

# An Introduction to Automatable Standards for Software Measurement

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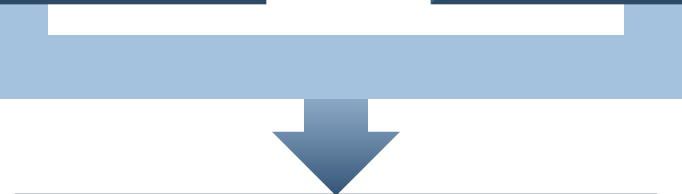
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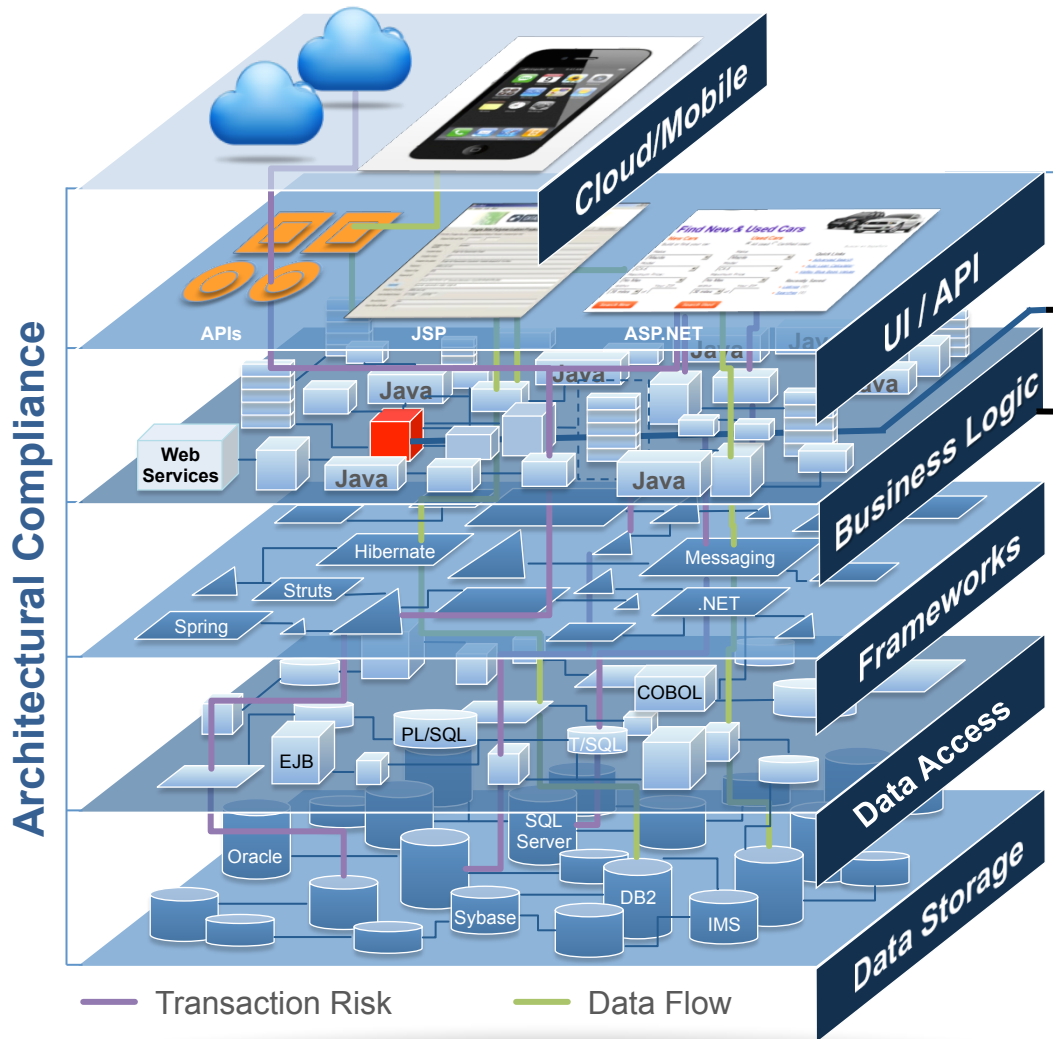
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Need measures of progress and quality

# Modern Apps Are a Technology Stack



## 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

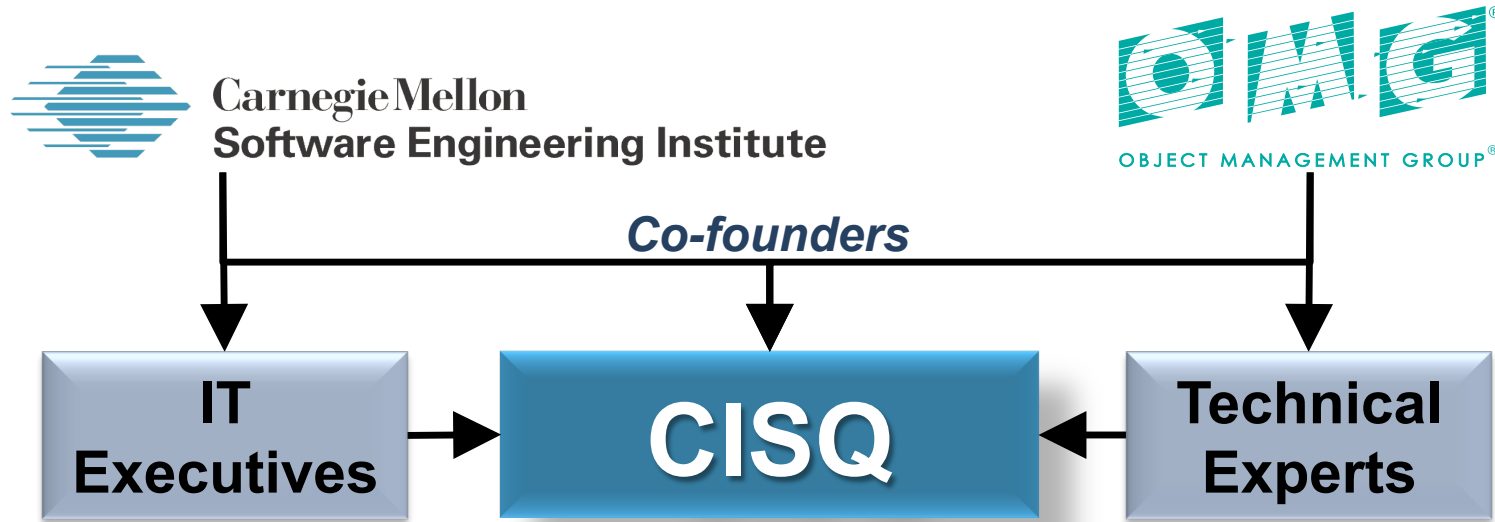
## 3 System Level

- 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



# CISQ — 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Software Standards

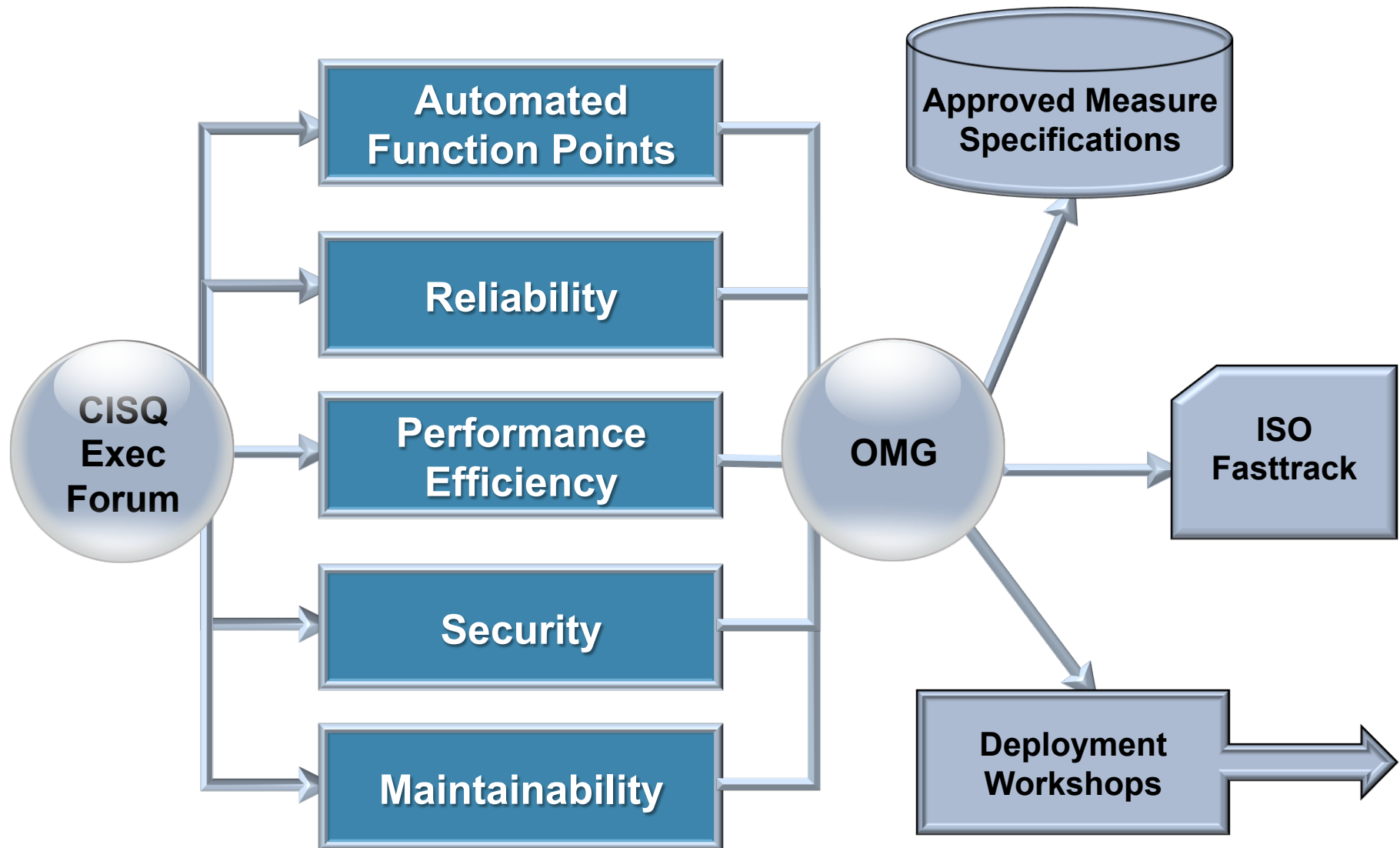
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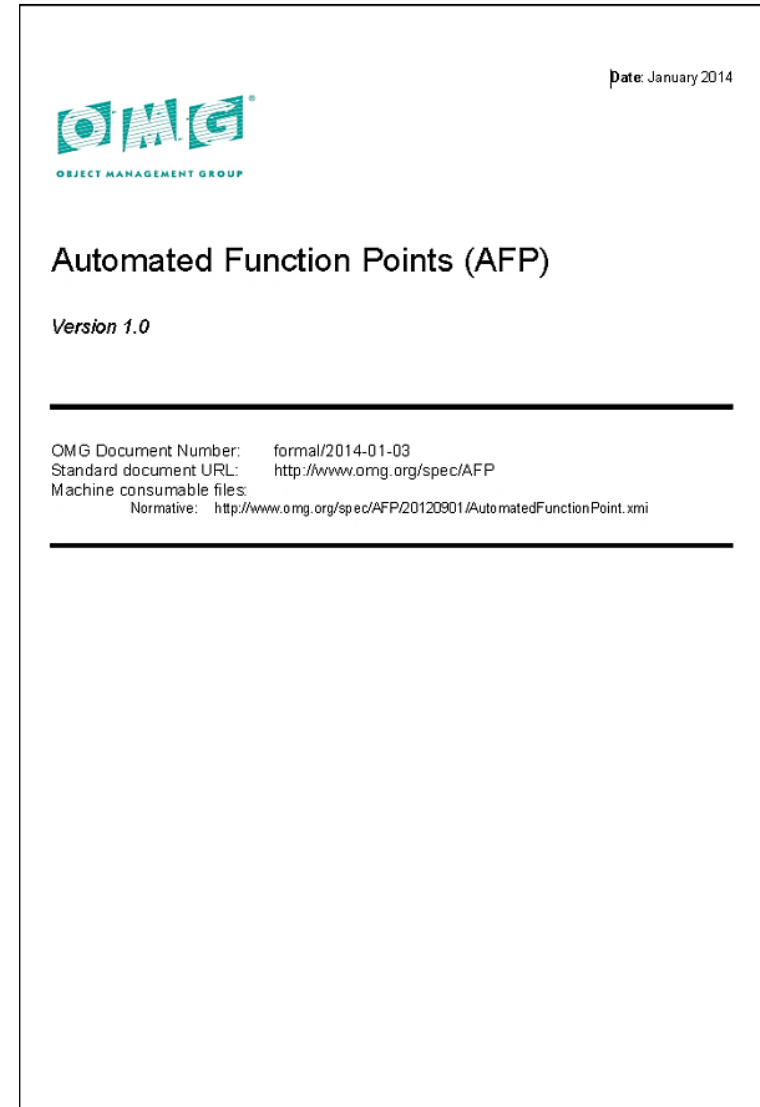
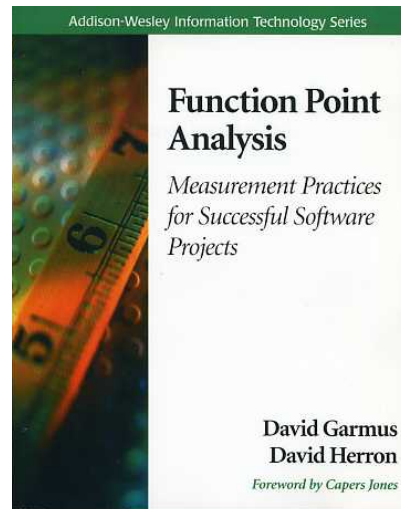
<b>OMG Special Interest Group</b>	CISQ is chartered to define automatable measures of software size and quality that can be measured in the source code, and promote them to become Approved Specifications of the OMG®
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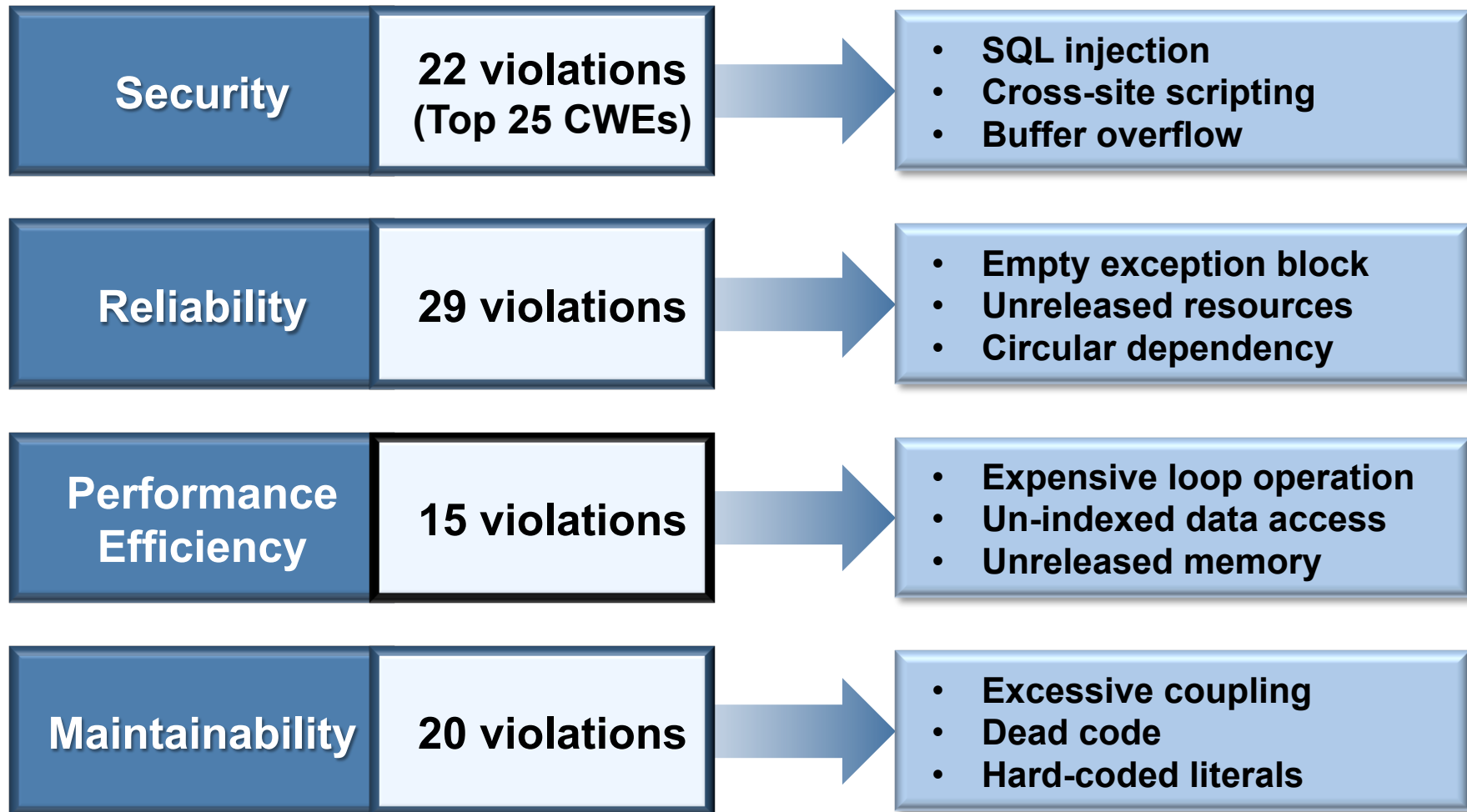


- **Mirrors IFPUG counting guidelines, but automatable**
- **Specification developed by international team led by David Herron of David Consulting Group**
- **Submitted thru OMG's fasttrack as ISO 19515, currently under review**

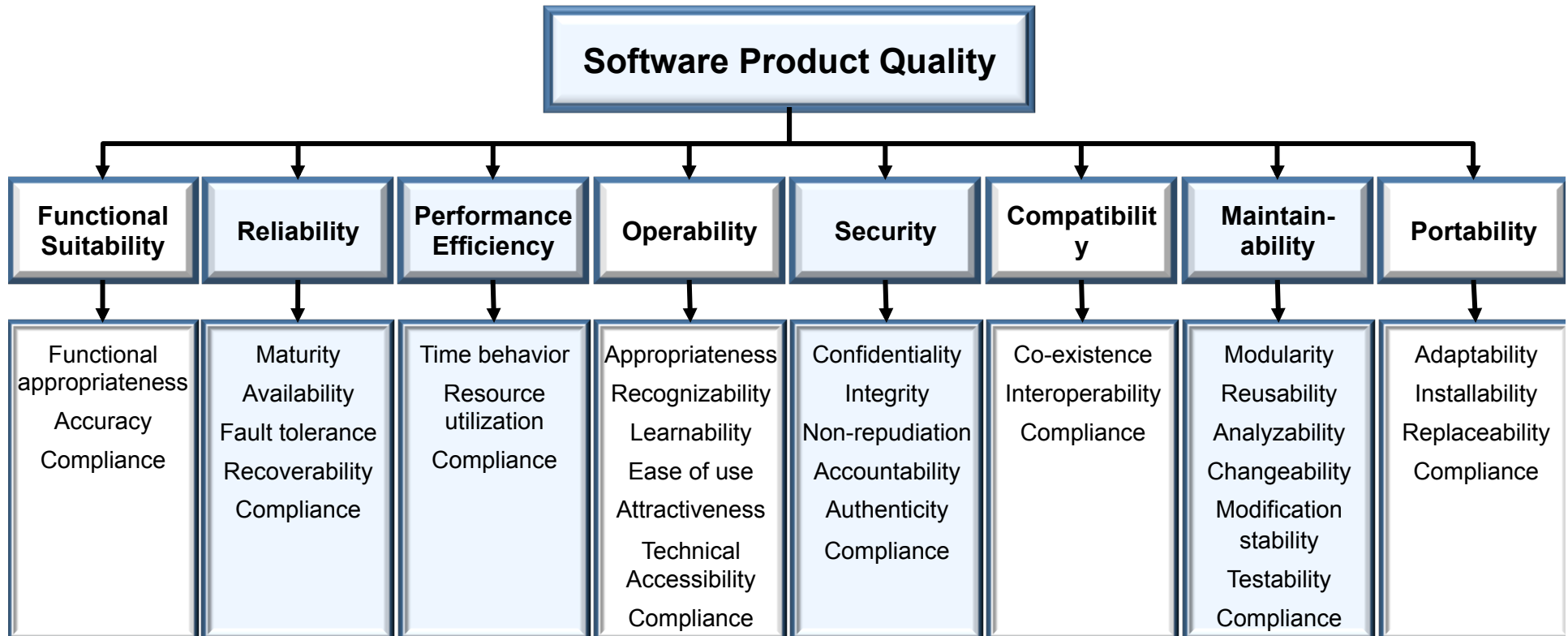


## CISQ Quality Characteristic Measures

## Example architectural and coding violations composing the CISQ measures



- 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*



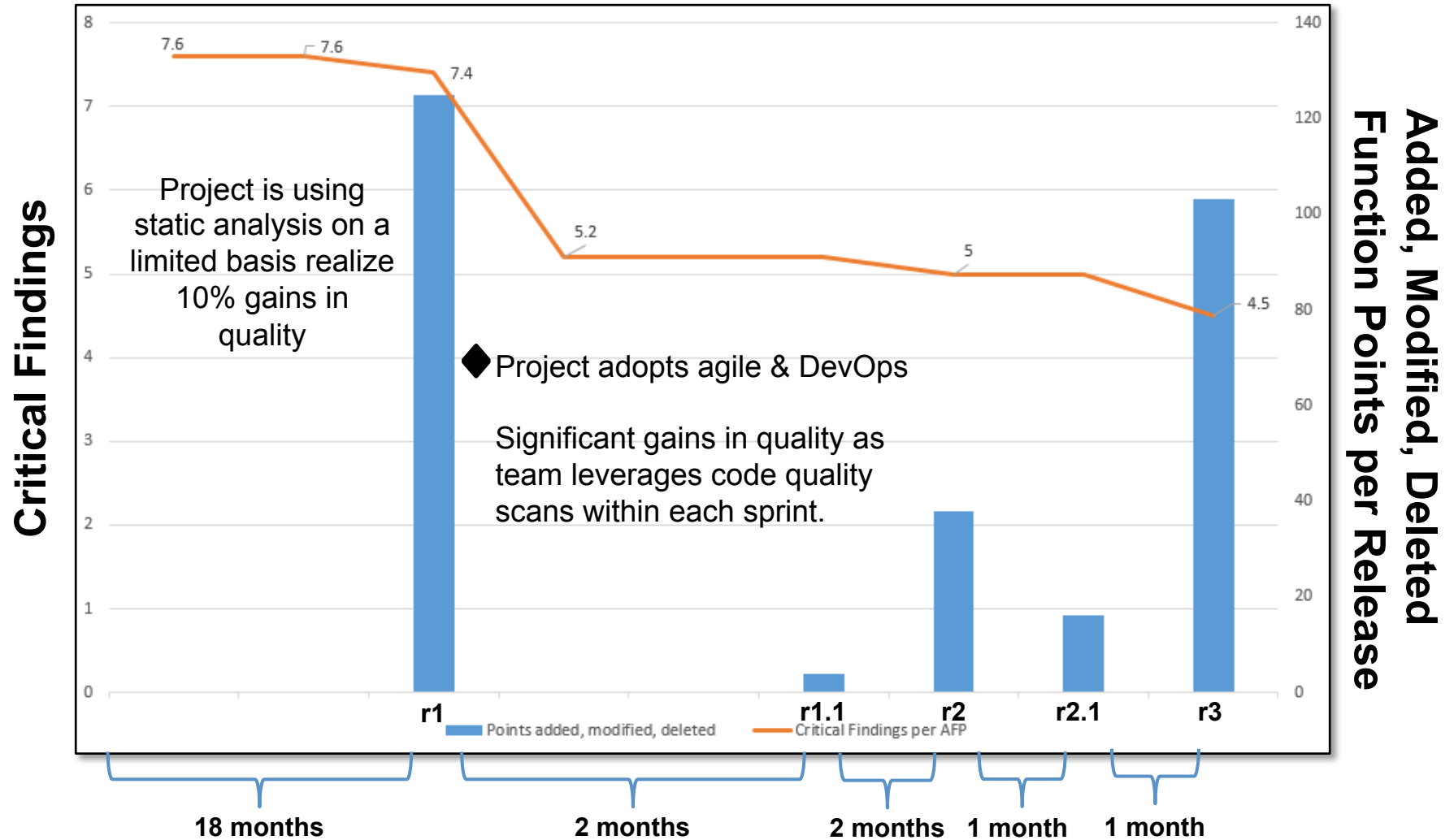
- **CWE-22** Path Traversal Improper Input Neutralization
- **CWE-78** OS Command Injection Improper Input Neutralization
- **CWE-79** Cross-site Scripting Improper Input Neutralization
- **CWE-89** SQL Injection Improper Input Neutralization
- **CWE-120** Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input
- **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')



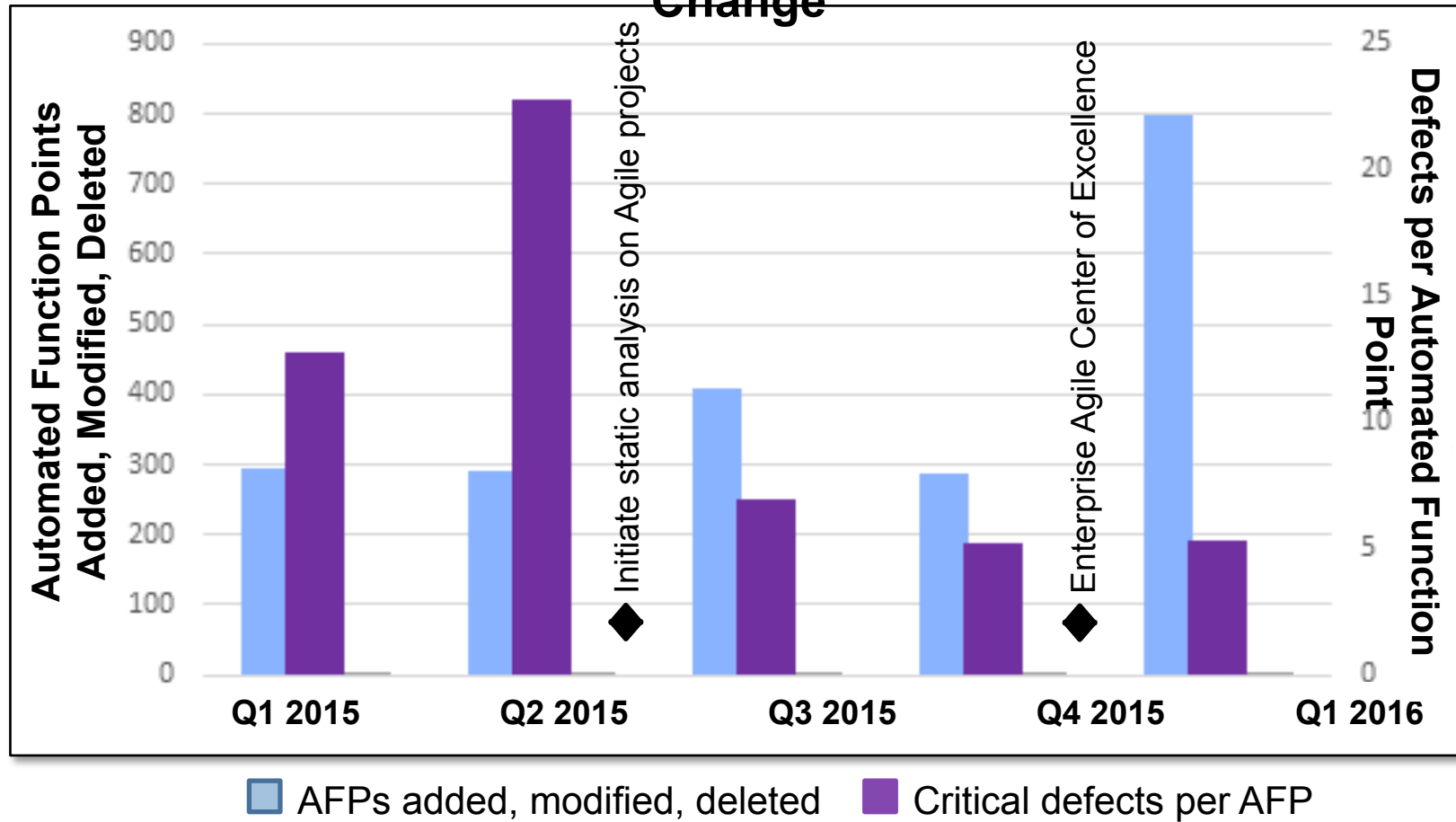
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## Improvement of Quality with Simultaneous Increase in Change



**RFP**

Include quality requirements and measures in project definition

**SLA**

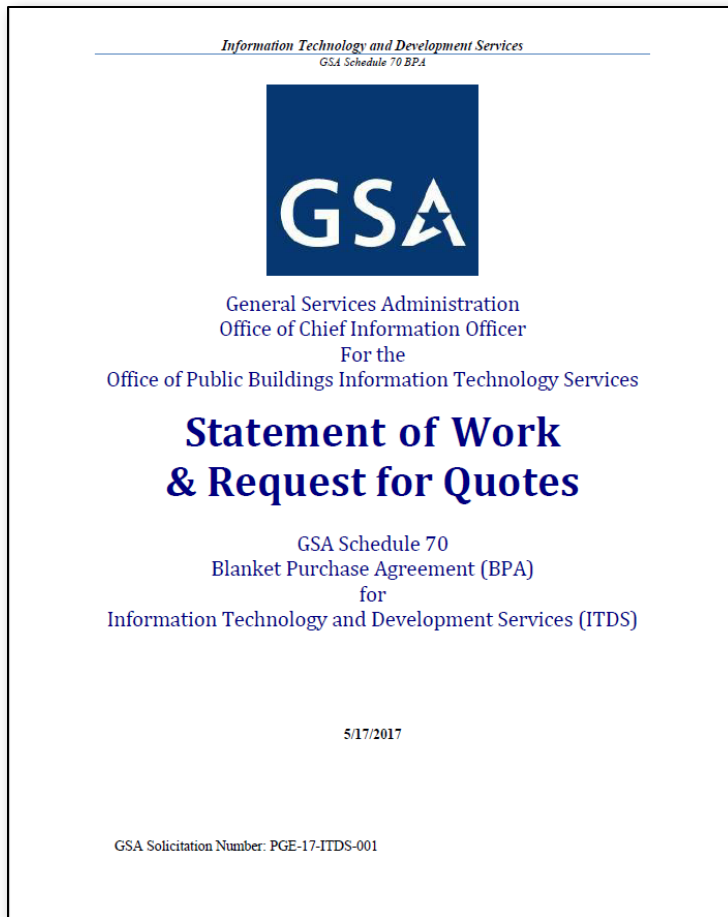
Create quality targets using CISQ measures to set thresholds

**SOW**

Include software measurement and analysis as periodic project tasks

**UAT**

Measure against quality targets during acceptance testing



CISQ was referenced by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), in an Information Technology (IT) statement of work from the Office of the CIO in the Office of Public Buildings.

Page 21, section 5.9: Schedule 70 Blank Purchase Agreement for IT and Development Services...

*“PB-ITS (Project Based IT Services) is seeking to establish code quality standards for its existing code base, as well as new development tasks. As an emerging standard, PB-ITS references the Consortium for IT Software Quality (CISQ) for guidance on how to measure, evaluate and improve software.”*



# Sample Service Level 'At Risk' Matrix

## At Risk Amount and Allocation of Risk

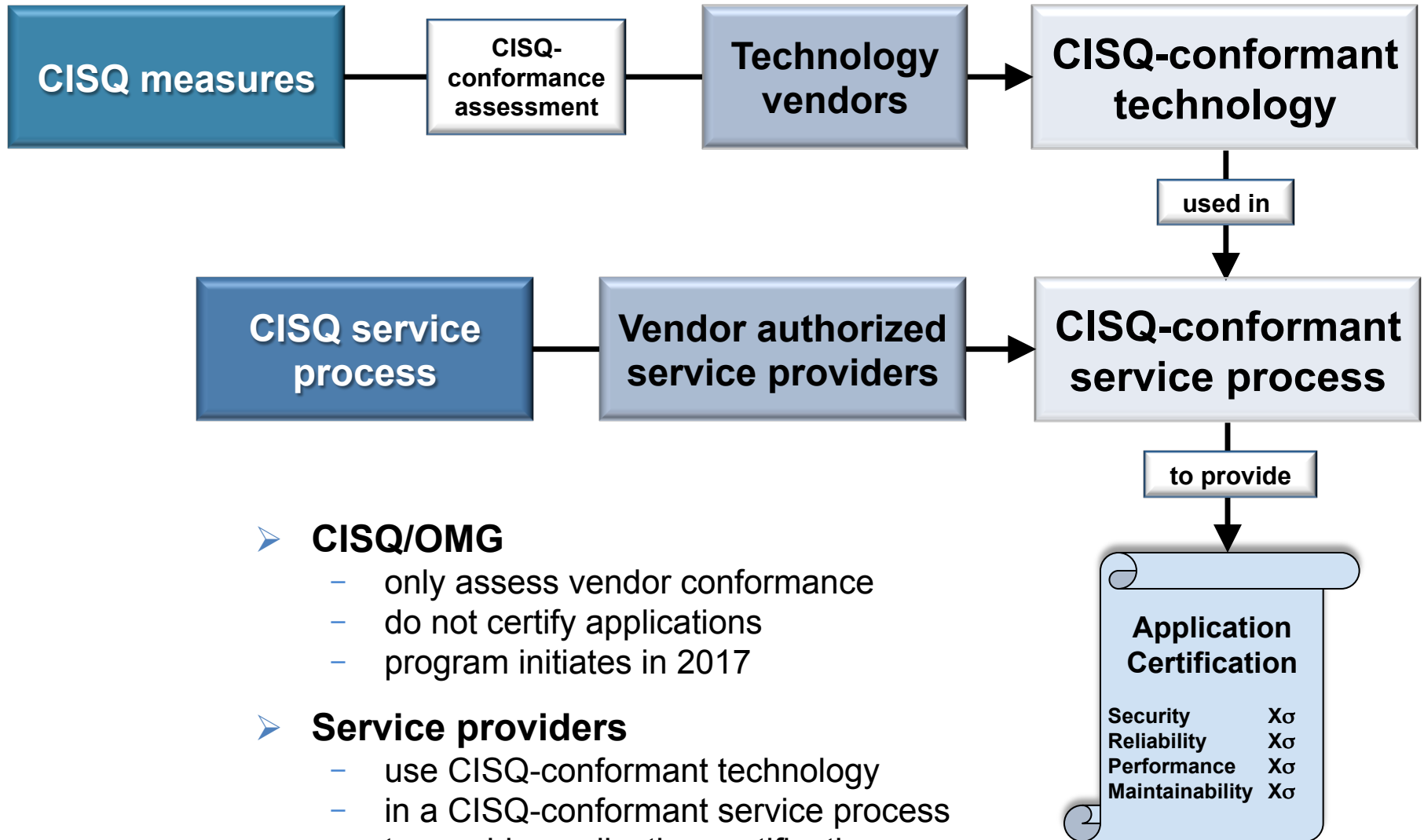
Total Billing Per Release : \$1,000,000  
 Total At Risk Amount (10% of Bill) : \$100,000  
 Total Risk Pooler: 100%

10% is for example

Application Name	Tier 1 Metrics (Critical Service Levels)	At Risk Multiplier	Risk Allocation	At Risk Amount
OMS	Security Findings	50%	30%	\$15,000
	Reliability Findings	30%		\$9,000
	Application Pain Violations	20%		\$6,000
		100%		\$30,000
CRM	Security Findings	30%	10%	\$3,000
	Reliability Findings	30%		\$3,000
	Application Pain Violations	40%		\$4,000
		100%		\$10,000
AMSS	Security Findings	50%	20%	\$10,000
	Reliability Findings	30%		\$6,000
	Application Pain Violations	20%		\$4,000
		100%		\$20,000
SDP	Security Findings	50%	20%	\$10,000
	Reliability Findings	30%		\$6,000
	Application Pain Violations	20%		\$4,000
		100%		\$20,000
Enabler	Security Findings	50%	20%	\$10,000
	Reliability Findings	30%		\$6,000
	Application Pain Violations	20%		\$4,000
		100%		\$20,000

Amount service provider has at risk in this Service Level is  $30\% * 50\% * \$100K = \$15,000$

- Any time there is a default, the at-risk amount will be applied
- Incentive is given to the at risk amount if Service Provider exceeds the Expected Service Level by 5% of the delta between the then current Expected and Perfection
- Credits / Incentives are settled at the Annual Reset



➤ **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



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