

Dev Sec Ops

more of the same (\*)

(\*) back to the roots



**my own view**  
**devops mantras**  
**devops buzzword bingo**

# The initial conflict

**DEV**

**OPS**

Optimise the **whole**  
*systems thinking*

What is *your* biggest  
bottleneck ?

**FRONTEND OPS**

**NETWORK OPS**

**WIN OPS**

**BIZ DEVSEC OPS**

**NO OPS**

**AI OPS**

**CHAT OPS**

**GIT OPS**

**HR Marketing Finance Sales**

**BUSINESS**

**DEV**

**OPS**

Dev Sec Ops

*yet another bottleneck*



dev(.\*).ops is a **label**  
to get the stories out

Agile manifesto  
ITIL books  
Devops **chaos**

# Culture (Lean) Automation Measurement Sharing

**CULTURE**  
*(the beliefs)*

We can't be an expert in everything  
- we **NEED** to **collaborate**  
security is feeling the pressure

Full stack *developer*

*Developer* First

+

**T-shaped** people

empathy

#hugops

**You** are (co) - responsible  
**shared** responsibility



We can only be responsible  
for **our own *promises***  
(promise theory)

Mark Burgess

Assume/Embrace **failure** ✨

*and learn from it*

*engineering* mindset 🕒

Bring the pain **forward**  
**(seek feedback)**

You **build** it, you **run** it  
... you **secure** it

**Tools (alone) don't matter**  
**Toolishness**

Not about the **technology**  
it's about the **culture** (\*)

(\*) actually ... it's about the business !

**LEAN**  
**(business)**



Not different from any other change process  
start **small** / celebrate **success**  
**management** buy-in

There is no such thing  
as a dev(sec)ops **TEAM** (\*)

(\*) should be a transitional phase

**Excuse:**

**This will never work here**

**(read: we are not willing to change ... yet)**

# Goal **Alignment**

individual > team > organisation  
> business > industry

# Backlog **alignment**

business **value**  
vs operational **cost**  
vs **insurance**

Do the **right** thing  
vs the thing **right**

As a **strategic weapon**  
*Turn Offense into Defense*



Iterative *development*

Iterative *deploy*

Iterative *defence*

Understand the system  
**value** chain  
vs **kill** chain

Less costly to fix **early**  
in the chain

Shift **Right**  
**&&** Shift **Left**

What if your bottleneck  
moves **outside your control?**

become friends with your **suppliers**  
(cloud, OSS , ...)

# **AUTOMATION** **(delivery)**

If it's hard  
*do it more often*  
*continuous*  
*integration*  
*deployment*  
*delivery*  
*verification*  
*everything*



**repeatable builds**

**version control +  
artifacts ~ inventory  
*(discovery phase)***

**Supply chain - Provenance  
code + signing  
+ environment  
+ actions**

**You need tests**  
**You need brakes**  
**You need controls**  
**to go faster**

Agile ~ TDD

Devops ~ Config Mgmt

DevSecops ~ Threat Modeling

**Technology as a conversation starter**

it is not about testing  
or performance or security  
but about **architecture**  
*this creates resilience and agility*

Repeatable **process**

# Process **Standardisation**



**(Exceptional)** 🦄

**Change advisory board**

Turn frequent exceptions  
in **standard** changes

**automated resolutions**  
**for known states**

treat servers as cattle not pets

*treat policies on roles and not people*

*(make it scale)*

it will not take your job away  
but allow you to **spend more time**  
**on more important tasks**

# MEASUREMENT (feedback)

Monitoring ~~sucks~~

Monitoring 

**Inventory**  
**Prioritise**  
**Implement**  
**Validate**



**# stories per day**  
**# of deploys per day**  
**# vulnerability fixes per day**  
**+ \$ per day**

**Story Points**

**vs**

**Error Budget**

**vs**

**Vulnerability Budget**

Event Cognitive **Overload**  
*The Dunbar # for metrics*

Signal noise ratio  
take **all** issues seriously  
*triaging story, bug, cve first*

Compliance / auditing  
spreadsheets vs automated  
fictional vs **realistic**

Learn from mistakes  
*blameless post mortems*  
*(no single causality)*

escape rates 🗝️  
gotta catch em all

Protect yourself from  
**biases/unknowns**



Observability 🙄🙄

# Resilience *engineering*



# Vulnerability bounty programs

~ Chaos 🙈

game days ~  
capture the 🇷🇺

**Feedback** channel  
for the business to **learn** from

**SHARING**  
**(openness)**

**Shortage of Talent 🤘  
vs Lack of Resources**

**1:10:100**



Competence level up  
builds **trust**

Self Organizing team  
don't come over night 🐢

**Educate practices  
dojos - sharing**

**Mob programming**  
 **remove barriers**

Our work is to protect others  
from hurting themselves 

VS..

**ALL** changes  
**MUST** be peer-reviewed (\*)

(\*) probably not if you trust others

What the **others needs** to do  
vs what can we do ourselves

Think **service** not server



serverless vs  
servicefull

DEVOPS (managing servers)  
is **DEAD** - Simon Wardley

# Self Servicing

Bring information to  
where it's **needed**  
**(self feedback)**

Incentivise **people**  
to do the right thing  
*(paved road)*

Product mindset  
*platform* team

Are you building  
**confidence vs trust?**  
*the system takes over*

devsecops

as a devops *evolution*



**devops** as a  
pre-requisite to implement  
successful **devsecops**

**BEWARE:**

**Your bottleneck *moves***

 Are we there yet? (\*)

(\*) NO - but let's keep sharing our stories

features , containers & vulnerabilities  
*come and go* 🤸

but **developers** , **security** and  
**operations** are **forever** 🌞

**THANK YOU!**

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