

ENHANCING TEST AUTOMATION AND SECURITY WITH PYTHON & AI FOR QUALITY-DRIVEN DEVSECOPS

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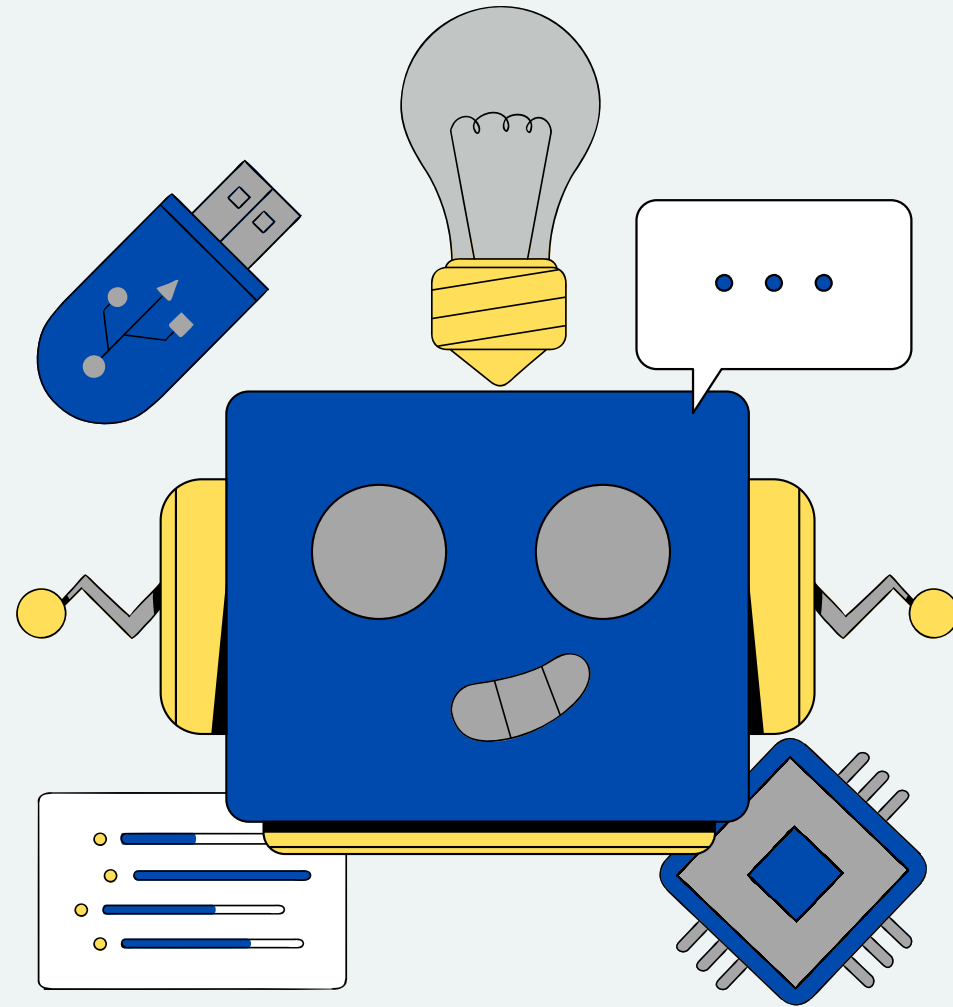
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AGENDA



- Introduction & DevOps vs. **DevSecOps**
- Role of Python in DevSecOps
- Leveraging AI in DevSecOps
- Tool-Based Approach to DevSecOps
 - Static Code Analysis (Dev Phase)
 - Secrets Detection (Code Review Phase)
 - Dependency Scan (Build Phase)
 - Functional & Security Testing (Deployment Phase)
 - Post-Deployment Monitoring (Production Phase)
- Best Practices

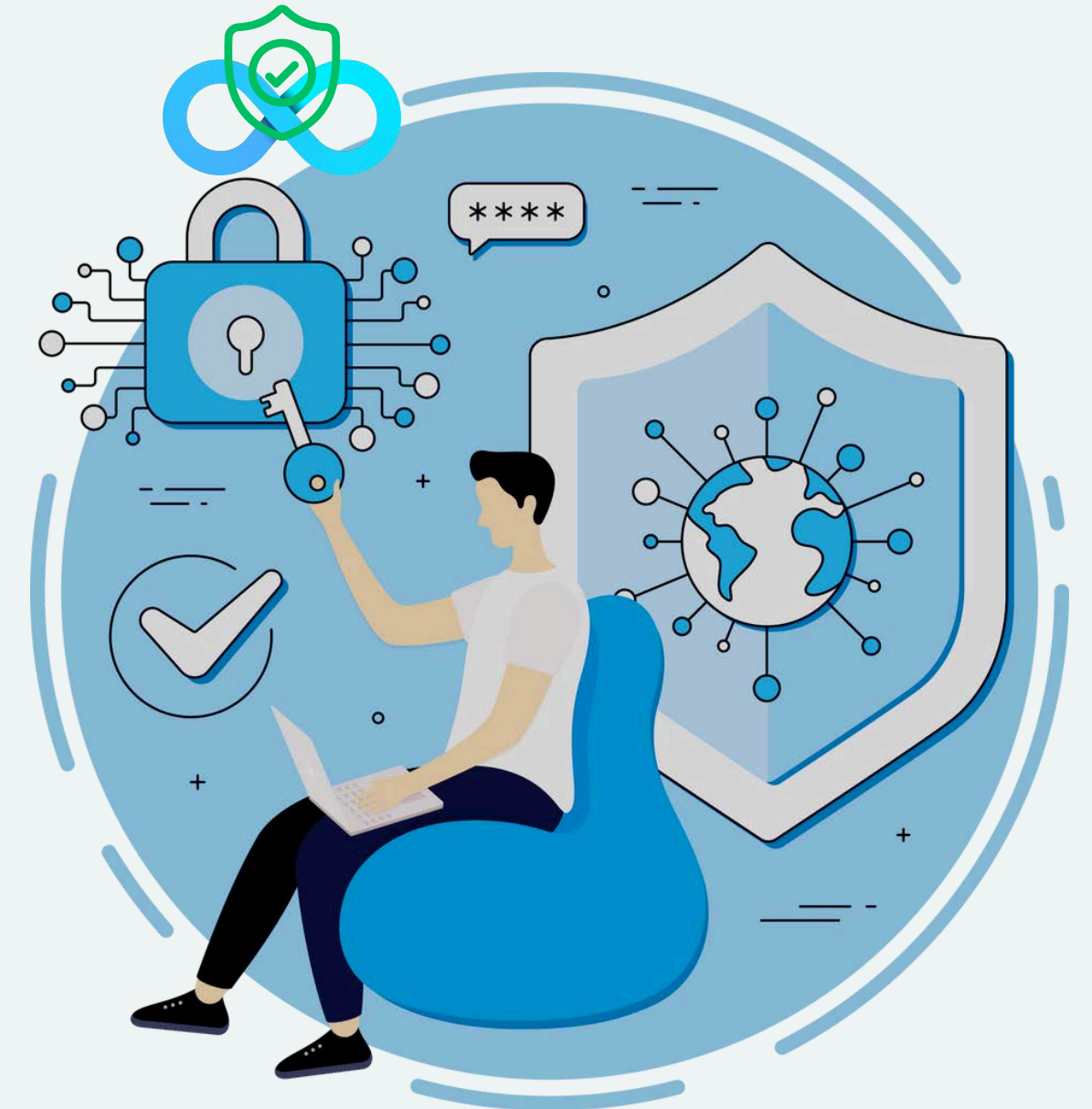
INTRODUCTION

DevOps:

Focuses on speed & collaboration between Dev and Ops.

DevSecOps:

Embeds security throughout the development lifecycle.



WHY THE SHIFT?

EVOLVING THREATS DEMAND PROACTIVE SECURITY INTEGRATION.

ROLE OF PYTHON IN DEVSECOPS

WHY PYTHON?

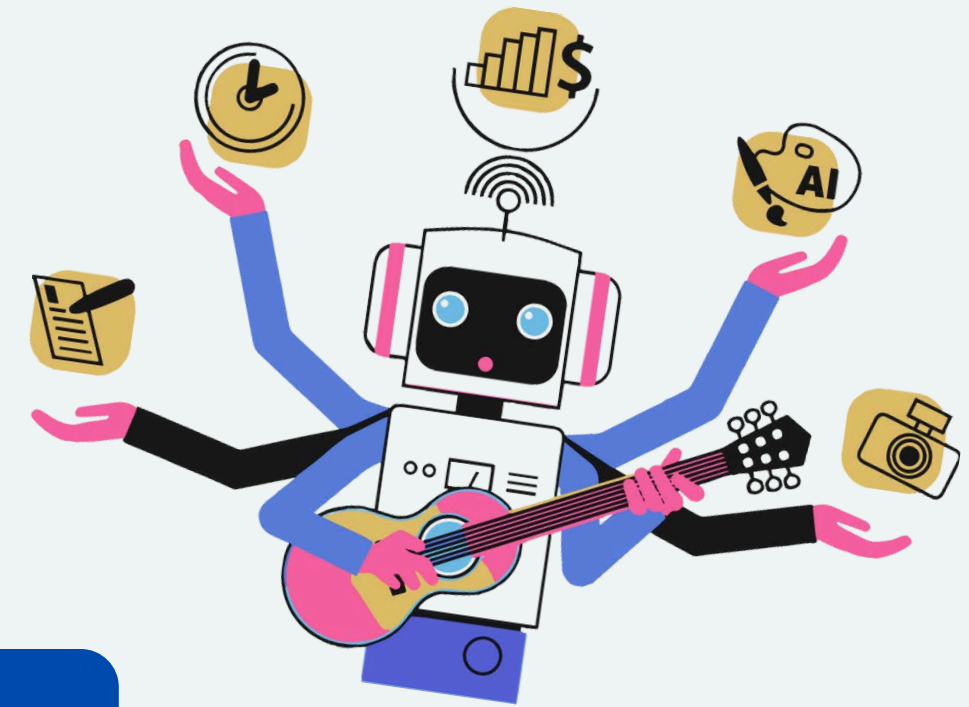
SIMPLICITY, FLEXIBILITY, RICH ECOSYSTEM



Security Automation:

- Vulnerability Scanning
- Compliance Checks, and
- Threat Detection

ROLE OF AI IN SECURITY AND DEVSECOPS



01

WHY AI IN SECURITY?

PREDICT
DETECT
RESPOND

02

WHAT ARE THE KEY BENEFITS

AUTOMATED THREAT
DETECTION,
INTELLIGENT CODE ANALYSIS,
CONTINUOUS SECURITY
IMPROVEMENT

03

HOW DOES AI CONTRIBUTE TO DEVSECOPS

SMARTER TESTING PIPELINES,
REAL-TIME ANOMALY DETECTION,
AUTOMATED COMPLIANCE CHECKS

AI IN CYBERSECURITY IS PROJECTED TO REACH \$46B BY 2027, REFLECTING ITS GROWING IMPACT ON
MODERN SECURITY FRAMEWORKS

TOOL-BASED AI INTEGRATION IN DEVSECOPS



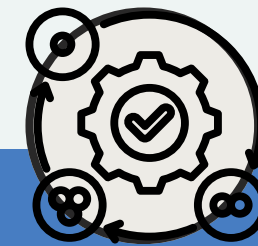
STATIC ANALYSIS - DEV PHASE

Pylint
CodeQL



SECRETS DETECTION - CODE REVIEW PHASE

GitLeaks
TruffleHog



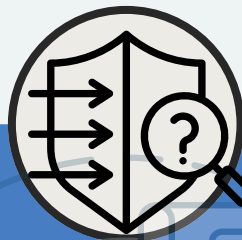
DEPENDENCY SCANNING - BUILD PHASE

Safety,
Dependabot



FUNCTIONAL TESTING - DEPLOYMENT PHASE

Postman
Healenium



SECURITY TESTING - POST DEPLOYMENT

OWASP ZAP



ANOMALY DETECTION - PRODUCTION PHASE

Loguru
AI Modles

DEV PHASE

Code Quality and Security Issues

- PyLint,
- CodeQL

AI – Enhancing analysis with AI

- Automated code improvements
- Context-aware vulnerability detection
- Adaptive code style enforcement

```
1 usage
5  def run_pylint():
6      result = subprocess.run( args: ['pylint', 'flask_vulnerable_app.py'], capture_output=True, text=True)
7      print("PyLint Output:\n", result.stdout)
8      return result.stdout
9
10 1 usage
11  def run_codeql():
12      subprocess.run(['codeql', 'database', 'create', 'flask-db', '--language=python', '--source-root=.'])
13      result = subprocess.run( args: ['codeql', 'database', 'analyze', 'flask-db', 'python-code-scanning.qls',
14                                  '--format=sarif-latest'], capture_output=True, text=True)
15      print("CodeQL Output:\n", result.stdout)
16      return result.stdout
17
18 2 usages
19 > def extract_issues_with_line_numbers(output):...
20
21 1 usage
22  def use_codet5_for_fixes(issue_text):
23      model_name = 'Salesforce/codet5-base'
24      tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained(model_name)
25      model = AutoModelForSeq2SeqLM.from_pretrained(model_name)
26
27      inputs = tokenizer.encode(issue_text, return_tensors="pt")
28      outputs = model.generate(inputs)
29      return tokenizer.decode(outputs[0], skip_special_tokens=True)
30
31 > if __name__ == '__main__':...
```

==== Pylint Analysis Report ====

Line 7: Constant name 'SECRET_KEY' doesn't conform to UPPER_CASE naming style.

Line 15: Command injection detected via os.popen.

==== End of Pylint Report ====

==== AI Suggested Fixes for Pylint Issues ====

Line 7: Replace 'SECRET_KEY = hardcoded_secret' with 'SECRET_KEY = os.getenv("SECRET_KEY")'

Line 15: Use 'subprocess.run(shlex.split(command), check=True)' instead of os.popen.

==== CodeQL Security Analysis Report ====

Line 22: SQL Injection vulnerability detected in raw query.

Line 30: Cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability in user input.

==== End of CodeQL Report ====

==== AI Suggested Fixes for CodeQL Issues ====

Line 22: Replace raw query with parameterized SQL query:

cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users WHERE username=? AND password=?", (username, password))

Line 30: Use 'escape(name)' to sanitize user input in HTML rendering.

==== End of AI Fixes ====

REVIEW PHASE

Hardcoded
credentials, API keys,
and sensitive data

GitLeaks

TruffleHog

AI Integration:

- Reducing false positives
- Smart remediation suggestions
- Continuous Improvement

```
3
4 TARGET_REPO = "."
5
6 2 usages
7 def run_scan(tool, args):
8     try:
9         result = subprocess.run([tool] + args, capture_output=True, text=True, check=True)
10        print(f"=== {tool} Report (Before AI) ===\n", result.stdout)
11        return result.stdout
12    except subprocess.CalledProcessError as e:
13        print(f"Error running {tool}:", e)
14        return ""
15
16 1 usage
17 def run_ai_suggestions(th_output, gl_output):
18     print("\n=== AI Integration (After AI) ===")
19     model = AutoModelForSeq2SeqLM.from_pretrained('Salesforce/codet5-base')
20     tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained('Salesforce/codet5-base')
21     inputs = tokenizer.encode(th_output + "\n" + gl_output, return_tensors="pt")
22     suggestions = tokenizer.decode(model.generate(inputs, max_length=512)[0], skip_special_tokens=True)
23     print("AI Suggested Fixes:\n", suggestions)
24
25 if __name__ == "__main__":
26     th_output = run_scan(tool: "trufflehog", args: ["filesystem", TARGET_REPO, "--json"])
27     gl_output = run_scan(tool: "gitLeaks", args: ["detect", "--source", TARGET_REPO, "--verbose"])
28     run_ai_suggestions(th_output, gl_output)
```

TRUFFLEHOG

```
==== TruffleHog Report (Before AI) ====
{
  "path": "config.py",
  "stringsFound": [
    "aws_access_key = 'AKIA123456789EXAMPLE'",
    "password = 'mypassword123'"
  ]
}
```

```
==== AI Integration (After AI) ====
File: config.py, Line: 2
Issue: Hardcoded AWS access key detected.
AI Suggested Fix: Move the key to AWS Secrets
Manager and reference it via an environment variable.
```

GITLEAKS

```
==== GitLeaks Report (Before AI) ====
{
  "file": "secrets.env",
  "line": 10,
  "match": "DB_PASSWORD=supersecret123",
  "rule": "Generic Credential"
}
```

```
==== AI Integration (After AI) ====
File: secrets.env, Line: 10
Issue: Hardcoded database password detected.
AI Suggested Fix: Use environment variables or a secure
secrets manager instead of storing credentials in plain text.
```

BUILD PHASE

Hidden

vulnerabilities in third-party libraries

- Safety,
- Dependabot

AI Integration

- Prioritization of vulnerabilities
- Intelligent remediation strategies

```
1  # Step 1: Scan dependencies for vulnerabilities using Safety
2  ✓ def scan_dependencies():
3      result = subprocess.run(["safety", "check", "--json"],
4                              capture_output=True, text=True)
5      return json.loads(result.stdout)
6
7  dependency_vulnerabilities = scan_dependencies()
8
9  # Step 2: Analyze code for deprecated function usage
10 ✓ def analyze_code_for_deprecations(file_path):
11 ✓     with open(file_path, 'r') as file:
12         tree = ast.parse(file.read())
13 ✓     for node in ast.walk(tree):
14 ✓         if isinstance(node, ast.Call) and hasattr(node.func, 'attr'):
15             print(f"Potential deprecated function '{node.func.attr}'
16                   |found in {file_path} at line {node.lineno}")
17
18     analyze_code_for_deprecations("example_code.py")
```

```
20 # Step 3: Visualize dependency vulnerabilities using NetworkX
21 graph = nx.Graph()
22 ✓ for dep in dependency_vulnerabilities:
23     graph.add_node(dep.get("package_name"))
24     graph.add_edge(dep.get("package_name"), dep.get("cve") or "Unknown")
25
26 nx.draw(graph, with_labels=True, node_color="lightblue", edge_color="red")
27 plt.title("Dependency Vulnerability Graph")
28 plt.show()
29
30 # Step 4: AI-based risk prediction using PyTorch Geometric
31 ✓ class RiskModel(torch.nn.Module):
32 ✓     def __init__(self):
33         super().__init__()
34         self.conv1, self.conv2 = GCNConv(3, 16), GCNConv(16, 1)
35
36 ✓     def forward(self, x, edge_index):
37         return self.conv2(self.conv1(x, edge_index).relu(), edge_index)
38
39 model = RiskModel()
40 x = torch.rand((len(dependency_vulnerabilities), 3))
41 edge_index = torch.tensor([[i, i+1] for i in range(len(dependency_vulnerabilities)-1)], dtype=torch.long).T
42 print("Predicted Risk Scores:", model(x, edge_index).detach().numpy())
43
```

```
43
44 # Step 5: Fetch real-time security advisories from GitHub
45 g = Github("your_github_token")
46 alerts = g.get_repo("owner/repository").get_vulnerability_alerts()
47 ✓ for alert in alerts:
48     print(f"Dependency: {alert.affected_package_name}, Severity: {alert.severity}")
49
```


BEFORE AI (MANUAL PROCESS):

Dependency: `numpy`, CVE: `CVE-2021-1234`, Severity: `High`

Dependency: `requests`, CVE: `CVE-2020-5678`, Severity: `Medium`

Potential deprecated function `'old_function'` found in `example_code.py` at line `12`.

AFTER AI (AUTOMATED PROCESS)

Dependency: `numpy`, CVE: `CVE-2021-1234`, Severity: `High`, Risk Score: `0.85`

Recommended Action: `Upgrade to numpy>=1.21.0`

Impact Analysis: `Deprecated functions detected in 'example_code.py'`

Suggested Fix: `Replace old_function with new_function.`

Dependency: `requests`, CVE: `CVE-2020-5678`, Severity: `Medium`, Risk Score: `0.65`

Recommended Action: `Review API usage and apply patches.`

Impact Analysis: `No breaking changes detected.`

FUNCTIONAL TEST

Feature correctness &
reliability

Early defect identification
(APIs & UI)

Postman, Newman
Healenium

AI Integration Benefits

- Smart test prioritization
- Self-healing automation
- Actionable insights

```
1  # Step 1: Setup WebDriver with Healenium for self-healing
2  options = webdriver.ChromeOptions()
3  options.add_argument("--headless")
4  driver = webdriver.Remote(command_executor="http://localhost:4444/wd/hub", options=options)
5
6  # Initialize Healenium for tracking changes
7  healenium = Healenium(driver)
8
9  def run_ui_test():
10     driver.get("https://example.com/login")
11     element = healenium.find_element_by_xpath("//input[@id='username']")
12     element.send_keys("test_user")
13     driver.find_element_by_xpath("//input[@id='password']").send_keys("securePass")
14     driver.find_element_by_xpath("//button[@id='login']").click()
15     assert "Dashboard" in driver.title
16     print("UI Test Passed")
17
18     run_ui_test()
19     driver.quit()
20
21  # Step 2: API Testing with Postman-like functionality
22  def api_test():
23     response = requests.get("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/1")
24     assert response.status_code == 200
25     assert response.json()['id'] == 1
26     print("API Test Passed")
27
28     api_test()
```

SECURITY TEST

Preventing vulnerabilities
before production

Protecting sensitive data
and compliance

OWASP ZAP, Nikto

AI Integration Benefits

Automated threat
detection

Real-time vulnerability
analysis

Smart remediation

suggestions

```
1 # Step 1: Run OWASP ZAP and Nikto Scans
2 def run_security_scans(target_url):
3     subprocess.run(f"nikto -h {target_url} -output nikto_scan.json -Format json", shell=True)
4     subprocess.run(f"zap-cli quick-scan {target_url}", shell=True)
5     with open("nikto_scan.json") as f:
6         nikto_results = json.load(f)
7     return {"nikto": nikto_results, "zap": get_zap_results()}
8
9 # Step 2: Get ZAP Scan Results
10 def get_zap_results():
11     return json.loads(subprocess.check_output(["zap-cli", "alerts", "-f", "json"]))
12
13 # Step 3: Prioritize Findings
14 def prioritize_findings(scan_results):
15     clf = RandomForestClassifier().fit([[3, 50], [2, 40]], [1, 0])
16     for tool, results in scan_results.items():
17         for alert in results.get("alerts", []):
18             alert['priority'] = 'High' if clf.predict([[alert['risk'],
19                                                         len(alert['url'])]])[0] else 'Low'
20     return scan_results
21
22 # Step 4: Reduce False Positives
23 def filter_false_positives(scan_results):
24     nlp_model = pipeline("text-classification", model="distilbert-base-uncased")
25     for tool, results in scan_results.items():
26         scan_results[tool]['alerts'] = [alert for alert in results.get("alerts", [])
27                                         if nlp_model(alert["description"])[0]["label"] != "benign"]
28     return scan_results
29
30 # Step 5: Suggest Fixes
31 def suggest_fixes(scan_results): ...
32
33 # Step 6: Run Security Testing
34 def process_security_testing(target_url): ...
35
36 if __name__ == "__main__":
37     process_security_testing("http://srimaan.tech")
```

BEFORE AI INTEGRATION

OWASP ZAP Security Alerts:

```
[  
  {"name": "XSS", "url": "http://example.com/contact", "risk": "High"},  
  {"name": "SQL Injection", "url": "http://example.com/login", "risk": "Medium"},  
  {"name": "Missing Security Headers", "url": "http://example.com/home", "risk": "Low"}  
]
```

Nikto Security Report:

- The web server **is** outdated.
- X-Content-Type-Options header **is** missing.
- Possible SQL Injection vulnerabilities detected.

AFTER AI INTEGRATION:

AI-Powered Security Insights:

Predicted Risk Score: 0.92 (Critical)

Prioritized Vulnerabilities:

1. SQL Injection at <http://example.com/login> (Risk Score: 9.5/10)

Suggested Fix: Use parameterized queries and input validation.

2. XSS at <http://example.com/contact> (Risk Score: 8.3/10)

Suggested Fix: Implement proper input sanitization using a security library.

3. Missing Security Headers at <http://example.com/home> (Risk Score: 4.1/10)

Suggested Fix: Add security headers like Content-Security-Policy and X-Frame-Options.

AI-Generated Remediation Plan:

"To fix the SQL Injection vulnerability, apply input validation and use prepared statement

Threat Prediction:

Potential RCE (Remote Code Execution) risks detected based on historical data.

AI-POWERED LOG AND ANOMALY DETECTION

Detecting patterns and potential security threats
Reducing mean time to detect (MTTD) and mean time to respond (MTTR)

Loguru,
Elastic Stack,

AI Integration Benefits
Predictive anomaly detection
Automated log pattern recognition
Real-time alerts and insights

```
1  # Step 1: Log Processing Stub
2  def process_logs(log_file):
3      """
4      Read and process log data from the given file.
5      """
6      pass # Implement log reading and preprocessing logic
7
8  # Step 2: AI-Based Anomaly Detection Stub
9  def detect_anomalies(logs):
10     """
11     Use AI models to detect anomalies in log data.
12     """
13     pass # Implement AI-based anomaly detection
14
15  # Step 3: Risk Prediction Stub
16  def predict_risk(anomalies):
17     """
18     Predict risk levels of identified anomalies using AI models.
19     """
20     pass # Implement risk prediction logic
21
22  # Step 4: Smart Containment Stub
23  def smart_containment(anomalies):
24     """
25     Take containment actions based on risk assessment.
26     """
27     pass # Implement actions such as blocking or monitoring
28
29  # Step 5: Execution Stub
30  def run_security_analysis(log_file):
31     """
32     Execute the full security analysis workflow.
33     """
34     pass # Implement the execution flow combining all steps
35
36  if __name__ == "__main__":
37     run_security_analysis("log_data.json")
38
```

EXAMPLE LOGS (BEFORE AI):

```
[INFO] 2024-01-24 10:00:01 - User login attempt from IP 192.168.1.10  
[WARNING] 2024-01-24 10:02:15 - Multiple failed login attempts detected  
[ERROR] 2024-01-24 10:03:45 - Potential brute force attack detected
```

EXAMPLE LOGS (AFTER AI):

```
[ALERT] Brute Force Attack Detected on http://fakeecommerce.com/login  
Risk Level: Critical (Score: 9.5/10)  
Action Taken:  
- IP 192.168.1.10 BLOCKED  
- MFA enabled for affected accounts  
- Session tokens revoked  
Suggested Fix: Implement rate limiting and CAPTCHA
```


BEST PRACTICES FOR AI-DRIVEN DEVSECOPS

- Start Small, Grow Smart
- Prioritize What Matters.
- Keep It Transparent.
- Always Improve
- Integrate Smoothly

THE FUTURE OF AI IN DEVSECOPS

- AI enhances speed, accuracy, and efficiency.
- Provides proactive security and automation.
- Scales testing efforts without human bias.
- Enables smarter decision-making through insights.
- Continuous improvement with feedback loops.

