



# DevSecOps for the Enterprise

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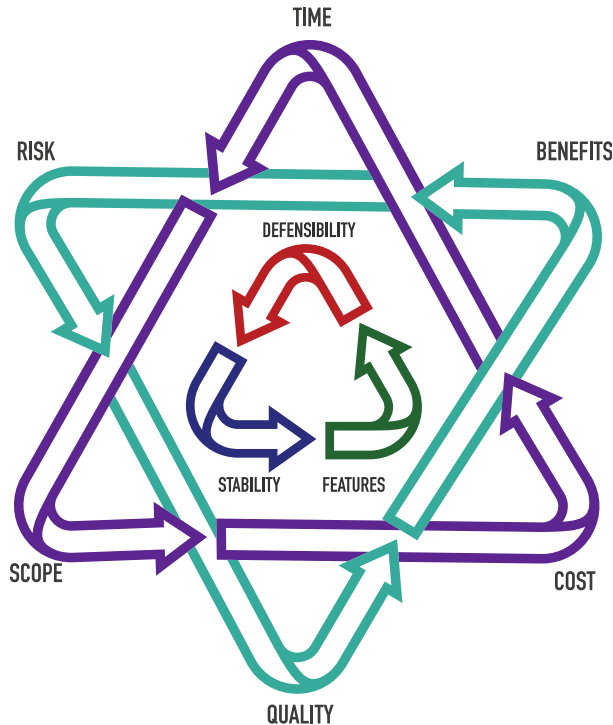
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# DevSecOps



**DevSecOps** is a **cultural** and **engineering practice** that breaks down barriers and opens **collaboration between development, security, and operations** organizations **using automation** to focus on rapid, frequent delivery of secure infrastructure and software to production. It encompasses intake to release of software and manages those flows predictably, transparently, and with minimal human intervention/effort [1].

A **DevSecOps Pipeline** attempts to seamlessly integrate “three traditional factions that sometimes have opposing interests:

- **development**; which values features;
- **security**, which values defensibility; and
- **operations**, which values stability [2].”

Not only does one need to balance the factions. They must do so in a way that balances **risk**, **quality** and **benefits** within their **time**, **scope**, and **cost** constraints.

[1] DevSecOps Guide: Standard DevSecOps Platform Framework. U.S. General Services Administration. [https://tech.gsa.gov/guides/dev\\_sec\\_ops\\_guide](https://tech.gsa.gov/guides/dev_sec_ops_guide). Accessed 17 May 2021  
[2] DevSecOps Platform Independent Model, <https://cmu-sei.github.io/DevSecOps-Model/>

# Enterprise-Scale Lean/Agile Delivery Capability



Scaling agility from the software project to the enterprise involves a host of socio-technical challenges

**Enterprise Strategy Development** - Expand rapid, incremental delivery models up and down the value stream. We deploy agile and lean strategies beyond software development to strategically improve enterprise capabilities:

- Measuring flow and delivery of value
- Simulation-rich CI/CD pipelines
- Systems Engineering discipline applied as intended, to the process and product
- Proactive accumulation of assurance information required for certification

**Rapid Engineering Adoption** - Implement best-of-breed incremental methods in environments where high levels of engineering discipline are necessary in complex, mission-critical cyber-physical products.

**Architecturally-Aware Product & Process** - Apply systematic view of enterprise architecture to the design of the product pipeline. Understanding the critical interplay of these systems enables rapid innovation through incremental change and AI, ML, MBSE adoption.

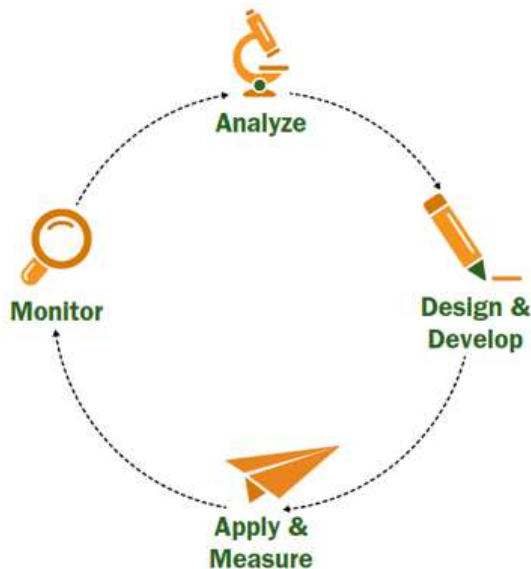
**Coaching** - We advise leaders and teams through iterative adoption of Lean, Agile methods in complex government/industry collaborations. Shoulder-to-shoulder coaching builds lasting organic capability.

**Training** - Our experienced instructors provide engaging classroom and virtual workshops for organizational and cultural change. Custom design for alignment with enterprise context uses table top exercises with real challenges instead of toy examples.

**Assessment** - We assess organizations' breadth of diffusion as well as depth of infusion for Lean/Agile approaches. Building beyond an inventory of practices, we focus on unique readiness and fit for transition of new methods.

**Organizational Design and Capability Evolution** - We design and support path-finding efforts and pilots for the evolution of the enterprise. Orderly experimentation and enterprise adoption of promising changes support a sustained focus on capability delivery.

# DevSecOps Innovations and Solutions



**Analyze** - Analyze an organization's business goals, processes, and development/operational challenges to assess the status quo, bottlenecks, and areas that could get maximum impact from process improvement efforts.

**Design & Develop** - Develop a customized strategy and roadmap to improve organizational culture, process, and tools to support business needs and improve software development quality, transparency, and delivery while decreasing risk.

**Apply & Measure** - Provide tools and methods to enable process measurement capabilities. Apply a process improvement strategy according to the developed roadmap and measure the quantitative impact of DevOps on metrics for collaboration, quality, transparency, and process efficiency.

**Monitor** - Enable development managers and teams to independently monitor DevOps practices and engage in continuous data-driven improvements to tools and methods according to unique organizational needs.

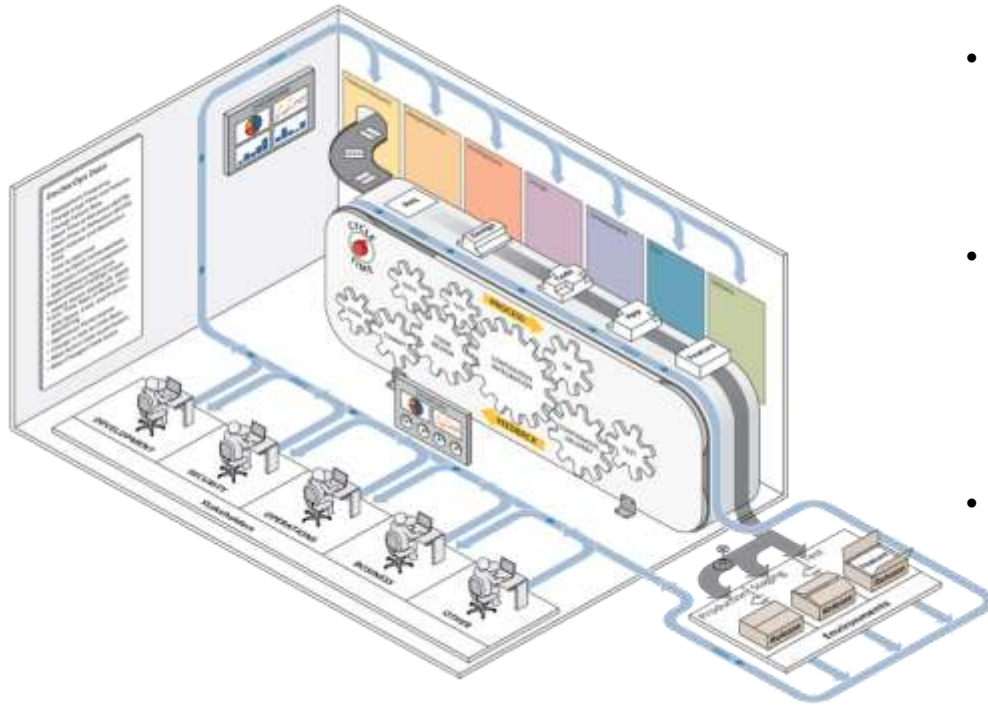
**Training** - We provide onsite or virtual courses that teach DevOps to managers, technical teams, and other stakeholder groups. We also offer advanced, hands-on DevOps training for development and operational teams that includes processes, tools, and practices.

**Workshops** - We conduct customized, hands-on workshops that provide comprehensive exercises to deliver practical training in DevOps tools and techniques throughout the SDLC, from inception to production.

**Mentoring** - By collaborating closely with teams and stakeholders, we facilitate cultural integration and assist in establishing practical guidelines to improve existing DevOps strategies and enhance collaboration among organizational teams.

**Engineering Support** - Our highly experienced engineers assist in the implementation and measurement of DevOps tools and processes.

# DevSecOps Platform Independent Model (PIM)

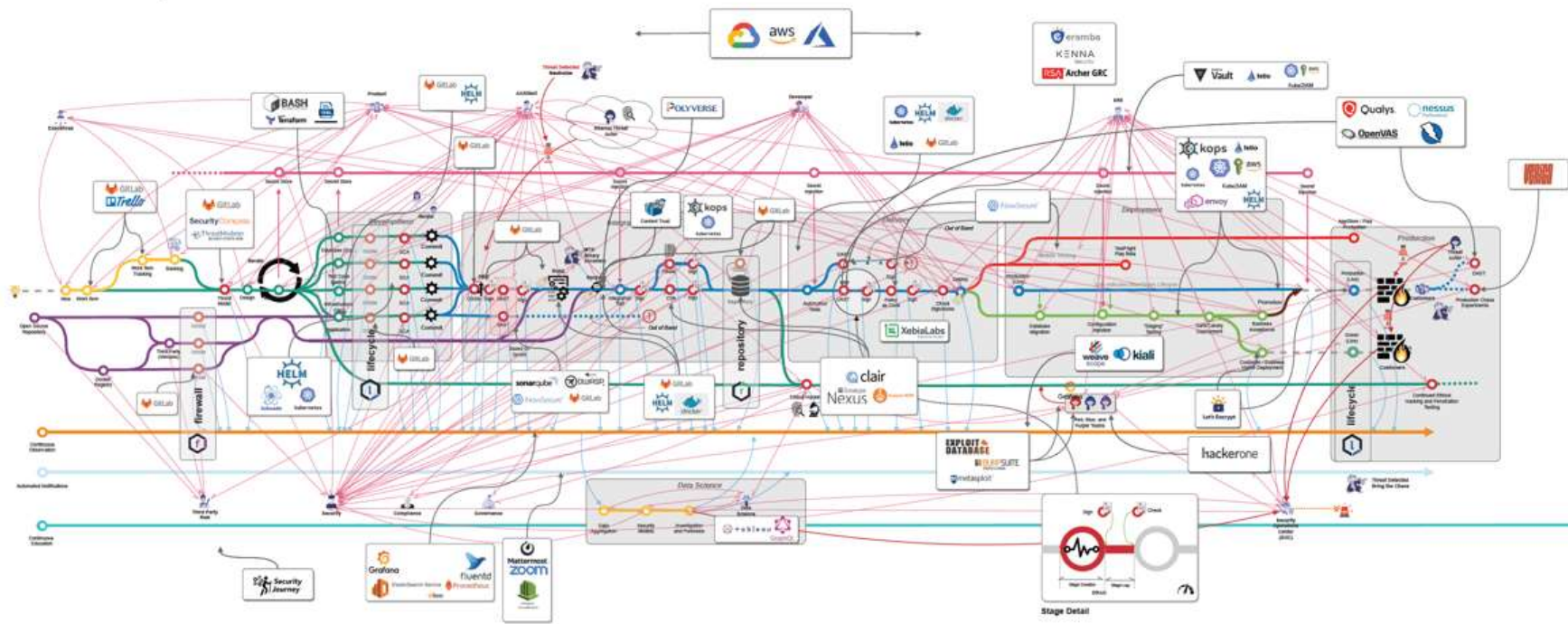


- Is an authoritative reference to fully design and execute an integrated Agile and DevSecOps strategy in which all stakeholder needs are addressed
- Enables organizations to implement DevSecOps in a secure, safe, and sustainable way in order to fully reap the benefits of flexibility and speed available from implementing DevSecOps principles, practices, and tools
- Was developed to outline the activities necessary to consciously and predictably evolve the pipeline, while providing a formal approach and methodology to building a secure pipeline tailored to an organization's specific requirements.



# But It's getting really complicated to build

## DevSecOps Reference Architecture

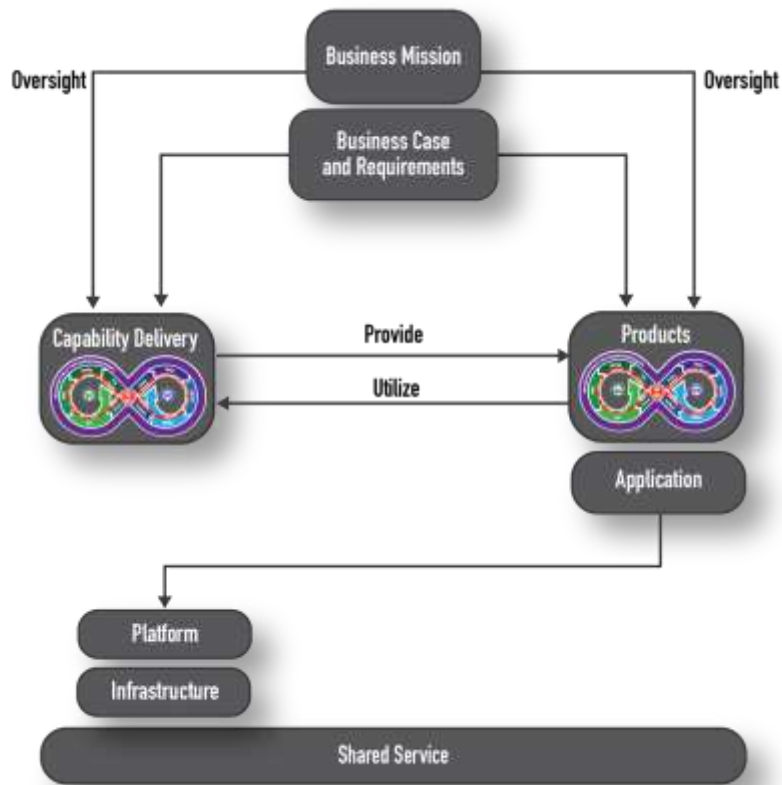


# Challenges

- *Emerging technology challenges:* Incorporation of AI/ML models built, trained, tested, and validated within the pipeline
- *Hardware in the Loop challenges:* Application to Large Highly Regulated, Cyberphysical Systems of Systems
- *Governance and collaboration challenges:* Evolution of oversight, evaluation, and collaboration practices for nimble delivery of value
- *Architectural challenges:* Compatible architecture that supports iterative and incremental development



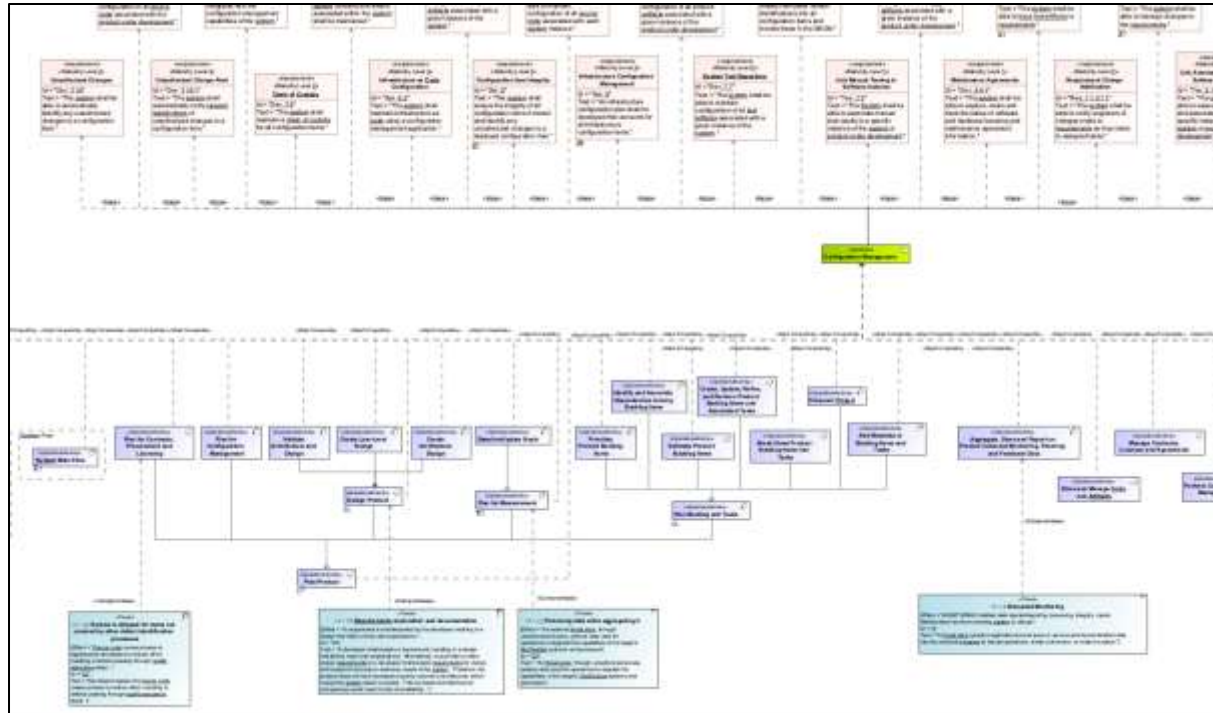
# An Enterprise View of DevSecOps



A successful Enterprise DevSecOps strategy is driven by three aspects:

- **Business Mission** - Captures stakeholder needs and channels the whole enterprise in meeting those needs. It answer the questions *Why* and *For Whom* the enterprise exists
- **Capability to Deliver Value** - Covers the people, processes, and technology necessary to build, deploy, and operate the enterprise's products
- **Products** - Are the units of value delivered by the organization. Products utilize the capabilities delivered by the software factory and operational environments.

# DevSecOps is a complex interconnected system



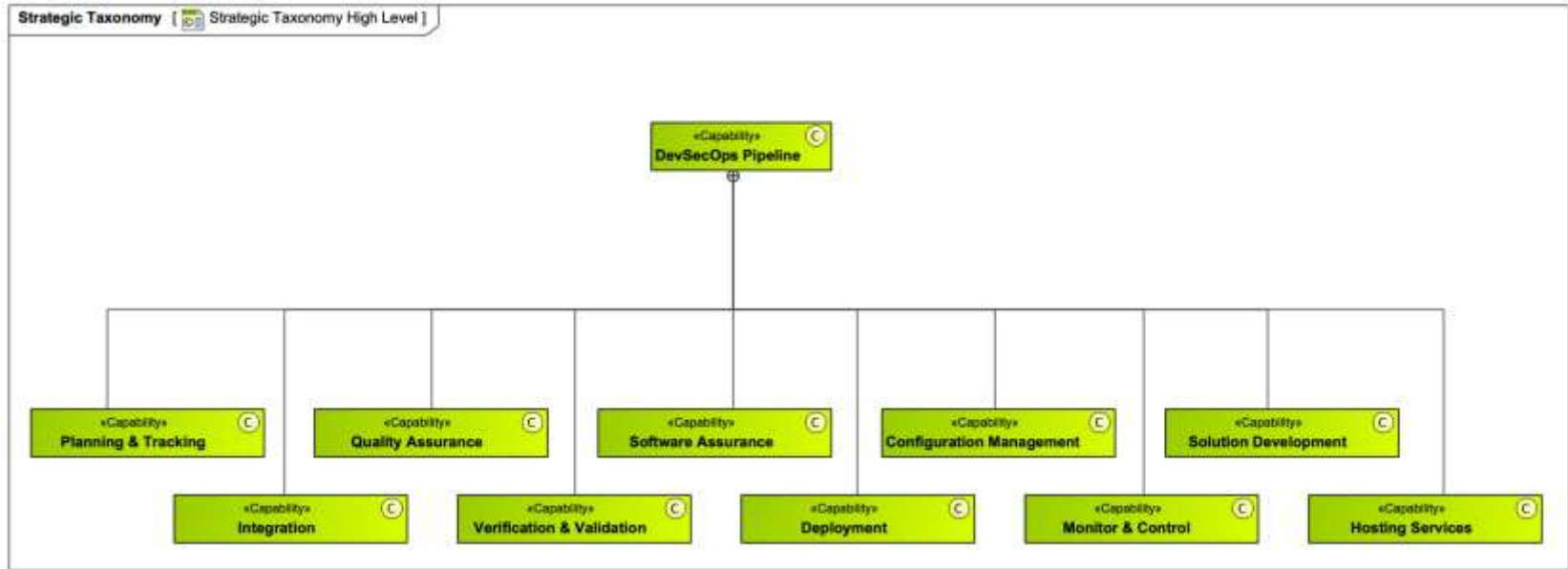
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# Everyone Plays a Role in DevSecOps

Legend		Organization Posts	
	Approves		Architect
	ContributesTo		Business Analyst
	Is Capable To Perform		Business or Mission Domain
	Observes		Compliance
	Multiple (one-way)		Contract Specialist
			Customer
			Cyber Legal Advisor
			Cybersecurity Analyst
			Cybersecurity Engineer
			Database Administrator
			DevSecOps Engineer
			DevSecOps Champion
			Executive
			External User
			Financier
			Infrastructure Architect
			Infrastructure Engineer
			Infrastructure Operator
			Internal User
			Legal
			Marketing
			Network Operations Specialist
			Owner
			Product Manager
			Product Owner
			Program Manager
			Project Manager
			Quality Assurance Engineer
			Release Engineer
			Relevant Stakeholders
			Sales
			Security Architect
			Security Champion
			Site Reliability Engineer
			Software Developer
			Solution Manager
			Subject Matter Expert
			Supplier
			System Administrator
			Systems Analyst
			Systems Engineer
			Technical Support Specialist
			Test Engineer
			UI/UX Designer
			User
			User Experience
Operational Activities and Flow Diagrams			
DevSecOps Model Overview			
Plan DevSecOps Phase			
Product Under Development Lifecycle			
P2 Product Under Development Main Flow			
P2-1 Plan Product			
P2-2 Develop Product			
P2-4 Validate Product			
P2-5 Deploy Product			
P2-6 Operate Product			
P2-7 Monitor Product			
P2-8 Manage Contracts, Licenses and Agreements			
P2-9 Provide Feedback			
P2-10 Perform Quality Assurance			
P2-11 Perform Data Analysis			
P2-12 Monitor Development and Test Environment			
P2-13 Perform Configuration Management			
P2-14 Store and Manage Code and Artifacts			
P2-15 Aggregate, Store and Report on Product Collected Monitoring, PL			

Critical Roles mapped to Operational Activities

# As a DevSecOps system matures, so will its capabilities



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# DevSecOps Maturity Levels

Term	Documentation
Maturity Level 1	Performed Basic Practices: This represents the minimum set of engineering, security, and operational practices that is required to begin supporting a product under development, even if only performed in an ad-hoc manner with minimal automation, documentation, or process maturity. This level is focused on minimal development, security, and operational hygiene.
Maturity Level 2	Documented/Automated Intermediate Practices: Practices are completed in addition to meeting the Level 1 practices. This level represents the transition from manual, ad-hoc practices to the automated and consistent execution of defined processes. This set of practices represents the next evolution of the maturity of the product under development's pipeline by providing the capability needed to automate the practices that are most often executed or produce the most unpredictable results. These practices include defining processes that enable individuals to perform activities in a repeatable manner.
Maturity Level 3	Managed Pipeline Execution: Practices are completed in addition to meeting the level 1 and 2 practices. This level focuses on consistently meeting the information needs of all relevant stakeholders associated with the product under development so that they can make informed decisions as work items progress through a defined process.
Maturity Level 4	Proactive Reviewing and Optimizing DevSecOps: Practices are completed in addition to meeting the level 1-3 practices. This level is focused on reviewing the effectiveness of the system so that corrective actions are taken when necessary, as well as quantitatively improving the system's performance as it relates to the consistent development and operation of the product under development.

# Selecting the Appropriate Techniques

- Three Fundamental Factors
  1. Identifying **the ability of the organization** to adopt new techniques
    - Successful adoption requires the absorption of associated costs, as well as expending the required time and effort.
  2. Determining **the suitability of Agile and DevSecOps practices in the development** of a given product or system
    - Development and product characteristics play a large role in determining the suitability of a particular agile technique.
    - The desired product qualities also play a role in determining appropriate agile technique
  3. Determining **the suitability of Agile and DevSecOps practices for the organization** developing the product or system.

Adapted from Sidky, Ahmed; James Arther, *Determining the Applicability of Agile Practices to Mission and Life-critical Systems*, Proceedings of the 31st IEEE Software Engineering Workshop (SEW 2007). pp 3-12.



# Areas of Focus

## **Lifecycle:**

- Governance
- Requirements
- Architecture & Design
- Development
- Test
- Delivery
- System Infrastructure

## **Capabilities:**

- Configuration Management
- Deployment
- Hosting Services
- Integration
- Monitor & Control
- Planning & Tracking
- Quality Assurance
- Software Assurance
- Solution Development
- Verification & Validation

# Thank You

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