



The Adobe Experience Cloud DevOps Journey

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Our Mission



CLOUD
ENGINEERING

We empower
digital transformation
by accelerating the delivery of
**effective, secure, efficient,
quality cloud services**
to engineering partners and
customers worldwide

The Adobe Cloud Journey

Digital Media



Adobe Creative Cloud

Digital Experience



Adobe Document Cloud



Adobe Experience Cloud

10+ Years of Amazing Growth

Marketo
Magento

377T

84X
Growth

350T

300T

250T

200T

150T

100T

50T

OMNITURE® Day Demdex

4.5T

5T

6.5T

EfficientFrontier neolane

auditude

10.8T

16.6T

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TubeMogul
livefyre

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2009

2010

2011

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2013

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2016

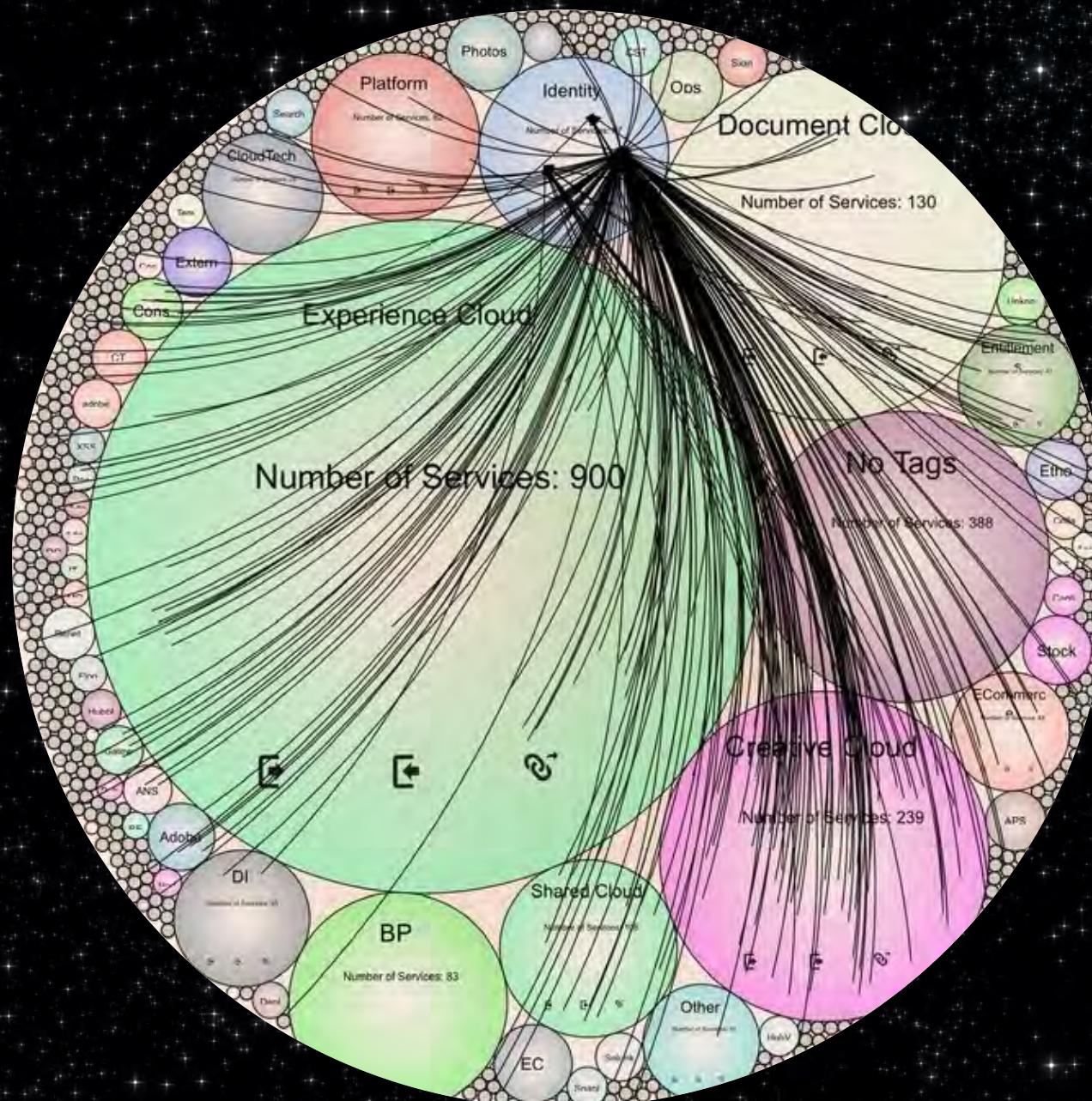
2017

2018

2019



Enterprise Cloud Solution



Adobe Experience Cloud Hosting



Symptoms Are Not a Diagnosis



STATUS

- ◆ Rapid growth
- ◆ Hundreds of interacting services
- ◆ Private and public cloud
- ◆ 100K+ servers spread across 80+ locations



SYMPTOMS

- ◆ Quality issues
- ◆ Ownership confusion
- ◆ Release schedules
- ◆ Conflicting goals



DIAGNOSIS

LACK OF ALIGNMENT
between Product, Operations & Engineering

Our DevOps “Why:” The Customer



SCALE



COLLABORATION



EFFICIENCY



RELIABILITY



How We Began

1

SET PRINCIPLES

- ◆ Living “manifesto”
- ◆ Start small and grow out
- ◆ Includes principles and process
- ◆ Buy-in from leaders and champions



2

BUILD A LIGHTHOUSE

- ◆ Choose 1 (or a few) products at first
- ◆ Work from a blank slate (if possible)
- ◆ Iterate and improve for 6 months before going broad



3

PUT SKIN IN THE GAME

- ◆ Everyone commits
- ◆ Everyone is responsible
- ◆ Everyone is measured on DevOps principles

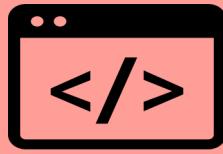


Unified Everything



Unified On-Call

- ◆ Engineering and Ops both alerted when there are problems
- ◆ 24x7 coverage
- ◆ Blameless post-mortems



Unified Code

- Everything is code and lives in one place:
- ◆ Product features
 - ◆ Testing & Config
 - ◆ Deployment
 - ◆ Documentation
 - ◆ Infrastructure



Unified Backlog

- ◆ One roadmap
- ◆ One set of priorities
- ◆ Quality automation
- ◆ Release automation

Adobe DevOps Tools



Measures service performance

Take TOP priority, including over product features

SERVICE LEVEL TARGETS



Signals showing current performance against SLT

SERVICE LEVEL INDICATORS



Amount of downtime / lowered performance level acceptable in a time period

ERROR BUDGET



Measure DevOps performance

Report via Dashboard

MEASURE & REPORT

Service Level Target (SLT)

WHAT IT IS

- ◆ Describes service level customer should expect for a service
- ◆ Key part of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between service provider and customer
- ◆ Top priority metric



HOW IT WORKS

- ◆ Anticipate and resolve issues before they impact customers
- ◆ Triggers appropriate response including automatic ticket and customer notification
- ◆ Drives Error Budget



ALERTS

- ◆ **SLT Warning:** Trigger appropriate response to avoid customer impact
- ◆ **SLT Violation:** Trigger alerts to Operations Center and auto-create problem ticket



Service Level Indicators (SLI)

SUCCESS RATE
(Errors)



RESPONSE TIME
(Latency)



THROUGHPUT
(Traffic)



CAPACITY UTILIZATION
(Saturation)



Error Budget



WHAT IT IS

Acceptable amount of downtime or lowered performance in a given time period (like a quarter)



WHY IT MATTERS

As long as there is an error budget remaining, new product features can be developed.



WHEN IT'S GONE

Focus on operational improvements that will help get the SLT's back on track

Measure & Report

DEFINE & MONITOR SLTS



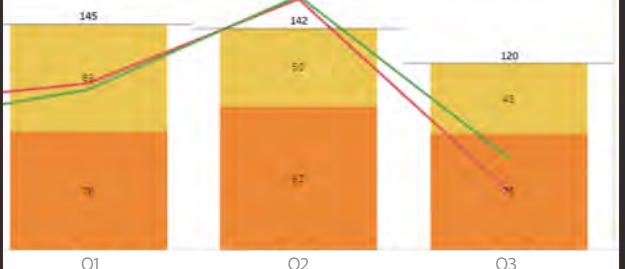
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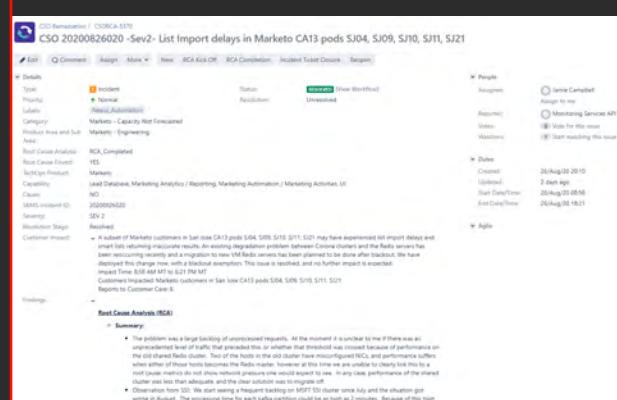
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PRIORITIZE QUALITY TICKETS



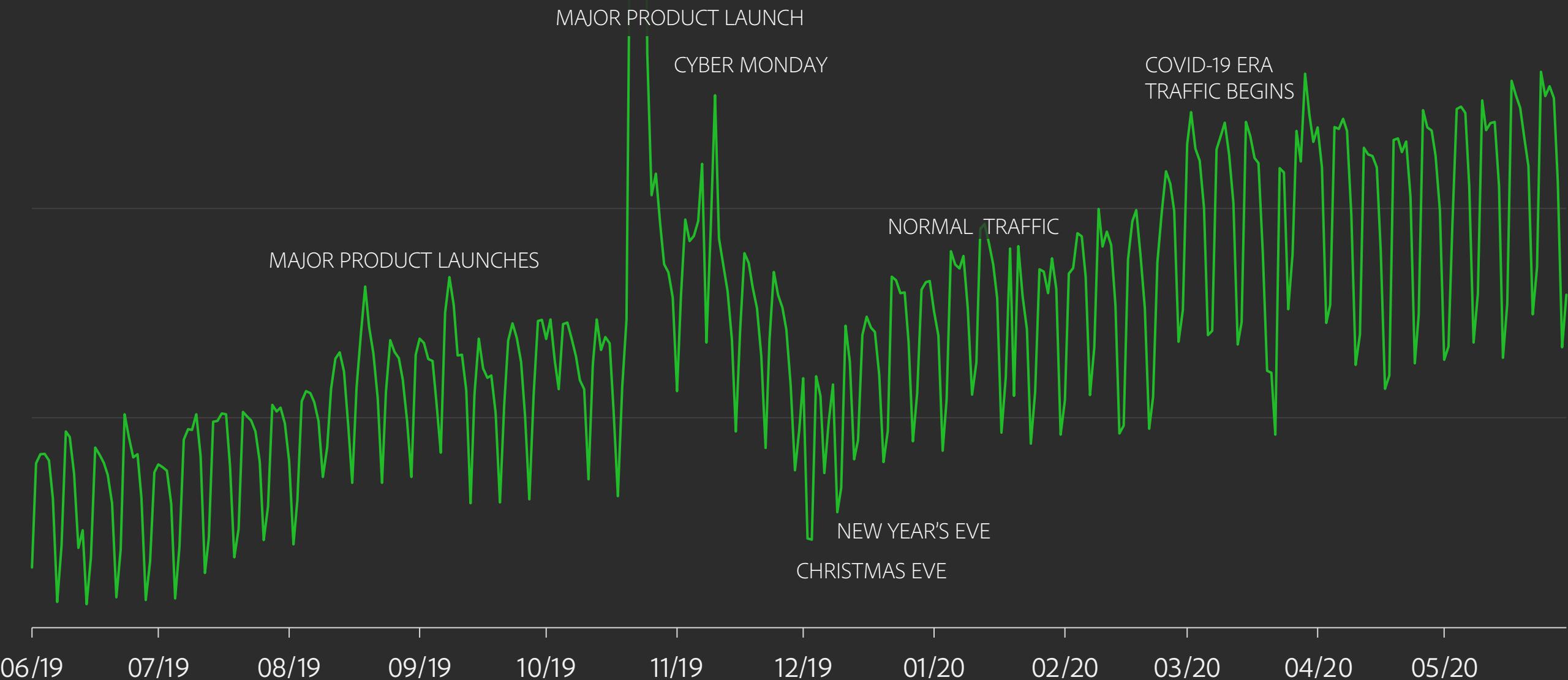
ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS



CHANGE QUALITY



The New Normal



Measure & Adapt



WHAT CHANGED

- ◆ **Emphasis on observability:**
Additional emphasis on measuring customer experience
- ◆ **New alerts and response processes**
- ◆ **Auto-remediation** wherever possible



WHAT STAYS

- ◆ **Principles:** Customer experience stays our “why”
- ◆ **Emphasis on measurement**
- ◆ **Accountability:** Between engineering, operations, and product
- ◆ **SLTs, SLIs** are more important

MANDATE?



OR MOVEMENT?



Mandate **AND** Movement

EXECUTIVE

- ◆ VP Engineering & VP CloudEng & Ops initiate program
- ◆ DevOps drumbeat throughout year
- ◆ Prioritize DevOps initiatives



LEADERSHIP

Paired DevOps Resources:
Americas | EMEA | APAC



CHAMPIONS

120+ DevOps Champions from both disciplines around the world

First Steps



Find your motivation, your WHY

Get alignment with Engineering and Operations leadership

Find your champions: Experts within the orgs who will build & maintain momentum

Build a lighthouse

This is a living process: Expect, embrace, and measure change

Thank you



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