SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT METHODOLOGY

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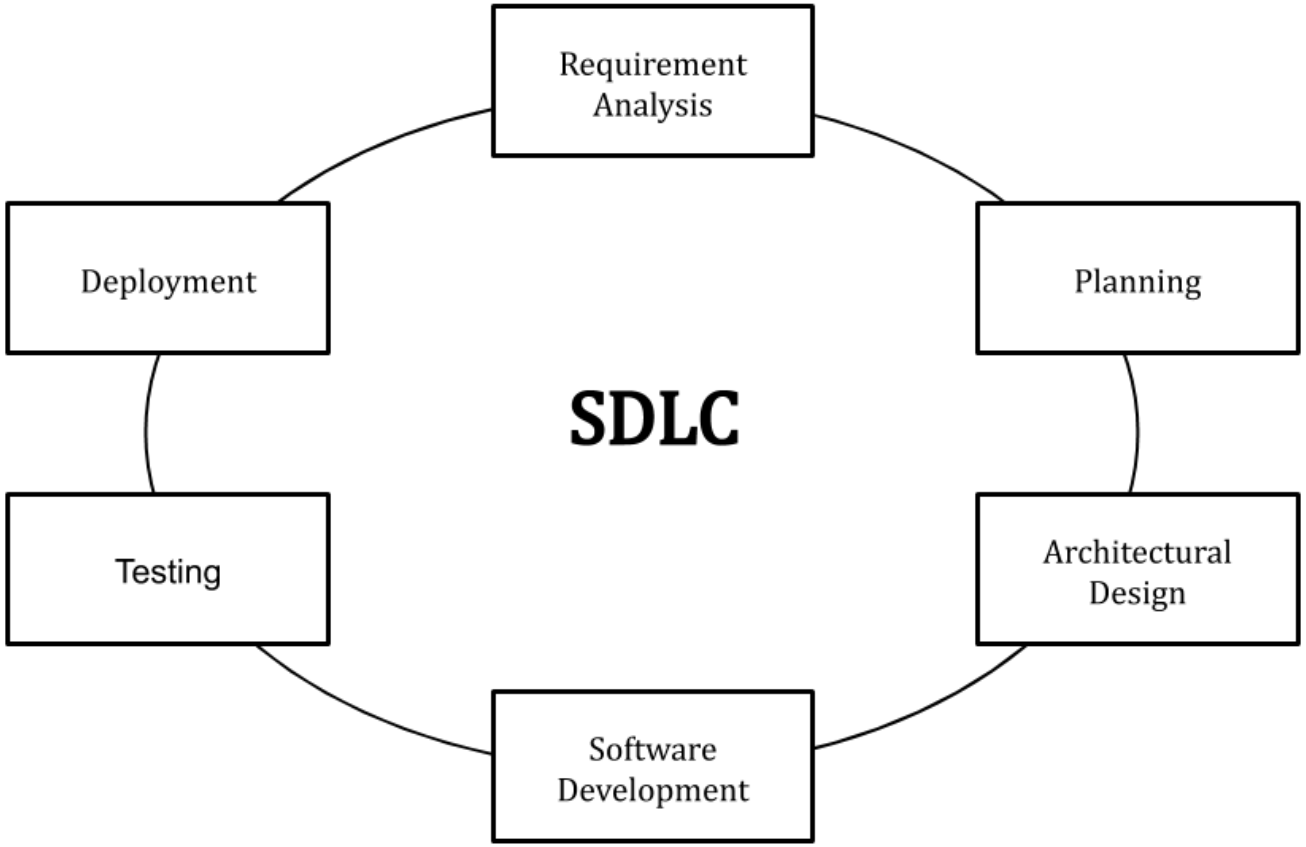
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT LIFECYCLE



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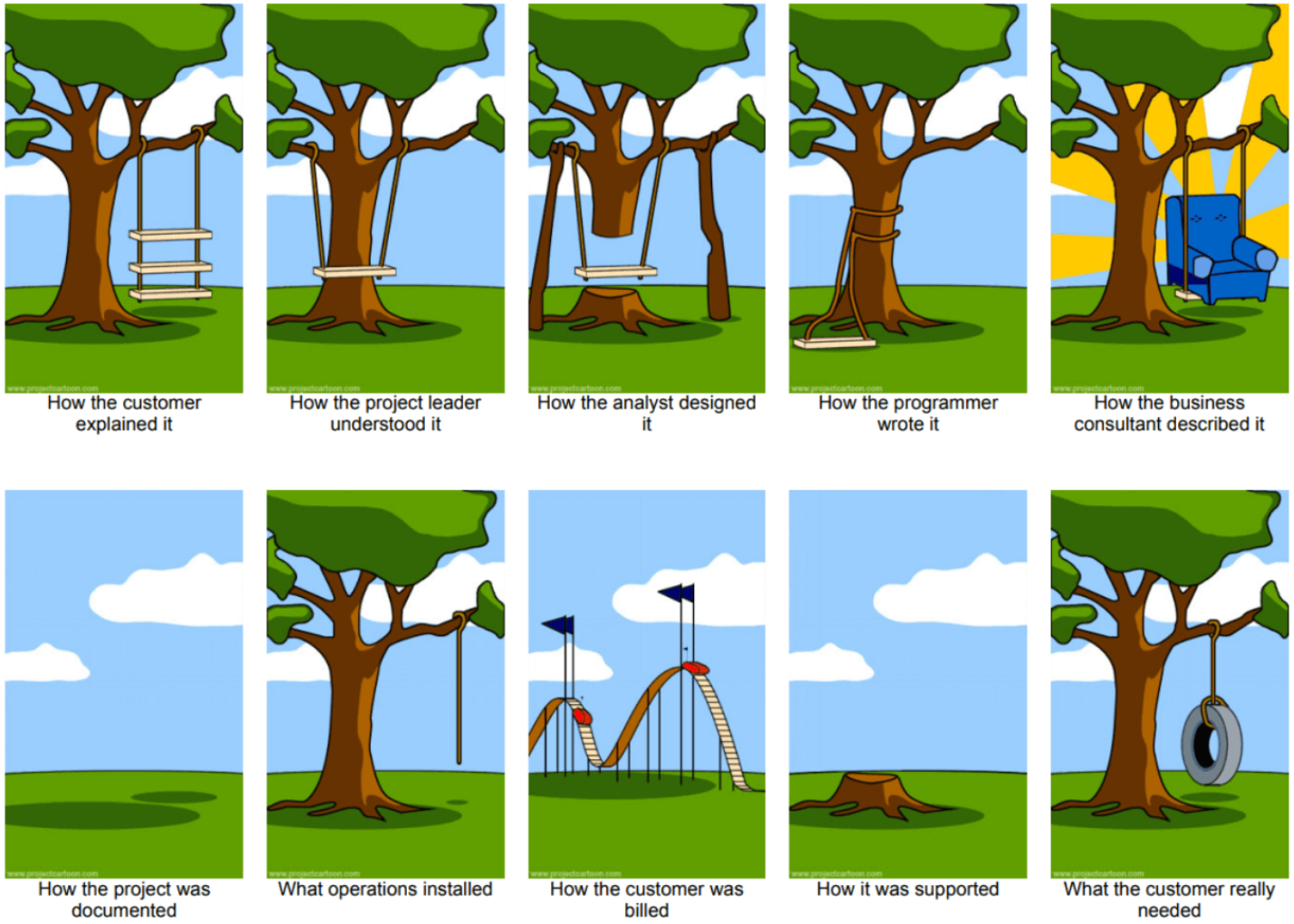

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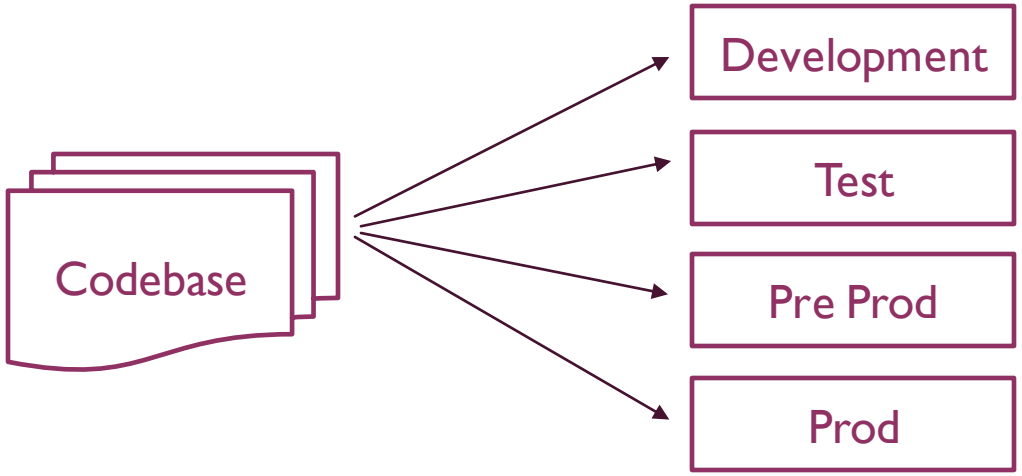
- Use **declarative** formats for setup automation
- Have a **clean contract** with the underlying operating system
- Are suitable for **deployment** on modern **cloud platforms**
- **Minimize divergence** between development and production
- And can **scale up** without significant changes to tooling, architecture, or development practices.

FACTORS

- Codebase
- Dependencies
- Config
- Backing Services
- Build, Release, Run
- Processes
- Port Binding
- Concurrency
- Disposability
- Dev/Prod Parity
- Logs
- Admin Processes

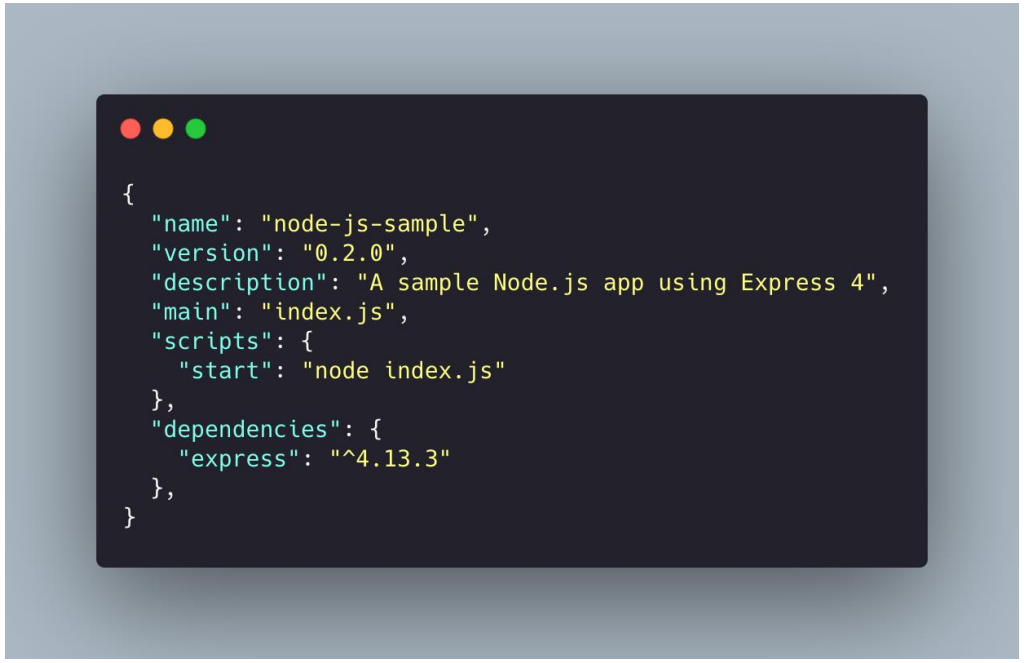
FACTOR I - CODEBASE

- A twelve-factor app is always tracked in a version control system
- One codebase, one application
- Git, TFS, SVN



FACTOR II - DEPENDENCIES

- Explicitly declare and isolate dependencies
- **Never rely on implicit existence of system-wide packages**
- NPM for Node.js, Maven for Java, Rubygems for Ruby



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  "scripts": {
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  },
  "dependencies": {
    "express": "^4.13.3"
  },
}
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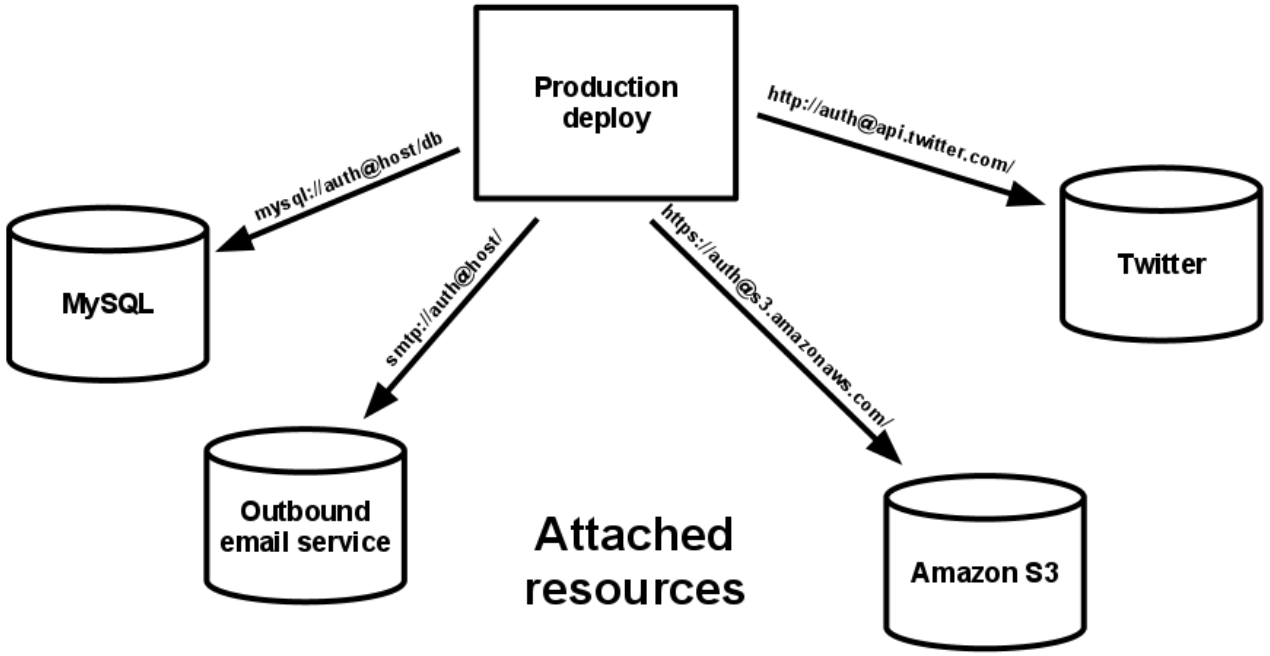
FACTOR III - CONFIG

- Resource handles to the database and other backing services
- Credentials to external services
- **The twelve-factor app stores config in *environment variables***

- https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/configuration-envvars.html
- https://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/html/features.html#features.external-config

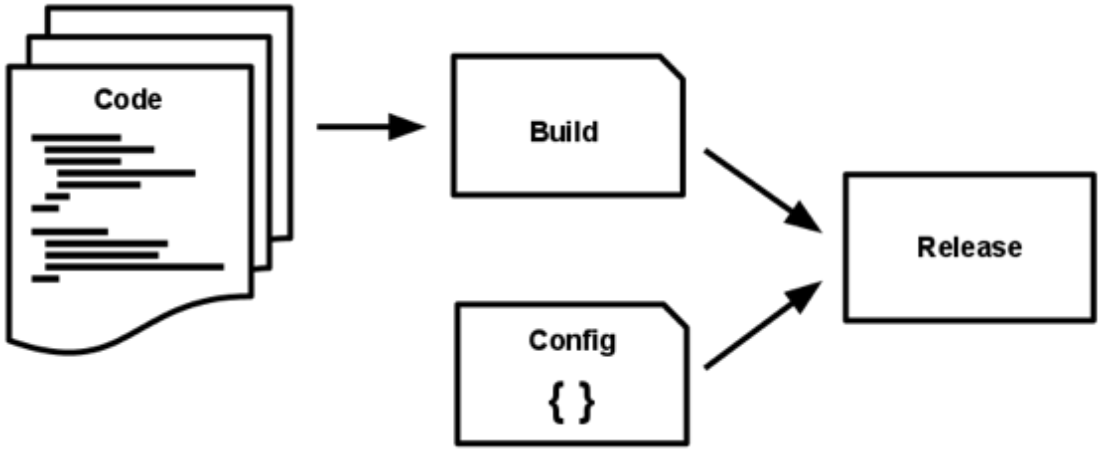
FACTOR IV – BACKING SERVICES

- A *backing service* is any service the app consumes over the network as part of its normal operation.
- The current production external app could be detached, and the new app attached – all without any code changes.



FACTOR V - BUILD, RELEASE, RUN

- The *build stage* is a transform which converts a code repo into an executable bundle known as a *build*.
- The *release stage* takes the build produced by the build stage and combines it with the deploy's current config.
- The *run stage* (also known as "runtime") runs the app in the execution environment.



FACTOR VI - PROCESSES

- **Twelve-factor processes are stateless and share-nothing.** Any data that needs to persist must be stored in a stateful backing service, typically a database.
- Execute the app as one or more stateless processes.

FACTOR VII – PORT BINDING

- **The twelve-factor app is completely self-contained** and does not rely on runtime injection of a webserver into the execution environment to create a web-facing service. The web app **exports HTTP as a service by binding to a port**, and listening to requests coming in on that port.
- Local deployment http://localhost:8080/
- Test deployment https://test-tariff.singlewindow.io/

FACTOR VIII - CONCURRENCY

- Using this model, the developer can architect their app to handle diverse workloads by assigning each type of work to a *process type*. For example, HTTP requests may be handled by a web process, and long-running background tasks handled by a worker process.
- https://adam.herokuapp.com/past/2011/5/9/applying_the_unix_process_model_to_web_apps/

FACTOR IX - DISPOSABILITY

- **The twelve-factor app's processes are *disposable*, meaning they can be started or stopped at a moment's notice.**
- Processes should strive to **minimize startup time**.
- Processes **shut down gracefully when they receive a SIGTERM** signal from the process manager.
- Processes should also be **robust against sudden death.**

FACTOR X – DEV/PROD PARITY

- Keep development, staging, and production as similar as possible
- **The twelve-factor app is designed for continuous deployment by keeping the gap between development and production small.**

	Traditional app	Twelve-factor app
Time between deploys	Weeks	Hours
Code authors vs code deployers	Different people	Same people
Dev vs production environments	Divergent	As similar as possible

FACTOR XI - LOGS

- *Logs* provide visibility into the behavior of a running app.
- Logs are the stream of aggregated, time-ordered events collected from the output streams of all running processes and backing services.
- These systems allow for great power and flexibility
    - Finding specific events in the past.
    - Large-scale graphing of trends (such as requests per minute).
    - Active alerting according to user-defined heuristics (such as an alert when the quantity of errors per minute exceeds a certain threshold).

FACTOR XII - ADMIN PROCESSES

- Run admin/management tasks as one-off processes
- Db migrations
- One-time scripts

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