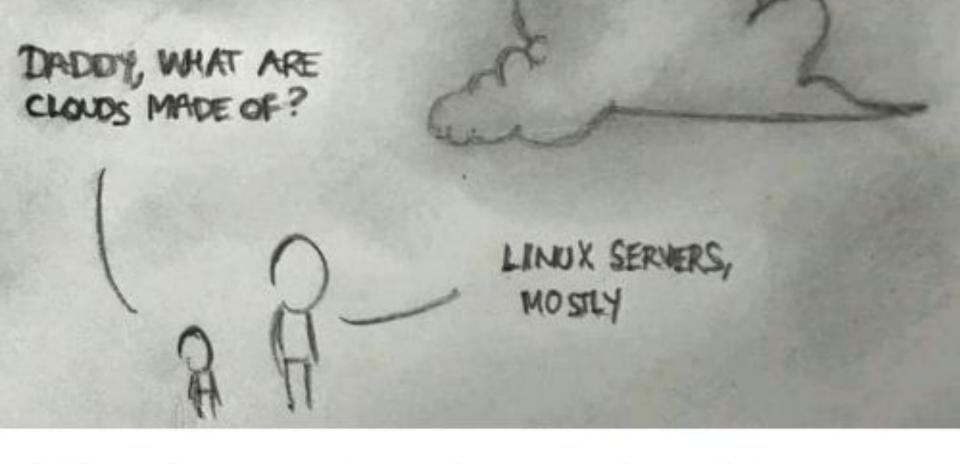


## App security in current era

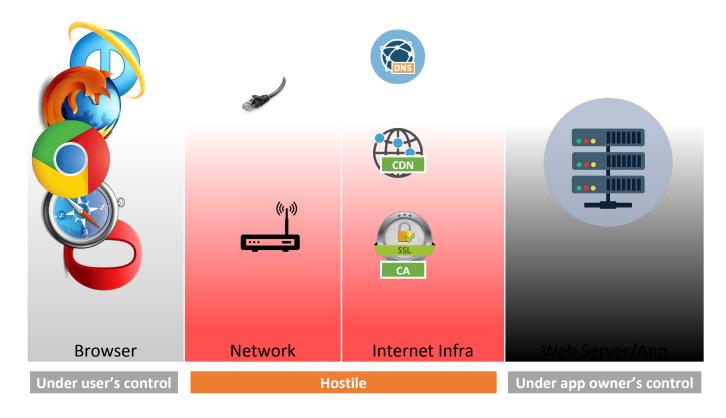
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What are clouds made of?

### Web App Access Eco System



Changes over time: technology







Dedicated resources
Static/rigid/manual provisioning

Shared resources
Automated/elastic provisioning

Change over time: app availability

9 to 5

Maintain Downtime

**Upgrade Downtime** 

Long release cycles

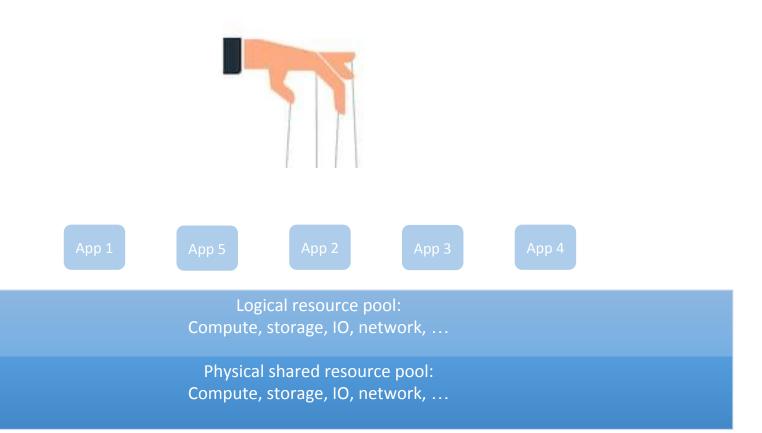
Always On (24/7)

No Downtime

Rolling Upgrades

Frequent Releases

### Orchestration: Dynamic, auto, elastic provisioning



Changes over time: service model

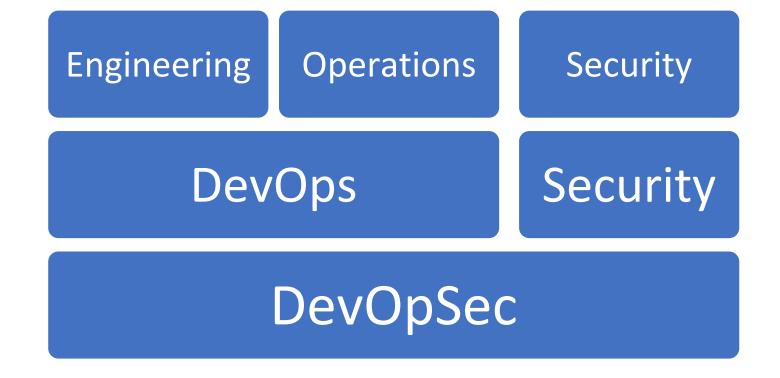


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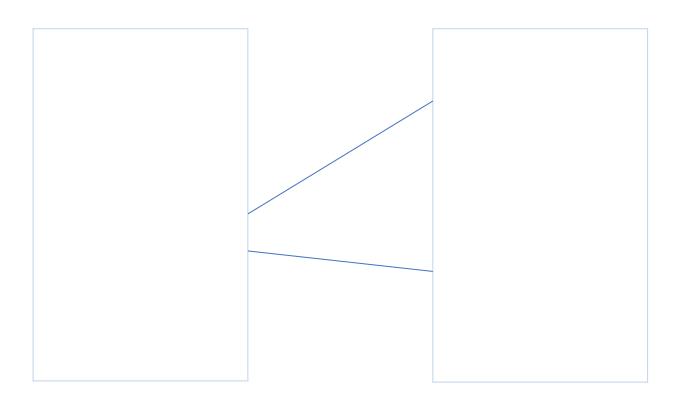


Cattles

Changes over time: people/roles



Changes over time: app composition



### Changes over time: app packaging

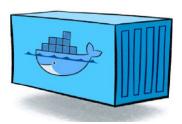








Writable layer
Web App
Spring
Tomcat
Apache
Base layer: Alpine



Changes over time: Security

### Bolt-on vs built-in/continuous

Old way: **Bolt-on Security** 

Develop

Check-in

Secure coding,

secure libraries

assessment

Build time static assessment Post build automated DAST

Test

**Pentesting** 

DAST

Deploy

Monitor

New way: Built-in/continuous Security

Secure coding. secure libraries (static assessment in IDE)

Declarative request/response specification

Pre-post commit static

Build

Built complete app (e.g. containers)

Automated/repeated DAST

App centric firewall Access Token Rotation Minimal privileges

Firewall/IDS/IPS

RASP

Log monitoring

Declarative access control Declarative resource usage limits

Shared resources with micro

segmentation

### Pre-requisites for shiftleft and continuous security



Automation



Speed



Accuracy

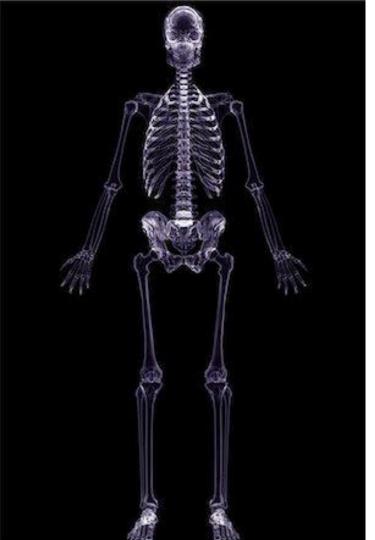


Declarative specification

## Built-in/Continuous/DevOp Sec

- IDE
  - Continuous source code scanning (may be as you type)
  - Monitor 3<sup>rd</sup> party components at inclusion time
- CI/CD
  - Continuous monitoring of vetted/approved dependencies
  - · Commit time static scanning
  - Build time security
    - Static assessment
    - SCA
    - · Dynamic scanning
- Runtime
  - Dynamic secrete management
  - App centric firewall
  - RASP
  - Runtime instrumentation
    - Monitoring
    - Profiling



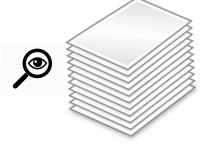


# SCA: Software Composition Analysis

- Why its important lately
  - More then 90% of the code in modern apps is 3<sup>rd</sup> party open source libraries/frameworks
  - Securities issues in 3<sup>rd</sup> party open source components are known to the world
  - Exploitation often does not need app specific knowledge
    - Exploits become available on internet
  - Easy to launch attack on large number of targets
  - Explosion in CVEs declaration in widely used software components
    - STRUTS RCFs
    - Wordpress RCEs
    - WebLogic RCEs
    - ..

### SCA: Software Composition Analysis

- Create inventory/BoM of all 3<sup>rd</sup> party components used by the app
- Check which components have known vulnerability
- Issues/concerns
  - Coverage: Not all vulnerability have CVEs
  - Noise/FPs: App may be using vulnerable library but may never be calling vulnerable function
- Shiftleft: Integrate SCA in IDE, Artifactory, CI/CD
- Continuous: Detect production apps affected by new vulns



#### **RASP: Runtime Security**

- Runtime Instrumentation
  - Agent
  - Built-in the app
  - Instrumented runtime
- Monitor code flow, function calls, system access
- Log/block undesired behavior
  - App specific tuning
- Concerns: Performance overhead, undesired side effects (DoS by FP)

### Dynamic secret management

- In pets era:
  - Manual provision of secrets
- In cattle era:
  - Challenge:
    - How to securely make secretes (DB password, API tokens, private key, ...) to dynamically provisioned ephemeral app processes/containers/micro services
  - Risk
    - Secrets sprawl
    - Secrets leakage (via github, ...)
  - Solution
    - Vault, secure introduction (SI) and dynamic tokens



Declarative security □ automated security

- Declarative network topology
  - Auto generate network access rules
- Declarative request/response
  - Auto generate app firewall rules/filters
- Declarative quota limits
  - Prevent resource exhaustion
- Micro compartments
  - Containment in case of compromise (warrants minimal privileges)



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