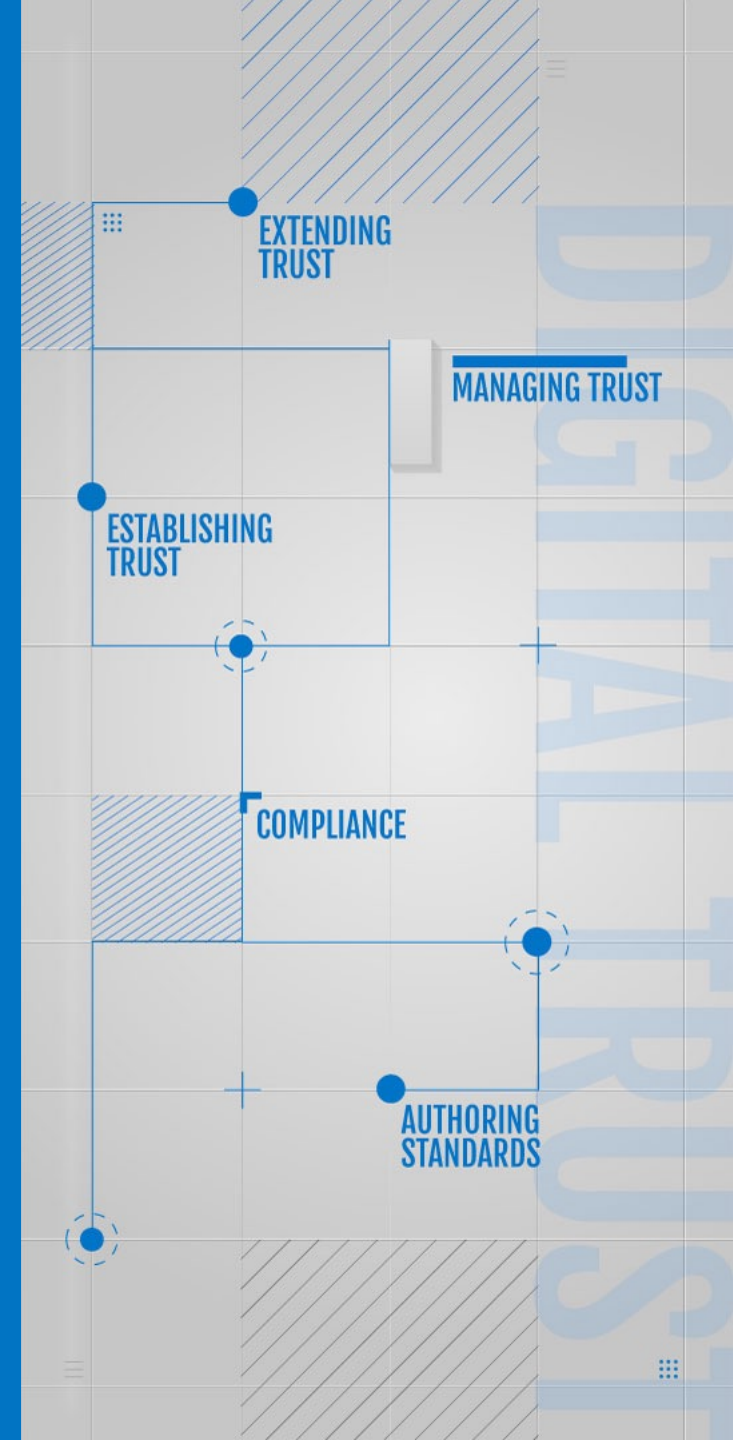


# IMPLEMENTING NIST SSDF WITHOUT KILLING YOUR CI/CD PRODUCTIVITY

NIST Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF v 1.1)

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# ABOUT TODAY'S SPEAKER

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# AGENDA

**1** Introduction

**2** Challenges

**3** NIST SSDF  
Framework  
Overview

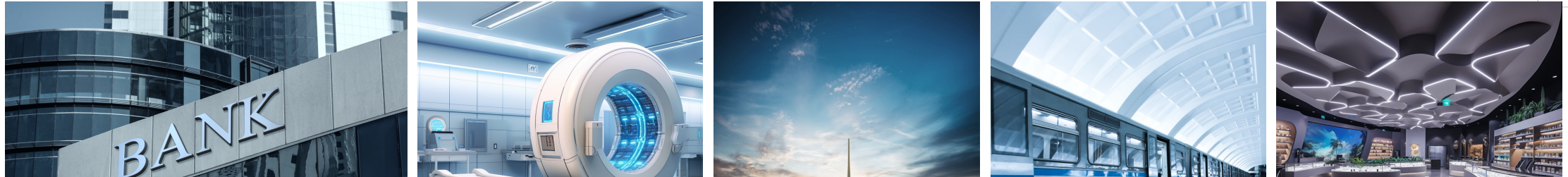
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help

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# SOFTWARE ATE THE WORLD



**PRACTICALLY EVERY BUSINESS  
IS A SOFTWARE BUSINESS.**



Financial | Healthcare | Transportation | Infrastructure | Retail | Agriculture | Industrial | Insurance |  
Communications | Tech | Entertainment



# OUR SOFTWARE IS UNDER ATTACK



# 91%

**of businesses reported  
a software supply chain attack last year**

*-- Data Theorem*

**LOST REVENUE, MARKET SHARE, REPUTATION**

**NotPetya malware estimated by US  
Dept of Homeland Security to cause  
\$10B in  
world-wide damages**

**LIABILITY**

**CIVIL FINES**



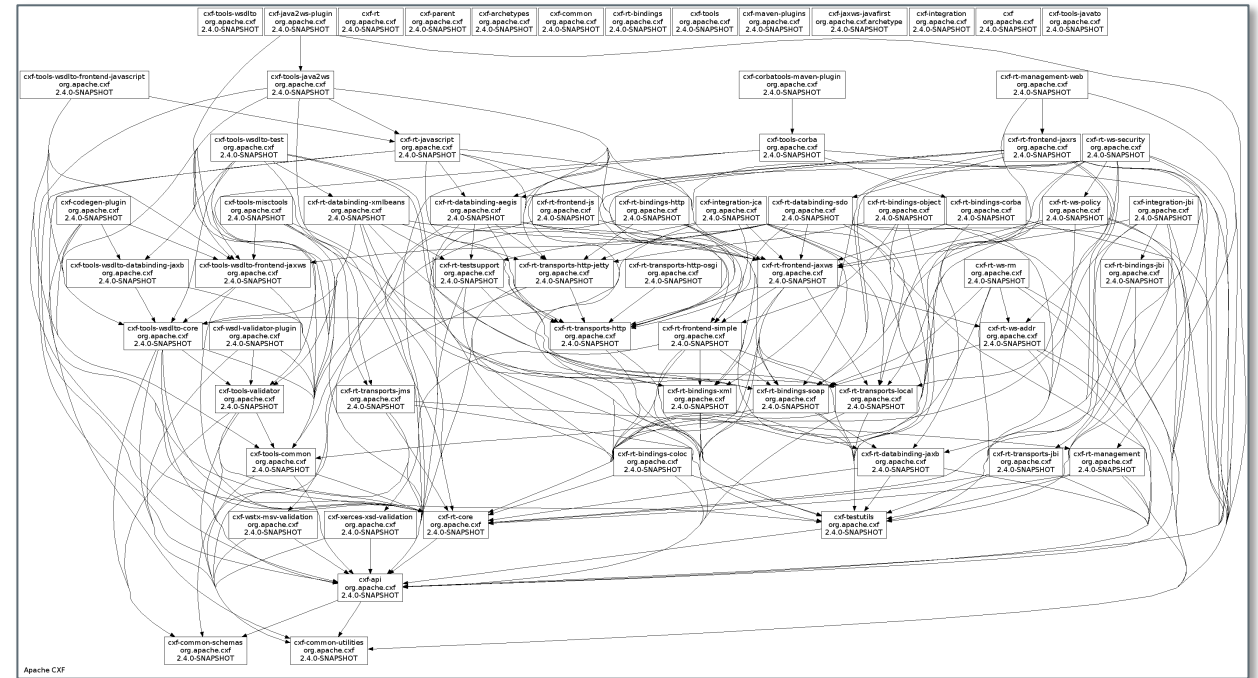
# WHY IS STOPPING THESE ATTACKS SO HARD?

- Modern Software is Complex
- Organizations are Siloed & Understaffed
- Broad Attack Surfaces & Diverse Attacks

# MODERN SOFTWARE IS COMPLEX

It's not your typical Windows app anymore...

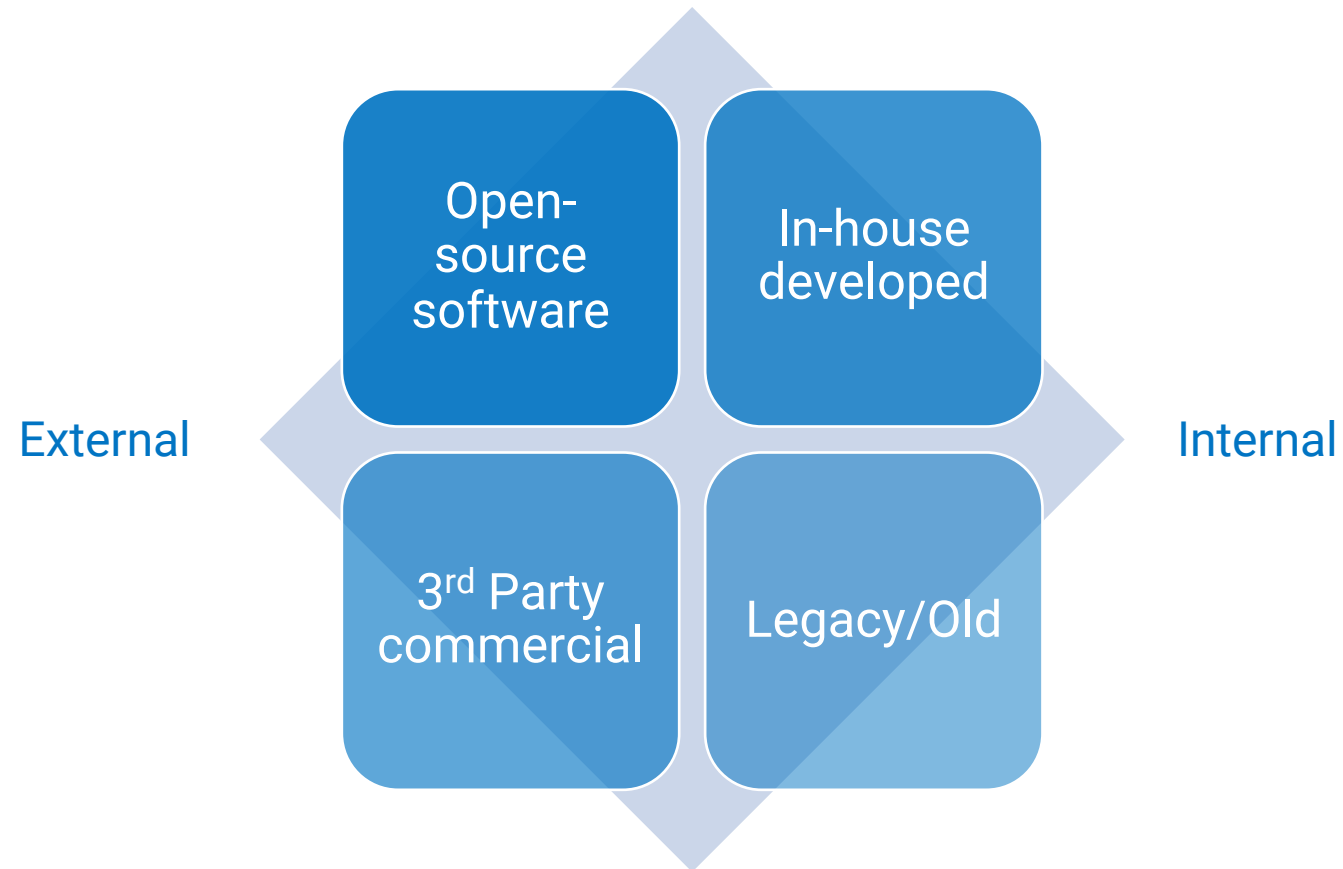
- Geographically distributed software teams
  - 100's or 1000's of global developers
- Extremely large code bases
- Multi-platform deployment
- Large software supply chain:
  - Open-source software
  - Third party commercial software
  - In-house developed software
  - OLD/Legacy Software
- Lots of dependencies, known & unknown
- DevOps/CI/CD – frequent releases
- Global presence – global regulatory issues



Apache HTTP Server Dependency Graph – approx. 2M SLOC

# SOFTWARE SUPPLY CHAIN

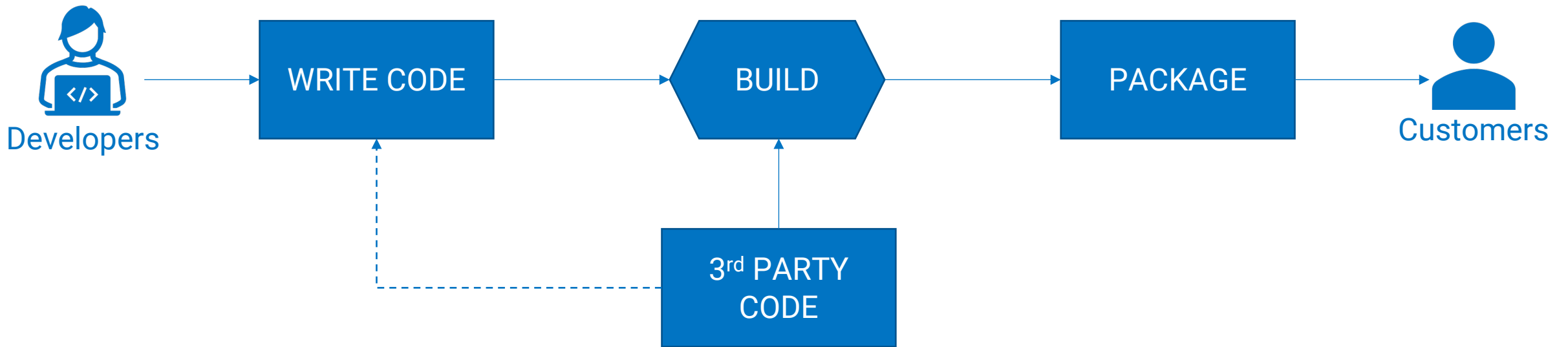
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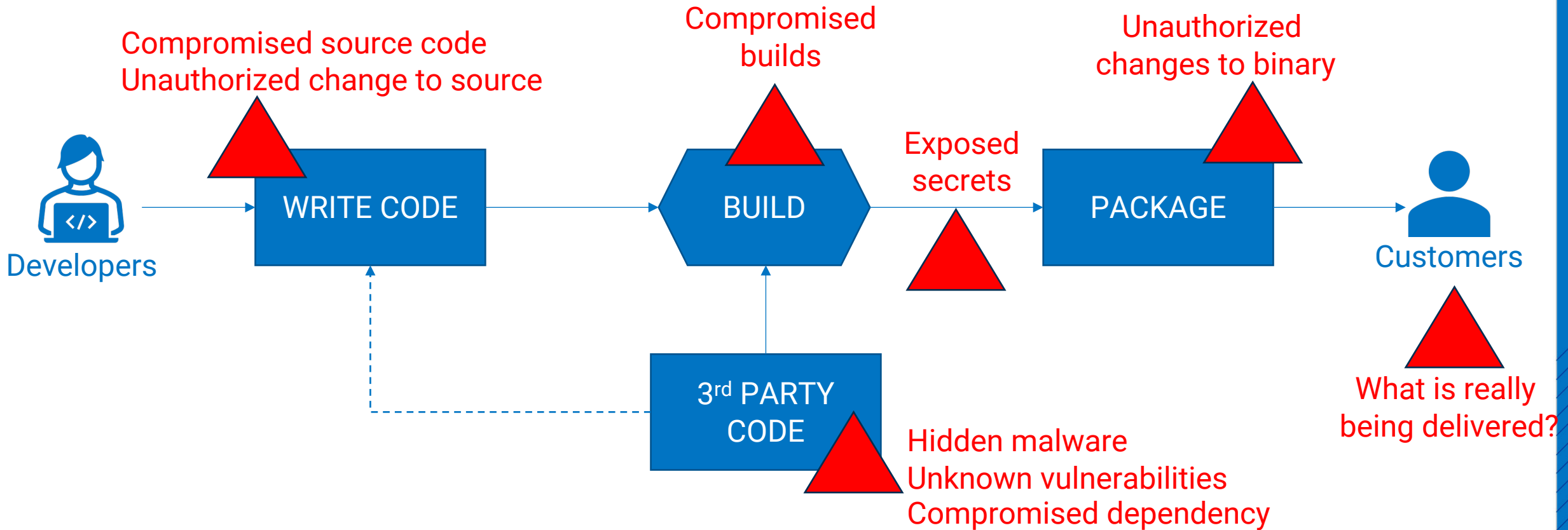
# HOW IS SOFTWARE MADE?

Software Development Lifecycle



# BROAD ATTACK SURFACE

Attacks can, and do, happen anywhere during this process



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHALLENGES

Mobile App  
Dev Team



Linux  
Dev Team



Java  
Dev Team



Cloud App  
Dev Team



Windows  
Dev Team



No Visibility &  
Enforcement

Successful  
Tampering

Missed  
Threats

Lack of  
Transparency



PKI  
Support



Product and  
Enterprise Security



Auditors, Risk,  
& Compliance

- **Software complexity**

- Millions of lines of code
- Open-source, 3<sup>rd</sup> party software
- Legacy, old software
- Multi-platform dev & deployment

- **People**

- Disparate software teams, tools & methodologies
- Pressure to do more in less time
- Security often lower priority than new features

- **Organization**

- Siloed teams – people, process, and technology
- Product security & PKI support often understaffed
- Security tools not integrated with dev tools



# PRACTICAL GUIDANCE

for implementing  
Secure Software Development Framework  
(SSDF) V1.1



# SSDF V1.1 AT A GLANCE



# PREPARE THE ORGANIZATION (PO)

SDLC security should not be an afterthought

## PO.1: Define security policies BEFORE software development begins including those that cover

- The software infrastructure used
- Software developed by the organization & developed by third parties (e.g., open source)

## PO.2: Define security roles and responsibilities

- Across all aspects of the SDLC (requirements, design, testing, security)
- Define who is authorized to do what (e.g., sign code, approve code signing action)

## PO.3: Select and utilize supporting SDLC tools

- Select to mitigate risks, automation
- Establish security policies on the tools
- Generate intermediate artifacts to support security policy



**PLAN**



# PREPARE THE ORGANIZATION (PO)

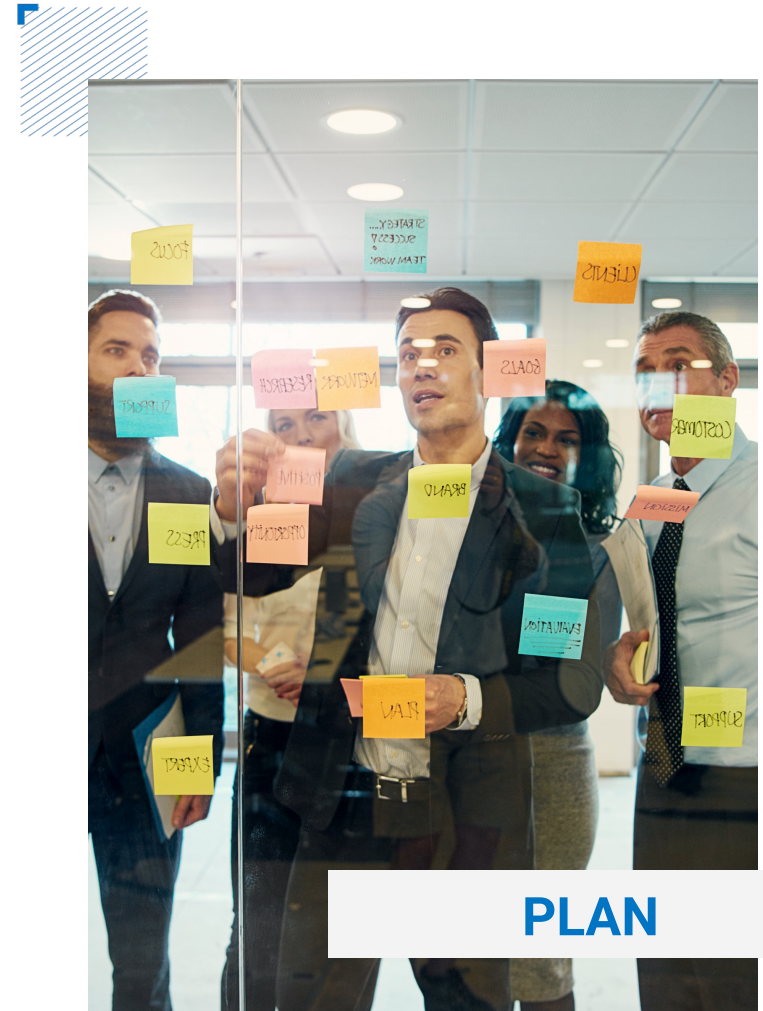
## SDLC security should not be an afterthought

## PO.4: Define & use criteria for software security

- Ensure that criteria helps to manage risks (KPIs)
- Record security check approvals, rejections, and exception requests
- Use toolchains to automate tasks and gather information
- Automate decision making processes
- Only authorized personnel to access information

## PO.5: Implement and maintain secure SDLC environments

- Use multi-factor, risk-based authentication
- Network segmentation
- Minimize human access to toolchain systems
- Separate production from non-production systems

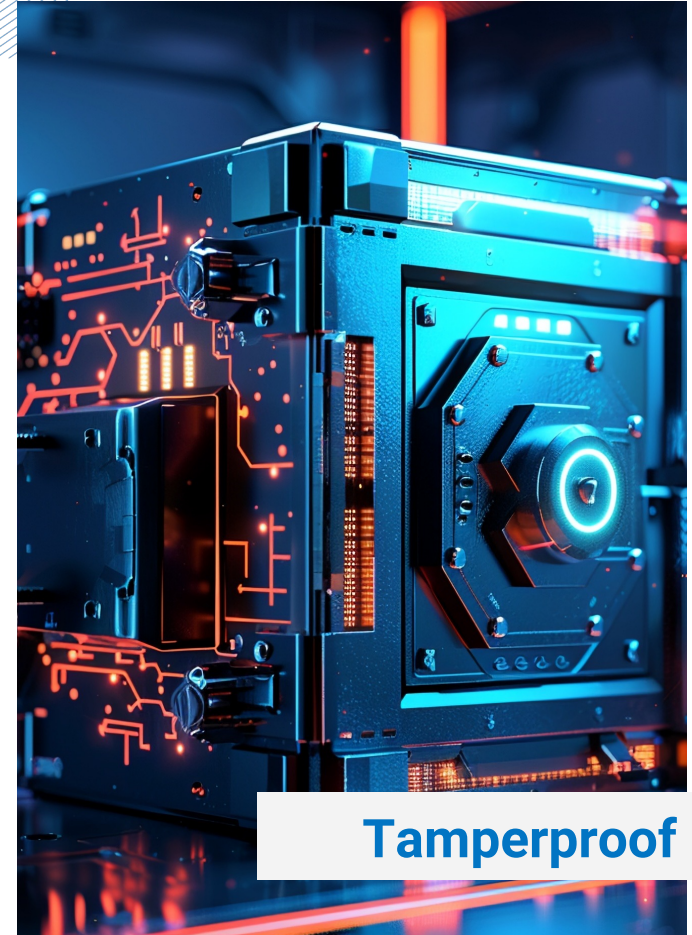


# PROTECT SOFTWARE (PS)

PS.1 Protect all SDLC artifacts from unauthorized access and tampering.

**Store all SDLC artifacts (source, executables, scripts, CaC, etc) in a repository based on least privilege**

- Store all artifacts in a repository and restrict access
- Digitally sign all SDLC artifacts – prevents unauthorized tampering and shows authenticity
- Use version control
- Have owners review and approve changes
- Use code signing to protect the integrity of executables
- Use cryptography to protect file integrity



**Tamperproof**

# PROTECT SOFTWARE (PS)

PS.2 Provide a mechanism for verifying software release integrity

**Make software integrity verification information available to software acquirers/consumers**

- Post cryptographic hashes for release files
- Use an established certificate authority for code signing to consumers can trust can confirm the validity of your signatures
- Periodically review code signing processes, including certificate renewal, rotation, revocation, and protection (AUTOMATE!)



**Tamperproof**

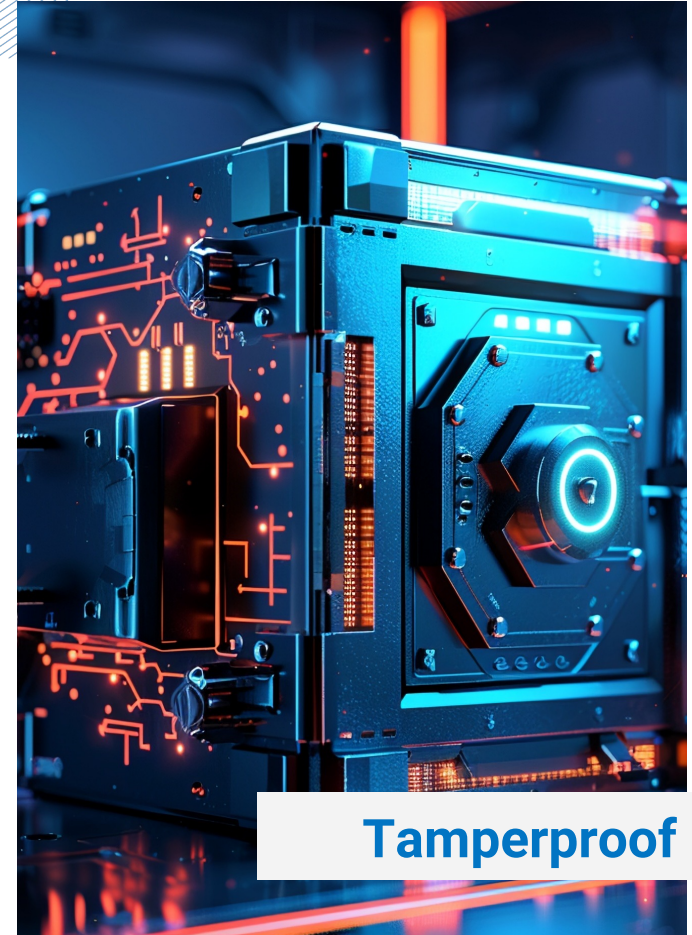


# PROTECT SOFTWARE (PS)

PS.3 Archive and protect each software release

**Make software integrity verification information available to software acquirers/consumers**

- Securely archive all files and supporting data for every software release, including integrity information
- Collect, share, and maintain provenance data for all components of each software release (SBOMs)



**Tamperproof**

# PRODUCE WELL-SECURED SOFTWARE (PW)

## Design and write software to meet security requirements

- Utilize threat modeling/detection, attack modeling/detection
- Utilize built-in support for standardized security features instead of implementing proprietary ones
- Review software design for compliance with security requirements
- Verify that third-party software complies with security requirements
- Follow secure coding practices
- Use SDLC tools that improve executable security
- Perform code reviews to ensure that code adheres to security policies
- Test for security vulnerabilities

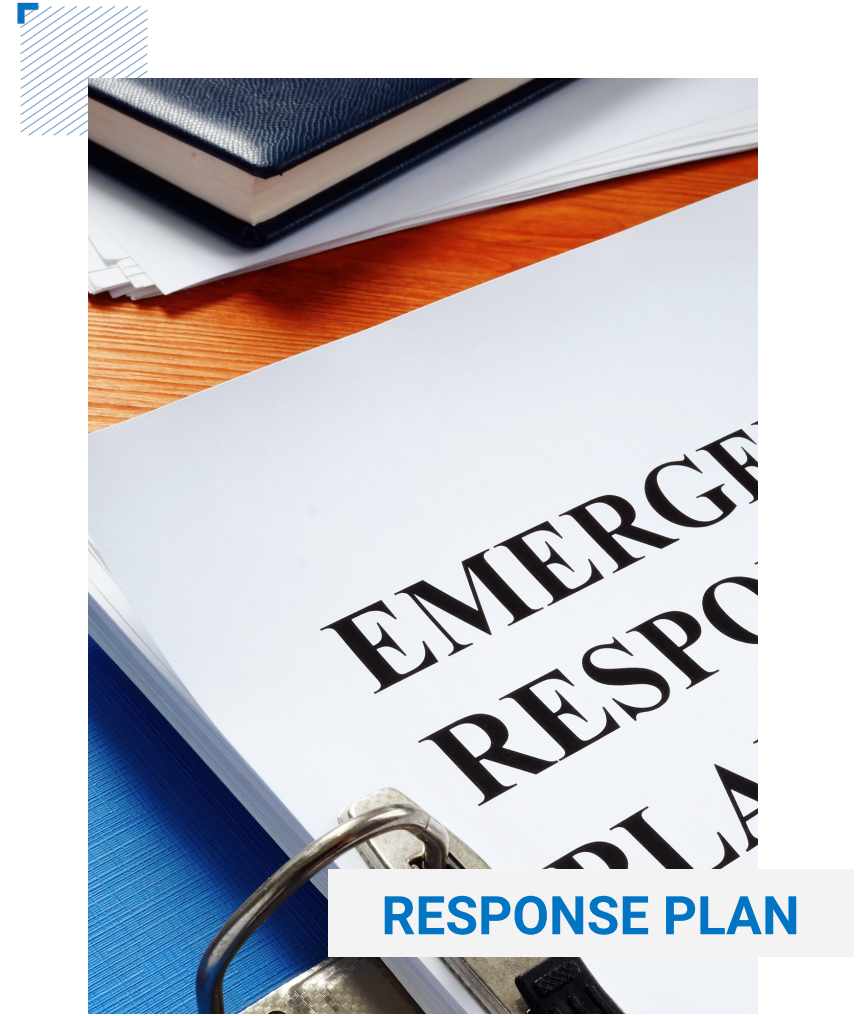


**SECURE  
SOFTWARE**

# RESPOND TO VULNERABILITIES (RV)

**Gather information from various sources about potential vulnerabilities that exist in software components used by your software**

- Creating and maintaining SBOMs for each release imperative for this
- Monitor vulnerability databases
- Use tools to automate
- Create a policy that addresses vulnerability disclosures
- Plan and implement risk responses for vulnerabilities





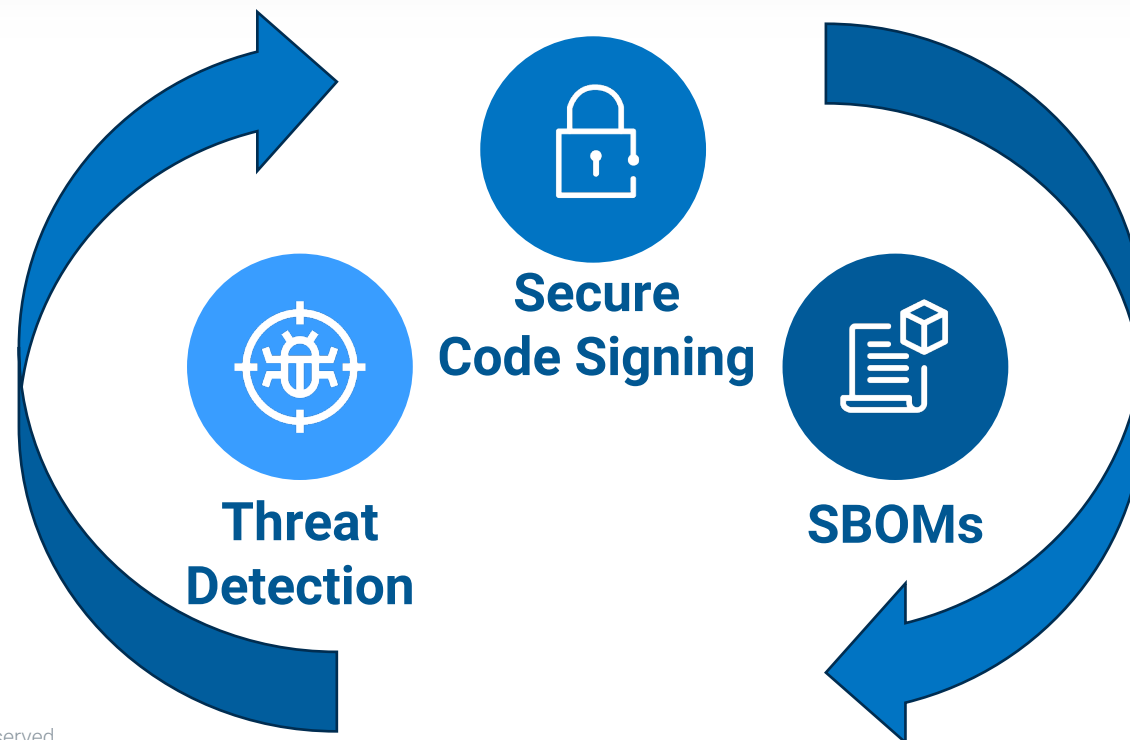
# AUTOMATION IS KEY

when implementing  
frameworks like SSDF

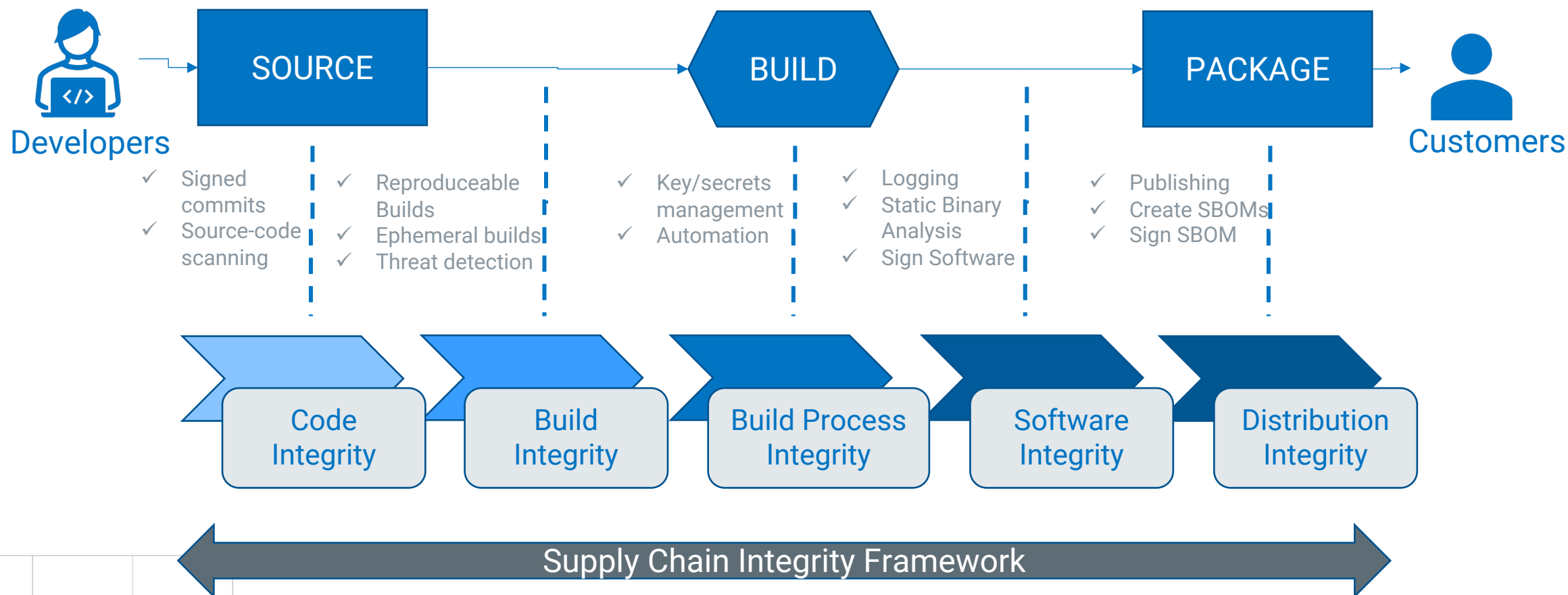


# EMBED THESE ACTIONS IN EVERY RELEASE CYCLE

Threat detection, artifact signing & SBOMs in a unified security workflow



# SOFTWARE INTEGRITY IN PRACTICE



# DIGICERT'S APPROACH

Mobile App  
Dev Team



Linux  
Dev Team



Java  
Dev Team



Cloud App  
Dev Team



Windows  
Dev Team



Enterprise-wide  
Visibility &  
Enforcement

Verifiable  
Authenticity  
throughout SDLC

Integrated Threat  
& Vulnerability  
Detection

Software  
Transparency



PKI  
Support



Product and  
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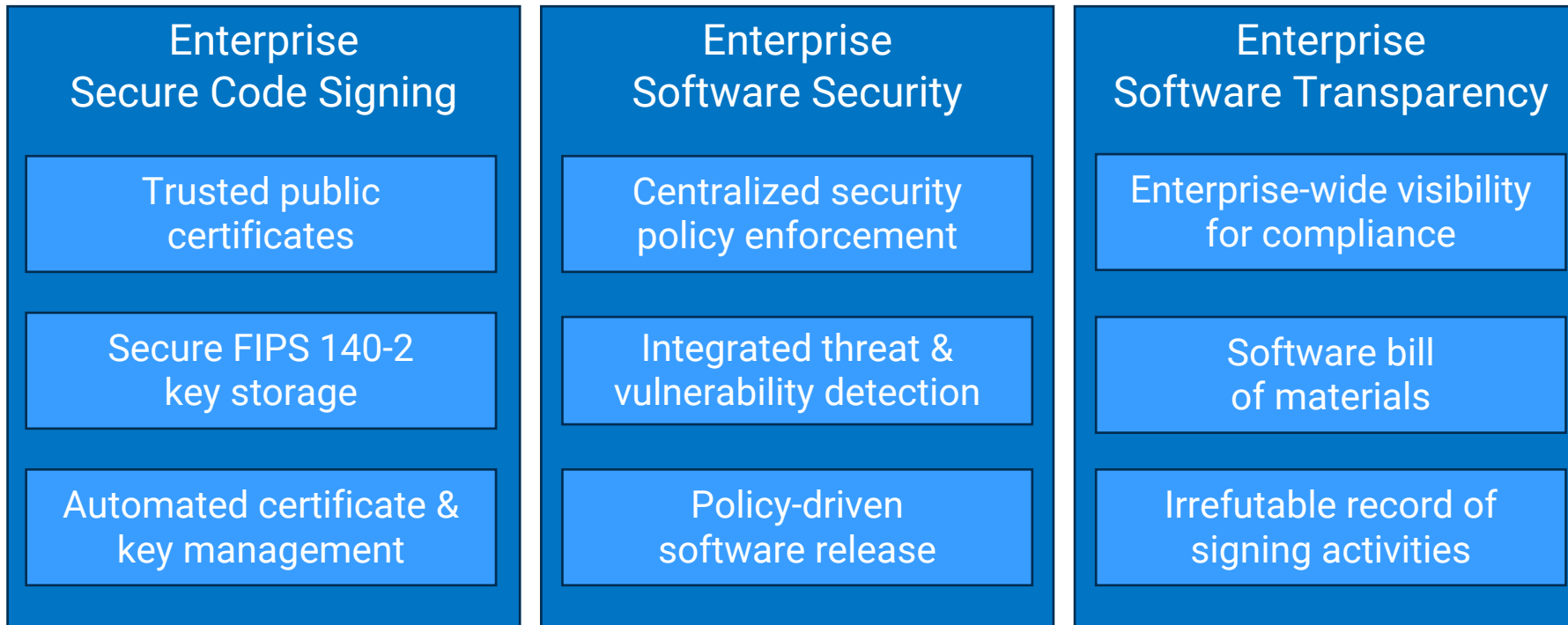


Auditors, Risk,  
& Compliance

- A software lifecycle security platform that:
  - Unifies Dev, PKI support, security, and compliance teams across the enterprise
  - Provides a single pane of glass for visibility
  - Enforces configurable product security controls across the enterprise
  - Integrates and automates deep threat & vulnerability scanning with secure authenticity controls (signing) into build workflows
  - Generates comprehensive software bills of materials
  - Easy and unobtrusive for dev teams to use
  - Easily scales across the enterprise

# DIGICERT SOFTWARE TRUST MANAGER

Protecting the software development lifecycle from supply chain attacks



- **PROTECTS** against software supply chain attacks
- **REDUCES RISKS** of releasing compromised software
- **INCREASES EFFICIENCY** of software, security, and compliance teams

**Embedded software | Enterprise software | Cloud native software**  
Windows | Linux | macOS | iOS | Android | Kubernetes

# SUMMARY



# DIGICERT SOFTWARE TRUST MANAGER

Threat detection, secured code signing & SBOMs in a unified security workflow that is integrated, fast, easy, and automated for developers



## Threat Detection

- 25B+ threat database
- Complete binary scanning
- Low impact to CI/CD

## Secure Code Signing

- Secured private keys
- Role-based access control
- Enterprise-wide visibility and signing policy

## SBOMs

- Deep binary decomposition
- 3rd party & open source
- Regulatory compliance