Can we (really) trust developers to handle security?



Lawrence Crowther Head of Solutions Engineering Snyk, APJ

Digital Transformation Changed the Way Developers Work

Today **Continuous Deployment** -0-0-H **DevOps Agile Dev Model** Vast & Opaque Supply Chain 💥

Yesterday

Sporadic Deployment (Months)



Siloed Devs and Ops

Rigid Dev Model

Limited Supply Chain

Cloud turns IT into App Services





Developer Growth Is Outpacing Security

The World Is Increasingly Reliant on Developers



Security Talent Shortages Prevent Scaling

600K Unfilled Cybersecurity Positions in the US

3.5M

Cybersecurity Job Openings Globally by 2025

Next 5-Year Growth in Demand for App Development Security

And the only way to scale security is to empower developers

"The ratio of engineers in Development, Operations, and Infosec in a typical technology organization is **100:10:1**.

When Infosec is that outnumbered, without automation and integrating information security into the daily work of Dev and Ops, Infosec can only do compliance checking, which is the opposite of security engineering—and besides, it also makes everyone hate us."

-Gene Kim 10 Tips for Integrating Security Into DevOps, DZone



Dev-first Security



Change in ownership

Security isn't just for the security team

"Developers are **three times more likely** to view security as their responsibility versus their security peers"

Source: State of Cloud Native Application Security

https://snyk.io/state-of-cloud-native-application-security/

Who is primarily responsible for the security of your cloud native environment and applications?





shared ownership model

"When everybody owns something, nobody owns it, and nobody has a direct interest in maintaining or improving its condition." Milton Friedman



balanced ownership

Security Ownership

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"Instead of focusing on doing all of the things, we really want to focus on how do we give our engineers the tools that they need to take ownership of security."

Brendan Dibbell Application Security Engineer Team Lead Toast





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Design for the developers

What's the goal?

Security Audits



Developers Fix





Meet the Developers Where They Are

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"It's meeting people where they are and trying to integrate with existing workflows of how people do their job, making things easy and safe by default."

Andy Steingruebl Chief Security Officer Pinterest





Change in ownership

Design for the developers

Bring the cloud into appsec

The modern application

A new risk profile for developers





Code

- Software deployed daily 'waterfall' approach doesn't scale. Scans can't take hours.
- **10-20% of code is custom** and digital transformation increases pressure to deliver more and faster.

The modern application

The Developer's View

Patch	① 10 commits		
github/workflows			
.mvn/wrapper			
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kubernetes			
src/main			Code
test/java/io/snyk/exa			
gitignore			
.snyk			
dockerfile			Container
LICENSE			
mvnw			
mvnw.cmd			
pom.xml			Open Source

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Gartner AST Critical Capabilities

	2020		2021		2022
15.4 •	SAST	12 •	SAST	10 •	SAST
13 •	DAST	11 •	DAST	6 •	DAST
6•	IAST	8.4 •	IAST	9 •	IAST
13.4 •	SCA	12.4 •	SCA	12 •	SCA
11.4 •	Mobile AST	6 •	Mobile AST	8 •	Mobile AST
1.6 •	Business Critical Apps	2 •	Business Critical Apps	2 •	Business Critical Apps
13 🔹	API Testing & Discovery	11.6 🔹	API Testing & Discovery	14 •	API Testing & Discovery
14 🔹	SDLC Integration	11 🔸	Lifecycle Integration	9 •	Lifecycle Integration
12.2 •	Automation & Speed	7 •	Infrastructure as Code	8 •	Infrastructure as Code
		4 •	Container Security Scanning	9 •	Container Security Scanning
		2 •	Fuzzing	3 •	Fuzzing
		12.6 •	Developer Enablement	10 •	Developer Enablement



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Develop your champions

Security Champions





Embedded



Experienced



Empathetic



Security Champions

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"When I think about security champions and successful models, it's either where out of engineering or development teams, you actually identify several folks that are responsible for security."



Rinki Sethi Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer Twitter snyk



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Develop fast. Stay secure.