

Software Improvement Group  
**AI – the Good, the Bad and preventing the Ugly**



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**GenAI**

The impact of  
GenAI

**Managing  
tech teams**

Challenges in  
scaling

**The impact of Generative AI on today's world**

The impressive rise of ChatGPT and similar solutions,  
the need to embrace GenAI

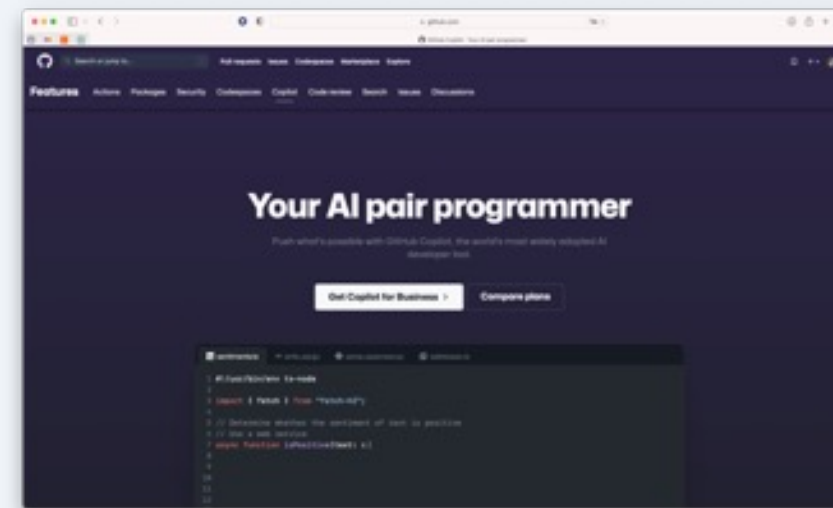
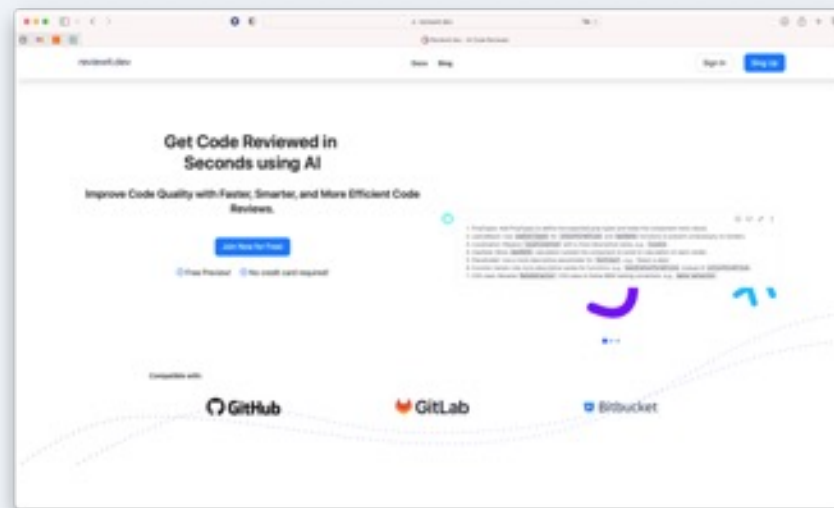
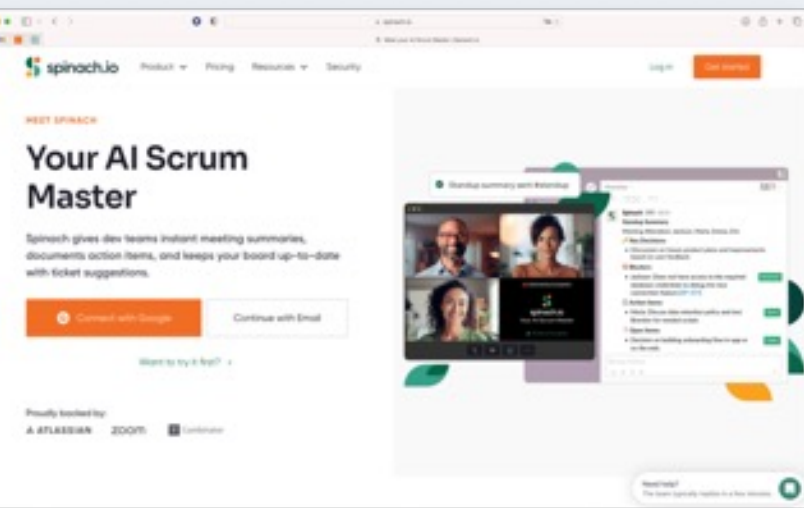
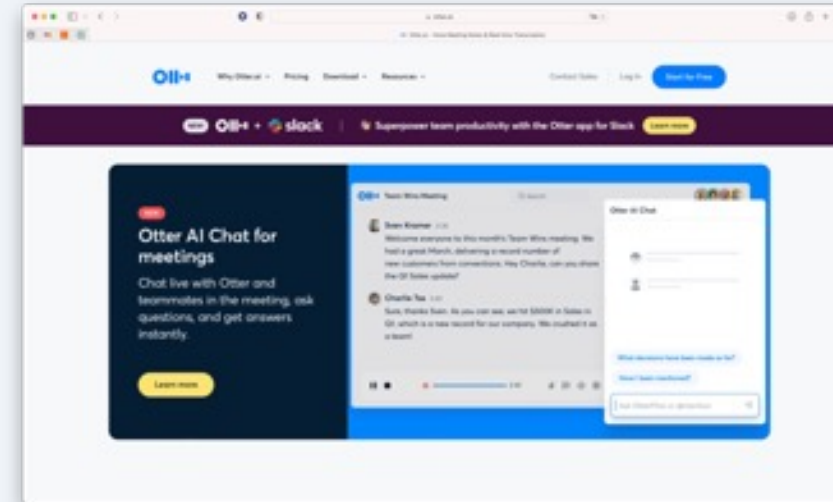
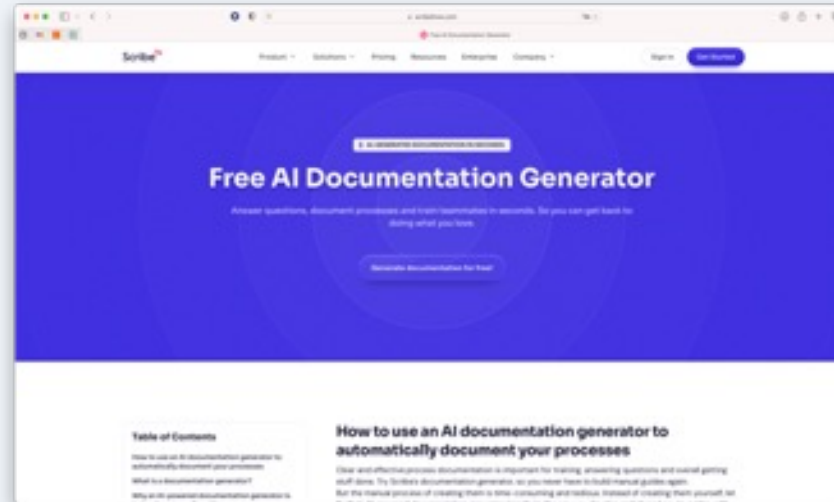
And, the need to manage the change.

Lessons from our benchmark, lessons from the past



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# AI is increasingly making the life of software developers easy



This presentation will **NOT** be about the super powers of generative AI

This is something we should all embrace

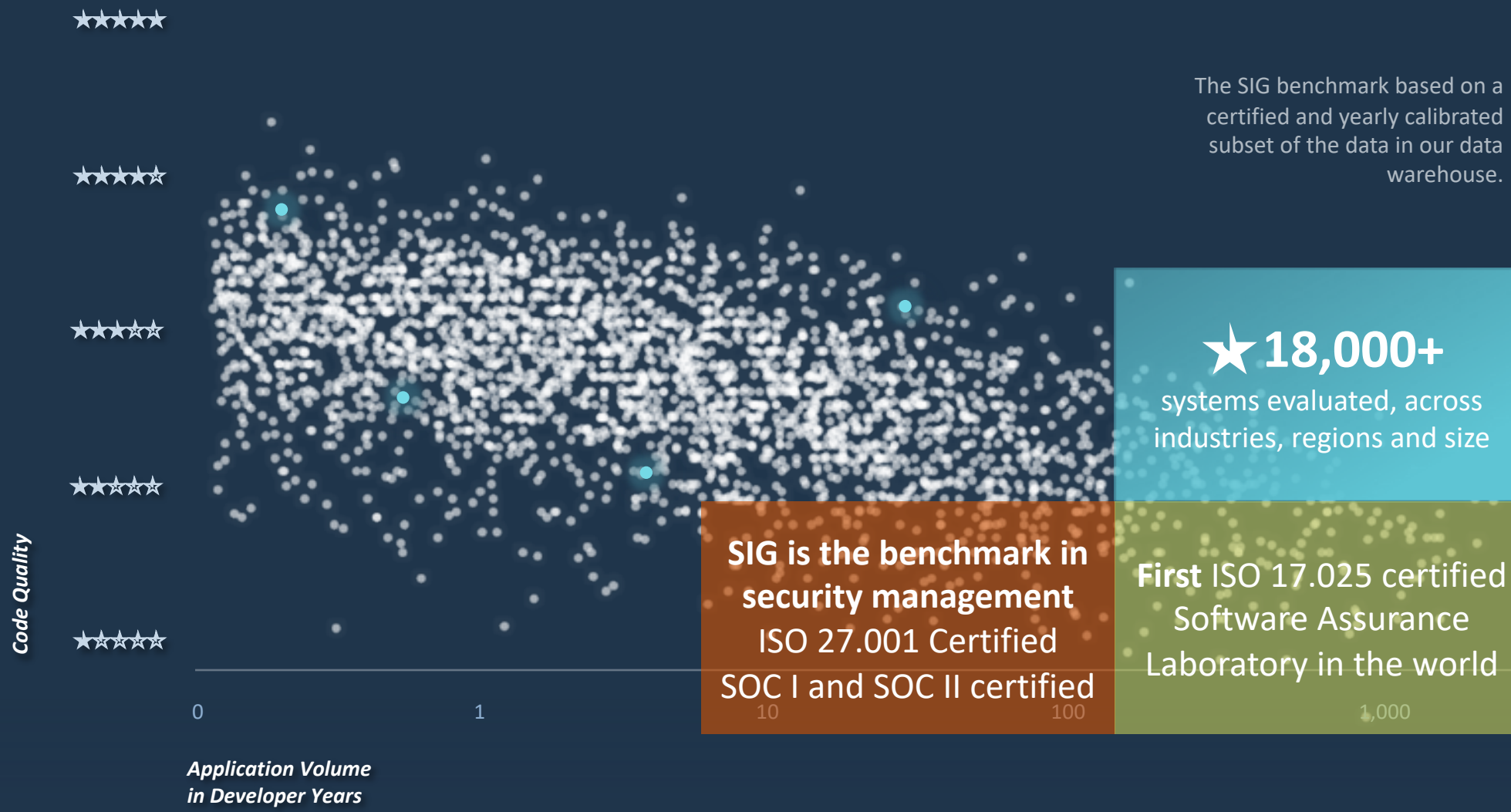
This presentation is about how we should manage the change

# SIG Background



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# Benchmarked approach to manage the change



The SIG benchmark based on a certified and yearly calibrated subset of the data in our data warehouse.

**350M+**

Lines of Code per week analyzed and added to the benchmark database

**18,000+**

systems evaluated, across industries, regions and size

**200+ billion**

Lines of code in data warehouse, representing the largest benchmark of its kind

**SIG is the benchmark in security management**  
 ISO 27.001 Certified  
 SOC I and SOC II certified

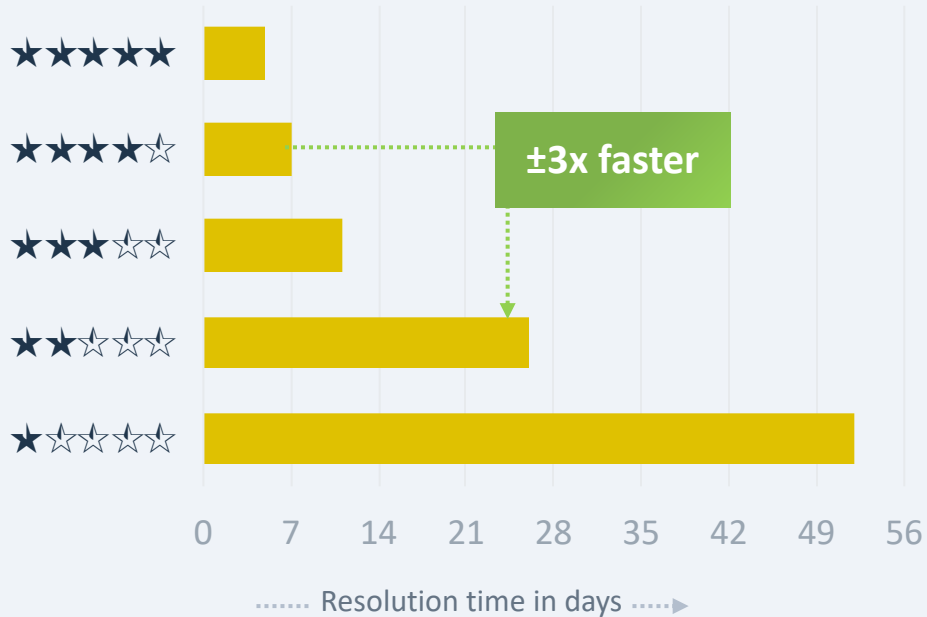
**First ISO 17.025 certified Software Assurance Laboratory in the world**

**300+**

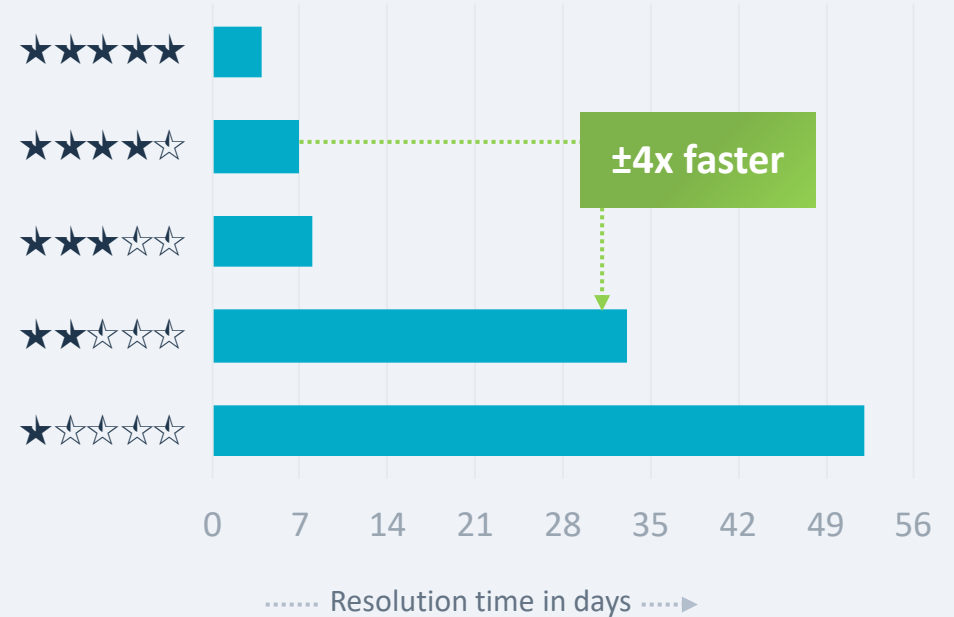
Technologies supported, leading the market by a (very) large margin

## Build quality is a strong predictor for costs and risks

Time required to implement *new functionality*



Time required for *resolution of bugs*

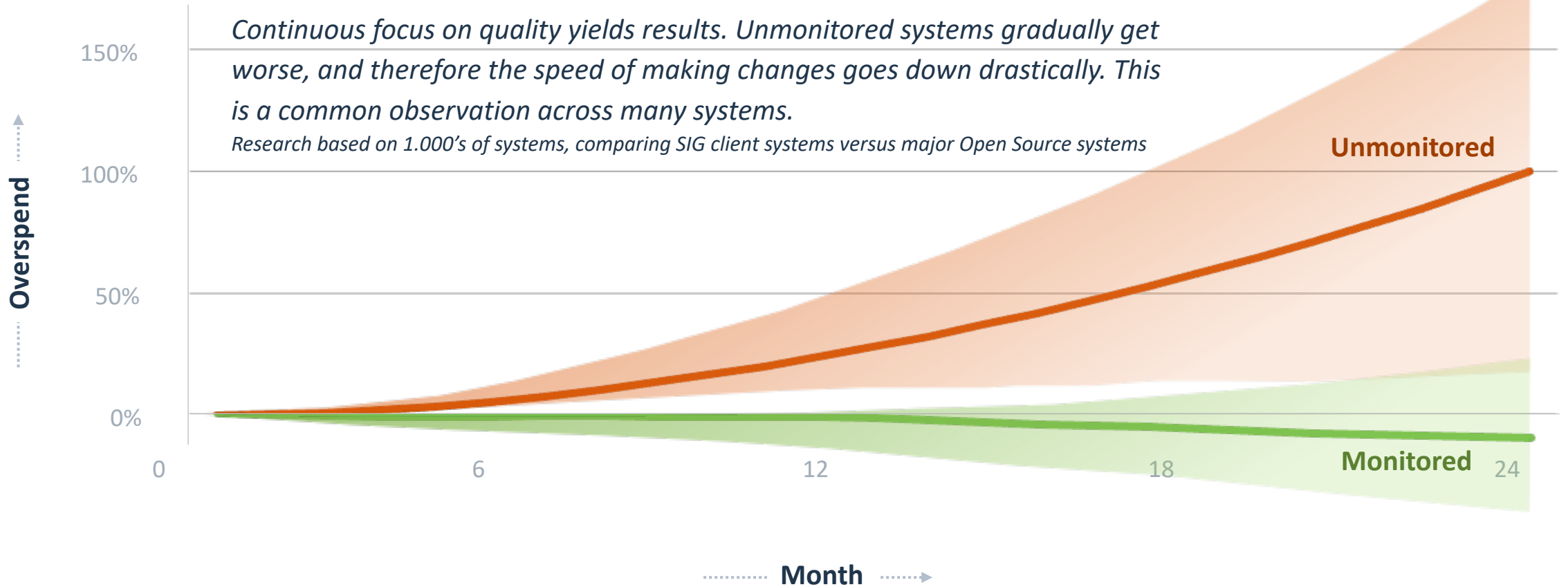


A ★★★★★ system requires **3.5 times less effort**\* to maintain than a ★★☆☆☆ star system

\* Source: "Faster issue resolution with higher technical quality of software", Software Quality Journal, 2011

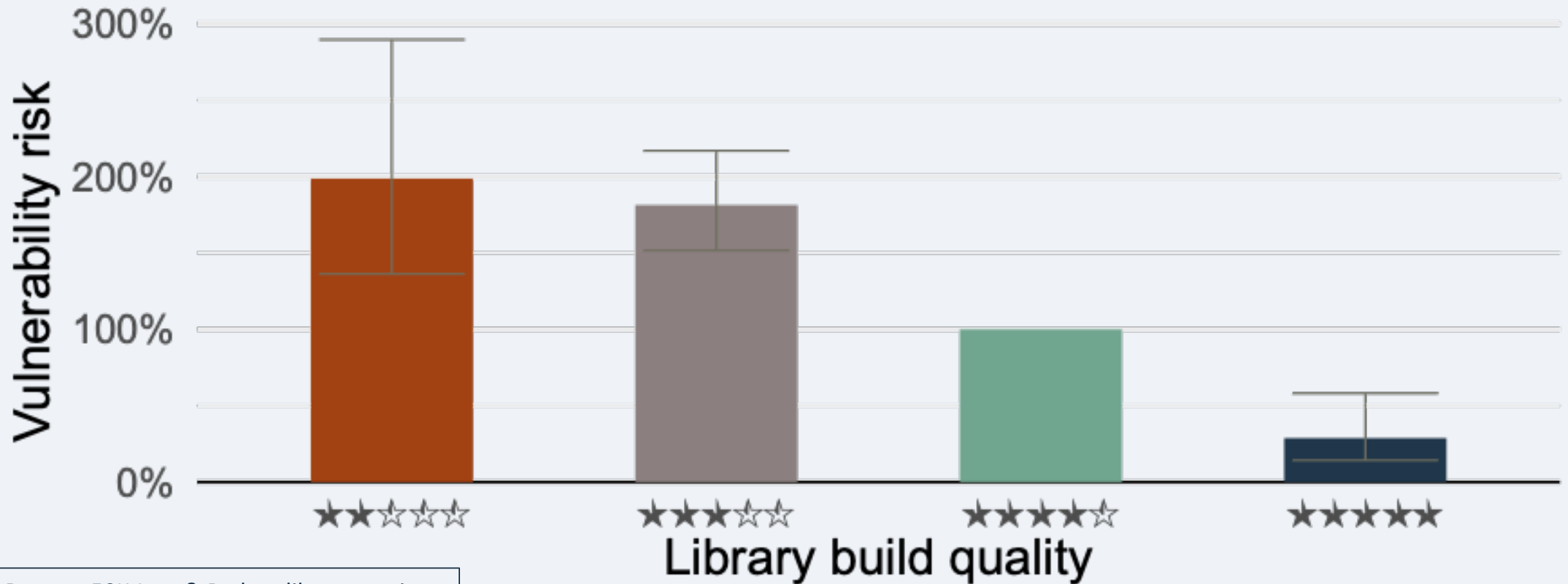
# Consistent monitoring of each system leads to lower cost of ownership

## Overspend on cost of ownership on Maintenance





# // Security risk in bad quality software up to 10 times higher



Data on 50K Java & Python library versions

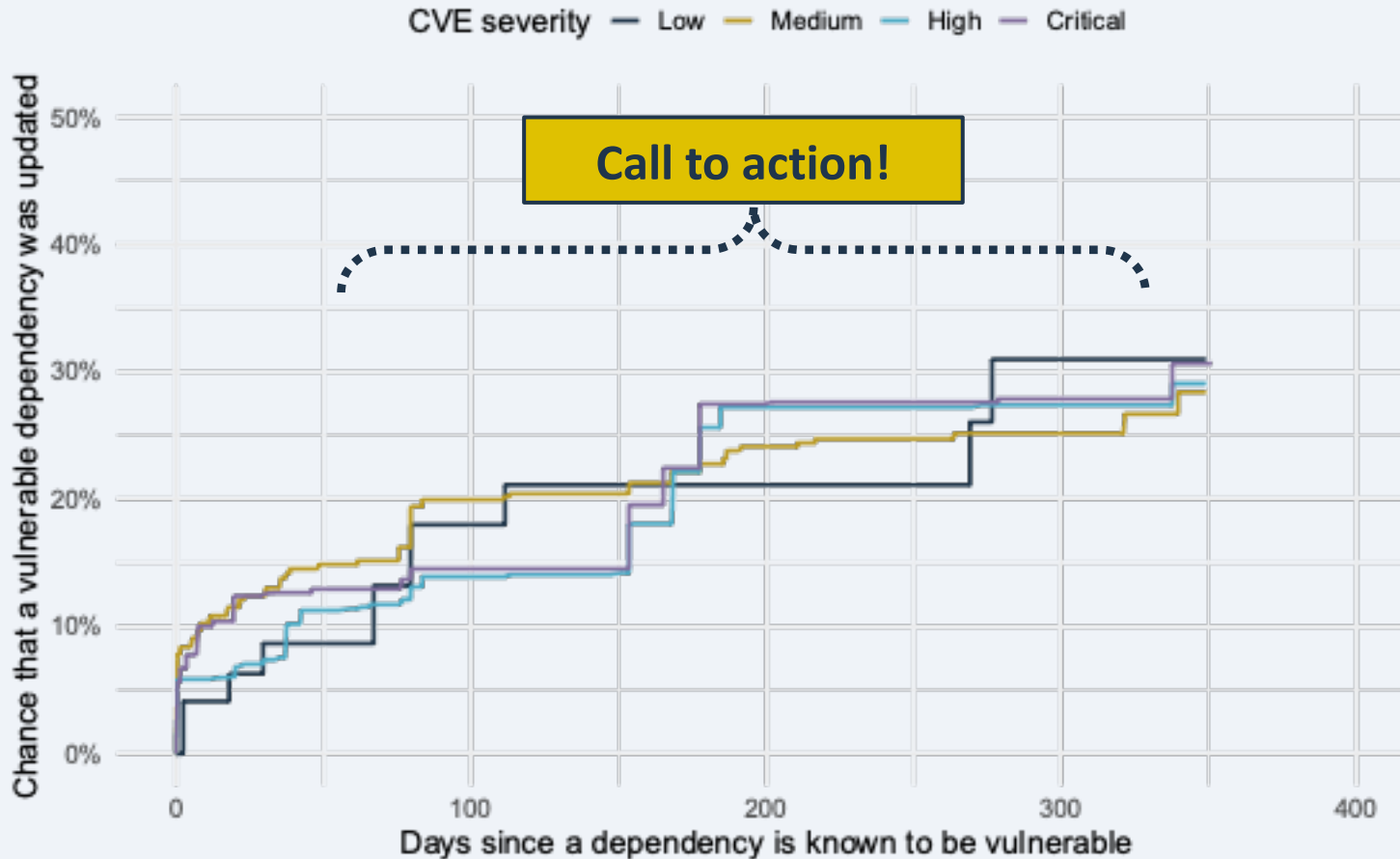
# Open Source



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# The severity of vulnerabilities is not a major factor whether updates are done

Time-to-update: severity of vulnerabilities  
Tracking 8000 vulnerable Maven dependencies in 220 Java systems



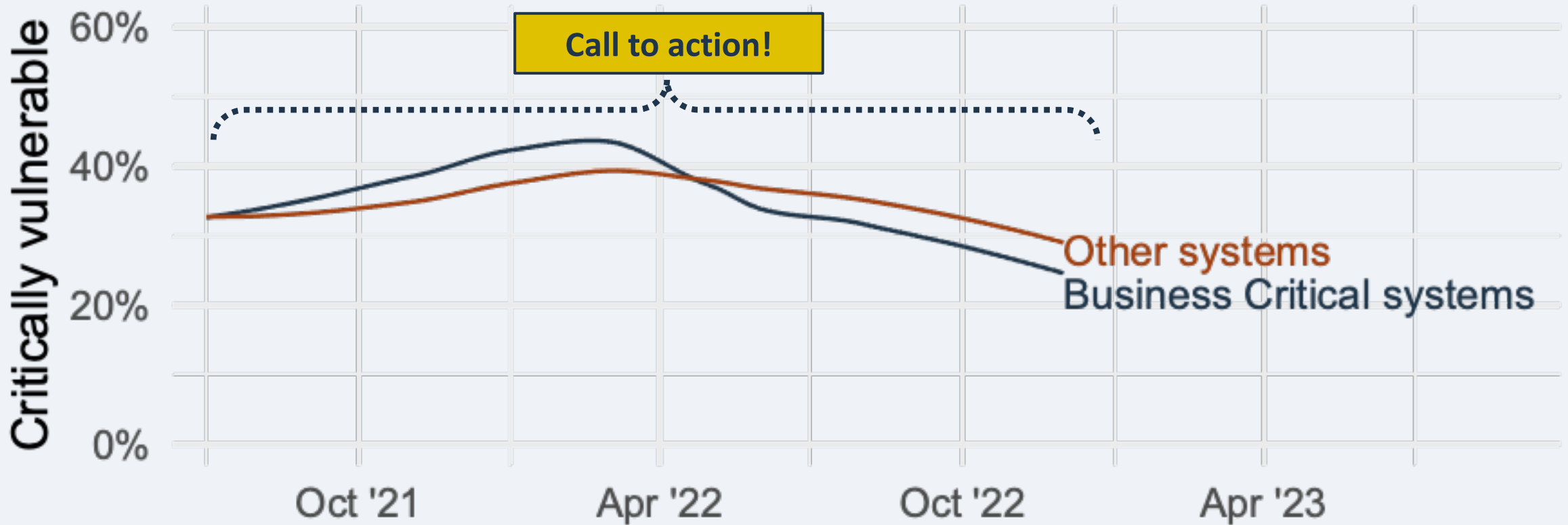
## Key findings:

- Users of known vulnerable open-source libraries are not updating quickly, even if vulnerabilities are critical.
- **70% are still using known vulnerable Java libraries after a year has passed.**
- In many cases, security updates are available that can be implemented by development teams.



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# Go to zero vulnerabilities, business critical systems first



# AI and data-analysis systems **So, how about AI?**

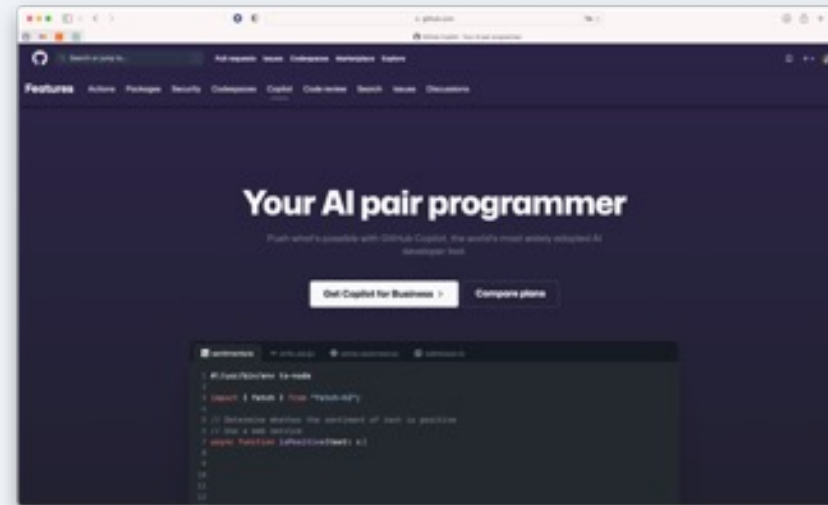
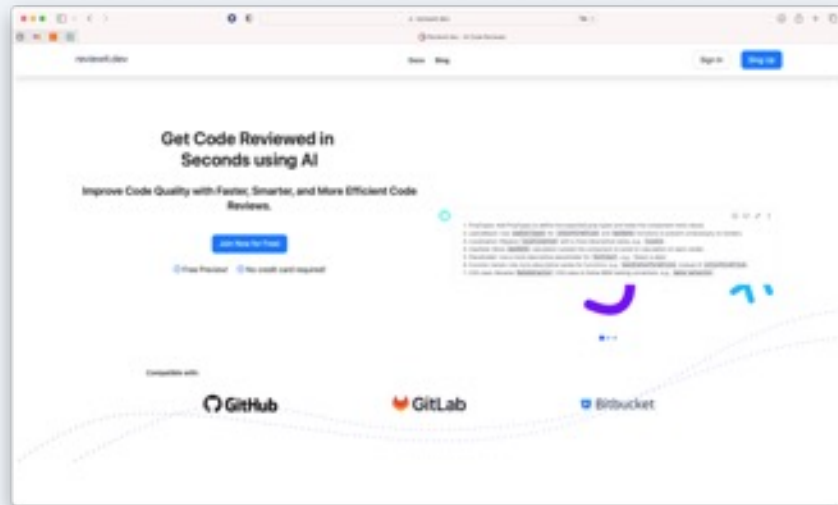
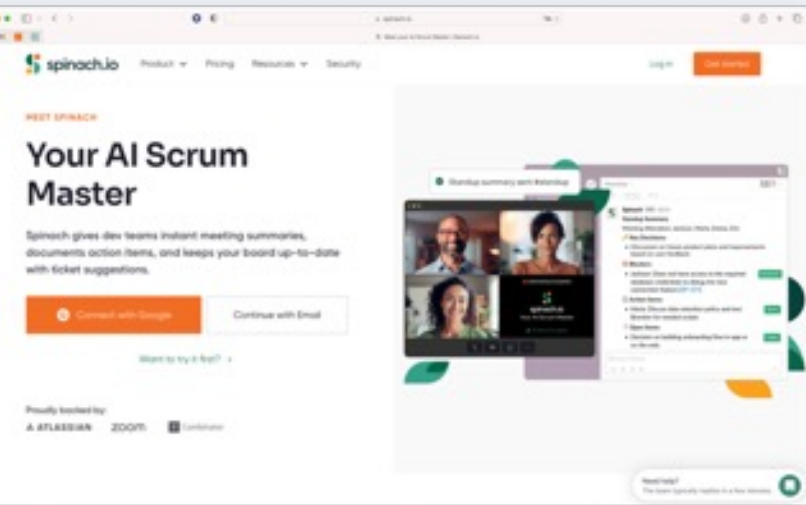
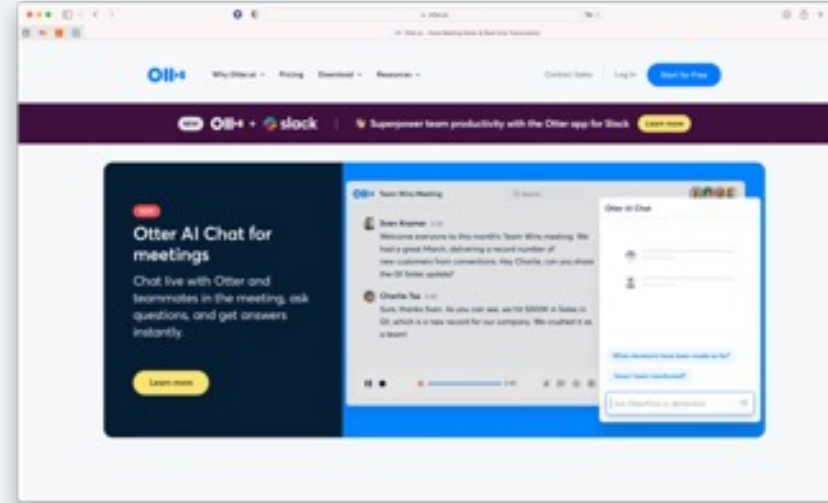
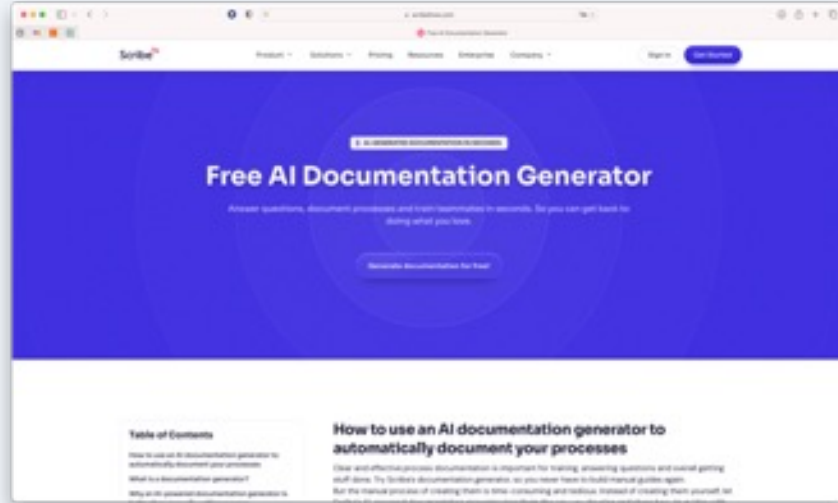
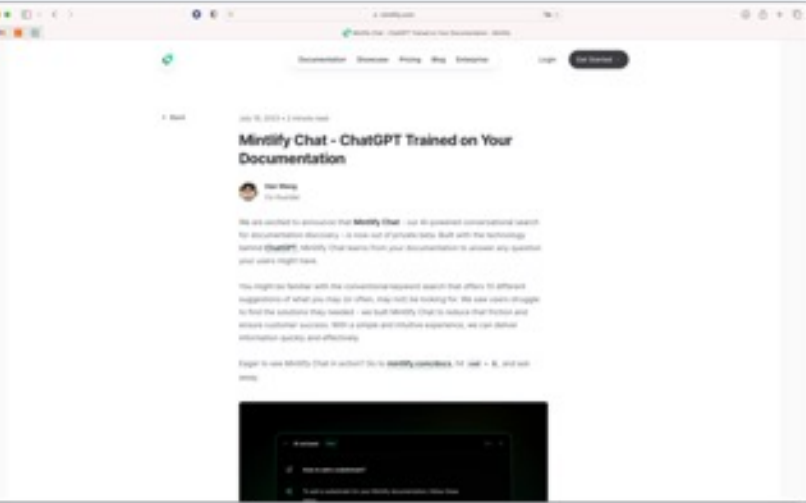


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# “AI pair programmer should be supervised like a toddler, says researcher”



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## Crappy code, crappy Copilot. GitHub Copilot is writing vulnerable code and it could be your fault

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### DevSecAI: GitHub Copilot prone to writing security flaws

Adam Bannister 14 July 2021 at 13:49 UTC  
Updated: 14 July 2021 at 14:12 UTC

AI DevSecOps Research

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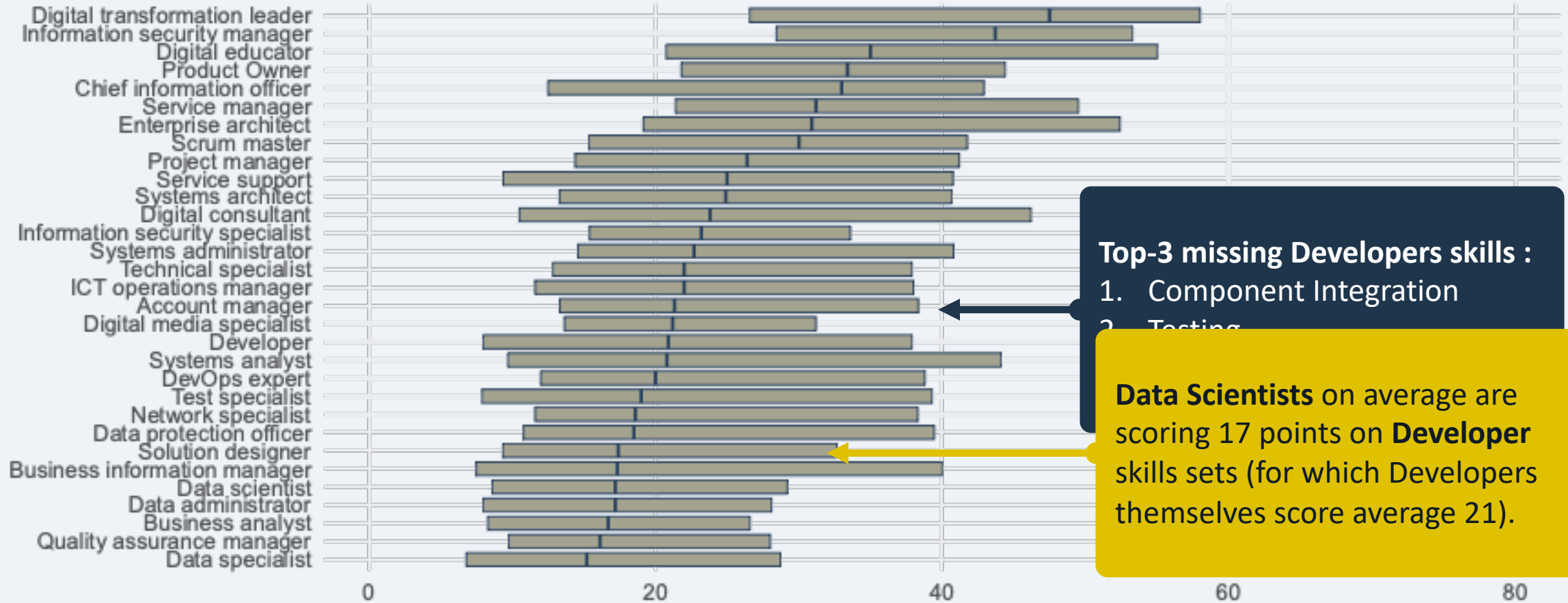
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## Copilot: GitHub's AI Tool Speeds Up Development, but Comes with Risks



Oh, and yes... these images were generated by AI

# Analyse the skill gaps of all job roles



**Top-3 missing Developers skills :**

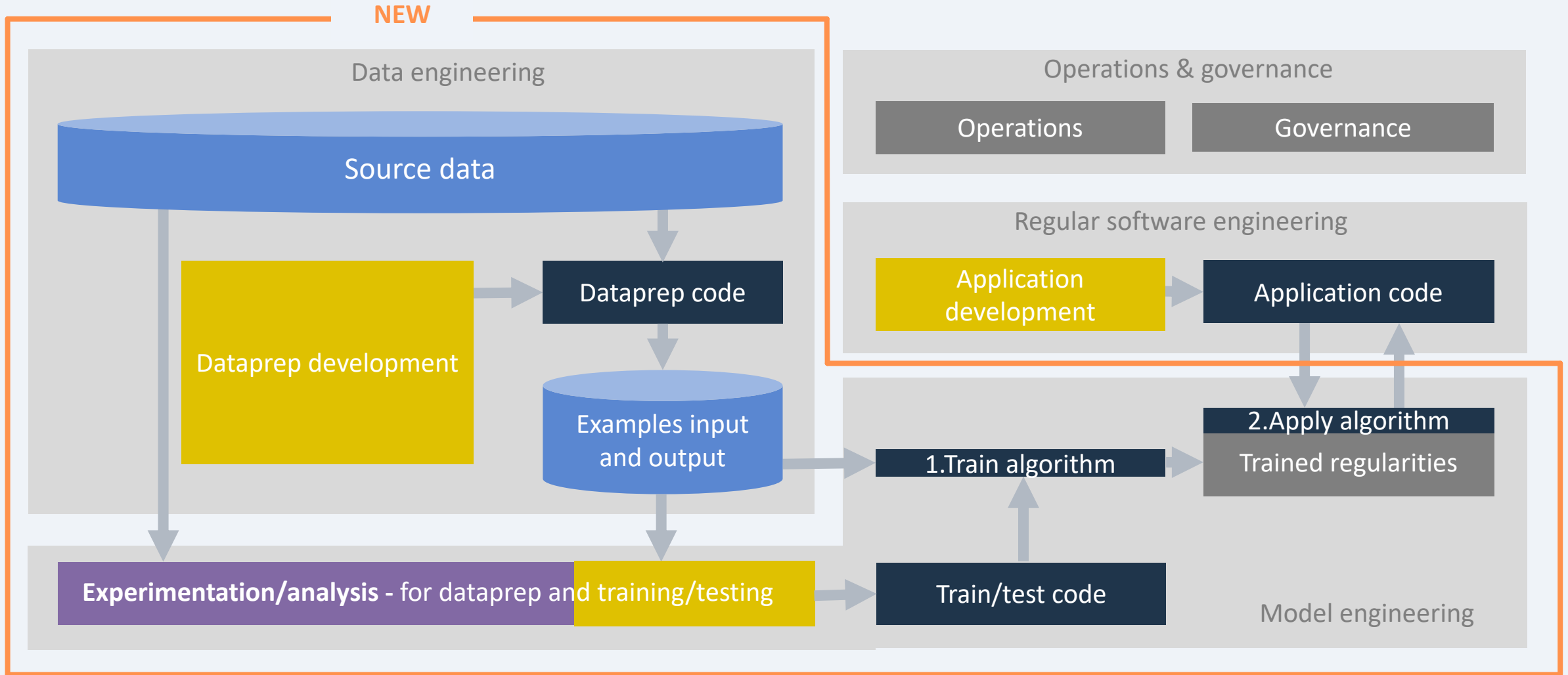
1. Component Integration
2. Testing

**Data Scientists** on average are scoring 17 points on **Developer** skills sets (for which Developers themselves score average 21).

EXIN Astride results for 5,500 participants.



# How do we engineer machine learning?



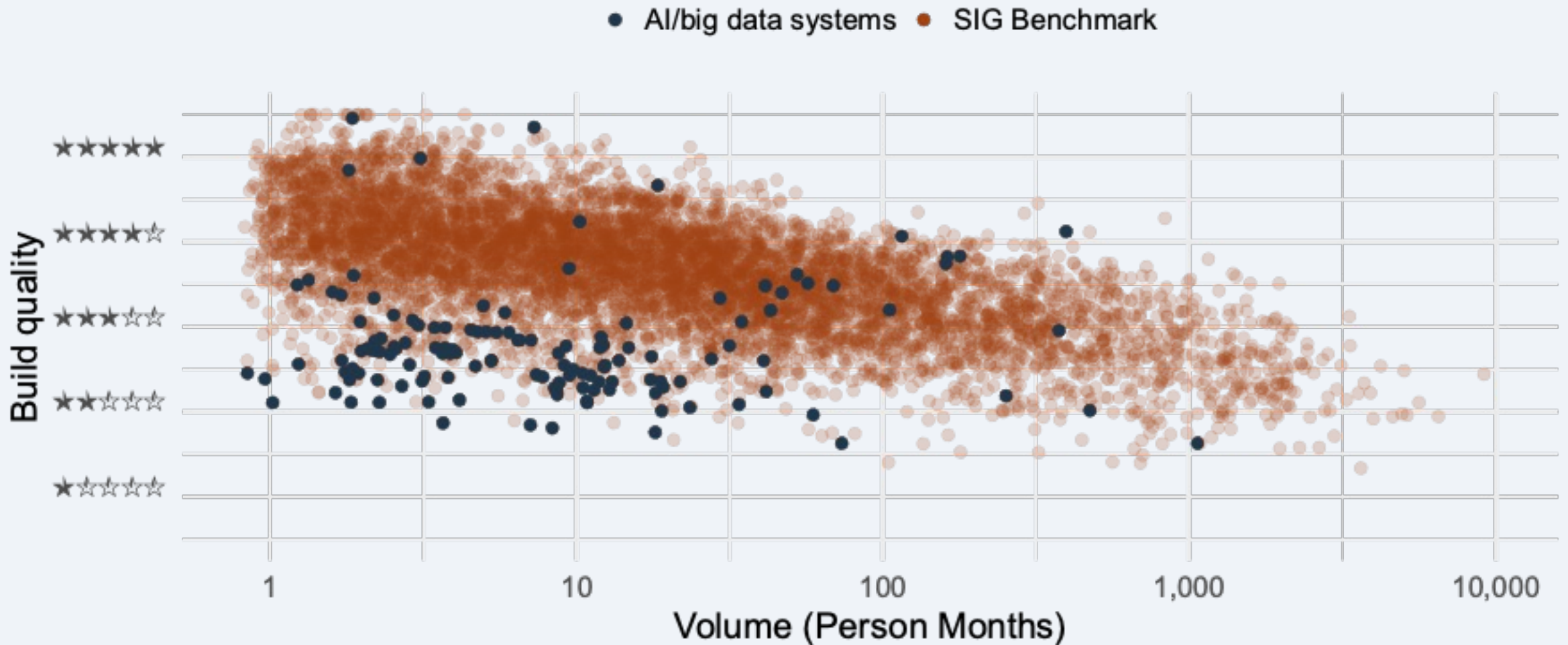
# Educate and coach data scientists in software engineering

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# Currently build AI/big data systems are the future legacy



## Just an example of what goes wrong

# Test-code Ratio

AI/big data	Median	Recommended
1.5%	43%	80%

# How to manage the change



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## // Key take-aways

- Embrace new technology, embrace AI
- Understand AI is like any new technology: it has strong points, but it is not without its mistakes
- Understand that roles change from creation to review
- Make sure you understand it before you use it (at least know the pitfalls)
- Apply rigorous methods to ensure it works
  - Don't destroy the innovation with red tape
  - But also don't destroy your future with stuff that doesn't scale or last