

DevOps Foundations: Version Control and CI/CD with Jenkins



DevSecOps with Jenkins



Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- 🔗 Outline the various stages of DevSecOps to identify their appropriate applications in a secure software development lifecycle
- 🔗 Apply static application security testing (SAST) techniques in a Jenkins CI/CD pipeline to identify potential vulnerabilities
- 🔗 Integrate software composition analysis (SCA) tools with Jenkins to automatically scan for vulnerabilities in third-party libraries and dependencies in a continuous integration pipeline
- 🔗 Construct a dynamic application security testing (DAST) setup using Jenkins to evaluate its effectiveness in simulating real-world attack scenarios on web applications





Getting Started with DevSecOps on Jenkins

DevSecOps Security Check Stages

DevSecOps integrates security throughout the entire software development lifecycle. This proactive approach helps to identify and fix vulnerabilities early, reducing the risk of security breaches.

Following are the stages to implement DevSecOps to ensure security throughout the development process:

Secrets
analysis

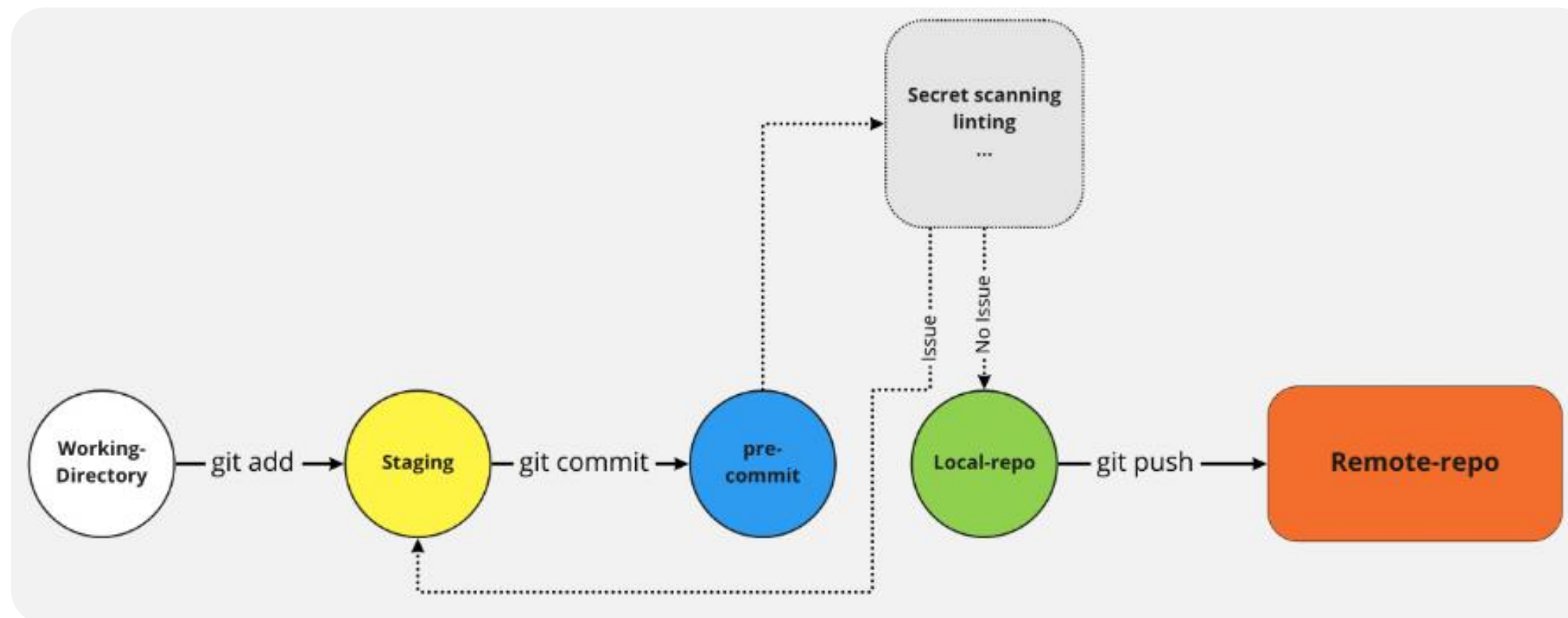
Static
application
security
testing
(SAST)

Dynamic
application
security
testing
(DAST)

Runtime
application
self-protection
(RASP)

What Is Secrets Analysis?

Secrets analysis in the DevSecOps pipeline specifically focused on identifying and preventing the exposure of sensitive information like API keys, passwords, and other credentials.



Commonly, vulnerabilities are discovered while pushing code to remote repositories, so secret scanning should be performed before remote repository pushes.

What Is Static Application Security Testing (SAST)?

It is a security technique used to identify vulnerabilities in software by analyzing its source code before it is compiled.

SAST tools can be integrated with the IDE to perform the following:

Code scan: Examine the source code of the application to search for potential security weaknesses

Vulnerability detection: Identify SQL injection flaws, cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities, buffer overflows, and insecure authentication practices

Early bug detection: Allow developers to catch and address security issues as they write the code

What Is Dynamic Application Security Testing (DAST)?

DAST is a **black-box** testing that detects runtime security vulnerabilities and weaknesses of an application by injecting malicious payloads.

DAST tools provide scans for the client side and server side of the application to detect:

Input or output validation: Simulate real-world attacks on a web application

Authentication issues: Simulate brute-force attacks where attackers try many password combinations to gain unauthorized access

Server configuration mistakes: Identify vulnerabilities that arise due to the server misconfigurations

What Is Runtime Application Self-Protection (RASP)?

RASP is a technology that works on a server during the runtime of an application. These tools are designed to detect real-time attacks on an application.

RASP tools provide scans for the server side of the application to detect:

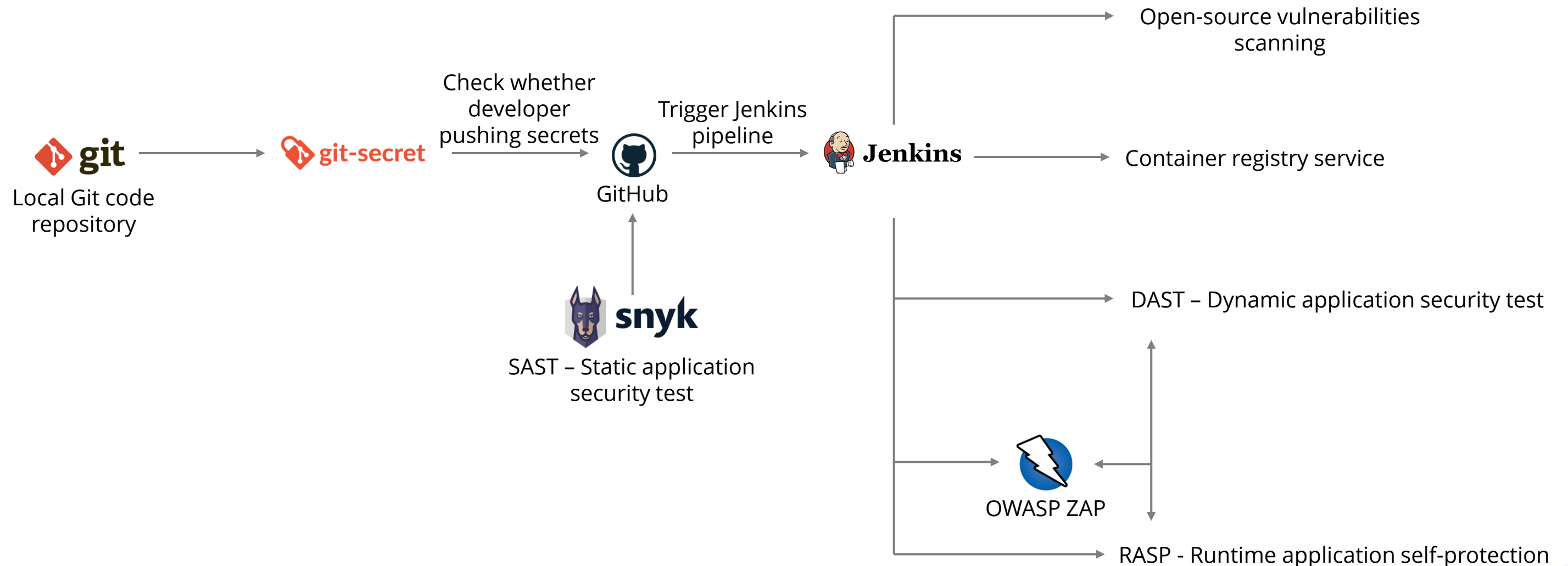
Deployment vulnerabilities: Integrate into the application or its runtime environment and enable real-time protection

Broken authentication: Identify weak authentication processes that can allow attackers to gain unauthorized access to applications

Incoming traffic vulnerabilities: Monitor incoming traffic to servers and APIs without impacting application performance

DevSecOps with Jenkins Architecture

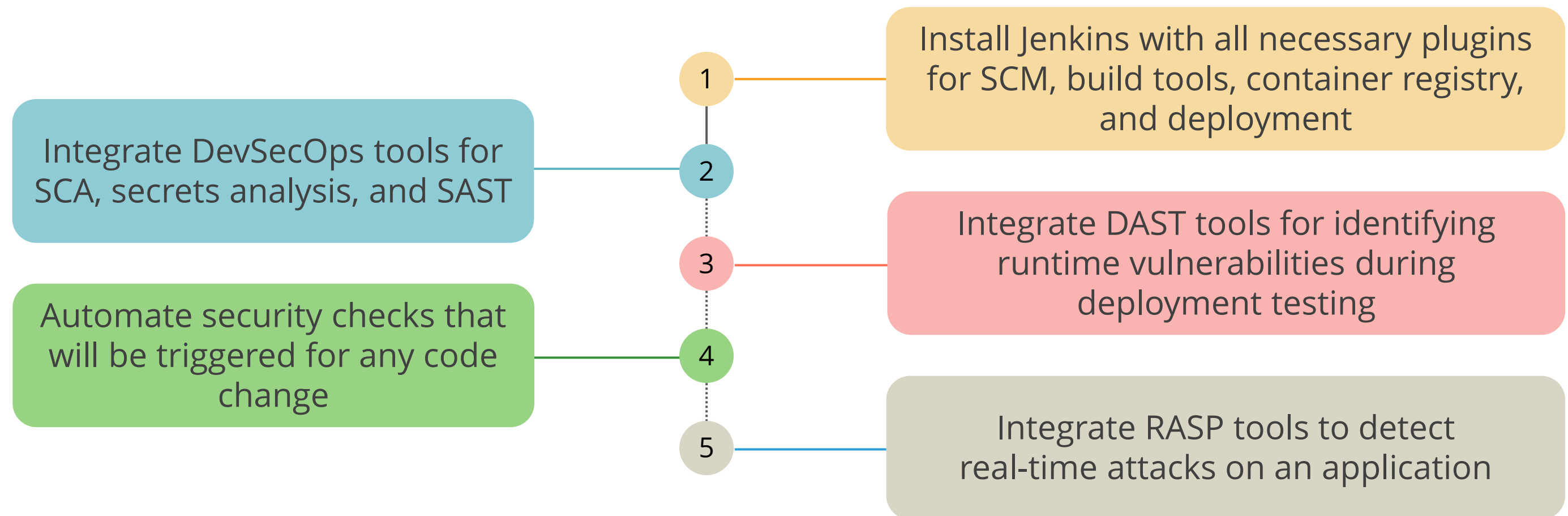
The following shows the architecture of a DevSecOps pipeline using Jenkins to identify and fix security vulnerabilities:



This ensures comprehensive security checks at multiple development and deployment stages, using tools like **git-secret**, **Snyk**, and **OWASP ZAP** to maintain a secure application environment.

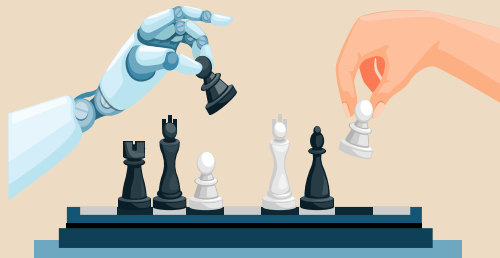
DevSecOps with Jenkins Architecture

The following shows the implementation of DevSecOps tools to create a secure and automated Jenkins CI/CD pipeline:



Case Study

Streamlining security and innovation by implementing DevSecOps with Jenkins



Challenges

- Gainsight, a leading customer success platform with a vast user base, faced a challenge in balancing rapid development with robust security practices.
- Their existing development process lacked automation and integration, hindering collaboration and slowing down releases.
- Additionally, they were facing difficulties in ensuring the code quality with security throughout the development lifecycle.

Case Study



Solution

- Gainsight's engineering team decided to implement a smarter, faster DevSecOps platform using Jenkins.
- They utilized Jenkins as an open-source automation server that provided a central hub to integrate various development and security tools.
- They adopted an Infrastructure as Code (IaC) approach to manage the entire platform configuration along with robust DevSecOps practices at an early stage of development.

Case Study



Outcome

- Enhanced security by integrating security tools at each phase of development within the Jenkins pipeline
- Increased efficiency by enabling automation of repetitive tasks, streamlining the development lifecycle
- Scalable infrastructure was achieved by leveraging Jenkins' Infrastructure as Code approach, resulting in a 95% code-scalable architecture.

Gainsight's lead DevOps engineer emphasizes the pivotal role of Jenkins: "*Jenkins is the epicenter of DevSecOps in our organization.*"

Quick Check



Your company is building a new e-commerce platform and wants to implement DevSecOps practices. Which of the following stages is the most crucial security check to perform before deploying the code to production using Jenkins?

- A. RASP (Runtime application self-protection)
- B. Secrets analysis
- C. DAST (Dynamic application security testing)
- D. SAST (Static application security testing)



Automating SAST in Jenkins with Snyk

What Is Snyk?

Snyk is a developer security platform that helps software development teams find and fix vulnerabilities across various aspects of their applications.



It can proactively help find and fix vulnerabilities for **NPM, Maven, NuGet, RubyGems, containers, and infrastructure as code.**

Why Use Snyk?

Snyk being an open-source security tool offers the following security scanning capabilities:

Static Application Security Testing (SAST): Snyk can scan the source code for static vulnerabilities, ensuring the application is secure.

Dynamic Application Security Testing (DAST): It can scan the runtime for vulnerabilities in the application.

Container security testing: It ensures containers are secure on-premises, in the cloud, and while using Kubernetes.

Infrastructure security testing: It can scan infrastructure code for vulnerabilities.

Actionable fix advice: It identifies vulnerabilities and provides clear and actionable advice on how to fix them throughout the development process.

Companies Using Snyk



The Telegraph



How to Integrate Snyk with Jenkins

Following are the steps to integrate Snyk with Jenkins:

Install the Snyk security plugin for Jenkins

In the Jenkins interface, go to **Manage Jenkins** > **Manage Plugins** > **Available**

Search for **Snyk Security**

Install the Snyk plugin

How to Integrate Snyk with Jenkins

Configure the Snyk installation

Go to
**Manage Jenkins >
Global Tool
Configuration**

Add a **Snyk
Installation**

Configure the
Installation

Customize the API
endpoint by
updating the
SNYK_API
environment
variable

How to Integrate Snyk with Jenkins

Configure a Snyk API token credential

Get the Snyk API token from the official website of Snyk

In the Jenkins interface, go to **Manage Jenkins > Manage Credentials**

Choose a **Store**, then a **Domain**, and select **Add Credentials**

Select **Snyk API Token** and then configure the credentials

How to Integrate Snyk with Jenkins

Add Snyk security to the project

Freestyle project

- Select a project
- Go to **Configure**
- Under Build, select **Add build step > Invoke Snyk Security Task**

Pipeline project

- Use the **snykSecurity** step with the required parameters as part of the pipeline script

How to Integrate Snyk with Jenkins

View the report of the Snyk security scan

Run a new build
of the Jenkins
project

Go to the page
of the build

Click on **Snyk
Security Report**
in the sidebar to
see the results

Assisted Practice



Setting up Snyk for SAST in Jenkins

Duration: 20 Min.

Problem statement:

You have been assigned a task to demonstrate the setup of the Snyk plugin in Jenkins for Static Application Security Testing (SAST), to automatically detect vulnerabilities in their codebase during development, thereby enhancing application security before deployment.

Outcome:

By completing this demo, you will gain proficiency in setting up the Snyk plugin in Jenkins to perform SAST scans. You will configure Snyk as a SAST tool and set up a Jenkins job to perform these scans.

Note: Refer to the demo document for detailed steps

Assisted Practice: Guidelines



Steps to be followed:

1. Configure Snyk as a SAST scan tool
2. Create and configure a Jenkins job for Snyk integration
3. Manage Snyk API and Jenkins credentials
4. Configure the Jenkins job for scanning

Quick Check



You're building a Jenkins pipeline for an application and want to include Snyk security checks. How would you integrate Snyk for **automated code analysis** to detect vulnerabilities before deployment?

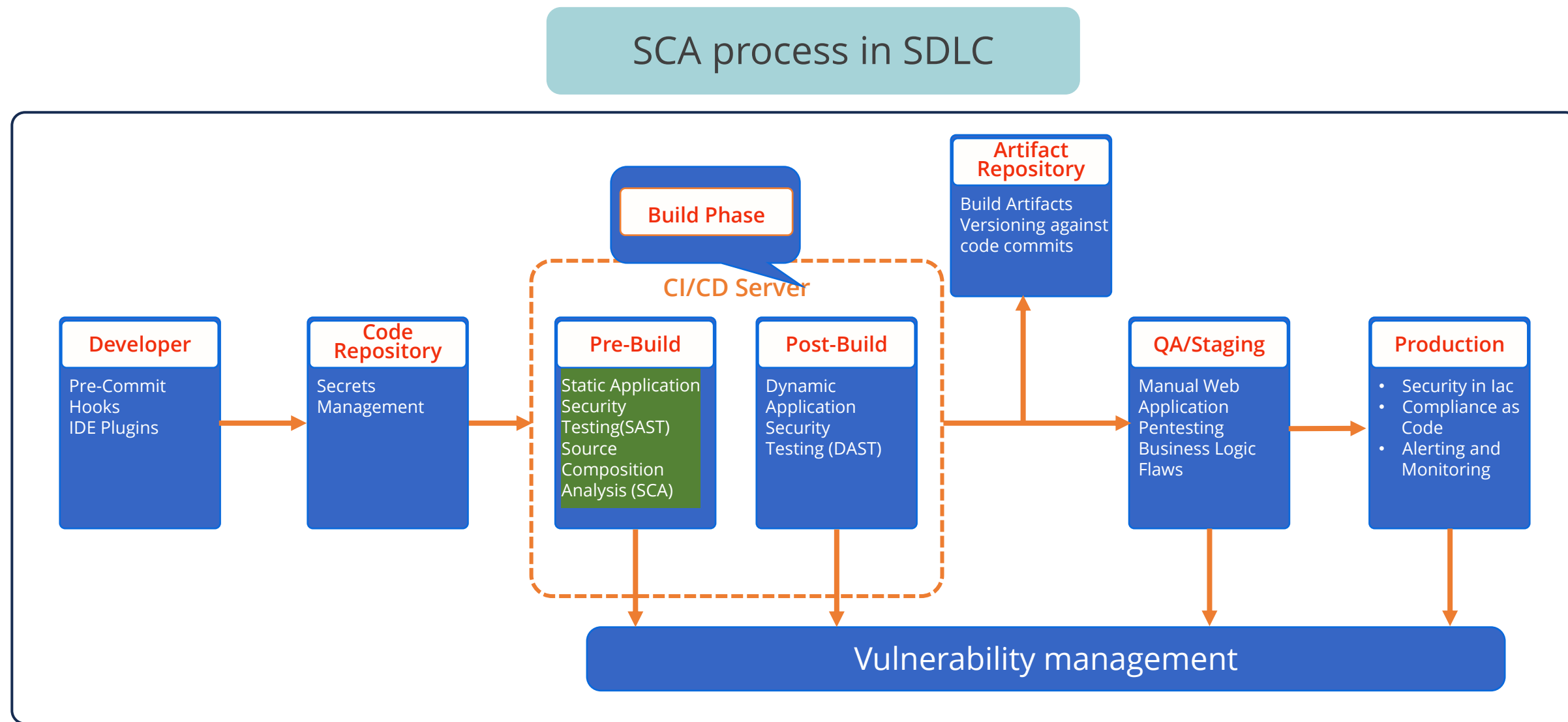
- A. Use the **Post-build Actions** section of the pipeline to trigger a SAST scan with Snyk
- B. Configure the Snyk Jenkins plugin within the code pipeline to scan the codebase during the build stage
- C. Manually run a SAST scan with Snyk after every build completes
- D. Integrate Snyk with the container registry to scan container images during deployment



Software Composition Analysis in Jenkins

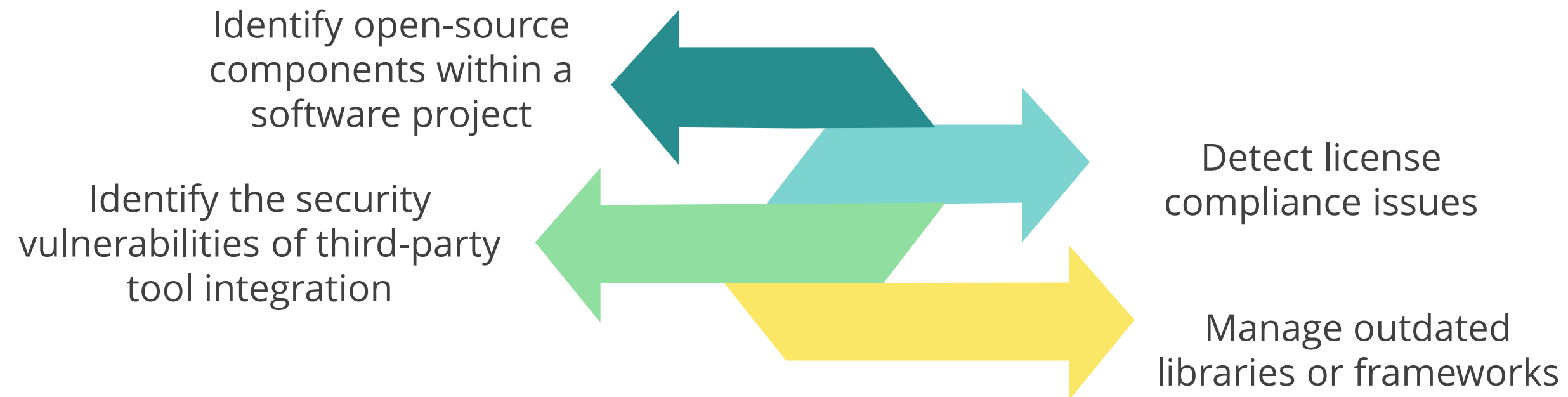
Overview of Software Composition Analysis

Software Composition Analysis (**SCA**) testing manages risks from third-party and open-source components in software projects, enhancing development and security management.



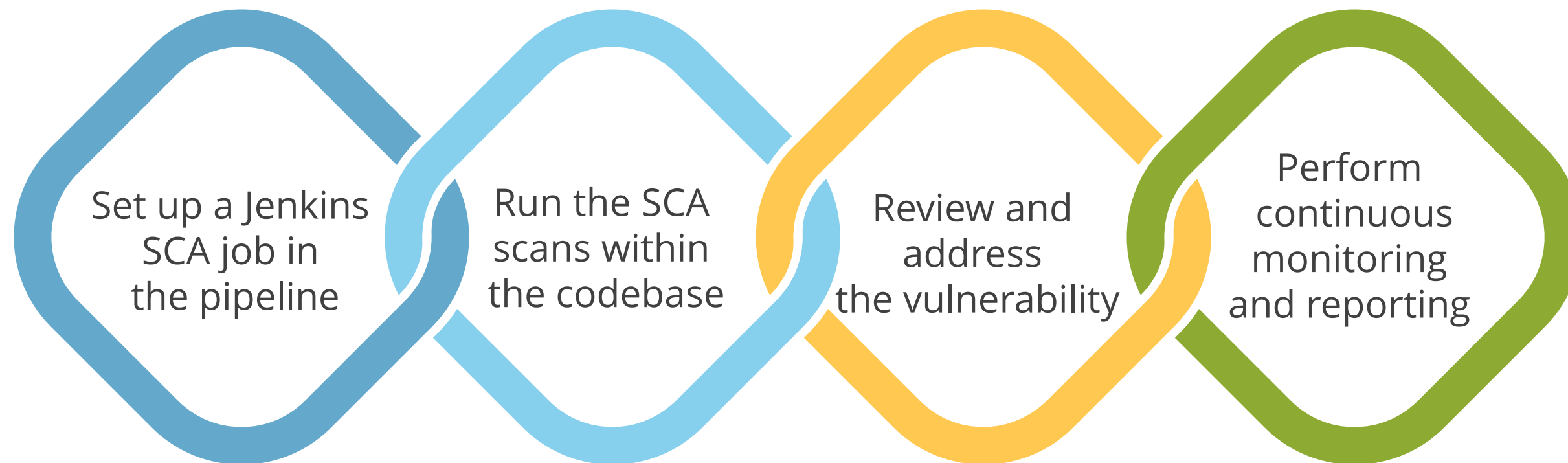
Why Is SCA Important?

SCA testing is primarily used to:

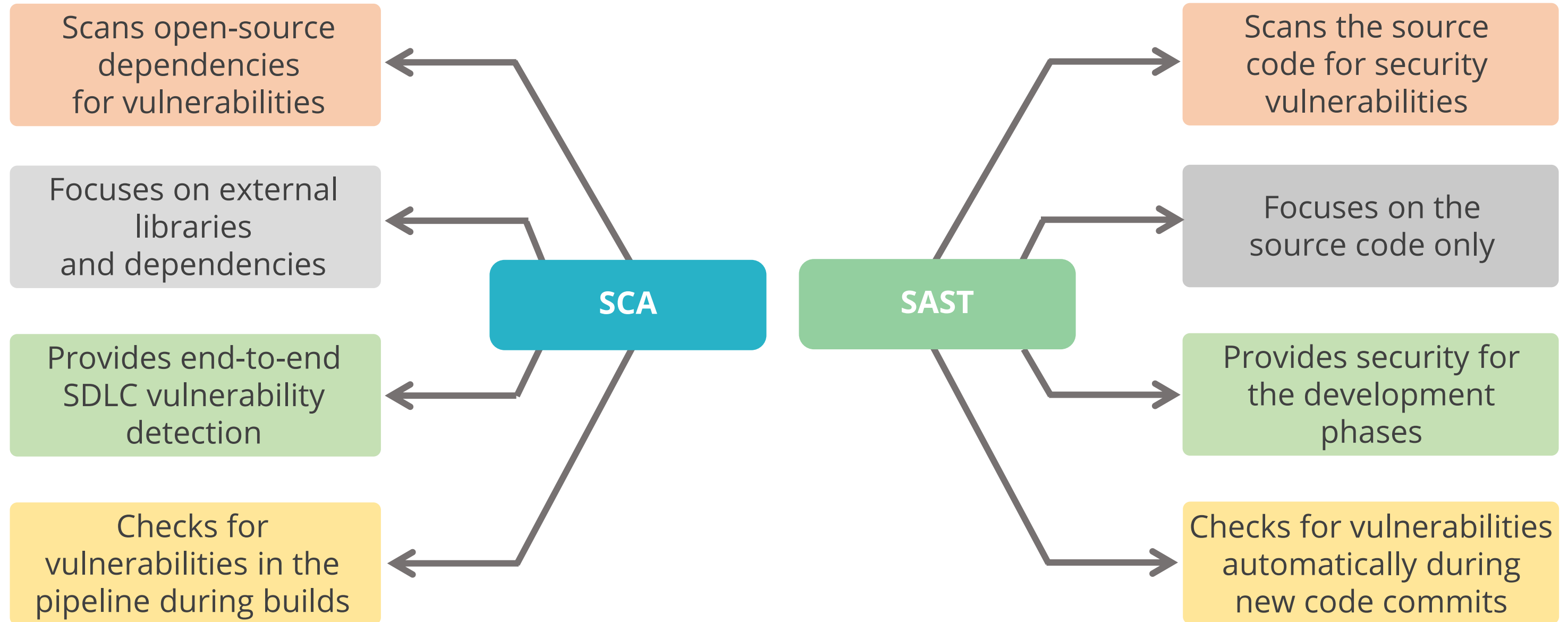


How SCA Works?

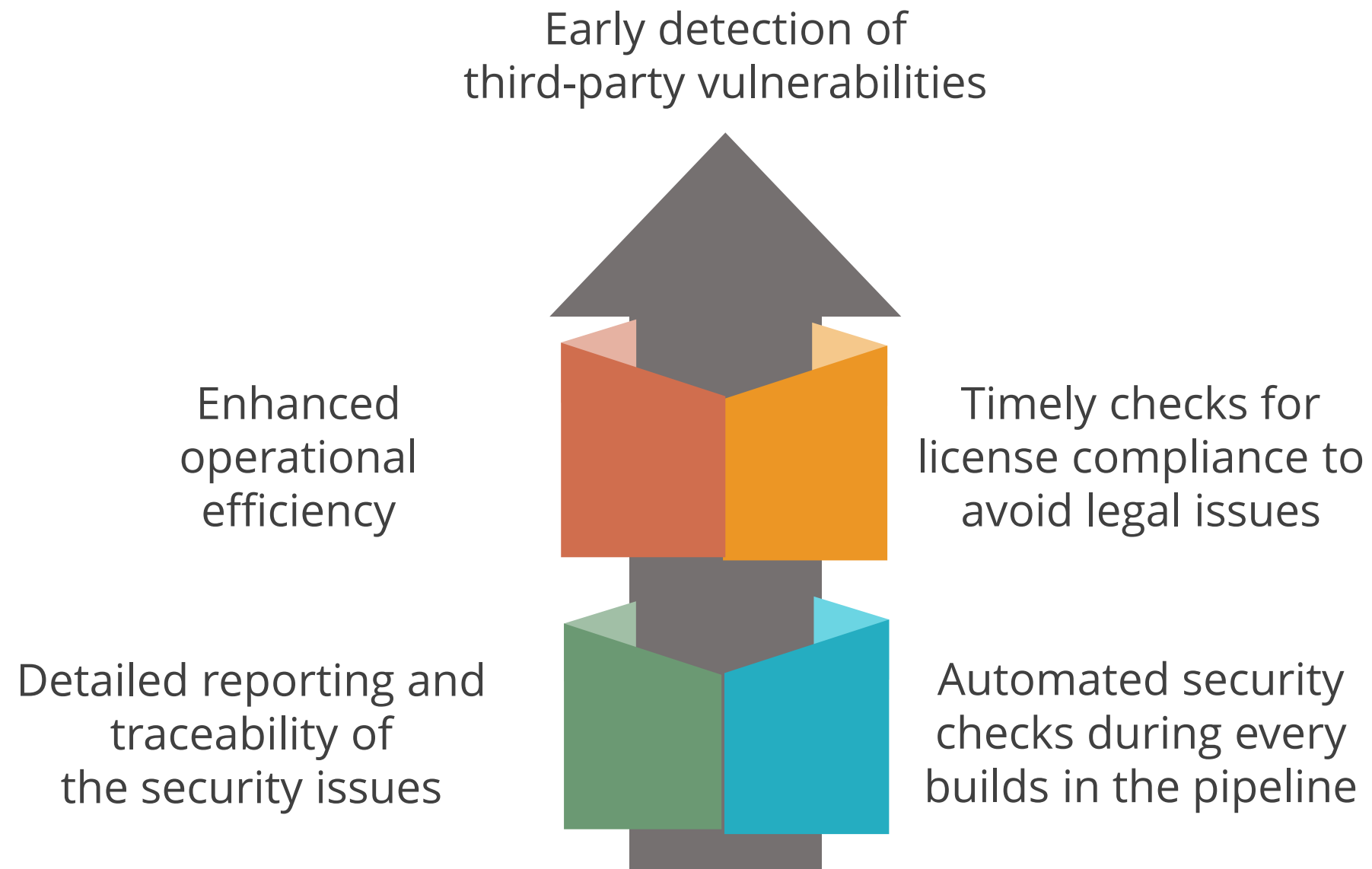
SCA scan is integrated within a Jenkins pipeline to perform scheduled scans at various stages typically either before or after builds. The following shows a typical SCA scan routine in a CI/CD pipeline:



SCA vs. SAST



Benefits of Integrating SCA with Jenkins



SCA Scanning Tools

The following are the popular SCA scanning tools that can be integrated within a Jenkins pipeline:



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Integrating SCA tools into Jenkins for enhanced vulnerability detection

Duration: 15 Min.

Problem statement:

You have been assigned a task to automate SCA scans by integrating the Snyk plugin with Jenkins, enhancing the efficiency of vulnerability detection within Jenkins build jobs.

Outcome:

By completing this demo, you will gain proficiency in setting up the Snyk plugin in Jenkins to perform SCA scans. You will configure Snyk and set up a Jenkins job to perform an SCA scan for a Java application.

Note: Refer to the demo document for detailed steps

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Steps to be followed:

1. Install Snyk and Maven plugins in the Jenkins
2. Configure the Maven and Snyk installations
3. Create a new Jenkins pipeline job

Quick Check



Your development team is building a new web application that relies on several open-source libraries. You're concerned about the potential vulnerabilities in these libraries. Which Jenkins integration can most effectively address this concern?

- A. Static code analysis tool
- B. SCA plugin
- C. Code review workflow
- D. Manual vulnerability scanning



Automating DAST in Jenkins Using OWASP ZAP

OWASP ZAP as a DAST Tool

OWASP ZAP is a free and open-source web application security scanner, developed and actively maintained by a dedicated international team of developers.



OWASP
Zed Attack Proxy

It is used to find vulnerabilities in web applications, identify misconfigurations, and test web functionality. It supports various protocols such as HTTP, HTTPS, SOAP, REST, FTP, and FTPS.

OWASP ZAP as a DAST Tool

ZAP simulates the behavior of an attacker on a web application to function as a DAST tool. Following are ways in which ZAP ensures the dynamic security of an application:



ZAP crawls the web application with its spider and scans each page to attack them as attackers.

It tests targeted vulnerabilities, including SQL injection and XSS, by injecting malicious payloads.

It passively monitors application traffic while acting as a proxy.

It integrates well with CI/CD pipelines, enabling automated security testing.

How Does OWASP ZAP Work?

ZAP acts as a *man-in-the-middle proxy* placed between the tester's browser and the web application. It intercepts and inspects the messages sent between the browser and the web application.



If there is another network proxy connected between the browser and the web application, ZAP can also be configured to connect to that proxy.



DAST Scan in Jenkins Pipeline Using ZAP

OWASP ZAP tool can be integrated with a Jenkins CI/CD pipeline to automate dynamic application security testing (DAST) for the software development process.

Automated
vulnerability
assessment

Penetration
testing

Security testing
from an end-user

Code review

Following are the specific outcomes that can expected from DAST with ZAP in the Jenkins CI/CD pipeline:

Security
scan reports

Vulnerability
categorization

Improved secure
collaboration

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Installing and configuring ZAP plugin on Jenkins

Duration: 15 Min.

Problem statement:

You have been assigned a task to install and configure the OWASP ZAP plugin on Jenkins to automate security testing of web applications during the build process.

Outcome:

By completing this demo, you will gain proficiency in setting up the OWASP ZAP plugin in Jenkins to perform DAST scans. You will install and configure OWASP ZAP and set up a Jenkins pipeline job to integrate the vulnerability scan tool.

Note: Refer to the demo document for detailed steps

Assisted Practice: Guidelines



Steps to be followed:

1. Configure OWASP ZAP tool in Jenkins
2. Create a Jenkins pipeline job to integrate the vulnerability scan tool

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Implementing OWASP ZAP DAST scan in Jenkins pipeline

Duration: 15 Min.

Problem statement:

You have been assigned a task to implement the ZAP DAST tool using the Jenkins declarative pipeline to automate code scans using the Jenkins build job.

Outcome:

By completing this demo, you will gain proficiency in using the OWASP ZAP plugin in Jenkins to perform DAST scans. You will implement the ZAP DAST tool using the Jenkins declarative pipeline to automate code scans using the Jenkins build job.

Note: Refer to the demo document for detailed steps

Assisted Practice: Guidelines



Steps to be followed:

1. Create a Jenkins pipeline job to integrate the vulnerability scan tool

Quick Check



You've integrated OWASP ZAP with Jenkins to automate DAST scans within your CI/CD pipeline. Which of the following is an advantage of this approach?

- A. Developers can skip security testing entirely because ZAP automates everything.
- B. ZAP replaces the need for code reviews, as it can identify all vulnerabilities.
- C. Security testing is seamlessly integrated into the development process, enabling early vulnerability detection.
- D. OWASP ZAP becomes the single source of truth for application security.

Key Takeaways

- The stages to implement DevSecOps throughout the software development process include secrets analysis, SAST, SCA, DAST, and RASP.
- Secrets analysis in the DevSecOps pipeline specifically focuses on identifying and preventing the exposure of sensitive information.
- Static application security testing (SAST), also known as static code analysis, is a security technique used to identify vulnerabilities in software by analyzing its source code.
- DAST is a black-box testing, that detects runtime security vulnerabilities and weaknesses of an application by injecting malicious payloads.



Key Takeaways

- Software composition analysis (SCA) testing manages risks from third-party and open-source components in software projects.
- OWASP ZAP is a free and open-source web application security scanner which can simulate the behavior of an attacker on a web application to function as a DAST tool.





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