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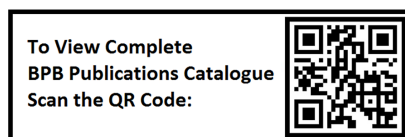
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Preface

Welcome to **Concepts and Practices of DevSecOps!**

As we find ourselves in the midst of a digital revolution, one thing has become evident – the importance of integrating security into our development and operational practices. This has given rise to the practice of DevSecOps, a discipline that builds upon the principles of DevOps with a sharpened focus on security.

This book aims to demystify the DevSecOps field, from its foundational concepts to the advanced practices and technologies that define it today. This comprehensive guide has been designed to equip you with the knowledge you need to excel in DevSecOps roles and to confidently face interviews that test your understanding and application of these principles.

The chapters in this book walk you through different aspects of DevSecOps, including Application Security, Infrastructure as Code, Containers and Security, Automation and Integration, and the Frameworks and Best Practices underpinning the discipline. As we journey into the world of DevSecOps together, we will explore how it plays a pivotal role in the current era of Digital Transformation.

Whether you are a DevOps engineer, project manager, product manager, software developer, or any professional seeking to fortify your understanding of DevSecOps, this book is a crucial resource. With a working knowledge of DevOps, you will find the content accessible and enlightening, helping you to contribute to or lead a DevSecOps team effectively.

Each chapter is structured to answer the pressing questions surrounding each topic, supplemented with practical use cases that bring the theoretical concepts to life. I have also included resources for further reading at the end of each section, allowing you to delve deeper into the subjects that interest you the most.

The world of DevSecOps is as fascinating as it is intricate. This book prepares you for your career progress in this field and ignites a passion for security's vital role in our ever-evolving digital landscape.

May this book serve as your compass, guiding you through the complex terrain of DevSecOps and helping you become an influential team member as you work together to build secure, efficient, and innovative solutions.

Chapter 1: Security in DevOps – It delves into the interweaving of security within DevOps culture, providing insights into the transformation of security measures within software systems management. It establishes a comprehensive framework for understanding DevSecOps, laying a foundation for the forthcoming chapters.

Chapter 2: Application Security – It offers an in-depth exploration of application security, discussing the intricate details of various application architectures and their inherent security aspects. Readers will gain a firm grasp of the tools and technologies that fortify applications, accompanied by a practical case study on constructing and sustaining an enterprise application.

Chapter 3: Infrastructure as Code – It acquaints the reader with different cloud platforms and essential infrastructure management tools instrumental in executing successful DevSecOps projects. Covering several leading vendors, it offers insights into tool selection for specific scenarios while focusing on scalability and change management for contemporary IT systems.

Chapter 4: Containers and Security – It offers a thorough understanding of security measures surrounding popular container technologies, emphasizing an understanding of various vulnerabilities. It examines solutions and processes for vulnerability management and discusses the optimal tools and techniques available.

Chapter 5: Automation and Integration – It introduces platforms and tools for comprehensive security management, particularly crucial in managing enterprise systems and large-scale software with substantial attack surfaces. It discusses a range of cloud security solutions, including CWPP, CSPM, CASB, and CNAPP, supplemented with a practical use case to demonstrate the substantial benefits of integration.

Chapter 6: Frameworks and Best Practices – It provides a detailed view of leading security frameworks and their management in the DevSecOps process, including audit, compliance, reporting, visualization, and threat modeling.

Chapter 7: Digital Transformation and DevSecOps – It discusses a lean approach to digital transformation projects with a spotlight on DevSecOps management. It touches upon cultural aspects, skills, roles, and responsibilities, managing technical liabilities, and establishing secure development practices.

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CHAPTER 1

Security in DevOps

Introduction

While DevOps promises a great deal to different stakeholders, security has long been an exclusive focus for any software development team. Traditionally, companies outsource the security audit to an external agency or keep the stuff separate for a group of security experts. Moreover, all security management functions start after a software version is deployed into production. Such a scenario experiences a few to and fro exchanges that include tool-based scanning and manual testing by the security team on the one hand and the resulting effort of troubleshooting by the software or IT team on the other. Consequently, it significantly increases the time of a DevOps cycle and nullifies the fundamental purpose of DevOps, which commits to faster software delivery.

Let us dive into the first chapter.

Structure

In this chapter, we will discuss the following topics:

- Relooking at security operations
- Shifting security left
- Adopting DevSecOps: Key changes

- Security controls
- Documentation and security
- Threat modelling and security policies
- Infrastructure provisioning and security
- Code commit, release and security
- A use case: IoT application

Objectives

This chapter offers an insight into the security aspects of software systems and their management from the perspective of DevOps culture. We discuss the significant technological advancements, tools, and practices that have changed how we treat and incorporate security into the scheme of things. While the chapter serves as a solid introduction to DevSecOps, it also builds a broader framework for the later chapters.

Relooking at security operations

With the rapid adoption of cloud computing and remote working, the IT infrastructure is moving out of the cozy confines of office networks. Security has been more important than ever before. In this section, we shall relook at the **security operations (SecOps)** and how it fits into DevOps. Before we proceed further, let us review what a DevOps cycle looks like.

A DevOps cycle

It is famously illustrated with an infinity loop (*Figure 1.1*) broadly running over six stages:

- **Design:** You design new software, an improvement to existing software, or even a modification to the software to align with requirements.
- **Code:** The phase includes programming activities of coding, compiling (when needed) and testing the software units.
- **Integrate:** While different software developers work on different units, integration does the process of merging the changes into a codebase that will function as the designated software system.
- **Deploy:** After integration, the software system needs to be deployed at one or multiple server locations as per the deployment architecture.
- **Operate:** Users start using the system, they can be a selected user group (for doing a pilot) or the actual end users for whom the software is designed.
- **Monitor:** While the software is in use, its accuracy, usability, and performance must be monitored, and adequate feedback is gathered for the next cycle in the loop.

The 'monitor' stage of a cycle feeds the 'design' stage of the next loop cycle, thus creating an infinitely evolving software system's lifecycle. Every business owner or manager loves it, but they would expect the software to have minimal defects yet great security controls. They would also expect that each cycle should be as fast as possible to match the business goals and should lower the effective cost of software development and IT operation management.

It should be noted that different authors or practitioners describe the loop in slightly different ways. However, they fall broadly into the ones that we have described above.

The function of the DevOps infinite Loop is illustrated in *Figure 1.1*:

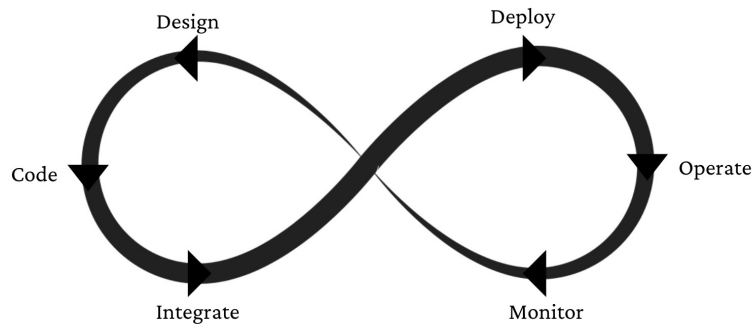


Figure 1.1: DevOps infinite loop

Conventional SecOps with DevOps

Let us cite an example to understand the traditional method of SecOps or security operations. Once, a software agency, which had recently adopted DevOps, was tasked with developing an application for its customer. The customer had their own chief security officer and chief risk officer. During one of the project review meetings, these two officers wanted to understand the software development cycle to eliminate process-related risks and have a transparent process for software development and management. The agency had automated the infrastructure provisioning on the Cloud and CI/CD pipeline. They could complete one DevOps cycle in less than a day. However, after each software release (software moving to production), they will refer to the security vendor, who will do a round of penetration testing and provide the list of findings (security issues observed) for the software development team to review and respond. The software team would do the following:

- If a finding is a false positive, they will ignore it.
- If a finding is of a high-risk category, they will fix it.
- If a finding refers to a low-risk category, they may fix or ignore it.

After the above tasks, the software team will respond to the security team. The security team will do another round of penetration testing. Here, the security team may add them