

# NEW SECURITY MODELS FOR CLOUD-NATIVE ARCHITECTURE

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The move to cloud-native has a profound impact on security posture and operations.

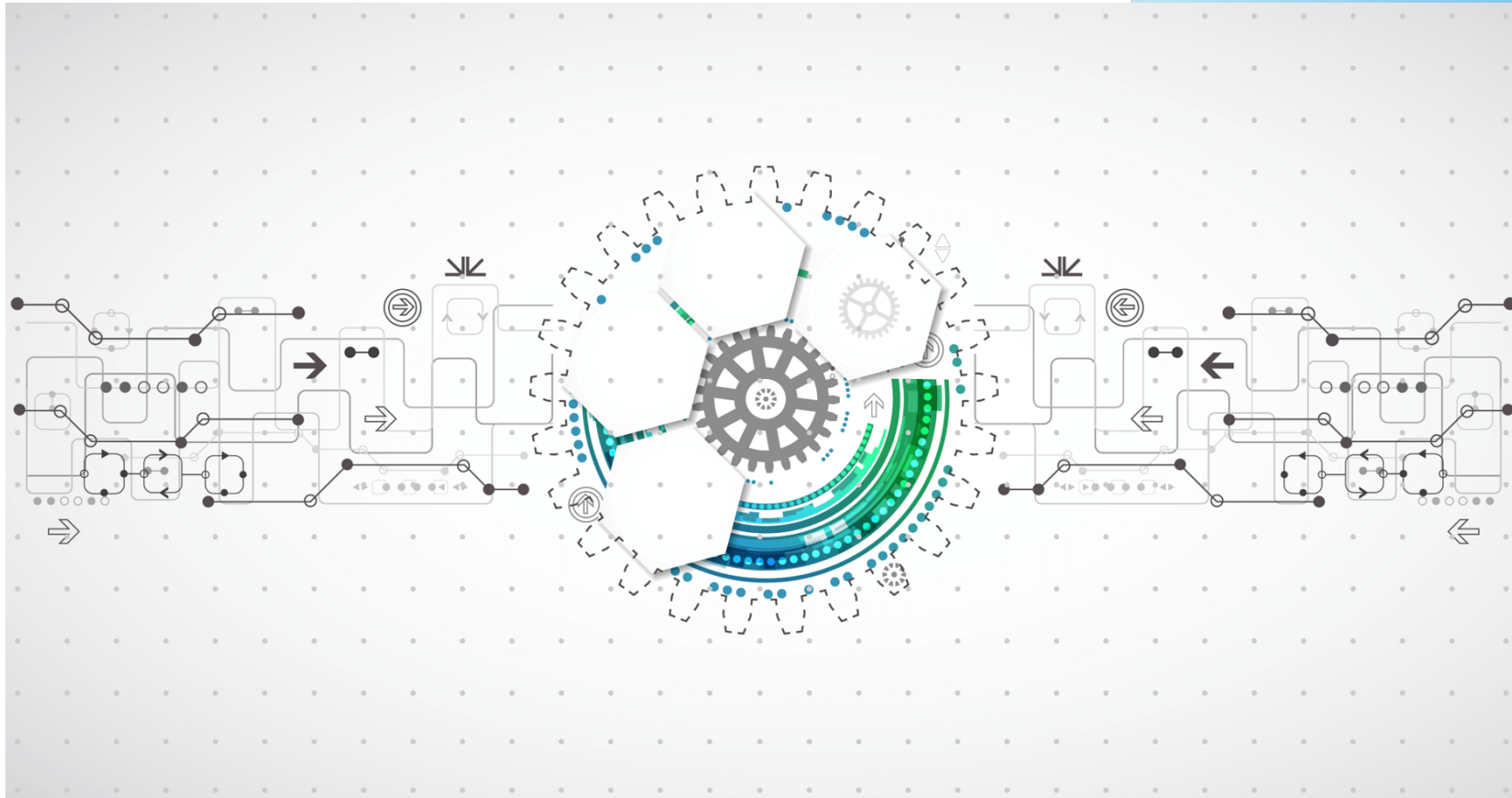




# Containerization

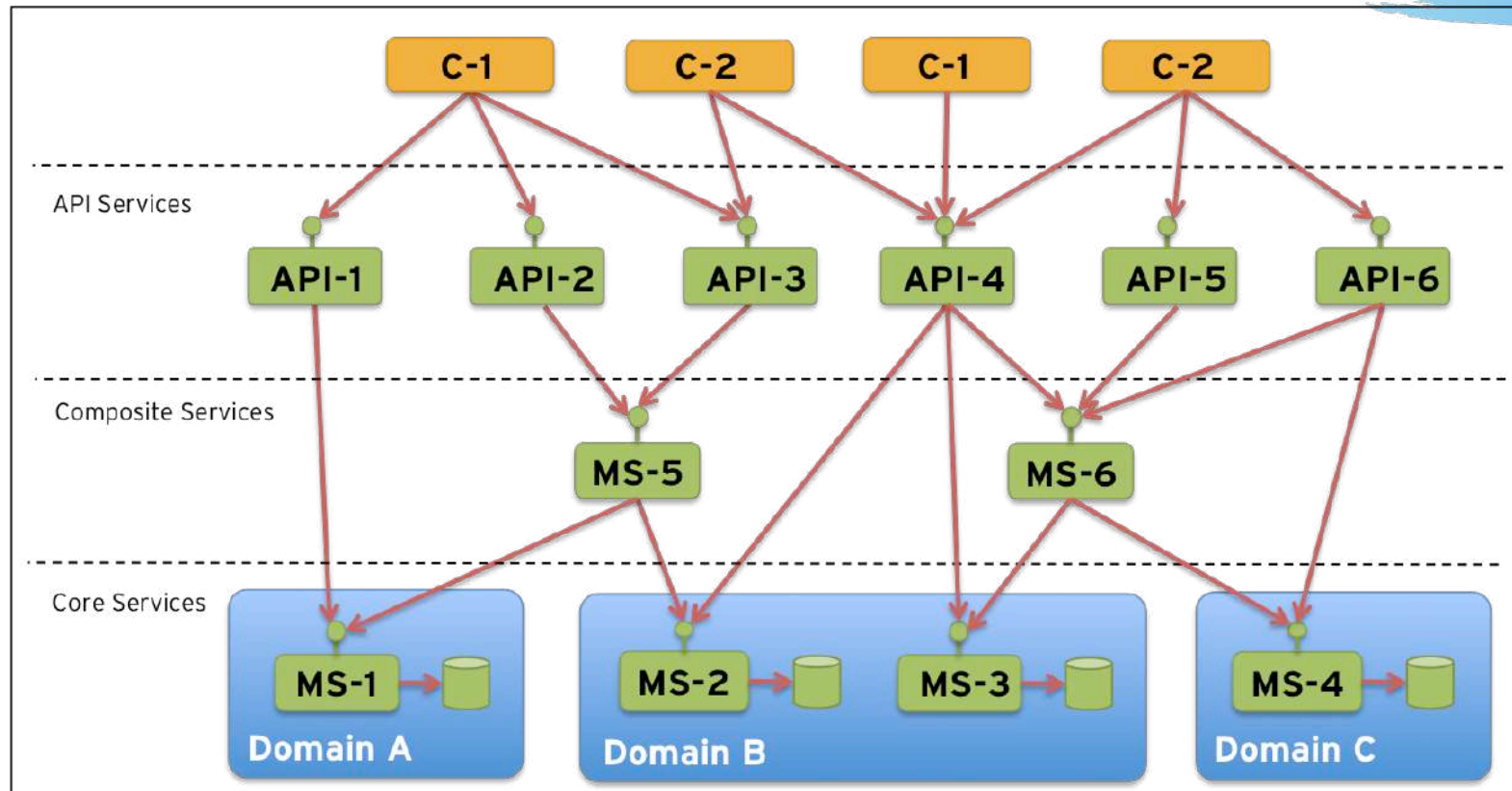
# Serverless computing





# CI/CD and automation

# Microservices







Ephemeral workloads.

# The Service Mesh, AKA distributed systems.







Implications.

The notions of an “application” running on a “machine” in a persistent “state” are obsolete.





Distributed architectures introduce unpredictable dynamics and unanticipated failure modes.

Security policies that are blind to service-to-service communications will fail.





Controls that lack horizontal scalability cannot keep pace.



DevOps is challenging organizing principles that have driven enterprise security operations for years.

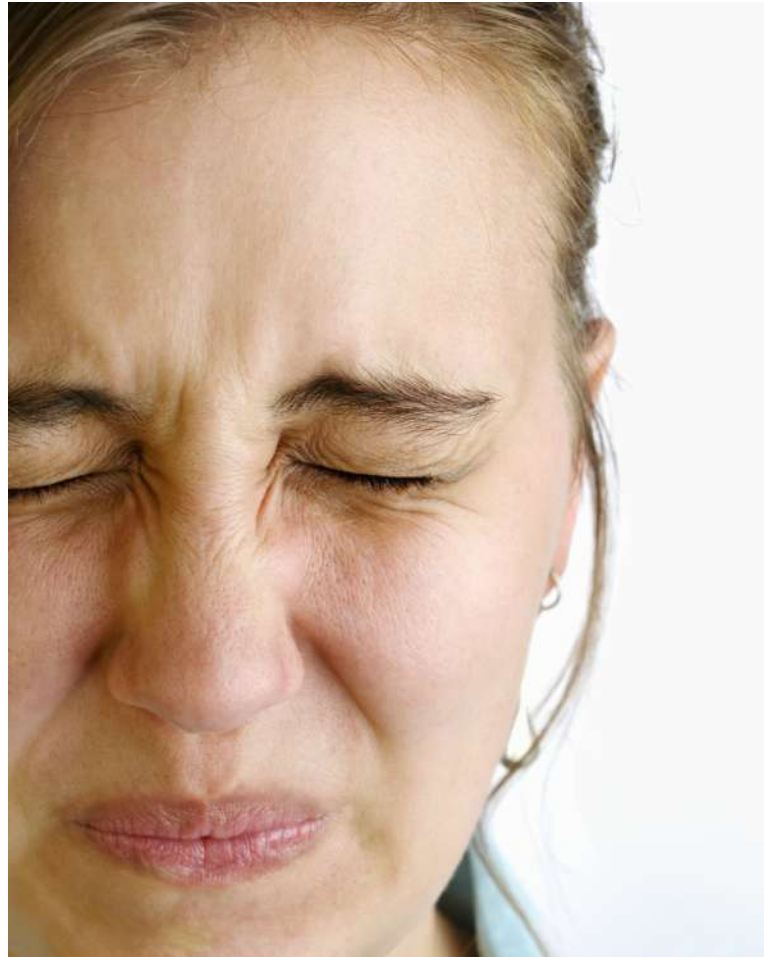


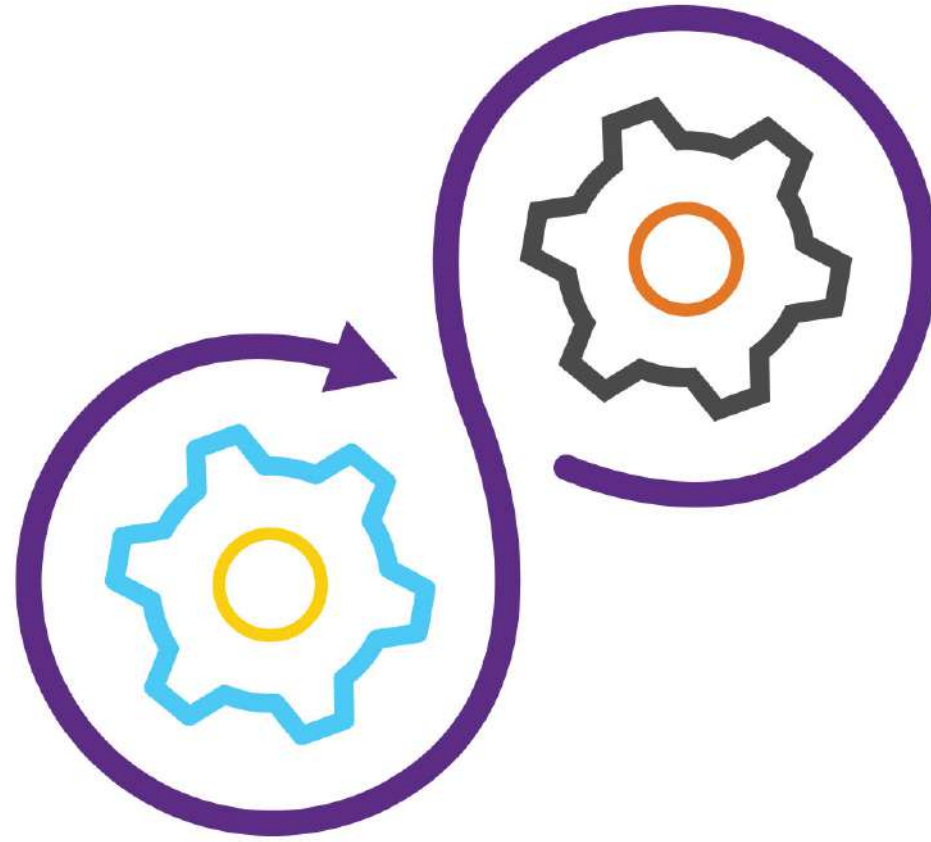




The logical conclusion?

“DevSecOps”.  
Or some variation on that theme.





Continuous security pipelines.

It's also an opportunity.





Bring security into architectural and organizational alignment with the systems they protect.

# Technical and Operational (Cultural)







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By looking at pioneers, we can see where enterprises need to head.

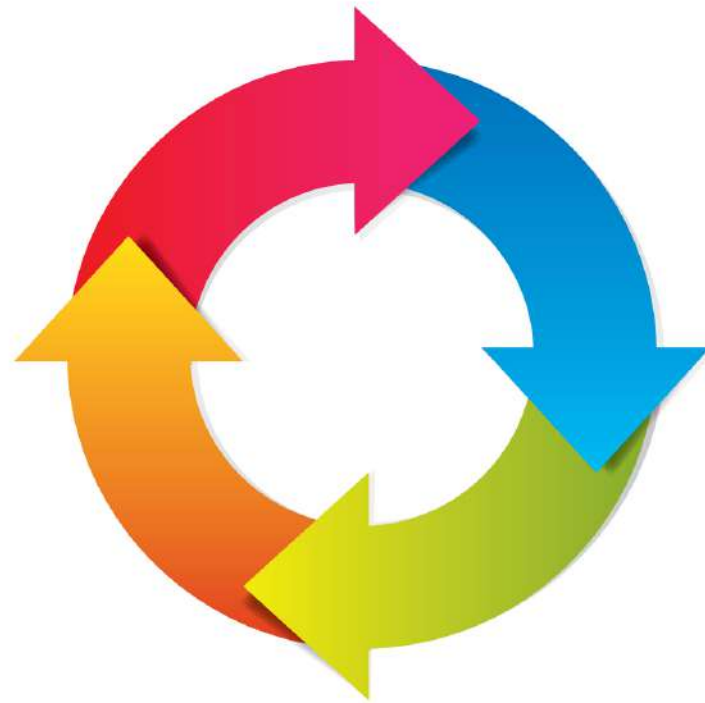
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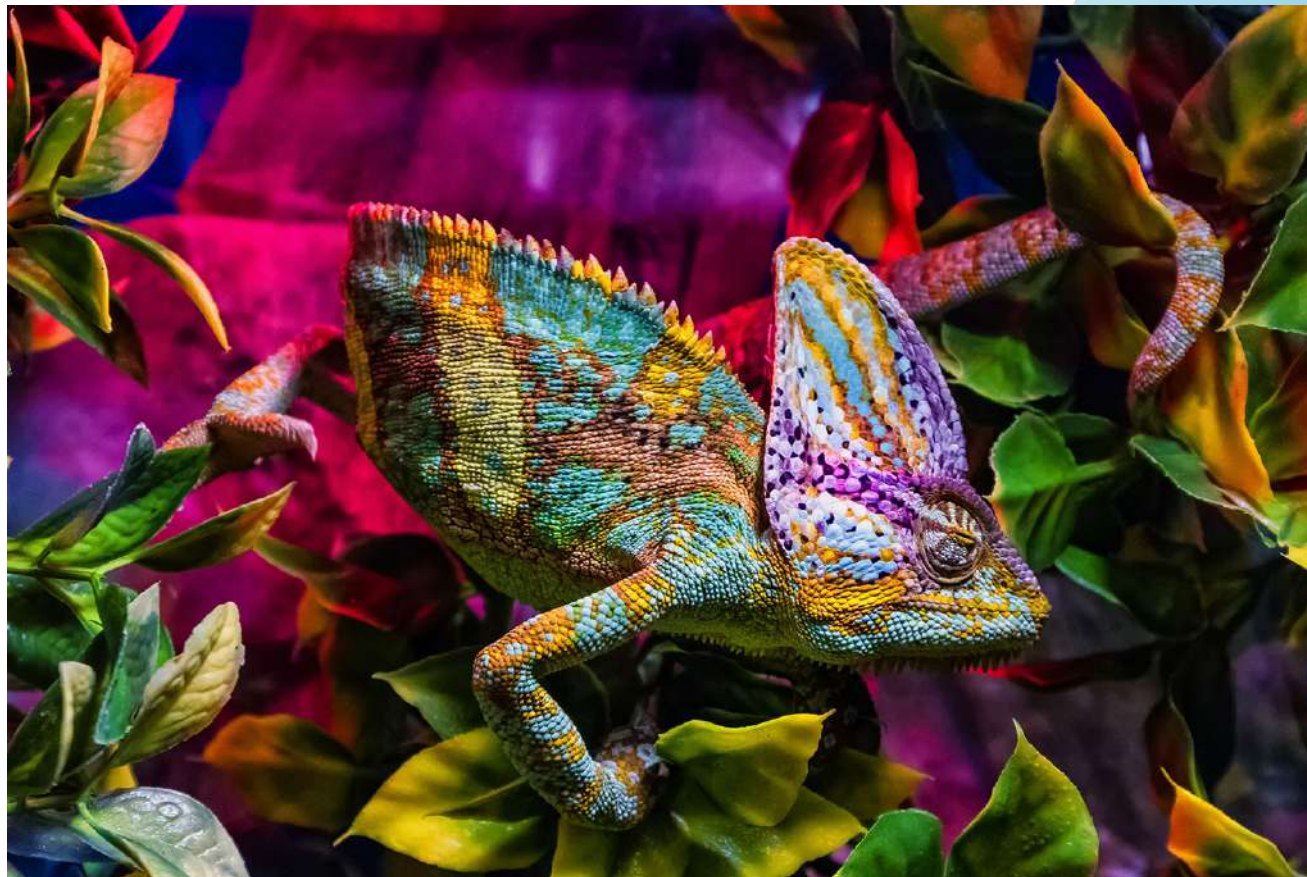


Extensive, real-time observability.

Rapid, iterative feedback loops.







Controls that adapt.

# An engineering approach to security problems.







Several examples:  
Envoy Proxy  
Chaos Engineering  
Detection Engineering

# Detection Engineering\*



\*See Rain Capital paper for deeper detail and case study

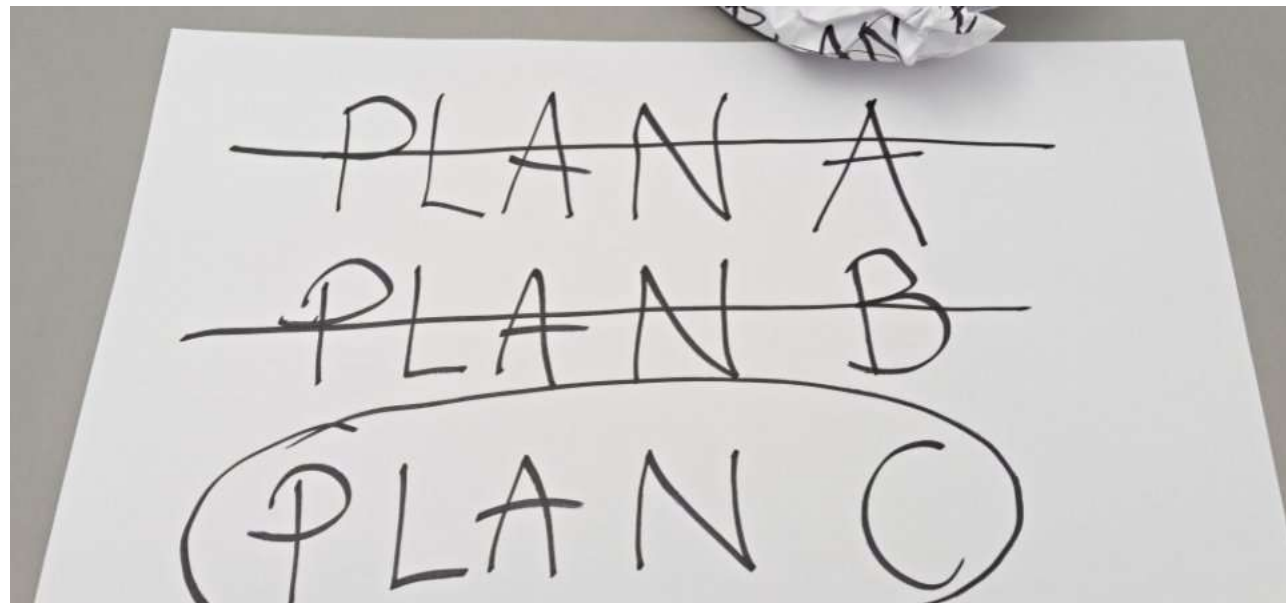
# Detection

Most enterprises have invested significantly more in prevention than they have in detection.



But products focused on prevention are failing.

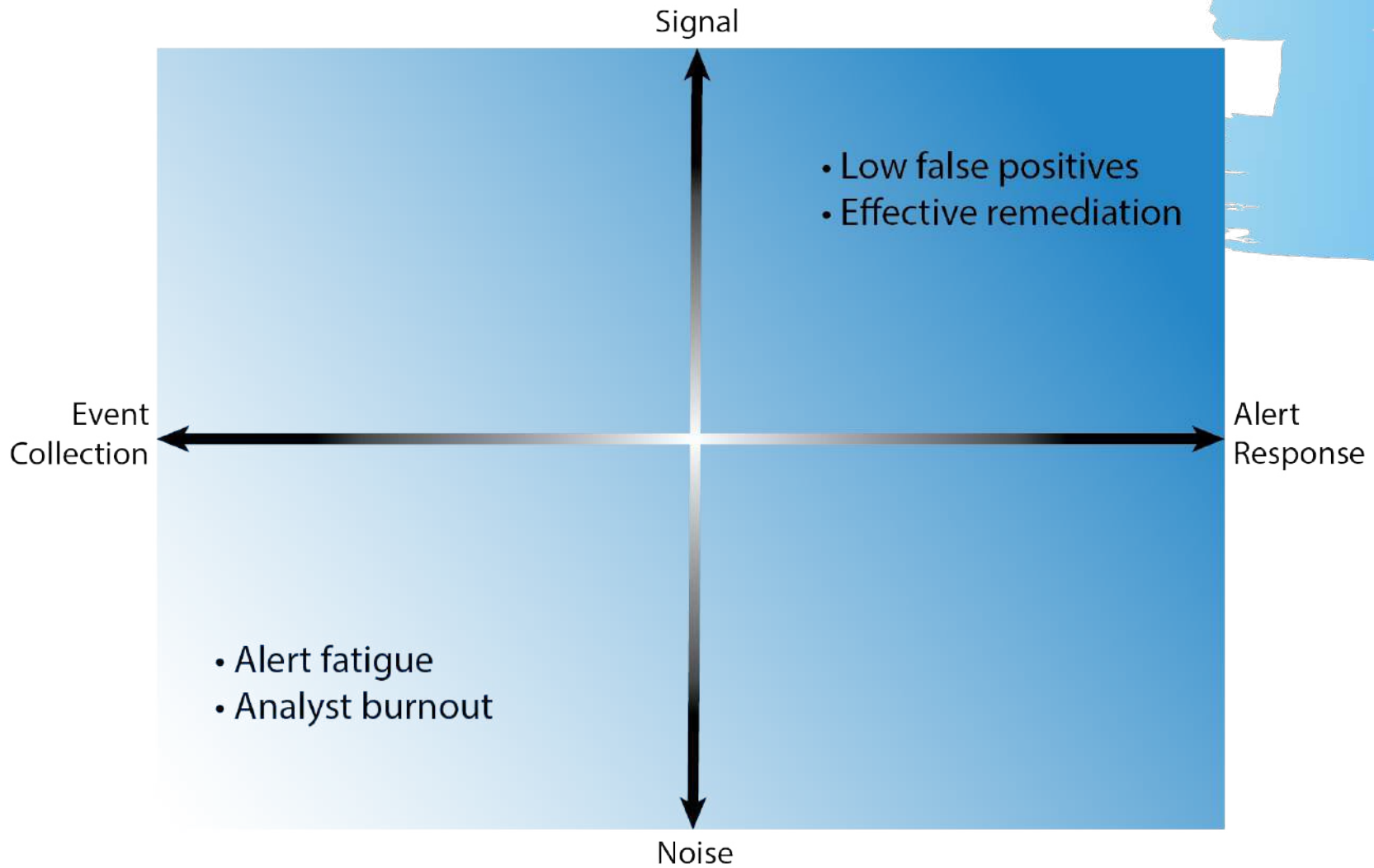
Assume you've been breached.



# Engineering

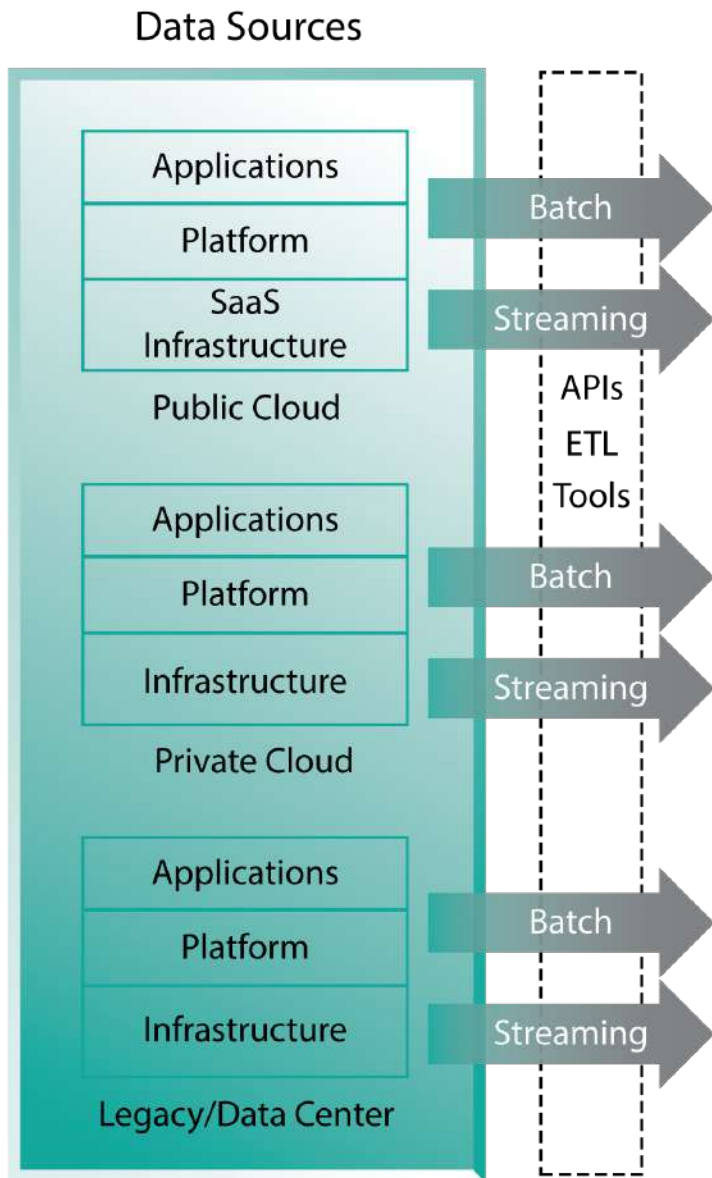
Massive volumes of alerts and logs make centralized, manual processing ineffective and unsustainable.





# Detection Engineering

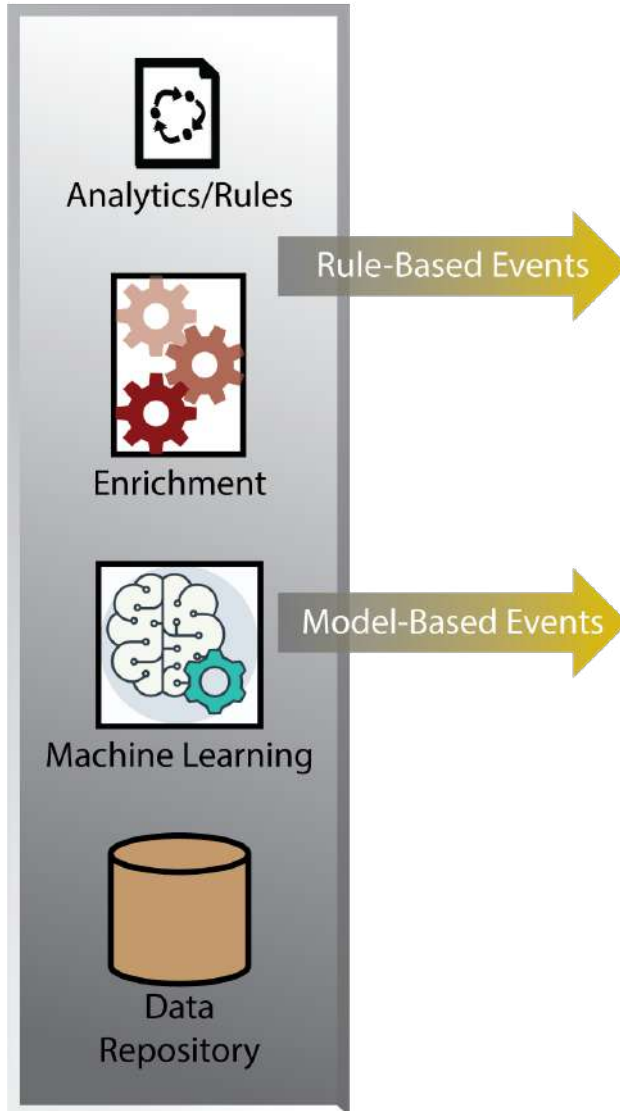
The continuous process of deploying, tuning, and operating automated infrastructure for finding active threats and orchestrating responses.



- “The person who logs the data should be the person who consumes that data.”
- Cloud-native systems require new tools and instrumentation
- The Envoy Proxy\* is one example
- Batch as necessary
- But instrument to stream data in real time whenever possible
- Zipkin, a distributed trace system for microservices

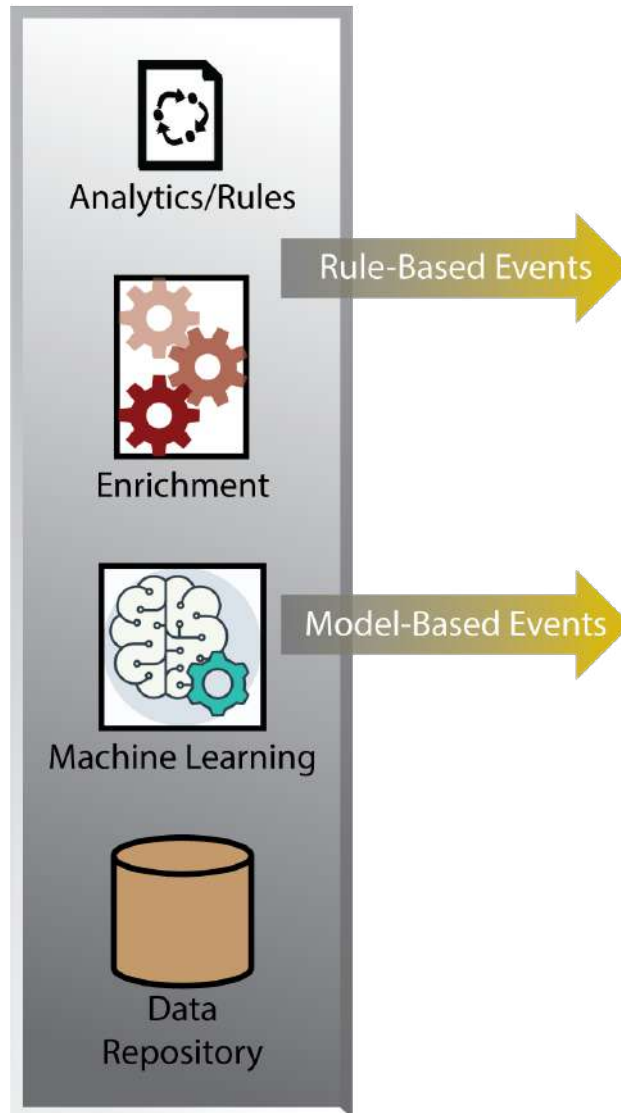
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## Event Pipelines



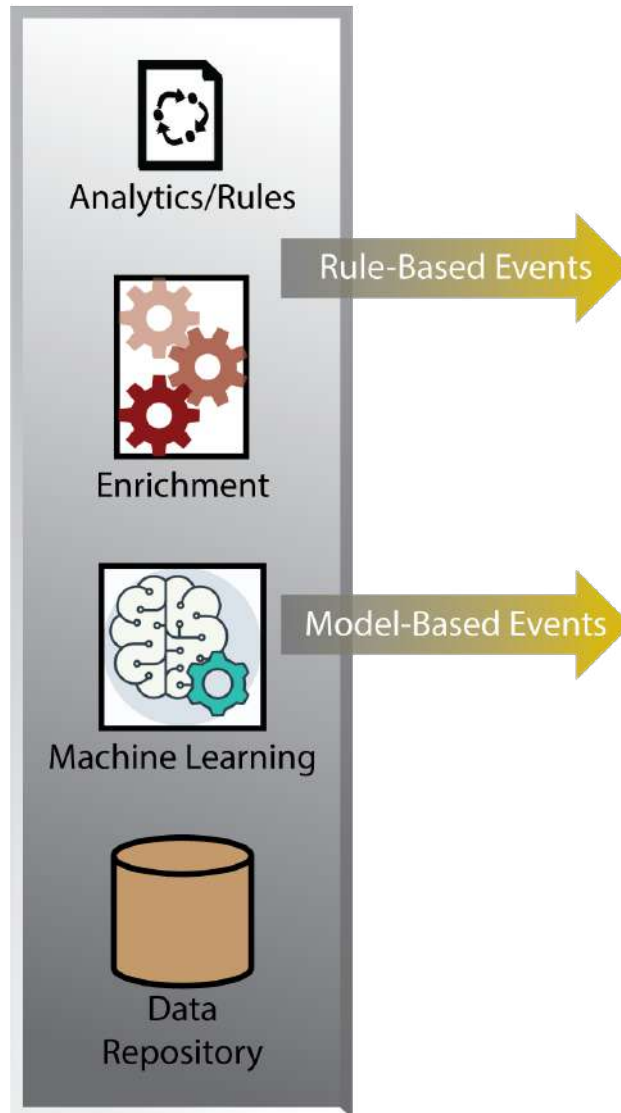
- Avoid normalizing event data
- Create pipelines for each data source, base workflow on data in that system
- Templates, reusable modules streamline work on common types
  
- Define a rigorous framework for events, rules, and alerts
- See Palantir's post
- Follow engineering standards for software dev: peer review, version-controlled repository
- Dev, refinement part of standard security processes, such as post-incident reviews

## Event Pipelines



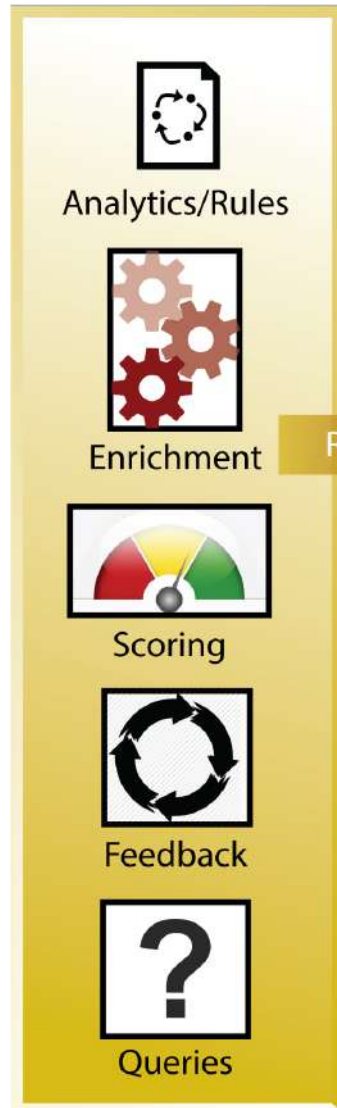
- Rules generate events
- Machine learning, feature extraction algorithms build models of actions
- Anomalies generate model-based events
- Less expensive automation enriches event data, improves quality
- Passing only events that warrant investigation

## Event Pipelines



- Apache Kafka is Netflix's event pipeline backbone
- For rules /analytics engine, Netflix uses Apache Spark, moving to Apache Flink
- Apache Hive is the data warehouse

## Correlation Engine



- Typically a data analytics platform for scoring events
- Rules drive alert creation
- Creating context with more enrichment
- Accounts involved, security classification, who they work for, contact info, privilege levels, etc.
- Automated comms like Slackbots, reach out to get confirmations of activity or more info
- Rules determine response
- Alert a human, invoke automation, or both



## Correlation Engine



- Netflix uses Elasticsearch (data analytics platform for its streaming service)
- Enriches event data via GraphQL queries to APIs on relevant systems

## Response Orchestration



Automated Responses

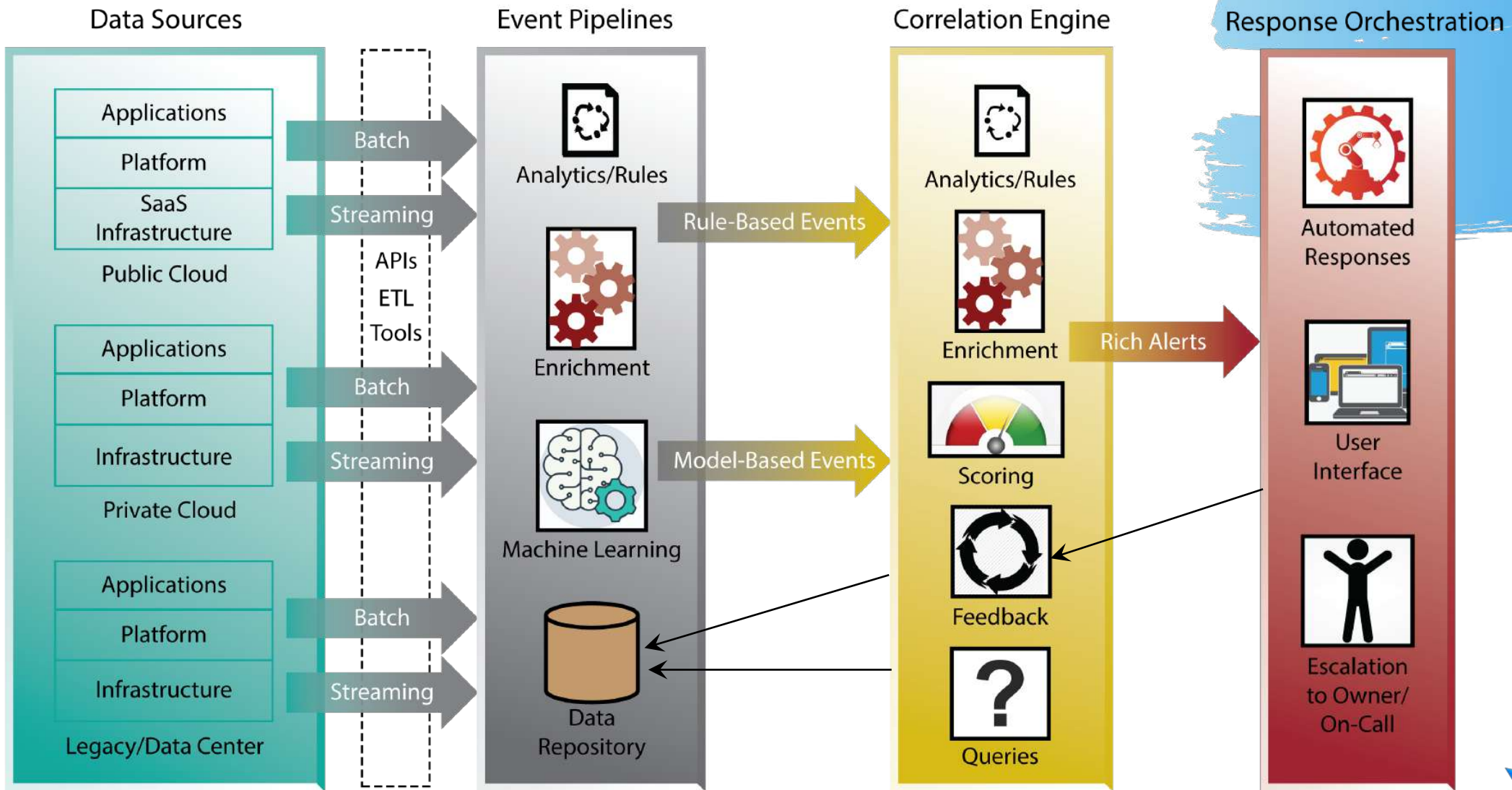


User Interface



Escalation to Owner/  
On-Call

- Automate common fixes
- Or, alert includes option to invoke automation
- Comms bring relevant players into the loop
- Netflix has developed automated forensics, with Diffy



All well and good, but we can't build our own.





Candidates include Capsule8\*, the Elastic Stack (ELK), MistNet, and Splunk.

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# Operational Implications: DevOps, culture, and decentralization.

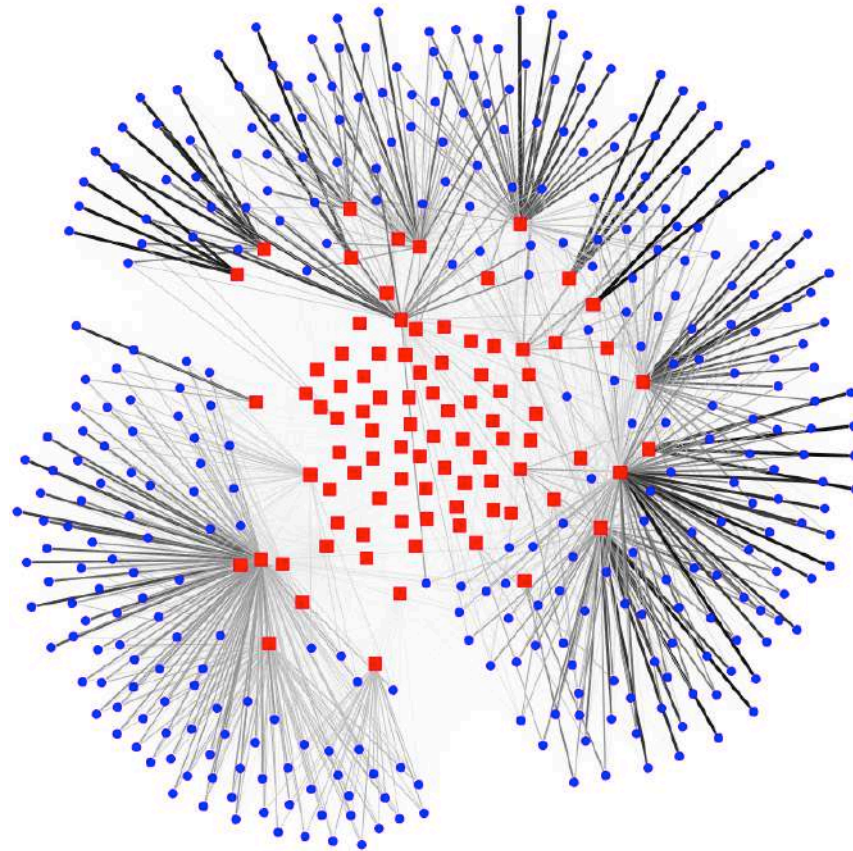


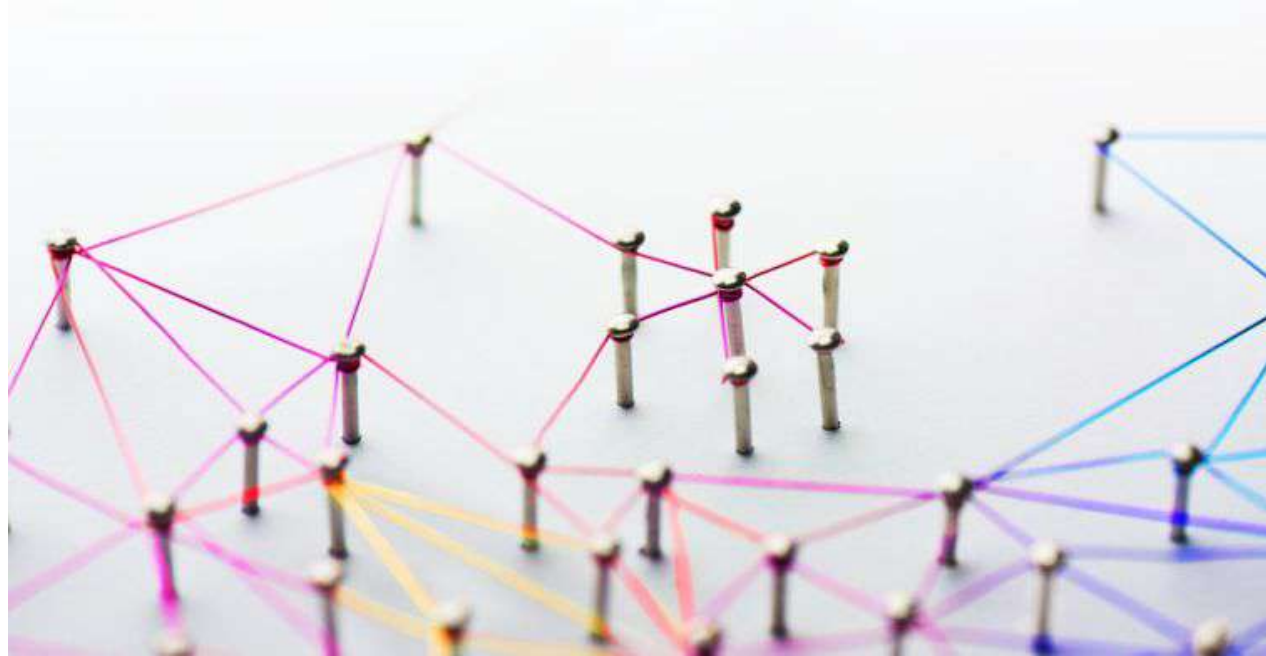




Requires taking a hard look at the traditional SOC.

Assumption: Centralized analyst team understands most (or all) of an organization's systems . . .

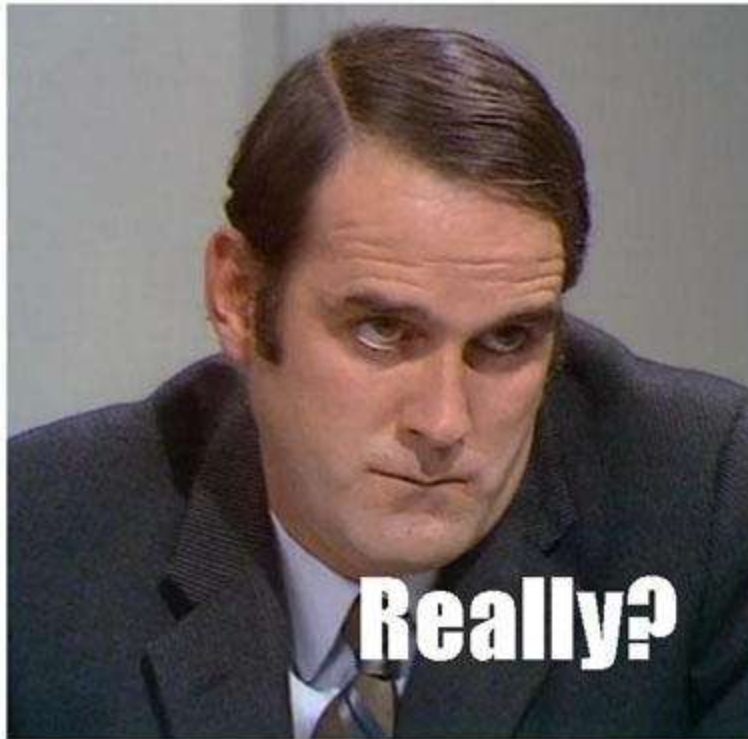




. . . has experience with most (or all) of the organization's security systems . . .

. . . and can define and analyze threats.

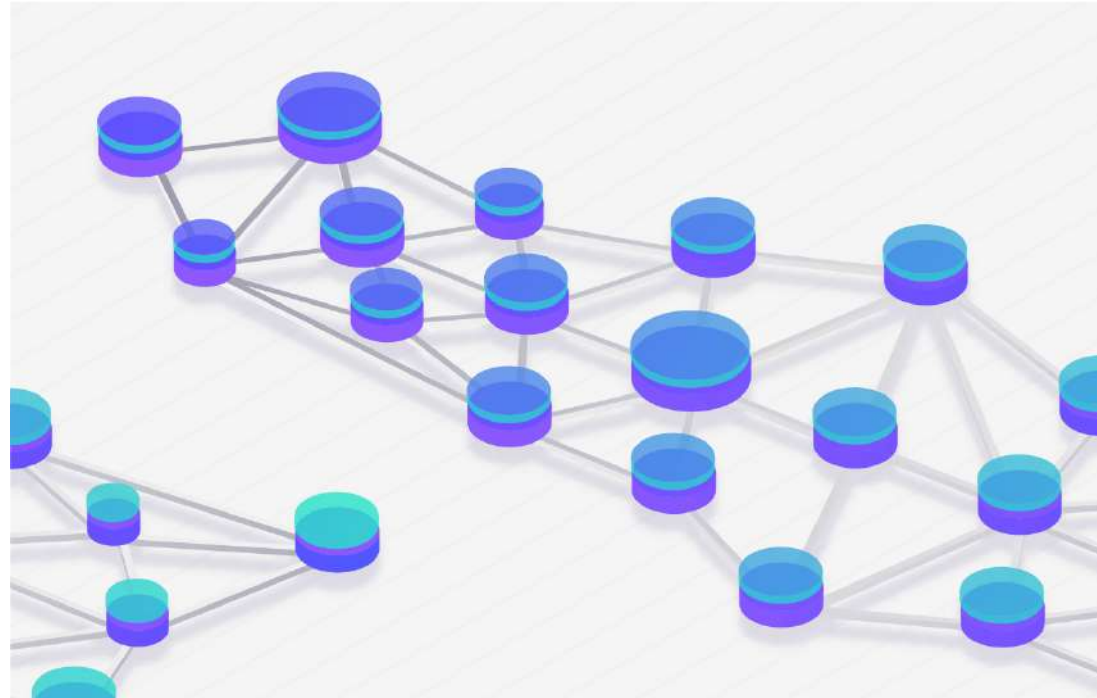




The "SOC-less enterprise".

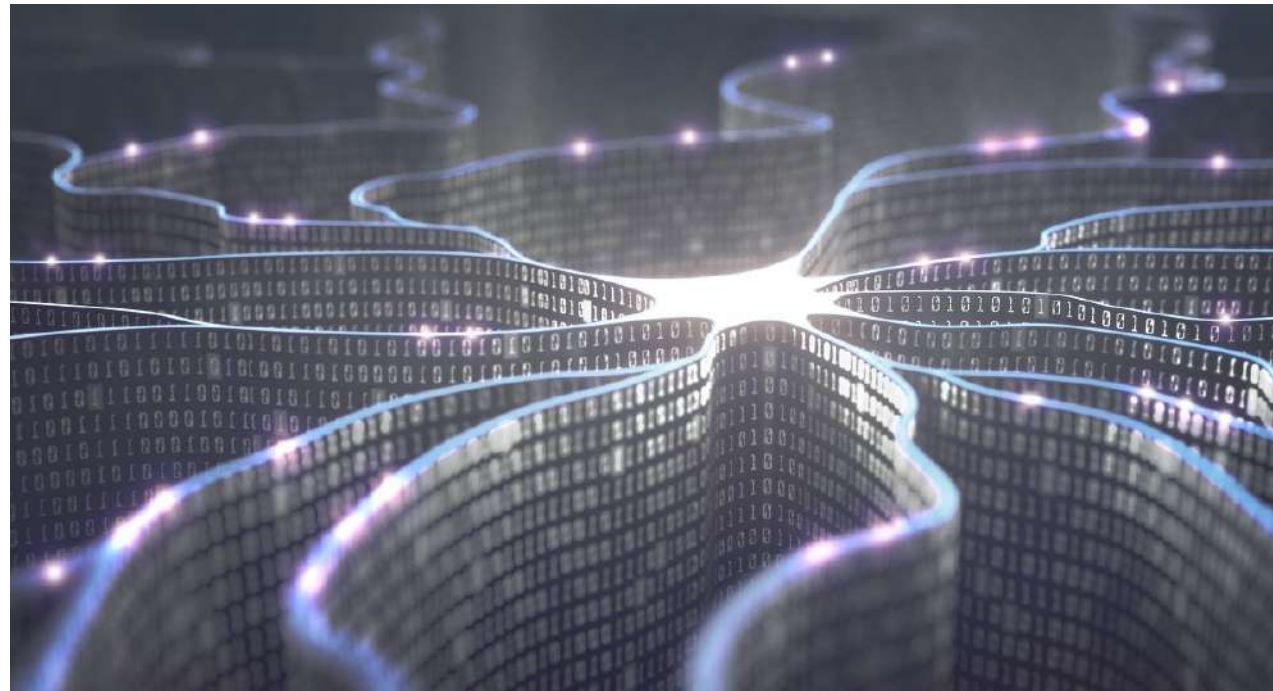






It's about decentralizing those capabilities.

Integrating security functions and people more directly with the DevOps process.





Moving alert triage to system owner/on-call,  
whether a security or application team.

Assumption: With good detection engineering,  
you can bring developers and system owners  
up to speed on a security alert . . .





. . . more easily than you can teach a security person the details of a production system.

With context and enrichment, alerts can tell system owners what an alert means, give them a set of response options.

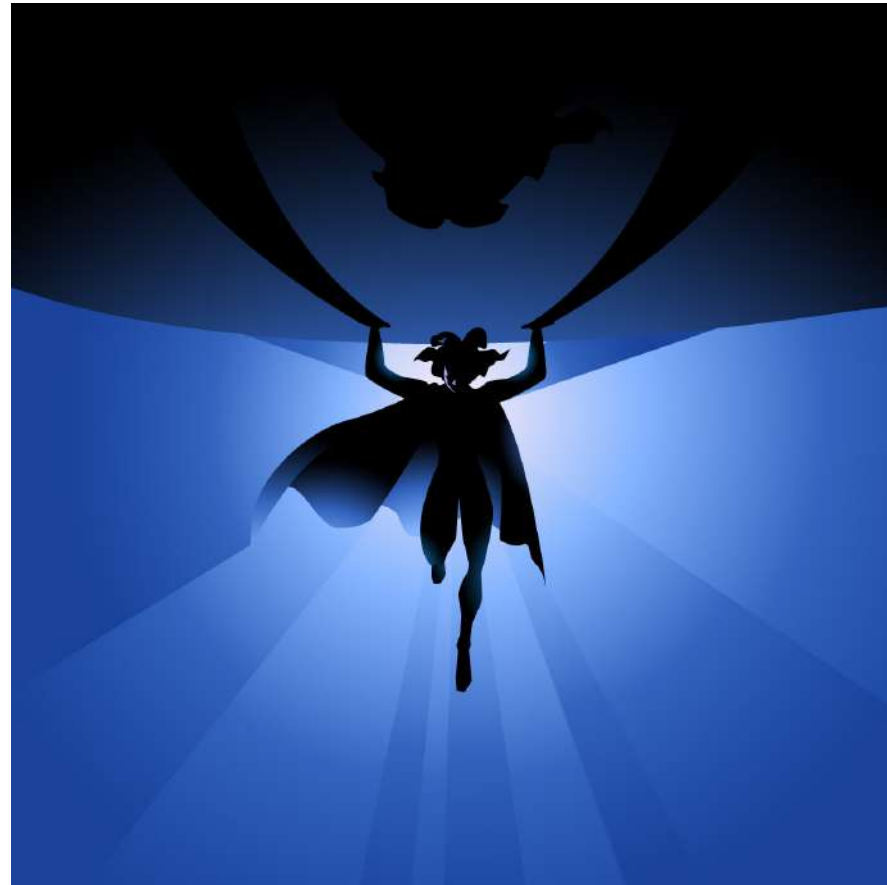






Accountability for reliability extends to  
accountability for security.

(But responsibility for both the quality of and the response to the alert rests with the security team.)





"That's all great. But we're not Netflix."

When and how depends on your business, your risk profile.



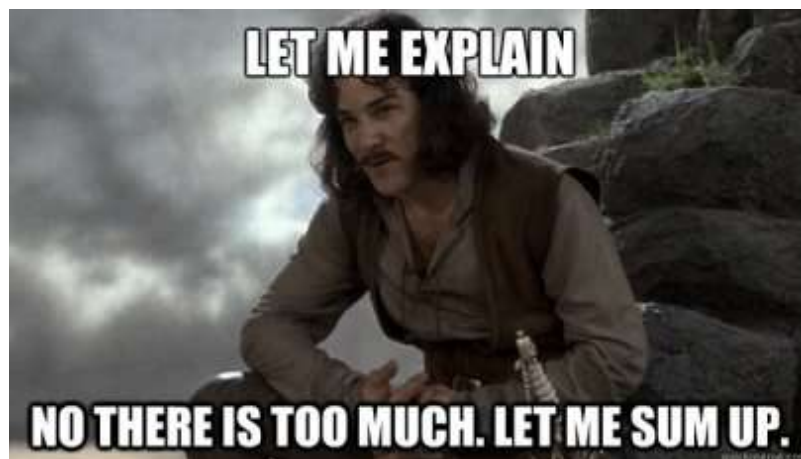


And how fast and far you go with cloud-native.

Build a roadmap that leads to a more decentralized or hybrid security organization.

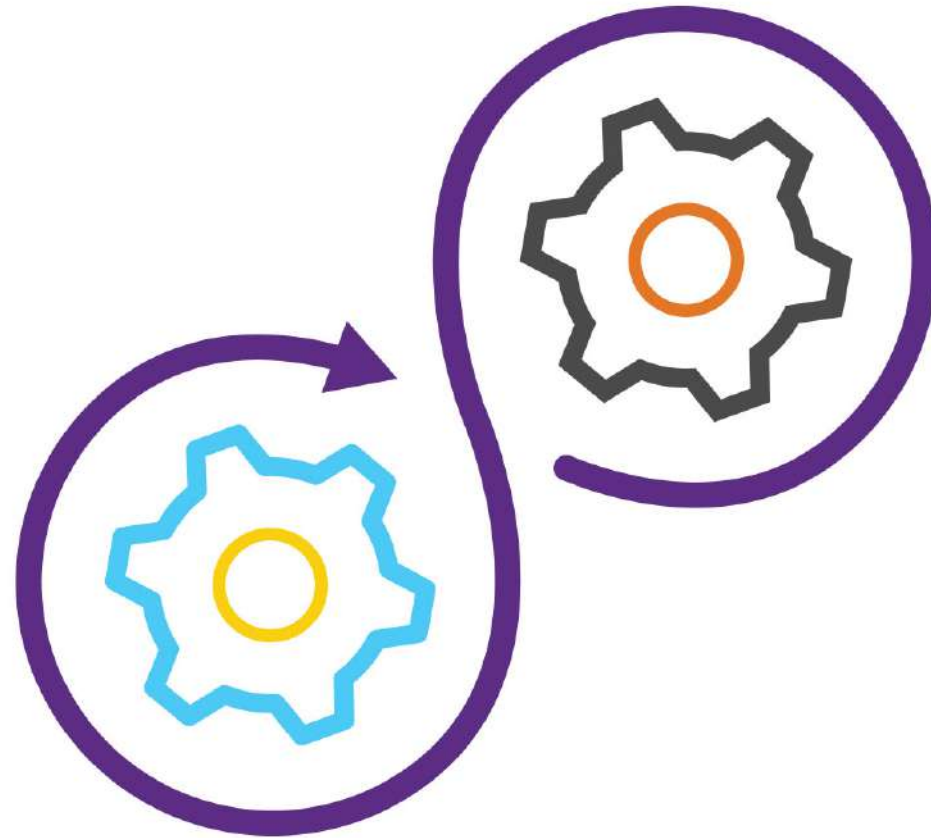






In conclusion . . .

Aligning security with the cloud-native technology stack and DevOps mindset means creating continuous security pipelines.





# Detection Engineering

One way organizations can accomplish that goal.

Enterprises moving to cloud-native technologies should consider how and when to incorporate these practices into their security programs.





Being careful to understand the importance that culture change plays in successfully making that transition.

Thank you.



## Links:

- [DevSecOps and Detection Engineering: New Approaches To Security](#) (Rain Report)
- [Security Chaos Engineering](#) (Rain Report)
- [Envoy Is the Real Deal](#) (Rain Blog post)
- [Palantir Alert Framework](#)
- [Netflix presentation on automated forensics](#)



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