

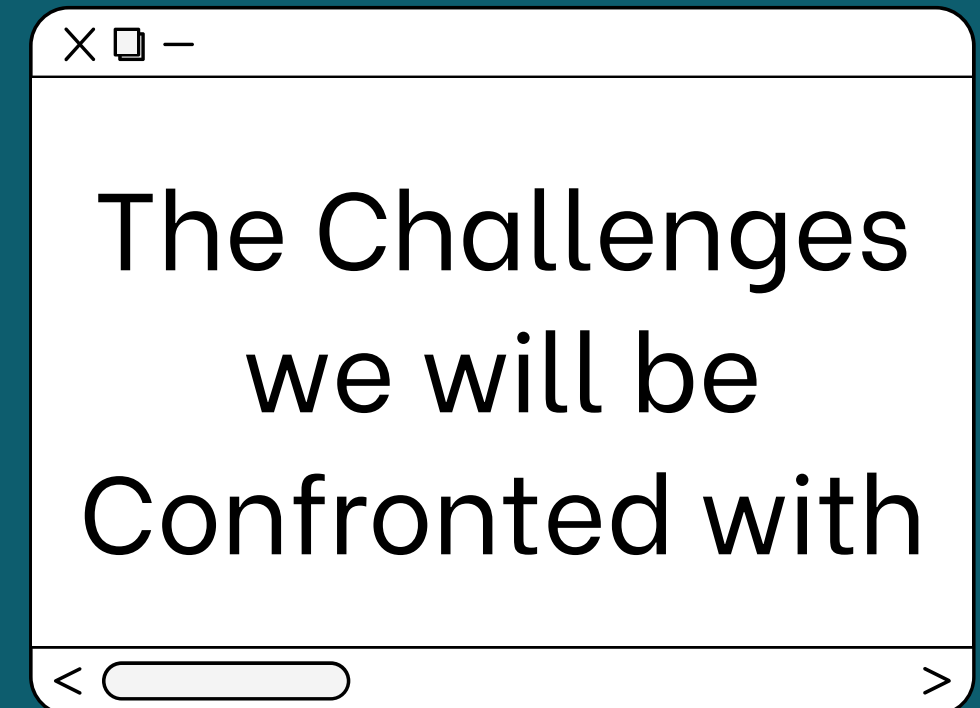
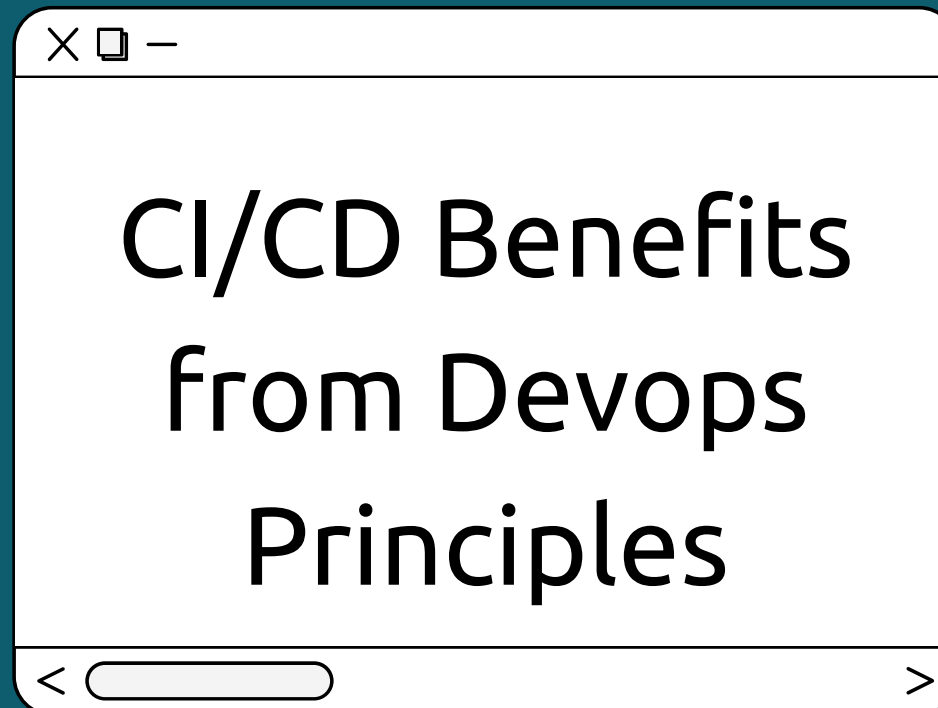
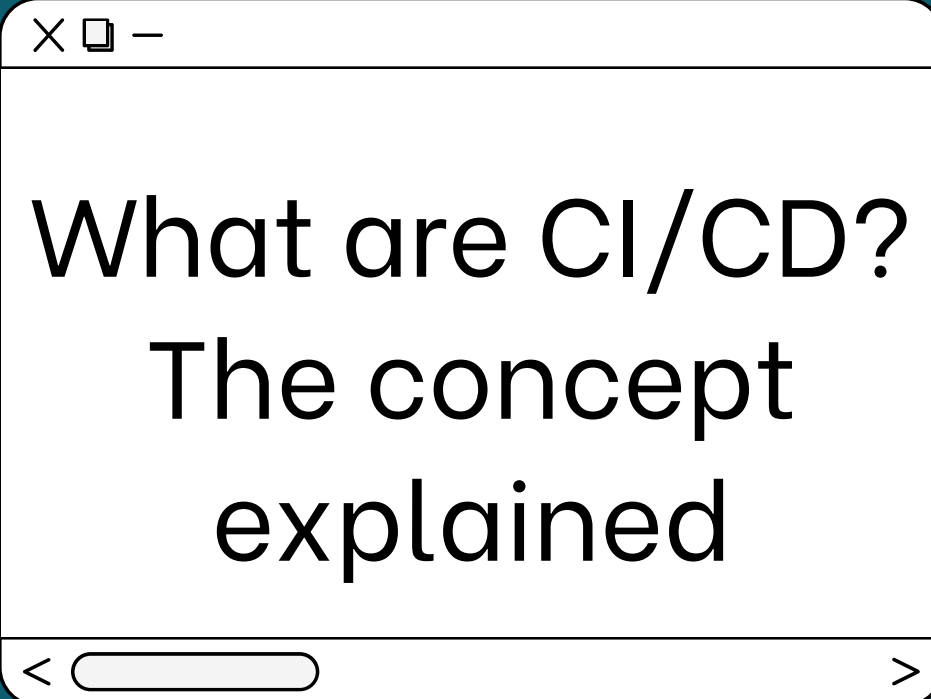
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FUNDAMENTALS AND BENEFITS OF CI/CD

OVERVIEW



WHAT ARE CI/CD?

THE CONCEPT EXPLAINED

Continuous Integration describes the process of merging developer branch to the main branch several times a day. CI puts an emphasis on test automation and finally generates a high quality, deployable artifact.

In addition to Continuous Integration, Continuous Delivery makes sure that changes of a software product can be released quickly to customers in an automated way and at any point in time.

Continuous Deployment extends Continuous Delivery in such a way that it allows frequent automated deployments without any human interaction. Typical phases in Continuous Deployment are Infrastructure Provisioning, Smoke Testing, Production Deployments and automated Rollbacks.

CI/CD BENEFITS FROM DEVOPS

PRINCIPLES

Cost reduction due to less human errors and faster deployments

Reduce complexity and save manual troubleshooting time

The truth lies in the source code and not in the heads of one or two experts. This means that regressions and breaking changes in code as well as in infrastructure deployments can be found much quicker and can be resolved for the whole automation process. And as a plus changes are always documented in source code.

CI/CD BENEFITS FROM DEVOPS PRINCIPLES

Automated Smoke Tests and Rollbacks will protect project revenue due to reduced downtimes from deploy-related crashes and fast and automated rebuilding of production ready state.

Faster feedback cycles of customers lead to higher customer satisfaction rates since they are involved right from the beginning of feature development/deployment and not just at a fixed release date.

THE CHALLENGES WE WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH

Establishing CI/CD comes with a high amount of initial cost and learning. At first sight this might seem overwhelming compared to current best practices.

Delivering CI/CD pipelines is not a one time effort, but requires constant support and maintenance as well as continuous development and improvement.

Even though there are some challenges, CI/CD will improve overall business processes and dramatically reduce costs on the long run.