

REMOVE DEVELOPERS' SHAMEFUL SECRETS

OR SIMPLY REMOVE SHAMEFUL DEVELOPERS...

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First thing First!

Materials can be found at:

github.com/
DevSecOpsSG/
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Do the Prerequisite!



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- Singapore Management University, BS Info System
- Carnegie Mellon University, MS Info Security Policy Mgmt

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- GovTech [Formerly known as IDA] check out tech.gov.sq for more
 - Nectar PaaS, security features, etc.

presentations:

- ADDO 2016 [Blue-Green Deployment] http://bit.ly/2fLfHqr
- RSA APJ 2017 [PaaS] http://bit.ly/2yluyB9

hobbies:

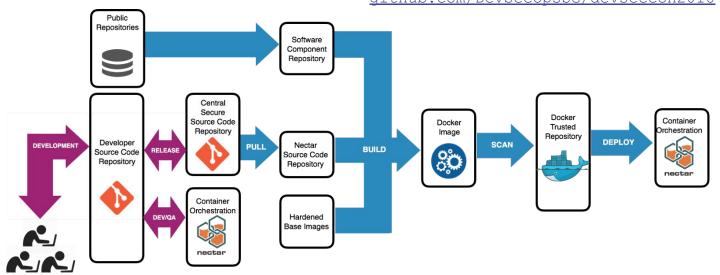
- krav maga; self defense & martial arts
- food

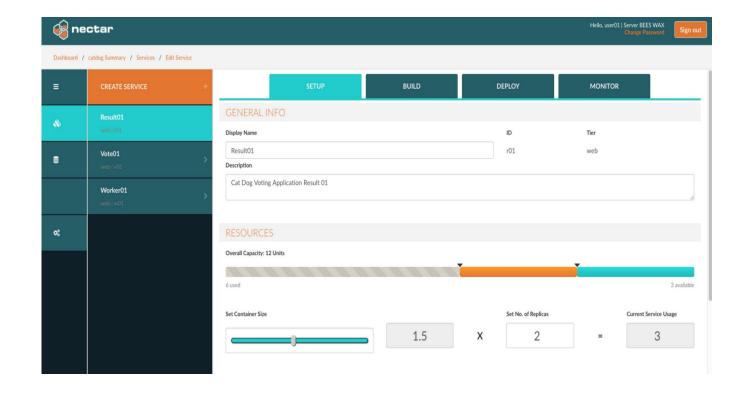




NECTAR

GovTech's Platform as a Service





Read more about it here:

https://blog.gds-gov.tech/nectar-10e0eb1581cf



Takeaways

- 1) Learned a thing about secret management
- 2) Learned a thing about design a secure workflow / pipeline
- 3) Learned a cool, new tool to integrate into your workflow
- 4) Or... Made a new friend:)

Tone

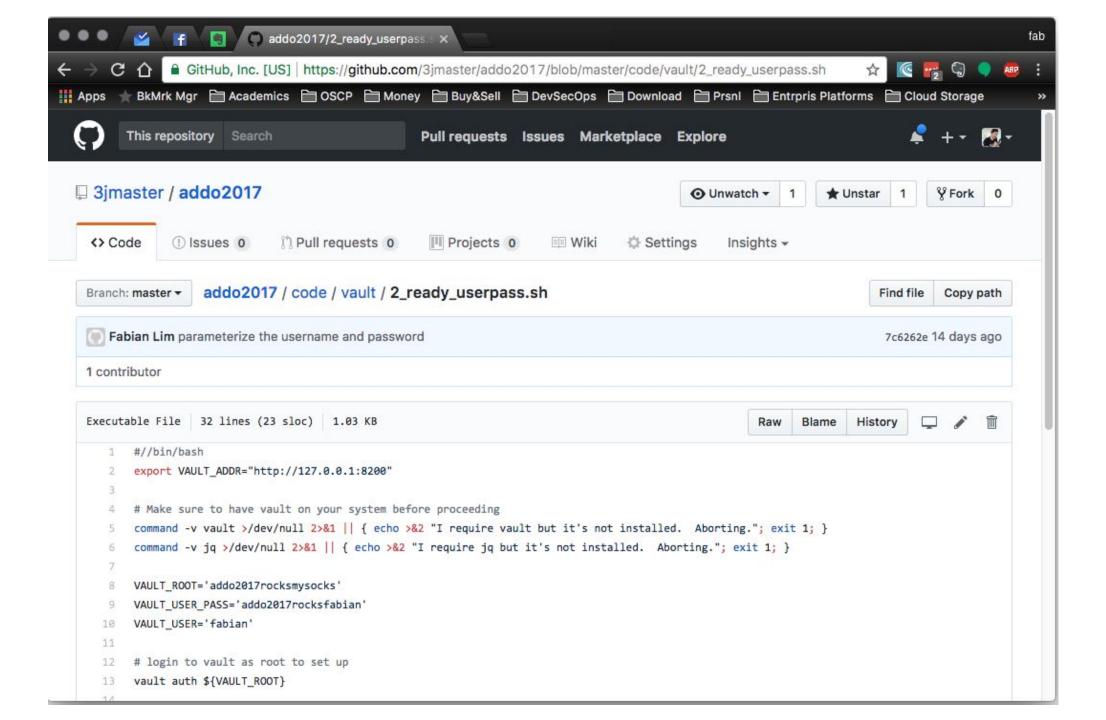
- 1) Interactive
- 2) Technical
- 3) Open

Agenda

- 1) Get to know each other, and the problems
- 2) Open discussion for designing a solution
- 3) Improve on current pipeline
- 4) Debrief and possible future integrations

My Mistakes!

OOPS! Personal mistake - commit secrets into repository...



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Get to know each other, and the problems

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- 1) With 2 or 3 in a group, introduce and get to know each other
- 2) What are some common password problems?
 - a) What are the credentials for X database, Y API, etc?
 - b) Where am I supposed to store these credentials?
 - c) Who should have these credentials? Can I pass it to ABC?
 - d) How do I rotate credentials for Y API because ABC left?
 - e) How do I keep track of X secrets of Y apps?

Discussion Time!

Lab "Tech Stack"

App (Node)

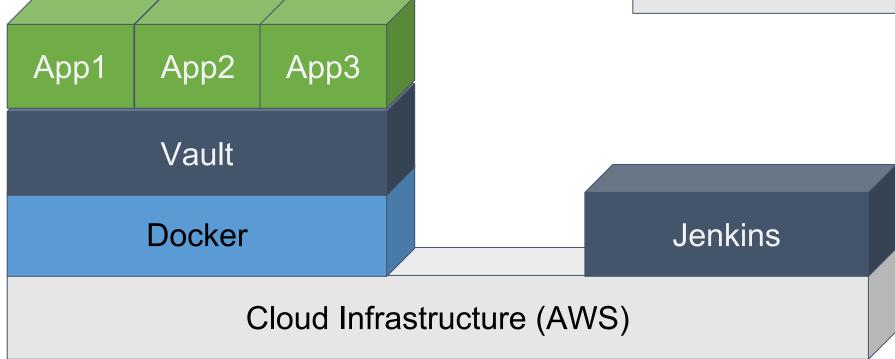
Database (MongoDB)

Cloud Infrastructure (AWS)

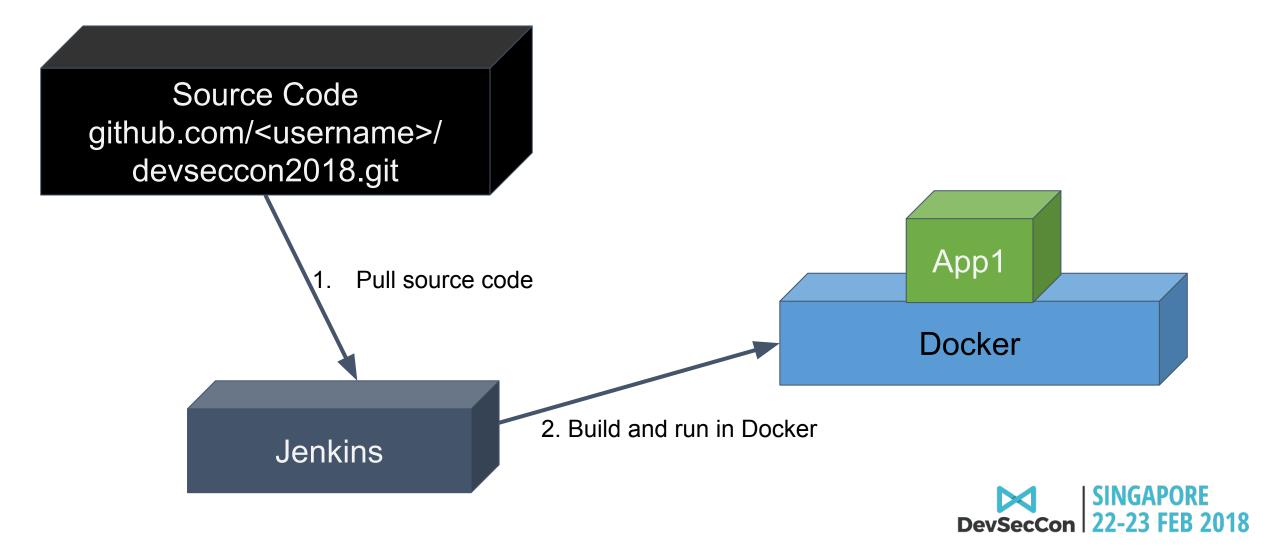


Lab "Tech Platforms"

Database1 Database2 Database3
mlab.com



Lab Workflow



LET'S GO!



Lab

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Open discussion for designing a solution

How to retrieve secrets?

- 1. Environment variables (static)
 - a. How do I manage the environment variables in dev, staging and prod?
- 2. Run-time API retrieval (pull)
 - a. What API keys to use? Where do I store it?
- 3. Run-time deployment variable injection (push)
 - a. How does the deployer trust THIS instance of build?
 - b. How does the deployer know what secrets THIS instance need?

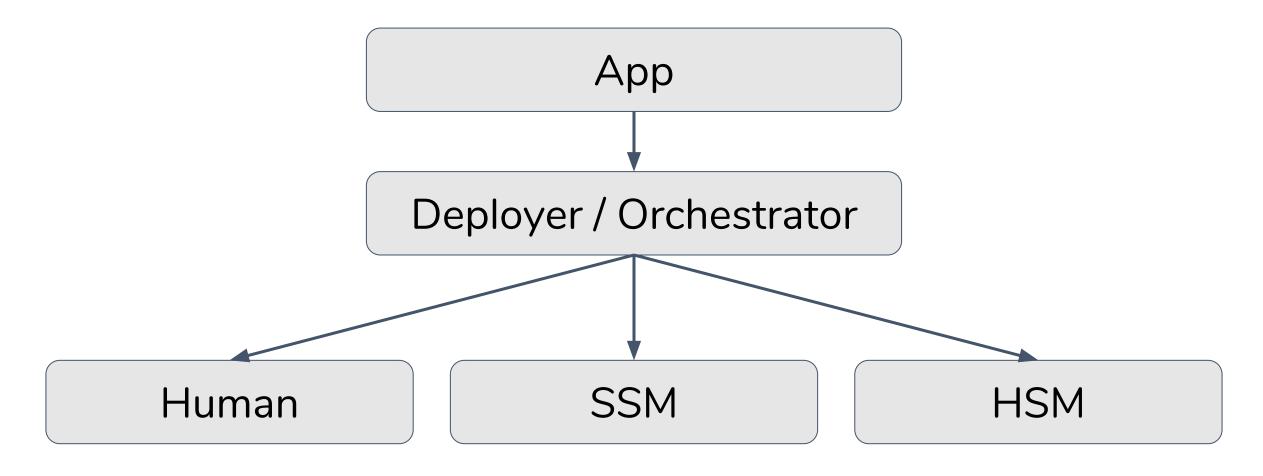
Chain of Trust

Manage Trust in workflow / pipeline

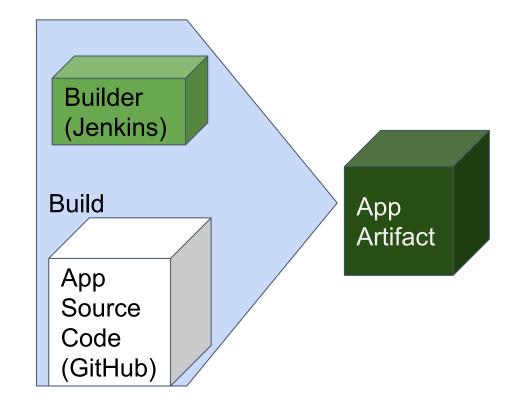
secret[0]

The idea of secret[0] is the first piece of credential, or the first entity of trust, needed to initiate a trusted chain of actions like producing the second piece of secret, etc.

Shift of Responsibility to Hold secret[0]



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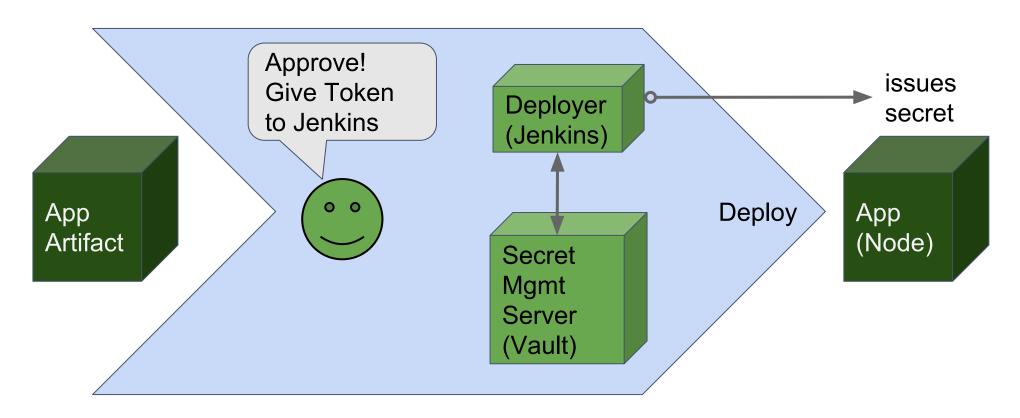


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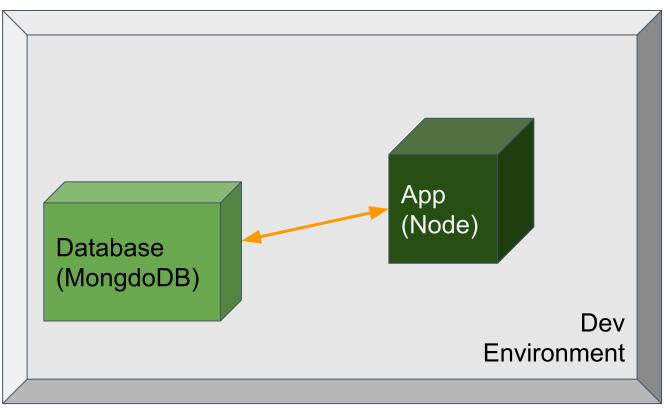


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Improve on current pipeline

Open discussion for designing a solution

Put on the Security Architect's hat:

- 1) What's a good technical solution that removes (or the risk of storing) secrets in code repositories?
- 2) How do you establish trust in a workflow?
- 3) How does a good development pipeline or workflow look like?

Discussion Time!

Scenario

- You are a new security developer in the team
- Audit flagged a high risk in the plaintext secrets that was checked in t the code repository

Objectives

Task #1: Remove secrets in code repository, but still run

Task #2: Prevent secrets from exposing in build environment (logs)



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Debrief, and possible future integrations

Pipelines are Fundamental in DevSecOps

Because it:

Supports SDLC; and Agile

By:

- Thinking like water pipelines engineers
- Building as modular as possible API
- Building resilience

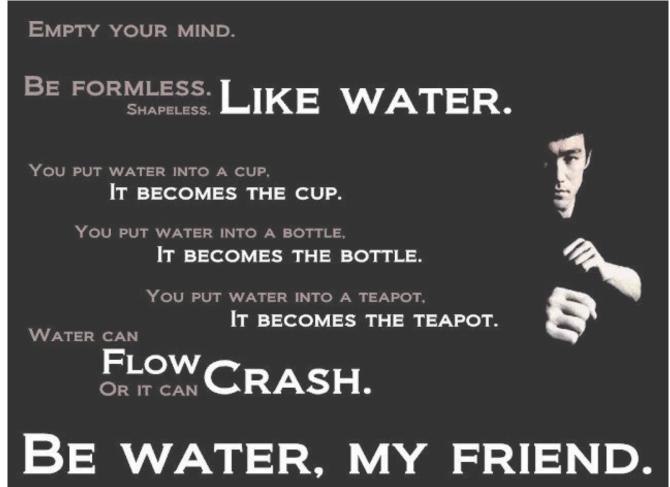
Doing so, benefits are:

- Security is built-in by design
- Containment; Blast Radius
- It can scale healthily!
- It has the ability to be re-build



Find your recipe

1)



Debrief, and possible future integrations

- 1) What are your takeaways?
 - a) Find # of hard-coded secrets
 - b) "Variablize" found secrets
 - c) Remove habits of checking in secrets
 - d) Remove guilty developers [optional]
- 2) How would you start to embark this journey and start to communicating this with your developers?
- 3) What are possible integrations improvements to this workflow?



Thank you for your attention, patience, and enthusiasm during the workshop!

Happy Lunar New Year! Cheers!

