

An aerial photograph of a winding dirt road through rolling green hills. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and casting long shadows. The road curves through the landscape, leading the eye towards the horizon.

# **Never Walk Alone**

**Inspirations from a Growing OWASP Project**

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A photograph of a stone well opening in a lush green field. The well is built with rough-hewn stones and has a dark, shadowed interior. The surrounding area is covered in dense green vegetation, including various leafy plants and grasses. The scene is captured from a slightly elevated angle, looking down into the well.

# Origins of CRS

**Complementary WAF Rule Set • Business Need**



# OWASP Umbrella

Foundation • Strong Brand • Pain

A small, vibrant green pine seedling with a reddish-brown stem growing from sandy soil. The seedling has several long, thin, needle-like leaves radiating from the top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting with green and brown tones.

# **The New Idea**

**Experiment • Promising • Essential**



# Vision

Usability • Documentation • Power



# Disentanglement

Corporate Ties • Freedom • Alternative

NO ADMITTANCE  
APPLY AT OFFICE.

includes  
DR. FOLINI'S  
PARANOIA MODE



BASED UPON A TRUE STORY!

# CRS3

OWASP ModSecurity Core Rule Set v3.0

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COMING SOON TO A SERVER NEAR YOU!





# Market

Developers • Choice • Competition

СПЕЦІЇ



# Diversity

**Backgrounds • Resilience • European**



# Knowledge

Experience • Pain • Satisfaction



# **Formalize – But Don't Formalize**

**Round Table • Innovation • Online Chats**



# Luxury of Perfection

Refactoring • Polishing • Aesthetics



# Leadership

**Moderating Role • Generosity • Perfectionism**





# Sponsors

**Serious Money • Partnership • Plannable**



# Retention

**Wandering off • Knowledge • Personal Ties**



# **Quality Assurance**

**Review • Remove • Researchers**



**Fun**

**Safe Space • Adventure • Friendship**



# Transparency

**Open • Accessible • Attractive**



# Consensus

**Equality • Discussion • Patience**



# Beauty

Developers • Code • Community

# Sources of Photos

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