

# Practical ASP.NET DevOps with VSTS or TFS

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Level: Intermediate

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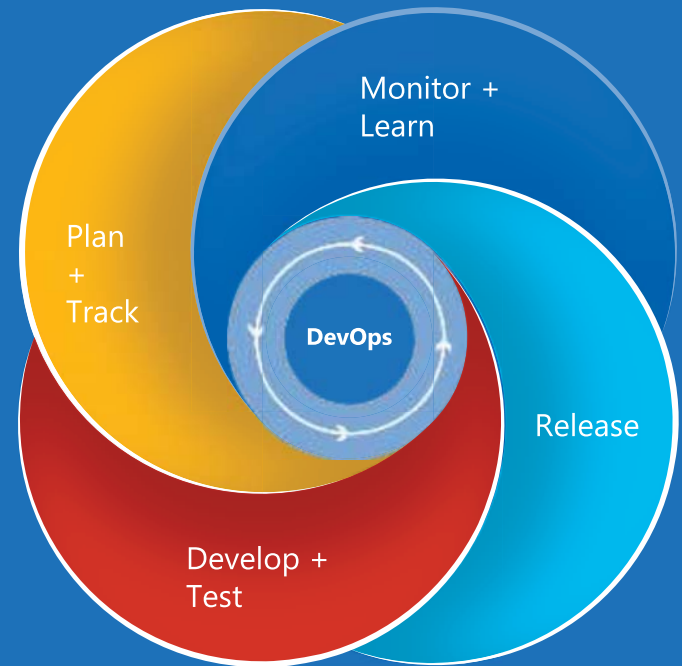
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# Agenda

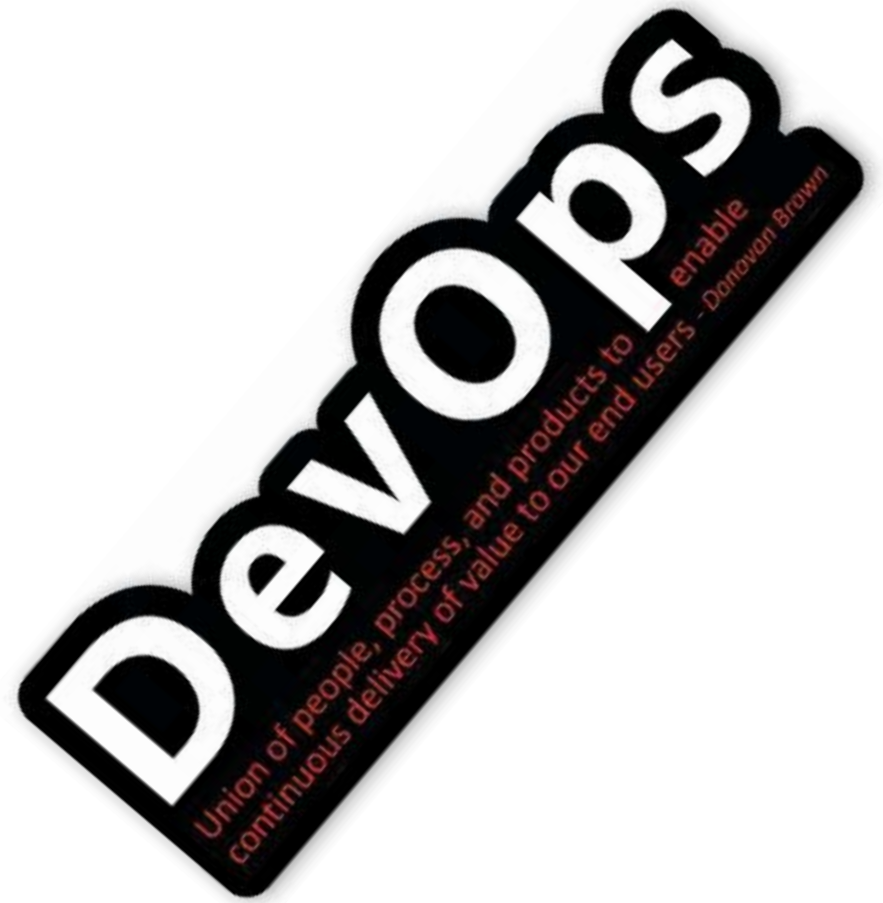
- Level Set
- Plan & Track
- Develop & Test
- Release
- Monitor & Learn



# LEVEL SET

What is DevOps?

DevOps is the union of people, process, and product to enable continuous delivery of value for our end users.



**"High-performing organizations** are decisively outperforming their lower-performing peers in terms of throughput. High performers **deploy 200 times more frequently** than low performers, **with 2,555 times faster lead times.**"

Source: Puppet Labs, State of DevOps Report, 2016

# What's DevOps?

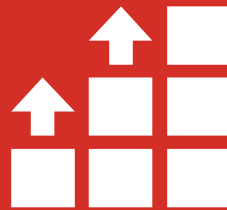
DevOps is a full  
lifecycle investment



DevOps is a  
team undertaking



DevOps enables better  
software development  
and delivery practices



DevOps accelerates  
the last mile of  
continuous delivery





# DevOps flavors

## WebOps

Google, Amazon, Twitter,  
Facebook, Xbox Live, etc.



## NoOps

Small web teams,  
start-ups



## Enterprise DevOps

Cross-functional  
organizations



# DevOps goals and success metrics

Increase  
deployment  
frequency

Reduce change  
lead-time (react  
faster to dynamic  
business needs)

Reduce change  
fail rate

Reduce mean-  
time-to-detect  
& repair (MTTD,  
MTTR)

**Agility** performance indicators

**Reliability** performance indicators

Why DevOps?

It's tough out there ...

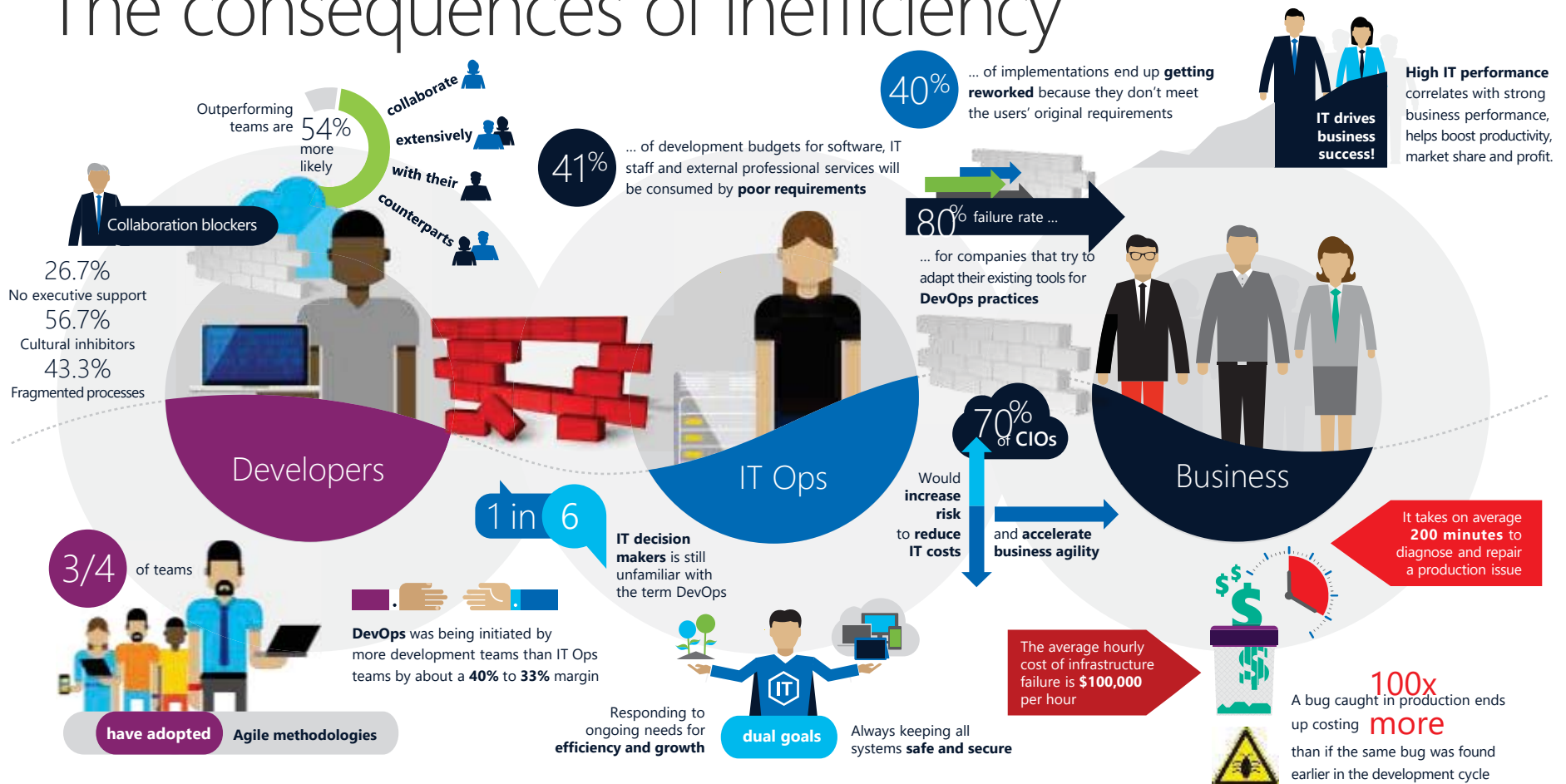


Business is faster

Competition is fiercer

Time-to-market is key

# The consequences of inefficiency



Tell me more ...

This is the story of how a company with nearly \$400 million in assets went bankrupt in 45-minutes because of a failed deployment.

The image is a composite of two photographs of a trading floor. The top photograph shows a large, illuminated 'Knight' logo in white against a dark background, with several computer monitors displaying financial data in the foreground. The bottom photograph shows the back of a person's head and shoulders; they are wearing a dark blue jacket with the 'Knight' logo on the back, and are looking at multiple computer monitors displaying trading data. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light sources being the screens and the large logo.

Knight

Knight Capital Group



# Knight Capital

- Financial services firm on NYSE
- New order handling feature – create child orders
- Replaced old code with new code
- 9 year old unused code in the system
- Repurposed a flag to activate new code
- At deployment, technician copied on 7/8 servers

Then they went live...

They started losing  
**\$172,222** per minute.

Then they tried to fix it...

Ended losing **\$460 million**  
and went under bankruptcy  
protection.

What would be the impact in your organization?

How do we know so much?

# Post mortem

*During the deployment of the new code, however, one of Knight's technicians did not copy the new code to one of the eight SMARS computer servers. Knight did not have a second technician review this deployment and no one at Knight realized that the Power Peg code had not been removed from the eighth server, nor the new RLP code added. Knight had no written procedures that required such a review.*

**SEC Filing | Release No. 70694 | October 16, 2013**

Maybe something happier?



# Microsoft's journey

## How they used to work

Microsoft did ask for feedback after each milestone – but they could not really react to it  
For the most part, they would tell everybody “sorry” - and push things to the next release  
They did find & fix bugs, without really knowing if they built the right thing in the first place  
They had closed silos of information across different organizations, hurting collaboration



# Where they are today

## How they work now

They ship frequently with minimum friction

Build>Deploy>Test reliably, hundreds of times a day

They continue to meet a rigorous on-premises quality bar

They build confidence through staging, exposure control & rich telemetry



Visit <http://stories.visualstudio.com> to get the full story!

How do you get started?

Learn from others

# 10+ Deploys Per Day

- Automated Infrastructure
- Shared Version Control
- One Step Build and Deploy
- Feature Flags / Branches
- Shared Metrics
- Communication

John Allspaw & Paul Hammond

10+ Deploys Per Day: Dev and Ops Cooperation at Flickr

<http://bri.gd/tenplusdeploy>

People  
Process  
Products

People

## Can't we all get along?

- Break down barriers
- Break down organizations
- Yes, start with a virtual team
- Move to "real" DevOps teams
- Convince management: can you afford to be another "Knight"?
- Embrace Kaizen



Kaizen is a system of continuous improvement in quality, technology, processes, company culture, productivity, safety and leadership.

Process

# Shorten Cycle Times and Focus on the Flow

- Continuous Integration
- Continuous Testing
- Continuous Deployment
- Continuous Feedback
- Continuous Improvement

Product



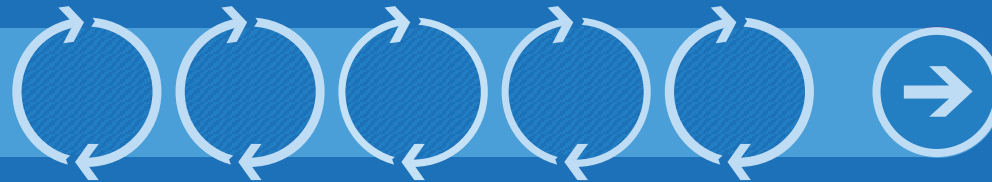
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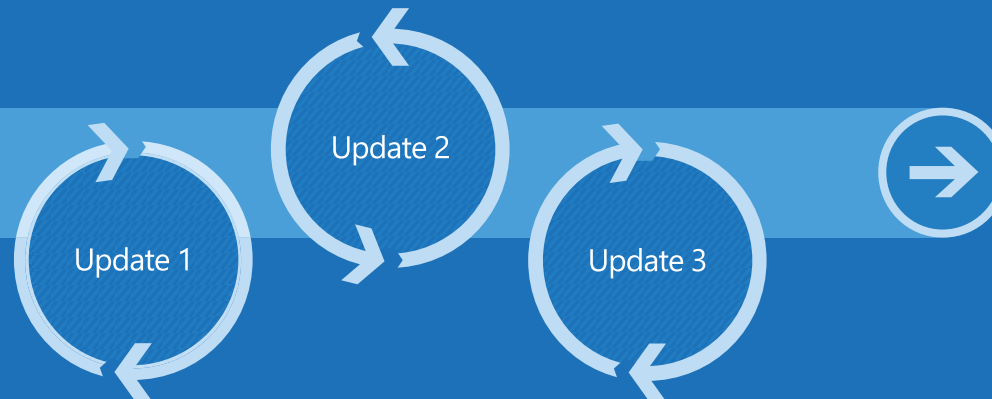
Team Foundation Server **2017 Update 1**

# One codebase, two delivery streams

One  
Codebase



Visual Studio  
Team Services



Team Foundation  
Server



Dashboard and Widget Improvements  
Social Pull Request Experience  
Dashboards REST API  
Traceability  
Test & Feedback  
Java Build Templates  
Package Management Service  
Admin Work Hub  
Azure SQL Database Deployment Task  
Code Search  
Agile Improvements  
Cherry Picking  
Checkbox Control  
Release Management REST API  
Unified Configuration Wizard  
Task Groups  
View Git LFS  
Board Filters  
Release Management Improvements  
Commit Traceability  
Tag Bulk Editing  
New Work Item Form

# Continuous Value Delivery

Work Item Templates  
Live Widgets  
Improved Checklist Experience  
Docker Integration  
File type icons  
Status API  
Auto readme  
Live Kanban Boards  
Widget Updates  
Git Improvements  
Xamarin Build Tasks  
Personal Access Tokens  
Build to line number  
Test Improvements  
Markdown and Emoji in Comments  
Squash Merge  
Azure Integration  
Paid Extensions  
Widget Catalog  
Follow Work Items  
Build Improvements  
Auto-complete Pull Requests

# Ready Today

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Your on-ramp to the cloud: VSTS

<https://aka.ms/tfsimportdata>





# Evolving DevOps

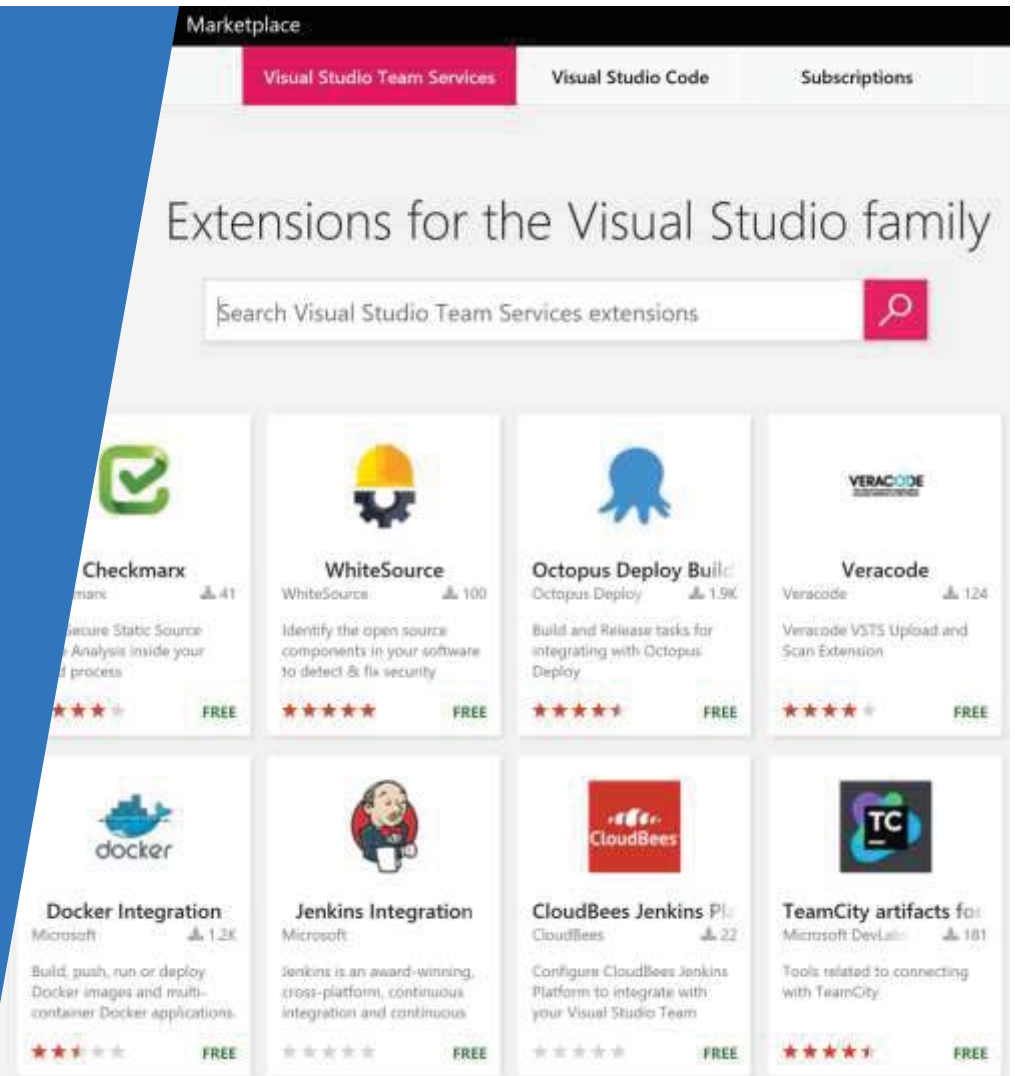
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Any app, any code, any platform

# DevOps for all

Extensibility + ecosystem =  
a flexible DevOps toolchain  
for any target environment

<http://marketplace.visualstudio.com>



**190,000**

Visual Studio Team Services  
extension installations

**38,000**

Visual Studio Team Services  
Accounts using Extensions

**293**

Visual Studio Team Services  
extensions published

## Ecosystem Momentum

**12.3** Million

Total Visual Studio  
Marketplace acquisitions

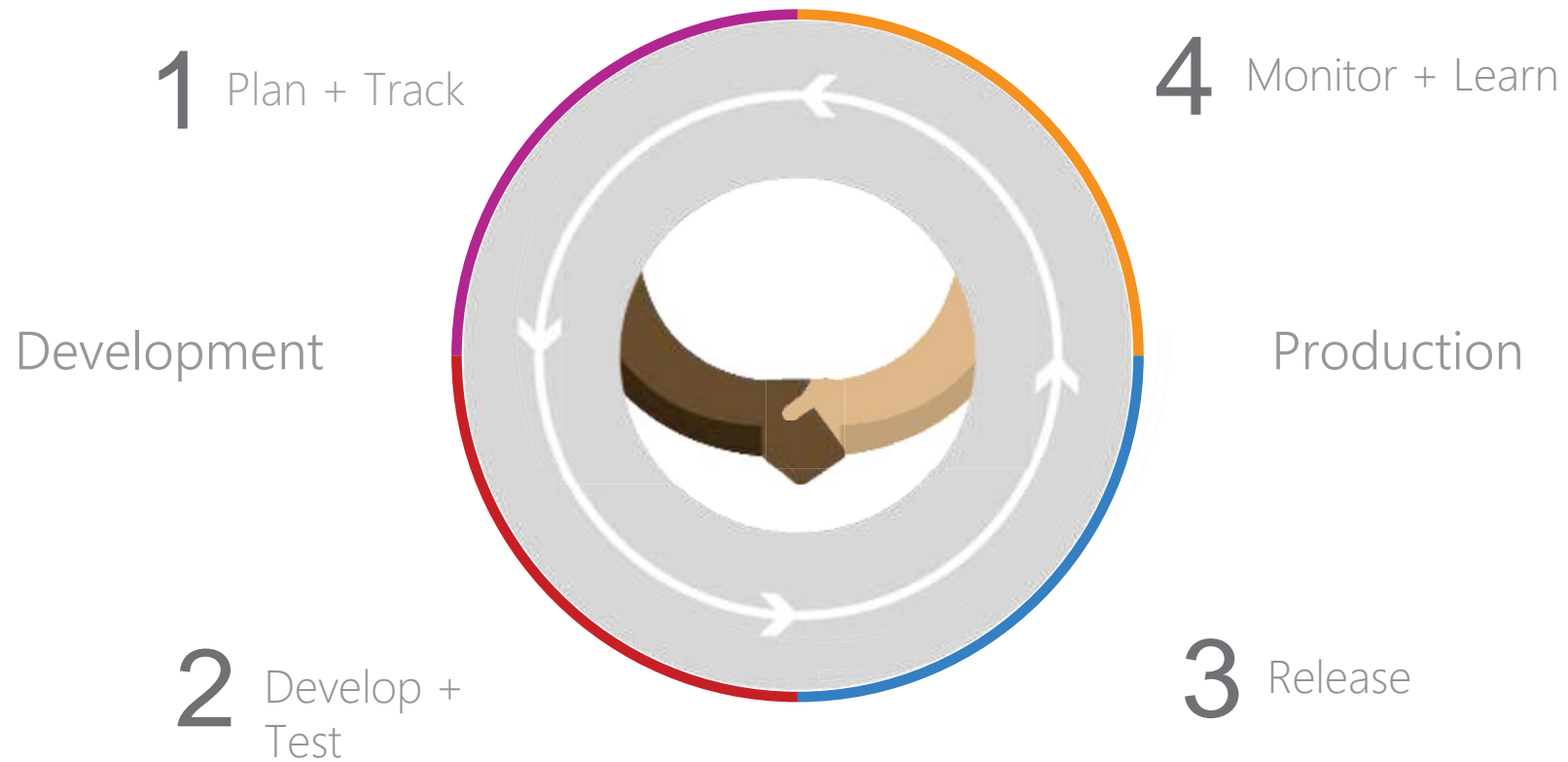
**4800**

Publishers  
in the Marketplace

**2.6** Million

Marketplace  
Unique Users

# End-to-end DevOps

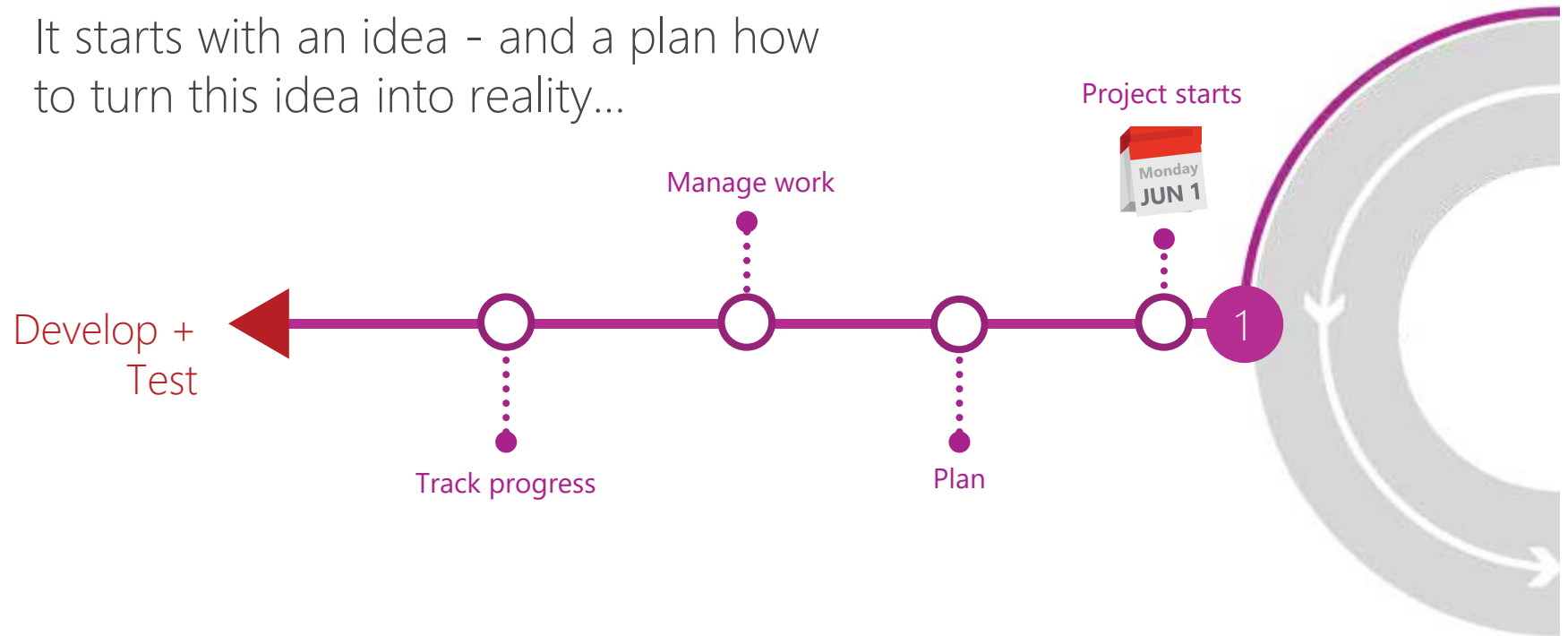


PLAN & TRACK



# Plan & Track

It starts with an idea - and a plan how to turn this idea into reality...

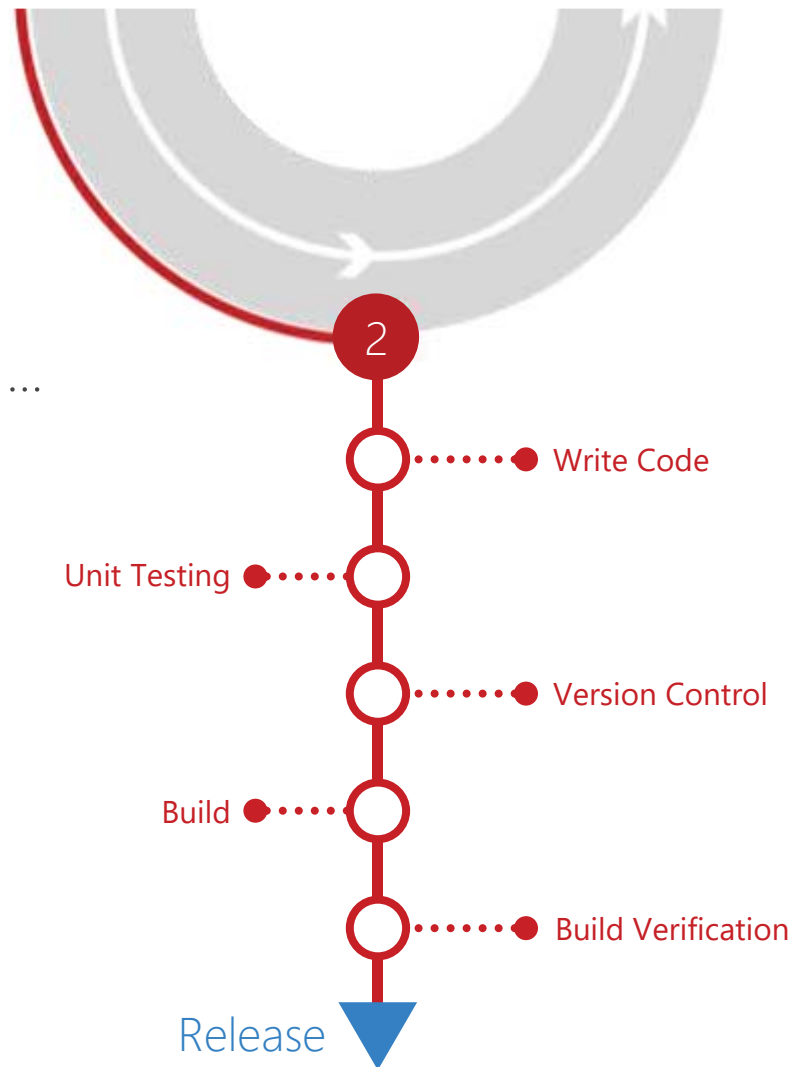


DEVELOP & TEST



## Develop & Test

After the iteration starts, developers turn great ideas into features and functionality ...



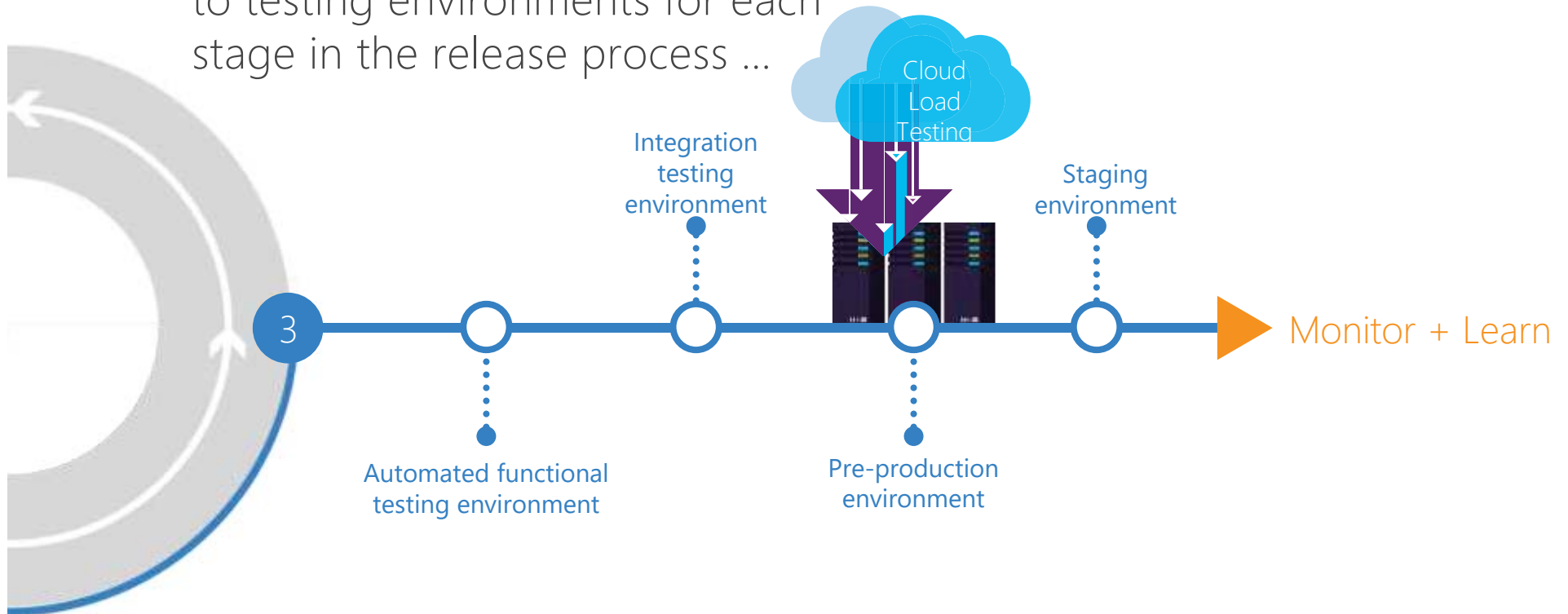


RELEASE



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When all tests pass, the build is deployed to testing environments for each stage in the release process ...

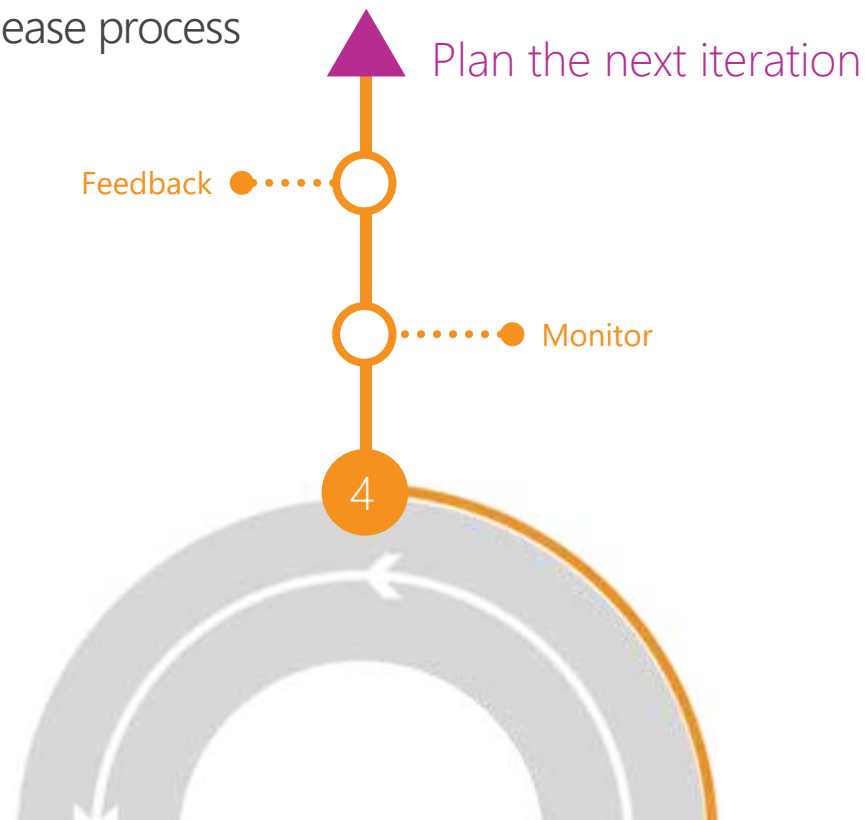


MONITOR & LEARN



# Monitor & Learn

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A final thought ...

Don't let your experience be an  
impediment to your ability to  
learn and grow.

thank you  
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na day

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