

Shift Left Security: What, Why & How

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What we're covering today:

- What is shift-left security?
- Why is it important?
- How do you enable it?
- Q & A



Software is eating the world

- Every org is becoming a software org
- Software orgs need modern tools
- DevOps, containers, and cloud native are those tools

The world is dangerous

- ‘Democratization’ of sophisticated attacks
- Security teams and SOCs overloaded
- Your own software is the softest target

Only 20% of organizations following DevOps practices consistently integrate security into the development process.

Source: [HPE | True State of Application Security & DevOps](#)

Only 15% of organizations can remediate security vulnerabilities or address compliance violations as they arise.

Source: [Chef | 2017 Community Survey](#)



Shift Left Security

Moving security practices left into the software development lifecycle with the goal of shifting from a reactive to a proactive security posture

Simple concept – difficult execution.

- Traditional security practices are manual and time-consuming
- Developers and security have very different domain expertise
- Security tooling doesn't surface information in a dev-friendly fashion

- 1. Security by design – establish criteria up front**
- 2. Automate, automate, automate**
- 3. Control gates are your friend**
- 4. Share tooling – don't silo information**
- 5. Use dev learns for better production protection**

Containers empower security teams to shift left more successfully than traditional architectures



Minimal

Typically single
process entities



Declarative

Built from
images that are
machine
readable



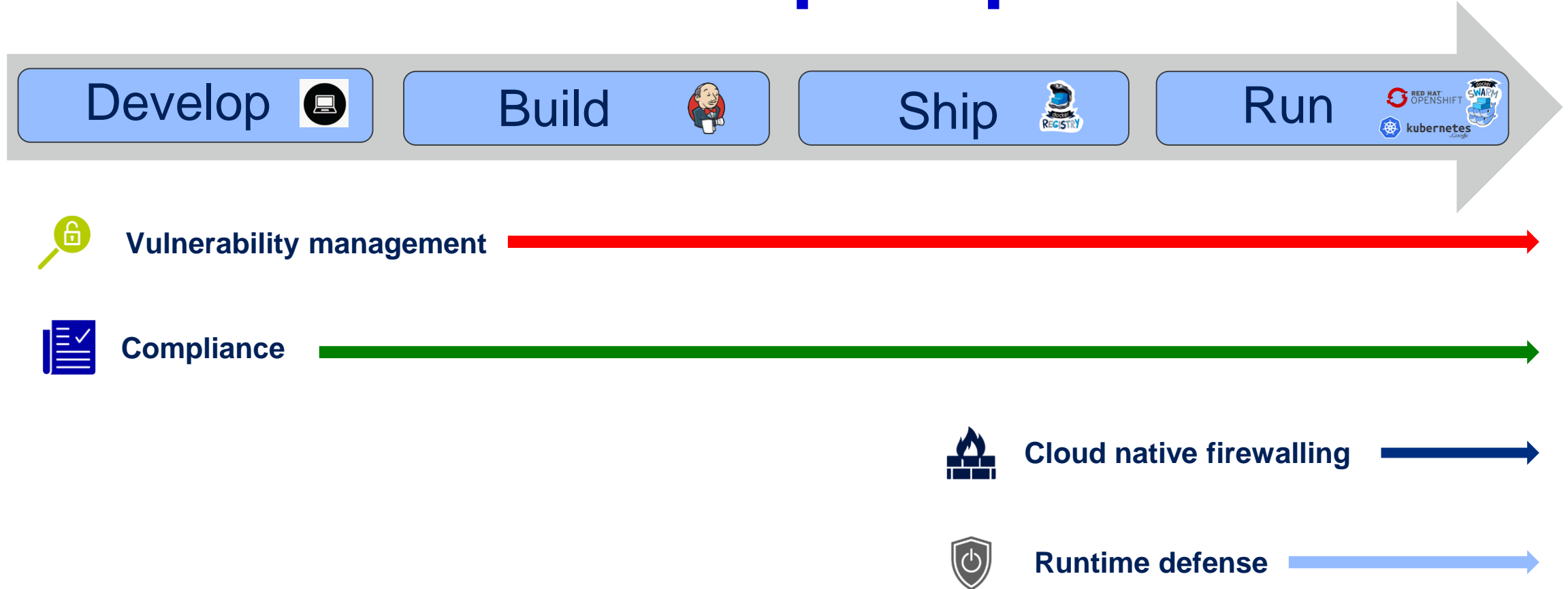
Predictable

Do exactly the
same thing from
run to kill
(immutable)

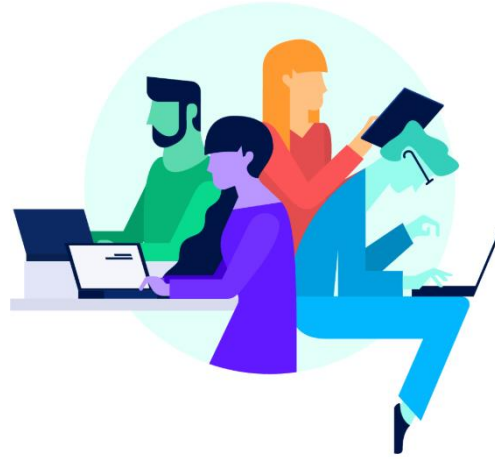
1. The minimal nature simplifies security requirements for each artifact
2. The declarative nature allows automated analysis of vulnerabilities and compliance
3. The predictable nature simplifies automation of policy creation and enforcement

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Twistlock Enables Shift Left + Across Entire Devops Pipeline



Develop



- FAR Left Shift (on developer desktop)
 - Enable vulnerability and compliance checks for base images
 - particularly when pulled from public repositories
 - Developers also scan their custom image
 - Remediate security and compliance issues **before** code check in
 - Developers integrate security into build

Build 

 Jenkins

 circleci

 TeamCity

 Travis CI



 CODESHIP

 GitLab

- Left Shift – In Build

- Automate scan for vulnerabilities and compliance at build
- Set thresholds and optionally fail the build
- Continuously remediate security and compliance issues

Ship



- Continuously monitor docker registries
 - Maintain a clean inventory of images
 - Alert when new vulnerable images are pushed to registry
 - Alert when new CVE's are reported for images in registry
 - Enable trusted repositories

Run

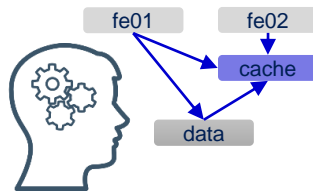


- Provide and active defense for your containerized work loads
- IDS
 - Containers and hosts
 - Protect against suspicious activities in following categories
 - process, network, file system, and system calls

Shift Left Shifts Protection Right

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/var/cache/apt/archives/partial/*.deb /var/cache/apt/...  
sudo 'Acquire::Languages "none";' > /etc/apt/sources.d/d  
NUN sed -i 's/#\s*\(\dab.*universe\)/\1/g' /etc/apt/sourc  
CMD "/bin/bash"  
NUN apt-get -y update && apt-get install -y git  
NUN git clone https://github.com/moxiegirl/cowsay.git  
WORKDIR /cowsay  
NUN git reset --hard origin/master  
NUN sh install.sh  
ENV PATH=/usr/local/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/u  
NUN apt-get -y update && apt-get install -y fortunes  
CMD "/bin/sh" "-c" "/usr/games/fortune -a | cowsay"
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ip, category, score, first_seen,  
last_seen, ports  
74.88.8.7,31,65,2016-04-16,2016-  
04-16,  
23.16.9.49,35,125,2016-04-  
11,2016-04-20,80  
82.16.9.65,35,127,2016-04-  
09,2016-04-21,80
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Static
analysis

Machine
learning

Predictive
model

Threat
intelligence

Automated
defense

Questions?

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Thank you