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Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

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1.2 Purpose

This document describes proposed best practices (e.g., standards, processes, and technologies) to ensure that trusted applications and solutions are securely developed and continuously delivered to end users.

DevSecOps Best Practices scope include:

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1.3 Scope

This guidance applies to all FISMA applications processing mission data developed using a DevOps methodology. This guidance strives to build security into DevOps environments to mature to a DevSecOps methodology.

1.4 Audience

All system developers and maintainers, Business Owners, ISSOs operating under an Agile/DevOps methodology; and security assessors, and security operations center staff.

1.5 Document Organization/Approach

This document is organized as follows:

Section	Purpose
Section 2: Goals and Objectives	Identifies high-level goals, objectives, alignments and strategies to ensure a comprehensive solution to enable Agile/DevOps environments to produce secure code and applications. Also identifies any constraints to be managed as they pose risk to the objectives needed to enable Agile/DevOps environments.
Section 3: Exemplar DevSecOps	Defines the best qualities of an exemplar DevSecOps methodology and a maturity model for reaching this exemplar.
Section 4: DevSecOps Best Practices	Discusses the current and future focus areas to help achieve the exemplar DevSecOps methodology.
Appendix A	NIST SP 800-53 Security Control Coverage Details
Appendix B	Security Control Mapping to SANS Top 25 CWE
Appendix C	Security Control Mapping to OWASP Top 10
Acronym List	Defines the acronyms used in this document

2. Goals and Objectives

The DevSecOps vision is to enable the rapid release of trusted business applications with

- Defined effective and approved DevOps processes
- Reduced overall time to receive an initial Authorization to Operate (ATO)
- Continuous security data available Sprint-to-Sprint to maintain an ATO
- Automated security scanning, monitoring, testing and artifact generation
- Security and privacy risks and issues identified and resolved early in development

2.1 Benefits of DevSecOps

- **Built-In Security and Privacy.** DevSecOps encourages Business Owners to satisfy security and privacy requirements as part of their daily DevOps pipeline.
- **ATO Ready.** This integrated process rapidly delivers a more secure solution that satisfies many of the criteria needed to receive an ATO during development rather than at the end of development.
- **Automation.** Use of automation eliminates manual tasks, frees staff to work on unique problems, and can reduce the total pipeline time to deliver a trusted solution. Examples of areas for automation include security scanning, monitoring, and testing.
- **Issues Addressed Earlier.** Identifying and removing security and privacy risks and issues earlier saves resources and time.

2.2 Constraints

The following constraints must be managed as they pose risk to the objectives needed to enable Agile/DevOps methodologies:

- Workforce risks due to shortage of skilled DevSecOps staff
- Integration risks due to lack of coordination across all related development and operational areas, including security and privacy

3. Exemplar DevSecOps

DevSecOps requires a culture of trust and collaboration among development, operations, and security teams. Figure 3-1 illustrates how DevSecOps streamlines the delivery of secure solutions. The Defining Phase incorporates security and privacy requirements in the system architecture and design. During the Solving Phase, developers conduct Sprints that include security and privacy testing to identify vulnerabilities early in the development pipeline promoting proactive, incremental corrections prior to merging changes into the main build. Iteratively removing issues within each Sprint mitigates security and privacy technical debt to better position the system for initial ATO. The deployed system moves into continuous monitoring during the Delivering Phase, with fully automated processes to help manage the security and privacy posture.

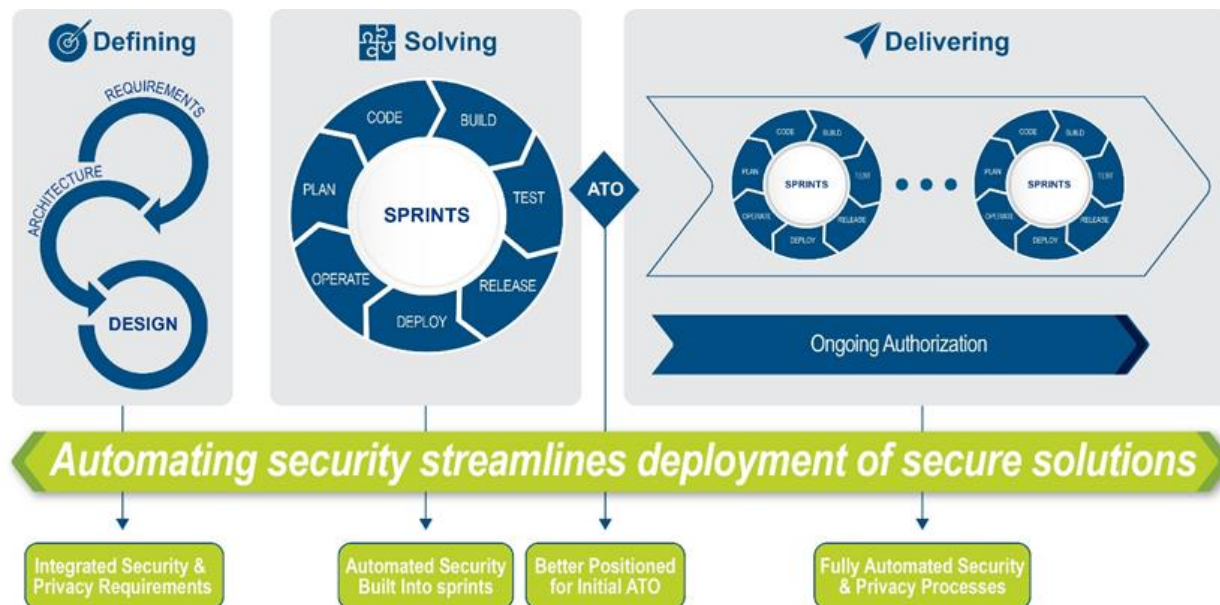


Figure 3-1 Exemplar DevSecOps Methodology

3.1 Top Qualities of DevOps

The primary quality that distinguishes a DevOps framework from all other methods of building and operating an application is: repeatability. All steps used to build and operate the application are recorded, so building the application again using the same steps will yield the same result. This supports the ability to troubleshoot root cause of detected defects by minimizing the number of variables introduced during a development cycle.

Building and operating an application under a DevOps framework:

1. Uses repeatable processes
 - all steps are recorded for re-use
2. Tests everything
 - shows if you've built it right, at each step

3. Automates everything
 - triggers the building and testing of as many steps as possible
4. Uses trusted materials (e.g., hardware, software, source code) and teams
 - the right materials and people to do the building and operating
5. Uses metrics to improve
 - measures to determine if the application operates properly during its production phase

These qualities are important to ensure consistency, reliability, and efficiency in how a business unit build and operates an application.

3.2 Top Qualities of an Exemplar DevSecOps Framework

Security adds to the DevOps framework by:

1. Providing repeatable and re-usable processes to ensure security is built-in to the application
2. Providing repeatable tests to ensure the application is built securely, at each step
3. Automating as many security tests as possible
4. Trusting the materials and staff required to build and operate the application, from a security perspective
5. Providing metrics to know whether security is maintained each time the application is built or operated

3.3 Value of Building Security into DevOps

- For the Business Owner:
 - Projects will have a **streamlined development pipeline** for delivering **trusted** services to end users
- For the Developer:
 - Empower the **developer to reduce the security defect debt**, Sprint-to-Sprint
- For the ISSO:
 - Enable the **ISSO to always know the application's security posture**
- For security assessors:
 - Use **DevOps pipeline to automatically generate security testing data**
 - ♦ Security controls and testing are embedded within the development pipeline, resulting in faster delivery of secure solutions
 - Consistency and transparency in the way tests are performed
 - ♦ **Security assessors** can contribute to a **library of the specific tests to be used**
 - Consistency and consolidation of the results from those tests

- ♦ **Security assessors can approve the format of results**, to promote consistency across all environments
- Lay a foundation **for moving to ongoing authorization** decisions

3.4 Benefits of Building Security into DevOps

- For the Developer:
 - Higher security assurance, always, of the **security of their code as well as the supporting stack**
 - **Lower security debt** (i.e., higher security defect remediation rates)
- For the ISSO:
 - **Always aware of security status**
 - Faster security go-live decisions during Sprints
 - Timely, clear, concise, consolidated, trusted security data
 - Clear understanding of which security controls are either directly supported or validated as in place
- For the Business Owner:
 - **Reduced assessment time and cost by using DevOps security data**
 - **Moves the organization toward ongoing authorization**
 - Use change management auditing data to perform business analytics for non-security use cases (e.g., Sprint planning efficiency)
- For security assessors:
 - **Confidence in the security tests and results** (by maintaining testing code and testing standards)

3.5 Exemplar DevSecOps Components

3.5.1 Required Standards

- Secure coding to avoid defects based on the following standards:
 - Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE)/SANS Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Errors¹
 - Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) Top 10: The Ten Most Critical Web Application Security Risks²
- Configuration security settings hardening, such as:
 - DISA Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIGS)³

¹ <https://cwe.mitre.org/top25/>

² https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP_Top_Ten_Project

³ <https://public.cyber.mil/stigs/>

- Center for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmarks⁴
- Vendor recommendations
- Least functionality
 - Standards to minimize the attack surface of an application or its infrastructure by eliminating unnecessary functions, services, ports, protocols, etc.
- Patching
 - Ensuring that all infrastructure is up to date on all security-related patches
- Recommended Metrics
 - All high security defects and 90% of all medium or low security defects are resolved before allowing affected functionality to be deployed to production
 - No security defect may carry-over unresolved through more than two Sprints
 - Unplanned (unauthorized) changes for any Sprint is less than 5% of planned (authorized) changes.
 - Time to receive initial ATO for new systems is 25% less than equivalent new systems
- Triggers for significant changes
 - Supports decisions for modified or additional testing based on each Sprint's initial security impact analysis

3.5.2 Required Processes

- Development
 - Training developers in secure coding
 - Secure code review processes
 - Configuration management, including review/approval process for standards
 - ♦ Security hardening
 - ♦ Patching
 - ♦ Least functionality
 - Sprint-level security oversight for Sprint-to-Sprint go-live decisions

3.5.3 Required Technology

- Change planning project issue tracking (e.g., Jira, Puppet, etc.)
- Source code repository (e.g., GitHub, Bitbucket, etc.)
- Orchestration (e.g., Jenkins, Ansible, Terraform, etc.)
- Automated testing (e.g., InSpec, operational scans, etc.)
- Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) tools (e.g., Splunk, ArcSight, etc.)
- Analytics
 - tracking unauthorized changes during development (change management auditing)

⁴ <https://www.cisecurity.org/cis-benchmarks/>

- application audit log trigger during operation to detect anomalies to adapt to and plan for the next application build

3.5.4 Authorized Pipeline/Process Fidelity

To meet the goals, objectives, and qualities of the above exemplar DevSecOps framework, the DevSecOps pipeline shall be required to meet an acceptable level of reliability and trustworthiness. The crucial goal for the pipeline is to produce a secure application while generating the necessary security data required to maintain authorization initially, and at the end of each Sprint. Table 1 illustrates a maturity checklist for business owners. For security in DevOps to work for production changes, the organization should approve DevSecOps pipelines and processes complying with this checklist:

- Note: This is a checklist to include Security into DevOps pipelines/processes. The prerequisite for compliance with this checklist is a DevOps environment with a fully automated CI/CD pipeline, and no manual user interaction beyond committing software into the repository.
- Primary Security Goal(s): Maintain security debt at a consistent level, Sprint to Sprint, by enabling developers and ISSOs to verify security and compliance early and often during each Sprint. Automation and standardization of this security data is essential.

Table 1 - DevSecOps Pipeline/Process Checklist

1. Does the pipeline automatically validate, at each create and configure for each build, **security configuration settings compliance** of underlying application stack components?
Evaluates supporting cloud, network, operating system, database, app-server and web-server components' configurations against STIGs, CIS Benchmarks and CCE compliance.
2. Does the pipeline automatically validate, at each create and configure for each build, **security vulnerability levels** of underlying application stack components?
Assesses software patch levels and CVE compliance.
3. Does the pipeline automatically validate, at each create and configure for each build, **least functionality** of underlying application stack components?
Limits services, ports, and protocols for application stack to function, compliant with National Institutes of Standards and Technology Special Publication (NIST SP) 800-53 Security Control for Configuration Management: CM-7 Least Functionality requirements.
4. Does the pipeline automatically perform **static code analysis**, at each commit, against an application's source code?
Analyzes at least 95% of the lines of code (95% code coverage) and perform linting checks for security issues against, at a minimum, SANS Top 25 CWE compliance.
5. Does the pipeline automatically perform **dynamic code analysis**, at each create and configure for each build, against an application's compiled/running code?
Assesses code security against, at a minimum, OWASP Top 10 CWEs.
6. Does the pipeline automatically generate all of the above security data in a standard data format for machine-readability, assigning severity levels to each security test result (high, medium, low) and mapping all security test results to NIST SP 800-53 security controls?
An example format is the MITRE-defined Heimdall Data Format, based on the InSpec JSON output reporter schema including, at a minimum, these labels: title, description, check text, fix text, relevant NIST SP 800-53 tags and impact level for each defect.
7. Does the pipeline automatically track and compare planned versus executed changes, to prove that planned changes, and ***only*** the planned changes, were implemented during a Sprint?
8. Do developers and ISSOs certify that all high security defects and 90% of all medium or low security defects are resolved before allowing affected functionality to be deployed to production?
9. Do developers and ISSOs assure that no security defect may carry-over unresolved through more than two Sprints?
10. Are unplanned (unauthorized) changes for any Sprint less than 5% of planned (authorized) changes?

3.5.4.1 DevSecOps Checklist Crosswalk: Sprint Days 1-2

The ISSO works with Developers and DevOps team to:

- Identify all proposed functional changes (e.g., in project issue tracker) [**Check #7**]
- Identify additional security testing required, for example, new/changed:

- Code to add to scope of static code analysis tests *[Check #4]*
- APIs, web forms, web pages to add to scope of dynamic analysis tests *[Check #5]*
- Cloud, network, operating system, database, app-server and web-server components to add to scope of security configuration setting, patchable vulnerability, and least functionality tests *[Checks #1, #2, #3]*
- Document the above in a draft Sprint Security Impact Analysis (SIA) *[Check #7]*

3.5.4.2 DevSecOps Checklist Crosswalk: Sprint Days 3-8

Developers use the DevOps pipeline to help:

- At each commit: automatically perform **static code analysis** against application source code *[Check #4]*
- At each create and configure for each build, automatically validate:
 - **security configuration settings compliance**, *[Check #1]*
 - **security vulnerability levels**, and *[Check #2]*
 - **least functionality** of underlying application stack components *[Check #3]*
- At each create and configure for each build: automatically perform **dynamic code analysis**, against application compiled/running code *[Check #5]*
- Resolve all high security defects and 90% of all medium or low security defects detected by the pipeline during the Sprint *[Check #8]*

3.5.4.3 DevSecOps Checklist Crosswalk: Sprint Days 9-10

- The ISSO works with the Developers to review logs from the DevOps pipeline:
 - To compare executed changes to the planned changes documented in the Draft SIA and verify that planned changes, and **only** the planned changes, were implemented during a Sprint *[Check #7]*
 - If the unplanned changes were not covered by security testing, the ISSO recommends the affected functionality be held back from production deployment until security testing can be performed *[Check #7]*
 - The ISSO and Developers work to ensure that unplanned (unauthorized) changes for any Sprint is less than 5% of planned (authorized) changes *[Check #10]*
- The ISSO reviews final-run security testing results to verify that all high security defects and 90% of all medium or low security defects are resolved before allowing affected functionality to be deployed to production. *[Check #8]*
- Developers and ISSOs assure that no security defect may carry-over unresolved through more than 2 Sprints. *[Check #9]*

4. DevSecOps Best Practices

The following sections discuss each best practice area in support of achieving and maintaining a DevSecOps pipeline, process, and technologies.

4.1 Current DevSecOps Best Practice Focus Areas

An underlying goal of DevSecOps (i.e., building security into DevOps) is preventing vulnerable applications from reaching production, Sprint to Sprint. However, faster deployments that are also part of DevOps, while appealing, can also lead to the deployments of vulnerable applications, leading to higher risk of unauthorized access to mission data. For the ISSO, it is a tremendous challenge to track changes and weigh security at the end of each Sprint. For the developer, it is also a challenge to receive timely, concise security defect information each time they commit and build during a Sprint. The ISSO and developer need to be able to make an informed decision at the end of each Sprint to recommend a “security go-live,” having the confidence to know that the application about to be deployed is secure. To do this, they need timely security data, of various types and prepared in specific ways.

The data needed by the ISSO and developer can be grouped into 3 basic types:

1. **“Is it secure?”** – data at all levels of the application stack proving that no high impact security defects remain, about 90% of all medium or low security defects have been resolved, and each security defect is mapped to the relevant NIST SP 800-53 security control (for context), across the following areas:
 - Secure Configuration Settings (i.e., STIG or CIS Benchmarks against all supporting cloud, network, operating system, database, app-server, web-server components, checking for Common Configuration Enumeration defects)
 - Vulnerability Scanning (i.e., Patch Levels, checking for Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures [CVE®] defects)
 - Least Functionality (limit services, ports, and protocols only for application to function, NIST SP 800-53 CM-7 Least Functionality defects)
 - Static Code Analysis (i.e., against application source code, checking for CWE defects)
 - Dynamic Code Analysis (i.e., against application compiled/running code, checking for CWE defects)
2. **“How is it secure?”** – data to supplement the System Security Plan to reflect the latest technical security system design
3. **“What has changed during this Sprint?”** – data that proves that the planned changes, and ***only*** the planned changes, were implemented during the Sprint

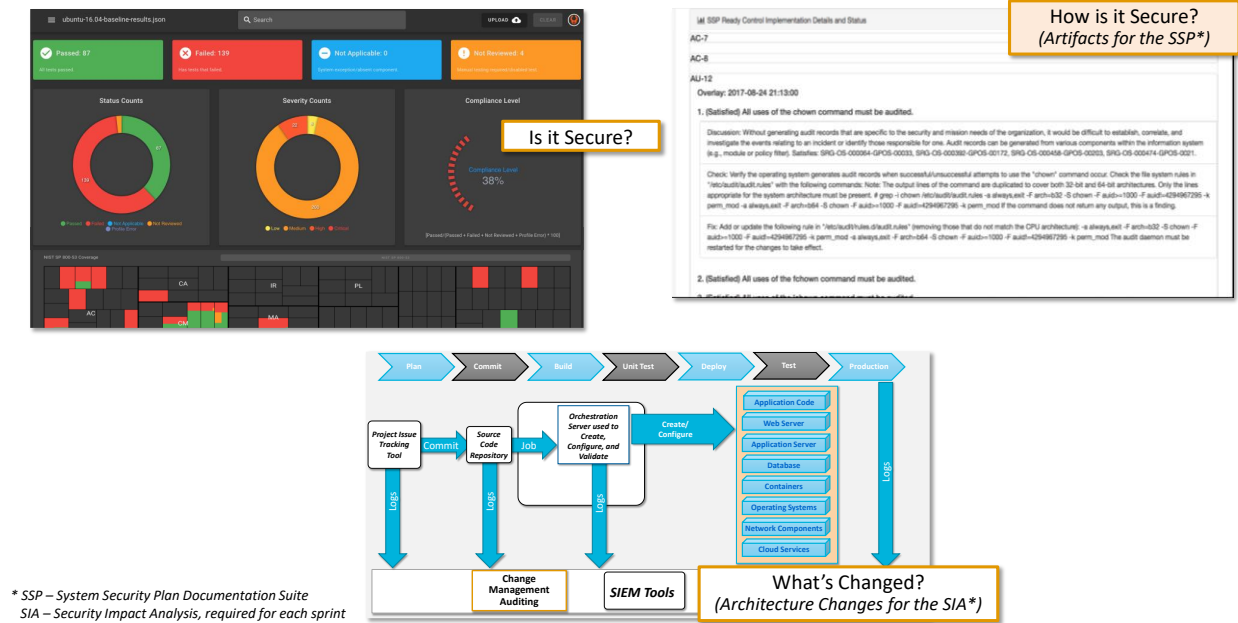


Figure 4-1 Security Data Needed by the ISSO and Developer each Sprint

The current DevSecOps best practice focus areas support the following user stories:

User Story / Pain Point: <i>As a DevOps/Agile developer:</i>	Best Practice Area
<i>... it is cheaper and easier to fix security defects early in the development process. I need tools that are integrated into my CI/CD pipeline to help me assess and correct security defects on-demand, as I build, iteratively: to build, get immediate security defect feedback, determine root-cause, correct, and re-build many times a day...</i>	Security Validation as Code (Is it secure?)
<i>... and automatically document the as-built security in my system for my ISSO...</i>	Security Documentation as Code (How is it secure?)
<i>... and I need to account for all of my changes through the pipeline before requesting a security go-live decision for my system...</i>	Change Management Auditing (What changed during this sprint?)

Figure 4-2 User Stories Supported by Current DevSecOps Best Practice Areas

How can all this data possibly be provided every two weeks? Fortunately, DevOps pipelines embrace automation. Likewise, to provide timely data to developers and ISSOs, security must also embrace automation within the pipeline. The following figure illustrates the tests to be called by the pipeline to generate this security data automatically:

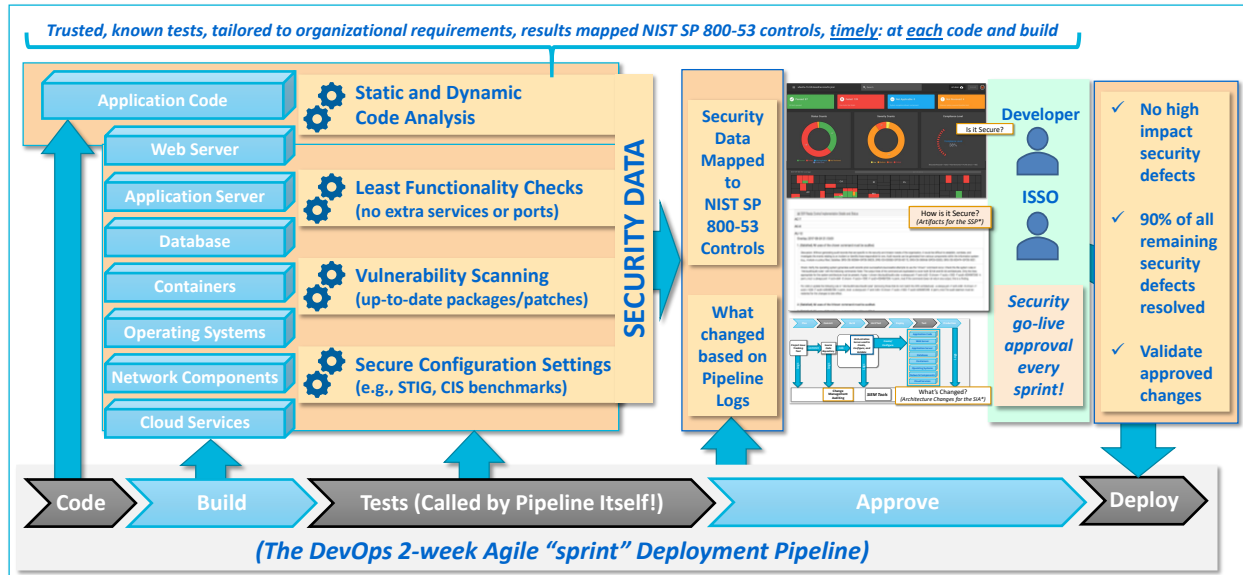


Figure 4-3 Automated Security Data needed from the DevOps Pipeline

Some Application teams have embraced the Gartner “infinity loop” DevOps cycle⁵ as a model for how teams should conduct development and operation of applications. The figure below illustrates how the current best practice focus areas support this model:

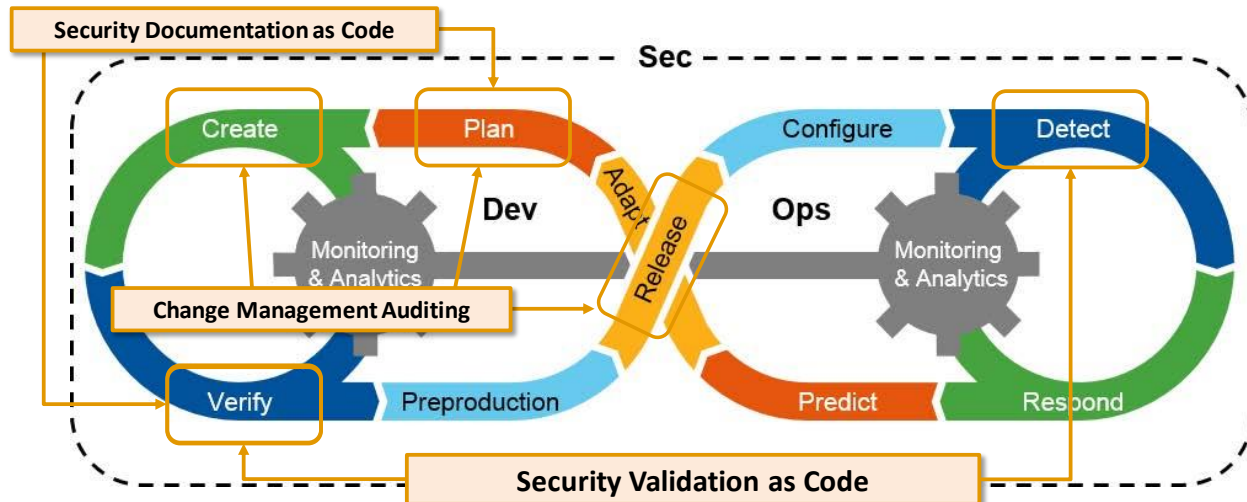


Figure 4-4 Current Best Practice Area Support for DevSecOps “Infinity Loop”

4.1.1 Security Validation as Code Best Practice

The Security Validation as Code focus area supports the user story for “Is it secure?”:

⁵ Original “Infinity Loop” Graphic Source: Gartner - DevSecOps

“As a DevOps/Agile developer, it is cheaper and easier to fix security defects early in the development process. I need tools that are integrated into my CI/CD pipeline to help me assess and correct security defects on-demand, as I build, iteratively: to build, get immediate security defect feedback, determine root-cause, correct, and re-build many times a day.”

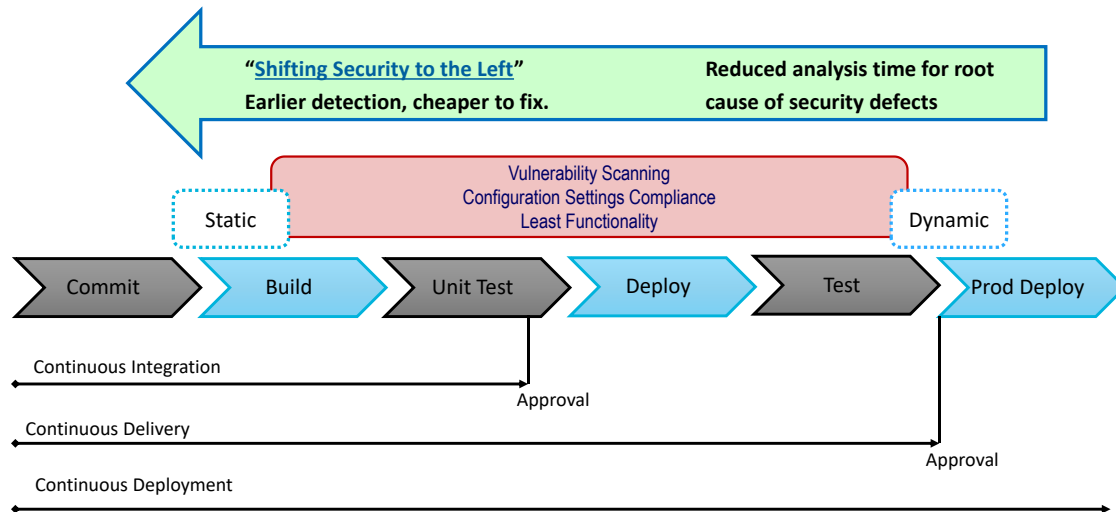


Figure 4-5 Shifting Security Testing “Left” to Fix Security Defect as Early as Possible

This focus area uses the pipeline to directly perform security validation tests. The security defects produced by these tests need to either already map their defect results to NIST SP 800-53 security controls or provide a category for the security defect that can easily be mapped to NIST SP 800-53 security controls automatically.

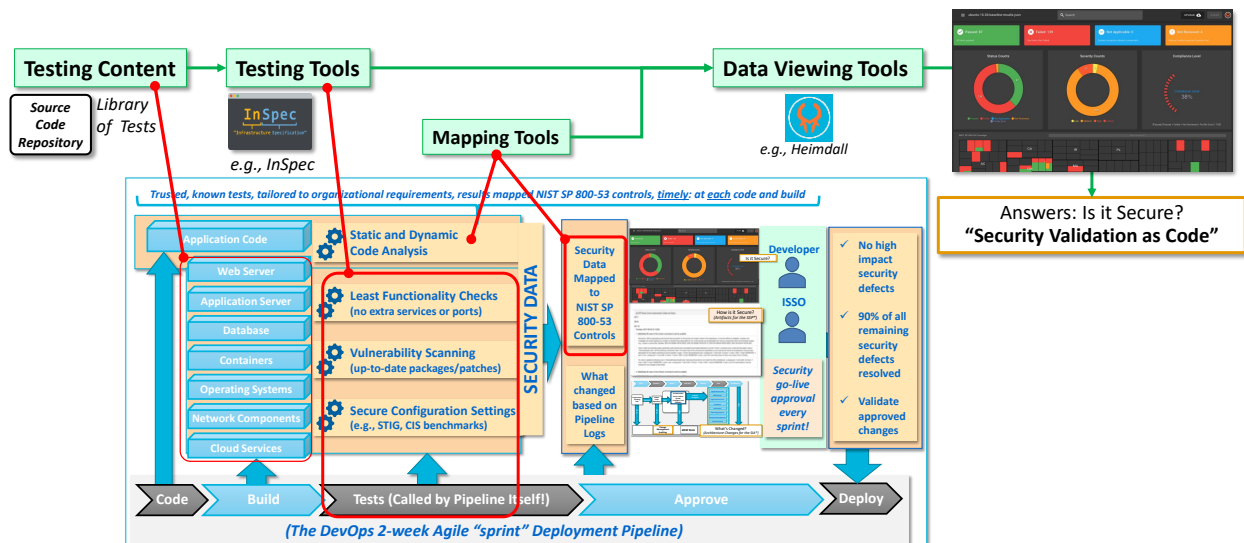


Figure 4-6 Technology Approach for Security Validation as Code Best Practice Area

4.1.1.1 Testing Tools

To perform least functionality, patching, and configuration setting checks against the underlying infrastructure of cloud, network, operating system, container, database, application, and web server technologies supporting an application; an example of an accessible, open-source tool DevOps teams may choose is InSpec⁶, a testing framework that can be incorporated into the existing testing harness of a pipeline's orchestration server. InSpec is well-suited to performing concrete sets of tests against known infrastructure components supporting an application.⁷

- **Open Source** – a growing community including NGA, NRO, USGCB, CMS, AOC, DISA
- **Built to integrate with any orchestration technology or testing harness**
- **Small footprint** – built for speed and simplicity
- **Intuitive validation language based on Ruby**
- **Customizable with overlays and attribute exceptions**
- **Developers and Security auditors can see the exact tests within the profile code**
- **Human- and machine-readable output allows for desktop use and scalability to enterprise**
 - **Immediate feedback** for the developer at their desktop
 - Dashboard integration for SIEM* or other tools for Sprint teams
 - Enterprise viewable by security auditors
- **Tests and Results are tagged/linked to NIST SP 800-53 controls**
- **Can be used against any part of the application stack or infrastructure:**
 - e.g., RHEL, NGINX, PostgreSQL, Docker, Apache, MySQL, Hadoop, AWS, etc.

Testing Tools



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✓ V-13726: The KeepAliveTimeout directive must be defined.
✓ ["5", "5"] should cmp == ["5", "5"]
✓ V-13727: The worker_processes StartServers directive must be set properly.
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✗ V-13732: The disable_symlinks setting must be disabled. <
  expected: ["on"]
    got: ["off"]

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* SIEM: Security Information and Event Management

Figure 4-7 InSpec Open Source Testing Framework as an Option for Security Validation as Code Best Practice Area

⁶ <https://www.inspec.io/>

⁷ At this time InSpec isn't very well suited for automating static and dynamic analysis tests. Static and dynamic analysis tools are more complex in their modeling and analysis of custom application code. We discuss how a DevOps pipeline can handle output from common static and dynamic tools in section 4.1.1.3.

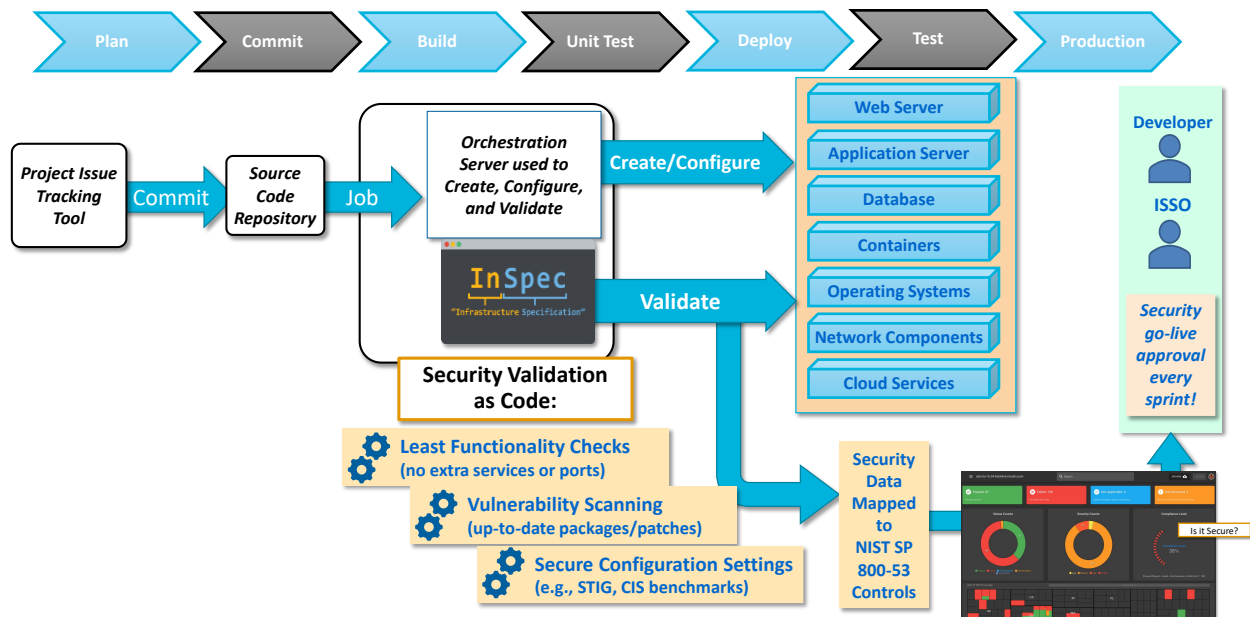


Figure 4-8 Open Source InSpec-based Option for Secure Configuration, Vulnerability, and Least Functionality Validation Checks

4.1.1.2 Testing Content (Code), using InSpec as an Open Source Example

InSpec relies on testing content in the form of InSpec “profiles” to perform validation. A library of approved profiles is expected to be available for all DevOps teams to use within their pipelines to validate the security of their underlying infrastructure, as often as needed, to reduce and maintain security debt. The current library is shown below:

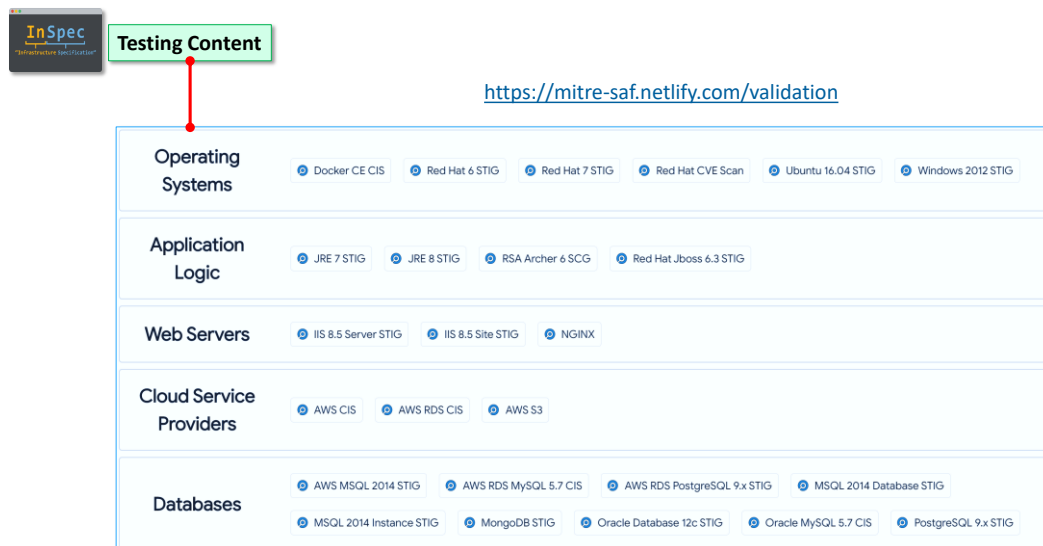


Figure 4-9 Testing Content for Security Validation as Code: Current InSpec Profiles⁸

⁸ <https://mitre-saf.netlify.com/validation>

NIST SP 800-53 tagging: When developing InSpec profiles, ensure that each test has an associated NIST SP 800-53 tag, for example:



```
control "V-71921" do
  title "The shadow file must be configured to store only encrypted
  representations of passwords."
  desc "Passwords need to be protected at all times, and encryption is the
  standard method for protecting passwords. If passwords are not encrypted, they
  can be plainly read (i.e., clear text) and easily compromised. Passwords
  encrypted with a weak algorithm are no more protected than if they are kept in
  plain text."
  impact 0.5
  tag "gtitle": "SRG-OS-000073-GPOS-00041"
  tag "gid": "V-71921"
  tag "rid": "SV-86545r1_rule"
  tag "stig_id": "RHEL-07-010210"
  tag "cci": ["CCI-000196"]
  tag "documentable": false
  tag "nist": ["IA-5 (1) (c)", "Rev 4"]
  tag "check": "Verify the system's shadow file is configured to store only
  encrypted representations of passwords. The strength of encryption that must be
  used to hash passwords for all accounts is SHA512."

  Check that the system is configured to create SHA512 hashed passwords with the
  following command:

  # grep -i encrypt /etc/login.defs
  ENCRYPT_METHOD SHA512
  ...
```

**IA-5(1),
NIST SP 800-53's Security Control for
Identification and Authentication -
Password-based Authentication**

Figure 4-10 NIST SP 800-53 Security Control Context for InSpec Tests

When an InSpec profile is run against a target system, the security data output includes this tag as well as all other tags, description information and the code used for each test.

4.1.1.3 Data Mapping Tools to Adapt Data from Static and Dynamic Code Analysis Tools

To perform application code security validation, DevOps teams are adopting various static and dynamic code analysis tools. To help DevOps teams manage data from these tools, mapping algorithms and tools should be developed to ensure that the security defects found by commonly used static and dynamic code analysis tools are also mapped⁹ to NIST SP 800-53 controls, and machine-readable and viewable in the same fashion other types of security data, such as InSpec output. Static code analysis tools are typically expected to be called by the source code repository upon each major commit, and dynamic code analysis tools called by the existing testing harness of a pipeline's orchestration server.

⁹ An open source demonstration a static and dynamic mapping tool is: https://github.com/mitre/heimdall_tools

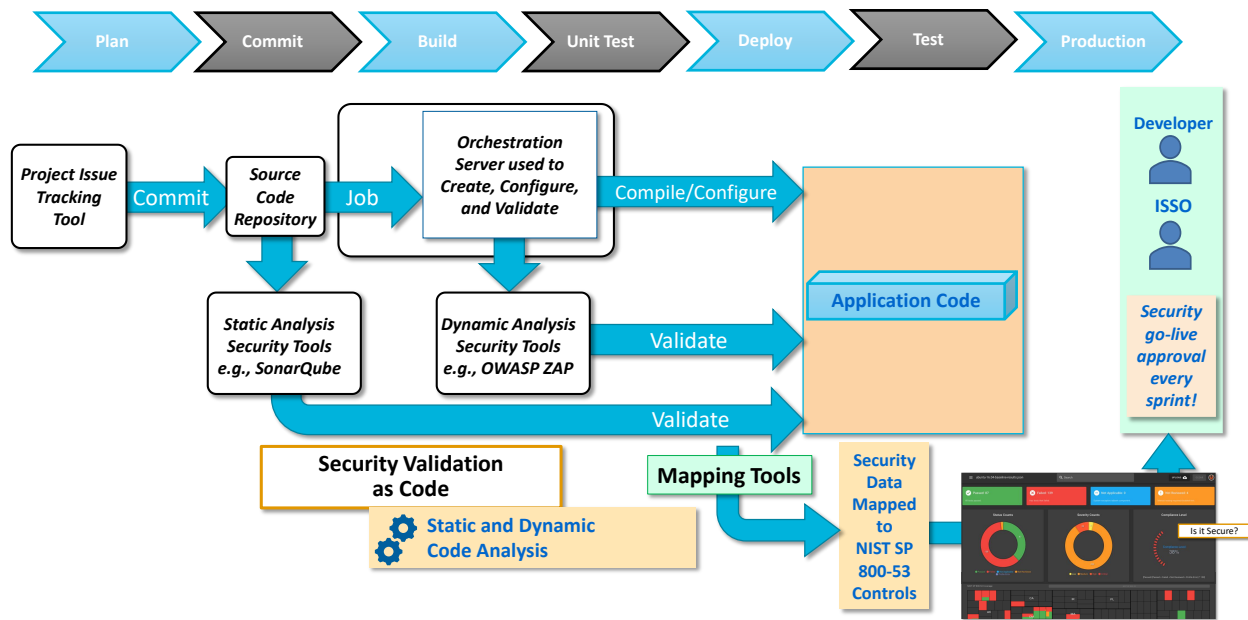


Figure 4-11 Data Mapping Tools for Static & Dynamic Code Analysis Tool Output

4.1.1.4 Data Standardization and Viewing Tools

In addition to ensuring the pipeline generates timely security data, DevOps teams also need the data to be prepared in specific, consistent ways, to meet several goals:

- **Machine-readability** – to ensure that the data can be moved and transformed as needed
- **Security control context** – security defects tagged to NIST SP 800-53 controls, to provide a common point of reference for the security context of any defect
- **Transparency** – shows not only the test code, but the reasoning behind it, all details of the security defects from the original testing profile or tool, and the explanation of how to fix the defect
- **Flexibility** – allows viewing at the developer’s desktop from the command-line, or using a graphical user interface (GUI) to view on the developer’s laptop, DevOps team server, or data center server
- **Consistency** – allows for a familiar view for a wide audience: developers, ISSOs, and Business Owners

Machine-readability is important to allow security data to be transported to, easily read by, and presented on a customer’s preferred dashboard.

In addition to adopting a tool such as InSpec and developing mapping tools discussed earlier, DevOps teams should standardize on a tool such as the open-source Heimdall¹⁰ to view and analyze the machine-readable data produced by InSpec and mapping tools, and use security information and event management (SIEM) tools to move this data for team and enterprise (e.g., data center) viewing.

¹⁰ <https://mitre.github.io/heimdall-lite/#/>, <https://github.com/mitre/heimdall>

This helps the pipeline automatically generate all security data in a standard format such as the open-source Heimdall Data Format for machine-readability, assigning severity levels to each security test result (high, medium, low) and mapping all security test results to NIST SP 800-53 security controls.

The output is standardized in a json format including a title, description, check text, fix text, relevant NIST SP 800-53 tag and impact level for each security defect.

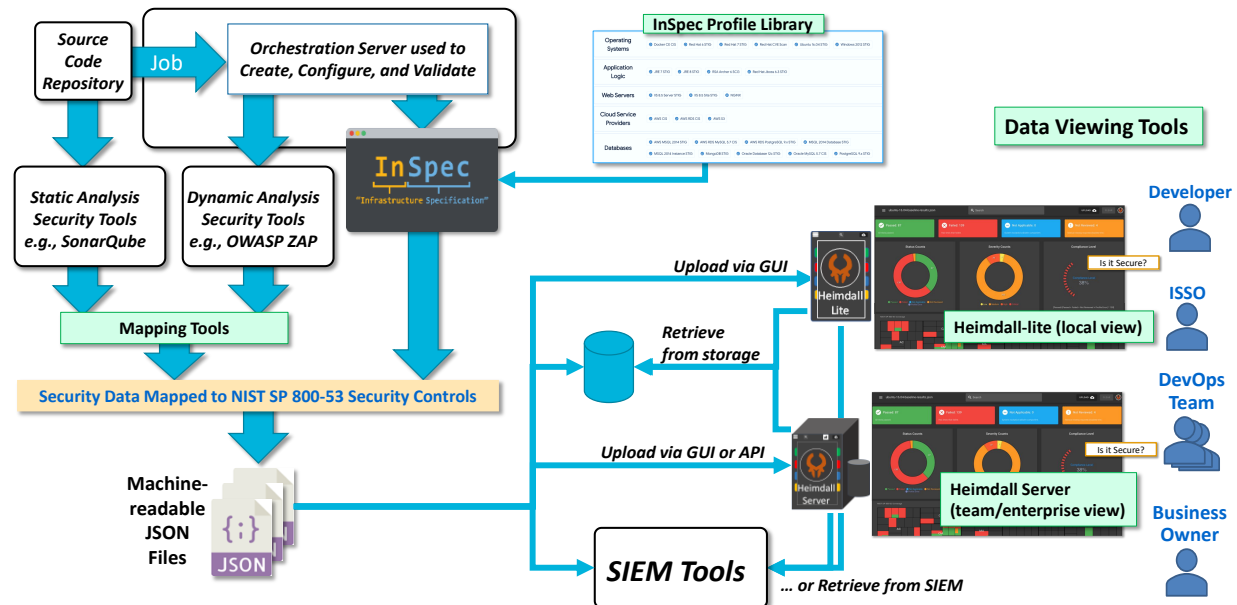


Figure 4-12 Example Data Viewing Tools – using Heimdall + SIEM Tools

DevOps teams should make should use technologies to make this data as accessible as possible for different use cases and stakeholders. This will allow each stakeholder to analyze and address security defects and risks as soon as possible throughout the lifecycle of applications.

- For example, the open-source Heimdall-lite¹¹ provides functionality for viewing data from HDF JSON files. It is intended as a standalone single-file JavaScript html page that can be loaded into a browser on a developer's own workstation. Files can be uploaded through the browser graphic user interface (GUI), from storage such as S3, or retrieved from SIEM sources such as Splunk.
- As another example, the open-source Heimdall Server¹² is a full standalone server version, providing storage for uploaded files, role-based access controls (RBAC), comparing of different JSON files, and trending of security debt over time. It is intended to be used as a local DevOps team server to analyze trends during Sprints. In addition to the upload methods demonstrated by Heimdall-lite, Heimdall Server allows upload via an API as well.

¹¹ <https://mitre.github.io/heimdall-lite/#/>

¹² <https://github.com/mitre/heimdall>

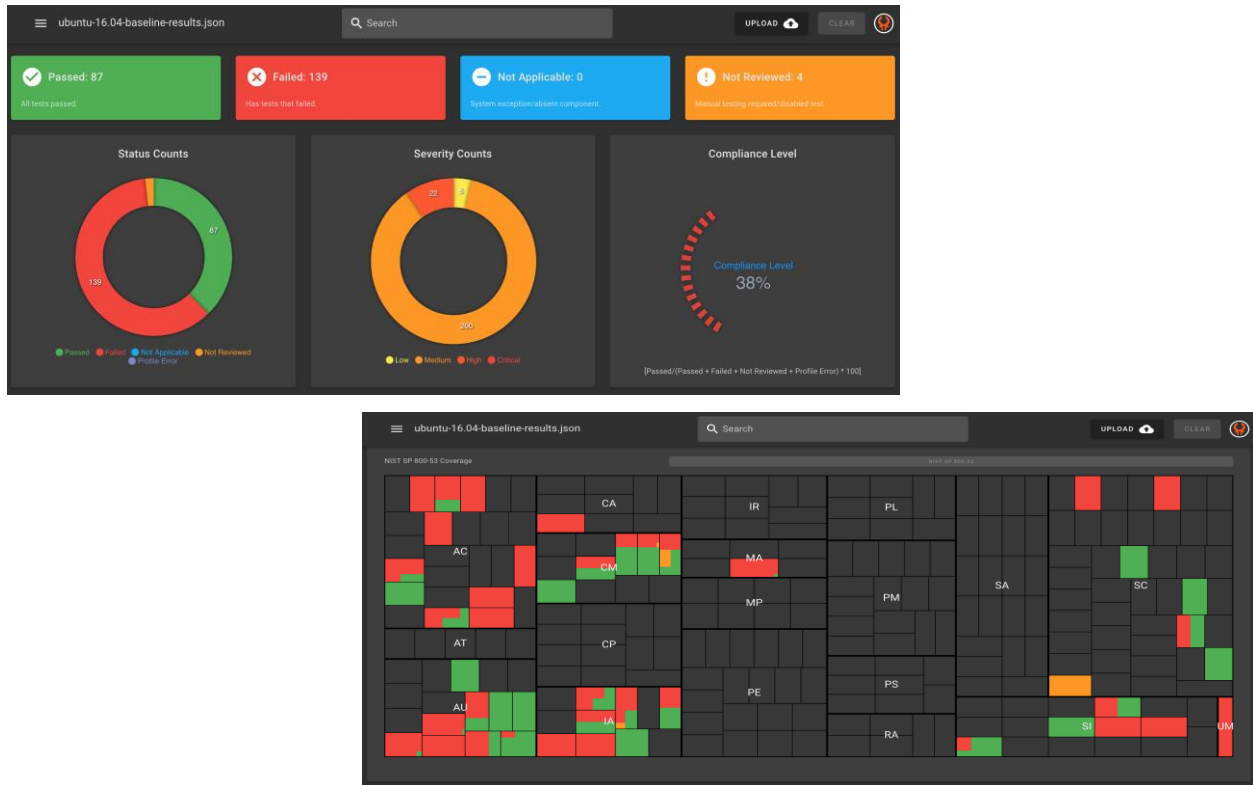


Figure 4-13 Example Data Viewing with Heimdall – Summary and Graphical Views

Status	Severity	Title	ID	Tags
Failed	MEDIUM	The Ubuntu operating system, for PKI-based authentication, must validate certi...	V-75909	IA-5
Passed	MEDIUM	The SSH daemon must use privilege separation.	V-75849	CM-6
Failed	HIGH	The Ubuntu operating system must not have accounts configured with blank or null...	V-75479	CM-6
Failed	MEDIUM	Emergency administrator accounts must never be automatically removed or disabled...	V-75469	AC-2
Failed	MEDIUM	Advance package Tool (APT) must remove all software components after updated ver...	V-75529	SI-2
Failed	MEDIUM	The audit system must take appropriate action when the network cannot be used to...	V-75859	AU-4
Passed	MEDIUM	Ubuntu vendor packaged system security patches and updates must be installed and...	V-75391	CM-6
Passed	MEDIUM	The Ubuntu operating system must prevent Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) Inte...	V-75879	CM-6

Figure 4-14 Example Data Viewing with Heimdall – Test Results List View

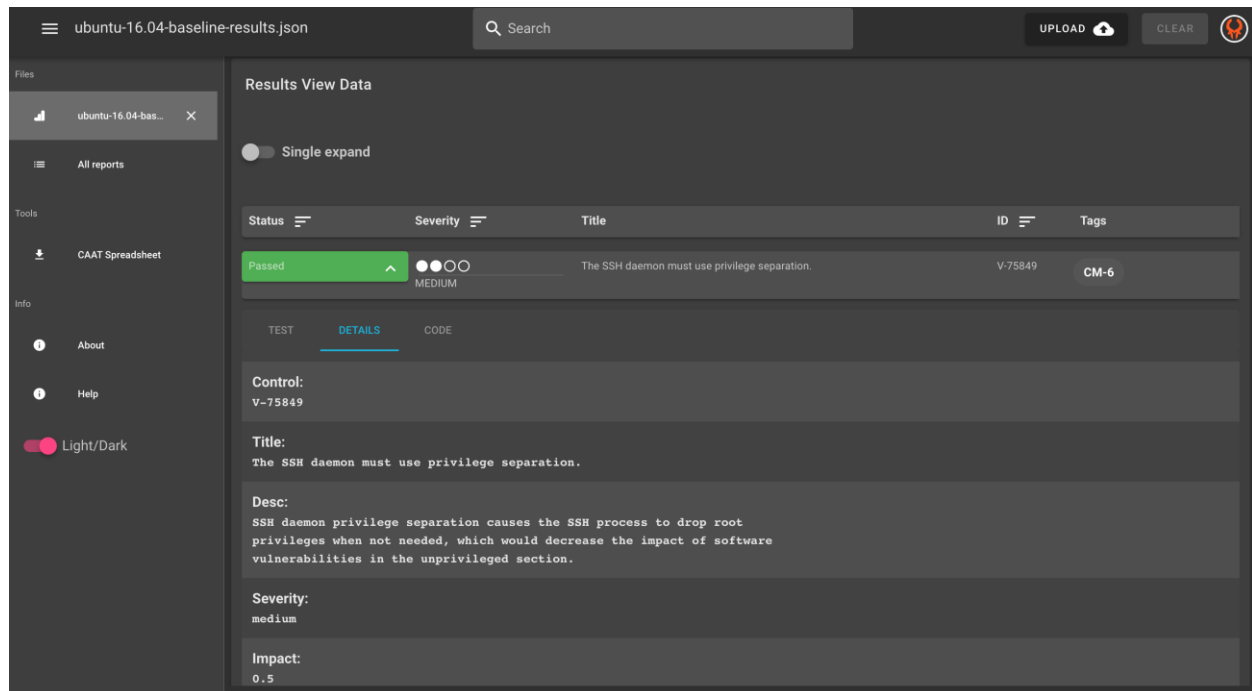


Figure 4-15 Example Data Viewing with Heimdall – Details View

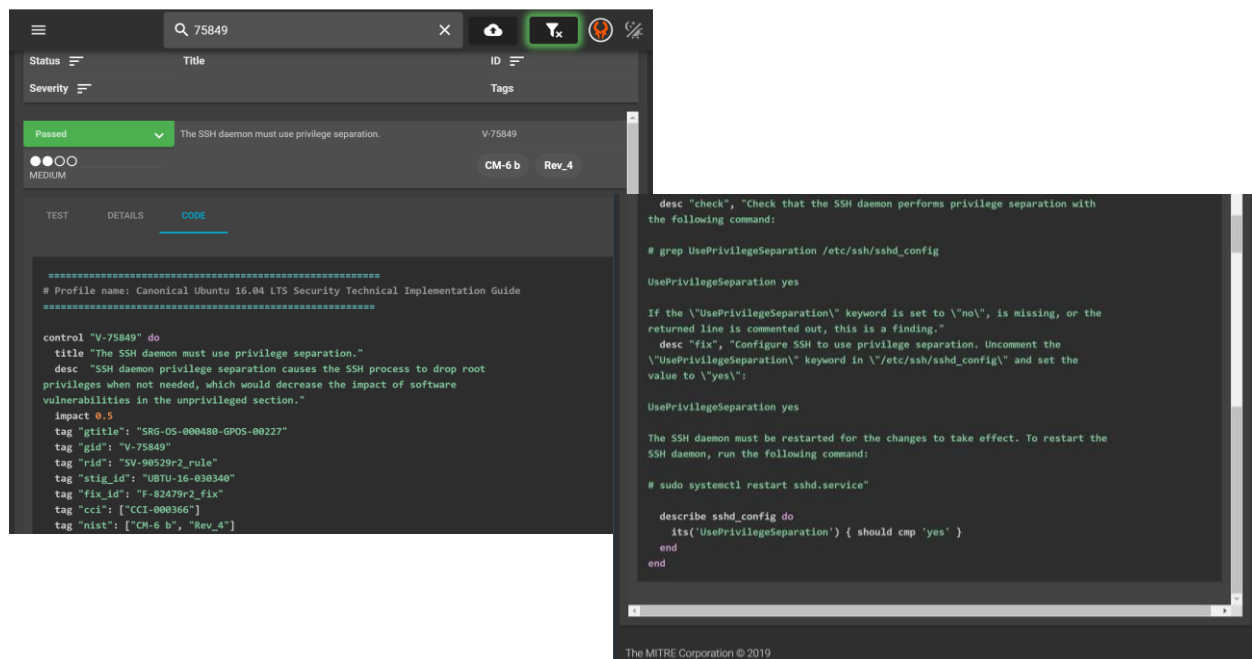


Figure 4-16 Example Data Viewing with Heimdall – InSpec Testing Code View

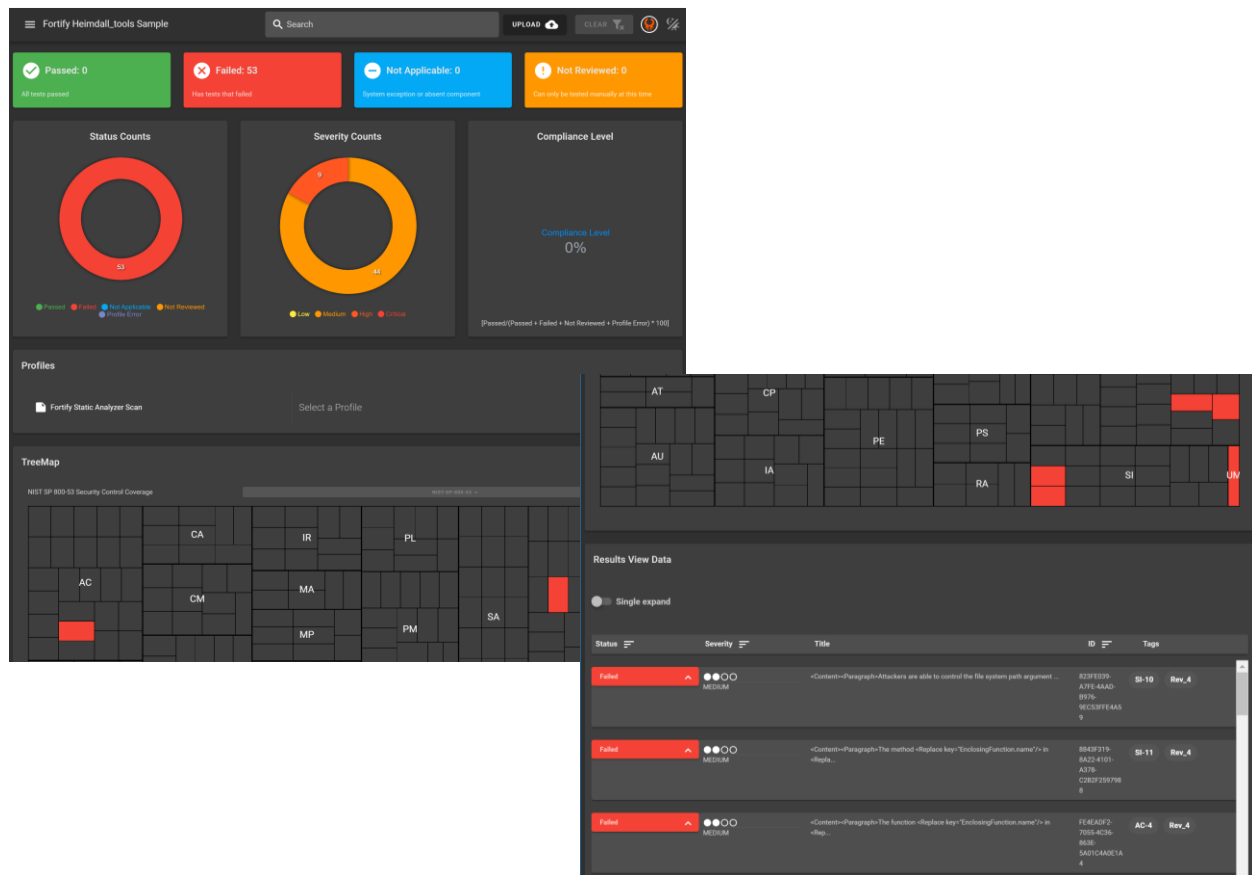


Figure 4-17 Example Data Viewing with Heimdall – Static Code Analysis Tool Output View

4.1.2 Security Documentation as Code Best Practice

The Security Documentation as Code focus area supports the user story for “How is it secure?”:

“As a DevOps/Agile developer, maintaining security documentation is a challenge. In addition to validating security, I need tools that are integrated into my CI/CD pipeline to help me automatically document the as-built security in my system for my ISSO, Sprint-to-Sprint.”

This focus area uses the pipeline to directly perform security validation tests. For example, InSpec profiles include documentation for each security test they perform, and hence provide the context of each successful security check they perform. Each security check is also linked to a NIST SP 800-53 control. A DevOps team can use this data, grouped by security control, to help populate or supplement private implementation details in the SSP.

For example, the Heimdall viewer provides a different view of the JSON data output for SSP-ready use:

Heimdall-lite [Load Json](#) [Compliance Assessment/Audit Tracking \(CAAT\) Spreadsheet Download](#)

Results SSP Ready Content Profile Data [Clear Filters](#)

SSP Ready Control Implementation Details and Status [Expand All](#)

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Not A Finding 1: All network connections associated with a communication session must be terminated at the end of the session or after 30 minutes of inactivity from the user at a command prompt, except to fulfill documented and validated mission requirements.

Not A Finding 2: All network connections associated with SSH traffic must terminate at the end of the session or after 30 minutes of inactivity, except to fulfill documented and validated mission requirements.

Not A Finding 3: All network connections associated with SSH traffic must terminate after a period of inactivity.

Discussion: Terminating an idle SSH session within a short time period reduces the window of opportunity for unauthorized personnel to take control of a management session enabled on the console or console port that has been left unattended. In addition, quickly terminating an idle SSH session will also free up resources committed by the managed network element.

Terminating network connections associated with communications sessions includes, for example, de-allocating associated TCP/IP address/port pairs at the operating system level and de-allocating networking assignments at the application level if multiple application sessions are using a single operating system-level network connection. This does not mean that the operating system terminates all sessions or network access; it only ends the inactive session and releases the resources associated with that session.

Figure 4-18 Example of using InSpec Profile output for Security Documentation

This view can be saved as an addendum for the ISSO to supplement the SSP documentation uploaded into the FISMA system of record.

DevOps Teams should also incorporate the National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST) Open Security Controls Assessment Language (OSCAL)¹³ standards into all aspects of security testing to support population and maintenance of SSP documentation:

“NIST, in collaboration with industry, is developing the Open Security Controls Assessment Language (OSCAL). OSCAL is a set of formats expressed in XML, JSON, and YAML. These formats provide machine-readable representations of control catalogs, control baselines, system security plans, and assessment plans and results.”

4.1.3 Change Management Auditing Best Practice

The Change Management Auditing focus area supports the user story for “What has changed during this Sprint?”:

¹³ <https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/>

“As a DevOps/Agile developer, I need to account for all my changes through the pipeline before requesting a security go-live decision for my system, Sprint-to-Sprint.”

This focus area uses data from the pipeline itself, to correlate items from project issues to source code repository commits to orchestration server builds. Anything that can't be traced back to a planned project issue is flagged as an unauthorized change for discussion with the ISSO during the Sprint.

At the beginning of each Sprint, the intent is for the ISSO to develop an initial Security Impact Analysis based on planned change for the Sprint, to foresee significant security testing changes in a Sprint. Near the end of the Sprint, this change management auditing best practice is intended to identify any unauthorized changes implemented during the Sprint.

For example, a security information and event management (SIEM) tool could be used to support the collection of logs from pipeline components and to correlate the events across these components:

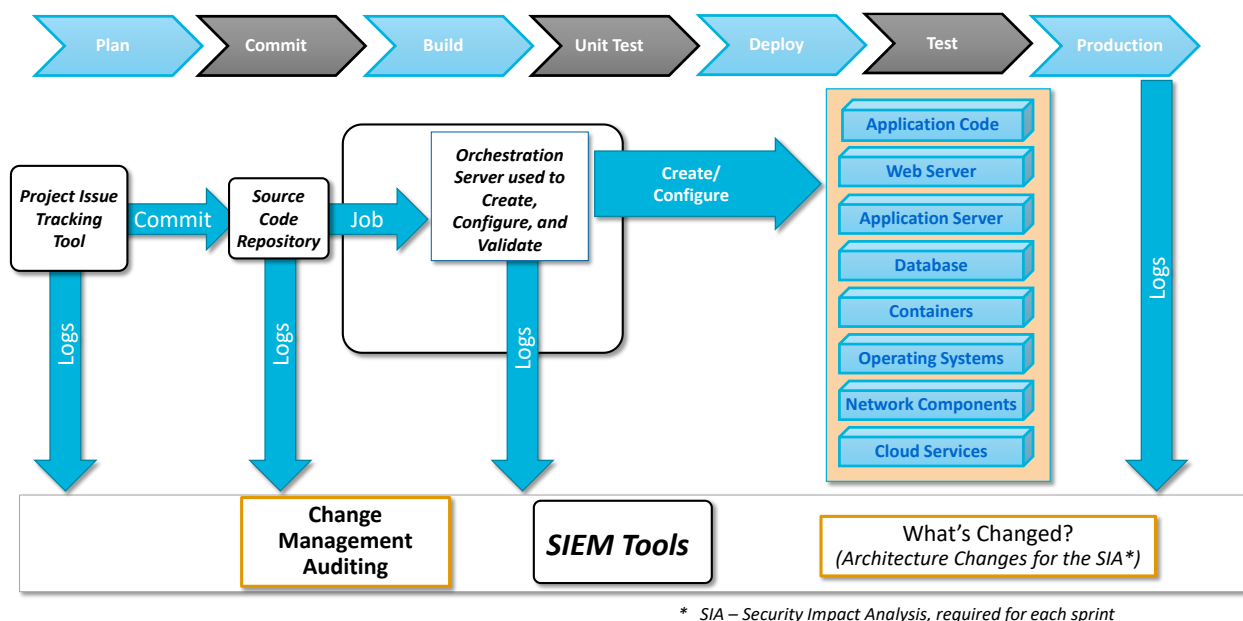


Figure 4-19 Change Management Auditing Best Practice Area supported by an SIEM tool

A dashboard could then be used to bring logs from each component of the pipeline together for the developer and ISSO to review.

In addition, the DevOps team should follow these code review recommendations:

Implement Project Code Standards for DevOps:

1. Employ code quality standards (for measuring code quality)
 - a. Linting - used for checking for code clarity and neatness in code
 - b. Code Coverage to 90-95% - unit/functional testing to exercise 90-95% of all functions
 - c. Complexity Reduction - to increase maintainability and modularity, helps developers fix multiple instances of security problems with fewer corrections to code.

- d. Static Code review (security review)
 - i. Seek a tool that attempts to check as many applicable Common Weaknesses Enumeration (CWE) types CWE, from SANS Top 25.
 - ii. Note however that few tools reach much higher than a 30% true positive rate.¹⁴
 - iii. Running tools from different sources can help identify true positives.
- e. Peer code review by team members (informal, analogous to independent release-based review)
2. Integrate all tools into the CI/CD pipeline – Automate to save time! Spend time evaluating the results rather than running the tool manually.
3. Code quality tools are selected as appropriate for the entire code base used for the project (e.g., node.js (JavaScript), ruby, etc.)¹⁵

Employ a Good Workflow:

1. Use branch/merge pull request model that rebases against the main line:
→ Upon every merge of a pull request into the main line, run code quality tools.
2. In the source code repository: All code commits must be tagged/related to a planned project issue ticket
3. In the project issue tracker: All planned project issue tickets for coding/recoding a function must be tagged with applicable security controls, with the help of the on-staff security engineer:
 - a. Tag (identify) the security controls the function supports for the application - e.g., the application's authentication service directly supports (performs) AC-3 (Access Control Enforcement)
 - b. Tag security controls that support the security of the function itself (e.g., the application's authentication service is protected by file permissions, encryption, employed with infrastructure components)
4. 1, 2, and 3 together provide a way to map pull requests to controls, to support security-based change control tracking.

4.1.4 Control Coverage for Current Best Practices Focus Areas

For Federal systems, relating any security defect or findings to a NIST SP 800-53 security control is vital to provide a common point of reference across all stakeholders making security decisions. The current best practices on security validation, documentation, and change management auditing validate or support several security controls, including the following:

¹⁴ https://rawgit.com/OWASP/Benchmark/master/scorecard/OWASP_Benchmark_Home.html

¹⁵ Sonarqube plugin for javascript exists - <https://docs.sonarqube.org/display/PLUG/SonarJS>

Security Validation as Code supports					SA-11 – Developer Security Testing and Evaluation				
Security Documentation as Code supports					SA-5 - Information System Documentation				

... for a **range of security controls** on Cloud (e.g., AWS), OS (e.g., Red Hat), Web (e.g., NGINX), or Database (e.g., PostgreSQL):

Access Control					Audit and Accountability					Configuration Management					System and Communications Protection				
Control Number	Cloud	OS	Web	DB	Control Number	Cloud	OS	Web	DB	Control Number	Cloud	OS	Web	DB	Control Number	Cloud	OS	Web	DB
AC-02			✓		AU-02	✓				CM-02			✓		SC-02			✓	
AC-02(01)				✓	AU-03		✓		✓	CM-05(01)			✓	✓	SC-03			✓	✓
AC-02(04)	✓				AU-03(01)					CM-06			✓		SC-04				✓
AC-03		✓	✓	✓	AU-03(02)				✓	CM-07			✓	✓	SC-05			✓	
AC-06	✓		✓		AU-04	✓	✓			CM-07(01)				✓	SC-07	✓		✓	
AC-06(07)	✓				AU-05		✓			CM-08	✓				SC-07(05)	✓			
AC-06(09)		✓			AU-05(01)				✓	CM-08(02)	✓				SC-08			✓	✓
AC-06(10)	✓				AU-05(02)				✓	CM-08(03)	✓				SC-08(02)			✓	✓
AC-07		✓			AU-06			✓							SC-10			✓	
AC-08		✓			AU-06(05)	✓									SC-12	✓		✓	
AC-10		✓		✓	AU-08				✓						SC-13				✓
AC-11		✓			AU-08(01)			✓							SC-23	✓			✓
AC-12		✓		✓	AU-09	✓	✓		✓						SC-28	✓			✓
AC-16				✓	AU-10				✓						SC-28(01)	✓			✓
AC-17(02)		✓			AU-12	✓	✓		✓										
AC-18(01)		✓			AU-12(03)				✓										

Change Management Auditing supports				
CM-3 - Configuration Change Control				
SA-10 - Developer Configuration Management				
CM-4 - Security Impact Analysis				
CM-5(2) - Review System Changes				
IR-6(1) - Automated (Incident) Reporting				

Identification and Authentication				
Control Number	Cloud	OS	Web	DB
IA-02	✓	✓		✓
IA-02(01)		✓		
IA-02(02)		✓		
IA-02(11)		✓		
IA-02(12)		✓		
IA-03		✓		
IA-04	✓	✓		
IA-05			✓	
IA-05(01)	✓	✓		✓
IA-05(02)	✓			✓
IA-07				✓
IA-08				✓

System and Information Integrity				
Control Number	Cloud	OS	Web	DB
SI-02		✓		✓
SI-03		✓		
SI-04(02)	✓			
SI-04(04)	✓			
SI-04(05)	✓			
SI-06		✓		
SI-07		✓		
SI-07(01)		✓		
SI-07(02)		✓		
SI-07(05)		✓		
SI-10				✓
SI-11				✓

Figure 4-20 NIST SP 800-53 Security Control Coverage when Building Security into DevOps

Note: This figure only covers 4 types of InSpec profiles. Appendix A details the control coverage for these 4 types of representative profiles. Appendices B and C map controls to key standards used by static and dynamic code analysis tools.

4.2 Future Best Practice Focus Areas

4.2.1 Reporting Best Practices

The DevOps teams should work with all stakeholders to develop and refine best practice reporting and integration requirements to comply with stakeholder use of security data from the DevSecOps lifecycle. Stakeholders include developers, ISSOs, security assessors, SOC staff, and those responsible for FISMA reporting into the organization's system of record.

Developer and ISSO day-to-day use of security data produced by the DevOps pipeline has been covered by the current focus areas discussed in section 4.1.

4.2.1.1 ISSO Reporting

The ISSO is also responsible for tracking the security defects that cannot be resolved before the end of each Sprint. The standard method for populating any kind of security finding, be it from InSpec, static or dynamic code analysis tools, penetration testing, or external auditors, is to record these in some type of Compliance Assessment/Audit Tracking (CAAT) spreadsheet. For example, Heimdall provides a means for the ISSO to generate this spreadsheet:

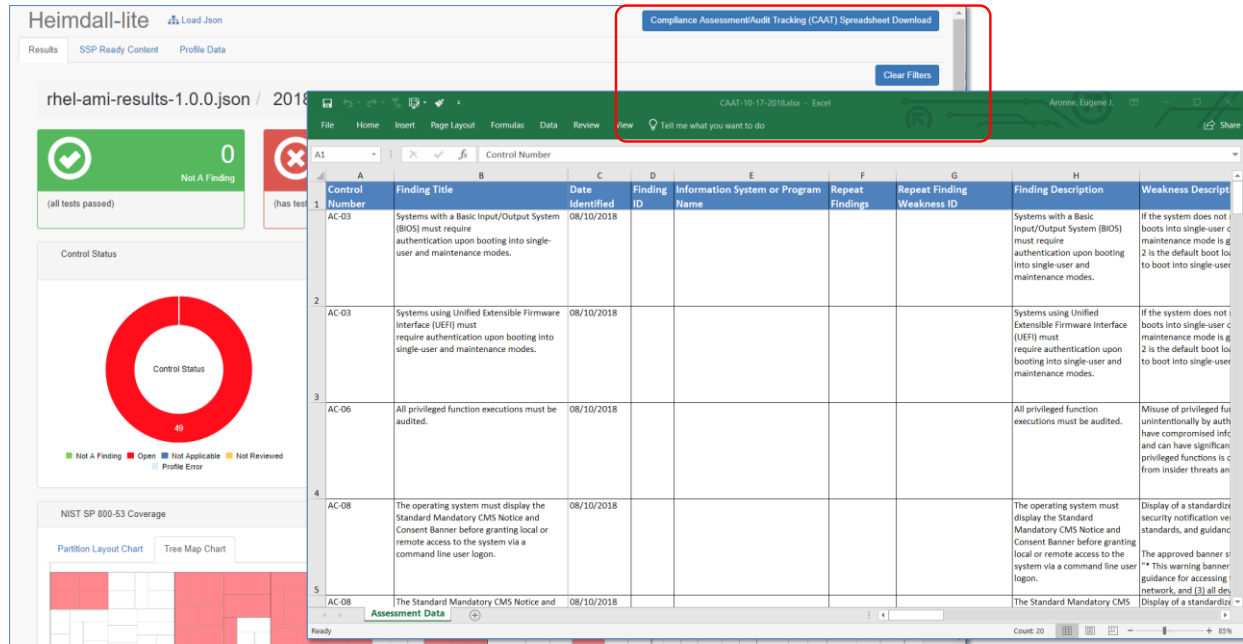


Figure 4-21 Example of an ISSO's Compliance Assessment/Audit Tracking (CAAT) Spreadsheet, Generated by Open-Source Heimdall tool

4.2.1.2 Security Control Assessment Reporting

Security Control Assessment teams perform security assessments for the initial authorization of a system and ongoing authorization after the initial authorization.

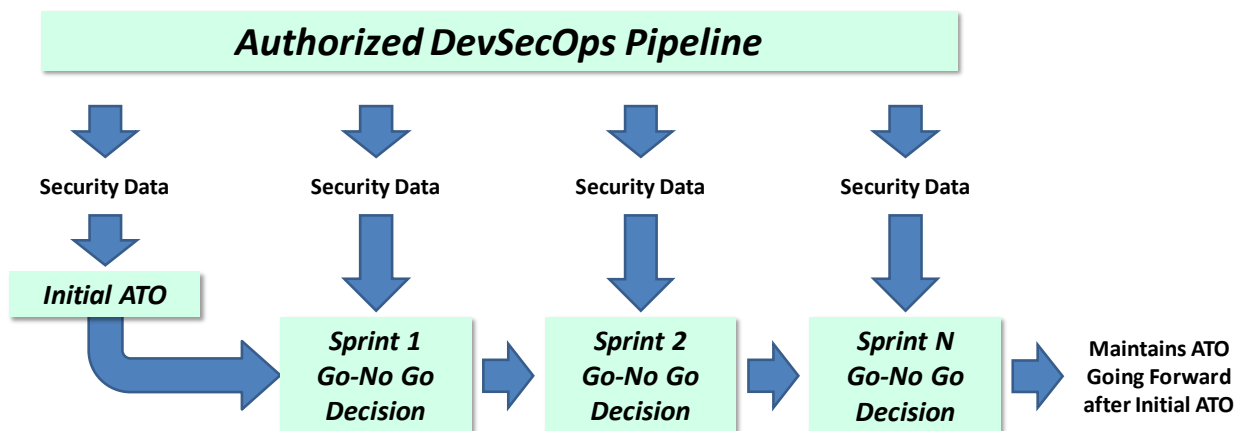


Figure 4-22 Security Control Assessment Team use of DevSecOps Security Data for ATO Processes

A proposed best practice is for these teams is to review security data coming from the DevOps environments, to supplement or reduce the time-consuming process of introducing external security tools to perform assessments. Open source examples include using Heimdall (discussed in 4.1.1.4) or CAAT (discussed in 4.2.1.1) options.

4.2.1.3 SOC Reporting

The security operations center (SOC) team monitors security across the enterprise, performing threat modeling and alerting system developers and maintainers when threats are detected targeting vulnerable systems. The SOC needs to be aware of the security vulnerabilities of systems. A proposed best practice for the SOC staff to review security data from DevOps environments is by using an enterprise level viewing tool, such as the Heimdall Server enterprise-level viewing capability (discussed in 4.1.1.4).

4.2.2 Operational Analytics Best Practices

The DevOps teams should work with all stakeholders to develop a best practice process to engineer application audit log triggers during development to detect anomalies during operations and use this data to adapt to and plan for the next application development Sprint:

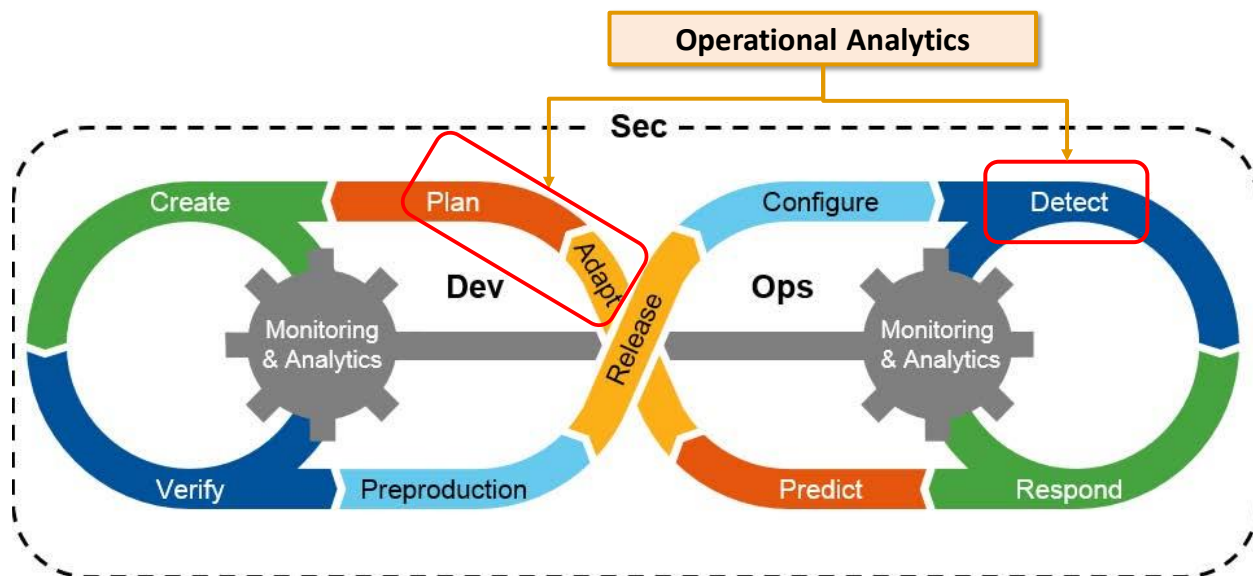


Figure 4-23 Operational Analytics Best Practice Support for DevSecOps “Infinity Loop”

The intent for this best practice is for DevOps teams to work with the business owner to define unusual business-application usage patterns to base security event triggers, leveraging web, API, and application server logs. Unusual usage patterns are highly dependent on the specific business workflow and use cases for their application. These patterns could be unusual transactions, deletions, downloads of unusual volumes or types data given a user’s defined role for the application, etc. Custom code may be required to generate many of these business application-specific events. The intent is for the DevOps team to collect these audit logs and configure an SIEM to detect and alert the DevOps team of these anomalies.

4.2.3 DevSecOps Process Improvement Best Practices

The DevOps teams should work with all stakeholders to describe what to measure and how to analyze the data to constantly improve the project’s DevSecOps process. It will improve future builds using metrics and measures of security debt, unauthorized changes during development, and detection of anomalies during operation:

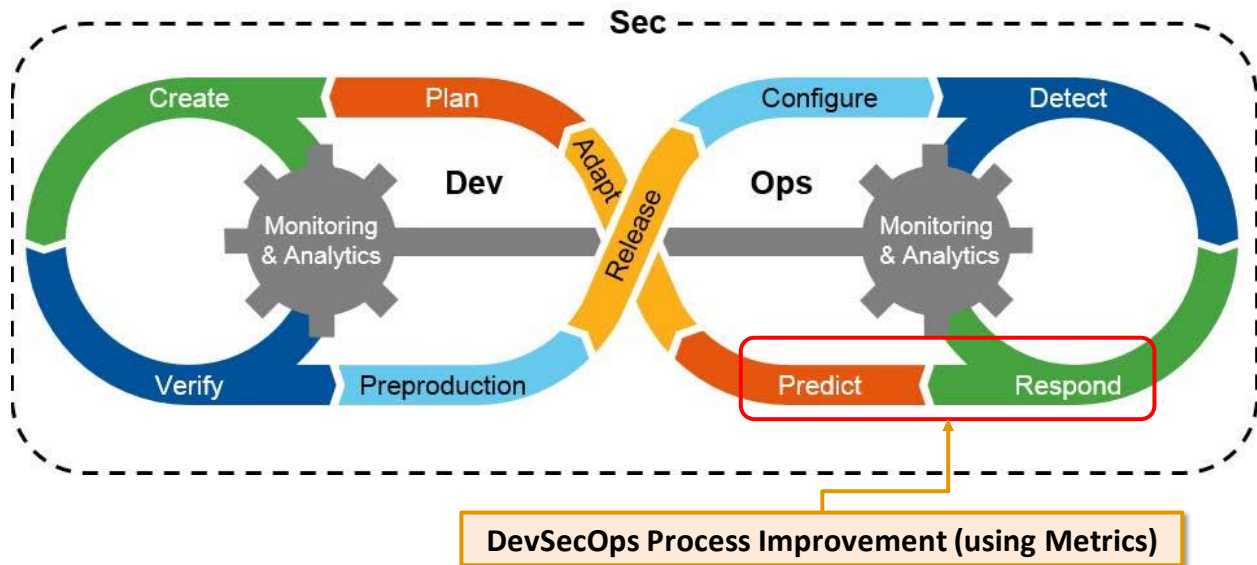


Figure 4-24 DevSecOps Cycle Improvement Best Practice Support for DevSecOps “Infinity Loop”

Initial proposed metrics include:

- All high security defects and 90% of all medium or low security defects are resolved before allowing affected functionality to be deployed to production.
- No security defect may carry-over unresolved through more than 2 Sprints.
- The number of unplanned (unauthorized) changes for any Sprint is less than 5% of the number of planned (authorized) changes.

This best practice should be refined through continued work with internal and external DevOps teams, including industry best practice research such as the DORA (DevOps Research and Assessment)¹⁶.

¹⁶ <https://devops-research.com/>

Appendix A. NIST SP 800-53 Security Control Coverage Details

CMS ARS 3.1 Control Coverage Worksheet				Assessment Target: CIS AWS Foundations Benchmark v1.1.0 - 11-29-2016										Date:	3/1/2018	Comment:	InSpec Profile														
Control Family		Control Number(s) (* indicates a non-mandatory control)																													
Access Control	AC	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	2(3)	2(4)	2(5)	2(9)*	2(10)*	2(11)	2(12)	2(13)	3	3(9)*	4	4(8)*	4(12)*	4(15)*	4(17)*	4(18)*	5	6	6(1)	6(2)	6(3)	6(5)	6(7)*	6(9)	6(10)	
		7	8	9*	9(1)*	10	11	11(1)	12	14	16*	16(3)*	17	17(1)	17(2)	17(3)	17(4)	17(9)	18	18(1)	18(4)	18(5)	19	19(5)	20	20(1)	20(2)	20(3)*	21	22	
Awareness and Training	AT	1	2	2(2)	3	4																									
Audit and Accountability	AU	1	2	2(3)	3	3(1)	3(2)	4	5	5(1)	5(2)	6	6(1)	6(3)	6(5)	6(6)	6(10)*	7	7(1)	7(2)*											
		8	8(1)	9	9(2)	9(3)	9(4)	10	10(1)*	11	12	12(1)	12(3)	16*	16(2)*																
Configuration Management	CM	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	2(3)	2(6)*	2(7)	3	3(1)	3(2)	3(6)*	4	4(1)	4(2)*	5	5(1)	5(2)	5(3)												
		6	6(1)	6(2)	7	7(1)	7(2)	7(4)	7(5)*	7(5)	8	8(1)	8(2)	8(3)	8(4)	8(5)	9	10	11												
Contingency Planning	CP	7	7(1)	7(2)	7(3)	7(4)	8	8(1)	8(2)	8(3)	8(4)	9	9(1)	9(2)	9(3)	9(5)	10	10(2)	10(4)												
Identification and Authentication	IA	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	2(3)	2(4)	2(6)*	2(7)*	2(8)	2(9)	2(11)	2(12)	3	4	4(3)*	5	5(1)	5(2)	5(3)	5(11)	6	7	8	8(1)	8(2)	8(3)	8(4)			
Incident Response	IR	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	3	3(1)*	3(2)	4	4(1)	4(3)*	4(4)	4(6)*	4(7)*	5	5(1)	6	6(1)	7	7(1)	7(2)*	8	9*	9(1)*	9(2)*	9(3)*	9(4)*	10*			
Maintenance	MA	1	2	2(2)	3	3(1)	3(2)	3(3)	4	4(1)	4(2)	4(3)	4(6)*	5	5(1)	6															
Media Protection	MP	1	2	3	4	5	5(3)*	5(4)	6	6(1)	6(2)	6(3)	6(8)*	7	7(1)	8*	8(3)*	C-1													
Physical and Environmental Protection	PE	1	2	2(1)*	3	3(1)	4	5	6	6(1)	6(4)	8	8(1)	9	10	11	11(1)	12	13	13(1)	13(2)	13(3)	14	15	15(1)	16	17	18	18(1)*		
Planning	PL	1	2	2(3)	4	4(1)	8																								
Personnel Security	PS	1	2	3	3(3)*	4	4(2)	5	6	7	8																				
Risk Assessment	RA	1	2	3	5	5(1)	5(2)	5(3)*	5(4)	5(5)																					
System and Services Acquisition	SA	1	2	3	4	4(1)	4(2)	4(8)*	4(9)	4(10)	5	8	9	9(2)	9(5)*	10	10(1)*	11	11(2)*	11(5)*	11(8)*	12	13*	15	15(9)	16	17	21*	22*		
System and Communications Protection	SC	1	2	3	3(2)*	3(3)*	3(4)*	3(5)*	4	5	7	7(3)	7(4)	7(5)	7(7)	7(8)	7(14)*	7(18)	7(21)	8	8(1)	8(2)*									
		10	12	12(1)	13	15	15(1)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	28	28(1)*	32*	39	C-1	C-2										
System and Information Integrity	SI	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	2(3)*	3	3(1)	3(2)	4	4(1)*	4(2)	4(3)*	4(4)	4(5)	4(14)*	4(16)	4(23)*	4(24)*												
		5	5(1)	6	6(2)*	7	7(1)	7(2)	7(5)	7(6)*	7(7)	7(14)	8	8(1)	8(2)	10	11	12	16												

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Figure 4-25 AWS InSpec Profile - Security Control Coverage

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Green indicates a covered control for the assessment target

Figure 4-26 Red Hat InSpec Profile – Security Control Coverage

CMS ARS 3.1 Control Coverage Worksheet				Assessment Target: <i>NGINX Web Server Config (based on Apache STIG 2.2)</i>																Date:	3/1/2018		Comment:	InSpec Profile									
Control Family		Control Number(s) (* indicates a non-mandatory control)																															
Access Control	AC	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	2(3)	2(4)	2(5)	2(9)*	2(10)*	2(11)	2(12)	2(13)	3	3(9)*	4	4(8)*	4(12)*	4(15)*	4(17)*	4(18)*	5	6	6(1)	6(2)	6(3)	6(5)	6(7)*	6(9)	6(10)			
		7	8	9*	9(1)*	10	11	11(1)	12	14	16*	16(3)*	17	17(1)	17(2)	17(3)	17(4)	17(9)	18	18(1)	18(4)	18(5)	19	19(5)	20	20(1)	20(2)	20(3)*	21	22			
Awareness and Training	AT	1	2	2(2)	3	4																											
Audit and Accountability	AU	1	2	2(3)	3	3(1)	3(2)	4	5	5(1)	5(2)	6	6(1)	6(3)	6(5)	6(6)	6(10)*	7	7(1)	7(2)*													
		8	8(1)	9	9(2)	9(3)	9(4)	10	10(1)*	11	12	12(1)	12(3)	16*	16(2)*																		
Configuration Management	CM	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	2(3)	2(6)*	2(7)	3	3(1)	3(2)	3(6)*	4	4(1)	4(2)*	5	5(1)	5(2)	5(3)														
		6	6(1)	6(2)	7	7(1)	7(2)	7(4)	7(5)*	7(5)	8	8(1)	8(2)	8(3)	8(4)	8(5)	9	10	11														
Contingency Planning	CP	7	7(1)	7(2)	7(3)	7(4)	8	8(1)	8(2)	8(3)	8(4)	9	9(1)	9(2)	9(3)	9(5)	10	10(2)	10(4)														
Identification and Authentication	IA	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	2(3)	2(4)	2(6)*	2(7)*	2(8)	2(9)	2(11)	2(12)	3	4	4(3)*	5	5(1)	5(2)	5(3)	5(11)	6	7	8	8(1)	8(2)	8(3)	8(4)					
Incident Response	IR	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	3	3(1)*	3(2)	4	4(1)	4(3)*	4(4)	4(6)*	4(7)*	5	5(1)	6	6(1)	7	7(1)	7(2)*	8	9*	9(1)*	9(2)*	9(3)*	9(4)*	10*					
Maintenance	MA	1	2	2(2)	3	3(1)	3(2)	3(3)	4	4(1)	4(2)	4(3)	4(6)*	5	5(1)	6																	
Media Protection	MP	1	2	3	4	5	5(3)*	5(4)	6	6(1)	6(2)	6(3)	6(8)*	7	7(1)	8*	8(3)*	C-1															
Physical and Environmental Protection	PE	1	2	2(1)*	3	3(1)	4	5	6	6(1)	6(4)	8	8(1)	9	10	11	11(1)	12	13	13(1)	13(2)	13(3)	14	15	15(1)	16	17	18	18(1)*				
Planning	PL	1	2	2(3)	4	4(1)	8																										
Personnel Security	PS	1	2	3	3(3)*	4	4(2)	5	6	7	8																						
Risk Assessment	RA	1	2	3	5	5(1)	5(2)	5(3)*	5(4)	5(5)																							
System and Services Acquisition	SA	1	2	3	4	4(1)	4(2)	4(8)*	4(9)	4(10)	5	8	9	9(2)	9(5)*	10	10(1)*	11	11(2)*	11(5)*	11(8)*	12	13*	15	15(9)	16	17	21*	22*				
System and Communications Protection	SC	1	2	3	3(2)*	3(3)*	3(4)*	3(5)*	4	5	7	7(3)	7(4)	7(5)	7(7)	7(8)	7(14)*	7(18)	7(21)	8	8(1)	8(2)*											
		10	12	12(1)	13	15	15(1)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	28	28(1)*	32*	39	C-1	C-2												
System and Information Integrity	SI	1	2	2(1)	2(2)	2(3)*	3	3(1)	3(2)	4	4(1)*	4(2)	4(3)*	4(4)	4(5)	4(14)*	4(16)	4(23)*	4(24)*														
		5	5(1)	6	6(2)*	7	7(1)	7(2)	7(5)	7(6)*	7(7)	7(14)	8	8(1)	8(2)	10	11	12	16														

Assessment Legend:

Green indicates a covered control for the assessment target

Figure 4-27 NGINX InSpec Profile – Security Control Coverage

Assessment Legend:

Green indicates a covered control for the assessment target

Figure 4-28 PostgreSQL InSpec Profile – Security Control Coverage

Appendix B. Security Control Mapping to SANS Top 25 CWE

Minimum CWE used by code analysis tools to categorize security defects (based on SANS Top 25 2011)	Primary NIST SP 800-53 Controls
CWE-89 Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')	SI-10 - Information Input Validation
CWE-78 Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection')	SI-10 - Information Input Validation SI-3 - Malicious Code Protection
CWE-120 Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')	SI-16 - Memory Protection
CWE-79 Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')	SI-10 - Information Input Validation
CWE-306 Missing Authentication for Critical Function	IA-5 - Authenticator Management AC-14 - Permitted Actions Without Identification or Authentication
CWE-862 Missing Authorization	AC-6 - Least Privilege
CWE-798 Use of Hard-coded Credentials	IA-2 - Identification and Authentication (Organizational Users)
CWE-311 Missing Encryption of Sensitive Data	SC-13 - Cryptographic Protection SC-28 - Protection of Information at rest
CWE-434 Unrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type	SI-10 - Information Input Validation
CWE-807 Reliance on Untrusted Inputs in a Security Decision	SI-10 - Information Input Validation
CWE-250 Execution with Unnecessary Privileges	AC-6 - Least Privilege
CWE-352 Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	SC-23 - Session Authenticity AC-10 - Concurrent Session Control AC-11 - Session Lock AC-14 - Permitted Actions Without Identification or Authentication
CWE-22 Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal')	AC-3 - Access Enforcement SI-10 - Information Input Validation
CWE-494 Download of Code Without Integrity Check	SI-7 - Software, Firmware, and Information Integrity
CWE-863 Incorrect Authorization	AC-3 - Access Enforcement
CWE-829 Inclusion of Functionality from Untrusted Control Sphere	SI-10 - Information Input Validation
CWE-732 Incorrect Permission Assignment for Critical Resource	AC-3 - Access Enforcement
CWE-676 Use of Potentially Dangerous Function	SI-10 - Information Input Validation SI-11 - Error Handling
CWE-327 Use of a Broken or Risky Cryptographic Algorithm	SC-13 - Cryptographic Protection SC-28 - Protection of Information at rest
CWE-131 Incorrect Calculation of Buffer Size	SI-10 - Information Input Validation
CWE-307 Improper Restriction of Excessive Authentication Attempts	SC-23 - Session Authenticity AC-10 - Concurrent Session Control AC-11 - Session Lock AC-14 - Permitted Actions Without Identification or Authentication
CWE-601 URL Redirection to Untrusted Site ('Open Redirect')	SI-10 - Information Input Validation AC-3 - Access Enforcement
CWE-134 Uncontrolled Format String	SI-10 - Information Input Validation
CWE-190 Integer Overflow or Wraparound	SI-10 - Information Input Validation
CWE-759 Use of a One-Way Hash without a Salt	SC-13 - Cryptographic Protection SC-12 - Cryptographic Key Establishment and Management

Appendix C. Security Control Mapping to OWASP Top 10

OWASP categories used by code analysis tools to categorize security defects (based on OWASP Top 10 2013)	Primary NIST SP 800-53 Controls
A1 Injection	SI-10 – Information Input Validation
A2 Broken Authentication and Session Management	SC-23 - Session Authenticity AC-10 – Concurrent Session Control AC-11 – Session Lock AC-14 – Permitted Actions Without Identification or Authentication
A3 Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	SI-10 – Information Input Validation
A4 Insecure Direct Object References	AC-3 – Access Enforcement SI-10 – Information Input Validation
A5 Security Misconfiguration	CM-6 – Configuration Settings
A6 Sensitive Data Exposure	SI-11 – Error Handling SC-4 - Information in Shared Resources SC-28 – Protection of Information at Rest
A7 Missing Function Level Access Control	CM-7 Least Functionality AC-3 – Access Enforcement
A8 Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	SC-23 – Session Authenticity
A9 Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	SI-2 – Flaw Remediation
A10 Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards	SI-10 – Information Input Validation
OWASP categories used by code analysis tools to categorize security defects (based on OWASP Top 10 2017)	Primary NIST SP 800-53 Controls
A1:2017-Injection	SI-10 – Information Input Validation
A2:2017-Broken Authentication	SC-23 - Session Authenticity AC-10 – Concurrent Session Control AC-11 – Session Lock AC-14 – Permitted Actions Without Identification or Authentication
A3:2017-Sensitive Data Exposure	SI-11 – Error Handling SC-4 - Information in Shared Resources SC-28 – Protection of Information at Rest
A4:2017-XML External Entities (XXE)	SI-10 – Information Input Validation
A5:2017-Broken Access Control	AC-3 – Access Enforcement SI-10 – Information Input Validation
A6:2017-Security Misconfiguration	CM-7 Least Functionality
A7:2017-Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	CM-6 – Configuration Settings
A8:2017-Insecure Deserialization	SI-10 – Information Input Validation
A9:2017-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	SC-23 – Session Authenticity
A10:2017-Insufficient Logging&Monitoring	SI-2 – Flaw Remediation
	AU-12 Audit Generation AU-6 Audit Review, Analysis, and Reporting

Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
AC	Access Control
ATO	Authorization to Operate (also: Authority to Operate)
CCE	Common Configuration Enumeration
CD	Continuous Delivery (also: Continuous Deployment)
CI	Continuous Integration
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CIS	Center for Internet Security
CISO	Chief Information Security Officer
CM	Configuration Management
CVE	Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures
CWE	Common Weakness Enumeration
DevOps	Development (and) Operations (working together)
DevSecOps	Development, Security, Operations (working together)
DISA	Defense Information Systems Agency
DORA	DevOps Research and Assessment
FISMA	Federal Information Security Modernization Act (2014)
IA	Identification and Authentication
ISSO	Information System Security Officer
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
NIST SP	National Institutes of Standards and Technology Special Publication
OWASP	Open Web Application Security Project
RBAC	Role-based Access Control
SANS	SysAdmin, Audit, Network, and Security
SIA	Security Impact Analysis
SIEM	Security Information and Event Management
SSP	System Security Plan
STIG	Security Technical Implementation Guide

