

Continuous Delivery: Tools, Collaboration, and Conway's Law

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Collaboration
Tool Automation
Learning
Singleton tools
Conway's Law



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- Building & operating software systems since 1998
- Cybernetics + Neuroscience + Music
 - → control engineering
 - → psychology
 - → 'network' and group interactions





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EFFECTIVE SOFTWARE OPERATIONS



Recent clients

Legal

Travel booking

Payments

Financial services

Tourism

Healthcare data

Betting



Common themes

- Online since ~1999
- Successful in their sector
- Large, central core database(s)
- Non-aligned team goals
- Ops historically undervalued
- Need to adopt DevOps and Continuous Delivery



Common needs

- ~~Technology selection ticklists~~
- Team interactions
- Collaboration opportunities
- Tools as catalysts



The Addison-Wesley Signature Series



A MARTIN FOWLER SIGNATURE
BOOK
Martin

CONTINUOUS DELIVERY

RELIABLE SOFTWARE RELEASES THROUGH BUILD,
TEST, AND DEPLOYMENT AUTOMATION

JEZ HUMBLE
DAVID FARLEY



Foreword by Martin Fowler





DPD

Global Express Parcels

A white DHL delivery van is parked on a paved street. A driver wearing a uniform and a cap is visible through the open rear door, standing next to a hand truck loaded with several cardboard boxes. The van has the DHL logo and 'Global Express Parcels' written on its side. The background shows a modern building with large windows and a clear blue sky with some clouds.

‘Delivery’ implies
‘fire and forget’

We must continue to care
after deployment

Continuous ~~Delivery~~

Continuous Evolution of software systems

Small changes

High quality

Operationally excellent

Engaged teams

Focus on value

Use flow



Continuous Delivery

Delivery \neq Deployment

Empower product & commercial people to make features available at the right time

Pull, not Push



Continuous Delivery

Regular, rapid, repeatable,
reliable changes

Automate most of the things



Continuous Delivery

Quality

Safety

Reliability

Psychology

Effectiveness



DevOps

“Highly effective, daily collaboration between software developers and IT operations people to produce relevant, working systems” *

*also QA/Testing, IT Service Desk, Programme Management, Commercial, Marketing, etc.



Not DevOps

“Automation”

“Build & Release”

“Infrastructure Development”

“System Administration”

“Containers”





Collaboration



1. Version Control





git

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MINGW32:/c/Data/Git/... skeltonthatchercom
* commit d390108866e6c8374129c494355319d047da64 (HEAD, origin/master, origin/HEAD, master)
  Author: Matthew Skelton <...>
  Date: Sun Jun 22 18:36:51 2014 +0100

    Changed website email address to enquiries (so we can distinguish inbound emails)

website/http_root/index.html
* commit bfdb0ddcc7372108ed06b071a7a0de5395f3ff30
  Author: Matthew Skelton <...>
  Date: Sun Jun 22 18:25:01 2014 +0100

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  Author: Matthew Skelton <...>
  Date: Sun Jun 22 18:18:25 2014 +0100

    Added phone number to website

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* commit ed03a982cf604c3de0b98f659c19bcf4c9d0f8af
  Author: Matthew Skelton <...>
  Date: Sun Jun 22 15:04:13 2014 +0100

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* commit c66775f56b6228d4b4da7e045968f19a96362746
  Author: Matthew Skelton <...>
  Date: Wed Jun 18 13:02:13 2014 +0100

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MINGW32:/c/Data/Git/BuildQualityIn-content

* commit 6d396b3b40998527fc7fef9ae131176324250d40
Author: agilestevesmith <steve@agilestevesmith.com>
Date: Mon Jun 16 16:38:51 2014 +0100

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Author: agilestevesmith <steve@agilestevesmith.com>
Date: Thu Jun 12 10:10:41 2014 +0100

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summary.txt
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matthewskelton + - ✕

PUBLIC serilog / serilog

Unwatch 31 Unstar 209 Fork 64

Added support for MonoTouch and MonoAndroid #125

New issue

Open nberardi wants to merge 6 commits into serilog:master from nberardi:master

Conversation 8 Commits 6 Files changed 17

+721 -114

Showing 6 unique commits by 1 author.

Apr 22, 2014

	nberardi	added support for MonoTouch and MonoAndroid	3e41d48
	nberardi	dynamic isn't supported on MonoTouch	6bfdd46
	nberardi	added logger configuration	a91eeda

May 16, 2014

	nberardi	finished android logger	9e46e84
	nberardi	merge from upstream	e06d763
	nberardi	added nuspec files for MonoTouch and MonoAndroid	8885dac





Added support for MonoTouch and MonoAndroid #125

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Conversation 8

Commits 6

Files changed 17

+721 -114



nberardi commented on 22 Apr

I needed support for MonoTouch and MonoAndroid, so I decided to contribute back my work.



nberardi added some commits on 22 Apr



added support for MonoTouch and MonoAndroid

3e41d48



dynamic isn't supported on MonoTouch

6bfdd46



added logger configuration

a91eeda



nblumhardt commented on 24 Apr

Owner

Thanks again for providing this Nick. It's a pretty big changeset and I'm not super-familiar with the platform; would you please be able to summarise:

- What's included?
- What changes were necessary to non-Mono* Serilog? (E.g. Serilog.sln has changed but I'm not sure how because of the awful .SLN file format :))
- What are the limitations?

RE the #ifdefs around dynamics - it might be possible to use generics here instead (dynamic was just a lazy way to get this off the ground) - are generics supported fully on the target platforms?

Labels

None yet

Milestone

No milestone

Assignee

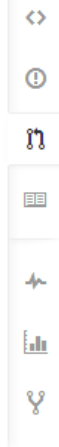
No one assigned

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[Browse code](#)

[Feature] NLog sink support

master

 nblumhardt authored 4 days ago

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2 2 Microsoft Visual Studio Solution File, Format Version 12.00
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4 -VisualStudioVersion = 12.0.21005.1
4 +VisualStudioVersion = 12.0.30324.0
5 5 MinimumVisualStudioVersion = 10.0.40219.1
6 6 Project("{2150E333-8FDC-42A3-9474-1A3956D46DE8}") = "src", "src", "{037440DE-440B-4129-9F7A-09B42D00397E}"
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199 201 {B4EEC1AD-6E2B-49F6-A4C0-A9D39E9C4EFA}.Debug|Any CPU.Build.0 = Debug|Any CPU
200 202 {B4EEC1AD-6E2B-49F6-A4C0-A9D39E9C4EFA}.Release|Any CPU.ActiveCfg = Release|Any CPU
201 203 {B4EEC1AD-6E2B-49F6-A4C0-A9D39E9C4EFA}.Release|Any CPU.Build.0 = Release|Any CPU
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2. Deployment Pipeline



A large online retailer

- Travel sector
- Since ~1999
- UK market
- 'Non-core' applications

Challenges were:

- Limited Git skills in Service team
- Manual deployments
- 'Snowflake' servers
- No CI
- Risks: security, automation, etc



PIPELINES

ENVIRONMENTS

AGENTS

PREFERENCES

ADMIN

PAUSE

Build Auto-Validation Deployment Deploy-To-Test Smoke-Test Manual-Test Prod-Deployment- Deploy-To-Prod Smoke-Test-Prod

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Triggered by [user]



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22 days ago
Triggered by changes



Developer

QA

Production Support

What we did

- Built a walking skeleton pipeline
- Modelled security roles and stages
- Included manual steps (at first)
- Walked people through steps
- Finally: opened firewall so everyone could see the UI

Results

- Security: happy
- Service team: relieved (& happy)
- Developers: won over (& happy)
- Business: surprised (& happy)

3. Log Aggregation



Log aggregation & search

ElasticSearch+ LogStash+ Kibana /
NewRelic / LogEntries / Stackify

(In Production, Pre-Prod, Test)

On developer machines!!!



Event type IDs

How many discrete states exist
in your application?



The diagram consists of two overlapping circles. The left circle is light blue and contains the text 'Unknown Events'. The right circle is light green and contains the text 'Defined Events'. Inside the green circle is a smaller orange circle containing the text 'Known Events'. The orange circle is entirely contained within the green circle, and the green circle overlaps with the blue circle.

**Unknown
Events**

Defined Events

**Known
Events**



Event type IDs

enum

Human-readable sets:
unique values, sparse, immutable

C#, Java, Python, node
(Ruby, PHP, ...)



```
public enum EventID
{
    // Badly-initialised logging data
    NotSet = 0,
    // An unrecognised event has occurred
    UnexpectedError = 10000,

    ApplicationStarted = 20000,
    ApplicationShutdownNoticeReceived = 20001,

    PageGenerationStarted = 30000,
    PageGenerationCompleted = 30001,

    MessageQueued = 40000,
    MessagePeeked = 40001,

    ItemAddedToBasket = 60001,
    ItemRemovedFromBasket = 60002,

    CreditCardDetailsSubmitted = 70001,

    // ...
}
```



Technical



Domain



ItemAddedToBasket = 60001



ItemAddedToBasket = 60001



Distributed systems

Monolith to microservices:
debugger does not have the full view



Remote debugging?

Even with remote debugger, it's boring to attach and detach

(but... [Glimpse](#))







Custom

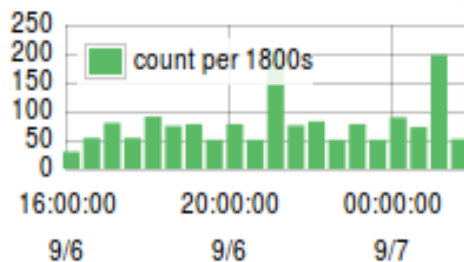
memcache AND NOT program:sshd

Columns

- @message
- @source
- @source_host
- @source_path
- @tags
- @timestamp
- @type pid program
- role source_host

Analysis

- @message
- @source
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- role
- source_host



Time @message

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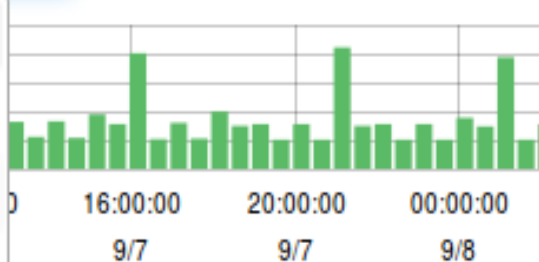
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32749]: (root) CMD (/root/scripts/check-auxm
[21891]: (root) CMD (/root/scripts/check-auxm

Log aggregation & search

Good logging is good communication

ELK and other log aggregation tools
can build Dev + QA + Ops
collaboration





4. Detect Database Drift



Want to know when a database changes? [Set up email notifications](#)

— Collapse all projects

Filter projects: All projects Updated Drifted

SimpleTalk **DRIFT**

Development	Testing	Staging	Production
SimpleTalkDev Version 9	SimpleTalkTesting Version 8	SimpleTalkStaging Schema drifted to unrecognized state Was: Version 7 DRIFT Review	SimpleTalkProduction Version 6

Project A

Development	Testing	Staging	Production
ADev Version 3	ATest Version 3	AStaging Version 3	AProd Version 3

ProjectB

Database history > SimpleTalk (staging) history

Database

SimpleTalk (Staging) ▼

Project

The Simple Talk Blog

Environment

Staging

Instance location

srv-221

Version 8

Named on 14/01/2015 at 15:32
by Jonathan.Roberts

Difference report

Summary

"A small adjustment to one of the stored procedures. This version is now ready to be pushed to production."

 Jonathan.Roberts
 DLM dashboard

What changed since Version 7?

[1 object](#) | ▼

Who changed it?

[1 person](#) | ▼

Version 7

Named on 14/01/2015 at 15:32
by Jerome.Smith

Difference report

Summary

"We've made some last minute changes to 7 of our stored procedures. Hopefully this will improve the way that the database responds to..." [\(more\)](#) Jerome.Smith
 DLM dashboard

What changed since Version 6?

[7 objects](#) | ▼

Who changed it?

[3 people](#) | ▼

Version 6

Acknowledged on 13/01/2015 at 15:32
by Jonathan.Roberts

Difference report

Summary

"Rolling a production hot fix back into our up-stream environments. The change was made on production to solve the..." [\(more\)](#) Jonathan.Roberts
 DLM dashboard

What changed since Version 5?

[1 object](#) | ▼

Who changed it?

[1 person](#) | ▼

Version 5

Named on 12/01/2015 at 15:32
by Jerome.Smith

Difference report

Summary

"Third set of changes to be put forward as a release candidate to support the new application feature"

 Jerome.Smith
 DLM dashboard

What changed since Version 4?

[9 objects](#) | ▼

Who changed it?

[2 people](#) | ▼

Version 4

Named on 11/01/2015 at 15:32
by Jerome.Smith

Difference report

Summary

"Second iteration of changes - improved performance a little bit."

 Jerome.Smith
 DLM dashboard

What changed since Version 3?

[11 objects](#) | ▼

Who changed it?

[2 people](#) | ▼[Load more](#) ▼

Collaboration & tool choice

Value collaboration as a key criterion

Orthogonal to main tool purpose (?)

“How does this tool help people to collaborate?”



Automation



Tooling & APIs

- Prefer SaaS to begin with
- API for:
 - Important state changes & actions
 - Import/Export
 - Trigger
 - Alerting
 - ...



Tooling Automation

- Avoid manual configuration of tools
- Install via packages
 - RPM, APT, Gems, Chocolatey
- Configure using Chef/Puppet/Ansible/DSC/etc.
- Insist on APIs



Tool Automation

Point-n-click is no longer acceptable

Choose tools that expose APIs

Aim for composition of new capabilities

Build and deployment are first-class concerns



Learning







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Learning & tool choice

Bring people with you

Appreciate current skills

Prefer achievable gains now

Avoid fear of too-scary tools



Singleton tools

(or the 'Prize Bull' approach)





W. Pittford.

Singleton tools

Special database server

Costly log aggregation

Costly monitoring

Server configuration tooling

...only in Production





“Better features”?

Optimise globally across
the teams that need to
collaborate



Singleton tool

Breaks feedback (learning) loop
from Production

Makes CI/CD more difficult

Underestimates value of
collaboration and learning



Conway's Law



Mel Conway, 1968

“organizations which design systems ... are constrained to produce designs which are copies of the communication structures of these organizations”

http://www.melconway.com/Home/Conways_Law.html



Ruth Malan, 2008

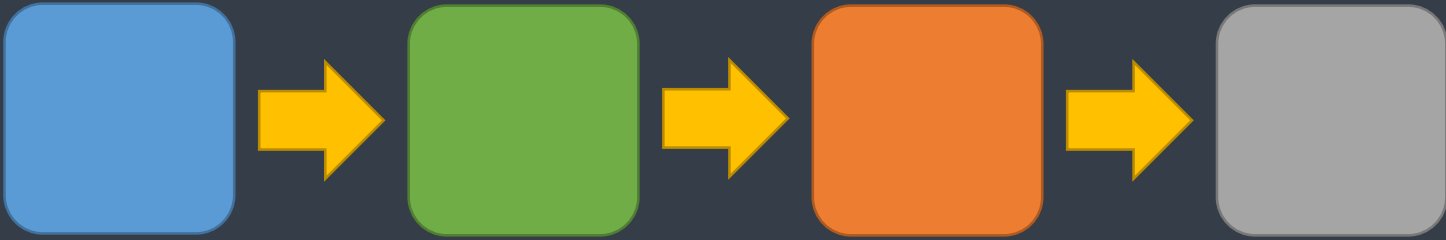
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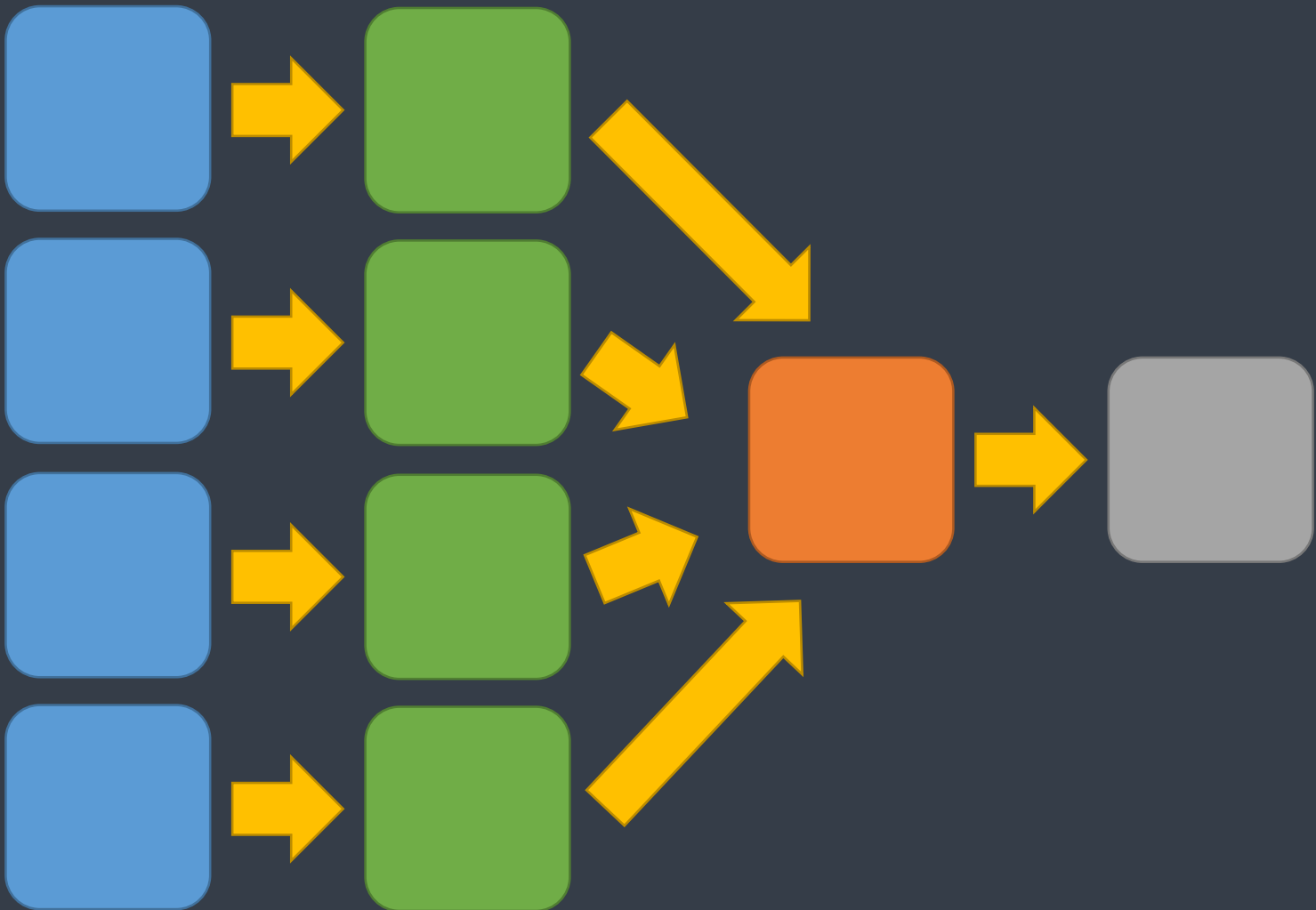
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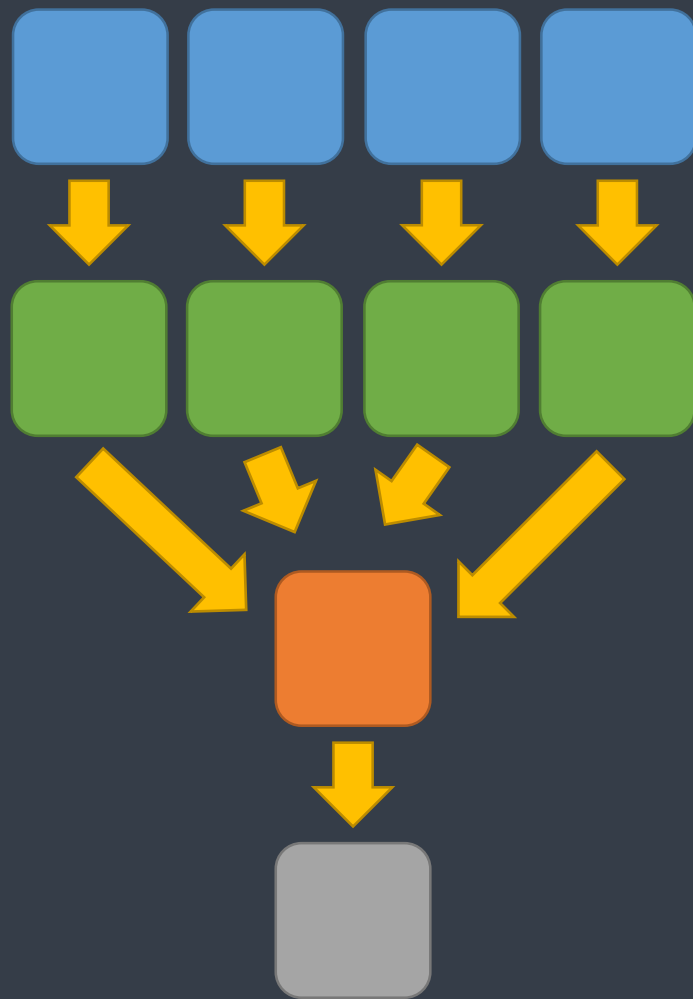


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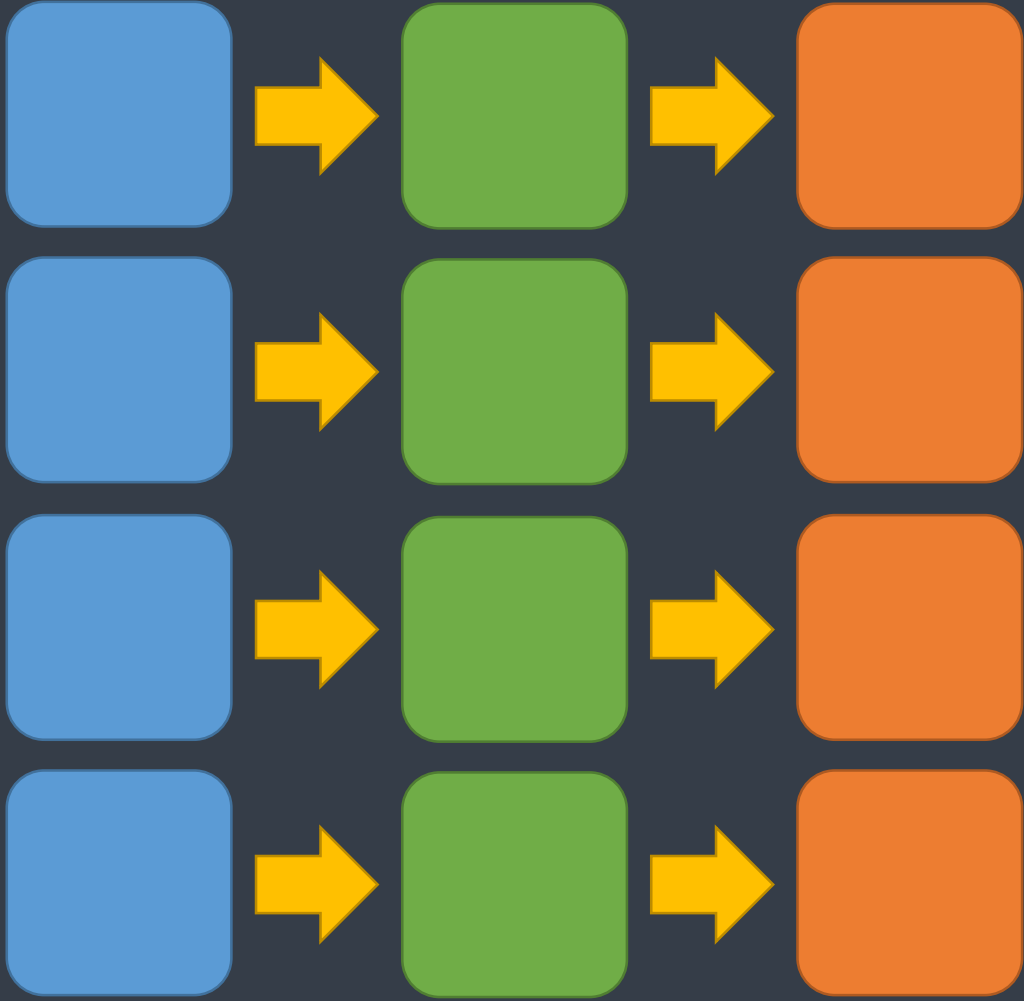














Team Topologies

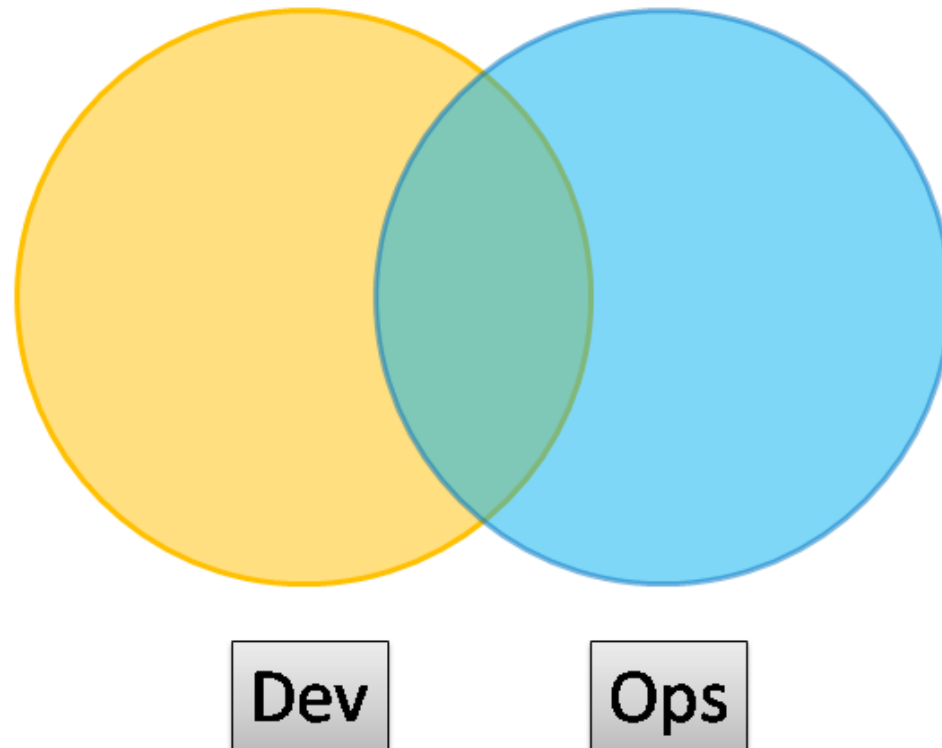
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Team Topologies:

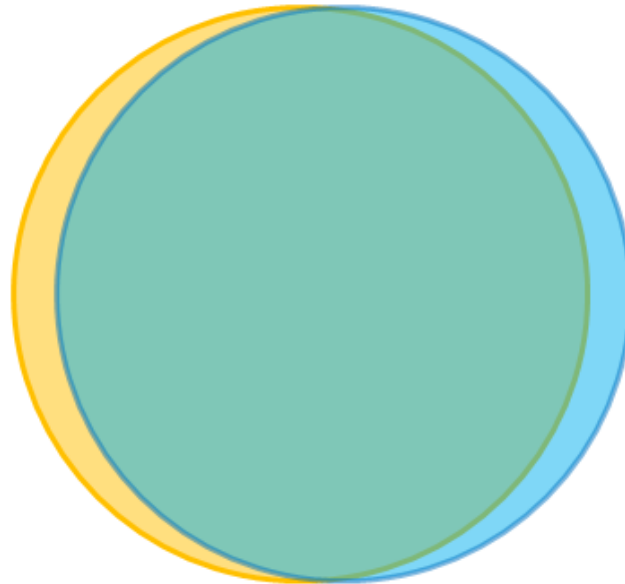
study of the placement of teams
(responsibilities, communication, shape)



Type 1 – Smooth Collaboration



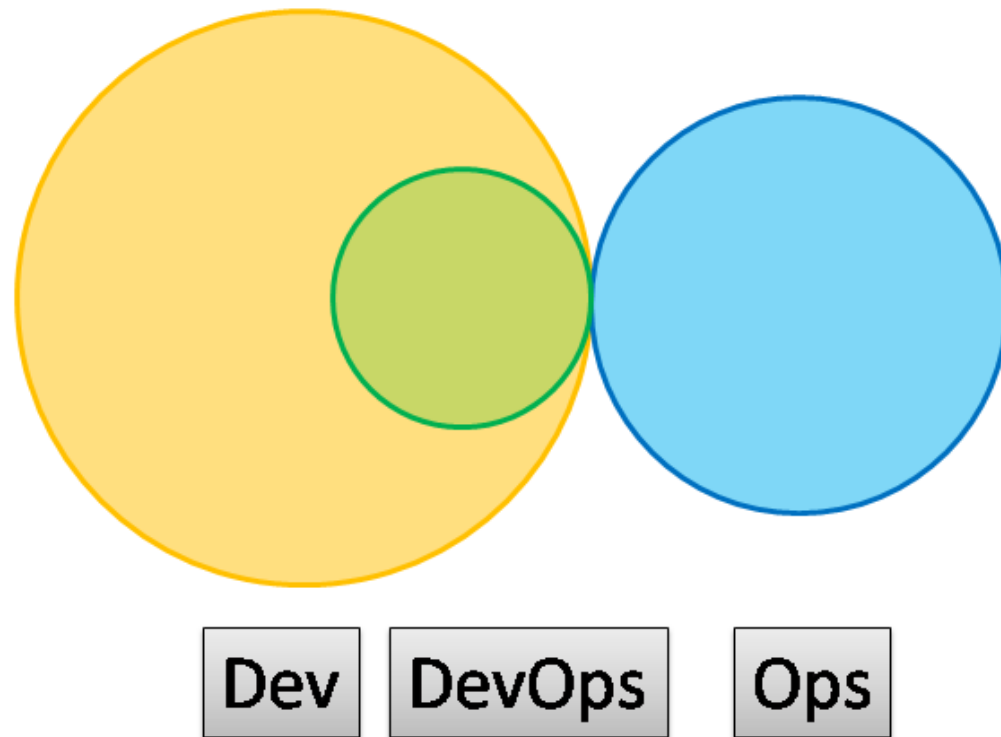
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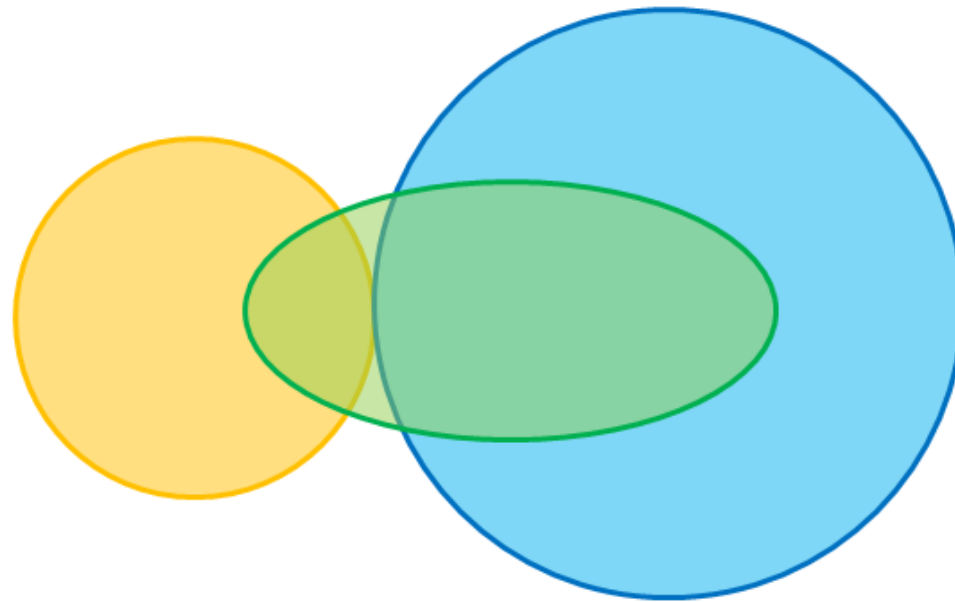
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Type 3 – Infrastructure-as-a-Service



Type 4 – DevOps-as-a-Service



Dev

DevOps

Ops



Conway & Tool Choice

See the whole organisation as a
system that we're building

Separate tools for separate teams

Shared tools for collaborative teams

<http://bit.ly/DevOpsTopologies>





How to choose tools for Continuous Delivery and DevOps

Value collaboration aspects

Insist on APIs and scripted deployments

Avoid a learning mountain: evolve tooling

Avoid Production-only tools

Consider Conway's Law

(this list is incomplete!)



Further reading

Build Quality In
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experience reports from 20 authors

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