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# TCR Variants (test && commit || revert)



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## Fake-Bot with TCR



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In his [post](#), Kent Beck introduced the Fake-Bot with TCR. In his [post](#), Kent Beck introduced the Fake-Bot with TCR. In his [post](#), Kent Beck introduced the Fake-Bot with TCR.

*Note: TCR is not context and an*

## The Origin



### First Fake It, Then Make It

When a bot always makes a red test green, we are never in a red state. Refactoring keeps us also in a green state. TCR ensures this.

The idea is, that a bot analyzes the failing tests even before the programmer sees it and makes it green through faking.

Is it possible to write production-code only by writing tests?

When you do write tests, you declaratively express, what your system should do. When you see TDD as declarative programming (while wearing the test-hat) it is possible to define an engine, that fulfills all the requirements (as a SQL-Query-Engine)?

*tl;dr Fake-Bot automatically makes all your unit-tests green by faking. This allows you to describe your system declaratively through table-based tests. With refactoring, you generalize away from a special solution. TCR helps you stay green.*

## TCR Tool (test && commit || revert)



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These days I try TCR in different real-world-project to evaluate if it is good or bad. Most of the time I use the variant 'The Relaxed' via a simple Bash-script.

*Note: TCR (test && commit || revert) is new to you? It is like TDD, but different. Check out [this post](#), which provides background, context and an example.*

### Why

The script has two downsides that disturb my typical workflow:

## Code-Sync



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A while ago, we started to do our mob-programmings remotely in our Meetup-Group (Bavarian Coding Group). After some research and the suggestion, that we could do it via screen-sharing or TeamViewer, we discovered the new (back then) skill of VS Code: Live Code Sharing.

One person opens the project, the others connect, and everyone can type. The others see the keystrokes in real-time in their editor. The sharing is just fine.

*It works together on a code-base synchronized in "real-time" chronization can only happen when the code is in a syntactical and logical correct state. Tests verify both. So only synchronize when your tests pass. You can use Git together with a bash-script to sync automatically in the background.*



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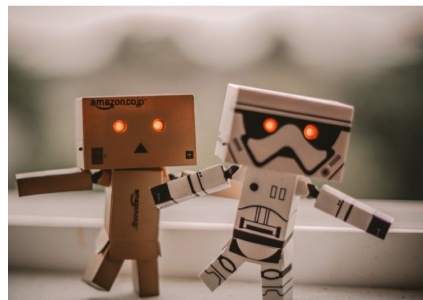
s where, etc.

can see an example

## TCR (test && commit || revert). How to use? Alternative to TDD?



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TCR (test && commit || revert) was introduced by Kent Beck [some weeks](#) ago. Every time you run a test, your code gets either committed or deleted. This has a profound impact on how you develop software and what becomes possible.

## Real-World TCR



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When you read about TCR, you always get the Fibonacci-Example or—if you are lucky—something slightly bigger. But you don't find any "real-world" examples. This article tries to fill this gap. It provides an example of a web-app with a web-API for customer and order management done with TCR.

*tl;dr TCR is not exciting, but useful as it will outsource your discipline. Real-World projects are possible without much more effort than TDD through the techniques we already know from TDD.*

This tutorial is optimized for showing TCR and not to deliver a useful product. Therefore the code quality and structure suffer. But they should be easy to refactor (the test coverage is there through TCR).

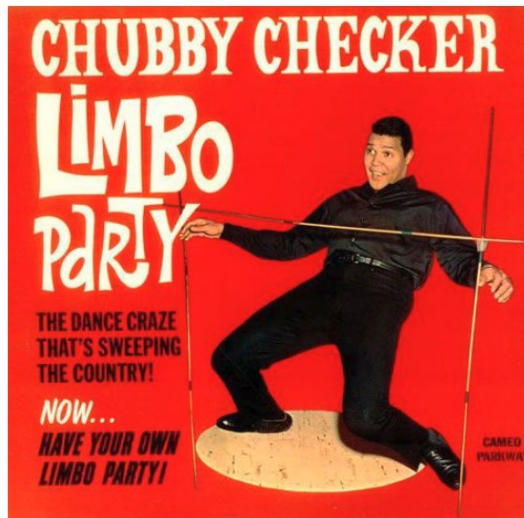
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## Limbo: Scaling Software Collaboration



Kent Beck

Jul 11, 2018 · 6 min read



*Limbo lower now*

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*How low can you go?*

I sit here in [CodeNode](#) London, a fitting place to think about collaboration and technology. London is muggy and gray. People are bustling from importance to importance, clad lightly as they try to escape pursuing perspiration.

The story I tell today, the vision, has much to do with collaboration and with

# 27.11.2019

## Limbo on the Cheap



Kent Beck

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The Limbo song asks, “How low can you go?” Limbo is a strategy for scaling collaboration on software projects by reducing the size of changes to be merged and increasing the velocity and reach of propagation of changes.

The original Limbo paper suggests that changes should be transformations of the abstract syntax tree of the program. However, until the inevitable day when all changes are tree transformations, it is useful to experiment with textual diffs, just to see what Limbo will feel like, what incentives it creates.

Yesterday, our Code Camp at Iterate in Oslo spent the day coding in the cheapest possible implementation of Limbo. This paper describes our implementation of and experience of Limbo, in enough detail that you can try it yourself.

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do  
git pull --rebase;  
git push;  
done;
```

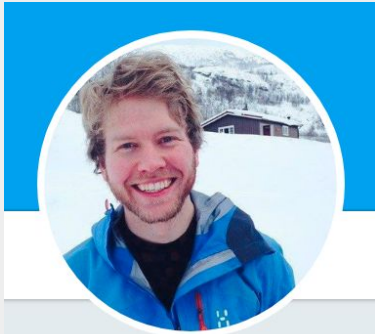
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test && git commit -am working
```

# Test && Commit || Revert



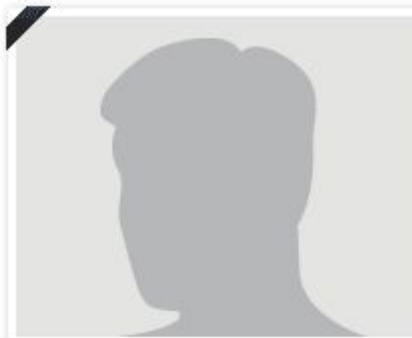
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# Symmetry

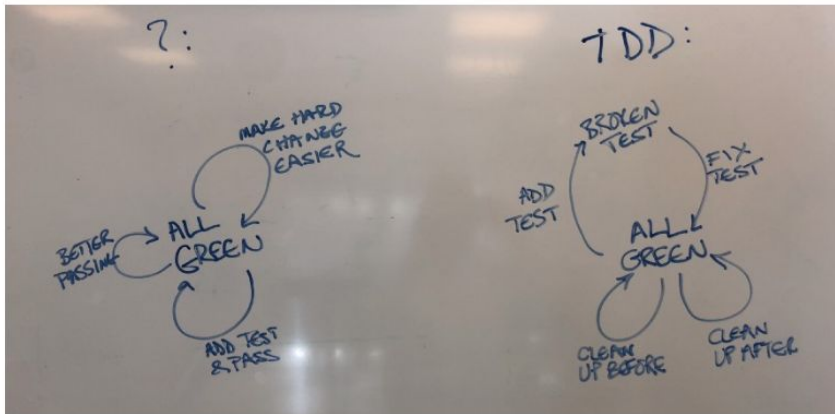
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## test && commit || revert



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The new style versus test-driven development

As part of Limbo on the Cheap, we invented a new programming workflow. I introduced “test && commit”, where every time the tests run correctly the code is committed. Oddmund Strømmer, the first programmer I’ve found as obsessed with symmetry as I am, suggested that if the tests failed the code should be reverted. **I hated the idea so I had to try it.**

Top highlight

The full command then is “test && commit || revert”. If the tests fail, then the code goes back to the state where the tests last passed.



Will not Work!

Don't you  
make  
mistakes  
sometimes?

Won't you get  
frustrated?  
How could  
you make  
progress?

What if you  
write a bunch  
of code and it  
just gets  
wiped out?

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Funny thing is, one of the best practices in TDD is to start with tests in red, that is, check that the tests actually fail before you write code to fix them. This can save you a lot of embarrassment when you find out that you've fucked up your tests and they will all fail, even though the functionality they are supposed to test is broken.

So I guess it is time to do nothing and let the employer/customer be ok with never seeing any code 🙄🙄🙄

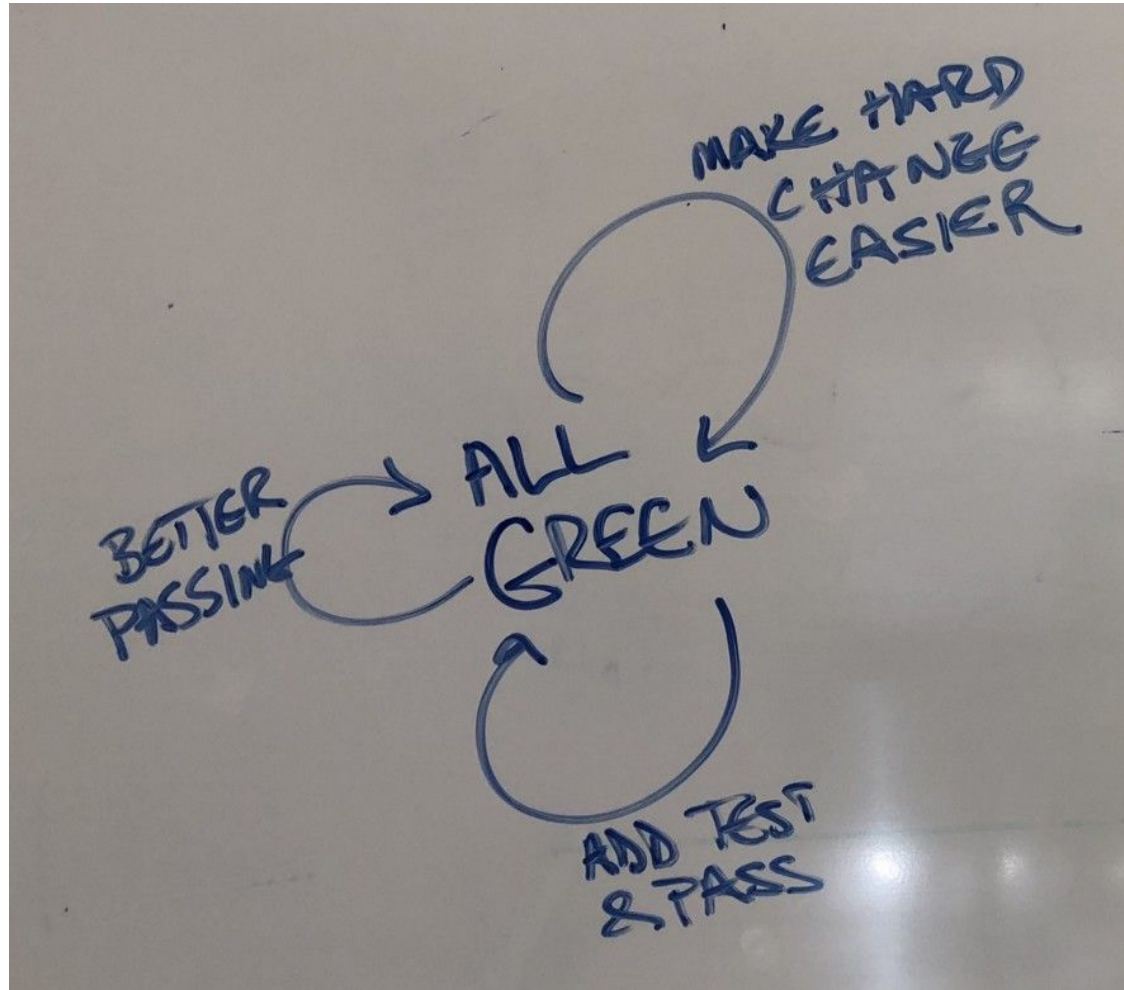
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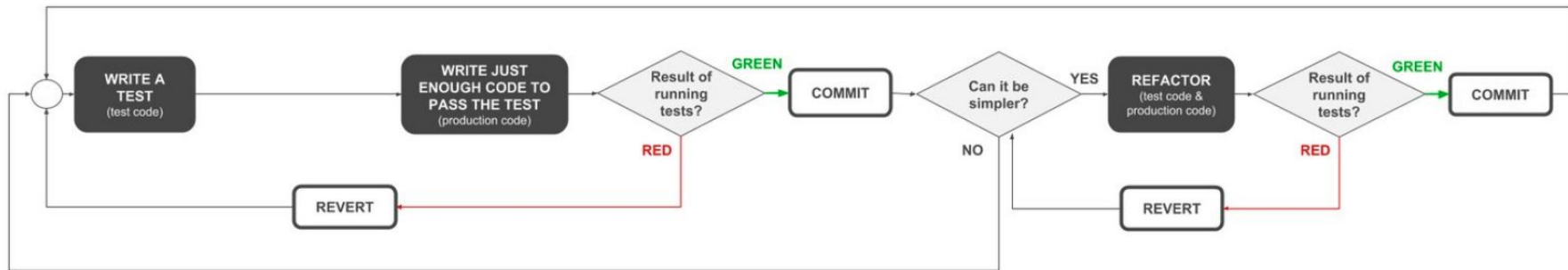
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(Ab-) using Git

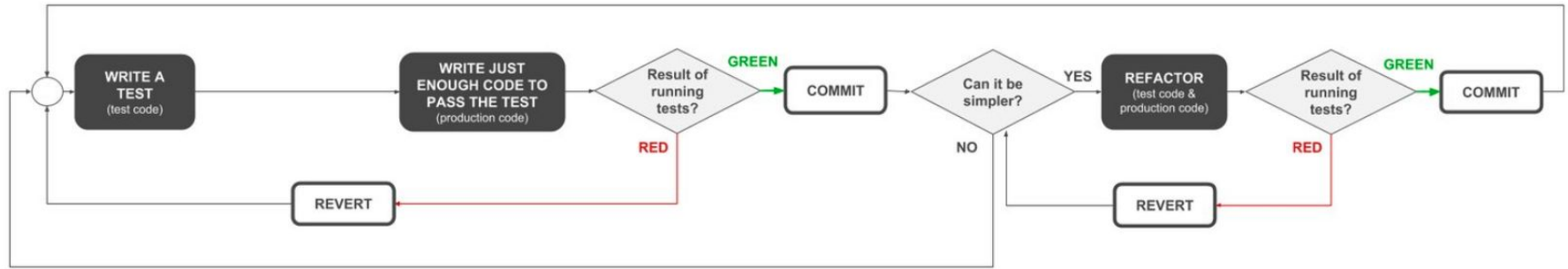
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./test.sh && git commit -am working || git  
reset --hard
```

# Always Green





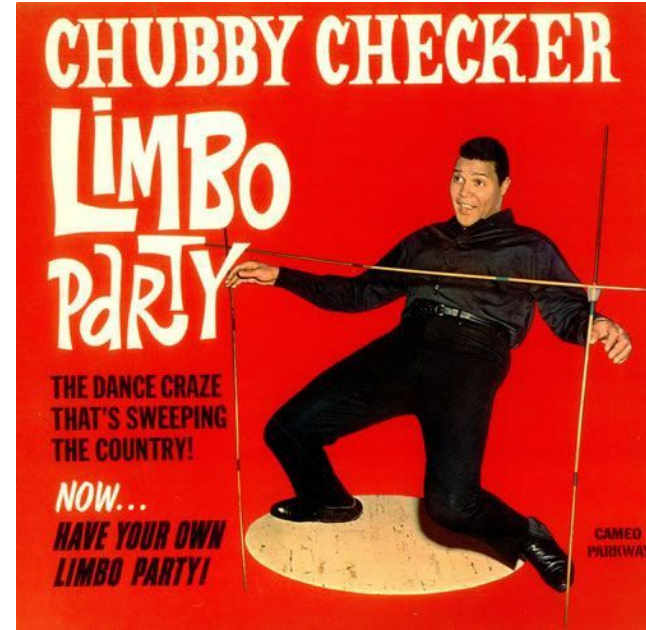
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# Conceptual View

# How low can you go?



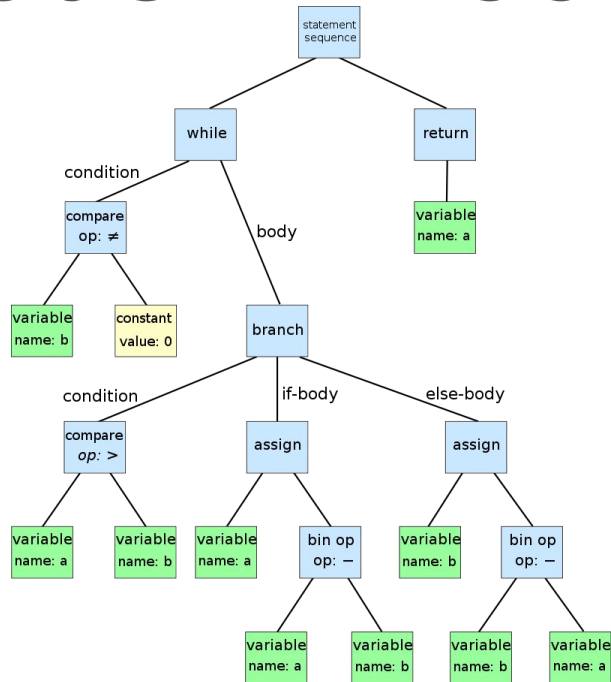


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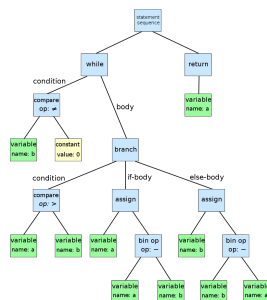
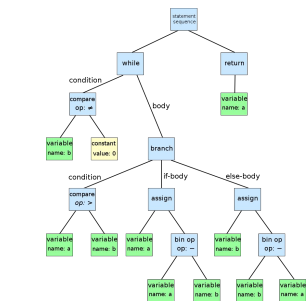
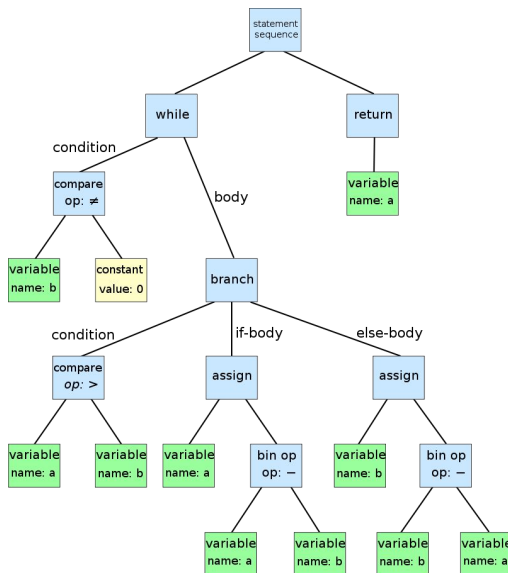
The screenshot shows a Google Docs document titled "Open Source Project - Bavarian Coding Group". The interface includes a top menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Insert", "Format", "Tools", "Add-ons", and "Help". A status bar indicates "Last edit was on 23 August 2018". The document content is a table with the following data:

	Zeiterfassung	Kassensystem	Kalender / CalDAV	Bot
Web FE / PWA	X	x		
API: Rest/GraphQL	X	x		
Mobile	X	x		
BE/Deploy	X	x		
Auth/Deauth	X	x		

# Source Code != Documents



# AST Transformations



# A Git Prototype

```
test && commit
```

# Limbo Principles

1. Everyone is working on (and production is executing) the same program, represented by a single abstract syntax tree.
2. No one is allowed to cause others (including users) problems.

# From Limbo to a Git Workflow

```
while(true);  
do  
    git pull -- rebase;  
    git push;  
done;
```

# To TCR

```
test && commit || revert
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# To TCR

Limbo  
Collaboration

```
test && commit  
test || revert
```

TDD  
Workflow



# Change the Act of Programming

The ‘revert’ leads to very short iterations, because if we “invest” too much in a code at once, it becomes likely, that it gets deleted.

# TDD

1. We **begin** in Green (do: `test`)
2. We create a **failing Unit-Test** and are in red (do: `test`)
3. We **fix** the test to be Green again (do: `test` —as often as necessary to arrive in Green)
4. We **refactor**. We are in green and stay in green (do: `test`)

# TDD

1. We **start** Green (do: `test && commit || reset`)
2. Write a **test** (do: `test && commit || reset src`)
3. **Fake** the implementation (do: `test && commit || reset src`)
4. **Refactor**, where you replace n Fakes with a real implementation (do: `test && commit || reset src`)

# TCR Variants (test && commit || revert)



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# The Original

The schema of the original version is ‘test && commit || revert.’ As an answer to the question regarding the particular commands, Kent suggested:

```
$ ./test && git commit -am working || git reset --hard
```

```
if(test().success)
  commit()
else
  revert()
```

# BTCR

The first alternative solves the compilation issue.

```
$ ./buildIt && (./test && git commit -am working || git reset --hard)
```

```
if(build().failed)  
    return
```

```
if(test().success)  
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# The watch buddy

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```
while true
do
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```



```
while(true) {  
    block_until_change_in_directory('src')  
    tcr()  
}
```

```
function tcr() {  
    if(build().failed)  
        return
```

```
    if(test().success)  
        commit()  
    else  
        revert()  
}
```

**The Original**

**BTCR**

**The Collaborator**

**The Relaxed**

**The watch buddy**

**The Split**

**The Gentle**

**The Storyteller**

**Local Buddy, Remote Team**

**The buddy—Continuous TCR**

# TCR in Practice



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My Conclusion

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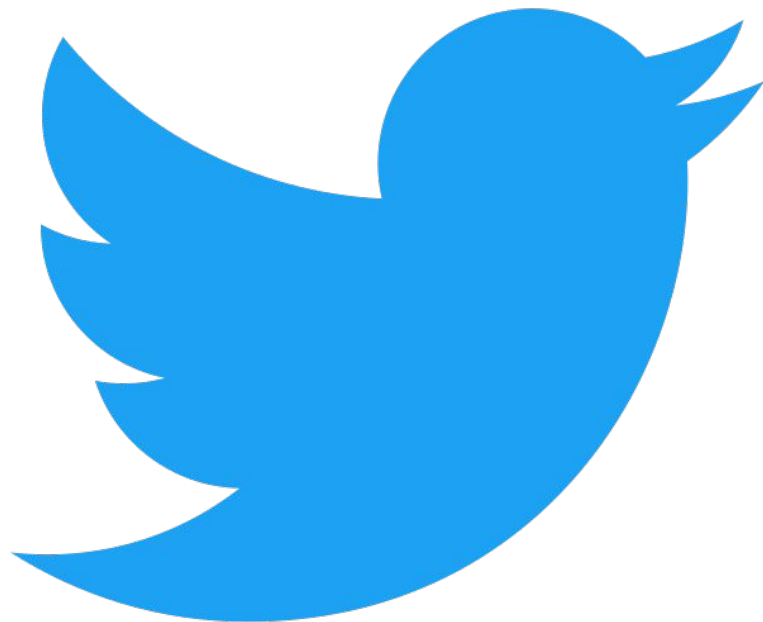
# All resources on TCR annotated



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