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# The Do's and Don't for Securing Container and Cloud Native Technologies

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# Who am I

- Well known as the “Cyber Guardian”
- Cybersecurity Strategist at Wallarm
- An Award-winning Cybersecurity Professional
- Founder and CEO of XR Safety Initiative
- Former Information Security Director Linden Lab
- Former Facebook Third Party Security Risk Advisor

## Personal interests :

Emerging Technologies, Gaming, Virtual Worlds



# Who am I - Ty Sbano



Ty Sbano is an Information Security Practitioner with 13 years of experience, mainly in Financial Technology organizations. Currently serving as Cloud Chief Information Security Officer at Sisense and advising for Watchertower.ai and Spherical Data. Previously Ty focused on leading application, product, and information security programs at >

## Education

**Penn State University**

B.S. Information Science and Technology

**Norwich University**

M.S. Information Assurance

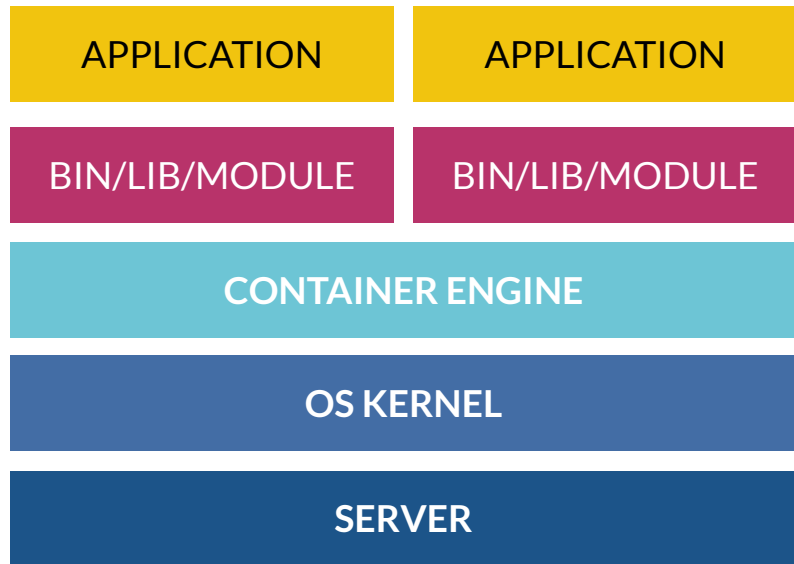
## Certifications

CISSP, SSCP, CEH, CCSK, CPT

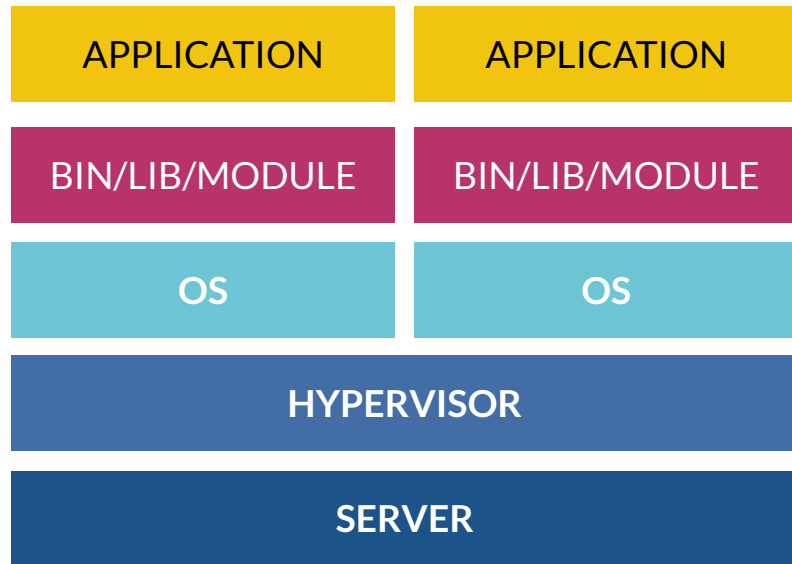


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# Overview of Containers

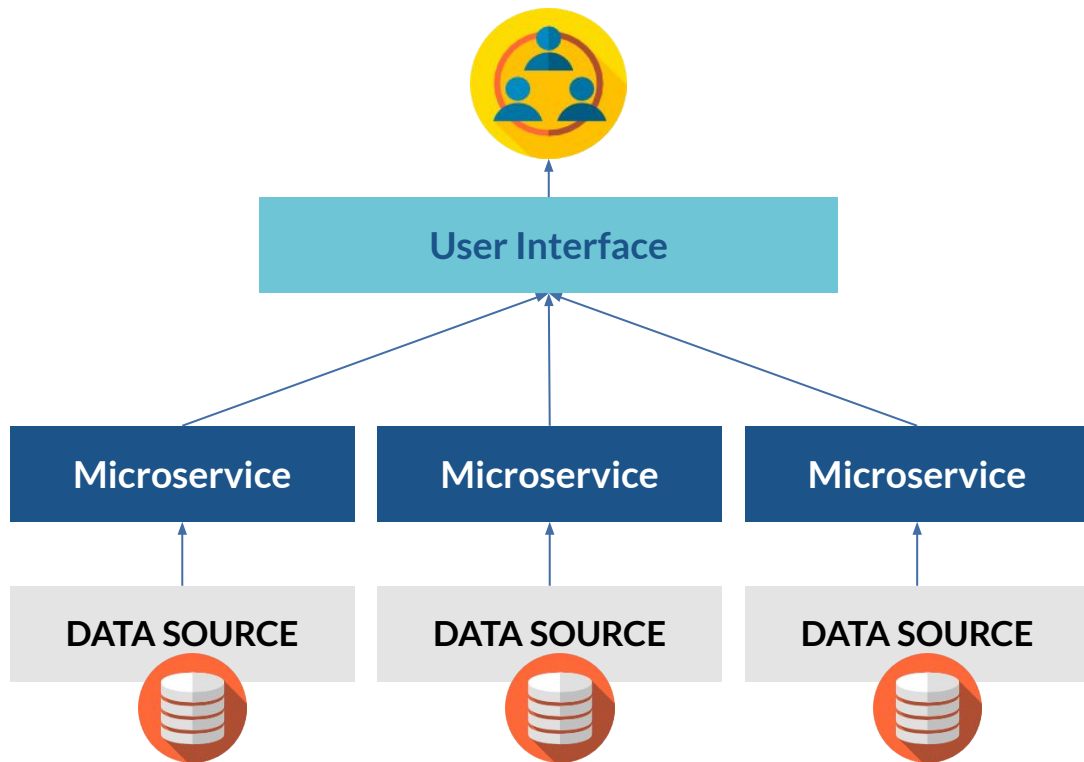
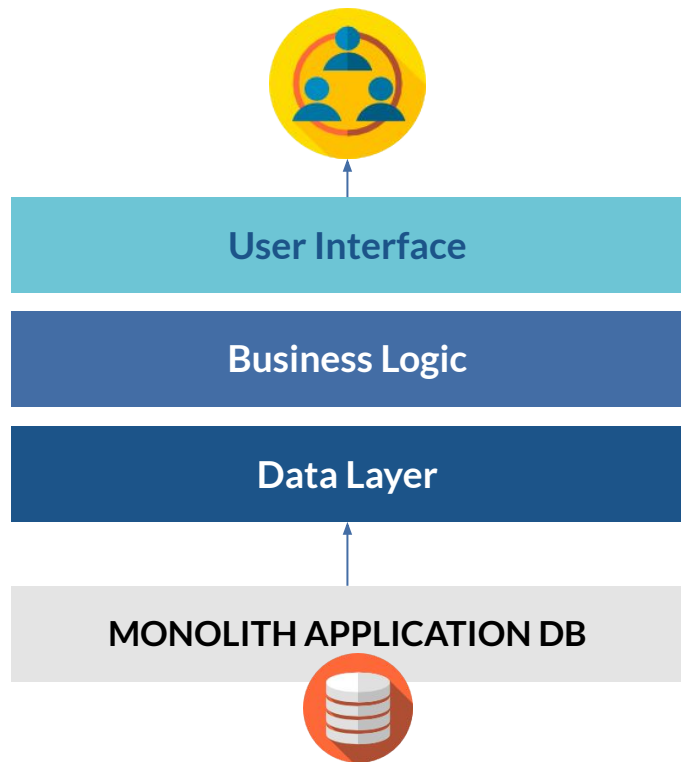


**CONTAINER**



**VIRTUAL MACHINE**

# Monolith vs. Microservices?



# What is up with these directions?

- North-South
  - Container to Clients
- East-West
  - Between Clusters/Pods





# We hear a lot about Kubernetes, Kube, K8s...

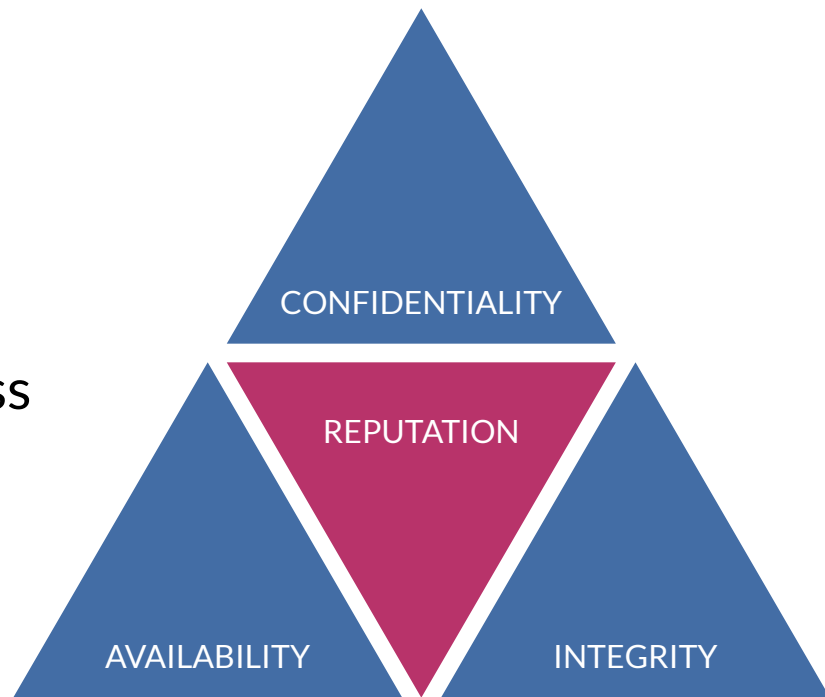
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## OPEN SOURCE CONTAINER ORCHESTRATION ENGINE

Kubernetes is a portable, extensible, open-source platform for managing containerized workloads and services, that facilitates both declarative configuration and automation. It has a large, rapidly growing ecosystem. Kubernetes services, support, and tools are widely available. The name Kubernetes originates from Greek, meaning helmsman or pilot.

# Where to start?

- Inventory
- Leverage **Service Mesh**
- Risk Rank Process - Update Process
- ◆ CIA Triad



# Secure Defaults - Natively

- **NameSpace** - *A way to divide resources*
  - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/overview/working-with-objects/namespaces/>
- **Network Policy** - *Ingress & egress rules*
  - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/network-policies/>
- **Pod Security Policy** - *Min Reqs to be accepted*
  - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/policy/pod-security-policy/>
- **Security Context** - *Applies to all containers in the Pod*
  - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/configure-pod-container/security-context/>

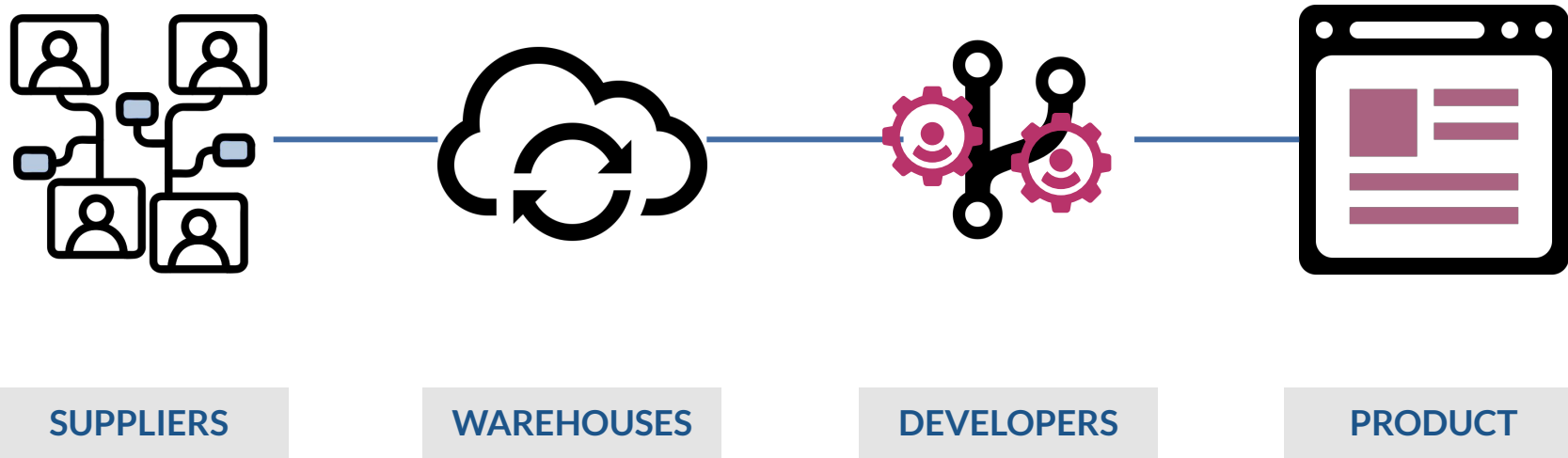
# Secure Defaults - Natively

- **AppArmor** - *Protect and reduce attack surface*
  - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/tutorials/clusters/apparmor/>
- **Disabling Default Services** - *Least Privilege*
  - <https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/how-to/hardening-your-cluster>
- **Certificate Management** - *Self-signed w/ kubeadm*
  - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/administer-cluster/kubeadm/kubeadm-certs/>
- **Back-ups** - *Encrypt them!*
  - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/administer-cluster/encrypt-data/>

# Production Access

- Who NEEDS access, why?
- Leverage Role Based Access Controls (RBAC)
  - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/access-authn-authz/rbac/>
- Establish Risk Based Alerts
  - Event / Action
  - Time

# Software Supply Chain



# Security EcoSystem

- Where are your containers from?
  - Trusted Images (latest?)
- Security Scanning (Open Source)
  - Clair - <https://coreos.com/clair/docs/latest/>
  - Klar - <https://github.com/optiopay/klar>

# Summary

- Security Hygiene FTW
  - Inventory
  - Hardening
  - Scanning



# kubernetes





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# DOs and DON'Ts Container Security



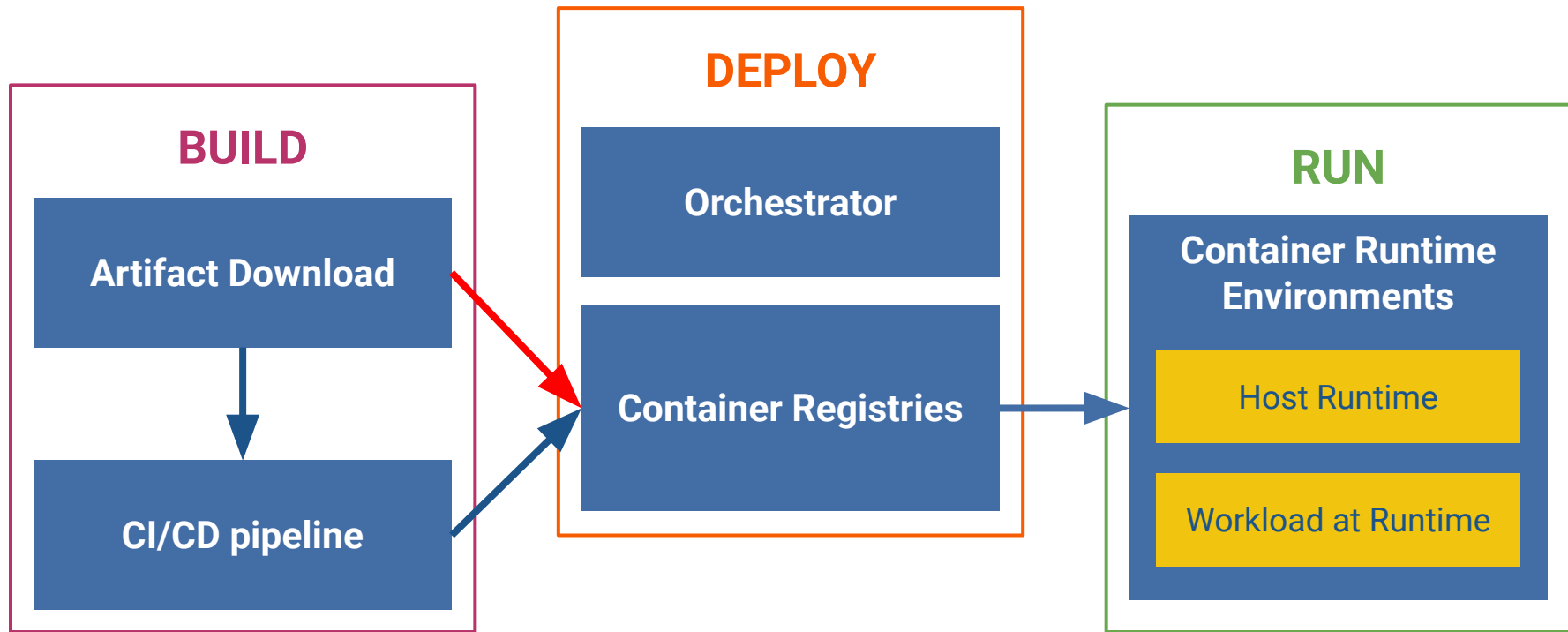
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# Getting Started

*“Cloud-native applications and infrastructure create several new challenges for all of us security professionals. We need to establish new security programs, have a new mindset and adopt advanced new tools that are focused primarily on securing cloud-native technologies.”*

- Kavya Pearlman

# Build. Deploy. Run.



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## BUILD TIME CONSIDERATIONS

- Application Security
  - ◆ Secure Coding Practices
  - ◆ SAST/DAST
- Image Scanning on Build/Pull
  - ◆ Vulnerability Management
  - ◆ SCA - Software Composition Analysis
- Image Signing
- Attack Surface Reduction
  - ◆ Multi-Stage Builds



# Build. Deploy. Run.

## DEPLOY TIME CONSIDERATIONS

- Image Registries
- Vulnerability Management
  - ◆ Regular Scans
  - ◆ Maintain deployment Info
- RBAC - Limit User Privileges
- Configuration Manager
  - ◆ Open APIs
- Secrets Management Integration
- Traffic Segregation



# Build. Deploy. Run.

## RUN TIME CONSIDERATIONS

- Host Protection
- Hardening
  - ◆ CIS Benchmarks
  - ◆ Container-Friendly Hosts
- Network Segregation
  - ◆ Protect APIs
- Container Firewalls
- Activity monitoring, logging & auditing
- Patching & Vulnerability Tracking



# Container Hardening



**Center for Internet Security® COMES TO THE RESCUE!!**

- Downgrade to non privileged user

```
RUN adduser -D limited_user  
USER limited_user
```

- OR provide the following option at runtime:

```
docker run -u limited_user ubuntu
```

- Mitigate Denial of Service by limiting resource usage

```
docker run -it --cpus 1 --memory 512Mb ubuntu
```

- Enforce a good AppArmor Profile

```
https://github.com/guinetools/bane
```

# Host Protection



Lock Down the Host (Volume write / exec, etc.)

Use Seccomp to restrict Host syscall access

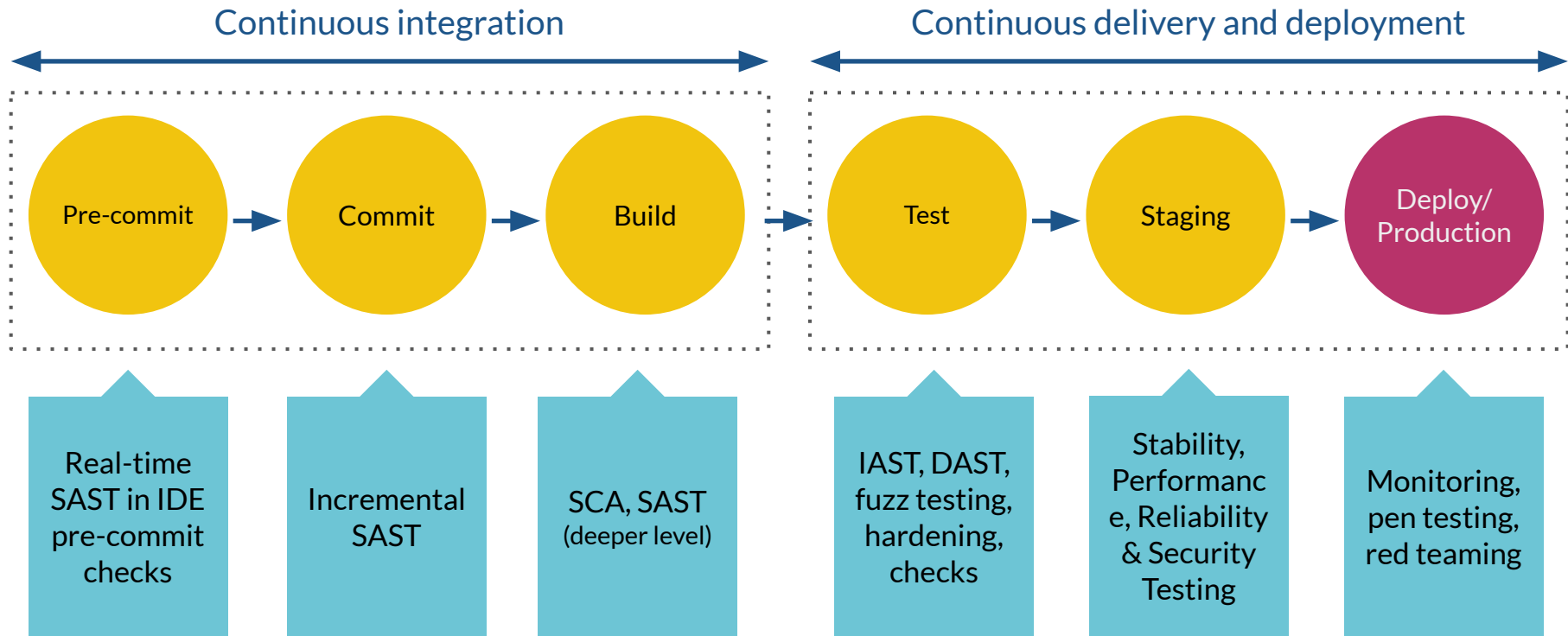


SELinux to prevent container escape

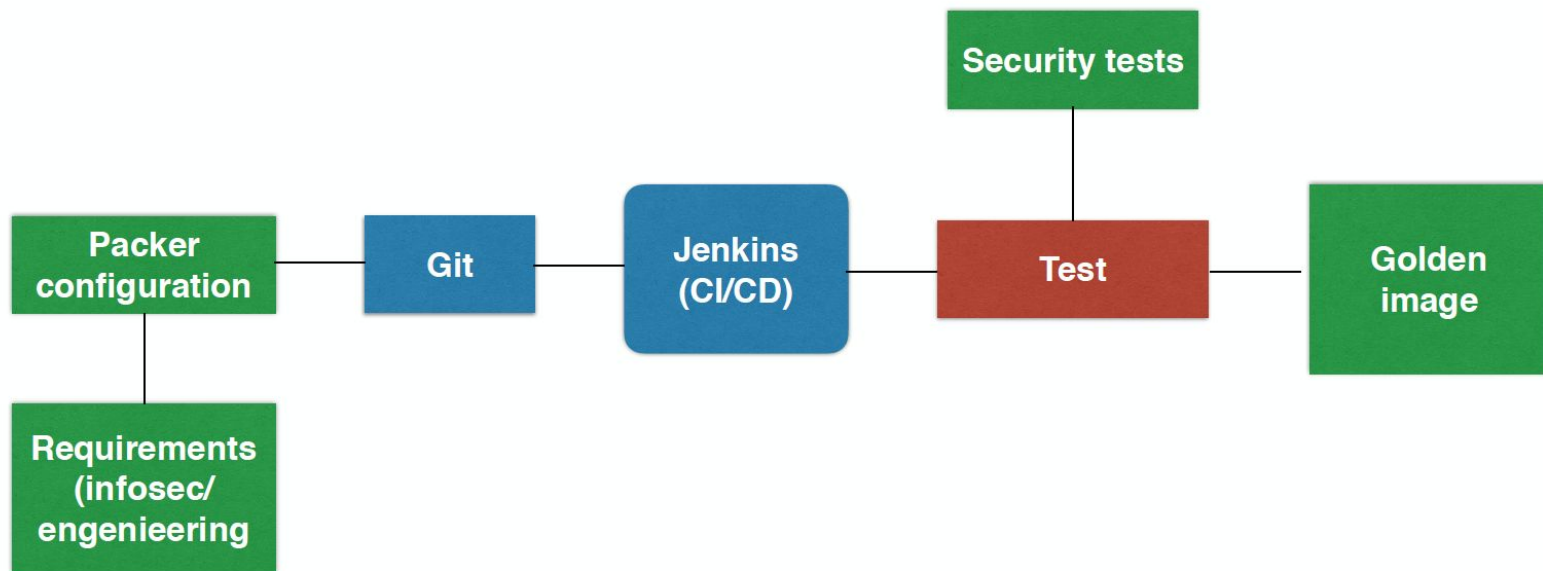
*Review NIST 800-190 for detailed guidelines*



# Security Tooling



# Infrastructure as Code



# Open Source Tools For Container Security

anchore

 OpenSCAP



LINKERD

 **sysdig** falco

 clair

 **snyk**

 **Dagda**  
Docker Security Suite

# DOs for Containerized Environments



**CREATE IMMUTABLE  
CONTAINERS**



**RUN IMAGES ONLY FROM  
TRUSTED SOURCES**



**USE CONTAINER-NATIVE  
MONITORING TOOLS**

# NOT To Dos for Containerized Environments



Installing an operating system inside a Docker container

Running unnecessary services



Storing critical data inside a container

Hard-Coded Credentials for accessing Registry



Hosting too many services inside a container



Q&A

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# Thank You!