MY CI/CD PIPELINE CONTAINS ALL SECURITY TOOLS AVAILABLE! NOW WHAT...?

JUST ADDING MORE TOOLS WON'T MAKE YOUR PRODUCTS

MORE SECURE

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AGENDA

- Temptation to buy more tools
- What are teams <u>really</u> struggling with?
- Let's figure a way out
- Implement tools responsibly
- Practical example



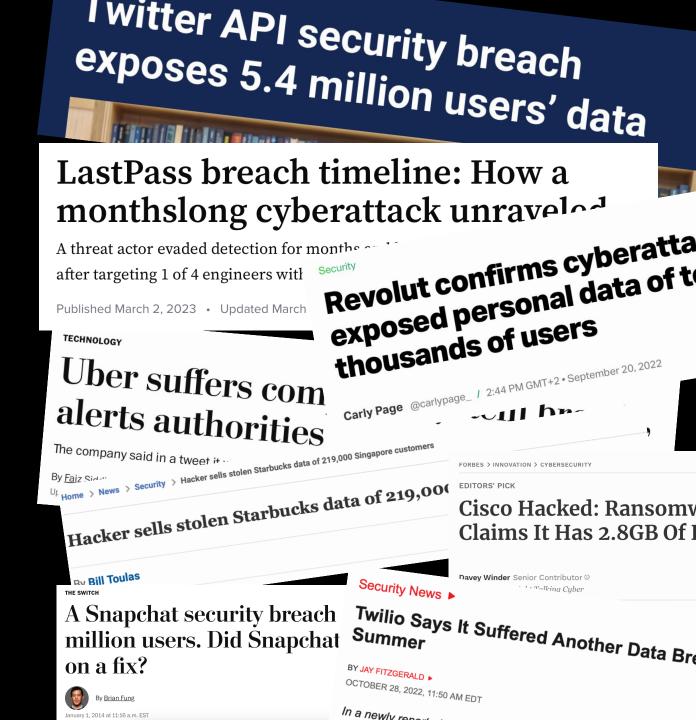
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DANGER ZONE!

74% of all breaches include the human element¹

26% of incidents were caused by exploiting public facing applications²

13% of attack vectors were vulnerabilities in third-party software²

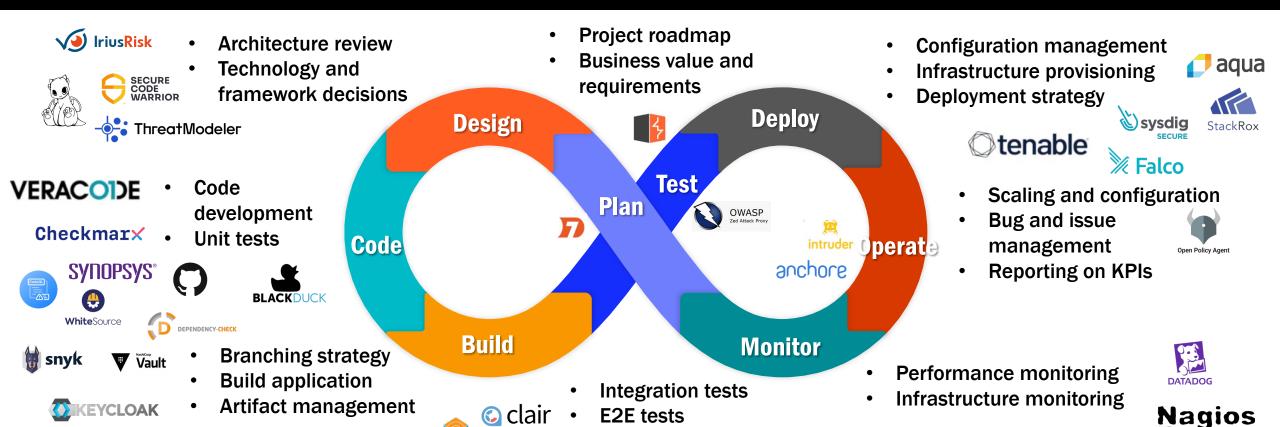


¹ Verizon 2023 Data Breach Investigation Report

² 2023 IBM X-Force Threat Intelligence Report

LET'S BUY SOME MORE TOOLS

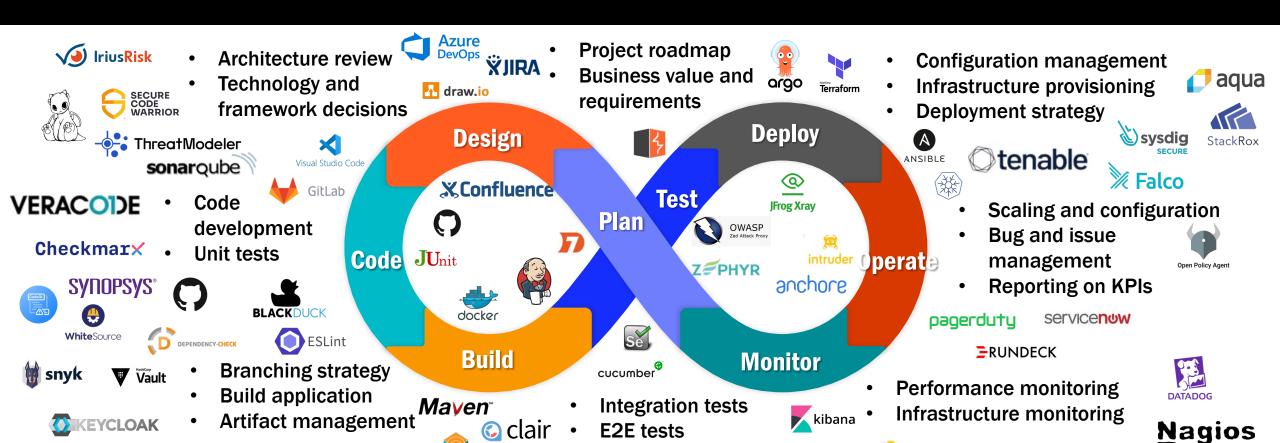
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Performance tests

GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL

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Performance tests

elastic 🙀

Grafana









YOU CANNOT BUY DEVSECOPS

COLLABORATION CULTURE

- Align on security priorities
- Embed security experts in development team
- Clarify metrics and KPIs

AWARENESS & TRAINING

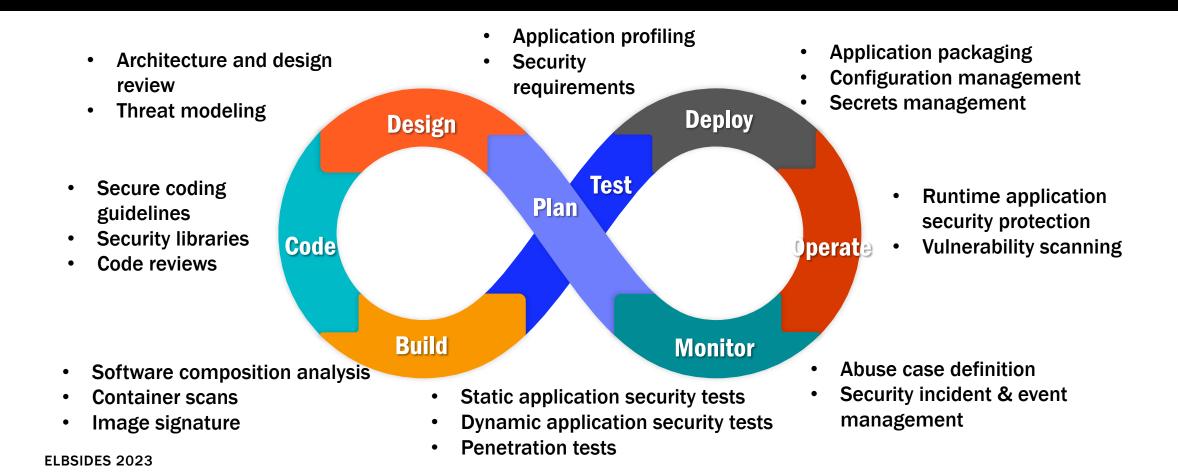
- Foster a security mindset among stakeholders
- Establish security champion program
- Train developers on security

SECURE THE SDLC

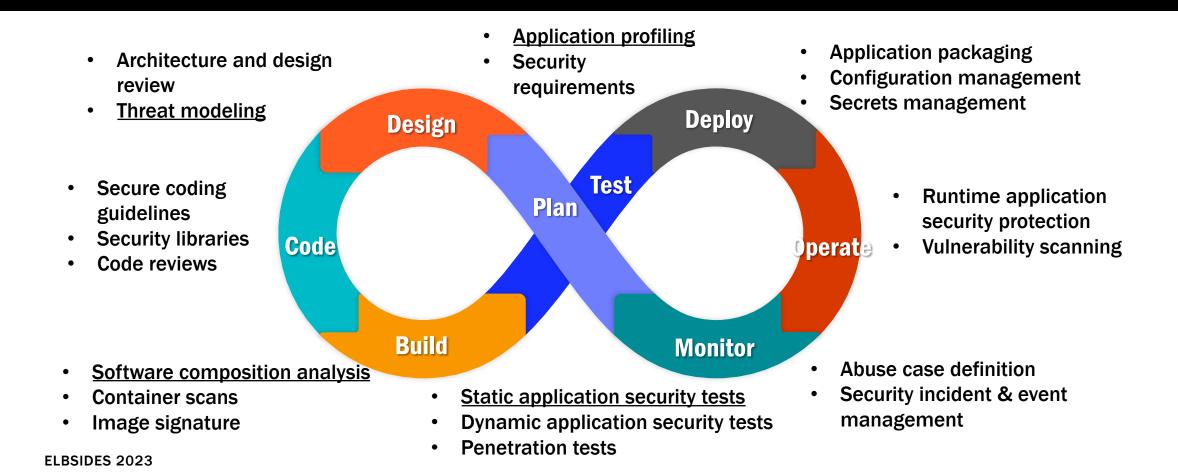
- Take security into consideration in each step of the SDLC
- Act on priorities and define security activities

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WHERE TO GET STARTED



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ADDING ONE TOOL AT A TIME

TRAIN DEVELOPERS

- Clarify scope and goal of the tool
- Enable developers to manage findings
- Embed tool in CI/CD pipelines

SET BASELINE

- Scan existing code base
- Finetune scans
- Create meaningful quality gates

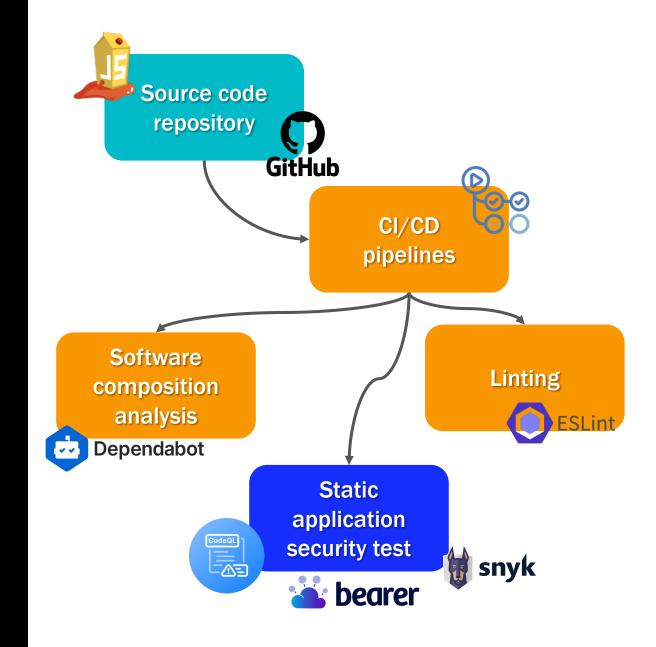
MANAGE FINDINGS

- Integrate tools with existing ticketing system
- Prioritize findings
- Visualize necessary work

INTRODUCING SAST

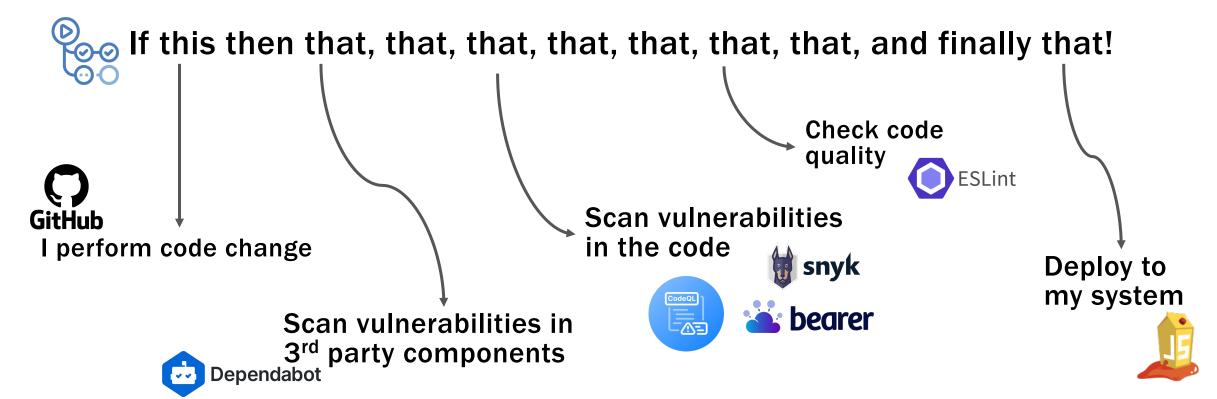
- Vulnerable web application:
 OWASP Juice Shop ¹
- Application hosted in GitHub²

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² https://github.com/jasminmair/sast-test-juice-shop

CI/CD SIMPLIFIED



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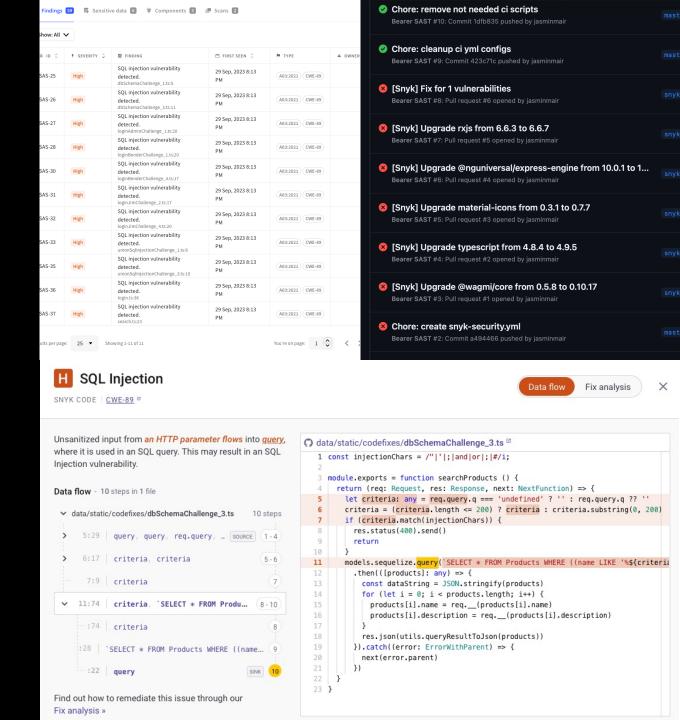
BASELINE SAST SCAN

- Run a first manual scan
- Evaluate results
 - Get security status
 - Cluster findings by vulnerability type
 - Identify affected endpoints and areas of the application
- Exchange with a lead developer

Tool	Critical	High	Medium	Low	Total
Bearer	0	27	32	0	59
CodeQL	19	92	8	0	119
Snyk	0	30	32	219	281

CHALLENGES GALORE

- Discouraging amount of results
- Inconsistent results when comparing tools
- Complex output
- Results scattered over different places
- Integration in CI/CD pipelines



WHAT TO DO WITH FINDINGS?

SELECT A VULNERABILITY

- Select the highest priority vulnerability/flaw in the application to fix
- Decision is joint between business, development and security
- Raise awareness on the vulnerability

FIX VULNERABILITY IN CODE

- Train developers on how to mitigate the vulnerability
- Implement scanning tool on IDE level and in the CI/CD pipelines
- Fix the vulnerability in the code

CREATE QUALITY GATE

- Create a first quality gate in the pipelines to break the build if the vulnerability is identified again
- Select next vulnerability class and restart the process





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