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GitLab Announces GitLab 18 with AI-Native Capabilities to Increase Developer Productivity

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- Increasing developer efficiency with GitLab Duo Code Suggestions and Chat available to all Premium and Ultimate customers
- Accelerating core DevSecOps workflows for faster and more secure software delivery pipelines
- Expanding security and compliance capabilities with features to help organizations mitigate risks and meet regulatory requirements

SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- All Remote - **GitLab Inc.**, the most comprehensive, intelligent DevSecOps platform, today announced the launch of GitLab 18, including AI capabilities natively integrated into the platform and major new innovations across core DevOps, and security and compliance workflows that are available now, with further enhancements planned throughout the year. Additionally, GitLab Premium customers can now purchase Duo Enterprise without requiring an upgrade to GitLab Ultimate.

Accelerating the AI-Native Developer Experience with GitLab Duo

GitLab 18 transforms developer workflows by further integrating **AI throughout the platform**. GitLab Premium and Ultimate customers can leverage AI-powered Code Suggestions for real-time code completion and code generation as well as Chat for instant access to code explanations, code refactoring, test generation, and code fixes, directly within their preferred source code editor or integrated development environment (IDE), now at no additional cost.

These AI-native capabilities enhance GitLab Premium's powerful foundation to help scaling organizations deliver secure source code management, advanced CI/CD, and an improved developer experience without requiring separate tooling, licensing, or governance.

Additionally, in response to customer demand, GitLab Premium customers can now purchase Duo Enterprise, GitLab's comprehensive suite of AI offerings, without requiring an upgrade to GitLab Ultimate. This includes advanced team collaboration and context-aware AI capabilities across the full development lifecycle.

Enhancing Core Platform Capabilities in GitLab 18

GitLab is also introducing significant enhancements to its platform capabilities, extending **core DevSecOps workflows** by centralizing artifact management, optimizing CI/CD pipelines for speed and security, and empowering cross-functional teams with a unified platform.

- Built-in artifact management provides a native GitLab solution for maintaining artifacts, packages, containers, and more, including a new virtual registry for Maven and immutable tag management for greater tool consolidation on a single platform.
- Enhanced CI/CD offers structured inputs and enhanced, modular pipeline management with streamlined artifact handling and change detection, delivering a more secure way to configure parent/child pipelines and optimize pipeline execution.
- GitLab Query Language enables users to find, filter, and embed content from anywhere in the GitLab platform, enhancing collaboration, reporting, and project management across teams.

Further enhancements to GitLab 18 include strengthening its **built-in security and compliance capabilities** to help customers achieve comprehensive visibility and control over security risk.

- Custom compliance frameworks offer out-of-the-box controls for SOC 2, ISO 27001, and CIS benchmarks, along with the ability to define, implement, and enforce custom compliance controls.
- Reachability analysis for dependencies to help further improve detection accuracy, reduce false positive noise, and focus on code that threat actors can exploit.
- Custom logic for advanced Static Application Security Testing (SAST) adjusts SAST detection logic to an organization's libraries, tech stack, or security requirements by providing additional context to help address false positives and negatives.
- Vulnerability dashboards provide insights into an organization's security posture and track trends with organization-level and application-specific views, robust filtering, and reporting features to pinpoint critical findings.
- FIDO passkey support offers a more secure and user-friendly login experience with support for biometric authentication, device PINs, and YubiKeys.
- Security policy impact assessment provides context for informed decision-making about security policy changes, including a "warn mode" to help developers understand requirements without blocking merge requests.

To learn more about the AI-native capabilities now available in GitLab Premium and Ultimate as part of GitLab 18, read the **GitLab blog**.

Supporting Quotes:

- “For us, as GitLab users, Duo’s intelligent code suggestions have become a daily asset for our developers,” said Felix Kortmann, chief technology officer at Ignite by FORVIA HELLA. “Combined with the chat feature, it allows for immediate feedback and iteration, resulting in faster development cycles and a more secure codebase. It’s a seamless and powerful addition to our workflows.”
- “GitLab has already been instrumental in eliminating our reliance on a fragmented toolchain, which cut costs from disconnected solutions, and streamlined our workflow,” said Andrei Nita, chief technology officer at McKenzie Intelligence Services. “Enhancing GitLab Premium with Duo will give us even greater efficiency and cost savings as our developers spend less time on routine coding tasks and more time tackling complex challenges that drive real business value.”
- “Today’s fragmented landscape of AI point solutions creates unnecessary complexity for development teams,” said David DeSanto, chief product officer at GitLab. “By natively integrating the essential capabilities of GitLab Duo Code Suggestions and Chat directly within the GitLab DevSecOps platform, we’re eliminating the need for separate tools, licenses, and governance structures. This unified approach enables teams to accelerate their workflows and improve productivity while maintaining security and compliance standards.”

About GitLab

GitLab is the most comprehensive, intelligent DevSecOps platform for software innovation. GitLab enables organizations to increase developer productivity, improve operational efficiency, reduce security and compliance risk, and accelerate digital transformation. More than 50 million registered users and more than 50% of the Fortune 100 trust GitLab to ship better, more secure software faster.

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