Challenges of Going Cloud Native in the **Enterprise**

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What are we going to talk about?

This talk will discuss some of the challenges faced taking built in the datacenter applications and architectures to the cloud. Challenges will be presented not only with regards to continuous delivery and devops, but also high availability/automatic recovery, elastic/web scale, operational visibility, and security/compliance.

The talk will discuss how IBM's technologies as well as cloud native open source technology (such as OpenStack, CloudFoundry, NetflixOSS and Docker) have powered our evolution in a way that allows IBM to host our own IBM public cloud services with operational excellence.

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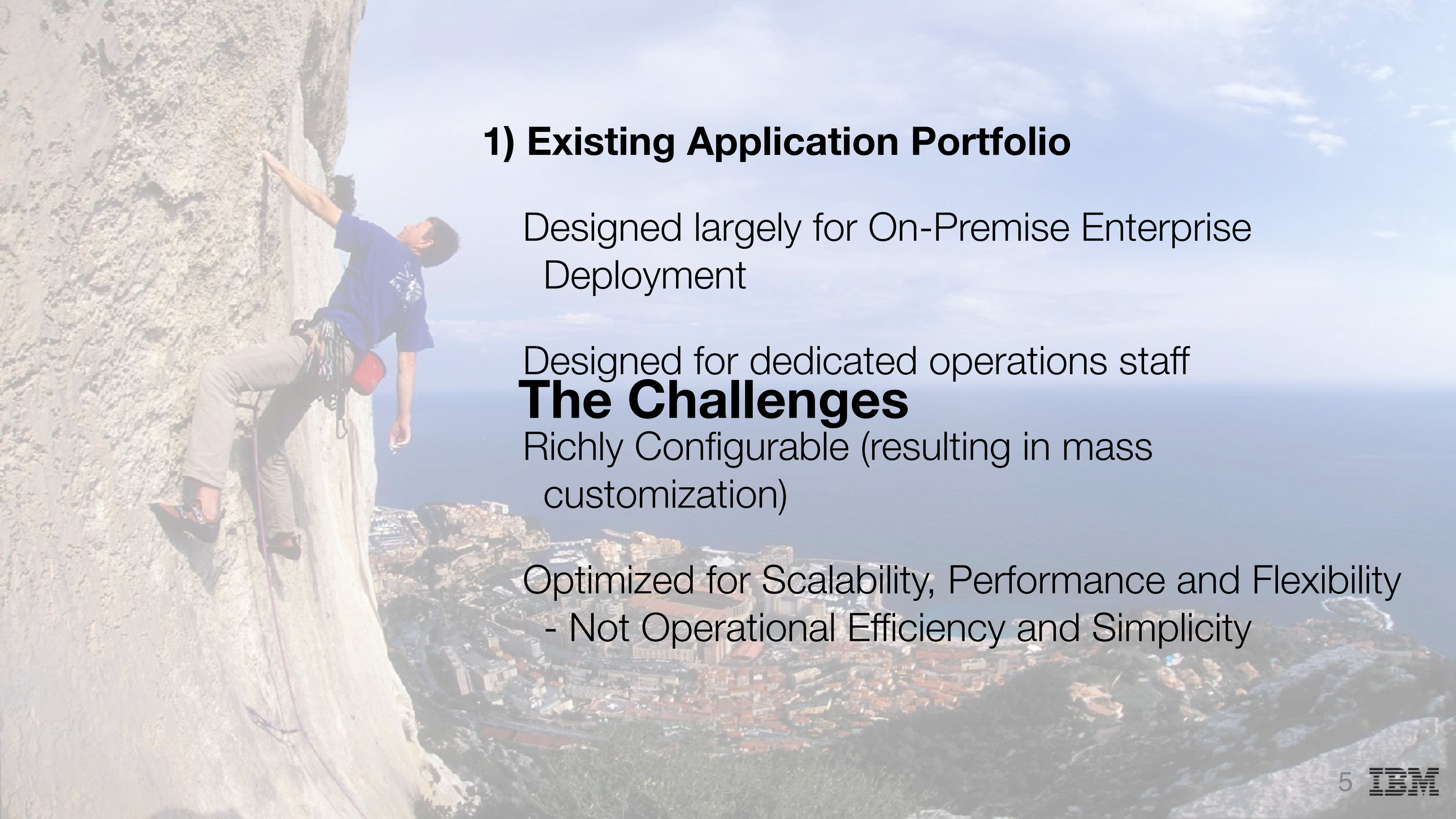


1) Existing Application Portfolio

Designed largely for On-Premise Enterprise Deployment

Designed for dedicated operations staff

The Challenges

Richly Configurable (resulting in mass customization)

Optimized for Scalability, Performance and Flexibility - Not Operational Efficiency and Simplicity

The Challenges

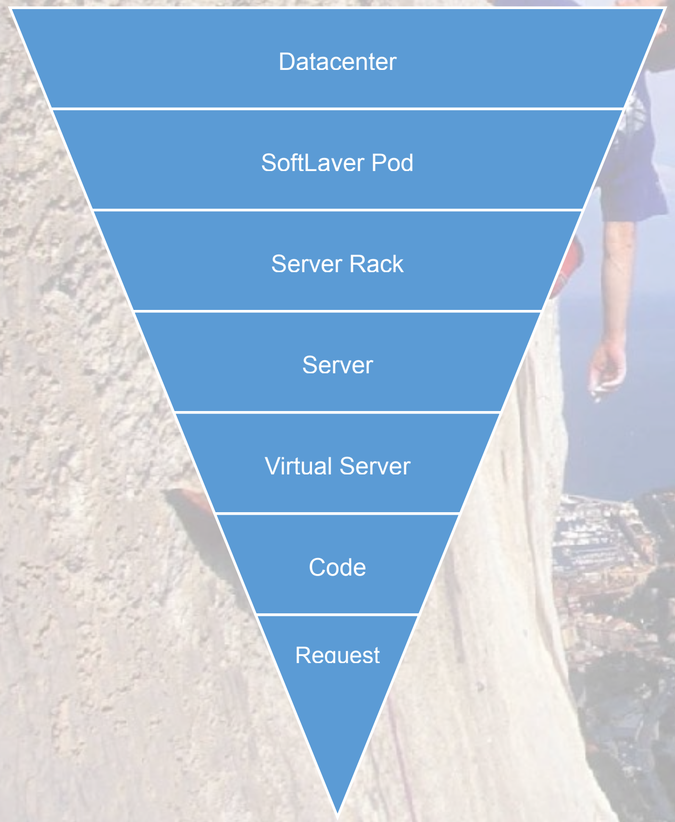
2) Transitioning from Software Developers to Cloud Service Operators

Most of the development team spent their career delivering packaged software

Focused on relatively small number of “releases” each year…. agile development with infrequent delivery

No “operations” culture… No one who has had to respond to PagerDuty

The Challenges



3) Understanding and Handling Failures

Failures will happen at any time and their root causes can be complex

Need to reduce the likelihood of correlated failures

Need to handle all kinds of failures

An application could respond slowly, return a poor result or have a poor user experience

These “failures” are harder to monitor and remediate


How did we get there?
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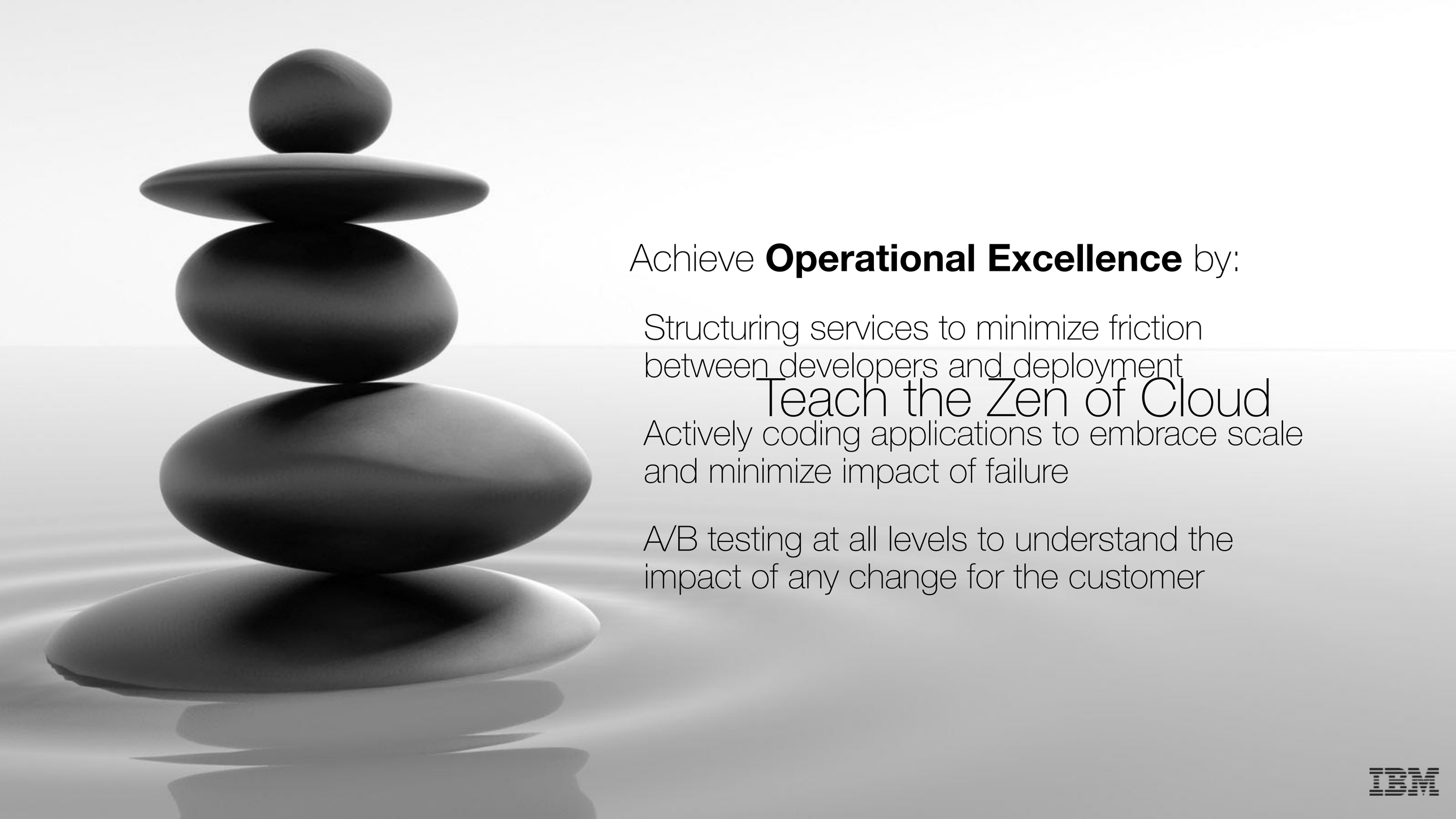

Achieve **Operational Excellence** by:

Structuring services to minimize friction between developers and deployment

Teach the Zen of Cloud

Actively coding applications to embrace scale and minimize impact of failure

A/B testing at all levels to understand the impact of any change for the customer

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Operational Excellence Checklist

Continuous Delivery and Integration: Changes delivered frequently with zero downtime

Best High Availability possible: No single point of failures, all components at least triple clustered

Automatic Recovery: Partial failure should be recovered by system

Elastic Scalability: Solution can scale out easily

Operational Visibility: Operators have live view of contextualized state of system

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Technical Approach

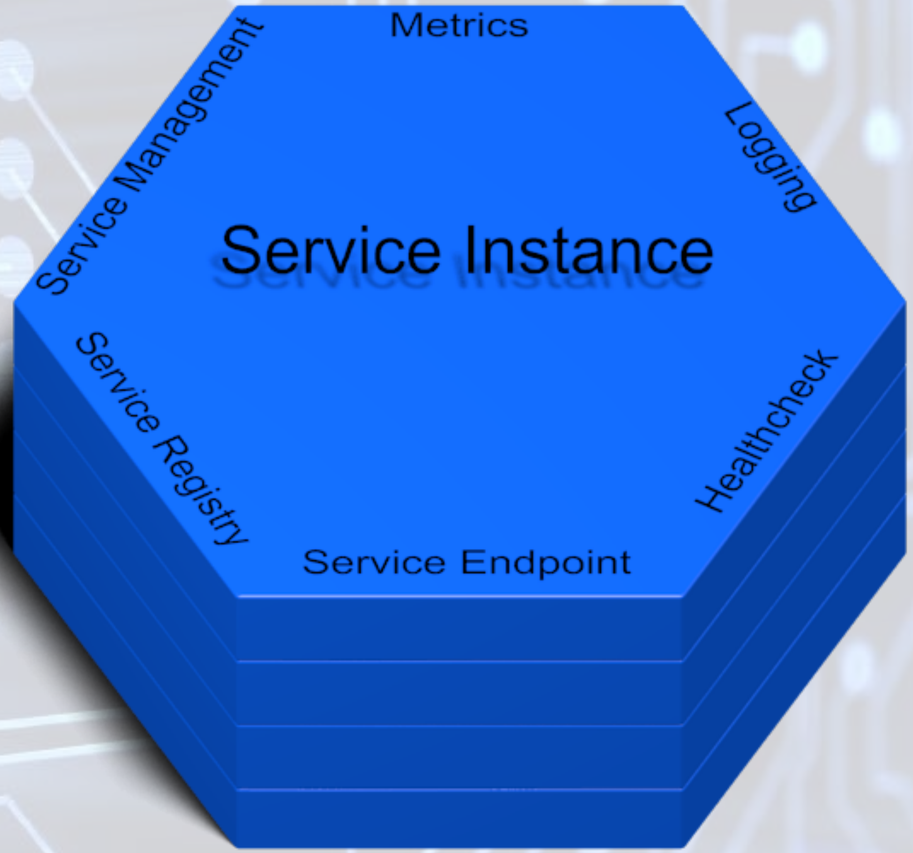
Standard Character of a Service Instance

Service Instances are ephemeral and immutable

Code and configuration are persisted at the time image is created

Future changes are made by deploying new instances

Service instances need to be either stateless or with the ability to scale up and down seamlessly



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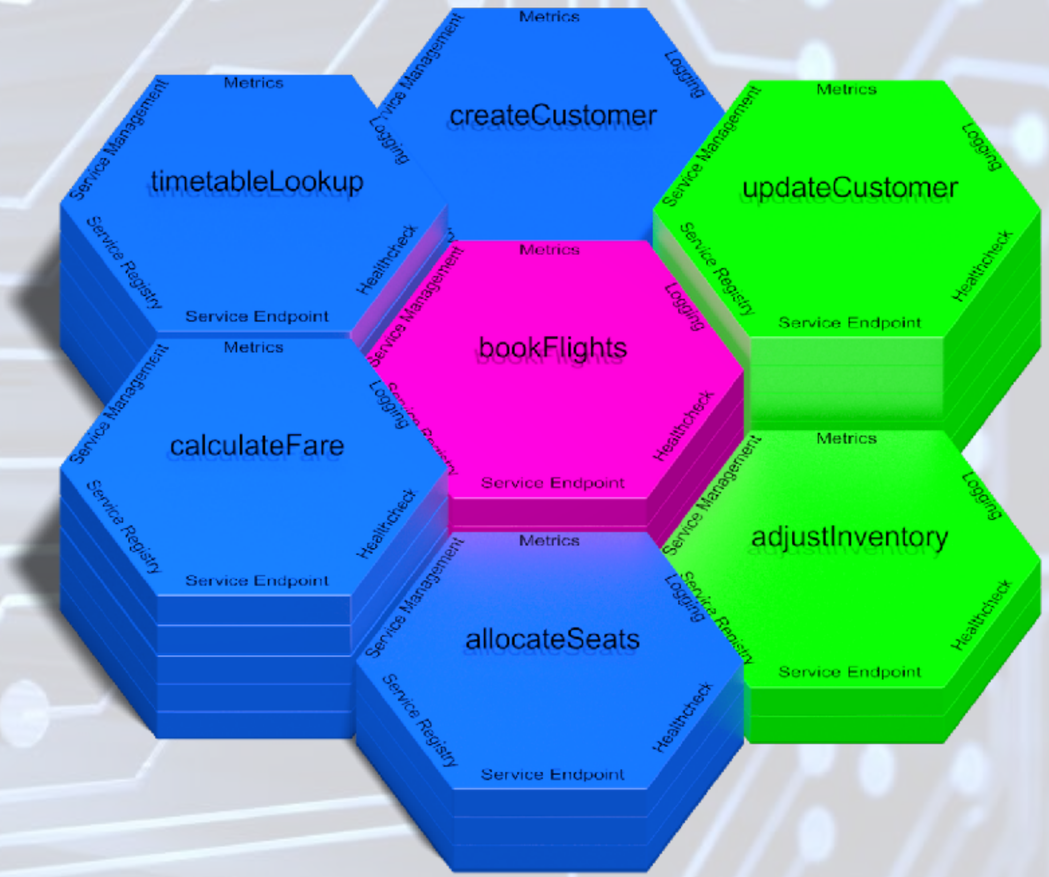
Microservices Architecture

Consists of a set of narrowly focused, independently deployable services

Used by Netflix, eBay & Amazon.

Each deployed service is managed and scaled separately

Embrace immutability of code, deployment states and environment



Microservices Architecture

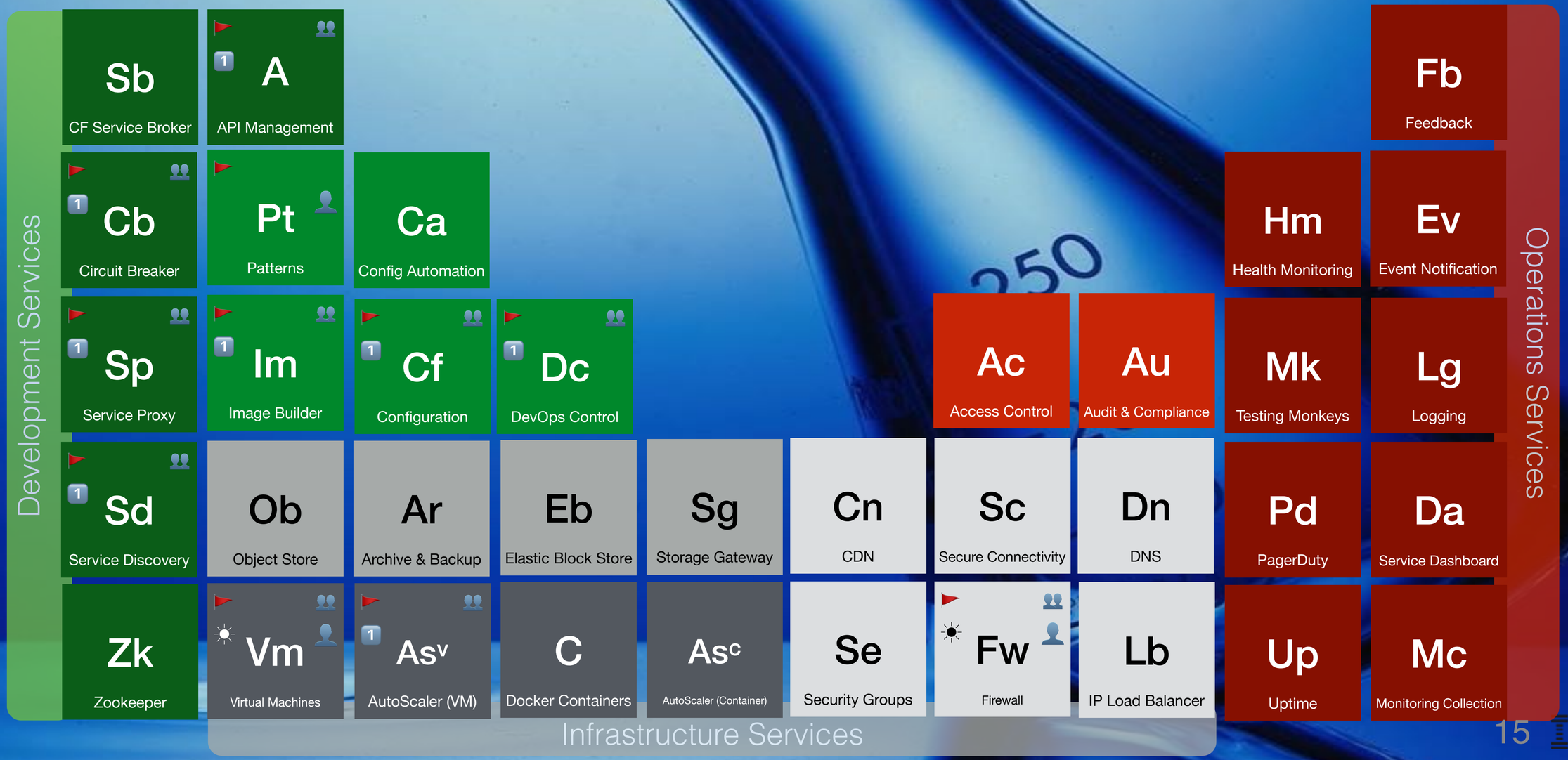
Benefits

- The size which allows developers to be most productive
- Easier to comprehend and test each service
- Correctly handle failure of any dependent service
- Reduces impact of correlated failures

Issues

- Monitoring and managing the complexity
- Teams need to agree the interfaces for each microservice
- Need to support multiple versions of each microservice api

Components of a Cloud Services Fabric



An Example - Watson

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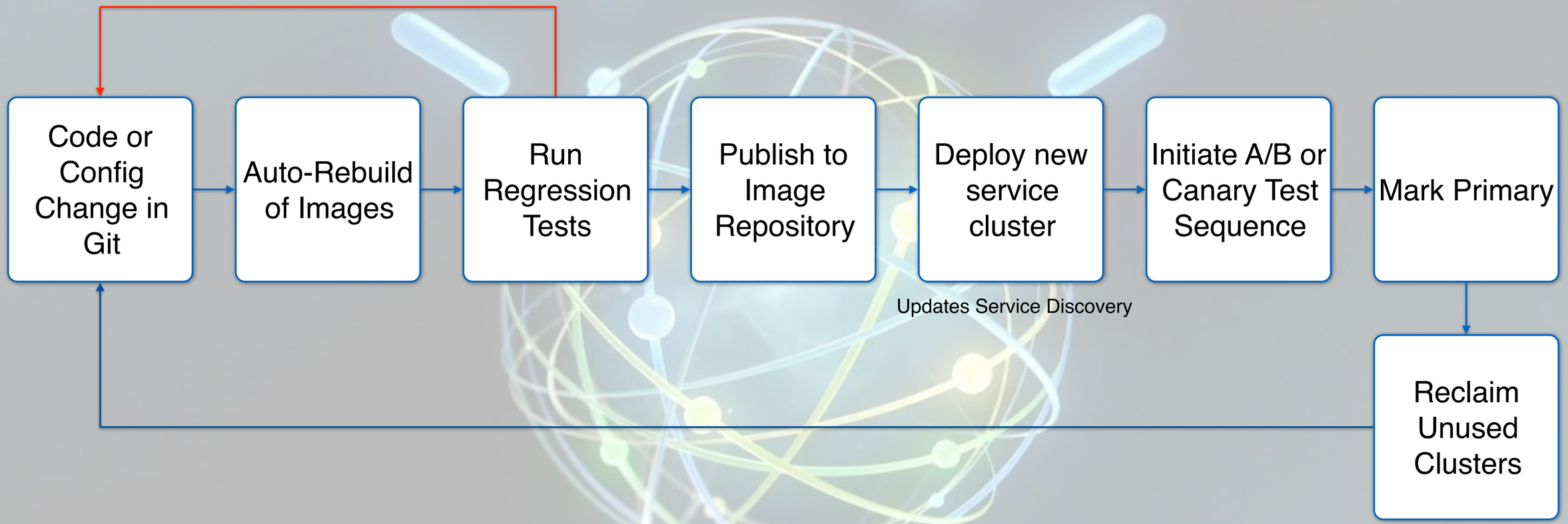
The Update Sequence



Active testing in production

A suite of tools called the **Simian Army**

Focused on managing & testing a cloud

Chaos Monkey

Will randomly terminate a server, during office hours to recreate outages

Chaos Gorilla

Will do the same thing to an availability zone or region

Janitor Monkey

Will sweep and mark unused resources

Owners notified, then removed

Conformity Monkey

Check instances are conforming to rules around security, software levels, coding standards etc.

Latency Monkey

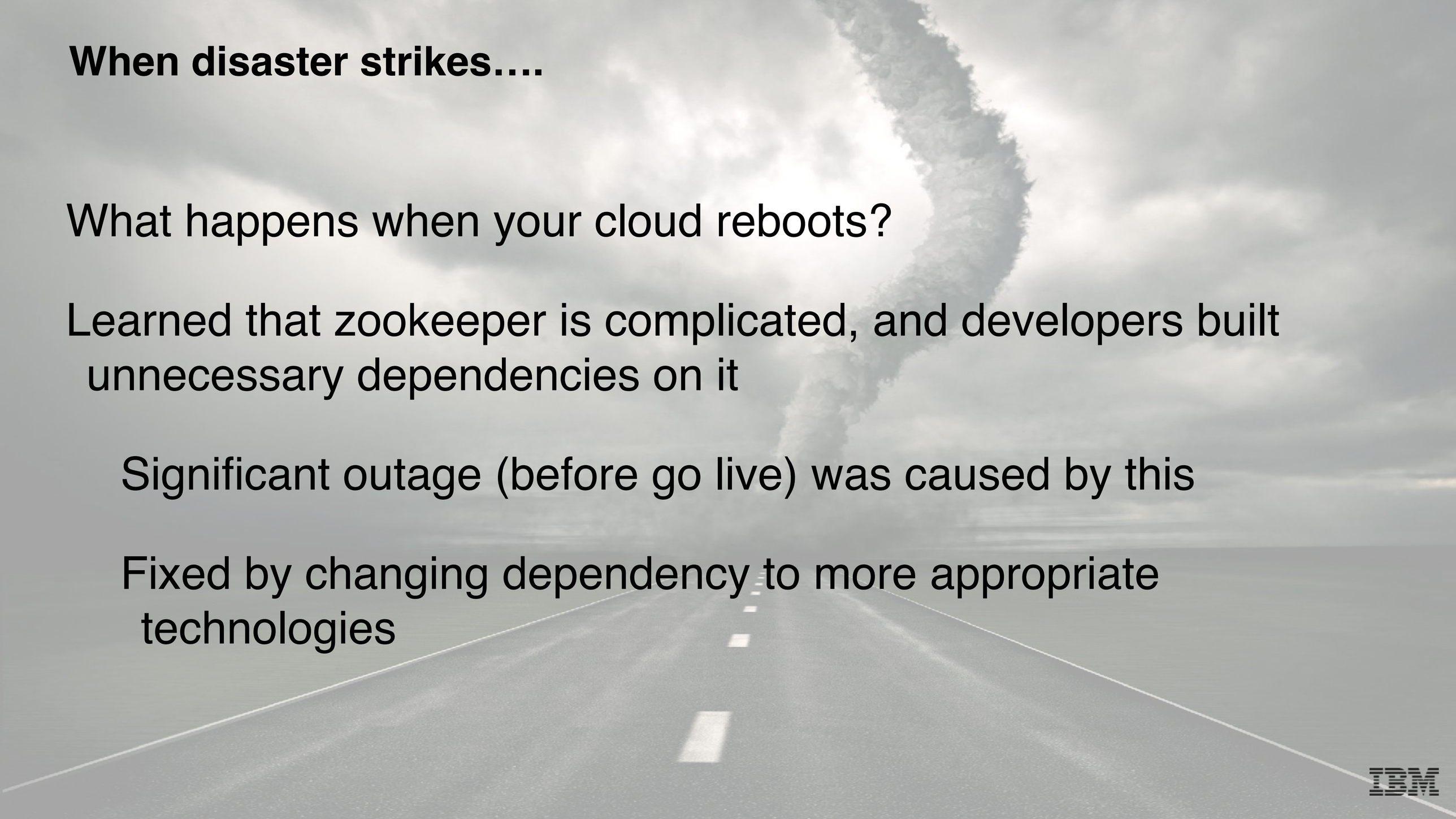
Will introduce latency into calls, to test handling of error conditions

When disaster strikes….

What happens when your cloud reboots?

Learned that zookeeper is complicated, and developers built unnecessary dependencies on it

- Significant outage (before go live) was caused by this
- Fixed by changing dependency to more appropriate technologies



Team Dynamics

Who Owns the Production Environment??
- Developers – some wanted, some didn't
- Operation
- Support

Our structure was a Development team with a small dedicated Ops team

Driving the Right Behaviors
- Developers carry the "pager"
- Developers have access to production environments
- Penalty Free Failure
- Transparency

Questions?