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# HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY MANAGE THE PIVOT FROM DEVOPS TO DEVSECOPS

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*"We cannot ensure success, but we can deserve it" – John Adams*

# Agenda

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| Forever! |   | • <b>We All Fight 495 Traffic</b>                           |
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*"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes"*  
– Oscar Wilde

# Who Am I

*(not the Unix command 'whoami'!)*

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WHOAMI(1)                                General Commands Manual                                WHOAMI(1)

NAME
    whoami - display effective user id

SYNOPSIS
    whoami

DESCRIPTION
    The whoami utility has been obsoleted by the id(1) utility, and is
    equivalent to "id -un". The command "id -p" is suggested for normal
    interactive use.

    The whoami utility displays your effective user ID as a name.

EXIT STATUS
    The whoami utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

SEE ALSO
    id(1)
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*“When you change the way you look at things,  
the things you look at change” - Max Planck*

# Who Am I



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# Quiz!

**QUESTION:** According to the 2022 Verizon Data Breach Investigation Report, how many cybersecurity attacks took place in 2021 against APIs?

A) 1M

B) 500M

C) 7B

D) 50B

**ANSWER: C) 7 Billion!**



# Overview

*“The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt” – Bertrand Russell*

- PMBOK refined and updated to fully embrace Agile
- DevOps has led since the 2010s
- Security wasn't part of DevOps... ugh!
- DevSecOps emerged and has rapidly taken off ... but not without many challenges
- Best practices & lessons learned support the DevOps to DevSecOps pivot
- PM processes can easily be tailored to support DevSecOps ... but there are some landmines that you must avoid

*A project without security is not a viable project – as PM Professionals we must embrace processes that improve the cybersecurity posture of all projects*

*“Difficulties are just things to overcome, after all”  
– Sir Ernest Shackleton*

# Scope of Cybersecurity



The utilization of cybersecurity is no longer a *'nice to have'* – it is now a *"must have"* requirement for any trusted, modern organization of any size

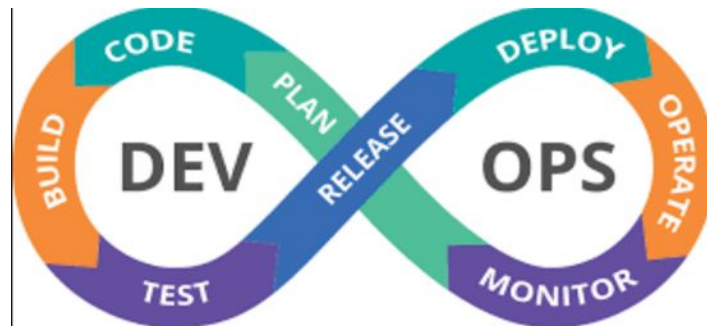


*“Formal education will make you a living;  
self-education will make you a fortune” – Jim Rohn*

# DevOps vs DevSecOps

## DevOps

“DevOps is the combination of cultural philosophies, practices, and tools that increases an organization’s ability to deliver applications and services at high velocity” – Amazon Web Services



## DevSecOps

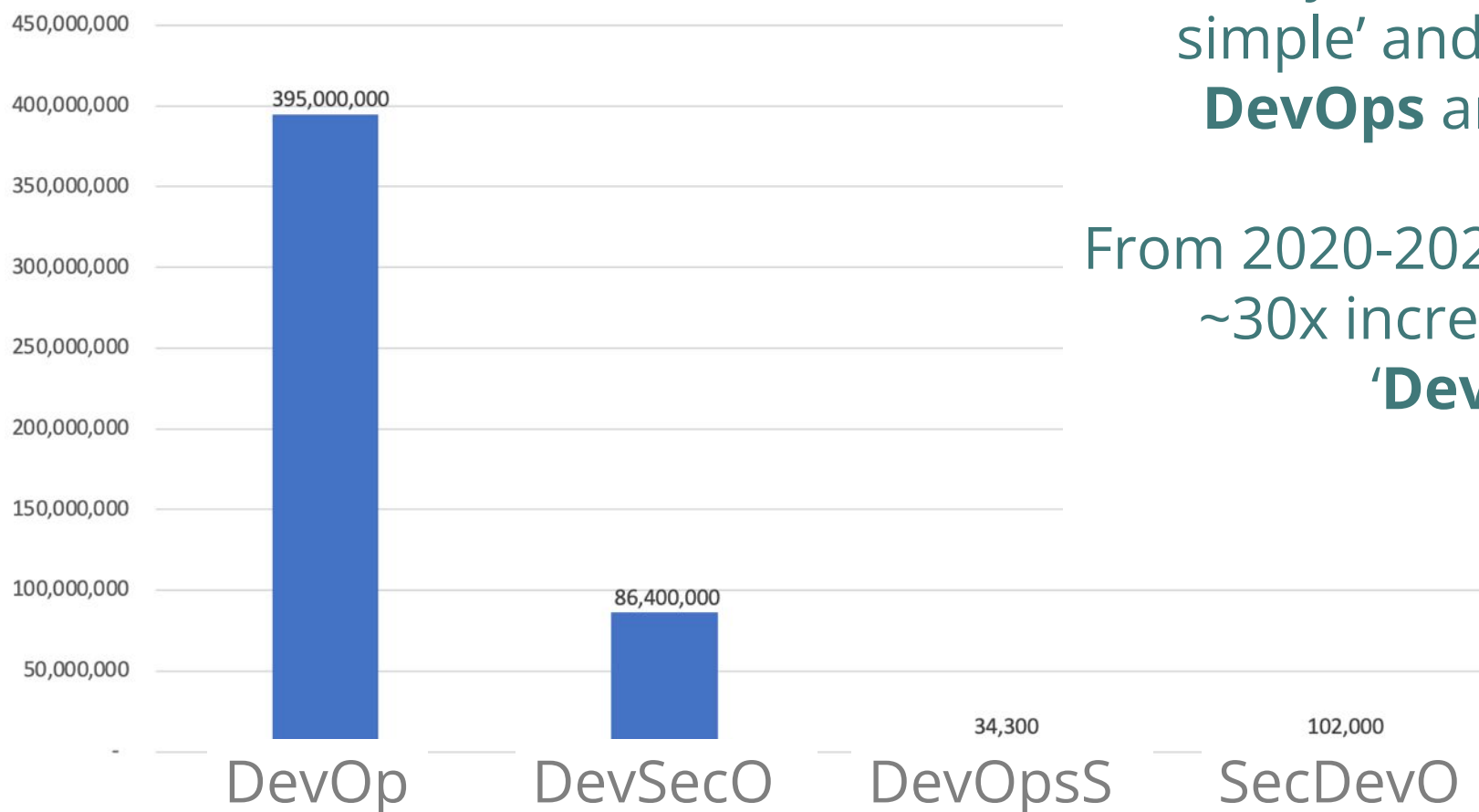
“DevSecOps means thinking about app and infrastructure security from the start. It also means automating security gates to keep the DevOps workflow from slowing down” – Red Hat



*“The universal aptitude to ineptitude makes any human accomplishment an incredible miracle” – Colonel John Paul Stapp*

# Wait, What Do We Call it?

Google Search Results



Industry consensus is to ‘keep it simple’ and standardize on  
**DevOps** and **DevSecOps**

From 2020-2023 there has been a  
~30x increase in usage of  
**‘DevSecOps’**

*"We have to find a way of making the important measurable, instead of making the measurable important" – Robert McNamara*

# Is Injecting Sec into DevOps Worth It?



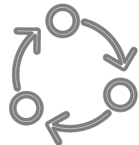
Increases software lifecycle predictability



Automating security review processes for minimizes time-to-deploy



Reduced downtime provides a softer cushion for unforeseen events



Secure automation reduces mistakes and eliminates human error



Pre-production code security tools allow vulnerabilities/bugs to be caught earlier

# Quiz!

**QUESTION:** How much more popular is the usage of Log4j version 2.x (started in 2015) than Log4j v1.x (2001-2015)?

- A) Log4j v2.x is used equally as v1.x
- B) Log4j v2.x is used 2x as much as v1.x
- C) Log4j v2.x is used 10x as much as v1.x
- D) Log4j v2.x is used 50x as much as v1.x



**ANSWER: *Trick Question – None of the Above!* Despite Log4j v1.x being 7+ years past End-of-Life (EOL), it currently has slightly more usage than v2.x**

# Quiz!

**QUESTION:** What % of Log4j downloads from Maven Central Java application repository are old and vulnerable versions of Log4j?

A) 0%

B) 1%

C) 2%

D) 30%

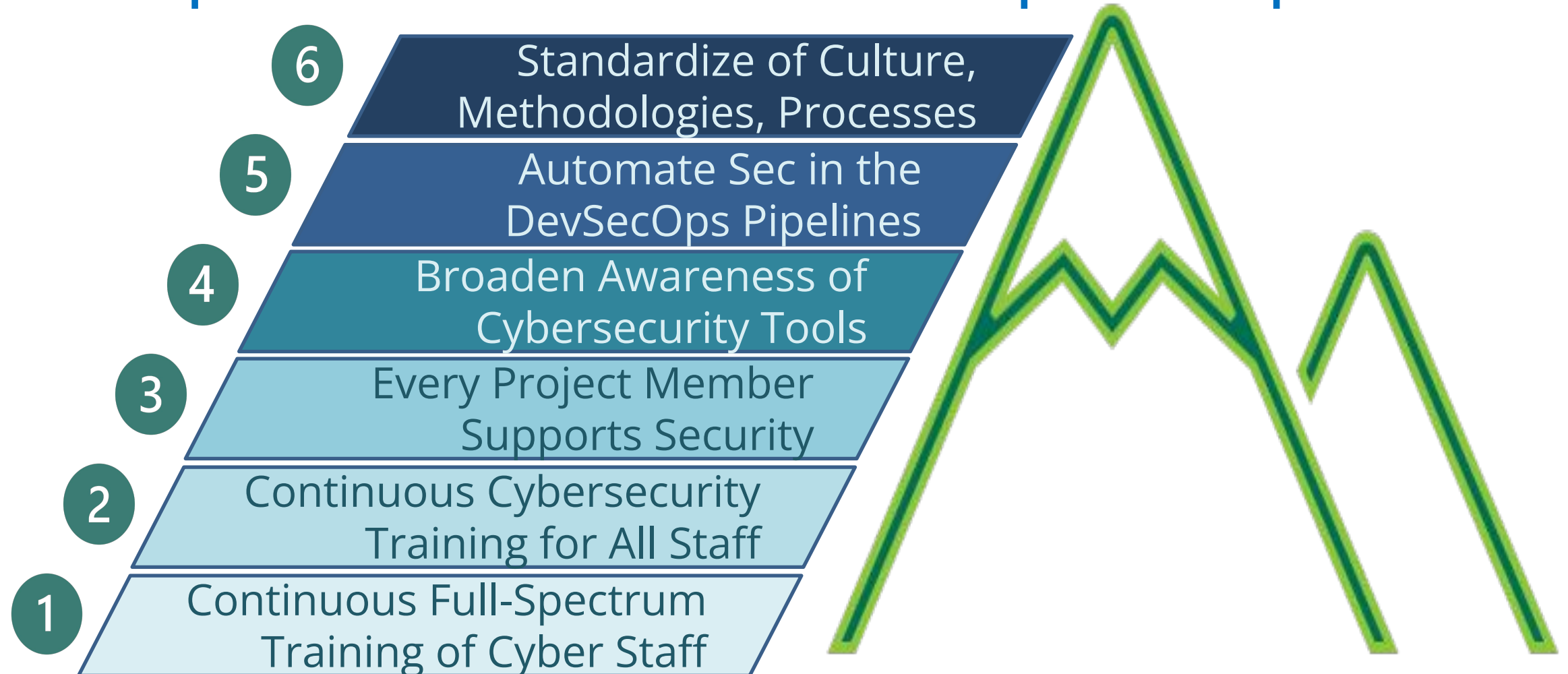


**ANSWER: *D) Approximately 30% of the versions of Log4j downloaded from MJC repository are vulnerable versions of Log4j.***



*"Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare"*  
– Japanese proverb

# 6 Step Process for DevSecOps Adoption



*'Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever' – Mahatma Gandhi*

# 1 Continuous Full-Spectrum Training of Cyber Staff



Certified Cloud  
Security Professional



Certified Information  
Security Manager®  
An ISACA® Certification



Certified Information  
Systems Auditor®  
An ISACA® Certification



EVMP  
Earned Value Management Professional



*"Those who have knowledge don't predict. Those who predict don't have knowledge" – Lao Tzu*

## 2 Continuous Cybersecurity Training for All Staff

Encouraged Reading



Active Certifications  
Environment

Engaged Learning



Support of OTJ  
Engagement

*"You don't lead by hitting people over the head – that's assault, not leadership" – Dwight D. Eisenhower*

## 3 Every Project Member CAREs About

Security

C COMPETENT

A AVAILABLE

R RESPONSIBLE

E EMPOWERED



Projects/organizations  
need a similar  
cybersecurity message to  
all staff



*"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I may remember.  
Involve me and I will learn" – Benjamin Franklin*

## 4 Broaden Awareness of Cybersecurity Tools

### Be like Missouri!

*'Show Me'*

All organization and project staff must have at least some awareness of, at the very least, the general capabilities of the tools used in cyber security....

In many cases cyber security staff treat the tools as 'secrets in their ivory tower'...

Not sharing erodes the necessary trust across Dev, Sec, and Ops



#### Share!

Build trust. Build Awareness. Make non-cyber staff interested & informed!



#### Big Picture

What role do each of the tools play? Why are they needed?



#### Configurations

Share not only what the tool can do, but what it is configured to do



#### Outputs and Impacts

How are the outputs used? What are the thresholds? Why thresholds?



#### Limited Distro

Some tool outputs (vulnerabilities) may be too sensitive to share

sonarqube

MICRO  
FOCUS

Fortify

VERACODE

coverity



*"it is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the newer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own self interest" – Adam Smith*

## 5 Automated Sec in the DevSecOps Pipeline



50/day/product



50/day/product



Every 11.7 seconds



100+ per day



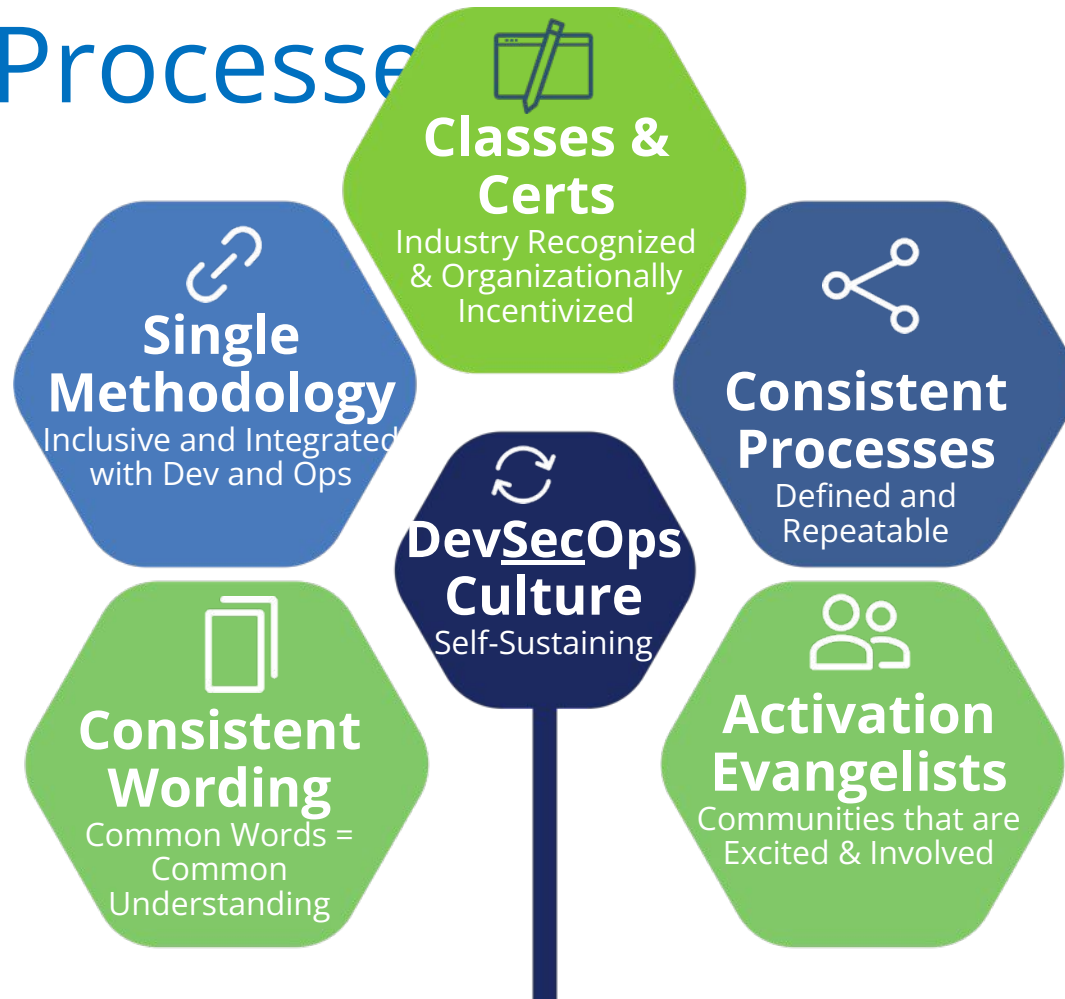
100M LOC/day



50/day

*"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are" – J.P. Morgan*

## 6 Standardize of Culture, Methodologies, Processes



- Always use 'DevSecOps' (stop using 'DevOps'); drive this adoption across your organization
- Security should never be a bolt-on, and neither should 'Sec'; ensure Sec processes are comparable to the quality and quantity of the Dev and Ops (as well as fully integrated)
- Become an evangelist of DevSecOps - PMs need to lead the culture change that everyone needs to embrace cybersecurity
- Encourage staff to get involved in DevSecOps
- Instill a culture of equality across Dev, Sec, and Ops - DevSecOps is only as strong as the weakest link










*“Life was simple before World War II. After that we had systems”  
– Grace Hopper*

# How to Diagnose Unbalanced ‘Sec’










Do you identify any of these in your organization?

- Unequal culture
- Lack of mutual respect
- Not ‘at the table’ for project-wide decisions
- Unequal understandings of the fundamentals of Dev, Sec, and Ops across Dev, Sec, and Ops staff

Probably the Situation Today ...

	Dev Staff	Sec Staff	Ops Staff
Knowledge of Dev			
Knowledge of Sec			
Knowledge of Ops			

Objective State for the Future ...

	Dev Staff	Sec Staff	Ops Staff
Knowledge of Dev			
Knowledge of Sec			
Knowledge of Ops			

# How the PM Construct Aligns to DevSecOps

How can Program Managers make DevSecOps programs effective?



Integrate automated testing into the pipeline



Integrate security testing into workflows



Automated deployment



Infrastructure as Code (IaC)



Continuous monitoring



Train engineers in Secure DevOps

*"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts" – Winston Churchill*

# Case Study

**1PROJECT:** On-going project had some cyber security issues (actual as well as potential) due to Dev and Ops not understanding Sec domain.

- **BEST PRACTICE:** Set-up a custom on-site CISSP class for Dev & Ops based around project schedule/demands and helped form study groups.
- **RESULT:** Not only did the 15 staff learn cyber security, but that knowledge rippled throughout the project.





*"Never let success get to your head, and never let failure get to your heart" – Meredith Kessler*

# Case Study

**2PROJECT:** Project failed to meet deadlines. Cybersecurity lead was the bottleneck as they practiced 'risk avoidance'; prior cybersecurity lead fired after being held at-fault. Coordinated cross-functional meetings to reset risk expectations.


- **LESSON LEARNED:** Dev, Sec, and Ops must not only appreciate the other domains and recognize the different risk perceptions.
- **RESULT:** Executive perceptions shifted to cybersecurity being a 'when not if' situation. Increased cybersecurity resources and clearly defined risk expectations



*“The great myth of our times is that technology is communication”  
– Libby Larson*

# Summary

- **Project Management Mindset:** As Project Management Professionals, we need to shift security left to apply security fixes as early as possible in every phase of the software development; it is less expensive to do so.
- **We Can (and MUST) Do This:** DevSecOps extends the DevOps culture to include improving the effectiveness of security processes, shortening the length of test cycles, and ultimately aids in increasing software quality.
- **Train, Train, Train:** Educating your staff is a huge key to pivoting successfully.



NEXT TIME YOU'RE AFRAID  
TO SHARE IDEAS  
REMEMBER SOMEONE  
ONCE SAID IN A MEETING  
LETS MAKE A FILM WITH A  
TORNADO FULL OF SHARKS

*"Computers are useless. They can only give you answers"*  
– Pablo Picasso

# Questions ?

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# Evaluate Session

