

Briefing	Topic	Notes
Presentation and purpose	Who am I?	My name is XX , and I'm a research assistant at YY . I have a master's in Program from YY and have a huge interest in software development processes.
	Introduction to the project	In this project, we'd like to dive into the world of Danish companies and their agile practices. As organizations increasingly embrace agility, we're curious about how security fits into the picture, and wants to understand how Danish companies handle security requirements when they're following agile methodologies. We are keen to explore what's happening on the ground. We want to uncover the good stuff – best practices, the challenges they face, and the wisdom they've gathered along the way. By doing so, our goal is to paint a clearer picture of how security fits into agile development.
Framework	Timeframe	The interview will take approx. 1 hour
	Attention to recording	We ask for your permission to record the interview; however, you have the right to review the recording. We will only use it for research purposes, and all identifiable information will be removed, and data will be sanitized. In case of publication of research results, we will only report quotes from the interview, without any identifiable information to the actual individual.
	Anonymization	The entire interview will be treated confidentially. In our project, your statements will be anonymized so that they cannot be traced back to you. We will use a transcription tool to go through the interview, but it may happen that there is a third person who possibly go through. Are you okay with that? In addition, researchers who are part of the project, primarily myself and my supervisor, Dr. XY will see the statements.
Additional	Questions	Any questions before we start?

Interview guide – Developers/Scrum masters

Research Area	Purpose	Questions
Informant's background	Make the participant comfortable and present him/herself	<i>To begin with, could you please start telling us a bit about yourself? (Position, work experience, education, etc.)</i>
	Current project	<i>What are you currently working on?</i> Follow-up: <i>Could you provide some insight into any security-related aspect or considerations within your current project?</i>
	Informants' role	<i>What is your role in the project?</i> <i>And what does your role in the project entail?</i>
Agile process	The organizations agile processes	<i>In your current project, can you tell me more about what agile processes you follow? Perhaps, you can provide some examples.</i> Possible follow-up if they do not mention security: <i>Could you share any security-specific practices or considerations that have been part of this project's agile processes?</i> Possible follow-up: <i>Why is it that you incorporate security practices into your projects? What drives your decision to consider security within your agile processes for this project? / Did you consider alternative ways?</i> <i>Would you do anything different in future projects?</i>
	Roles	Possible follow-up: <i>Can you walk me through the different roles involved in the process? Perhaps, give some examples of who does what.</i> Possible follow-up: <i>How many developers are there in the project? Is there a PO, scrum master? Is there anyone else within the team (who is important for the security)?</i>

Security Requirements Engineering	Practices	<i>How do you get the requirements, so you know how to go forward? Perhaps, you can provide examples.</i> <i>How is security specified in those requirements?</i> <i>What is your process for handling security requirements after they have been identified and addressed? Could you walk me through the steps or practices you follow?</i> Possible follow-up if they mention smt with shared understanding: <i>How are these security requirements being shared and communicated within the project?</i> Possible follow-up if they do not mention smt with shared understanding: <i>How do you ensure that these requirements are implemented? Are there any examples/cases when they were discarded?</i>
	Process	<i>Could you describe at what point in your development process you typically integrate security practices?</i> Possible follow-up: <i>Why is it, you do it this way?</i> <i>Have you encountered any cases in which you had conflicting security requirements, or where security requirements conflicted with functional requirements in your projects?</i>
	Inquiries about conflicting requirements	Possible follow-up: <i>If so, could you share your approach or any practices you found effective in resolving such conflicts?</i>
	Changing requirements on security	<i>As requirements often evolve, could you share examples or experiences of how these changing requirements have influenced the implementation of security measures?</i>
	Challenges of integrating security	<i>Did you encounter any challenge and/or benefits in integrating security as part of your process? Could you please provide some examples and how did you go about it.</i> Possible follow up: <i>How are the various roles involved in dealing with this? And how do you do it, and would you do things differently?</i>

		Possible follow up: In your view, how can the agile development process be optimized to better accommodate security requirements? Are there any changes or improvements you'd suggest?
	Awareness	How do you consider the overall level of understanding of security requirements among the team? Follow-up if expressing concerns or need of improvement: What do you think can be done to enhance the team's understanding of security requirements? Follow-up if they express confidence: Could you share some of the good practices that have contributed to this level of understanding? And, have you considered any alternatives or improvements? What resources or training related to security have you found most beneficial or lacking in your role at your job? Feel free to share any insights or challenges you've come across regarding your on-the-job skills development and resource support.
Additional	Give informant the opportunity to share other thoughts	Is there anything you'd like to add or share?