

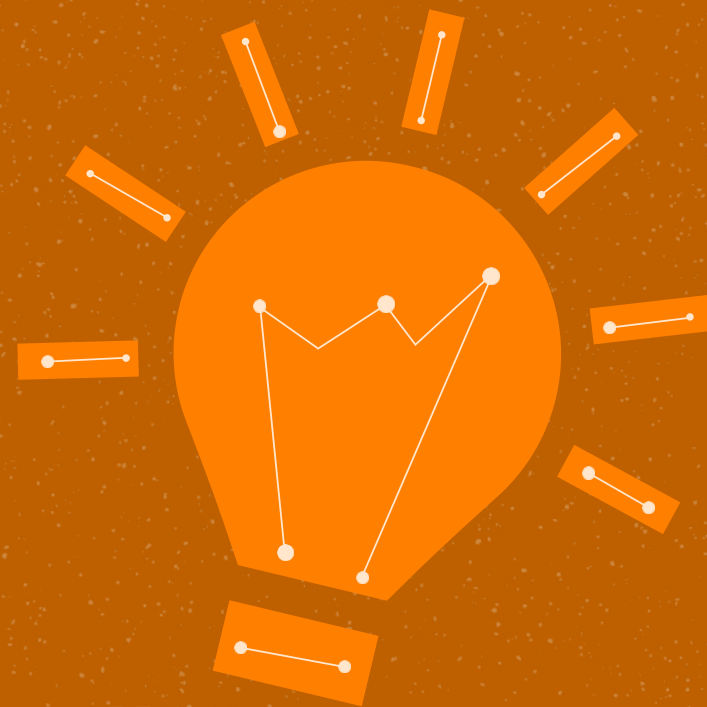
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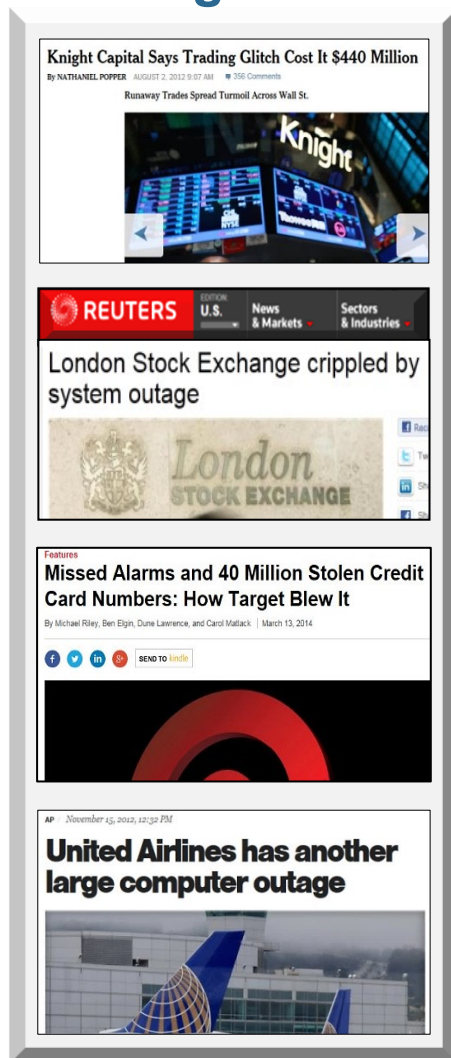
## La Qualità del software come fattore di successo per una trasformazione digitale sostenibile della PA

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## Nine Digit Defects



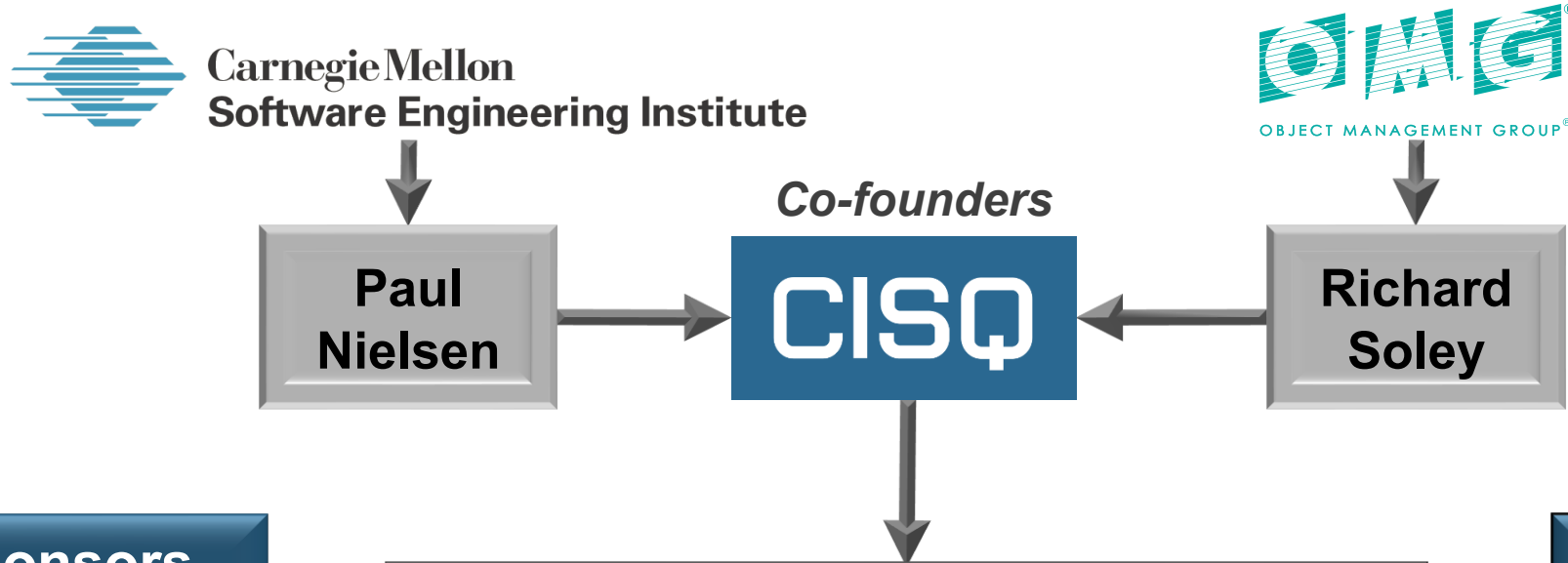
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**Board of Directors**  
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accountable for

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**Risk management**  
**Business Continuity**  
**Brand protection**  
**Customer experience**

**Evaluate Application Risk  
with CISQ Measures**



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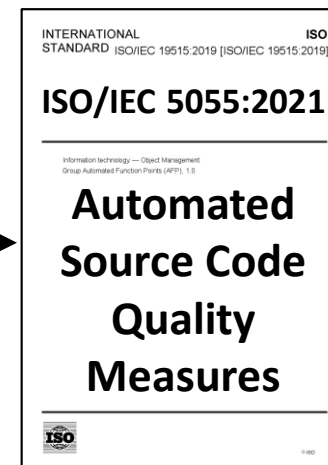
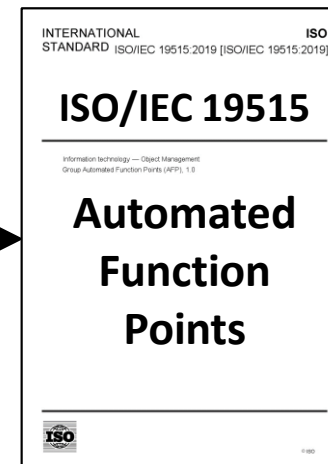
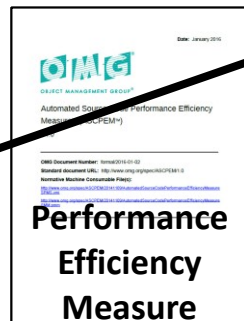
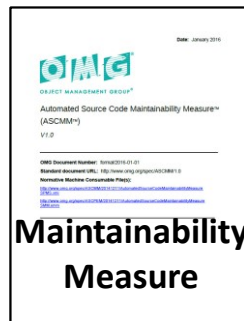
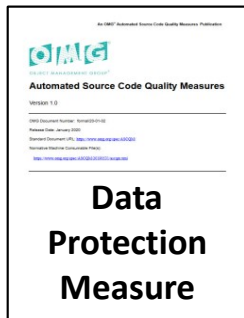
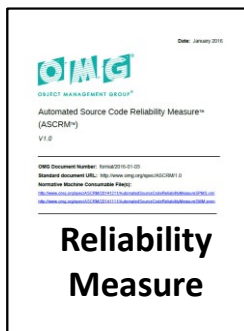
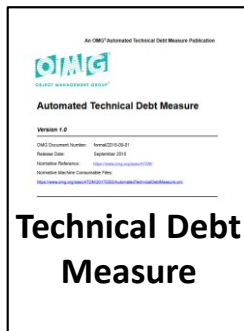
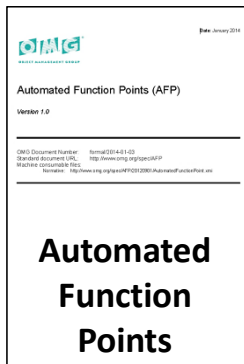
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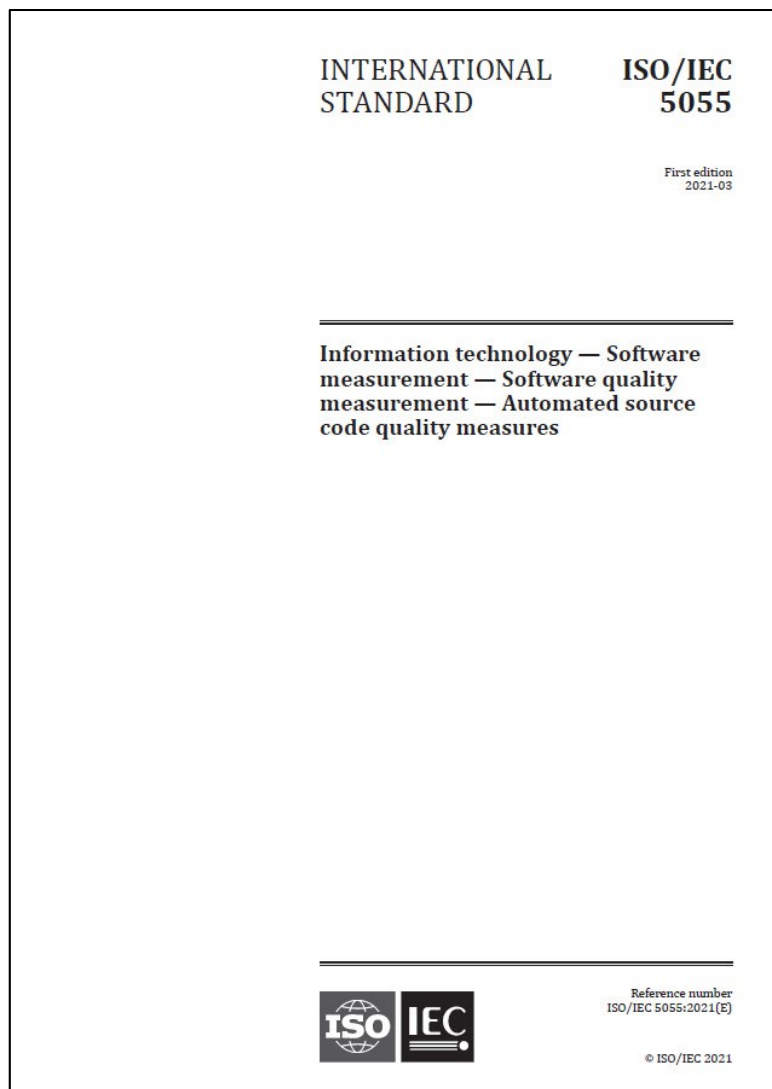
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## ISO

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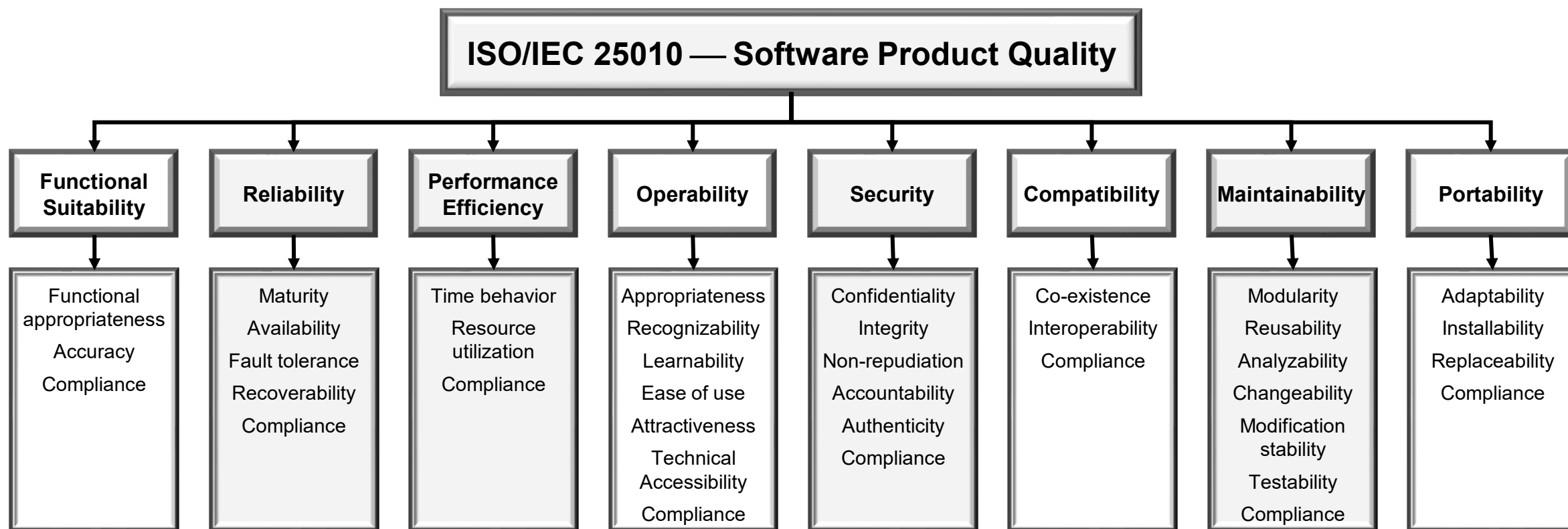


Quality



- **Defines measures of the internal, structural quality of software for four ISO/IEC 25010 software quality characteristics:**
  - Reliability
  - Security
  - Performance Efficiency
  - Maintainability
- **Measures are calculated from automated detection and counting of severe architectural and coding weaknesses**
- **‘Shift-left’ structural quality measurement**
- **Can be used for:**
  - Internal product and process improvement
  - System acquisition contracts and acceptance criteria
  - Internal and external monitoring and benchmarking
- **Fasttracked to ISO as a Publicly Available Standard by OMG (Object Management Group) and can be obtained for free at:**  
<https://standards.iso.org/ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/index.html>

- ISO/IEC 25010 defines a software product quality model of 8 quality characteristics
- **ISO/IEC 5055 conforms to four ISO/IEC 25010** quality characteristic definitions
- ISO/IEC 25023 defines measures, but not automatable and few the source code level
- **ISO/IEC 5055 supplements ISO/IEC 25023** with source code level measures

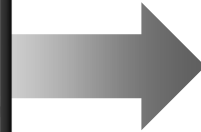


*ISO/IEC 25010 software quality characteristics measured by ISO/IEC 5055 are highlighted in blue*

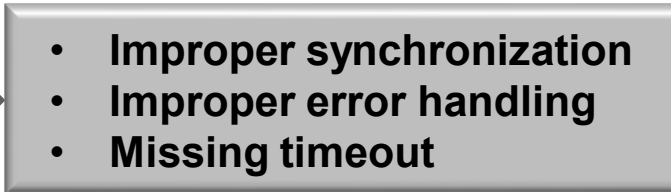
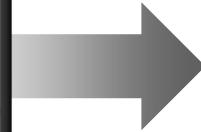


## ISO 5055 Structural Quality Measures

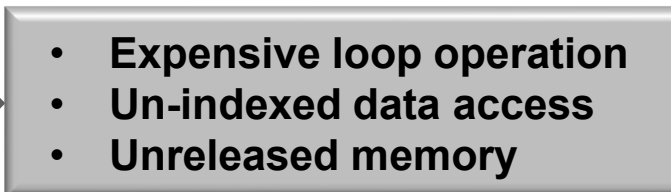
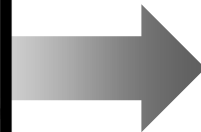
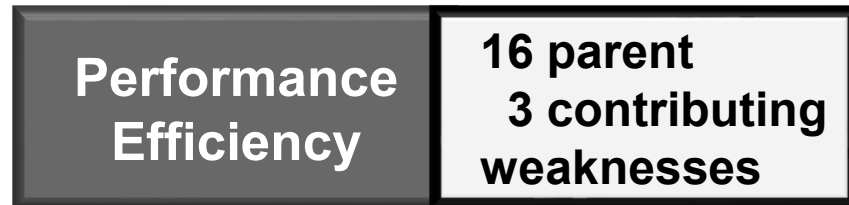
## Example architectural and coding weaknesses included



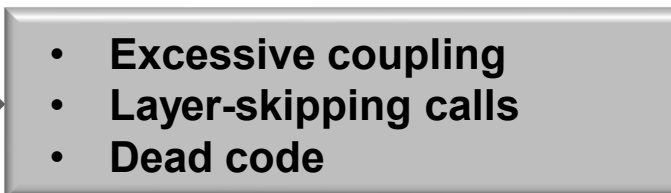
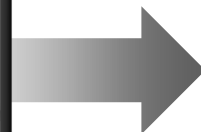
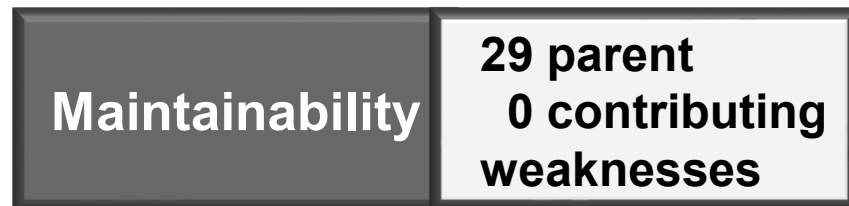
An international team of experts selected the weaknesses



Only weaknesses considered severe enough to require remediation were included

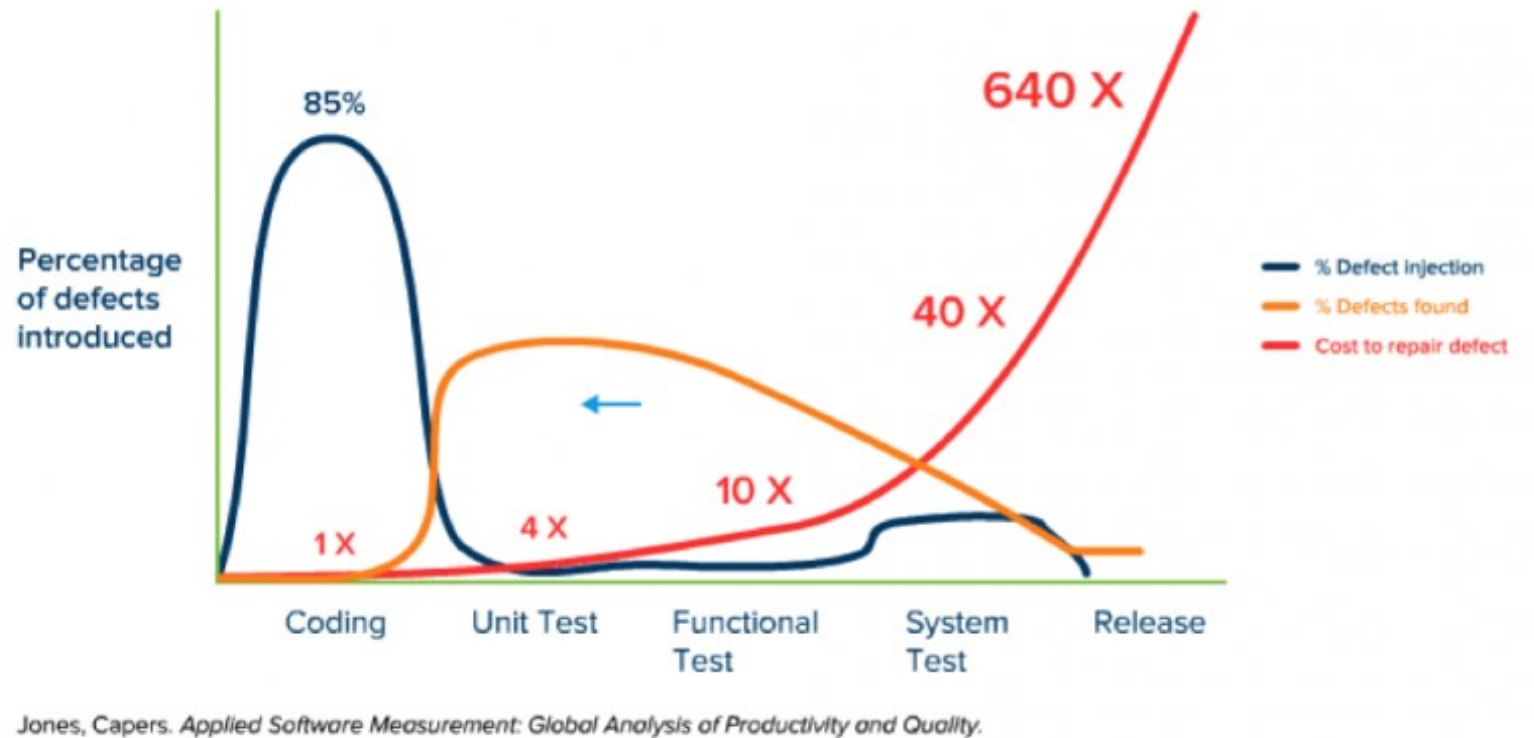


138 unique weaknesses, some in more than one measure



All ISO 5055 weaknesses are in Common Weakness Enumeration Repository

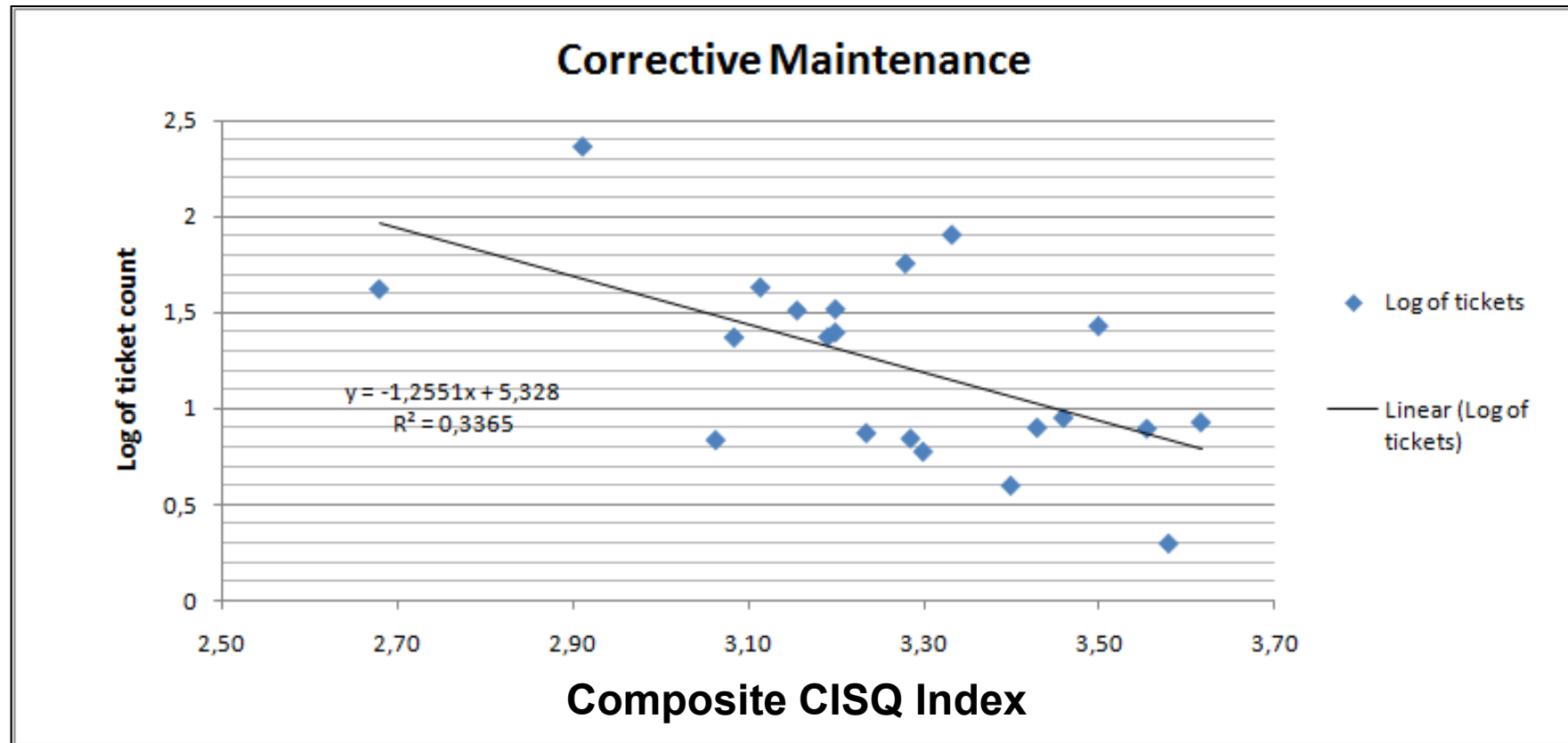
‘Shift Left’ can dramatically  
reduce  
the impact





# Measures Predict Incidents & Costs

**Study of structural quality measures and maintenance effort across 21 customer apps in a large global system integrator**



**An index increase of 24% decreased corrective maintenance effort by 50%**

## Benchmarking and comparison:

In order to compare quality results among different applications, the Automated Source Code Quality Measures can be normalized by size to create a density measure (from the base measure).

$$\text{ASCxM-density} = \text{ASCxM} / \text{AFP}$$

where x = a software quality characteristic (R, S, PE, M)

## Other weighting schemes

Weighting scheme	Potential uses
Weight each quality measure element by its severity	Measuring risk of quality problems such as data theft, outages, response degradation, etc.
Weight each quality measure element by its effort to fix	Measuring cost of ownership, estimating future corrective maintenance effort and costs
Weight each module or application component by its density of quality weaknesses	Prioritizing modules or application components for corrective maintenance or replacement

- A large majority of the ADM contracts contain a structure where there is an “at risk” percentage cap, (e.g., 10%) of the monthly contract value with a weighting for each SLA.
- In most modern contracts, the weighting factor for software quality measures is typically “over weighted” at ~200%.
- The time period for collecting and reporting SLAs can vary by contract. New development is to analyze SLA compliance at the end of each bundle of defined activities, when performance of the entire work package can be measured.
- Most vendors will ask for 6 months of data before agreeing to an SLA. If you have that, and can produce it, few vendors will argue. Otherwise, most will negotiate a “burn in” period of 6 months.



Name	Description	Type	Period	Baseline	Weight	Low	High	Annual Improvement
Security	The likelihood of potential security breaches of an application.	Unit	Monthly	0.02	35%	0.018	0.022	5%
		System	Monthly	0.02	35%	0.00	0.019	5%
Robustness	The risk of failure or defects that can result from changing an application.	Unit	Monthly	0.1	25%	0.09	0.11	5%
		System	Monthly	0.1	35%	0.07	0.10	5%
Performance Efficiency	How well the code handles unexpected events and how easily system performance can be reestablished.	Unit	Monthly	1	25%	0.9	1.1	2%
		System	Monthly	1	25%	0.8	1.0	2%
Maintainability	The difficulty and ease to maintain an application.	Unit						
		System						



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**Guida tecnica all'uso di metriche per il software applicativo  
sviluppato per conto delle pubbliche amministrazioni**

Function Unique Identifier	Function	Category Unique Identifier	Category
ID	Identify	ID.AM	Asset Management
		ID.BE	Business Environment
		ID.GV	Governance
		ID.RA	Risk Assessment
		ID.RM	Risk Management Strategy
		ID.SC	Supply Chain Risk Management
PR	Protect	PR.AC	Identity Management and Access Control
		PR.AT	Awareness and Training
		PR.DS	Data Security
		PR.IP	Information Protection Processes and Procedures
		PR.MA	Maintenance
		PR.PT	Protective Technology
DE	Detect	DE.AE	Anomalies and Events
		DE.CM	Security Continuous Monitoring
		DE.DP	Detection Processes
RS	Respond	RS.RP	Response Planning
		RS.CO	Communications
		RS.AN	Analysis
		RS.MI	Mitigation
		RS.IM	Improvements
RC	Recover	RC.RP	Recovery Planning
		RC.IM	Improvements
		RC.CO	Communications

The 5055 Security measure (and others) can be used in numerous processes of the Cybersecurity Framework.

Empirical risk tolerance thresholds for software security

Contractual SLAs and audits for software security

Evaluation of software assets for security weaknesses

Continual improvement of software security

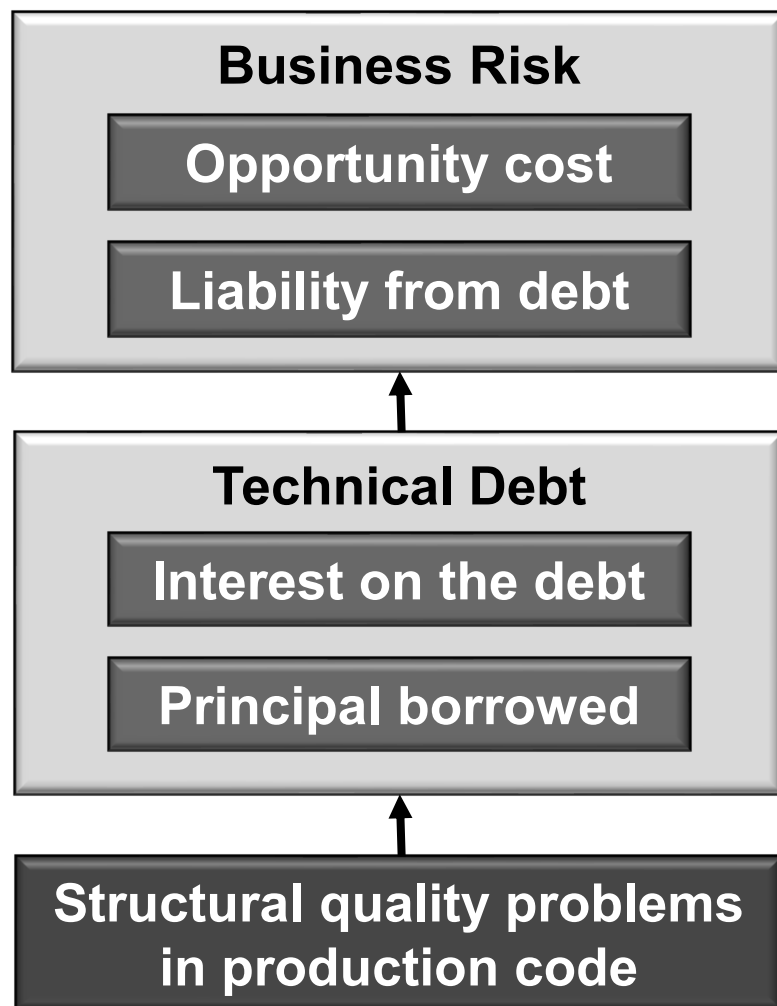
Periodic scans for software weaknesses

Software security and weakness data are shared

Security weaknesses are identified and mitigated

The 5055 structural quality measures play an important requirements and verification role for 'Build Security In' for cybersecurity

**Technical Debt — future costs attributable to flaws in operational code**



**Opportunity cost** - benefits that could have been achieved had resources been put on new capability rather than retiring technical debt

**Liability** - business costs related to outages, breaches, corrupted data, etc.

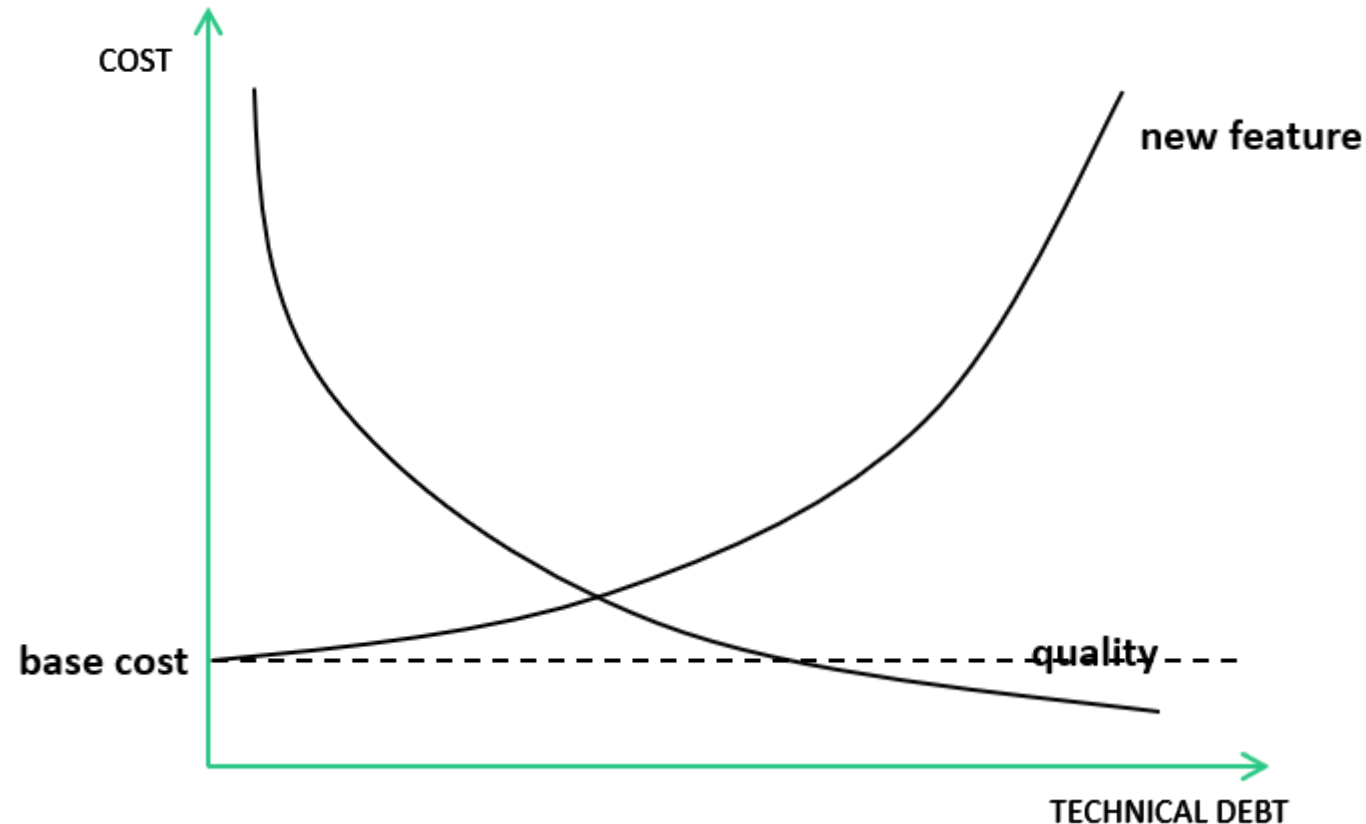
**Interest** - continuing IT costs caused by the technical debt remaining in the code, i.e., higher maintenance effort, greater resource usage, etc.

**Principal** - cost of remediating must-fix problems remaining in the code

# Technical Debt dries up application value

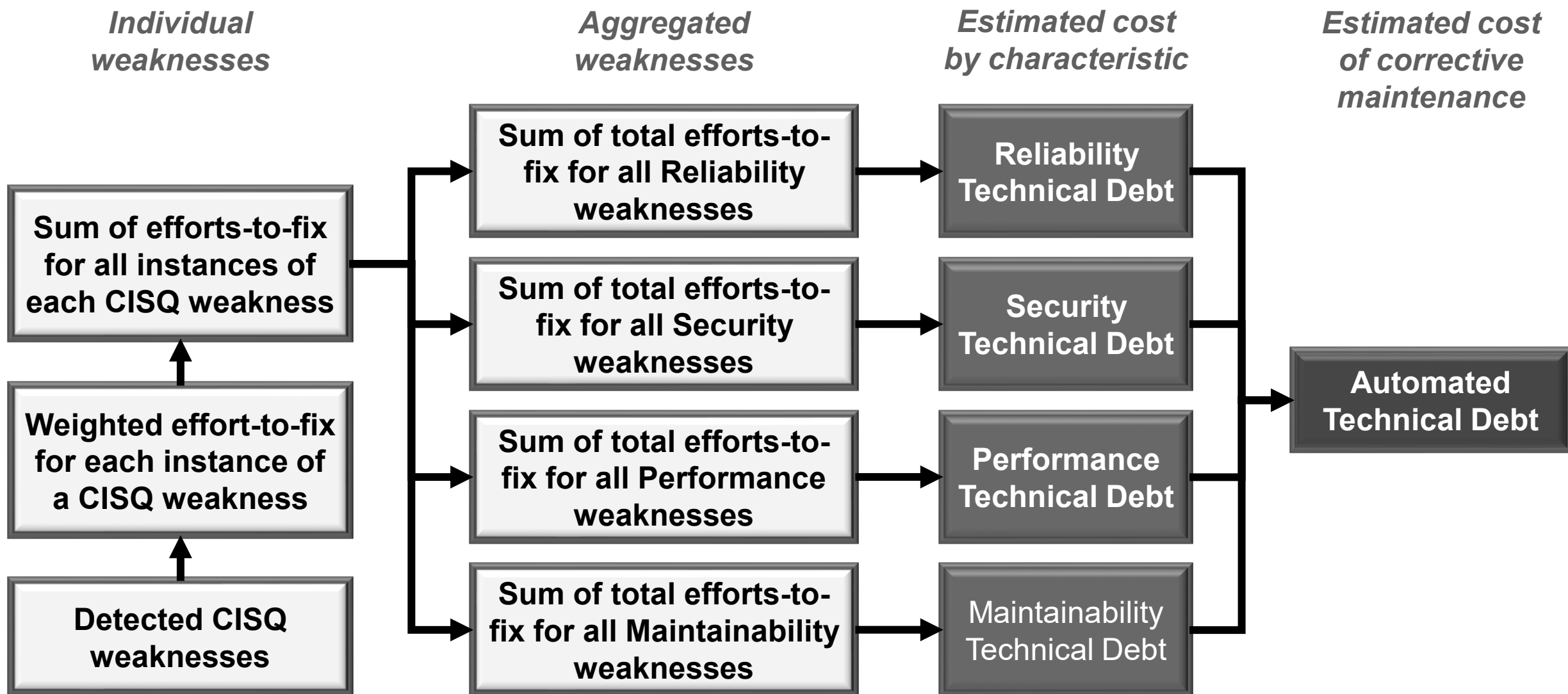
**Assumption:** Productivity is a stable number

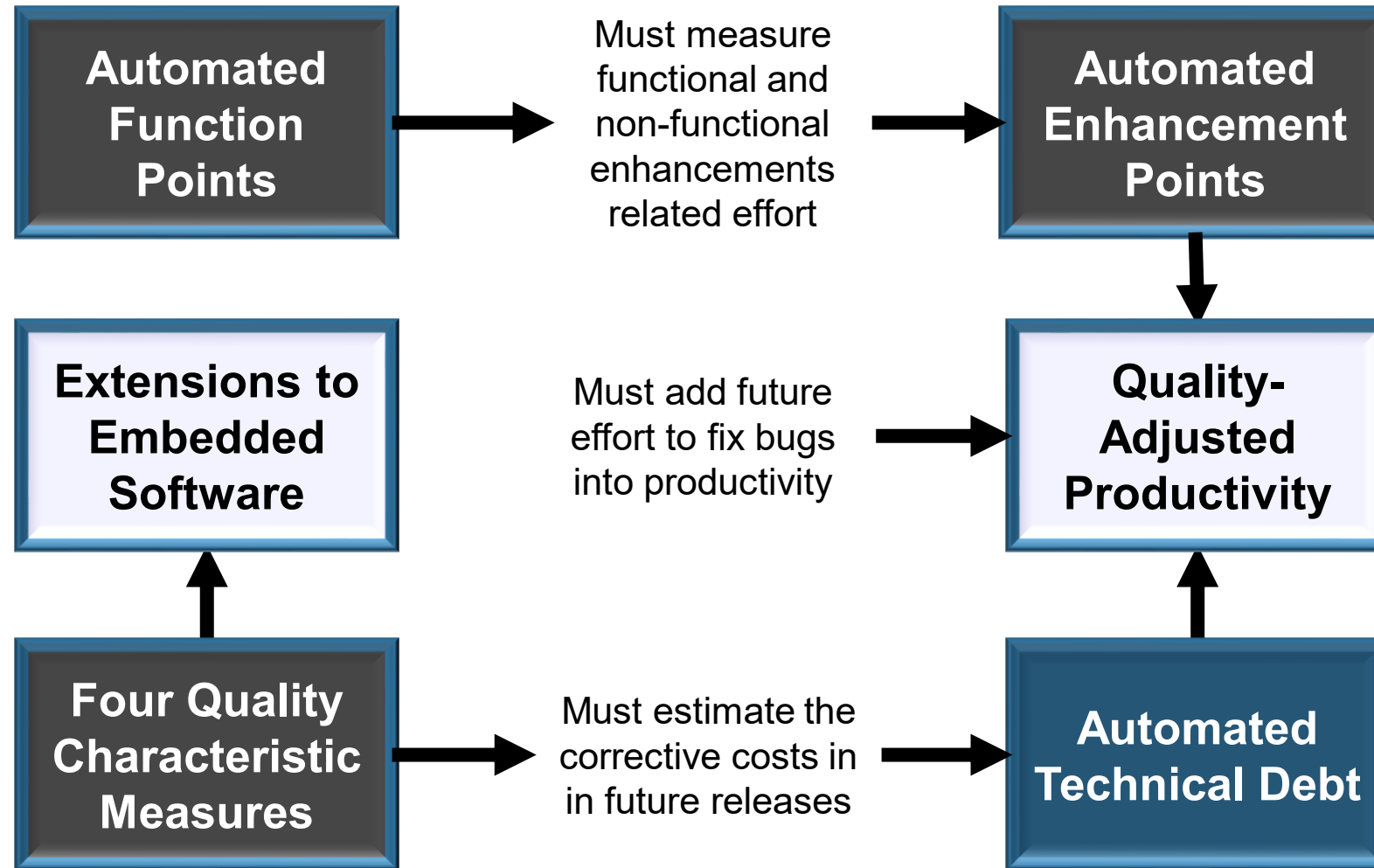
**Reality:** Productivity is a monotonically decreasing function of releases

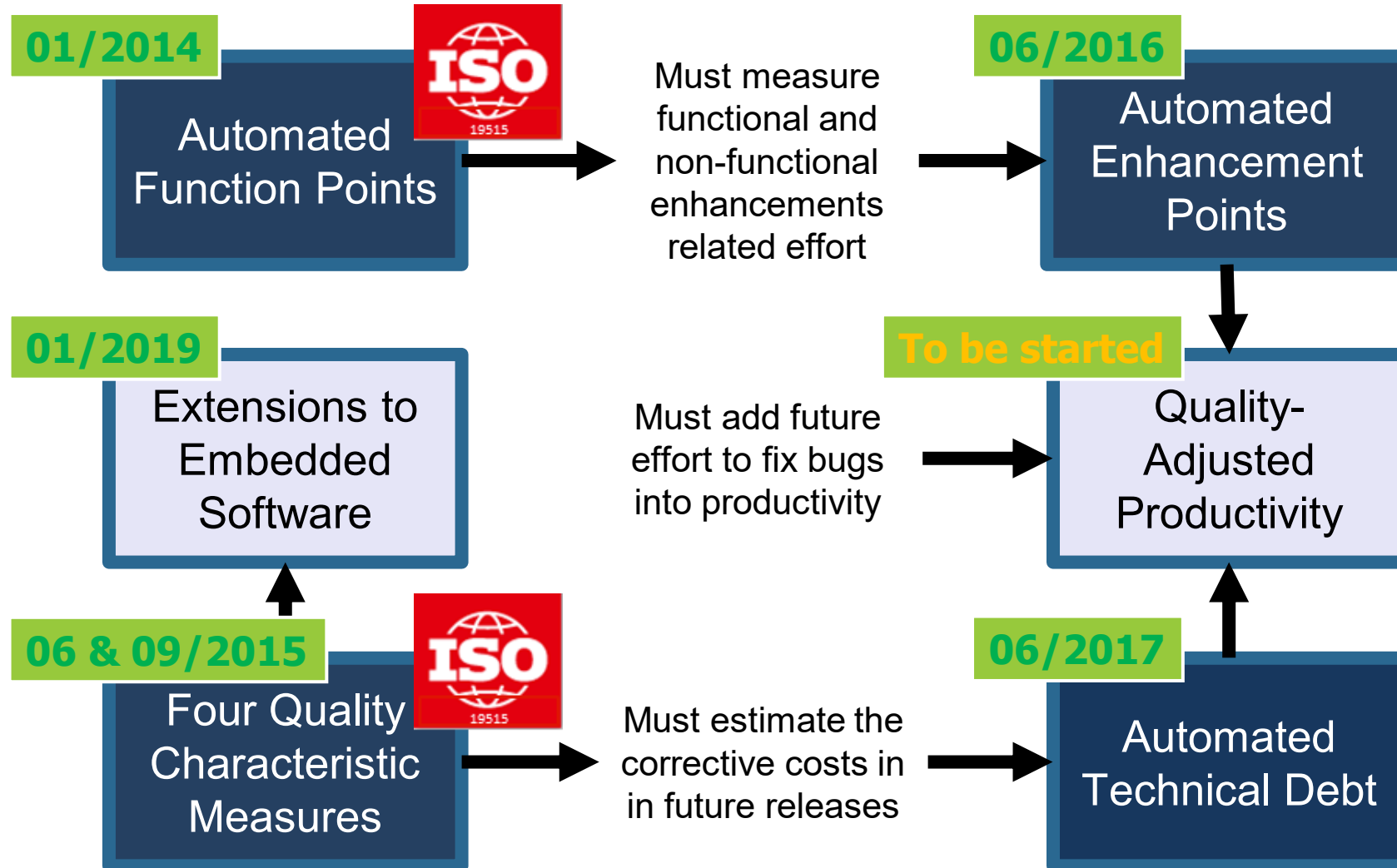


**Unless action is taken**

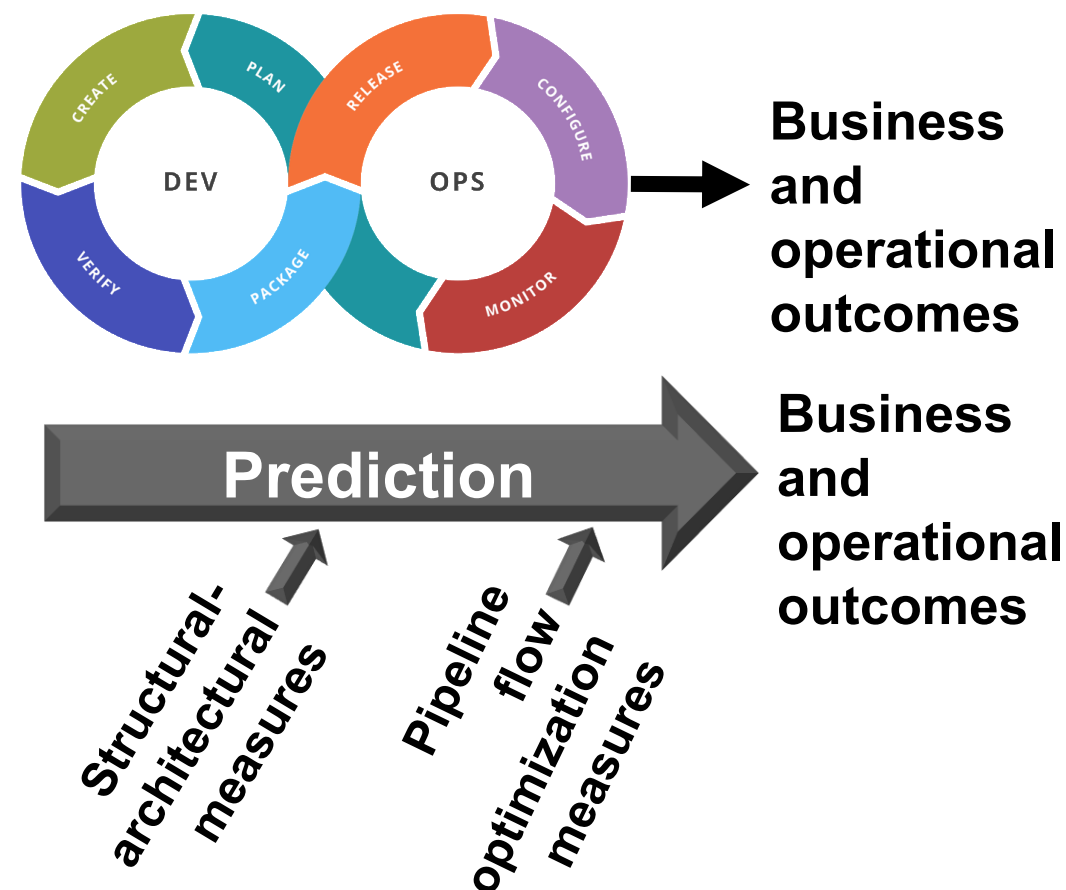


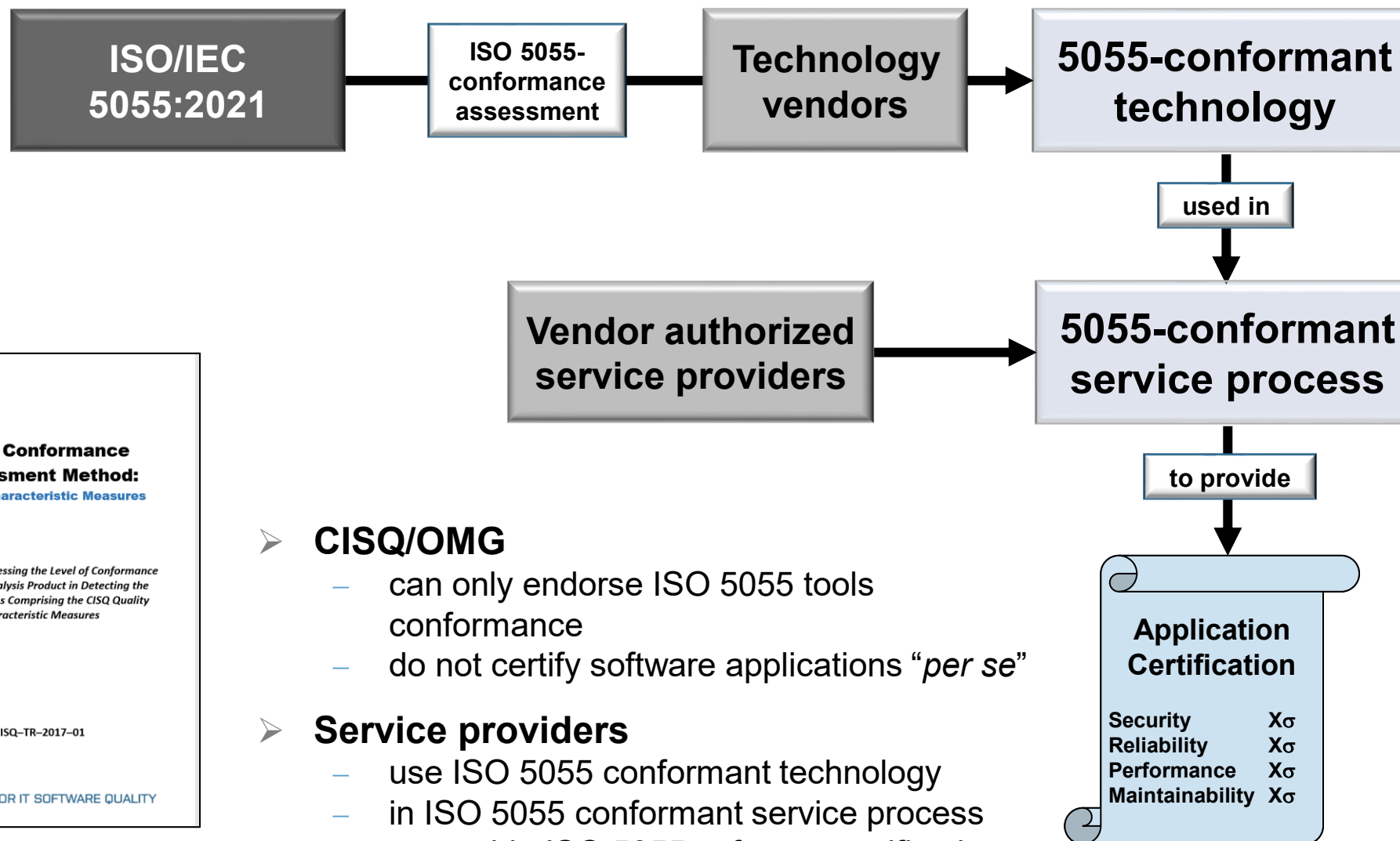






- **New project objective** – define standards for automatable Agile/DevOps measures
  - Prediction
  - Monitoring
  - Diagnostics
  - Benchmarking
- **Measures:**
  - DevOps flow and efficiency measures
  - Architectural modernization measures
  - Defect life measures
- **Project**
  - Inputs: Lean, PSM, CWEs, etc.
  - Output: OMG, ISO





## CISQ NEW STANDARD PROSPECTUS

### AUTOMATED SOURCE CODE RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY MEASURE

**Motivation:** Boards, shareholders, and regulators are increasing their demand for sustainable IT solutions, sometimes called, 'Green IT.' Sustainable IT systems are conservative in their use of energy, hardware resources. However, the primary focus of sustainability is on minimizing use of energy and resource in the environment. This is different from the earlier use of 'sustainable systems' to indicate systems that scale so that they did not have to be replaced through expensive redevelopment.

The current effort is an evolution of a seminal work dating from 2014, codenamed "green-it" (and a corresponding metric), and was a reference for practitioners and participants in the consortium until 2017. With 10 years of experience, aiming to become defacto guidance in driving down energy waste across software implementation, we have evolved this preliminary specification into a robust standard measure.

**Content:** The specification for an Automated Source Code Resource Sustainability Measure (ASCRSM) will include existing weaknesses (CWEs) in the Automated Source Code Performance Efficiency Measure (ASCPERM). Weaknesses that affect resource usage from this standard will be supplemented with weaknesses from other ASCxM measures, as well as relevant weaknesses not included in the ACSxM quality standards that affect resource usage. Only weaknesses that are known to have substantial impact on resource usage will be included in the specification. The final specification is expected to include 25-35 weaknesses. We anticipate any weaknesses not currently in the Common Weakness Enumeration Repository

CISQ has classified existing CWEs, pertaining to efficiency, reliability and system security, so to enable adopters to obtain:

- Classification of good vs, bad practices,
- Computation of a conformity ratio,
- Monitor of the trends and evolution
- Plan an improvement strategy





- Almost 4000 individual members from Fortune 1000 organizations
- Contents:
  - Approved standards
  - Contract language
  - Trustworthy Systems Manifesto
  - Presentations
  - Webinars
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  - Current standards projects
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# Grazie per l'attenzione!

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