

# 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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No. But it can make it easier.

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*Answer*

Whenever you are checking manually something  
often

### *Examples*

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- Checking a feature in the frontend of your interface.

*§ Automation*

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## $\S$ *Feedback Loops*



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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

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