# Principles of Software Construction: Objects, Design, and Concurrency

## **DevOps**

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#### Administrative

- Frameworks to extend have been selected
  - We'll distribute the picks tomorrow
  - If you are a maintainer, take some time to improve documentation now, then wait and prepare to field Issues & PRs (quickly).
  - If not, pick one to extend when they come online
    - See the handout: add n new data plugins and n 1 new visualization plugins; make them reasonably different from the existing ones, and use at least one 3rd party API
  - Deadline: next week Friday

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#### Where we are

Design for understanding change/ext.

reuse

robustness

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Small scale: One/few objects Subtype Polymorphism ✓ Information Hiding, Contracts ✓ Immutability < Types < Static Analysis 🗸 Unit Testing ✓

Many objects Domain Analysis 🗸 Inheritance & Del. ✓ Responsibility Assignment, Design Patterns, Antipattern Promises/ Reactive P. < Static Analysis 🗸

Mid scale:

Large scale: Subsystems GUI vs Core ✓ Frameworks and Libraries ✓, APIs ✓ Distributed systems, microservices < Testing for Robustness ✓ Cl /, DevOps, Teams

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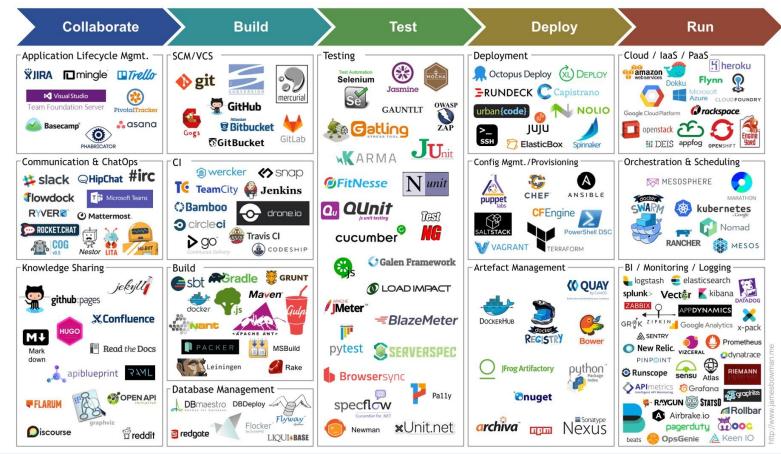


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  - As things get easier & faster, fewer people can do the job of many
    - Hence, full stack & DevOps



## Today & Next Week – Programming Reality



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#### So you want to build a cathedral large system

- You're going to need lots of tools
  - All engineers have them. Good tools extend our capacity immensely
- Let's dig into some examples

Collaborate Build Test Deploy Run

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#### **Tooling for Collaboration**

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  - Do you only use IM in SE projects?



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- Chat isn't ideal for all communication
  - Knowledge is quickly lost, not tied to development stage
  - Documentation pages are good for long-term persistence
    - Should be powered by good search function
  - E.g., at GH we use Issues all the time (obviously)





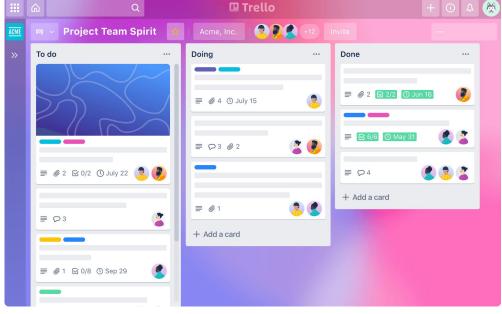




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## Collaboration: Lifecycle Management

- Often, we want to communicate about current tasks
  - Need project-focused comms
- For example, Trello
  - Project board with categories
    - Often using Agile/Scrum style categories
  - GH has "projects" too now
    - Easily connect tasks to issues

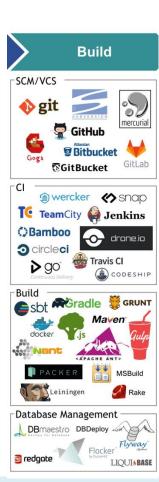


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## **Tooling for Building**

Next up, making the product

Anything look familiar?



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#### **Tooling for Building**

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Next up, making the product

- We've spent most of our class working with these and the next set (for testing)
  - HW6 exposes you to comms
  - We'll get back to the others soon



## **Tooling for Building**

Next up, making the product

- Version control: talked about two weeks ago
- CI: let's talk about that next
- Build: you know most Docker will be important
  - More soon
- DB Management: out of scope for this course



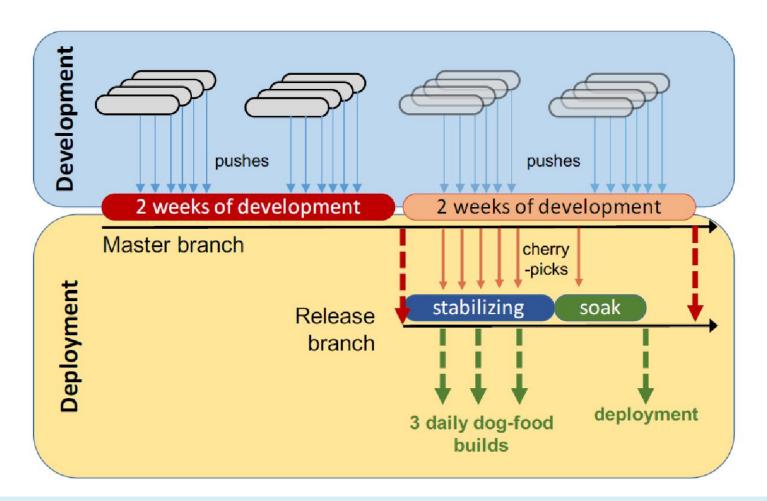
## **Tooling for Testing**

#### Pretty obvious

- But note that some go way beyond unit testing
  - E.g., Gattling, JMeter (load testing)
  - Browsersync: emulates lots of device types
- Why does a modern SWE need this?







## Facebook Tests for Mobile Apps

Unit tests (white box)

Static analysis (null pointer warnings, memory leaks, ...)

Build tests (compilation succeeds)

Snapshot tests (screenshot comparison, pixel by pixel)

Integration tests (black box, in simulators)

Performance tests (resource usage)

Capacity and conformance tests (custom)

Further readings: Rossi, Chuck, Elisa Shibley, Shi Su, Kent Beck, Tony Savor, and Michael Stumm. Continuous deployment of mobile software at facebook (showcase). In Proceedings of the 2016 24th ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Foundations of Software Engineering, pp. 12-23. ACM, 2016.

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## **Tooling for Deployment**

We'll talk about CD: Continuous Deployment



#### **Tooling for Operation**

Main topic for next week, some today



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## Today's Topics

From CI to CD

Containers

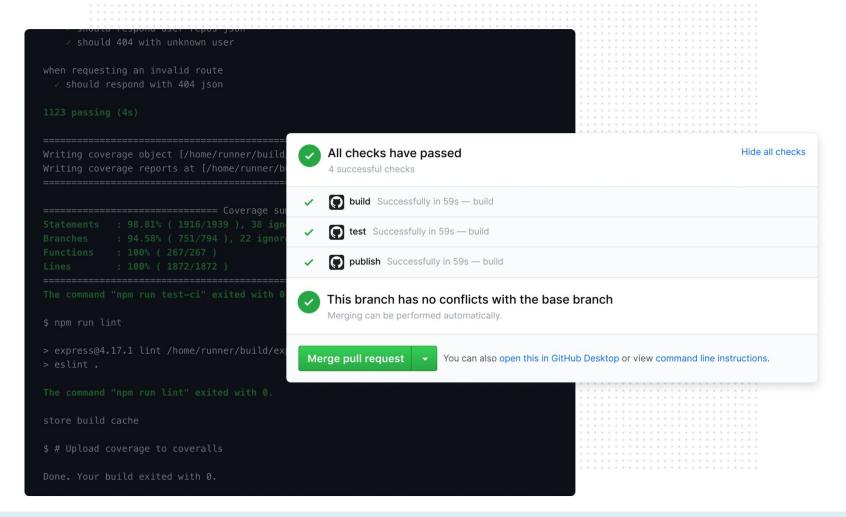
Configuration management

Monitoring

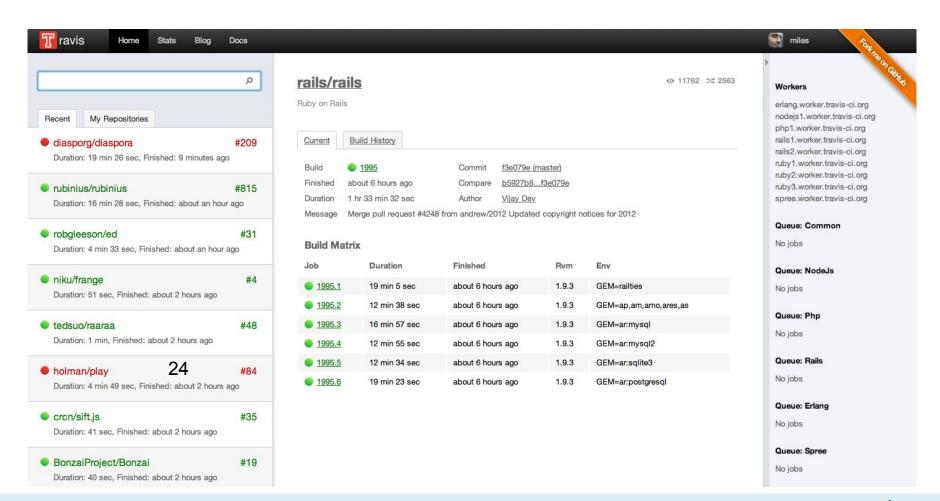
Feature flags, testing in production

## Recall: Continuous Integration

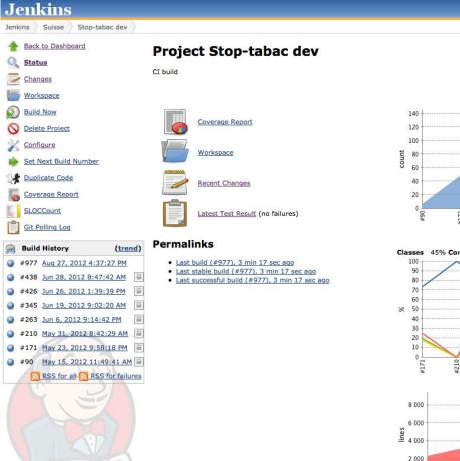
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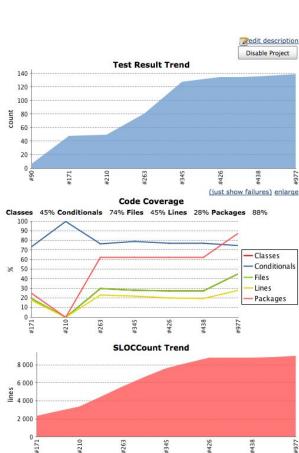


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# Continuous Integration

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What else can be automated?

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# Any repetitive QA work remaining?

# Releasing Software



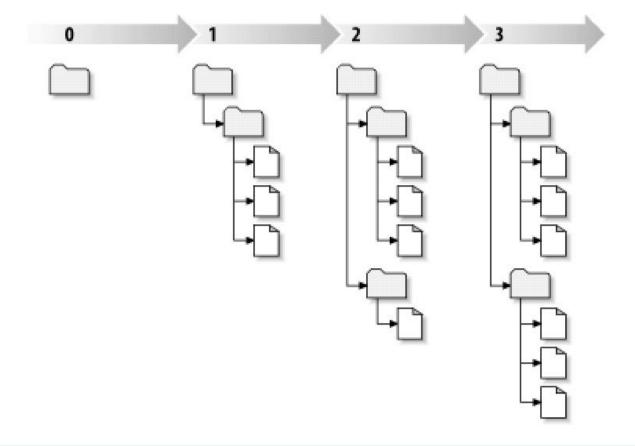
## Semantic Versioning for Releases

- Given a version number MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH, increment the:
  - MAJOR version when you make incompatible API changes,
  - MINOR version when you add functionality in a backwards-compatible manner, and
  - PATCH version when you make backwards-compatible bug fixes.
- Additional labels for pre-release and build metadata are available as extensions to the MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH format.

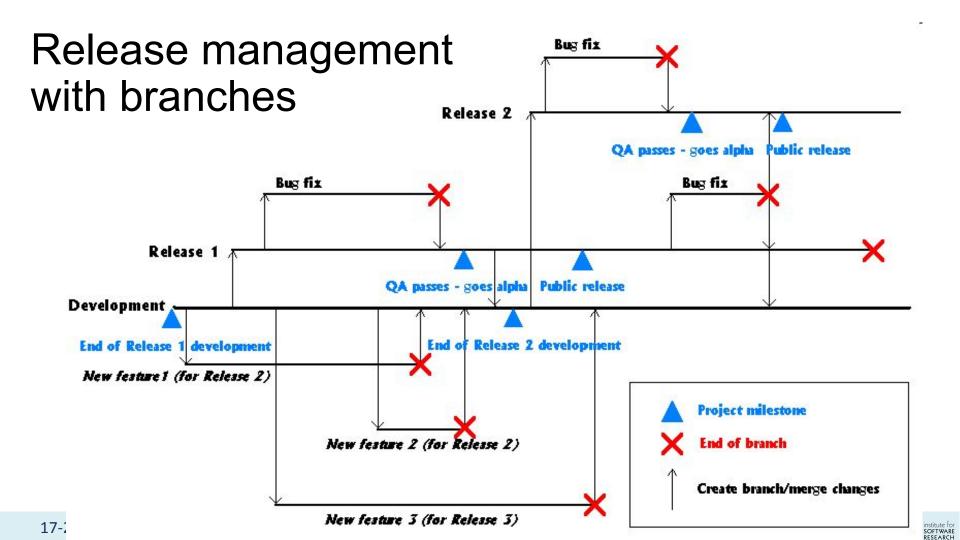
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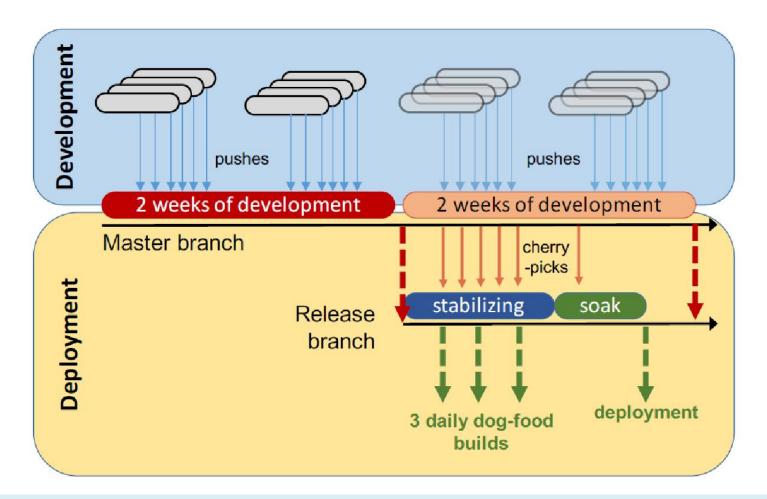


# Versioning entire projects



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## Release Challenges for Mobile Apps

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- Different versions in production
- Pull support for old releases?

Any alternatives?



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Server side releases silent and quick, consistent

→ App as container, most content + layout from server

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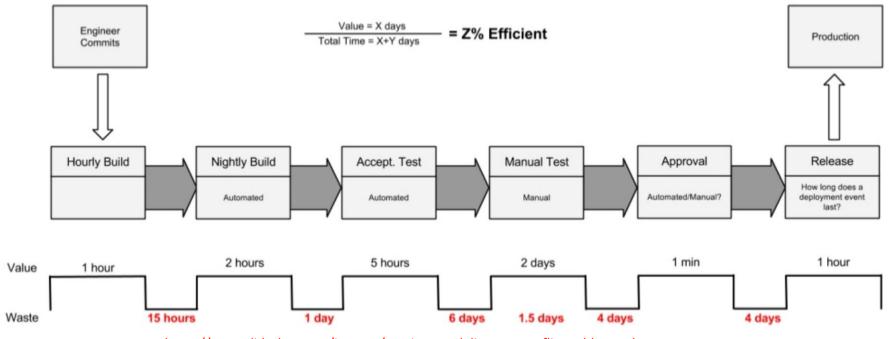
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# Efficiency of release pipeline

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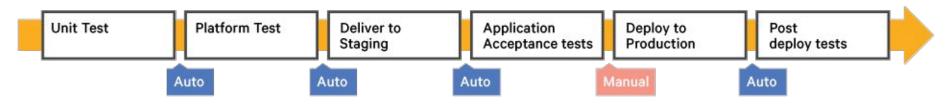


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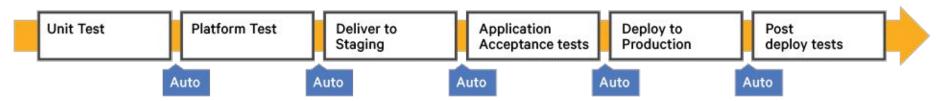
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- Hosted software
  - Frequent incremental releases, hot patches, different versions for different customers, customer may not even notice update

#### **Continuous Delivery**

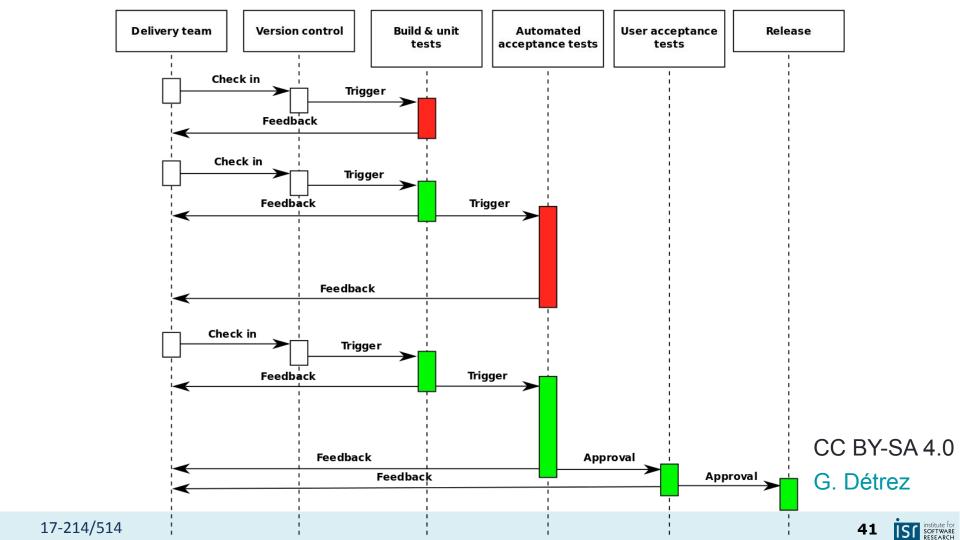


#### **Continuous Deployment**



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# The Shifting Development-Operations Barrier



#### Common Release Problems?



# Common Release Problems (Examples)

- Missing dependencies
- Different compiler versions or library versions
- Different local utilities (e.g. unix grep vs mac grep)
- Database problems
- OS differences
- Too slow in real settings
- Difficult to roll back changes
- Source from many different repositories
- Obscure hardware? Cloud? Enough memory?

## The Dev – Ops Divide

- Coding
- Testing, static analysis, reviews
- Continuous integration
- Bug tracking
- Running local tests and scalability experiments
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- Allocating hardware resources
- Managing OS updates
- Monitoring performance
- Monitoring crashes
- Managing load spikes, ...
- Tuning database performance
- Running distributed at scale
- Rolling back releases
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QA responsibilities in both roles

# QA Does not Stop in Dev

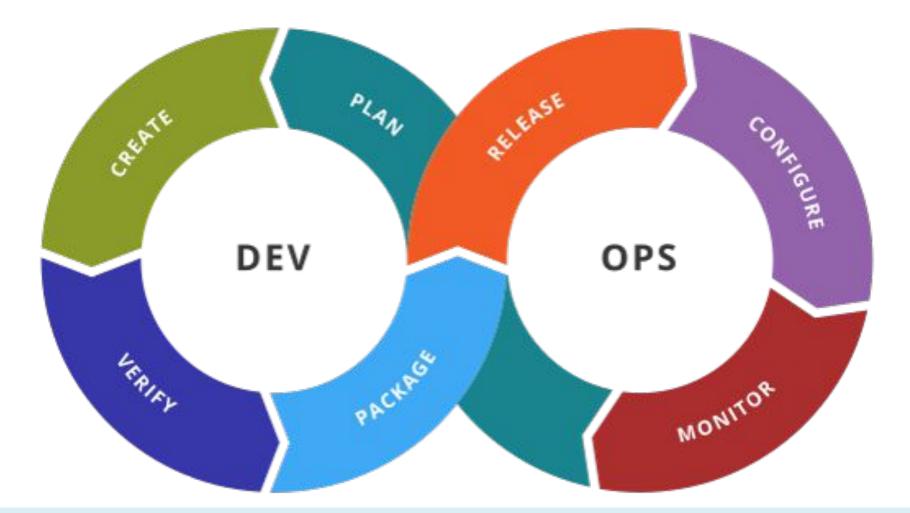


## QA Does not Stop in Dev

- Ensuring product builds correctly (e.g., reproducible builds)
- Ensuring scalability under real-world loads
- Supporting environment constraints from real systems (hardware, software, OS)
- Efficiency with given infrastructure
- Monitoring (server, database, Dr. Watson, etc)
- Bottlenecks, crash-prone components, ... (possibly thousands of crash reports per day/minute)

# DevOps





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#### Key Ideas and Principles

Better coordinate between developers and operations (collaborative)

Key goal: Reduce friction bringing changes from development into production

Considering the entire tool chain into production (holistic)

Documentation and versioning of all dependencies and configurations ("configuration as code")

Heavy automation, e.g., continuous delivery, monitoring

Small iterations, incremental and continuous releases

Buzz word!



#### **Common Practices**

All configurations in version control

Test and deploy in containers

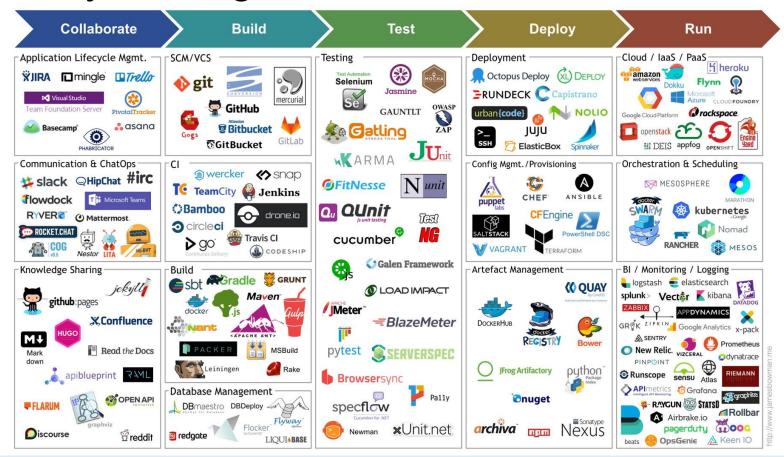
Automated testing, testing, testing, ...

Monitoring, orchestration, and automated actions in practice

Microservice architectures

Release frequently

#### Heavy Tooling and Automation



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## Heavy tooling and automation -- Examples

Infrastructure as code — Ansible, Terraform, Puppet, Chef

CI/CD — Jenkins, TeamCity, GitLab, Shippable, Bamboo, Azure DevOps

Test automation — Selenium, Cucumber, Apache JMeter

Containerization — Docker, Rocket, Unik

Orchestration — Kubernetes, Swarm, Mesos

Software deployment — Elastic Beanstalk, Octopus, Vamp

Measurement — Datadog, DynaTrace, Kibana, NewRelic, ServiceNow

# DevOps: Tooling Overview

## DevOps Tools

- Containers and virtual machines (Docker, ...)
- Orchestration and configuration (ansible, Puppet, Chef, Kubernetes, ...)

Sophisticated (custom) pipelines



## **Tooling for Building**

Let's talk about Docker





- A virtual machine, but:
- Lightweight virtualization
- Sub-second boot time
- Shareable virtual images with full setup incl. configuration settings
- Used in development and deployment
- Separate docker images for separate services (web server, business logic, database, ...)



- Why might DevOps programmers like this?
- How do you automate infrastructure?



#### Configuration management, Infrastructure as Code

- Scripts to change system configurations (configuration files, install packages, versions, ...); declarative vs imperative
- Usually put under version control

```
- hosts: all
                                              (ansible)
  sudo: yes
 tasks:
  - apt: name={{ item }}
   with items:
      - ldap-auth-client
      - nscd
  - shell: auth-client-config -t nss -p lac ldap
  - copy: src=ldap/my_mkhomedir dest=/...
  - copy: src=ldap/ldap.conf dest=/etc/ldap.conf
  - shell: pam-auth-update --package
  - shell: /etc/init.d/nscd restart
```

```
$nameservers = ['10.0.2.3'] (Puppet)
file { '/etc/resolv.conf':
    ensure => file,
    owner => 'root',
    group => 'root',
    mode => '0644',
    content => template('resolver/r.conf'),
}
```

## **Tooling for Execution**

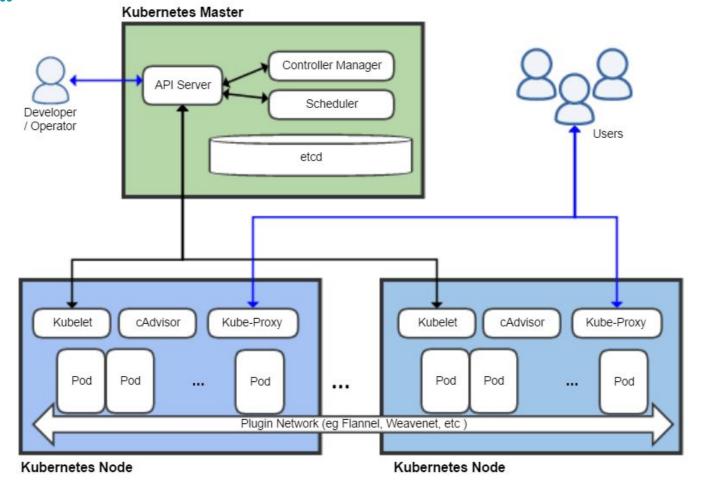
Containers drastically simplify managing ops



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#### Container Orchestration with Kubernetes

- Manages which container to deploy to which machine
- Launches and kills containers depending on load
- Manage updates and routing
- Automated restart, replacement, replication, scaling
- Kubernetes master controls many nodes



## **Tooling for Execution**

We'll talk about Cloud next week

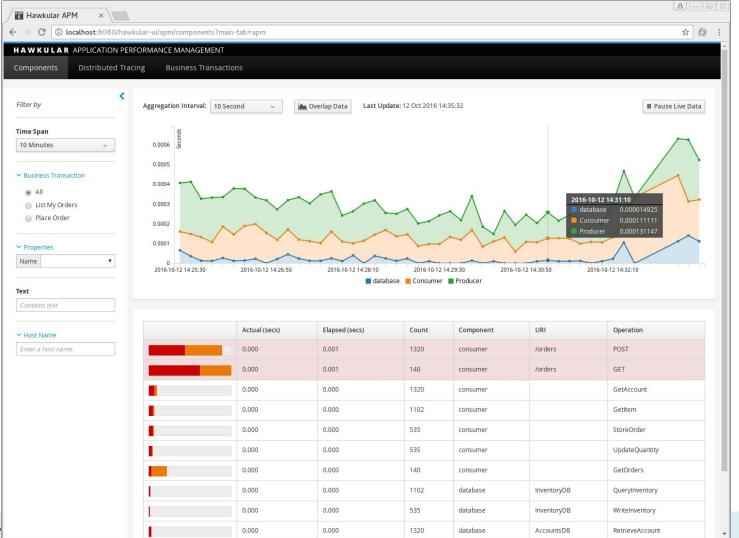
How about monitoring?



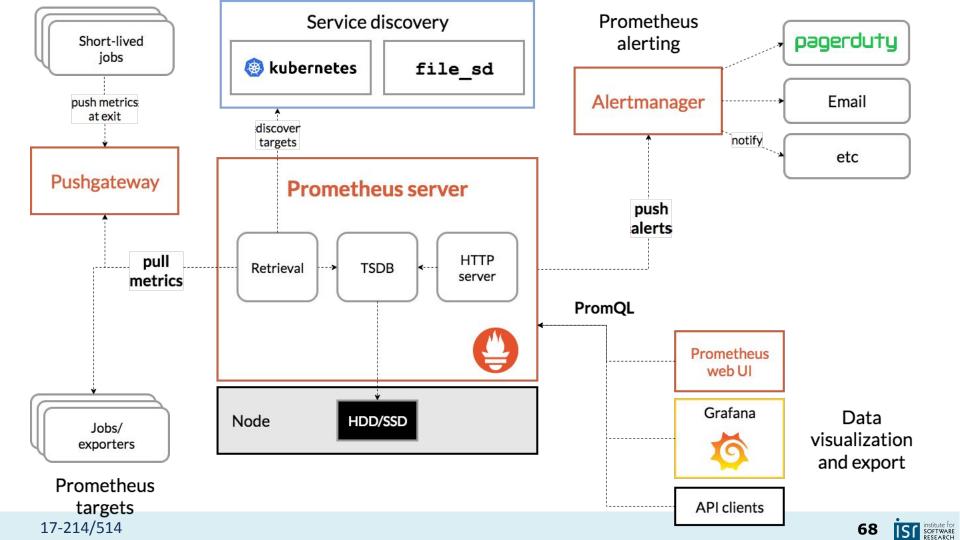
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# Monitoring

- Monitor server health
- Monitor service health
- Collect and analyze measures or log files
- Dashboards and triggering automated decisions
  - Many tools, e.g., Grafana as dashboard, Prometheus for metrics, Loki + ElasticSearch for logs
  - Push and pull models







# Testing in Production

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# Chaos Experiments





#### **Crash Telemetry**



### What If

... we had plenty of subjects for experiments

... we could randomly assign subjects to treatment and control group without them knowing

... we could analyze small individual changes and keep everything else constant

► Ideal conditions for controlled experiments

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# **Experiment Size**

With enough subjects (users), we can run many many experiments

Even very small experiments become feasible

Toward causal inference



# A/B Testing

Original: 2.3%



Long Form: 4.3%



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# Implementing A/B Testing

Implement alternative versions of the system

- Using feature flags (decisions in implementation)
- Separate deployments (decision in router/load balancer)

Map users to treatment group

- Randomly from distribution
- Static user group mapping
- Online service (e.g., <u>launchdarkly</u>, <u>split</u>)

Monitor outcomes per group

■ Telemetry, sales, time on site, server load, crash rate

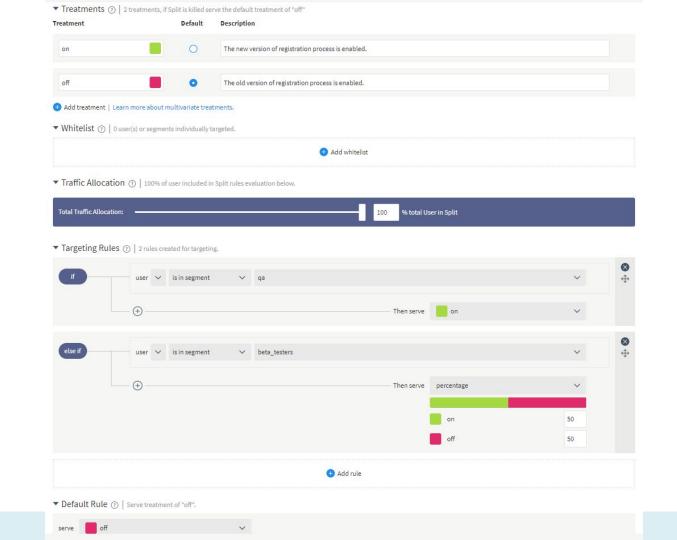
# Feature Flags

#### **Boolean options**

Good practices: tracked explicitly, documented, keep them localized and independent External mapping of flags to customers

- who should see what configuration
- e.g., 1% of users sees one\_click\_checkout, but always the same users; or
   50% of beta-users and 90% of developers and 0.1% of all users

```
if (features.enabled(userId, "one_click_checkout")) {
    // new one click checkout function
} else {
    // old checkout functionality
}
```



# **Comparing Outcomes**

Group A

Group B

base game

game with extra god

cards

2158 Users

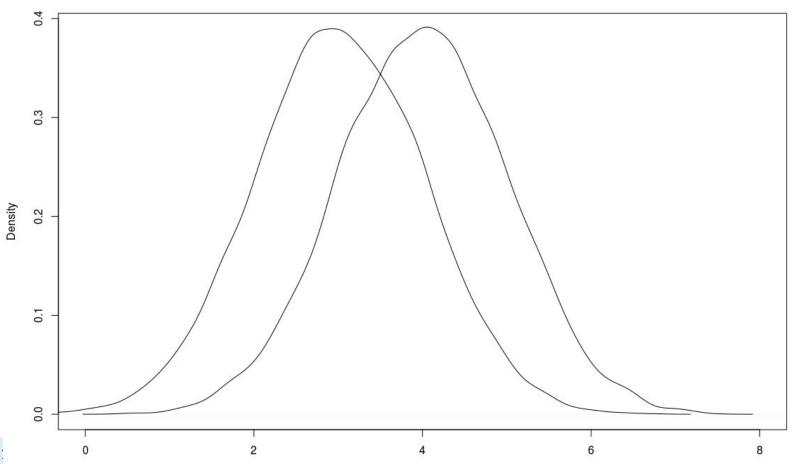
10 Users

average 18:13 min time

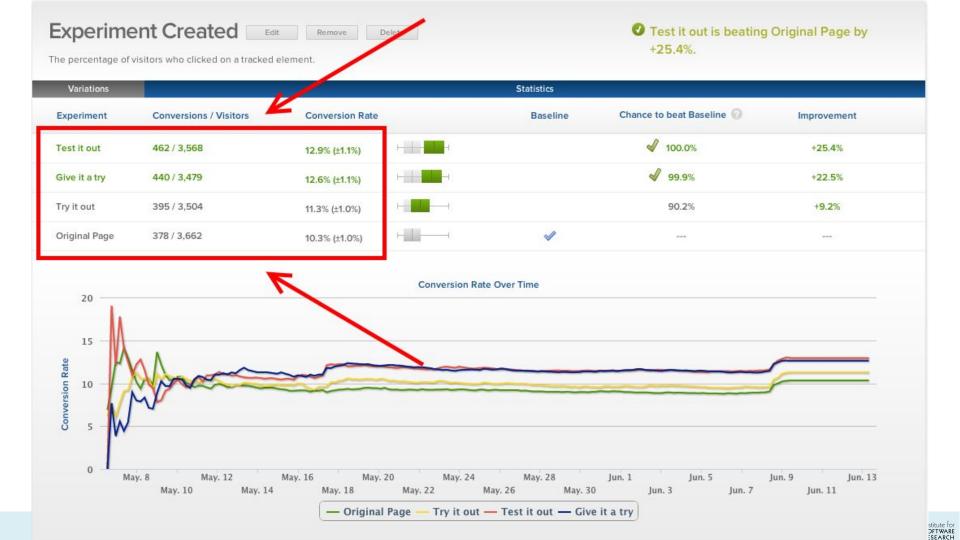
average 20:24 min time

on site

on site







#### The Morality Of A/B Testing

Josh Constine @joshconstine / 11:50 PM EDT • June 29, 2014





We don't use the "real" Facebook. Or Twitter. Or Google, Yahoo, or LinkedIn. We are almost all part of experiments they quietly run to see if different versions with little changes make us use more, visit more, click more, or buy more. By signing up for these services, we technically give consent to be treated like guinea pigs.

But this weekend, Facebook stirred up controversy because one of its data science researchers published the results of an experiment on 689,003 users to see if showing them more positive or negative sentiment posts in the News Feed would affect their happiness levels as deduced by what they posted. The impact of this experiment on manipulating emotions was tiny, but it

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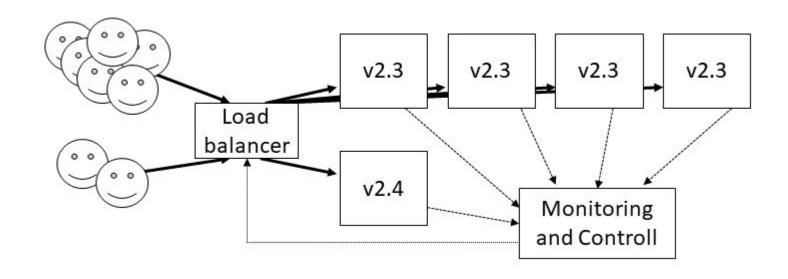
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- Testing releases in production
- Incrementally deploy a new release to users, not all at once
- Monitor difference in outcomes (e.g., crash rates, performance, user engagement)
- Automatically roll back bad releases
- Technically similar to A/B testing
- Telemetry essential

# Canary Releases



# Canary Releases at Facebook

Phase 0: Automated unit tests

Phase 1: Release to Facebook employees

Phase 2: Release to subset of production machines

Phase 3: Release to full cluster

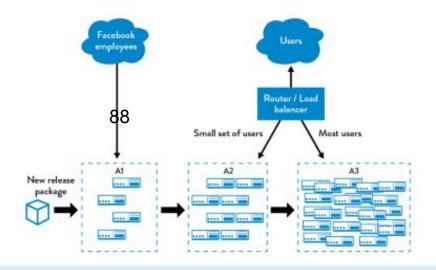
Phase 4: Commit to master, rollout everywhere

Monitored metrics: server load, crashes, click-through rate

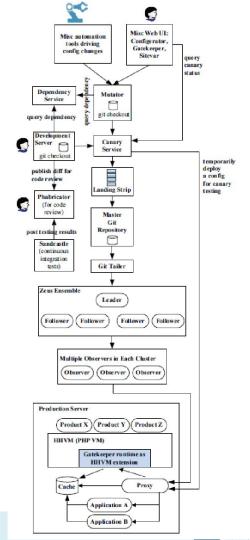
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# Real DevOps Pipelines are Complex

- Incremental rollout, reconfiguring routers
- Canary testing
- Automatic rolling back changes



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# Summary

Increasing automation of tests and deployments

Containers and configuration management tools help with automation, deployment, and rollbacks

Monitoring becomes important

Many new opportunities for testing in production (feature flags are common)