Development Workflow

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Learning Outcomes

At the end of the lecture the students are expected to be able to

(K2) summarize the typical steps of software development,

(K1) list the good practices that support the individual steps,

(K3) use build tools to create software products.



Further Topics of the Subject

I. Software development practices

Steps of the development

Planning and architecture

Version controlling

High quality source code

Requirements management

Testing and test development

II. Modelling

Why to model, what to model?

Unified
Modeling
Language

Modelling languages

III. Processes and projects

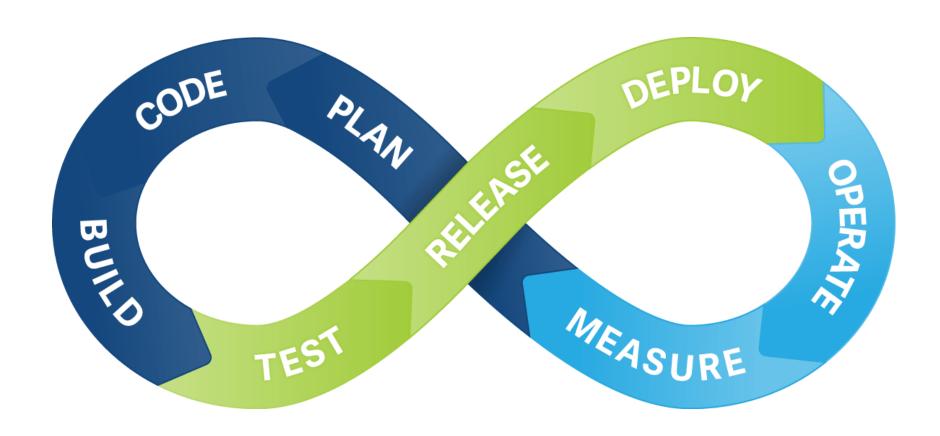
Methods

Project management

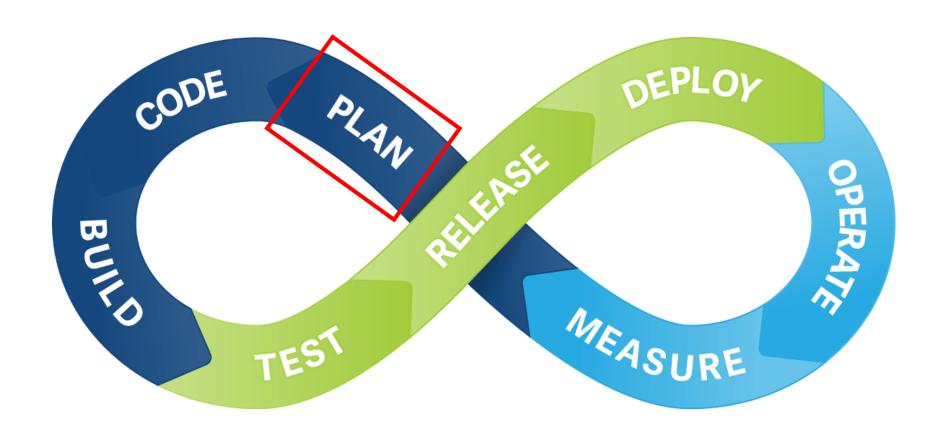
Measurement and analysis



DevOps = Development + Operations



The Tasks of Software Development



What Are the Tasks of a Junior Developer?

New feature Repair error

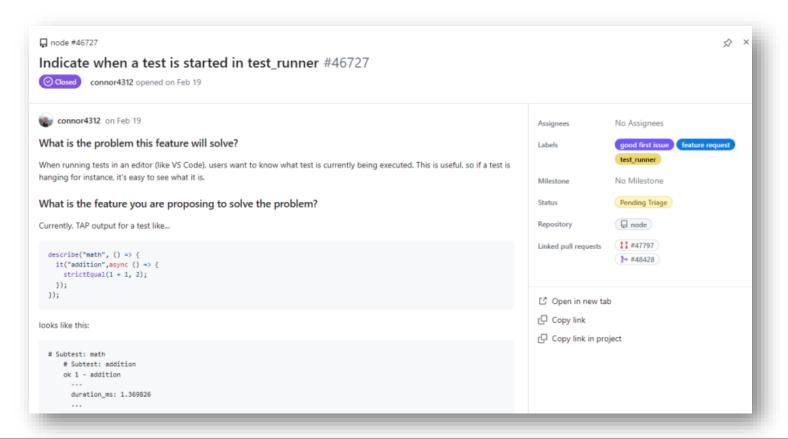
Refactor





Developing New Features (1): Input

- The goal of the feature, and its detailed description
- (The process does not start here, see the Requirements lectures)



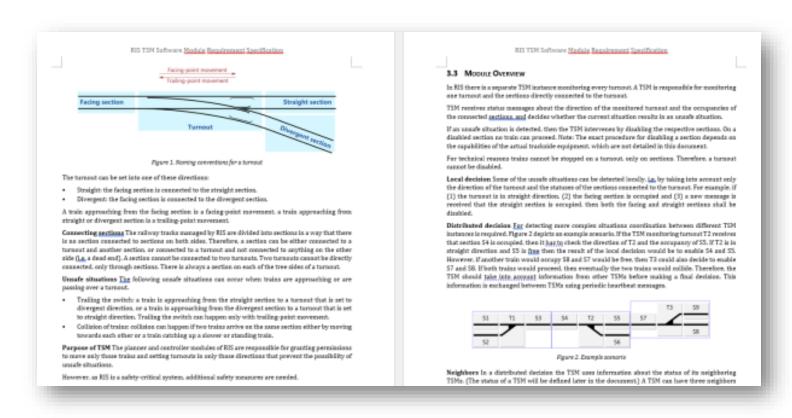
In an open source / agile environment:

issue / story / ticket



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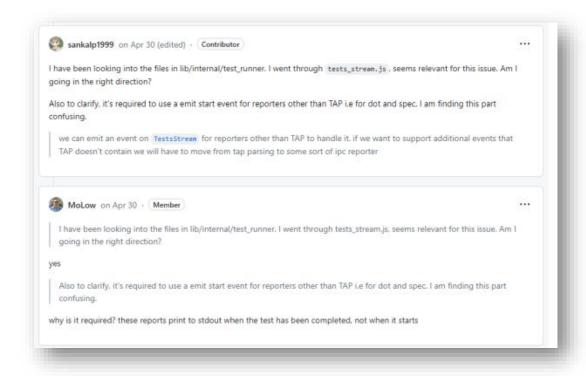


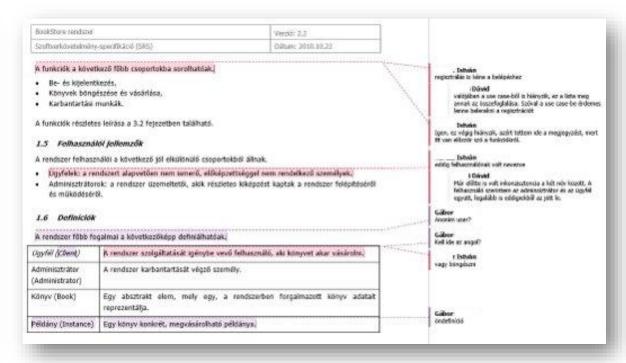
In a (safety) critical environment:

modul specification

Developing New Features (2): Review

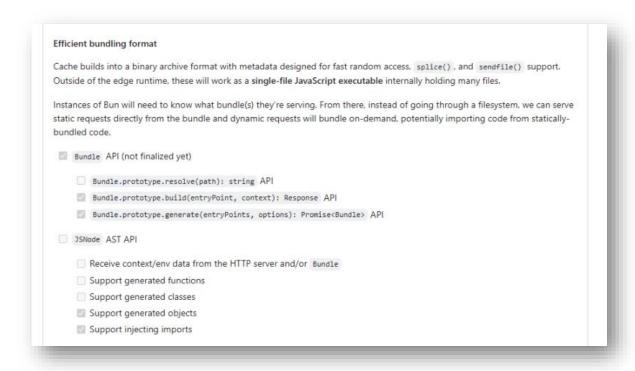
- Before you start to develop anything: review
- Realizable/practicable? (In)consistent? (In)complete? Verifiable?

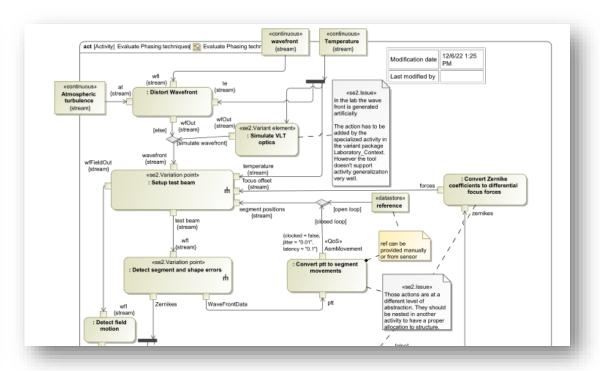




Developing New Features (3): Detailed Plans

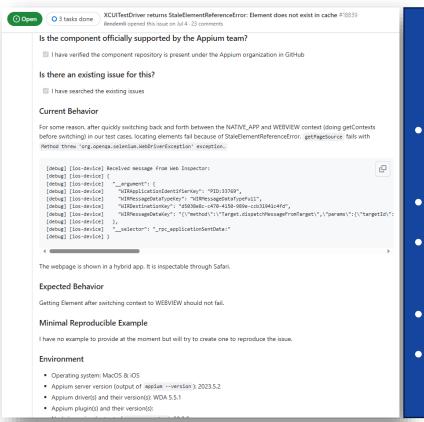
- Detailed plans based on the so far available information (iteratively?)
- Diverse levels of elaboration: steps / pseudo code / (UML) models





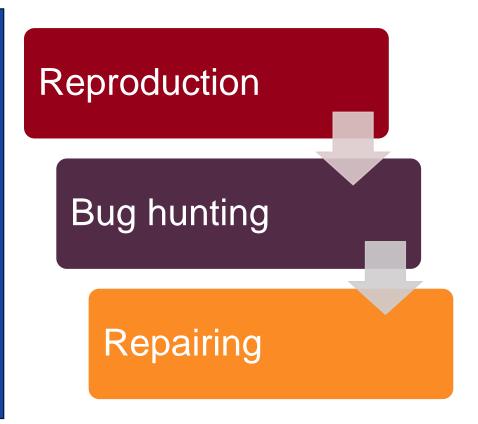
Repairing Errors

- Similar process, but here you repair already existing software
- Source of the bug reports: user / developer / automatic test / ...



Bug report

- In the best case a lot of information
- Exact failure description
- Environment (OS, language, version, ...)
- Steps to reproduce
- Screen shots, sample data



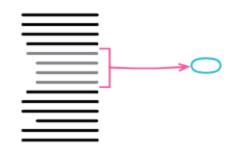


Refactoring

refactoring: a disciplined technique for restructuring an existing body of code, altering its internal structure without changing its external behavior.

Martin Fowler, https://refactoring.com/

Example: Extract Method

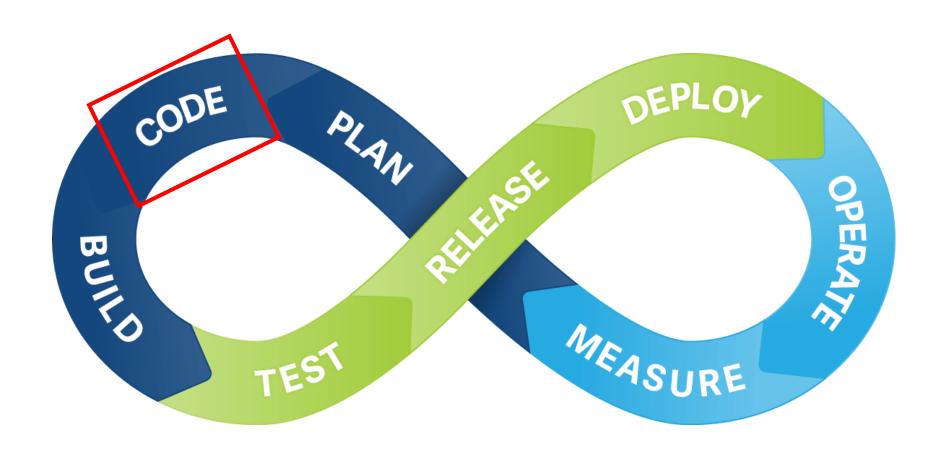


Typical usage

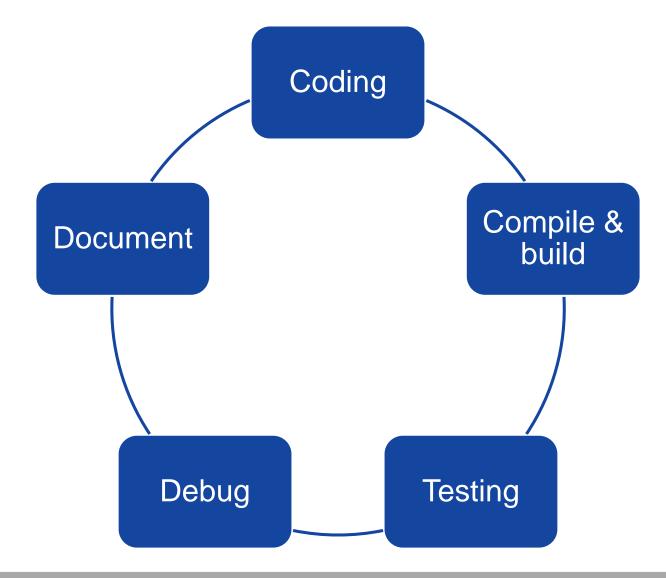
- Improve: maintainability, readability, performance
- Extensibility (for later)
- Continuously during coding



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Get the Code Ready (in your local environment)





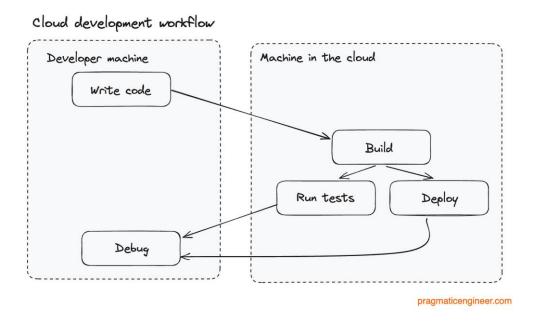
Where to Create the Code?

Local development environment

- Laptop / PC ...
- Installing further tools (to IDE): compiler, webserver, package manager, ...)
- Common development configuration (version control it!)
- Manual / automatic
- Developer productivity (!)

Remote (cloud) development environment

- (Partially) runs on remote machines
- More resource, common environment



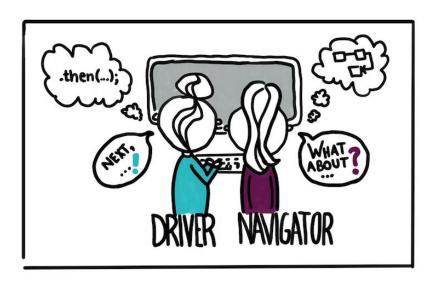




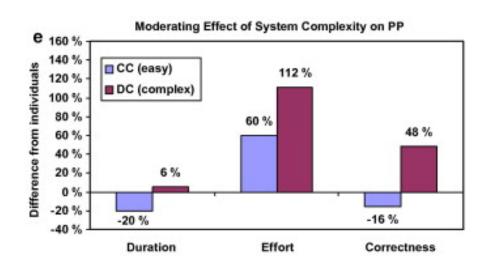


How: Pair Programming

- Pair programming: two in front of one computer
 - One types and implements, the other observes and helps (change!)
- Knowledge sharing, mentoring, tactical/strategic thinking
- Can result is better quality, but it must be learnt either!



source



Source: "The effectiveness of pair programming: A metaanalysis", DOI: 10.1016/j.infsof.2009.02.001



How: Coding Guidelines & Rules

- Industry, language or company specific sets
- Do & don't (possibly consider)
- Typical fields:
 - Formatting (parentheses, spaces, ...)
 - Conventions (structure, naming, ...)
 - Patterns (suggested and forbidden elements, ...)
- Tool support (!)
 - -IDE, linter...

Google Java Style Guide

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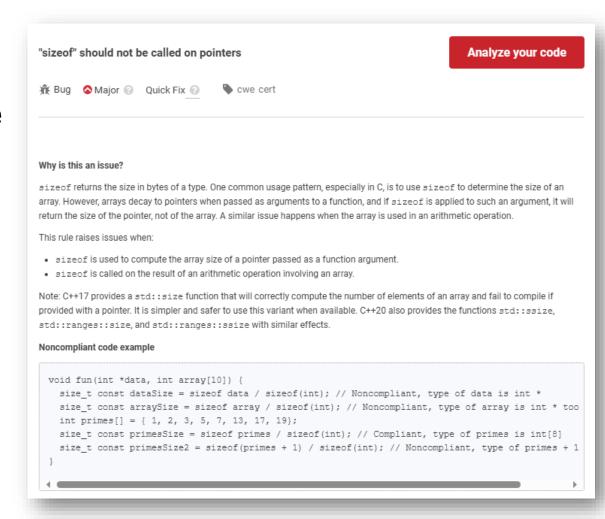
Source: https://google.github.io/styleguide/javaguide.html

How: Static Analysis Tools

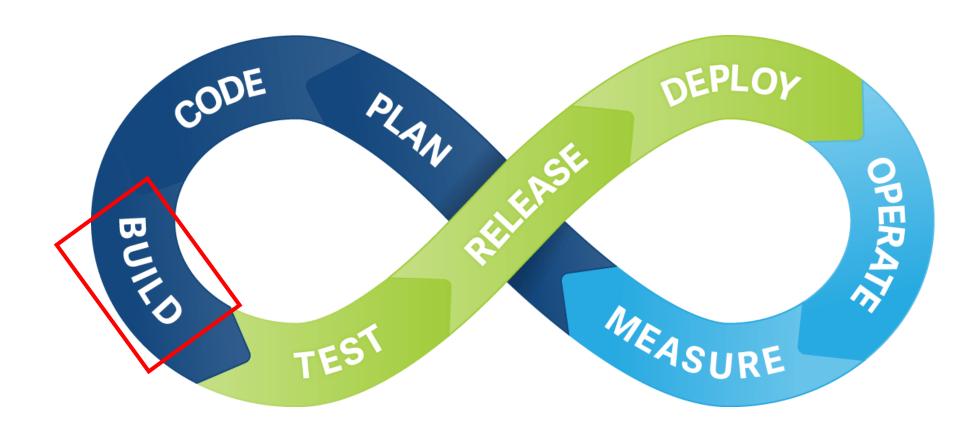
 Static analysis: examining the code without running it

 Identifying generic faults, problems (e.g. division by zero)

Feedback during writing the code

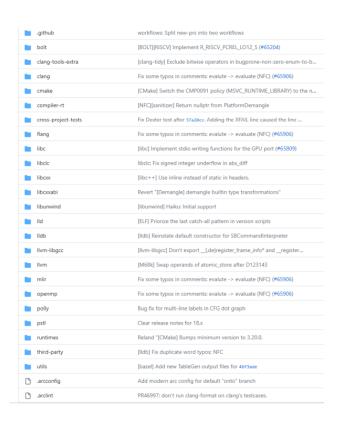


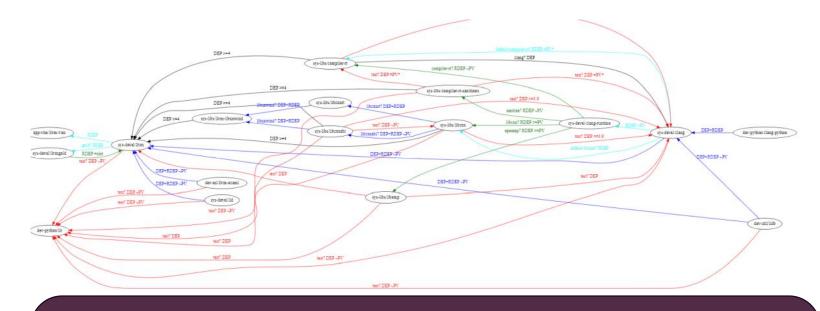
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Is the Compiler Not Enough?

> gcc hello.c -o hello



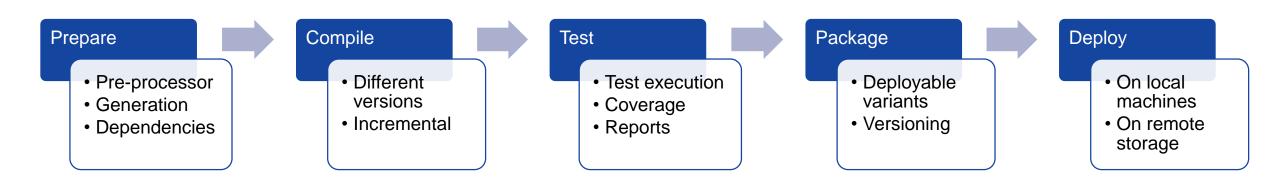


Compilation and build challenges

- Many source and other files (several hundreds ...)
- Several variants (architecture, debug/release)
- External libraries (and their dependencies)

Build

- Build: Creating the software product from its source (code)
 - Compilation is only one step of it!
- Build frameworks: configurable steps towards specific goals
 - Maven, Gradle, CMake, MSBuild, Bazel...



Example: Build Tools (Make)

```
CFLAGS ?= -g
all: helloworld
helloworld: helloworld.o
    # Commands start with TAB not spaces
    $(CC) $(LDFLAGS) -0 $@ $^
helloworld.o: helloworld.c
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c -o $@ $<
clean: FRC
    $(RM) helloworld helloworld.o
```

Parameters and variables

Goals and dependencies among them

There are always many repeating steps to be defined

Example: Build Tools (Maven)

```
1. ct xmlns="." xmlns:xsi=". " xsi:schemaLocation=".">
2.
    <groupId>com.mycompany.app</groupId>
    <artifactId>my-app</artifactId>
    <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
5.
6.
    cproperties>
7.
      <maven.compiler.source>1.7</maven.compiler.source>
8.
      <maven.compiler.target>1.7</maven.compiler.target>
9.
    </properties>
10.
11.
     <dependencies>
12.
       <dependency>
13.
         <groupId>junit
14.
         <artifactId>junit</artifactId>
         <version>4.12</version>
15.
         <scope>test</scope>
16.
17.
       </dependency>
     </dependencies>
18.
19.</project>
```

Name and version of the software

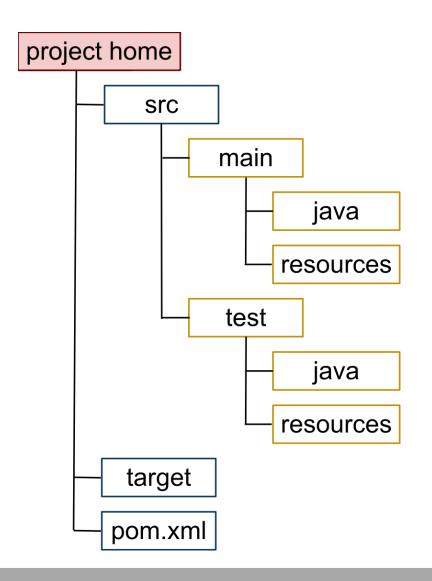
Parameters and properties

Managing dependencies

Principle: "convention over configuration"



Example: Standard File Structure



- src
 - main: code of the application
 - java: for each language separately
 - resources: anything except source code (images, audio, data, ...)
 - test: test code in similar structure
- target:
 - build results come here,
 will not be version controlled
- pom.xml:
 - build configuration (Maven)
 must be version controlled!



Managing Dependencies

Typical dependencies

- Another part of the current project (common definitions, auxiliary libs, ...)
- Anything that is not part of a standard libraries (graphics, net, ...)

Challenges

- Define, on what exactly our project depends
- Obtain the right version
- Make it available to the local compiler

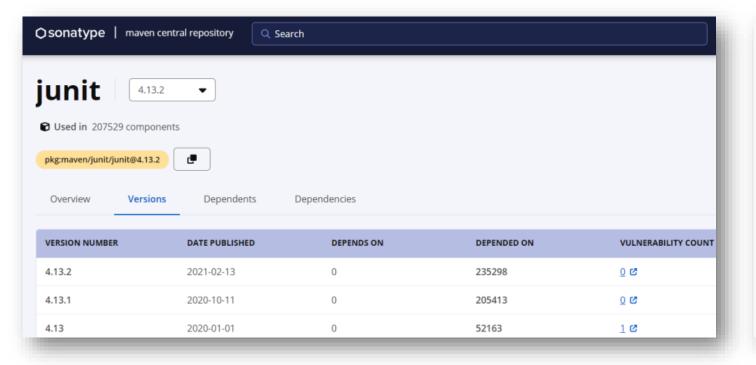
Where to store the dependencies?

- In the version control system (as source code or as binary?)
- In own central storage or on the Internet



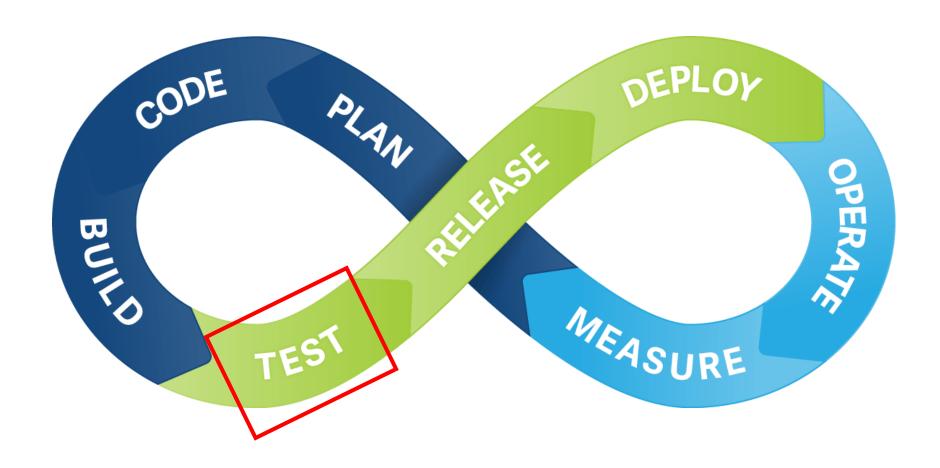
Centralized Dependency Management

- Unique identification of dependencies (group + product + version)
- Publicly (e.g. maven central) or own server
- Managing transitive dependencies





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Testing

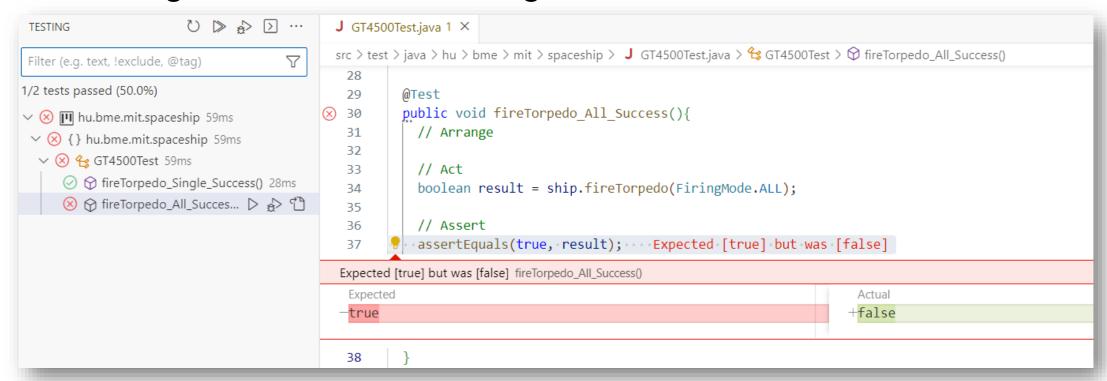
 Testing: running, observe and evaluate the software (more precise definition coming soon!)

- On different levels and for different purposes
 - Level: module/unit, integration, system, ...
 - Purposes: function, performance, security, ...
 - Automatically or manually (test vs. check)

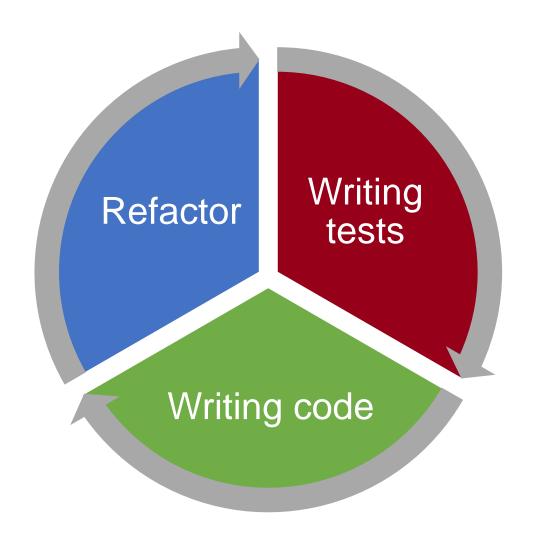
• Test development techniques (specification, structure, ...)

Unit Testing

- Managing independent components (module, class, ...)
- During the development of the feature: happy path and exceptions
- Measuring source code coverage



Test-Driven Development



- Creating the code in multiple steps
 - Writing tests (for not yet existing code)
 - Writing code until the tests are passed
 - Refactor: new and existing code, test code
- We focus on the from outside observable behaviour of the code

Quality of the tests is crucial



Definition of Done



Is the feature ready?



Of course, 95% are already done! Nearly done, we almost started. It works well, just ...

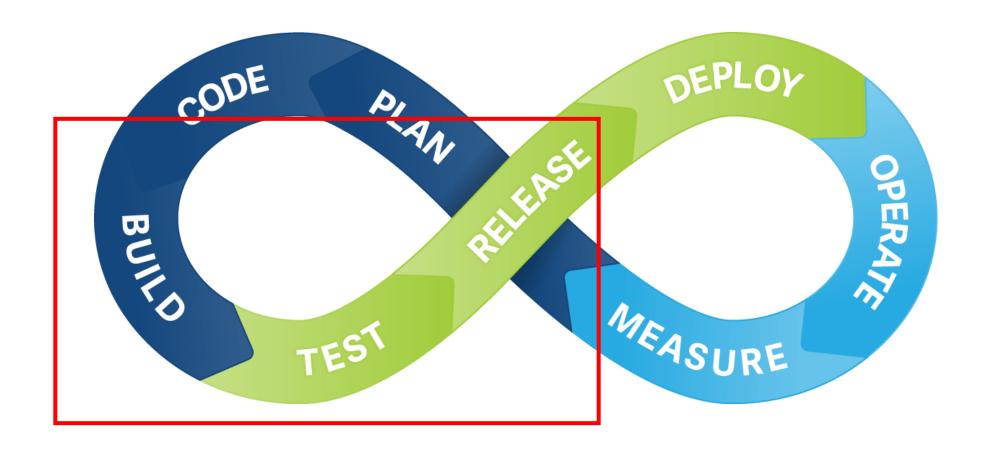
Definition of Done

- Check list to see when it is "done"
- Code, tests, test results, deployment, ...
- Depends on the project / group / method / ...

See: https://www.agilealliance.org/glossary/definition-of-done



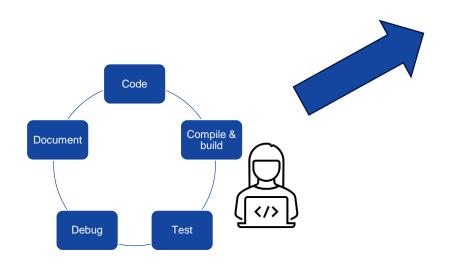
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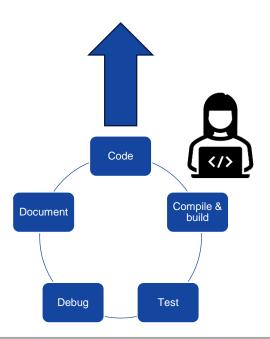


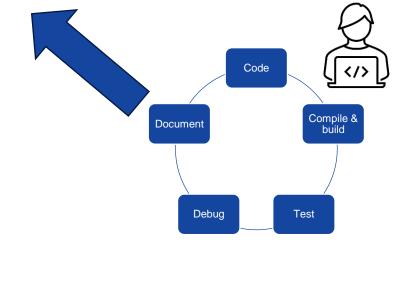
The Code Integration Problem

Until now, there was one single developer, ...

..., but in the practice multiple developers work in parallel









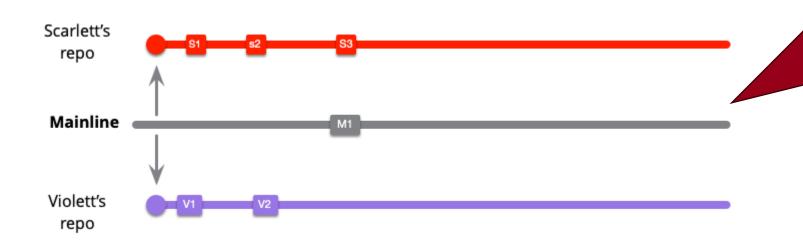
What Can Help in the Integration?

"Use this file" main-15-almost-final.c



Version control system

- Identified versions of (any) files and their order
- Repository: different versions of files and their meta-data



BUT: version controlling cannot solve the integration alone REQUIRES: agreed process

Typical Code Integration Patterns

- Separate source code branch for each developer
 - Their own modifications collected there
- Merge: merging the modifications on two branches
 - If I am "ready", I merge in my own modifications to make them visible
 - -But: what if someone else made their own modifications → merge conflict

Code management and integration patterns:

When, where, who works and
merges on which branches?

The more rare you integrate, the harder it is! "if it hurts… do it more often""

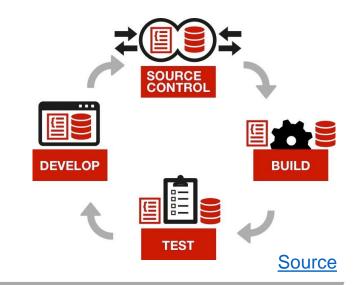


Continuous Integration (CI)

Continous Integration a software development practice where members of a team integrate their work frequently, usually each person integrates at least daily

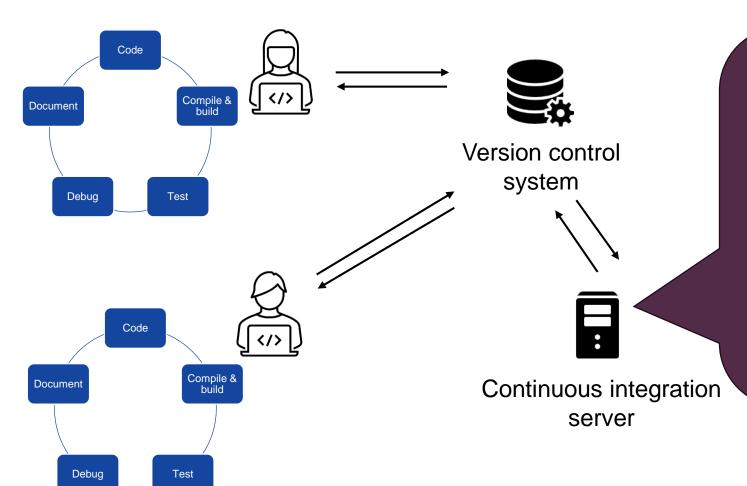
Martin Fowler

"Each integration is verified by an automated build (including test) to detect integration errors as quickly as possible."





Supporting Continuous Integration



After each change:

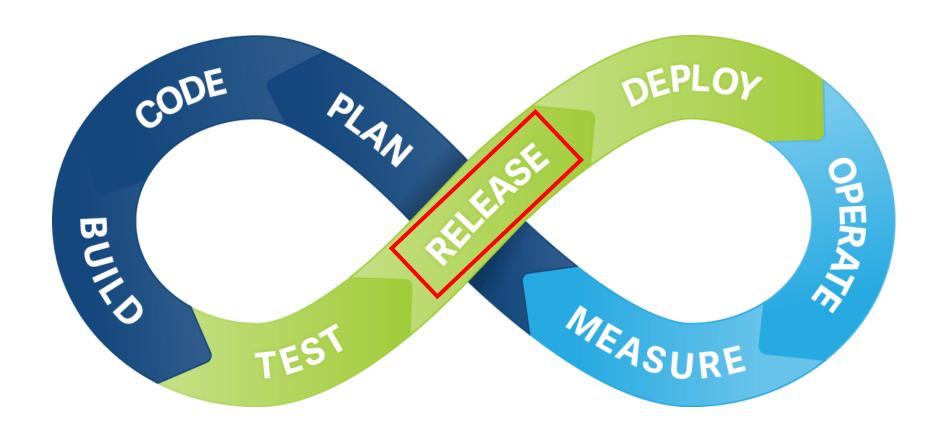
- Recompile code, run (unit) tests
- (Almost) immediate feedback
- To not have any omitted files, or burnt in settings / local paths
- (Even if on several platforms)







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Assemble Releases

release particular version of a configuration item that is made available for a specific purpose

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- Can be delivered to a customer, or deployed into a production environment
- Each necessary files (binary, config, database, documentation, ...)
- Identified by a unique version (ID)



Versioning the Releases

Several conventions or options, for example:

Semantic Versioning 2.0.0

Summary

Given a version number MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH, increment the:

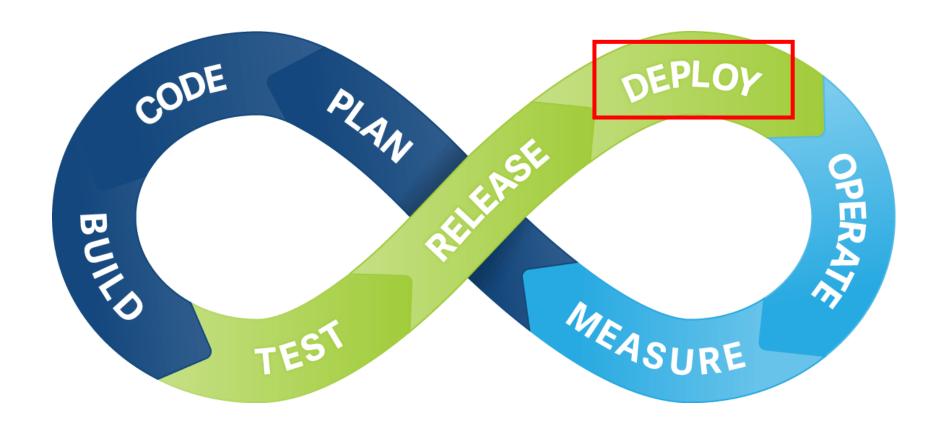
- MAJOR version when you make incompatible API changes
- MINOR version when you add functionality in a backward compatible manner
- 3. PATCH version when you make backward compatible bug fixes

Additional labels for pre-release and build metadata are available as extensions to the MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH format.

source: https://semver.org/

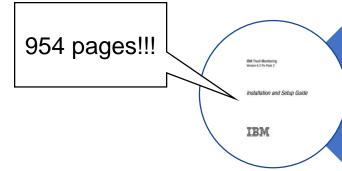


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Deploy



Manual installation (based on an installation guide)



Automatized installation package / scripts

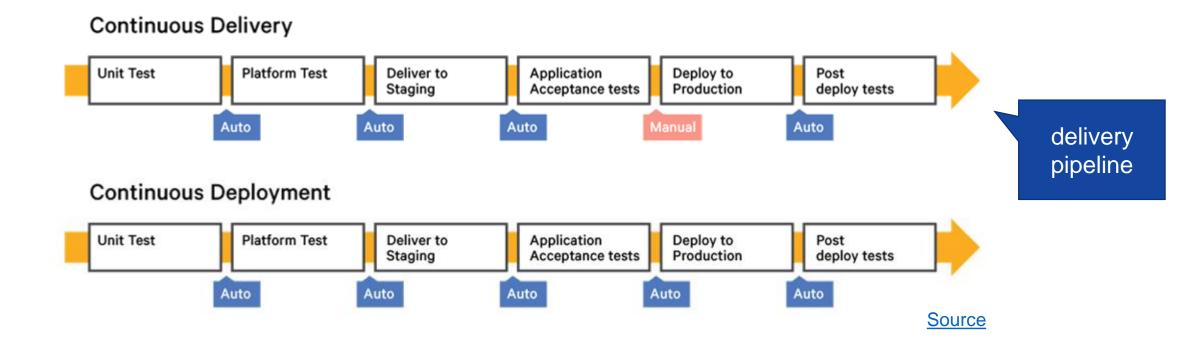


Infrastructure as Code (+ cloud resources)

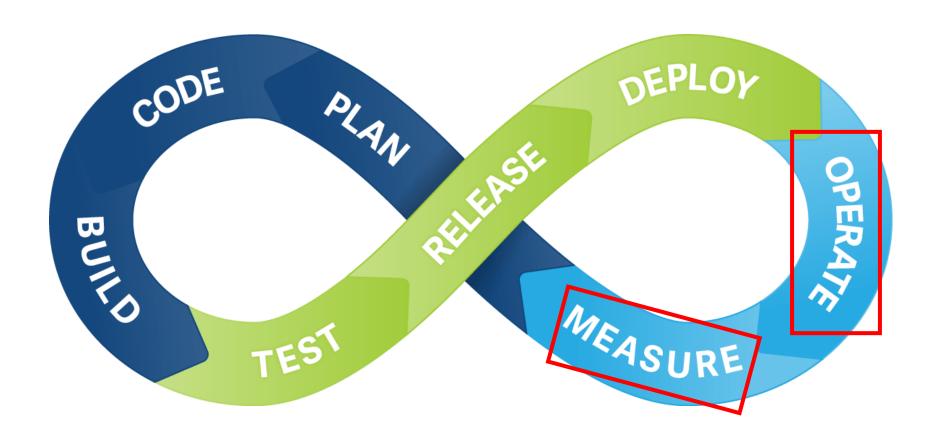
Continuous Delivery (CD)

"build software so that it is always in a state where it could be put into production"

Forrás: https://martinfowler.com/bliki/ContinuousDelivery.html



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Operate and Measure

- Observing the software system in its real operation (HW, SW, business, ... metrics)
- In case of any issues: Alarm (SMS, phone even during the night)



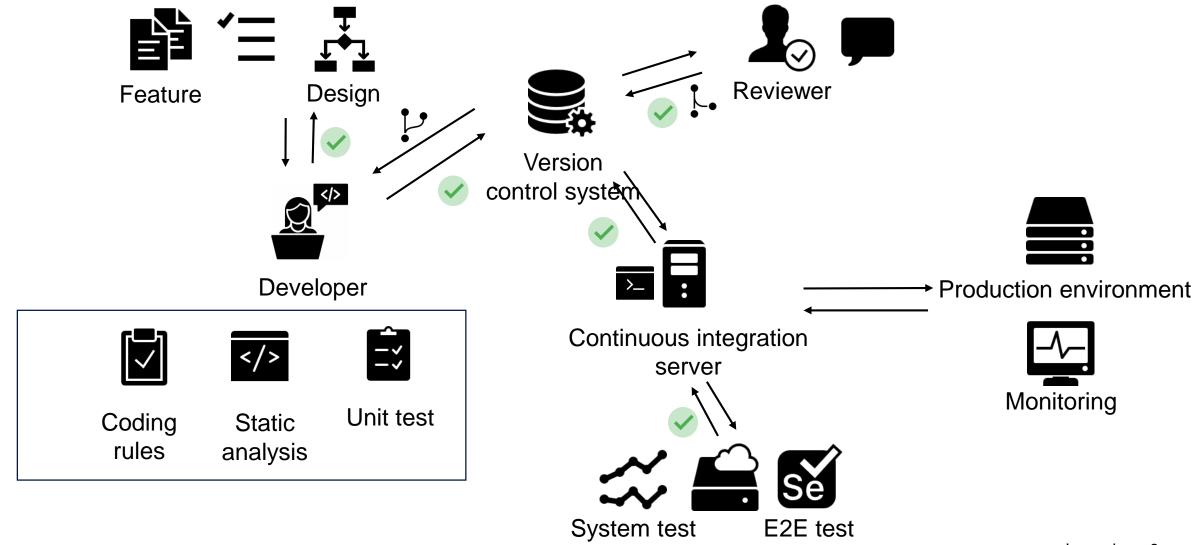


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Typical Development Workflow



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Summary

