

Automating Vulnerability Management Workflows

Build vs. Buy Decision Making

DATASHEET

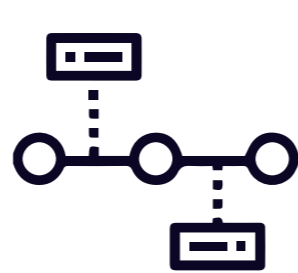
Developing custom software to automate and accelerate vulnerability management workflows has appeal, but there are important trade offs to consider when making the decision whether to build or buy a Remediation Operations (RemOps) solution. This comparison datasheet outlines key considerations, highlighting the hidden costs, deployment timelines, resource demands, and outcome predictability of each approach. Understanding these factors will help security teams make informed choices that enhance efficiency, while optimizing budget and resource allocation.

Build vs Buy | Key Considerations

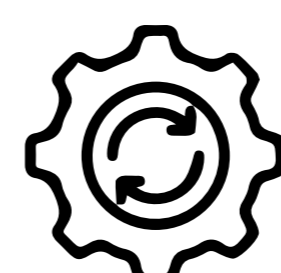
Cost



Timeline



Resource
Requirements



Efficacy





COST

BUILD Hidden Costs

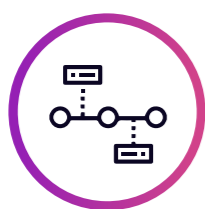
When opting to build a platform in-house, organizations often face hidden costs that go beyond initial development expenses. Organizations must account for ongoing maintenance and unexpected technical challenges. The complexity of integrating various security tools and ensuring seamless operation can lead to unforeseen expenditures, making budget predictions challenging.

BUY Predictable Expenditure

Purchasing a RemOps platform offers predictable expenditure. Vendors provide clear pricing structures, including maintenance and support costs.

This predictability helps CISOs manage budgets more effectively, ensuring that financial resources are allocated efficiently without the risk of unexpected costs disrupting financial planning.

Vendors maintain and enhance products in concert with changes in tools and the market.



TIMELINE

BUILD Deployed In 12+ Months

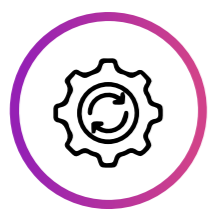
Building an in-house platform is a lengthy process, often taking 12 months or more. Organizations must navigate the hurdles of development cycles, testing phases, staffing changes and other potential setbacks.

An extensive timeline delays the realization of benefits and ROI. More importantly, considering that the purpose of the platform is to stay ahead of threat exposures, this delay is detrimental.

BUY Deployed In Weeks

Buying a RemOps platform can lead to deployment in a matter of weeks, enabling organizations to rapidly enhance their security operations.

Quick deployment ensures that security teams address vulnerabilities promptly, reducing time to remediation and improving overall security posture and compliance.



RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

BUILD Dedicated Team Of 3-8 Devs

Developing a robust platform internally typically demands a dedicated team of 3 to 8 developers. This commitment pulls valuable resources from other critical projects and requires ongoing investment in skilled personnel. The risk of developer turnover further complicates the process, potentially stalling progress and increasing costs.

BUY Professionally Maintained

Commercial platforms are professionally maintained by the vendor. This ensures that the platform is continuously updated with the latest security features and fixes, reducing the burden on internal IT and security teams.

Professional maintenance guarantees that the platform remains current, effective and operational, allowing organizations to focus on strategic security initiatives rather than routine maintenance tasks.



EFFICACY

BUILD Unpredictable Outcomes

In-house development carries the risk of unpredictable outcomes. Despite best efforts, the final product may not be delivered as designed or meet all organizational needs or industry standards. Security teams must constantly adapt and troubleshoot unforeseen platform issues, which can disrupt operations and increase vulnerability.

BUY Proven Outcomes

Choosing to buy a RemOps platform offers the advantage of proven outcomes. Vendors have a track record of successful implementations across various industries, providing assurance of the platform's effectiveness, scalability and robustness.

This proven performance helps organizations avoid the trial-and-error phase inherent in custom development, ensuring that security operations are enhanced by a reliable and efficient solution.

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