# Assuring your DevSecOps Pipeline using MBSE

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## About DevSecOps

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#### Today: Program Office Whac-A-Mole





Winning in Features and Effectiveness, but Losing in Defensibility and Stability

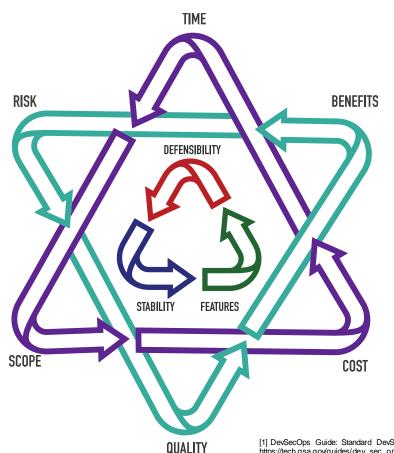
In June of 2020 a generally successful DoD program completed an 8 week "Hardening the Software Factory" effort in order to address accumulated technical debt and to address insufficient security and operations practices due to the narrow focus on speed of delivery.

These things occur, even in small relatively successful programs, when technical debt and insufficient security and operational practices are in place due to lack of knowledge, experience, and reference material to fully design and execute an integrated DevSecOps strategy in which all stakeholder needs, including cybersecurity, are addressed.

While playing Whac-A-Mole is inevitable, instead of missing the holes, or constantly hitting the same hole, the key is to fill in the holes.

## DevSecOps: Modern Software Engineering Practices and Tools that Encompass the Full Software Lifecycle





**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].

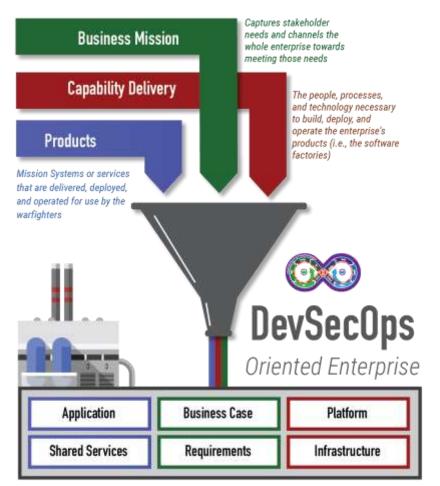
A **DevSecOps Pipeline** attempts to seamlessly integrate "three traditional factions that sometimes have opposing interests:

- 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. Accessed 17 May 2021 21 DevSecOps Platform Independent Model. https://cmu-sei.github.io/DevSecOps-Model/

#### An Enterprise View



All DevSecOps-oriented enterprises are driven by three concerns:

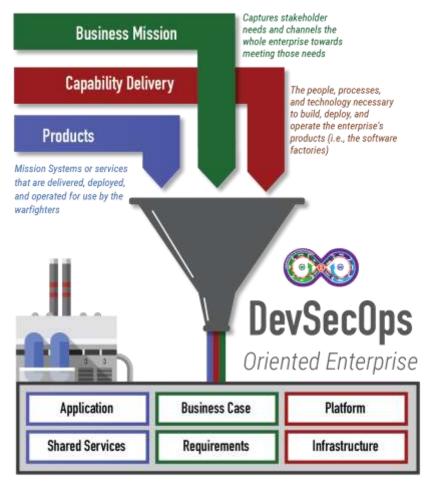
- Business Mission captures stakeholder needs and channels the whole enterprise in meeting those needs. It answer the questions Why and For Whom the enterprise exists
- Capability to Deliver Value covers the people, processes, and technology necessary to build, deploy, and operate the enterprise's products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

# Challenges Associated with DevSecOps

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#### Challenge 1: connecting process, practice, and tools





Creation of the DevSecOps (DSO) pipeline for building the product is not static.

- Tools for process automation must work together and connect to the planned infrastructure
- Infrastructure and shared services are often maintained across multiple organizations (Cloud for infrastructure, third parties for tools and services, etc.)
- Processes, practices, and tools must evolve to meet the needs of the products being built and operated

#### Many valid approaches to implementation<sup>1</sup>





George Box is famously quoted as saying, "All models are wrong but some are useful." The same can be said for the various Agile and DevSecOps methods, as much of the material around Agile and DevSecOps assumes a simplification or idealization of a model development team.

The key to successful Agile and DevSecOps implementation is understanding how you will instantiate the Agile manifesto, Agile principles and DevSecOps principles.

The principles have implications for the characteristics of the lifecycle that can be used. But there's still more than one valid way of implementing the principles...

## Many Valid Approaches to Implementation<sup>2</sup>



- The family of Agile and DevSecOps methods has grown since 2000 to incorporate techniques that address team, project, and enterprise levels of scaling.
- Hybrids of multiple methods and techniques are common practice in both industry and government.
- This is one reason it's so difficult to say a program is "Agile" or "doing DevSecOps correctly," or not.
- To succeed, you must select the correct techniques, regardless of chosen methods, to meet your organization's and customer's goals, objectives, and missions.



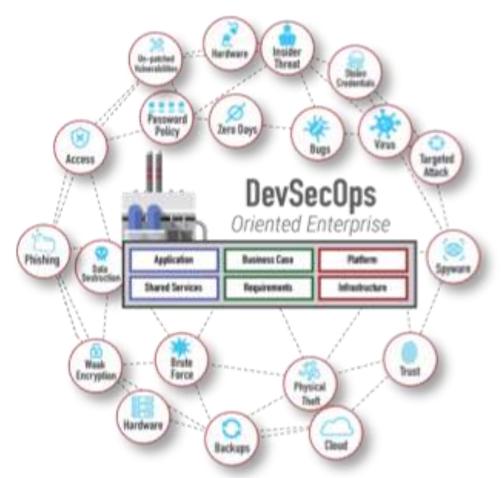
#### Three Fundamental Factors

- 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.

#### Challenge 2: Cybersecurity of Pipeline and Product





The tight integration of Business Mission, Capability Delivery, and Products, using integrated processes, tools, and people, increases the attack surface of the product under development.

Managing and monitoring all the various parts to ensure the product is built with sufficient cybersecurity and the pipeline is maintained to operate with sufficient cybersecurity is complex.

How do you focus attention to areas of greatest concern for security risks and identify the attack opportunities that could require additional mitigations?

### Software Assurance (SwA)

#### **DoD definition:**

"the level of confidence that software is free from vulnerabilities, either intentionally designed into the software or accidentally inserted at anytime during its lifecycle, and that the **software functions in the intended manner**."

[CNSS Instruction No. 4009; DoDi 5200.44 p.12]

#### **SwA Curriculum Model definition:**

Application of technologies and processes to achieve a required level of confidence that software systems and services function in the intended manner, are free from accidental or intentional vulnerabilities, provide security capabilities appropriate to the threat environment, and recover from intrusions and failures.

[Mead, Nancy; Allen, Julia; Ardis, Mark; Hilburn, Thomas; Kornecki, Andrew; Linger, Richard; & McDonald, James. Software Assurance Curriculum Project Volume I: Master of Software Assurance Reference Curriculum. CMU/SEI-2010-TR-005. Software Engineering Institute, Carnegie Mellon University. 2010. http://resources.sei.cmu.edu/library/asset-view.cfm?AssetID=9415]

#### Risk



#### The perception of risk drives assurance decisions

- Assurance implementation choices (policies, practices, tools, restrictions) are based on the perception of threat and the expected impact should that threat be realized
- Perceptions are primarily based on knowledge about successful attacks
  - the current state of assurance is largely reactive
  - successful organizations learn from attacks and figure out how to react and recover faster and be vigilant in anticipating and detecting attacks
- Misperceptions are failures to recognize threats and impacts "how could it happen to us?" or "it could not happen here!"

#### Interactions



Highly connected systems require alignment of risk across all stakeholders and systems otherwise critical threats will be unaddressed (missed, ignored) at different points in the interactions.

- There are costs to addressing assurance which must be balanced against the impact of the risk.
- Risk must also be balanced with other opportunities/needs (performance, reliability, usability, etc.).
- Interactions occur at many technology levels (network, security appliances, architecture, applications, data storage, etc.) and are supported by a wide range of roles.



## Your assurance depends on other people's decisions and the level of trust you place on these dependencies:

- Each dependency represents a risk
- Dependency decisions should be based on a realistic assessment of the threats, impacts, and opportunities represented by an interaction.
- Dependencies are not static and trust relationships should be reviewed to identify changes that warrant reconsideration.
- Using many standardized pieces to build technology applications and infrastructure increases the dependency on other's assurance decisions.

#### **Attacker**



#### There are no perfect protections against attacks.

There exists a broad community of attackers with growing technology capabilities able to compromise the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of any and all of your technology assets, and the attacker profile is constantly changing.

- The attacker uses technology, processes, standards, and practices to craft a compromise (socio-technical responses).
- Attacks are crafted to take advantage of the ways we normally use technology or designed to contrive exceptional situations where defenses are circumvented.

### Mitigating Risk with Assurance Cases



#### Understanding risk is hard!

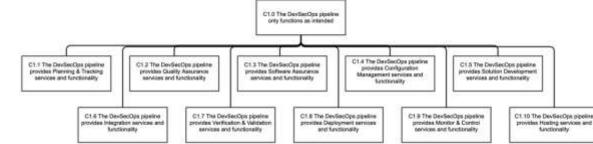
Without being able to quantify, or reason around, the cybersecurity risks associated with your product and DevSecOps pipeline, you will not be able to:

- properly balance between features, defensibility, and stability
- make necessary trade-off choices to achieve your organization's mission and vision in a cost-effective way

An assurance case can be used to reason about the adequacy for both the pipeline and the product.

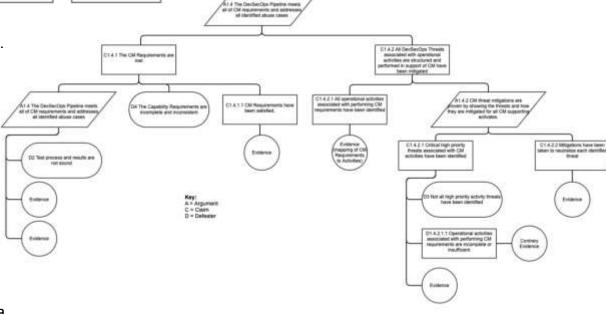
- It is a structured approach used to argue that available evidence supports a given claim
- It provides the organization with the basis for making risk-based choices tied to assuring that the pipeline only functions as intended.
- It provides requirements for automated systems testing, or other evidence collection techniques.
- Actual test results provide the evidence needed to support the assurance claims.

## Structuring a DevSecOps Assurance Case



Assurance cases are composed of the following elements:

- Claims— "assertions put forward for general acceptance. They are typically statements about a property of the system or some subsystem. Claims that are asserted as true without justification become assumptions and claims supporting an argument are called subclaims [1]."
- Arguments "link the evidence to the claim [1]" by stating the assumption(s) on which the claim and the evidence are built upon.
- Evidence "Evidence that is used as the basis of the justification of the claim. Sources of evidence may include the design, the development process, prior field experience, testing, source code analysis or formal analysis [1]."
- Defeaters "possible reasons for doubting the truth of a claim [2]."



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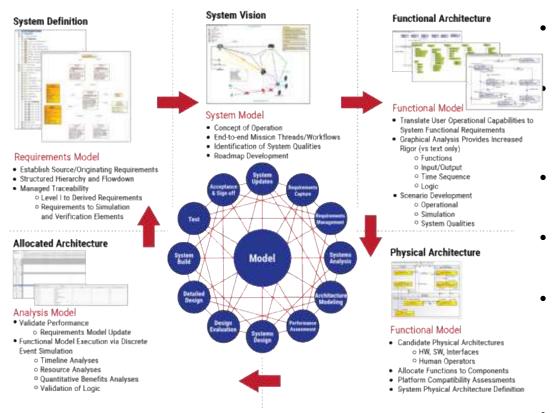
<sup>[1]</sup> Bloomfield, R. E. and Netkachova, K. Building Blocks for Assurance Cases. Paper presented at the International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRB), 03-11-2014-06-11-2014, Naples, Italy. [2] Goodenough, John B., Charles B. Weinstock, Ari Z. Klein. Toward a Theory of Assurance Case Confidence, CMU/SEI-2012-TR-002 September 2012. [DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A] Approved for public release and unlimited distribution

# Addressing the Cybersecurity Challenge with MBSE

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### Model Based Systems Engineering





\*The Digital System Model contains the most current requirements, key mission/business operations, architecture, design details, implementation details, test and evaluation details, and supporting documentation.

## *Not* yesterday's Document-Centric Systems Engineering!

MBSE uses a Digital System Model\* to facilitate common system understanding and decision-making.

- The Digital System Model\* is the single authoritative source of truth
- System and Components can be integrated at various levels of abstraction and fidelity
- Model Views are chosen to best communicate information to a variety of stakeholders via the dynamic creation of multiple, consistent, accurate views
- Impacts of changes are more easily analyzed and evaluated



## Reference Architecture/Platform Independent Model (PIM)

A **Reference Architecture** is an authoritative source of information about a specific subject area that guides and constrains the instantiations of multiple architectures and solutions [1].

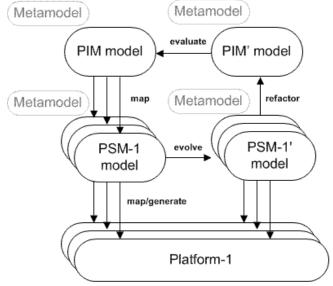
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A PIM is a general and reusable model of a solution to a commonly occurring problem in software engineering within a given context and is independent of the specific technological platform used to implement it.

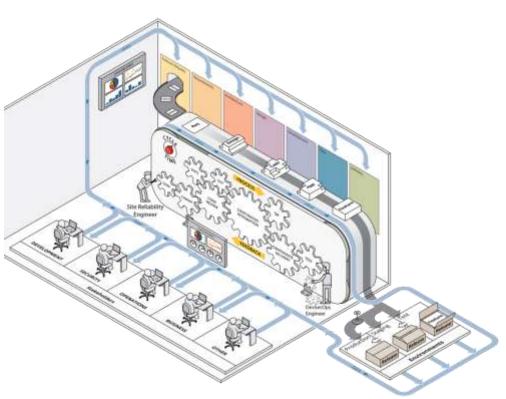


NOTE: PSM = Platform Specific Model

[1] DoD Reference Architecture Description, https://dodcio.defense.gov/Portals/0/Documents/DIEA/Ref\_Archi\_Description\_Final\_v1\_18Jun10.pdf

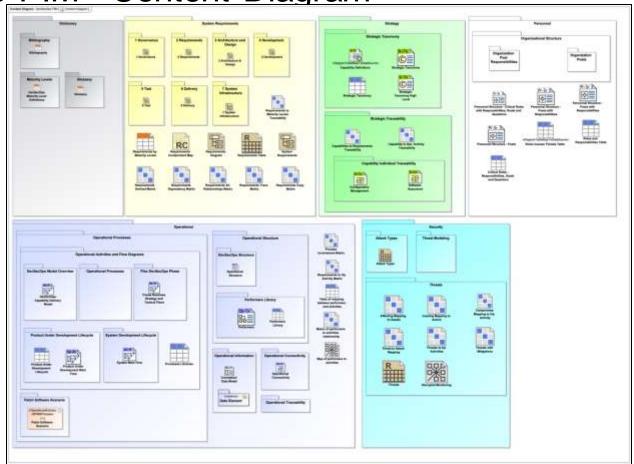
#### DevSecOps Platform Independent Model (PIM)





- 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

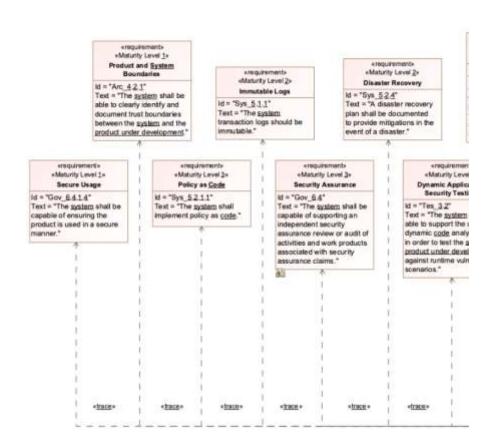
DevSecOps PIM - Content Diagram



https://cmu-sei.github.io/DevSecOps-Model/

#### DevSecOps Requirements





All requirements are organized into categories based on logical and functional groupings:

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

Requirements Table Link

Example of Requirements Representation in Diagrams from PIM

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#### DevSecOps Capability/Strategic Viewpoint

A capability is a high-level concept that describes the ability of a system to achieve or perform a task or a mission.

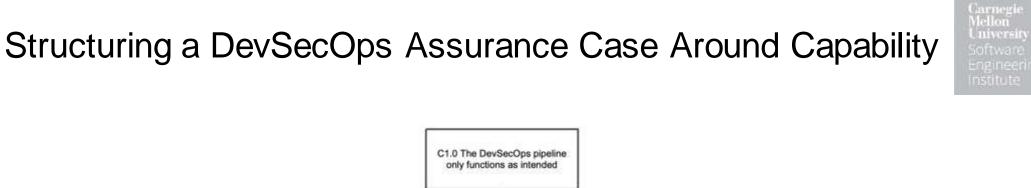
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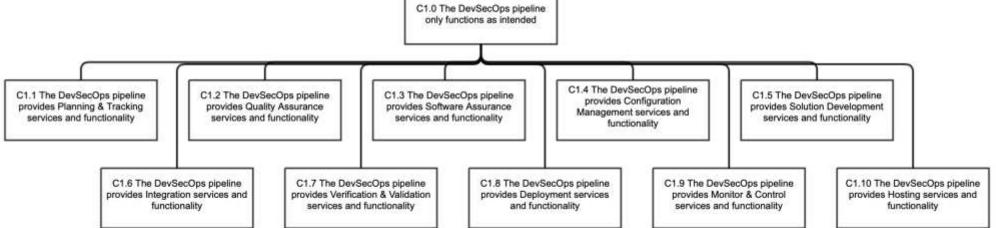


- Capability to Requirements

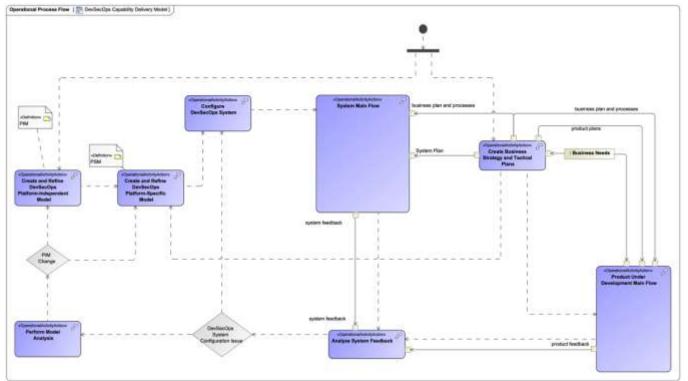
  Traceability Link
- Capability to Operational Activity Traceability Link
- Capability Definitions Link
- Strategic Taxonomy High Level







### DevSecOps Operational Viewpoints



<u>DevSecOps Capability</u>
 <u>Delivery Model Link</u>

An operational model for a system describes behavior of the system to conduct enterprise operations. The main operational processes for DevSecOps includes development process for the product, as well as the DevSecOps process itself.



## DevSecOps Personnel Viewpoints

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Personnel Structure -Posts with Responsibilities Link

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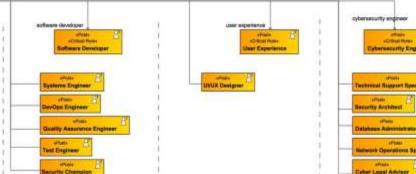
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> Critical Roles -Responsibilities, Goals and Questions



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Process Involvement Matrix Link

Critical Roles are mapped to Operational Activities.



#### Template:

#### Part Description Activity The activity diagrammed in the PIM or PSM. There can be more than one activity applied to the Threat Scenario. The person, or group, that is behind the threat scenario. Threat actors can be Actor malicious or unintentional. Developing a standard set of actors is beneficial for this step. Persona non grata could be useful in determining malicious actors. Threat actor may be a person, or group, internal to an organization structure. A potential occurrence of an event that might damage an asset, a mission, or Action goal of a strategic vision. Attack An action taken that utilizes one of more vulnerabilities to realize a threat to compromise or damage an asset, a mission, or goal of a strategic vision. A resource, person, or process that has value. Asset The desired or undesired consequence resulting from the attack. Effect The threat actor's motivation or objective for conducting the attack Objective Statement Structured prose summarizing the 6-part security scenario

#### Example:

	Part	Description					
	Activity	Develop Product, Static and Dynamic Analysis					
	Actor	Insider Threat					
	Action	Results from analysis are disclosed for effect					
_	Attack	Information Disclosure					
	Asset	Analysis Results					
	Effect	Damage organization, vulnerabilities are publicly enumerated for a product under development					
	Objective	Develop a targeted exploit for the product under development, financial attack					
	Statement	An insider threat publicly releases the results of static and dynamic analysis to the public to damage the organization's reputation.					

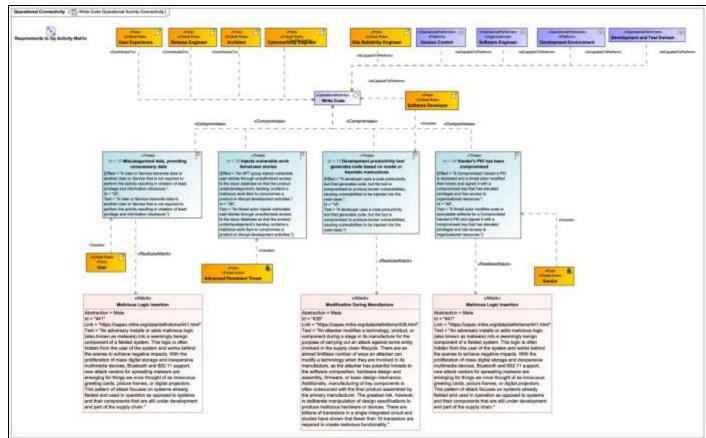
Purpose	Identify threat so	cenarios for a given system						
Entry Criteria:	The following Unified Architecture Framework (UAF) defined views have been created for the system under evaluation:  Requirements Diagrams Operational Process Flows Relationships between Operational Activities and System Requirements Operational resource structure, Posts (i.e. roles) and corresponding responsibilities including the Involvement relationships.							
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Step	Activities	Description						
1	Identify relevant stakeholders. Participants must contain a mix of engineering, operational, user, business, and cyber security experience.     Schedule a date and time, or series of events, in which all relevants							
2	Kick-off Event	Review the workshop process and introduce participants Discuss the goals and objectives of the workshop Introduce participants to the concept of system threats and review a few example threat scenarios that follow the format of the Threat Scenario Template.						
3	System and Architectural Overview	Outline system purpose and constraints     Review system's architectural views and relationships     Requirements     Strategy     Personnel     Operational						
4	Operational Process Flow Focus Area	Select an operational process flow to focus the threat scenario generation     Review the selected operational process flow to gain understanding of the process, data flow between operational activities, and performers involved. This may include reviewing associated requirements to understand the scope and context of the various operational activities.						
5	Unstructured Brainstorming	Select an operational activity within the operational process flow Either working individually or in pairs, brainstorm threats for the selected operational activity and write them down. Threats can bridge multiple operational activities. The brainstormed ideas should be captured in the individual's natural language. Using an affinity diagram, organize the threats identified by the whole group and remove duplicates. Create a list of potential threats to the system.						
6	Structured	Use the same operational activity as in step 5.						
	Brainstorming	Break into groups of 2-3 people.						

#### Threat Scenario Generation Workshop

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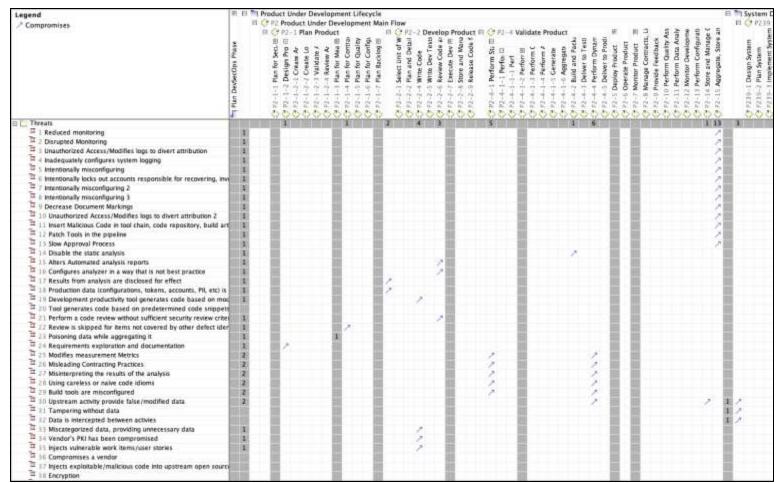
		In small groups, identify ways that the operational activity may be exploited to interrupt the confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability of the system. Utilize the Process Specific STRIDES Threat Modeling Taxonomy to reduce individual bias and to holistically identify threats to the given activity.  Using an affinity diagram, organize the threats identified by the whole group and remove duplicates.  Add new threats to the list of potential threats to the system created in step 5.					
7	Define Threat Scenarios	If this is the first time any of the participates have written threat scenarios, select a threat from the list and complete the Threat Scenario Template as a group. Repeat until everyone understands how to complete the Threat Scenario Template.  Break into small groups of 3-4 people. Divide the list of potential threats to the system between the small groups. Alternatively, create a pull system in which the small groups claim a potential threat from a centralized list as needed.  In small groups, complete the Threat Scenario Template for each assigned, or pulled, potential threat.  Review and update all completed threat scenarios as a whole group, removing or consolidating duplicates.					
8	Operational Activity Threat Identification	Select next operational activity within the selected operational process flow.     Repeat steps 5-7.     Repeat step 8 until threats have been identified for all operational activates within the selected operational process flow.					
9	Identify Operational Process Flow Threats	Repeat steps 4-8 until threats have been identified for all operational process flows for the given system.					
10	Consolidate and Review	Consolidate all threat scenarios into a central list.     Review and accept the threat scenarios					
Exit Criteria		A list of structured threat scenarios that cover the operational activities in the given system.					

# Example Threat Modeling Diagram for Write Code Operational Activity



Write Code
Operational Activity
Connectivity Link

## DevSecOps Threat to Operational Activity Matrix



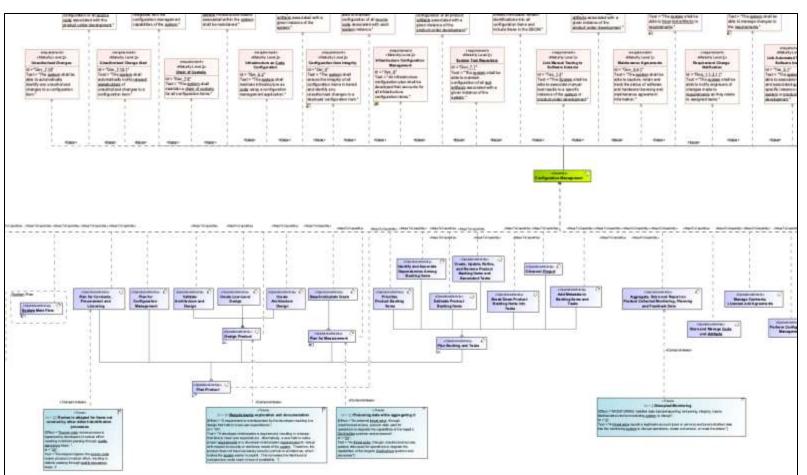
Threats to
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## DevSecOps Threats with Attributes

- 10	Name	Text	Effect	Compromises	Reakzed By Attack	Caused By	Mitigated By	Documen
i.	☐ Reduced monitoring	A threat actor is made aware of a monitoring <u>system</u> 's reduced capacity resulting in regular service outages leaving an open window of opportunity for an unobservable attack.	Reduced or misconfigured monitoring allows for nefatious activity to occur	PJ-15 Aggregate, Store and Report on Product Cofected Moretoring, Planning and Feedback Data	₱ 607 Obstruction	Land Insider Threat		Much of this was pulled from CAPEC info https://capec.m org/data/definitions/1000.i
	□ Disrupted Monitoring	A threat actor spoofs a legitimate account luser or servicel and injects falsified data into the monitoring <u>social</u> to disrupt operations, create a diversion, or mask the attack.	MONITORING: faisified data injected/spoofing, tampering, integrally, injects faisified data into the monitoring system to disrupt	FZ-15 Aggregate, Store and Report on Product Collected Monitoring, Planning and Feedback Data	→ 151 Infrastructure Manipulation	Advanced Perustent Threat Insider Threat P' Architect P' Cybersecurity Engineer	Strategy 1	Keep at the Meta Level and better explained in the "star
Ŀ	□ Unauthorized Access/Modifies logs to divert     □ attribution	A threat actor gains unauthorized access to logging data, laters system logs to conceal discractivity from forensic audits, automated responses and alerts, or to divert anythotion.	Cogs: insider threat modifies the logs to conceal activity	FT-15 Aggregate, Store and Report on Product Collected Monitoring, Planning and Feedback Data	Manipulation	Insider Threat Site Reliability Engineer Cybersecurity Engineer		
E	T tradequately configures 33316m logging	A threat actor has configured the collection of system logs in a way that limits the effectiveness of forensic audit activities.	Accidentally misconfiguring Logging - can't perform forentics work against what is captured	F3-15 Aggregate, Store and Report on Product Collected Monitoring, Planning and Feedback Data	Configuration/Environment Manipulation	∆ Software Developer		Could be 1617 Most signific improper configuration
i.	Ententionally misconfiguring	A threat actor has configured the collection of system logs in a way that limits the effectiveness of forensic audit activities in order to conceal subsequent activities.	Intentionally misconfiguring the <u>system</u>	P2-15 Aggregate, Store and Report on Product Collected Monitoring, Planning and Feedback Data	Configuration/Environment Manipulation	& Insider Threat		
i		A <u>threat actor</u> spoofs an individual's account in order to create user action logs with the objective of making a targeted user in violation of security policy and reducing the targeted individual's organizational effectiveness.	Targeting individual with the intent that their login is deried, locking out individuals who should have access	P2-15 Aggregate, Store and Report on Product Collected Monitoring, Planning and Feedback Data	212 Functionality Missise	finsider Threat		Could be a CAPEC - 184 So Attack
		Unit testing is insufficient to cover the <u>requirements</u> and abuse cases. A software or site reliability engineer doesn't	A MARKET NO SERVICE TO TO	F3-15 Aggregate, Store and Report on Product Collected	176 Configuration/Environment	Software Developer.      Software De		

#### Threats Link

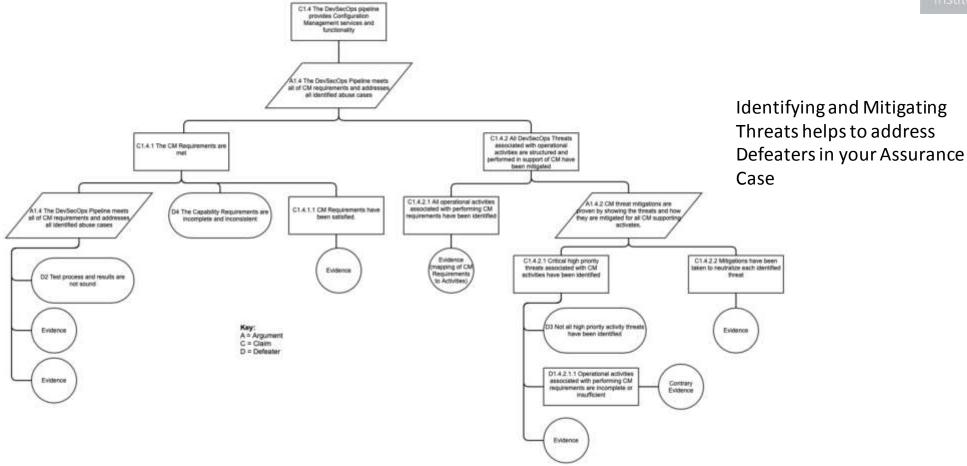
#### Capturing the Complexity of the DevSecOps System



Example of Threats
Traced to Capabilities
via Operational
Activities

Configuration
Management
Complexity Link

## Addressing Assurance Case Defeaters



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# The DevSecOps PIM enables Organizations, Projects, Teams, and Acquirers to

- specify the DevSecOps requirements to the lead system integrators tasked with developing a platform-specific solution that includes the designed system and continuous integration/continuous deployment (CI/CD) pipeline
- assess and analyze alternative pipeline functionality and feature changes as the system evolves
- apply DevSecOps methods to complex products that do not follow wellestablished software architectural patterns used in industry
- provide a basis for threat and attack surface analysis to build a cyber assurance case to demonstrate that the product and DevSecOps pipeline are sufficiently free from vulnerabilities and that they function only as intended

### Summary





The use of model based systems engineering in the design, implementation, and sustainment of your DevSecOps socio-technical system will assist you in building a system that is:

- Trustworthy No exploitable vulnerabilities exist, either maliciously or unintentionally inserted.
- Predictable When executed, software functions as intended and only as intended.
- Timely Features are delivered as the speed of relevance.

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