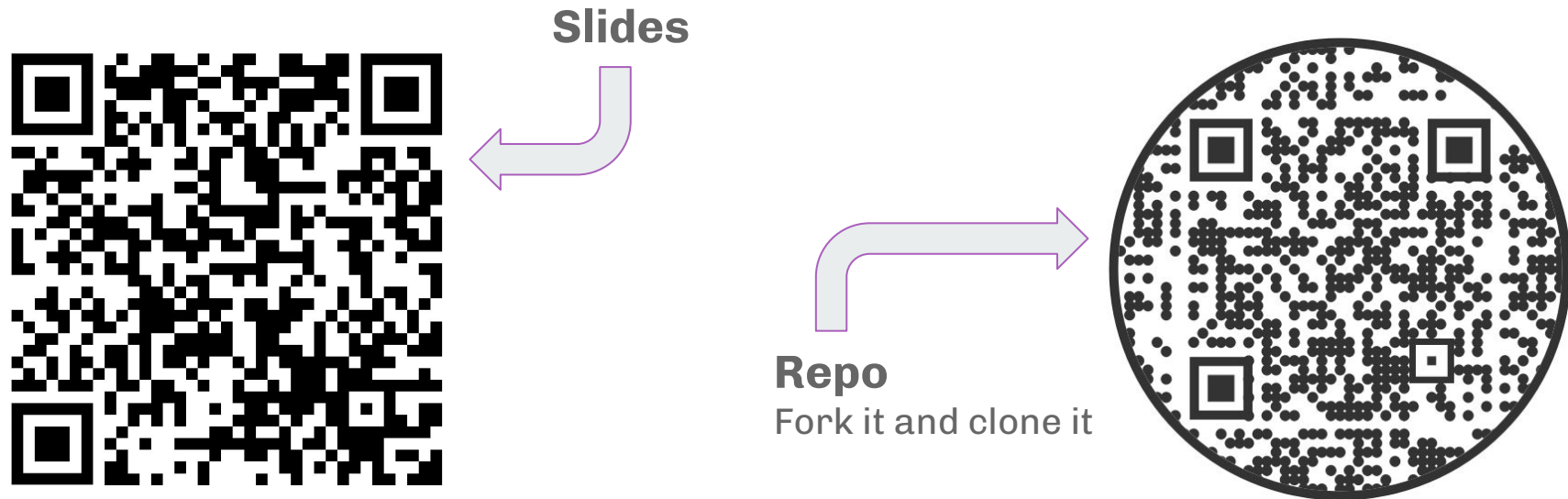


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Agenda

1. Introduction
 - What is CI / CD /CS ?
 - The need for secure pipeline
2. The “perfect pipeline” overview
3. Workshop:
 - Brief explanation of the step
 - Integrate OSS tooling
 - Fix the issue



What is CI / CD / CS?

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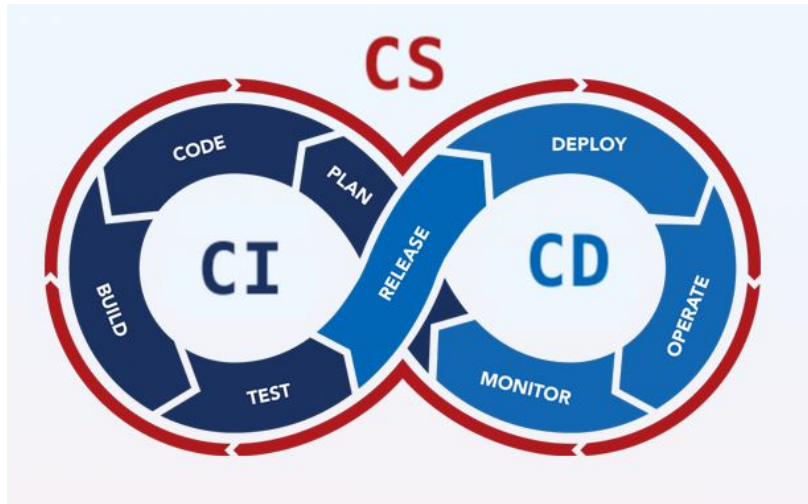
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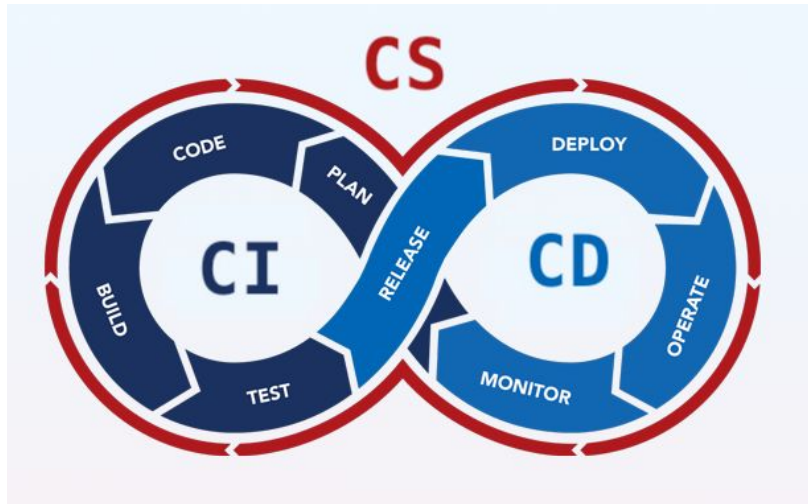
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Why is pipeline security important?

Why add security steps to the pipeline?

- Prevents supply chain compromises (e.g., malware injection)
- Enables early threat detection (SAST/DAST scans, secret checks)
- Reduces risks in automated environments (leaked keys, backdoors)
- Ensures compliance & builds trust



Why is pipeline security important?

But my repo is private...

...until is not.

Twitch breach leads to leak of source code and streamer earnings data

[John Leyden](#) 07 October 2021 at 14:28 UTC

More than 20GB of Intel source code and proprietary data dumped online

“Exconfidential Lake” leak includes docs Intel provided under NDA as recently as May.

[DAN GOODIN AND JIM SALTER](#) – AUG 6, 2020 4:59 PM 150

Toyota source code exposed for five years, impacts 300,000 drivers

[Dashveenjit Kaur](#) October 13, 2022

Mercedes-Benz Source Code at Risk: GitHub Token Mishap Sparks Major Security Concerns

 [Lohit](#)  January 29, 2024



Samsung and Nvidia are the latest companies to involuntarily go open-source leaking company secrets

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The Microsoft source code breach may be much bigger than we thought

News

By Anthony Spadafora published March 22, 2022

tj-actions changed-files through 45.0.7 allows remote attackers to discover secrets by reading actions logs.

High severity

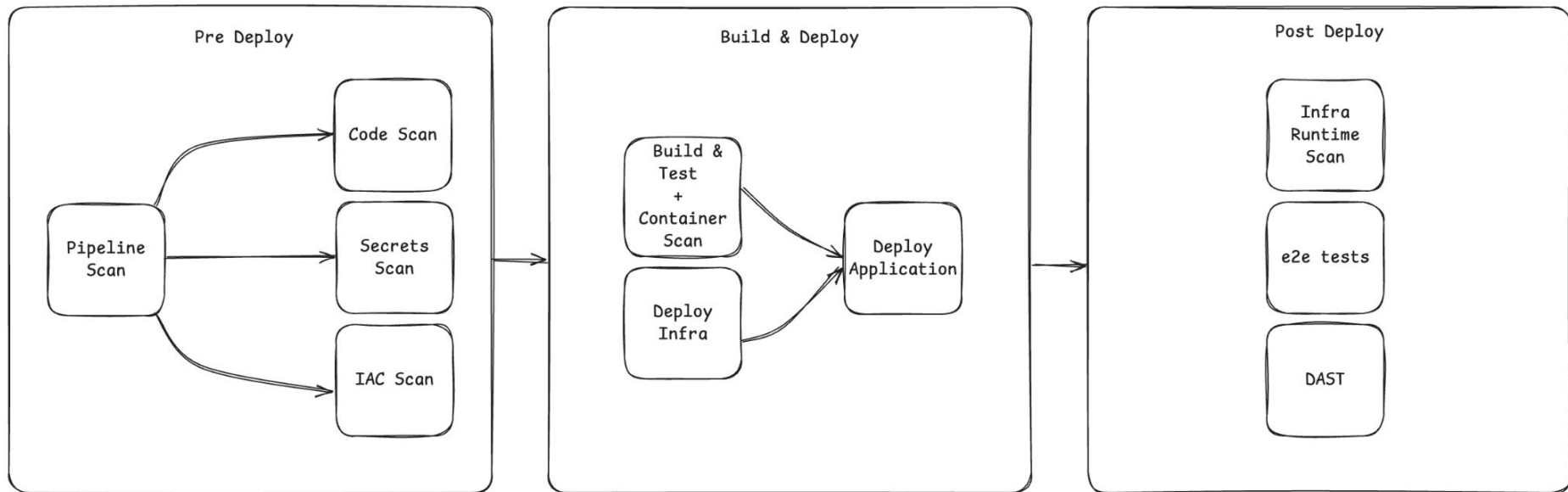
GitHub Reviewed

Published on Mar 14 to the GitHub Advisory Database • Updated on Mar 24

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by CertPro Digest | Jul 24, 2025 | Data |

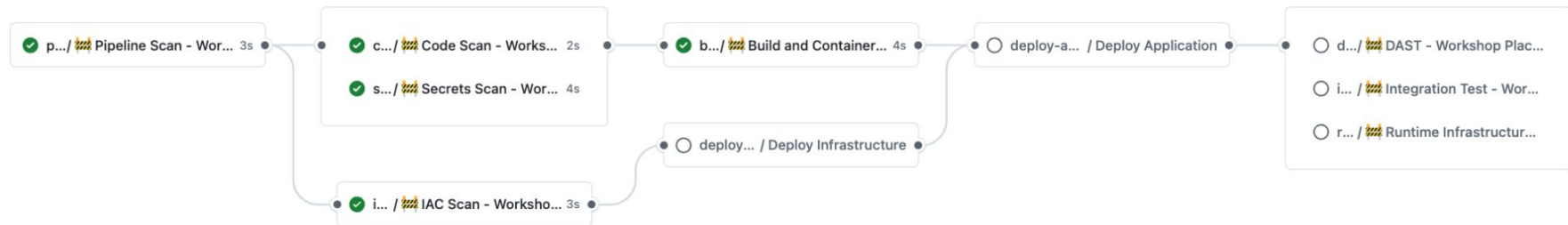
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pipeline-orchestrator.yml

on: pull_request



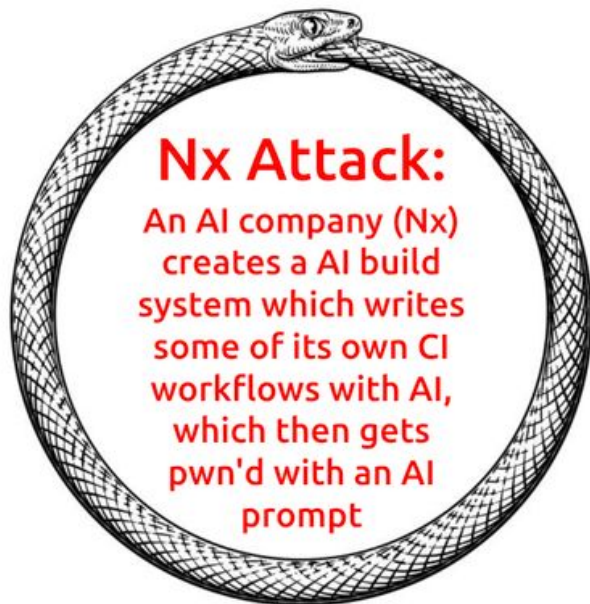
WHERE IS THE AI?!?

No AI today

- Not deterministic
- Expensive
- Lack of Auditability and Explainability



WHERE IS THE AI?!?



Adan Álvarez Vilchez • 1st

Principal Security Engineer | AWS Community Builder | Building Trust. Re...

3d •

Did an AI code review miss the injection vulnerability that led to the NX supply chain attack?

Analyzing the root cause of the NX incident, I immediately thought about the topic I've been discussing lately: LLMs for code reviews.

If I'm not mistaken, this PR introduced the injection vulnerability:

- <https://lnkd.in/dNgvN59J>

The PR seems to have gone through an "AI code review" but no problems were detected.

I did a quick test running this code through Semgrep GitHub Action rules and Semgrep rules do seem to catch it

- <https://lnkd.in/dnUQVeU2>

Interestingly, in the results from my tests, LLMs seemed to perform worse when analyzing things like GitHub Actions:

- <https://lnkd.in/dBm4GNeX>

As I've mentioned in previous posts, this is not about dismissing LLMs. They are powerful and improving quickly. What I keep seeing is that combining static analysis with LLMs feels like a stronger approach than relying on just one.

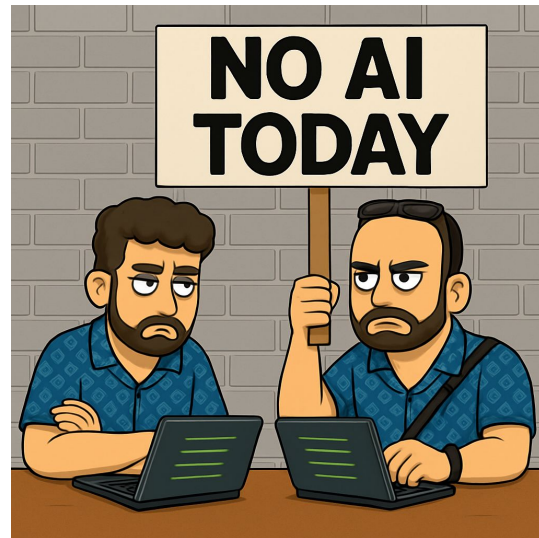
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But probably AI tomorrow...

- Fine-tuned small language model can outperform traditional regex-based methods
- Better context for findings (and hopefully less false positives)



AI Example

test: ai review #32

 Merged sanchezpaco merged 1 commit into [main](#) from [feat-gemini](#) 1 hour ago

 Conversation 5  Commits 1  Checks 10  Files changed 1



sanchezpaco commented 1 hour ago

Collaborator ...

No description provided.



sanchezpaco commented 1 hour ago

Collaborator Author ...

/ai-review



1



github-actions bot commented 1 hour ago

...

AI Security Review Results

The AI security scan has been completed! 🚀

Triggered by: [@sanchezpaco](#)

Command: `/ai-review`

💡 Note: Detailed analysis is currently logged in the workflow. Soon we'll display the full review here!

Check the [workflow run](#) for complete details.



AI Example Outputs

AI-powered Security Review

succeeded 1 hour ago in 1m 13s



AI Security Review with Gemini

1m 7s

102 **## Security Review Details**

103

104 Here are the findings, categorized by risk:

105

106 **## High Risk Issues**

107

108 ****1. Overly Permissive GITHUB_TOKEN****

109

110 * ****Issue:**** The new workflow file ('workshop/iac_scan/trivy/workflow.yml') does not define any 'permissions' for the 'GITHUB_TOKEN'. By default, the token is granted a permissive set of scopes, including 'contents: write' and 'pull-requests: write'. This violates the principle of least privilege. If the 'aquasecurity/trivy-action' or any other step were compromised, it could be used to push malicious code to your repository.

111 * ****Risk:**** ****High****. A compromised third-party action could lead to a repository compromise.

112 * ****Recommendation:**** Explicitly set the minimum required permissions at the job level. For this workflow, the required permissions are:

113

114 * 'contents: read' - to checkout the code,

115 * 'security-events: write' - to upload SARIF results to the GitHub Security tab.

116

117 Add the following 'permissions' block to the 'iac-scan' job:

118

119 ```yaml

120 jobs:

121 iac-scan:

122 name: IAC Scan with Trivy

123 runs-on: ubuntu-latest

124 permissions:

125 contents: read

126 security-events: write

127 outputs:

128 result: \${ steps.scan-result.outputs.result }

129 steps:

130 ...

131 ---

132

133 **## Medium Risk Issues**

134

135 ****1. IaC Scan Severity Threshold****

136

137 * ****Issue:**** The Trivy scan is configured to fail only on 'CRITICAL' and 'HIGH' severity findings ('severity: 'CRITICAL,HIGH)'). This allows medium and low severity misconfigurations to exist in the infrastructure code without failing the pipeline. While this might be acceptable initially, these lower-severity issues can often be chained together by attackers.

138 * ****Risk:**** ****Medium****. Potentially exploitable misconfigurations could be approved and deployed.

139 * ****Recommendation:**** Consider including 'MEDIUM' severity issues in the failure threshold to improve the security baseline.

140

141 ```yaml

142 - name: Run Trivy vulnerability scanner

143 ...

144 with:

145 ...

146



AI Example Outputs

AI-powered Security Review

succeeded 1 hour ago in 1m 26s



AI Security Review with Gemini

1m 18s

```
102 ### 1. Secrets Management and Exposure Risks
103
104 * **Issue:** A GitHub token is hardcoded in the application source code.
105 * **File:** `code/src/simple-app.js`
106 * **Code:** `const GITHUB_TOKEN = '***';`
107 * **Risk:** **High**
108 * **Recommendation:**
109   1. Immediately revoke the exposed GitHub token.
110   2. Remove the token from the source code.
111   3. Use a secrets management service like AWS Secrets Manager or HashiCorp Vault to store secrets.
112   4. Inject secrets into the application environment at runtime, not in the source code.
113   5. Implement a secrets scanning tool in the CI/CD pipeline to prevent this from happening in the future. The `secrets-scan.yml` workflow is currently a placeholder and should be implemented.
114
115 ---
116
117 ### 2. Dependency and Supply Chain Security
118
119 * **Issue:** The project uses an outdated version of the `lodash` library with known vulnerabilities.
120 * **File:** `code/package.json`
121 * **Dependency:** `"lodash": "4.17.15"`
122 * **Risk:** **Medium**
123 * **Recommendation:**
124   1. Update `lodash` to the latest stable version (e.g., `4.17.21` or higher).
125   2. Implement a Software Composition Analysis (SCA) tool to scan for vulnerable dependencies. The `code-scan.yml` workflow, which could include dependency scanning, is currently a placeholder and should be implemented.
126   3. Use `npm audit` or a similar tool regularly to check for vulnerabilities in dependencies.
127
128 ---
129
130 ### 3. Infrastructure as Code (IaC) Security Issues
131
132 * **Issue:** The ECS task security group allows ingress traffic from any IP address on all ports.
133 * **File:** `infra/main.tf`
134 * **Resource:** `aws_security_group.ecs_tasks`
135 * **Code:** `cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]` and `from_port = 0`, `to_port = 0`.
136 * **Risk:** **High**
137 * **Recommendation:**
138   1. Restrict the ingress `cidr_blocks` to the VPC's CIDR range or, even better, to the security group of the Application Load Balancer.
139   2. Specify the container port (`3000`) in the `from_port` and `to_port` arguments instead of allowing all ports.
140   3. The `iac-scan.yml` workflow is a placeholder and should be implemented with a tool like Checkov or Trivy to detect such misconfigurations automatically.
141
142 ---
143
144 ### 4. Container and Docker Security Concerns
145
146 * **Issue 1:** The Docker image is built using an outdated Node.js version.
147 * **File:** `code/Dockerfile`
```



Important stuff that we've left out...

- pre-commit and other git hooks
- Github deep dive
- A lot of very good tools...



Before the Hands-On...
Questions?



How are we going to run the workshop?

First of all you need to fork this repo:

<https://github.com/unicrons/secure-pipeline-workshop>

Then, for each step:

1. Brief step explanation
2. Enable the job:
 - Copy the `workflow.yml`
 - Open a PR in your fork to trigger the pipeline
3. Leave you some time to solve the finding
4. Show results to everyone
5. Questions
6. Go to the next



Workshop: Pipeline Security

Why is Pipeline Security Important?

- **Baseline security of our SDLC** (Software Development Life Cycle)
- **Elevated access:**
 - to secrets
 - to code
 - to infra

Common Pipeline Security Issues

- **Hardcoded Secrets**
- **Excessive Permissions**
- **Untrusted Actions**
- **Insecure Triggers**
- **Missing Security Controls**



Workshop: Pipeline Security

Extra ball: Warden's Ruse

```
.../SOLVED/wardens/Wardens-Ruse-main
```

```
ls -laR
```

```
drwxrwxr-x@ - Andoni.Alonso 15 jul 14:04 .github
-rw-rw-r--@ 1,4k Andoni.Alonso 15 jul 14:04 main.tf
-rw-rw-r--@ 286 Andoni.Alonso 15 jul 14:04 README.md
-rw-rw-r--@ 174k Andoni.Alonso 15 jul 14:04 repo-visibility
-rw-rw-r--@ 465k Andoni.Alonso 15 jul 14:04 Warden.png
```

```
./.github:
```

```
drwxrwxr-x@ - Andoni.Alonso 15 jul 14:04 workflows
```

```
./.github/workflows:
```

```
-rw-rw-r--@ 829 Andoni.Alonso 10 ago 21:56 apply-prod.yaml
```

```
.../SOLVED/wardens/Wardens-Ruse-main
```

```
cat README.md | grep TODO
```

```
TODO: Lock up once Haisha finishes setting up dc32-wardens-treasure-prod
and <https://d2azf0l1i0s26w.cloudfront.net/>.
```

Challenge

7 Solves



Warden's Ruse

540

In the enchanted realm of Cybershire, a powerful artifact lies hidden within the mystical Vault of Secrets. This vault, guarded by the vigilant Warden, is fortified with ancient spells, allowing only the chosen ones to pass. However, a flaw in the Warden's enchantment whispers through the winds. Brave adventurers, equipped with their wits and determination, must decipher the cryptic trust sigils, bypass the Warden's watchful eye, and retrieve the secret from Vault. Only the most cunning will succeed in this quest.



Workshop: Pipeline S

Apparently to be used for
deploys, using Github Actions

Something suspicious?



```
resource "aws_iam_role" "warden" {
  name = "warden-production"
  assume_role_policy = data.aws_iam_policy_document.warden-role.json
}

data "aws_iam_policy_document" "warden-role" {
  statement {
    actions = ["sts:AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity"]

    principals {
      identifiers = [aws_iam_openid_connect_provider.github.arn]
      type       = "Federated"
    }

    condition {
      test      = "StringEquals"
      values    = ["sts.amazonaws.com"]
      variable  = "token.actions.githubusercontent.com:aud"
    }

    condition {
      test      = "StringLike"
      values    = ["repo:*/Wardens-Ruse:ref:refs/heads/endlessendurance"]
      variable  = "token.actions.githubusercontent.com:sub"
    }

    condition {
      test      = "StringEquals"
      values    = ["private"]
      variable  = "token.actions.githubusercontent.com:repository_visibility"
    }
  }
}
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Workshop: Pipeline Security

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}
```

A repository

from “*”

named “Wardens-Ruse

using the branch “endlessendurance”



Workshop: Pipeline Security

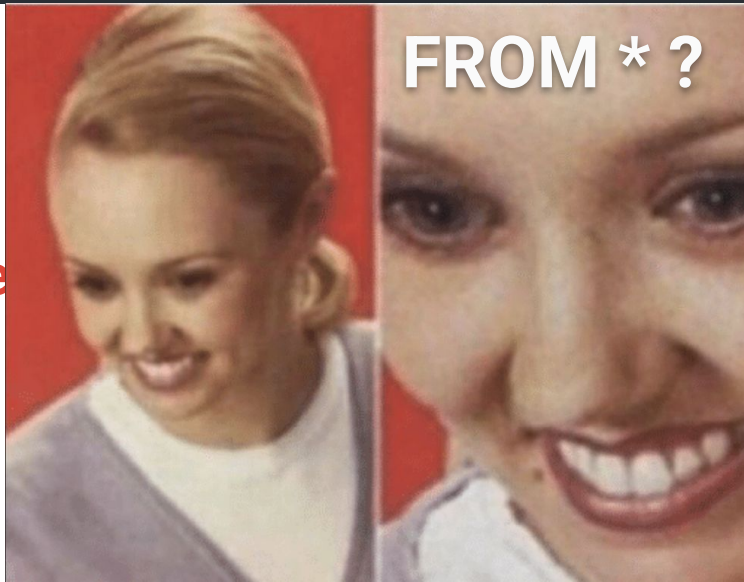
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}
```

A repository

from "*" name

FROM * ?

ndlessendurance"



Workshop: Pipeline Security

Enable Pipeline Security Step

1. Go to `workshop/pipeline_scan`
2. Choose: `zizmor` or `claws`
3. Go to the tool folder and follow the `workflow.yml` instructions
4. Push the changes and create a PR against your main branch (not Unicrons)
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Workshop: Pipeline Security (Results)

Zizmor

unpinned action reference

🔒 In pull request in refs/pull/2/merge 5 days ago

.github/workflows/pipeline-scan.yml:25

```
22     persist-credentials: false
23
24     - name: Run zizmor 🌈
25       uses: zizmorcore/zizmor-action@main
```

unpinned action reference

zizmor

```
26     with:
27       min-severity: "high"
```

steps:

- name: Checkout repository
uses: actions/checkout@11bd71901bbe5b1630ceea73d27597364c9af683 # v4.2.2
with:
 persist-credentials: false
- name: Run zizmor 🌈
uses: zizmorcore/zizmor-action@f52a838cfabf134edcbaa7c8b3677dde20045018 # v0.1.1
with:
 min-severity: "high"

Claws

🚀 Running Claws security analysis...

Violation: UnpinnedAction on .github/workflows/pipeline-scan.yml:23

All reusable actions must be pinned to a full sha1 commit hash.

For more information:

<https://github.com/betterment/claws/blob/main/README.md#unpinnedaction>

```
- name: Set Up Ruby
```

```
>>>     uses: ruby/setup-ruby@master
```

```
     with:
```

```
       ruby-version: '3.3'
```

```
- name: Set Up Claws Config
```

```
- name: Set Up Ruby
```

```
uses: ruby/setup-ruby@2a7b30092b0caf9c046252510f9273b4875f3db9 #v1.254.0
```

```
with:
```

```
  ruby-version: '3.3'
```



Workshop: Pipeline Security

Extra ball: Warden's Ruse



```
./workshop/pipeline_scan/extra/WardenRuseReturns
```

This time the Admin has been studying the Github Actions OIDC token and has added some new conditions to the policy to make it more secure...



Workshop: Pipeline Security

Extra ball: `actions/checkout` can leak Github Credentials

`./workshop/pipeline_scan/extra/checkoutLeak`

> ✓ Set up job

> ✓ Checkout code

✓ Show `.git/config` content

```
1 ▶ Run cat .git/config
4 [core]
5   repositoryformatversion = 0
6   filemode = true
7   bare = false
8   logallrefupdates = true
9 [remote "origin"]
10  url = https://github.com/unicrons/github-actions-playground
11  fetch = +refs/heads/*:refs/remotes/origin/*
12 [gc]
13   auto = 0
14 [http "https://github.com/"]
15   extraheader = AUTHORIZATION: basic ***
```

Repositories owned by **microsoft**
that depend on **actions/checkout**

1,907 Repositories 0 Packages

Repositories owned by **coinbase** that
depend on **actions/checkout**

44 Repositories 0 Packages

Repositories that depend on **actions/checkout**

14,601,495 Repositories 0 Packages

<https://yossarian.net/til/post/actions-checkout-can-leak-github-credentials/>

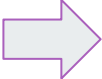


Questions?



Workshop: Secrets Scan

Why is Secrets Scan Important?

- Data breaches
 - Access to our systems
 - Supply Chain Attacks
- 
- Compliance Issues
 - Financial Loss
 - Reputation Damage

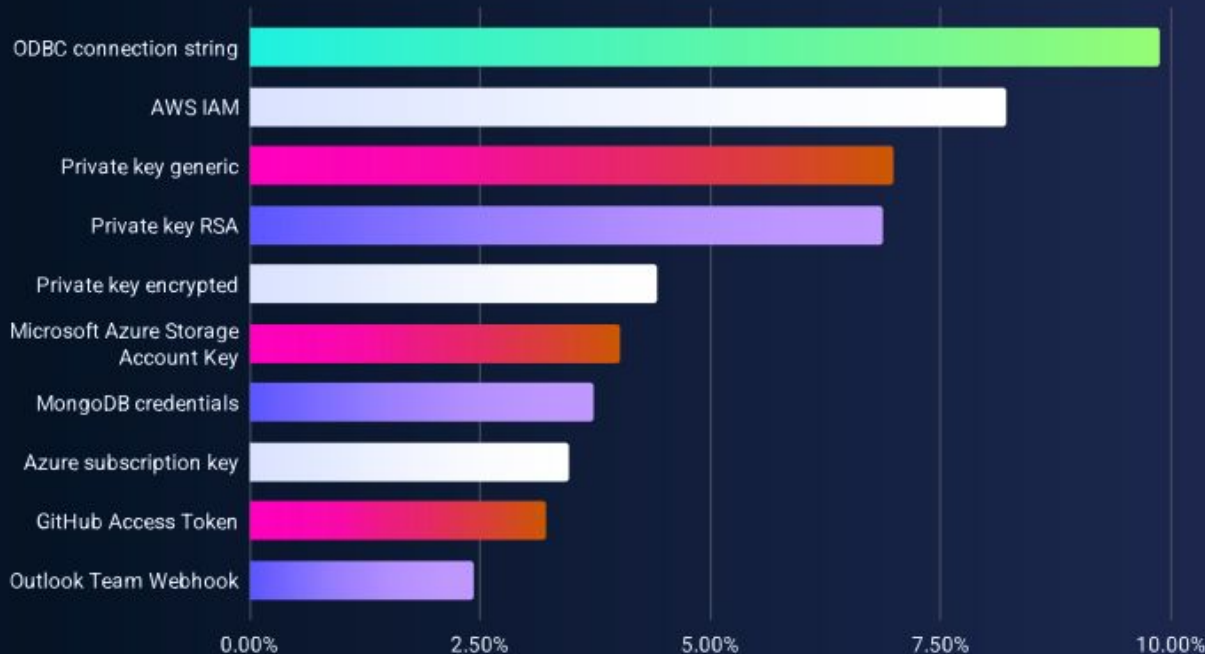
Common Leaked Secrets

- Hardcoded passwords
- Database Connection Strings
- Cloud Provider Keys
- 3rd Party API Keys
- Private keys



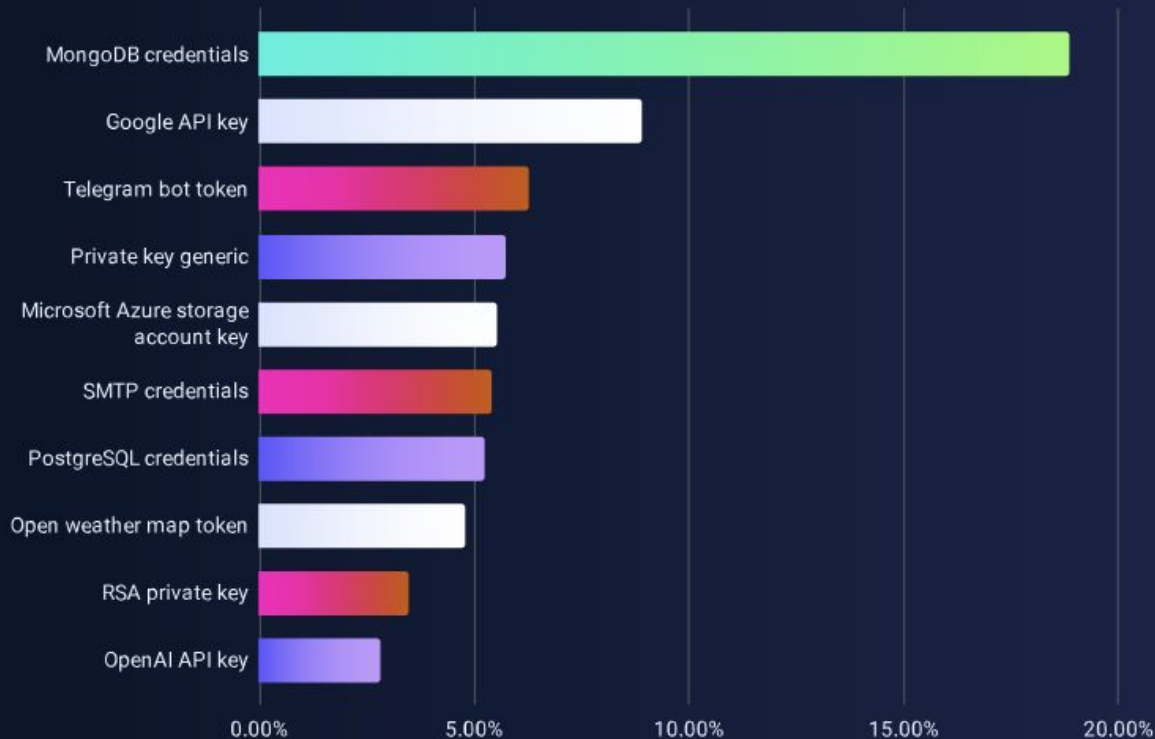
Workshop: Secrets Scan

Top 10 specific secrets in private repositories



Workshop: Secrets Scan

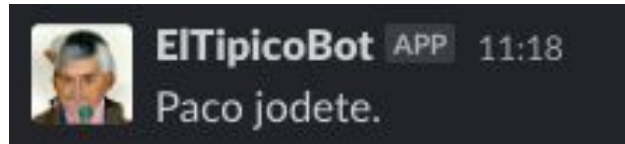
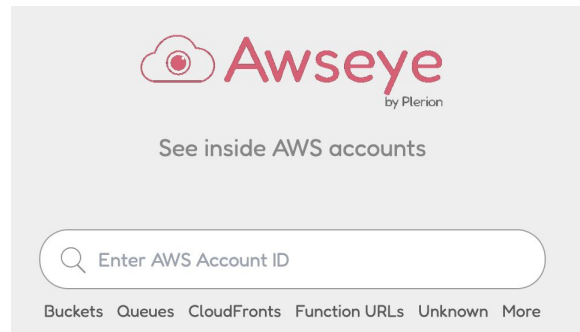
Top 10 specific secrets leaked on public GitHub in 2024



Workshop: Secrets Scan

Other Types of Sensitive Data

- Webhooks
 - Expose internal domains
 - Trigger actions (like Slack Webhooks)
- Account IDs
 - Easier enumeration
- Internal Documents
- PII



Awseye is an open-source intelligence (OSINT) and reconnaissance service tracking publicly accessible AWS data.



Workshop: Secrets Scan

Enable Secrets Scan step

1. Go to `workshop/secrets_scan`
2. Choose: `trufflehog` or `gitleaks`
3. Go to the tool folder and follow the `workflow.yml` instructions
4. Push the changes and create a PR against your main branch (not Unicrons)
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Workshop: Secrets Detection (Results)

Trufflehog

✅ Found verified result 🐼🔑

Detector Type: AWS

Decoder Type: PLAIN

Raw result: AKIA2T2SJH6MS337PDWL

Resource_type: Access key

Account: 729780141977

Arn: arn:aws:iam::729780141977:user/canarytokens.com@@xom68iew4t07umwp9nj01uy4s

Rotation_guide: <https://howtorotate.com/docs/tutorials/aws/>

User_id: AIDA2T2SJH6MS0CWJQ6T

File: code/src/simple-app.js

Line: 3

GitLeaks

Finding: const AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY = 'oMKFrMwcYIJB/PU7l2E0G8wg9K0fQapwVKGP4HaD'

Secret: oMKFrMwcYIJB/PU7l2E0G8wg9K0fQapwVKGP4HaD

RuleID: generic-api-key

Entropy: 4.834184

File: code/src/simple-app.js

Line: 4

Fingerprint: code/src/simple-app.js:generic-api-key:4

Finding: ...WS_ACCESS_KEY_ID = 'AKIA2T2SJH6MS337PDWL

Secret: AKIA2T2SJH6MS337PDWL

RuleID: aws-access-token

Entropy: 3.921928

File: code/src/simple-app.js

Line: 3

Fingerprint: code/src/simple-app.js:aws-access-token:3



Questions?



Workshop: Code Scan

Why is **SAST** Code Scan Important?

- Vulnerability detection in your source code logic
- Faster feedback loop compared to DAST
- Understands vulnerabilities with code context, not only matching regexp.

Common code security issues

- RCE (Remote code execution)
- Secrets leakage
- DoS (Denial of Service)
- SQL Injection



Workshop: Code Scan

Why is **SCA** Code Scan Important?

- License Risk Assessment
- Outdated/Vulnerable Component Detection
- Helps you build a Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)
- Mitigate (detect) supply change attacks

Common SCA findings can cause:

- License issues
- Vulnerabilities in your dependencies
- Executing untrusted code



Workshop: Code Scan

Enable Secrets Scan step

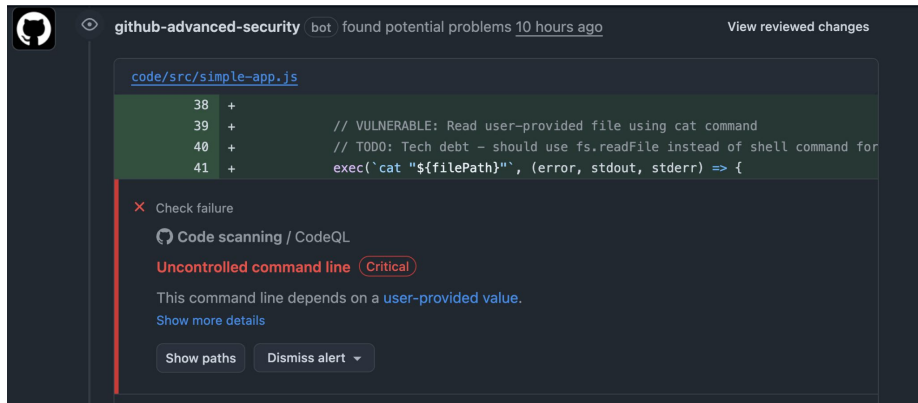
1. Go to `workshop/code_scan`
2. Choose one **SAST** tool as a job: `CodeQL` or `semgrep`
3. Add the **SCA** tool as a job: `Dependency Check`
4. Go to the tool folder and follow the `workflow.yml` instructions.
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Workshop: Code Scan (Results SAST)

CodeQL



semgrep



Workshop: Code Scan (Results SCA)

Dependency Check

```
51 [info] Writing HTML report to: /github/workspace/reports/dependency-check-report.html
52 Error:
53
54 One or more dependencies were identified with vulnerabilities that have a CVSS score greater than or equal to '7.0':
55
56 package-lock.json?lodash (pkg:npm/lodash@4.17.15): CVE-2020-8203(7.5), GHSA-p6mc-m468-83gw(7.400000095367432), GHSA-35j
57
58 See the dependency-check report for more details.
59
```



Workshop: Code Scan (Results SCA)

Dependency Check



Dependency-Check is an open source tool performing a best effort analysis of 3rd party dependencies; false positives and false negatives may exist in the analysis performed by the tool. Use of the tool and the re

[How to read the report](#) | [Suppressing false positives](#) | [Getting Help: github issues](#)

[Sponsor](#)

Project: code

Scan Information ([show all](#)):

- *dependency-check version:* 12.1.3
- *Report Generated On:* Mon, 8 Sep 2025 05:22:25 GMT
- *Dependencies Scanned:* 2 (2 unique)
- *Vulnerable Dependencies:* 1
- *Vulnerabilities Found:* 6
- *Vulnerabilities Suppressed:* 0
- ...

Summary

Summary of Vulnerable Dependencies ([click to show all](#))

Dependency	Vulnerability IDs	Package	Highest Severity	CVE Count	Confidence	Evidence Count
lodash:4.17.15		pkg:npm/lodash@4.17.15	HIGH	6		3

Check the **Upload Scan Report** step in the SCA Job to check the HTML report with deeper info on the vulnerabilities.



Questions?



Workshop: Infra as Code Scan

Why is IaC Scan Important?

- Identify misconfigurations before deployments
- Treat IaC as any other piece of software
- Scalable security approach for the Cloud



This is supposed to be us creating "infra as code".



Workshop: Infra as Code Scan

Common IaC Issues

- **Access Control:**
 - Overly Permissive IAM Policies, Publicly Accessible Resources, Missing Authentication Controls, Default or Weak Credentials
- **Encryption:**
 - Unencrypted Storage at Rest, Unencrypted Backups & Snapshots, Missing TLS/In-Transit Encryption, Weak or Outdated Cipher Suites
- **Network Security:**
 - Open Security Groups (0.0.0.0/0), Public-Subnet Exposure, Mis-scoped Load Balancers/Endpoints
- **Compliance & Governance:**
 - Insufficient Logging & Audit Trails, Lack of Continuous Monitoring/Alerts, Missing Resource Tagging, Improper Backup Retention/Encryption



Workshop: Infra as Code Scan

Specific IaC Recommendations

- Use encrypted remote backends
- Use state locking to prevent concurrent modifications
- Mark sensitive data appropriately
- Pin provider versions
- Vet third-party modules

We recommend running IaC scans against **terraform plan** and equivalents when possible for more accurate results.



Workshop: Infra as Code Scan

Extra ball: Terraform Plan RCE

<https://alex.kaskaso.li/post/terraform-plan-rce>

Terraform and external programs. You can use the external data source to run arbitrary code during a plan.

```
data "external" "example" {
  program = ["python", "${path.module}/example-data-source.py"]

  query = {
    # arbitrary map from strings to strings, passed
    # to the external program as the data query.
    id = "abc123"
  }
}
```

The query will be passed as a JSON string on stdin to the program; you could use this to grab variables from Terraform.



Terraform Plan RCE

11 May 2021 • Written by alxk



Workshop: Infra as Code Scan

Enable IaC Scan step

1. Go to `workshop/iac_scan`
2. Choose: `trivy` or `checkov`
3. Go to the tool folder and follow the `workflow.yml` instructions
4. Push the changes to a new branch and create a PR against your main branch (not Unicrons)
5. Wait for the pipeline results
6. Try to solve them!

(Don't worry, we will show the results later.)



Workshop: Infra as Code Scan (Results)

Checkov

```
iac-scan / IAC Scan with Checkov
failed 5 minutes ago in 12s

▼ Run Checkov IAC scanner

106 Check: CKV_AWS_25: "Ensure no security groups allow ingress from 0.0.0.0/0 to port 3389"
107 FAILED for resource: aws_security_group.ecs_tasks
108 Error: File: /main.tf:114-147
109 Guide: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/en/enterprise-edition/policy-reference/aws-policies/aws-networking-policies/networking-2
110
111     114 | resource "aws_security_group" "ecs_tasks" {
112         115 |     name_prefix = "${var.app_name}-ecs-"
113         116 |     description = "Security group for ECS tasks"
114         117 |     vpc_id      = data.aws_vpc.existing.id
115         118 |
116         119 |     ingress {
117             120 |         description = "HTTP from ALB"
118             121 |         from_port   = 0
119             122 |         to_port     = 0
120             123 |         protocol    = "tcp"
121             124 |         # TODO: Fix ports (0-3000) and CIDR (0.0.0.0/0-VPC)
122             125 |         cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
123             126 |     }
124             127 |
125             128 |     egress {
126                 129 |         description = "HTTPS outbound"
127                 130 |         from_port   = 443
128                 131 |         to_port     = 443
129                 132 |         protocol    = "tcp"
130                 133 |         cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
131                 134 |     }
132                 135 | }
```

```
ingress {
  description = "HTTP from ALB"
  from_port   = 3000
  to_port     = 3000
  protocol    = "tcp"
  cidr_blocks = [data.aws_vpc.existing.cidr_block]
}
```

Trivy

```
main.tf:133
Preview unavailable
Sorry, we couldn't find this file in the repository.

Artifact: main.tf
Type: terraform
Vulnerability aws-vpc-no-public-egress-sgr
Severity: CRITICAL
Message: Security group rule allows unrestricted egress to any IP address.
Link: aws-vpc-no-public-egress-sgr
Trivy
```

```
# trivy:ignore:AVD-AWS-0104
egress {
  description = "HTTPS outbound"
  from_port   = 443
  to_port     = 443
  protocol    = "tcp"
  cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
}
```

```
# trivy:ignore:AVD-AWS-0104
egress {
  description = "HTTP outbound"
  from_port   = 80
  to_port     = 80
  protocol    = "tcp"
  cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]
}
```



Questions?



Workshop: Container Scan

Why is Container Scan Important?

- Common way to deploy software → Common target for attackers
- Access to underlying infra/secrets

Common Container Security Issues

- Vulnerable dependencies
- Hardcoded Secrets
- Excessive Privileges (root, network, filesystem)



Workshop: Container Scan

Enable Pipeline Security Step

1. Go to `workshop/container_scan`
2. Choose: `trivy` or `grype`
3. Go to the tool folder and follow the `workflow.yml` instructions
4. Push the changes to a new branch and create a PR against your main branch (not Unicrons)
5. Wait for the pipeline results
6. Try to solve them!

(Don't worry, we will show the results later.)



Workshop: Container Scan (Results)

Trivy

build-and-container-scan / Container Scan with Trivy

Failed 1 minute ago in 37s

Search logs

Explain error

Run Trivy vulnerability scanner

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For OSS Maintainers: VEX Notice

If you're an OSS maintainer and Trivy has detected vulnerabilities in your project that you believe are not actually exploitable, consider issuing a VEX (Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange) statement.

VEX allows you to communicate the actual status of vulnerabilities in your project, improving security transparency and reducing false positives for your users.

Learn more and start using VEX: <https://aquasecurity.github.io/trivy/v0.36/docs/supply-chain/vex/republishing-vex-documents>

To disable this notice, set the TRIVY_DISABLE_VEX_NOTICE environment variable.

ghcr.io/sanchezpacodev/github-actions-playground:pr-1 (alpine 3.15.1)

Total: 13 (HIGH: 12, CRITICAL: 1)

Library	Vulnerability	Severity	Status	Installed Version	Fixed Version	Title
busybox	CVE-2022-28391	HIGH	fixed	1.34.1-r4	1.34.1-r5	busybox: remote attackers may execute arbitrary code if netstat is used https://avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2022-28391
libcrypto1.1	CVE-2022-4458			1.1.1n-r0	1.1.1t-r0	openssl: double free after calling PEM_read_bio_ex https://avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2022-4458
	CVE-2023-0215					openssl: use-after-free following BIO_new_NDEF https://avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2023-0215
	CVE-2023-0286					openssl: X.400 address type confusion in X.509 GeneralName https://avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2023-0286
	CVE-2023-0464				1.1.1t-r2	openssl: Denial of service by excessive resource usage in verifying X509 policy... https://avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2023-0464
libretls	CVE-2022-0778			3.3.4-r2	3.3.4-r3	openssl: Infinite loop in BN_mod_sqrt() reachable when parsing certificates https://avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2022-0778
libssl1.1	CVE-2022-4458			1.1.1n-r0	1.1.1t-r0	openssl: double free after calling PEM_read_bio_ex

Grype

96 Open 0 Closed

Language Tool Rule Severity Sort

- CVE-2023-32002 critical vulnerability for node package** Critical [refs/pull/3/merge](#)
#83 opened now • Detected by Grype in github-actions-playground.../bin/node :1
- GHSA-78xj-cgh5-2h22 low vulnerability for ip package** Critical [Library](#) [refs/pull/3/merge](#)
#59 opened now • Detected by Grype in github-actions-playground.../ip/package.json :1
- CVE-2022-48174 critical vulnerability for ssl_client package** Critical [refs/pull/3/merge](#)
#30 opened now • Detected by Grype in github-actions-playground.../db/installed :1
- CVE-2022-48174 critical vulnerability for busybox package** Critical [refs/pull/3/merge](#)
#29 opened now • Detected by Grype in github-actions-playground.../db/installed :1
- CVE-2022-35255 critical vulnerability for node package** Critical [refs/pull/3/merge](#)
#25 opened now • Detected by Grype in github-actions-playground.../bin/node :1
- CVE-2024-5535 critical vulnerability for libssl1.1 package** Critical [refs/pull/3/merge](#)
#21 opened now • Detected by Grype in github-actions-playground.../db/installed :1
- CVE-2024-5535 critical vulnerability for libcrypto1.1 package** Critical [refs/pull/3/merge](#)
#20 opened now • Detected by Grype in github-actions-playground.../db/installed :1

Dockerfile: FROM node:16.14.0-alpine -> FROM node:24-alpine

package.json: "lodash": "4.17.15" -> "lodash": "4.17.21" (run again
`npm install`)



Questions?



Workshop: Runtime Infra Scan

Why is Runtime Infra Scan Important?

- We can't catch everything in previous steps
- Manual changes exist
- It's the final source of truth

Common Runtime Infra Security Issues

- Access Control
- Encryption
- Network Security
- Compliance & Governance
- Drift



Workshop: Runtime Infra Scan

Enable Pipeline Security Step

1. Go to `workshop/runtime_infra_scan`
2. Choose: `prowler` or `steampipe`
3. Go to the tool folder and follow the `workflow.yml` instructions
4. Push the changes to a new branch and create a PR against your main branch (not Unicrons)
5. Wait for the pipeline results
6. Try to solve them! (if you are using your own account 😊)



Workshop: Runtime Infra Scan (Results)

Prowler

PROWLER

Report Information	AWS Assessment Summary	AWS Credentials	Assessment Overview
Version: 5.10.0	AWS Account: REDACTED	User Id: AR0ARQ426V5W64V5AANC:ProwlerSession	Total Findings: 99
Parameters used: aws --service iam s3 --output-formats html -t	AWS-CLI Profile: default	Caller Identity ARN: arn:aws:sts::REDACTED:assumed-role/ProwlerRole/ProwlerSession	Passed: 62
Date: 2025-08-08T00:38:23.134464	Audited Regions: All Regions		Passed (Muted): 0
			Failed: 37
			Failed (Muted): 0
			Total Resources: 21

Filters (2) Show 100 entries											
Status	Severity	Service Name	Region	Check ID	Check Title	Resource ID	Resource Tags	Status Extended	Risk	Recommendation	Compliance
PASS	high	s3	us-east-1	s3_bucket_shadow_resource_vulnerability	Check for S3 buckets vulnerable to Shadow Resource Hijacking (Bucket Manopoly)	arn:aws:s3::warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z		S3 bucket warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z is not a known shadow resource.	An attacker can pre-empt S3 read more...	Ensure that all S3 buckets are read more...	
FAIL	medium	s3	us-east-1	s3_bucket_no_mfa_delete	Check if S3 bucket MFA Delete is not enabled.	arn:aws:s3::warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z		S3 Bucket warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z has MFA Delete disabled.	Your security credentials are read more...	Adding MFA delete to an S3 bucket read more...	-MITRE-ATTACK, T1485 -Prowle read more...
FAIL	low	s3	us-east-1	s3_bucket_lifecycle_enabled	Check if S3 buckets have a Lifecycle configuration enabled	arn:aws:s3::warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z		S3 Bucket warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z does not have a Lifecycle configuration enabled.	The risks of not having lifecycle read more...	Enable lifecycle policies on S3 buckets read more...	-ISO27001-2022: A.8.10 -PCI read more...
PASS	medium	s3	us-east-1	s3_bucket_acl_prohibited	Check if S3 buckets have default encryption (SSE) enabled or use a bucket policy to enforce it.	arn:aws:s3::warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z		S3 Bucket warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z has bucket ACLs disabled.	S3 ACLs are a legacy access control read more...	Ensure that S3 ACLs are disabled read more...	-PCI-4.0: 7.2.1.2, 7.2.2.24, read more...
PASS	medium	s3	us-east-1	s3_bucket_default_encryption	Check if S3 buckets have default encryption (SSE) enabled or use a bucket policy to enforce it.	arn:aws:s3::warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z		S3 Bucket warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z has Server Side Encryption with AES256.	Amazon S3 default encryption provides read more...	Ensure that S3 buckets have on read more...	-ISO27001-2022: A.8.11, A.8.2 read more...
FAIL	medium	s3	us-east-1	s3_bucket_event_notifications_enabled	Check if S3 buckets have event notifications enabled.	arn:aws:s3::warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z		S3 Bucket warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z does not have event notifications enabled.	Without event notifications, read more...	Enable event notifications for read more...	-PCI-4.0: 11.5.2.5, 11.6.1.5, read more...
FAIL	medium	s3	us-east-1	s3_bucket_kms_encryption	Check if S3 buckets have KMS encryption enabled.	arn:aws:s3::warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z		Server Side Encryption is not configured with kms for S3 Bucket warden-easter-egg-c4ba76z.	Amazon S3 KMS encryption provides read more...	Ensure that S3 buckets have on read more...	-ISO27001-2022: A.8.11, A.8.2 read more...

Steampipe

1.5 Ensure MFA is enabled for the 'root' user account

The 'root' user account is the most privileged user in an AWS account. Multi-factor Authentication (MFA) adds an extra layer of protection on top of a username and password. With MFA enabled, when a user signs in to an AWS website, they will be prompted for their username and password as well as for an authentication code from their AWS MFA device.

OK	Skip	Info	Alarm	Error	Total
1	0	0	0	0	1

Reason	Dimensions
MFA enabled for root account.	REDACTED

1.6 Ensure hardware MFA is enabled for the 'root' user account

The 'root' user account is the most privileged user in an AWS account. MFA adds an extra layer of protection on top of a user name and password. With MFA enabled, when a user signs in to an AWS website, they will be prompted for their user name and password as well as for an authentication code from their AWS MFA device. For Level 2, it is recommended that the root user account be protected with a hardware MFA.

OK	Skip	Info	Alarm	Error	Total
0	0	0	1	0	1

Reason	Dimensions
MFA enabled for root account, but the MFA associated is a virtual device.	REDACTED

1.7 Eliminate use of the 'root' user for administrative and daily tasks

With the creation of an AWS account, a 'root' user is created that cannot be disabled or deleted. That user has unrestricted access to and control over all resources in the AWS account. It is highly recommended that the use of this account be avoided for everyday tasks.

OK	Skip	Info	Alarm	Error	Total
0	0	0	1	0	1

Reason	Dimensions
Root password used 05-Aug-2025 (2 days). Access Key 1 never used. Access Key 2 never used.	REDACTED



Questions?



Thanks for coming!

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Feel free to contact us, or open an issue in the repo.

Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

<https://github.com/unicrons/secure-pipeline-workshop>

