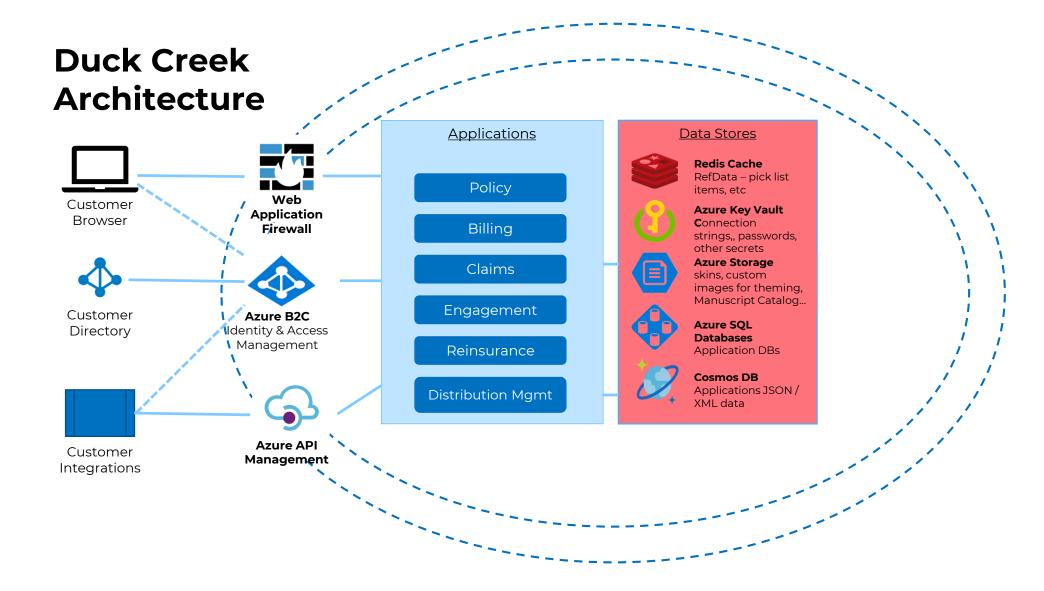
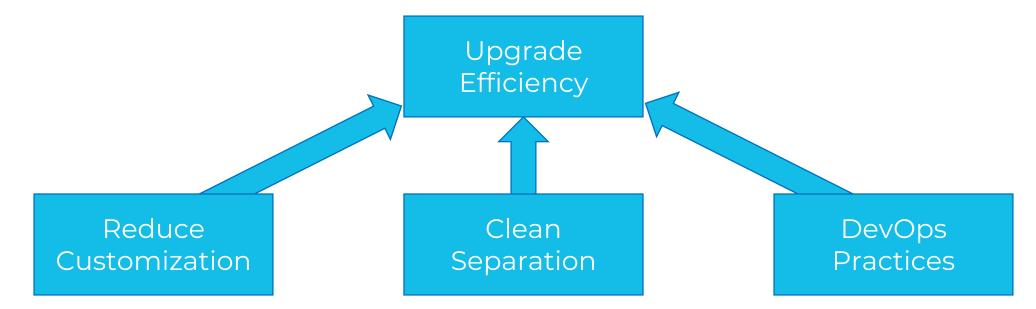


# Duck Creek Architecture Preparedness



### Implementation Guidelines



Where possible, replace customization with configuration

"Right Way"

Do not mix client code/configuration with Duck code/configuration

"Right Place"

Automated Testing, Automated Deployment Telemetry Change Management

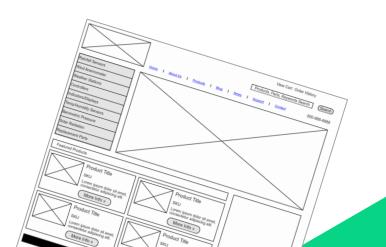
"Right Process"

## Ul Implementation Guidelines

- Use new Page Builder based page definition for Express
  - No more custom system pages
  - No custom Express post actions
  - No updates/extensions to core JavaScript
  - No Skin changes
  - Only variable-based CSS theme updates
- Use upgrade best-practices in Claims and Party Studio
  - No custom pages
  - No updates/extensions to core JavaScript
  - No layout or behavior altering CSS updates

### Alternatives?

- 1. Use existing pages, actions, CSS, etc.
- 2. Inquire about base application enhancement
- 3. Utilize headless approach



## Custom Logic Implementation Guidelines

- ▶ No custom code components
  - No Custom Business Objects (CBOs)
  - No ManuScript Functions
  - No custom Activity objects
  - No custom Expression Functions
  - No core JavaScript code changes

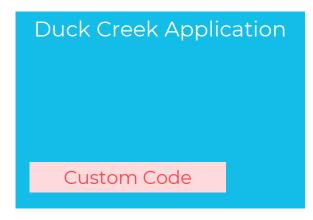


- 1. Use existing API and/or configuration (consider AMIs)
- 2. Externalize as a microservice
- 3. Inquire about base application enhancement



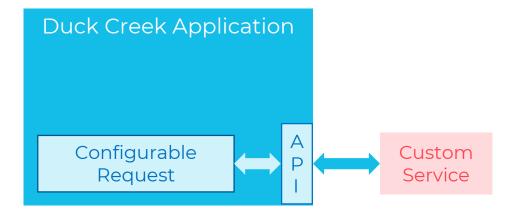
### Clean Isolation of Custom Code

#### **Existing Customization Pattern**



- Customizations are compiled and deployed alongside the Duck Creek components
- This can introduce build dependencies, leading to conflicts at time of upgrade

#### Improved Customization Pattern



- Customizations are externalized as stand-alone services, integrated via APIs at run time
- Standard features are used to configure requests to the external services
- The request configurations and APIs are maintained backward-compatible across releases (or feature-flagged)

### Result: Eliminate all build conflicts resulting from upgrades

## Custom Business Object Alternatives

| Don't Do                      | Best Practice  | How this changes  |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| CBO for<br>Integration        | <ul> <li>a) Call an external service using the <u>Send.httpRq</u> or <u>Send.postRq</u> feature</li> <li>b) If additional functionality is needed, like negotiating authentication tokens, caching, or feeding a data lake, implement those as an external service or leverage something like Azure API manager to add that</li> </ul> | Strictly enforced |
|                               | functionality.   |                   |
| CBO for custom business logic | <ul><li>a) Move logic to Manuscript, or AFS config</li><li>b) Use an AMI</li></ul>   | Strictly enforced |
|                               | c) Move logic to external service, as per above for<br>Integration   |                   |
|                               | d) Call in to Anywhere APIs from external service if required  |                   |
|                               | e) Request a new feature   |                   |

Implication: All custom business objects converted to configurations or externalized.

## Database Implementation Guidelines

- No changes to database schema
- ▶ No changes to database functions/procedures
- ▶ No direct database connections

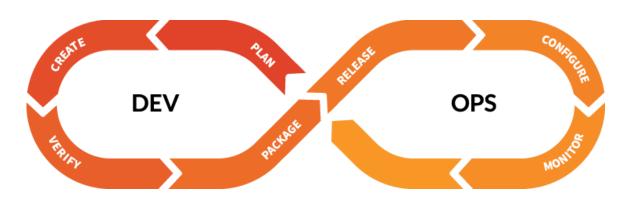
#### Alternatives?

- 1. Use existing capabilities
  - Application API
  - Query API provided for basic access to schema
  - Utilize Data Insights
- 2. Externalize to separate external database
- 3. Inquire about a base application enhancement



### DevOps Implementation Guidelines

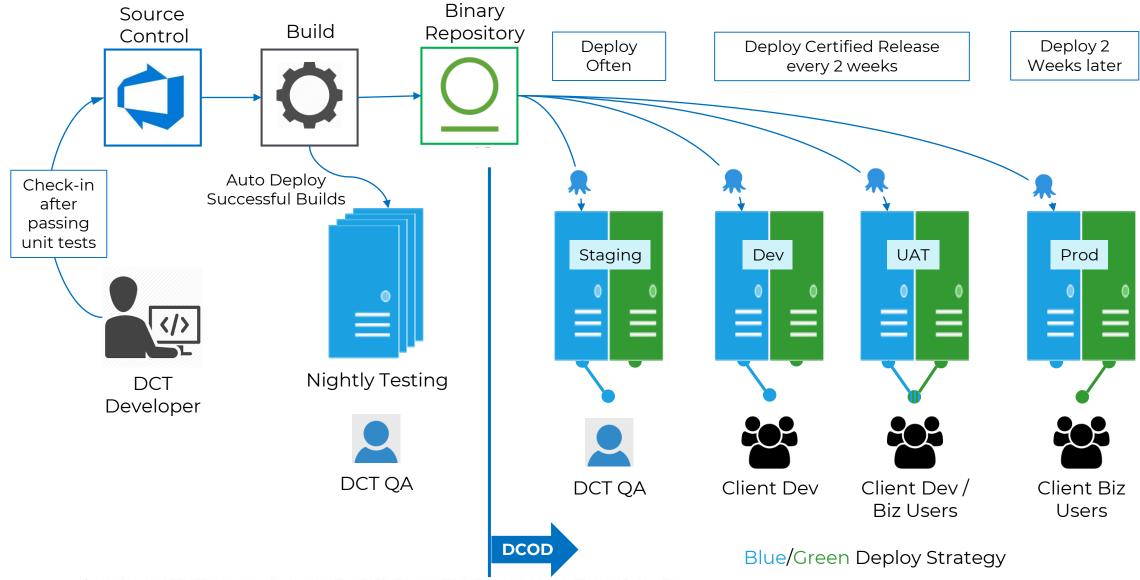
- Separate automated deployment process for client configurations
- ► Separate (or eliminate) deployment for DC code & client extensions
- Develop good automated testing coverage
- ► Run automated testing as part of CI/CD process
- ► Establish a rapid-cycle-time change control process



Alternatives?

NONE

### Automated DevOps Pipeline / Test Automation



## Preparing for Continuous Updates

The "continuous update" process is *new*, but carriers can still take steps to be ready for this process:

Follow best practice guidelines we've discussed



