



AWS Cloud Development Kit

CDK for Complex Enterprise Applications

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AWS Cloud Development Kit (CDK)

A multi-language software development framework for modeling cloud infrastructure as reusable components

```
class UrlShortener extends Stack {
  constructor(scope: App, id: string, props?: UrlShortenerProps) {
    super(scope, id, props);

    const vpc = new ec2.Vpc(this, 'vpc', { maxAzs: 2 });
    const cluster = new ecs.Cluster(this, 'cluster', { vpc: vpc });
    const service = new patterns.NetworkLoadBalancedFargateService(this, 'sample-app', {
      cluster,
      taskImageOptions: {
        image: ecs.ContainerImage.fromAsset('ping'),
      },
      domainName: 'api.example.com',
    });

    // Setup AutoScaling policy
    const scaling = service.service.autoScaleTaskSet({
      scaling: scaling.scaleOnCpuUtilization('CpuScaling', {
        targetUtilizationPercent: 50,
        scaleInCooldown: Duration.seconds(60),
        scaleOutCooldown: Duration.seconds(60)
      });
    });
  }
}
```

domainName
domainZone

(property) patterns.NetworkLoadBalancedServiceBaseProps.domainName?: string | undefined

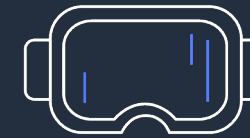
The domain name for the service, e.g. "api.example.com."

@default

- No domain name.



Familiar
Your language
Just code



Tool Support
AutoComplete
Inline documentation



Abstraction
Sane defaults
Reusable classes



Main Components



Core Framework

Serverless

- AWS Lambda
- Amazon API Gateway
- Amazon DynamoDB

App Integration / Foundational Services

- Amazon S3
- Amazon SNS
- Amazon SQS
- AWS Step Functions
- Amazon CloudWatch
- AWS Identity and Access Management

Containers

- Amazon ECS
- AWS Fargate
- Amazon VPC
- Amazon EC2

CI/CD

- AWS CodeBuild
- AWS CodeCommit
- AWS CodeDeploy
- AWS CodePipeline

AWS Construct Library

```
zsh
cdk-app on master [?] is v0.1.0 via v14.2.0 using amelnky-cdk took 10s
+ cdk diff
Stack CdkAppStack
IAM Statement Changes


| Resource              | Effect | Action          | Principal                 | Condition                                             |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| + \${CdkAppQueue.Arn} | Allow  | sqs:SendMessage | Service:sns.amazonaws.com | "ArnEquals": {   "aws:SourceArn": "\${CdkAppTopic}" } |


(NOTE: There may be security-related changes not in this list. See https://github.com/aws/aws-cdk/issues/1299)

Conditions
[+] Condition CDKMetadataAvailable: {"Fn::Or":[{"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"ap-east-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"ap-northeast-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"ap-northeast-2"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"ap-south-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"ap-southeast-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"ap-southeast-2"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"ca-central-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"cn-north-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"cn-northwest-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"eu-central-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"eu-north-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"eu-west-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"eu-west-2"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"eu-west-3"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"me-south-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"sa-east-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"us-east-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"us-east-2"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"us-west-1"}, {"Fn::Equals":{"Ref":"AWS::Region"},"us-west-2"}]}]

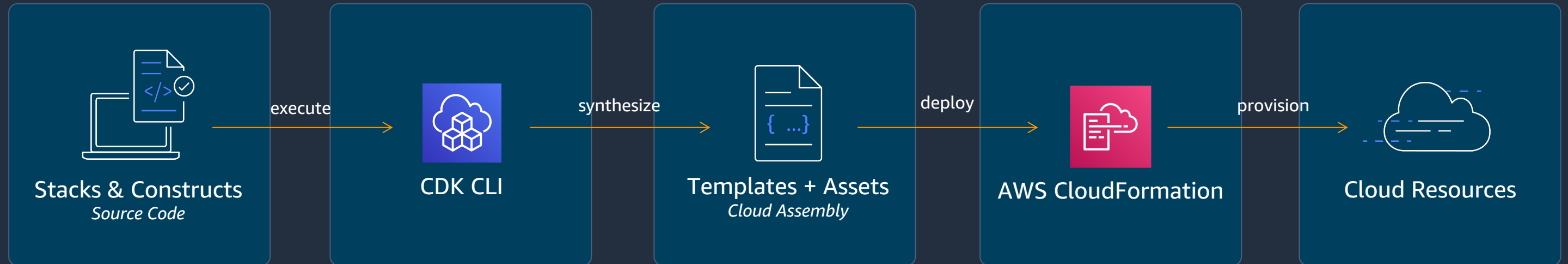
Resources
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[+] AWS::SQS::QueuePolicy CdkAppQueue/Policy CdkAppQueuePolicy68032EBA
[+] AWS::SNS::Subscription CdkAppQueue/CdkAppStackCdkAppTopicA685FD20 CdkAppQueueCdkAppStackCdkAppTopicA685FD2011CAC019
[+] AWS::SNS::Topic CdkAppTopic CdkAppTopicF4BDC8F1






cdk-app on master [?] is v0.1.0 via v14.2.0 using amelnky-cdk took 2s
```

AWS CDK CLI



Development Workflow



```
 cdk init // create new project  
 npm run build // build project  
 cdk synth // create templates and assets  
 cdk diff // check what will change  
 cdk deploy // push changes to your account
```

Construct Levels

L3+

Purpose-built constructs

Opinionated abstractions

L2

AWS Constructs

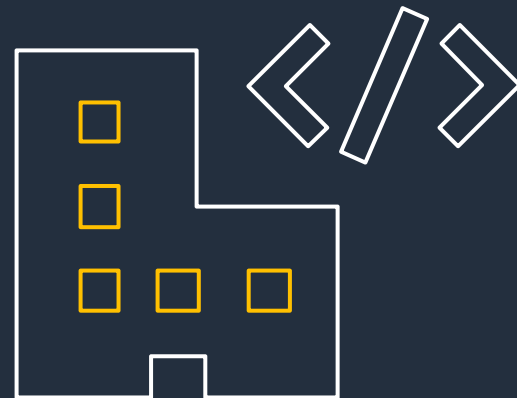
High level service constructs

L1

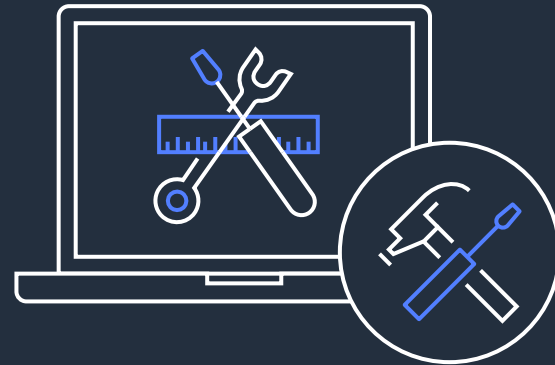
CloudFormation Resources

Automatically generated

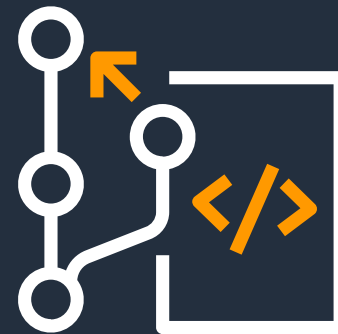
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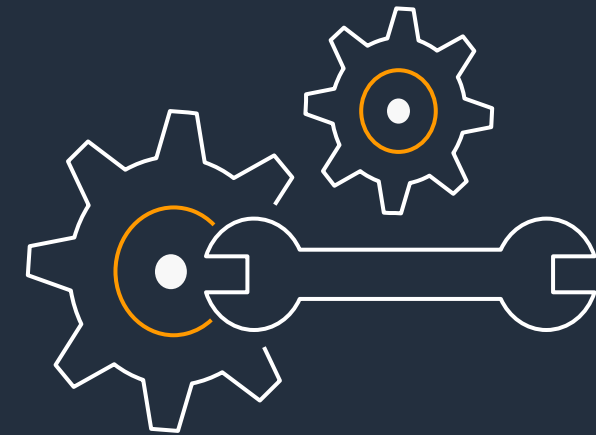
Infrastructure



Application
Code

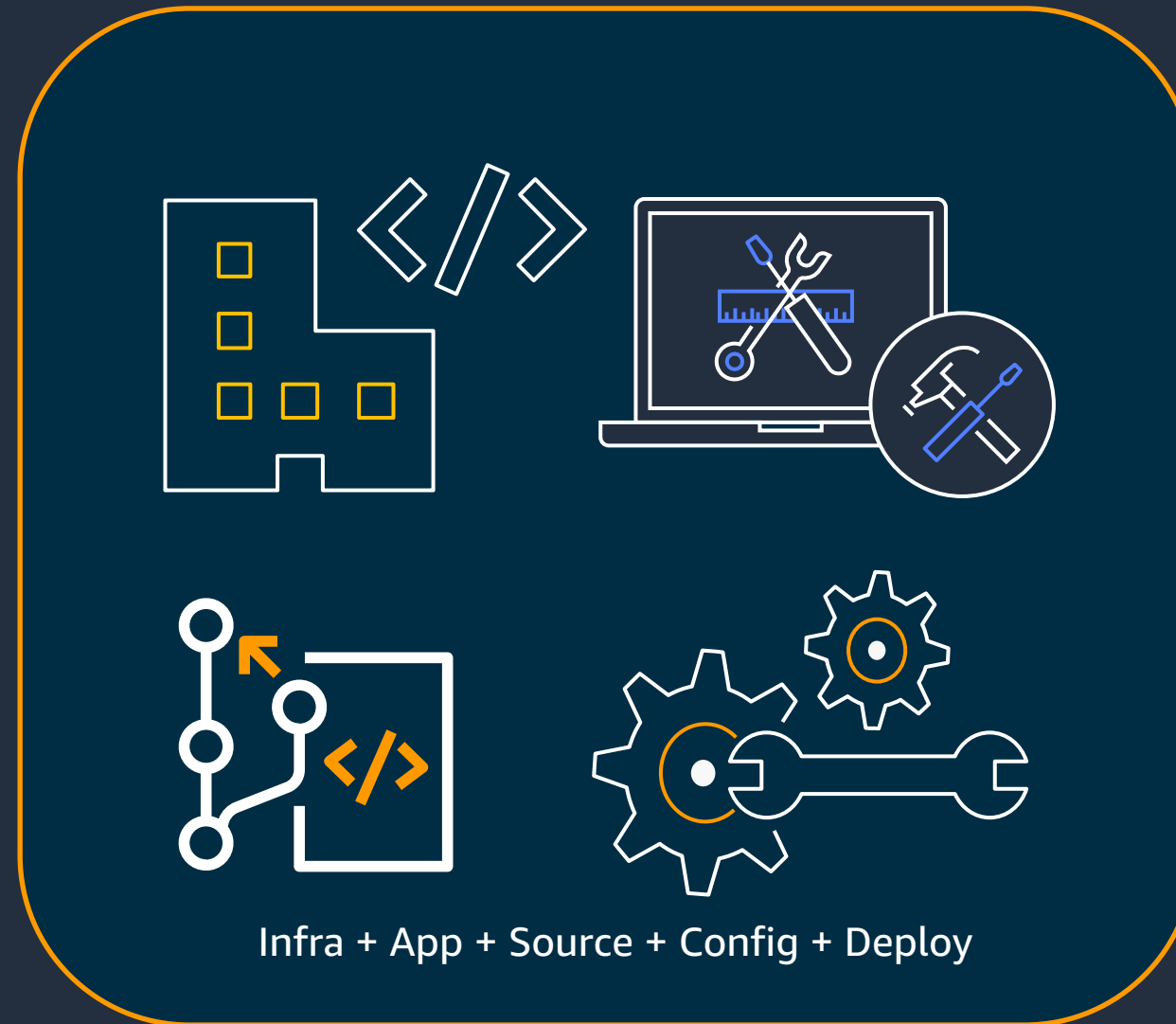


Source Control



Config and Deployment

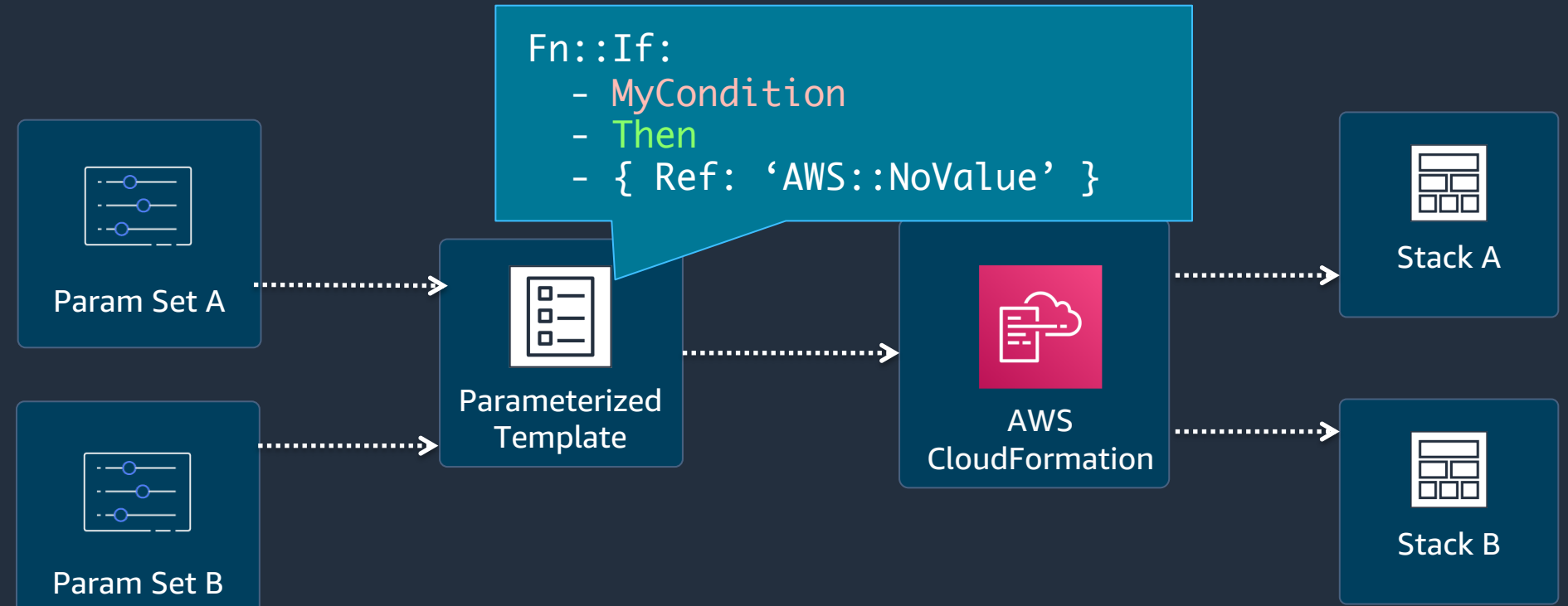
CDK Philosophy – To This



Paradigm Shift

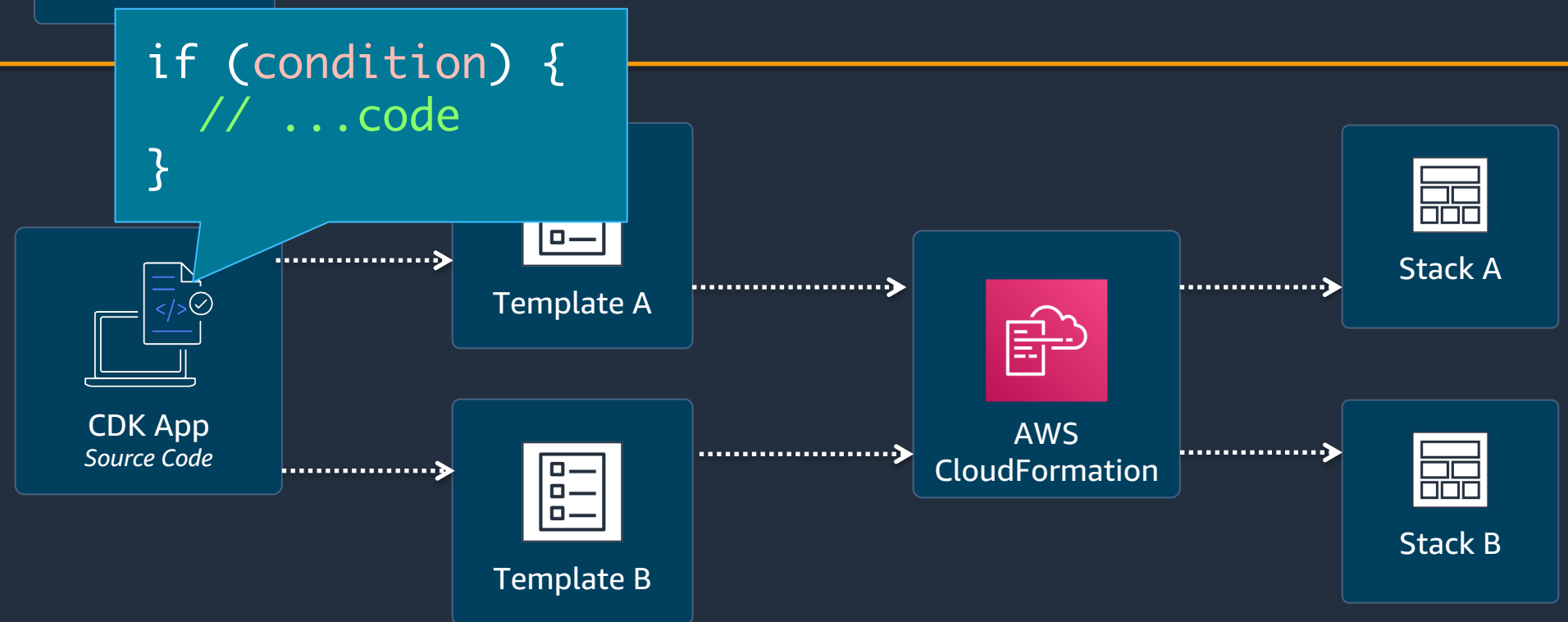
CloudFormation

Parameters and
intrinsic functions



CDK

Typed OO language:
loops, conditions,
inheritance, etc



Best Practices, Part One

the organization

Best Practice - Cloud Center of Excellence (CCoE)

A Cloud Center of Excellence (CCoE)

is a corporate group or team

that leads other employees and the organization as a whole

in cloud adoption, migration and operation.

Known by many names:

- Cloud Competency/Capability Center
- Cloud Infrastructure Team
- Cloud Strategy & Enablement Team
- Cloud Tiger Team
- DevOps Team

Realm of CCoE:

Research

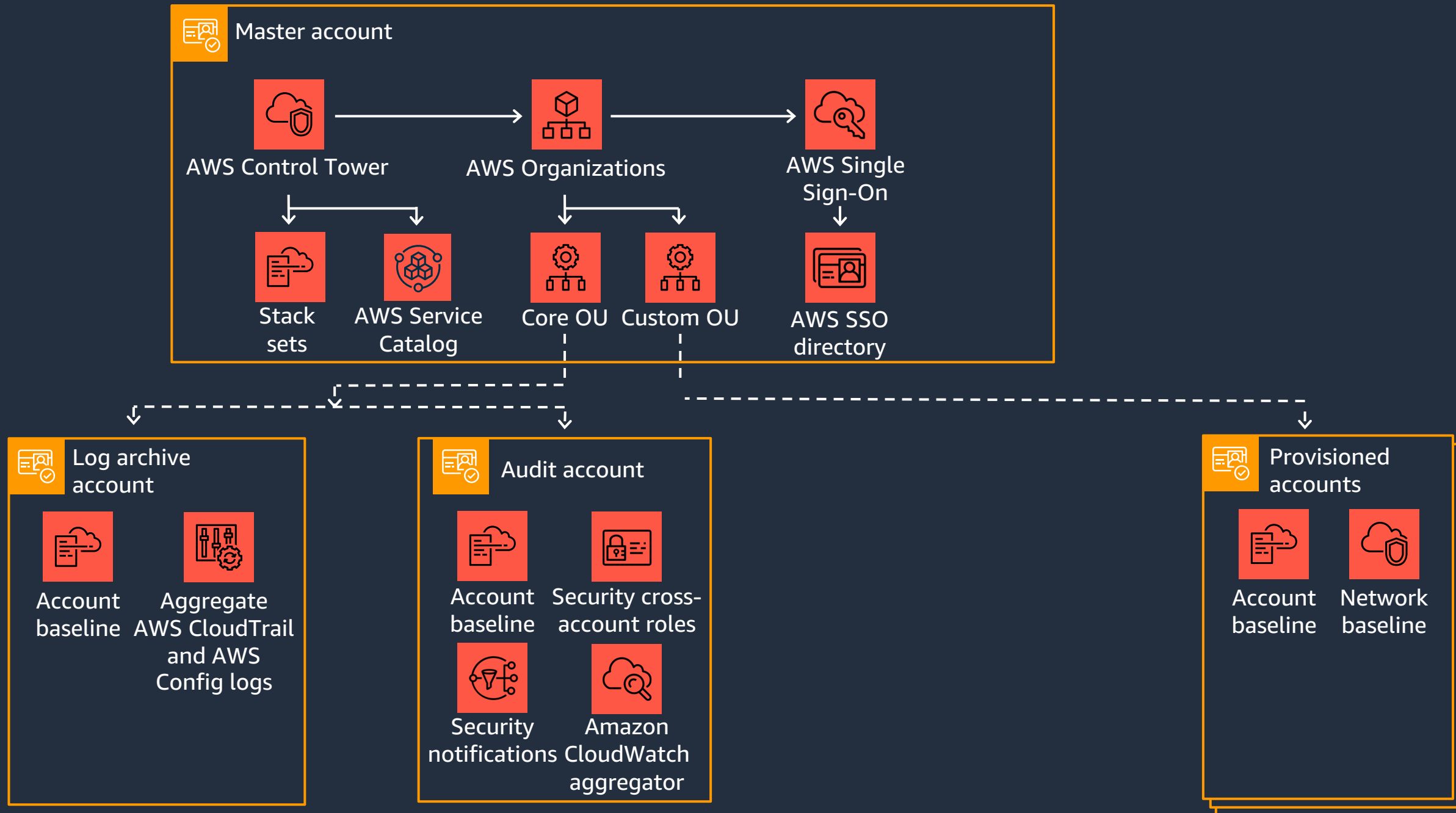
Evangelize

Apply

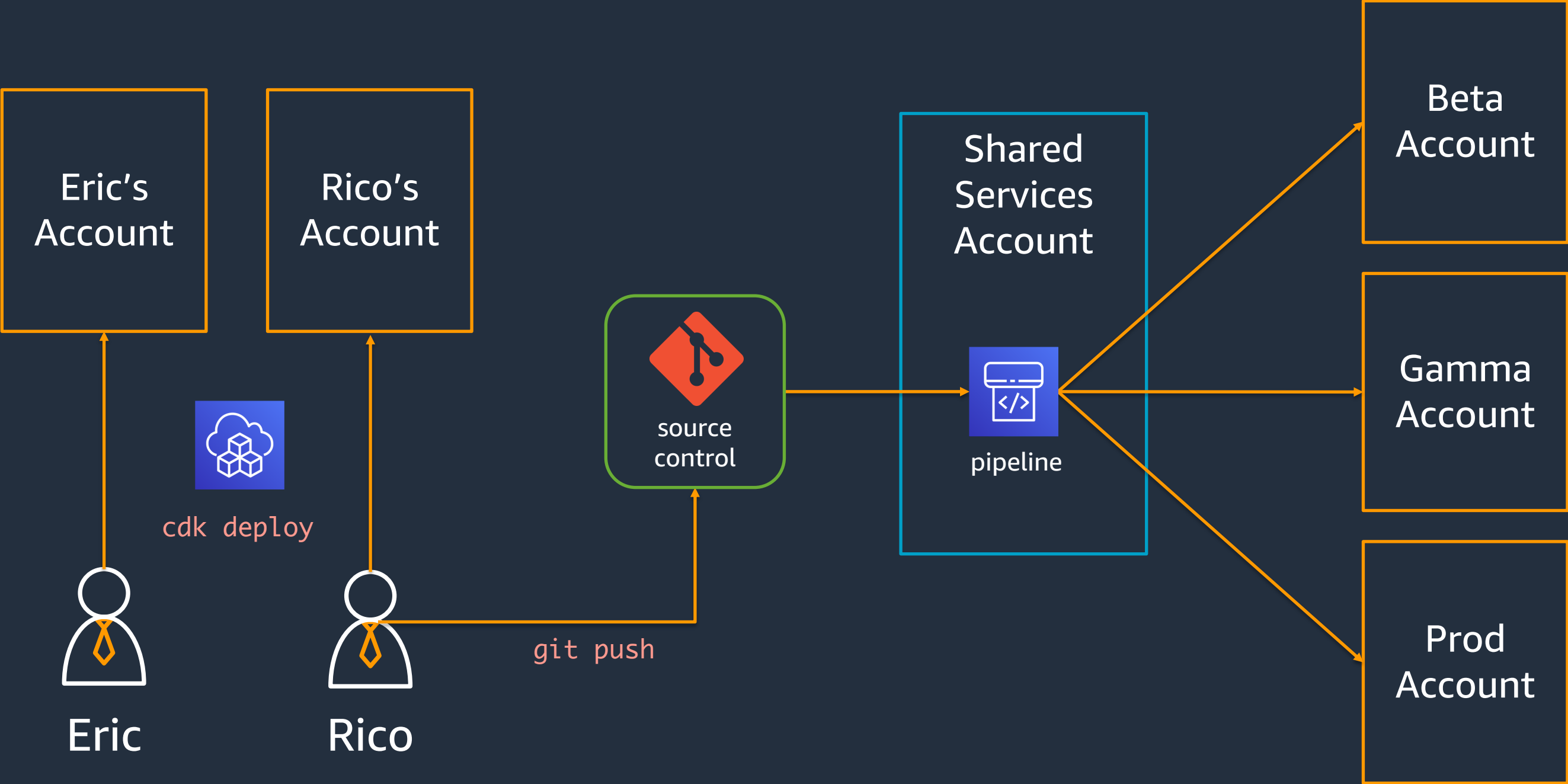
Lead

Mentor

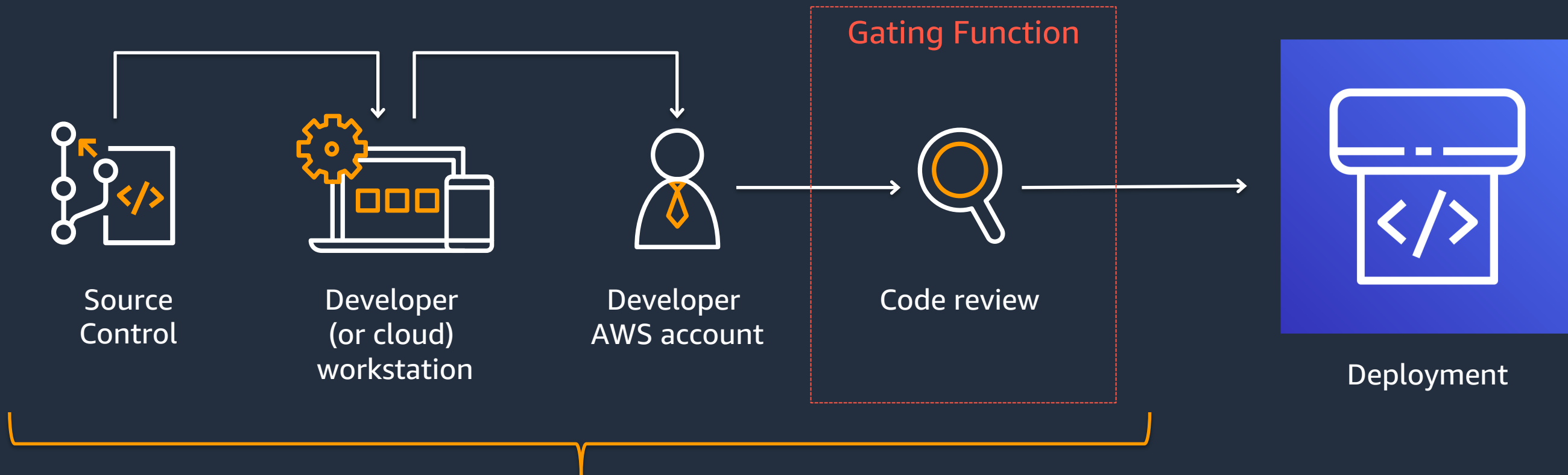
Set up an AWS landing zone



Best Practice – Deploy to multiple accounts

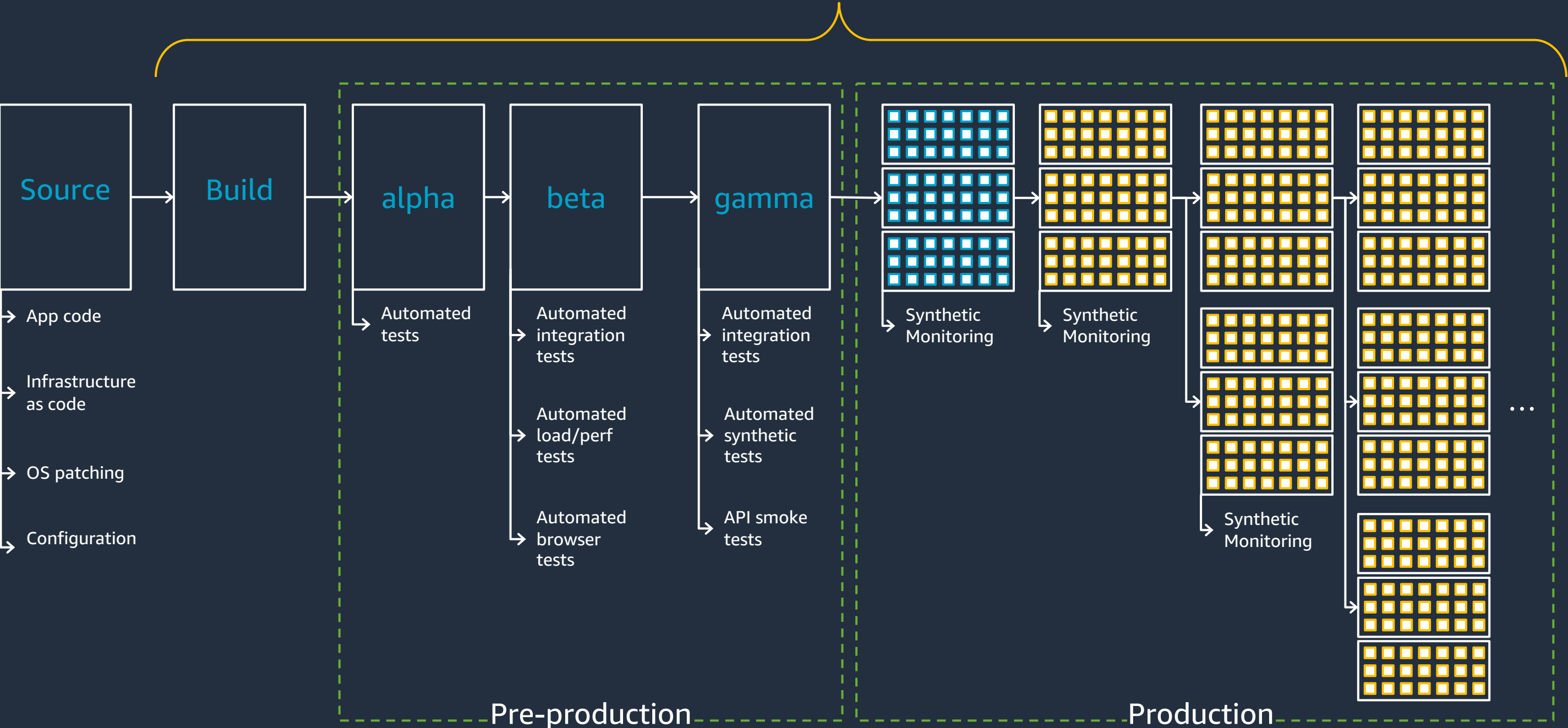


Best Practice – Use code reviews as a gate



This part should be **fast**

Best Practice – Fully Automate Deployments



Best Practice – Measure Everything

Business metrics

Growth

Usage

Feedback

Operational metrics

Errors

Throttling

Failed deployments

Performance

Input goals

Features

Use cases

Performance

Enablement

Principal reviews

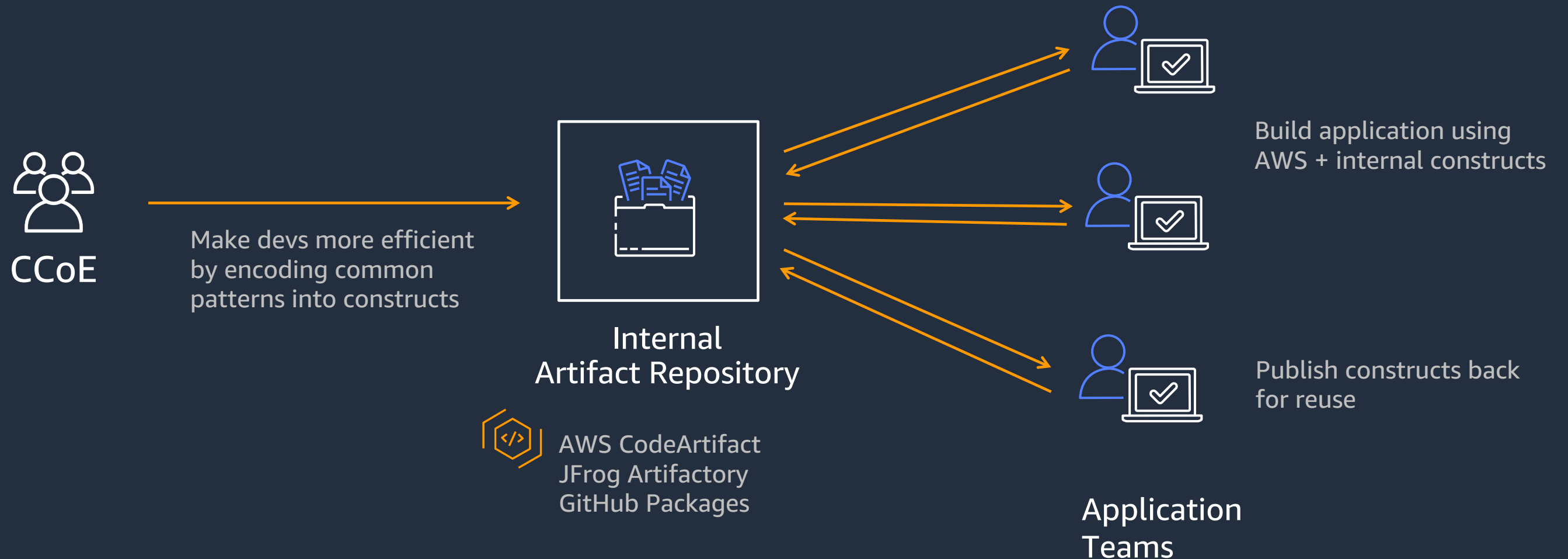
Security training

Ops training

Best Practices, Part Two

CDK

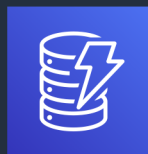
Construct libraries



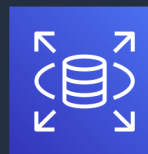
Construct libraries

AWS

L2 Constructs



Amazon DynamoDB



Amazon RDS

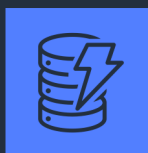


Amazon EC2

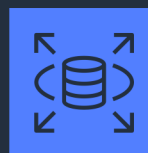


AWS Lambda

L2.5 Constructs



Your DynamoDB



Your RDS



Your EC2

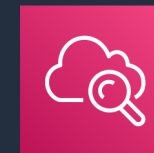


Your Lambda

L3 Patterns



Secure REST API



CloudWatch to Kinesis

Your Organization

Construct libraries

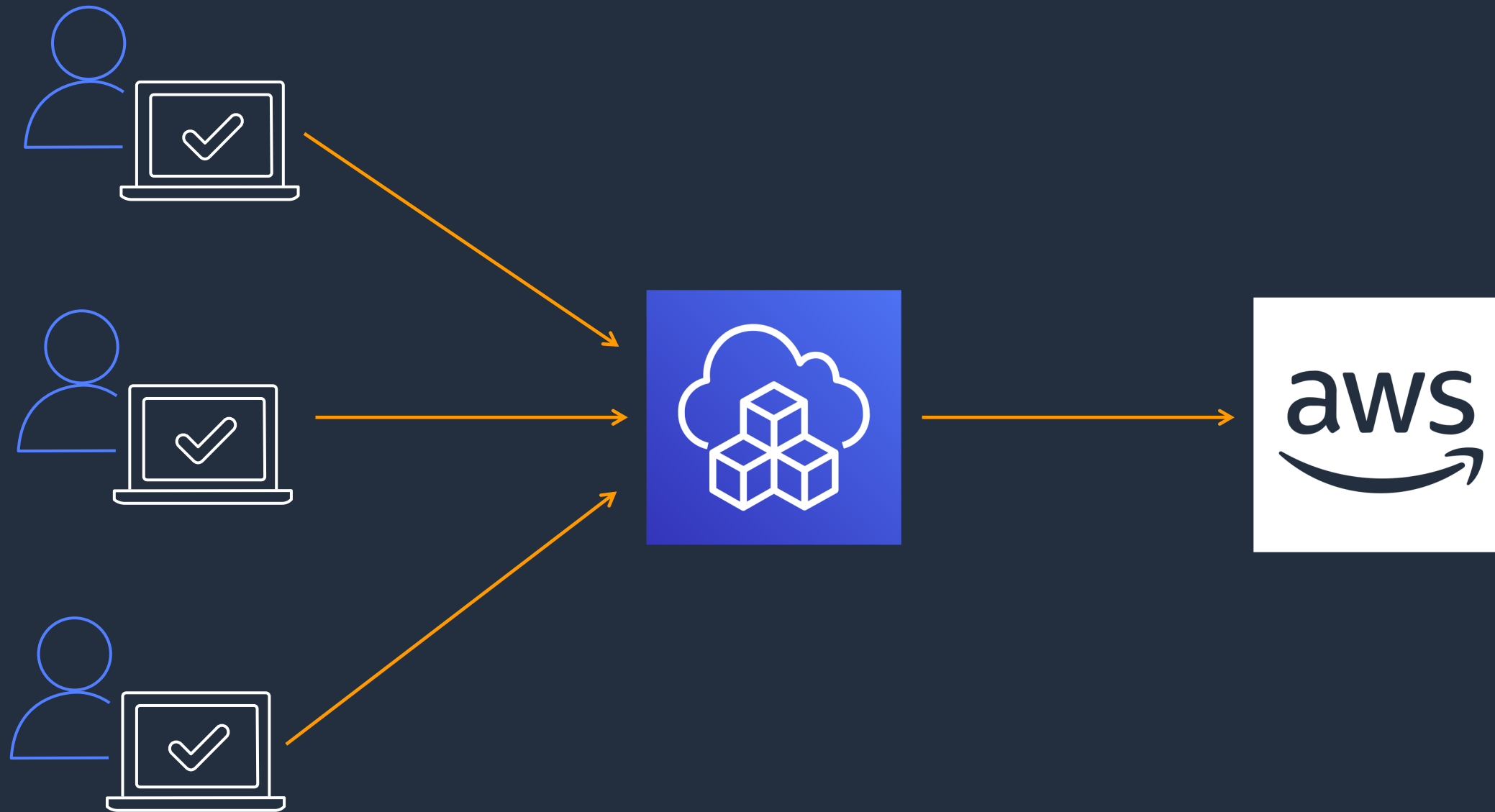
Do

- ✓ Write and publish using `jsii`
- ✓ Vend Constructs
- ✓ Configure with properties
- ✓ Unit test your infrastructure
- ✓ Use Constructs for convenience

Don't

- ✗ Vend Stacks
- ✗ Read environment variables
- ✗ Change `ids` of stateful resources
- ✗ Use Constructs for compliance

Application Development



CDK Applications

Do

- ✓ Parameterize your app for generated resource names
- ✓ Separate into Stacks because of deployment properties
- ✓ Make your app deterministic (`cdk.context.json`)
- ✓ Allow CDK to manage roles
- ✓ Model all production Stages

Don't

- ✗ Rely on physical names
- ✗ Separate because it *feels* like you should
- ✗ Do network lookups
- ✗ Import pre-created roles
- ✗ Parameterize app to be a Stage

CDK Pipelines

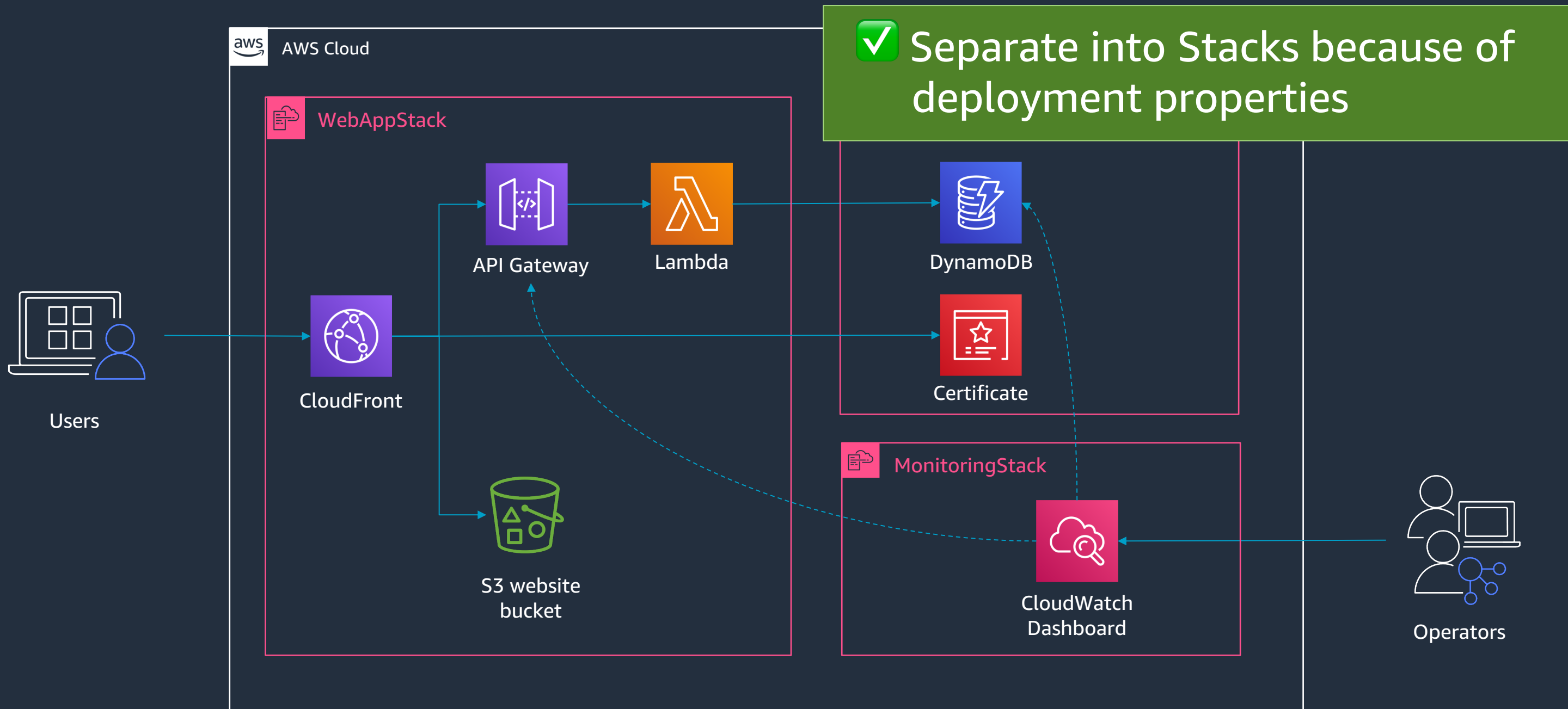
Continuous delivery for AWS CDK applications

The screenshot displays the AWS CDK Pipeline console for a pipeline named 'MyServicePipeline'. The interface includes a navigation bar with 'Services', 'Resource Groups', 'Ireland', and 'Support'. Below the pipeline name, there are buttons for 'Notify', 'Edit', 'Stop execution', 'Clone pipeline', and 'Release change'. The pipeline execution is shown as a vertical flow of stages, all of which are 'Succeeded'. The 'Source' stage is powered by GitHub and completed 9 minutes ago. The 'Build' stage is powered by AWS CodeBuild and completed 7 minutes ago. The 'UpdatePipeline' stage is also successful. Each stage has a 'Disable transition' button. A vertical bar on the right side of the pipeline shows three green checkmarks, indicating that all stages passed. The footer of the console includes 'Feedback', 'English (US)', and copyright information for Amazon Web Services, Inc. or its affiliates.

- Model continuous delivery pipelines as part of your infrastructure code.
- Pipelines are **self modifying** as you push your CDK code to origin.
- Easily model **cross-account** and **cross-region** pipeline configurations.

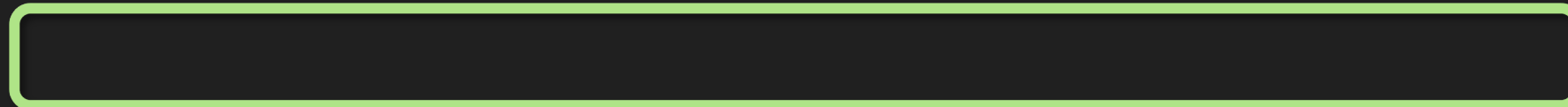
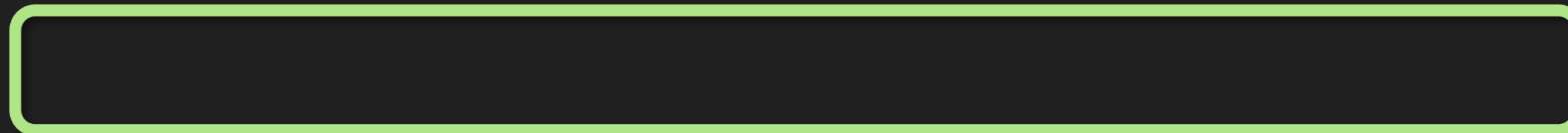
Code Samples

Sample Application – A dynamic website



MonitoringStack

```
/**  
 * Interface that downstream stacks expect to monitoring subsystem  
 */  
1 implementation  
export interface IMonitoring {  
  addGraphs(title: string, ...widgets: cloudwatch.IWidget[]): void;  
}
```



StatefulStack

```
export interface StatefulStackProps extends cdk.StackProps {  
    /**  
     * Where to add metrics  
     */  
    readonly monitoring: IMonitoring;  
  
    /**  
     * Domain name to create certificate for  
     *  
     * @default - If not given, a certificate will not be created.  
     */  
    readonly domainName?: string;  
}  
  
/**  
 * Stack with stateful resources  
 */  
export class StatefulStack extends cdk.Stack {  
    public readonly table: dynamodb.Table;  
    public readonly certificate?: certmgr.ICertificate;  
  
    constructor(scope: cdk.Construct, id: string, props: StatefulStackProps) {  
        super(scope, id, props);  
    }  
}
```

✓ Configure with properties

StatefulStack

```
/**
 * Stack with stateful resources
 */
export class StatefulStack extends cdk.Stack {
  public readonly table: dynamodb.Table;
  public readonly certificate?: certmgr.ICertificate;

  constructor(scope: cdk.Construct, id: string, props: StatefulStackProps) {
    super(scope, id, props);

    this.table = new dynamodb.Table(this, 'Table', {
      partitionKey: { name: 'id', type: dynamodb.AttributeType.STRING },
    });

    if (props.domainName) {
      this.certificate = new certmgr.DnsValidatedCertificate(this, 'Certificate', {
        domainName: props.domainName,
        hostedZone: route53.HostedZone.fromLookup(this, 'HostedZone', {
          domainName: parentDomain(props.domainName),
        }),
        region: 'us-east-1', // CloudFront requires 'us-east-1' region
      });
    }

    // Monitoring!
    props.monitoring.addGraphs('Database',
```

✓ Make your app deterministic (context)

StatefulStack

```
hostedZone: route53.HostedZone.fromLookup(this, 'HostedZone', {
  domainName: parentDomain(props.domainName),
}),
region: 'us-east-1', // CloudFront requires 'us-east-1' region
});
}
```

✓ Measure everything

```
// Monitoring!
props.monitoring.addGraphs('Database',
  new cloudwatch.GraphWidget({
    title: 'Errors',
    left: [
      this.table.metricUserErrors(),
      this.table.metricSystemErrorsForOperations(),
      this.table.metric
    ],
  })),
```

```
new cloudwatch.GraphW
  title: 'Read capaci
  left: [
    this.table.metric
    this.table.metric
  ],
})
);
```

- metric
- metricConditionalCheckFaile... (method) TableBase.metr...
- metricConsumedReadCapacityUnits
- metricConsumedWriteCapacityUnits
- metricSuccessfulRequestLatency
- metricSystemErrors
- metricSystemErrorsForOperations
- metricUserErrors

WebAppStack

```
export interface WebAppStackProps extends cdk.StackProps {  
    /**  
     * Table to use as backing store for the Lambda Function  
     */  
    readonly table: dynamodb.ITable;  
  
    /**  
     * Domain name for the CloudFront distribution  
     *  
     * (Requires 'certificate' to be set)  
     *  
     * @default - Automatically generated domain name under CloudFront domain  
     */  
    readonly domainName?: string;  
  
    /**  
     * Certificate for the CloudFront distribution  
     *  
     * (Requires 'domainName' to be set)  
     *  
     * @default - Automatically generated domain name under CloudFront domain  
     */  
    readonly certificate?: certmgr.ICertificate;  
  
    /**  
     * Where to add metrics  
     */  
    readonly monitoring: IMonitoring;  
}
```

WebAppStack

```
export class WebAppStack extends cdk.Stack {
  constructor(scope: cdk.Construct, id: string, props: WebAppStackProps) {
    super(scope, id, props);

    if (!!props.domainName !== !!props.certificate) {
      throw new Error('Supply either both or neither of \'domainName\' and \'certificate\');
    }

    const func = new lambda.Function(this, 'API', {
      runtime: lambda.Runtime.NODEJS_10_X,
      handler: 'index.handler',
      code: lambda.Code.fromAsset(`${dirname}/../build/`),
      environment: {
        TABLE_ARN: props.table.tableArn
      },
      timeout: cdk.Duration.seconds(10),
    });

    props.table.grantReadWriteData(func);

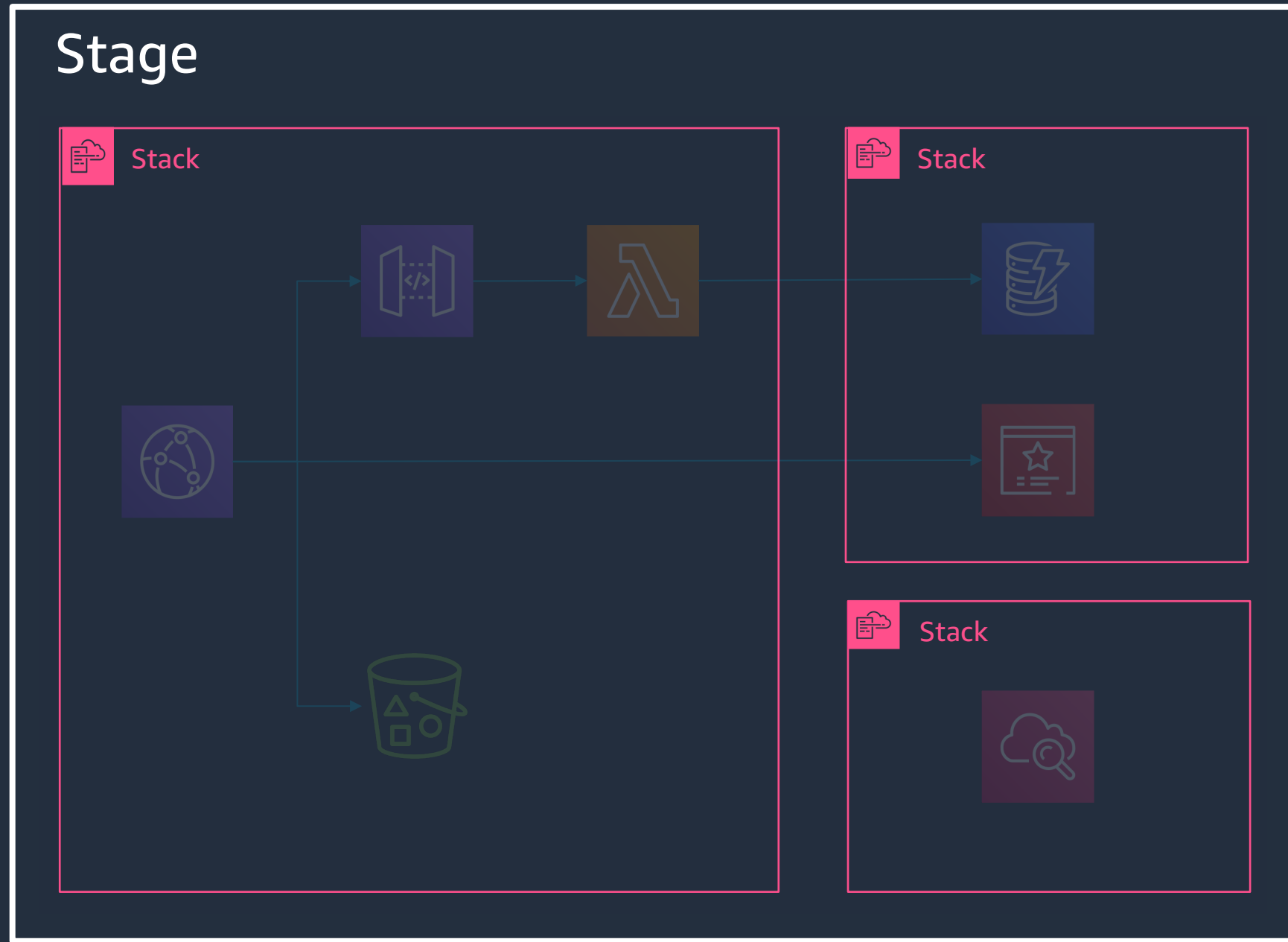
    const apiGateway = new apigateway.LambdaRestApi(this, 'Gateway', {
    });

    // S3 bucket to hold the website with a CloudFront distribution
    const bucket = new s3.Bucket(this, 'Bucket', {
    });
  }
}
```

✓ Parameterize your app for generated resource names

✓ Allow CDK to manage roles

Stage



Stage

```
export interface DevoopsStageProps extends StageProps {
  /**
   * Domain name to use
   *
   * @default - If not given, an automatically generated CloudFront URL will be used
   */
  readonly domainName?: string;
}

export class DevoopsStage extends Stage {
  constructor(scope: Construct, id: string, props: DevoopsStageProps) {
    super(scope, id, props);

    const monitoring = new MonitoringStack(this, 'Dashboard');

    const db = new StatefulStack(this, 'Database', {
      terminationProtection: true,
      domainName: props.domainName,
      monitoring,
    });

    new WebAppStack(this, 'App', {
      terminationProtection: true,
    });
  }
}
```


Stage

```
    readonly domainName?: string;
  }

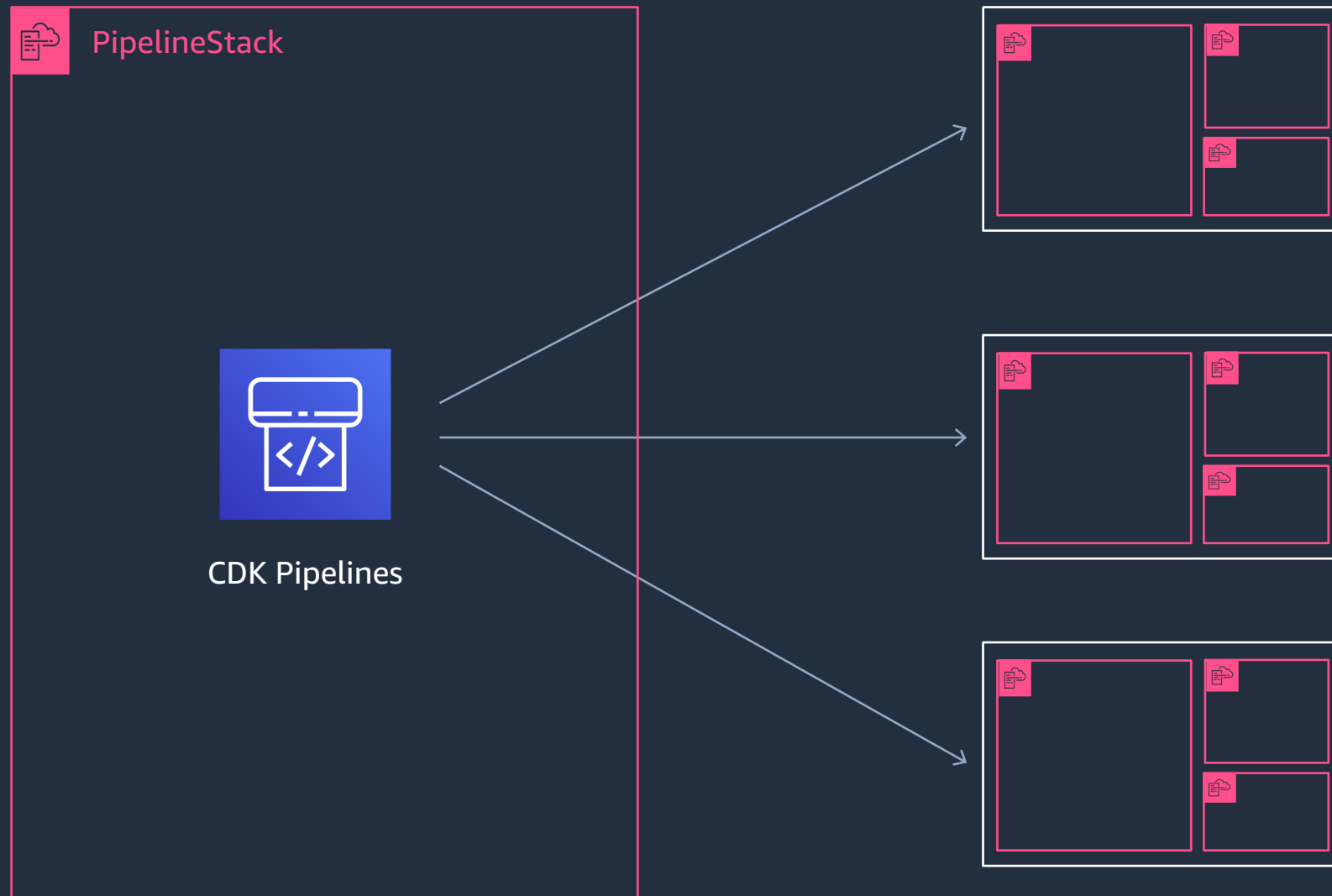
  export class DevoopsStage extends Stage {
    constructor(scope: Construct, id: string, props: DevoopsStageProps) {
      super(scope, id, props);

      const monitoring = new MonitoringStack(this, 'Dashboard');

      const db = new StatefulStack(this, 'Database', {
        terminationProtection: true,
        domainName: props.domainName,
        monitoring,
      });

      new WebAppStack(this, 'App', {
        table: db.table,
        certificate: db.certificate,
        domainName: props.domainName,
        monitoring,
      });
    }
  }
}
```

Pipeline



Pipeline

```
export class PipelineStack extends Stack {
  constructor(scope: Construct, id: string, props?: StackProps) {
    super(scope, id, props);

    const sourceArtifact = new codepipeline.Artifact();
    const cloudAssemblyArtifact = new codepipeline.Artifact();

    const pipeline = new CdkPipeline(this, 'Pipeline', {
      cloudAssemblyArtifact,
      sourceAction: new cpa.GitHubSourceAction({ ...
    })),
    synthAction: SimpleSynthAction.standard
  });
}
```

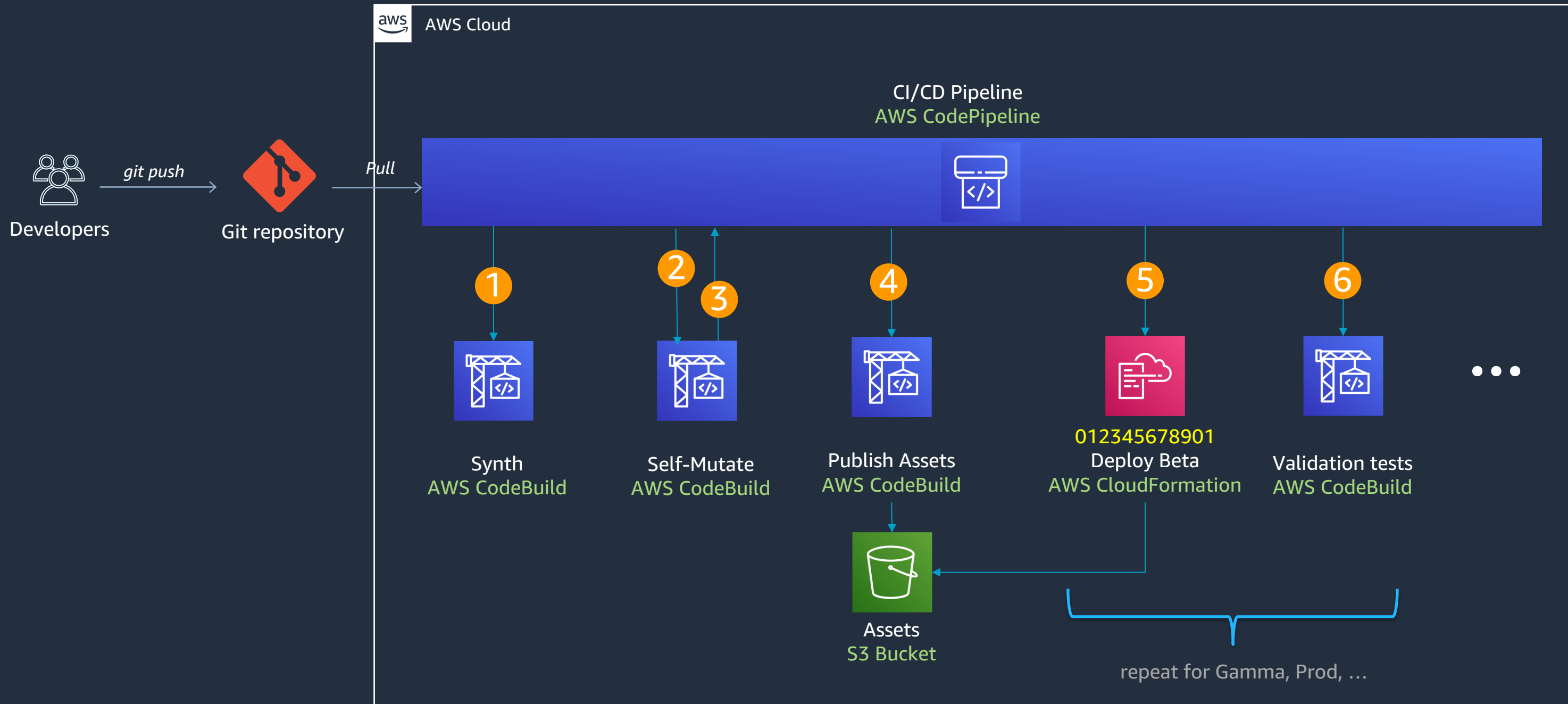
✓ Model all production Stages

```
pipeline.addApplicationStage(new DevoopsStage(this, 'Beta', {
  env: { account: '01234567891' }, // Beta Account
  domainName: 'beta-site.example.com'
}));
```

```
pipeline.addApplicationStage(new DevoopsStage(this, 'Gamma', {
  env: { account: '01234567892' }, // Gamma Account
  domainName: 'gamma-site.example.com'
}));
```

```
pipeline.addApplicationStage(new DevoopsStage(this, 'Prod', {
```

Sample Application – CDK Pipelines



Developer Stacks

```
const app = new cdk.App();

// Directly deploy stacks to local development environments
new DevoopsStage(app, 'Local', {
  env: {
    account: process.env.CDK_DEFAULT_ACCOUNT,
    region: process.env.CDK_DEFAULT_REGION,
  },
  domainName: process.env.MY_DOMAIN_NAME,
});

// The pipeline stack is deployed to the shared services account
new PipelineStack(app, 'SharedPipeline', {
  env: {
    account: '01234567890',
    region: 'us-east-1'
  }
});
```

Compliance: Aspects

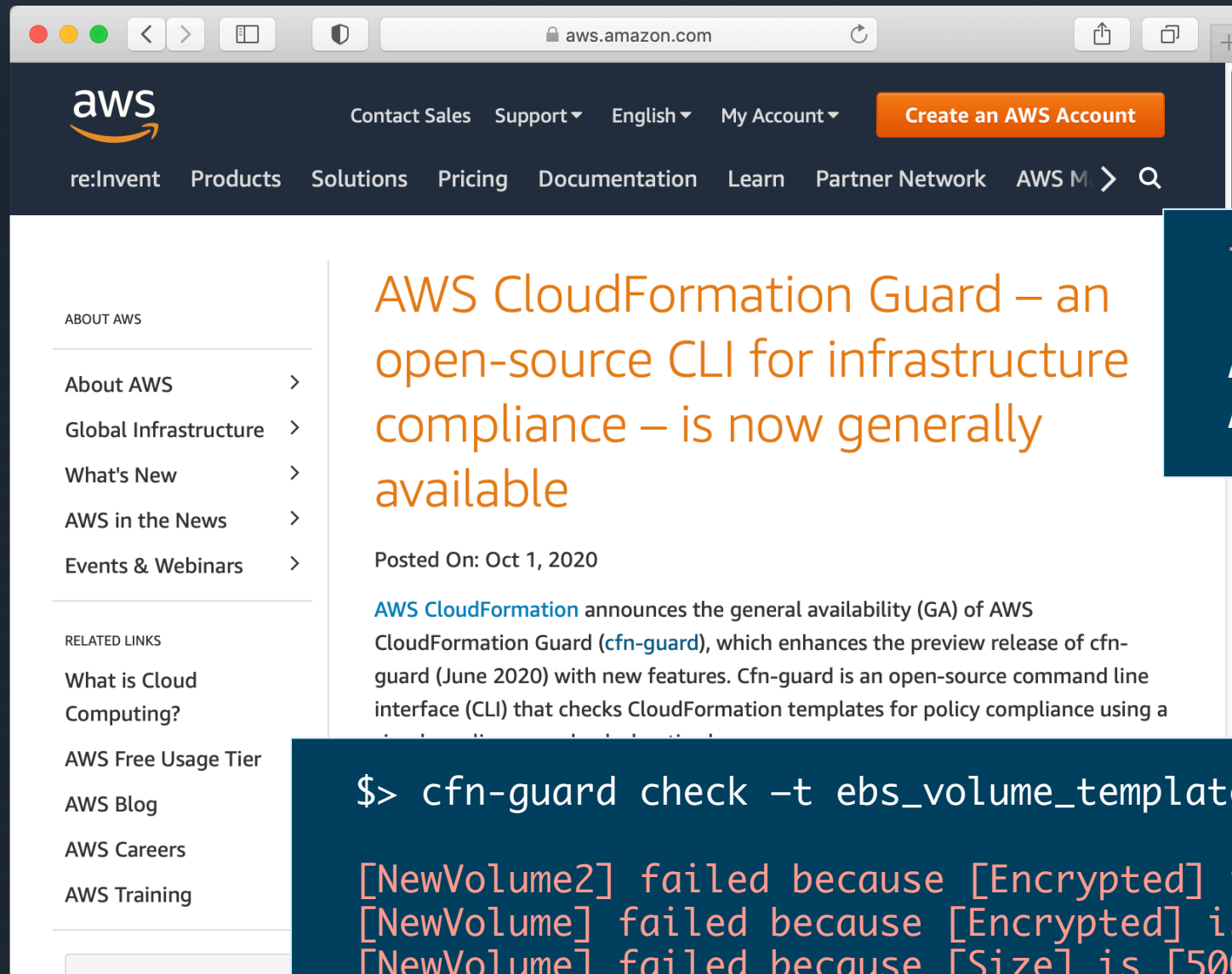
```
class BucketVersioningChecker implements IAspect {
    public visit(node: IConstruct): void {
        if (!(node instanceof s3.CfnBucket)) { return; }

        if (cdk.Tokenization.isResolvable(node.versioningConfiguration)
            || node.versioningConfiguration?.status !== 'Enabled') {

            cdk.Annotations.of(node.node).addError('Bucket versioning is not enabled');
        }
    }
}

cdk.Aspects.of(this).add(new BucketVersioningChecker());
```

Compliance: CloudFormation Guard



AWS CloudFormation Guard – an open-source CLI for infrastructure compliance – is now generally available

Posted On: Oct 1, 2020

[AWS CloudFormation](#) announces the general availability (GA) of AWS CloudFormation Guard (`cfn-guard`), which enhances the preview release of `cfn-guard` (June 2020) with new features. `Cfn-guard` is an open-source command line interface (CLI) that checks CloudFormation templates for policy compliance using a

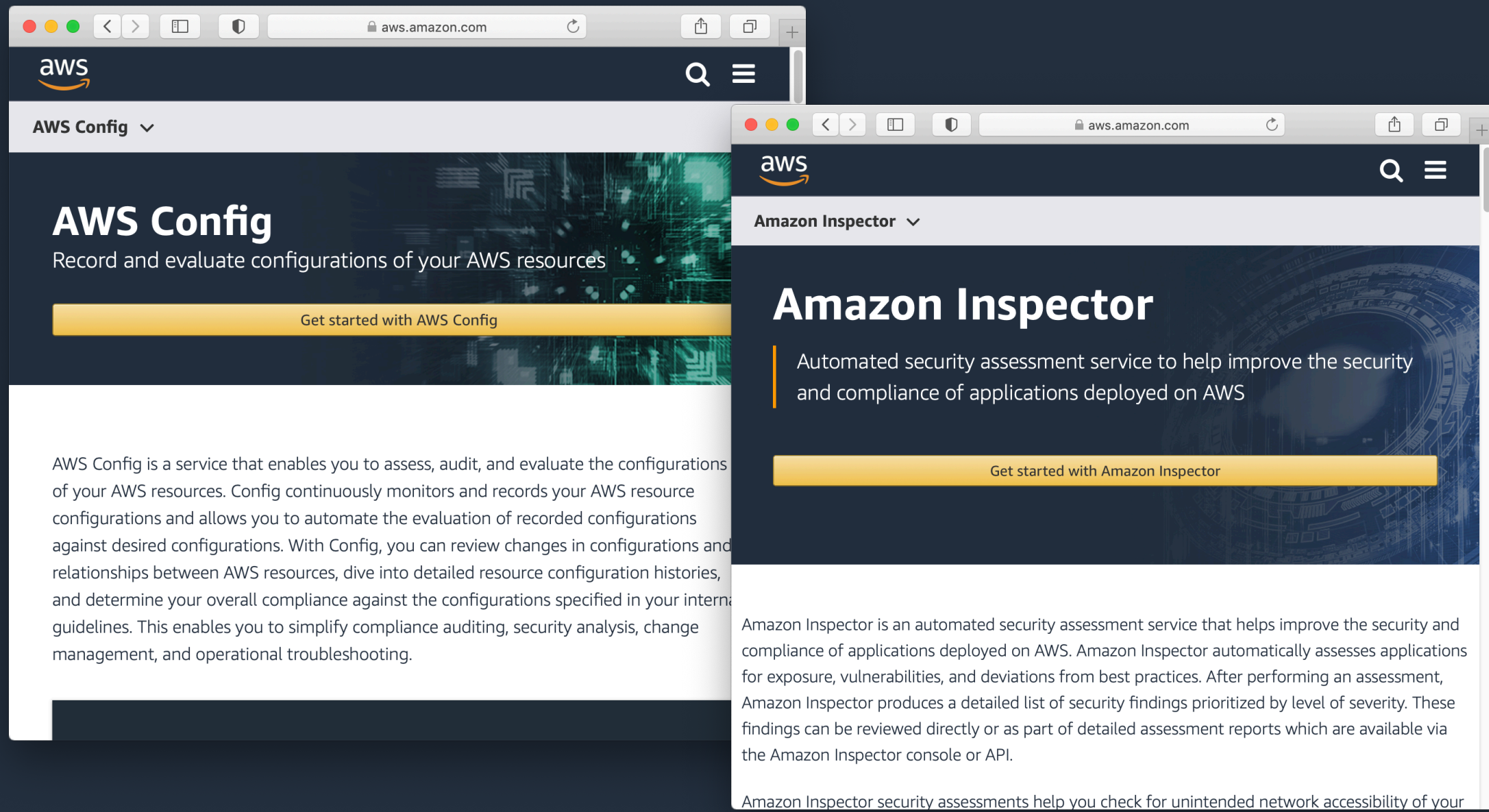
```
let encryption_flag = true
```

```
AWS::EC2::Volume Encrypted == %encryption_flag  
AWS::EC2::Volume Size <= 100
```

```
$> cfn-guard check -t ebs_volume_template.json -r ebs_volume_template.ruleset
```

```
[NewVolume2] failed because [Encrypted] is [false] and the permitted value is [true]  
[NewVolume] failed because [Encrypted] is [false] and the permitted value is [true]  
[NewVolume] failed because [Size] is [500] and the permitted value is [<= 100] Number of  
failures: 3
```

Compliance: Config and Inspector



The image displays two overlapping browser windows from the AWS website. The left window shows the AWS Config page, and the right window shows the Amazon Inspector page. Both pages feature the AWS logo, a search icon, and a navigation menu. The AWS Config page has a green and blue background with the text 'AWS Config' and 'Record and evaluate configurations of your AWS resources'. The Amazon Inspector page has a blue background with the text 'Amazon Inspector' and 'Automated security assessment service to help improve the security and compliance of applications deployed on AWS'. Both pages include a yellow 'Get started' button and a detailed description of the service.

AWS Config
Record and evaluate configurations of your AWS resources

Get started with AWS Config

AWS Config is a service that enables you to assess, audit, and evaluate the configurations of your AWS resources. Config continuously monitors and records your AWS resource configurations and allows you to automate the evaluation of recorded configurations against desired configurations. With Config, you can review changes in configurations and relationships between AWS resources, dive into detailed resource configuration histories, and determine your overall compliance against the configurations specified in your internal guidelines. This enables you to simplify compliance auditing, security analysis, change management, and operational troubleshooting.

Amazon Inspector
Automated security assessment service to help improve the security and compliance of applications deployed on AWS

Get started with Amazon Inspector

Amazon Inspector is an automated security assessment service that helps improve the security and compliance of applications deployed on AWS. Amazon Inspector automatically assesses applications for exposure, vulnerabilities, and deviations from best practices. After performing an assessment, Amazon Inspector produces a detailed list of security findings prioritized by level of severity. These findings can be reviewed directly or as part of detailed assessment reports which are available via the Amazon Inspector console or API.

Amazon Inspector security assessments help you check for unintended network accessibility of your

And finally...

Best Practice: Contribute 🙌

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `aws/aws-cdk`. The repository has 5.8k stars and 1.3k forks. The main content area displays a list of recent commits, with the most recent one by `dscpinheiro` titled "fix(kinesis): Unable to use retention periods longer than 7 day...". The commit history table is as follows:

Commit	Message	Time
<code>dscpinheiro</code>	fix(kinesis): Unable to use retention periods longer than 7 day...	16 minutes ago
<code>80e5d90</code>	chore: backport fix for syntax error in merge-forward script (...)	12 days ago
	docs(core): make examples compile (#11273)	20 hours ago
	feat: add configuration for GitHub CodeSpaces (#10470)	2 months ago
	chore(cdk): Change Docker base image to Amazon Linux (#2...	2 years ago
	feat(region-info): added AppMesh ECR account for eu-south...	25 days ago
	chore: fix typo in comment in .gitattributes (#3978)	15 months ago
	chore: remove parcel cache directory from gitignore files (#11...	yesterday

The right sidebar contains the repository's description: "The AWS Cloud Development Kit is a framework for defining cloud infrastructure in code". It also lists tags like `aws`, `infrastructure-as-code`, `typescript`, `cloud-infrastructure`, and `hacktoberfest`. The "Releases" section shows the latest version is `v1.75.0`, released 7 days ago.

Resources

Get Started with the AWS CDK

AWS CDK Online Workshop <https://cdkworkshop.com>

AWS CDK Samples on GitHub <https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-cdk-examples>

Dive Deeper

GitHub

<https://github.com/aws/aws-cdk>

CDK Pipelines

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/developer/cdk-pipelines-continuous-delivery-for-aws-cdk-applications/>

Sample Code in this presentation

<https://github.com/rix0rrr/devoops-sample>

A Landing Zone Implemented with CDK

<https://github.com/aws-samples/aws-secure-environment-accelerator>

Testing infrastructure with the CDK

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/developer/testing-infrastructure-with-the-aws-cloud-development-kit-cdk/>

Q&A

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