

# Three steps to collapse your AppSec backlog with full runtime context

Cut the queue by an order of magnitude without losing exposure

## The three steps

### STEP 1

**See what is actually exploitable in production**

Instrument running apps to build the Contrast Graph: a live map of routes, logic and back-end connections that reveals which attack paths are real.

**DO THIS:** Turn on Contrast on your highest-traffic apps. Compare declared dependencies to loaded ones.

### STEP 2

**Collapse the backlog by re-sorting on exploitability**

Most of the backlog is not exercised in production. Apply the exploitability-based prioritization matrix to set SLAs.

**DO THIS:** Re-sort the open-vulnerability backlog using the Contrast Graph and dynamic scoring.

### STEP 3

**Defend the remainder, continuously**

AI-assisted attackers can probe the backlog around the clock for cents per attempt. Structural in-process blocking at the sink stops exploit attempts while fixes ship and re-validates every fix.

**DO THIS:** Enable block mode in production. Re-validate after fixes.

## THE NUMBERS THAT MATTER

**100K+**

Typical enterprise backlog

**\$8.80**

Attacker cost per AI-generated exploit

**62%**

Of libraries in apps never used at runtime

## Questions to ask before you buy or renew

- Can you re-sort my existing backlog on exploitability without running a new scan?
- How is exploitability measured: manifest, static call graph, or observed at runtime?
- Can you protect an exploitable flaw structurally while we schedule the fix, without a patch or signature?
- When a fix ships, does the same tool re-validate that the exploitable path is actually closed?

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