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Protecting pipelines

Secure software delivery using
the OWASP CI/CD Top 10

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Who were you again?

- Reformed Sysadmin
- Who fell into dev projects
- Was accidentally at birthplace of CI/CD
- Did startups for a while (OK, 10 years)
- Now a security consultant at …

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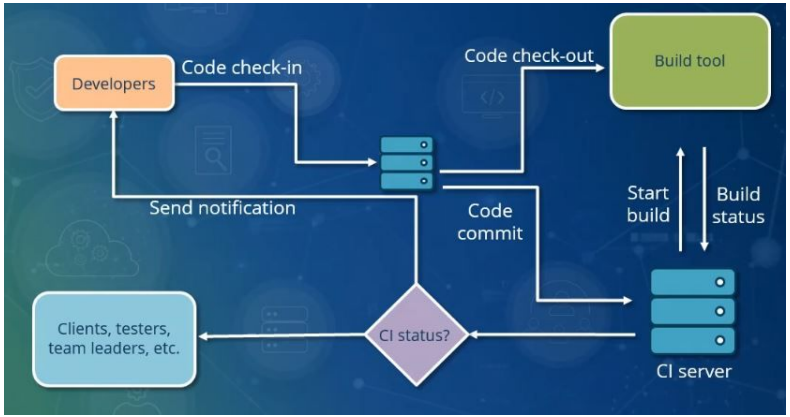
What's this talk about?

- A guided tour through the OWASP CI/CD Top 10
- Your tour guide's thoughts on CI/CD more broadly
- Oh, and roundabouts

Let’s travel back in time…



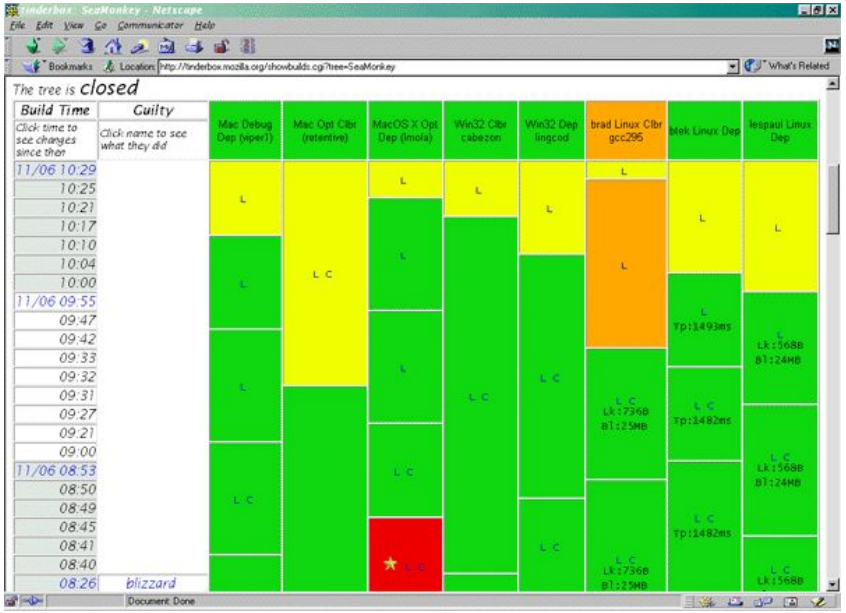
Continuous integration

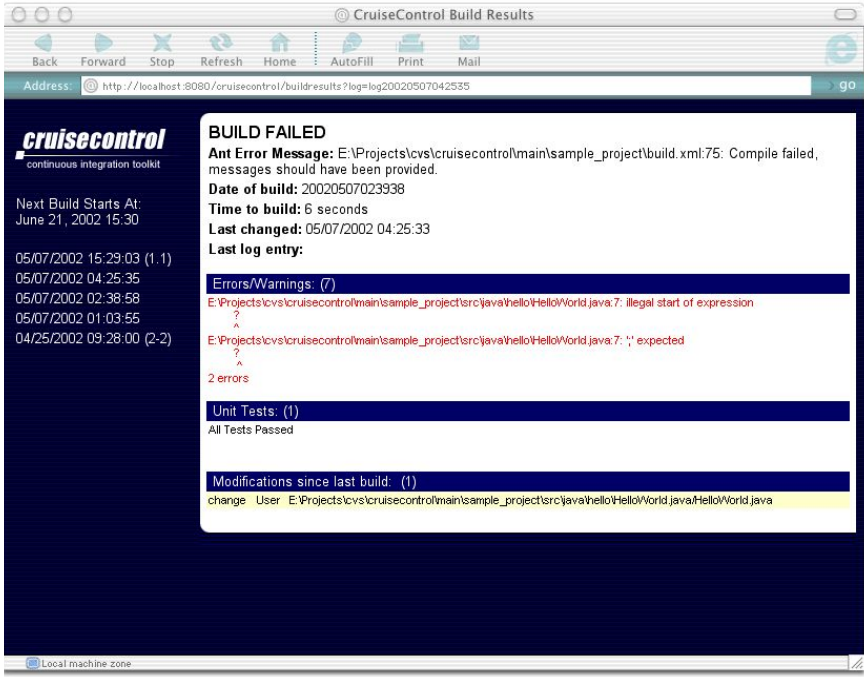
1990s

- Branching is an antipattern
- No tools needed, just an extra workstation
- Of course we wrote tools …

Mozilla Tinderbox
1998

The first CI tool that wasn't cron jobs and spit

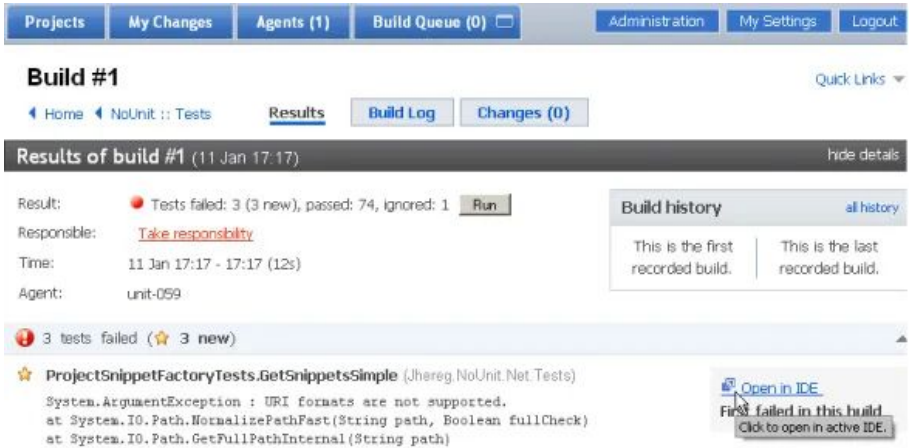




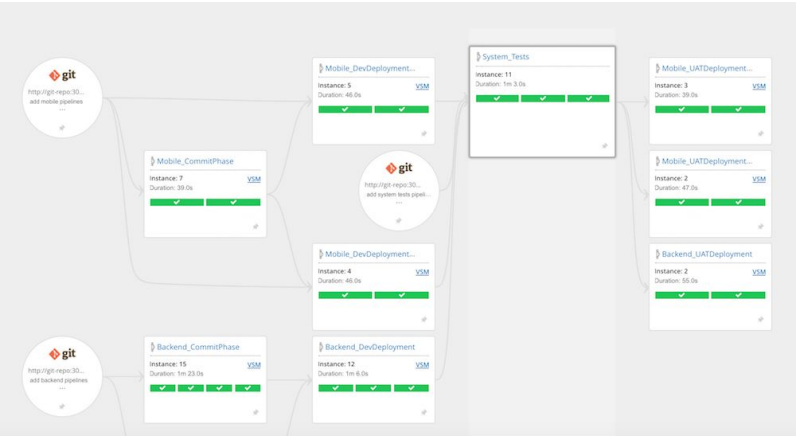
CruiseControl 2002

Who remembers CVS?

TeamCity
2006



That’s CI, but what is CI/CD?

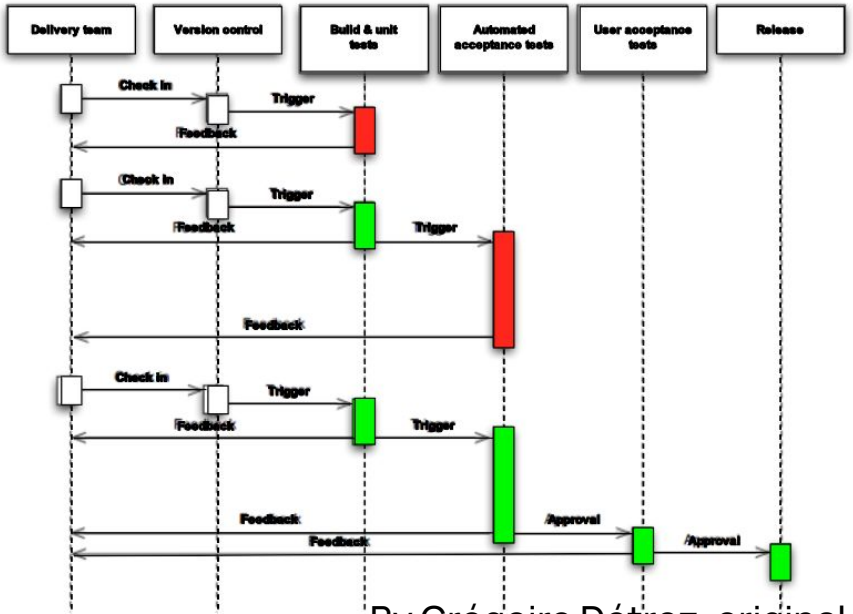


GoCD/Cruise
2007

One of the first products to attempt building from source to production.

"At an abstract level, **a deployment pipeline is an automated manifestation of your process for getting software from version control into the hands of your users**. Every change to your software goes through a complex process on its way to being released. That process involves **building the software, followed by the progress of these builds through multiple stages of testing and deployment**."

Jez Humble and David Farley
Continuous Delivery: Reliable Software Releases through Build, Test, and Deployment Automation



Continuous delivery
2010s

Let's take builds all the way to production

Continuous Delivery book described a lot of techniques in use on projects around the world

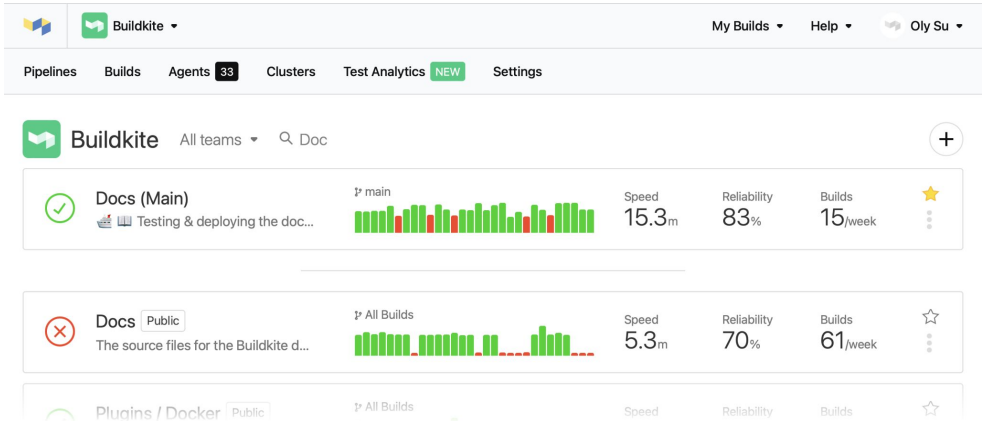
By Grégoire Détrez, original by Jez Humble - This file was derived from: Continuous Delivery process diagram.png, CC BY-SA 4.0, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=43977816

CI/CD

(really just Continuous Delivery)

Buildkite

2013-



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Stages Jobs

Azure DevOps

(so hot right now?)

Ensure that the cod...
1 job completed
100% tests passed
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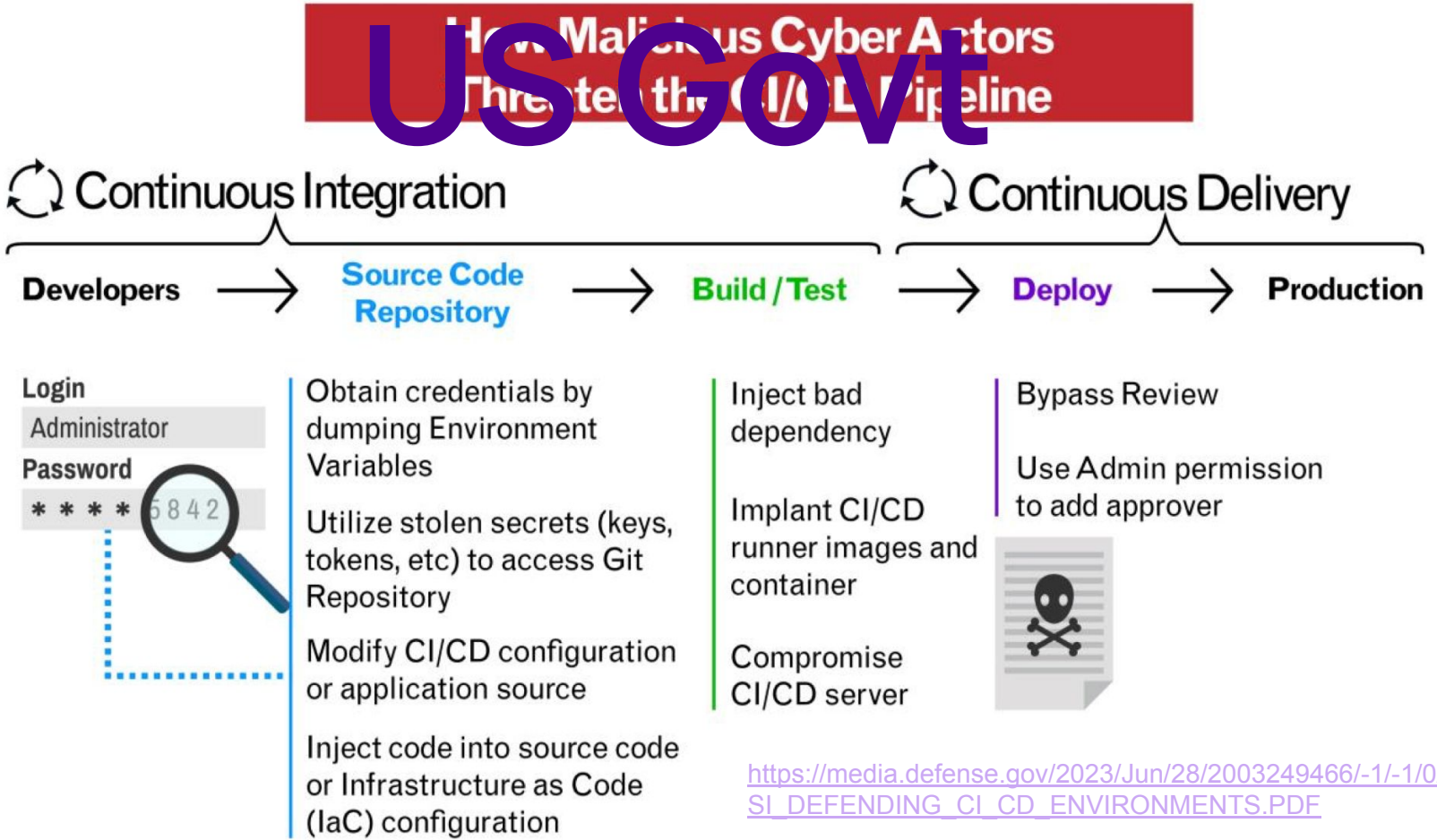
Rerun stage

```yaml
  autocancel: true

trigger:
  - main

pool:
  vmImage: ubuntu-latest


stages:
  - stage: validate
    displayName: "Ensure that the code works"
    jobs:
      - job: audit
        steps:
          - bash: make audit lint
          - bash: make test
            failOnStderr: false

          - task: PublishTestResults@2
            inputs:
              testResultsFormat: JUnit
              testResultsFiles: 'build/reports/report.xml'
```

Settings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Continuous Integration
Continuous Delivery
Developers
Source Code Repository
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Deploy
Production
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Administrator
Password
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Obtain credentials by dumping Environment Variables
Utilize stolen secrets (keys, tokens, etc) to access Git Repository
Modify CI/CD configuration or application source
Inject code into source code or Infrastructure as Code (IaC) configuration
Inject bad dependency
Implant CI/CD runner images and container
Compromise CI/CD server
Bypass Review
Use Admin permission to add approver
https://media.defense.gov/2023/Jun/28/2003249466/-1/-1/0/CSI_DEFENDING_CI_CD_ENVIRONMENTS.PDF

CI/CD Top 10

CI/CD Top 10

- CI/CD has come of age
- Attackers have also matured with the industry
- CI/CD servers are a tempting target for threat actors
- We've already seen some serious breaches via CI/CD: Travis, CodeCov, SolarWinds, etc
- Thanks to Daniel Krivelevich and Omer Gil at Cider Security

CICD-SEC-1: Insufficient flow control mechanisms
CICD-SEC-2: Inadequate identity and access management
CICD-SEC-3: Dependency chain abuse
CICD-SEC-4: Poisoned pipeline execution (PPE)
CICD-SEC-5: Insufficient PBAC (pipeline-based access controls)
CICD-SEC-6: Insufficient credential hygiene
CICD-SEC-7: Insecure system configuration
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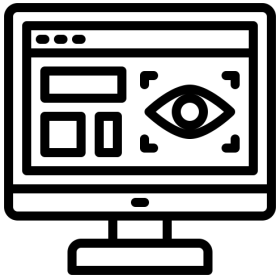
CICD-SEC-9: Improper artifact integrity validation
CICD-SEC-10: Insufficient logging and visibility

How’s it going to work from here?



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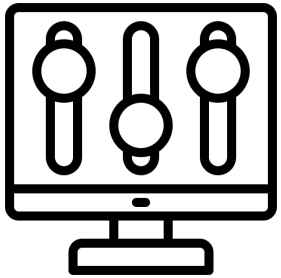

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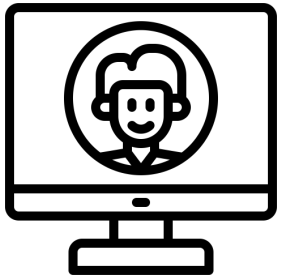

example

RISK

Insufficient flow control mechanisms

CICD-SEC-1

- Attackers with access to SCM, CI or other systems can deploy malicious artefacts to production without approval or review.
- Code pushes to production, auto-merges of code, malicious artefacts, changes to infrastructure are all possible
- Applicable to Git repos, CI/CD systems, utilities

CONTROLS

Insufficient flow control mechanisms

CICD-SEC-1

- Add Branch Protection rules for branches that go to production
- Limit auto-merge rules
- Bake reviews into the pipeline to limit the impact when one gets through
- Use Drift Detection to sniff out config change

EXAMPLE

Insufficient flow control mechanisms

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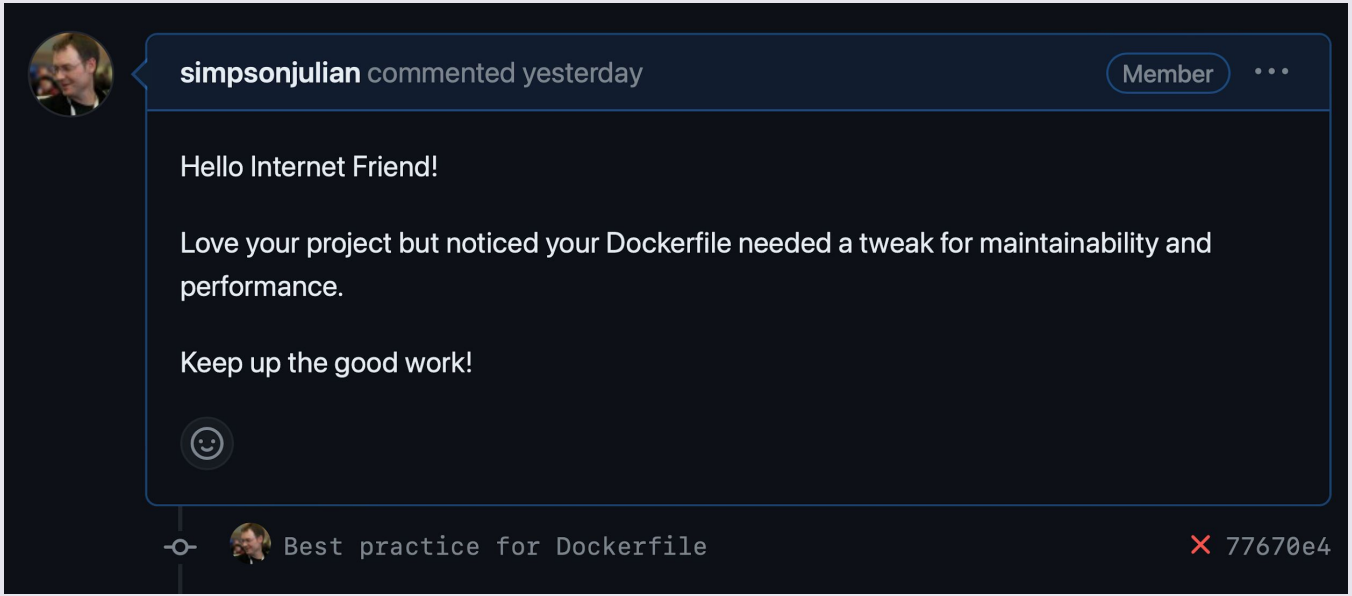

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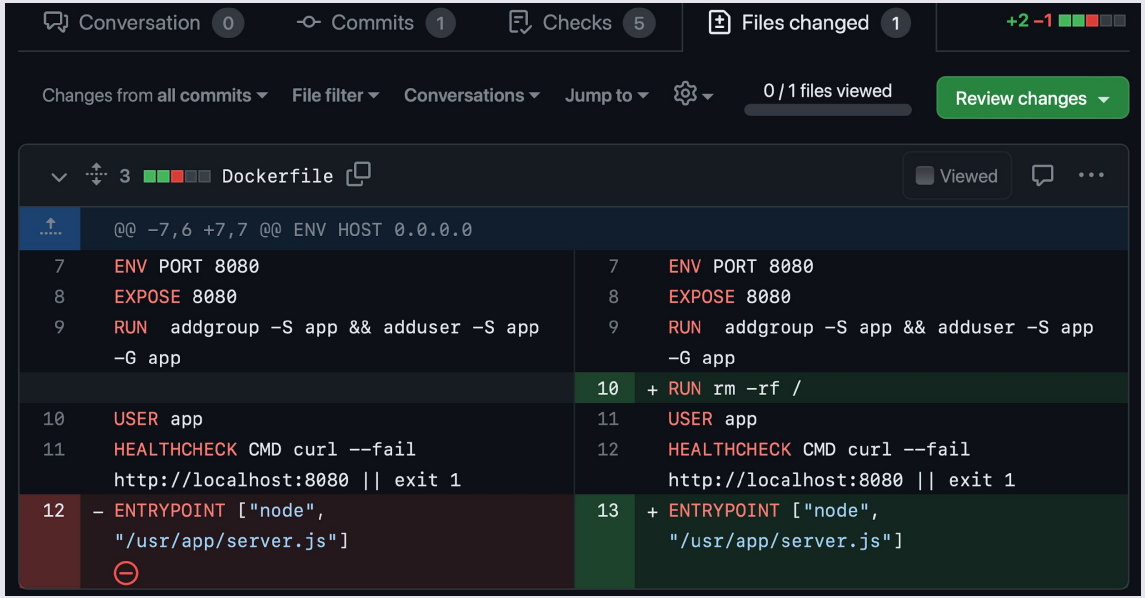

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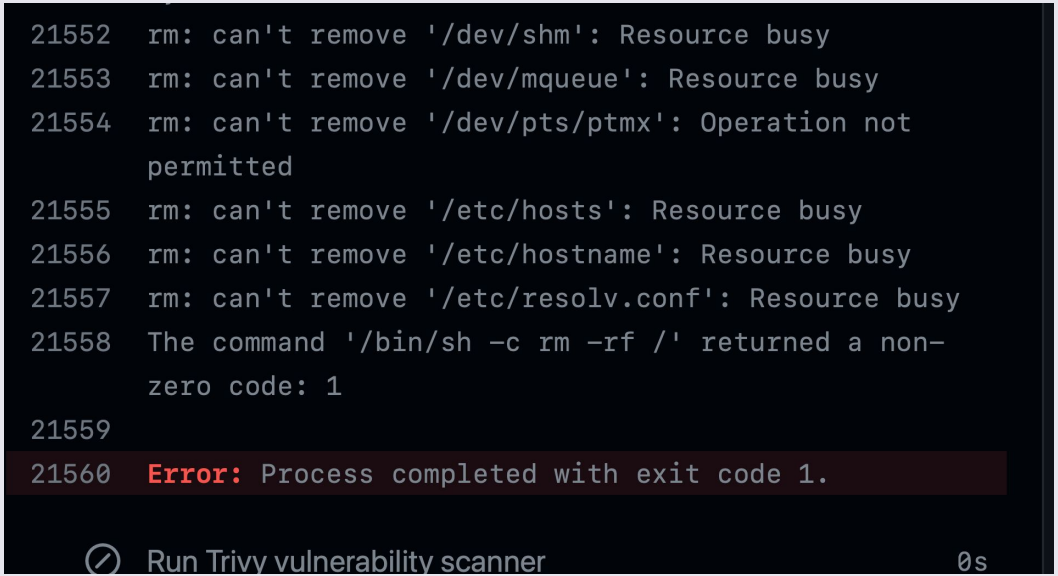

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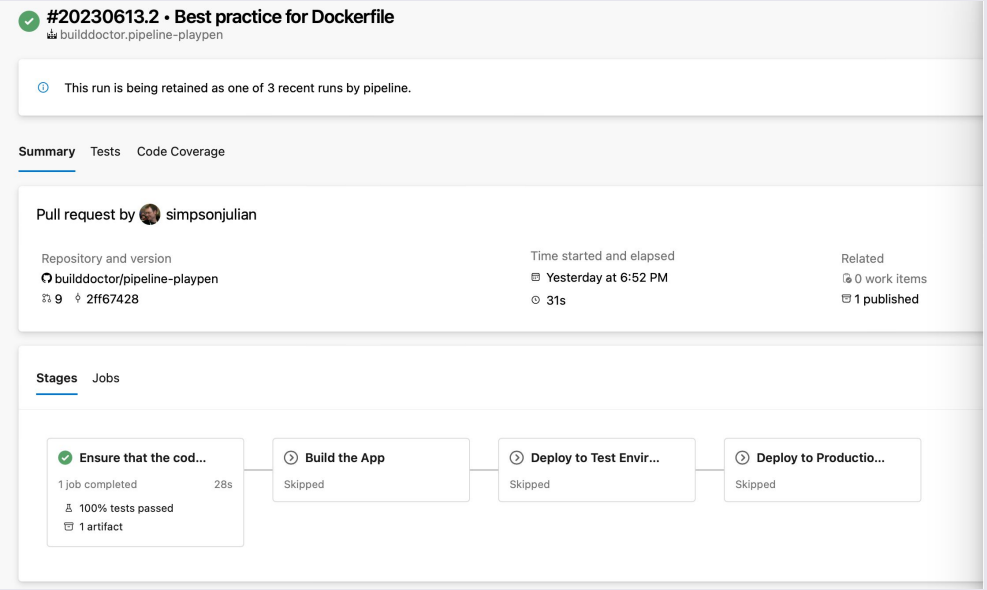


EXAMPLE

Insufficient flow control mechanisms

CICD-SEC-1

```
36      - stage: releaseCandidate
37        displayName: "Build the App"
38        dependsOn: validate
39        condition: and(eq(variables['Build.SourceBranch'], 'refs/heads/main'),
40          eq(dependencies.validate.result, 'Succeeded'))
41        jobs:
42          - job: "dockerBuild"
43            steps:
```

EXAMPLE

Insufficient flow control mechanisms

CICD-SEC-1

```
displayName: "Deploy to Production Environment"
dependsOn: testEnv
jobs:
  - job: waitForValidation
    displayName: Wait for external validation
    pool: server
    timeoutInMinutes: 4320
    steps:
      - task: ManualValidation@0
        timeoutInMinutes: 1440
        inputs:
          notifyUsers: simpsonjulian@gmail.com
          instructions: 'Please validate the build configuration and resume'
          onTimeout: 'reject'
```

RISK

Dependency chain abuse

CICD-SEC-3

- Dependency confusion (public packages that attempt to mimic your org's private packages)
- Dependency hijacking (taking control of a public package that your org uses)
- Typosquatting (seeding package repos with common misspellings of popular packages)
- Brandjacking (borrowing credibility from a brand so that developers trust your packages)
- **New!** NPM Manifest Confusion - *package.json* in GitHub is not the *package.json* in the distributed package

CONTROLS

Dependency chain abuse

CICD-SEC-3

- Proxy all packages from the internet, instead of having dev systems fetch direct
- Encourage the use of internal, pre-approved packages where possible
- Enable checksums and signatures
- Register and document package scopes for your org to reduce confusion

EXAMPLE

Dependency chain abuse

CICD-SEC-3

```
MacBook-Pro:pipeline-playpen jsimpson$ npm ci

added 443 packages, and audited 444 packages in 4s

59 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

26 moderate severity vulnerabilities

To address issues that do not require attention, run:
  npm audit fix

To address all issues (including breaking changes), run:
  npm audit fix --force

Run `npm audit` for details.
MacBook-Pro:pipeline-playpen jsimpson$ npm doctor
Check                           Value   Recommendation/Notes
npm ping                        ok
npm -v                          not ok  Use npm v9.7.2
node -v                         not ok  Use node v20.3.1 (current: v20.2.0)
npm config get registry         ok      using default registry (https://registry.npmjs.org/)
git executable in PATH          ok      /opt/homebrew/bin/git
global bin folder in PATH       ok      /opt/homebrew/bin
Perms check on cached files     ok
Perms check on local node_modules  ok
Perms check on global node_modules  ok
Perms check on local bin folder  ok
npm ERR! checkFilesPermission Missing permissions on /opt/homebrew/bin/.keepme (expect: executable)
npm ERR! checkFilesPermission Missing permissions on /opt/homebrew/bin/__pycache__/jp.cpython-39.pyc (expect: executable)
Perms check on global bin folder    not ok  Check the permissions of files in /opt/homebrew/bin
npm WARN verifyCachedFiles Content garbage-collected: 741 (135705161 bytes)
npm WARN verifyCachedFiles Cache issues have been fixed
Verify cache contents           ok      verified 4752 tarballs
npm ERR! Some problems found. See above for recommendations.

npm ERR! A complete log of this run can be found in: /Users/jsimpson/.npm/_logs/2023-06-29T08_39_54_337Z-debug-0.log
MacBook-Pro:pipeline-playpen jsimpson$ echo $?
1
```

EXAMPLE

Dependency chain abuse

CICD-SEC-3

Scopes

In npm, a “scope” is a `@`-prefixed name that goes at the start of a package name. For example, `@my-company/foo` is a “scoped” package. You use scoped packages just like any other module name in `package.json` and your JavaScript code.

```
{
  "name": "@mycompany/foo",
  "version": "1.2.3",
  "description": "just a scoped package name example",
  "dependencies": {
    "@mycompany/bar": "2.x"
  }
}
```

```
// es modules style
import foo from '@mycompany/foo'

// commonjs style
const foo = require('@mycompany/foo')
```

RISK

Poisoned pipeline execution (PPE)

CICD-SEC-4

Attackers with access to code (and not CI/CD system) can still manipulate the build process:

- **Direct PPE:** attacker modifies config files in repository, via direct commit to unprotected branch, or via Pull Request
- **Indirect PPE:** attacker injects malicious code via build systems, build scripts, test frameworks or automatic tools like linters and scanners
- **Public PPE:** many projects build in public and see Pull Requests as a necessary part of Open Source development. Malicious OSS participation can expose secrets or other code.

CONTROLS

Poisoned pipeline execution (PPE)

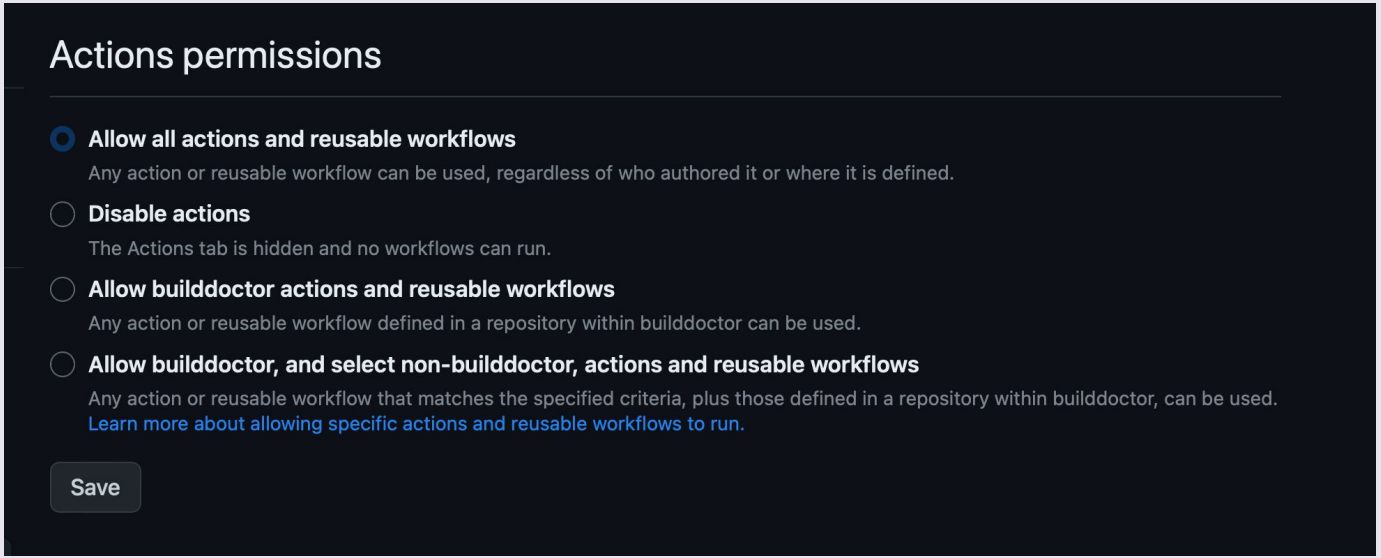
CICD-SEC-4

- Ensure that pipelines exposed to unreviewed code run on isolated nodes, not the ones that connect to everything else (e.g. some else's)
- If you must build from public repos: where possible, don't build from forks
- Ensure there are branch protection rules to limit triggers
- Try and keep pipeline configuration away from exposed repos
- Limit SCM access to those who really need it
- Limit credentials granted to pipelines

EXAMPLE

Poisoned pipeline execution (PPE)

CICD-SEC-4



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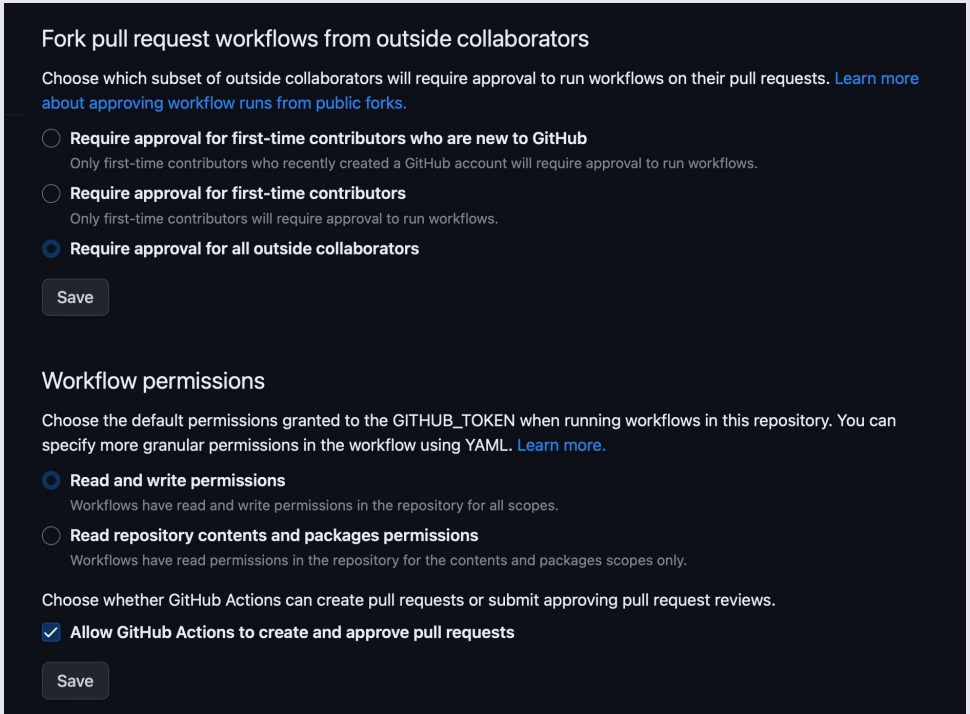

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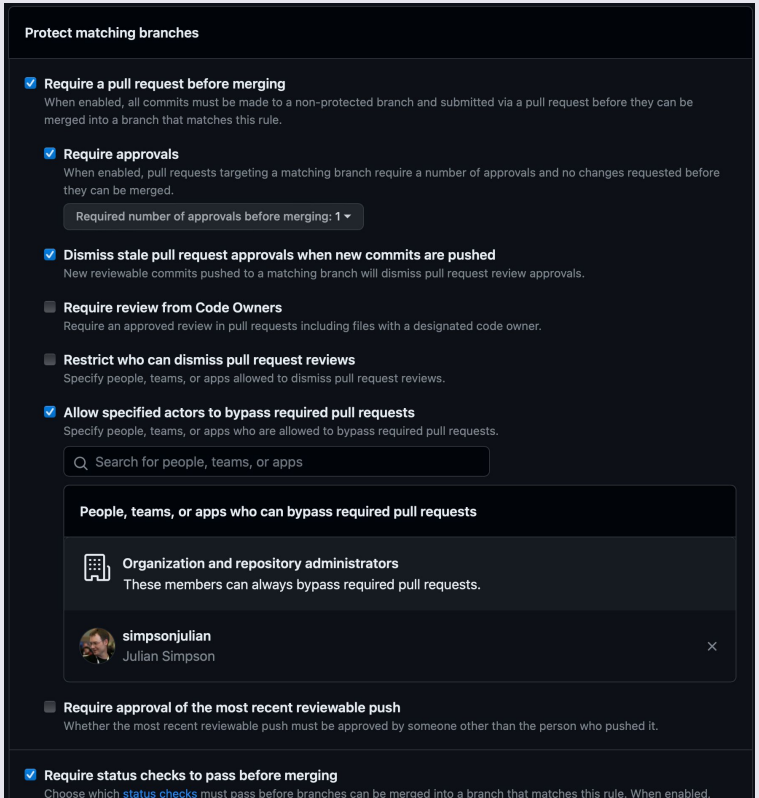


RISK

Insufficient PBAC (Pipeline-Based Access Controls)

CICD-SEC-5

- Pipelines need to run on someone's computer (even in the cloud)
- That node will access source code, cloud services, secrets, artifacts, filesystems, other pipelines, SSH keys, the public Internet, your network
- Someone needs to have a good think about what could go wrong

CONTROL

Insufficient PBAC (Pipeline-Based Access Controls)

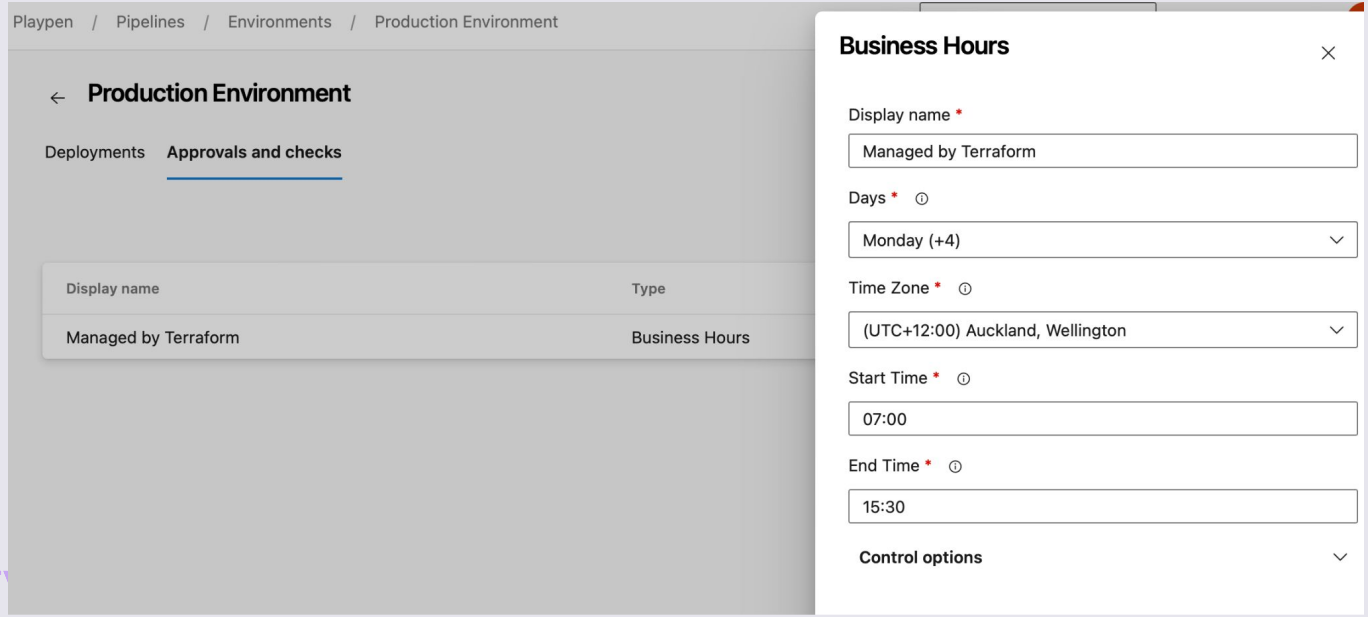
CICD-SEC-5

- Each pipeline should have enough access to resources needed to do its job and no more
- That includes nodes, which should also have access controls to prevent lateral movement and data breaches (does your pipeline have full access to the production database?)
- ADO users, this is where you should put Checks on Service Connections, Pipelines, Environments

CONTROL

Insufficient PBAC (Pipeline-Based Access Controls)

CICD-SEC-5



CONTROL

Insufficient PBAC (Pipeline-Based Access Controls)

```
resource "azuredevops_check_business_hours" "example" {
  project_id           = azuredevops_project.project.id
  display_name         = "Managed by Terraform"
  target_resource_id   = azuredevops_environment.Production.id
  target_resource_type = "environment"
  start_time           = "07:00"
  end_time             = "15:30"
  time_zone            = "New Zealand Standard Time"
  monday               = true
  tuesday              = true
  wednesday            = true
  thursday             = true
```

safe

EXAMPLE

Insufficient PBAC (Pipeline-Based Access Controls)

CICD-SEC-5

AZURE DEVOPS CICD PIPELINES - COMMAND INJECTION WITH PARAMETERS, VARIABLES AND A DISCUSSION ON RUNNER HIJACKING

by Sana Oshika

RECENT RELEASES

ADVISORIES SEE ALL

1/5/23 Azure DevOps CICD Pipelines - Command Injection with Parameters, Variables and a discussion on Runner hijacking

26/8/22 ASP.NET Boilerplate Multiple

May 1 2023

This article discusses a vulnerability with Azure DevOps that can be exploited by users able to run pipelines with user-controlled variables. The vulnerability allows malicious users with access to edit runtime parameter values to inject shell commands that execute on the pipeline runner. This can compromise the runner and allow access to sensitive information such as secrets used for deployments and Azure service principal credentials.

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RISK

Improper artifact integrity validation

CICD-SEC-9

- Otherwise known by its celebrity alter-ego, the SolarWinds attack.
- An adversary can alter or inject artefacts with a malicious payload

CONTROL

Improper artifact integrity validation

CICD-SEC-9

- Consider commit signing
- Verification tools for artefacts, e.g. signing
- Manage configuration drift
- Third party resources should always be validated - review the full dependency chain for your pipelines

EXAMPLE

Improper artifact integrity validation

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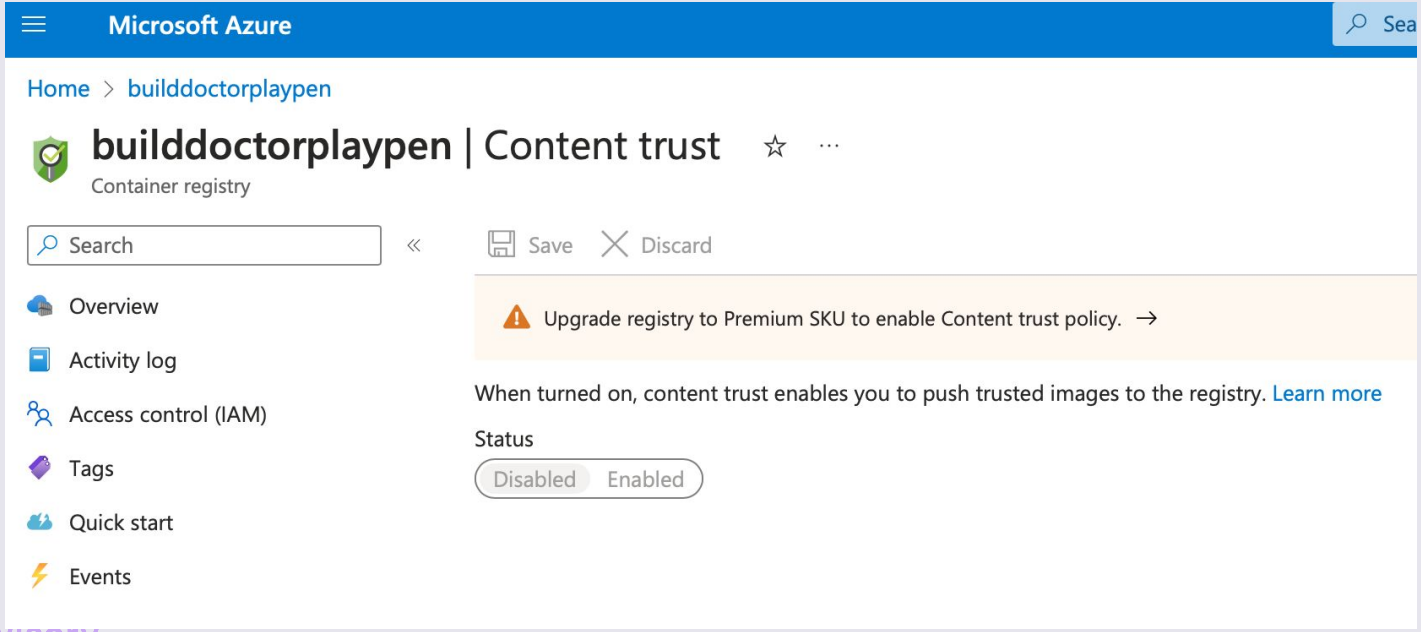

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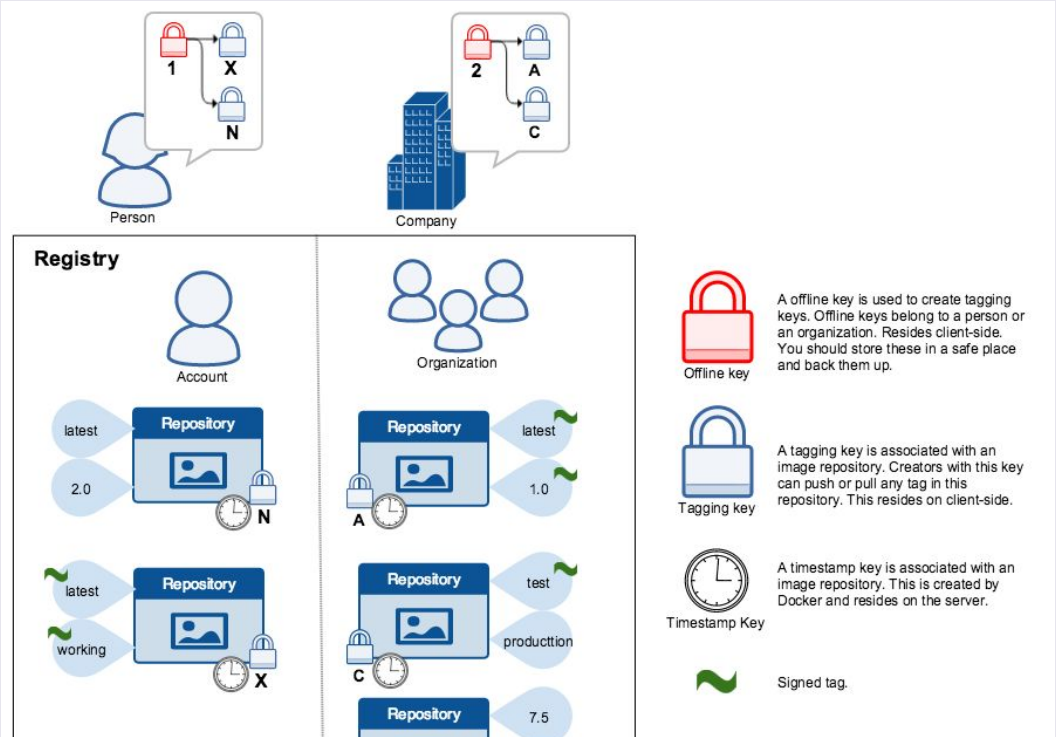

and all the rest...

(the quickfire round)

Inadequate IAM

CICD-SEC-2

- It's necessary to connect the CI/CD tooling to just about everything
- Identities are sprinkled throughout the CI/CD ecosystem: Git, CI/CD, container registries, app servers, APM tools, etc.
- Least privilege often goes out the window with delivery deadlines
- Stale, local, external, self-registered or shared identities make it worse

Insufficient credential hygiene

CICD-SEC-6

- Credentials are everywhere in a CI/CD system
- They should never be in source (but of course they are)
- They should also be granted for a particular context and not reused
- Nor should they exist in container image layers, or console output
- Credentials should be rotated or retired appropriately

Insecure system configuration

CICD-SEC-7

- CI/CD systems need hardening like (if not more than) production systems
- Patching
- Network access control (what databases can they see?)
- Granting least privilege on the host OS
- Configuration for authorisation, access control, logging etc.
- Credential hygiene

Ungoverned use of third party services

CICD-SEC-8

- Your colleagues can sign up and implement services in minutes
- For example: code analysis tools, testing tools, deployment tools etc
- Third party tools have been compromised and used for attacks on their users

Insufficient logging and visibility

CICD-SEC-10

These systems tend to start with “it’s just a dev tool bro - you’re probably missing the detective controls that you need

If your threat model doesn’t include ‘what if someone compromises our pipelines or CI/CD infrastructure’, you may not have sufficient:

- Audit logs
- Metrics
- Anomaly detection and SIEM

TL;DR

https://owasp.org/www-project-top-10-ci-cd-security-risks/

Roundabouts

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7 min every 30 min
Details

10:51 AM—12:58 PM 2 hr 7 min
Thameslink › 302

11:16 AM—1:11 PM 1 hr 55 min
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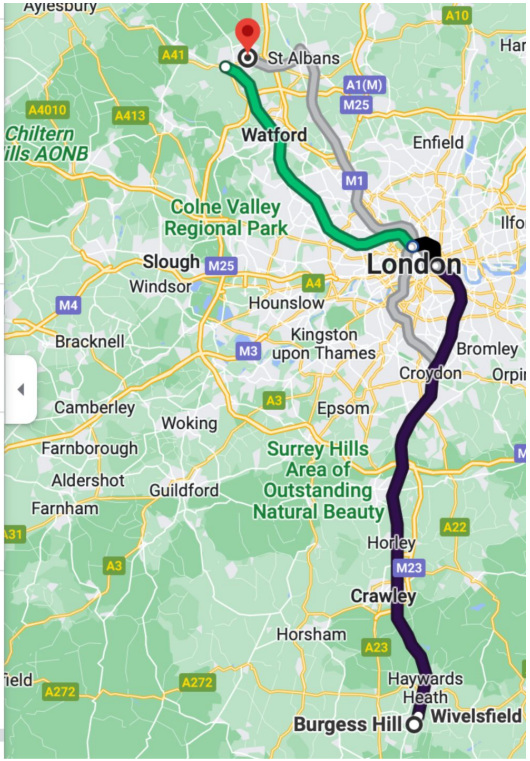

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Roundabouts

A final plea

- Keep all your pipelines as YAML versioned in project repos
- Keep your YAML valid with a formatter
- Don't split build and release concerns, unless you must
- Maintain a threat model for your pipelines, nodes and services
- Teach developers about the threats - they have different incentives, but they won't like a breach either

Thank you!