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Best Practices to Develop Cloud Native Applications

Hello!

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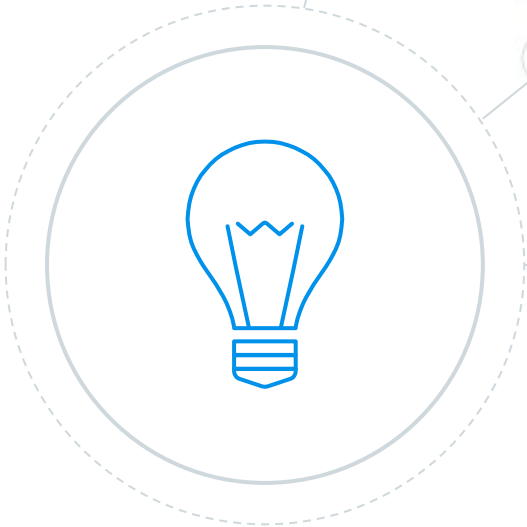

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code deployment

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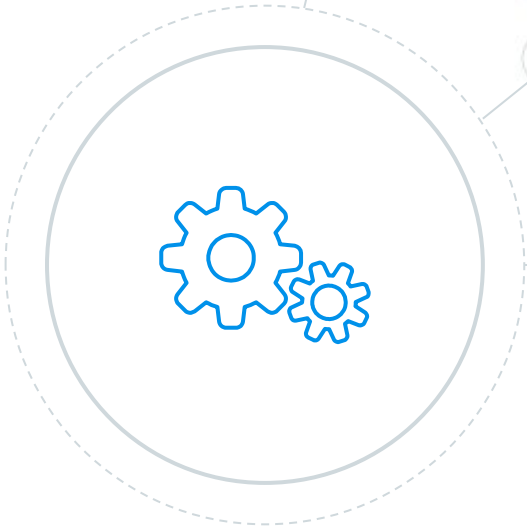
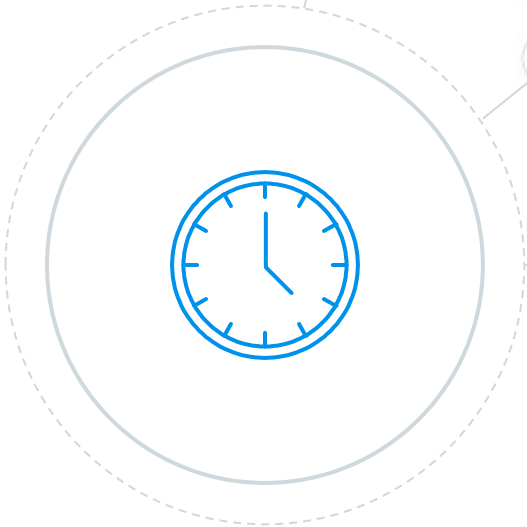


automated deployments

We want ...

to deploy multiple times
a day



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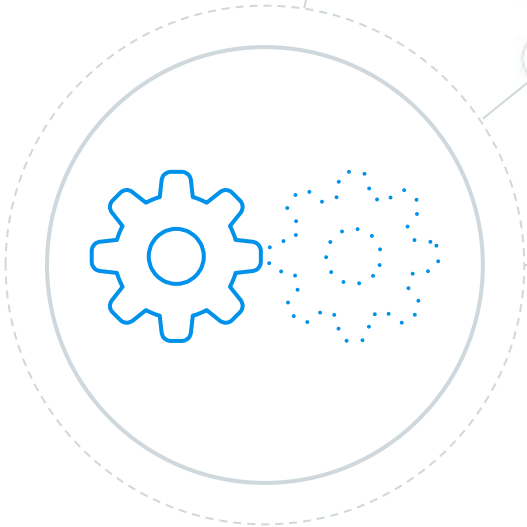

to deploy to multiple environments

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We want ...

to know what is deployed where

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The Twelve-Factor App

by Heroku, 2011

12 factor app

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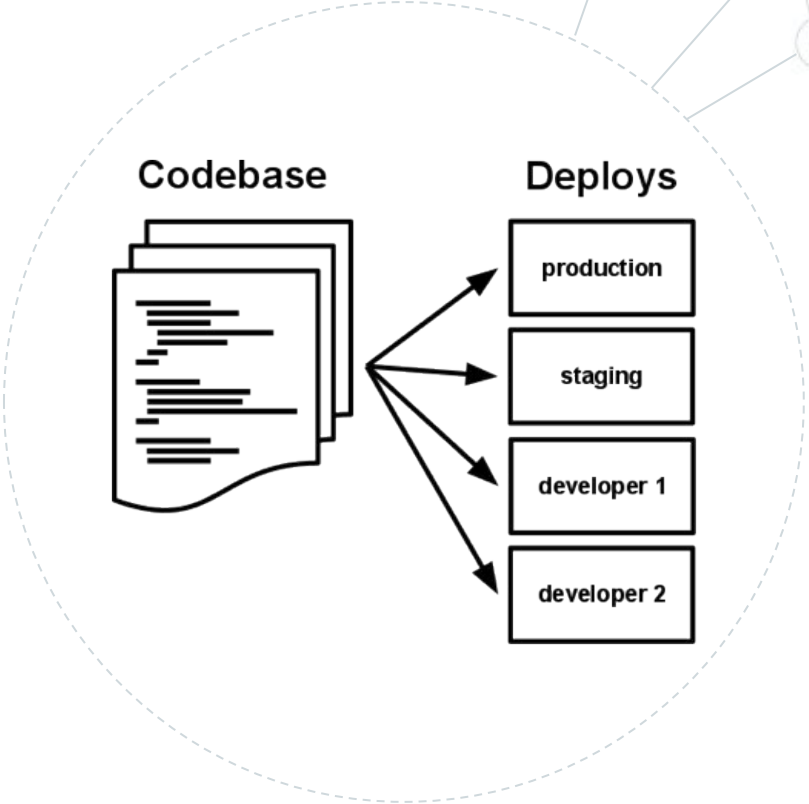
1. Codebase

- Use git (or other)
- One repository per app
- Split multiple codebases to separate repositories



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2. Dependencies

- Don't rely on on system packages (pre-installed)
- Use package manager (bundler, yarn, pip, ...)
- Declare explicit package versions

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3. Config

- Don't hard code config values and credentials in code
- Don't commit credentials into the code repository
- Use environment variables (use dotenv for dev)

```
AUTH_OIDC_SCHEME=https
AUTH_OIDC_HOST=somewhere.safe.net
AUTH_OIDC_PORT=443
AUTH_OIDC_IDENTIFIER=my-awesome-app
AUTH_OIDC_SECRET=very-secret
AUTH_OIDC_REDIRECT_URI=http://far.far
AUTH_OIDC_ISSUER=all-mighty
```

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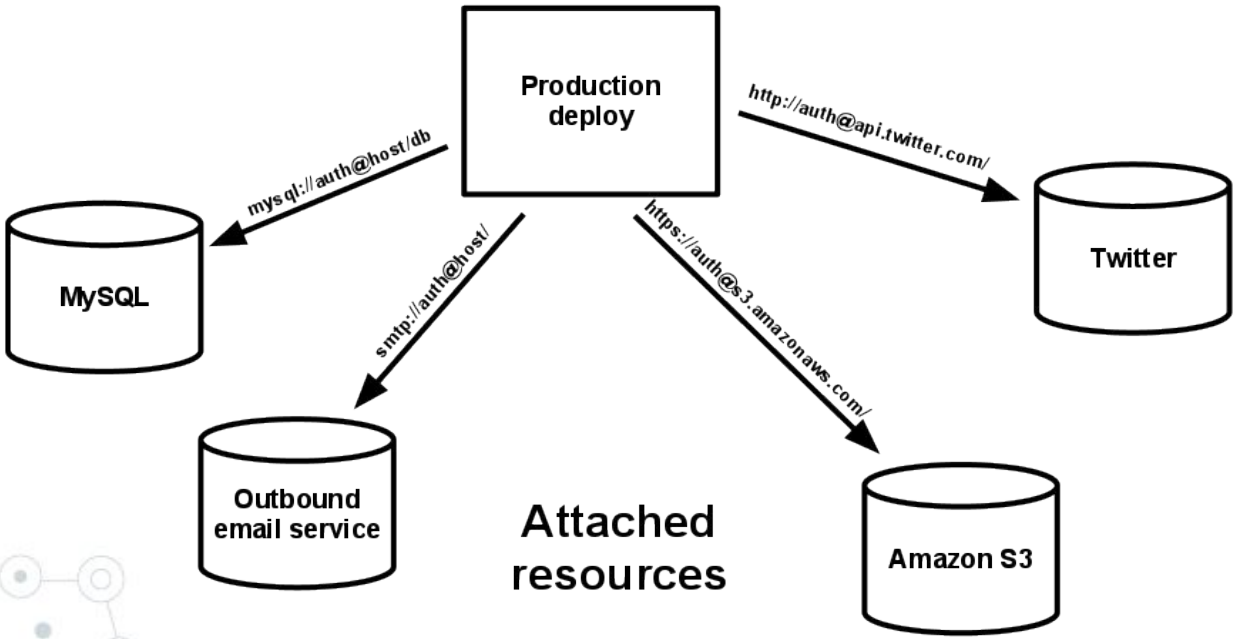
4. Backing services

- Reference services using single entrypoint / URL
- Treat local services as remote and use hostnames



4. Backing services

```
DATABASE_TYPE=postgres
DATABASE_USERNAME=app
DATABASE_PASSWORD=s3cr3t
DATABASE_HOST=db
DATABASE_PORT=5432
DATABASE_NAME=db1
DATABASE_SSLMODE=require
```

VS

```
DATABASE_URL=
  postgresql://app:s3cr3t@db:5432/db1?sslmode=require
```

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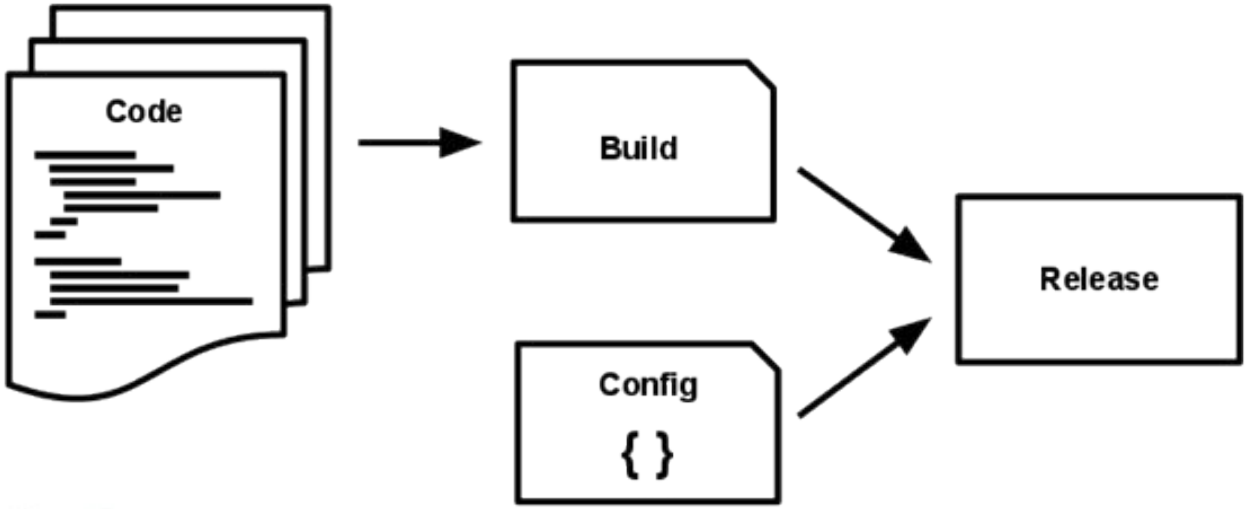
5. Build, release, run

- **Build** - compile and package everything
- **Release** - combine build with config and version tag
- **Run** - launch the release



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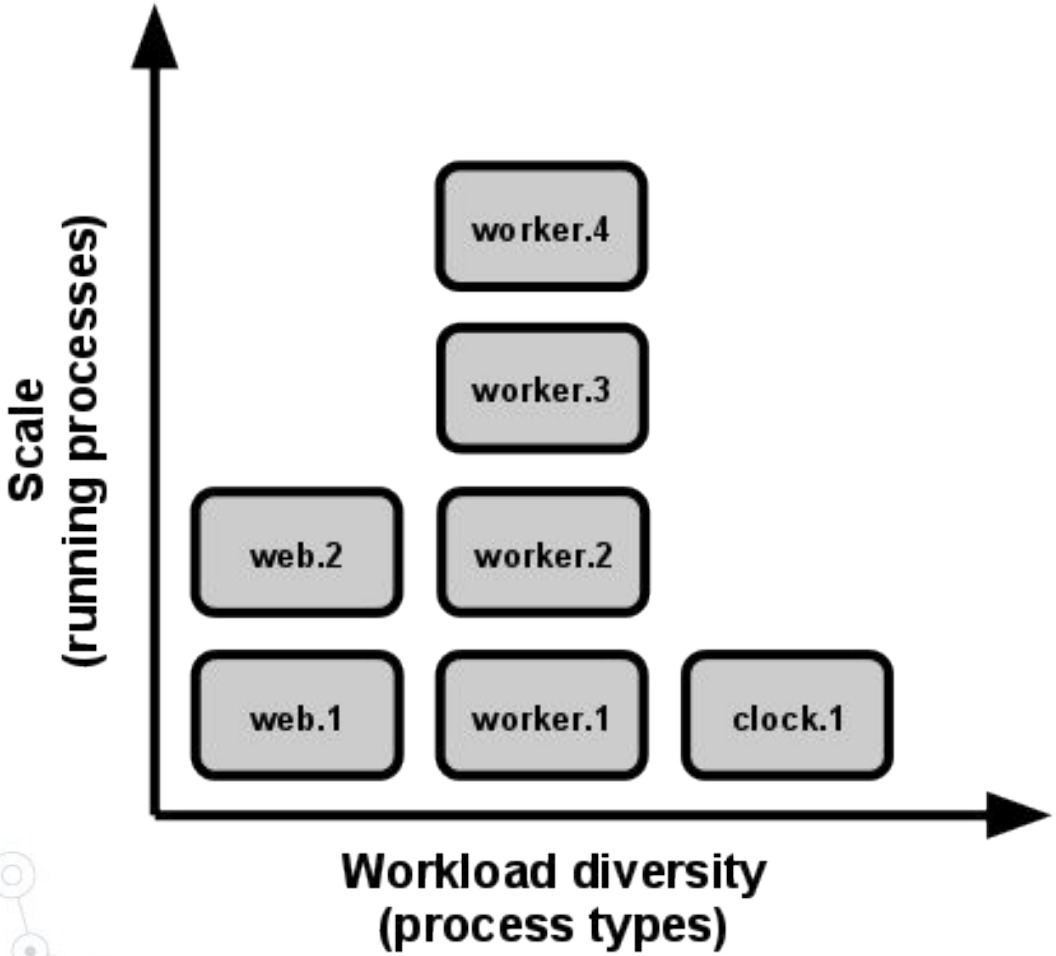

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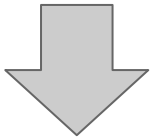
Quick start

Resilient to failure



Graceful shutdown

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10. Dev / prod parity

	dev	=	staging	=	production
✗	sqlite	≠	mysql	≠	postgresql
✓	postgresql	=	postgresql	=	postgresql

Parity ▶ Reproducibility

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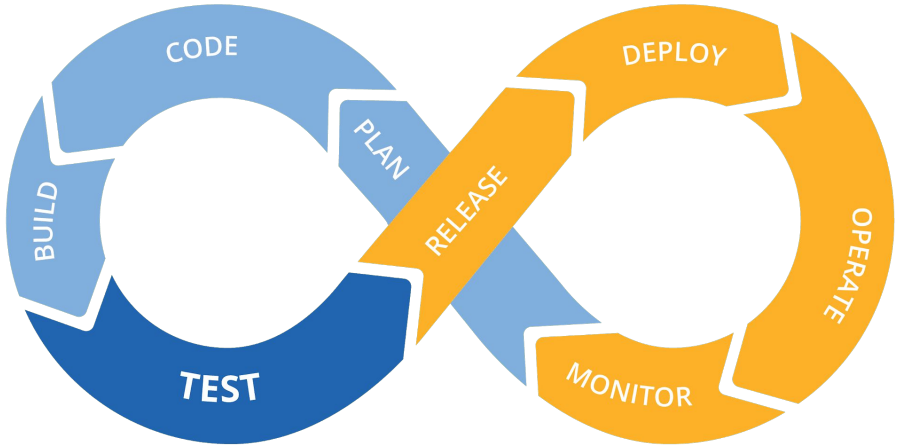
Tips

1. Use git-flow
2. Use dotenv
3. Generate parseable logs and use ELK
4. Automate everything
5. Tag your releases
6. Expose the version tag to end user
7. Use docker
8. Try kubernetes

Summary

1. Minimize confusion, maximize productivity
2. Forget about deployments
3. Invest time to improve, improve again



Thanks!

Any questions?

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