

## Glossary terms from module 3

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### Terms and definitions from Course 1 Module 3

**Artifact:** A digital object, like a file or image, that is used in the software development lifecycle

**Commit:** The specific change made to a file

**Configuration drift:** When a resource's configuration has altered from its original or expected state

**Continuous delivery:** Continuous release of software builds to a testing environment

**Continuous deployment:** Deploys builds into a production environment in real time

**Continuous integration:** The phase where developers continuously create and update code that's uploaded into a shared repository

**Continuous integration and continuous delivery (CI/CD):** A process DevSecOps teams use to create software and automate updates

**DevSecOps:** A culture that consists of guidelines, best practices, and tools that development, operation, and security teams use to collaborate

**GitOps:** A framework that applies version control, collaboration, compliance, and CI/CD best practices to automate cloud infrastructure

**Infrastructure as code (IaC):** The practice of automating and managing infrastructure using reusable scripts

**Policy as code (PaC):** The use of code to define, manage, and automate policies, rules, and conditions using a high-level programming language

**Provenance:** A description of the processes and tools used to build an artifact

**Security hardening:** The process of strengthening a system to reduce its vulnerabilities and attack surface

**Shift left:** Security checks and practices are implemented at the beginning and throughout each phase of the software development lifecycle

**Software bill of materials (SBOM):** A machine-readable list of each piece of software, and its components involved in the supply chain

**Software development lifecycle:** A process for developing, testing, and monitoring software

**Software pipeline:** A process that uses automation and tools to facilitate movement through each phase of the software development lifecycle

**Software supply chain:** Includes the people, processes, and tools that play a part in software development