

# State of Missouri Prioritizes Application Security to Protect Public Data

State scales out Veracode-powered cybersecurity program to 365-plus applications across 14 agencies in one year.



## Customer

State of Missouri

## Industry

Public Sector

## Location

Jefferson City, Missouri,  
United States

## Veracode Products

Static Analysis  
Dynamic Analysis  
Software Composition Analysis  
Security Labs  
eLearning

*"In the first eight months, we had 18,000 flaws fixed. It was just phenomenal."*

### Nikki Veit

Director of Application  
Development,  
State of Missouri

Known as the **"Show-Me" state**, **Missouri** played a central role in the western expansion of the early United States — represented by the iconic St. Louis Gateway Arch — and today enjoys a vibrant industrial, business, agriculture, and tourism economy. Entrusted with large volumes of data to deliver vital public services, the state declared cybersecurity to be its top IT priority.

## Challenge

Application security testing was a significant focus for the State of Missouri, along with security training for developers and end users, and implementation of data-loss prevention tools. However, only one of 14 state agencies actively used the state's existing application security software, and that was sporadic at best. With the software returning a high rate of false positives and in dire need of an upgrade, the state's director of application development gained approval to find a better solution.

## Solution



- Deploy the cloud-based Veracode Continuous Software Security Platform across all 14 state agencies.
- Leverage a Veracode Customer Success Manager to help the state implement a centralized, policy-based program with consistent policies, metrics, and reporting.
- Use Veracode's comprehensive reporting to create regular reports for guiding ongoing application security program improvements.
- Integrate security requirements as part of the RFP (Request for Proposal) and PAQ (Project Assessment Quote) processes.

## Results



- Fixed 28,000 flaws in the first year and 132,000 flaws in the next few years.
- Dramatically reduced the number of false positives, improving productivity.
- Provided developers with more control over security with Veracode APIs for decentralized scanning.
- Ensured that all development teams follow application security best practices.