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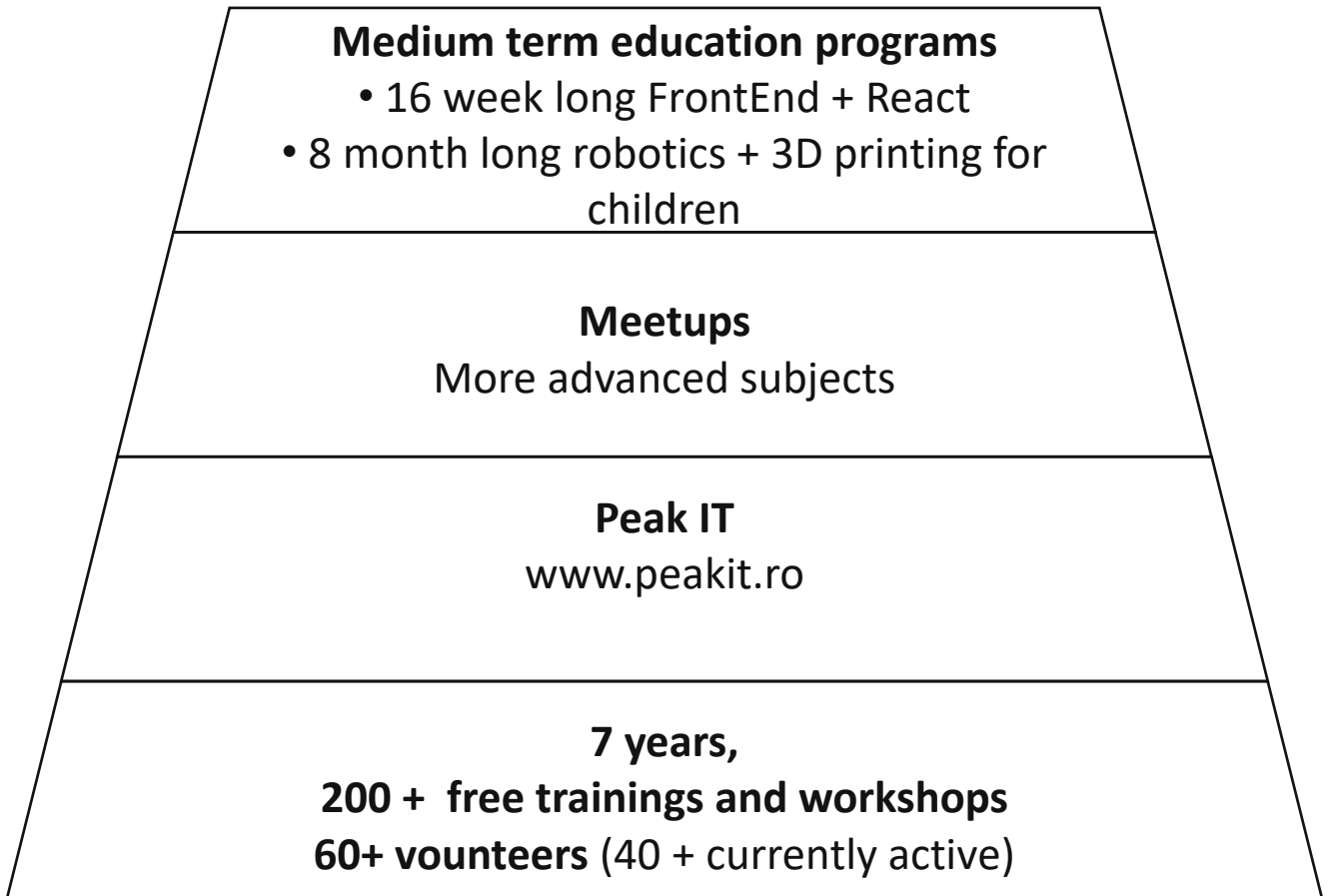
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200 + free trainings and workshops
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AgileHub invests in free education

Robotics training (8 Month long) – for two groups of children from Școala 11, Brașov

Introduction

About myself and the presentation

Present:

- Working with 3SS since nearly 8 years
- Involved in projects around TV, VOD on various platforms

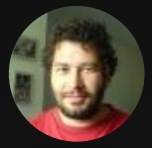
History:

- Started as a freelance web- and backend-developer
- Co-founder of a small development and design agency

The DevOps Team @ 3SS

The foundation and backbone of this presentation

Driving DevOps at 3SS:

- Radu Curteanu 
- Petre Toma 
- Calin Paltinean 
- Crina Mocian 
- Florin Spartaru 
- Nick Yunchyk 

Agenda

DevOps Meetup

- Who is 3SS and what are we doing
- Where our journey started
- A short case study
- Where we are right now – our setup
- Challenges, Learnings, Do’s & Don’ts

Who is 3SS and what are we doing

Quick profile

- Specialized on frontend solutions (Multiscreen and Set-Top-Boxes)
- ~200 employees, 80% of them are part of delivery
- Organized in technology departments
- Working with Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe)

- Coming from classic “body-leasing” and development outsourcing
- Ongoing transformation into product & solution provider

Our Customers

Average profile

- Operators & Broadcasters providing TV and VOD Services via DVB, IPTV and OTT
- Set-Top-Boxes as main platform

- Slow release-cycles, long product life-cycles
- Large organizations, often with traditional waterfall approach
- Complexity through middleware and DVB

Our Customers

Average profile

certification process

(4 - 8 weeks)

androidtv

Backend Systems

3SS Frontend & Support Systems

Middleware / OS

DevOps in our Context

What it means for 3SS

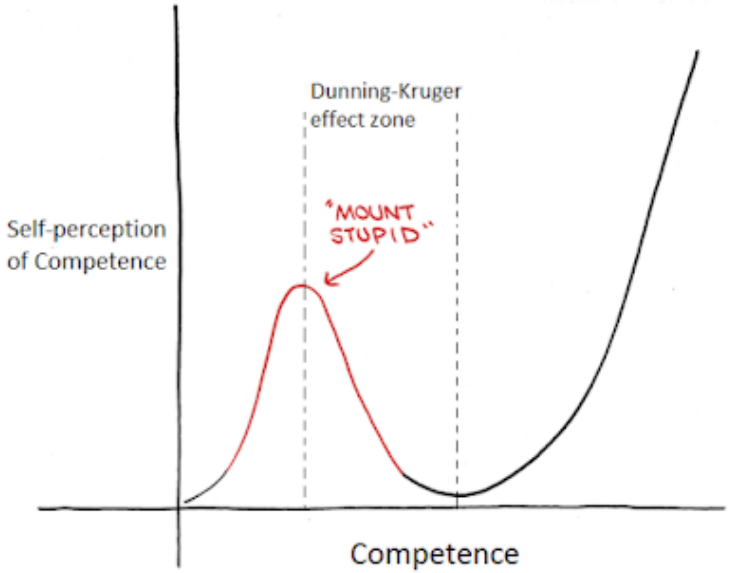
Dev	Ops
Development	Operations
3SS	Customer

DevOps in our Context

What it means for 3SS

Where our journey started

A small remark before we get started…



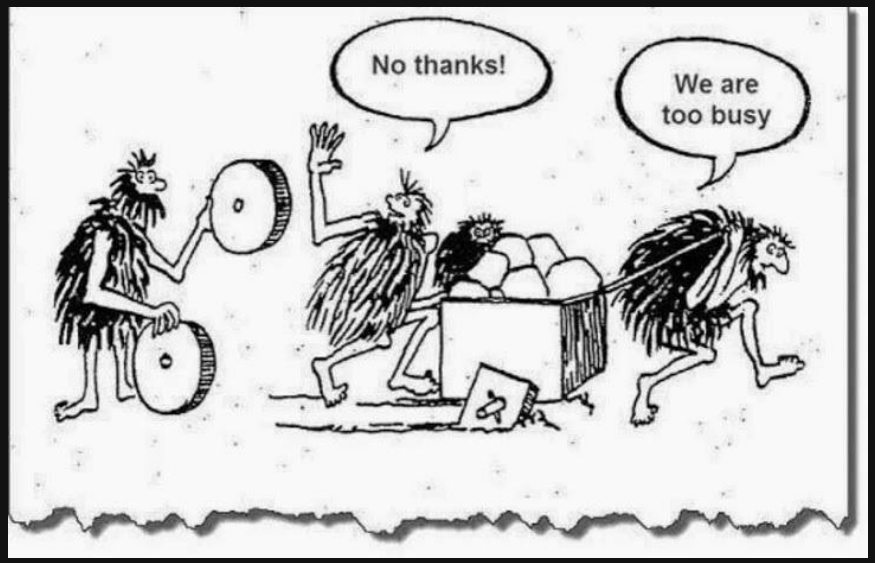
Where our journey started

Challenges we faced (and in parts are still facing)

- Large user stories (multiple sprints)
- Long-living feature-branches - hard to merge
- Merges at the end of sprint
- daily/nightly builds
- All QA done at the end of sprint
- Only finished user stories were delivered to the customer
- “Release-Day” hectic

Where our journey started

It’s a matter of perspective



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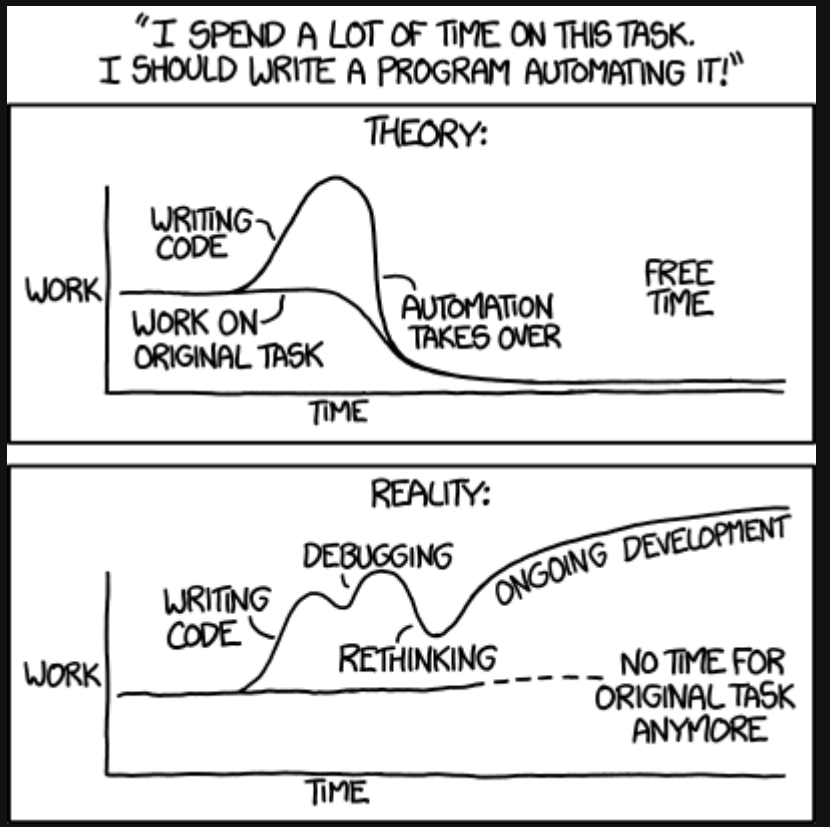


Where our journey started

The start:

- All builds were done manual
- A lot of different environments & stages
- Manual creation of release-notes

Iteration #1:

- Trying to define principles
- DevOps team with senior devs to support teams
- Supplying the project teams

Iteration #2:

- Dedicated Team
- Supporting the project teams and become a prt of it

What we are doing

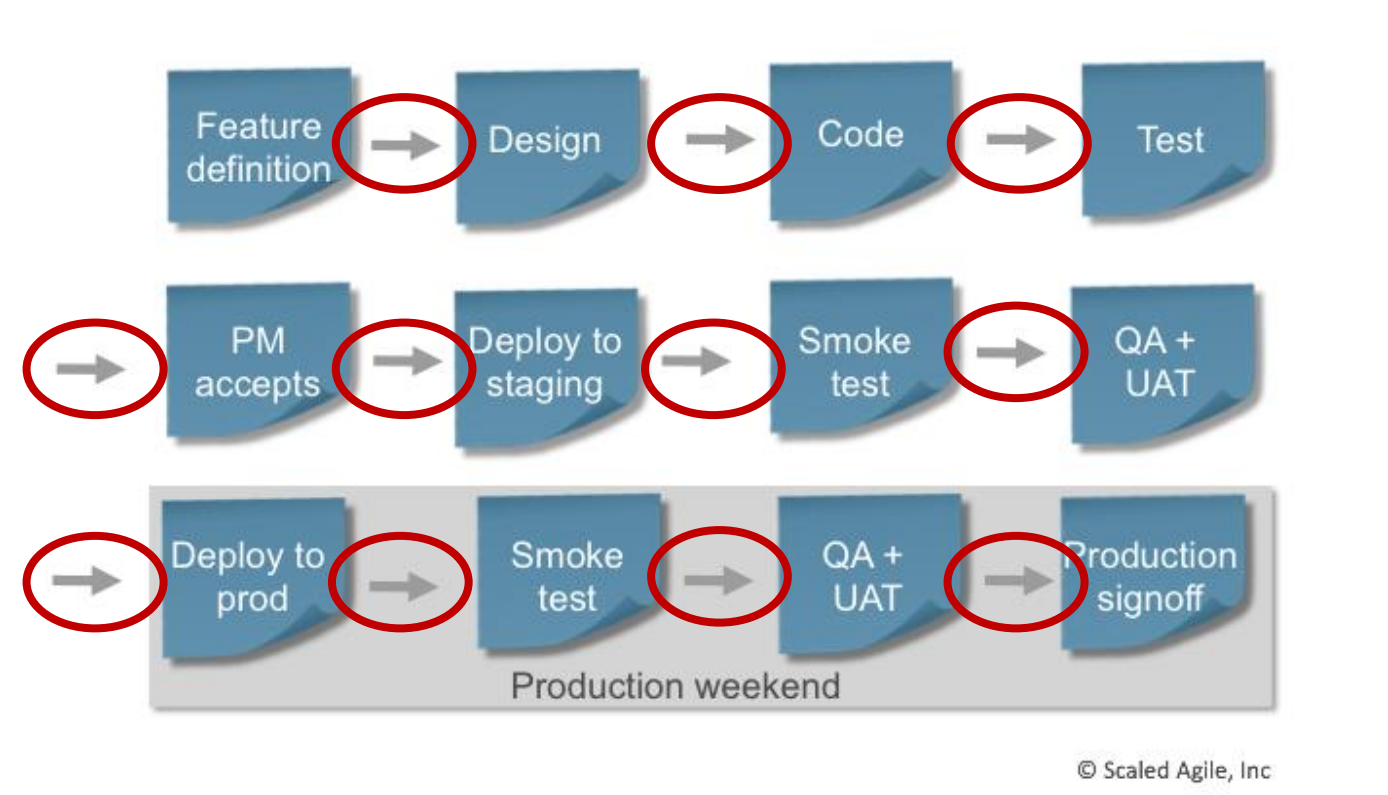
"Small batches"

- Result of the question: "What's the **one** most relevant item for us?"
- General rule: "No User Story bigger than 3 Story Points"
- Feature-Flags to toggle functionality & features
- Decouple release from deploy
- Delivery fast and often

Where we are right now

- Focus on our “small batches” approach
- Focus on explaining the why and ongoingly support the team
- Establish “one-team” work-mode with customer and team

Why are small batches important?



- Lead time vs. Process Time
- Process Time is **Wasted** Time

A case study

- Same team
- Same customer
- Different work-mode
- *Different Outcome?*

The situation

- Customer team, 3SS team. Prioritization, grooming etc. was done in sync but “separate”

- Huge delay, quality issues
- Frustrated team
- Unhappy customer, no trust → escalations
- Requirements and implementation did not meet customer nor product expectation
- Slow and cumbersome release cycles

The change

- Involvement of the customer in all steps incl. definition and testing
- 100% transparency
- Working together as one team with different roles and joined participation in all scrum procedures etc.
- Constant, frequent delivery of builds, even if unfinished features

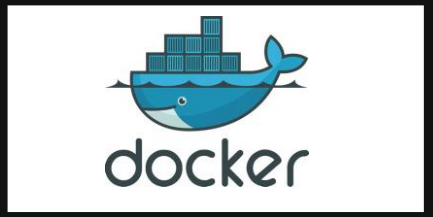
Results

- Better alignment of definition and implementation
- Common understanding about status, challenges and progress
- 12 hours from report to fix release

→Better outcome (Quality, Scope, Time To Market)

→180° in customer satisfaction

Our technology stack



Our technology stack

Full Pipeline

- All pipelines (except iOS) as pre-configured **docker** containers
- Easy maintenance, usage and clean-installation
- Enables migration of pipelines across projects
- **bash** scripts to keep gitlab-ci.yml clean and simple
- **SonarQube** as monitoring/information tool, not quality gate to stop the pipeline

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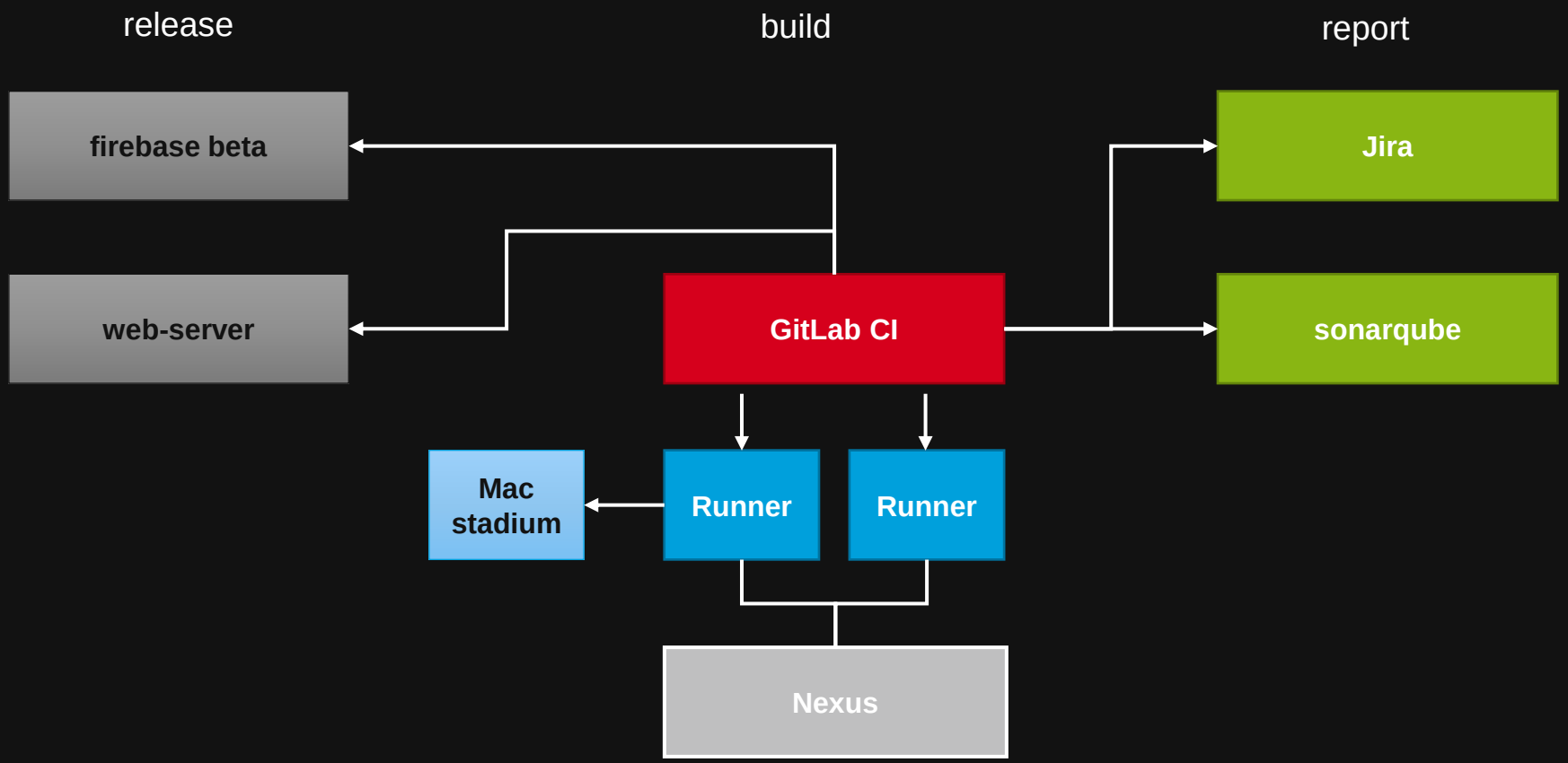


Our technology stack

Jira & Confluence integrated with GitLab CI

stages:

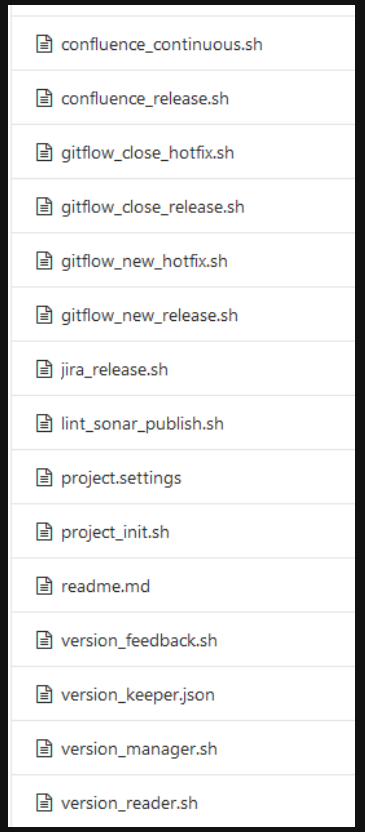
- lint
- build
- deploy
- release
- fixes
- finish

– each step invokes separate bash-scripts

– same stages for all projects and platforms

– different scripts per platform

– update of Jira and Confluence via APIs



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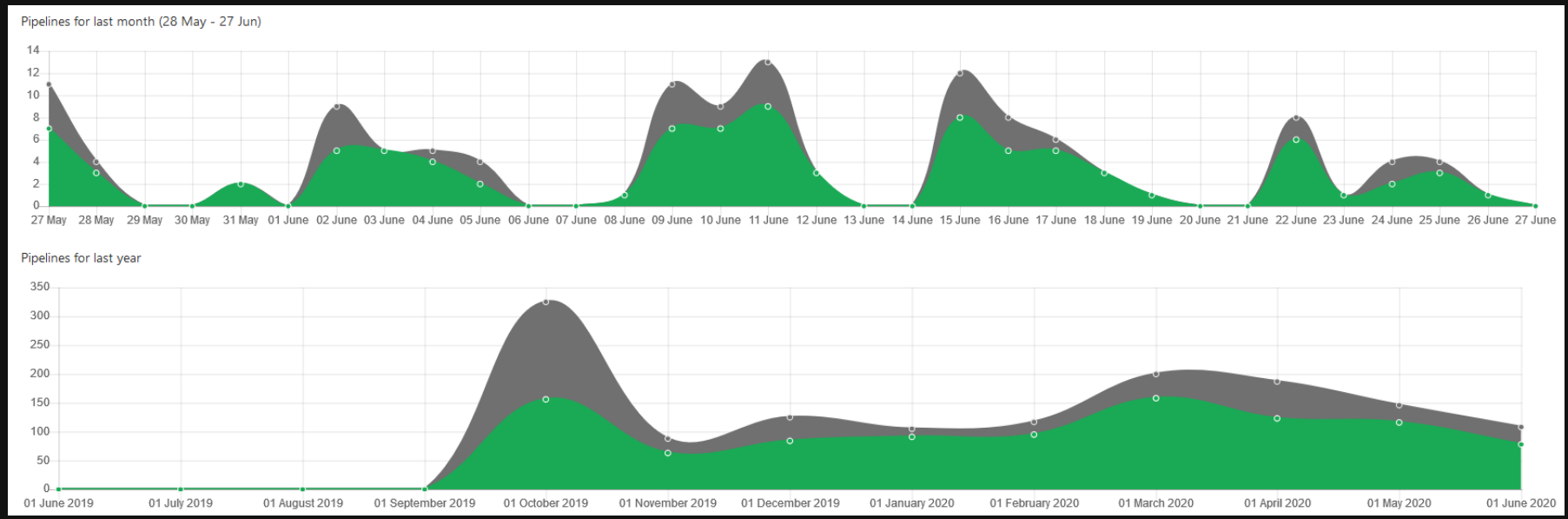

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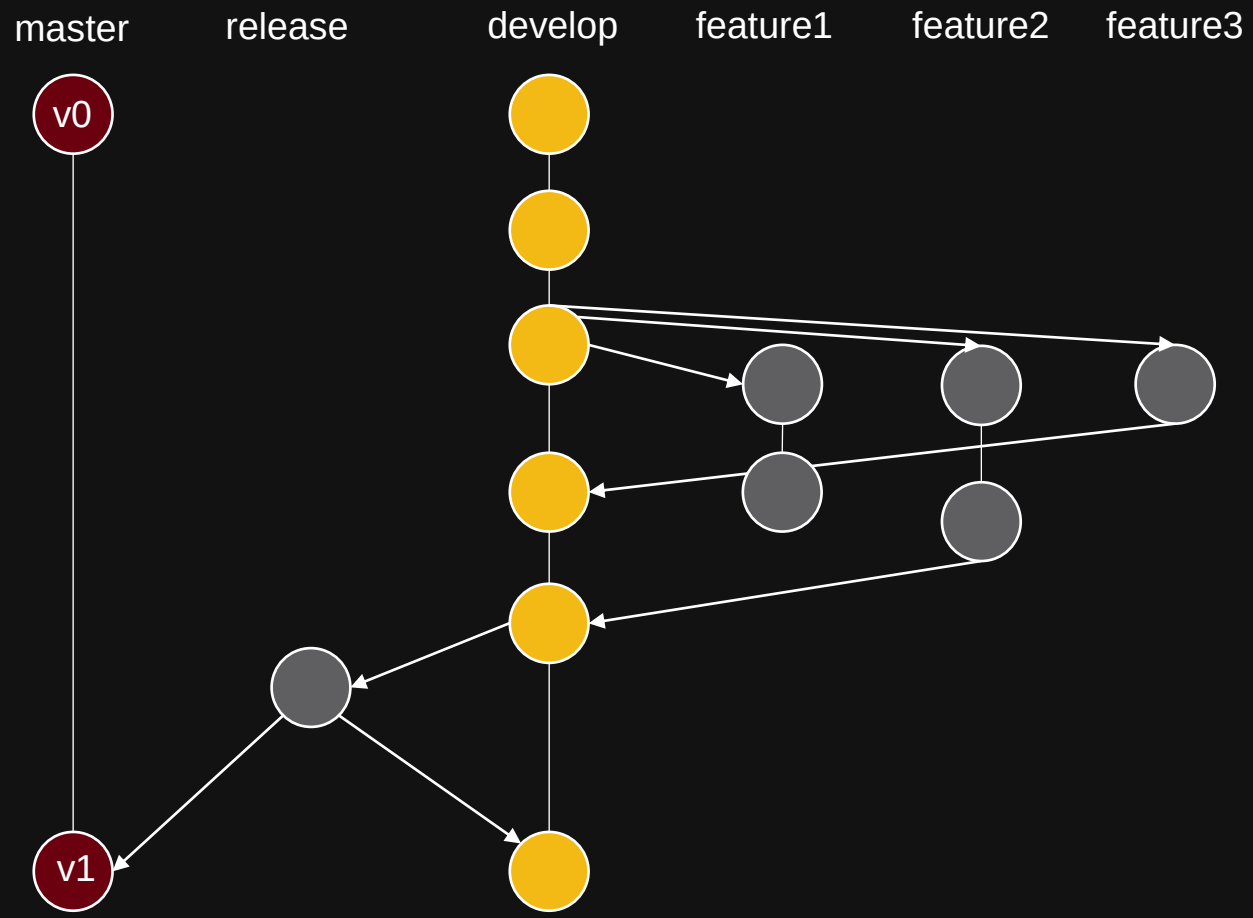
How we use git and git-flow



- git-flow with trunk-based-development strategy
- building from develop, short-lived feature-branches
- everything on develop is considered releasable
- no release candidates and hot fixes
- fixes are treated like any other branch
- merge and tag on master
- automatic branch management through bash scripts

gitlab-ci.yml extract – build stages

```
41  feature_build:
42    stage: build
43    script:
44      - echo "Build feature branch"
45      - ls -la /builds/                    -firetv-androidtv-client-app/app/src
46      - ./gradlew assembleDebug
47      - cp ${project_apk_path}/*.apk $project_path
48    only:
49      - /^feature/.*$/
50    artifacts:
51      name: "${CI_PROJECT_NAME}_${CI_JOB_NAME}_${CI_COMMIT_REF_SLUG}_${CI_COMMIT_SHA}"
52      expire_in: 1 week # expire 1 week for now
53      paths:
54        - ./*.apk
55
56  develop_deploy:
57    stage: deploy
58    script:
59      - echo "Deploy develop branch"
60      - source version_manager.sh
61      - ./gradlew assembleDevelop
62      - cp ${project_apk_path}/*.apk $project_path
63      - source confluence_continuous.sh
64      - source version_feedback.sh
65    only:
66      - develop
67    artifacts:
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71        - ./*.apk
```

release branch creation in bash

```bash
#!/bin/bash

echo "Start new release branch ..."

# calculate the new release number
source version_reader.sh
IFS='.' read -a version_parts <<< "$active_version"
branch_name="release/${version_parts[0]}.$((${version_parts[1]} + 1)).0.0"

cd ~
mkdir temp
cd temp

# get repository url, create new release branch and commit this
IFS='@' read -a http_parts <<< "$CI_REPOSITORY_URL"
git config --global user.email
git config --global user.name

git clone "https://USERNAME:${gitlab_source_token}@"${http_parts[1]}
cd $(find . -mindepth 1 -print -quit)
git checkout develop
git checkout -b $branch_name develop
git branch
echo ${branch_name} >> branch_name.txt
git add -A && git commit -m "Commit new branch ${branch_name}"
git push origin $branch_name
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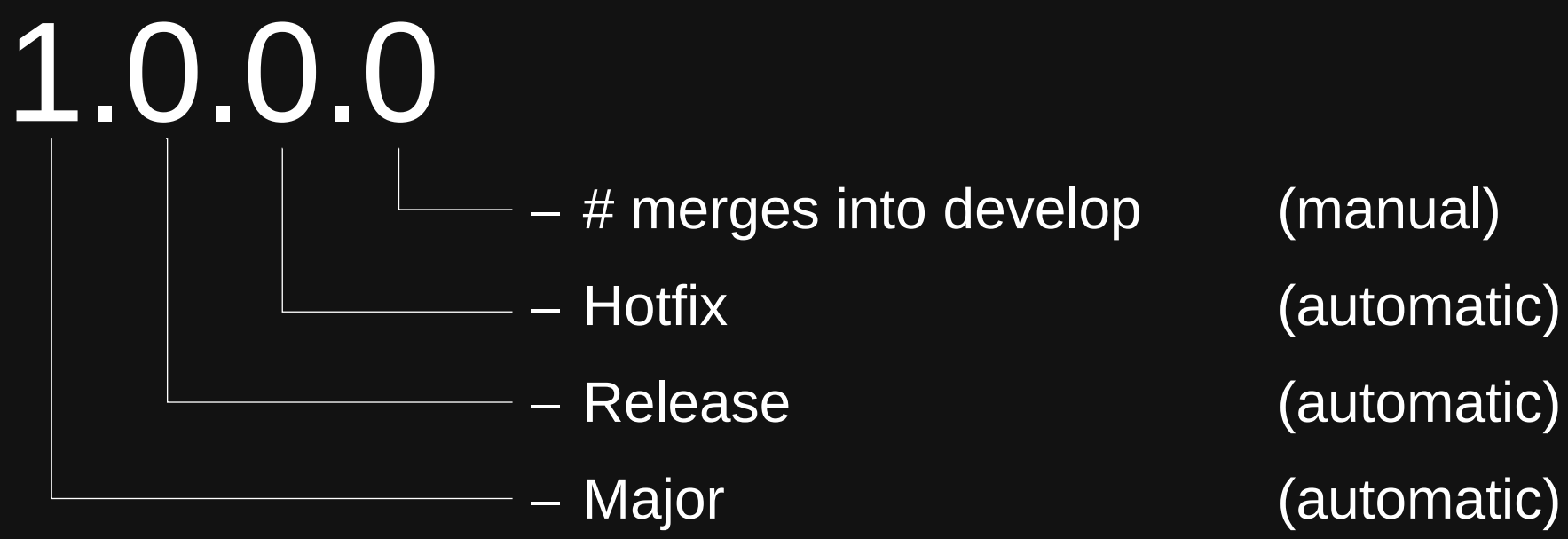
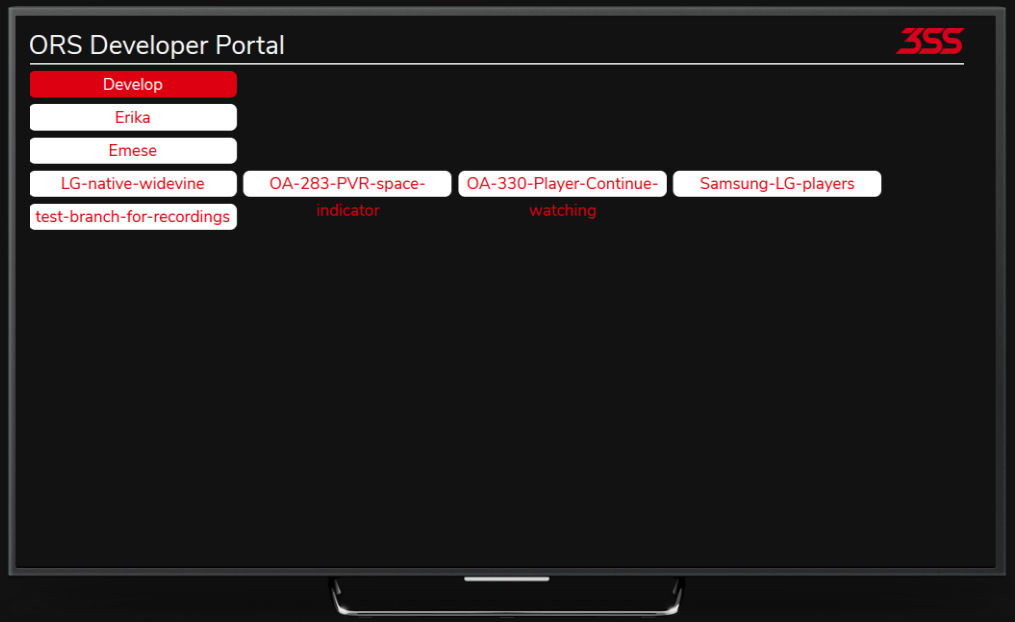
Our technology stack

git, git-flow, versioning and releases



Deployment for TV



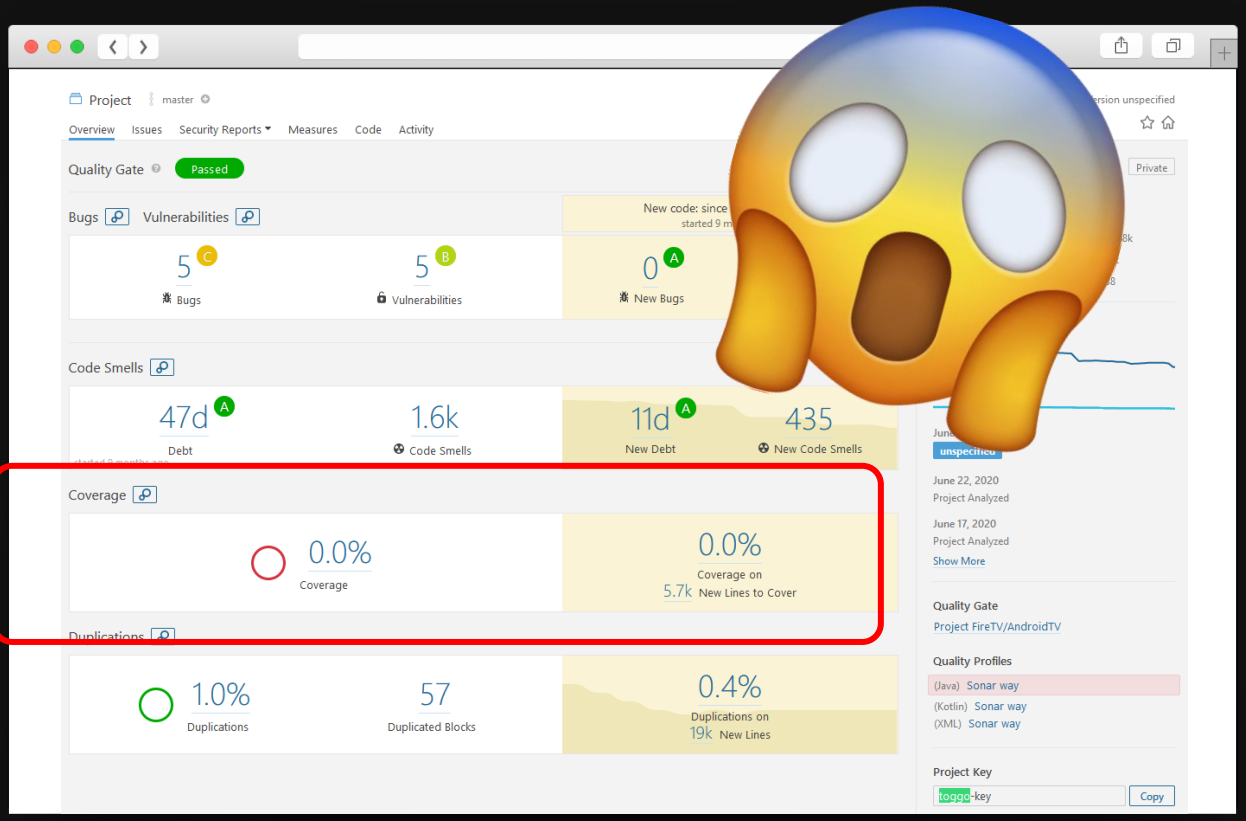
Web & Smart-TV:

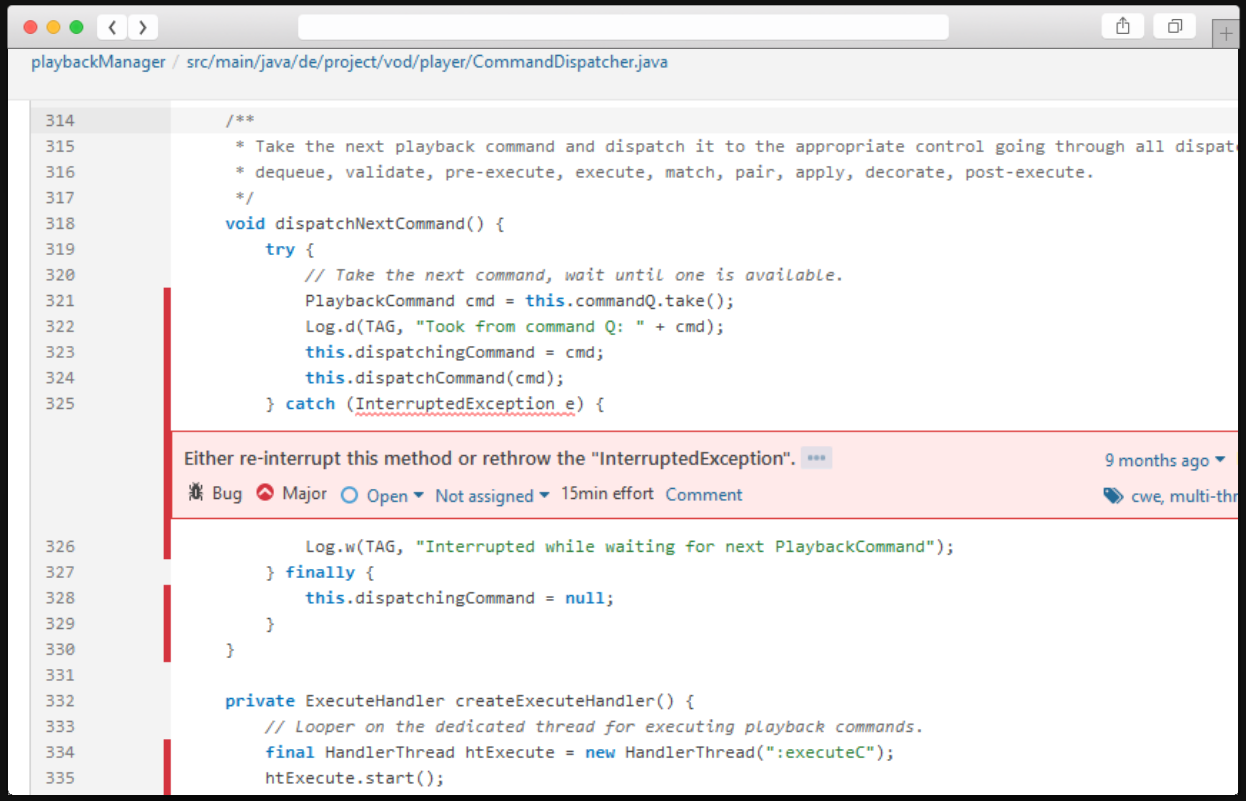
- folder per branch
- Automatically generated “portal” page to navigate through environments and branches

Our technology stack

SonarQube

- Code-Smells & linting
- Vulnerabilities
- Potential (and actual) bugs)
- Taken as input by the team and planned as improvements if needed
- SonarLint for Dev IDEs




playbackManager / src/main/java/de/project/vod/player/CommandDispatcher.java
314 /**
315 * Take the next playback command and dispatch it to the appropriate control going through all dispat
316 * dequeue, validate, pre-execute, execute, match, pair, apply, decorate, post-execute.
317 */
318 void dispatchNextCommand() {
319 try {
320 // Take the next command, wait until one is available.
321 PlaybackCommand cmd = this.commandQ.take();
322 Log.d(TAG, "Took from command Q: " + cmd);
323 this.dispatchingCommand = cmd;
324 this.dispatchCommand(cmd);
325 } catch (InterruptedException e) {
Either re-interrupt this method or rethrow the "InterruptedException".
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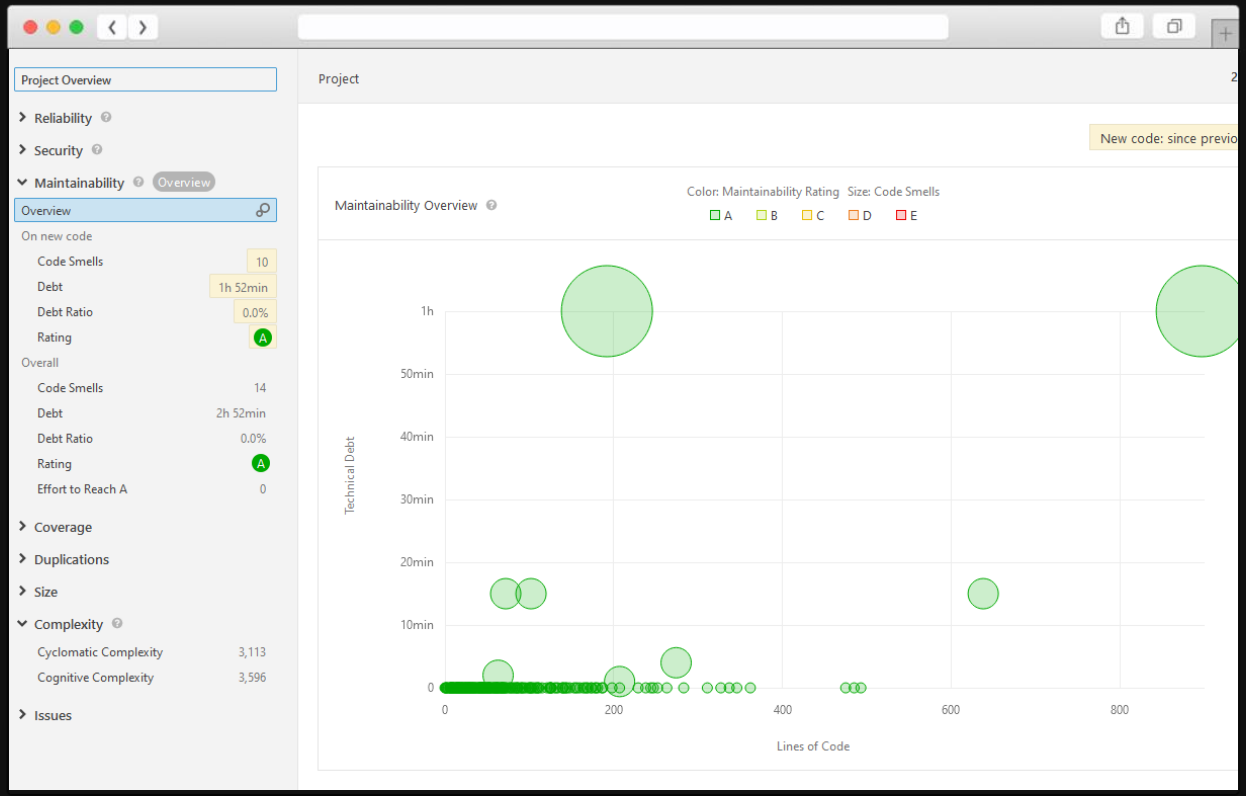
326 Log.w(TAG, "Interrupted while waiting for next PlaybackCommand");
327 } finally {
328 this.dispatchingCommand = null;
329 }
330 }
331
332 private ExecuteHandler createExecuteHandler() {
333 // Looper on the dedicated thread for executing playback commands.
334 final HandlerThread htExecute = new HandlerThread(":executeC");
335 htExecute.start();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Lines of Code

Our technology stack

A word on testing

- Environments and backends in constant development
  → Tests break a lot
- No Test Driven Development (TDD)
- Limited client-side logic
- Unit-Tests only for specific cases
- Integration-Tests come at a later stage once the UI is stable enough and not evolving that fast

Our technology stack

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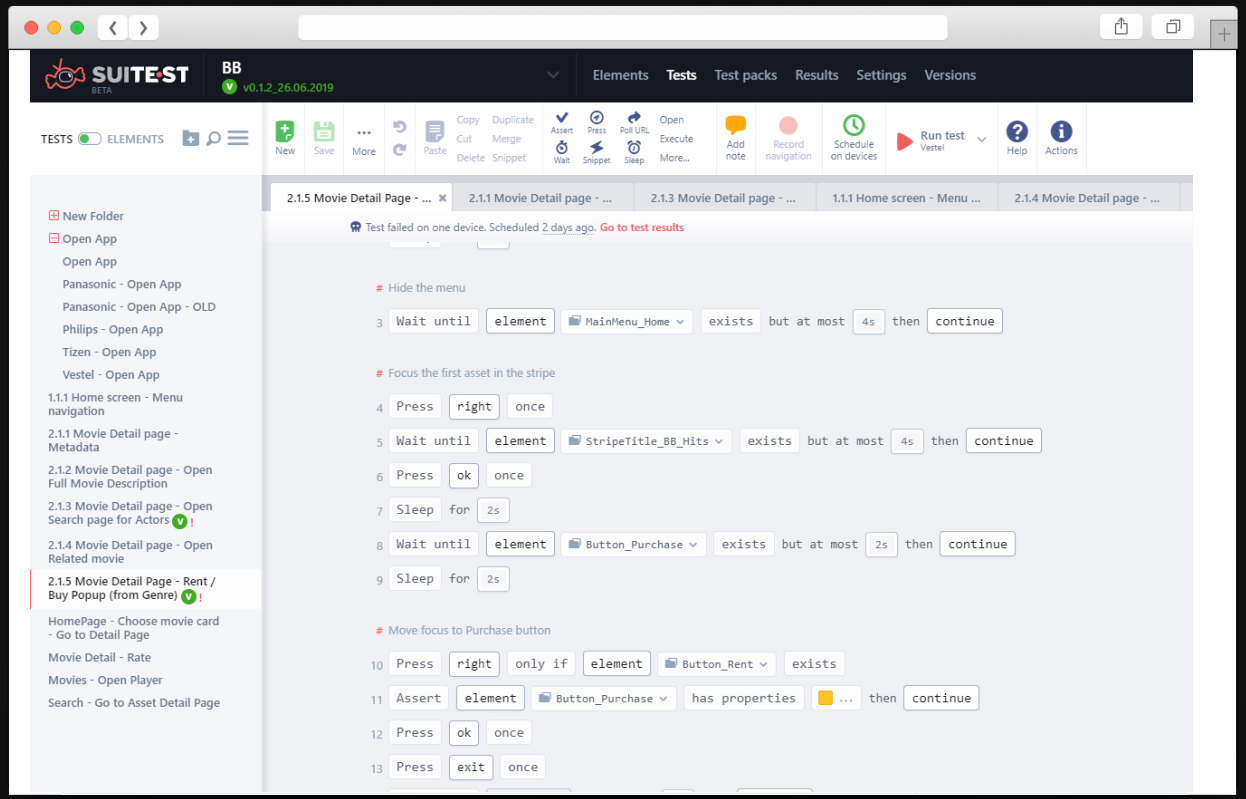
- Cross-Device testing with actual IR input
- Easy test-editing also for non-developers
- Huge decrease of time needed for regression



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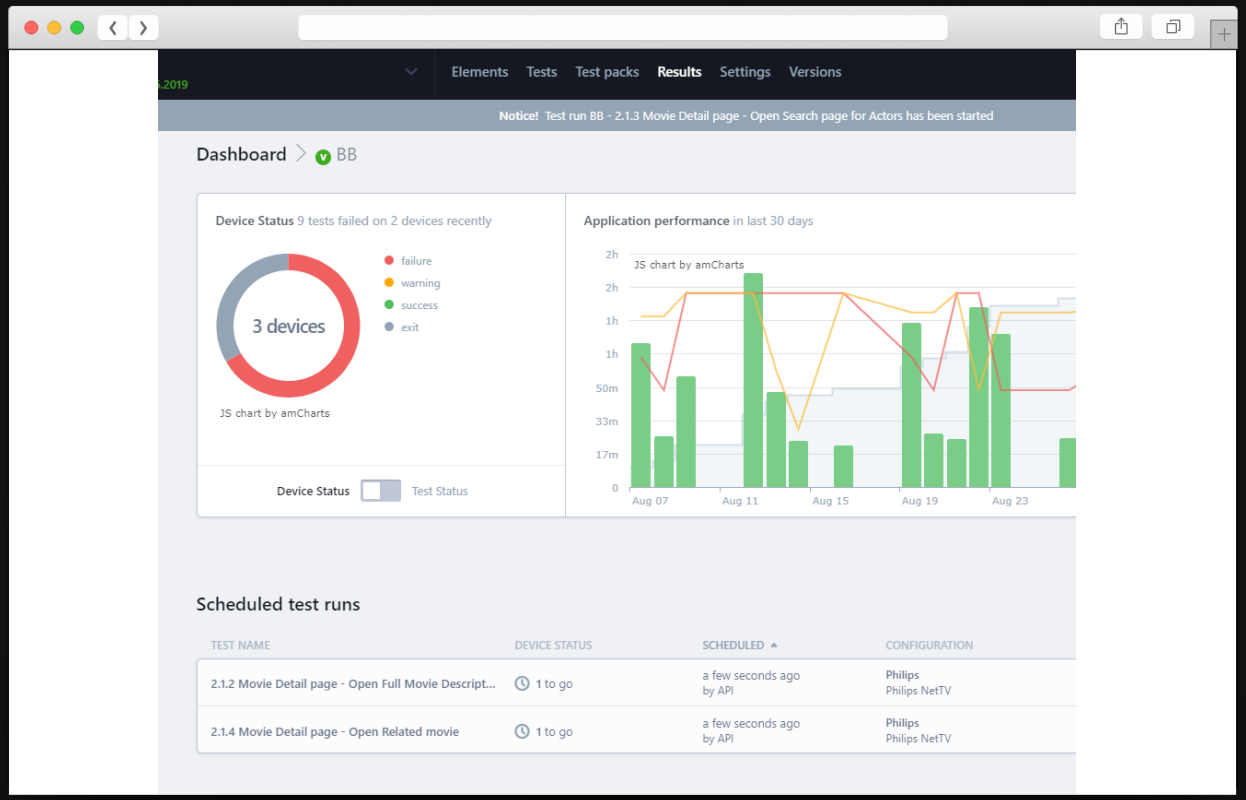

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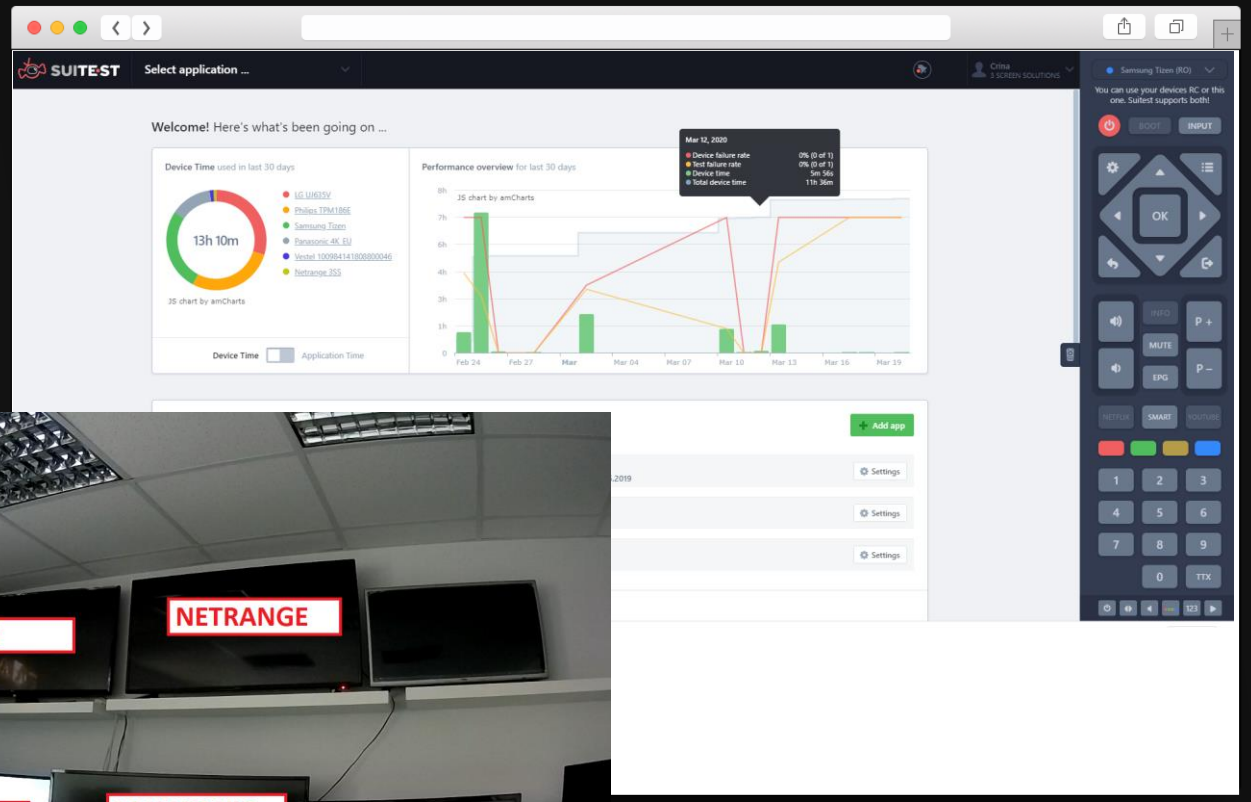
Remote Testlab

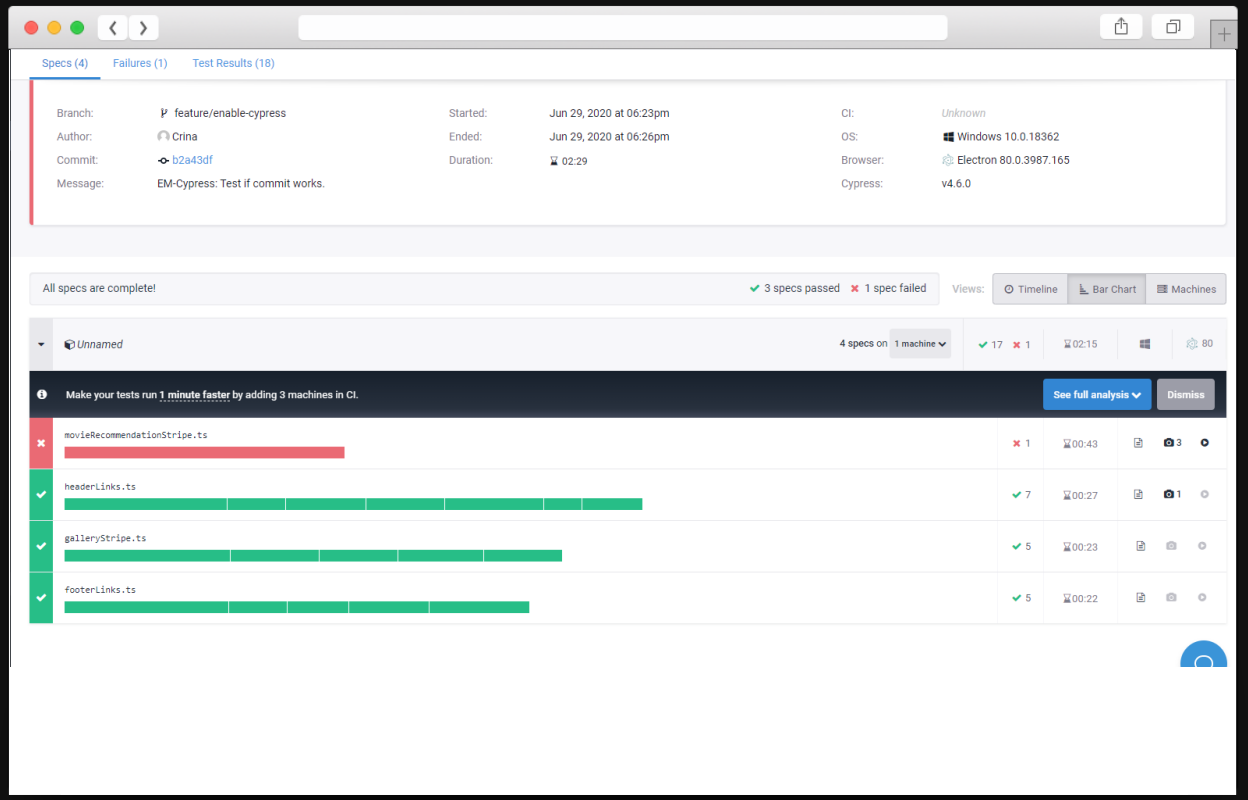
- Debugging and testing on devices not at hands
- Feature validation and troubleshooting (e.g. playback)
- COVID19 safe ☺



Our technology stack

Cypress

- Integration tests in browser with screenshots and video
- Simple test-syntax
- Integrated into CI/CD



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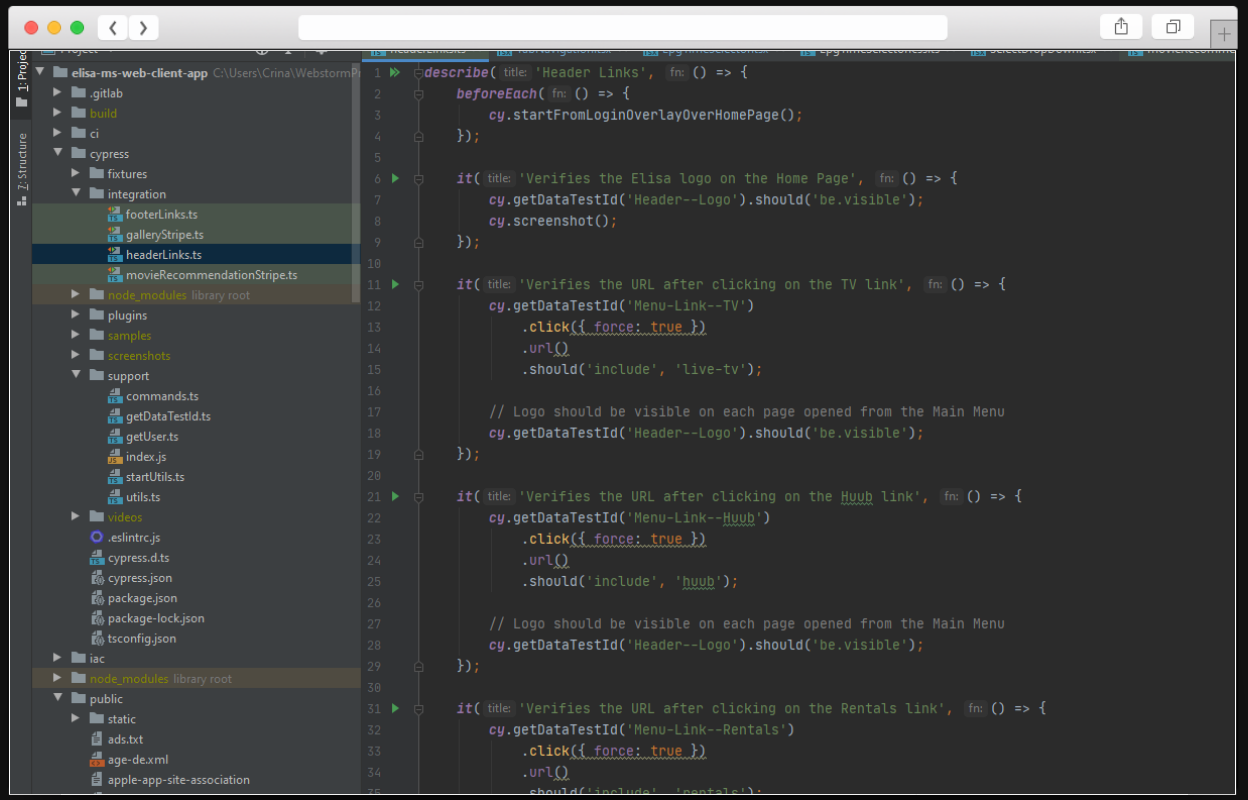
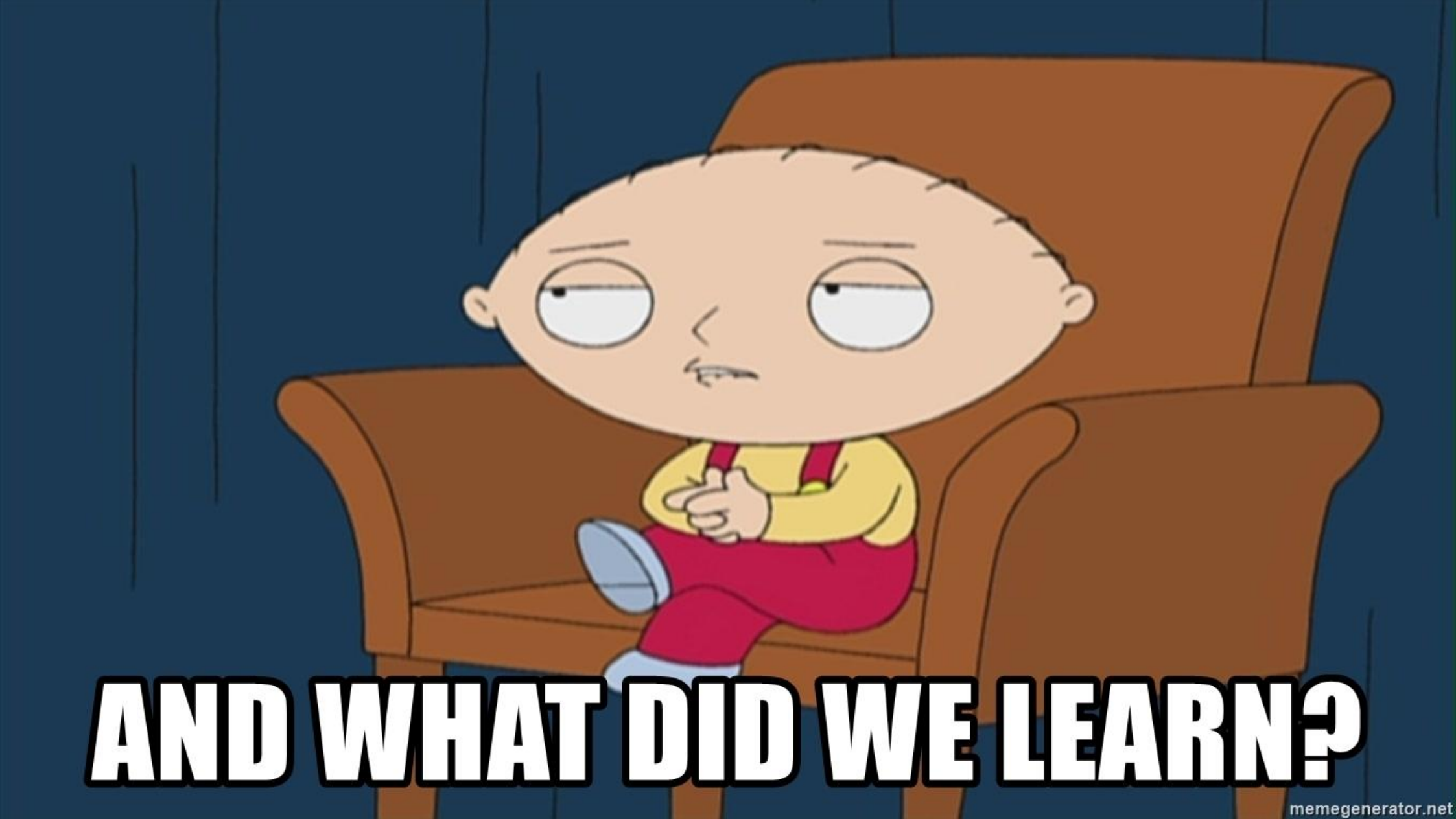
Cypress

- Requires planning in project teams to support
- Development can be done by DevOps team or trained QA engineer



Summary?

- It took us at least 3 iterations to find an approach that (so far) seem to start working
- We still have a lot of untapped potential for implementing DevOps
- We needed to get to a culture that allowed the DevOps principles to be applied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Learnings

- Explain the why and provide context – to everyone involved
- Work in small batches
- Focus on delivering value
- Think holistic

Learnings

- The benefits of DevOps are more processes then technical
- The technology choices are secondary to the flows
- Have a team of supporters and enthusiasts, expand from there by providing value to the teams
- Involve, teach and train teams and customers early
- Support constantly, customer but especially also the team

Thank you for your attention!

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