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SEI Study on Defense Department DevSecOps Finds Excellence and Opportunities

May 14, 2025—A high-stakes, high-security environment has challenged the implementation of DevSecOps practices within the Department of Defense (DoD). A study conducted by the SEI, released last week by the DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO), baselines the state of DoD DevSecOps, highlights successes, and offers insights for next steps.

The State of DevSecOps within the Department of Defense study found that pockets of the DoD have had significant success with DevSecOps practices, enhancing deployment speed, security, and operational efficiency. To move forward, the DoD needs to implement those successes at scale.

“This study provides an important baseline, as well as data collection recommendations, to enable decision making at all levels,” said Eileen Wrubel, technical director of software acquisition policy and practice at the SEI’s Software Solutions Division (SSD) and one of the study’s investigators. “Research like this ensures that the DoD’s software ecosystem is effective,

scalable, and adaptable enough to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow."

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Destiney Marie Plaza reveals five ways to protect yourself from getting your password cracked.

[The State of DevSecOps in the DoD: Where We Are, and What's Next](#), May 19

The SEI's Brigid O'Hearn and Eileen Wrubel and George Lamb, DoD's Director of Cloud and Software Modernization, discuss how key findings of *The State of DevSecOps in the DoD* study will help the DoD ensure an effective, scalable, and adaptable software ecosystem to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

[Insider Risk Management Symposium 2025](#), June 12

The theme of this year's event is "Technology-Driven Changes to the Insider Risk Landscape."

[International Workshop on Envisioning the AI-Augmented Software Development Life Cycle](#), June 26

This workshop seeks to explore how AI might transform end-to-end software systems development workflows and emphasizes the need to collect relevant data now to assess the long-term effects of AI throughout the software development life cycle.

[Secure Software by Design 2025](#), August 19-20

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