

# State of Threat Modeling Report: Official Release Webinar

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## Inside the State of Threat Modeling Report

Fireside Chat with the Authors

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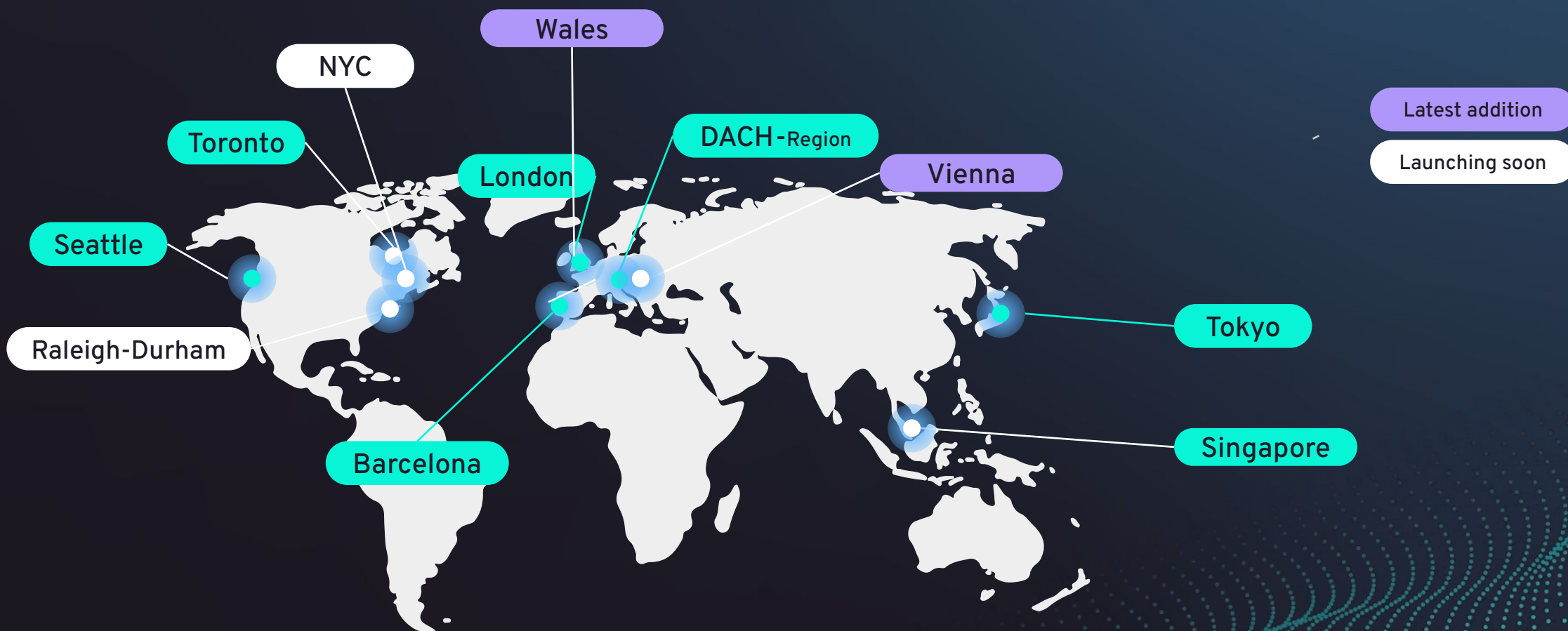
# Welcome to the Threat Modeling Connect (TMC) Community!





# Our local chapters

7 active chapters around the world  
2 upcoming: NYC, Raleigh-Durham



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# Agenda

01 – Intro and housekeeping

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02 – Fireside chat with the SOTM report authors

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03 – Open Q&A

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04 – Group photo & final announcement

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# Housekeeping

- Please keep yourself on mute unless speaking.
- Keep your camera off to save bandwidth.
- Drop your questions in the chat – we'll cover them during Q&A.
- Any unanswered questions will be followed up by Dave and Grant in the TMC forum.

# Today's session

## Guest Speakers



**Dave Soldera**  
Lead Security Architect  
Electronic Arts (EA)



**Grant Ongers**  
Security Practice Lead  
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## Moderator



**Paul Spruce**  
Principal Security Consultant



# Supporting Slides





# The Makings of a Survey

- Decide an overall goal
- Create personas for who will respond
- Decide on the language/words to use to be consistent
- Decide on the type of questions to ask e.g. single/multiple choice, likert, free text
- Create questions by:
  - Decide an information goal
  - Align i.e. to Threat Modeling Manifesto/Capabilities
  - Decide questions to achieve goal
  - Choose answers
- Understand technical constraints of survey tools
- Constantly fighting your own biases
- Balance overall goal with scope, size, effort etc.
- Presentation for comprehension
- Marketing

# The Report

- Tells you; Who, Where, When, What and How - but not Why
- Tells you what the community does, but not:
  - What the “right” thing to do is,
  - Whether the common thing makes sense for you
- Tells you:
  - Where the community has aligned e.g. practices, processes, tooling, definitions
  - Where the community hasn’t aligned
  - The things we have in common e.g. challenges
  - The challenges we haven’t solved
- Implies the opportunities to contribute
- Provides minimal correlation due to number of responses
- There is likely a significant margin of error
- There are still insights waiting to be found in the data

# The Expected

- We love STRIDE
- We leverage generic (non-dedicated) tools to threat model
- We use trust boundaries, and they refer to components that trust each other
- Diagrams and threat modeling go hand in hand
- We threat model for architecture/design issues
- We don't focus on whether we did a good job threat modeling

# The Unsurprising

- We'll take any information we can to help create a threat model. Threat modeling practitioners live off the land
- We'll generate threats from any source, but it's mostly coming from Security and the team involved
- We don't share threat models very often or very broadly
- We struggle to get the information we need to threat model
- The teams we work with struggle to learn threat modeling
- Many threat modeling challenges aren't special, and are the same as any other business activity



# The Unexpected

- We leverage generic (non-dedicated) tools to threat model
- We don't produce more than about 100 threat models a year
- We don't report to management about threat modeling, and when we do we don't align on what metrics to report
- We use threat modeling as evidence of compliance (even if we don't admit it)

# The Future

- We'll run it again this year!
- We'd love community input! Please create posts about
  - Data, information or questions you want in the survey
  - Format, length, scope
  - Ideas for greater reach
  - Ideas for better analysis
- Review the current question set and update.
  - Several questions didn't work as well as hoped
- Ask questions to understand “why”
- Future reports to provide year-on-year comparisons
- Get more people to answer the survey!

# Open Q&A



# Final Announcements





# Group photo before you go!



# Visit the TMC forum for more content

Today's recording, slides, follow-up on  
unanswered questions.

<https://threatmodelingconnect.discourse.group/c/events/28>

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# Join weekly threat modeling discussion

New threat modeling topics drop every  
week in the TMC forum

<https://threatmodelingconnect.discourse.group/t/do-you-use-stride-like-most-of-us-do/1159/5>





# Join Dave & Grant at ThreatModCon DC for more SOTM insights

November 7-8, 2025

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