Fixing Tools Not Problems

Our Long Journey The Tool Treadmill Part 1

Part 2 of 7: Steps 1-3

The Software Treadmill

Solving One Problem Creating Another

⚙ How building software changed a long road kind of a **treadmill**.

⚙ Let's trace the steps and the pattern of added complexity.

Step 1 Starting Out

Raw Control e g C

⚙ We had **full control** but wow hard work!

⚙ Had to write everything manage memory carefully.

⚙ Easy to make mistakes **slow progress**.

Step 1 Summary

Baseline Complexity

⚙️ Problem Solved Nothing (Baseline).

⚙️ New Problem **Manual Effort/Risk**.

Step 2 Libraries Frameworks Arrive

Reusable Code Components Helped

⚙ These helped!

Got **pre-built code** pieces.

⚙ Didn't have to rewrite basic stuff

constantly.

Step 2 The Downside

Dependency Hell Framework Learning Curve

⚙ But then we had "**DLL Hell**" things breaking from library conflicts.

⚙ Had to learn **huge complicated** frameworks.

Step 2 Summary

Boilerplate vs Dependencies

⚙ Problem Solved Didn't have to write basic stuff.

⚙ New Problem Managing **dependencies and complex frameworks**.

Step 3 Easier Languages

VB C Java Python etc

⚙ Made coding faster with **automatic memory management** (GC).

⚙ Great!

Simplified many core coding tasks.

Step 3 The Ecosystem Explosion

Constant Change Information Overload

⚙ But worlds around these languages

got **huge**.

⚙ So much to learn **constantly**

changing.

Step 3 Summary

Less Low Level Work More Learning

⚙ Problem Solved Less low-level

coding work.

⚙ New Problem Keeping up with

giant ecosystems.

Insight

Early Layers of Complexity

⚙ These first steps brought progress but also layers of overhead.

⚙ We started spending time managing the tools themselves.

Next

Next The Treadmill Speeds Up

⚙ Next we enter the era of Big Data Containers K8s Microservices.

⚙ The complexity pattern continues and intensifies.

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