Developer Playbook Introduction The purpose of this document is to give all the information to the new development team member.
This document contains important information for the development team, tools that teams are using, plugins for IDEs, how to do estimations, how to work with Git, and how to deploy. This document also contains best practices grouped by different languages.
Meet your team As you embark on your onboarding journey, the first step involves familiarizing yourself with your project team. Your manager will initiate contact to facilitate introductions and help you get acquainted with your fellow team members. During the initial phase, it's crucial to seek answers to the following questions:: • Who is your lead? • Gain clarity on the roles of key team members: get contacts of DEV/BA Leads
• Who is a Project Manager from the ROKO's side? • Who is a client? Understand the identity of the client you'll be collaborating with. Learn about the types of questions or challenges the client contact can assist in resolving, leveraging their expertise. Development
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 Anything that is more complex than 5 points should be broken down to multiple tickets organized in user story. Any ticket with 3, or more story points should be broken down in Tasks. Sprint schedule Processes
 Story-points must be assigned prior to sprint-planning. All questions about fundamental requirements must be asked prior to the middle of development: If requirements need to be changed per dev feedback, developer needs to sign off on the updated logic/requirements. All tickets pulled into a sprint must have assigned story points. No mid-sprint Production deploys unless it is a blocker.
 If so, must file as JIRA ticket and label as 'regression.' All hotfixes require post-mortem with the product, developers, and QA team-leads. 15-min post-sprint retro after every sprint In this past sprint, did we do well and should continue doing? What did we not do well and should stop doing? What can we improve Communication on status of deploys via email for each environment: Deployed to QA – started complete - release notes via email. Deployed to staging – started complete - release notes via email. Deployed to production – started complete - release notes.
• Engineering lead will hold engineering team accountable to adhering to the sprint schedule, deliverables, and items in this document. Unit Testing All codebases should be covered by unit tests. Unit testing is a critical practice in software development for several important reasons:
 Early Detection of Bugs: Unit tests allow developers to catch and address bugs and issues in the code at an early stage of development, reducing the cost and effort required to fix them later in the development cycle. This leads to more efficient and cost-effective software development. Improved Code Quality: Writing unit tests encourage developers to write cleaner, more modular, and maintainable code. When you write unit tests, you naturally design your code to be more modular, making it easier to understand, modify, and extend. Documentation: Unit tests serve as a form of documentation. They provide insights into the expected behavior of code and can help other developers understand how a particular component is supposed to work. This is especially valuable in complex projects with many contributors. Regression Testing: When you make changes or add new features to your code, you can rerun the unit tests to ensure that existing functionality remains intact. This helps prevent the introduction of new bugs while modifying or extending the codebase.
 Maintainability: Unit tests make it easier to maintain and refactor code. When you change code to add new features or improve performance, you can run the associated unit tests to check that you haven't inadvertently broken existing functionality. Facilitates Collaboration: Unit testing promotes collaboration among developers. Team members can confidently work on different parts of the codebase without worrying that their changes will break existing functionality if unit tests are in place. Continuous Integration: In a continuous integration (CI) environment, unit tests can be automatically run whenever code changes are pushed to a version control system. This ensures that any issues are quickly identified, and the integration of code from different team members is smooth. Reduces Debugging Time:
 Unit tests pinpoint the location of issues, making it faster and more efficient to diagnose and fix problems. This contrasts with not having unit tests, where debugging might involve searching through the entire codebase. Confidence in Code Changes: Unit tests give developers confidence that their code is working as expected. This confidence allows for more frequent and smaller code changes, reducing the risk of making large, error-prone changes. Test-Driven Development (TDD): Unit testing is a core practice in Test-Driven Development, a methodology where tests are written before code is implemented. TDD helps ensure that code meets the specified requirements, and that the software is designed with testability in mind. In summary, unit testing is essential for ensuring software quality, reducing development time and costs, and fostering collaboration among development teams. It is a key practice in modern software development that contributes to the creation of reliable, maintainable, and efficient software systems.
Repository Brancing Strategy
Branching strategy is a fundamental aspect of version control in software development, helping teams manage code changes, collaborate effectively, and maintain a stable and organized codebase. There are several branching strategies, each with its own purpose and best practices. One of the most used strategies is the Gitflow branching model. Here's an overview: Gitflow Branching Model: The Gitflow branching model is a branching strategy designed to support feature development, bug fixing, and release management in a structured and organized manner.
 Master: The master branch represents the stable production-ready code. It should always contain code that's considered "live" or in a production environment. Directly deploying to master is typically reserved for releases. Develop: The develop branch is where ongoing development work happens. New features, bug fixes, and other changes are integrated into this branch. It's considered a somewhat stable branch but may contain work in progress. Feature branches: These branches are created for developing new features or enhancements. Each feature or task gets its dedicated branch. Feature branches are usually branched off develop and merged back into it upon completion. Release branches: When the development in the develop branch reaches a state where a new release is imminent, a release branch is created. This branch allows for final testing, bug fixes, and preparation for a release. Hotfix branches: Hotfix branches are used to quickly address critical issues in the production code. They branch off master, get the necessary fixes, and are merged back into both master and develop.
 Developers work on feature branches derived from develop. When a feature is complete, it's merged back into develop. When it's time for a release, a release branch is created from develop. After final testing and adjustments in the release branch, it's merged into master and develop. Hotfix branches are created from master to address critical issues in production.
Advantages of the Gitflow branching model: • Organization: It provides a clear structure for development, release, and hotfix phases. • Isolation: Feature branches keep the main development branch (develop) relatively stable. • Versioning: It facilitates versioning by explicitly defining where each codebase comes from and goes to. • Team Collaboration: It allows multiple team members to work on different features concurrently without interfering with each other's work. • Stability: The master branch remains stable since only tested and approved code is merged into it.
 One branch per card Branches types: Master development branch QA
 Stage (UAT is done here) Production Feature branches Tagging Process in GIT In Git, tagging is the process of associating a meaningful name or label with a specific commit or a range of commits. Tags serve as references to specific points in Git history, such as release points or significant milestones. Tags are typically used to mark versions, releases, or notable points in project's development
Lightweight Tags Lightweight tags are simple labels associated with a specific commit. They do not contain any additional information like the tagger's name, email, or a message. To create a lightweight tag, you use the following command: git tag tag_name commit_id
- 'tag_name' is the name of the tag you want to create. - 'commit_id' is the SHA-1 hash of the commit you want to tag. Example:
Annotated Tags Annotated tags, unlike lightweight tags, store additional information such as the tagger's name, email, date, and an optional message. They are useful for providing more context about the tagged commit. To create an annotated tag, you use the '-a' or '—annotate' option with the 'git tag' command: git tag -a tag_name -m "Tag message" commit_id
- 'tag_name' is the name of the tag '"Tag message"' is an optional message describing the tag 'commit_id' is the SHA-1 hash of the commit you want to tag. Example:
git tag -a v1.0.0 -m "Initial release" abc1234 1. Tagging Best Practices 2. Use Annotated Tags for Releases: Annotated tags are recommended for marking releases and significant points in project's history because they provide more context and information. 3. Consistent Naming Conventions: Establish a clear and consistent naming convention for tags. This helps quickly identify the purpose of each tag, such as version numbers (e.g., 'v1.0.0') or release names.
4. Use Tags for Stable Points: Tags are typically used to mark stable and well-tested points in project's history. Avoid tagging experimental or incomplete work. 5. After creating tags, push them to a remote repository using the 'git push' command. This allows collaborators to access and use the tags. To push all tags to a remote repository, use the following command: git pushtags To push all tags to a remote repository using the 'git push' command:
• List Tags: To list the available tags in repository, use the 'git tag' command: git tag
• Checkout a Tag: To check out a specific tag to create a detached HEAD state. This can be useful for inspecting the code at a specific point in history or for creating a new branch based on a tag: git checkout tag_name Tags are essential for maintaining a clear version history and marking important milestones in Git project. They make it easy to reference specific commits and provide context about releases and significant changes.
 Each ticket in JIRA is created in a branch. Once the ticket is implemented, a pull request is created, and the JIRA ticket is moved to In Review Status Pull Request is then reviewed. If approved, it will be merged into "Master Branch" (for dev environment) Finally, after the dev lead reviews the implemented functionality, JIRA ticket will be moved to "Resolved" status. Tags are used to mark commits to show sprints, versions. These can be used to switch between branches.
Pull Requests A pull request (PR), also known as a merge request in some version control systems like GitLab, is a fundamental component of collaborative software development. It's a mechanism for proposing, reviewing, and discussing code changes before they are merged into the main codebase. Key Aspects of Pull Requests:
 Creation: A developer creates a pull request when they want to merge a set of changes from a feature branch (or any branch) into a target branch, typically the main branch (e.g., master, or main). Code Review: The pull request provides an opportunity for peer review. Other developers, or a team lead, can review the proposed changes, offering feedback and suggestions for improvement. Code review helps ensure code quality, maintainability, and adherence to coding standards. Discussion: Pull requests include a comment section where discussions about the code changes take place. Developers can ask questions, provide feedback, and discuss any concerns related to the changes. Continuous Integration (CI) Integration:
 Many platforms that support pull requests also integrate with CI tools. CI systems run automated tests to validate the code changes, ensuring that they don't introduce new issues. Status Checks: Pull requests can be configured to pass certain criteria, such as successful test runs and code analysis before they can be merged. Iterative Development: Developers can make additional commits to the pull request based on feedback received during the review process. These new commits are automatically included in the pull request, allowing for an iterative development process. Approval: Pull requests often require one or more approvals from designated reviewers before they can be merged. This ensures that code is thoroughly examined, and consensus is reached.
 Merging: Once the code changes in the pull request are reviewed and approved, they can be merged into the target branch. This action typically closes the pull request. How do pull requests works. 1. Create a branch for ticket. 2. Create pull request from that branch. 3. Pull request is reviewed by other team members.
4. Pull request is merged into master. 5. Related ticket is marked Review. Code review for quality before merging PR The developer reviews the code for quality before merging in PR. The dev lead then reviews related tickets using dev environment website. 1. If everything checks out the ticket is marked Review Passed 2. If there are issues the dev lead Re-Opens the ticket, it goes back to To-Do.
3. The expectation is that the developer will check changes into #2 from above and continue from there. Deployment Deployment
 Dev Lead creates new builds on QA/Stage Environments All tickets that have been "Resolved" should be moved to "QA Ready". Once in a QA environment the ticket can be tested. If a ticket is in In Review status but has already been merged in into the dev environment – do not create new build. PM/Business must decide when a ticket is moved to Resolve status. If a ticket is in the QA environment with a status of "In Review" this rule has been violated. Do not deploy to Stage before all tickets in QA environment are moved to QA Ready status.
 Deploying to Stage Environment Once all tickets are verified, explicit QA approval is required before deploying to the Stage environment. Do NOT deploy to stage without QA approval. To create a new build on Stage all tickets must be in 'Verified' status. QA may provide a list of issues that are not closed, and the team will determine if the issues are critical or not. If the issues are critical, they must be fixed prior to going to stage.
• If the issue is not critical, deployment to stage is allowed, followed by a hot fix after build or leave as is. Code Versioning
The goal of Code Versioning is to create a workflow that will give a clear visibility into which tickets are associated with releases and when they will be released to production. Versions: A milestone grouping of tickets. • Release: Version(s) that will be deployed to production on a specific date. Process for Associating Tickets to Versions
Versions will be used to track different groupings of tickets through the different environments (QA, Stage, Prod) as we move through the product development cycle. The version description will identify the environment on which the tickets are deployed. Tickets will be associated to versions once they have gone through a full QA cycle and our QA team determines that ticket is ready to be included in the upcoming release. All tickets that are in the Verified Column of our boards must have a version associated with it. The QA team will tag the tickets to the upcoming version, as they move them from In Review to Verified status. Versioning will be particularly useful to track tickets from different sprints and epics that are deployed to the same environment simultaneously. It will also provide a clear picture of the upcoming product releases by listing all tickets that are being prepared for deployment. To see all tickets in a particular Version along with information about the Sprint in which each ticket was completed, go to the Backlog section in Jira, click on the Versions tab and select a Version. Only the tickets associated with that version will be displayed. You may need to expand each Sprint individually to see tickets for that version details to see the total number of Issues in that Version, and how many are in a Completed status.
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To see a list of issues in a Version, click on Releases in the left menu and click on the version number in the Version column.
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Release Management There will be a separate Release action for each Version that is going to Production. Where possible, we will set a target date for the release while still on Stage. The description of the release will indicate the current environment of the tickets. We will update the description as the Versions go through the different environments prior to being released to Production. Once we have all tickets associated with the release version and the release takes place, we will take the "Release" action in this tab. Each released version can be drilled down to reveal all tickets associated with that release. Any upcoming releases that have tickets already associated to them can be viewed here to provide visibility of what is being built included in the next release.
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Release Naming Conventions Standard releases that occur at the end of a sprint(s), the version and release name will be counted as a whole numerical addition, V1, V2, V3 For any hot-fix or minimal release, this will be counted as a dot release, 1.1, 1.2,1.3
Tracking Historical Releases The Releases section in Jira contains information for all historical releases, including a breakdown by tickets per release. This view also displays the date of the release to production.
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Best pracitices Coding naming conventions
Coding naming conventions in C# are a set of rules and guidelines that help developers choose meaningful and consistent names for various code elements, such as variables, methods, classes, and more. Consistent naming conventions make code more readable, maintainable, and understandable, benefiting both the original developers and those who may work with or maintain the code in the future. Here are some common naming conventions in C#: • Camel Case: • Variables and fields: 'myVariable', 'customerName', 'itemCount'
 Parameters: 'paramValue', 'inputData' Local variables: 'count', 'resultValue' Pascal Case: Class names: 'Person', 'OrderManager', 'UserSettings' Method names: 'CalculateTotal', 'SaveData', 'InitializeUser' Property names: 'FirstName', 'ProductPrice', 'IsEnabled' • Uppercase for Constants:
 Constants: 'MAX_LENGTH', 'PI', 'DEFAULT_TIMEOUT' Abbreviations: Avoid excessive use of abbreviations, but if used, follow common abbreviations, such as 'ID' for "identifier" or 'URL' for "uniform resource locator." Verb-Noun for Methods: Name methods using a verb or action followed by a noun or object, indicating what the method does. For example, 'CalculateTotalPrice()', 'LoadDataFromFile()', or 'CreateNewUser()'. Plural for Collections: Use plural names for collections and arrays to indicate that they contain multiple items, e.g., 'customers', 'orders', 'products'. Boolean Variables:
• Name boolean variables as questions or states to make code more readable. For example, 'isActive', 'hasPermission', or 'isAvailable'.
 Avoid Hungarian Notation: Avoid using Hungarian notation, where variable names include data type prefixes like 'strName' or 'intCount'. Modern IDEs provide type information, making these prefixes unnecessary. Meaningful Names: Choose names that are descriptive and convey the purpose or intent of the code element. Avoid vague or generic names like 'data', 'temp', or 'value'. Namespaces: Use maningful namespaces to organize related classes, e.g., 'MyApp.Data', 'MyApp.Utilities', or 'System.IO'.
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