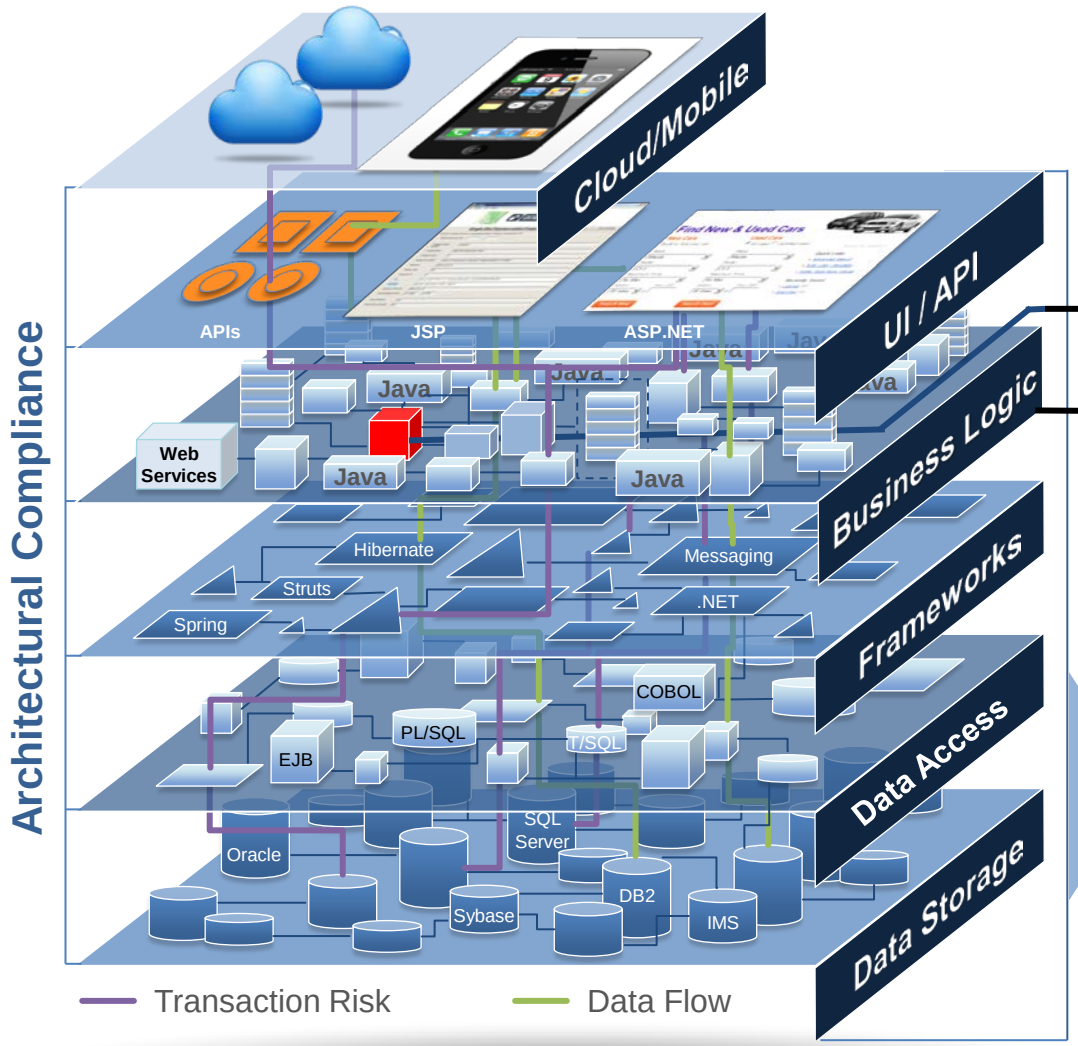


1 Unit Level

- Code style & layout
- Expression complexity
- Code documentation
- Class or program design
- Basic coding standards
- Developer level

2 Technology Level

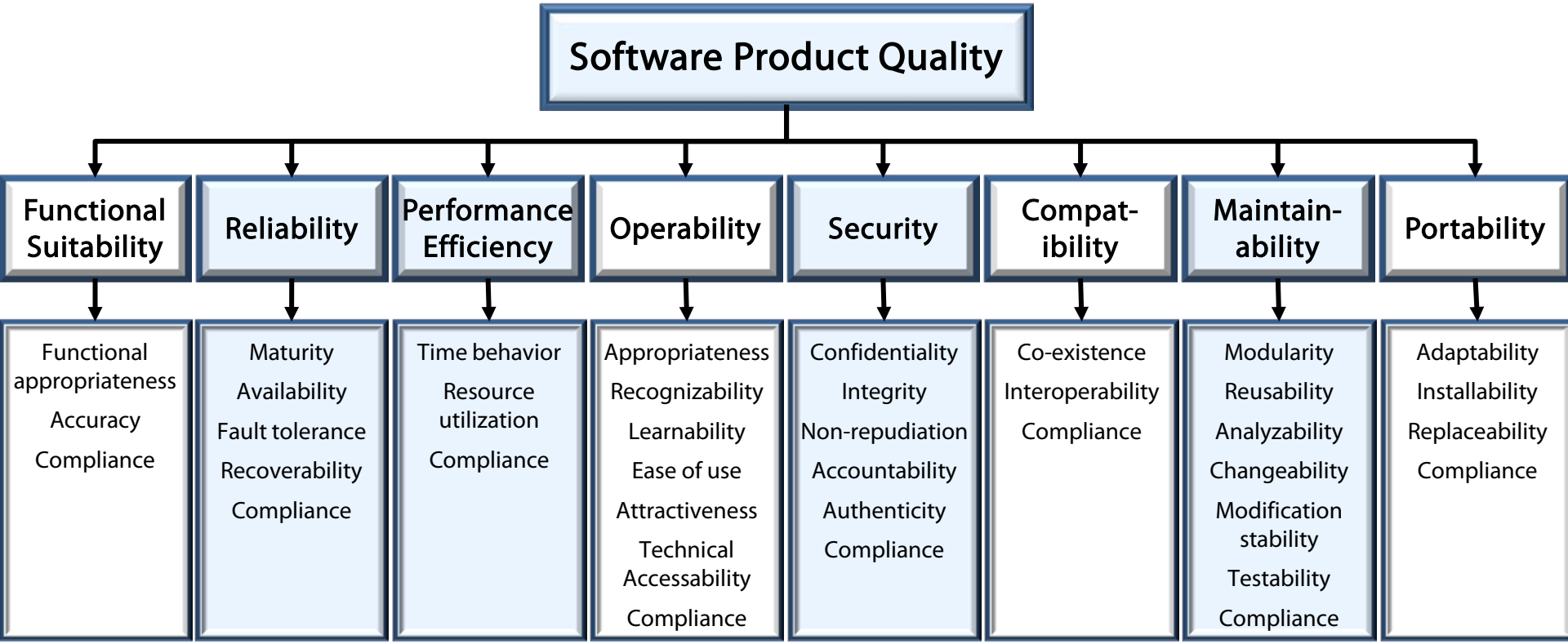
- Single language/technology layer
- Intra-technology architecture
- Intra-layer dependencies
- Inter-program invocation
- Security vulnerabilities
- Development team level

3 System Level

- Integration quality
- Architectural compliance
- Risk propagation
- Application security
- Resiliency checks
- Transaction integrity
- Function point
- Effort estimation
- Data access control
- SDK versioning
- Calibration across technologies
- IT organization level

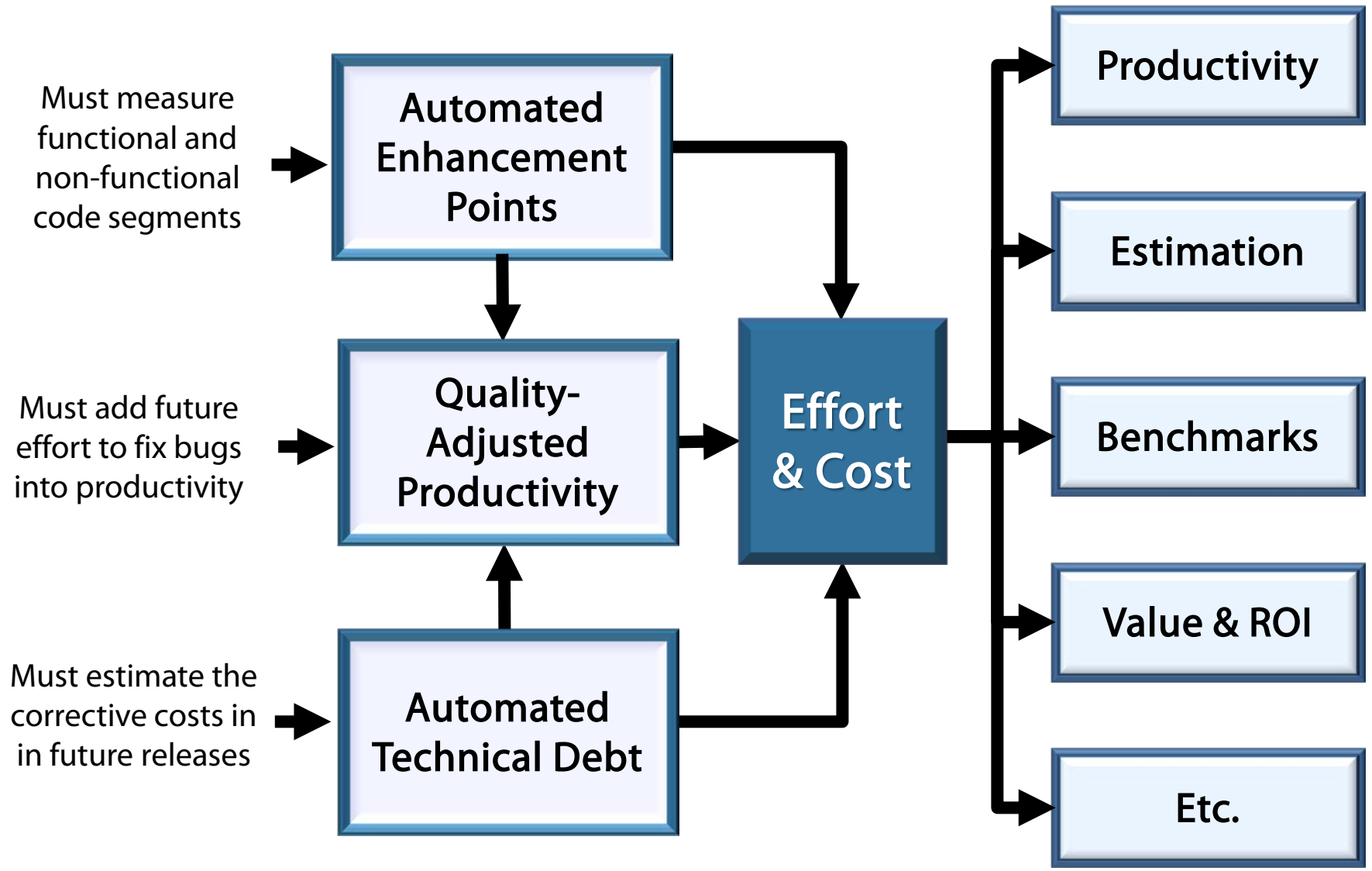
How Do CISQ Measures Relate to ISO?

- **ISO 25000 series replaces ISO/IEC 9126 (Parts 1-4)**
- **ISO 25010 defines quality characteristics and sub-characteristics**
- **CISQ conforms to ISO 25010 quality characteristic definitions**
- **ISO 25023 defines measures, but not at the source code level**
- **CISQ supplements ISO 25023 with source code level measures**



CISQ automated quality characteristic measures highlighted in blue

Emerging CISQ Measures

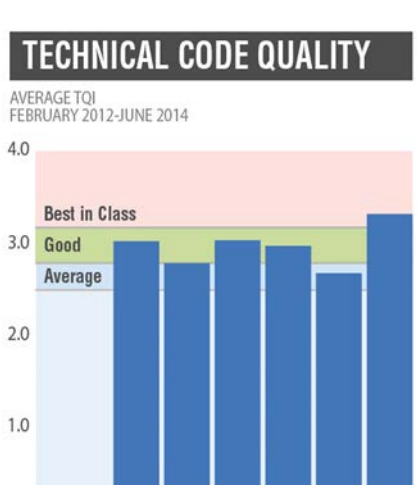


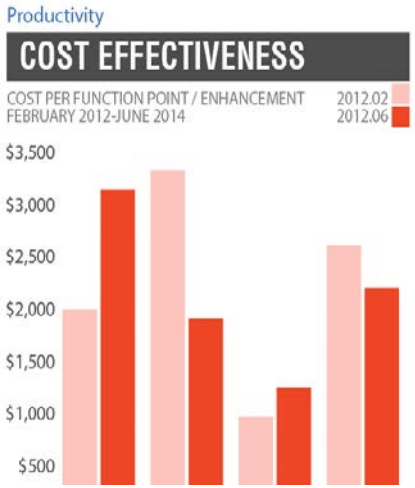
CISQ in Service Level Agreements

Evaluate Product Quality against Targets in Quality Level Agreements

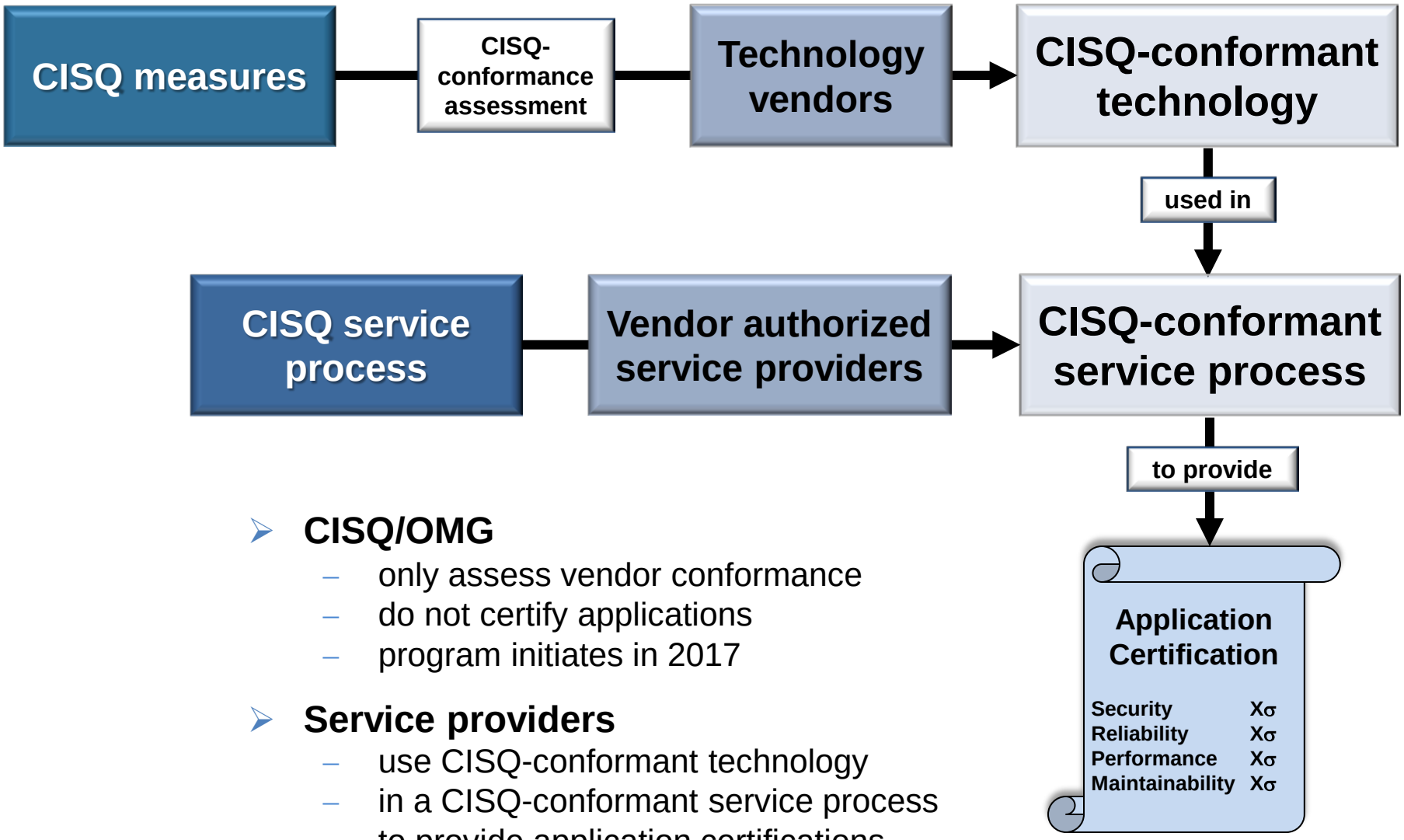
Outsourcer	Automated Function Points	Reliability	Performance Efficiency	Security	Maintainability
VENDOR 1	245	3.16	2.34	3.01	1.99
VENDOR 2	628	2.78	2.78	3.12	2.34
VENDOR 3	931	1.67	3.54	2.98	1.76
VENDOR 4	659	3.12	3.11	2.79	3.11
VENDOR 5	86	2.56	2.88	3.03	2.56
VENDOR 6	1047	3.76	2.89	2.97	2.55

Monitor and Manage Service Provider Performance





App Certification Using CISQ



- **CISQ/OMG**
  - only assess vendor conformance
  - do not certify applications
  - program initiates in 2017
- **Service providers**
  - use CISQ-conformant technology
  - in a CISQ-conformant service process
  - to provide application certifications

CISQ's Current Work Agenda

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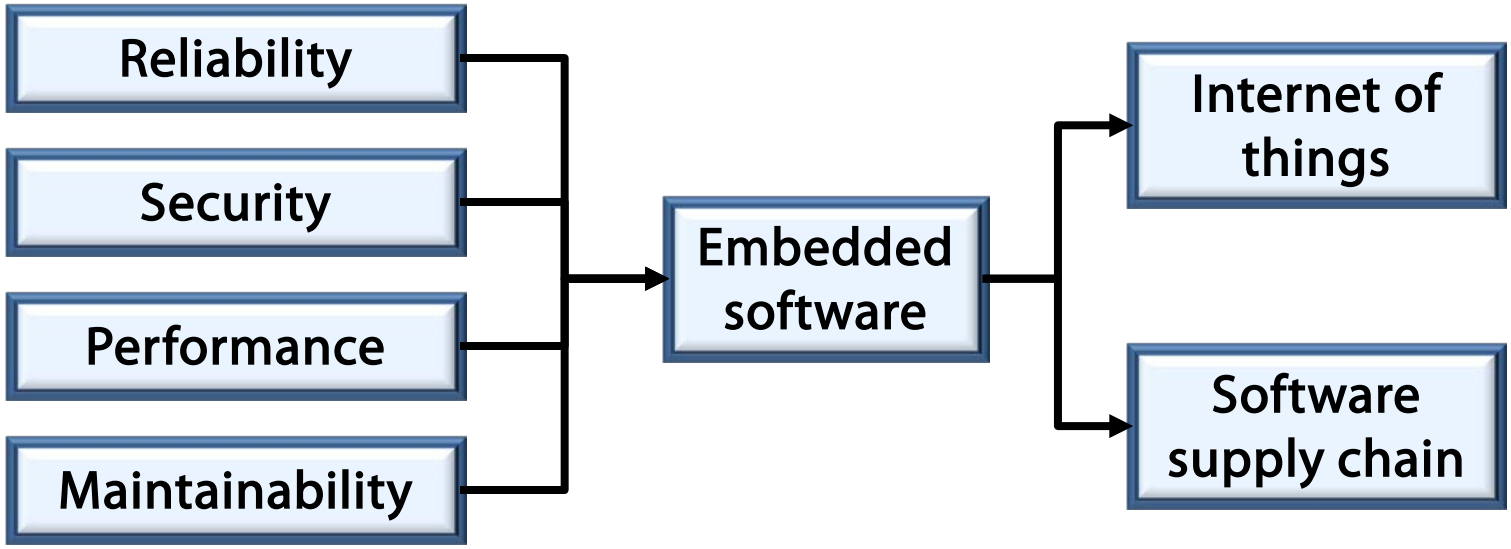
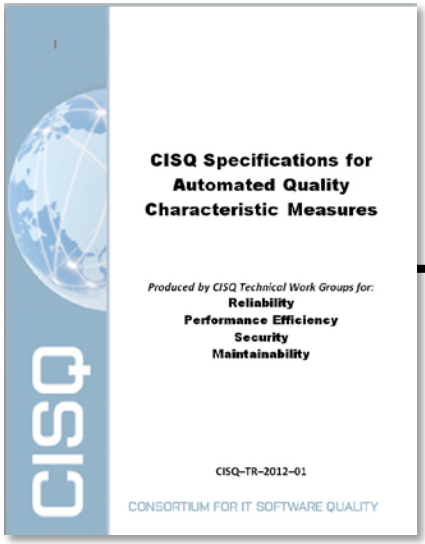
Embedded software extensions



Deploy CISQ into policy



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Acquisition Requirements

All acquired systems shall be evaluated for structural quality using the following automated CISQ measures:

Security
Reliability
Performance
Maintainability

Contract
System XYZ

Acceptance:
Contractor shall sustain the following thresholds on the CISQ measures:

CISQ Reliability	3.8σ
CISQ Security	4.0σ
CISQ Performance	3.5σ
CISQ Maintainability	3.3σ

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