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Managing DevSecOps Pipelines at Scale With the Jenkins Templating Engine

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So You Want to Build a Pipeline

Let's Talk About the Realities of Large-Scale Pipeline Development



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"Just draw the rest of the owl!"



**Building a pipeline
for one application**

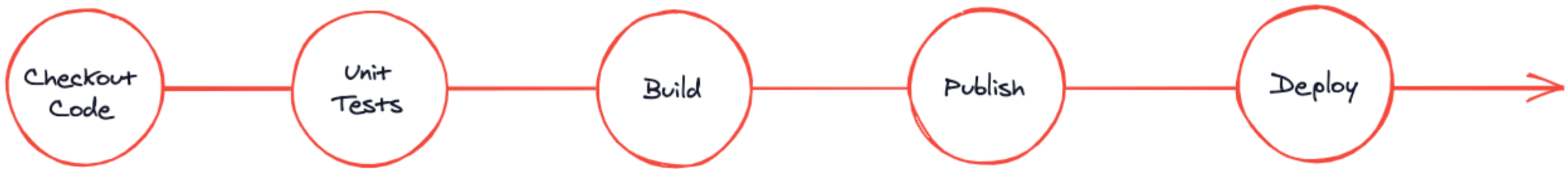


**Building a pipeline
for multiple applications**

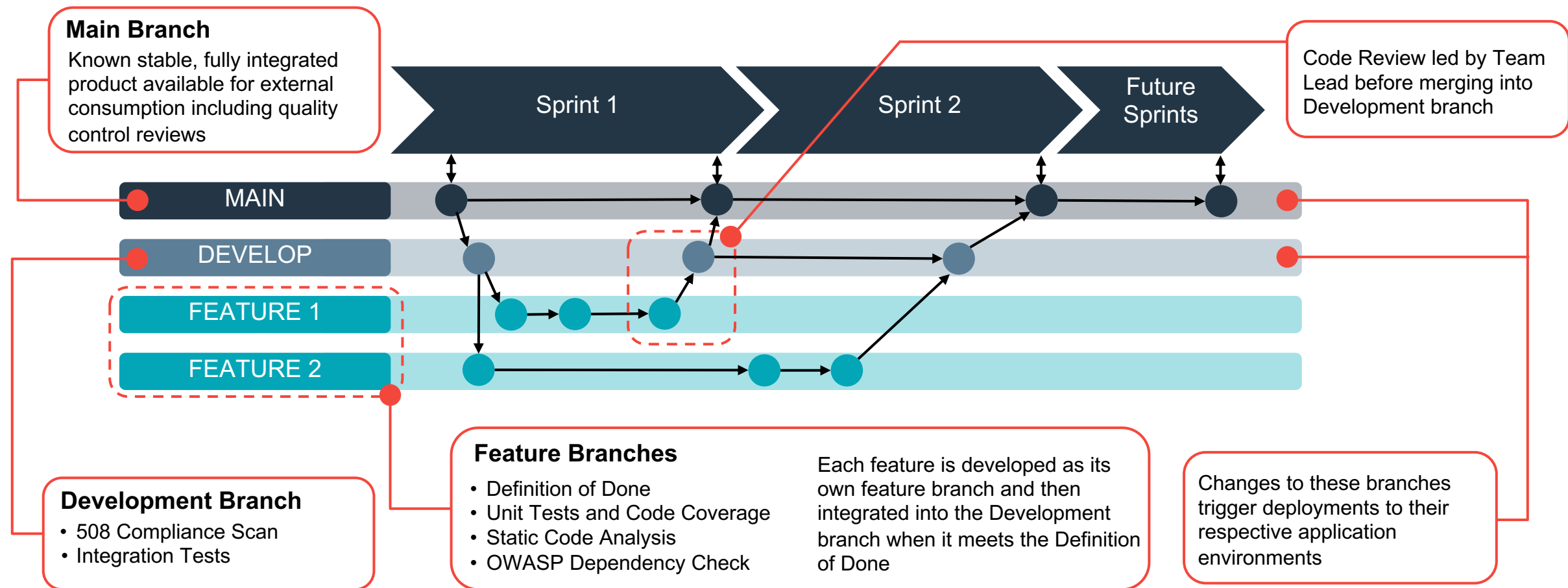


**Building a pipeline
for multiple teams with
multiple applications**

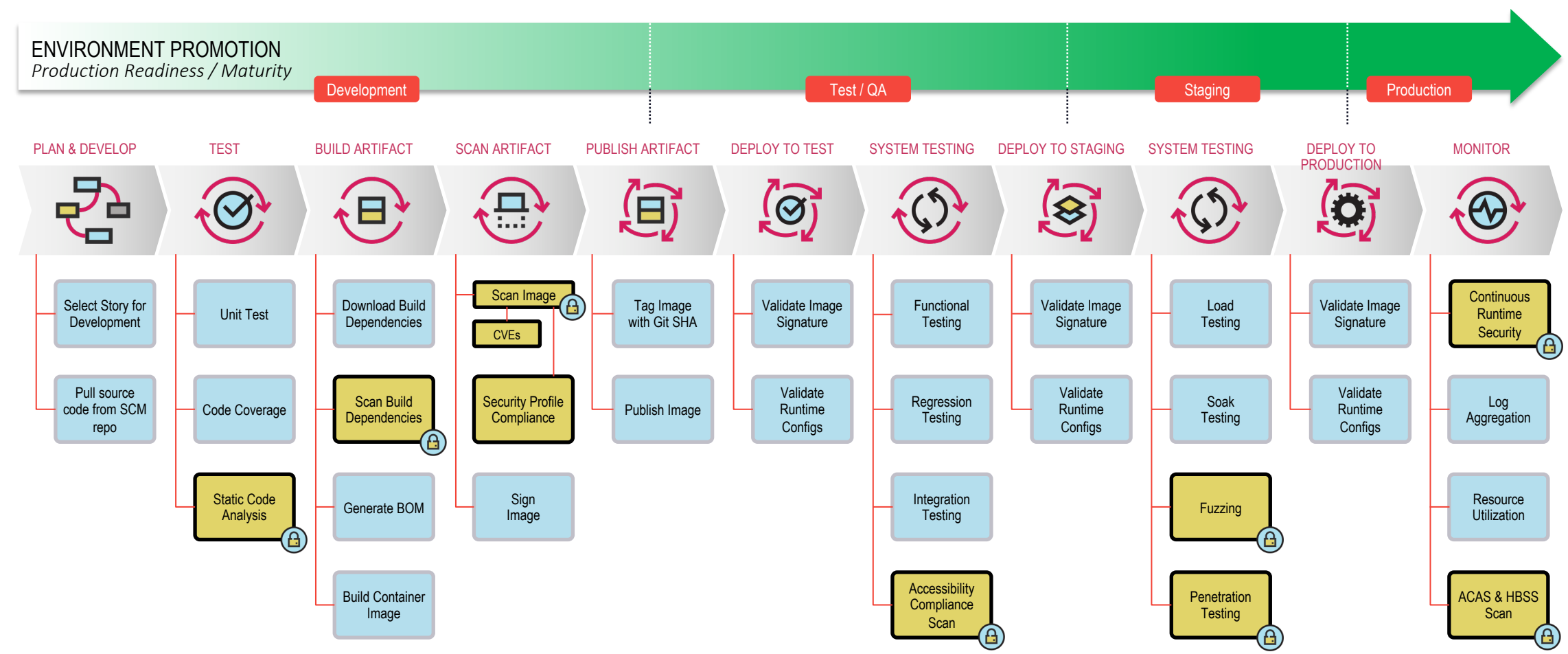
Our First Pipeline: Getting Started



Pipeline Orchestration Using Git Flow



Test All The Things: Integrating .* Testing

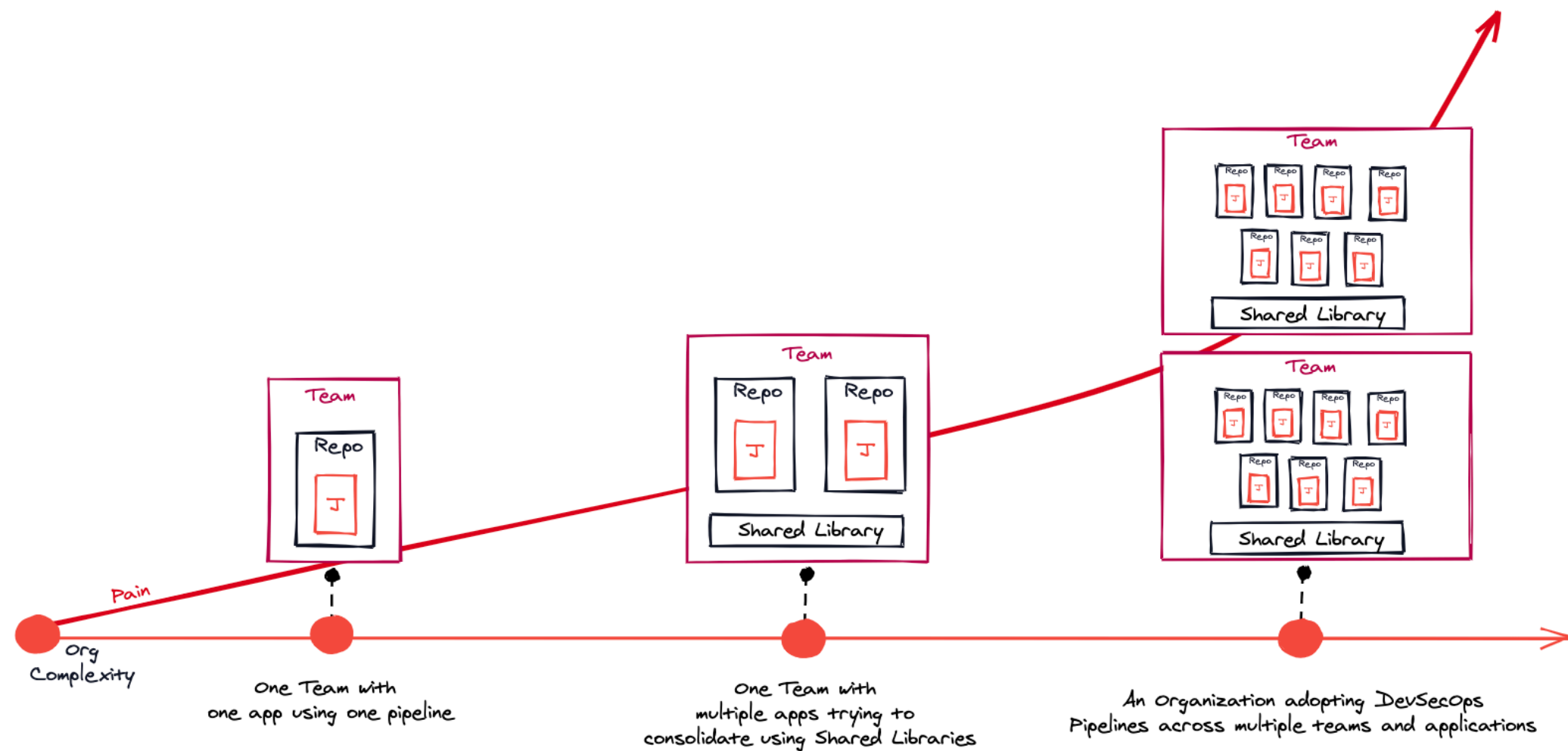


Challenges at Scale

Spoiler: Copying and Pasting Is Usually Bad



Linear Scale, Exponential Pain



What Causes This Pain?

When writing pipelines, we often fail to separate the **business logic** from the **technical implementation**

We have to **duplicate** our pipeline definitions on a per-application basis



Time

*Creating a mature DevSecOps pipeline for an application can take months.
Onboarding new applications requires manual intervention.*



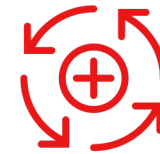
Complexity

Different types of applications will utilize different tools and different teams may leverage different testing frameworks.



Standardization

Each application's source code repository requires a Jenkinsfile, making it difficult to ensure common processes are adhered to.



Continuous Improvement

Making a change to the pipeline requires changing Jenkinsfiles distributed across every branch in every source code repository.

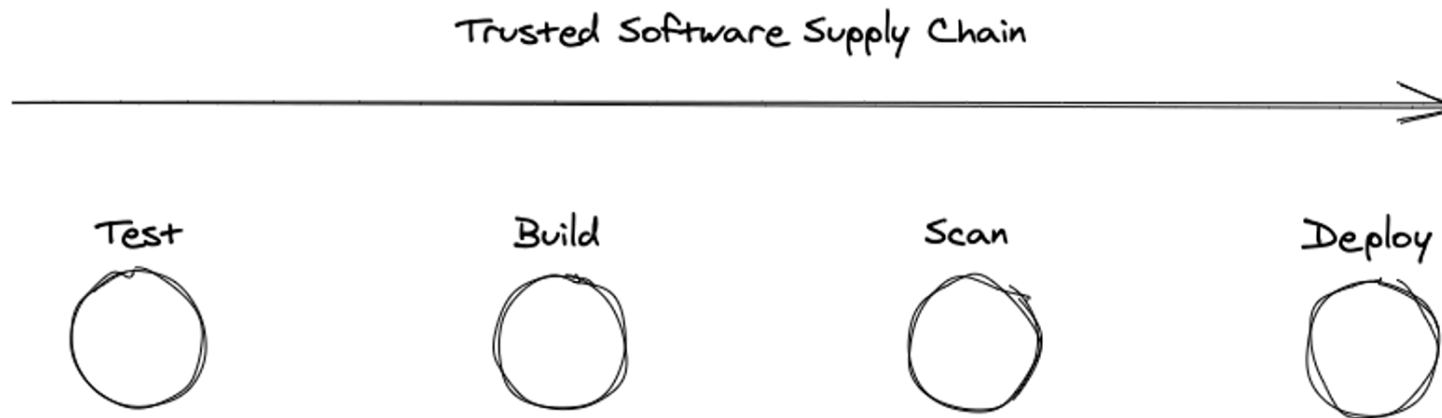
The Jenkins Templating Engine

Tool-Agnostic, Reusable Workflows. Modularized Libraries.



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Define Tool-Agnostic, Templated Workflows



Define Tool-Agnostic, Templated Workflows

Regardless of what tools are being used, the flow remains the same.

Example Jenkinsfile for an application using Maven

```
stage("Maven: Build"){
    docker.image("maven").inside{
        sh "mvn clean package"
    }
}

stage('SonarQube: Static Code Analysis') {
    node {
        def scannerHome = tool 'SonarScanner 4.0';
        withSonarQubeEnv('My SonarQube Server') {
            sh "${scannerHome}/bin/sonar-scanner"
        }
    }
}
```

Pipeline Template

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Example Jenkinsfile for an application using Gradle

```
stage("Gradle: Build"){
    docker.image("gradle").inside{
        sh "gradle clean build"
    }
}

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}
```

Reorganize

Pipeline Configuration Repository



Pipeline Template

```
build()
static_code_analysis()
```

Jenkinsfile

Library Steps

```
void call(){
  stage("Maven: Build"){
    docker.image("maven").inside{
      sh "mvn clean package"
    }
  }
}
```

maven/build.groovy

```
void call(){
  stage("Gradle: Build"){
    docker.image("gradle").inside{
      sh "gradle clean build"
    }
  }
}
```

gradle/build.groovy

maven application

```
libraries{
  maven
  sonarqube
}
```

pipeline_config.groovy

gradle application

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```

sonarqube/static_code_analysis.groovy

Library Parameterization

Libraries become **reusable building blocks** used to configure pipelines.

Libraries can *parameterized* to optimize reusability.

```
libraries{
  maven
  sonarqube{
    scanner_version = "SonarScanner 3.0"
    enforce_quality_gate = false
  }
}
```

```
void call(){
  stage('SonarQube: Static Code Analysis') {

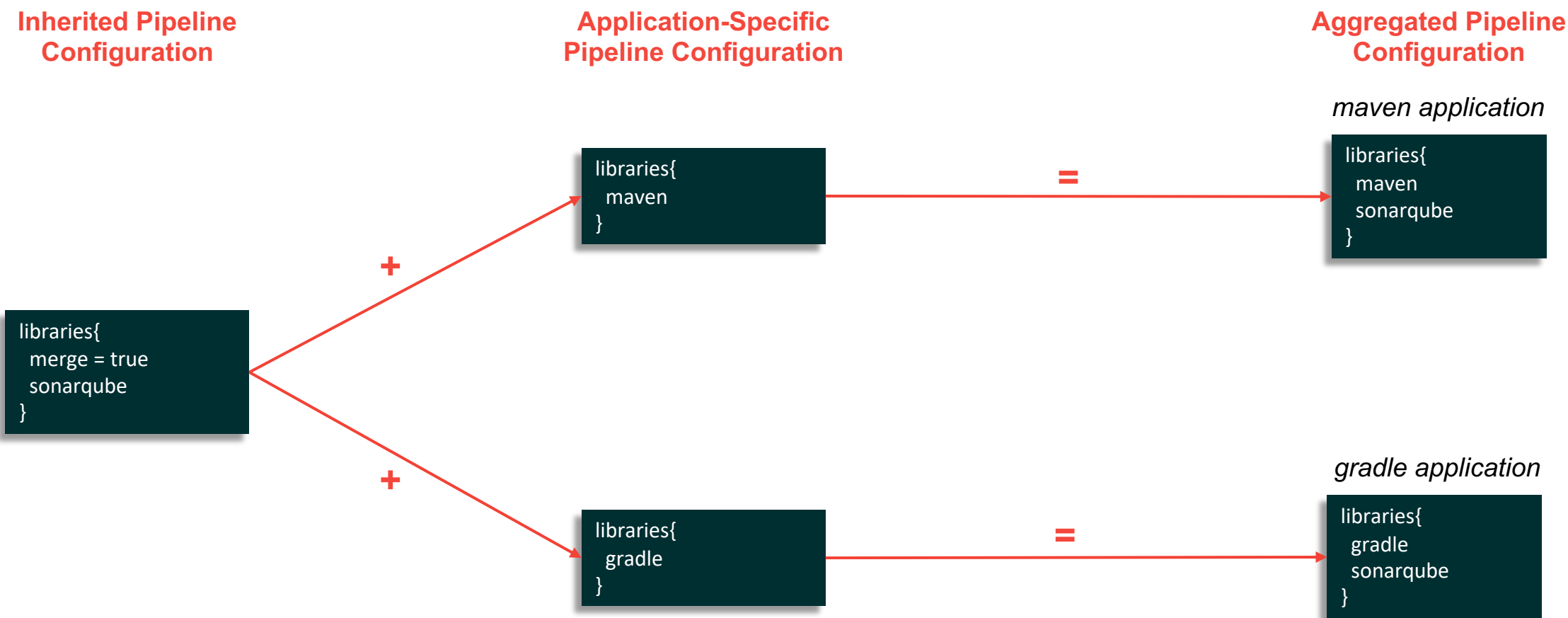
    // parse configuration
    String scannerVersion = config.scanner_version ?: "SonarScanner 4.0"
    String serverName = config.server_name ?: "My SonarQube Server"
    Boolean enforceQualityGate = config.containsKey("enforce_quality_gate") ?
      config.enforce_quality_gate : true

    node {
      def scannerHome = tool(scannerVersion)
      withSonarQubeEnv(serverName) {
        sh "${scannerHome}/bin/sonar-scanner"
      }
    }

    timeout(time: 1, unit: 'HOURS') {
      def qg = waitForQualityGate()
      if (qg.status != 'OK') {
        if(enforceQualityGate){
          error "Pipeline aborted due to quality gate failure: ${qg.status}"
        } else {
          warning "Quality gate failure: ${qg.status}"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Library steps autowired with a config variable populated with values from the pipeline configuration.

Hierarchical Pipeline Configurations



Real-World Example

Booz Allen's Solutions Delivery Platform

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Advanced Template Walkthrough

pipeline configuration

```
libraries{
  github
  docker
  owasp_dependency_check
  sonarqube
  helm
  owasp_zap
}
application_environments{
  dev
  prod
}
keywords{
  main = ~/^[Mm]ain(line|)$/
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}
```

common pipeline template

```
on_pull_request to: develop, {
  build()
  application_dependency_scan()
  static_code_analysis()
}

on_merge to: develop, {
  deploy_to dev
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Advanced Template Walkthrough

The **github** library provides functionality to map branching strategies to different pipeline activities

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Advanced Template Walkthrough

The functions take regular expressions as input variables that we can abstract using JTE's **keywords** functionality

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The docker library has a *build.groovy* **step**.

There could also be an npm, maven, gradle, etc library that implements a build step for interchangeability

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Advanced Template Walkthrough

The OWASP
Dependency Checker
library implements a
step for application
dependency scanning

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Advanced Template Walkthrough

The SonarQube library implements a step for static code analysis

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The Helm library would take configurations for the location of the target kubernetes cluster to perform deployments

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Advanced Template Walkthrough

The `deploy_to` step from the Helm library takes an **application environment** from JTE as an input parameter

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Advanced Template Walkthrough

The OWASP ZAP
library performs
penetration testing

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Key Takeaways

- The Jenkins Templating Engine is a **framework** for developing tool-agnostic, templated workflows that can be reused by multiple teams simultaneously – regardless of the tools they are using.
- This approach separates the business logic (**pipeline template**) from the technical implementation (**pipeline libraries**) allowing teams to **configure** their pipelines instead of build them from scratch



Apply Organizational Governance

By centralizing your pipeline definition to a common place you can standardize your software delivery processes across teams



Optimize Pipeline Code Reuse

Create modularized tool-integrations called pipeline libraries that can be reused and collectively maintained



Simplify Pipeline Maintainability

Each application's source code repository requires a Jenkinsfile, making it difficult to ensure common processes are adhered to.

What's Next For JTE?

Great Things in the Pipeline 😊



JTE v2.0

Jenkins Roadmap

Jenkins project offers a public community-driven roadmap. It aggregates key initiatives in all areas: features, infrastructure, documentation, community, etc. See [JEP-14](#) for more information about the public roadmap process. We do NOT commit on delivery dates, all initiatives depend on contributions. Anyone is welcome to participate and help us to deliver the initiatives below! [Contributing to Jenkins](#)

Filters: ☐ Features ☐ Documentation ☐ Outreach Programs ☐ Infrastructure and Services ☐ Policies ☐ Tools ☐ Community Events ☐ Security

RELEASED	PREVIEW	CURRENT	NEAR TERM	FUTURE
Pipeline authoring and development tools				
	Pipeline as YAML		Jenkins Templating Engine 2.0	Pipeline development in IDE
				Pipeline Documentation
				Promotion support for Pipeline jobs
				Improve Pipeline step documentation generator

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