Dev[Sec]Ops – A Whirlwind Tour Tools, Practices for building secure Applications

A quick overview of Dev[Sec]Ops and tools, practices and samples for building secure applications.

Hands on lab sessions for getting started with tools and overview of incorporating secure practices in your pipelines

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- Session 1 Introduction to CI/CD and advanced CI/CD pipelines
 - Multi-stage pipelines
 - Parallel and sequential jobs
 - Integration with Jenkins and GitLab
- Session 2 Infrastructure as Code
 - Concepts and benefits
 - Terraform
 - Ansible
 - CloudFormation
 - Code Modularity and Re-Use
 - States and Secret Management
 - Provisioning Infrastructure using IAC

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 - Docker and Docker Compose
 - Multi-stage Builds
- Session 4 Getting Started with Kubernetes
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 - Deployment and Managing Applications

- Session 5 Monitoring and Logging
 - Introduction to Grafana, Prometheus, and ELK stack
 - Centralized Logging
 - Metrics and Metrics Scrapping
 - Monitoring Kubernetes Pods with ELK
- Session 6 Review !!

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 - Microservices and REST API
 - Input and Output Validation
 - Authentication and Password Management
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 - Shell Scripting
 - GitHub Actions
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 - Deeper drive into Ansible
 - State and Secret Management

About me

25+ Years Exp in IT as Architect, Project Manager, Tech. Change Management and IT Training and Education.



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The Lab Environment

What tools will we use?

An Overview



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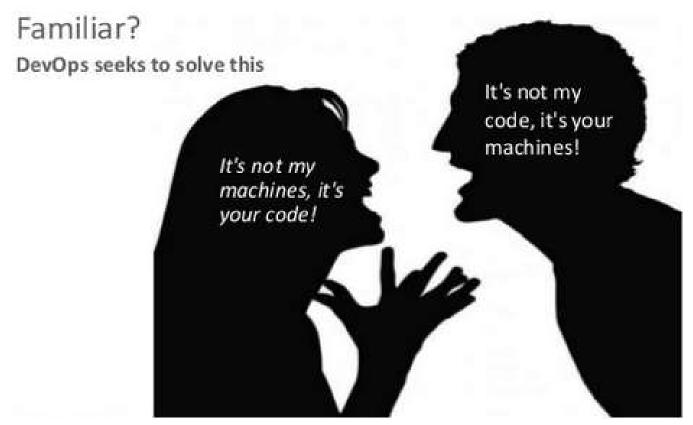
- Not shown but will be used
 - GitHub
 - GitLab
 - Helm
 - 'kubectl / kubeadm
- Optional and Nice to Have
 - Oracle Virtual Box / Vagrant (to build k8s cluster with 1 control pane and 2 nodes)
- Other pre-requisites
 - Credentials for GitHub / GitLab
 - Docker Hub Credentials

Devops and CI/CD

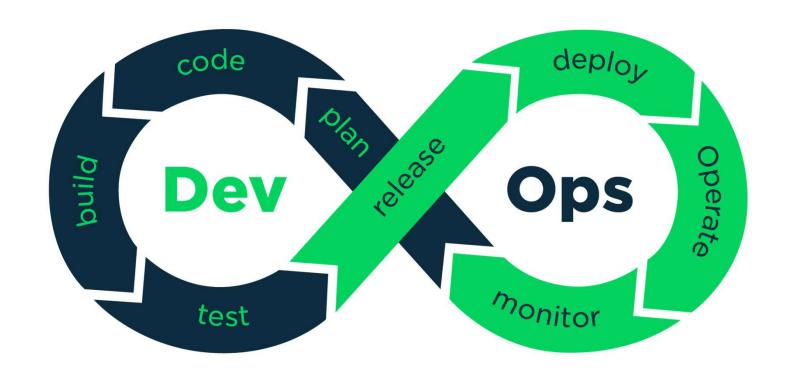
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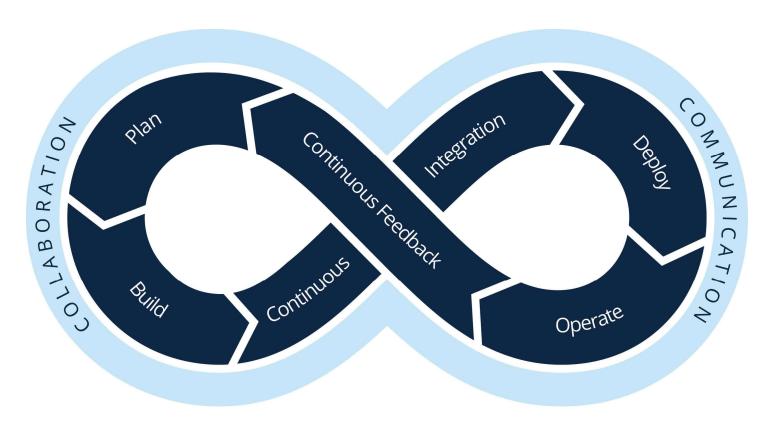
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The Devops Cycle

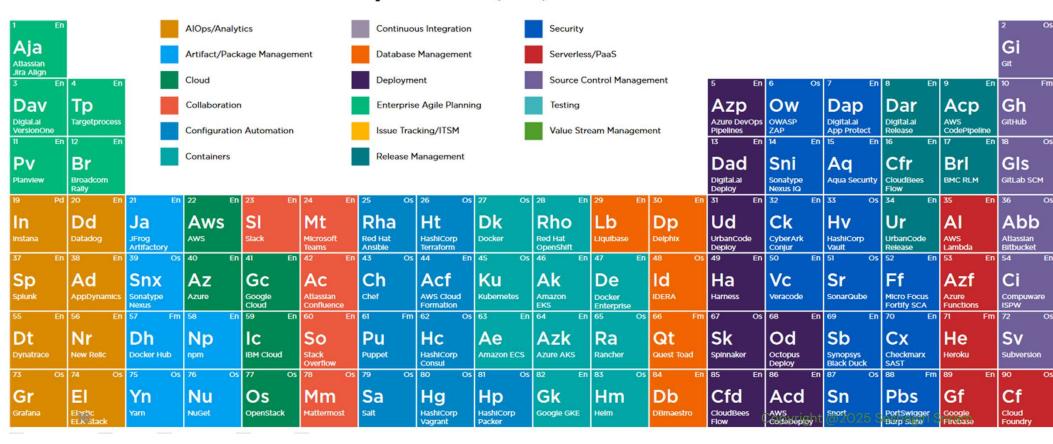


The Devops Cycle



Devops Tools

The Periodic Table of DevOps Tools (V4)



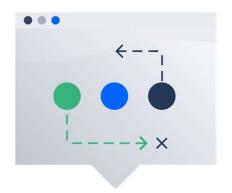
The 3 Ways



Systems Thinking

Recognize that Software Applications are complex systems

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Amplifying Feedback Loops

Improve Bi-Directional Communication between team members



Cultural Change

Culture that encourages continuos experimentation and learning

Key Devops Principles



Collaboration

- Full Stack Development
- Fully Functional Team



Automation

- Key in CI/CD Pipelines
- IAC
- Notifications

Key Devops Principles



Continuous Improvement

- Focus on
 - Experimentation
 - Minimize Waste
 - Optimize speed and Cost

Key Devops Principles



Customer Centric Action

- Short Feedback loops
- Handle User Feedbacks
 - In Real Time ©



Keep the final goal in mind

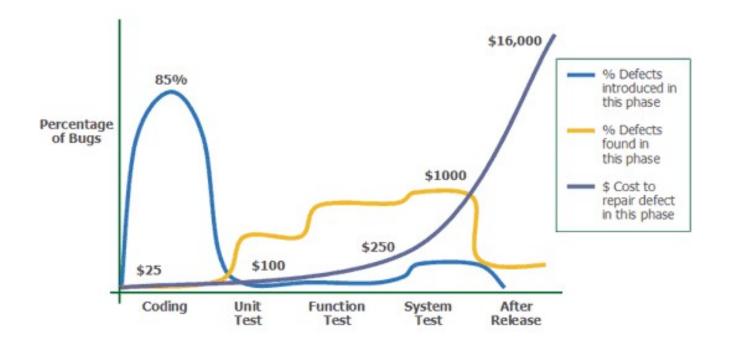
- Review Assumptions
- Listen to the end user or customer
- Your work is <u>not</u> done when a module is complete

What is CI/CD



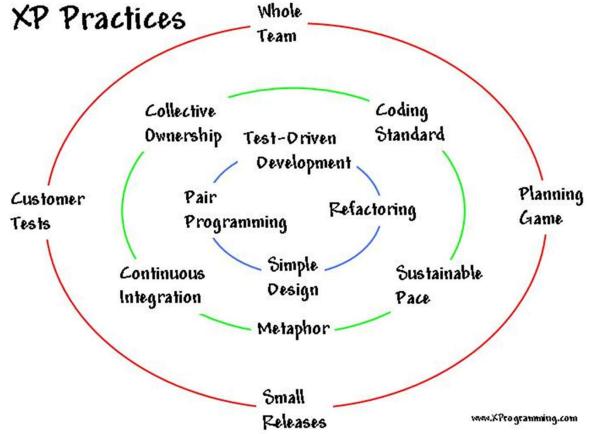
- Martin Fowler defines Continuous Integration (CI) as
- A Software Development Process where
- Every team member merge their changes along
- With changes from other team members
- At least once daily
- Each of these integrations are verified by automated builds
- (including Tests)
- To detect errors early on in the process

Do we have data?

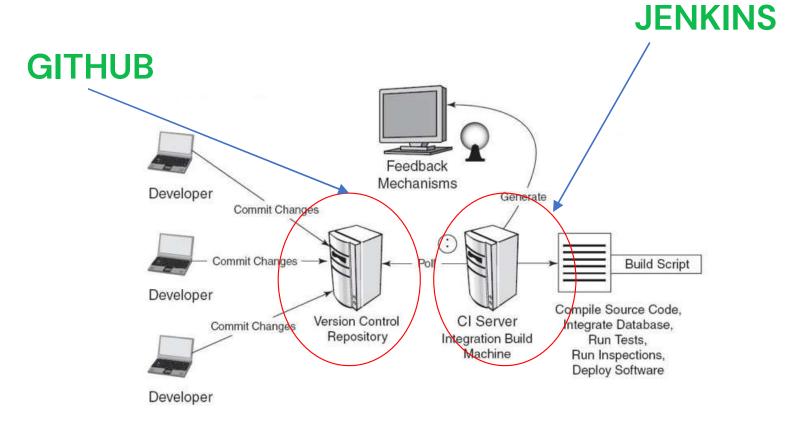


Source: http://www.agitar.com/solutions/why_unit_testing.html

CI – The origins



A basic flow for CI



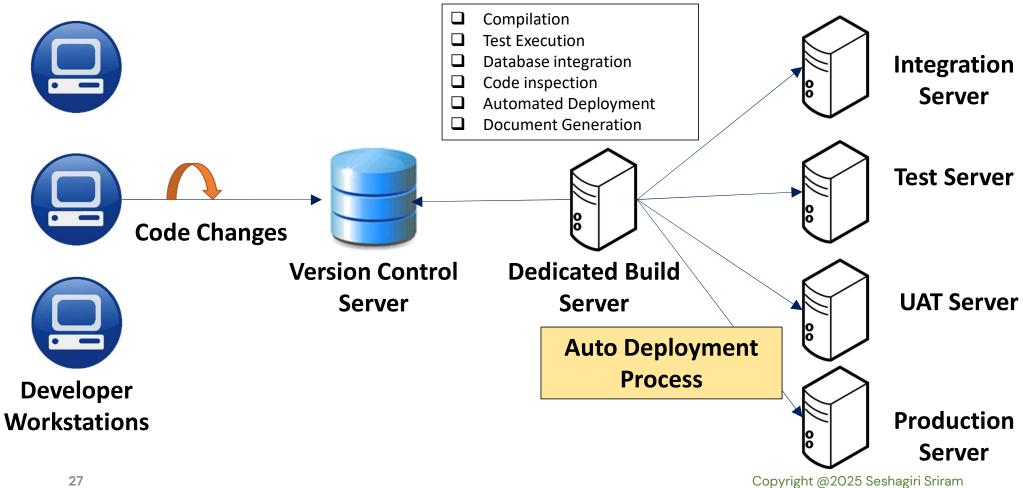
CI vs Build Management

Property	Continuous Integration	Build Management
Build Type	Integration	Release
Purpose	To determine whether the latest integrated changes degraded the code quality	To produce an unambiguous set of artifacts to be released to third parties outside of development
Audience	Development team	QA, CM, Operations teams, etc.
Lifecycle	Development	Boundary between development and next application lifecycle stage
Source	Most current version in repository (trunk); always changing	Specific snapshot (tag); unchanging
Traceability	To newly integrated changes	To full source snapshot
Degree of Automation	Completely automated	Combination of automated scripts and manual processes
Artifacts	Artifacts are a mere by- product; quality determination is the primary output	Production of artifacts is instrumental to the purpose

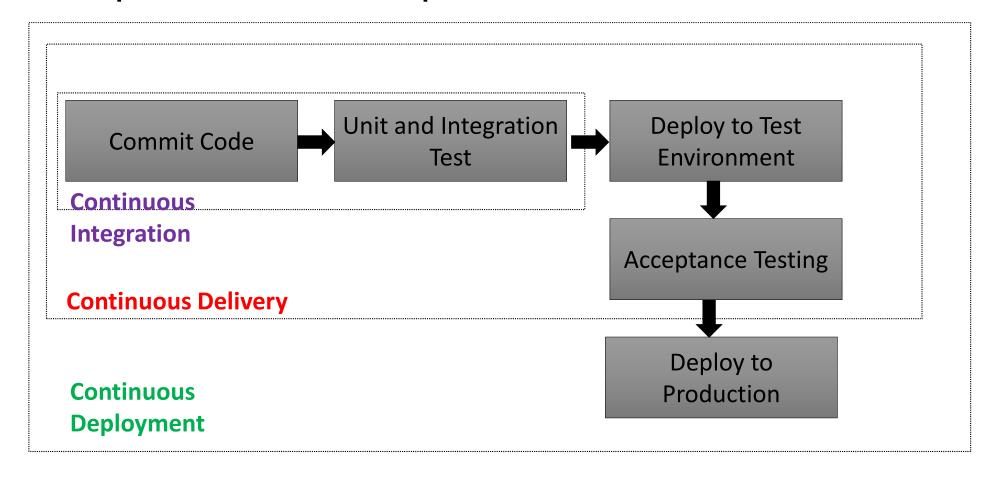
CI is not just Compiling Code!

- Cl is not the same as a build
- The latter term is used for compilation only
- Cl includes
 - Compilation
 - Running Unit tests
 - Generating Documents and Reports
 - Integrating Databases
 - Running System/Integration/Regression/Security Test
 - Integrate with $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ ontinuous $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ elivery (\mathbf{CD}) for deployment

Continuous Integration Basics

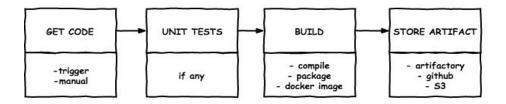


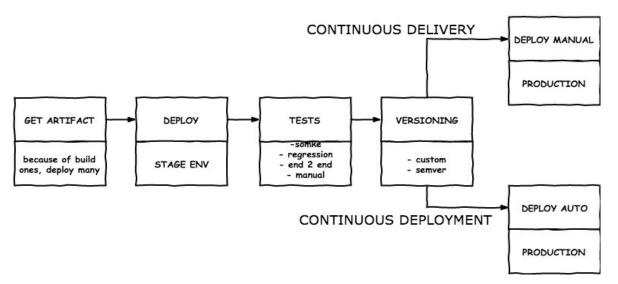
Simplified CI/CD Pipeline



CI and CD

CONTINUOUS INTEGRATION

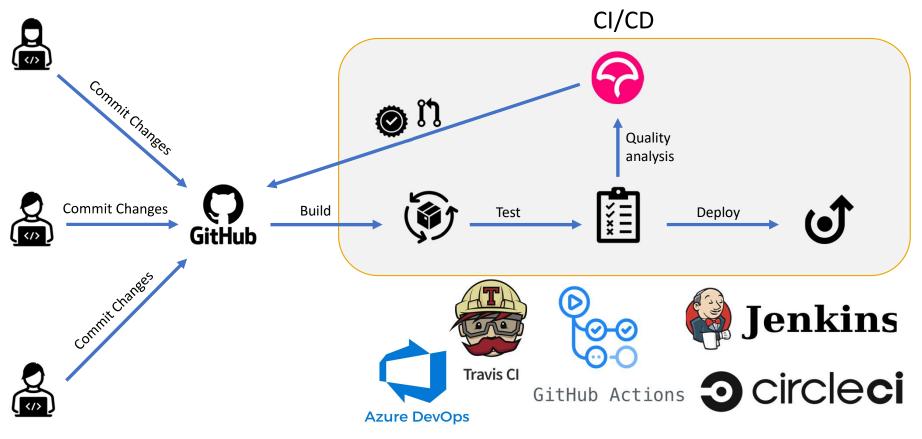


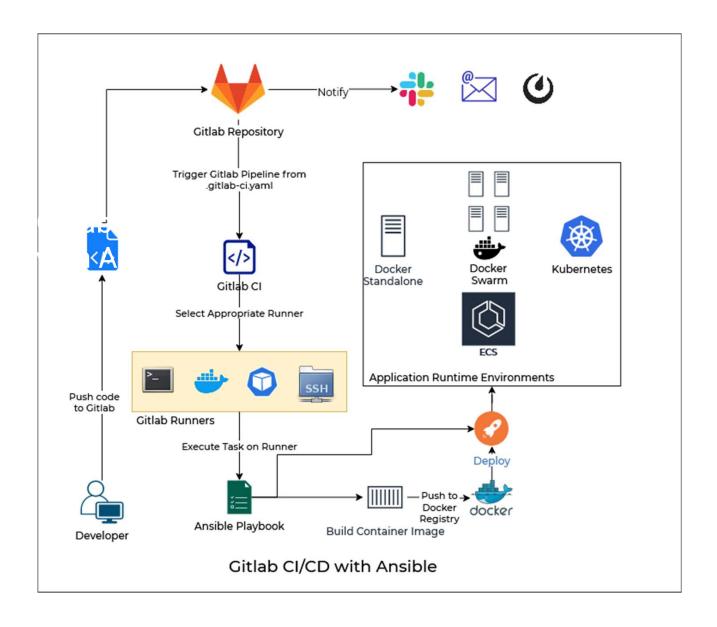




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Collaborative software development

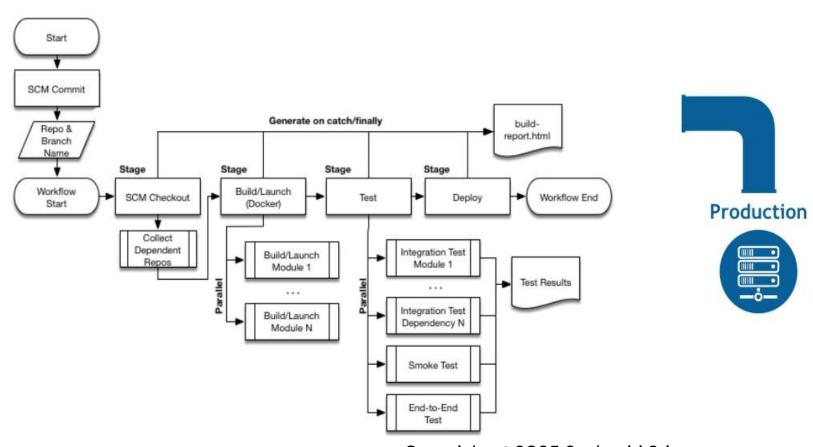




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Jenkins: Pipelines





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Jenkins: Pipelines. Concepts

Pipeline – service syntax (optional, declarative implementation)

Node – where to run

Stage – Group of action/tasks

Step – what to do

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Jenkinsfile (Scripted Pipeline)

node { // Execute this Pipeline or any of its stages, on any available agent.

// Defines the "Build" stage. stage blocks are optional in Scripted Pipeline syntax.

// Implementing stage blocks in a Scripted Pipeline provides clearer visualization of

// each stage's subset of tasks/steps in the Jenkins UI.

stage('Build') {

// Perform some steps related to the "Build" stage.

}

stage('Test') { // Defines the "Test" stage.

// Perform some steps related to the "Test" stage.

}

stage('Deploy') { // Defines the "Deploy" stage.

// Perform some steps related to the "Deploy" stage.

}

}
```

Which one?

- GITLAB/GITHUB started as Pure Version Control Systems
- Now they provide CI/CD support in form of YAML files
- The syntax is different but in essence, these are declarative
- For more details, refer to the Documentation provided by GitLab and GitHub
- For the demo purpose, we will show how to do this with Jenkins and GitLab.

Notes on Demo

- We will be showing both multi-stage and Parallel jobs
- Demo on both Jenkins as well as on GITLAB (for ||)
- Difference will be pointed out during demo.
- Sample Code can be obtained here:
 - git@github.com:SeshagiriSriram/DemoRepos.git
 - https://gitlab.com/seshagirisriram1/mycooldotnetapplication.git

A Simple Multi-stage Pipeline Demo

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We're done! Thank you for your time and participation.