

Development Tips

Software Architecture

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Question

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Answer

Cloud development is *painful*?

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How can we make this *less* painful?

Some ideas

1. Gain confidence through *testing*
2. *Automate* what you're repeating
3. *Tighten feedback loop* as much as possible
4. *Log and monitor* what you can

\S *Testing*

The testing elephant in the room

Test-driven development

TDD in theory



[Marsner, 2019]

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2. Small isolated components

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No. But it can make it easier.

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Answer

Whenever you are manually checking something often.

Examples

- Checking the endpoints your API.

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- Checking a feature in the frontend of your interface.

§ Automation

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- Local cloud services (e.g. S3)

Log and monitor what you can

§ Log and Monitor

Refer to week 9 content

Tip

Enable CloudWatch on EC2

Aside

Environment variables

References

- [Marsner, 2019] Marsner (2019).
Why test-driven development (tdd).
<https://marsner.com/blog/why-test-driven-development-tdd/>.