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# Build secure APIs in VS Code with instant API security testing

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## About the speaker



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- **Innovation manager/DevRel/Solution Architect at Veracode Inc.**
  - Frequent speaker and blogger
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# Agenda

- Security testing in the IDE
- 42Crunch VS Code extension
- Live demonstration
  - Incorrectly responding to undefined verbs
  - Malformed responses to operations
  - Incorrect handling of edge-case input
- Getting started on your own
- Questions and Answers



Perspectives on IDE testing

# Security testing in the IDE



## IDE security in the IDE :- a bad idea?

- IDE Scanners make for distracted developers
- Even if IDE Scanners weren't a distraction - they will be challenging to implement at scale
- You still need to scan outside of the IDE for audits and ongoing security validation.
- What developers really want: **Results in the IDE**

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### Scanning in the IDE: A Bad IDE(A) for Developers

By Keith Hoodlet

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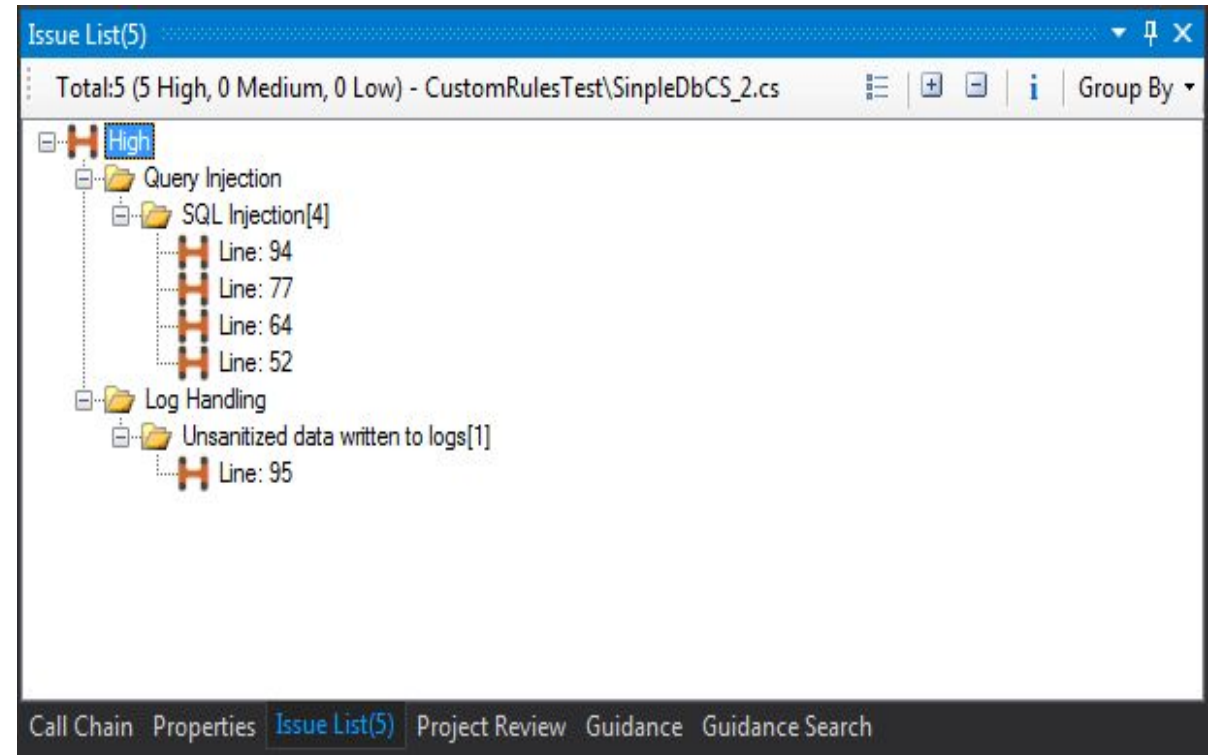
*Pseudo-random musings on Security,  
Software Development, and Life*

<https://securing.dev/posts/ide-scanners-are-a-bad-idea/>



# Security extensions often underwhelm

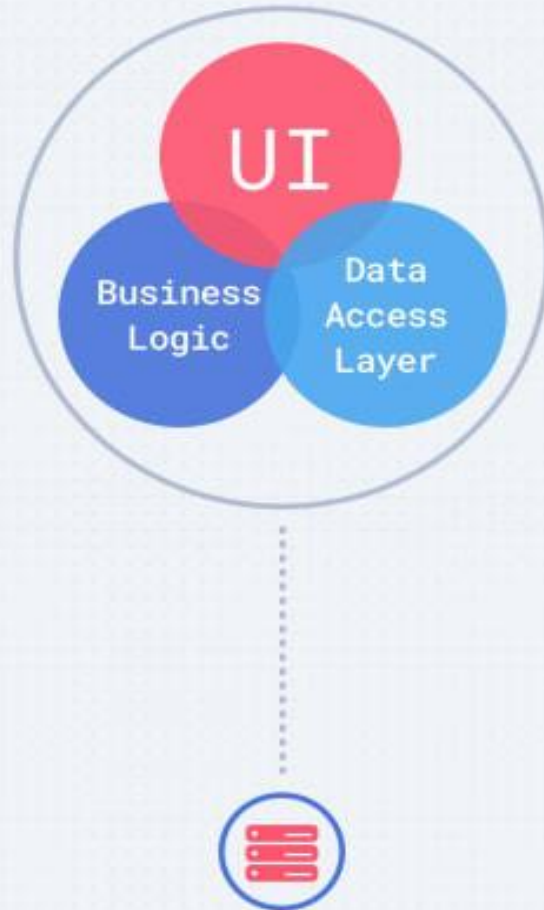
- Distract developers
- Create too much noise
- Slow down the code-run-debug cycle
- Lack configurability
- **Fail to deliver any real value**



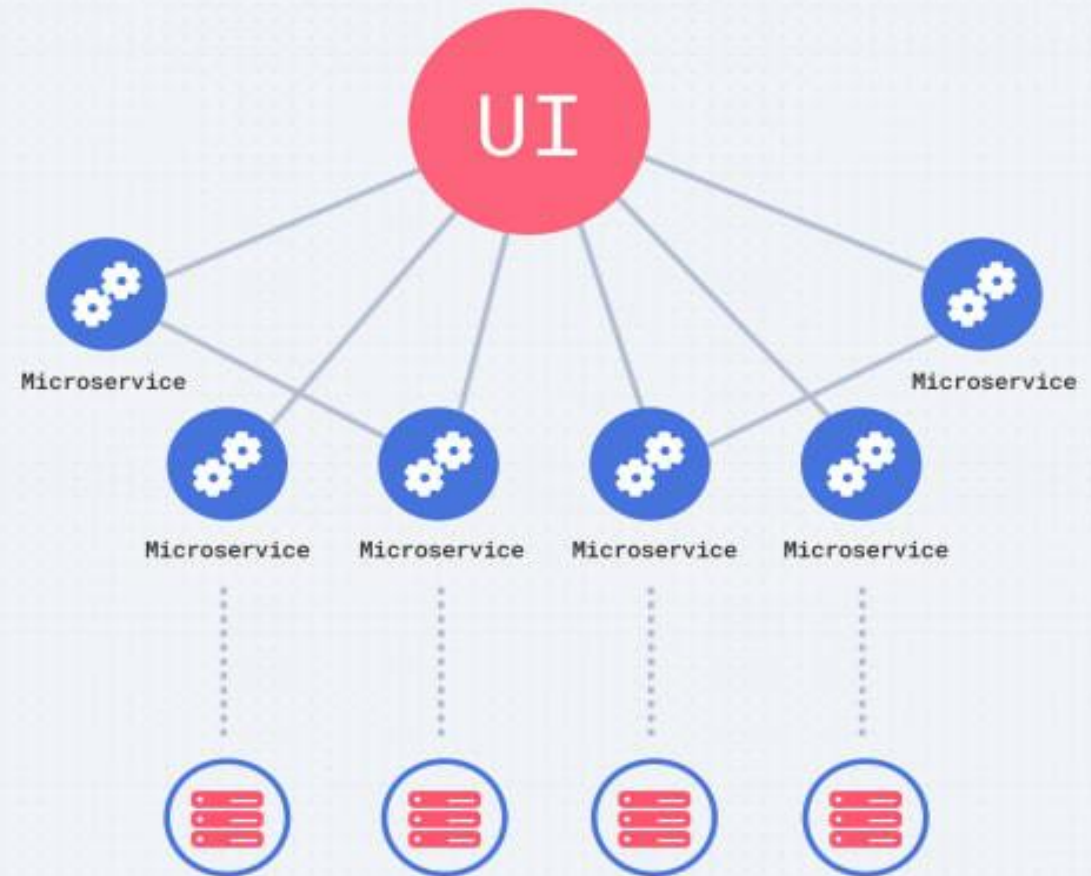


# From the monolith to microservices

Monolithic Architecture

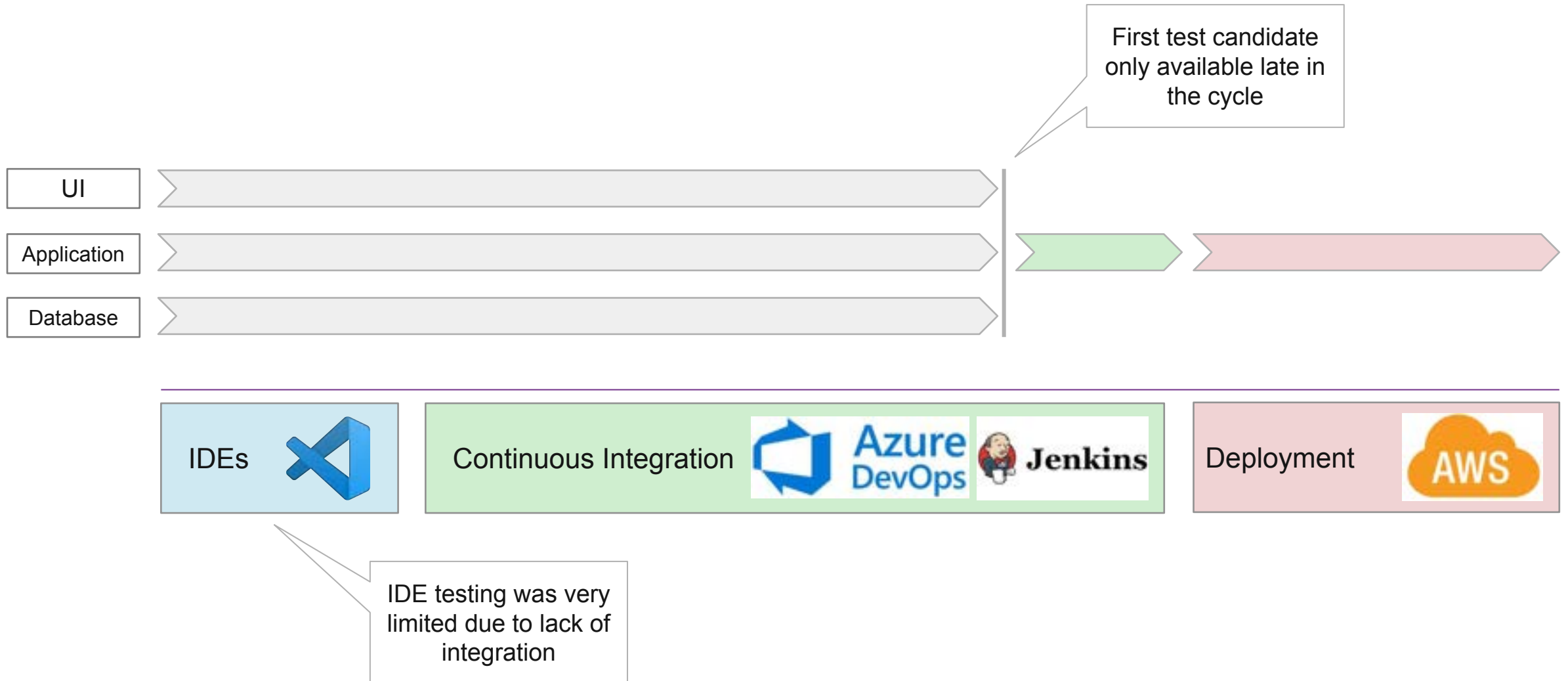


Microservices Architecture





# The testing cycle is changing

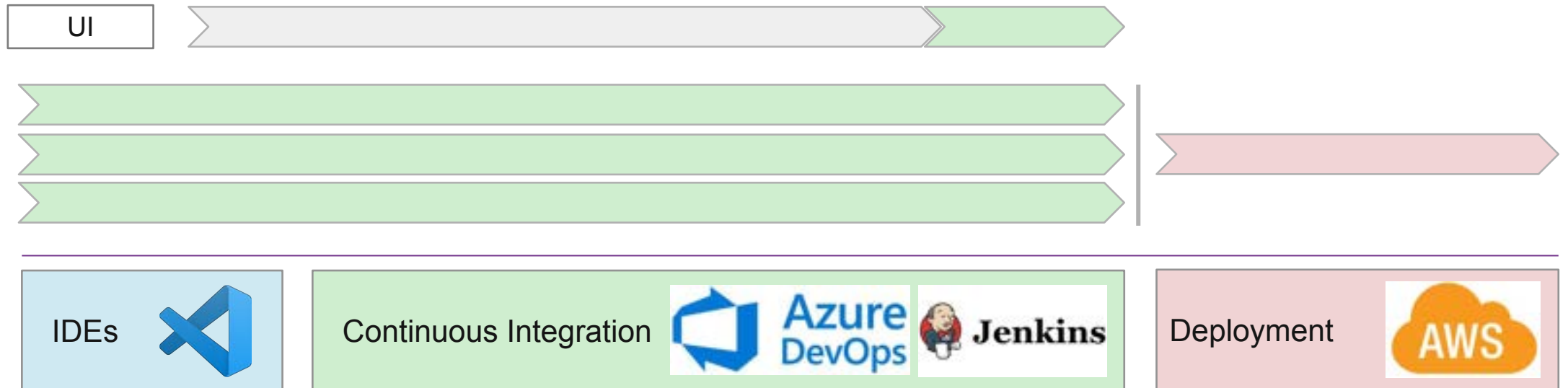






# APIs and microservices change everything

APIs are built to contract and can be fully tested very early in the lifecycle



IDE testing can be done against mocks and stubs

Security audit score: **40 / 100**



Security: **6 / 30**

Data validation: **34 / 70**

Please submit your feedback for the security audit [here](#)

▼ String schema in a request has no pattern defined

Issue ID: **v3-schema-request-string-pattern**

[Pixi InitialVersion:ison:293](#). Severity: Medium. Score impact: 3

▼ Security field of the operation is not defined

Issue ID: **v3-operation-security**

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Perspectives on IDE testing

# Security testing in the IDE with 42Crunch



# Introducing the 42Crunch OpenAPI editor extension

- OAS generation in YAML or JSON
- IntelliSense for OAS
- Linting
- Schema enforcement
- Code navigation
- Snippets
- OAS v2 and v3 supported



ulrik ★★★★★  
09/03/2023

Indispensable when working with OpenAPI files.



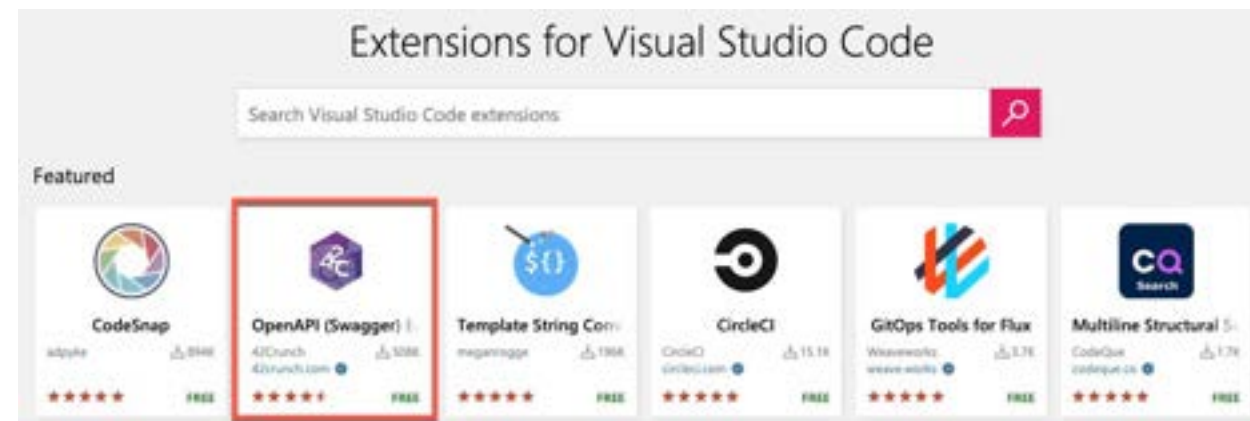
Felix Wu ★★★★★  
14/06/2019

Great extension



Haykel Ben Jemia ★★★★★  
08/12/2020

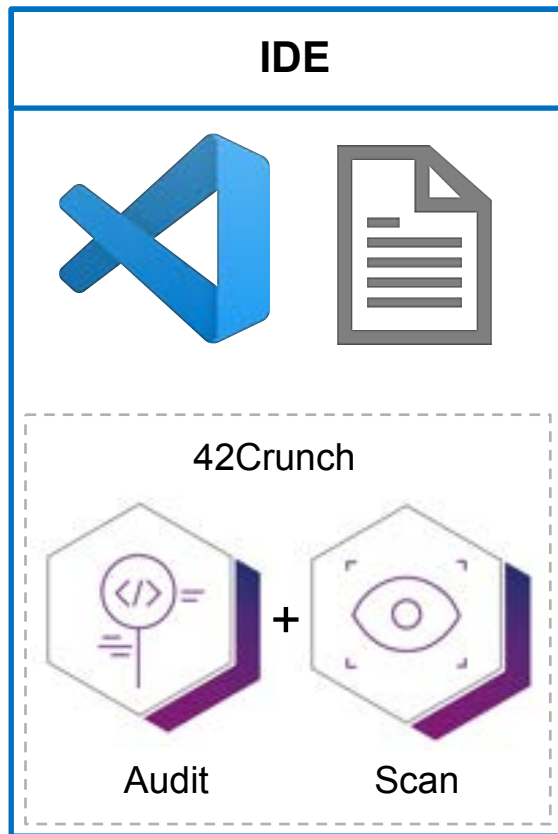
Awesome extension, very helpful and a huge time saver. Thanks a lot!



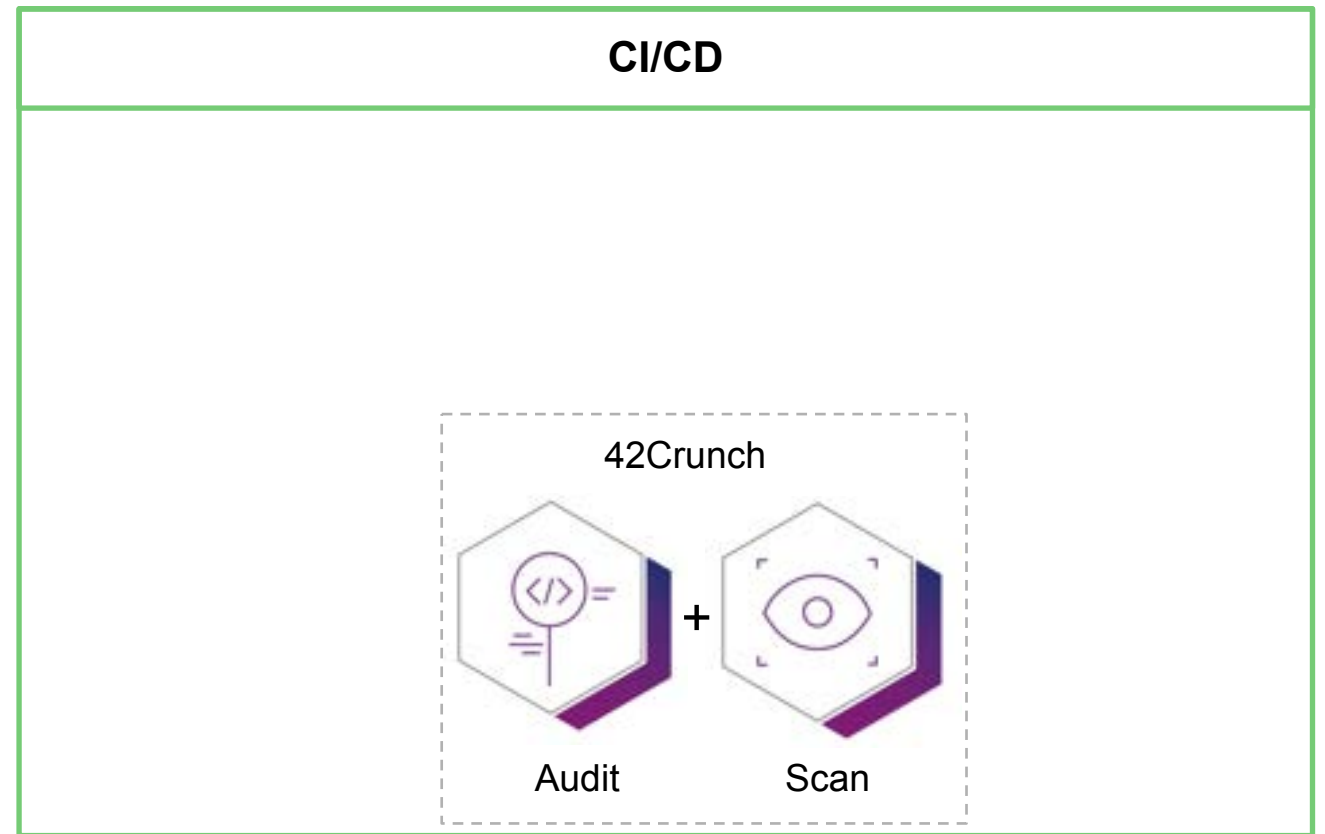


## Same audit, same scan – IDE or CI/CD

Scan APIs **per method** as they are implemented



Scan **entire** API as they are integrated





## Getting started on your own



<https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=42Crunch.vscode-openapi>



<https://42crunch.com/free-tools/>



## Additional Resources



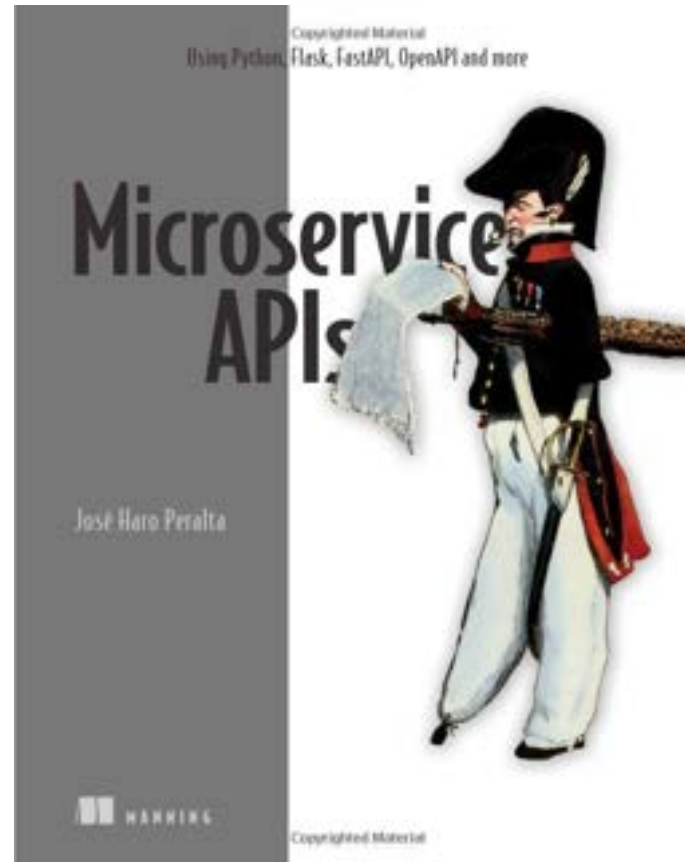
## Learning more

APISecurity.io



<https://apisecurity.io/>

“Microservice APIs” - José Haro Peralta



<https://www.manning.com/books/microservice-apis>

“Defending APIs against Cyber Attack” - Colin Domoney



<https://amzn.to/3fHp8Mz>





## Guide

# API Security: A Blueprint for Success

- *Practical Guide on an API Security program.*
- *Map your enterprise's API security posture against 6 key domains.*
- *Champion the case for API Security.*



Download Guide here: <https://42crunch.com/ebook-api-security-blueprint/>





Events

## Upcoming Events

### RSAConference™

**Apr. 24 - 27, 2023**

San Francisco

A collage for the RSA Conference featuring four circular images: a green-tinted crowd, a purple-tinted audience, a yellow-tinted city skyline, and a red-tinted city skyline with the Transamerica Pyramid. The text 'Stronger Together' is centered over the collage.

**Stronger  
Together**


### CIO/CISO Nordics Summit

Hotel D'Angleterre, Copenhagen, Denmark

28 March 2023

### THE API CONGRESS

**MAKING APIS WORK!**

PHYSICAL CONVENTION: MAY 9, 2023 STADIUM FEIJENOORD | ROTTERDAM  ONLINE CONGRESS FROM: 10 MAY 2023