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# Automating Governance

Securing your pipes with a TACO

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# Talk map

Setting the  
stage

Risk

Automating  
Governance

Why and  
how to  
make a  
TACO

Wrap  
Up

# Who am I?



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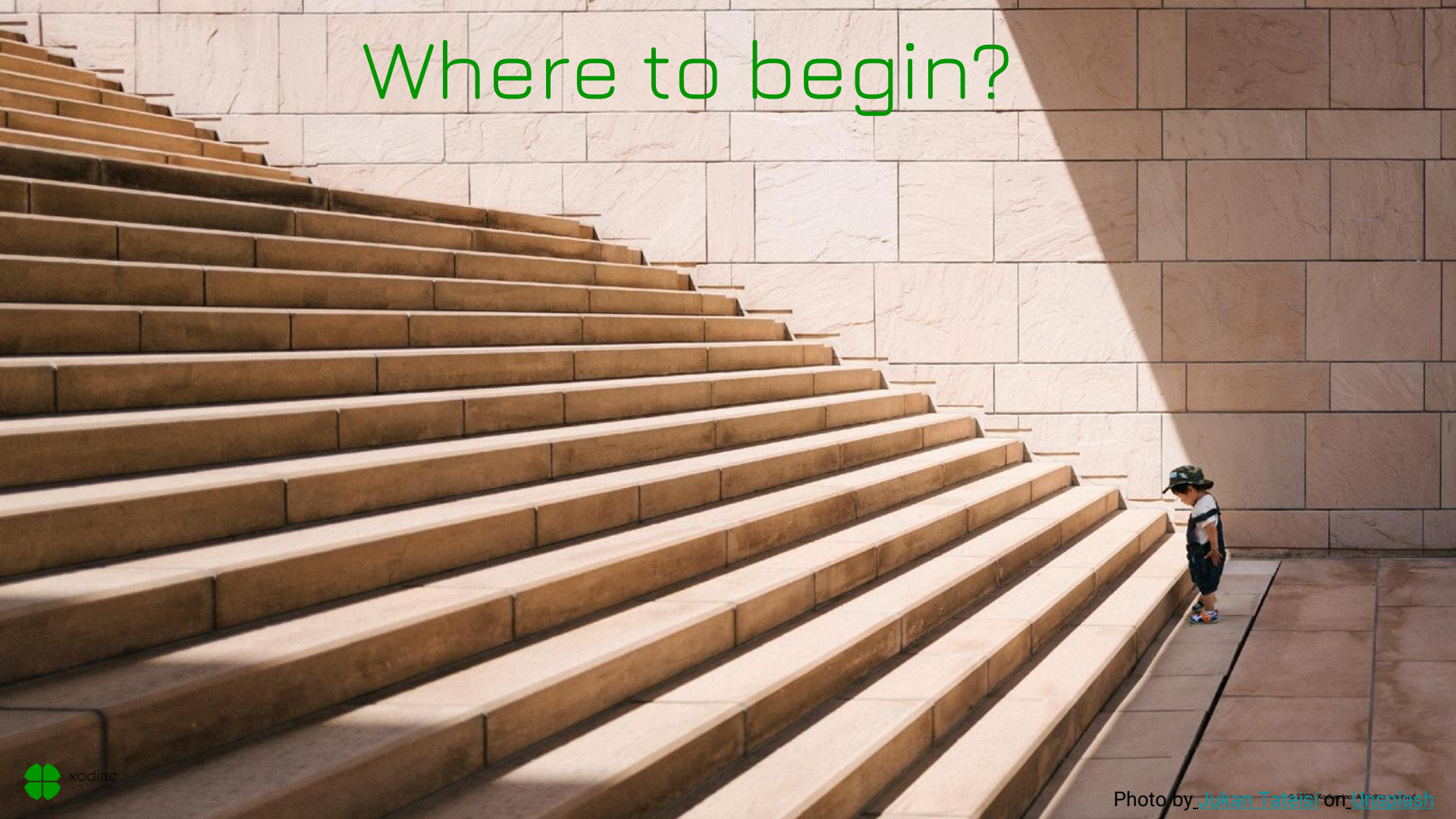


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# Where to begin?



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# Introducing change

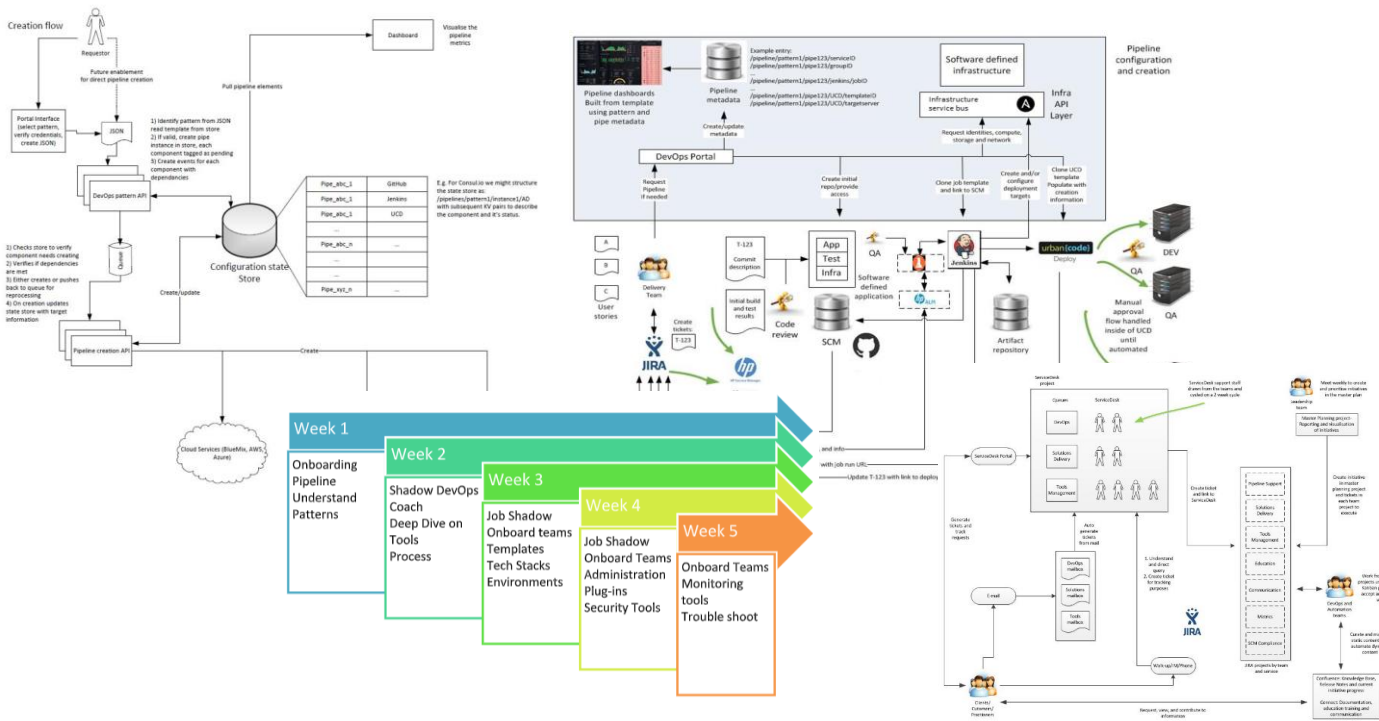


"This year, I resolve to stay away from unnecessary risks."





# Bunch of pictures

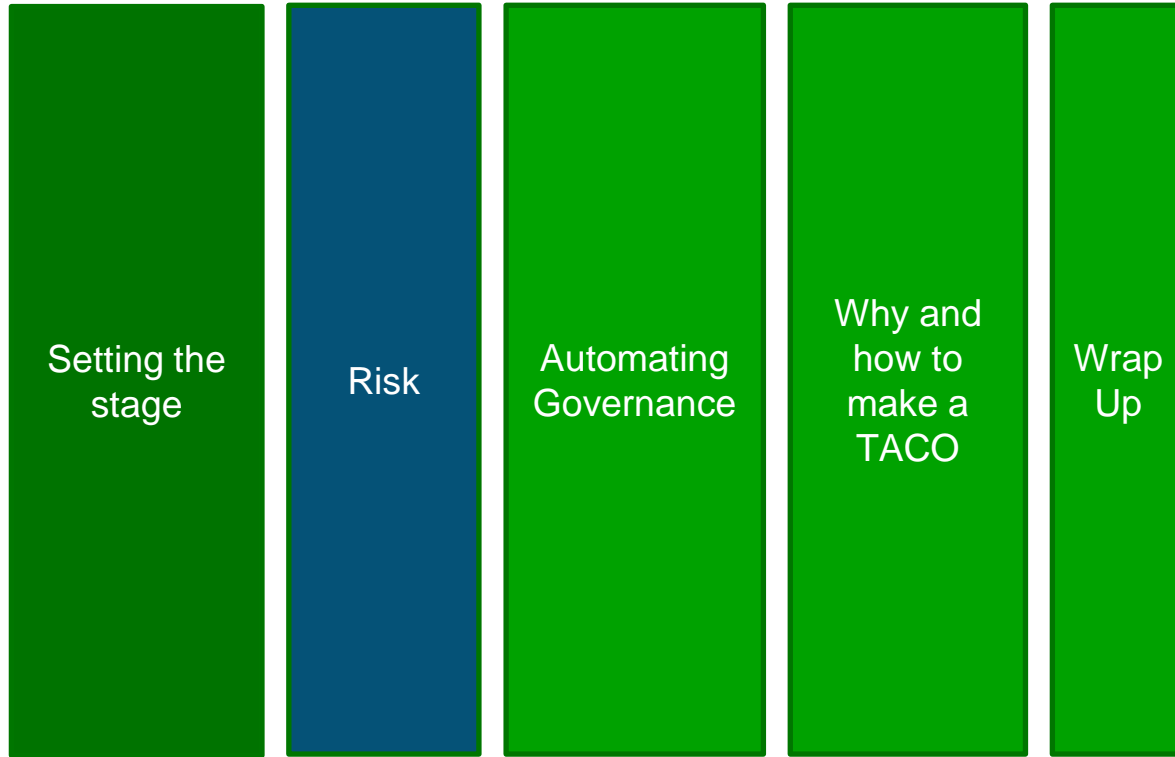


# Hitting a wall





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# GRC



# Lost in translation

**Developers**

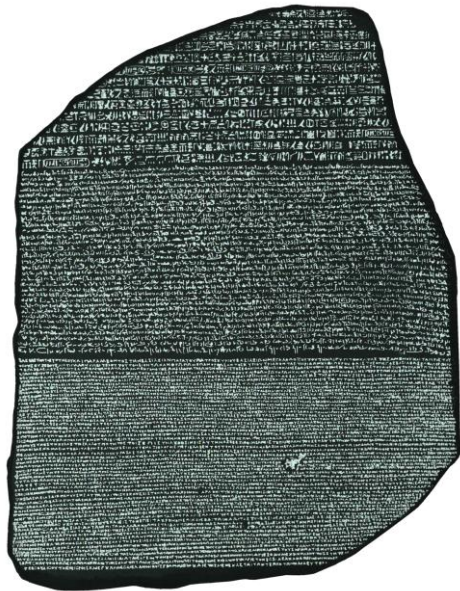
**Compliance**

**Security**

**Testing**

**Operations**

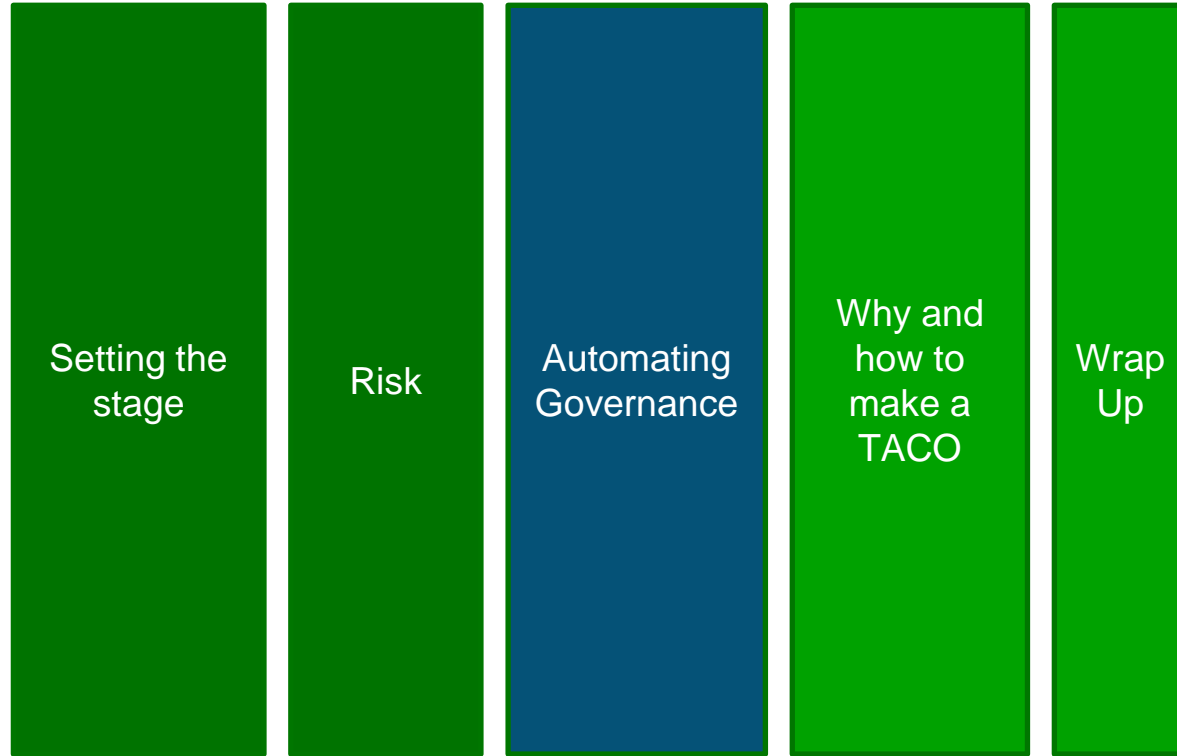
**Architecture**



# Conversation



# Talk map





# Is there a risk?



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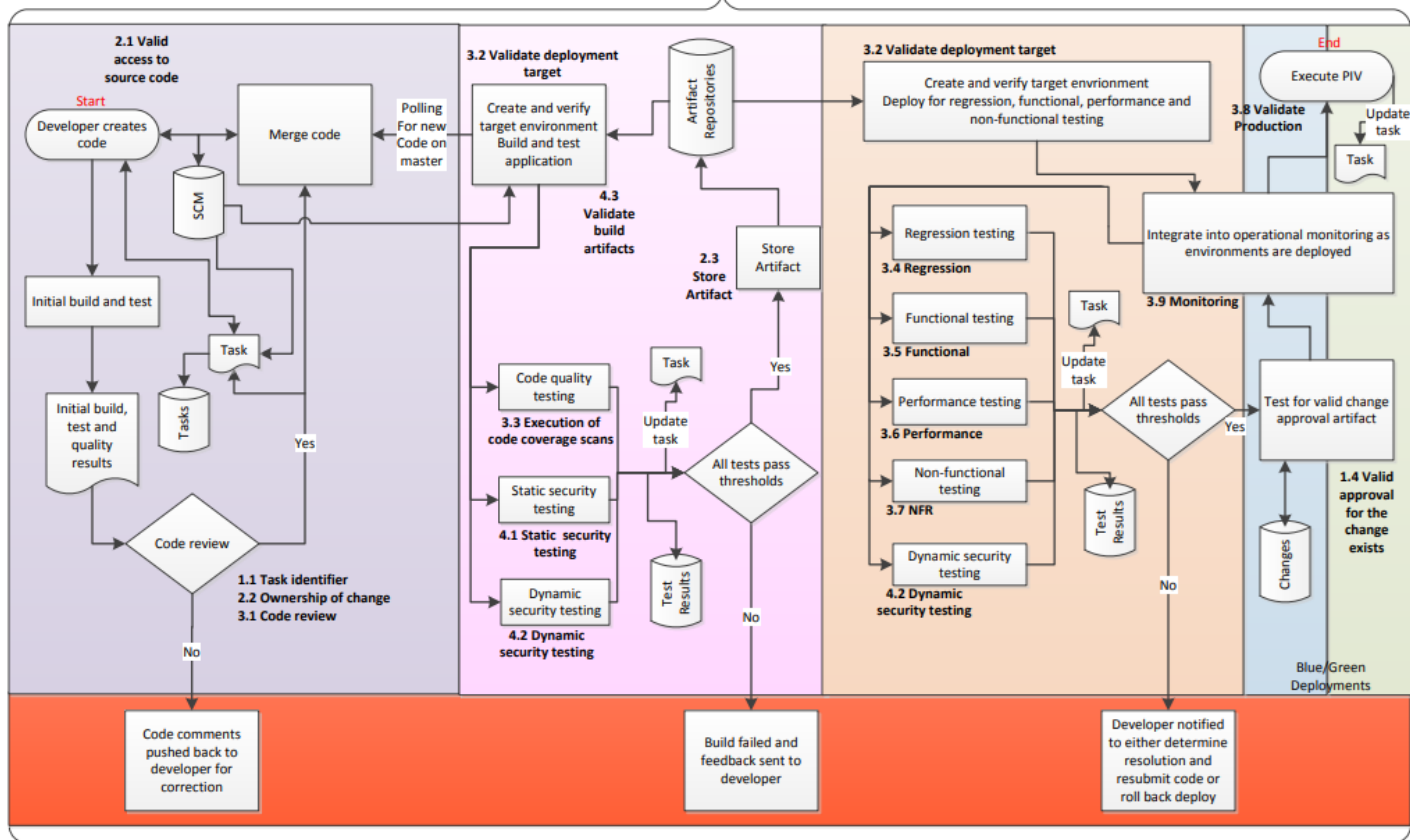
# Collaboration



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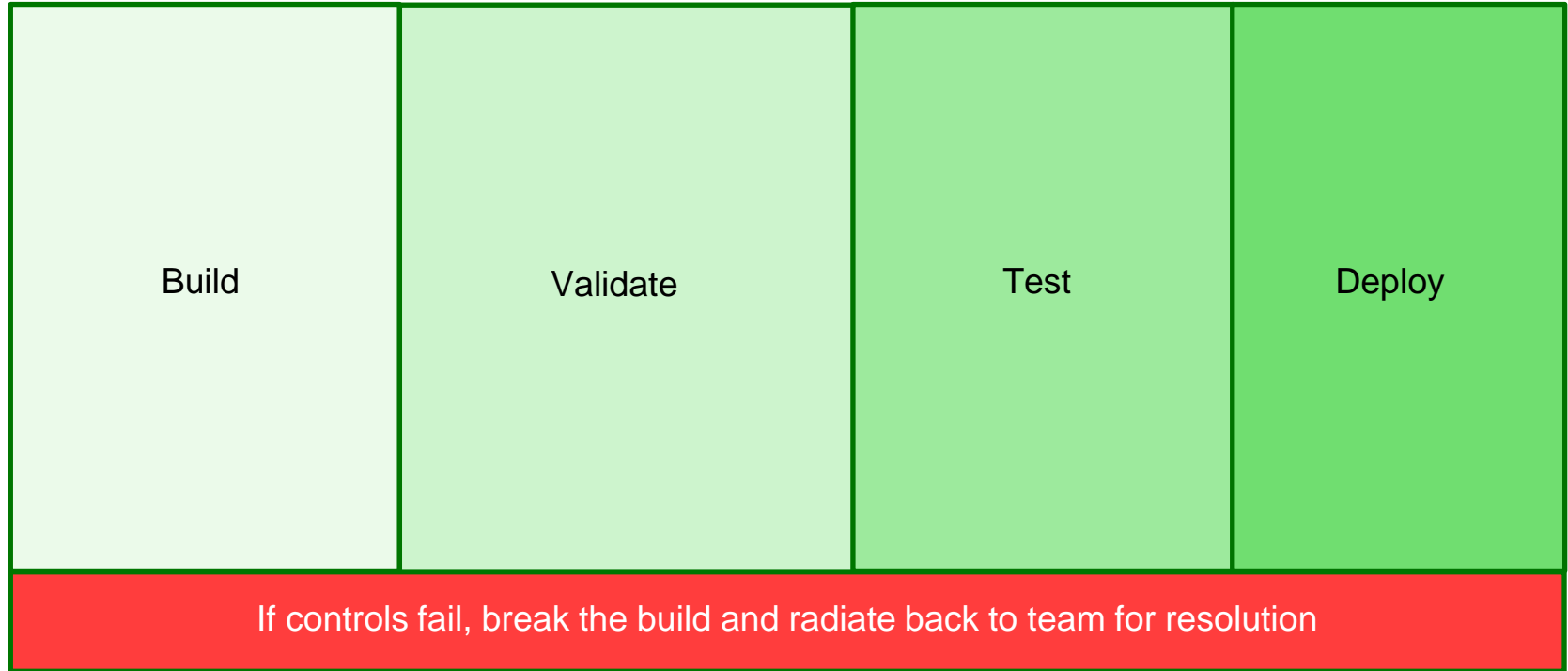
## Pipeline general case – Controls example

1.5, 2.5, 3.10 and 4.4  
Verification that the automated  
gates put into place are functioning  
as expected

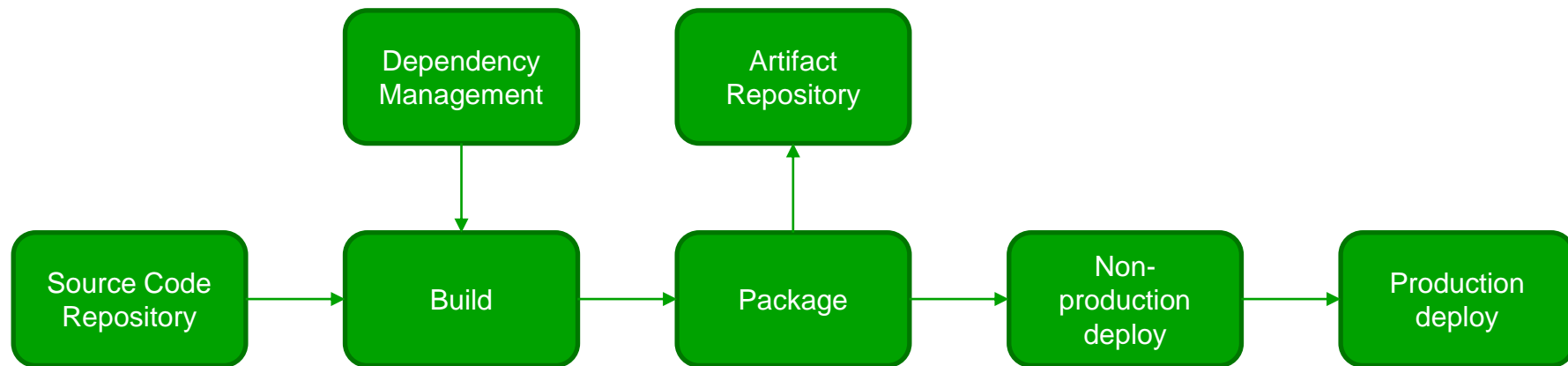


1.2, 1.3, 2.4 and 3.9  
Traceability, access and monitoring including  
feedback loops

# Mapping the controls



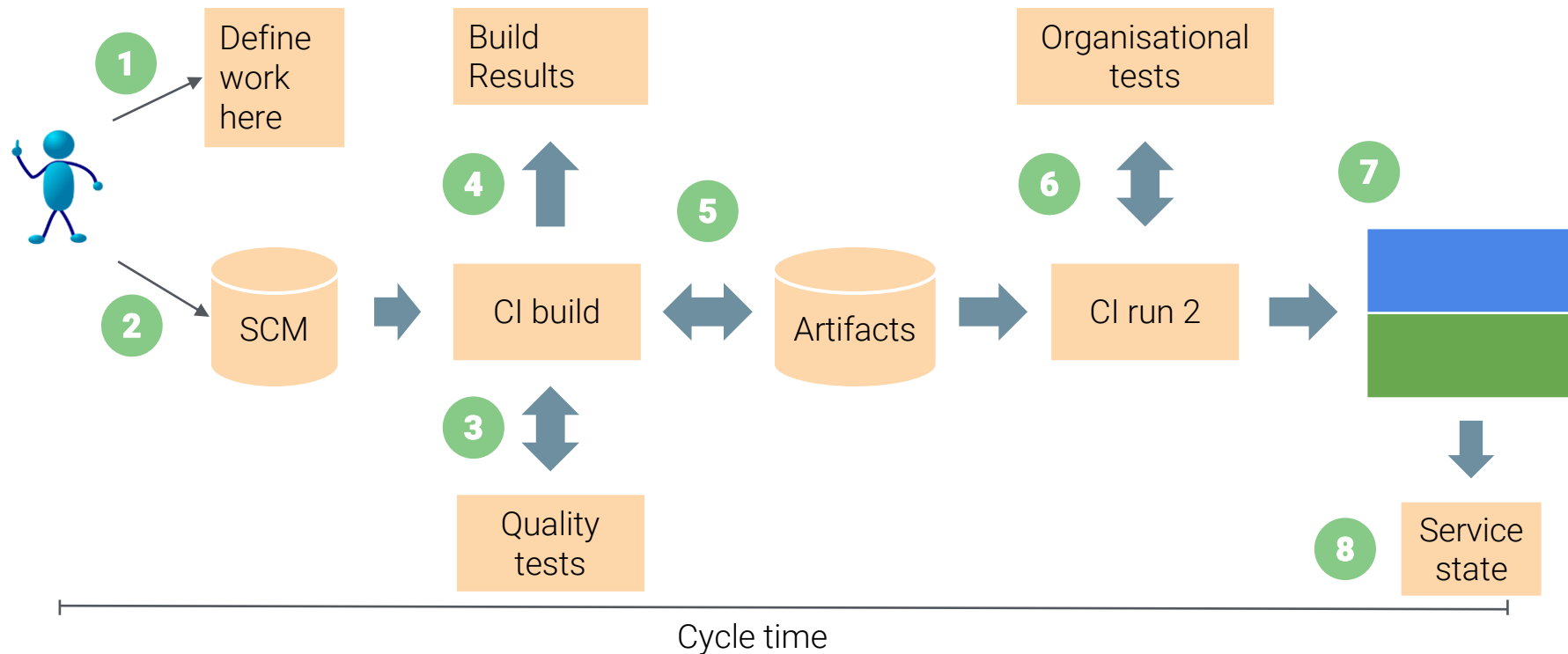
# Pipeline



# CapitalOne example

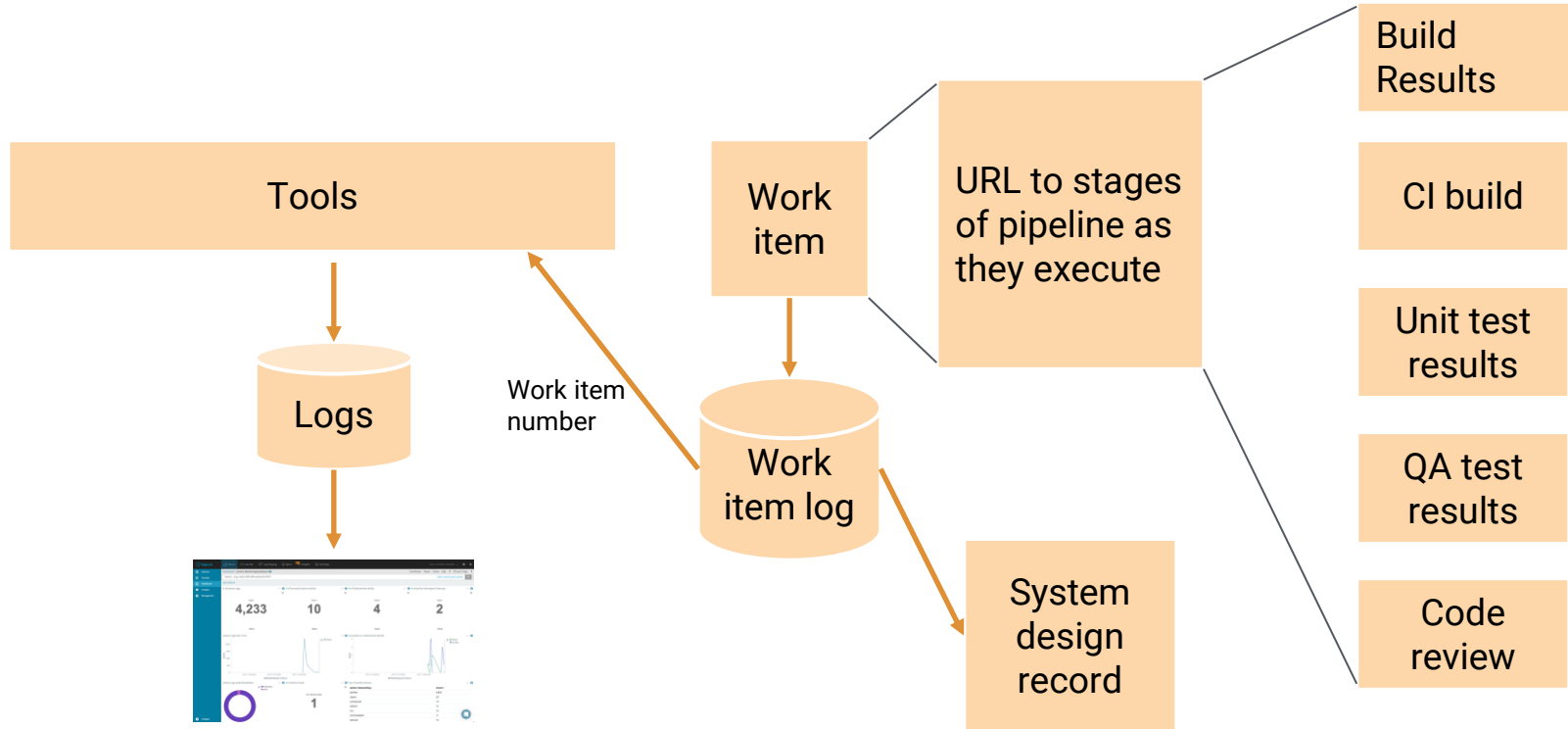
- Source code version control
- Optimum branching strategy
- Static analysis
- >80% code coverage
- Vulnerability scan
- Open source scan
- Artifact version control
- Auto provisioning
- Immutable servers
- Integration testing
- Performance testing
- Build deploy testing automated for every commit
- Automated rollback
- Automated change order
- Zero downtime release
- Feature toggle

# Running the pipe





# Auditing the pipe



# Paved road



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# Beyond roadmaps

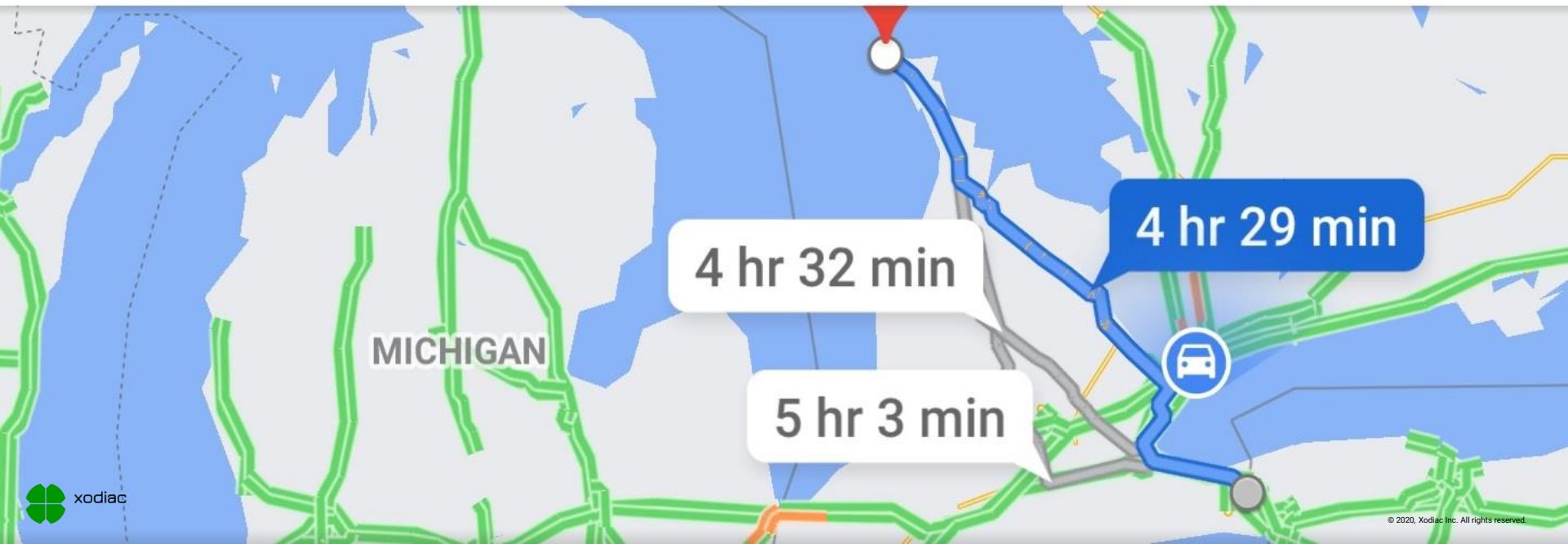


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# Modeling

Identify what happens in the pipe

Secure the delivery process

Validate the payload in the pipe

Record execution and monitor

## Traceability

1

- Chain of custody
- Test results for all
- Deployed version is tracked
- Change is recorded

*Ensure traceability exists*

## Access

2

- Source code managed
- Creator tracked
- Build once, deploy many
- Pipelines only

*Validate access*

## Compliance

3

- Peer review
- Scan the code
- Scan the artifact
- Manage the data

*Ensure issues are addressed*

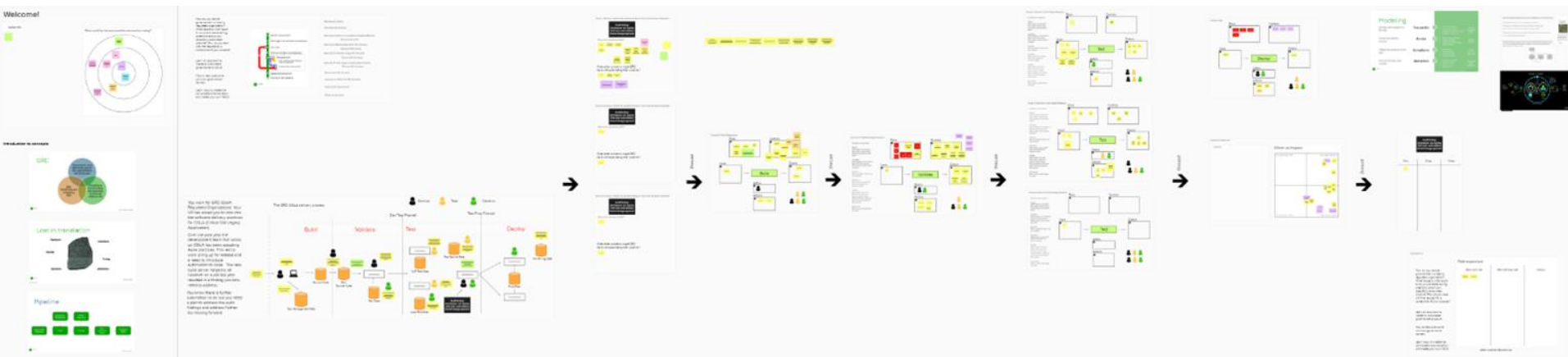
## Operations

4

- Validate the target
- Validate quality
- Check it works
- Watch it live

*Strengthen team behaviour*

# Initial controls design





# Mapping the controls

## Exercise 3: Validate Design Breakout

Questions for each box:

1) Input

What inputs do we have?

How might controls have added/improved/modified them?

2) Output

What outputs do we want to have from this process?

What would a good output look like?

3) Actors

Who is involved? (Use icons and stickies)

4) Actions

What actions occur here?

What are people and systems doing?

5) Risks

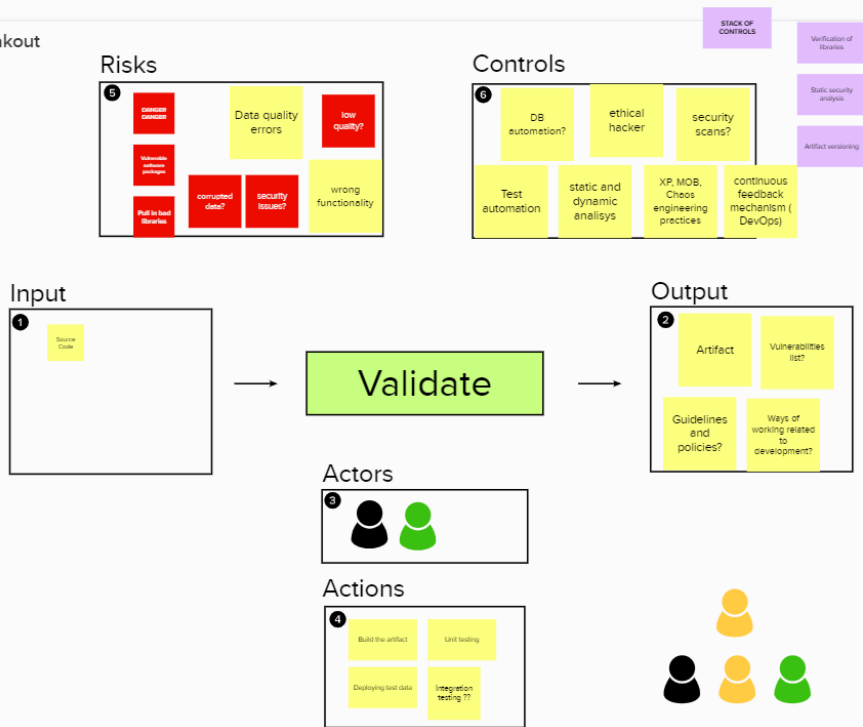
What risks do we see?

What could cause the process to go wrong?

What problems would bad input cause? How about bad output?

6) Controls

What controls will mitigate my risks?

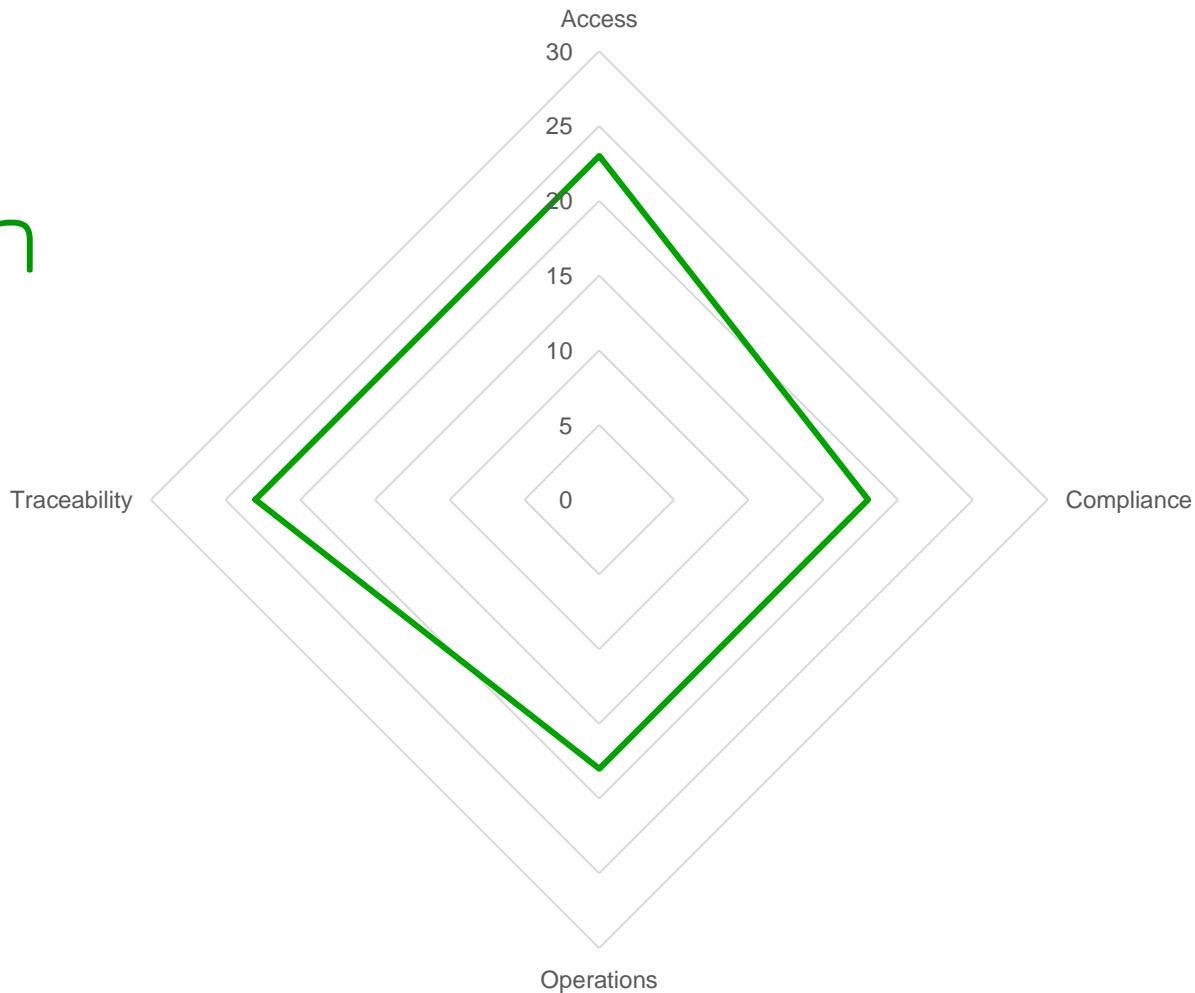


# Example

Purpose	Control	Artifact	Location	Control is passed	Control is failed	Owner
To ensure that for a given request for change, we have a valid chain of custody allowing us to trace where issues occur	All production deployments must have a ticket number. Developers must put the ticket number into the submitted pull request in order for the request to be pushed through to production. All ticket numbers since last production deploy must be included in the pull request.	Ticket	Jira	Pull request contains a valid ticket number and	If PR doesn't contain ticket number, build proceeds but only deploys to dev.	Team lead

Then link this to the tasks to create and the impediments to success

# Visualize how much TACO



# TACO!



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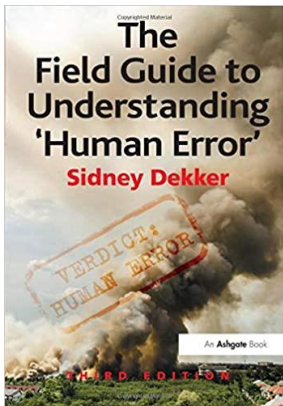
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- Not about keeping audit off your back
- Start small, get one team working and grow from there
- Engage leaders, focus on conversation, not tooling



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