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## Overcoming the Challenges of Automating Security in a DevOps Environment



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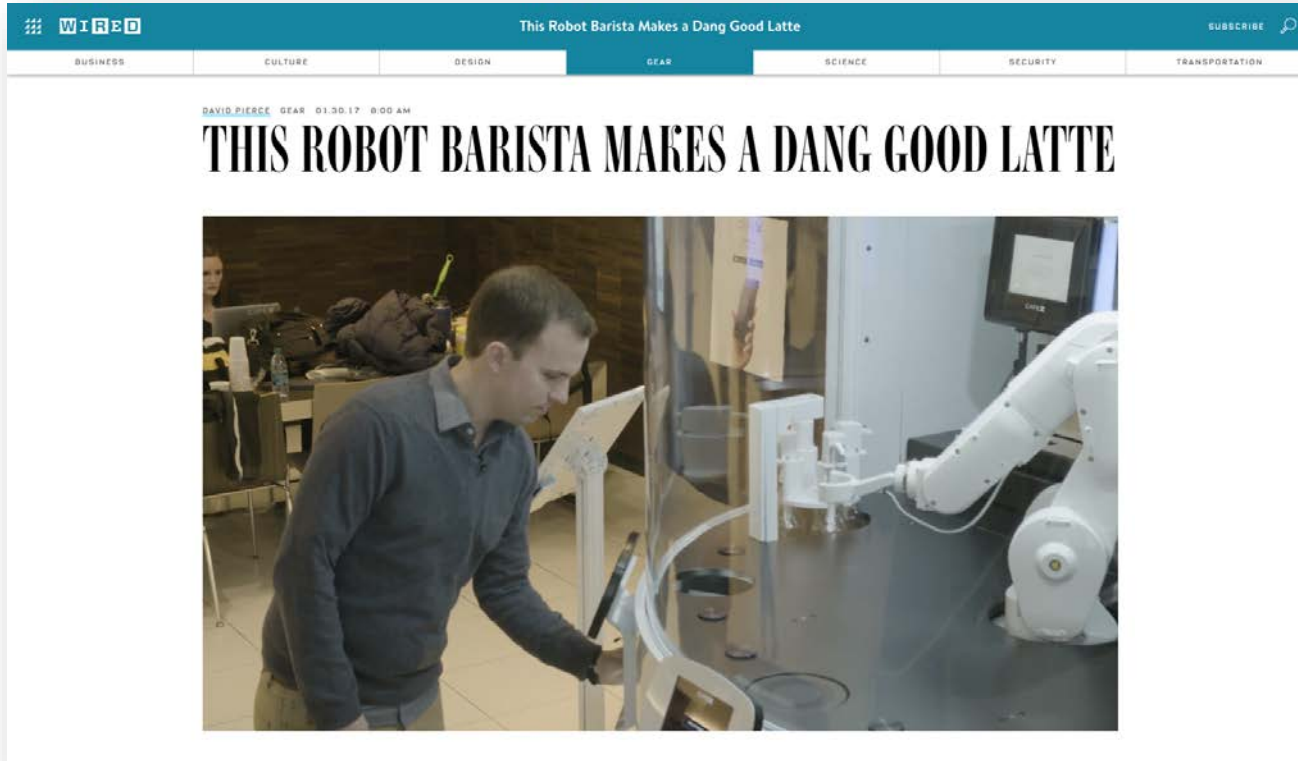
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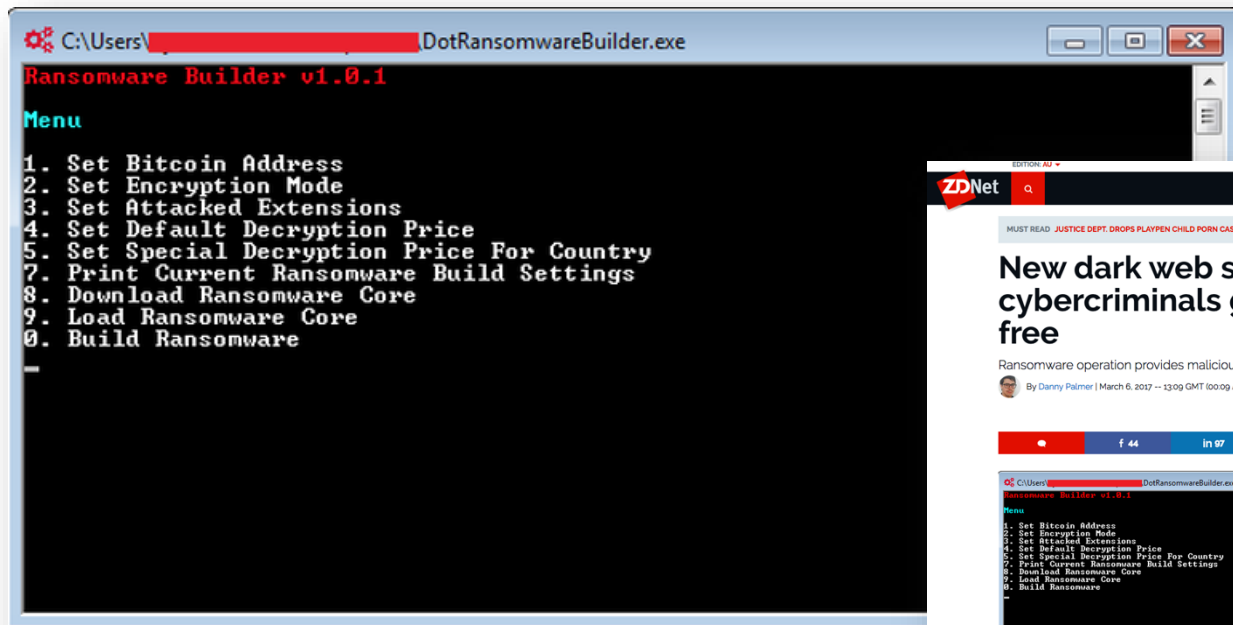
# Learning Lab Agenda

Item	Description	Duration
DevSecOps Lab Intro	Introduction and attack demonstration of a DevSecOps Lab Environment on Amazon AWS	30 minutes
App Sec Automation	Challenges with securing first party and third party code, and static and dynamic code scanning	30 minutes
Monitoring & Self-Healing	Implementing continuous monitoring and self-healing	30 minutes
Mitigations & Conclusions	Overview of how the AWS attack we demonstrated could be successfully mitigated.	30 minutes

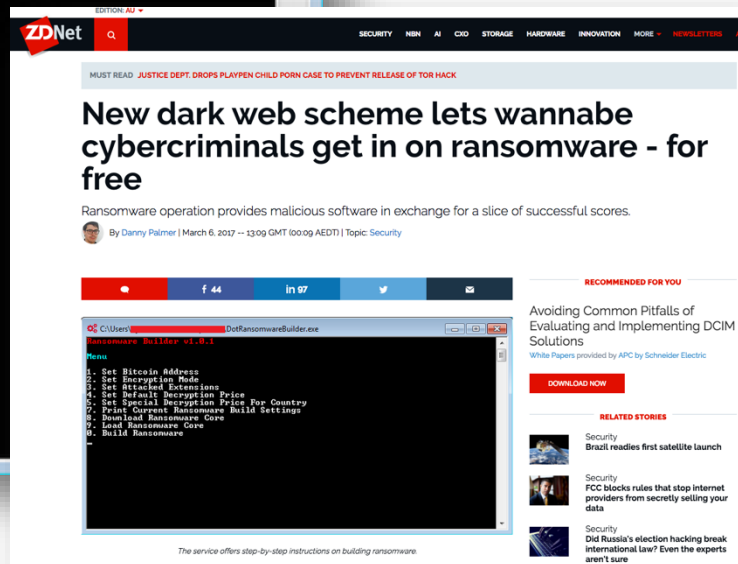
# Automation is Everywhere









# Adversaries are using Automation



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C:\Users\[redacted]\DotRansomwareBuilder.exe
Ransomware Builder v1.0.1
Menu
1. Set Bitcoin Address
2. Set Encryption Mode
3. Set Attacked Extensions
4. Set Default Decryption Price
5. Set Special Decryption Price For Country
6. Print Current Ransomware Build Settings
7. Download Ransomware Core
8. Load Ransomware Core
9. Build Ransomware
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# Silos Don't Work

Developers	Operations	Security
		
		



# Why does Automation matter?











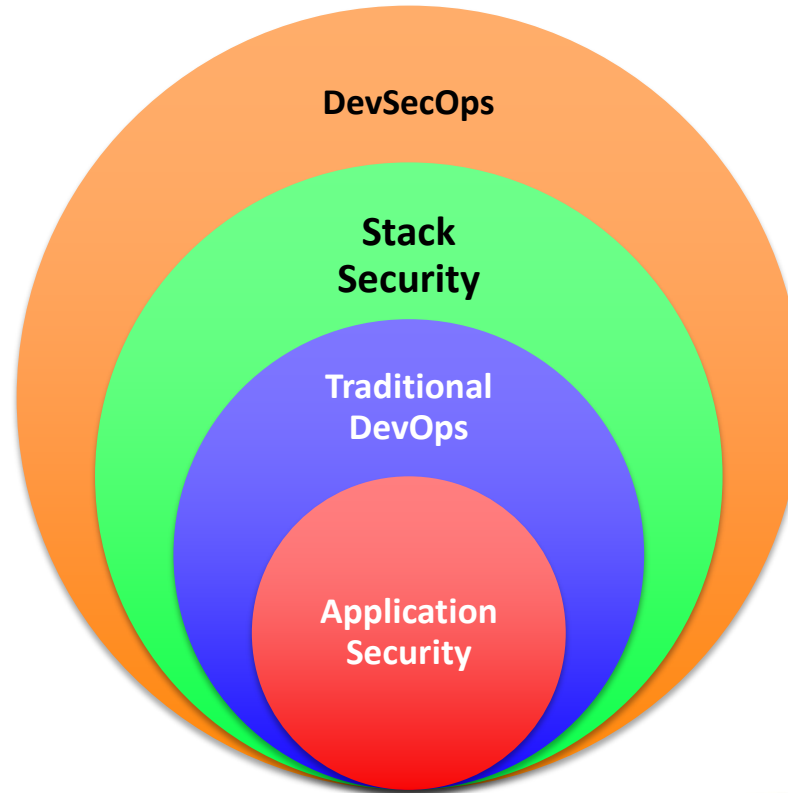
# Security Automation in DevOps

We look at a generic development pipeline...

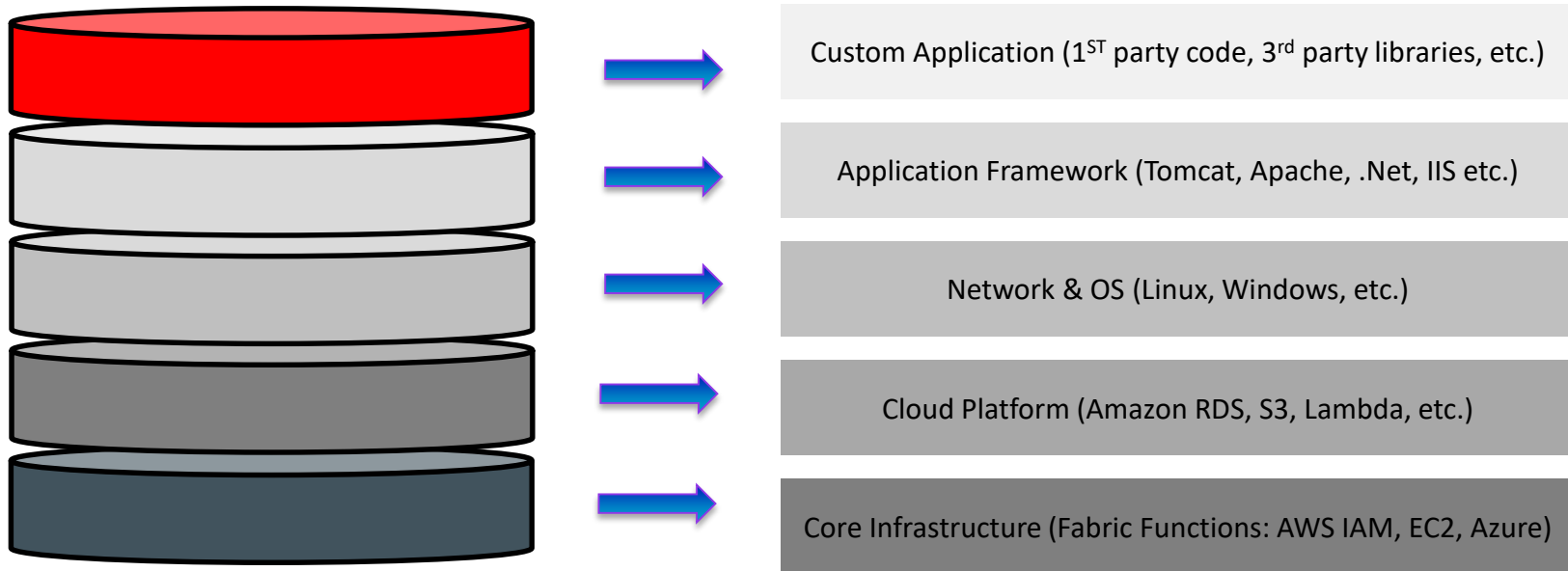


1. Development Environment
2. Source Code Repository
3. Build Platform (CI)
4. Deployment Process (CD)
5. Staging / Production Hosting Environment

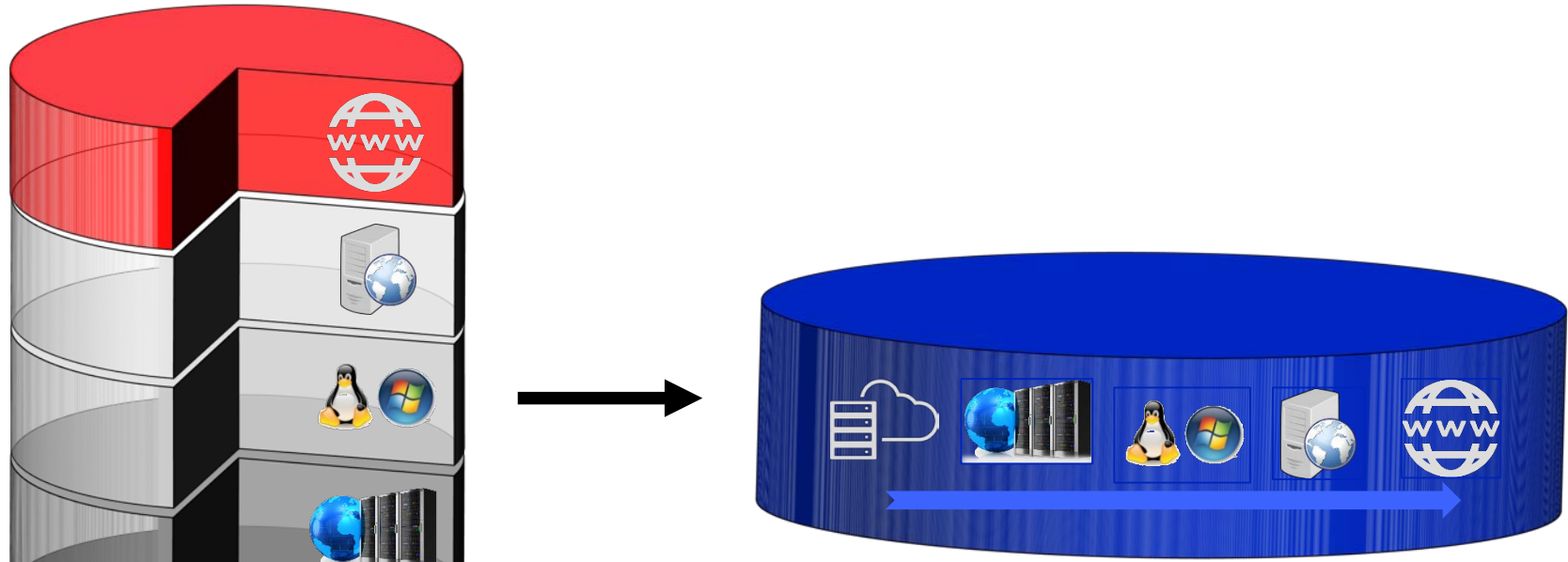
# DevSecOps – Securing the Stack



# DevOps Coverage: Speed & Timing



# Collapse the Vertical Plane

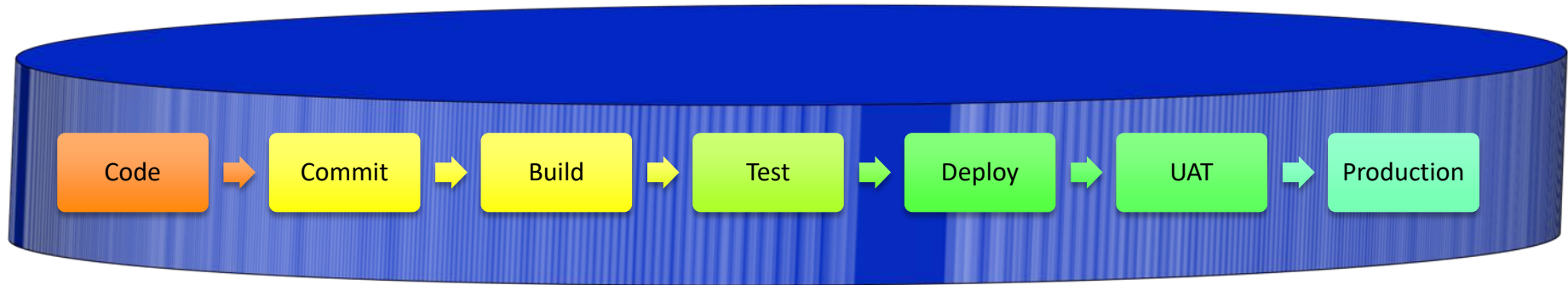


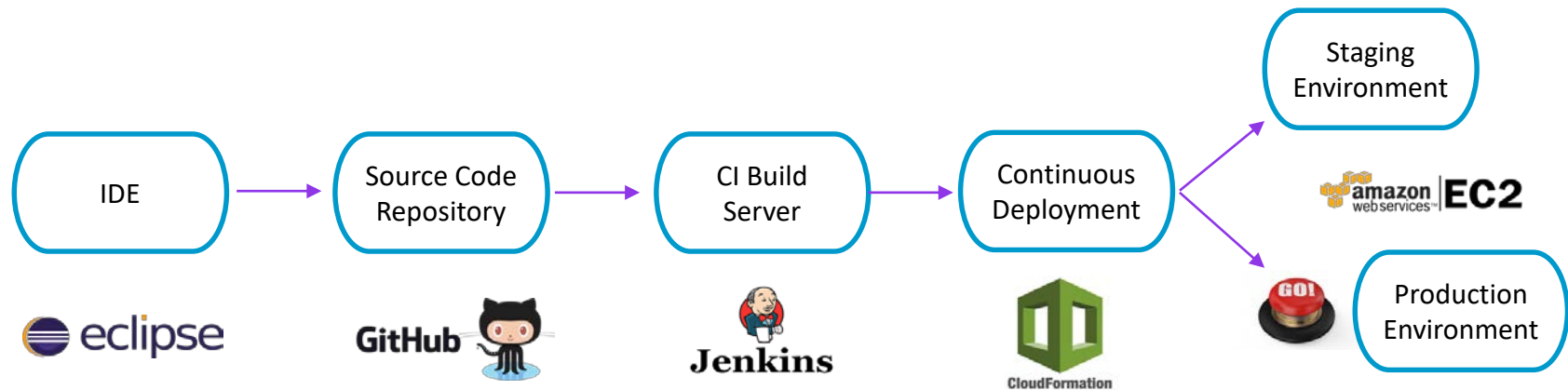


# Stretch into Horizontal Plane



# Produces the DevOps Pipeline





### Security Automation

Coding  
Helpers

Supply  
Chain Risk  
Tools

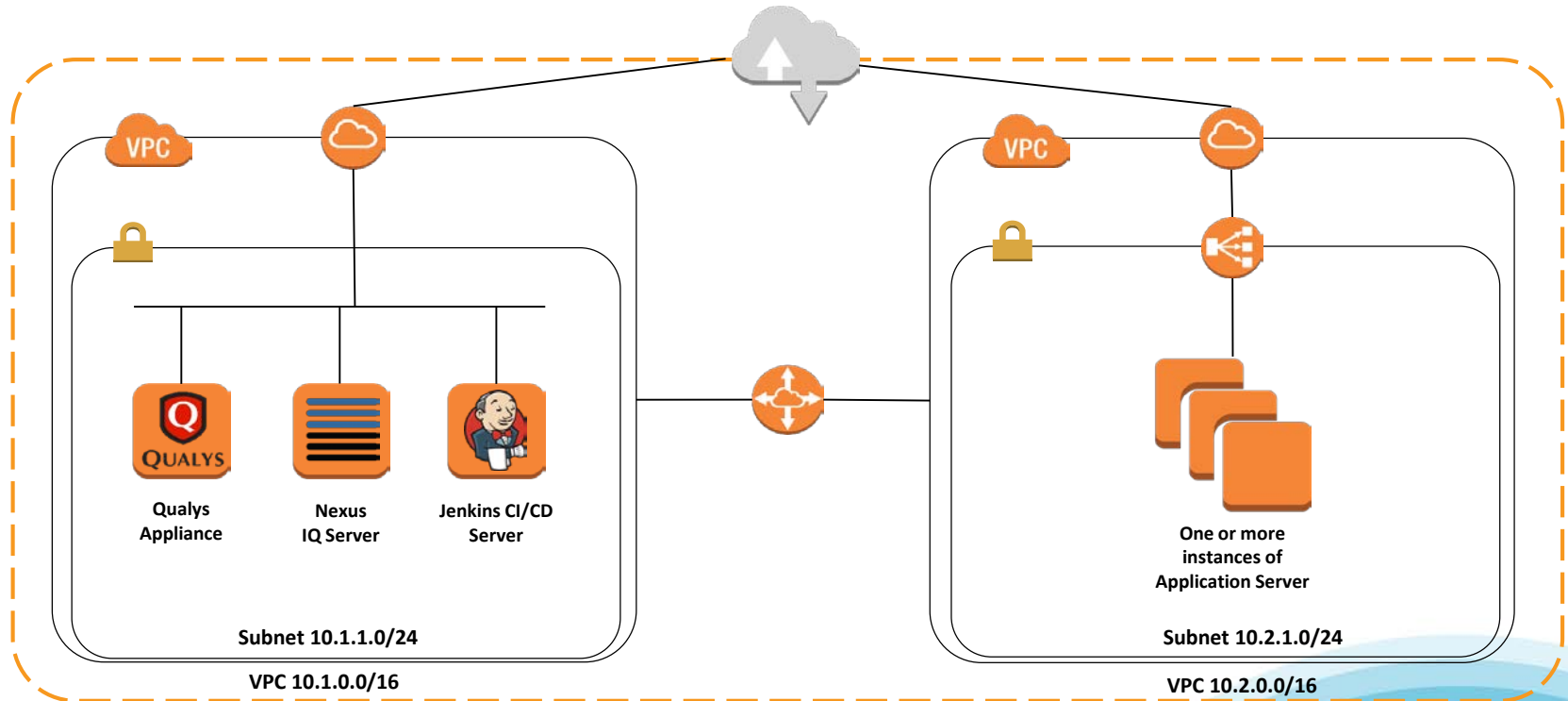
Config &  
Vulnerability  
Management

Code  
Analysis

App  
Scanning

Continuous  
Monitoring

# Welcome to our DevSecOps Lab





# DevSecOps Lab AWS Kill Chain Attack

We played this video during the learning lab:

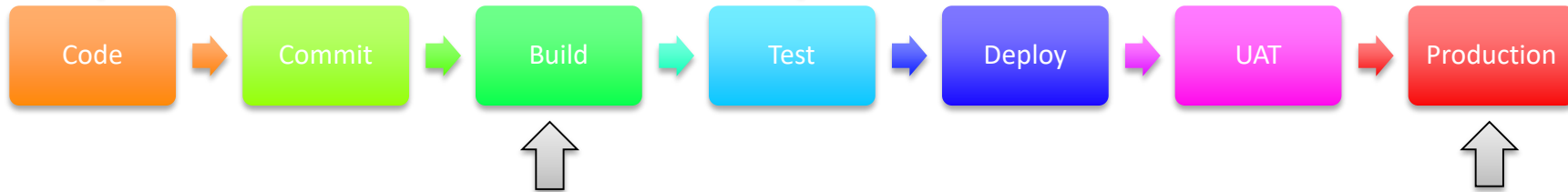
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fm4CqlxqQfs>

# Application Security Automation

1. Addressing the need to identify defects earlier.
2. Writing and testing your in-house “first party” code.
3. Testing and inspecting libraries and “third party” code.

# Defense in Depth

**Layer #1** – The developer has an opportunity to avoid introducing a security vulnerability in their IDE.



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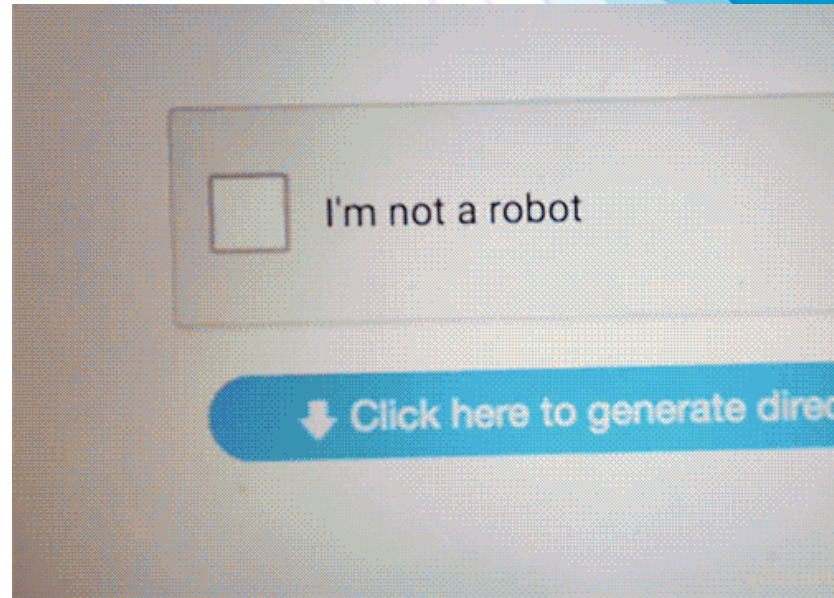


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**Automating  
Quality  
Code**





# Good Quality Code – Problem Statement

Why do you need to address code quality?

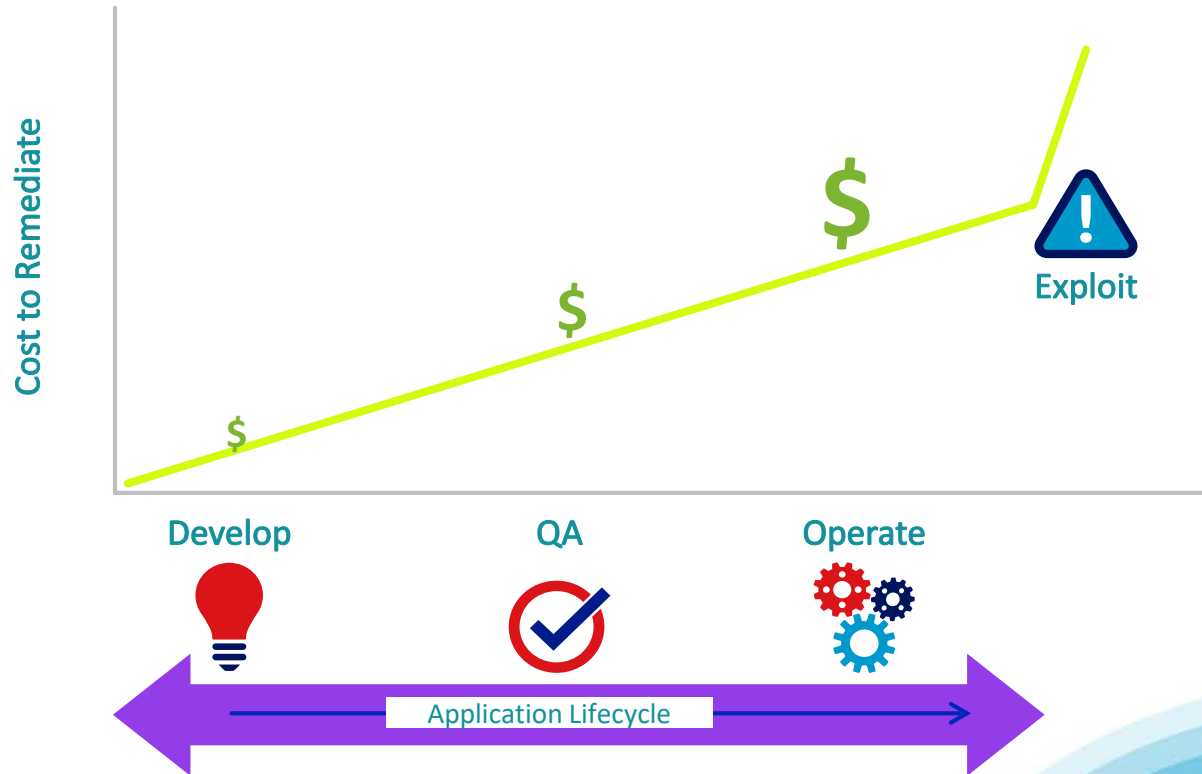
- Vulnerabilities caused by coding may lead to **unacceptable risk**.
- Well written code **performs better**
  - If well understood, has less risk of being vulnerable.
  - Likely to have better bottom line results on the final application.

# Pop Quiz!

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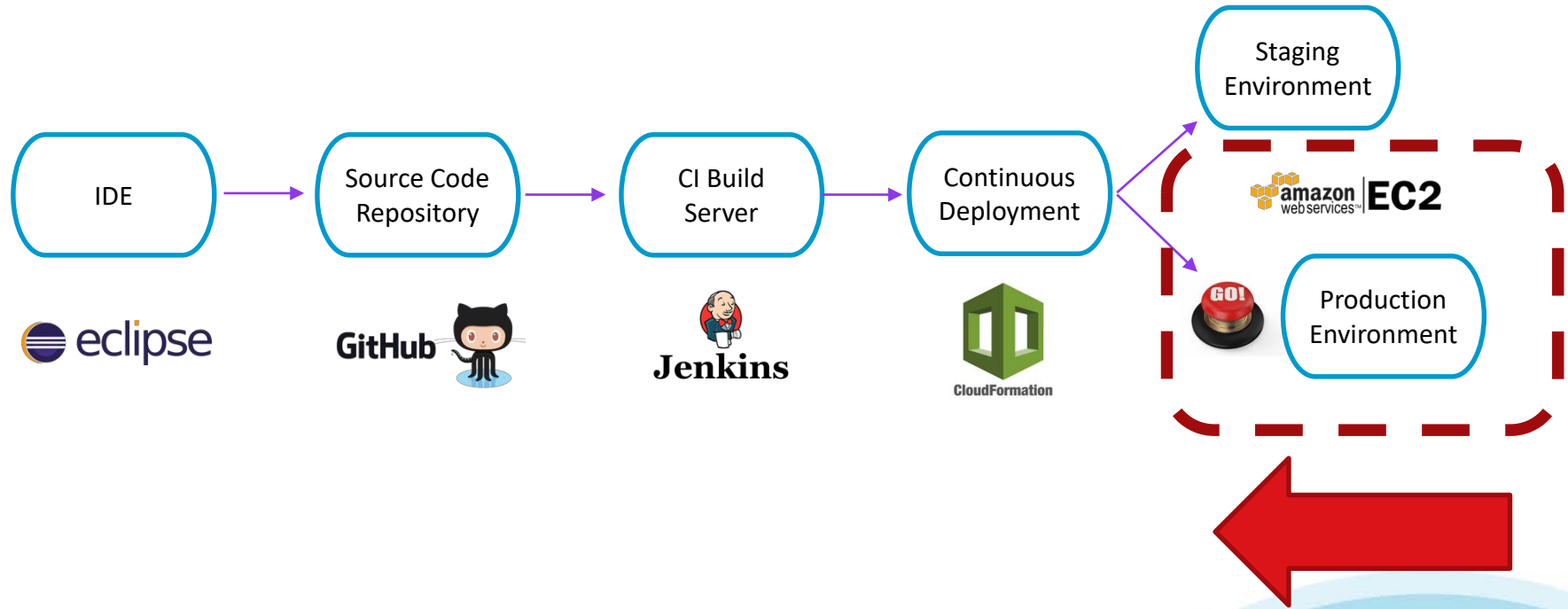
When is the best time to address coding defects?

# Identify Defects As Soon As Possible



Source: Veracode

# Shifting Left





# Guardrail Approach

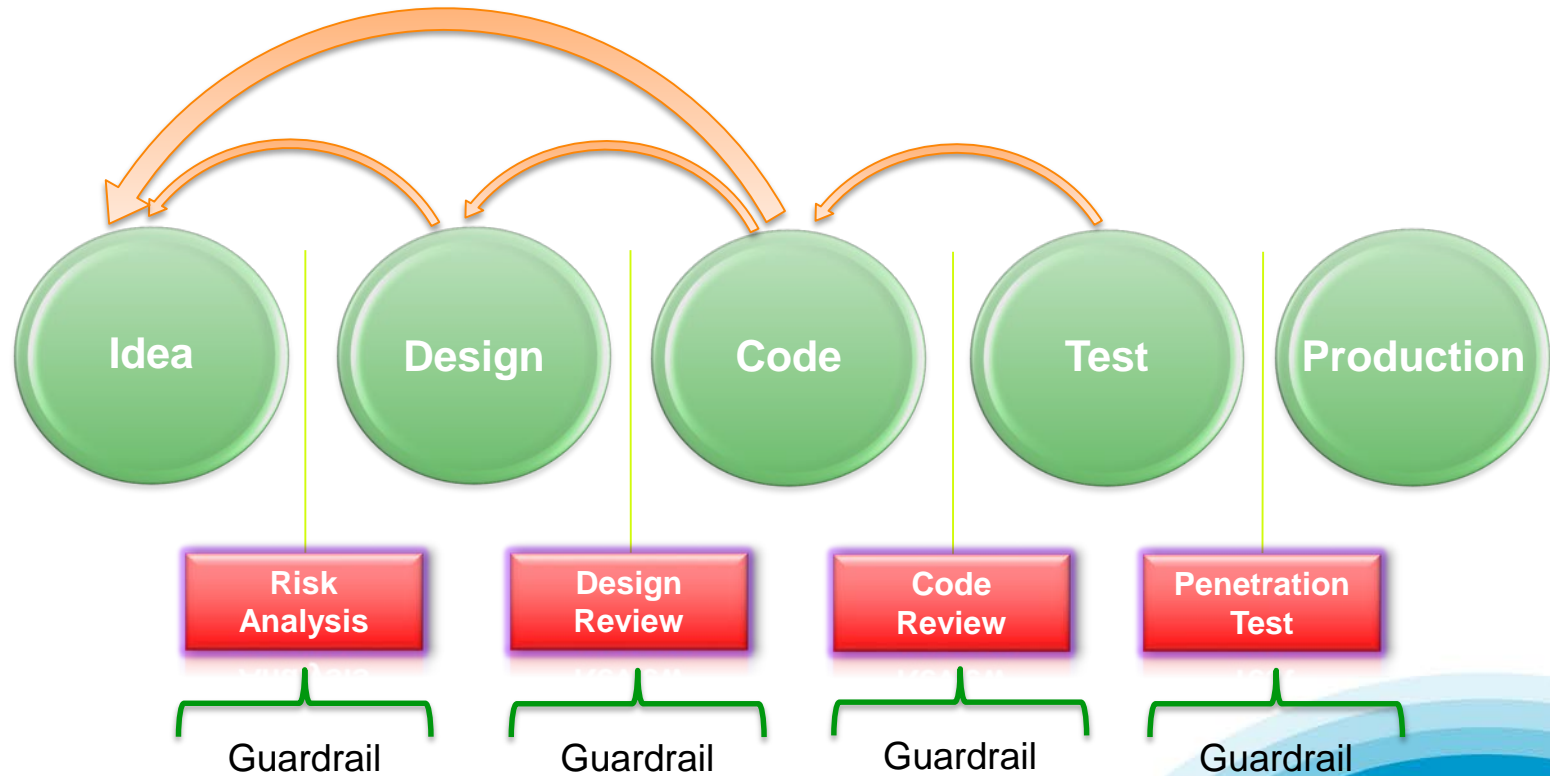


Image adapted from: Michael Brunton-Spall

# Scanning Code at the IDE

Markers Properties Servers Data Source Explorer Snippets Veracode Greenlight

Security Flaws Found: **2 High** **6 Medium** **2 Low**

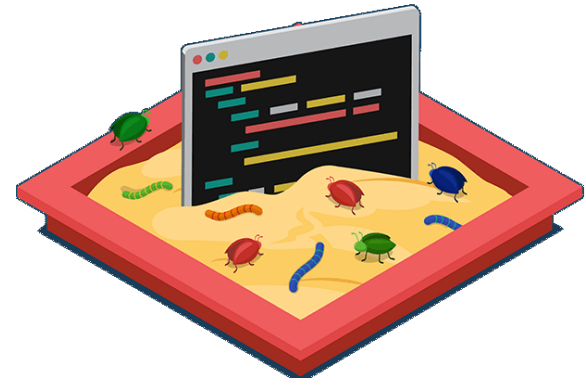
Best Practices: 0 CWEs Protected Against

com.badapp.servlet took 10 seconds to scan

Severity	Issue	CWE ID	Filepath	Line	Last Scanned	Details	Ignore
High	SQL Injection: Improper Neutraliza...	89	/BadWebApp/src/com/badapp/servlet/login.java	61	5 seconds ago	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Ignore</a>
High	SQL Injection: Improper Neutraliza...	89	/BadWebApp/src/com/badapp/servlet/search.java	62	5 seconds ago	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Ignore</a>
Medium	Basic XSS: Improper Neutralization...	80	/BadWebApp/src/com/badapp/servlet/search.java	67	5 seconds ago	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Ignore</a>
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Medium	Use of Hard-coded Password	259	/BadWebApp/src/com/badapp/servlet/login.java	57	5 seconds ago	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Ignore</a>
Medium	Use of Hard-coded Password	259	/BadWebApp/src/com/badapp/servlet/search.java	57	5 seconds ago	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Ignore</a>
Medium	Session Fixation	384	/BadWebApp/src/com/badapp/servlet/login.java	63	5 seconds ago	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Ignore</a>
Medium	Trust Boundary Violation	501	/BadWebApp/src/com/badapp/servlet/login.java	64	5 seconds ago	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Ignore</a>
Low	J2EE Bad Practices: Direct Manag...	245	/BadWebApp/src/com/badapp/servlet/login.java	57	5 seconds ago	<a href="#">Details</a>	<a href="#">Ignore</a>
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Findings (10) Ignored (0) Best Practices (0)

# Early Dev, Mid Dev & Build Coverage on Commit



# Automating Security at the Deploy Layer

Preventing a deployment if something fails.

Using Scan 1218389

Checks Failed

**POST BUILD TASK : FAILURE**

**END OF POST BUILD TASK: 0**

ESCALATE FAILED POST BUILD TASK  
TO JOB STATUS

Build step 'Post build task'  
changed build result to FAILURE  
Finished: FAILURE



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## Third Party Libraries



# Third Party Code – Problem Statement

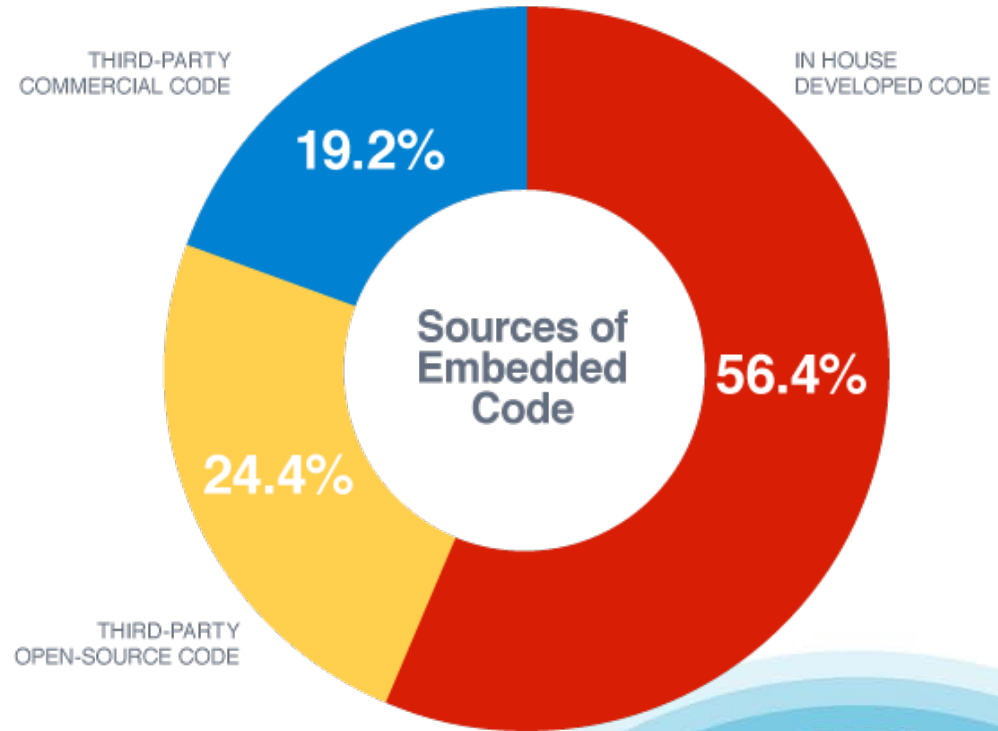
Why do you need to address third party library risk?

- Embedding third party code in your application has huge advantages, but comes at the risk of **latent exposure to vulnerabilities**.
- Many open source library repositories have little or no vetting of contributors, meaning **third party code cannot be trusted** blindly.
- When vulnerabilities are discovered in a shared library, it is important to **quickly identify your exposure**.



# The Software Supply Chain Problem

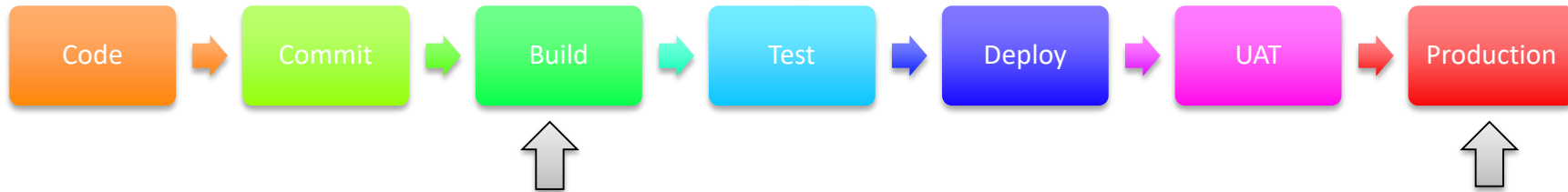
*44% of applications contain critical vulnerabilities in an open source component.*  
~ Veracode



Source: <https://www.grammatech.com/>

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## Monitoring & Self-Healing

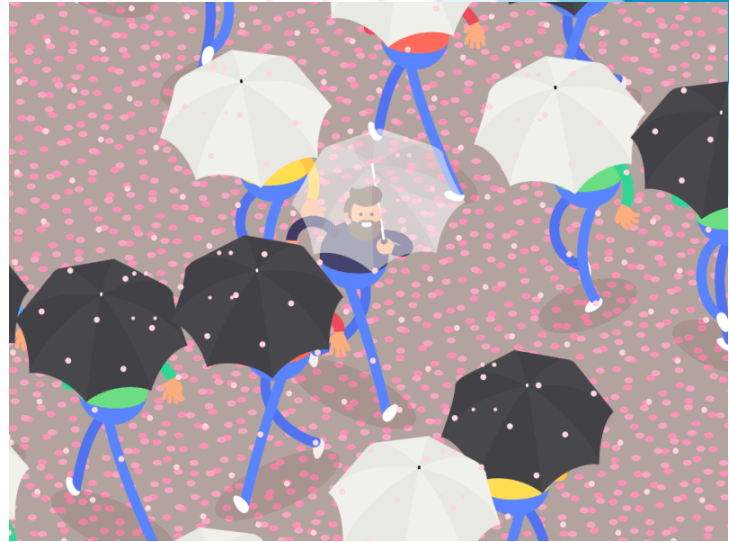
1. **Cloud environments require proper configuration management.**
2. **Visibility is key to knowing if your DevOps stack is secure.**
3. **Self-healing is a growing trend and worth implementing.**

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# Cloud Configuration



# Configuration Monitoring – Problem Statement

Why is your cloud environment configuration important?

- Complex environments have **complex and diverse configurations**.
- Cloud configurations **aren't always visible**, and we need that visibility to understand the real configuration.
- We **need to have assurance** that our configuration standard is being enforced and is compliant.

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## Continuous Monitoring





# It's all about Visibility



**Custom Application (1<sup>ST</sup> party code, 3<sup>rd</sup> party libraries, etc.)**

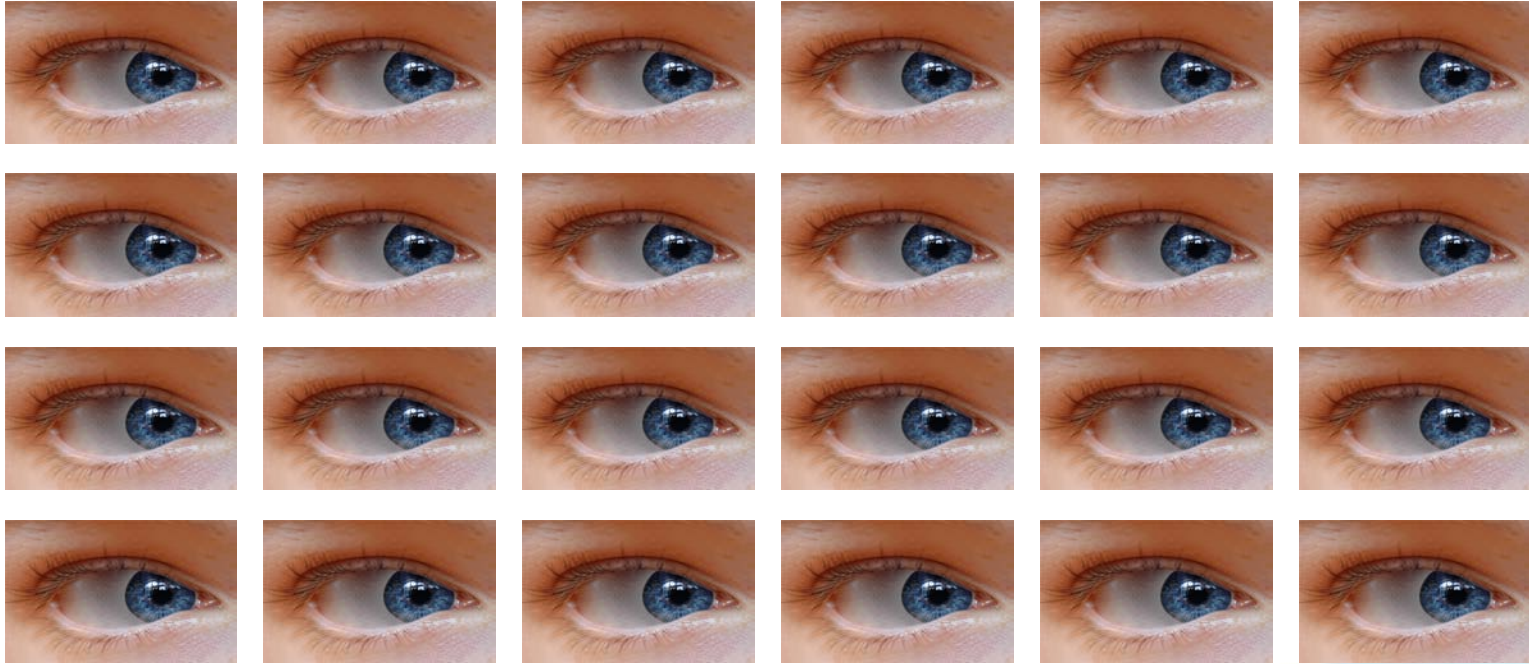
**Application Framework (Tomcat, Nginx, Apache, etc.)**

**Network & OS (Linux, Windows, etc.)**

**Cloud Platform (Amazon RDS, S3, Lambda, etc.)**

**Core Infrastructure (Fabric Functions: AWS IAM, EC2, Azure, etc.)**

# Continuous Monitoring

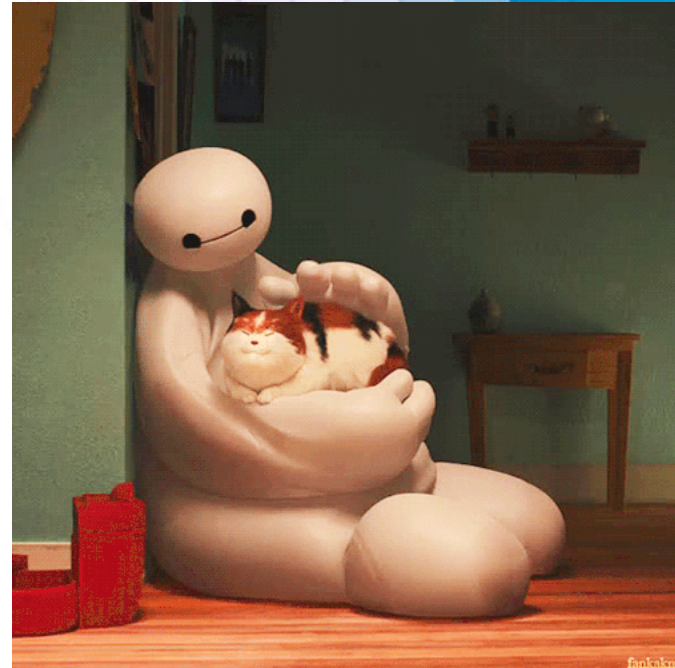


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## Self-Healing



# Self-Healing - Problem Statement

Why is **Self-Healing** important?

- Respond to changes in your environment immediately, reverting changes-malicious or accidental.
- Assurance that your stack configuration is compliant to your risk appetite at all times.
- Alert you to take action for improvement if it does detect unwanted changes (or alert of a security incident).

# Event Driven Security, Self-Healing, or RASP

The techniques we're about to look at in our lab are all known by different names:

- Event Driven Security – responding to events
- RASP – Runtime Application Self Protection
- Self-Healing – we think this describes it nicely!

There may be subtle difference in implementation, but for the large part we consider they all do the same thing.

# We're Going Serverless!

*"Serverless computing solutions execute logic in environments with no visible VM or OS. Services such as Amazon Web Services Lambda are disrupting many cloud development and operational patterns. Technology and service provider product managers must prepare for the change." - **Gartner***



# AWS Lambda

- It's "Serverless"
- A stateless, programmatic function that responds to events based on triggers.
- Other Platforms:
  - Microsoft Azure: "Azure Functions"
  - Google Cloud Platform: "Google Cloud Functions"



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Lambda**

# Event Driven Security / Self-Healing

To implement automated self-healing using a serverless solution we generally need a few things:

1. A well defined “event” that we can respond to (i.e. an open port, or a new user account being created)
2. A near real-time source of logging data to listen for the event.
3. Something to do if the event is triggered.

# Demo

**Demo** Lambda locking a user out after they try to create another user account.

Or disable user without 2-factor?

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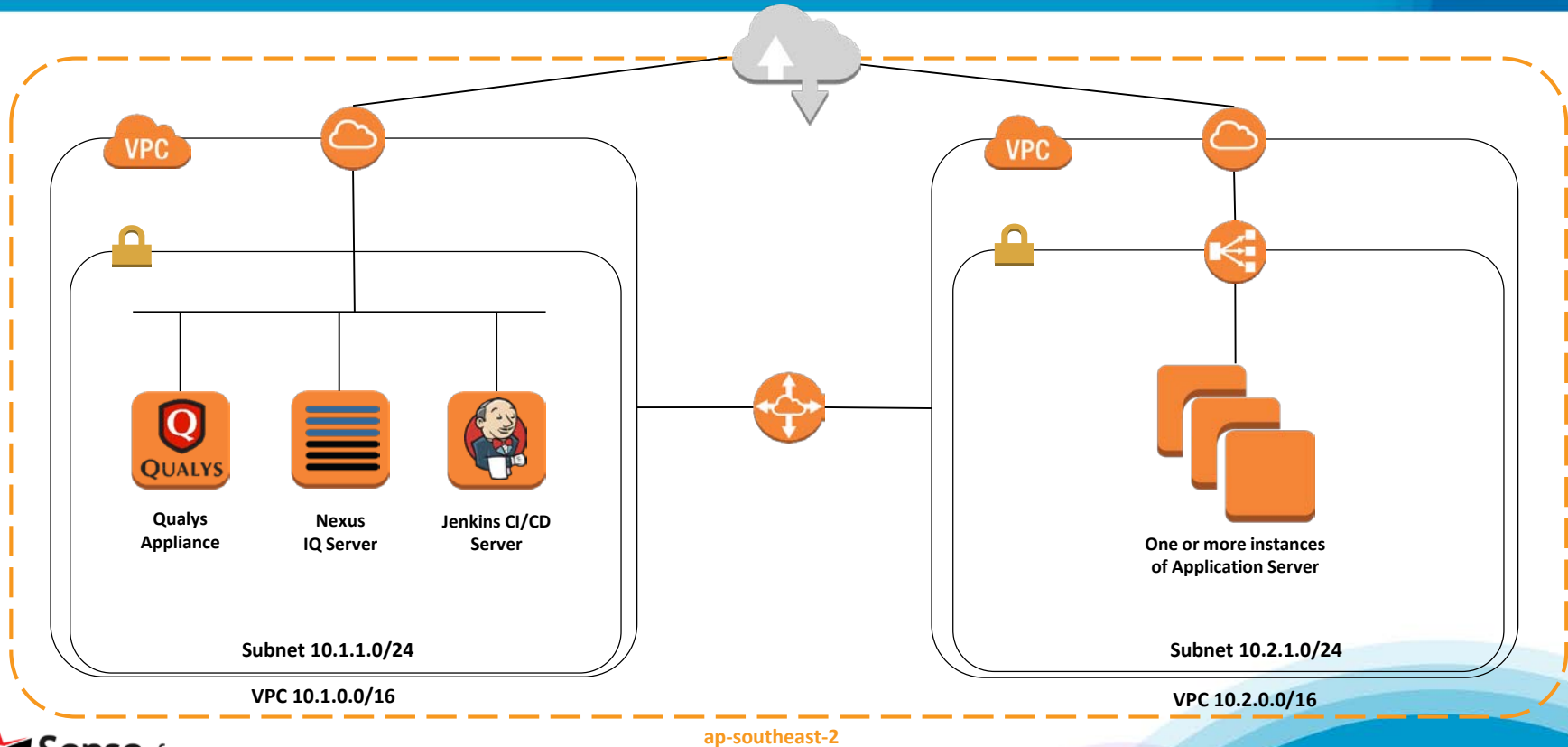
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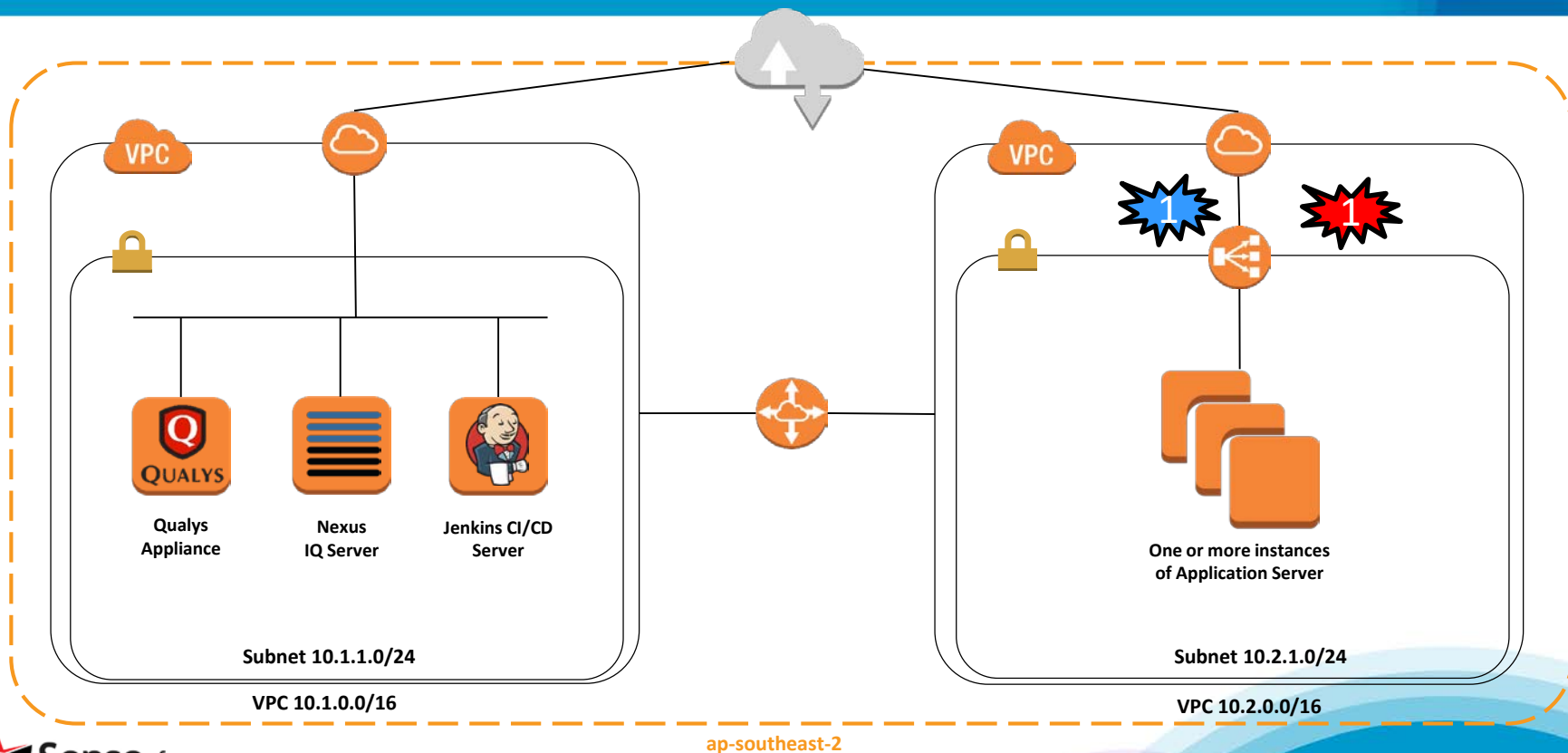
## AWS Kill Chain Mitigations



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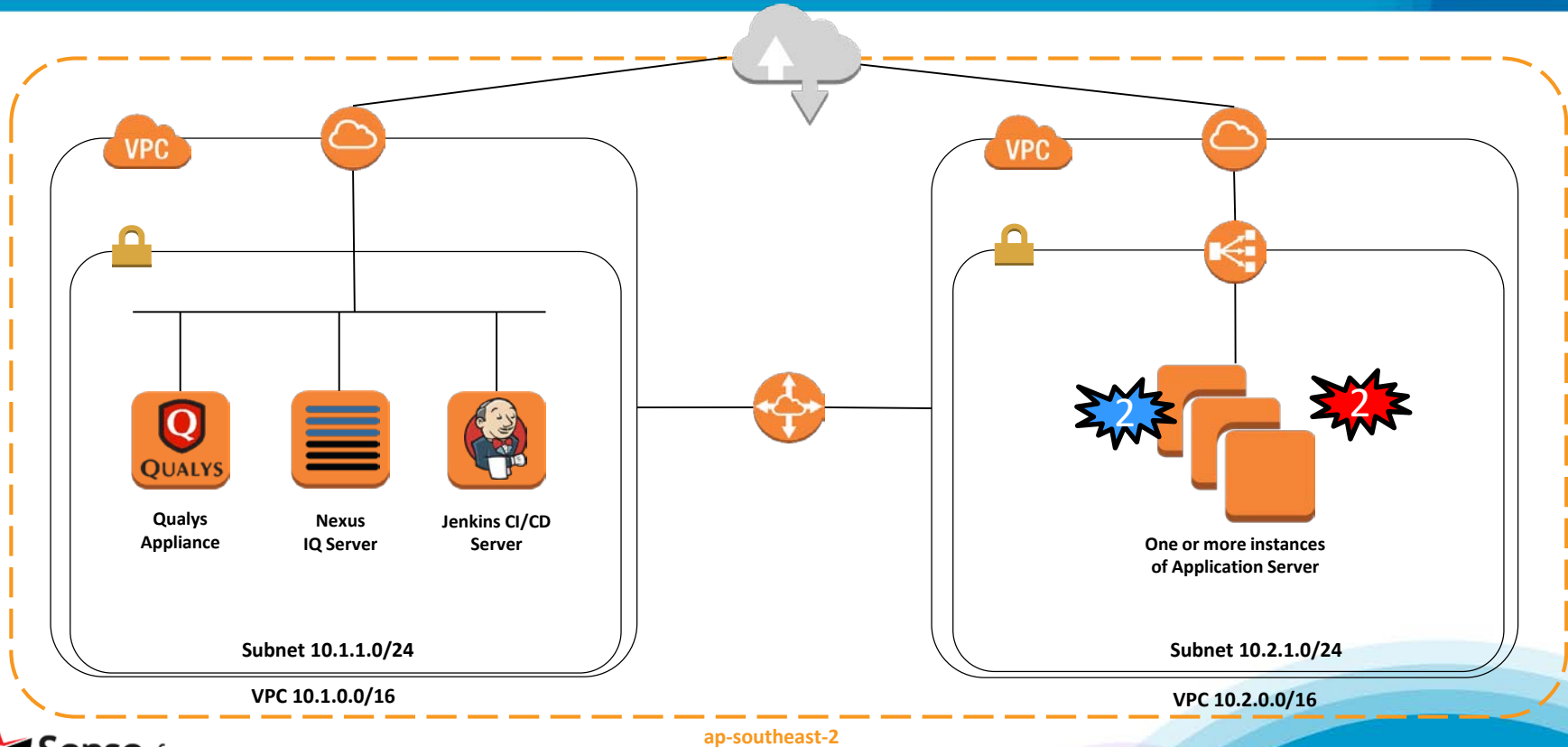


# Time Line

ID	Attack	Countermeasure Process	Countermeasure Technology
1	Vulnerability Identification	External Vuln Scanning Automation – extend to Continuous Monitoring	Qualys (VM + Cont Mon, WAS) Veracode (Dynamic)
1	Vulnerability Prevention (OS, Framework, Environment etc.)	Config Mgt Patch Mgt	Active: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPS</li> </ul> Passive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualys (VM, Policy Compliance)</li> </ul>
1	Vulnerability Prevention (First Party Code)	Security in SDLC	Active WAF RASP (e.g. Veracode) SDLC Veracode (Greenlight, Static)
1	Vulnerability Prevention (3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Code)	Security in SDLC	Veracode (SCA) Sonatype



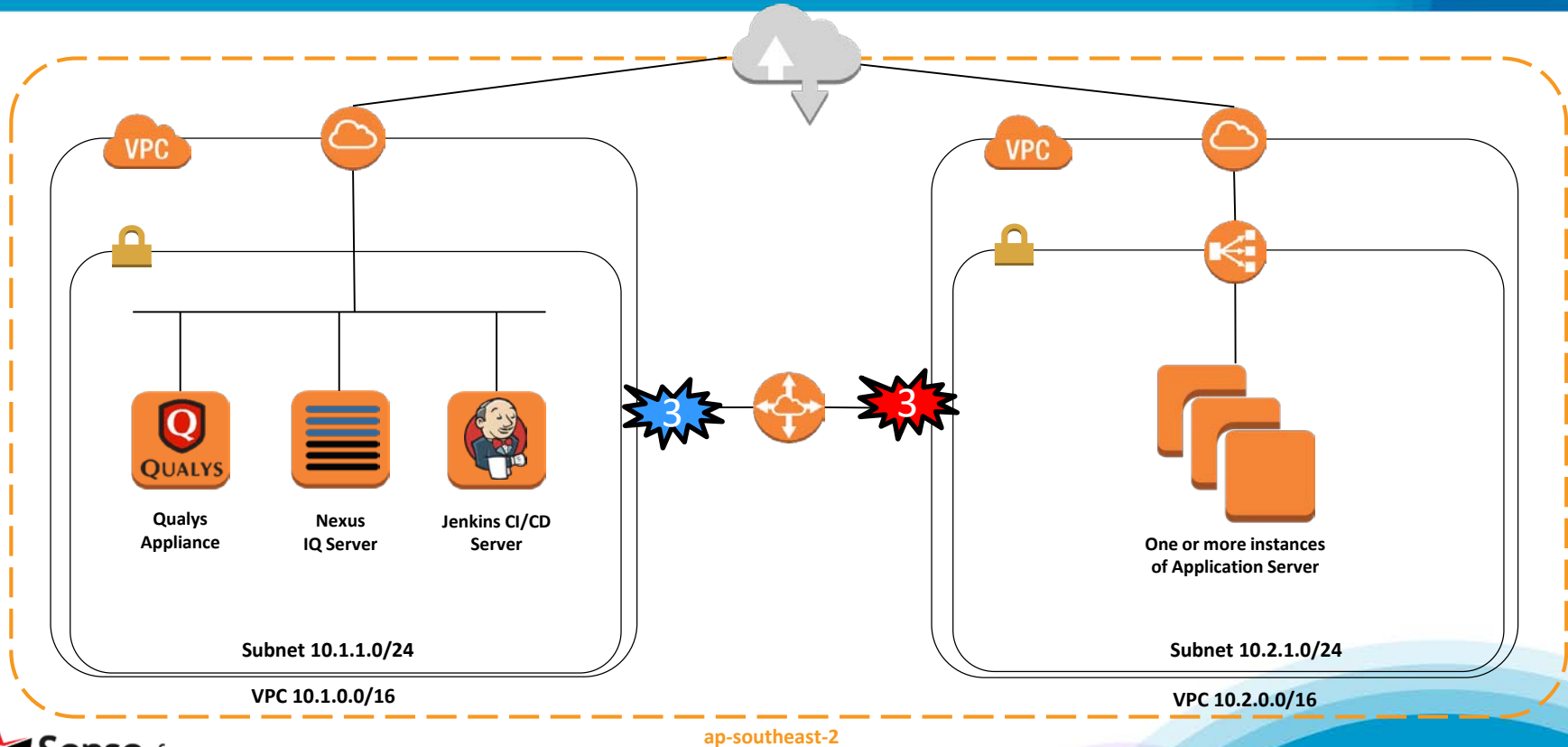
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# Time Line

ID	Attack	Countermeasure Process	Countermeasure Technology
2	Vulnerability Prevention (3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Code)	Security in SDLC	Veracode (SCA) Sonatype
2	Shell Binding, Tools Download etc.	Restrict unsolicited outbound access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-Healing / Tamper Resistance</li> <li>• Application Whitelisting</li> <li>• AWS Lambda Functions (DIY)</li> <li>• Dome9 Clarity Diagram</li> <li>• Dome9 Clarity VPC Log Review</li> </ul>
2	Vulnerability Prevention	Configuration Management Patch Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPS</li> <li>• Qualys (VM, Policy Compliance)</li> </ul>
2	Vulnerability Prevention (First Party Code)	Security in SDLC	WAF RASP (e.g. Veracode) Veracode (Greenlight, Static)

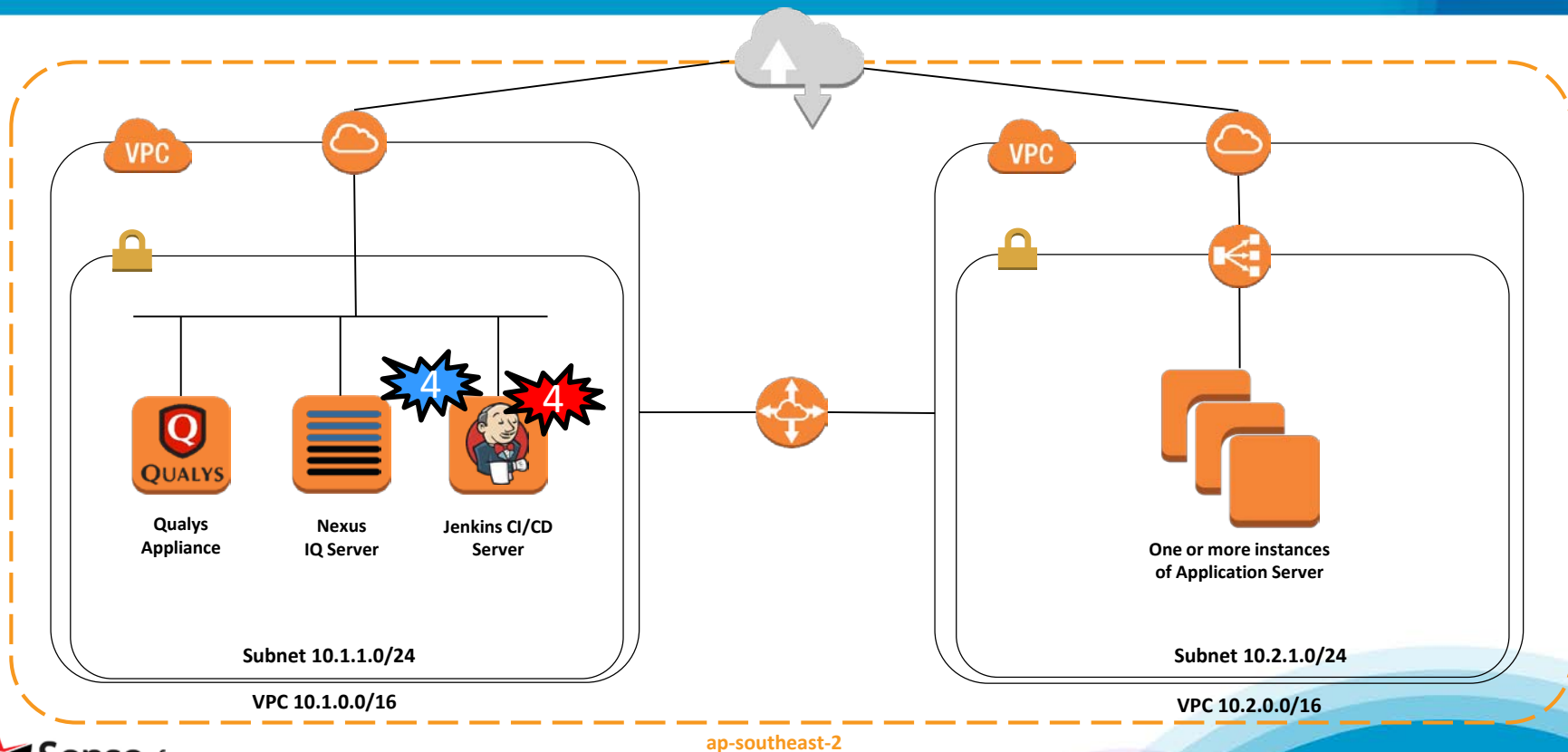
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3	Pivot, Vuln Identification	Restrict unsolicited traffic intra-VPC, intra-Account, VPC-WAN etc.	<p>Active Automation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dome9 AWS Security Group Rule Tamper Resistance</li></ul> <p>Visual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dome9 Clarity Diagram</li><li>• Dome9 Clarity VPC Log Review</li></ul> <p>• Passive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qualys VM + Cont Mon</li></ul>

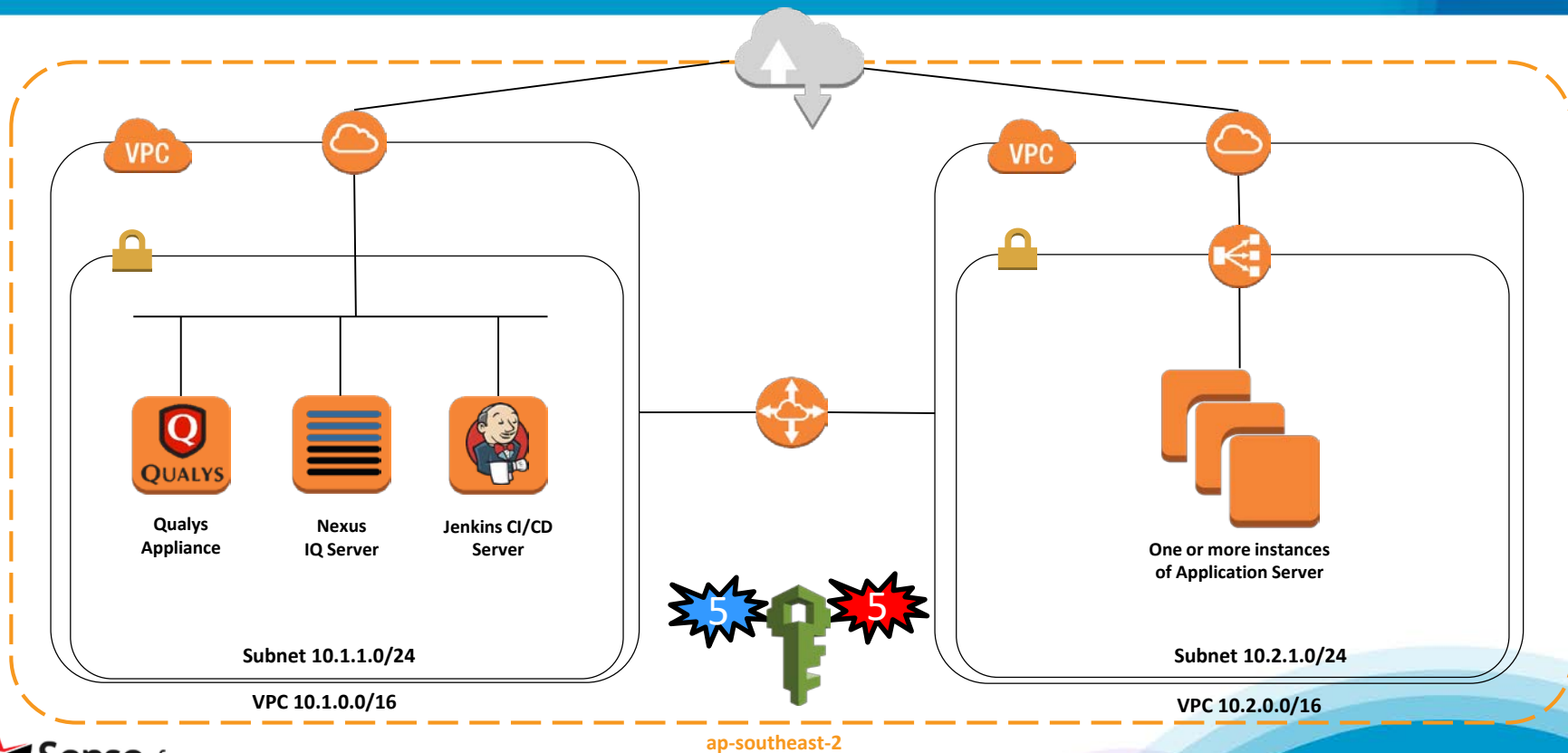
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# Time Line

ID	Attack	Countermeasure Process	Countermeasure Technology
4	Vulnerability Prevention (OS, Framework, Environment etc.)	As Per Previous <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Depends on Vuln Type:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Config Mgt</li><li>• Patch Mgt</li><li>• Security in SDLC</li></ul></li></ul>	Active: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IPS</li></ul> Passive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qualys (VM, Policy Compliance)</li></ul> SDLC <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Veracode, Sonatype etc</li></ul>

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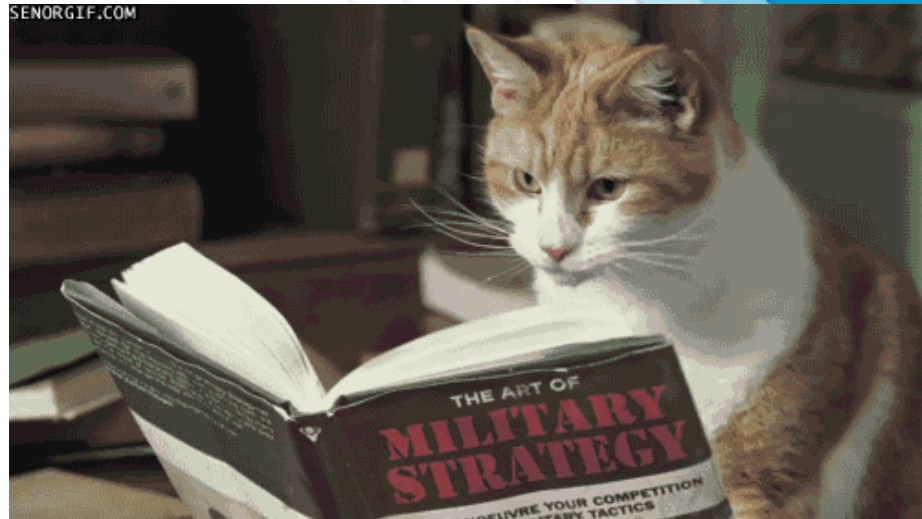
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5	Cloud, Account Creation, Priv Escalation, Priv Abuse	Access Controls and Permissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RBAC</li><li>• Permissions on business need to know/use</li></ul>	Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dome9 IAM Protection</li><li>• AWS Lambda Functions (DIY)</li></ul>

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## Applying Security Automation



# Applying Security Automation in DevOps

- Look for opportunities in your SDLC to automatically identify defects earlier in the pipeline – i.e. “Shift Left”
- Examine all your security tools and investigate whether exposed API’s can be leveraged to provide automated control/feedback.
- Review your cloud based architecture for opportunities to apply automated checking of configuration and continuous monitoring.
- Remember to protect the “full stack” of tools, processes and technology in your DevOps pipeline. It’s not just about the output!

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