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HUMANS AND DATA DON'T MIX: BEST PRACTICES TO SECURE YOUR CLOUD

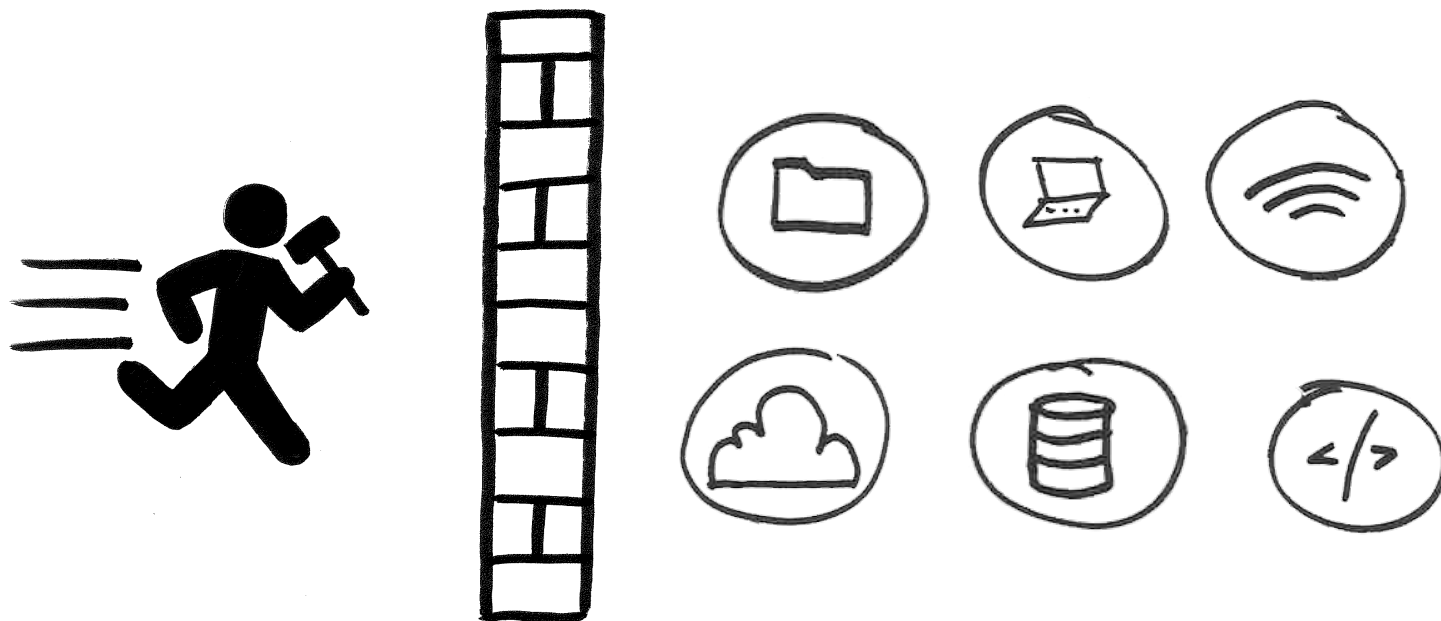
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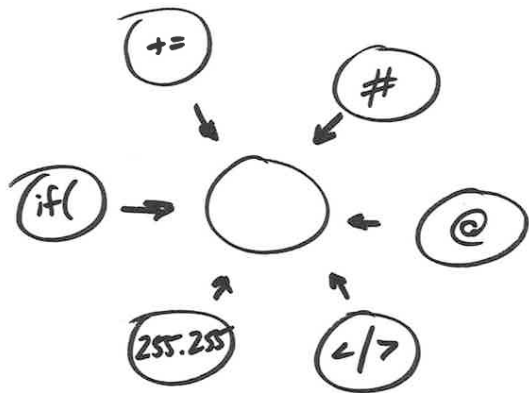


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Get Humans Away from Your Data

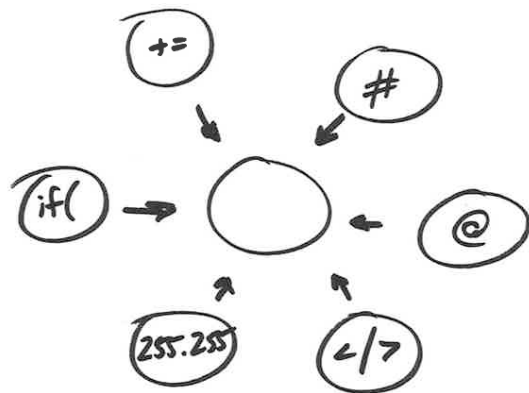


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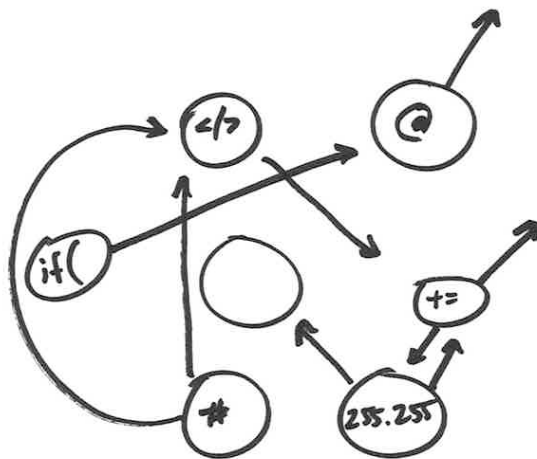


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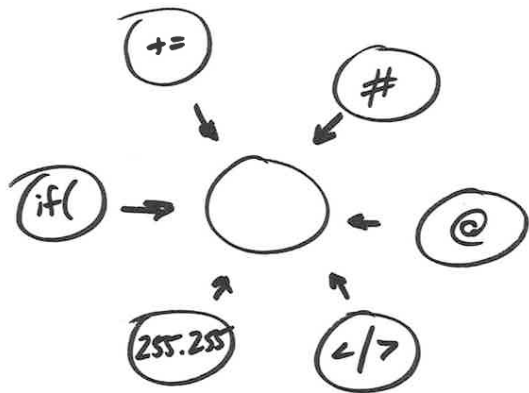


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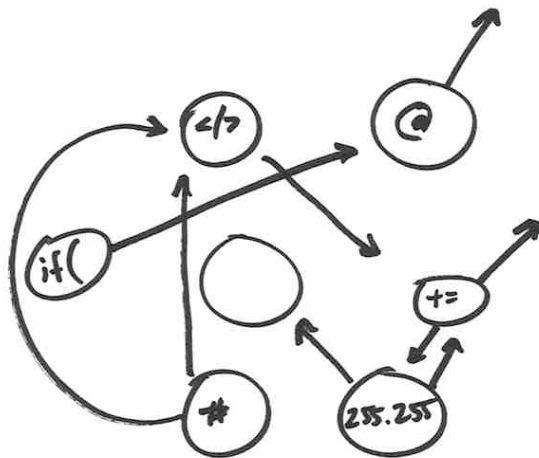


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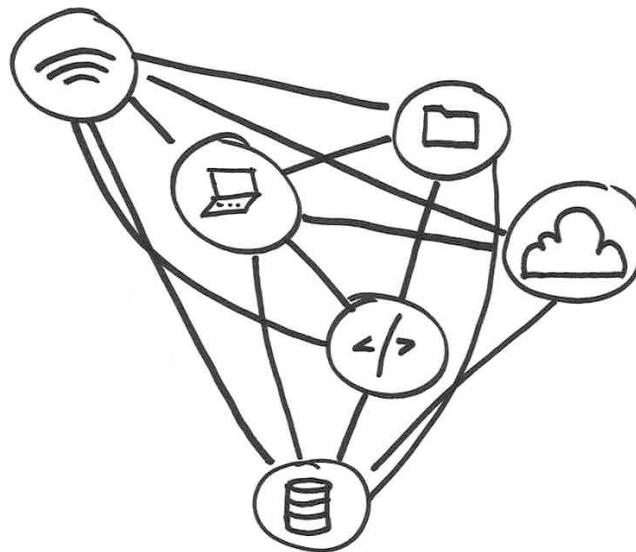
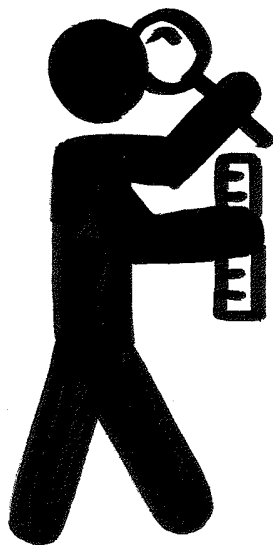


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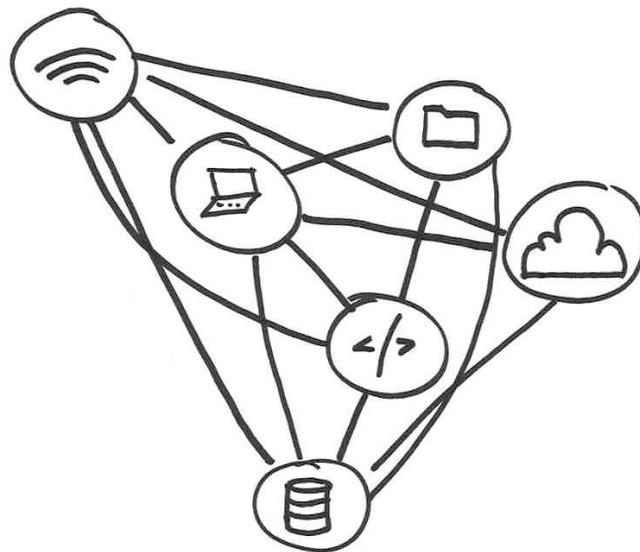
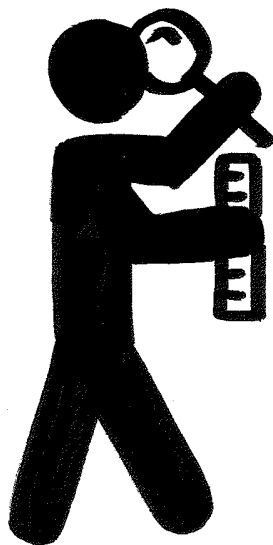


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Baselining Your Environment



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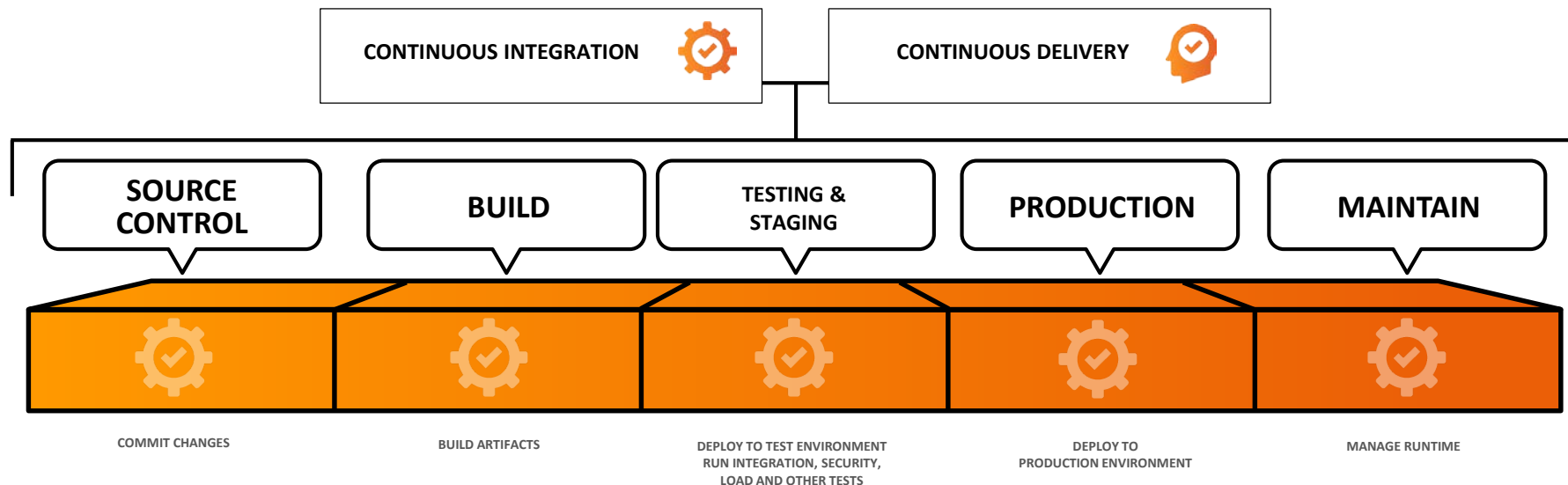


Let (Security) Builders... Build!

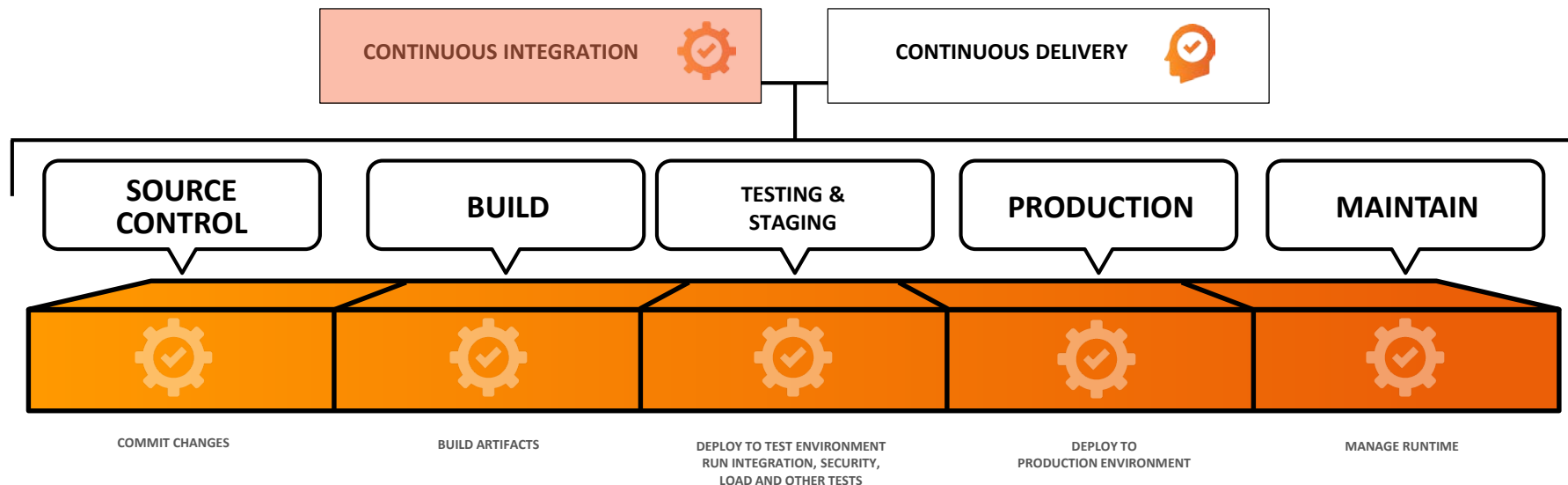




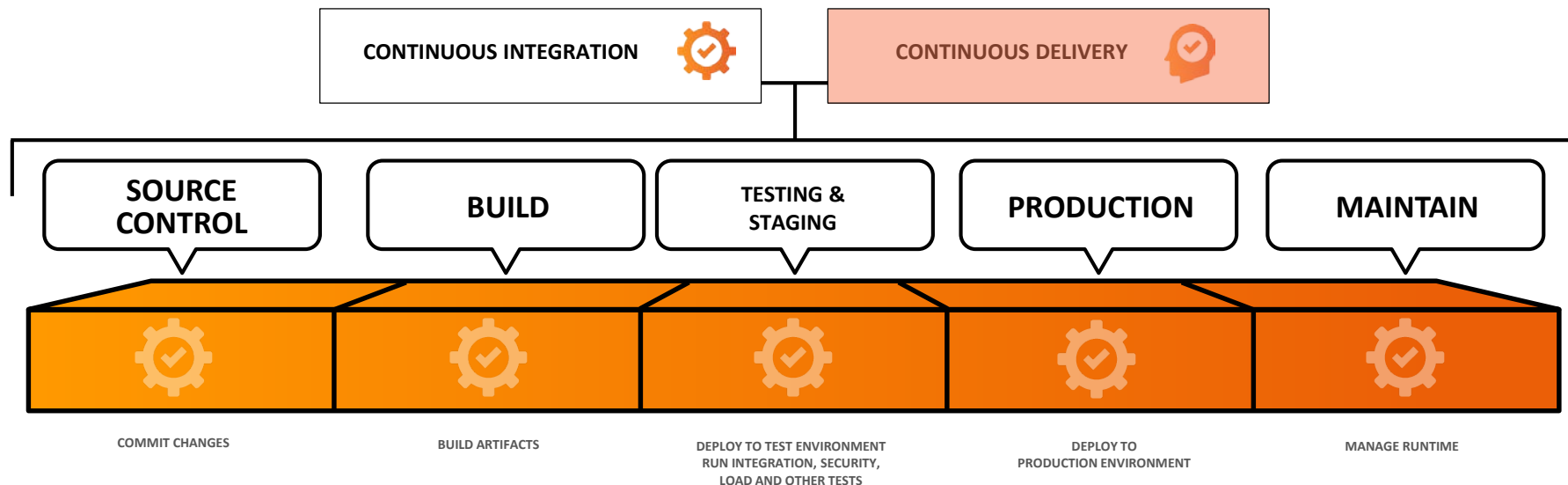
Security in the CI/CD Pipeline



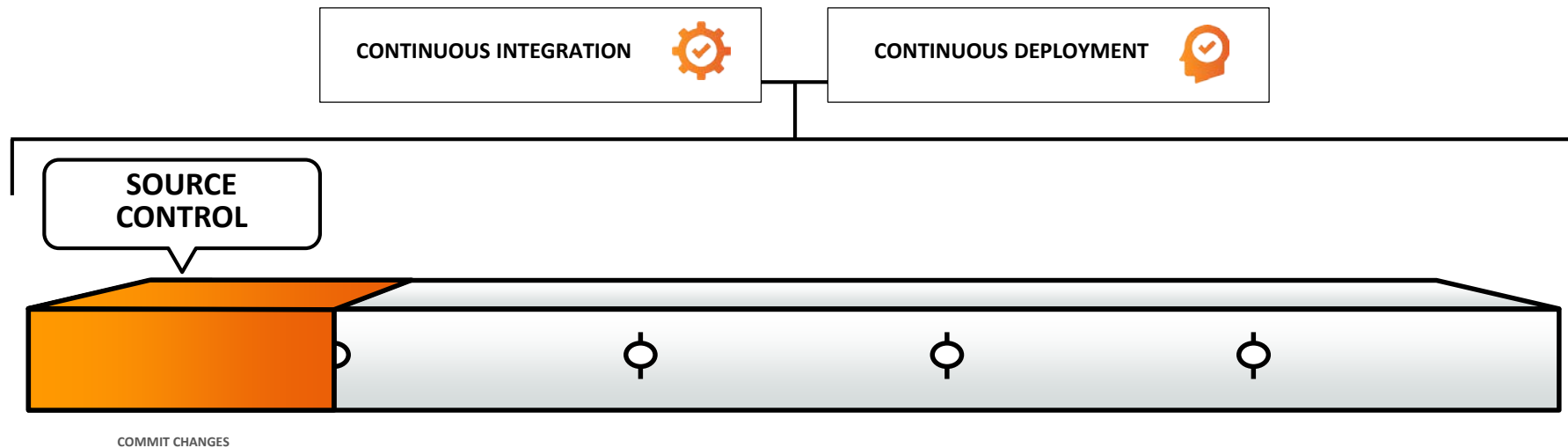
Security in the CI/CD Pipeline



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Source Control



Infrastructure as Code



VS.

```
}  
,  
"ElasticLoadBalancer":{  
  "Type":"AWS::ElasticLoadBalancing::LoadBalancer",  
  "Properties":{  
    "Subnets": { "Ref": "ELBSubnets" },  
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    "HealthCheck":{  
      "Target":{  
        "Fn::Join":[  
          "",  
          [  
            "HTTP:",  
            {  
              "Ref":"AppPort"  
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            "/healthCheck"  
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        ],  
      },  
    ],  
  },  
},
```

Protecting Source Code



SOURCE CONTROL

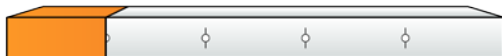


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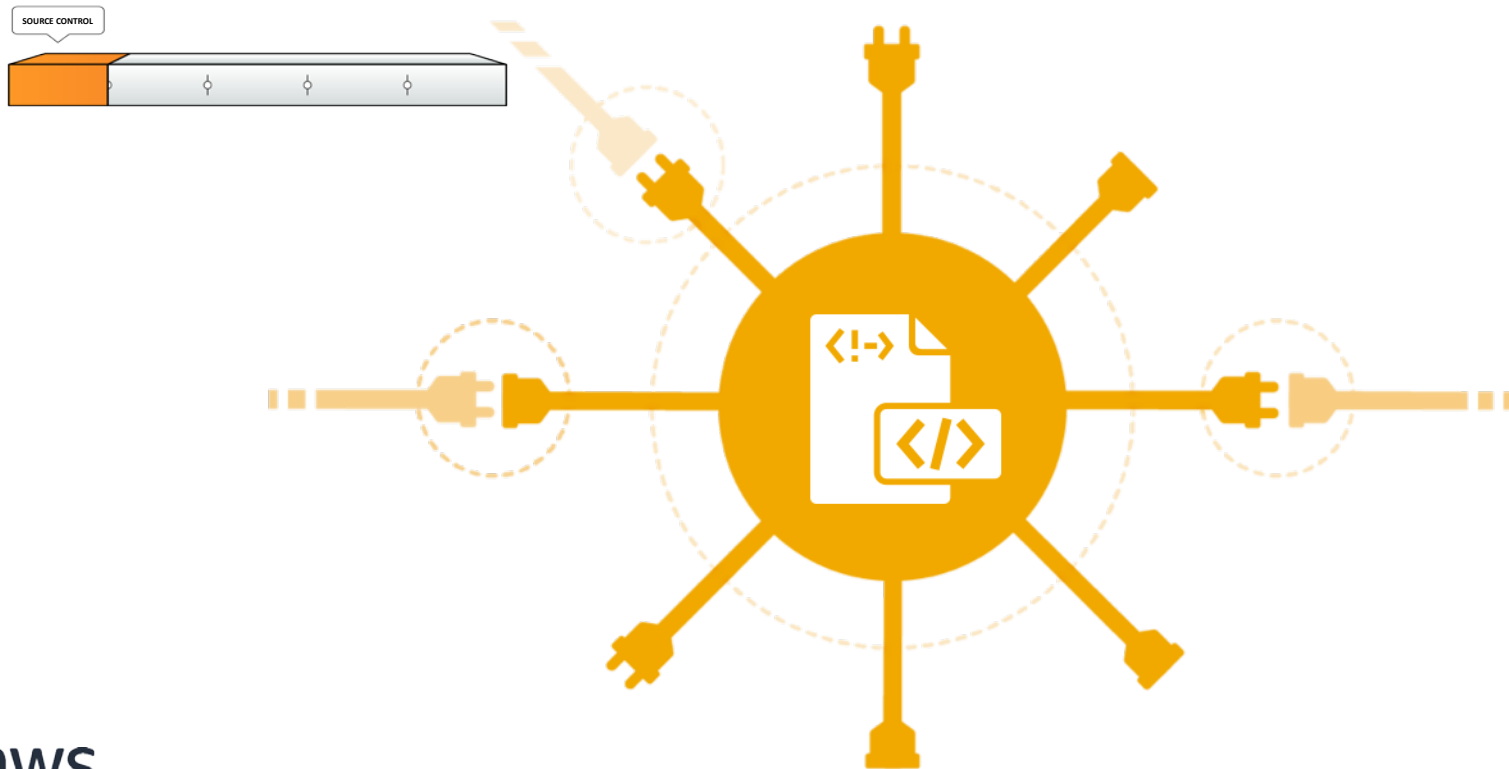


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Seek vendors which embrace APIs





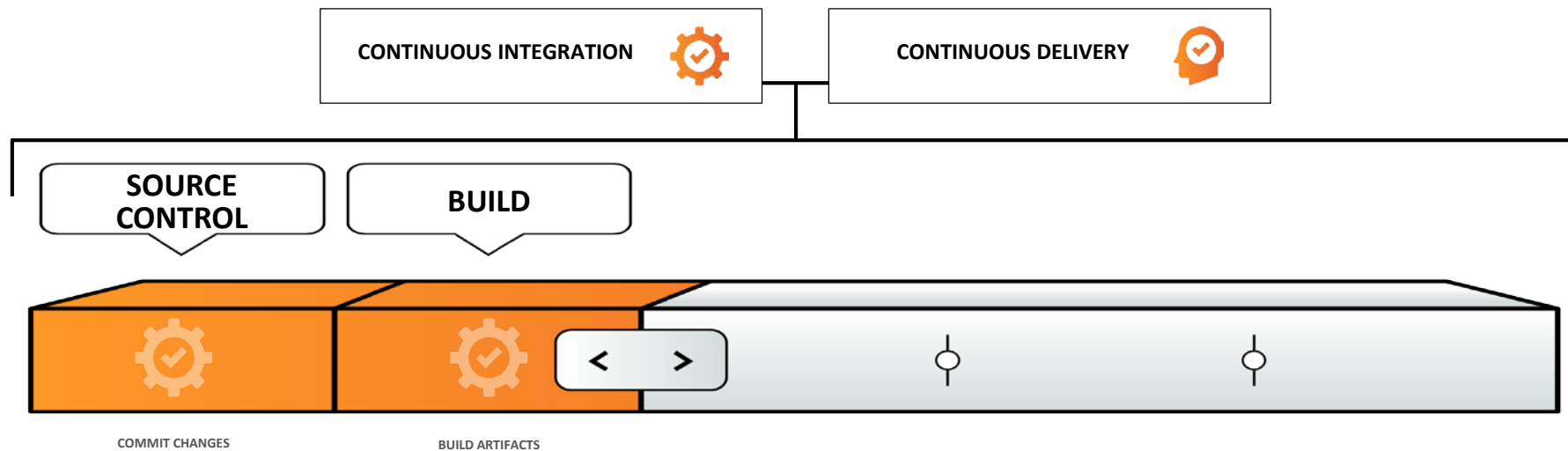
Current State

- Network and system engineers directly log into systems to make changes
- Version control for infrastructure configuration is a decoupled process
- Limited APIs awareness

Future State

- Changes are committed to source control for infrastructure and the pipeline executes the change
- Changes cannot be made without version control
- Embraces APIs

Build



Is Policy A more permissive than Policy B?



```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "sns:*",
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "NotAction": "sns:Delete*",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

Policy A

```
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Policy B

Build Control



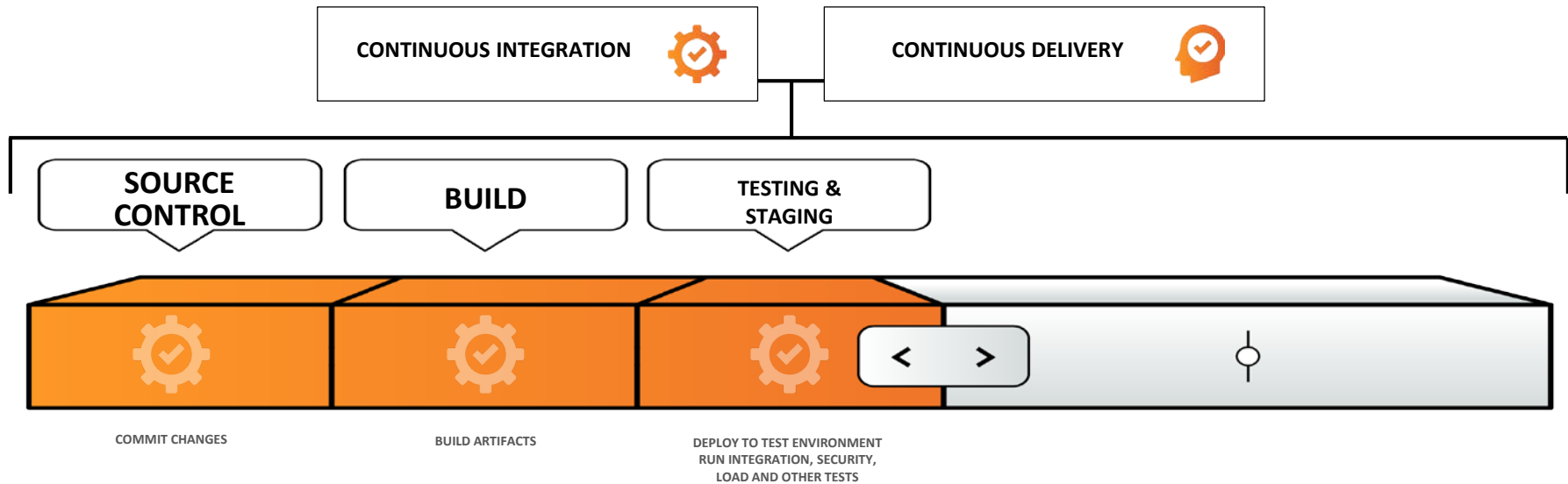
Current State

- Manual Code Review
- Manual intervention for static analysis

Future State

- Automated reasoning for formally proving security
- Automation wrapped around static analysis

Testing & Staging

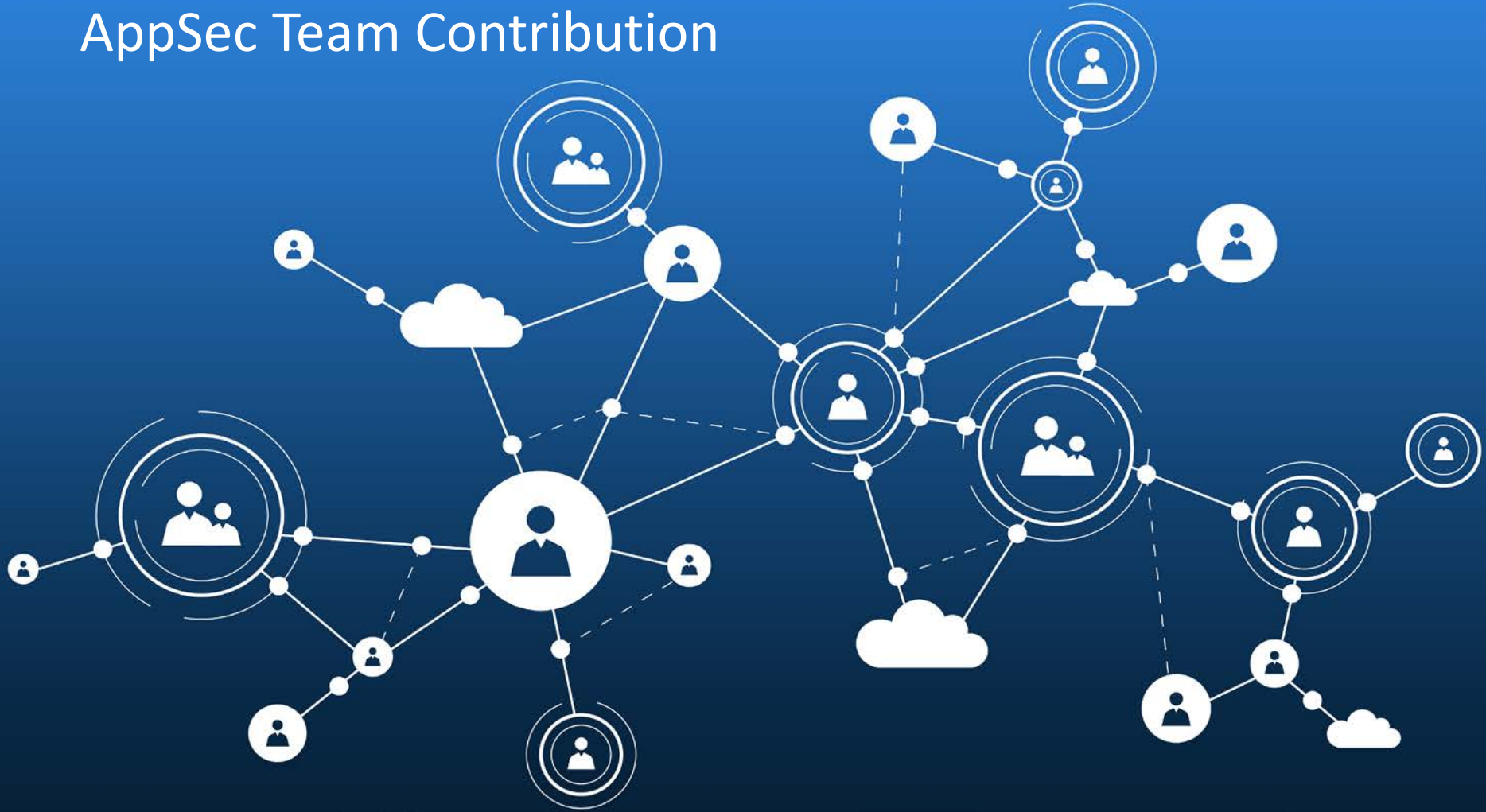


Finding Weaknesses & Defects

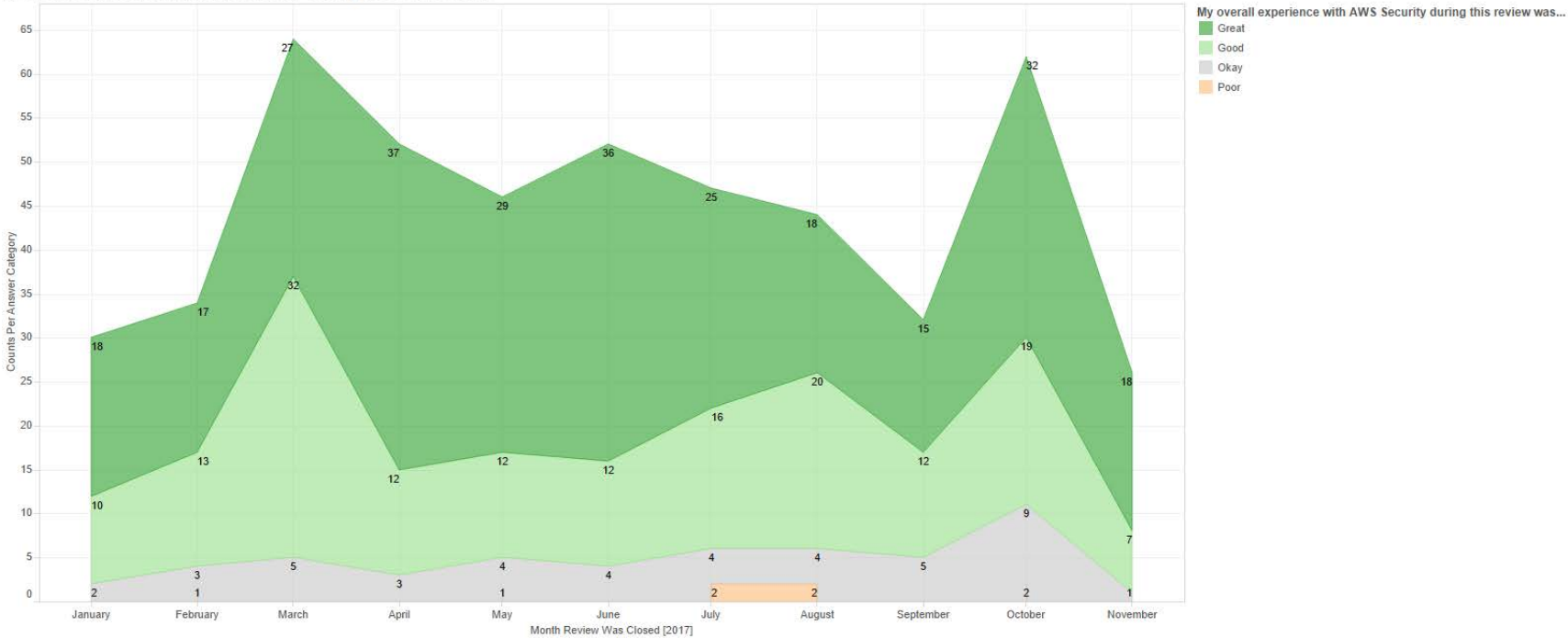


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AppSec Team Contribution



My overall experience with AWS Security during this review was...





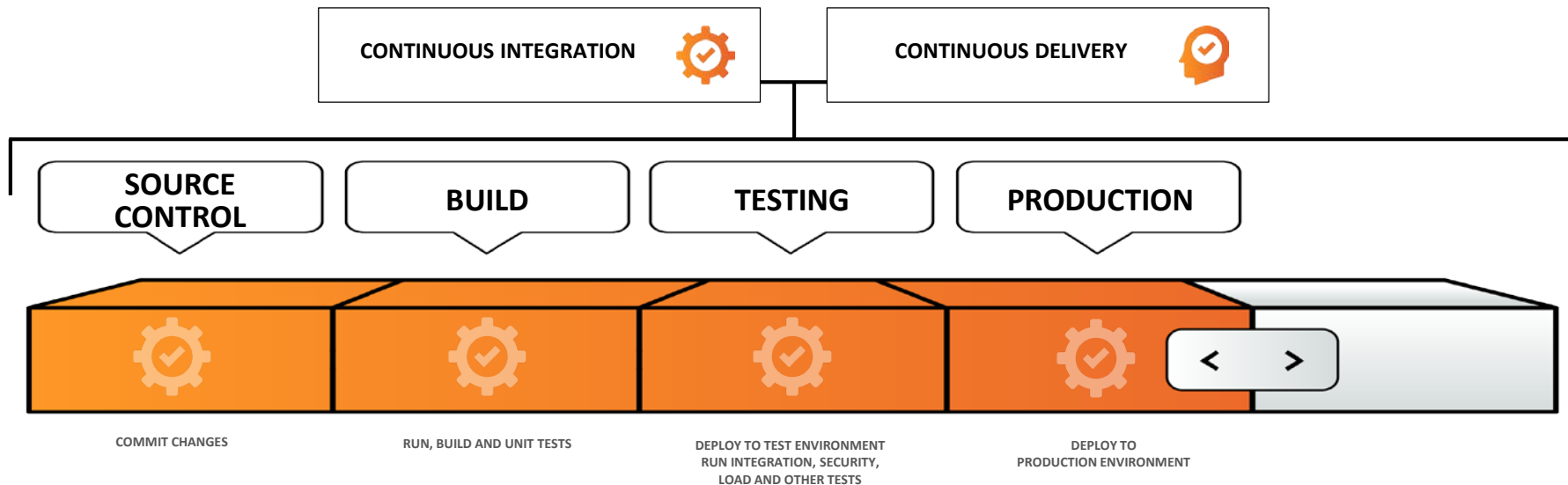
Current State

- Security assessments are manual
- Security testing is decoupled from pipelines
- Measures of AppSec team involvement are based only on risk reduction, not mutual success

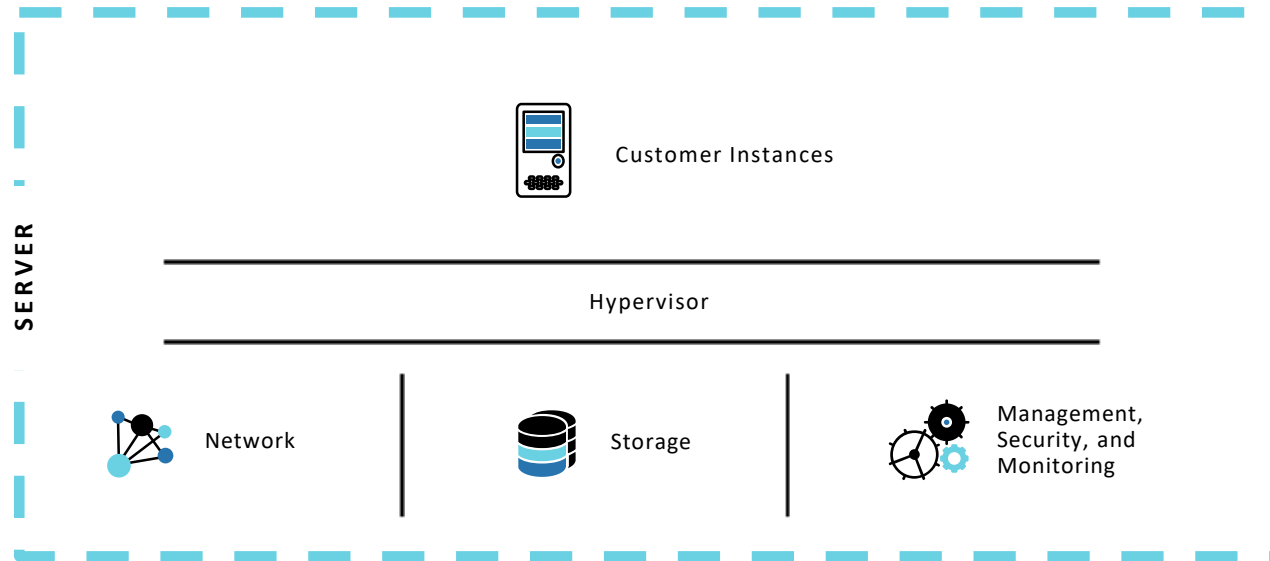
Future State

- Security assessments are coded and automated too.
- Security testing happens much closer to the time defects are created
- Feedback loops are used to ship secure code, quickly

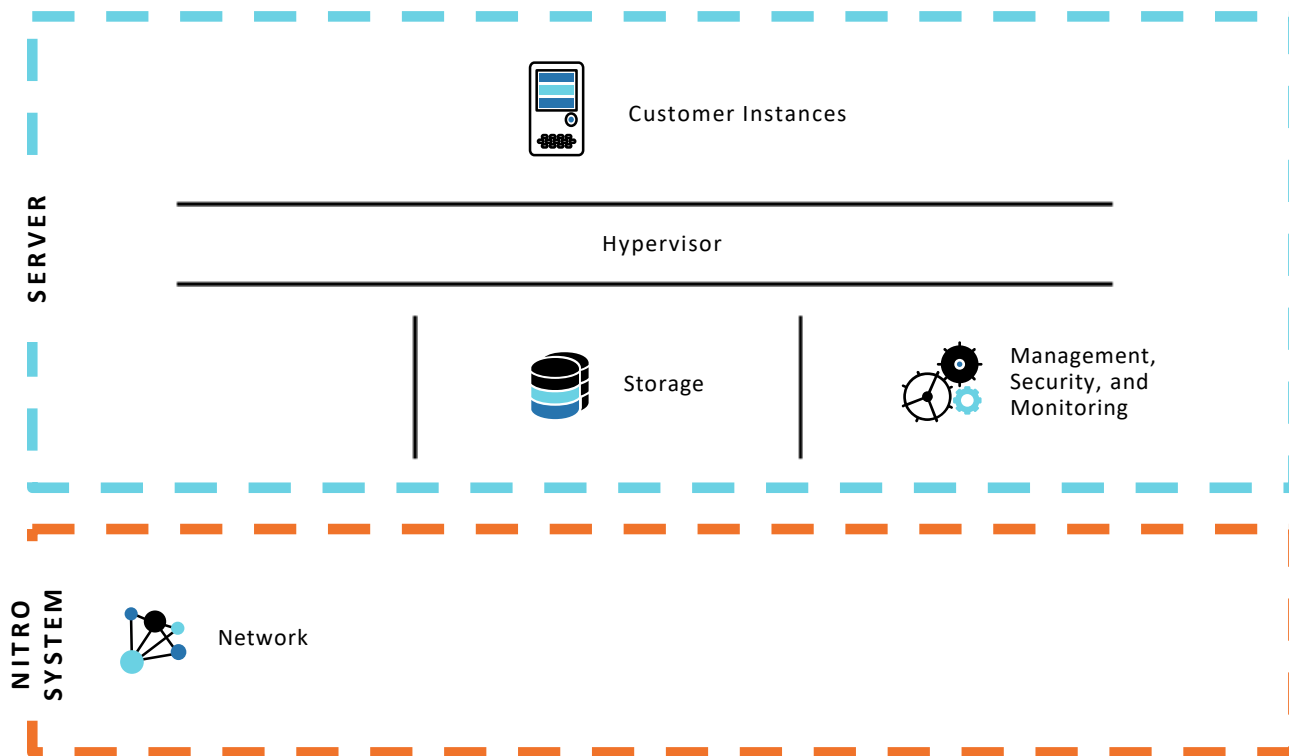
Deployment & Production



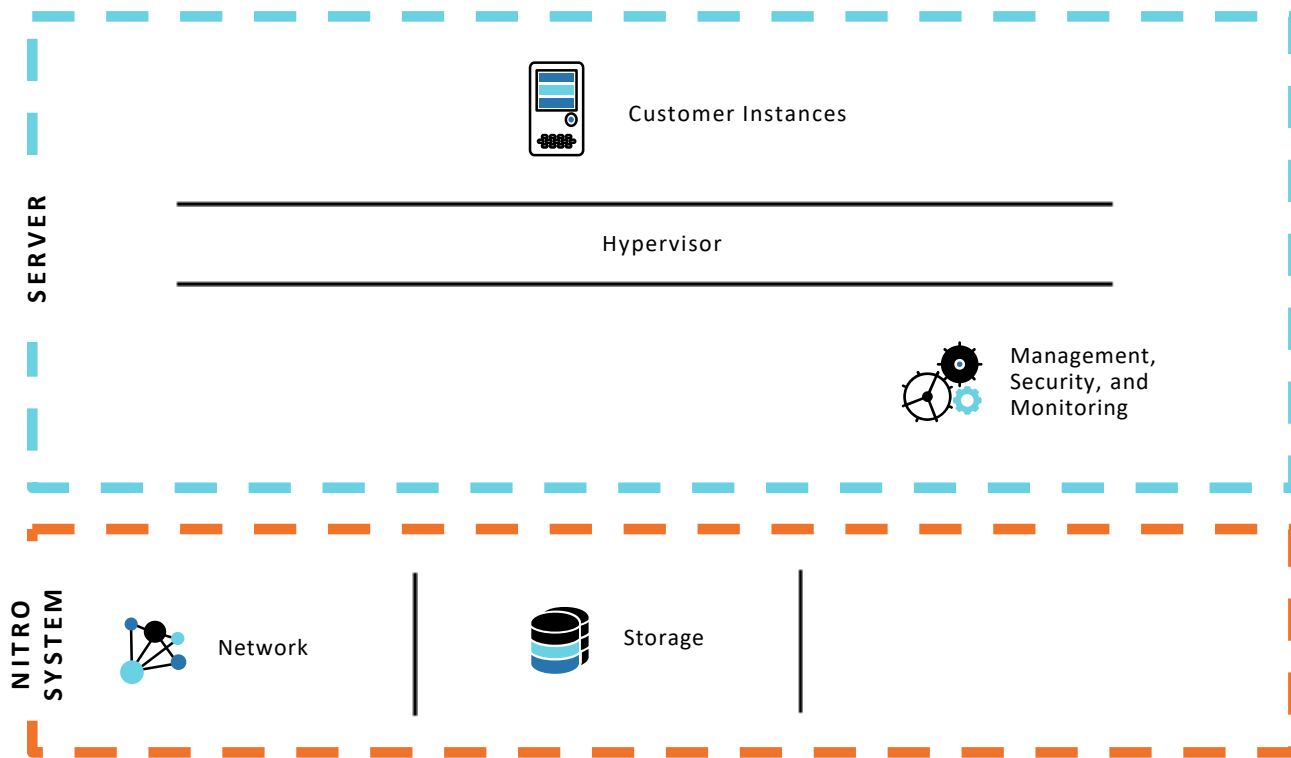
Original Amazon EC2 Host Architecture



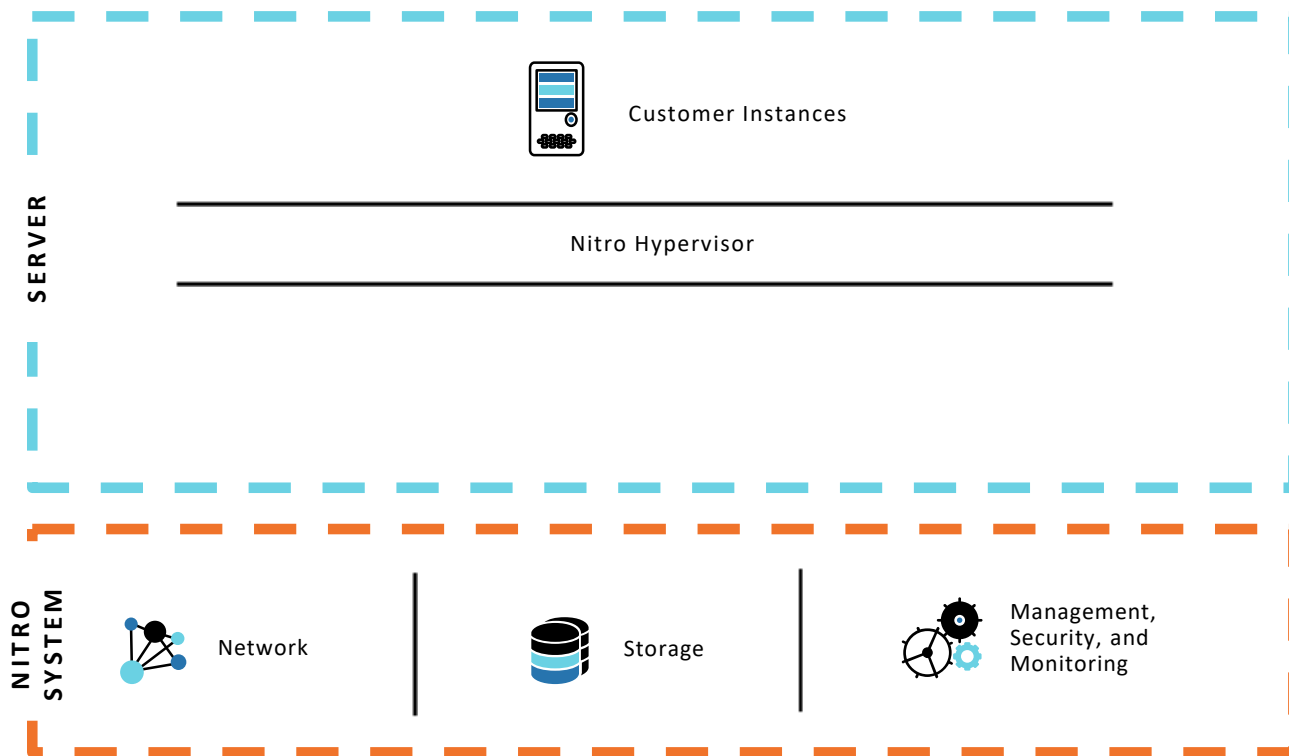
Amazon EC2 C3 Instances



Amazon EC2 C4 Instances



Amazon EC2 C5 Instances





**SECURE SHELL
(SSH) ACCESS**

Deployment & Production Summary



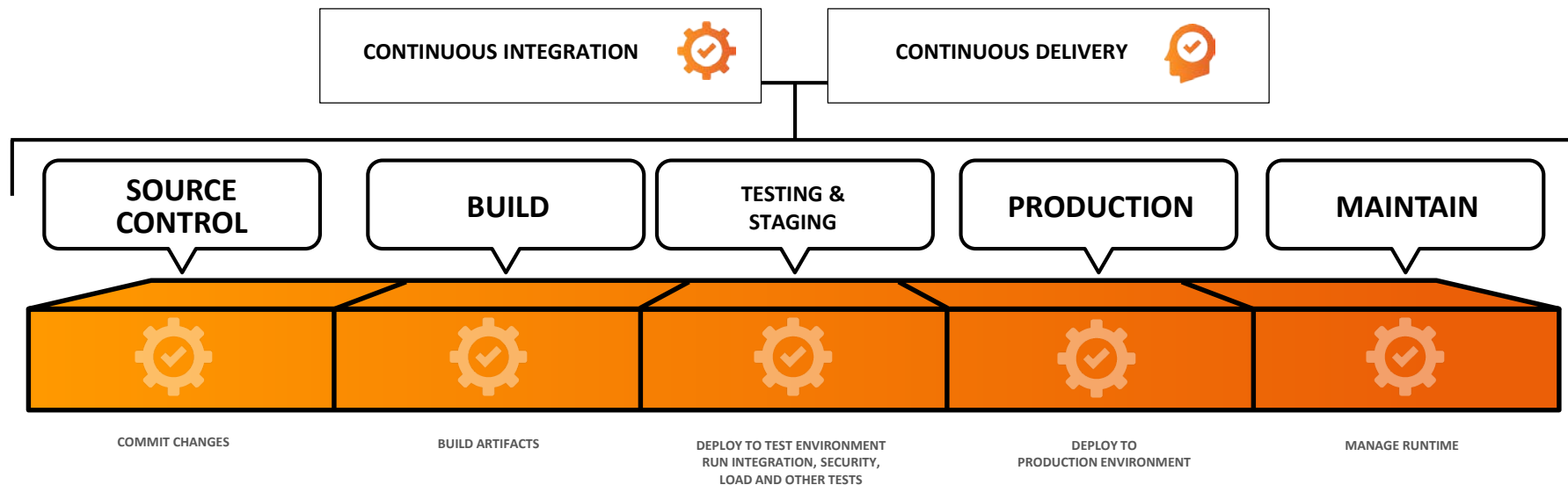
Current State

- Persistent shell access to production

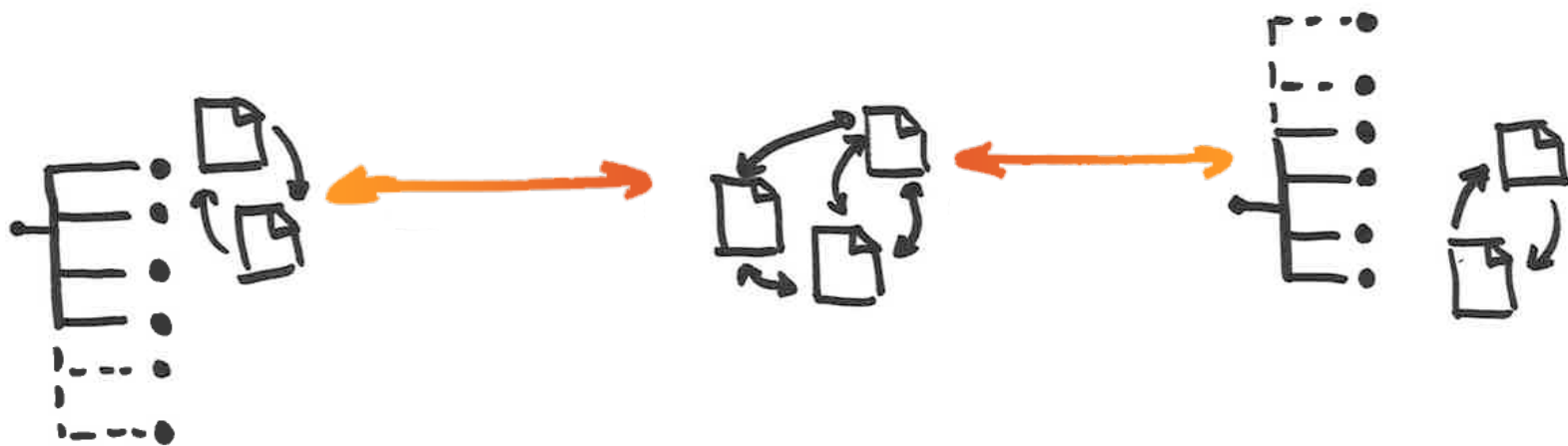
Future State

- Runtime automation, runbooks that constrain and reduce shell access
- Rotational access where required
- Code is deployed to production via pipelines, not over walls.

Maintaining Runtime Environment



Use ML and Scaled Services



**IP Reputation
Service**

**Log Processing
Fleets**

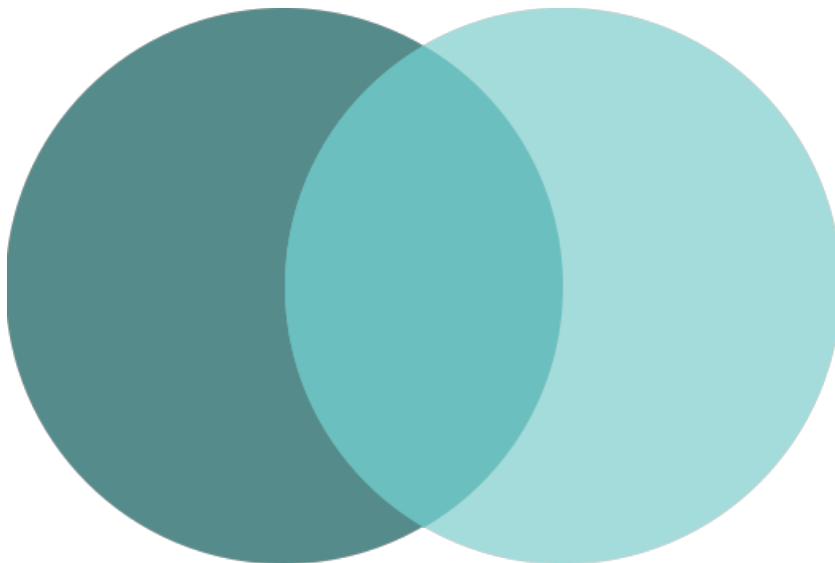
**DNS Reputation
Service**

Using NLP and ML together



Understand your data

Natural Language
Processing (NLP)



Understand data access

Predictive User Behavior
Analytics (UBA)

Content Classification with NLP



PII and personal data

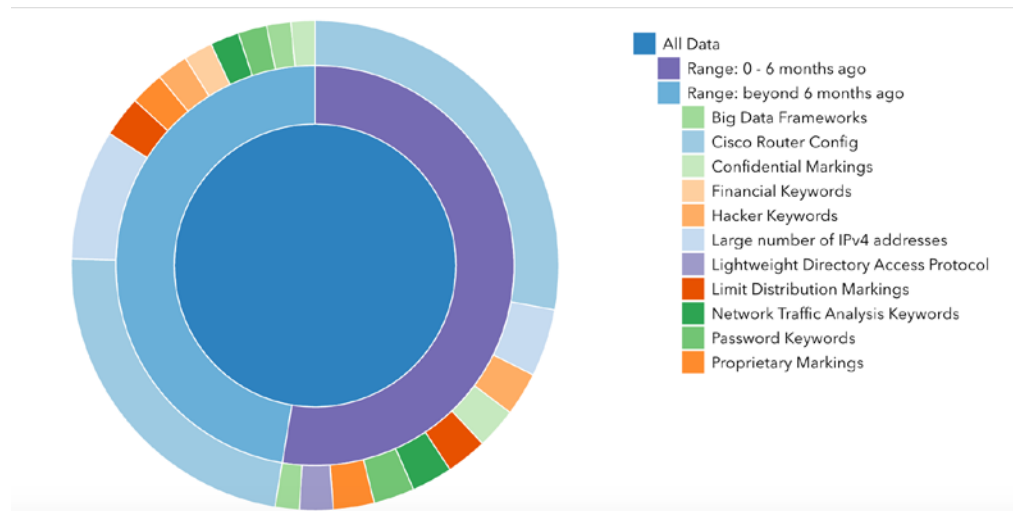
Source code

SSL certificates, private keys

iOS and Android app signing keys

Database backups

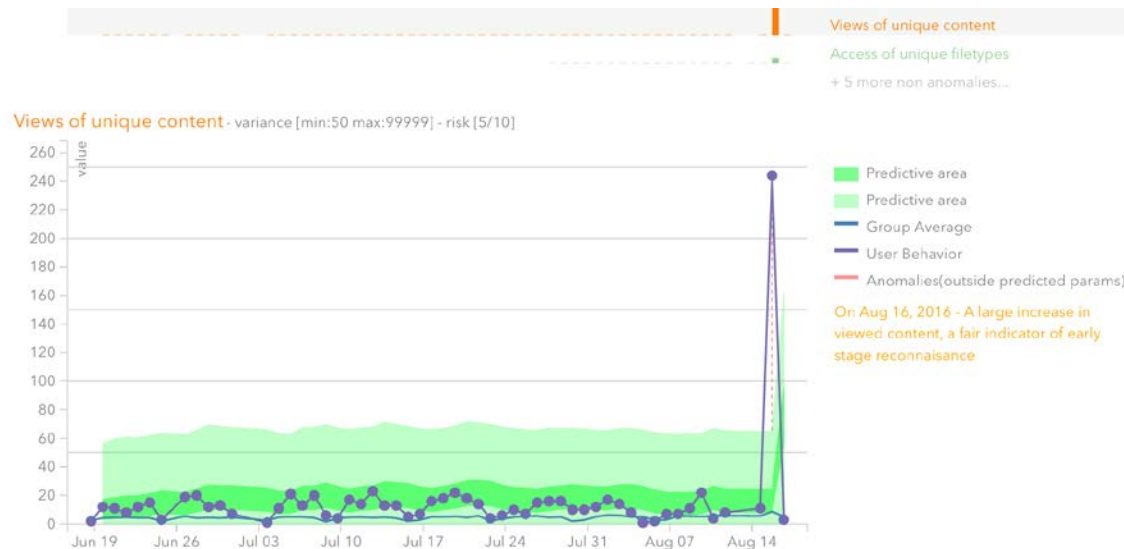
OAuth and Cloud SaaS API Keys



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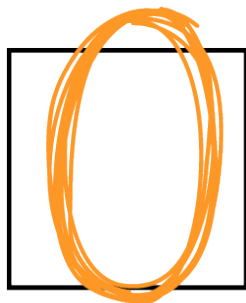


- Use behavioral analytics to baseline normal behavior patterns
- Contextualize by value of data being accessed





THIS TEAM HAS WORKED



DAYS

WITHOUT AN INCIDENT



Current State

- Inability to scale reputation-based services.
- Difficult to classify data and detect anomalies in access.

Future State

- Leverage cloud services for computationally expensive capabilities.
- Apply NLP and machine-learning together to classify sensitive data and detect anomalies.
- Focus on COEs

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