

Software Liability?: The Worst Possible Idea (Except For All Others)

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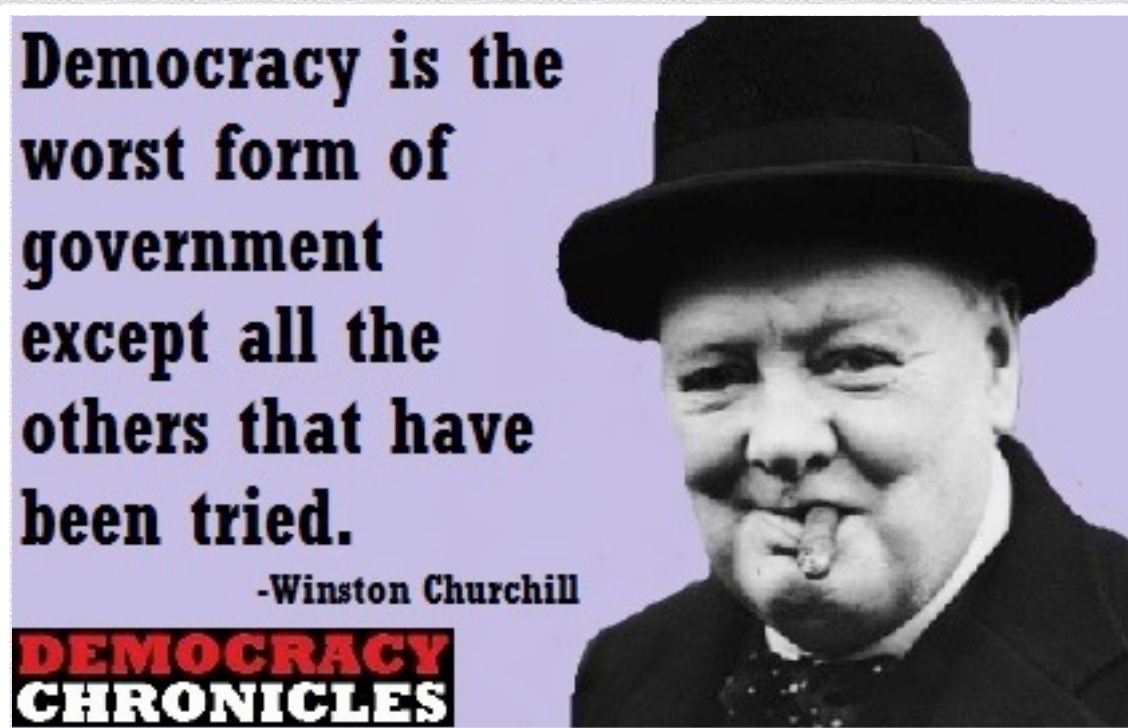
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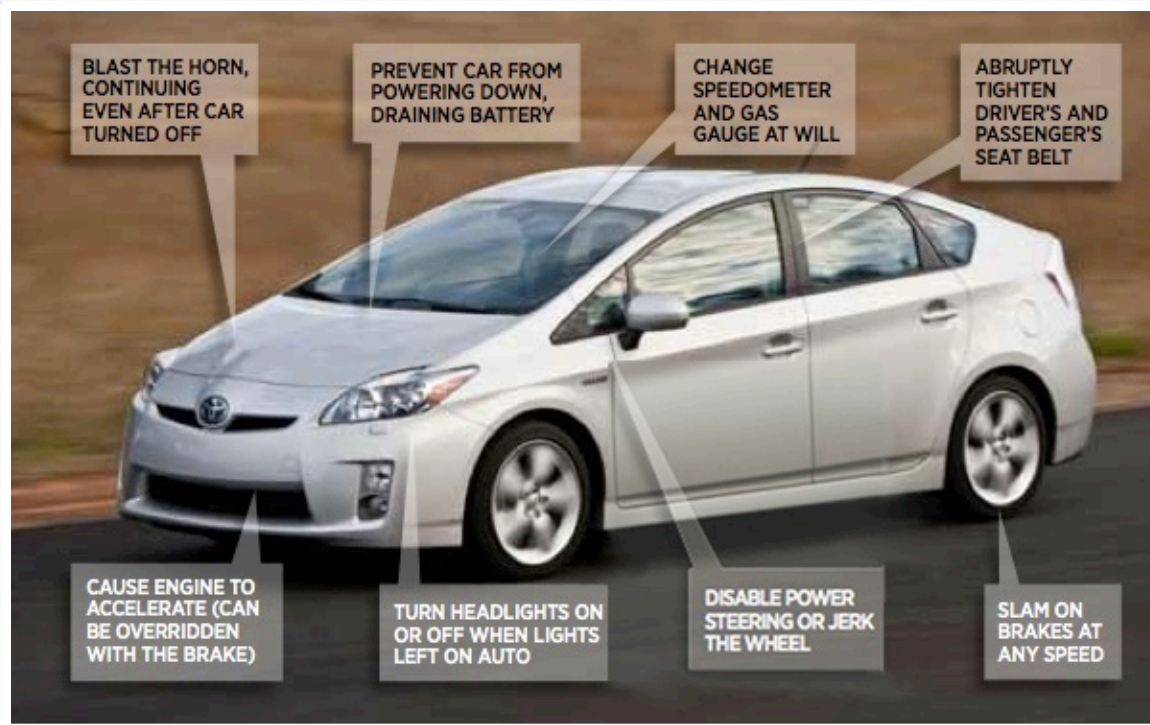
- ◆ Why Liability? Why now?
- ◆ Product Liability 101
- ◆ Product Liability Implementation
- ◆ Why NOT to have Product Liability for Software Vendors
- ◆ Some Economics
- ◆ What is Changing the Equation

Triggers...



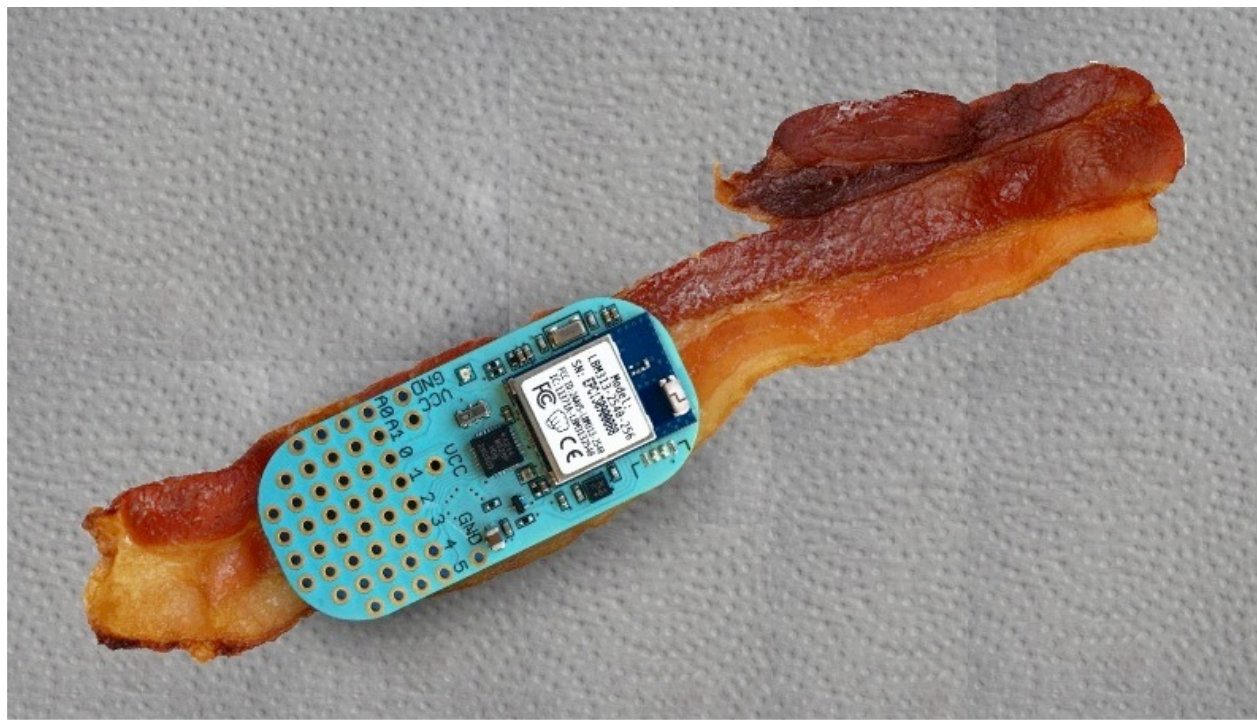


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Our Bodies





In our homes



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Rockwell SLC-505 PLC

An older SLC-5/05 PLC from Rockwell Automation, still quite popular.

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Used in England a lot

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TAC/XENTA 913

I thought I was being a little unfair on the BACnet protocol, so I searched out the TAC/XENTA-913 gateway, which is, I believe (though I'm not certain) very LonWorks oriented.

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Our Infrastructure



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RT [@jwunder](#): A bunch of PLC exploits are about to drop in Metasploit, meaning soon hacking SCADA systems can be push of a button easy

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Product Liability



Defined

- ◆ Wikipedia definition:
 - ◆ Product liability is the area of law in which manufacturers, distributors, suppliers, retailers, and others who make products available to the public are held responsible for the injuries those products cause.
 - ◆ Although the word "product" has broad connotations, product liability as an area of law is **traditionally limited to products in the form of tangible personal property.**

Manufacturing Defects



Design Defects



Failure To Warn



Failure To Warn



Failure To Warn

- Take the number of vehicles in the field **A**
- Multiply it by the Probable rate of failure **B**
- Then multiply the result by the average out of court settlement **C**

Failure To Warn

SHOULD WE
INITIATE
A
RECALL?

Breach of Warranty

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Product Liability Implementation





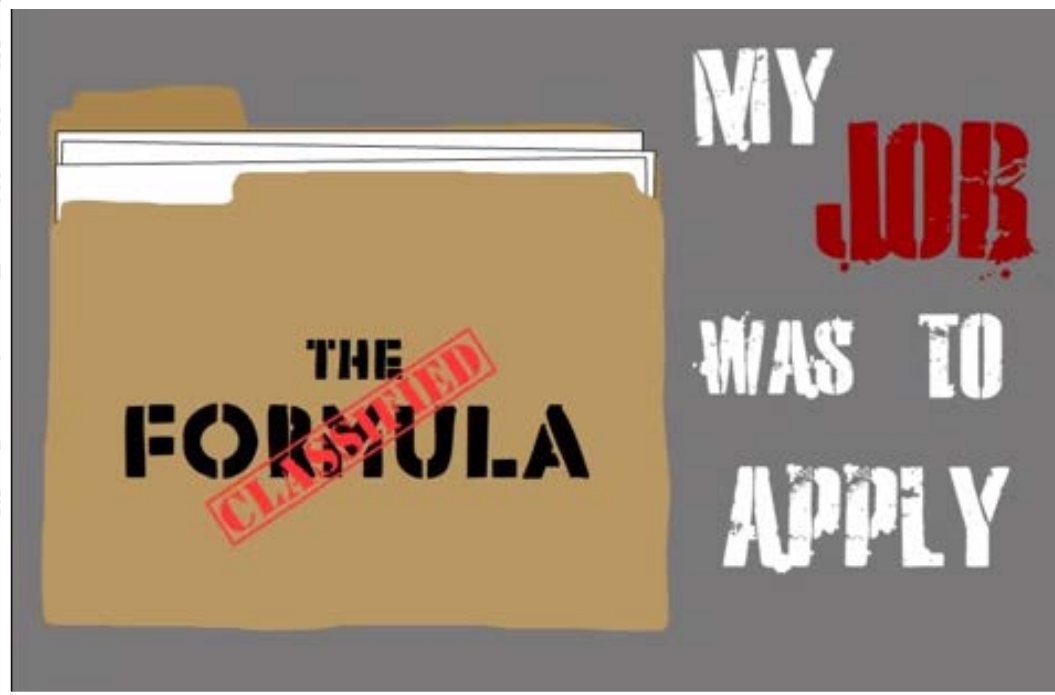
Who knows the name of this car?



Ford Pinto

Ford Pinto (1971 – 1980)

- ◆ Allegations of a fuel tank filler neck to break off in a rear-end collision, resulting in fires
- ◆ 27 deaths and 149 injuries
- ◆ According to a 1980 internal memo, Ford allegedly weighed the cost of a redesign, \$11 million, against the cost of lawsuits.



fuel tank filler
neck to break off in a rear-end

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against the cost of lawsuits.

Intended Value and Impact

- ◆ Companies put a larger emphasis on prevention of issues
- ◆ Companies put a larger emphasis on testing / precautions
- ◆ Companies put a culture in place and don't take unnecessary risks due to financial impact
- ◆ Better risk management for the entire company
- ◆ If a company becomes aware of an issue, they act quickly to correct



Any issues with hot coffee?



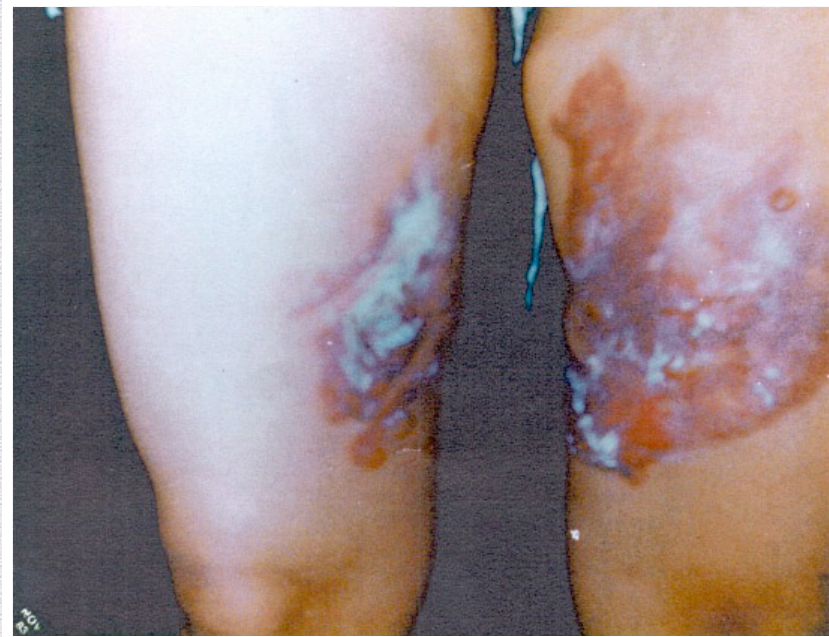
Very well known case!

Liebeck v. McDonald's Restaurants (1994)

- ◆ Known as the McDonald's coffee case and the hot coffee lawsuit
- ◆ A New Mexico civil jury awarded \$2.86 million to plaintiff Stella Liebeck who had suffered third-degree burns in her pelvic region when she accidentally spilled hot coffee in her lap after purchasing it from a McDonald's restaurant.
- ◆ Liebeck was hospitalized for eight days while she underwent skin grafting, followed by two years of medical treatment.

When Product Liability Goes Wrong?

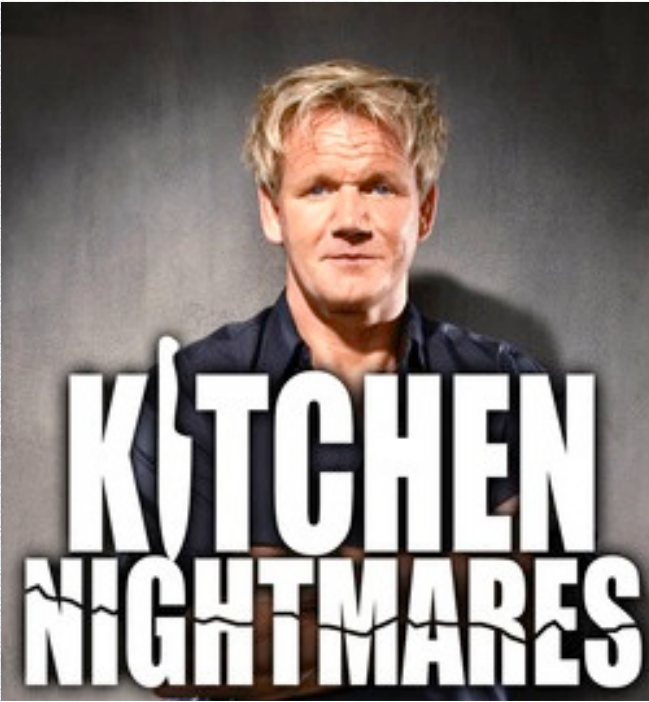
- ◆ McDonald's hot coffee is thought to be when legal system goes wrong!
- ◆ Most actually don't know the correct full story!
- ◆ This is really a case of "Failure To Warn"
 - ◆ Documents obtained from McDonald's showed that from 1982 to 1992 the company had received more than 700 reports of people burned by McDonald's coffee
 - ◆ Varying degrees of severity, and had settled claims arising from scalding injuries for more than \$500,000.
- ◆ Questions were asked why was it so hot?



Does this provide value to end consumers / users of the product?

McDonald's Coffee

Restaurant Health Codes



Deceptive Products

FTC takes action against deceptive weight-loss products

Alison Young, USA TODAY 6:13 p.m. EST January 7, 2014



(Photo: Federal Trade Commission)

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Enforcement actions taken against four companies
- Companies sold food sprinkles, body creams, supplements and hormone drops
- Federal regulators warn of bogus weight-loss claims that make big promises

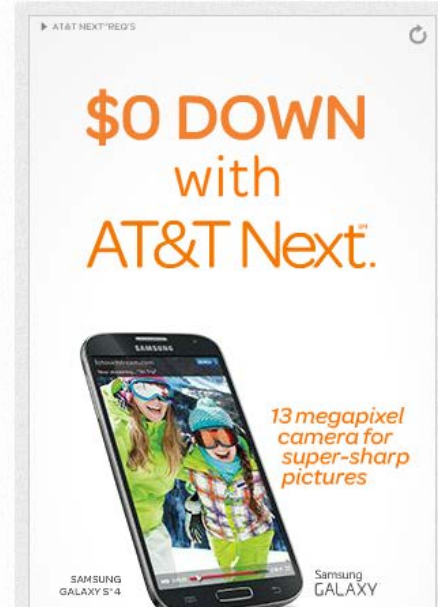
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As dieters work on new year's resolutions to shed pounds, the Federal Trade Commission on Tuesday announced enforcement actions against four companies the agency says have used deceptive advertising claims to sell weight-loss products.

The products lured consumers with promises of making weight-loss easy. But "the chances of being successful just by sprinkling something on your food, rubbing cream on your thighs, or using a supplement are slim to none," said Jessica Rich, director of the FTC's consumer protection bureau. "The science just isn't there."

The FTC announced the following enforcement actions:

- The marketers of Sensa, a weight-loss powder sprinkled on food, will pay \$26.5 million to settle



Product Recalls

- ◆ Consumer Products
 - ◆ appliances, clothing, electronic / electrical. furniture, household, children's products, lighting / lighter, outdoor, sports / exercise
- ◆ Motor Vehicles and Tires
- ◆ Child Safety Seats
- ◆ Food and Medicine
- ◆ Cosmetics and Environmental Products

Software Product Recalls?



No more security patches or fixes for the product?

When the product is marketed to be secure and it isn't how do software vendors handle it?





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Product Liability for Software Vendors



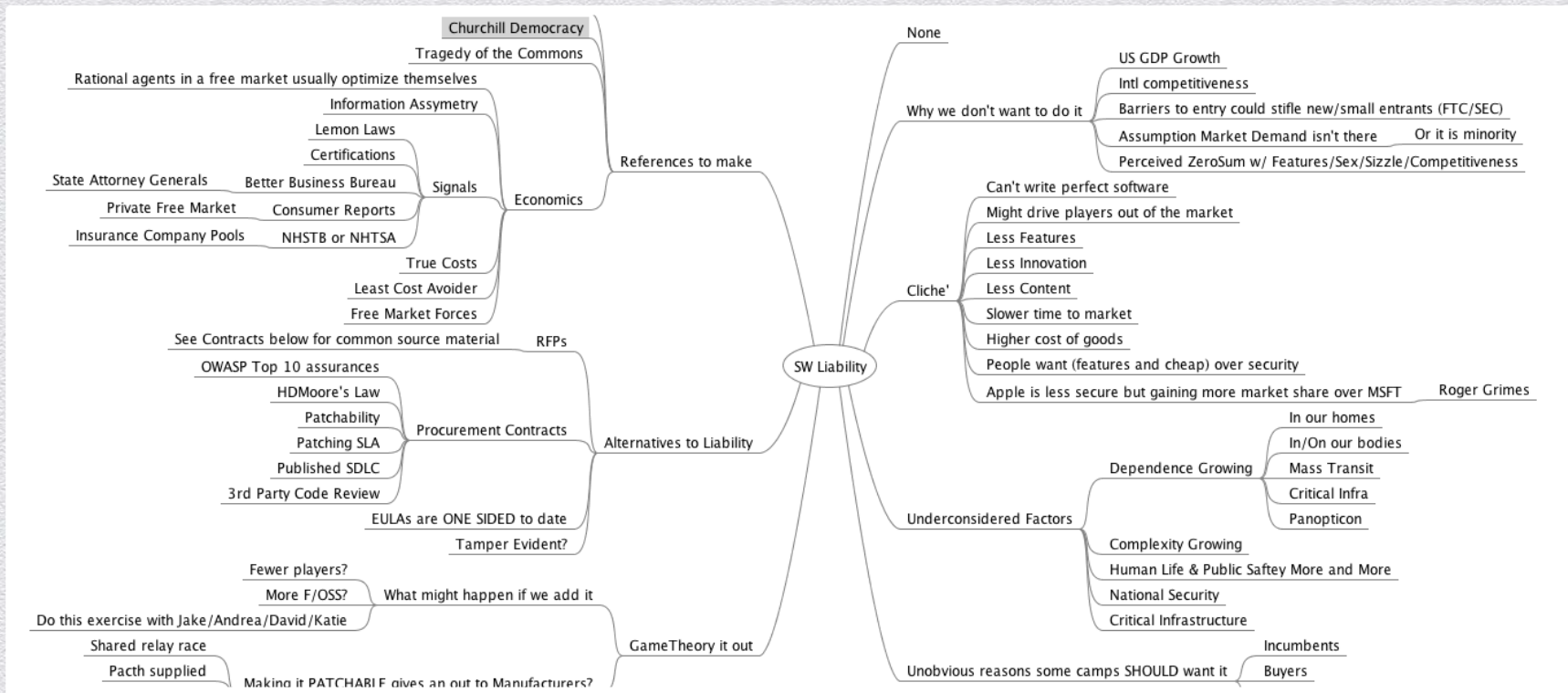
Software Liability

- ◆ Software
 - ◆ Debated
- ◆ At this point
 - ◆ With mo

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Software Liability: Worst Idea



Reason #1 - The Worst Possible Idea

- ◆ Stifle Innovation
 - ◆ New features and ideas would be slow to market due to financials exposures
 - ◆ Fewer features
 - ◆ Slower time to market
 - ◆ Could hurt competitiveness and/or client satisfaction

Reason #2 - The Worst Possible Idea

- ◆ Barriers to Entry?
 - ◆ Could Hurt Small Businesses and Startups
 - ◆ Large enterprises would easily adjust to additional overhead, but cripple new and small businesses

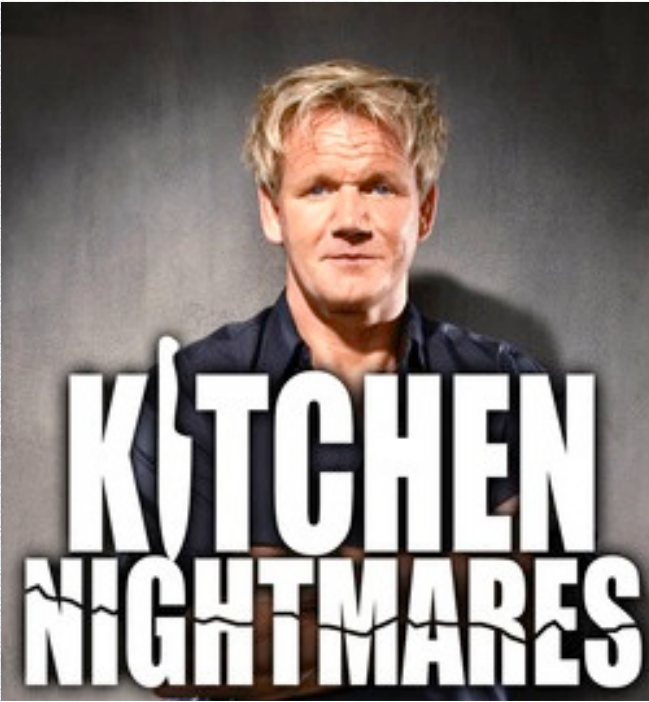
Reason #3 - The Worst Possible Idea

- ◆ Economic Impacts
 - ◆ What does this mean to the economy? Potential for massive amount of money to change hands. The uncertainty alone makes it an awful idea.
 - ◆ “IT” and Software we/are HUGE parts of the US GDP (and growing faster)

Reason #4 - The Worst Possible Idea

- ◆ Vendor Impact
 - ◆ Companies unable to handle the cost
 - ◆ Raise prices
 - ◆ But this is specious for a few reasons:
 - ◆ True Costs and Least Cost Avoiders are more efficient for the system
 - ◆ Hidden Costs and Cost of Ownership changes must be factored

Restaurant Health Codes



Counters to: The Worst Possible Idea

	Food Safety	Cars
1) Stifle Innovation	Chef's can't innovate?	Safety Differentiation
2) Barriers to Entry	Good!	Outstanding!
3) Economic Impact	Doubtful	Premium Pricing
4) Raise Prices/Exit Markets	To avoid illness/disease?	Free Market Demand



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What's Working To Influence Better Security Practices?



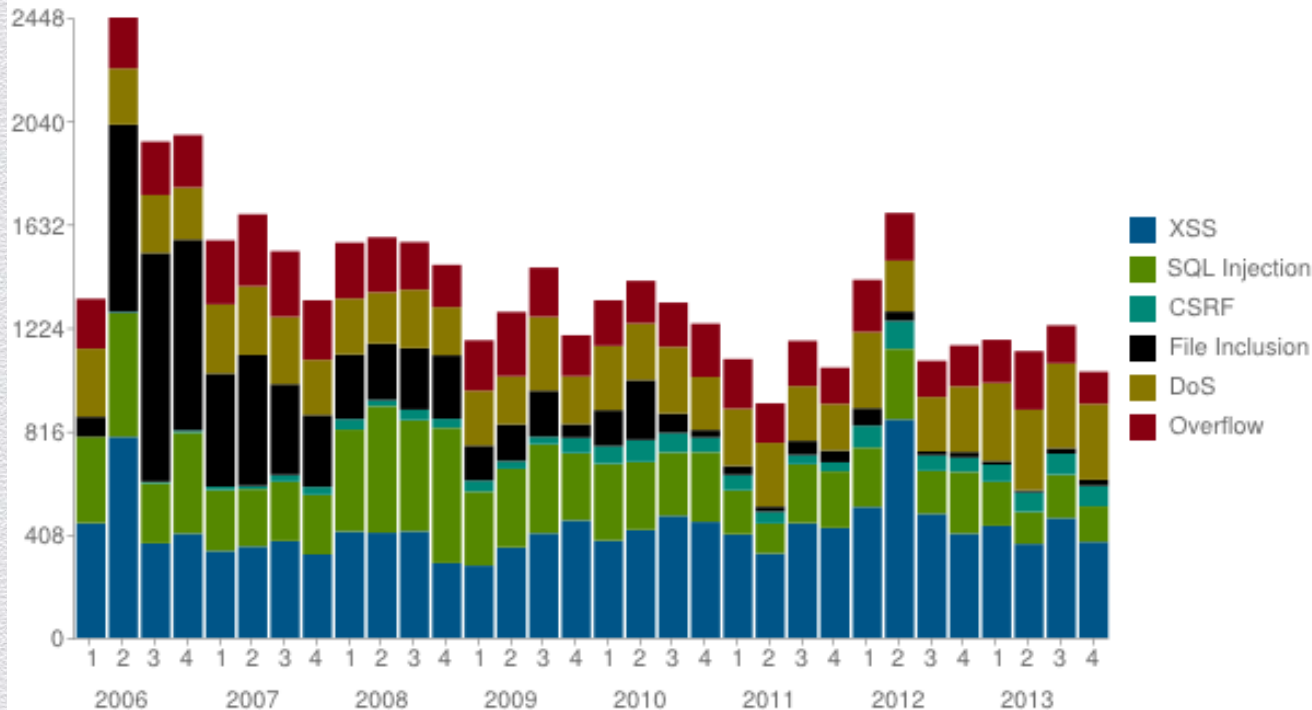
What Are We Doing To Improve Security?

- ◆ PCI/DSS*
- ◆ SOX*
- ◆ Market Forces*
 - ◆ Companies only pick secure software (if they care)
- ◆ HHS/HITECH (regulatory fines)*
- ◆ SEC*
- ◆ FTC*

*Debatable

Software Vulnerabilities Over time

Vulnerabilities in OSVDB by Quarter by Type



2013: 10,580

2012: 10,070

2011: 7,807

2010: 9,098

2009: 8,124

2008: 9,719

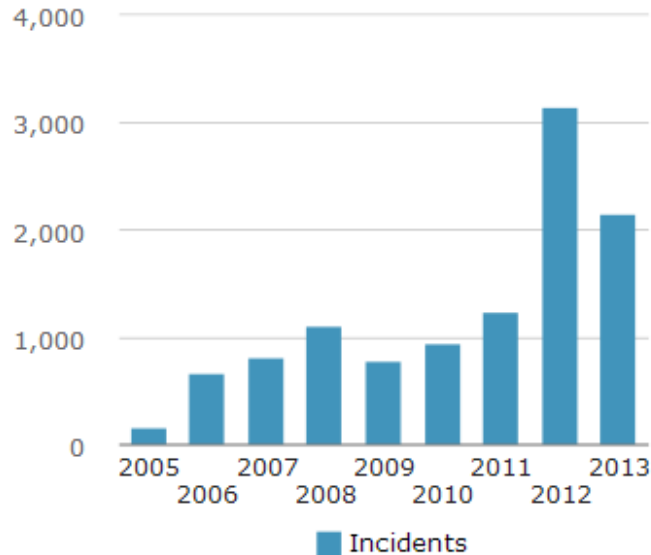
2007: 9,553

2006: 11,040

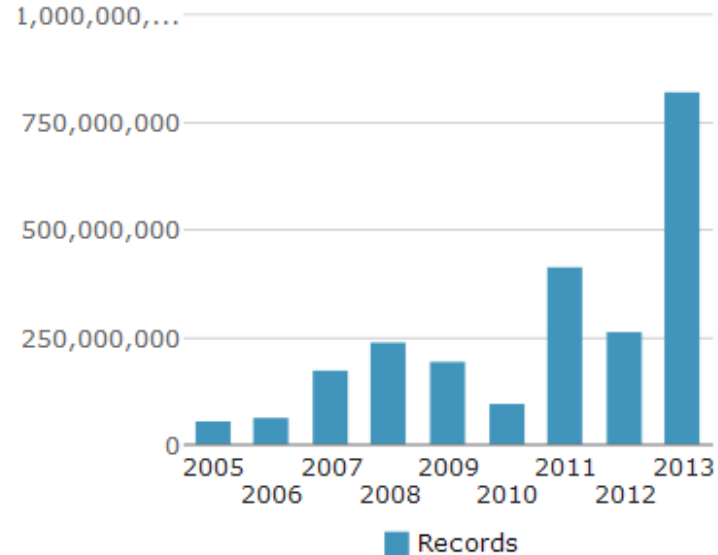
2005: 7,864

Data Breaches Over Time

Of Incidents Over Time



Of Records Lost Over Time



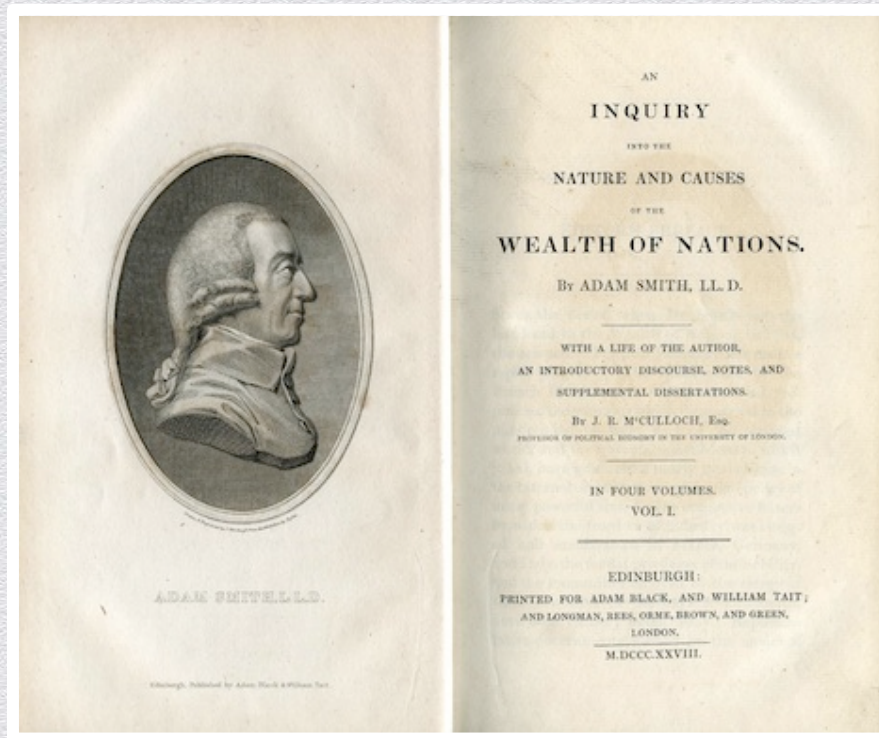
Why Aren't We Improving?

- ◆ Complexity
- ◆ Costs
- ◆ No real impact to end consumer?
- ◆ No real property or injury type issues?
- ◆ People just don't really care?



Some Economics

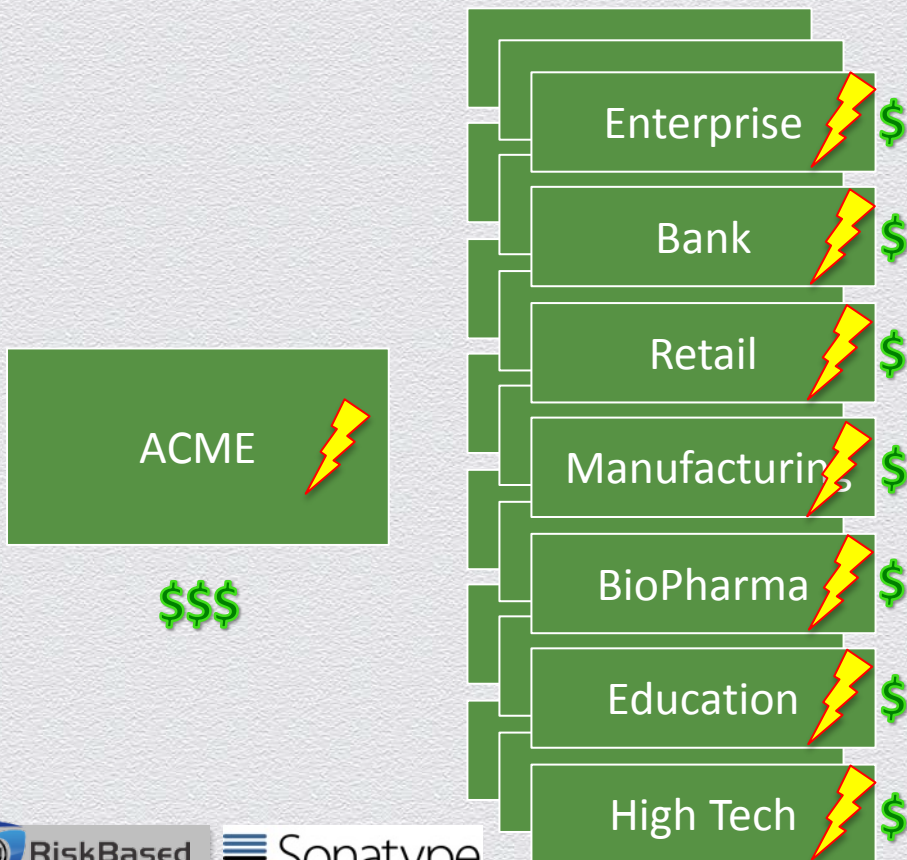
On Free Market Forces...



Information Asymmetry and Signaling

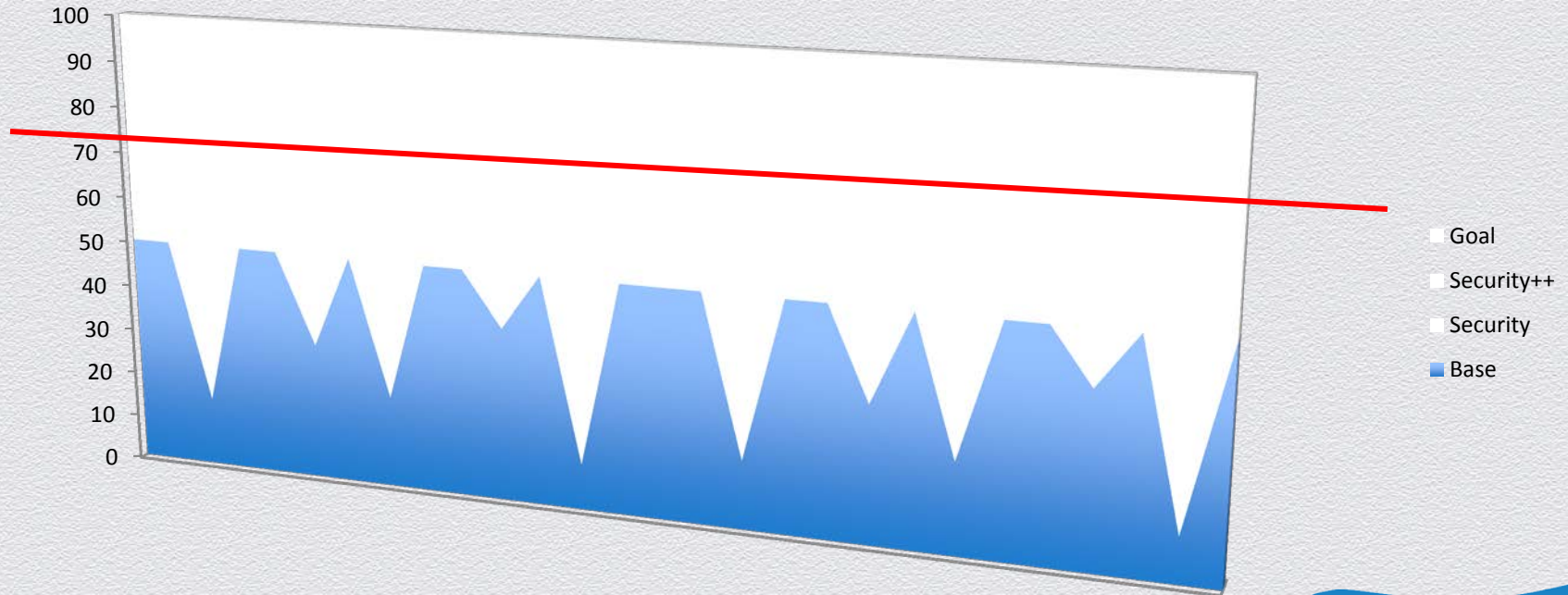


True Costs & Least Cost Avoiders



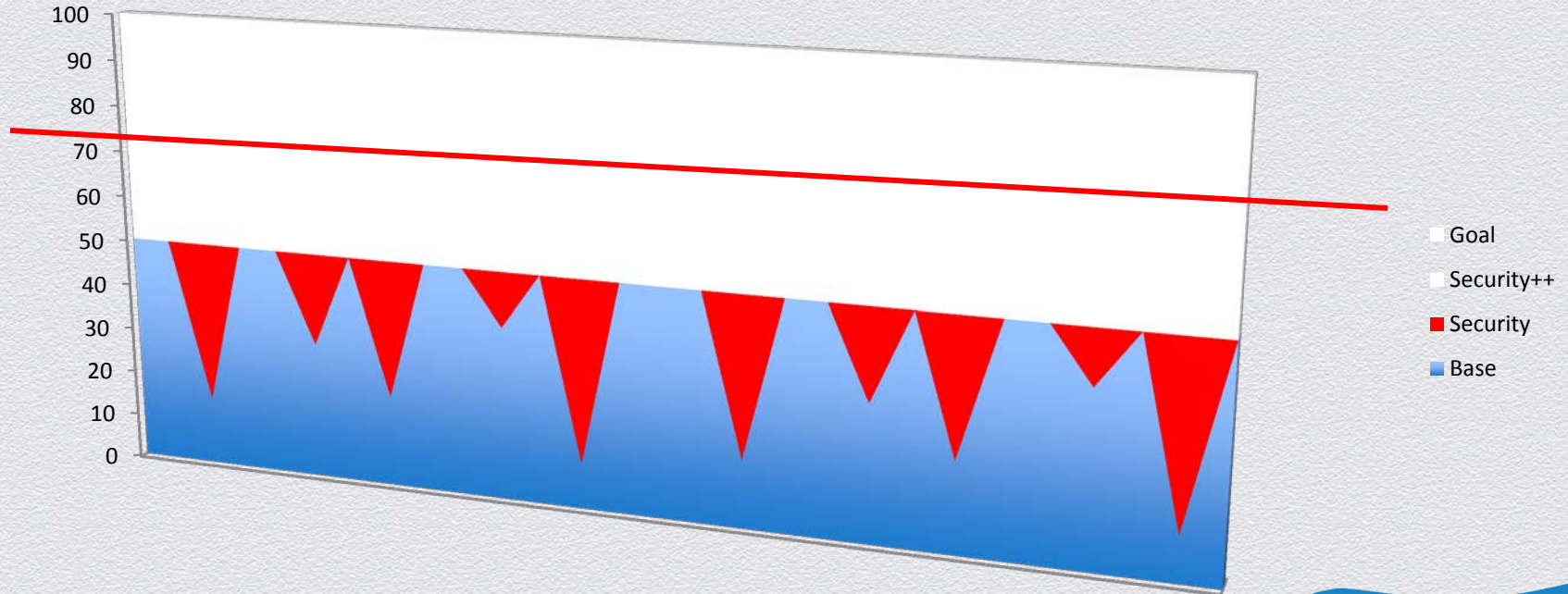
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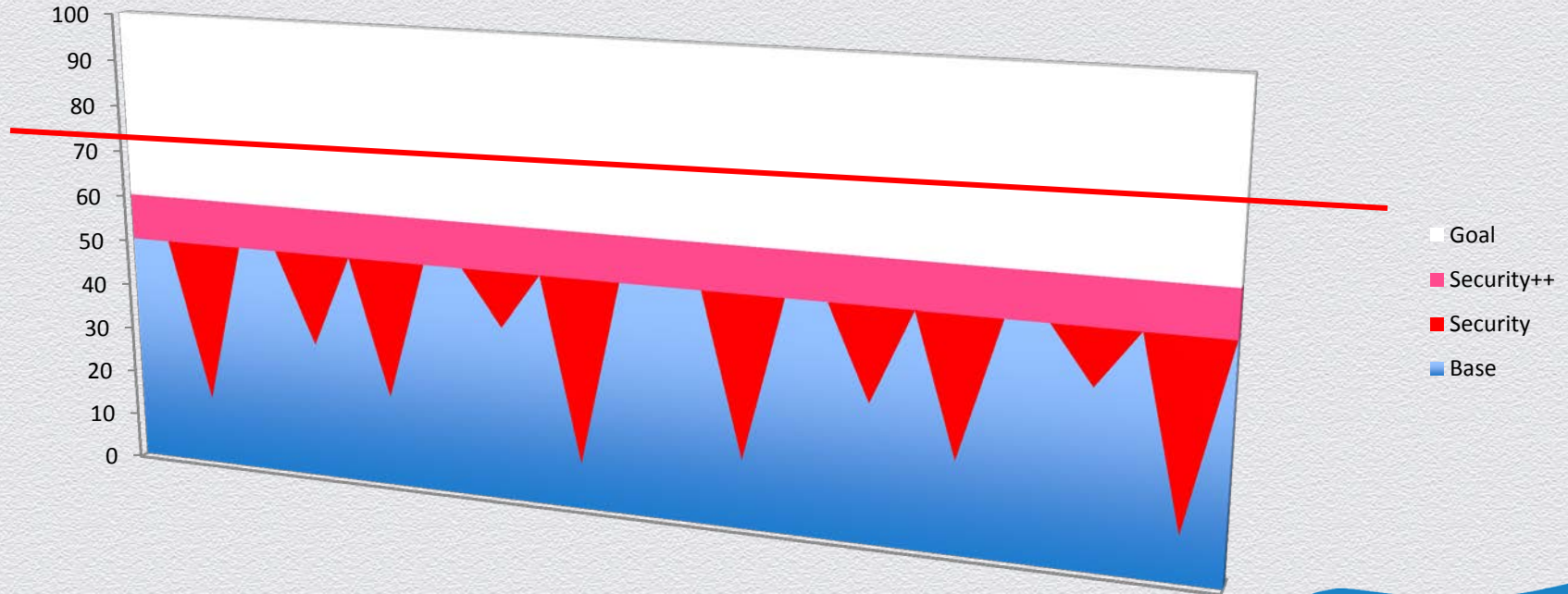
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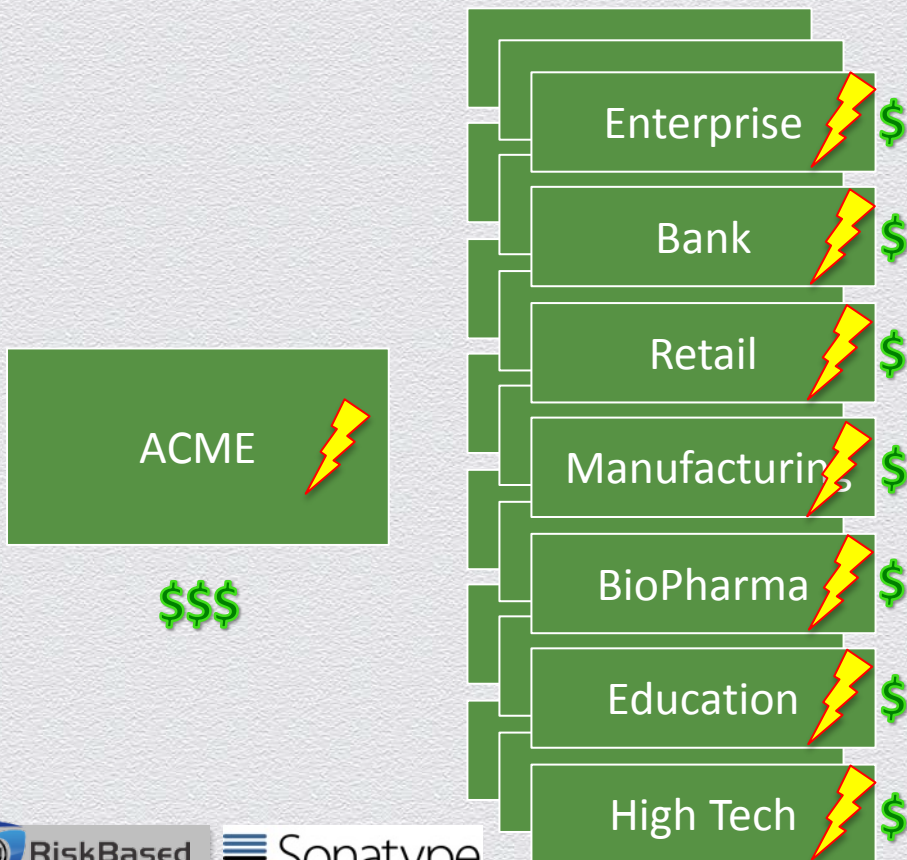


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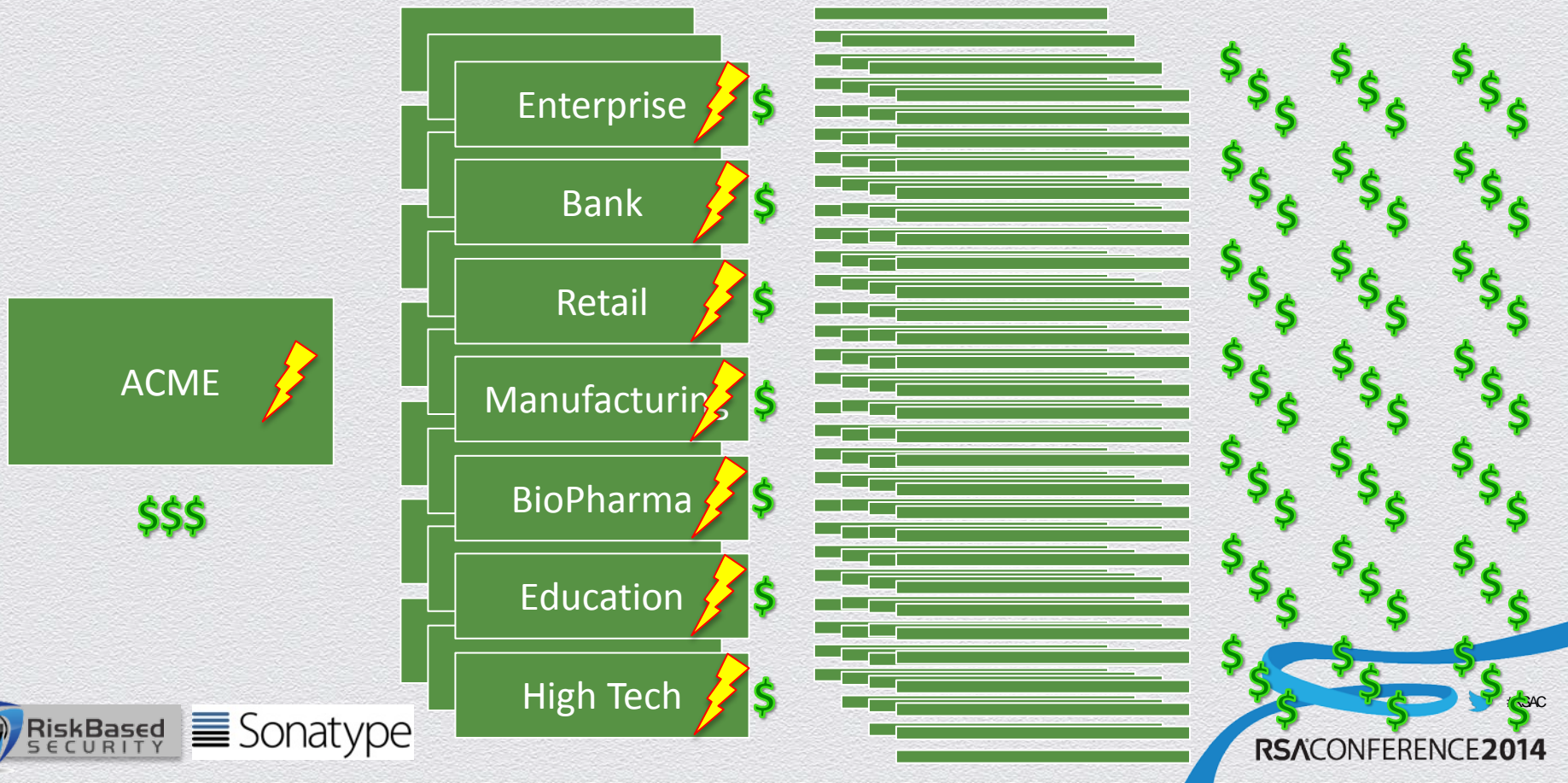
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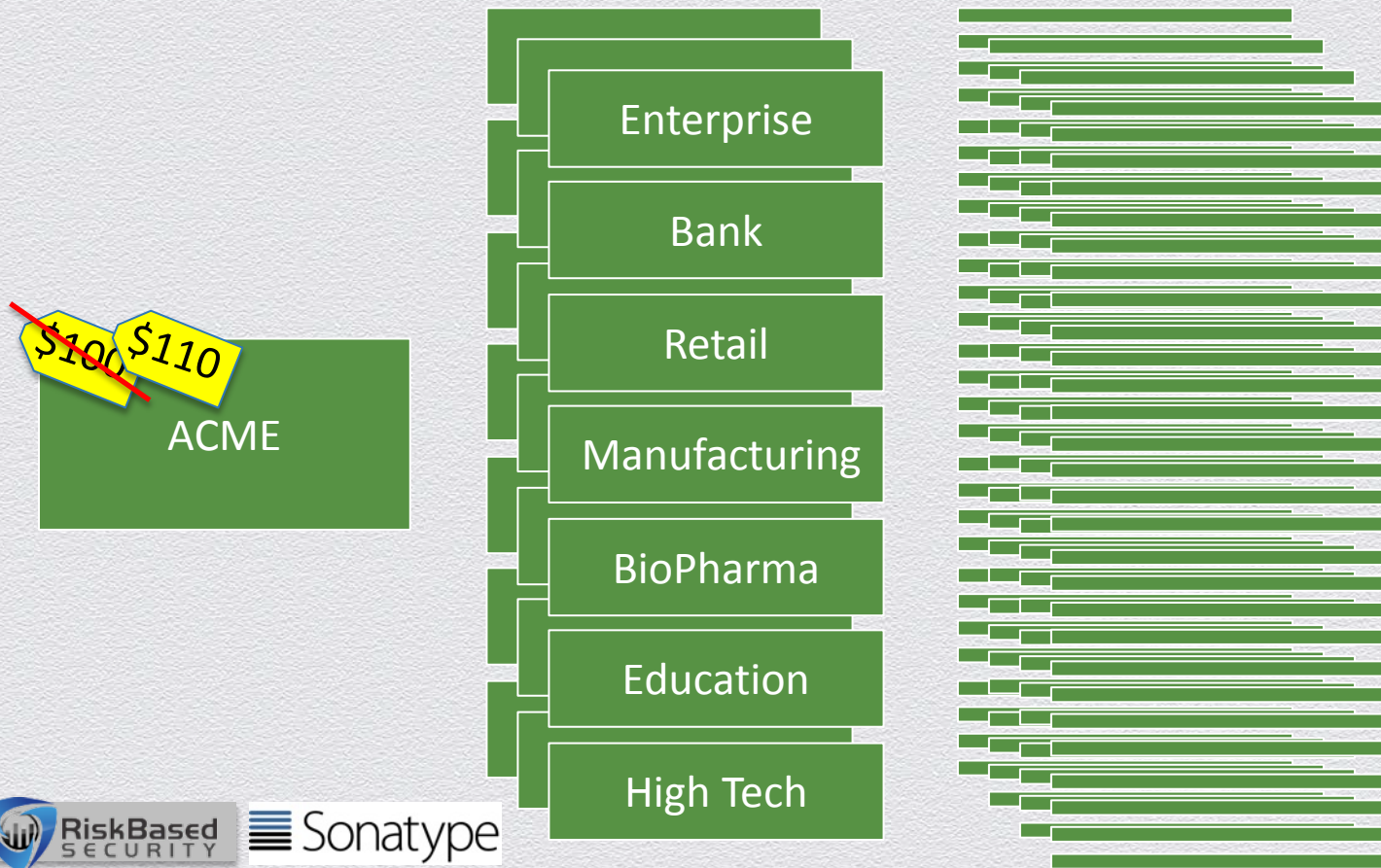
True Costs & Least Cost Avoiders: Downstream



The Fallacy of Broken Windows



True Costs & Least Cost Avoiders



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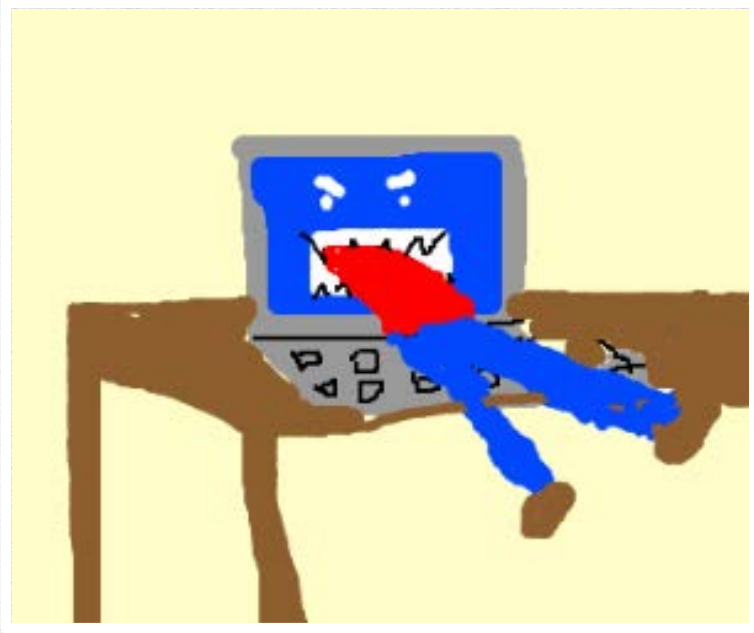
Where Do We Go From Here?



The World Is Changing



Reliance On Poor Software



Poor software with security issues in the new Internet of Things world can now lead to:

- Bodily Injury
- Property Damage
- Financial Harm

Product Liability Is Already Here

- ◆ Its not the software that hurts the people, it's a component of a larger finished product, making it a product failure not just the software.
- ◆ ***MacPherson v. Buick Motor Co.***, 217 N.Y. 382, 111 N.E. 1050 (1916)
 - ◆ Donald C. MacPherson was injured when one of the wooden wheels of his 1909 "Buick Runabout" collapsed
 - ◆ Buick Motor Company, had manufactured the vehicle, but not the wheel, which had been manufactured by another party but installed by defendant.
- ◆ Software responsibility is going to be on final good manufacturer (no matter what) that is delivering the final product

Product Liability Is Already Here

- ◆ The important portion of the *MacPherson* opinion:
 - ◆ “If the nature of a thing is such that it is **reasonably certain to place life and limb in peril when negligently made**, it is then a thing of danger. Its nature gives warning of the consequence to be expected. If to the element of danger there is added knowledge that the thing will be used by persons other than the purchaser, and used without new tests, then, **irrespective of contract, the manufacturer of this thing of danger is under a duty to make it carefully.** That is as far as we need to go for the decision of this case If he is negligent, where danger is to be foreseen, a liability will follow”

Software Part Of The Final Product

Open Automotive Alliance aims to bring Android inside the car

Can Google make your car safer and friendlier to use?

by Jason Infuentes - Jan 6 2014, 9:33am EST

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Károly Dambóczy

Google, Audi, GM, Honda, Hyundai, and Nvidia have formed the **Open Automotive Alliance (OAA)** in the hopes of improving our automotive experience through seamless customization and code. Microsoft the

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Why Apple is revving iOS in the Car for an aggressive 2014 launch

By Daniel Eran Dilger

Apple's chief executive Tim Cook described the company's 2014 launch of iOS in the Car as "very, very important" and a "key focus for us." Here's a look at what the industry thinks, the competition Apple faces in automotive, and why it's pushing so hard for an immediate launch next year.



Financial Liability For Data Breach Already Exists

Target Confirms Point-Of-Sale Data Breach, Announces It Exposed 40 Million Credit Card Numbers

Posted Dec 19, 2013 by [John Biggs \(@johnbiggs\)](#)

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Today retailer Target announced that between November 27 and December 15 its point-of-sale systems – the cash registers mounted at the check-out areas of its stores – suffered an attack that exposed an estimated 40 million credit and debit card numbers. The company announced that it has “alerted authorities and financial institutions immediately after it was made aware of the unauthorized access, and is putting

all appropriate resources behind these efforts.” It said it has hired outside support to investigate the source and method of the breach.

Thieves made off with customer names, card numbers, as well as expiration dates and the three-digit CVV security code. Only customers who visited Target stores were compromised.

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With rising retail market competition and a new generation of demanding, well-connected shoppers, convenience store chains have come under increasing pressure to consolidate and streamline their operations.

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The solution provides optimized management of multiple points of sale – both in-store and outdoor – effectively enabling convenience store chains to maintain the highest customer checkout throughput.



Retalix StorePoint

*“Enhanced security
and manageability
via comprehensive
and flexible access
and authorization
control”*

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- Increased productivity and user-friendliness via state-of-the art, touchscreen-based POS terminals with a customizable virtual keyboard and flexible GUI
- High versatility with support for a broad range of promotions, discounts and loyalty functions

What Makes It Unique?



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Expansion Of Liability Is Likely Coming

- ◆ Liability already exists due to a data breach
 - ◆ Currently on the company that had the breach regardless if it was the fault of a software product they purchased and expect security in place
- ◆ Large companies can handle the costs, however, small businesses filing for bankruptcy
 - ◆ Doing everything right but the software they purchased with an expectation to be secure isn't
- ◆ Is this right?

Not from Whole Cloth

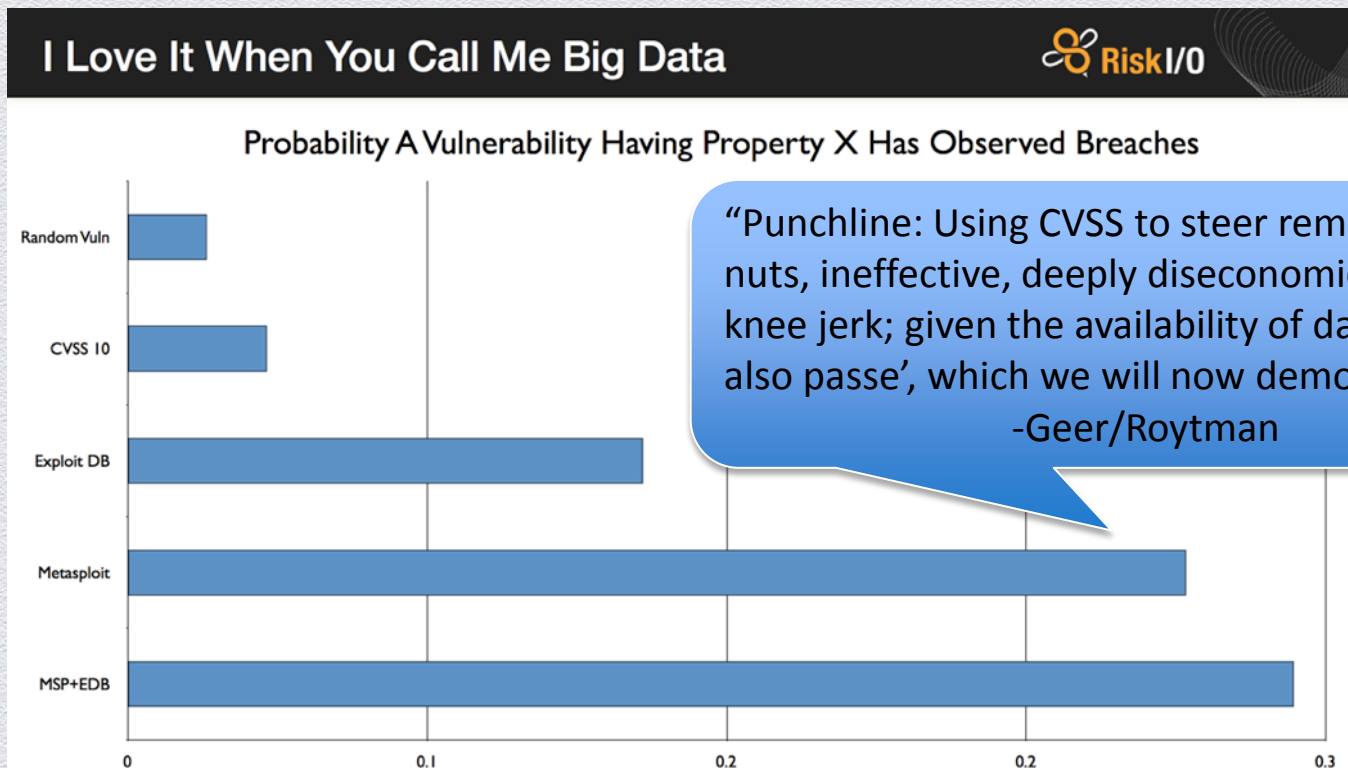
- ◆ UL for electronics
- ◆ NTSB & ASRS for aviation
- ◆ **NHSTB? or NHTSA?** for vehicles
- ◆ FDA & DHS ICS-CERT for medical
- ◆ FCC for “radio controlled”
- ◆ FTC for enforcement
- ◆ SEC for publically traded
- ◆ Consumer Reports?



Taking Care: Incentives Incentivize (Perversely)

- ◆ Let's NOT recreate PCI DSS
 - ◆ Outcomes over Inputs (Control Objectives over Controls)
 - ◆ Visibility to support Free Market Forces and Choice
- ◆ Filter on “With the potential to affect human life and public safety”
- ◆ Due Care / Negligence / Reasonability
 - ◆ Software must be “Patchable”
 - ◆ HDMoore's Law (and/or OWASP Top 10?)
- ◆ ***We had better know what we really want to incentivize...***

Yes... HDMoore's Law (Bellis & Roytman [&Geer])



How Could Software Liability Work?

- ◆ Not be prescriptive on what needs to be done / security implement
- ◆ Allow for the concept of liability to exist in software world
 - ◆ Not just for tangible products
 - ◆ Not just for Bodily Injury / Property Damage
- ◆ Ensure security is not the last items on the priority list (new features FTW)

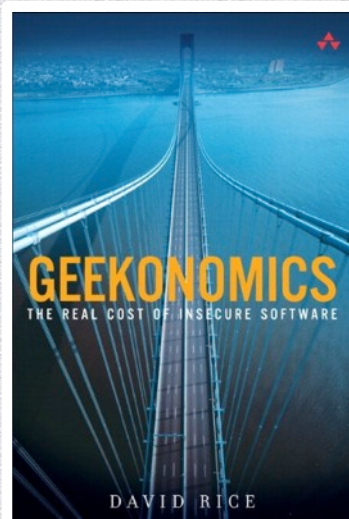
The EULA Elephant in the Room...

- ◆ EULAs may be the primary obstacle
- ◆ These 1 sided contracts cannot be overlooked
- ◆ EULA Reform may be close
 - ◆ E.g. No more than 1 page of plain speak



Things you can do

- ◆ Investigate/Join “The Cavalry” @iamthecavalry
 - ◆ Public Safety & Human Life
- ◆ Watch
 - ◆ Hot Coffee
- ◆ Reading:
 - ◆ *Geekonomics* by David Rice
 - ◆ Therac-25 History



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