DevSecOps – Security and Test Automation

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Purpose

- **Clearly describe how Security and Testing can be integrated into a DevSecOps environment without compromising speed, security, or quality**

- **Provide a baseline of the terminology, methodologies, processes, environments, and automation technologies used in DevSecOps programs**

Bottom Line Upfront

- **DevSecOps Value Proposition**
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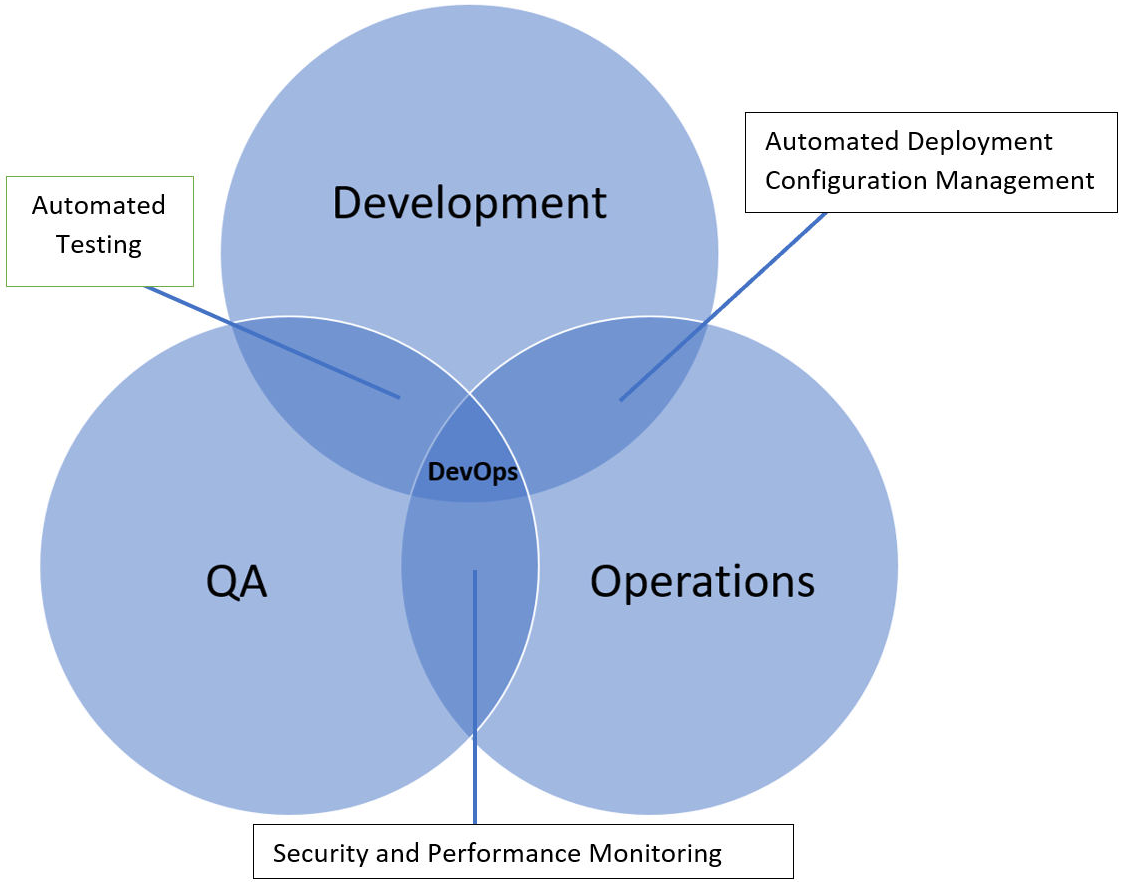
Outline

- DevSecOps Background
- Security and Testing Considerations for DevSecOps
- DevSecOps Processes and Technical Considerations
- Platform Deployment Options in DevSecOps
- Conclusion

DevSecOps Background

DevSecOps

- **DevOps** – the union of people, process and tools to achieve building, testing and releasing of software more frequently and reliably
- DevOps can also be referred to as **DevSecOps** to emphasize the importance of security
- DevSecOps is not Agile software development. Agile feeds new code / functionality into DevSecOps



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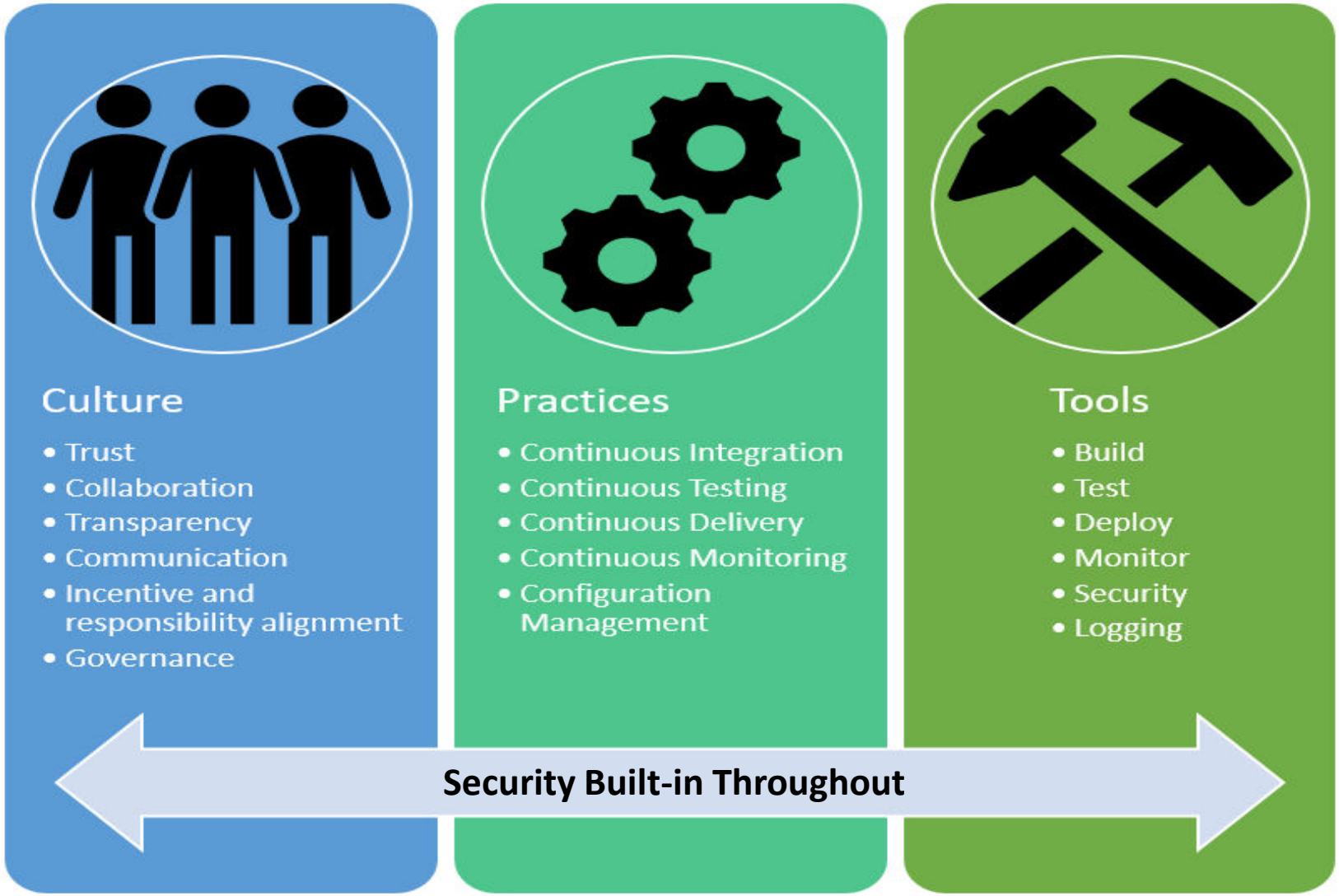
What is Agile + DevSecOps

- No silos exist between Development, Test, and Operations
  - More teamwork and information sharing
  - Better integration throughout the lifecycle
- Iterative development and deployment
  - Design, develop, test, and deploy incremental changes
  - Deploy changes to business users faster
- Automate as much as possible
  - Reduce delivery time
  - Improve quality and security
  - Eliminate human error
- Streamlined, repeatable, routinized processes
  - Faster delivery cycles – satisfied customers
- Culture, Practices and Tools all part of the DevSecOps equations
  - Empowered, trained teams leverage technologies to make it happen

DevSecOps Value Proposition

Traditional Development Challenges	DevSecOps Benefits
➢ Repetitive, Manual Processes	➢ Automated configuration and software deployment
➢ Deployment requires Days to Weeks	➢ Deployment takes Minutes
➢ Not Repeatable – Error prone	➢ Continuous and repeatable process
➢ Human intervention causes inconsistencies	➢ Consistent
➢ Frequent downtime	➢ Minimum downtime
➢ Easier – less technical skill required	➢ Harder – more technical skill needed
➢ Teams work in silos	➢ Continuous collaboration
➢ Early security testing not performed on the code	➢ Early, automated security testing during coding

DevSecOps is a union of Culture, Practices and Tools providing continuous delivery to the end user



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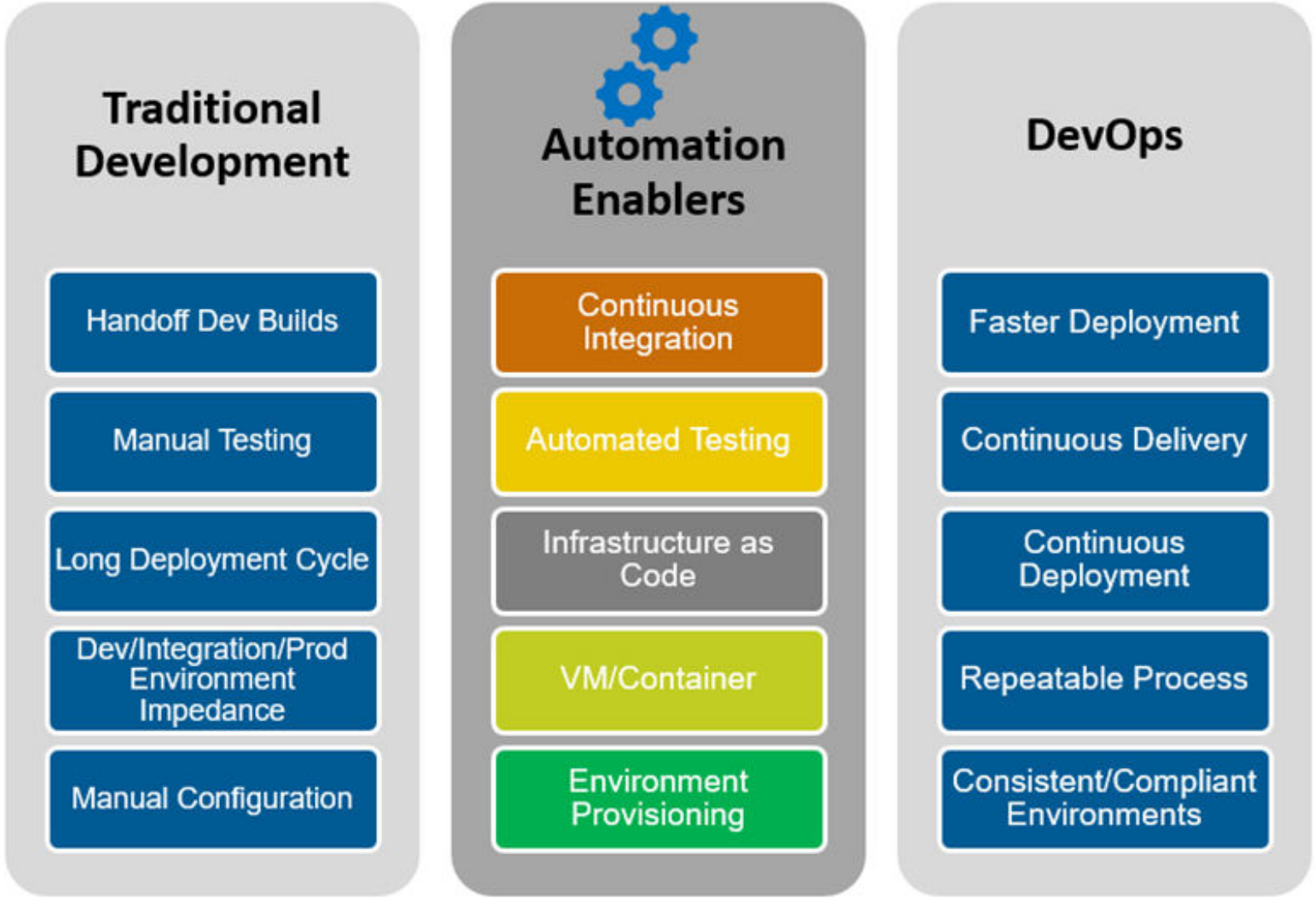
DevSecOps applies automation to deliver functionality: Speed, without sacrificing security and test rigor



DevSecOps Opportunities and Risks

Opportunities

- Speed and Repeatability
  - Automation of testing
  - Automation of security policy enforcement
  - Continuous improvement
- Agility
  - Can be integrated seamlessly with Agile development
  - Removes post-Agile sprint/release chokepoints

Risks

- Security and Test
  - Organizations must fundamentally relook their value proposition.
- Physical Ownership
  - Infrastructure is no longer the model (exceptions include private / community clouds)
- Shared Responsibilities:
  - Security and test responsibilities are now shared by programs, CSOs, and third parties (e.g. 3PAO, CASB)
- System architecture
  - Must address security and test equities

Security and Test Considerations for DevSecOps

Security Considerations

- **Security should be built into the entire DevSecOps process**
  - Agile process that feeds DevSecOps also must be secure
  - Security user stories must be in the backlog

- **Embed security throughout software lifecycle to identify vulnerabilities earlier, perform faster fixes therefore reduce cost**

- **Continuous monitoring to ensure devices, tools, accounts, etc. are continuously discovered and validated**

Shift Left: Security and Test Considerations

Security

- Security processes
- Security tools
- Security access (i.e., to DevSecOps environment)
- Security tool visibility (i.e., across the pipeline)
- Security reporting

Test

- Test events
- Test environments
- Test tools
- Test access (i.e., to DevSecOps environment)
- Test data
- Test reporting

Programs must: plan/budget for these items, integrate them into architectures, and write them into RFPs

They won't magically appear at a program Operational Readiness Review (ORR) 😮

Test Oversight Influence Areas

Type	Artifacts to Influence	Proactive Measures
Input	Acquisition Strategy, SOW Technical Requirements, Program TEMP	• Acquisition. Develop and communicate the Test Strategy (including security test activities), including: major test events, automation strategy and requirements (e.g., needed tools / standards), required access to Dev/Test environments, plan for test data • Required Test Artifacts. Ensuring the contract(s) mandates test plans, test cases, test reports, traceability matrices, shared with the govt. Formats, ability to comment are important • Testability. Requirement for testability of contractor-derived requirements, testable code including security
Pre-Develop	Architecture, Use Cases, Scenarios, System/Functional Requirements	• Interfaces. Understand and define interfaces, both internal and external systems • Test Environment. To model / influence the test environment to closely mirror production (and development) • Test Data. Identify test data sources and ability to access (or emulate); security use cases
During-Develop	Design Specs, Demos, Test Events, Test Cases	• New Interfaces and Data Sources. What is the developer changing? Understand how the developer is deriving requirements, interfaces, and functionality • Traceability. Do the developer's changes align to the system-level requirements and architecture? • Observe. Automated testing, live test events / demos • Risk Assessment. Is the evolving design going to work? What new risks have been introduced?
Output	Test Reports, Working Software, Data Model(s)	• Review of Test Outputs. Increased visibility to stakeholders of metrics around tests (automated test suite vs manual test time, code coverage, etc.) • Recommendations. How can we reduce risk without killing the benefits of "agility"? TEST AUTOMATION!

Test Event Levels, Challenges, DevSecOps Considerations

Test Level	Conducted By	Overseen By	Focus Area	Challenges (bolded words are important)	DevSecOps
Unit	Contractor	FFRDC / SETA	Code	**Automation** Access and Tools Test **Output** Access Test **Traceability**	• Automate unit tests • Any failed unit tests fail the DevSecOps Pipeline • Development, security, and test work together
Integration	Contractor	Oversight body: DT&E	Interface / API	**Interfaces** / Interface Design Test **Environment** Test **Data** **External** Systems	• User Stories are the "requirements" to be tested • Each User Story should have corresponding automated tests and acceptance criteria, including Security User Stories
System	Mission Owner	Oversight body: DT&E / OT&E	End-to-End Functionality	Test Environment Test Data External Systems	• Automated user functional tests via tools (e.g., UFT, Selenium, OWASP Zap)
Acceptance	Operator	Oversight body: OT&E	End-to-End Operations	**Not slowing everything down!** Timely Validation, Feedback Loop **Feasibility** (what can actually be changed)	• Automated acceptance tests
Release	Contractor	Oversight body: OT&E	Deployment	Successful delivery of working software	• Minimize manual system installation • Treat Infrastructure as Code and use deployment automation

Continuous Delivery Testing – Software Release Approaches

Continuous Delivery Test Techniques	Description

• **Blue Green Deployment**	This requires 2 identical infrastructures to host the application.
	• Green environment runs the current version of the application.
	• Blue environment hosts the new version of the software to be tested.
	• User load is then incrementally shifted from the previously accepted version to the new version.
	  • If there are any issues encountered in the new version, rollback can be done easily to the older accepted version.
	  • This technique increases availability and reduces risk of the application.

• **Canary Releases**	This testing is often automated and includes a limited set of early adopter users. These users assist in identifying issues before the application is released to a wider range of users.
• **A/B Testing**	This method compares two versions of a single webpage or app to determine which one performs better over the other. A/B testing is an experiment in which 2 variants of a page are shown to users randomly and then determine which version performs better.

Additional Test Types – Leveraged as Needed

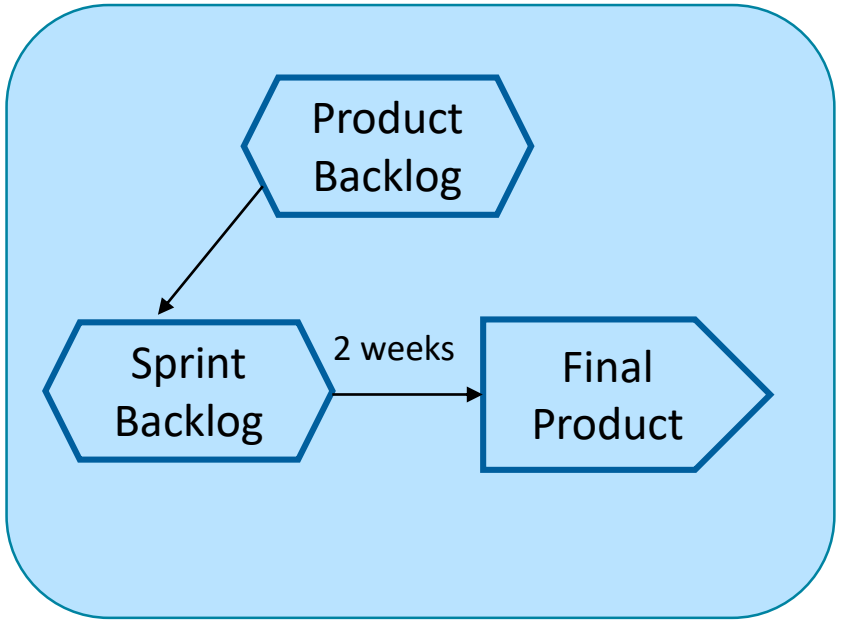
- **Smoke Testing**
- **Functional Testing**
- **Security Testing**
- **Performance Testing**
  - Load Testing
  - Stress Testing
  - Spike Testing
- **Regression Testing**
- **Compliance Testing**

DevSecOps Processes and Technical Considerations

Agile + DevSecOps Pipeline

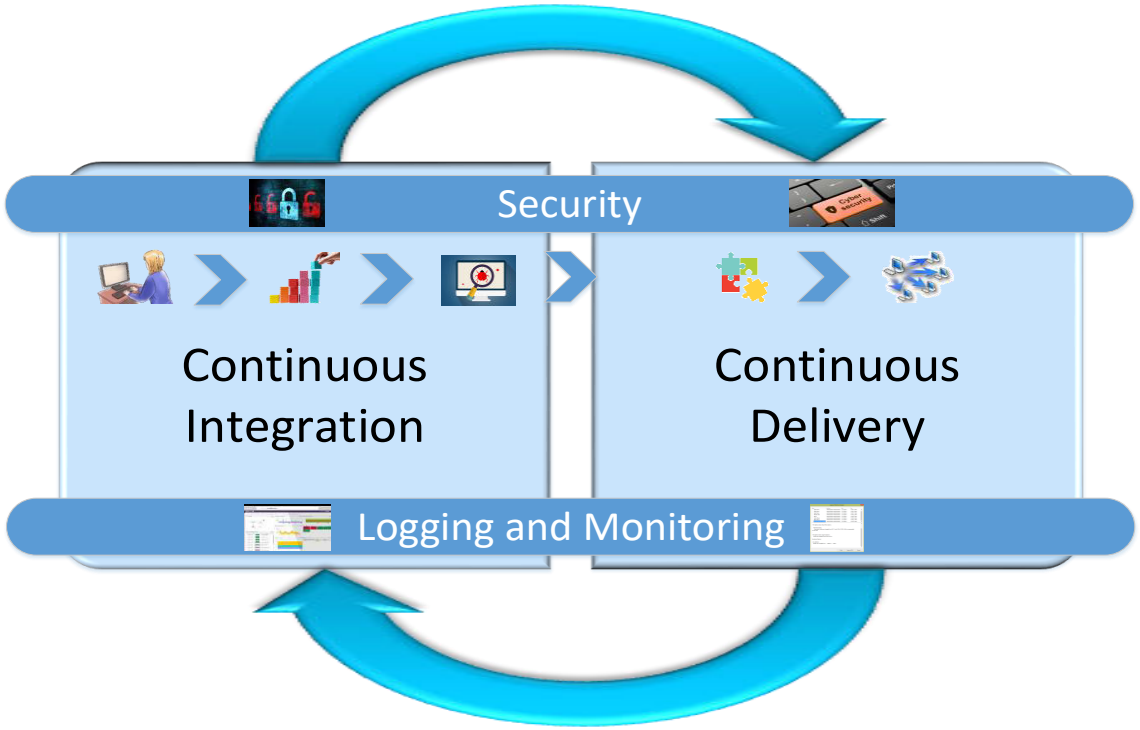
Agile Development

Developing functionality based upon user needs



DevSecOps Pipeline

Automating build, secure / test, deploy, and monitor



Security: is part of the entire process, from Backlog through Production Operations

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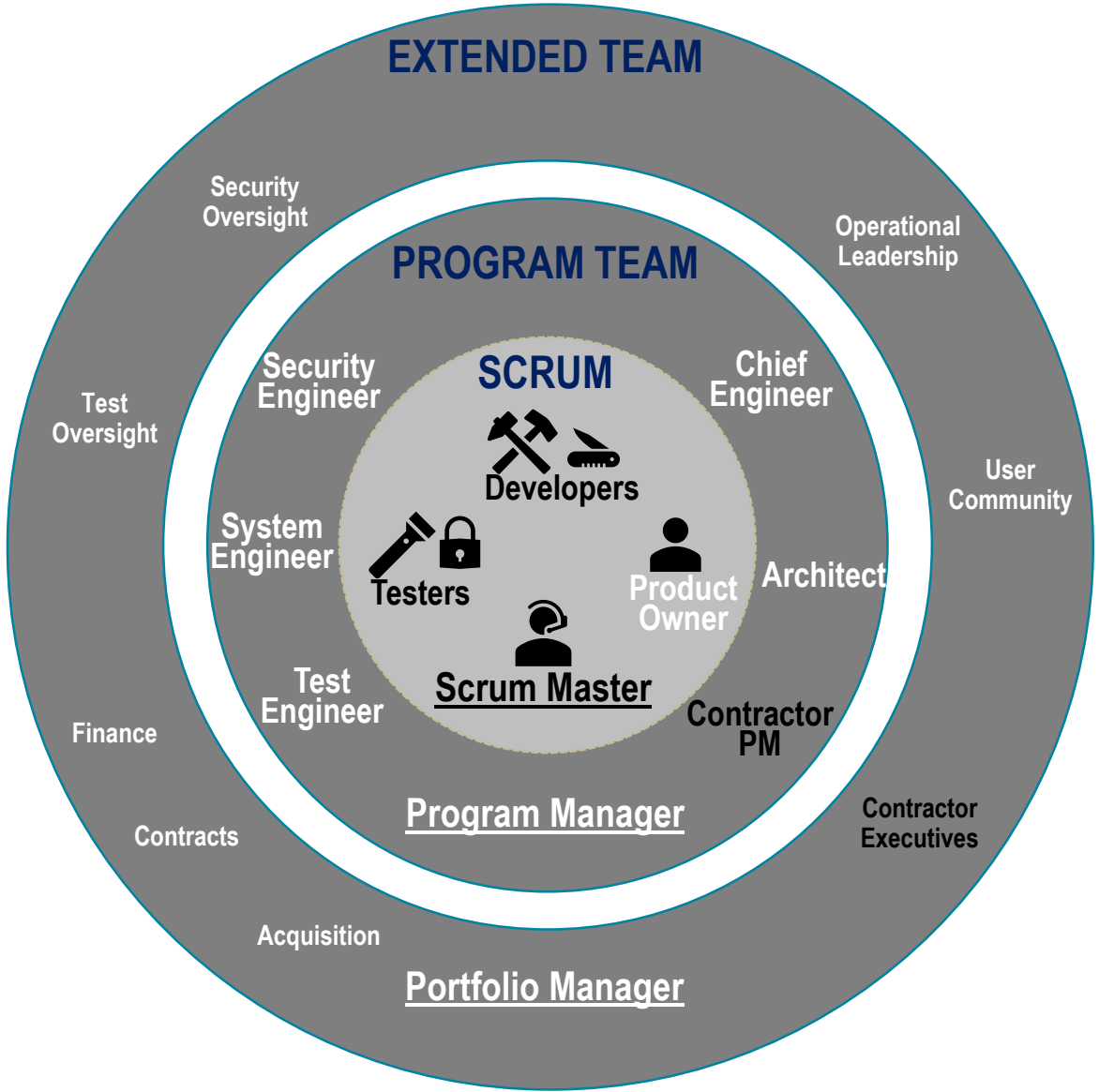
Agile SCRUM – Team Composition

- **Design Decisions**. Many design choices are made by the Agile team. Programs need to ensure that these decisions are:
  - Consistent with the program architecture
  - Compliant with the security approach
  - Testable
- **Variance**. Organizational composition and roles will vary from program to program
- **Multiple Teams (e.g., Scaled Agile Framework (SAFE))**. Most large programs will have multiple Agile development teams contributing to a common architecture.



Others Stakeholders:

- Operators
- External System Owners and Operators
- External Government or Commercial Data Providers / Consumers
- IT Administrators
- Cloud Service Providers
- Security: CASBs, MSSPs
- SETA Contractors
- FFRDCs

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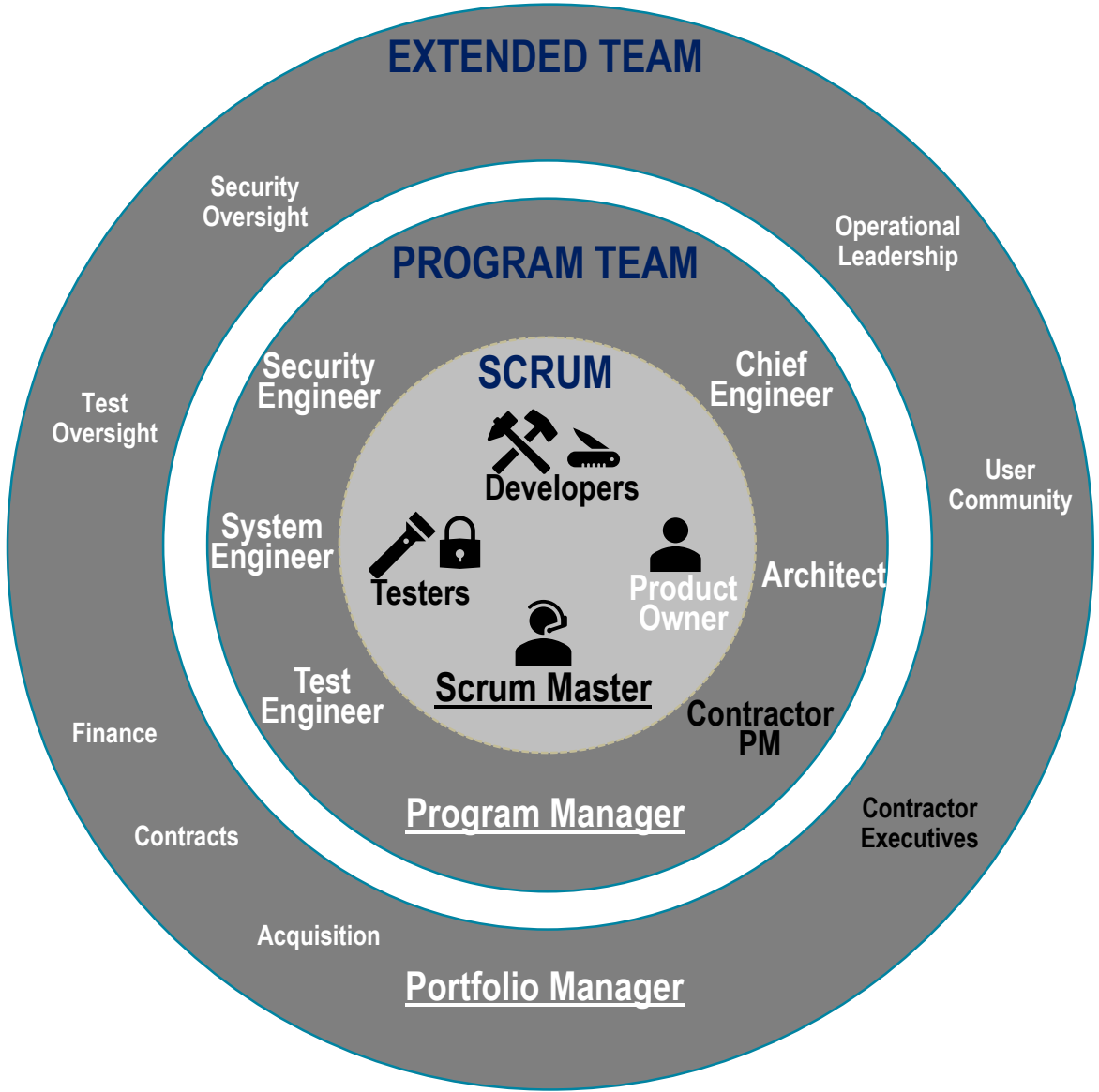
Agile SCRUM – Test and Security

- **Contractor Testing**. Resources are embedded in the SCRUM. Test coverage includes application functionality and security
- **Government Testing**. Should take place at the end of each sprint, and can be done via a test event or other verification method (e.g., demo, report, etc.). Test coverage should include application functionality and security
- **Testing Environments**. Government can test in either (or both) Test and Pre-Prod environments
- **Tailoring Roles**. Government vs. Contractor roles and responsibilities should be adapted for specific program needs



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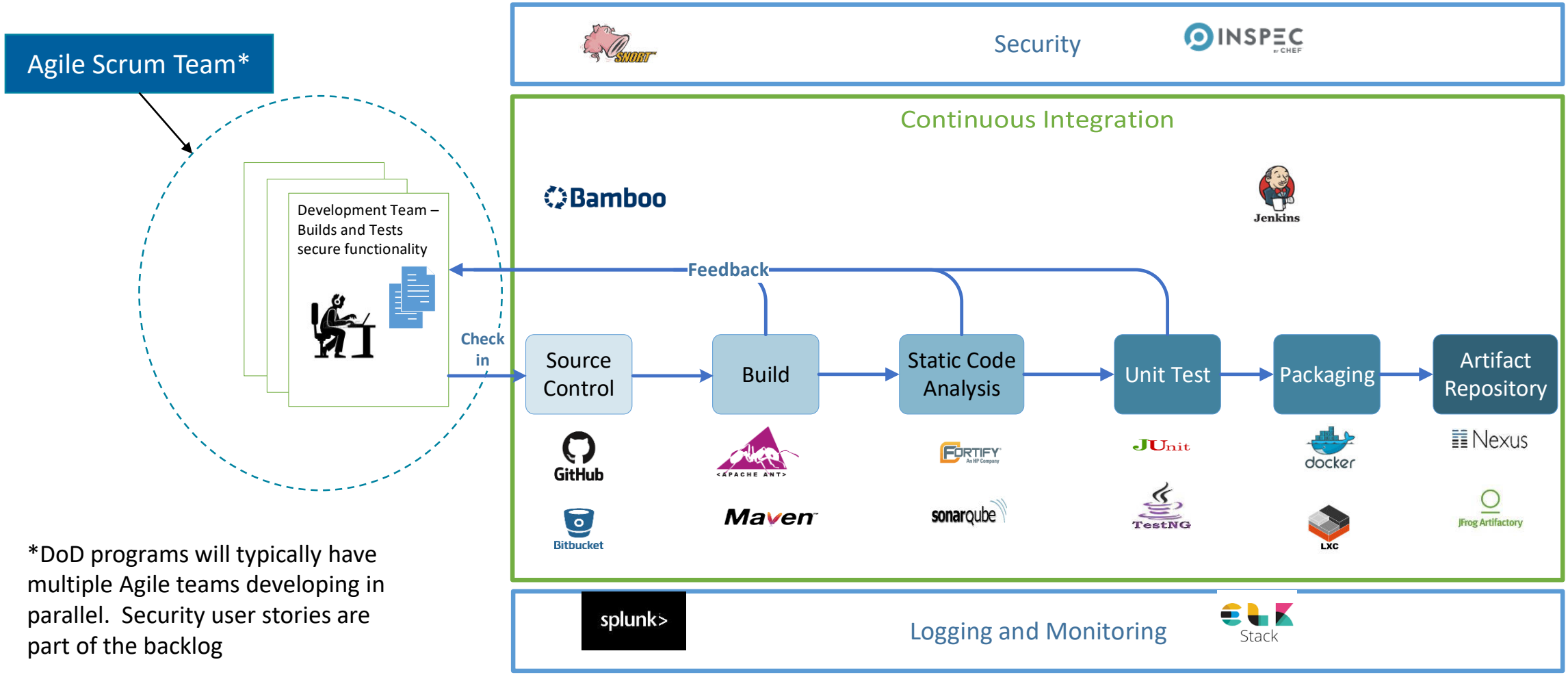

*DoD programs will typically have multiple Agile teams developing in parallel. Security user stories are part of the backlog

Feedback loop ensures continuous error correction and vulnerability remediation at each stage in the DevSecOps pipeline

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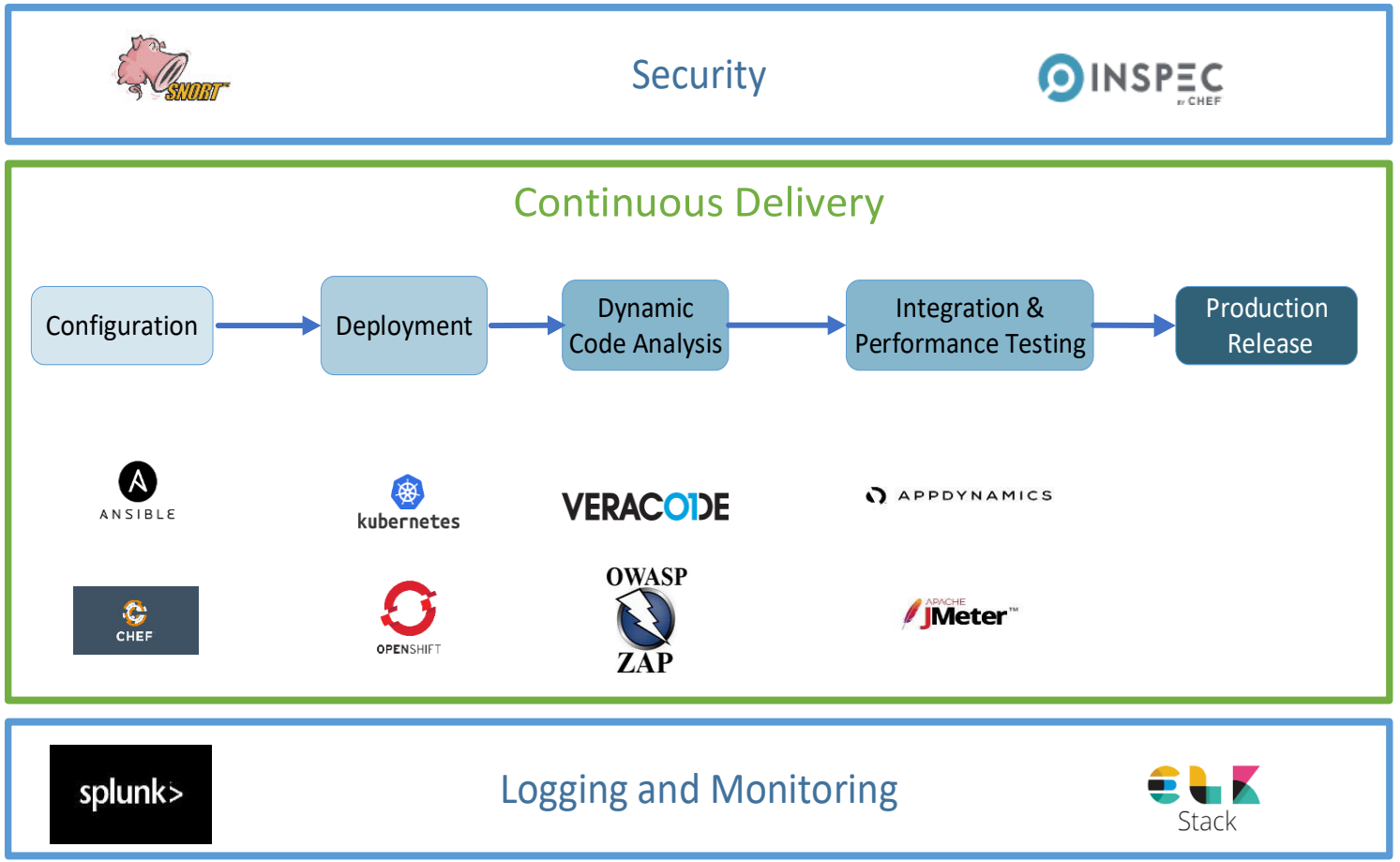
Continuous Delivery (CD)



Continuous Delivery promotes the working software from lower environments to higher environments after security and tests are satisfied

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DevSecOps Tools - Examples

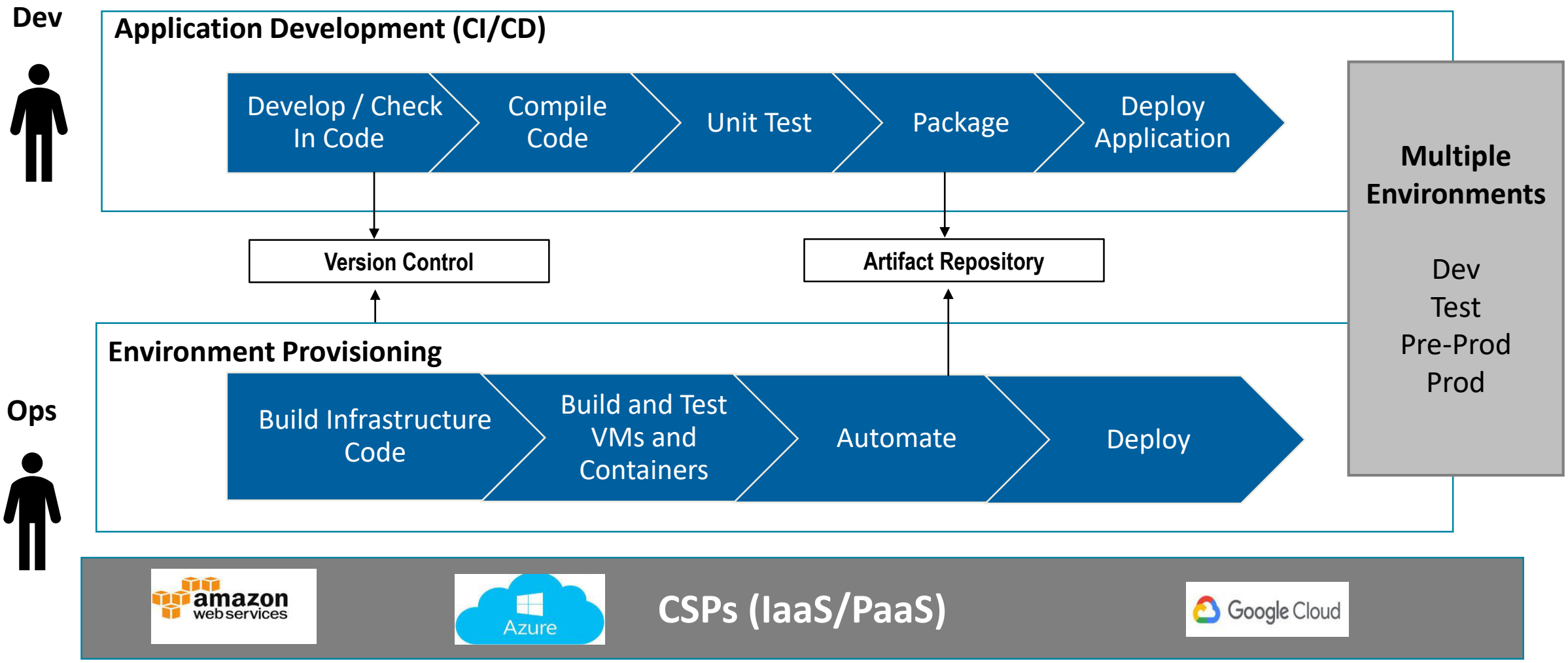
- **Security**
  - Snort, Splunk, Fortify SCA, Vault, OWASP Zap, SonarQube
- **Source Control**
  - GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket, Artifactory
- **Continuous Integration Tools**
  - Jenkins, Bamboo
- **Testing Tools**
  - JUnit, Selenium, JMeter, TestNG, SoapUI
- **Config/Provisioning Tools**
  - Ansible, Chef, Puppet
- **Logging and Monitoring Tools**
  - ELK (Elasticsearch, Logstash & Kibana) Stack, Splunk
- **Release Orchestration**
  - Kubernetes, OpenShift
- **Containers**
  - Docker, Docker Swarm

Security: Tools used throughout the process, regardless of the specific tools being used

Example: Snort signatures are applied to all flows that are visible

Example: Splunk collects and aggregates all logs that are available throughout the process

CI-CD on Cloud



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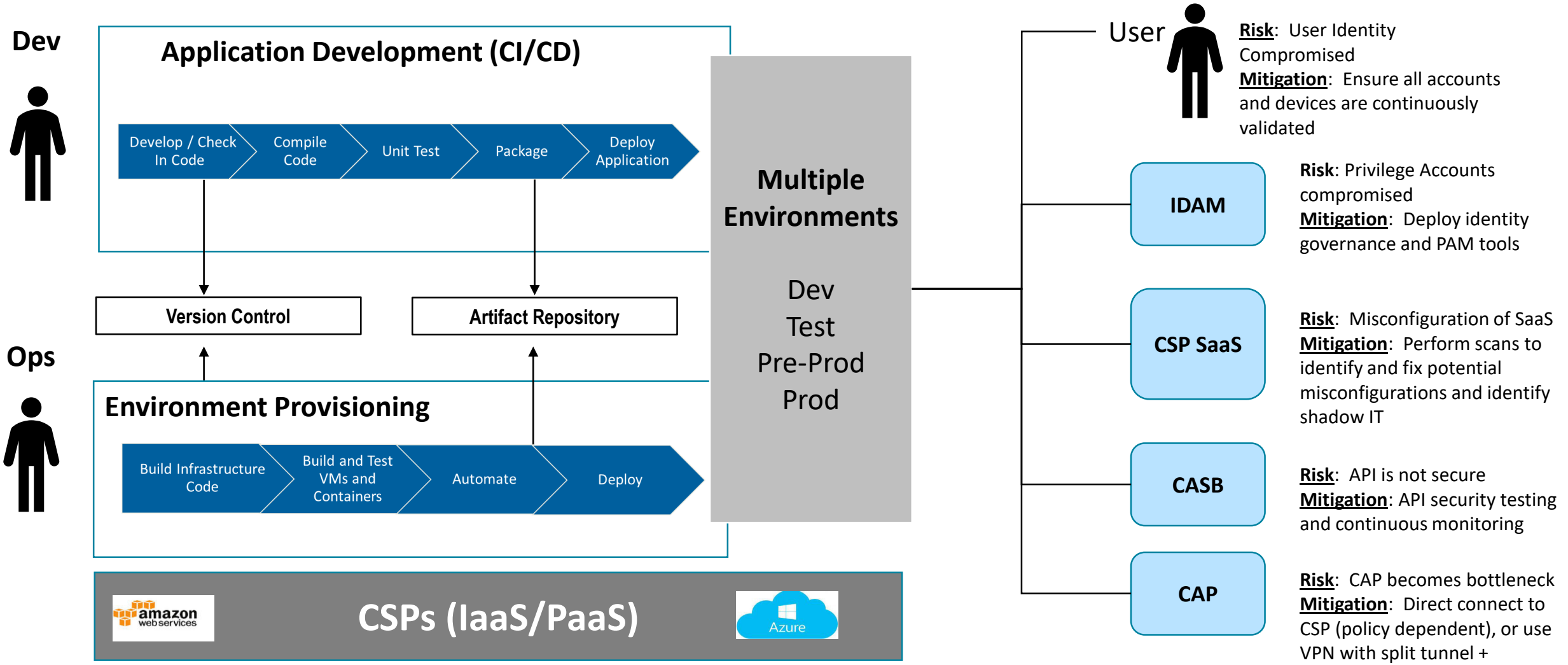
CI-CD System in Operations



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Security in DevSecOps

- **Embed security throughout software lifecycle to identify vulnerabilities earlier, perform faster fixes therefore reduce cost.**
- **Different aspects of DevSecOps security in the software lifecycle including tools**
  - Static Code Analysis – Scans for vulnerabilities in the code after coding but before unit testing during development (e.g. SonarQube)
  - Configuration Management and Compliance – Know how your application is configured and whether it follows your policies (e.g., Ansible, Chef, Puppet)
  - Dynamic Code Analysis – Scan your code for vulnerabilities in how it performs. Execute unit tests to find errors (e.g., SonarLint, VeraCode)
  - Vulnerability Scanning – Automatically identify known issues in your application for penetration testing (e.g., Nessus)
  - Infrastructure as Code – Ensures the application is deployed securely and without errors in a repeatable manner (e.g., Ansible)
  - Continuous Monitoring – Information on how the application is running, collected and monitored to identify issues and feed future improvements. This is done in production environment. (e.g. Splunk, AppDynamics)
  - Container Security – monitor and protect containers (e.g., BlackDuck)

DevSecOps Security Tools – Examples

Security Tool	Description	Focus Area	Test Oversight	Open Source
Snort	It is a Network intrusion detection and prevention system. Scrutinizes each packet on the network for anomalies and monitors traffic real time.	IDS	OT&E	Yes
Fortify SCA	Static code analyzer helps to identify security vulnerabilities efficiently in source code during development.	Code Security	DT&E	No
Gauntlt	Gauntlt provides hooks to a variety of security tools and puts them within reach of security, dev and ops teams to collaborate to build rugged software.	Security Test Automation	DT&E	Yes
HashiCorp Vault	Improves how software teams store important keys, tokens, passwords, and other secrets in their projects. Vault is an environment- and infrastructure-agnostic open toolset for secrets management.	Credential Protection	DT&E	Yes
Sonar Qube	Continuous inspection of code quality to perform automatic reviews with static analysis of code to detect bugs, code smells, and security vulnerabilities.	Code Security	DT&E	Yes
OWASP Zap	Used to identify security vulnerabilities in an application while it is being developed. Useful in penetration testing.	Vulnerability Scanning	DT&E and OT&E	Yes

DevSecOps Testing Tools – Examples

Testing Tool	Description	DT&E Applicability	URL	Focus Area
JUnit	Open source, automated unit test framework for Java programming language	Applicable for DT and OT	http://junit.org	Unit Testing
Selenium	Suite of tools to automate web application testing across many platforms. Supported by many popular browsers such as Firefox, Chrome. Robot framework built on top of Selenium enables continuous testing.	Applicable for DT and OT	http://docs.seleniumhq.org	Unit, System, Integration Testing
SoapUI	Open-source web service testing application framework for SOAP and REST APIs	Applicable for DT and OT	https://www.soapui.org	Unit, Functional and Integration Testing
Rational Functional Tester	It is capable of Functional, API, Performance Testing and Regression testing.	Applicable for DT and OT	https://www.ibm.com/us-en/marketplace/rational-functional-tester	Functional Testing
JMeter	Load testing tool for analyzing and measuring performance of services, with a focus on web applications	Applicable for DT and OT	http://jmeter.apache.org/	Performance (Load) Testing
TestNG	Testing framework to cover all categories of tests: unit, functional, end-to-end, integration etc.	Applicable for DT and OT	http://testng.org/doc/index.html	Unit and Integration Testing
Unified Functional Test (UFT)	Automates functional and regression testing for applications and environments.	OT only	https://www.microfocus.com/en-us/products/unified-functional-automated-testing/overview	System Testing

Cloud Native (AWS, Azure) DevSecOps Testing and Security Tools

- **DevSecOps Pipeline**
  - AWS CodePipeline
  - Azure DevOps
- **Infrastructure Provisioning**
  - AWS Cloud Formation
  - Azure Automation, Azure Resource Manager
- **Security**
  - AWS Inspector, AWS GuardDuty, AWS CloudWatch
  - Azure Security Center, Azure AD, Azure Application Insights

Platform Deployment Options: Containerization verses Virtualization

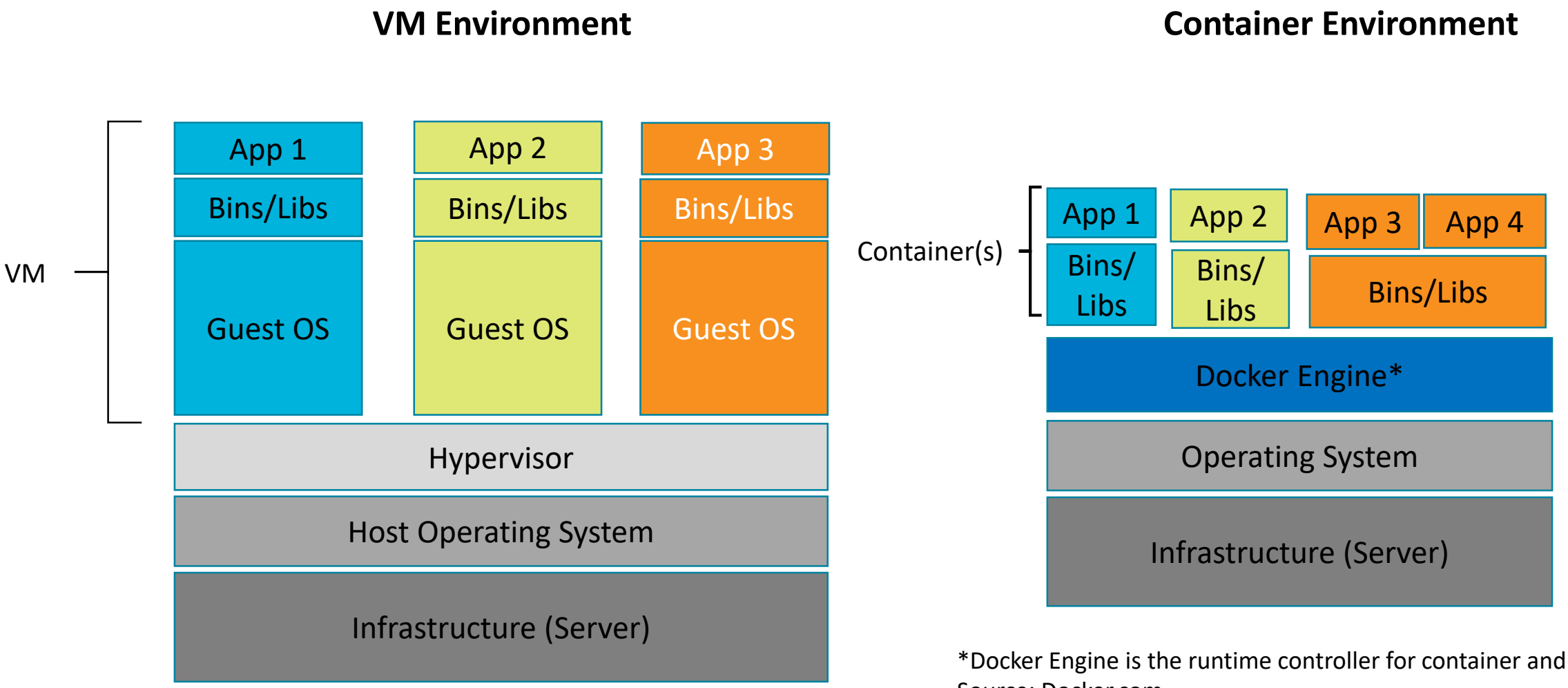
Containerization vs. Virtualization

- **In DevSecOps, software applications can be deployed in Containers or Virtual Machines (VMs)**

- **VMs**
  - Self-contained computing unit with host operating system (OS)
  - Each application runs dedicated software binaries/ libraries (bins/libs) and a guest OS
  - Managed by a hypervisor

- **Containers**
  - All applications share the OS and software bins/libs
  - Containers are managed by a controller. Example: Docker Daemon (which sits in a sibling container)

Containers vs. VMs



*Docker Engine is the runtime controller for container and images
Source: Docker.com

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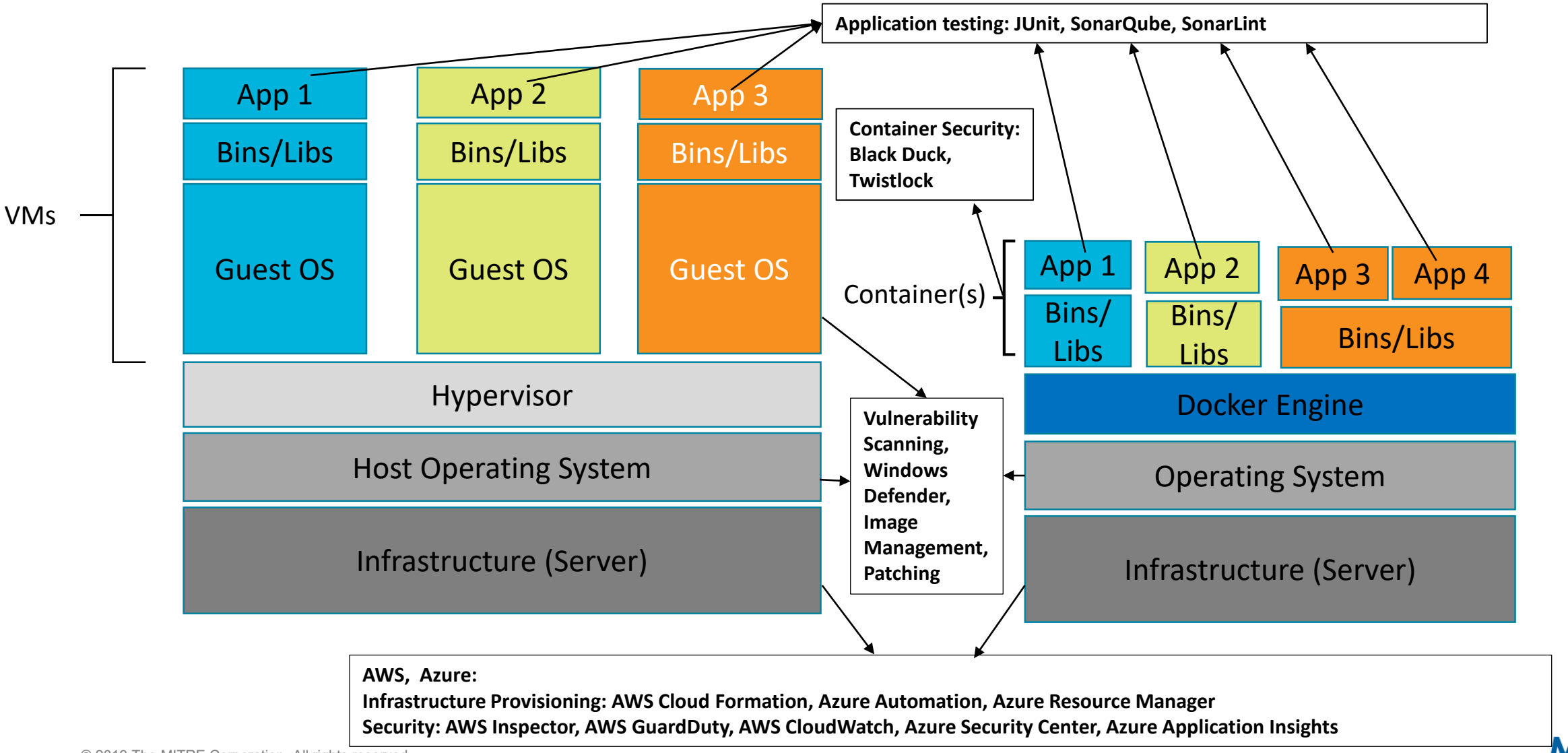
Containers vs. VMs Comparison Criteria

Criteria	Virtual Machines	Containers
Popular Examples	VMWare vSphere, Microsoft Hyper-V	Docker, Google Kubernetes, Red Hat OpenShift
Hosting Environment	On or Off Premise cloud environments	On or off premises cloud environments
Runtime Environment	Full OS with dedicated resources; one or more microservices per VM	Shared OS, resources per container; single microservice per container
Portability	Microservice portability is tied to the portability of selected VMs	Microservices are decoupled from the OS, allowing greater portability
Security	VM security tools and procedures are more mature	Larger number of services and interfaces to monitor and protect
Scalability	VMs can be automatically scaled based on demand	Containers can be automatically scaled based on demand
Performance	Dedicated resources in a VM mean more overhead	Better performance than VMs due to smaller footprint than VMs
Admin Burden	Less time/effort to spin up and configure vs. physical machines. However, more time to spin up than containers	Simpler packaging and deployment vs. VMs
Interoperability	VMs with separate OSs may complicate cross-service communications, plug-and-play interoperability	Single-OS microservice deployments are more interoperable
Agility	Requires some degree of planning and coordination	Single-function containers can support faster development lifecycle
Market Trend	Still popular but losing ground to container deployment	Increasingly popular option for app migrations and microservice deployment

Containers vs. VMs – Security Examples



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Acronyms

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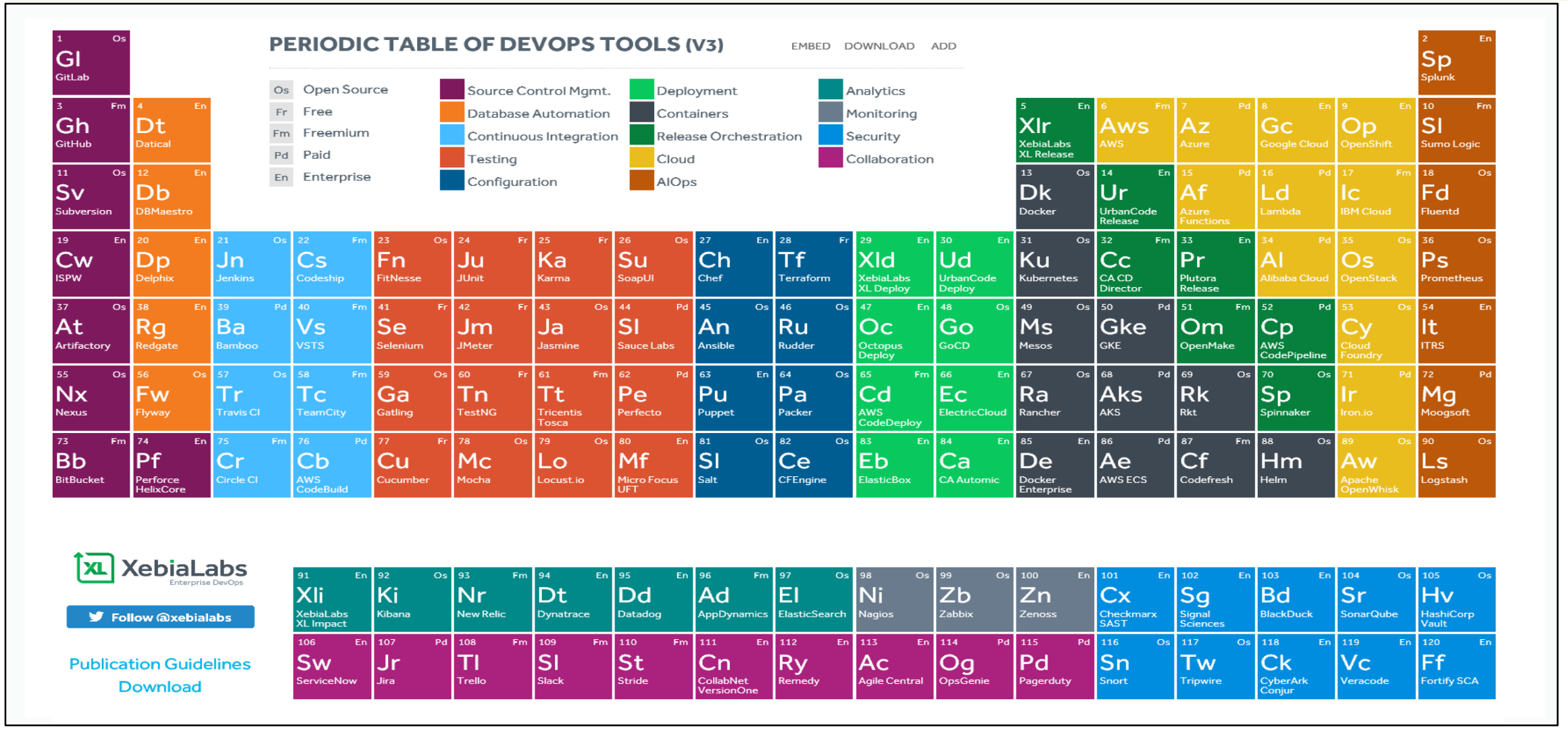
3PAO	Third Party Assessment Organization
API	Application Programming Interface
AWS	Amazon Web Services
CAP	Cloud Access Point
CASB	Cloud Access Security Broker
CSO	Cloud Service Offering
CSP	Cloud Service Provider
DT	Development Test
DT&E	Developmental, Test and Evaluation
FFRDC	Federally Funded Research and Development Center
IaaS	Infrastructure as a Service

Acronym	Description
MSSP	Managed Security Service Provider
ORR	Operational Readiness Review
OT	Operational Test
OT&E	Operational Test and Evaluation
PaaS	Platform as a Service
PAM	Privileged Access Management
RFP	Request for Proposal
SAFE	Scaled Agile Framework
SETA	Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance
VPN	Virtual Private Network

Periodic Table of DevSecOps Tools



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