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How to: Container Security

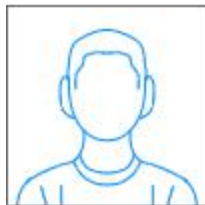
You can do more than image scanning

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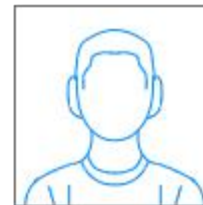
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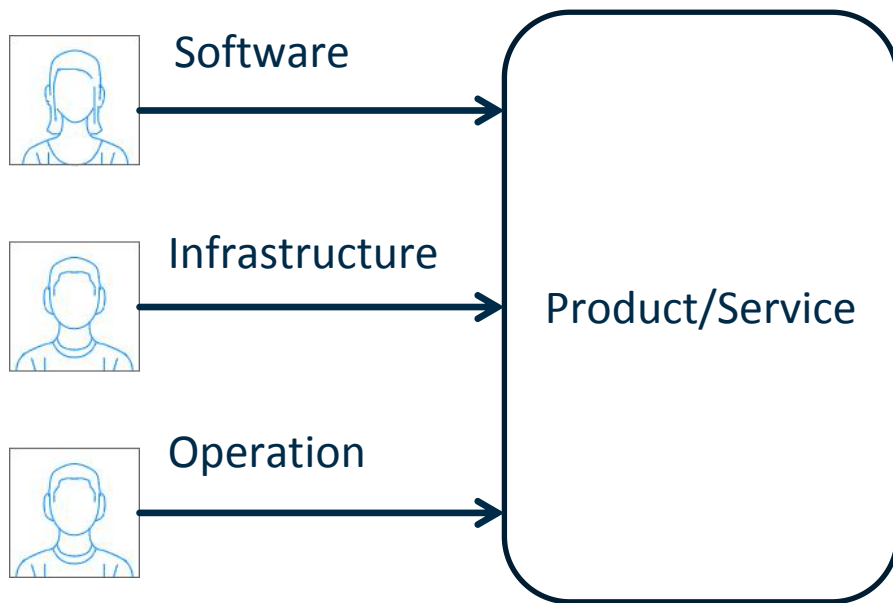


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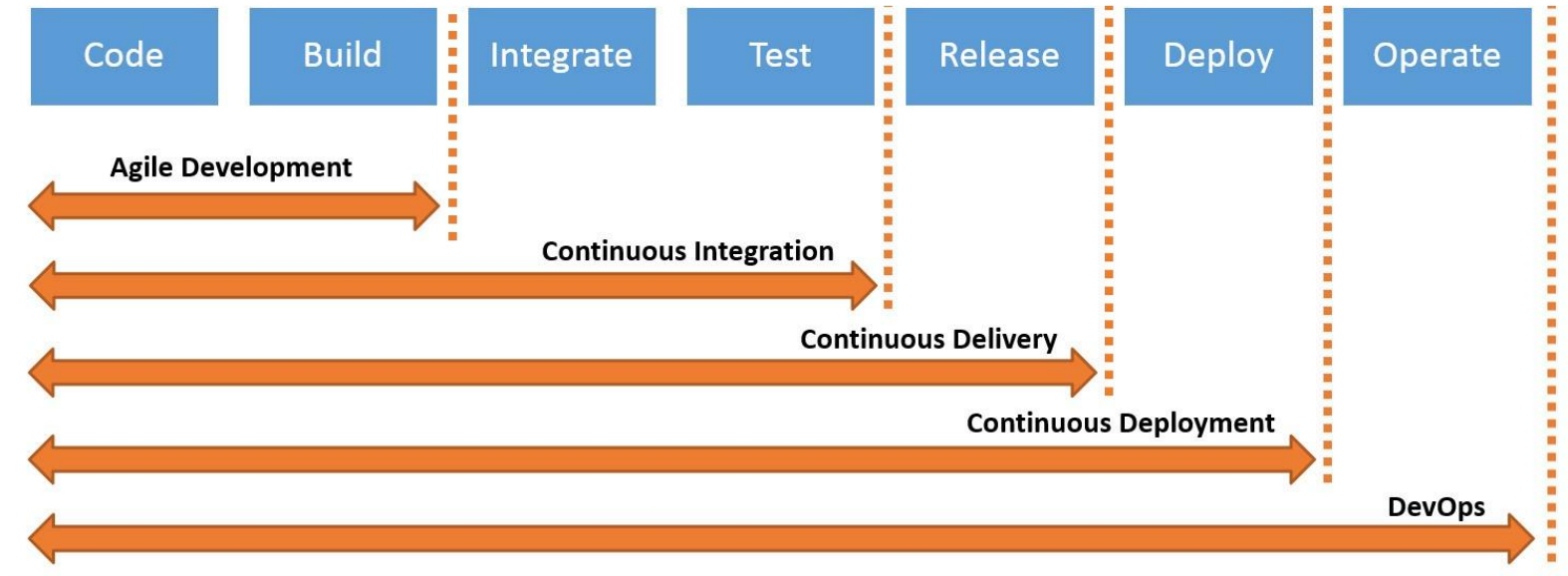


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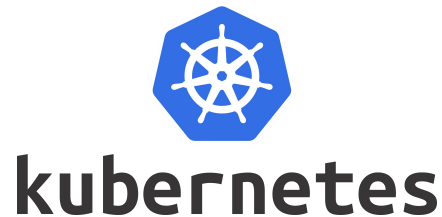
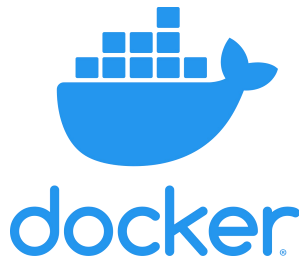


What is DevOps/DevSecOps?



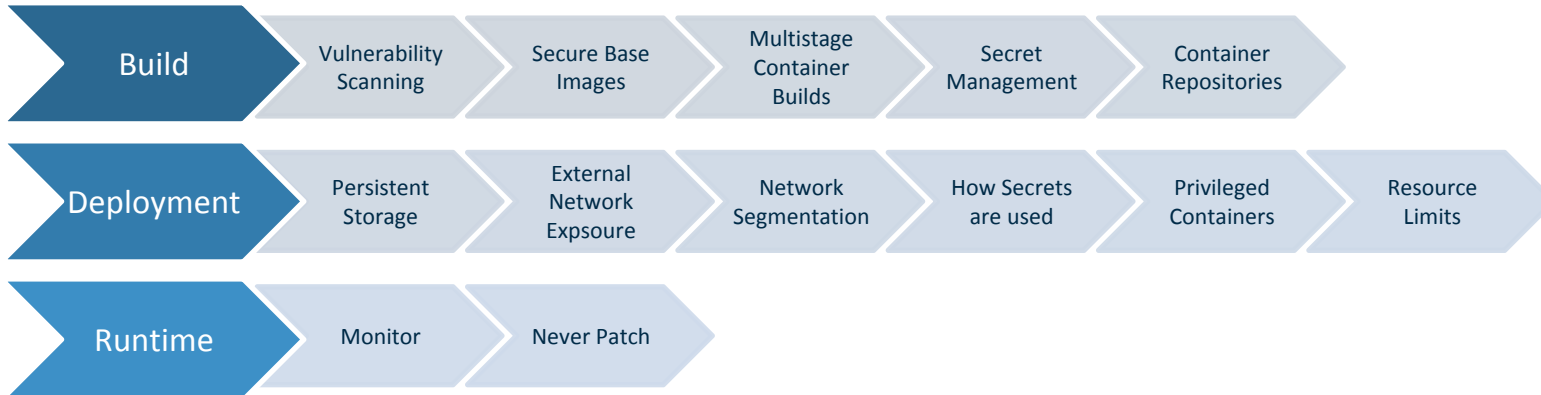
Container

- Images: From Scratch, Repository (e.g. DockerHub), Dockerfile
- Runtime: Docker, lxc, cri-o, containerd
- Orchestration: k8s (Kubernetes), Docker Swarm



Container Lifecycle

Where to do some Security Magic?



Build Process



- Vulnerability Scanning
- Secure Base Images
- Multistage Container Builds
- Secret Management
- Container Repositories

Vulnerability Scanning



- Use a Vulnerability Scanner
- Scans Artifacts and Containers
 - Including OS Packages
 - Programming Language Dependencies



Secure Base Images



- Create Awareness to use secure base images
- Provide Secure Base Images and patch it frequently
- Provides some peace of mind
- Should be foundation for:
 - Applications
 - Other images

Multistage Container Builds



- One Container with all dependencies and libraries to build the application
- Transfer to a new Container (e.g. „.jar“ file)
- Delete all not necessary dependencies
- Ship only necessary + „.jar“ file to Production

Secret Management



- Never store secrets inside an image
 - TLS certificates
 - Credentials
 - SSH keys
 - Database passwords

Container Repositories



- Provide an own managed Container Repository
- Store already scanned and hardened images
- Reduces the risk of malicious images
- Single Point of Truth for Developers
- e.g. Open Source Container Repository Harbour has Image Scanners included



Deployment

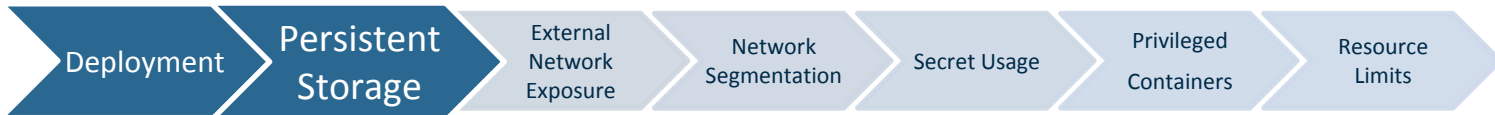


- Some basic questions to ask
- Persistent Storage
- External Network Exposure
- Network Segmentation
- Secret Usage
- Privileged Containers
- Resource Limits

Some basic questions to ask

- What it is
- Where it came from
- How it's deployed
- What can it access
- Whether it complies

Persistent Storage



- Understand how persistent storage is configured and used
- Same goes for Host Mounts
- Specify the access restrictions
- Make read only, if write is not necessary
- Control the users rights, if write is necessary

External Network Exposure



- Have a good overview of the ingress network flows
- Reduce external network exposure where not necessary
- Understand what input comes from external users & services

Network Segmentation



- By default K8s allows every pod to contact every other pod
- Establish Network Segmentation Policies
- This limits the ability of an attacker to move laterally

Secret Usage



- Understand how secrets are being used
- Enforce Access Controls
- Monitor privileged Access
- Create more visibility of secrets themselves



Privileged Containers

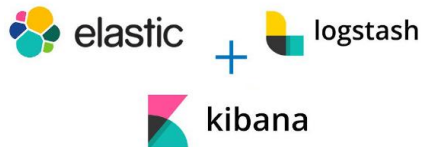
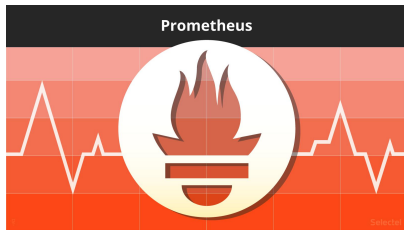


- Don't run privileged Containers, where not needed
- If necessary, understand the capabilities, user identity and privileges granted
- Privileged Container = Privileged Host Process

Resource Limits



- Without resource limits can cause availability issues
- Monitor the resources → could be indicator of compromise



Runtime



- Monitoring: What to watch?
- Never Patch

Monitoring - What to watch?



- Monitor running deployments for newly discovered Vulnerabilities
- Get visibility ...
 - ... of active network traffic between running container
 - ... between container and external clients / servers / services

Never Patch



- Never patch/update a running container
- Scale to zero and let restart
 - Faster
 - Easier
 - More Secure

Questions and Discussions



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