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Catching Vulnerabilities & AI-Driven DevSecOps



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Catch What E2E Tests Miss:

Real-World Security Testing
with ZAP

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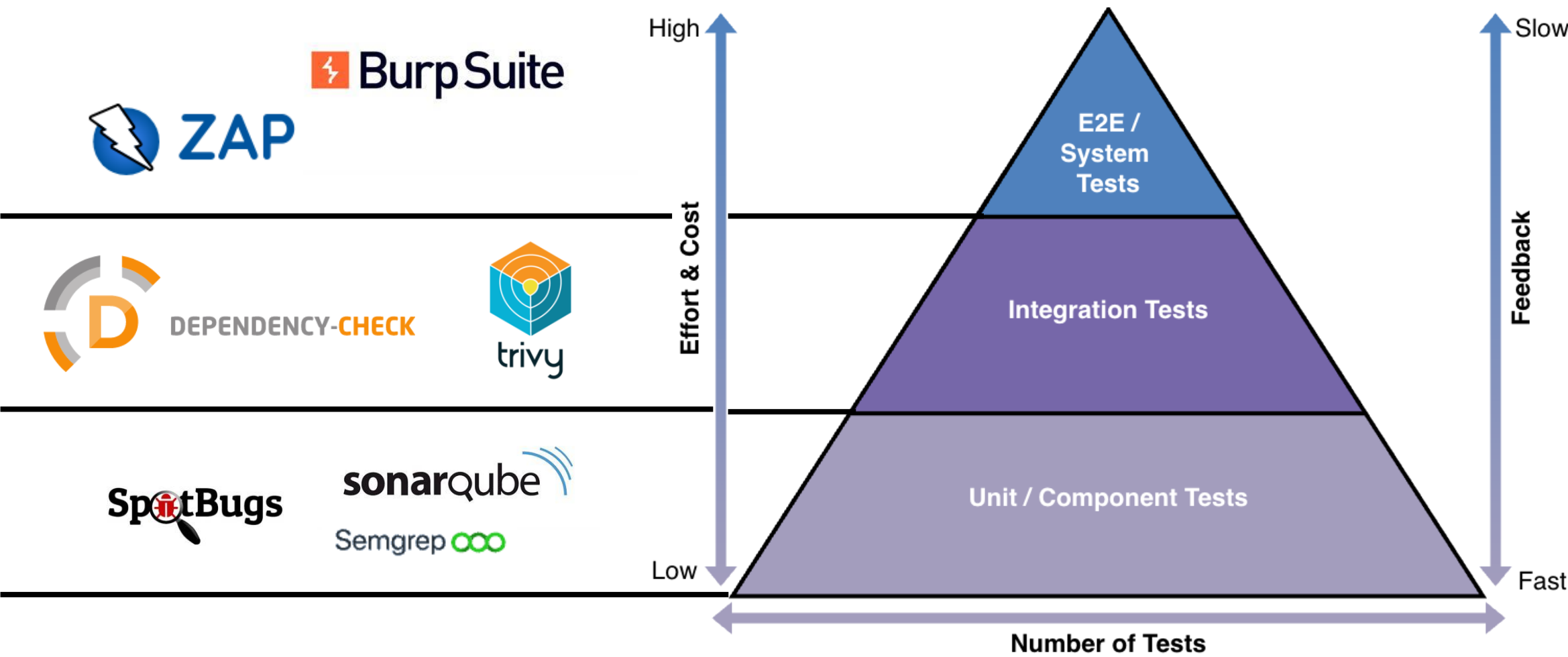
Introduction

Testing Pyramid

& DevSecOps Tooling

DevSecOps Tooling

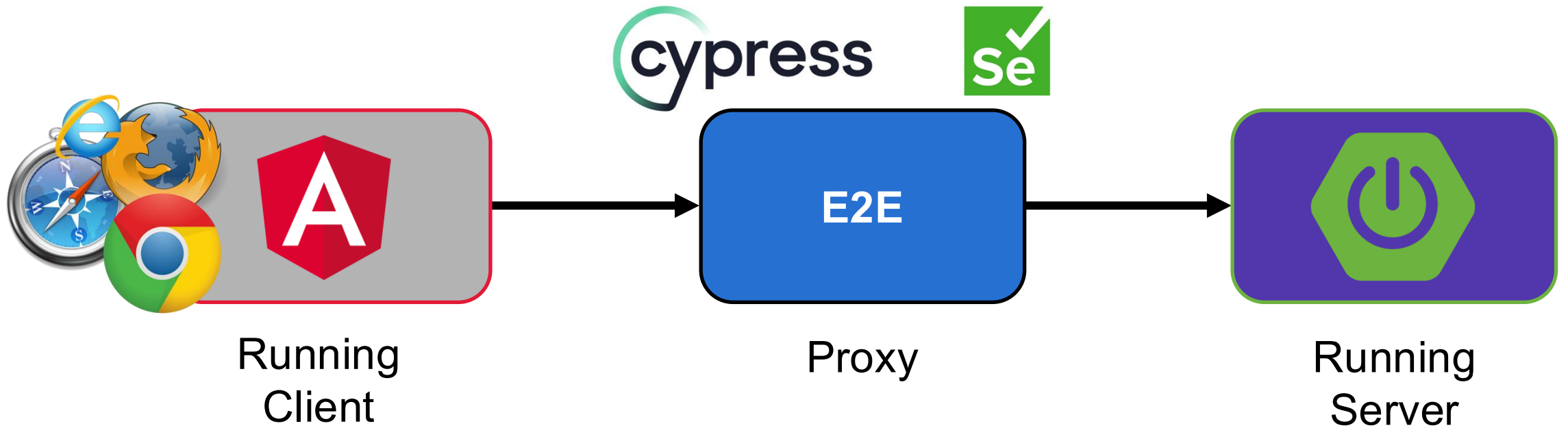
Testing Pyramid



Why E2E Tests are not enough



Dynamic Application Security Testing (DAST)



E2E Tests

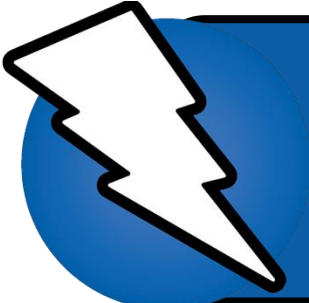
Does

- ✓ validate real user journeys
- ✓ verify system integration
- ✓ test expected behaviour
- ✓ use known inputs

Doesn't do

- fuzzing of inputs
- enumerate endpoints
- abuse auth logic
- chain attacks

**Can a user sign up / login,
and complete a purchase?**

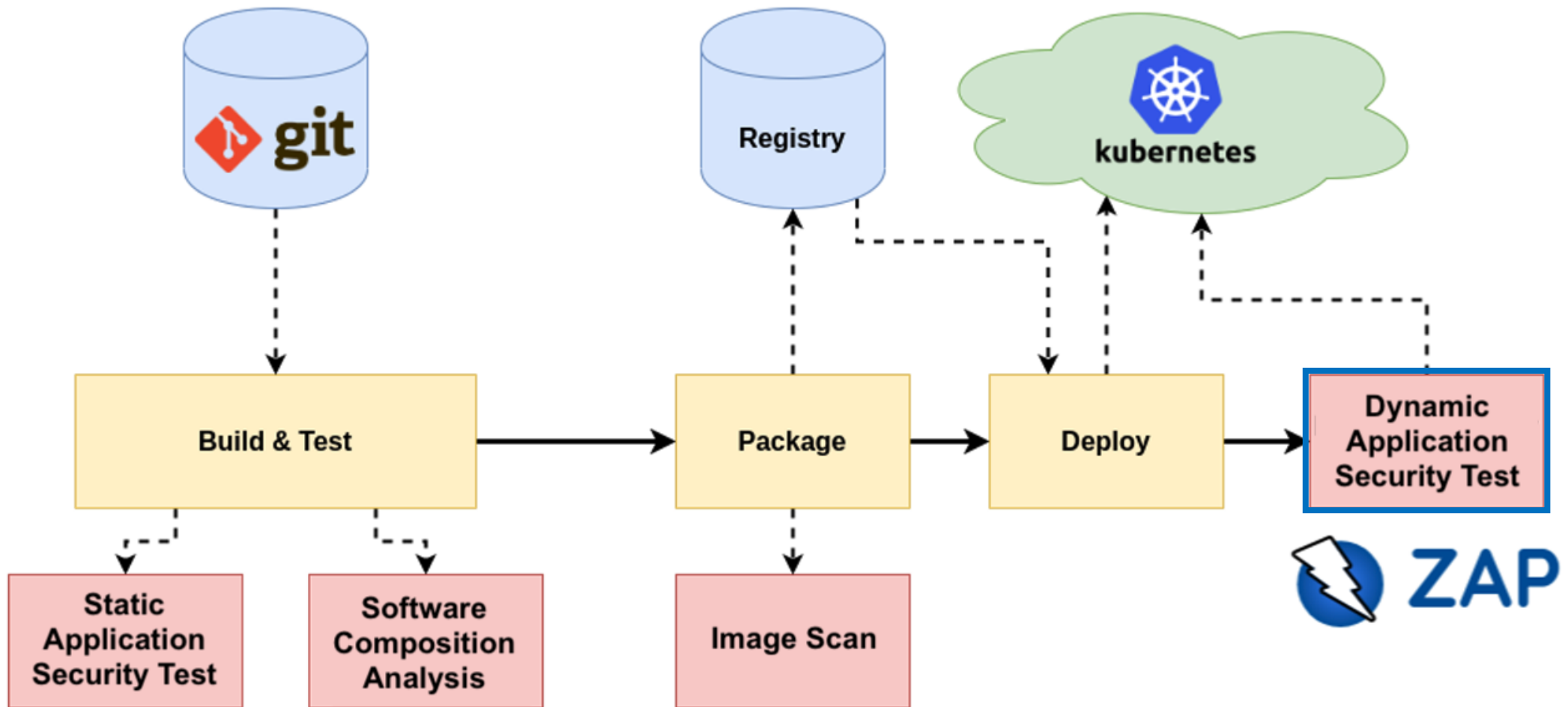


**Can an attacker use an user flow to
manipulate the checkout process
and gain unintended benefits?**

Introducing DAST in the SDLC

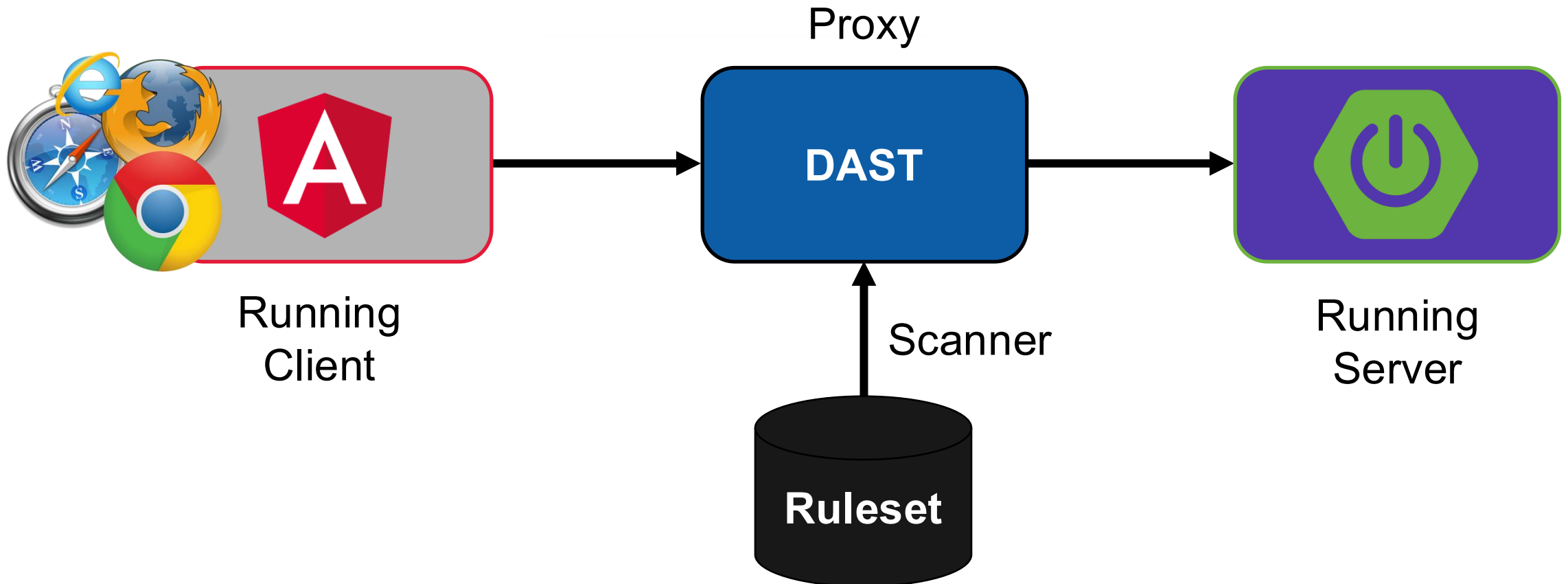


ZAP in CI-/CD-Pipeline



Dynamic Application Security Testing (DAST)

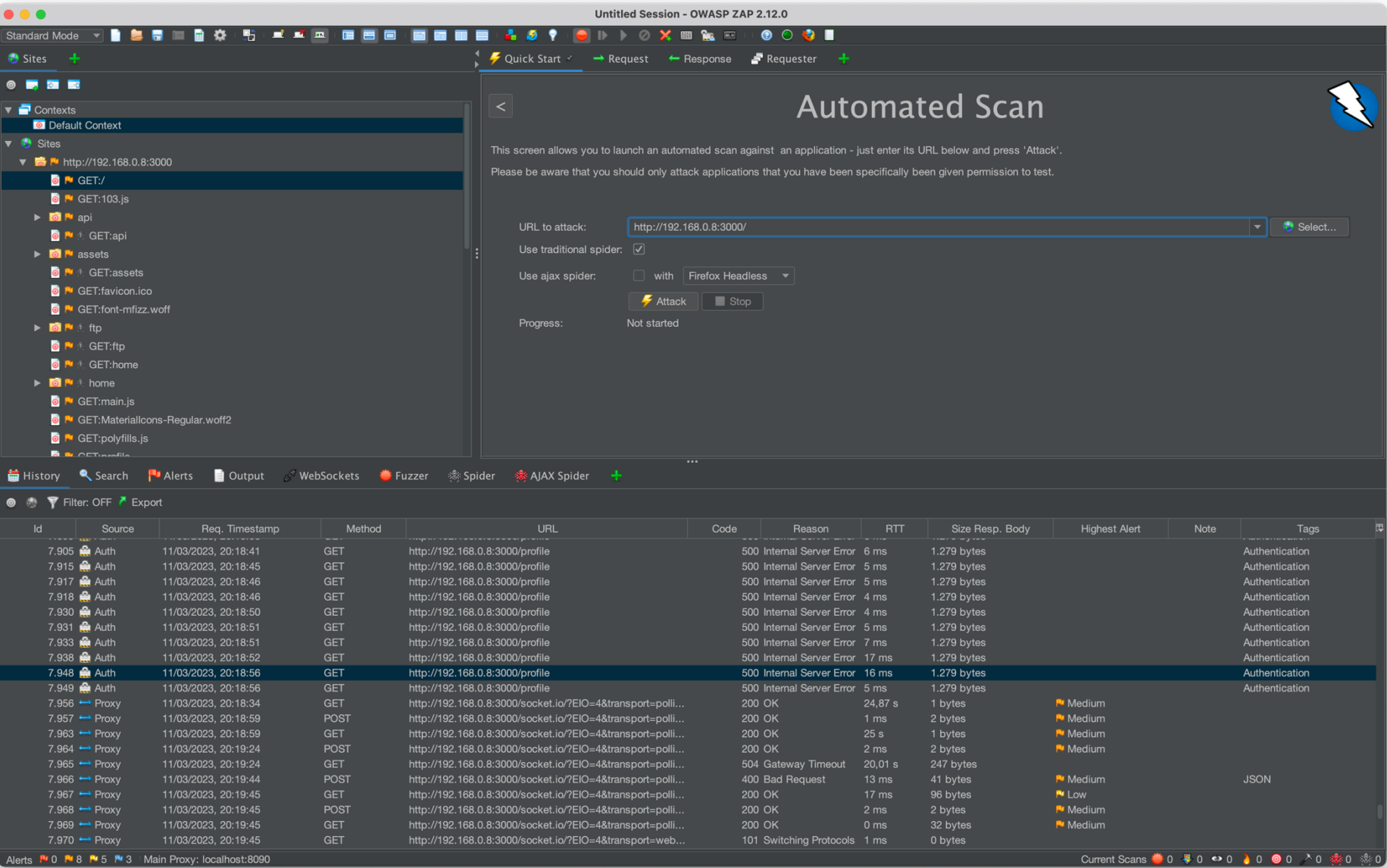
 Burp Suite  ZAP



ZAP

- *One Proxy to attack them all*

Zed Attack Proxy (ZAP)



Passive & Active Scans
Script Integration
Automation
Reporting
Spidering
Fuzzing

...

Passive Scan

Focus

- Analyzes the given page/domain
- Identifies potential vulnerabilities
- Quick scan for:
 - Vulnerable HTML tags (Sinks)
 - Missing headers
 - Misconfiguration (Cookie, CSP)



Active Scan

Focus

- Uses crawlers and web fuzzers
- Verifies identified vulnerabilities
- JS analysis for further vulnerabilities
- Fuzzes request bodies and parameters for:
 - Various injection attacks
 - XSS, SQLi, XXE, ...
 - Other common web vulnerabilities.



Report Generation

Contains

- Summary of all findings
- Finding details
 - Description
 - URL metadata
 - (HTTP method, param, etc.)
 - References (rfc)
 - CWE ID
 - Plugin ID

<https://www.zaproxy.org/docs/desktop/addons/report-generation/>



Site: <https://saftladen.automatisier.bar>

Generated on Tue, 25 Nov 2025 15:53:13

ZAP Version: D-2025-11-24

ZAP by [Checkmarx](#)

Summary of Alerts

Risk Level	Number of Alerts
High	1
Medium	3
Low	4
Informational	5
False Positives:	0

Summary of Sequences

For each step: result (Pass/Fail) - risk (of highest alert(s) for the step, if any).

Alerts

Name	Risk Level	Number of Instances
SQL Injection	High	2
Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set	Medium	1
Cross-Domain Misconfiguration	Medium	Systemic
Integer Overflow Error	Medium	1
A Server Error response code was returned by the server	Low	16

CI/CD Integration with GitHub Actions



ZAP Baseline Scan

- Focuses on identifying potential vulnerabilities
- Designed to detect known security issues:
 - XSS Protection (Header)
 - SQL Injections
 - Path Traversal
 - HTTP Security Headers
 - Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards
 - Insecure Deserialization
 - ...

(Passive Scan)

```
zap_baseline_scan:  
  name: "ZAP Baseline Job"  
  
  runs-on: ubuntu-latest  
  
  steps:  
    - name: "ZAP Baseline Scan"  
      uses: zaproxy/action-baseline@v0.9.0  
      with:  
        token: ${{ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }}  
        docker_name: 'ghcr.io/zaproxy/zaproxy:stable'  
        target: 'https://example.com'  
        rules_file_name: '.zap/rules.tsv'  
        artifact_name: zap_baseline_scan  
        cmd_options: '-a'
```

<https://www.zaproxy.org/docs/docker/baseline-scan/>

ZAP API & Full Scan

- Focuses on scanning RESTful APIs
- Supported formats:
 - Openapi (DEFAULT)
 - Soap
 - GraphQL
- Searches for a variety of vulnerabilities:
 - SQL Injections
 - Authentication issues
 - Insecure direct object references (IDOR)
 - Broken Access Control
 - Sensitive Operations Without Confirmation
 - ...

(Active Scans)

```
zap_api_scan:  
  name: "ZAP API Job"  
  
  runs-on: ubuntu-latest  
  
  steps:  
    - name: "ZAP API Scan"  
      uses: zaproxy/action-api-scan@v0.5.0  
      with:  
        token: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }  
        docker_name: 'ghcr.io/zaproxy/zaproxy:stable'  
        format: openapi  
        target: 'https://example.com'  
        rules_file_name: '.zap/rules.tsv'  
        artifact_name: zap_api_scan  
        cmd_options: '-a'
```

<https://www.zaproxy.org/docs/docker/api-scan/>

<https://www.zaproxy.org/docs/docker/full-scan/>

With Docker

Different scans types:

- zap-full-scan.py
- zap-baseline.py
- zap-api-scan.py

Options:

- t target domains / APIs
- f file format
- r report file
- g config for the context
- z set options (e.g. Auth header)

<https://www.zaproxy.org/docs/docker/about/>

<https://deepwiki.com/zaproxy/zaproxy/5.1-scan-rules>

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```
zap_docker_api_scan:  
  name: "ZAP API Job (Dockerized)"
```

```
runs-on: [ xentry, medium ]
```

```
steps:
```

```
- uses: actions/checkout@v2
```

```
- name: "Pull ZAP Image"
```

```
  run:
```

```
    docker pull zaproxy/zap-weekly
```

```
- name: "Run ZAP API Scan (json)"
```

```
  run: |
```

```
    set +e
```

```
    docker run -v $(pwd):/zap/wrk/:rw -t zaproxy/zap-weekly \
```

```
      zap-api-scan.py -t OpenAPI.json -f openapi \
```

```
      -r zap_report.html -g api-active-scan.conf -z options.prop
```

```
    echo "ZAP completed with exit code $?"
```

```
    set -e
```

```
- name: Upload ZAP Report
```

```
  uses: actions/upload-artifact@v3
```

```
  with:
```

```
    name: zap-report
```

```
    path: zap_report.html
```




Demo

[https://github.com/
marcel-haag/dev-
sec-ops-demos](https://github.com/marcel-haag/dev-sec-ops-demos)



Bonus:

Pipeline Hardening

ZAP Baseline Job summary				
 Network Activity Monitored by StepSecurity Harden-Runner				
Network calls made by the runner during this job run. These were automatically monitored and logged in real-time by StepSecurity Harden-Runner .				
Process	Destination	Port	Status	Timestamp
java	saftladen.automatisier.bar	443	✓ Allowed	Nov 27 2025 11:27:15
java	 raw.githubusercontent.com	443	✓ Allowed	Nov 27 2025 11:27:14
java	news.zaproxy.org	443	✓ Allowed	Nov 27 2025 11:27:13
java	cfu.zaproxy.org	443	✓ Allowed	Nov 27 2025 11:27:03
dockerd	 production.cloudflare.docker.com	443	✓ Allowed	Nov 27 2025 11:26:32



Pipeline Hardening

Recommended Configuration to Harden the Runner

- ☒ Block egress traffic: Only allow calls to allowed endpoints

Initial baseline created. It will be updated as more job runs are monitored.

```
- name: Harden Runner
  uses: step-security/harden-
runner@95d9a5deda9de15063e7595e9719c11c38c90ae2 # v2.13.2
  with:
    egress-policy: block
    allowed-endpoints: >
      auth.docker.io:443
      cfu.zaproxy.org:443
      github.com:443
      news.zaproxy.org:443
      production.cloudflare.docker.com:443
      raw.githubusercontent.com:443
      registry-1.docker.io:443
      saftladen.automatisier.bar:443
      tel.zaproxy.org:443
```

Thank you
for listening!

Questions?



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