

Adding API Security to your DevSecOps Toolbelt

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- Why API Security
- DevOps vs DevSecOps
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Introduction

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Background

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AWS

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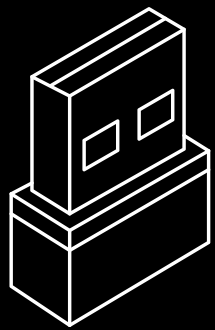
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Why API Security

- DevOps success
- Increased vulnerability
- Data is the new GOLD
- API interdependent vulnerabilities
- Fix in Dev vs Ops
- 1200:1 | Devs:AppSec
- Technology, Processes, People
- ITERATIVE LIFT not a BURDEN



API Security Foundation



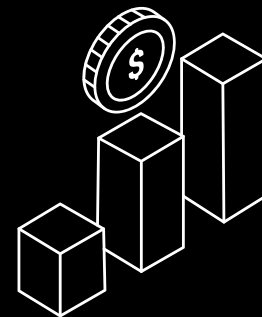
Discovery

API asset inventory, change detection, network mapping, reconnaissance.



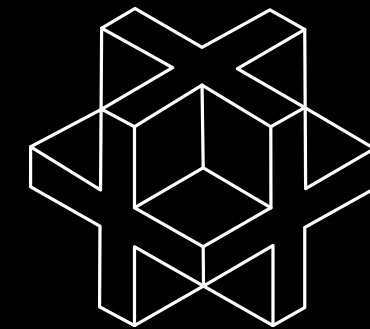
Posture Management

Configuration control, vulnerability management, remediation prioritization.



Runtime Protection

Detection and prevention of attackers and suspicious behavior in real time.



Active Testing

Secure APIs in dev to stop vulnerabilities before production.

DevOps

DevOps Software Factory

- Fast release
- Infra as Code
- Predictable results

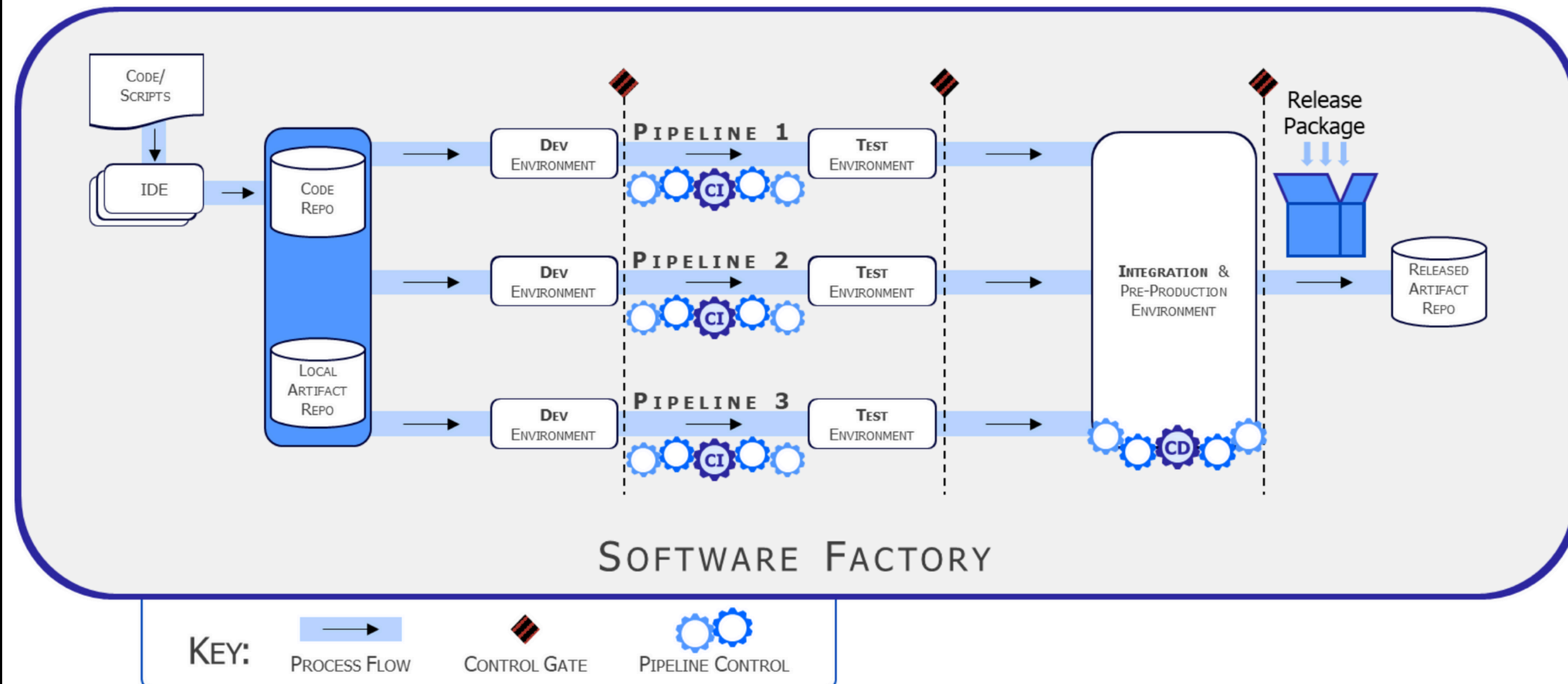


Figure 5 Normative Software Factory Construct

DevSecOps

DevSecOps Software Factory

- Shift Left
- Testing built into stages
- Not enough

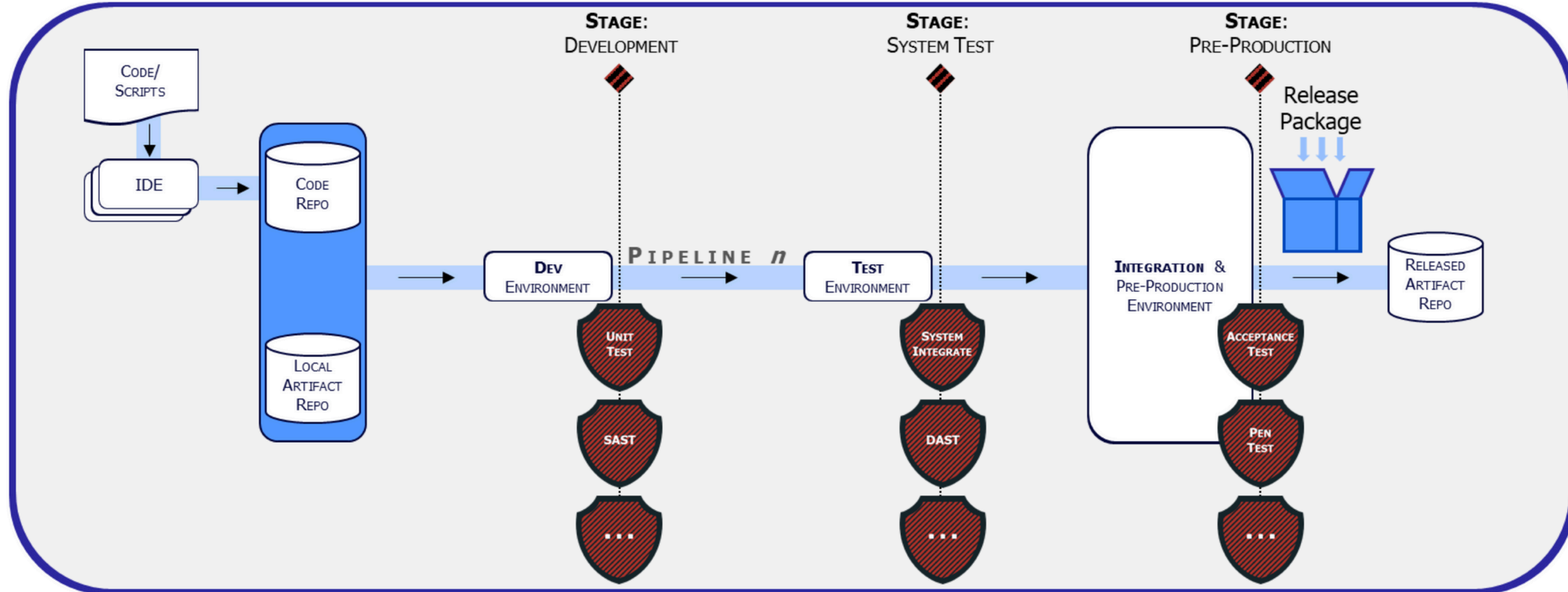


Figure 7 Notional expansion of a single DevSecOps software factory Pipeline

DevSecOps

DevSecOps Lifecycle

- DoD model
- Security at every stage
- Comprehensive code lifecycle

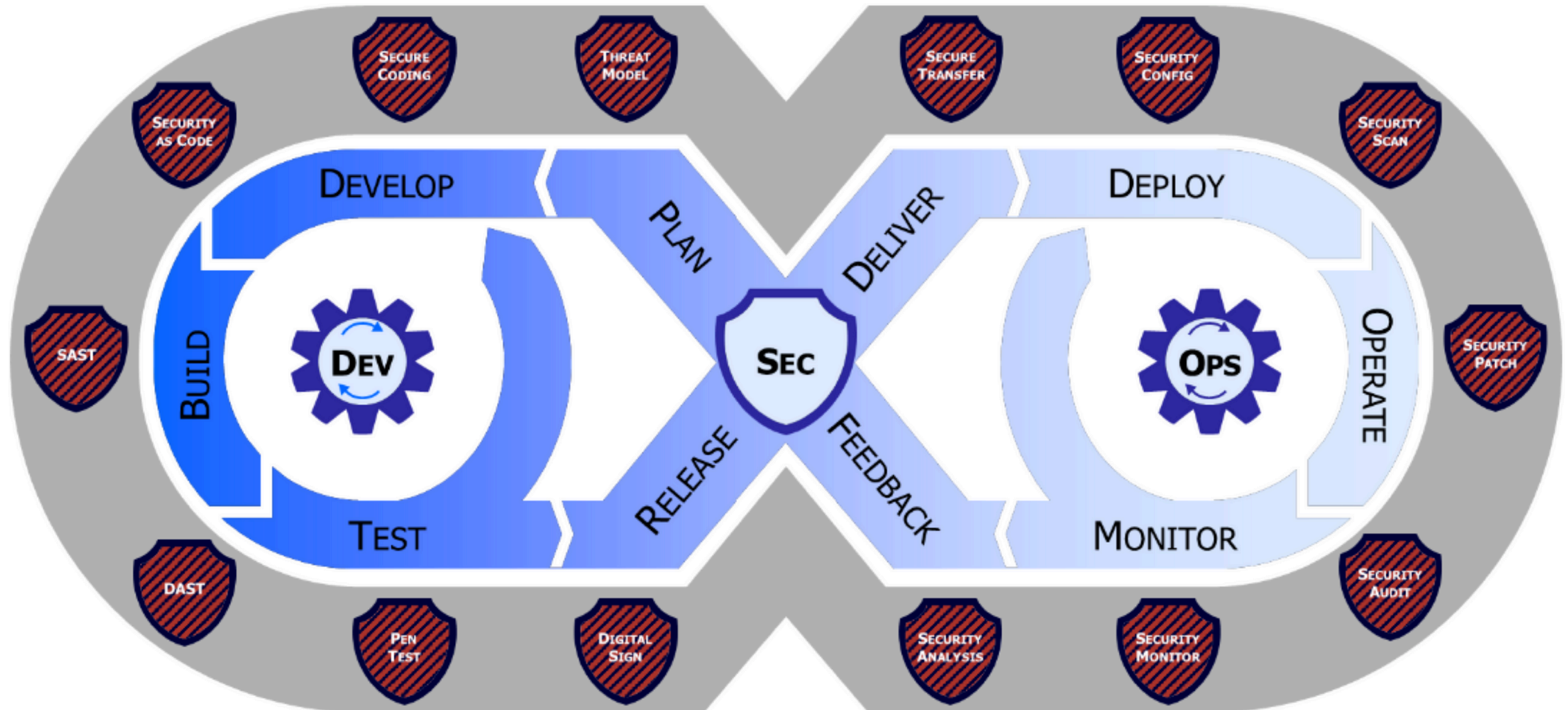


Figure 3 DevSecOps Distinct Lifecycle Phases and Philosophies

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API Sec at arrows

DoD DevSecOps Security Strategy

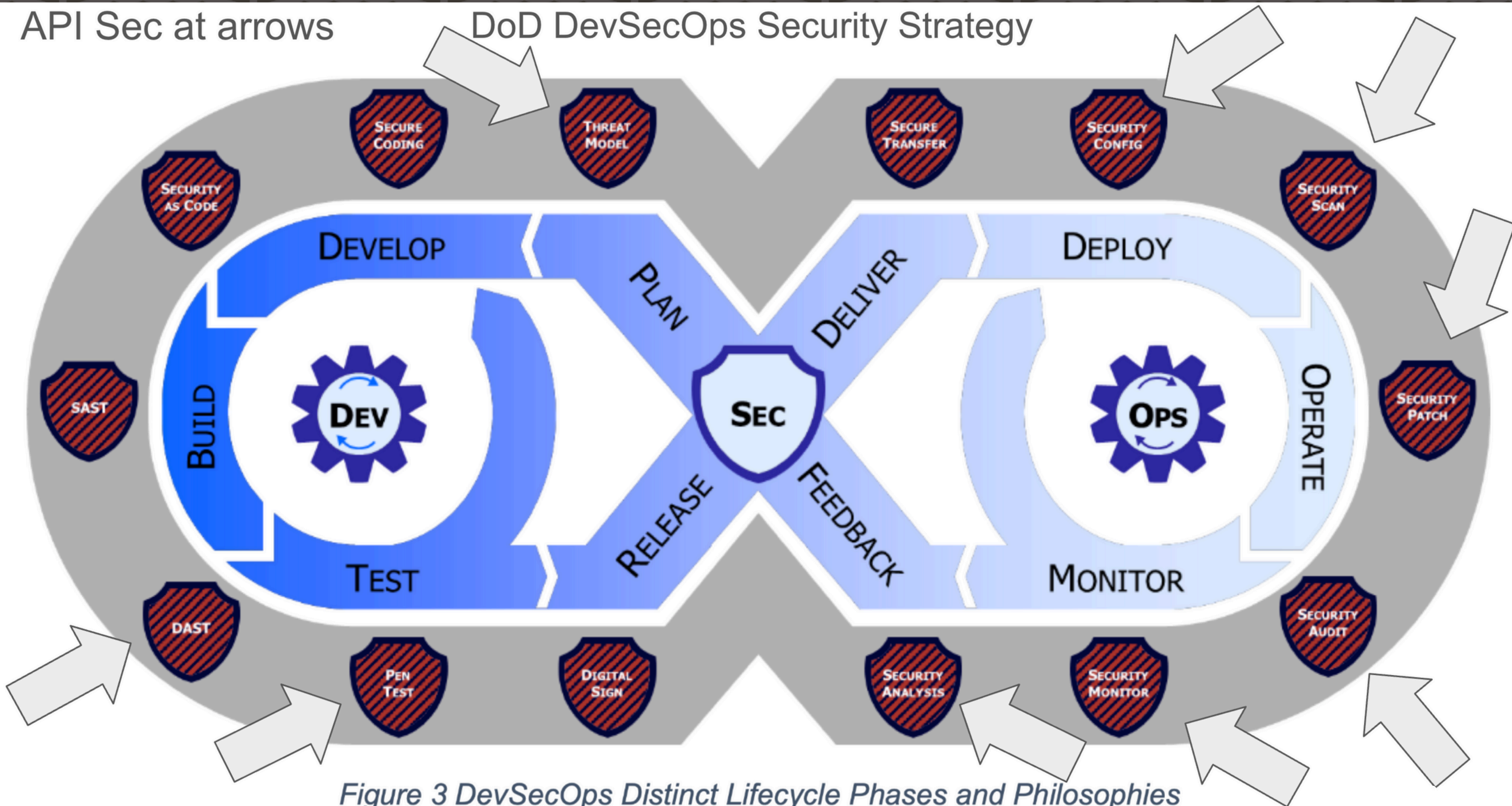


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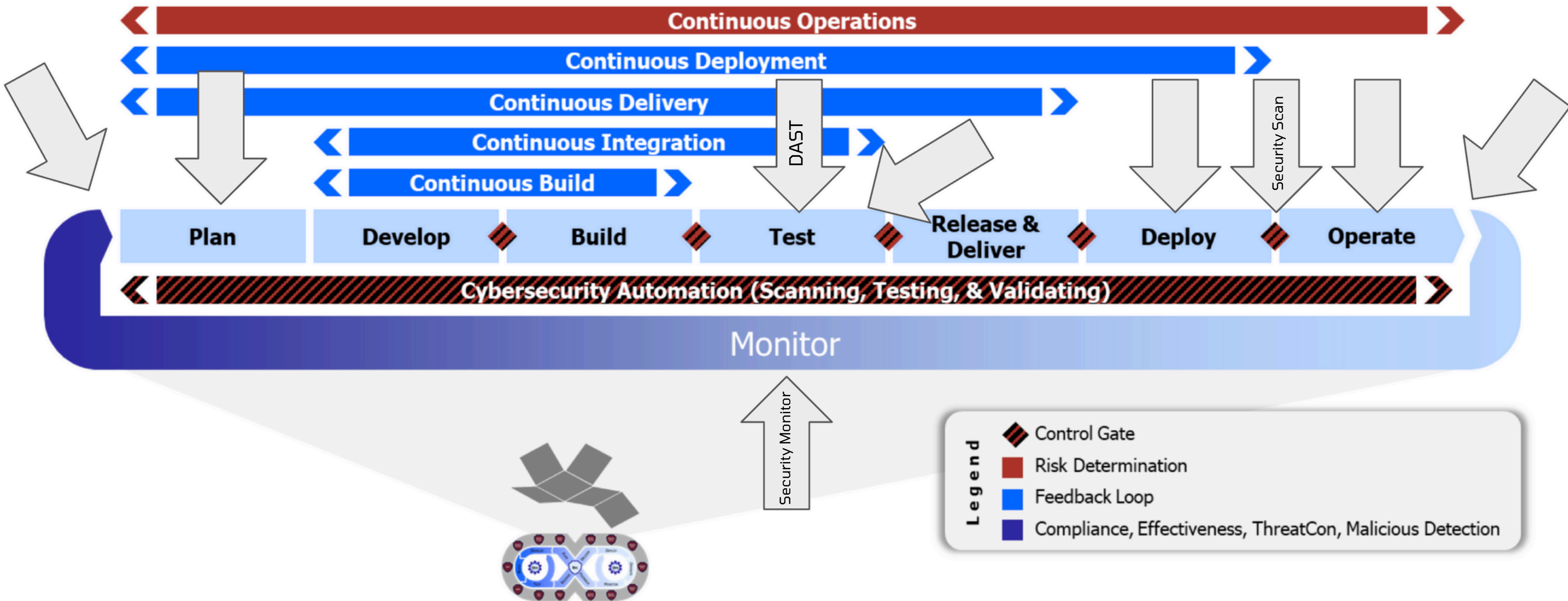
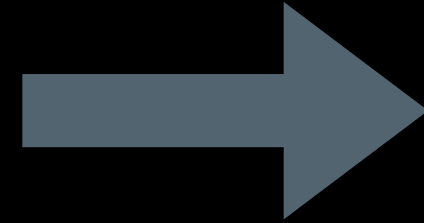
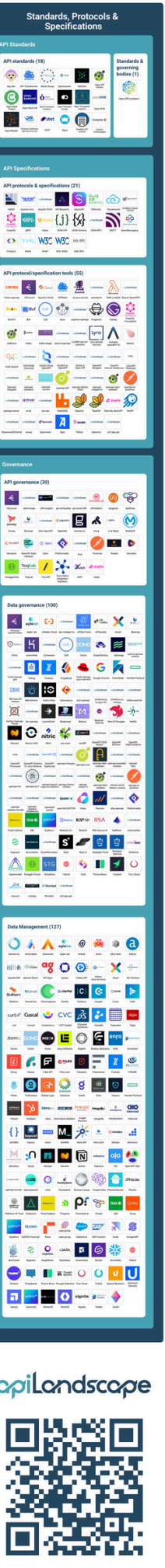
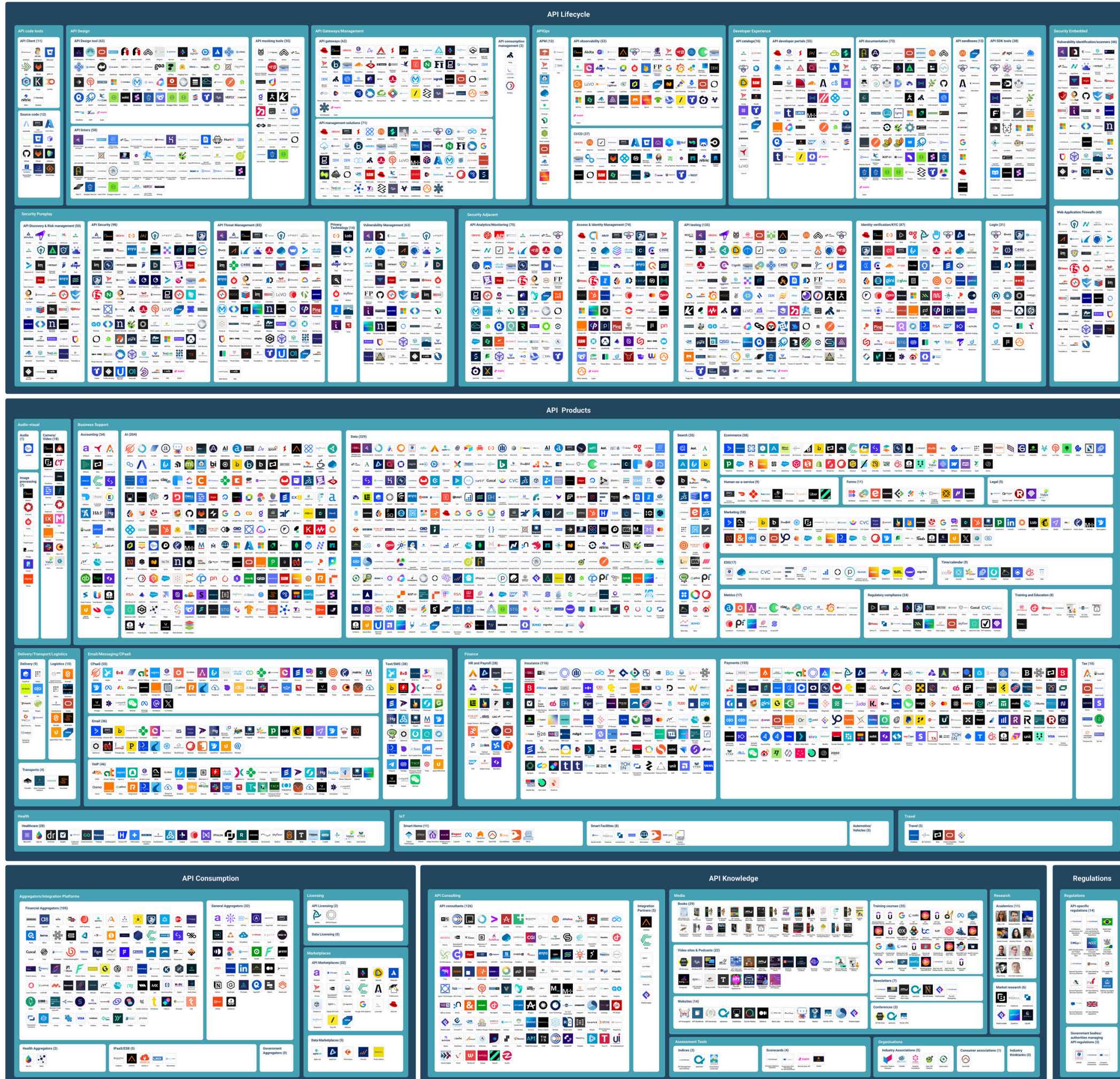


Figure 6 DevSecOps Lifecycle Phases, Continuous Feedback Loops, & Control Gates

Technology



Behold the API Landscape



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OWASP API Security Tools List

https://owasp.org/www-community/api_security_tools

Summary

56 tools

36 Commercial

13 Posture (1 w/o Runtime)

13 Runtime (1 w/o Posture)

35 Testing (22 w/o RT/P)

20 Open Source

1 Posture (w/ Testing)

1 Runtime (w/o Testing)

19 Testing (1 w/ Posture)

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All APIs



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Host	Path	Method	Risk	Auth	Internet Facing	Finding	Incidents	Lea
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Security Findings Detail

- Vulnerability enumeration
- What to do and why
- Evidence available

An API Accepts Expired JWT

Detection Time: 2024-08-12 08:31

 Evidence

Take Action

Status
Open

What Happened

API was observed accepting JWT Token with the following expiration time:

- Request Timestamp: 2024-08-12 08:30,2024-08-12 08:30,2024-08-12 08:30,2024-08-12 08:30,2024-08-12 08:30,2024-08-12 08:30
- JWT Expiration Time: 2024-08-12 08:18,2024-08-12 08:18,2024-08-12 08:18

Why That's a Problem

By bypassing the API's authentication mechanism, attackers can gain control over other user's accounts, access their data, and perform sensitive actions on their behalf. A broken authentication mechanism is a critical risk to your organization's security.

What You Should Do

- In "Evidence", validate the issue.
- Open a critical priority ticket on the API Developer to fix the APIs authentication validation. The fix should be deployed as soon as possible.
- Block the attacker.

How To Investigate

Severity

Medium

Module

 Posture

OWASP

API2:2023

+3

Response Codes

200

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All Incidents by Detection Time [▼](#)



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2023/09/19 - 2024/09/18 [▼](#)



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Severity	Type	Detection Time	Last Activity	Last Updated	Triggered On	Status	Incident Result	Actions
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Unidentified

6 Attackers

Confidence

Search

IP: 172.31.17.121

Info

Not Active

2 weeks ago

98%

IP: 172.31.29.31

Info

Not Active

2 weeks ago

98%

JWT: admin

Low

Not Active

2 weeks ago

94%

JWT: name1

Low

Not Active

1 month ago

88%

JWT: name2

Low

Not Active

1 month ago

81%

IP: 172.31.26.160

Info

Not Active

Attacker Information



Block

Allow List

Unidentified

Search

Confidence

88%

Risk

Low

Country

None

IPs

172.31.17.121

IP Reputation

N/A

User Agents

noname

Last Activity

Incident

Severity

Triggered On

Actions

2024-08-12

08:32

API Input Validation Attack

Inconclusive

Info

/users/v1/<alphanumeric>{5}/email

PUT vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:5000

Evidence

2024-08-12

08:32

API Input Validation Attack

Inconclusive

Info

/books/v1

POST vampi.demos.commercesolutions.com:5000



Evidence

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API Access Attempt With Missing

Attempted

Low

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API Access Attempt With Missing

Attempted

Low

/books/v1/<alphanumeric>{6}

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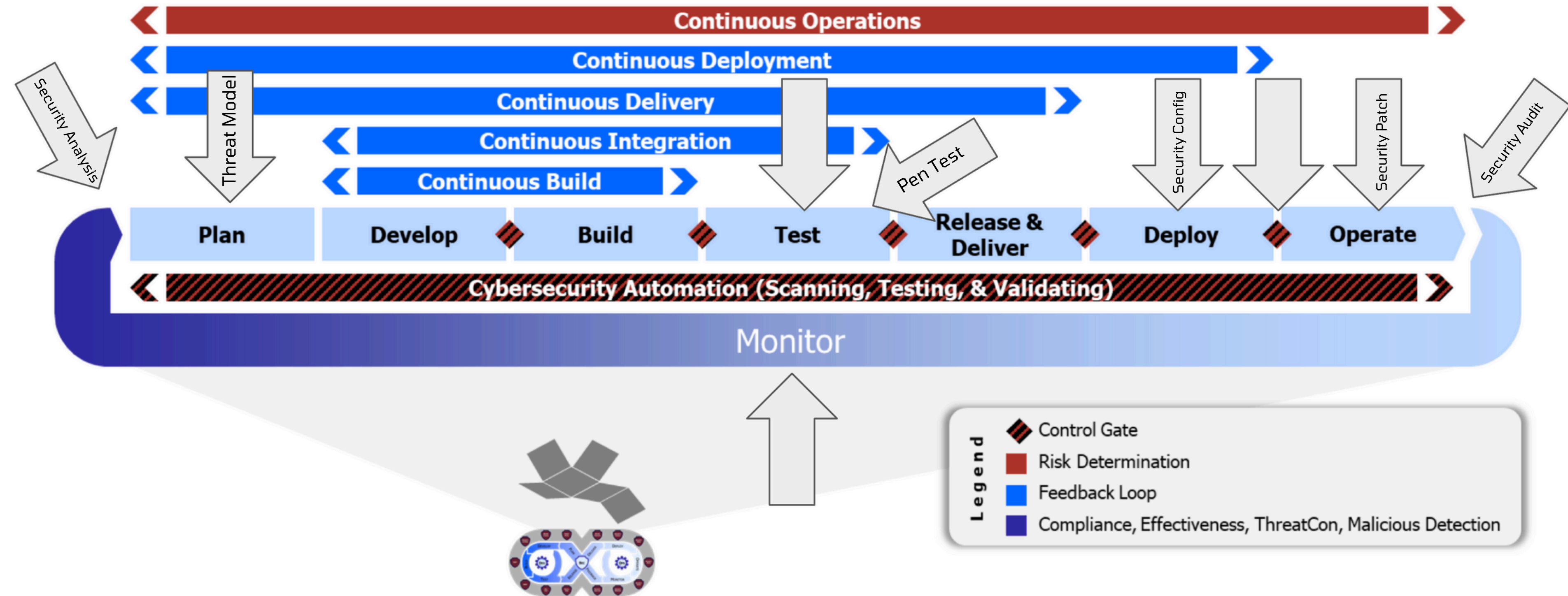


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People

- Break down silos
- DevSecOps Center of Excellence
- Share best practices
- Technical trainings
- Social events
- **Cross-Incentivize**



Q&A

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