

# Software Supply Chain Security in Large Engineering Organizations

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# *IBM's CIO organization runs the IT which runs IBM*

*Including HR, Sales, Supply Chain*

**12,000**

*IBMers  
(6,000 Developers)*

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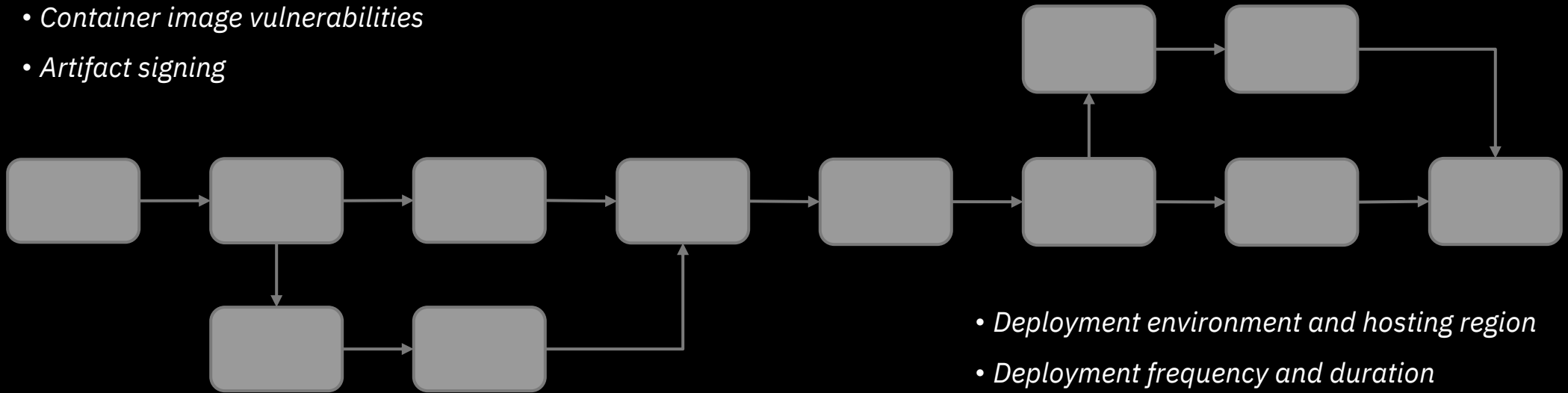
*Applications,  
& Services*

**70,000**

*GitHub Enterprise  
Repositories*

# The Responsibility of all CI / CD Pipelines

- *Secrets and credentials detection*
- *Inventory of open-source libraries*
- *Open-source vulnerabilities*
- *Code quality and automated test coverage*
- *Static Application Security Testing vulnerabilities*
- *Container image vulnerabilities*
- *Artifact signing*



- *Deployment environment and hosting region*
- *Deployment frequency and duration*
- *Dynamic Application Security Testing vulnerabilities*
- *Production deployment approval auditing*

*The log4j vulnerability in 4Q 2021  
exposed issues with visibility into  
our source code repositories*

# Software Supply Chain Security

*Automation enables developers to focus on writing high-quality, secure source code*

## The Automation Catalog

*Creating an engineering  
culture of contribution*

## Pipeline Execution Management

*Abstracting pipeline execution to minimize  
the uniqueness of our platforms*

## The Developer Data Lake

*Providing insight into applications  
from source code to deployment*

# The Automation Catalog

*Creating an engineering culture of contribution*

## Classification & Metadata

*Management of assets which control how tasks, stages and pipelines are defined, classified and discovered within the catalog.*

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## Discovery & Configuration

*Ensuring automation is easy to find and consume based on the catalog's classification and metadata components.*

## Publication

*A standardized process to ensure the quality and secure of each automated task.*

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## Transformation

*Transforming the catalog's definition of an automated task, stage and pipeline into the format of a pipeline execution engine.*

# Pipeline Execution Management

*Abstracting pipeline execution to minimize the uniqueness of our platforms*

## Platform Integrations

*Providing an extendable platform  
integrating with developer tools  
and services*

## Pipeline Execution Orchestration

*A common mechanism of executing  
automation on various hosting environments  
and platforms*

# The Developer Data Lake

*Providing insight into applications from source code to deployment*

## Data Aggregation

*Retrieval and retention of data, metrics and evidence  
created during pipeline execution*

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## Analytics & Reporting

*Access to aggregated data for exploration  
and report generation*

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## The Developer Portal

*A tailored developer centric web experience based on  
aggregated data*

## Pipeline Gates

*Automated policy enforcement based on aggregated data  
to ensure security and compliance*



# Thank you

## Help we are looking for:

- *How do you provide the high-level visibility to security issues such as Log4j with your CI/CD approach?*
- *Do you have experiences with centralized management or standardization of CI/CD that you can share?*