

Assurance in DevSecOps Pipelines

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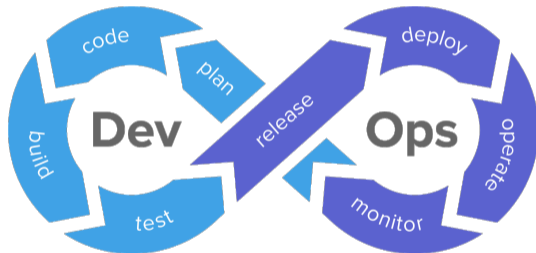


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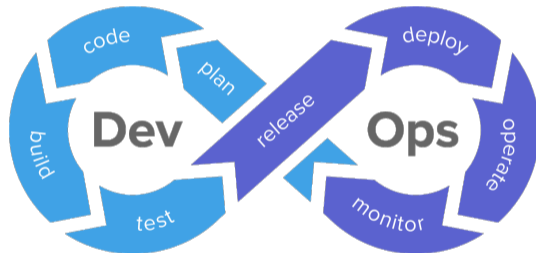




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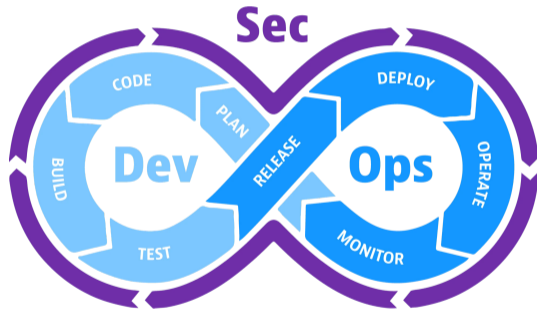
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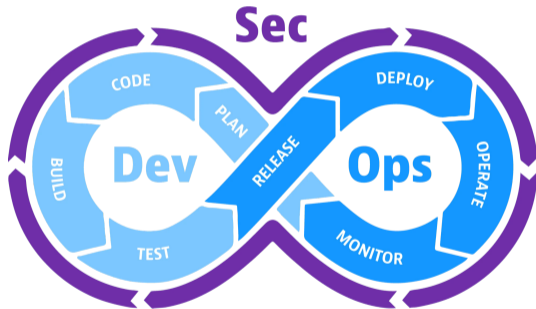
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What If...

What if the **operation environment**...

- is **vulnerable**?
- is **not the same** as the one **used for testing** ?
- becomes **vulnerable after the deployment**?

—→ **DevSecOps pipelines** are great, but they **do not consider the real-world** environment

—→ **Assurance in DevSecOps pipelines**



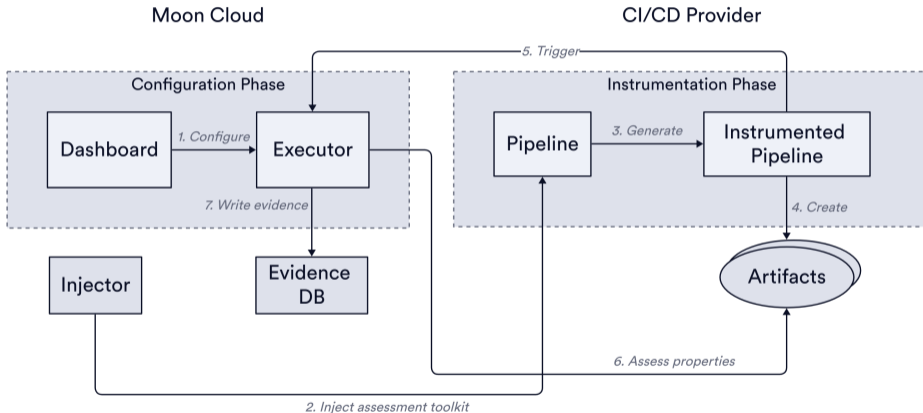
Assurance

“**Security assurance** is the process of **asserting non-functional properties** of a system to **ensure** that it meets the given **non-functional requirements** over time”

C. A. Ardagna and N. Bena. “Non-Functional Certification of Modern Distributed Systems: A Research Manifesto”. In: Proc. of IEEE SSE 2023. Chicago, IL, USA, July 2023

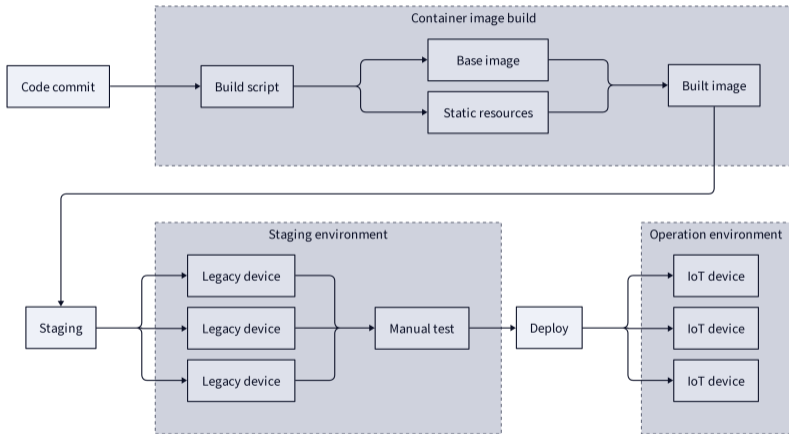


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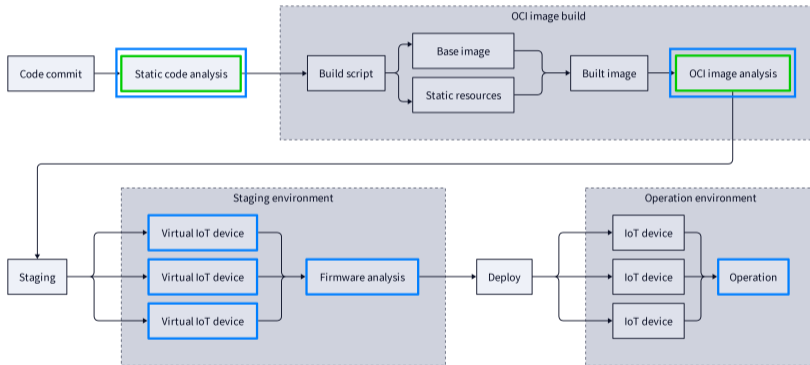
Cloud-Edge-IoT Scenario - From DevOps...





Cloud-Edge-IoT Scenario - ... To Assurance DevSecOps

DevSecOps Assurance DevSecOps





Conclusions

Assurance takes DevSecOps to the next level bridging the gap between development and compliance

- Compliance-focused traceability of security events
- High modularity by decoupling between the pipeline and the assurance platform

Future work

- Deeper integration with the assurance platform
- Extension to other development approaches



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Thank you for listening!
Any questions?

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