

Adding API Security to your DevSecOps Toolbelt

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- What are the Stakes?
- Why API Security
- DevOps vs DevSecOps
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Introduction

SIS API Security and
DevSecOps Practice



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Background

Noname Security

AWS

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What are the Stakes?

- Cyber combat precedes physical combat
- Nation State APTs
- Cybercrime costs \$10 Trillion annually
- \$4.9 million average breach cost
- Regulatory fines
- Business impact
- Bankruptcy for small firms

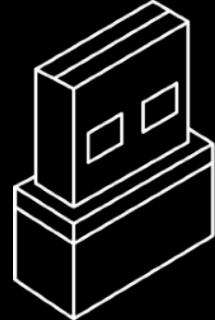


Why API Security

- **85% of web attacks are now API attacks**
- Data is the new GOLD
- DevOps success
- Increased vulnerability
- API interdependent vulnerabilities
- Fix in Dev vs Ops
- 1200:1 | Devs:AppSec
- Technology, Processes, People
- ITERATIVE LIFT not a BURDEN



API Security Foundation



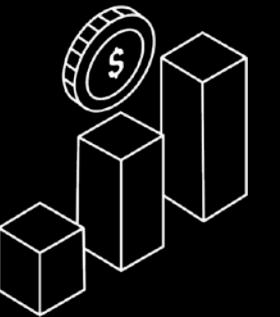
Discovery

**API asset inventory,
change detection, network
mapping, reconnaissance.**



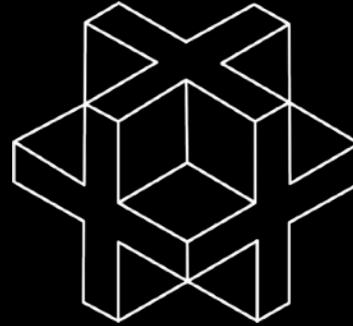
Posture Management

**Configuration control,
vulnerability management,
remediation prioritization.**



Runtime Protection

**Detection and prevention of
attackers and suspicious
behavior in real time.**



Active Testing

**Secure APIs in dev to stop
vulnerabilities before
production.**

DevOps

DevOps Software Factory

- Fast release
- Predictable results
- Infra as Code

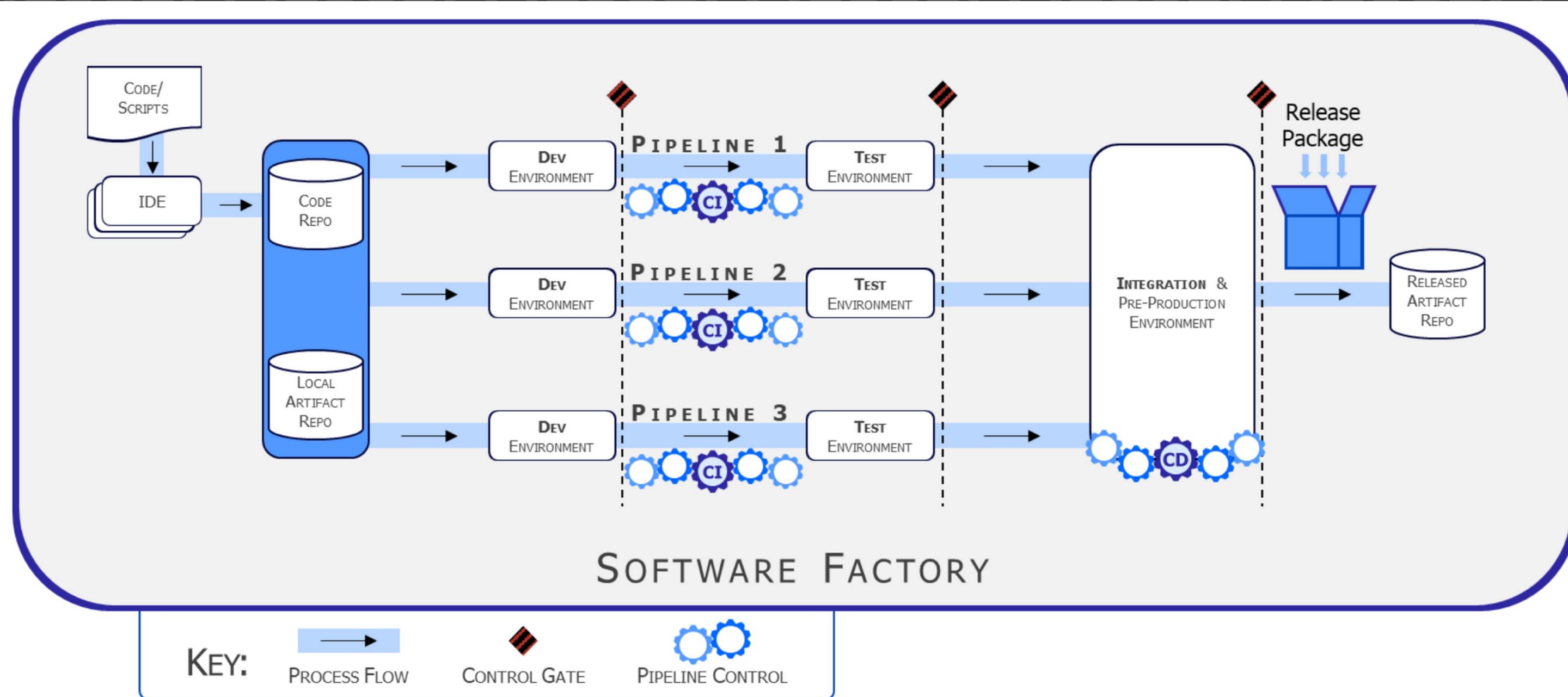


Figure 5 Normative Software Factory Construct

DevSecOps

DevSecOps Software Factory

- Shift Left
- Testing built into stages
- Not enough

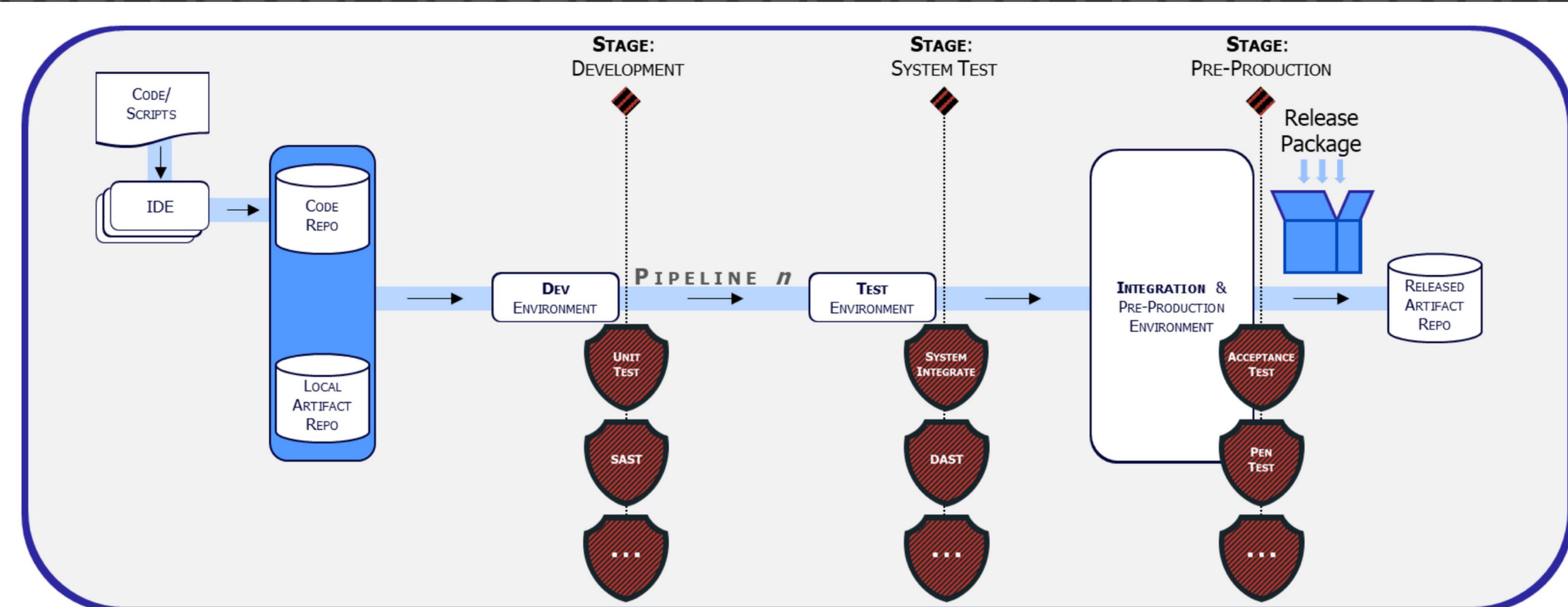


Figure 7 Notional expansion of a single DevSecOps software factory Pipeline

DevSecOps

DevSecOps Lifecycle

- DoD model
- Security at every stage
- Comprehensive code lifecycle

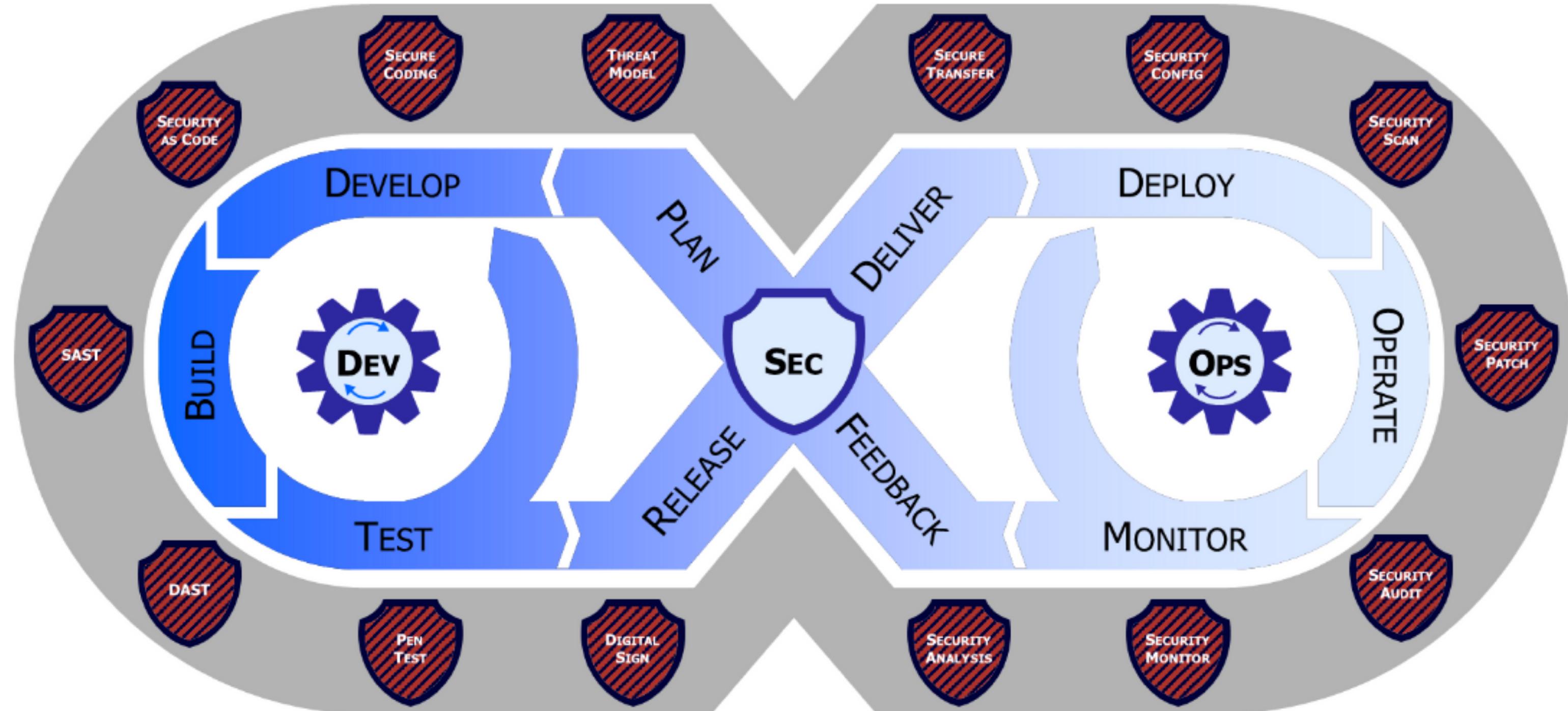


Figure 3 DevSecOps Distinct Lifecycle Phases and Philosophies

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API Sec at arrows

DoD DevSecOps Security Strategy

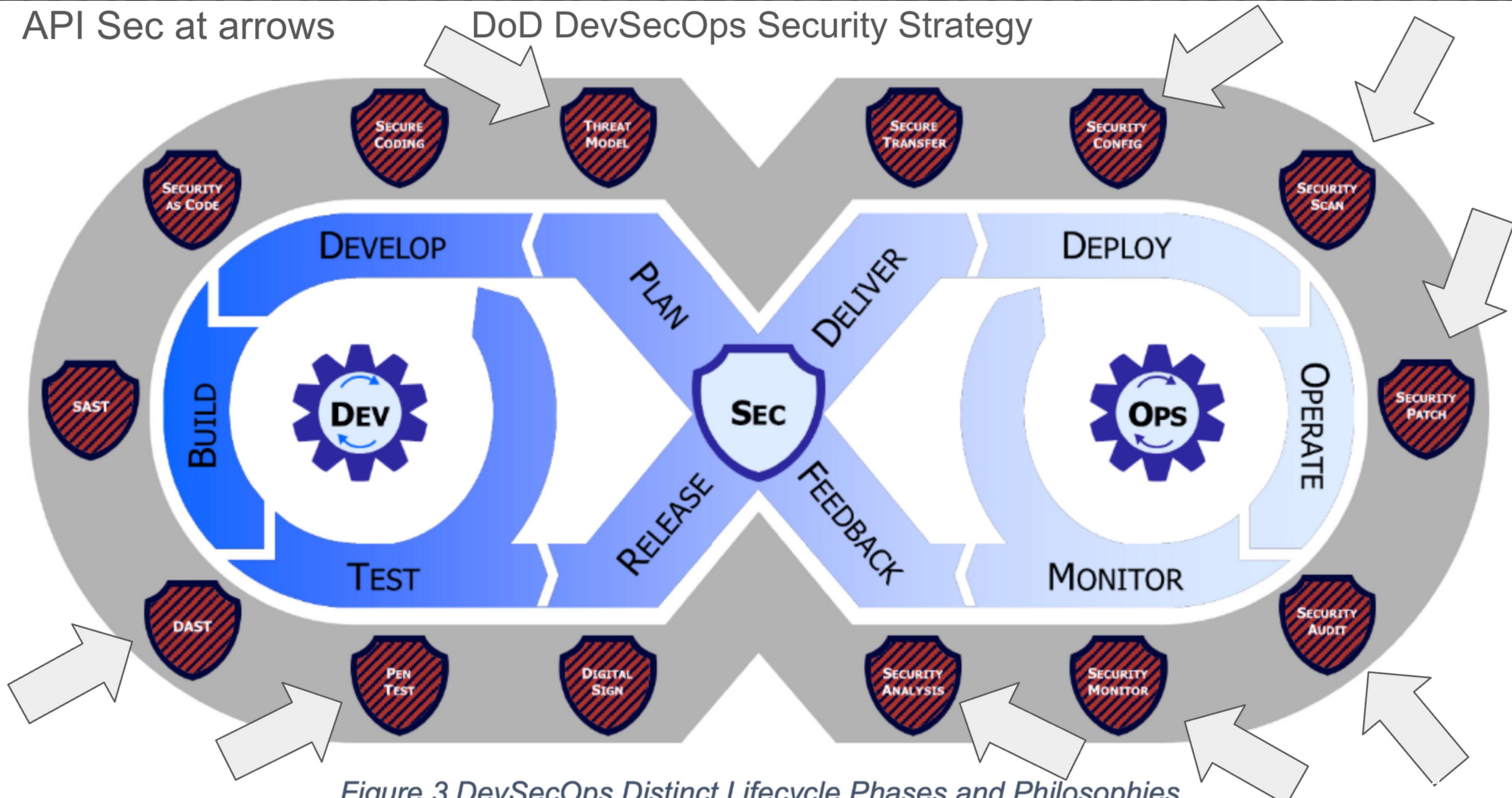


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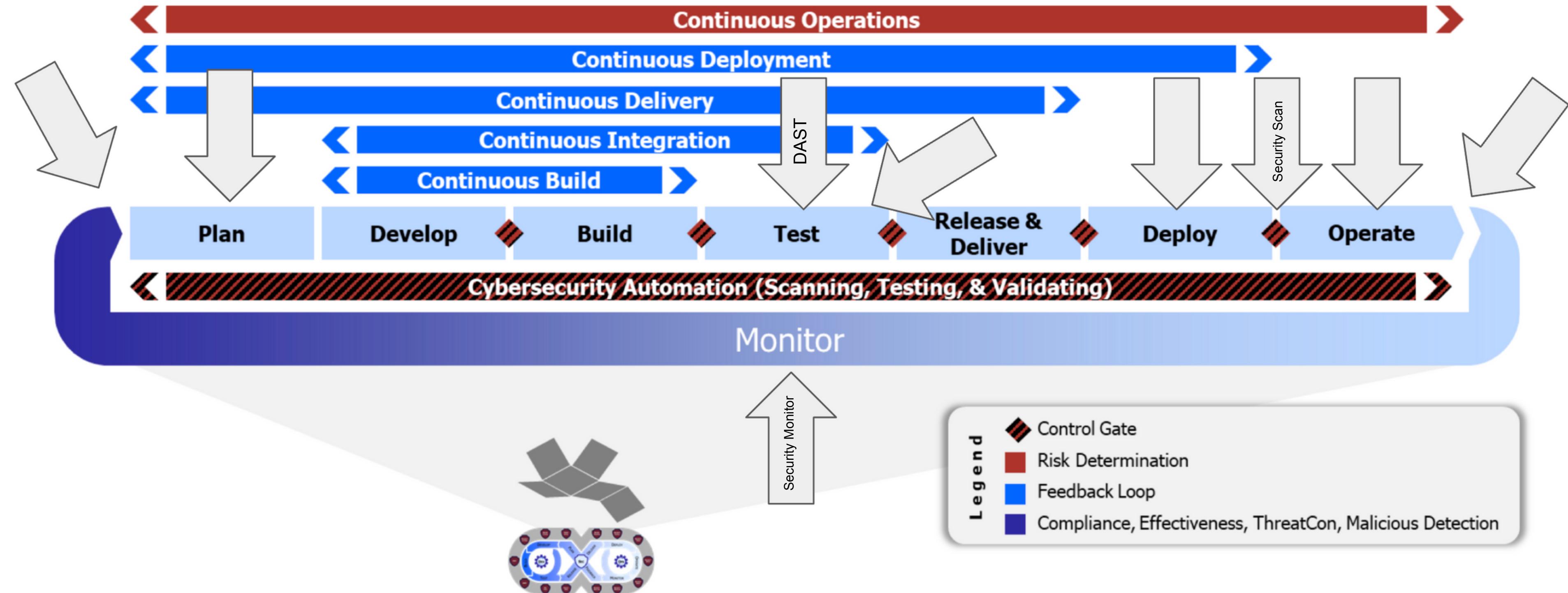
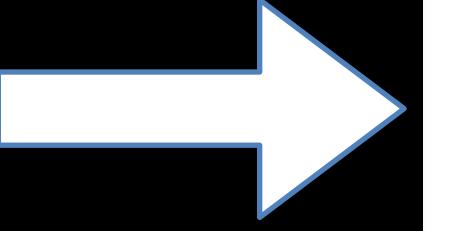
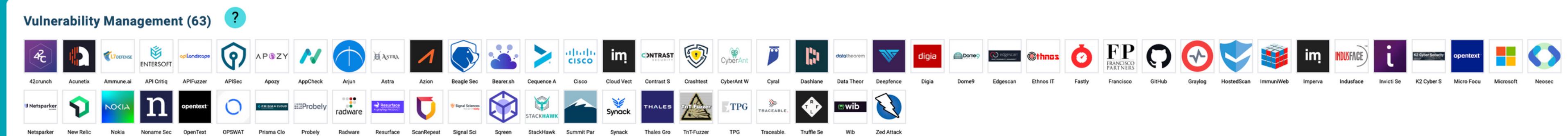
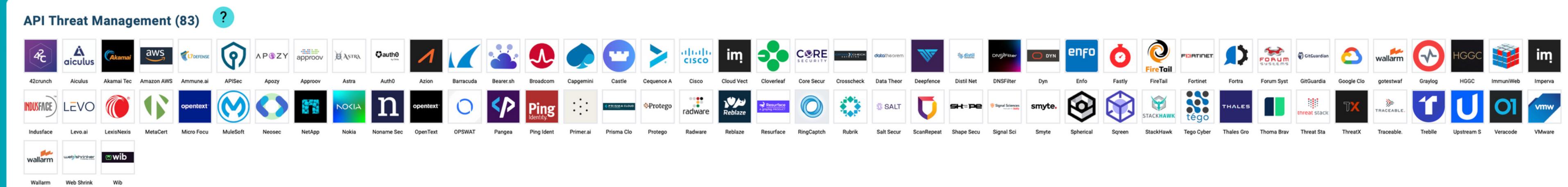
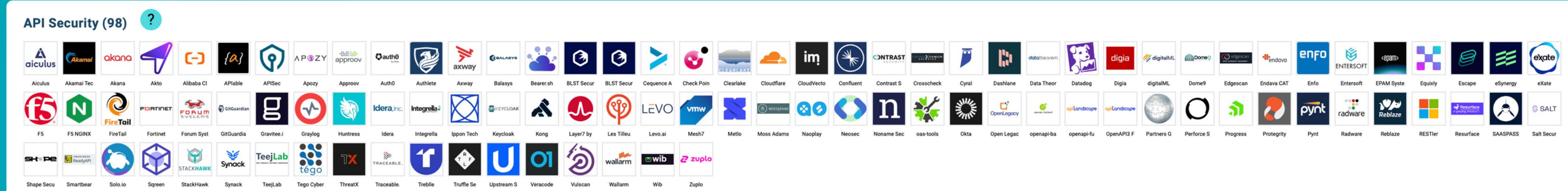
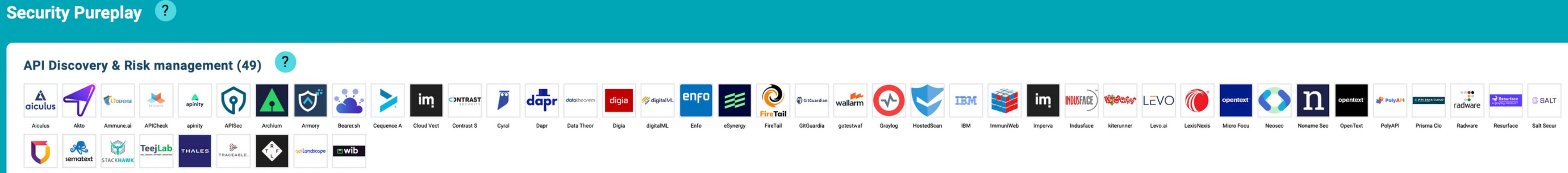


Figure 6 DevSecOps Lifecycle Phases, Continuous Feedback Loops, & Control Gates

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Behold the API Landscape



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OWASP API Security Tools List

https://owasp.org/www-community/api_security_tools

Summary

56 tools

36 Commercial

- 13 Posture (1 w/o Runtime)
- 13 Runtime (1 w/o Posture)
- 35 Testing (22 w/o RT/P)

20 Open Source

- 1 Posture (w/ Testing)
- 1 Runtime (w/o Testing)
- 19 Testing (1 w/ Posture)

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Inventory

Stats APIs Changes Datatypes Infrastructure

All APIs



Search APIs

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| Host | Path | Method | Risk | Auth | Internet Facing | Finding | Incidents | Lea |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------|------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------|-----|
| apis-ist.demo.com | /assets-locator/v1/search/branch/id | GET | 5.3 | header.x-api-key | Not Connected | | None | |
| apis-ist.demo.com | /assets-locator/v1/search/Best/id | GET | 5.3 | header.x-api-key | Not Connected | | None | |
| vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:5002 | /books/v1 | POST | 2 | header.authorization.sub: JWT | HTTP | | | |
| vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:5002 | /users/v1/login | POST | 4.7 | body.password | HTTP | None | | |
| vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:5002 | /users/v1/<alphanumeric>{5}/password | PUT | 4.4 | body.auth_token | +2 | HTTP | None | |
| vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:5002 | /users/v1/<alphanumeric>{5}/email | PUT | 4.4 | body.auth_token | +2 | HTTP | None | |
| vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:5002 | /users/v1/<alphanumeric>{5} | DELETE | 2.1 | header.authorization.sub: JWT | HTTP | None | | |
| vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:5002 | /books/v1 | GET | 1.4 | Not Enforced | HTTP | None | None | |
| ec2-3-137-177-49.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com:5002 | /users/v1/login | POST | 3.8 | body.password | HTTP | None | None | |
| vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:5002 | /users/v1 | GET | 5.7 | Not Enforced | HTTP | None | None | |

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Security Findings Detail

- Vulnerability enumeration
 - What to do and why
 - Evidence available

An API Accepts Expired JWT

Detection Time: 2024-08-12 08:31

Evidence Take Action Status Open

What Happened

API was observed accepting JWT Token with the following expiration time:

- Request Timestamp: 2024-08-12 08:30, 2024-08-12 08:30, 2024-08-12 08:30, 2024-08-12 08:30, 2024-08-12 08:30, 2024-08-12 08:30
- JWT Expiration Time: 2024-08-12 08:18, 2024-08-12 08:18, 2024-08-12 08:18

Why That's a Problem

By bypassing the API's authentication mechanism, attackers can gain control over other user's accounts, access their data, and perform sensitive actions on their behalf. A broken authentication mechanism is a critical risk to your organization's security.

What You Should Do

- In "Evidence", validate the issue.
- Open a critical priority ticket on the API Developer to fix the APIs authentication validation. The fix should be deployed as soon as possible.
- Block the attacker.

How To Investigate

| Severity | Module | OWASP | Response Codes |
|----------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| Medium | Posture | API2:2023 | +3 200 |

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Overview Findings Runtime

All Incidents by Detection Time

Reset View

Create Workflow

2023/09/19 - 2024/09/18

Search Incidents

Drag here to set row groups

| Severity | Type | Detection Time | Last Activity | Last Updated | Triggered On | Status | Incident Result | Actions |
|----------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Info | API Input Validation Attack | 2024-08-12 08:32 | 2024-08-12 08:32 | 2024-08-12 08:32 | POST vampi.demos.commercesoluti | Open | | View Attacker |
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Unidentified
6 Attackers

Confidence ▾ Confidence Search Filter

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|-------------------|------|------------|
| IP: 172.31.17.121 | Info | Not Active |
| ⌚ 2 weeks ago | 98% | |
| IP: 172.31.29.31 | Info | Not Active |
| ⌚ 2 weeks ago | 98% | |
| JWT: admin | Low | Not Active |
| ⌚ 2 weeks ago | 94% | |
| JWT: name1 | Low | Not Active |
| ⌚ 1 month ago | 88% | |
| JWT: name2 | Low | Not Active |
| ⌚ 1 month ago | 81% | |
| IP: 172.31.26.160 | Info | Not Active |

Attacker Information

Confidence ⓘ Risk ⓘ Country IPs IP Reputation ⓘ User Agents

88% — Low None 172.31.17.121 N/A noname

| Last Activity | Incident | Severity | Triggered On | Actions |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---|----------|
| 2024-08-12 08:32 | API Input Validation Attack | Inconclusive | /users/v1/<alphanumeric>{5}/email PUT vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:500 | Evidence |
| 2024-08-12 08:32 | API Input Validation Attack | Inconclusive | /books/v1 POST vampi.demos.commercesolutions.co | Evidence |
| 2024-08-12 08:31 | API Access Attempt With Missin | Attempted | /users/v1/<alphanumeric>{5}/email PUT vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:500 | Evidence |
| 2024-08-12 08:31 | API Access Attempt With Missin | Attempted | /books/v1/<alphanumeric>{6} GET vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:500 | Evidence |
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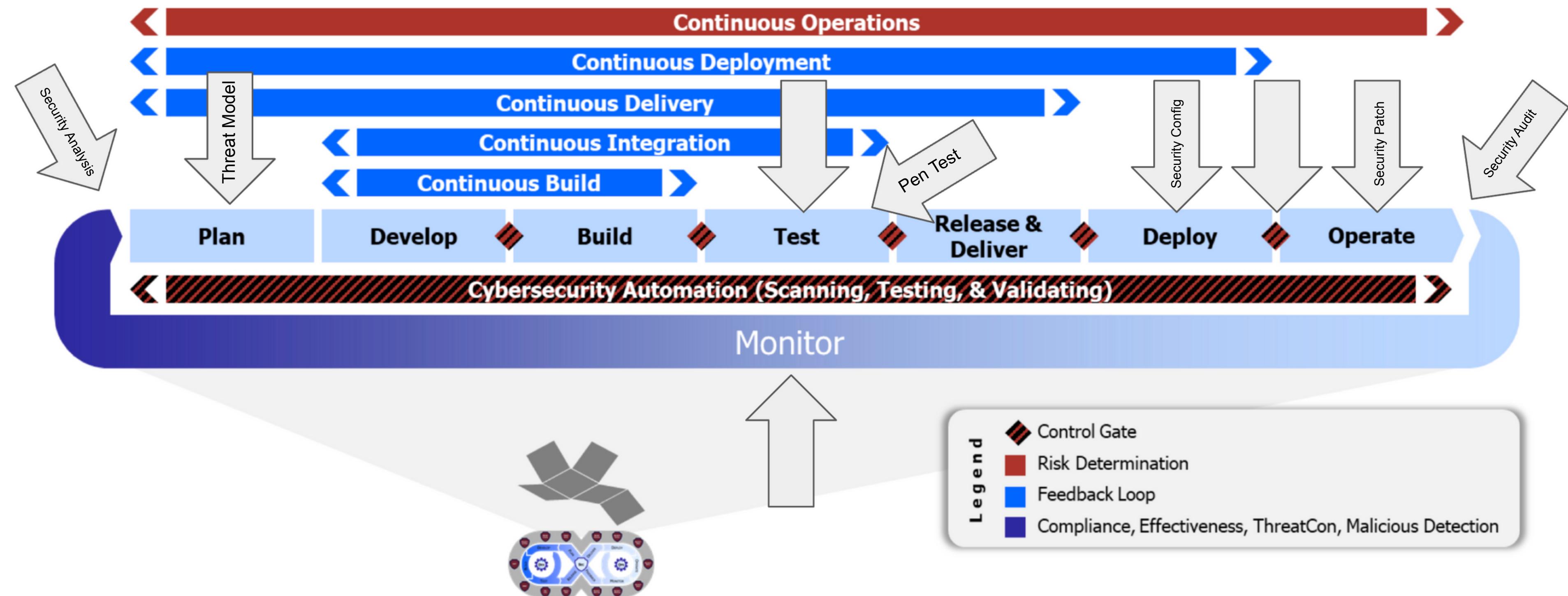


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People

- Break down silos
- DevSecOps Center of Excellence
- Share best practices
- Technical trainings
- Social events
- **Cross-Incentivize**



Q & A

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