

# Security as Code: A SecDevOps Use Case

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# About Me



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# Are You In The Right Room?

- InfoSec Value of Automation
- Automation Top Concerns
- Applying SecDevOps Principles at Kenna via Automation
- Security Automation Use Case
- Q & A

Security Value  
or

“why are we doing this?”

To Those Who Came Before Us

We Salute You

# Justin Collins, Neil Matatal & Alex Smolen from Twitter



## Putting Your Robots to Work

Security Automation at Twitter

#appsecusa

#sadb

October 25, 2012



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# Deploy Smaller Changes, More Frequently

- Decouple feature releases from code deployments
- Deploy features in a disabled state, using feature flags
- Require all developers to check code into trunk daily
- Integrate security testing at each code check
- The result is code always being in a secure, deployable state
- Practice deploying smaller changes, which dramatically reduces risk and improves MTTR



# Inject Failures Often

## The Netflix Tech Blog

### Five Lessons We've Learned Using AWS

We've sometimes referred to the Netflix software architecture in AWS as our Rambo Architecture. Each system has to be able to succeed, no matter what, even all on its own. We're designing each distributed system to expect and tolerate failure from other systems on which it depends.

One of the first systems our engineers built in AWS is called the Chaos Monkey. The Chaos Monkey's job is to randomly kill instances & services within our architecture. If we aren't constantly testing our ability to succeed despite failure, then it isn't likely to work when it matters most - in the event of an unexpected outage.





# With a Little Help from our Friends (at Netflix)



Sketchy



# Break Things Before Production

- Enforce consistency in code, environments and configurations across the environments
- Add your ASSERTs to find misconfigurations, enforce https, etc.
- Add static code analysis to automated continuous integration and testing process

# SecDevOps At Kenna

...or...

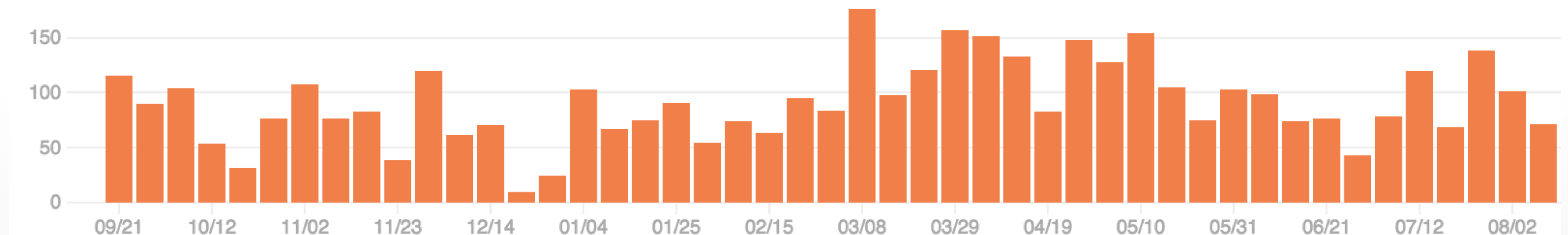
“what every CISO should know”

Small, Frequent Changes ARE  
your security friends.

# By the Numbers

## Small & Frequent Commits

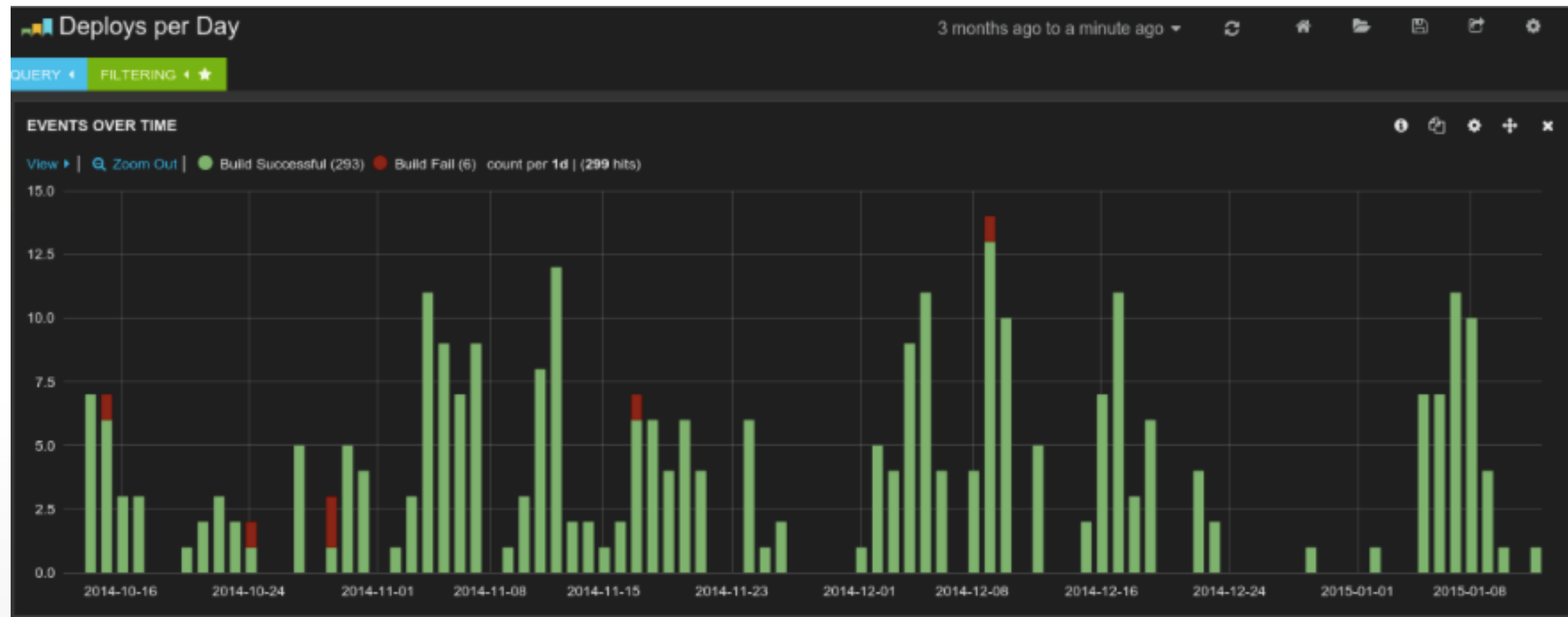
- Average between 50 & 150 commits to Master/week
- Simplicity is your friend





# By the Numbers

Always Be Deploying (EVERY day, MANY times per day)



# Static Security Requirements Are Stuck In the Stone Ages



# Security Automation

## Chef All the Things!

Open-Sourced Cookbooks

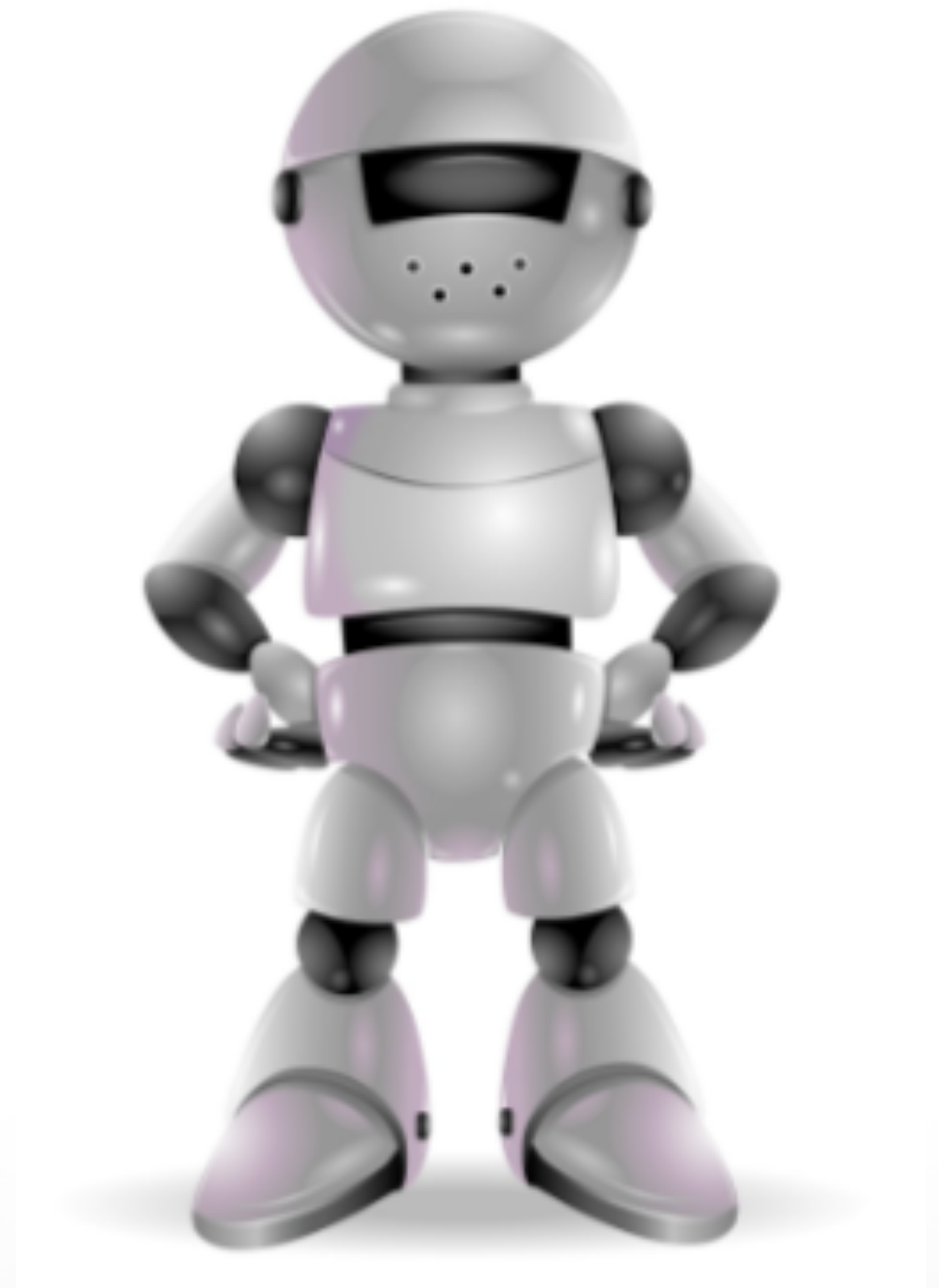
ModSecurity	Nessus	Nmap	SSH
iptables	encrypted volumes	Duo 2FA	openVPN

## Test All the Things! (including security)

Static + Dynamic Throughout

Continuous Integration via CircleCI

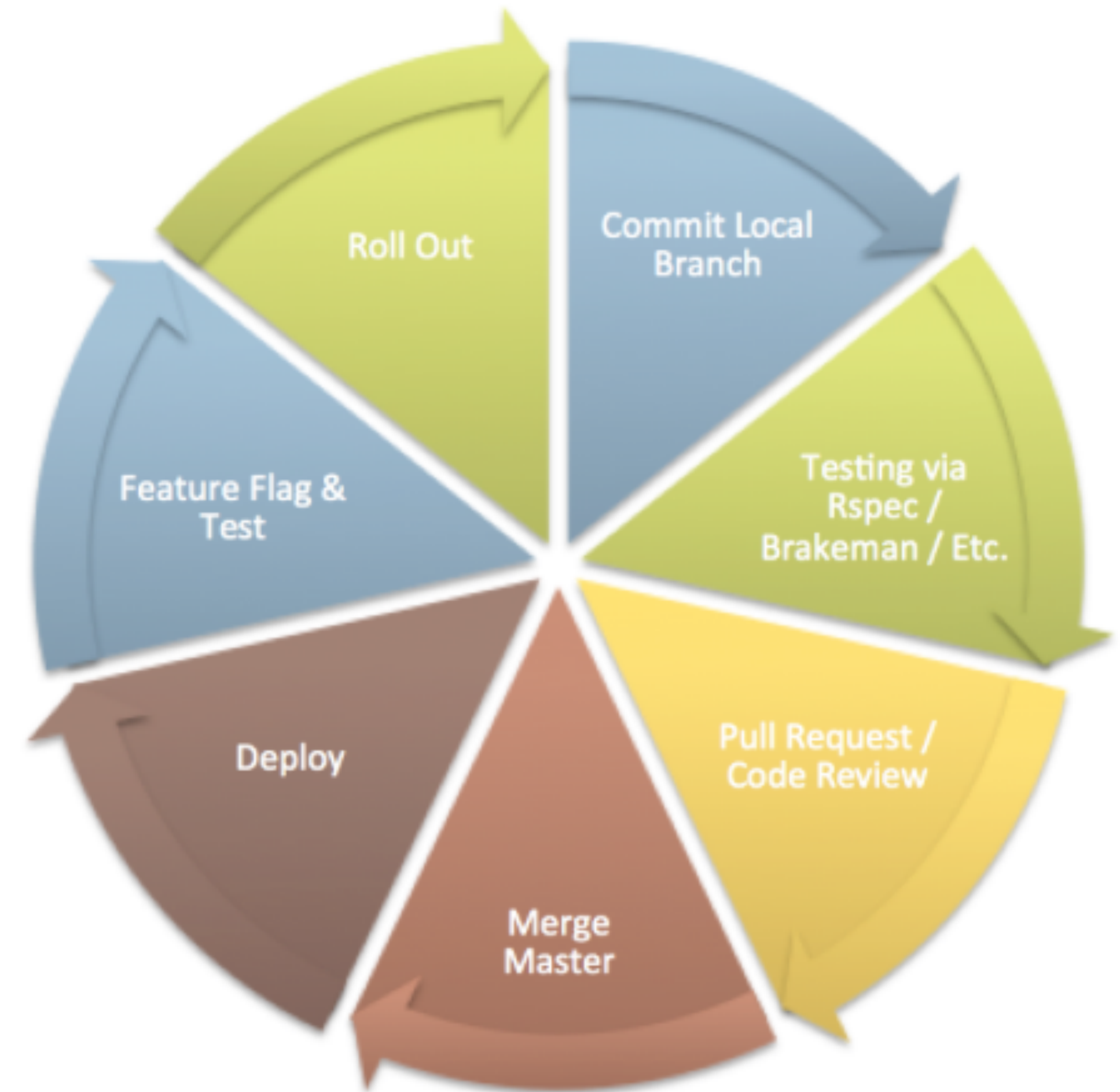
**ChatOps = Slack + graphite + logstash + sensu + pagerduty**



# A SecDevOps Use Case

## Continuous Security Testing

- Brakeman Static Analysis
- Dynamic Application Scanning
- Paid Penetration Testing Service
- Open Bug Bounty Program
- Continuous Infrastructure Scanning



All results Loaded into Kenna via API

# DevOps as a Compliance Enabler

## Automation as Evidence & Doc

Cookbooks

## Leveraging the ELK Stack

Elasticsearch

Logstash

Kibana

## Github + Code Climate + Dogfood

Compliance Automation Extra Credit: <https://telekomlabs.github.io/>





# API's For Your Protection

## The Kenna API

### EndPoints:

Vulnerabilities

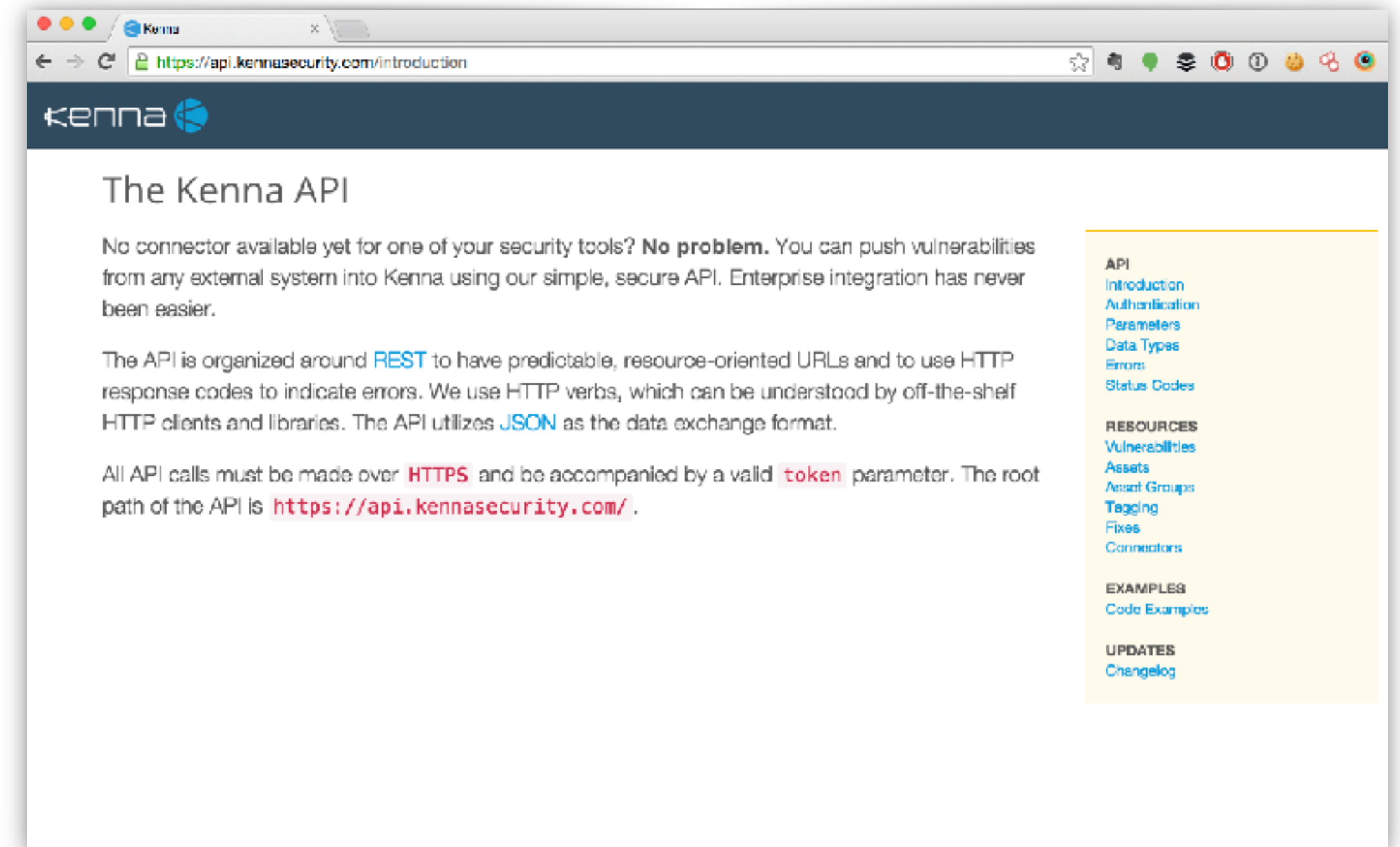
Assets

Tagging (metadata)

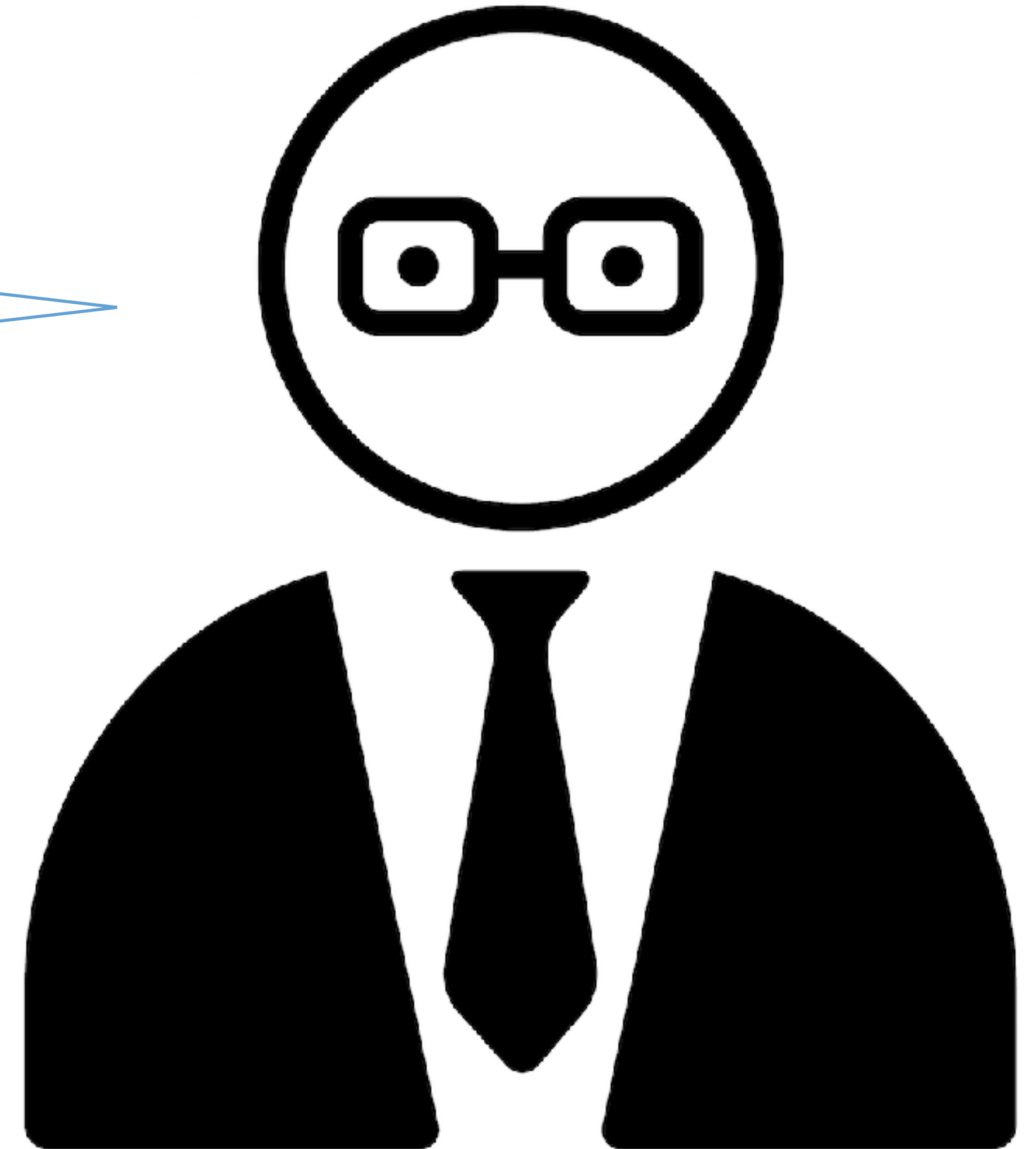
Patches

Connectors (integration & scanner control)

## Threat Processing & Risk Meters



But what about  
segregation of  
duties?



# There's a DevOps for that

**Dev checks in code**

**Ops team deploys to QA/Staging**

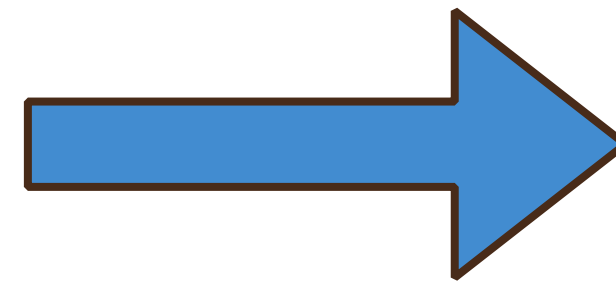
**QA Tests**

**Source & Results are documented**

**Management Sign Off**

**Deploy to Production**

**Fix or Rollback**



**Dev checks in code**

**Automated Tests (including security)**

**Pull Request / Code Review**

**Continuous Integration / Deployment**

**“Pull requests are the new  
segregation of duties.”**



# Experiment: 626

Because Auditors





# Our Auditor Told Us “you must scan”

**Can Be Slow**

**Can Be Intrusive**

Requiring Scanning during Maintenance Windows :(

**A Lot Can Happen In A Week**

**Depends On Timely Vulnerability Definition Updates**



# What About Ours?

- 1. Built On Automation**
- 2. Made of Composable Ingredients**
- 3. It Should be Non-Intrusive**
- 4. It Should be Close to Real-Time**
- 5. It Should Support Multiple Sources for Definitions**
- 6. It Should Only Take ~3.14 Days to Create**



*(have I mentioned it's NOT a scanner)*



# Our Base Ingredients

## Automation

*(Chef, Ansible, Docker + stuff, cron + SSH)*

## Reliable Software + Version Info

## Vulnerability Definitions

*NVD/CVE feed with CPE included*

*“cpe:/a:google:chrome:8.0.552.215” is vulnerable to something*

## Eggs, Milk, Flour and Salt

*These are not security related*



# Gather host: software+version

## **Automation Framework + Scripting**

*we used chef + tattle*

## **XYZ Monitoring Services**

*opsmatic, logstash, splunk...*

## **System Packager**

*rpm, dkpkg, pacman...*

## **Dockerfiles**



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# What is tattle?

**Ridiculously simple way to store and regurgitate data**

```
tattle update software myapp --version 1.2.3 --installer ubuntu
```

```
tattle report software
```

```
> {"myapp":{"version":"1.2.3","installer":"ubuntu"}}
```

```
# on github soon
```

# Vulnerability Definitions

**NVD CVE Feed with CPE data**

<https://nvd.nist.gov/download.cfm>

```
<entry id="CVE-2011-0001">
```

```
...<vuln:cve-id>CVE-2011-0001</vuln:cve-id>
```

```
...<vuln:vulnerable-software-list>
```

```
  <vuln:product>cpe:/a:zaal:tgt:1.0.1</vuln:product>
```

```
  <vuln:product>cpe:/a:zaal:tgt:1.0.0</vuln:product>
```

```
...<vuln:summary>Double free vulnerability in ...
```



# Mix It Together

## Parse Some XML

```
$ cat nvdcve-2.0-2014.xml | ruby -e 'require "ox"; p  
Ox.parse(ARGF.read).nvd.locate("entry").select {|x| x.locate("*/  
vuln:product/*").member? "cpe:/a:oracle:mysql:5.5.26" }.map(&:id)'
```

```
["CVE-2014-0384", "CVE-2014-0386", "CVE-AWW-YEAH",...]
```

### What was that?

- *We have mysql 5.5.26 installed*
- *Searching for it's most specific CPE locator*
- *We found that there are a bunch of Vulnerabilities for it from 2014*

# What We Did

## **Extend Our Kenna API to Allow Software+Version** (we already had the data anyway...)

```
curl -H "Content-type: application/json" \  
https://api.kennasecurity.com/assets/63/software -X PUT -d "{  
  'asset': {  
    'software': $(tattle report software)  
  }  
}"
```

## **On Upload of Software Data**

- *Update Assets & Create Associated Vulnerabilities*
- *Close Vulnerabilities for Software that's been Updated*



# Cake!



# Icing on the Cake

## **Also Known As Next Steps...**

- *Integrate Existing 0 Day Feeds*
- *Extend upgrade/uninstall tracking to build a timeline*
- *Alert when new Vulnerabilities match Assets*

*(The Real-Time Thing)*

# The Cake Is A Lie

**Reliability of CPEs for all data sources**

*needs further study*

**Vendor/Product/Version mismatches**

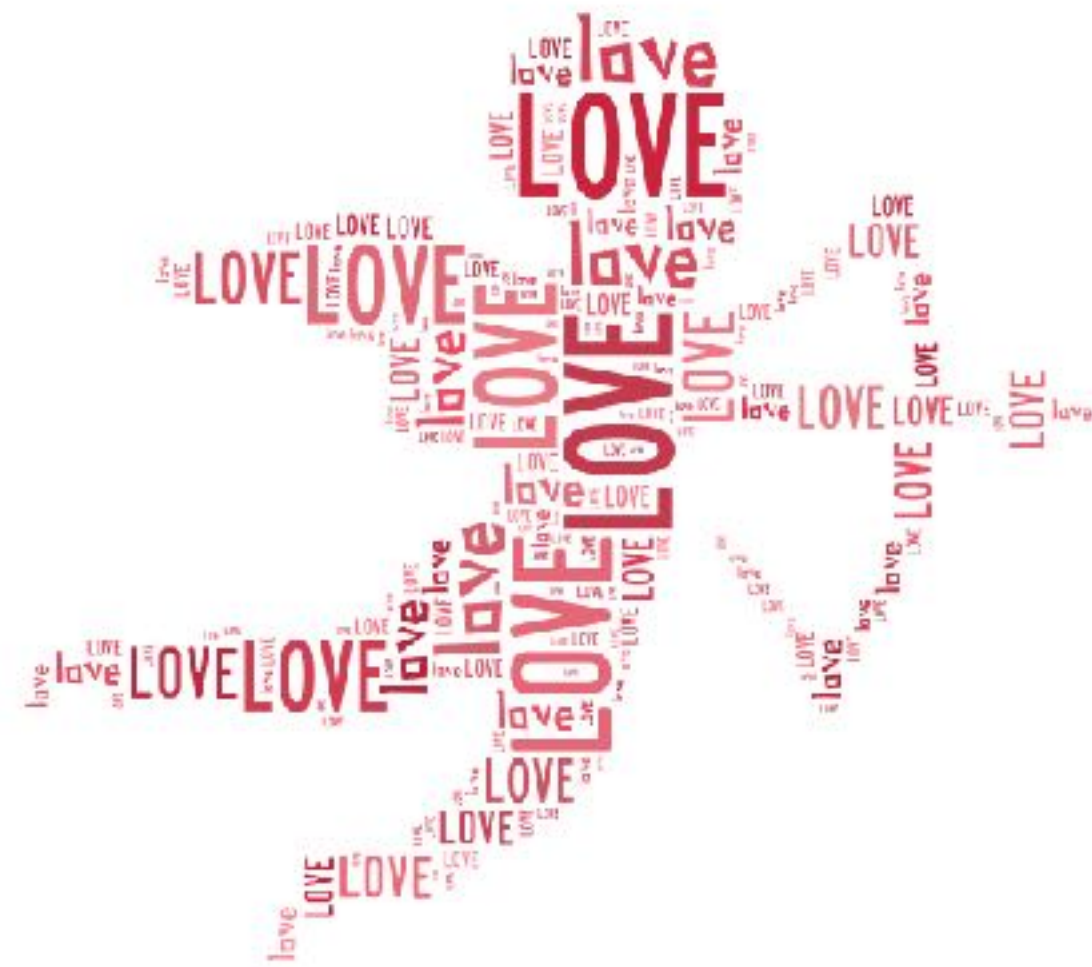
*dpkg says “zlib1g”, you say “zlib”*

**Packager whitelists / Packager specific CPEs**

*“Ubuntu fixed this with USN-1337-1”*



# In Summary



DevOps



InfoSec

# Resources

## Special Thanks to Gene Kim



- <https://puppetlabs.com/2015-devops-report>
- <https://api.kennasecurity.com>
- <https://telekomlabs.github.io/>
- [https://github.com/jro/automated\\_security](https://github.com/jro/automated_security)
- <https://github.com/joeyschoblaska/brakeman-risk-io>
- tattle on github - coming soon





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