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DevSecOps at a tech vendor with 51-200 employees

Integrates well with our shift-left strategy

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What is our primary use case?

“The GitGuardian Platform is primarily used for dependency checks within our development process. This allows us to create a catalog of all dependencies used throughout our code repositories.”

How has it helped my organization?

“We've been impressed with the detection capabilities of the GitGuardian Platform. In fact, it's performing very well compared to other solutions we've evaluated that meet FDA compliance standards. To this end, we're currently in the midst of a trial period with GitGuardian to further assess its effectiveness for our needs.

While GitGuardian is a powerful solution, it's important to consider false positives. Some tools overwhelm users with alerts for unimportant issues, creating a flood of low-severity incidents. This can lead to alert fatigue and make it harder to identify critical problems. In my experience, GitGuardian strikes a good balance



between accuracy and false positives, earning it a rating of eight out of ten.

GitGuardian significantly improves our ability to prioritize remediation efforts. Previously, without automatic detection, incidents could take anywhere from one day to a month to fix after being discovered manually. Now, thanks to GitGuardian's alert system, we're notified of new incidents immediately, allowing us to address them quickly – typically within a couple of hours. This ensures that the most critical issues are prioritized and resolved swiftly.

It integrates well with our shift-left strategy. This means it identifies and addresses security vulnerabilities early in the development process, before they can impact our production environment. A good security solution shouldn't disrupt production. If implementing GitGuardian had caused any issues in production, it wouldn't be a suitable choice for our needs.

The use of GitGuardian impacted our developers' and security team's ability to work together on resolving security issues. Our current system routes all new incident alerts directly to both teams. Ideally, upon identifying a clear security issue, we would engage with developers to collaboratively determine the appropriate solution and prioritize based on both severity and urgency.

GitGuardian has helped increase our secrets detection rate.

GitGuardian has significantly boosted our security team's productivity. We've transitioned from manual secret scanning in our repositories to an automated system, making automation the key improvement. This shift has saved the security team valuable time, reducing the time spent per incident by a couple of hours.

The only preparation we had to do to start using GitGuardian was to integrate it into our GitHub account.

In application development security, detecting secrets is one of the most crucial practices. A single exposed secret can inflict enormous damage on a company.”

What is most valuable?



“The most valuable feature is its ability to automate both downloading the repository and generating a Software Bill of Materials directly from it. This allows us to efficiently obtain the complete SBOM, including all dependencies, for either a new repository or a previously selected one.”

What needs improvement?

“One of our current challenges is that the GitGuardian platform identifies encrypted secrets and statements as sensitive information even though they're secured. This leads to unnecessary incidents being flagged, causing problems for our workflow. To address this, a context-based secret scanning feature would be a valuable improvement. This functionality would allow the platform to understand the context of the data before flagging it as a secret, reducing the number of false positives.”

For how long have I used the solution?

“I have been using the GitGuardian Platform for six months.”

What do I think about the stability of the solution?

“I would rate the stability of the GitGuardian Platform ten out of ten.”

What do I think about the scalability of the solution?

“GitGuardian meets our scaling needs.”



How are customer service and support?

“I'm impressed with the technical support team. We have bi-weekly meetings where we discuss any issues, and whenever I need something, I've received a response within a few hours.

The customer success team is another group I truly value meeting with. Their focus aligns directly with the challenges we face. They are incredibly responsive, and if we ever need clarification on anything, they get back to us within a couple of days. Additionally, the onboarding documentation on their website, along with the videos they produce on YouTube, are more than sufficient for getting developers up to speed.”

Which other solutions did I evaluate?

“In addition to GitGuardian Platform, we are also evaluating GitHub Dependabot and Snyk. One of the key features that impressed us with GitGuardian Platform is its ability to automatically create incidents for security vulnerabilities. This is particularly helpful because it allows us to prioritize these incidents based on their CVSS score, ensuring we address the most critical issues first.”

What other advice do I have?

“I would rate the GitGuardian Platform nine out of ten.

Our GitGuardian users are developers.

No maintenance is required from our end.

I recommend GitGuardian because the setup is easy.”



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