

17–356/17–766 SOFTWARE ENGINEERING FOR STARTUPS



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HW2: due tonight

HW3: Released soon



Quality Assurance



The best way to assure quality is a good process



"Continuous Integration doesn't get rid of bugs, but it does make them dramatically easier to find and remover's cientist, ThoughtWorks



History of Continuous Integration



(1999) Extreme Programming (XP) rule: "Integrate Often"



(2000) Martin Fowler posts "Continuous Integration" blog



(2001) First CI tool



Markins (2005) Hudson/Jenkins



Travis CI (2011) Travis CI

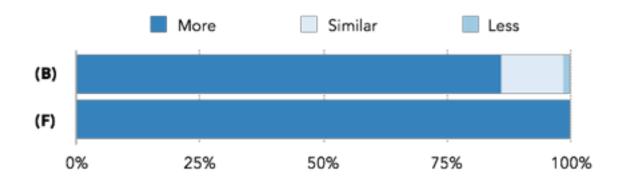


Sample CI Workflow (Github + Travis)

- n Create Pull Request
- GitHub tells Travis CI build is mergeable
- It builds and passes tests
- Travis updates PR
- PR is merged

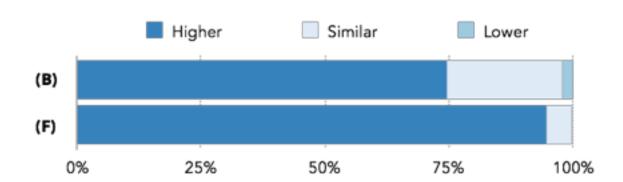


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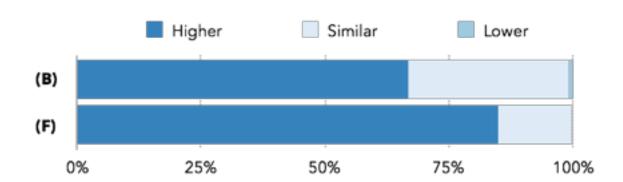


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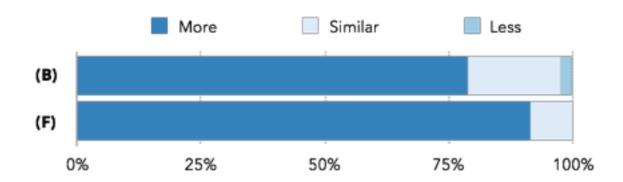


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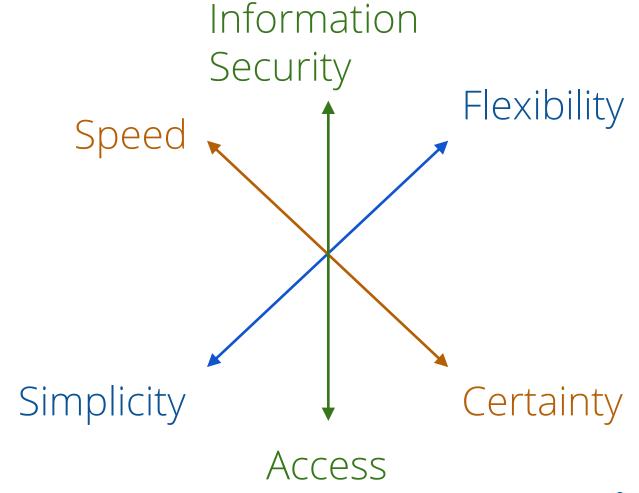


Are developers on projects with CI (more/similar/less) productive?





Conflicts:





Implications

- Write tests that provide value
- Spend time to maintain your tests, improve quality, remove unneeded tests
- Balance rigorousness of the test suite with speed of running tests
- Follow security best practices
- Consider long term costs of complex, custom workflows



Observation

Most of the benefits of CI come from running tests



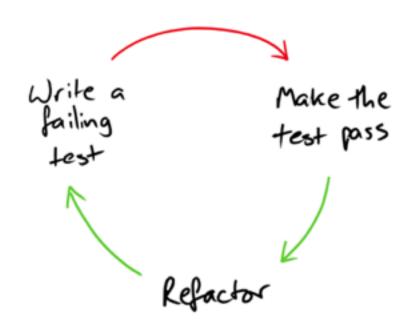
Test Driven Development (TDD)

Three Simple Rules

- 1) You are not allowed to write any production code unless it is to make a failing unit test pass.
- 2) You are not allowed to write any more of a unit test than is sufficient to fail; and compilation failures are failures.
- 3) You are not allowed to write any more production code than is sufficient to pass the one failing unit test.



Test Driven Development (TDD)



From Growing Object-Oriented Software by Nat Pryce and Steve Freeman http://www.growing-object-oriented-software.com/figures.html @sebrose

http://cucumber.io



Why TDD

"The act of writing a unit test is more an act of **design** than of verification.

It is also more an act of **documentation** than of verification.

The act of writing a unit test closes a remarkable number of feedback loops, the least of which is the one pertaining to **Verification** of function".



Advantages of TDD

Clear place to start

Much less code thrown away, less
wasted effort

Less Fear

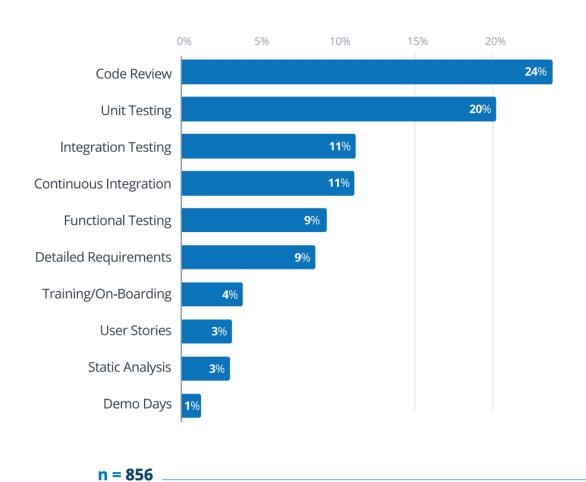
Side Effect: Robust test suite



Code Review



What is the number #1 thing a company can do to improve code quality?





Motivation:

"Many eyes make all bugs shallow"

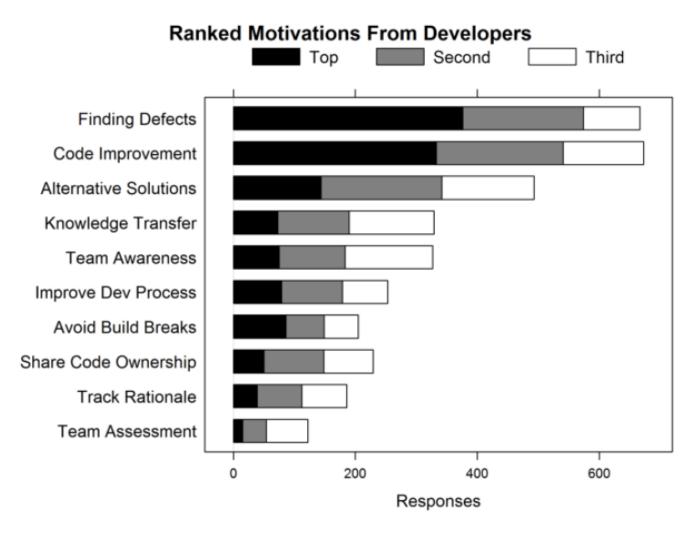
"Have peers, rather than customers, find defects" -Karl Wiegers



Expectations and Outcomes of Code Reviews

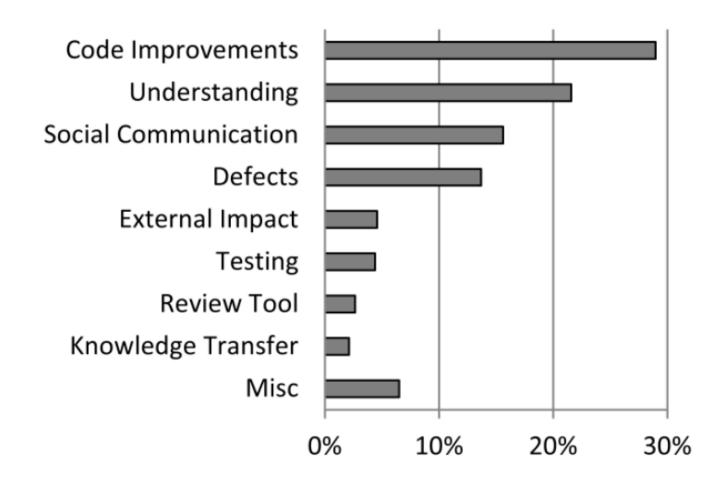


Code Review at Microsoft





Outcomes (Analyzing Reviews)





Mismatch of Expectations and Outcomes

Low quality of code reviews

- Reviewers look for easy errors, as formatting issues
- -Miss serious errors

Understanding is the main challenge

- -Understanding the reason for a change
- -Understanding the code and its context
- -Feedback channels to ask questions often needed No quality assurance on the outcome



Code Review at Google

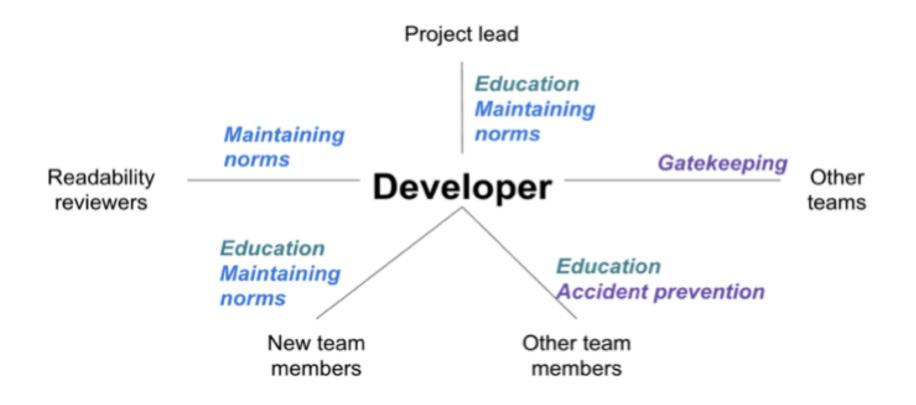
Introduced to "force developers to write code that other developers could understand"

3 Found benefits:

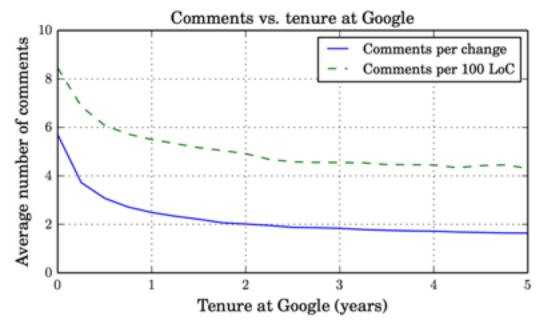
- -checking the consistency of style and design
- –ensuring adequate tests
- -improving security by making sure no single developer can commit arbitrary code without oversight

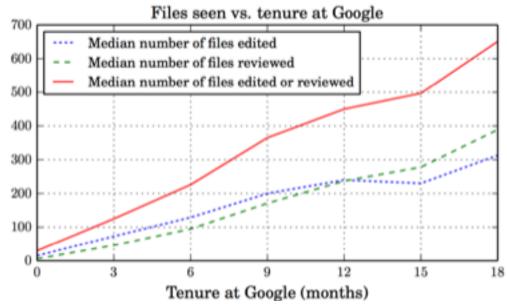


Reviewing Relationships





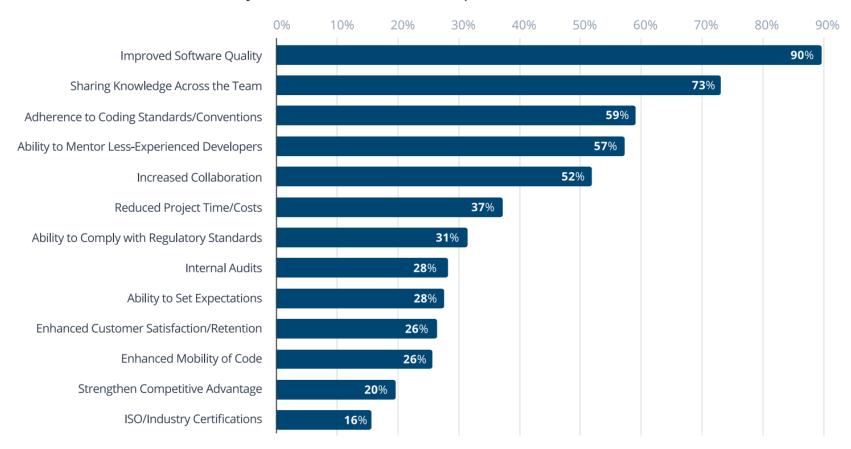






The State of Code Review survey

What do you believe are the most important benefits of code review?





Code Review

- Start with the "big ideas"
- Automate the little things
- Focus on understanding
- Remember a person wrote the code
- Don't overwhelm the person with feedback



Checklists







The Checklist: https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2007/12/10/the-checklist



Activity

Code Review Checklist



Checklist Suggestions

- Review the unit tests
- Consider readability
- Best practices
- Quality Attributes
- Design Principles
- Communication around code (names, comments, etc)
- Maintain the Checklist

