

Getting started with Doppler

A practical roadmap for onboarding to Doppler, guiding teams from initial workspace setup and security design to deploying secrets across environments, automating configuration, and rolling out secure development workflows across the organization.

PHASE 1

Introduction & planning

[Weeks 1-2]

ACTION

- Align on goals and success criteria
- Design workspace architecture & map services to Doppler projects
- Define security and access model

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OUTCOME

- Clear goals, KPIs, and rollout scope defined
- Projects, environments, and naming conventions finalized
- RBAC, IDP, and permission model agreed on

PHASE 2

Core platform setup

[Weeks 3-4]

- Configure RBAC & user provisioning with IdP
- Provision service accounts and identities
- Connect core integrations and syncs
- Import secrets into Doppler

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- Secure access model live
- Services authenticated securely
- Secrets syncing automatically from existing systems
- Secrets centralized in Doppler

PHASE 3

Deployment & automation

[Weeks 5-6]

- Deploy Doppler to core SDLC environments
- Set up Kubernetes with OIDC
- Automate configuration with IaC
- Enable approval workflows and protected environments with change requests & policies
- Enable automated rotation & dynamic secrets
- Set up log forwarding for observability and auditability

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- Doppler live in production workflows
- Secure cluster access enabled
- Secrets and permissions managed via code
- Full auditability and governance in place
- Secrets automatically rotated and short-lived credentials enforced
- Audit logs centralized and flowing to security and monitoring tools

PHASE 4

Team rollout & optimization

[Weeks 7-8]

- Invite development teams to Doppler
- Configure Doppler for local development - install Doppler CLI & IDE Extensions
- Enable personal configs for local development
- Advanced security & optimization review
- Achieve central source of truth, faster onboarding & 90% reduction in time managing secrets

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- Teams onboarded to Doppler
- Developers fully enabled locally
- Secure, standardized local development
- Rotation, webhooks, EKM configured as needed
- Doppler fully embedded across teams