

Establishing SRE Foundations: Aligning the Organization on Operational Concerns using SRE Team Topologies

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Healthcare is in dire need of digital transformation

+48%

year by year **growth** in healthcare **data**¹

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+25%

of IoT devices per year but
90% of healthcare data is lost.²

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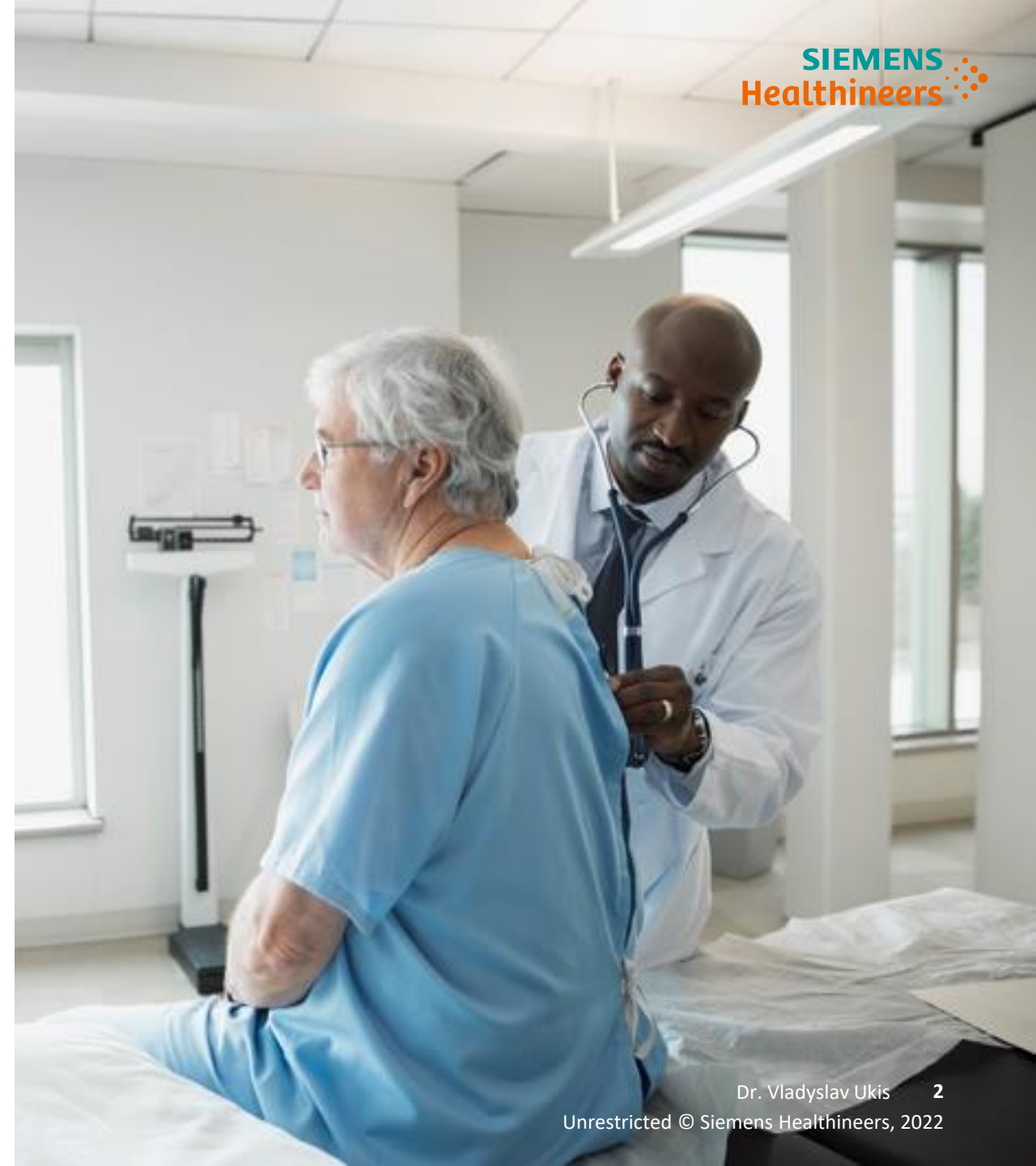
1 in 3

hospitals in US were **able to electronically find, send, receive, and integrate patient information** from another provider.³

1 Health IT Analytics: Big Data to See Explosive Growth, Challenging Healthcare Organizations (2018);

2 Statista Research Department. (2016, May 26). Healthcare IoT device installations: global estimates 2020. Retrieved April 19, 2020, from <https://www.statista.com/statistics/735810/healthcare-iot-installations-global-estimate>;

3 Pronovost, P. J. (Ed.). (2018). Procuring interoperability: achieving high quality, connected, and person-centered care. NAM. EDU.



Being platform-enabled is the entry point to healthcare digital transformation by empowering connectedness

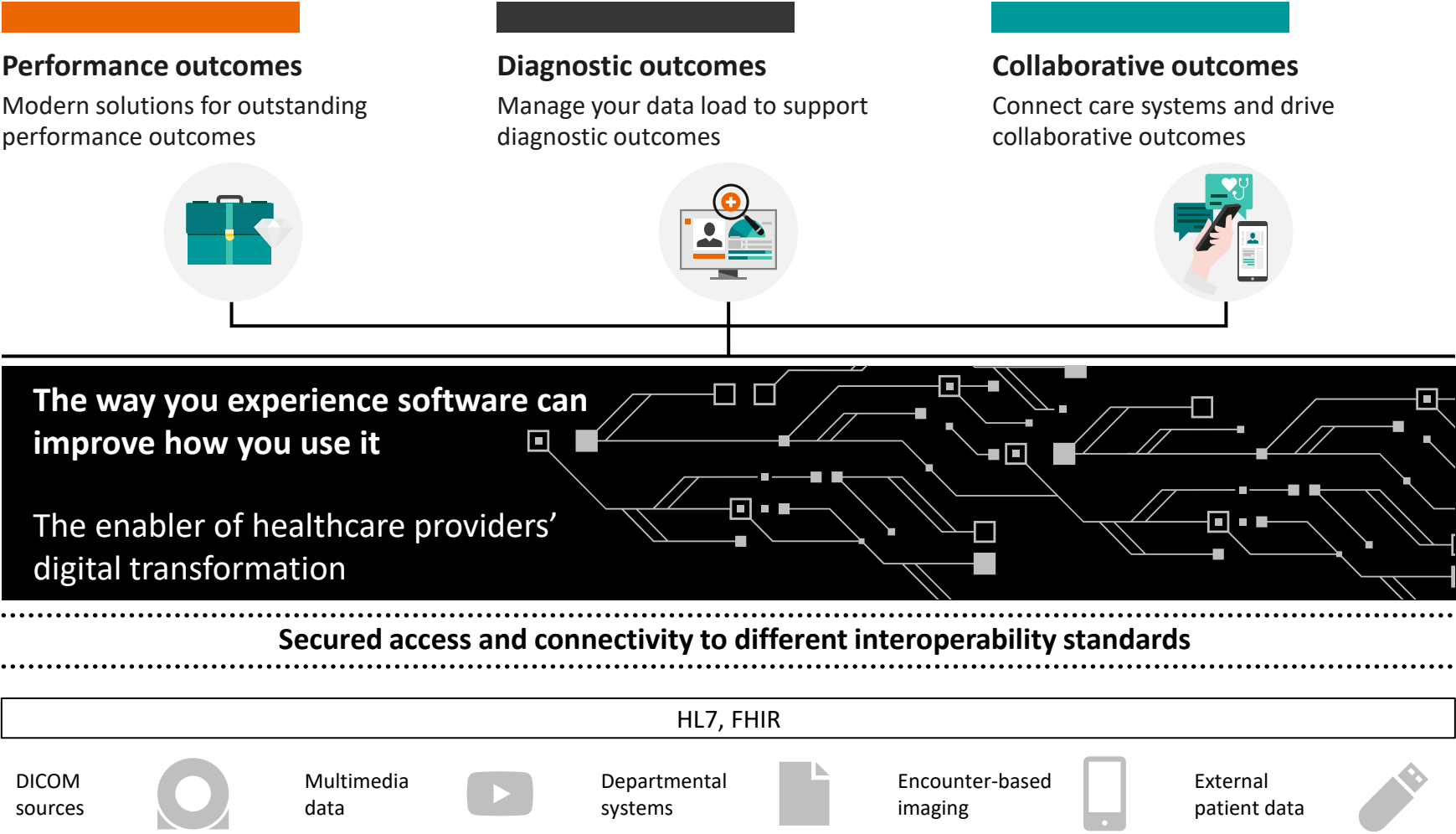
Outcomes Layer

Solutions from Siemens Healthineers and curated partners in three areas

Platform Enabled

More than **6,500** connected institutions in more than **≥90** countries

Data Layer



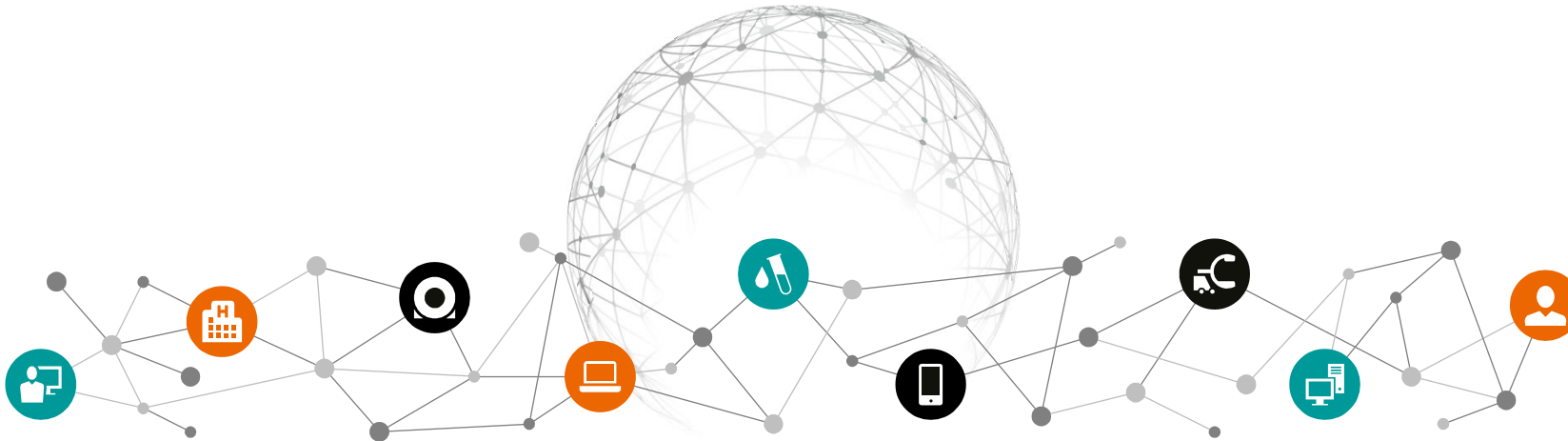
Siemens Healthineers teamplay digital health platform

Access to **75+** applications developed by Siemens Healthineers and curated partners – with apps for **clinical use** or dedicated to **performance management**

One platform to integrate **digital solutions** for operational, clinical, and shared decision support into clinical routines

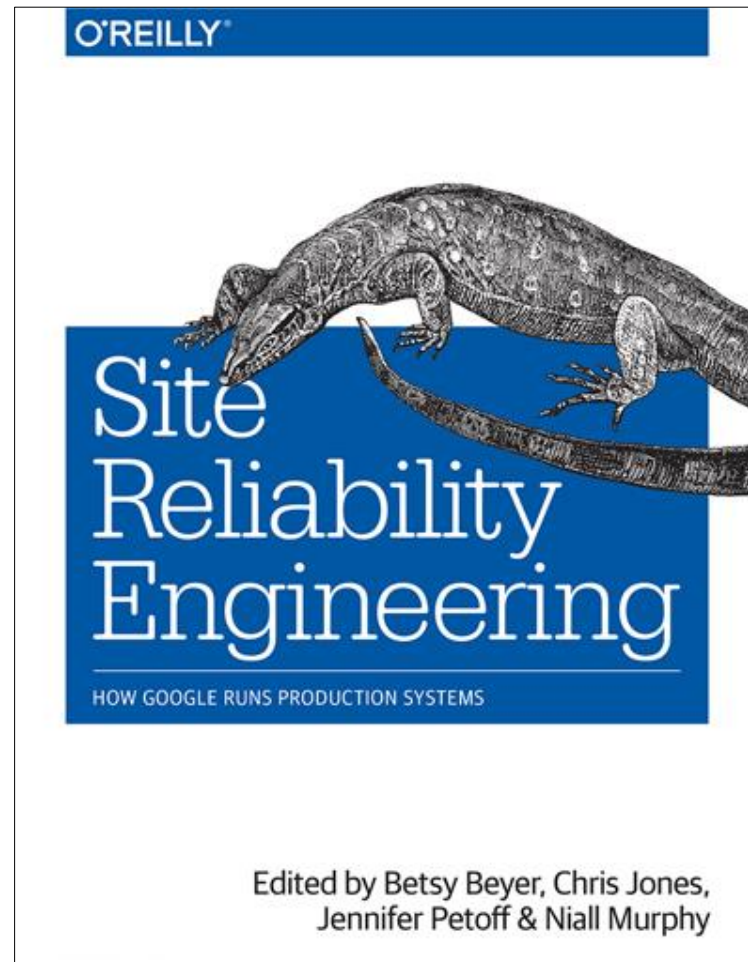
3 innovative and flexible software deployments via **cloud, on-edge, or hybrid** to serve specific use cases and grow with your needs

A growing network of **6,500+** institutions in more than **90 countries** connected to our teamplay digital health platform



How to operate the platform?

A way suggested by Google



1. Operations is a software problem
2. Manage by Service Level Objectives (SLOs)
3. Work to minimize toil
4. Automate this year's job away
5. Move fast by reducing the cost of failure
6. Share ownership with developers
7. Use the same tooling, regardless of function or job title

How to organize to fulfill the principles?

SRE Myth:

SRE can only be done with a central SRE team

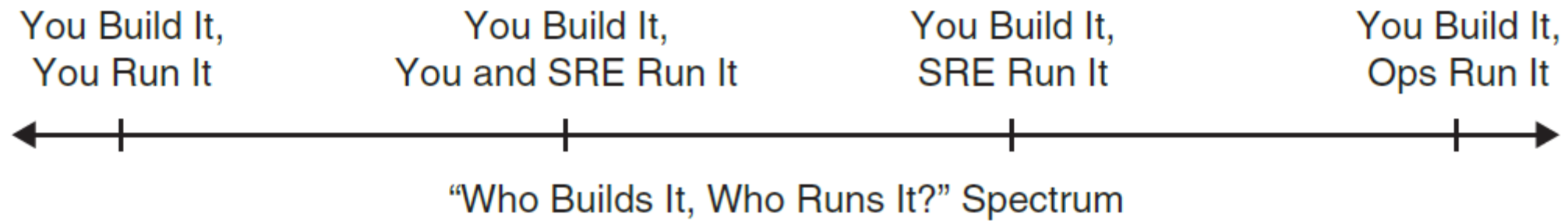
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Let us explore step-by-step

1. Clarify:

Who Builds It, Who Runs It?

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2. Consider: Reliability Incentives

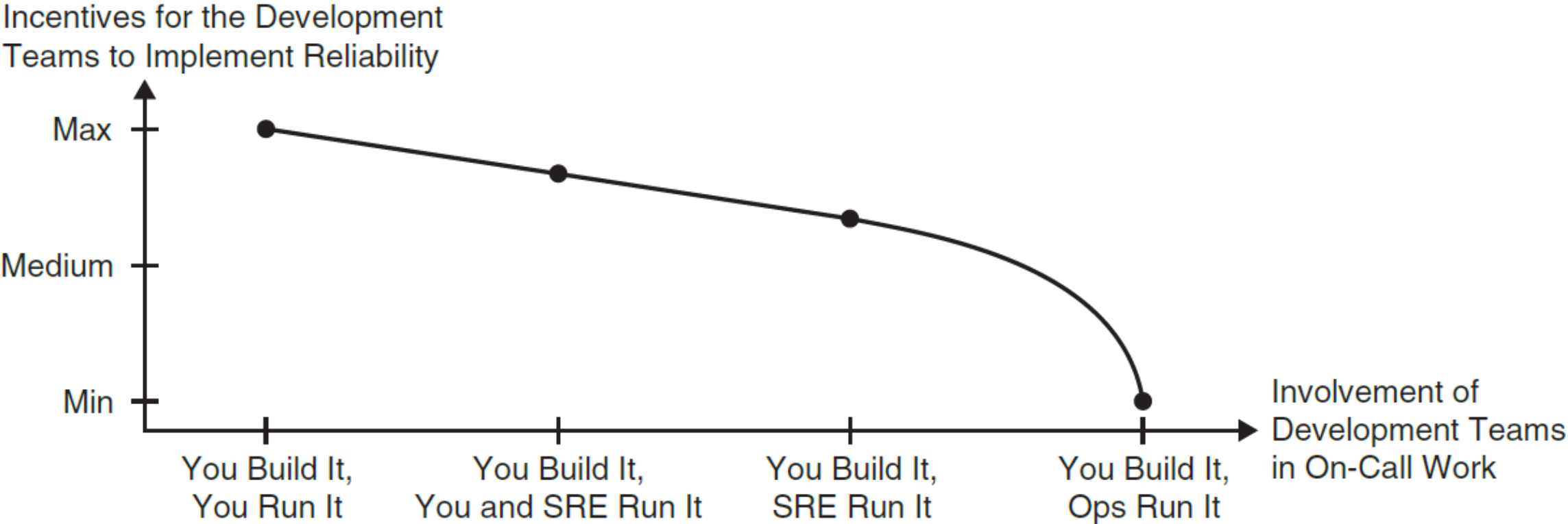


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Skin in the game of running services for developers

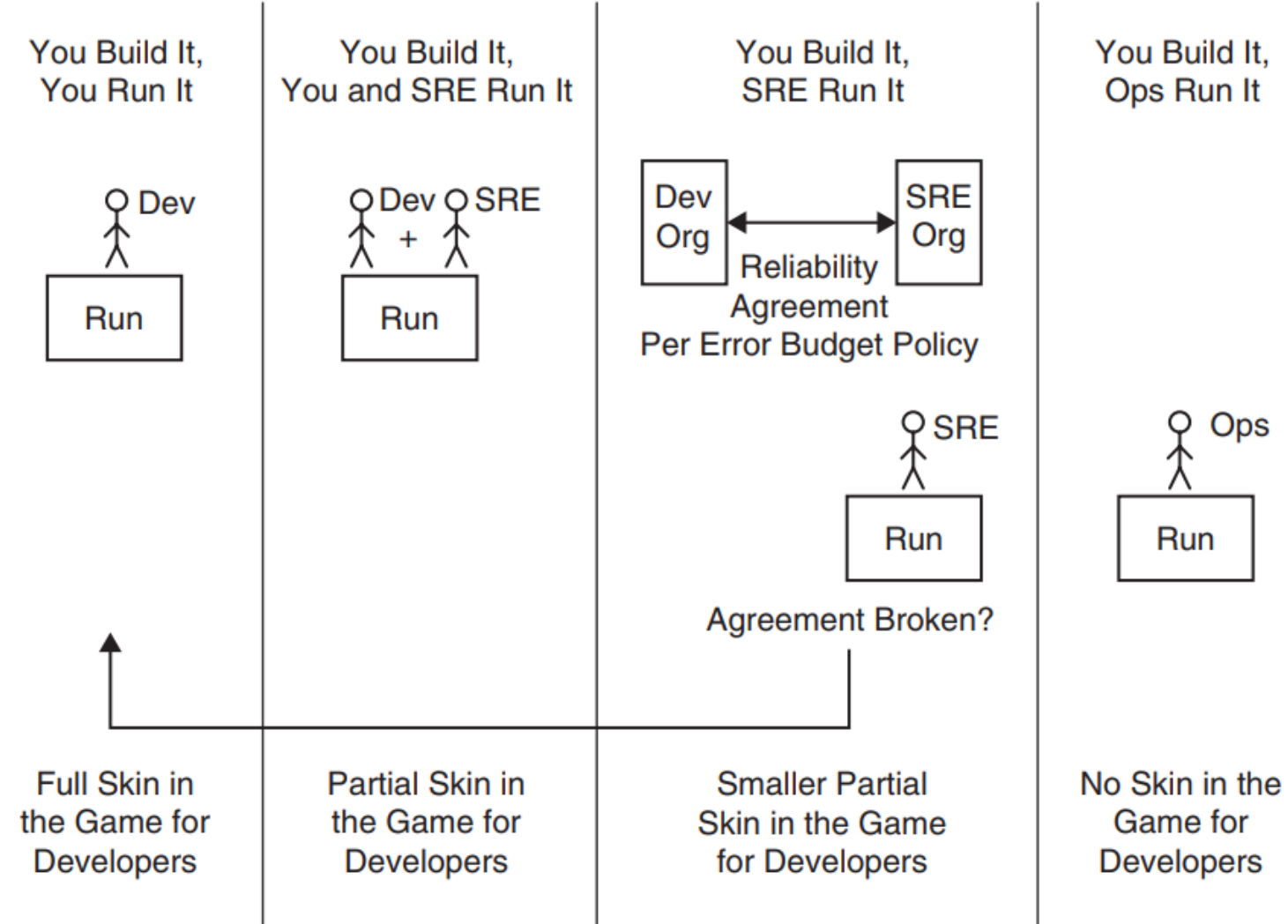


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3. Compare: The models from the spectrum

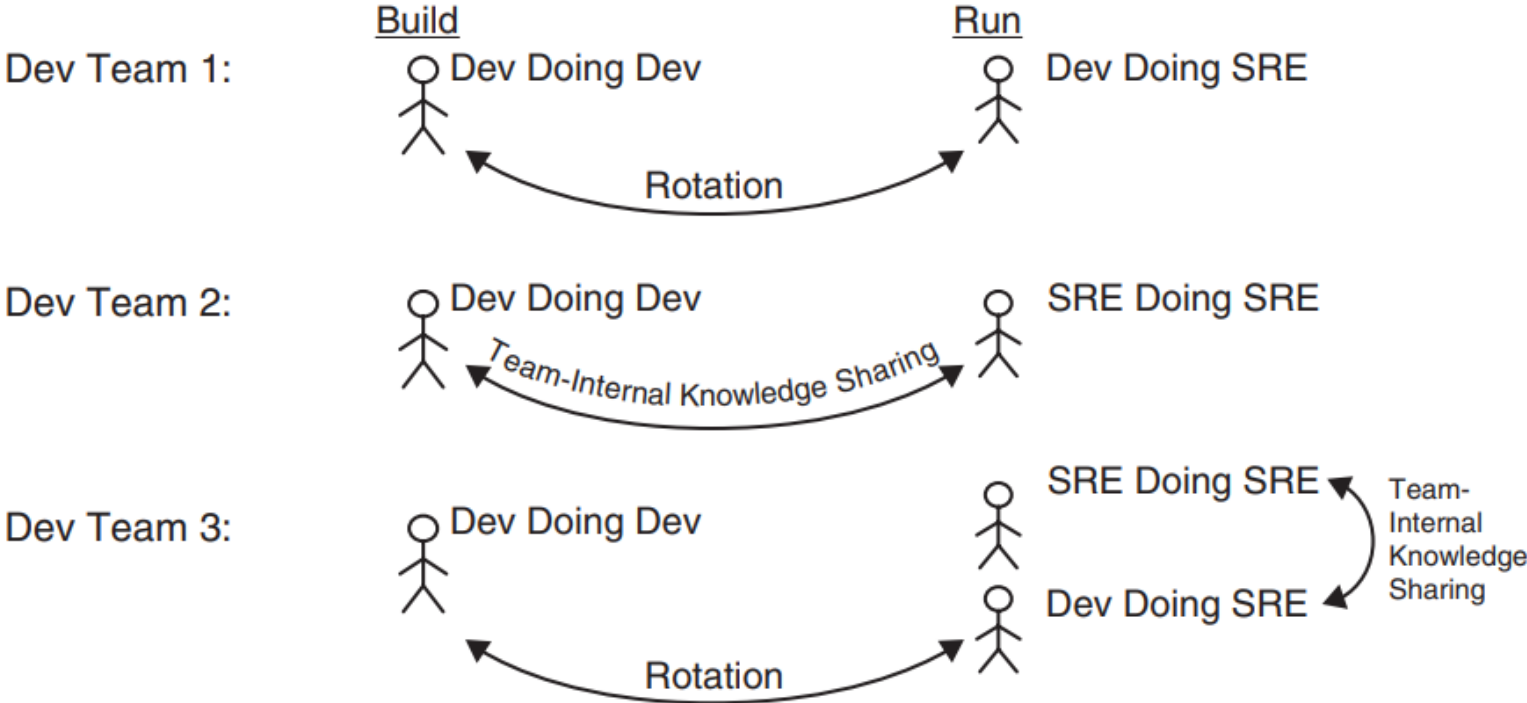
Model comparison from “Who Builds It, Who Runs It” spectrum

| Criterion | You Build It, You Run It | You Build It, You and SRE Run It | You Build It, SRE Run It | You Build It, Ops Run It |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Involvement of the development teams in the on-call work | Max | Continuous | None if services within error budgets | None |
| Knowledge synchronization between teams | None | Partially required | Required | Not practical |
| Incident resolution times | Min | Short | Short | Max |
| Service handover for operations | Not applicable | Partially required | Required | Required |
| Establishment of a distinct SRE organization | Not applicable | May be an option | May be an option | Not applicable |
| Ownership of the SRE infrastructure | Ops org | Either SRE or ops org | Either SRE or ops org | Ops org |
| Availability targets and product demand | Highest targets and demand | Highest targets and demand | Highest targets and demand | Lower targets and demand |
| Funding | CAPEX | CAPEX | CAPEX | OPEX |
| Cost | High | High | High | Low |

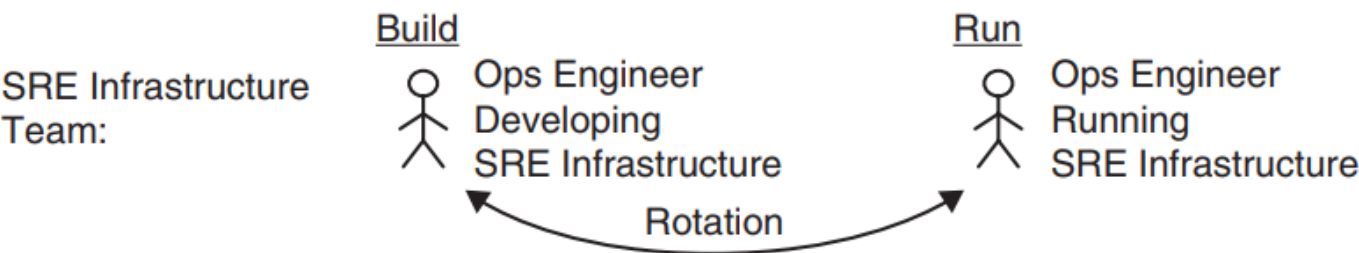
4. Analyze: SRE Team Topologies

You build it, you run it

Development Organization

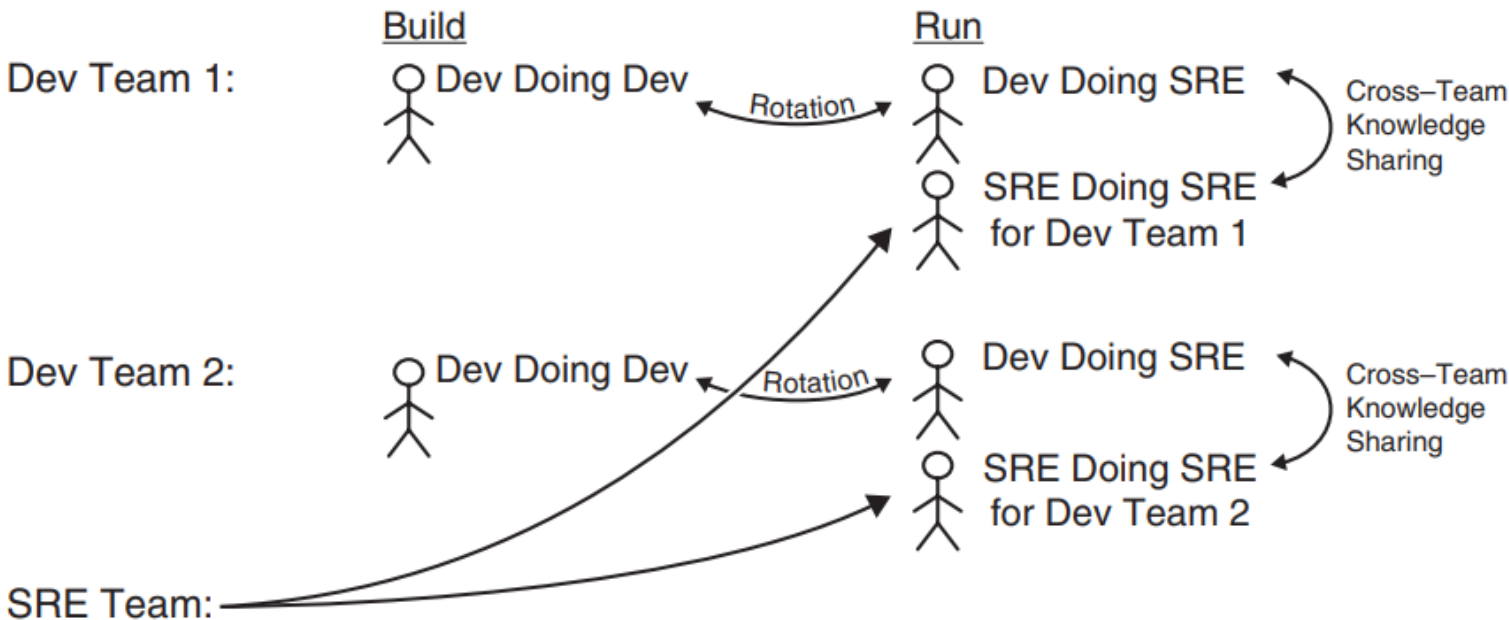


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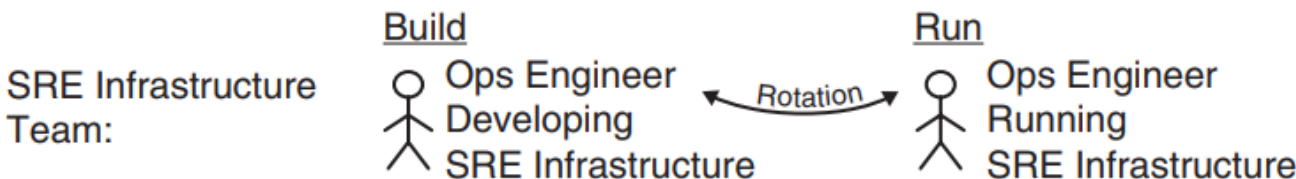


You build it, you and SRE run it: SRE team within Dev Org

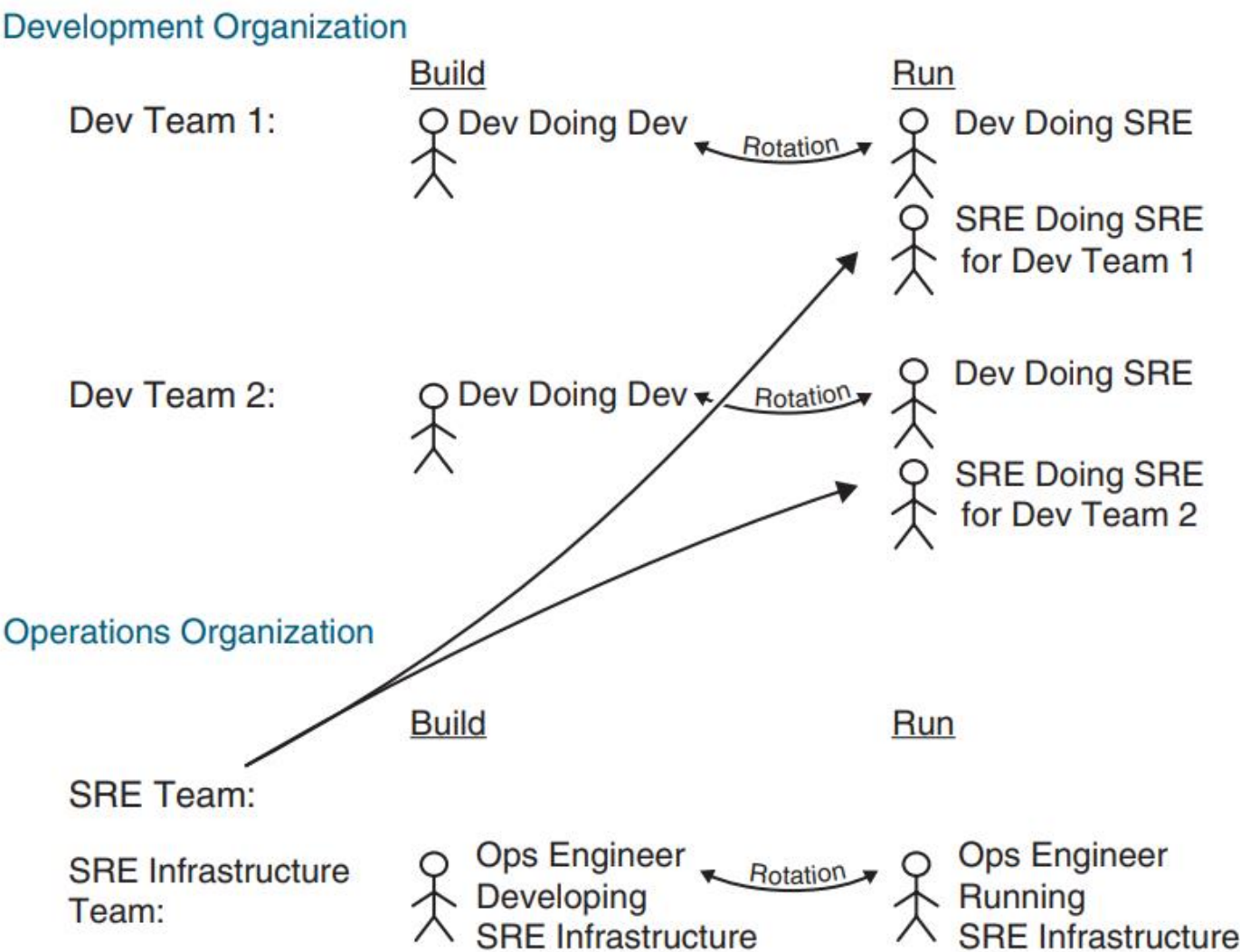
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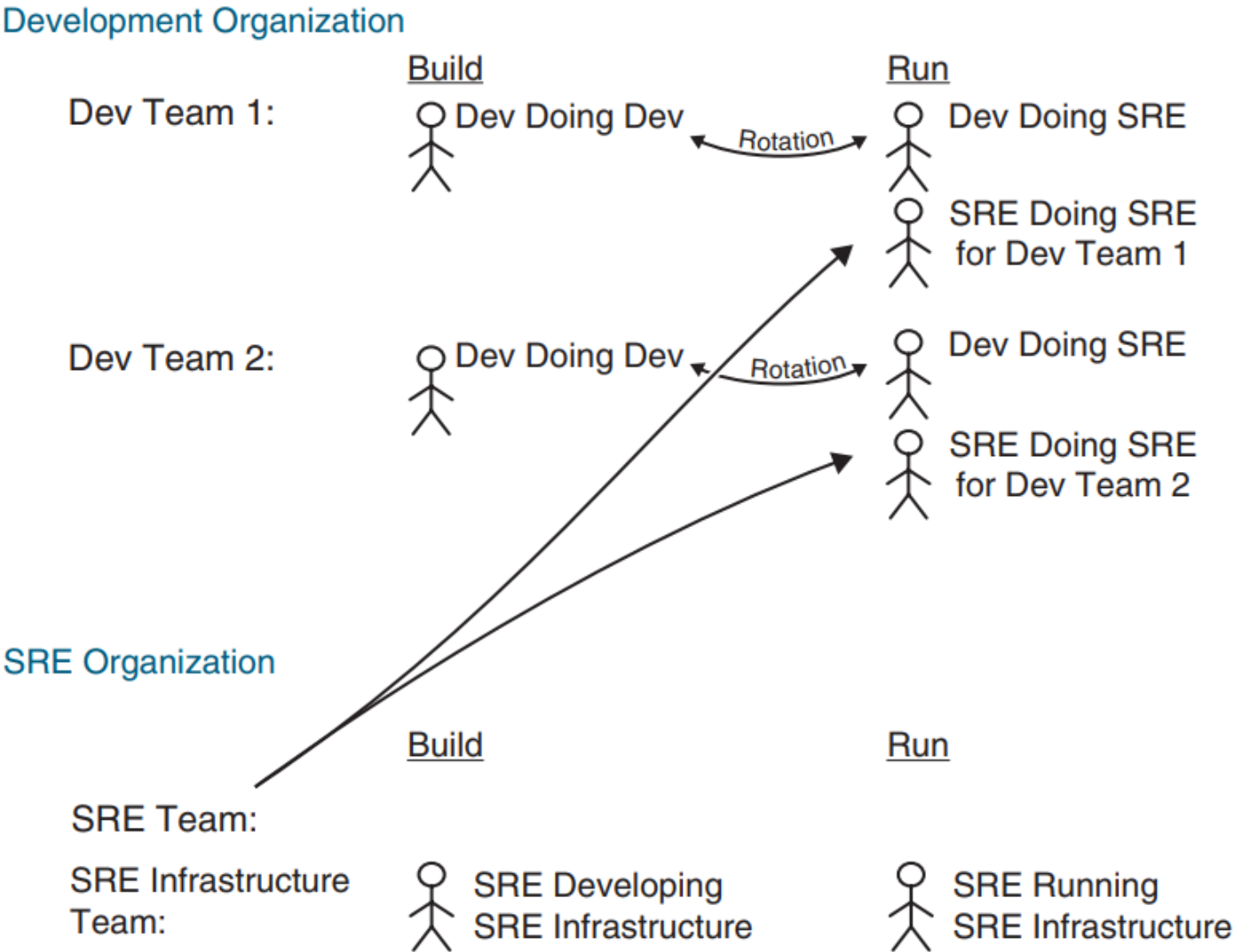
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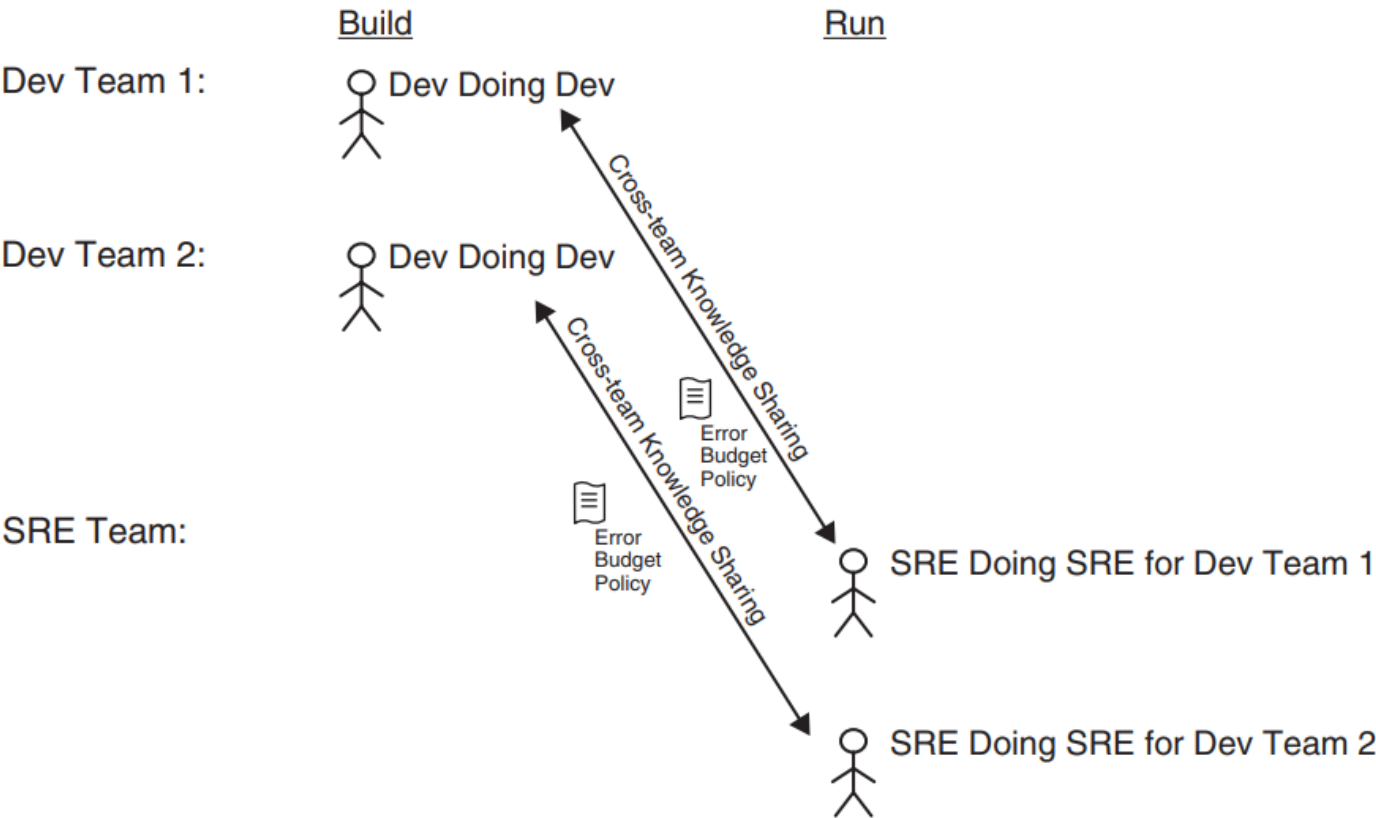


You build it, you and SRE run it: SRE team in a dedicated SRE Org



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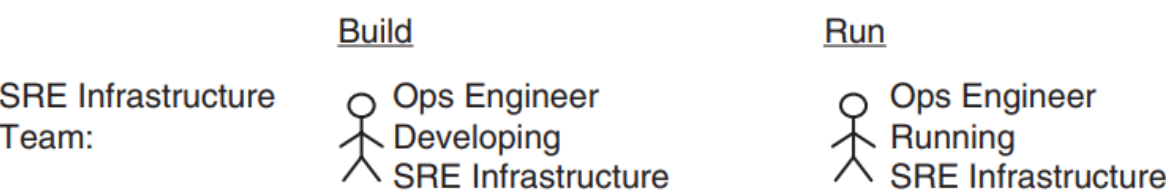
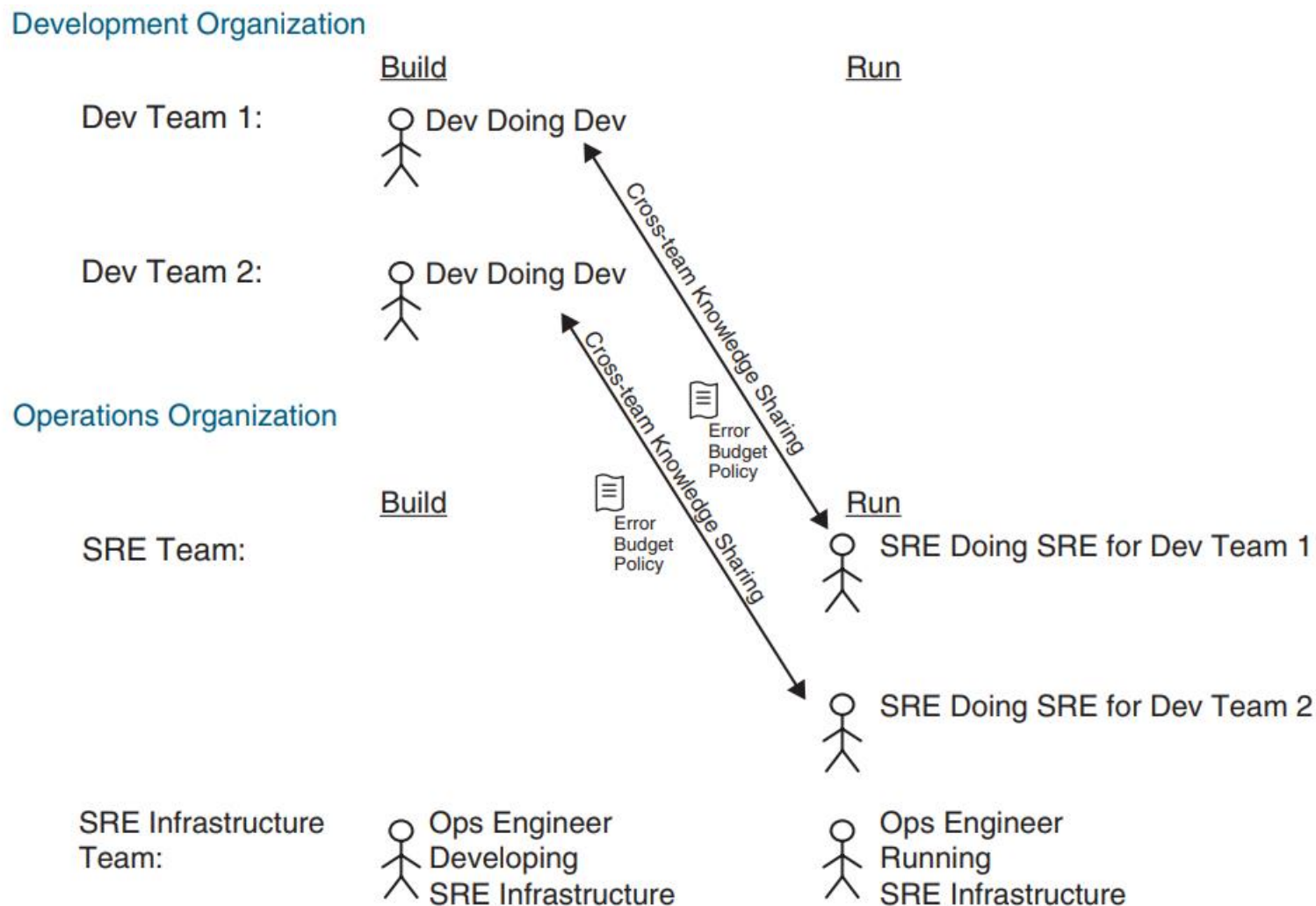


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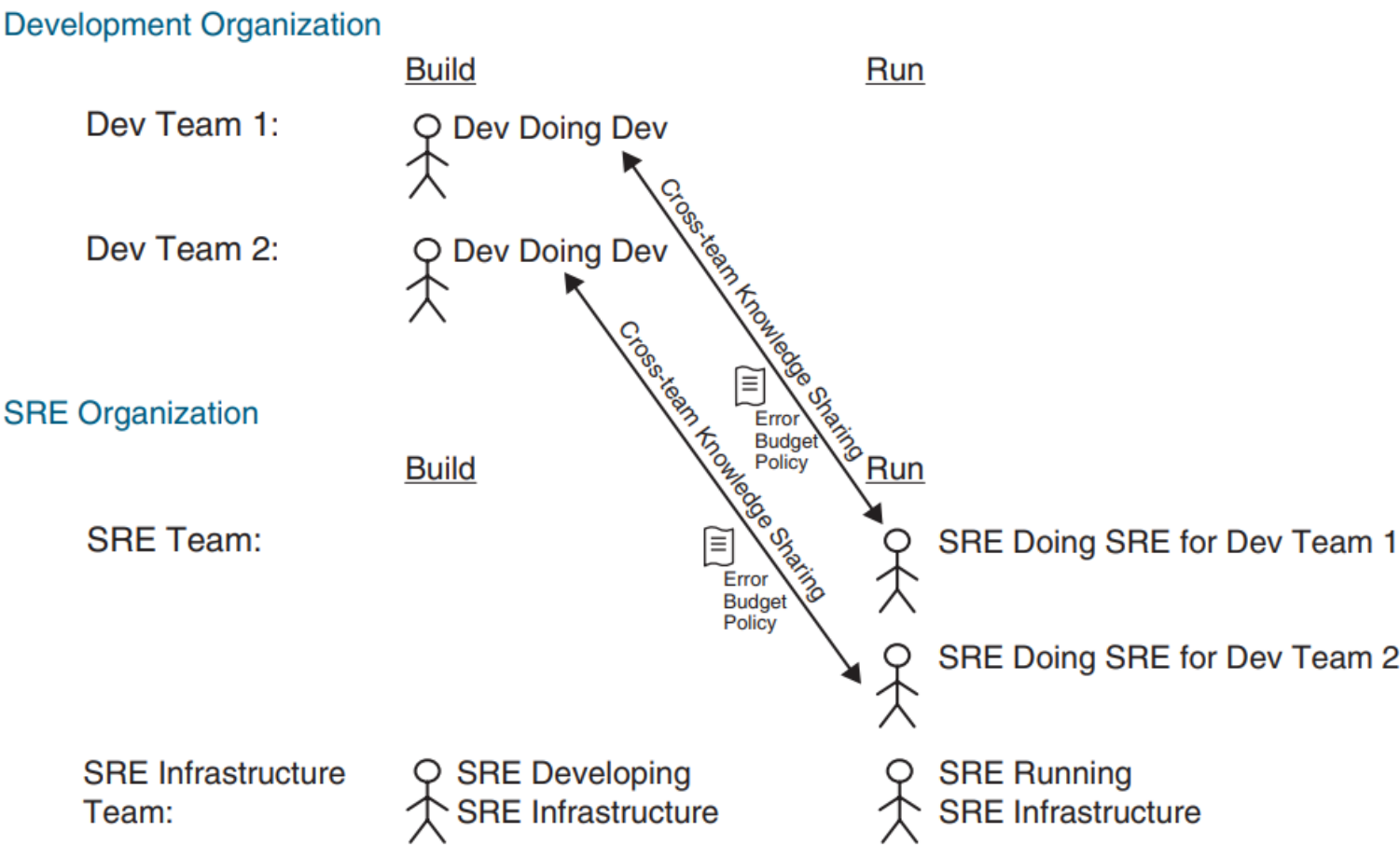
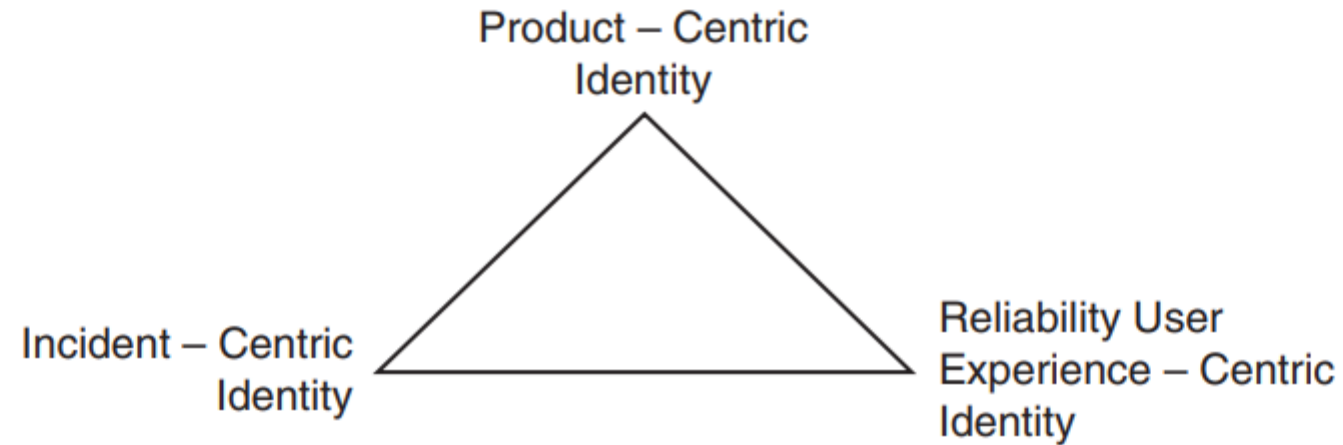


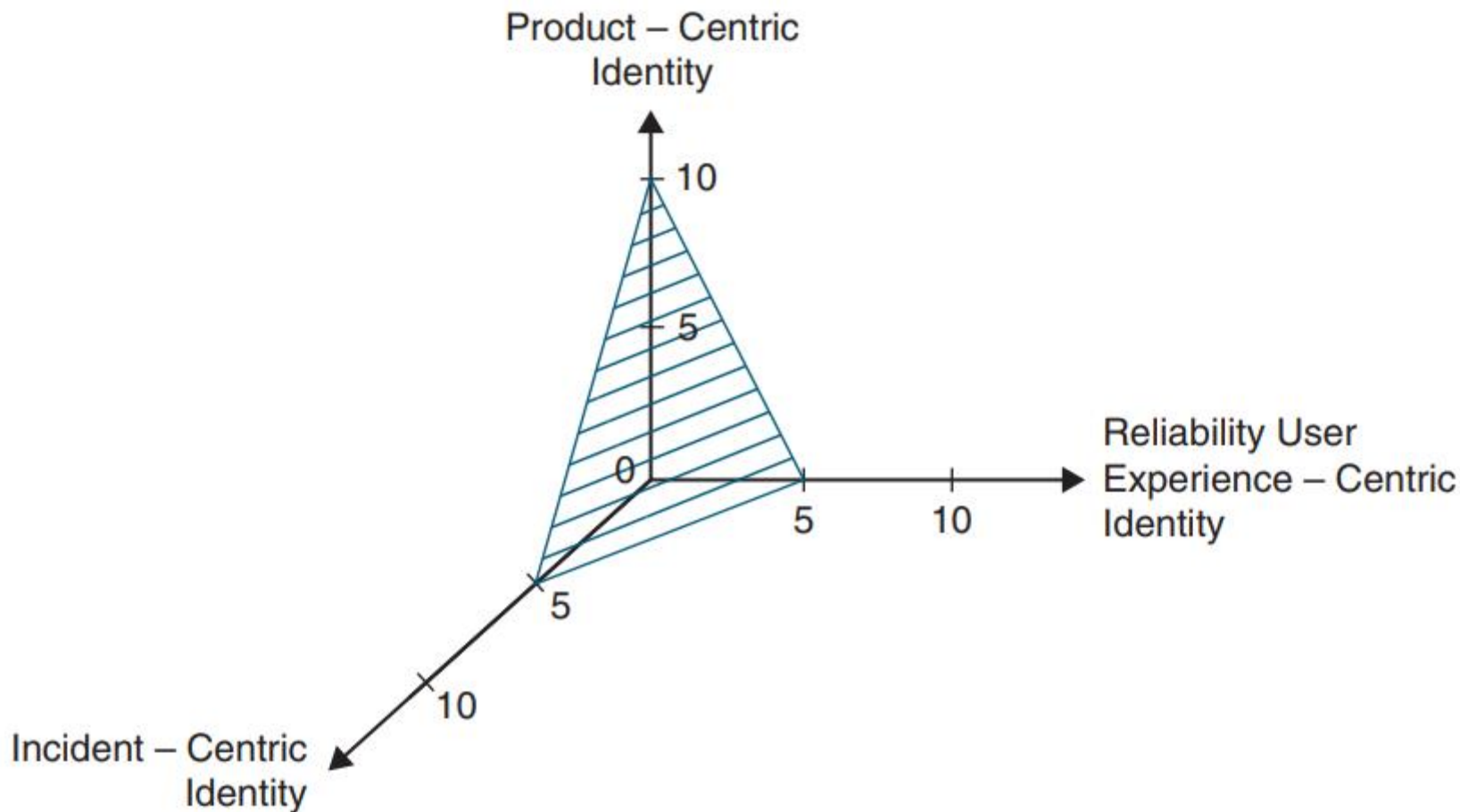
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5. Inspire: SRE Identity

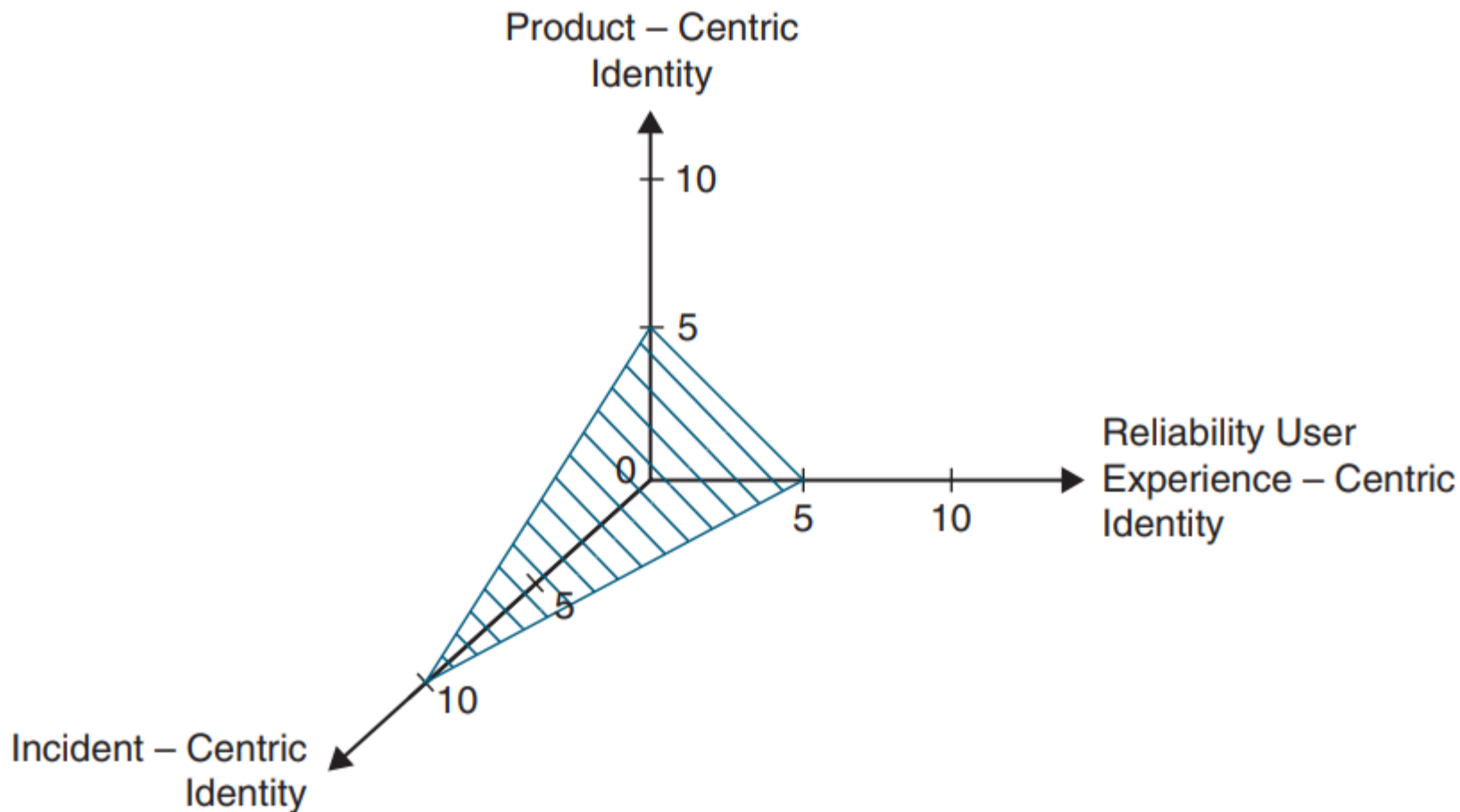
SRE identity triangle



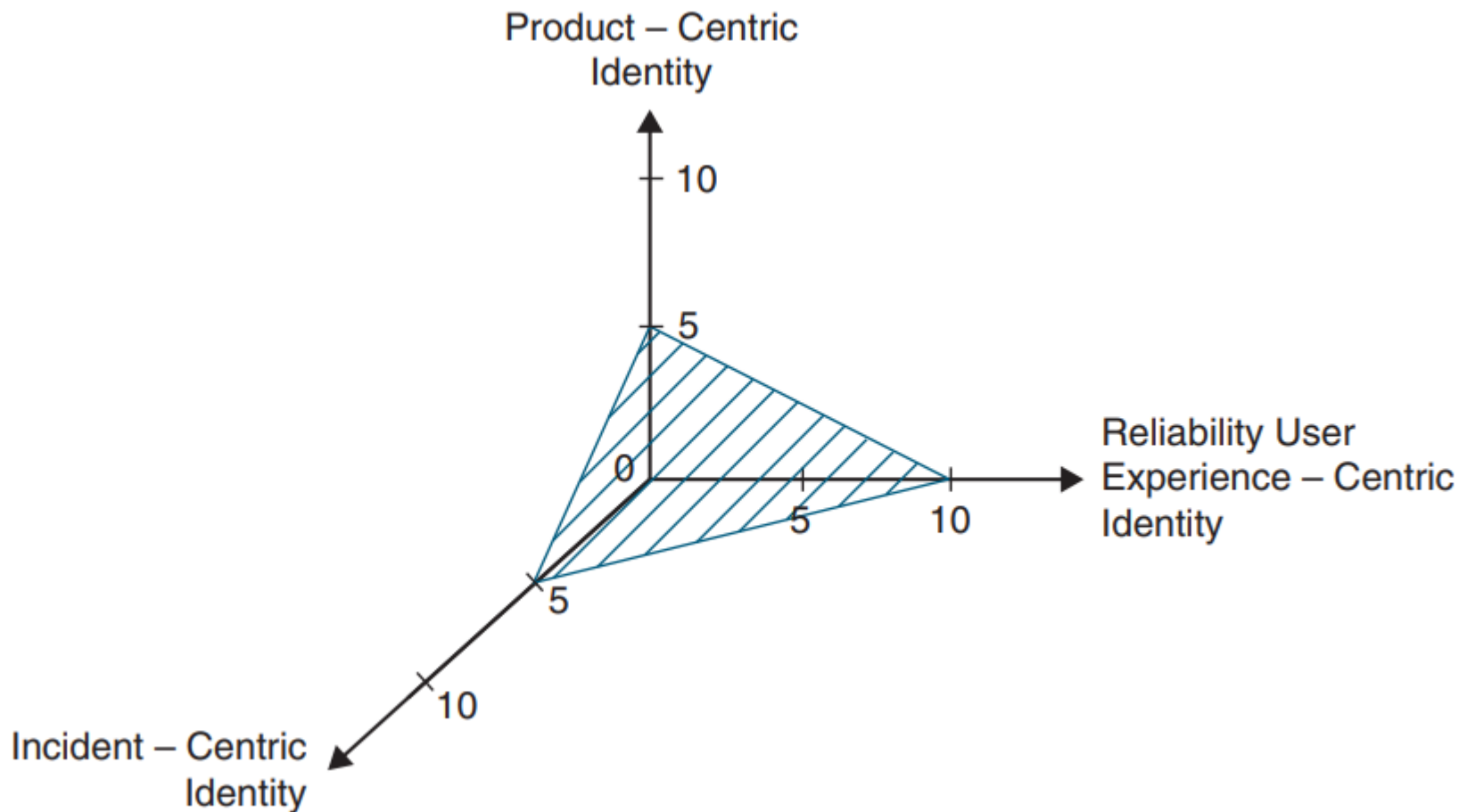
Product-centric SRE identity within Dev Org



Incident-centric SRE identity within Ops Org



Reliability user experience-centric SRE identity within SRE Org



SRE team identity and pride

| SRE Team Placement in the Product Delivery Organization | SRE team within the development organization | SRE team within the operations organization | SRE team in a dedicated SRE organization |
|---|--|---|--|
| Team Identity and Pride | Might be product-specific | Might be incident-specific | Might be specific to user experience in terms of reliability |

SRE team KPIs

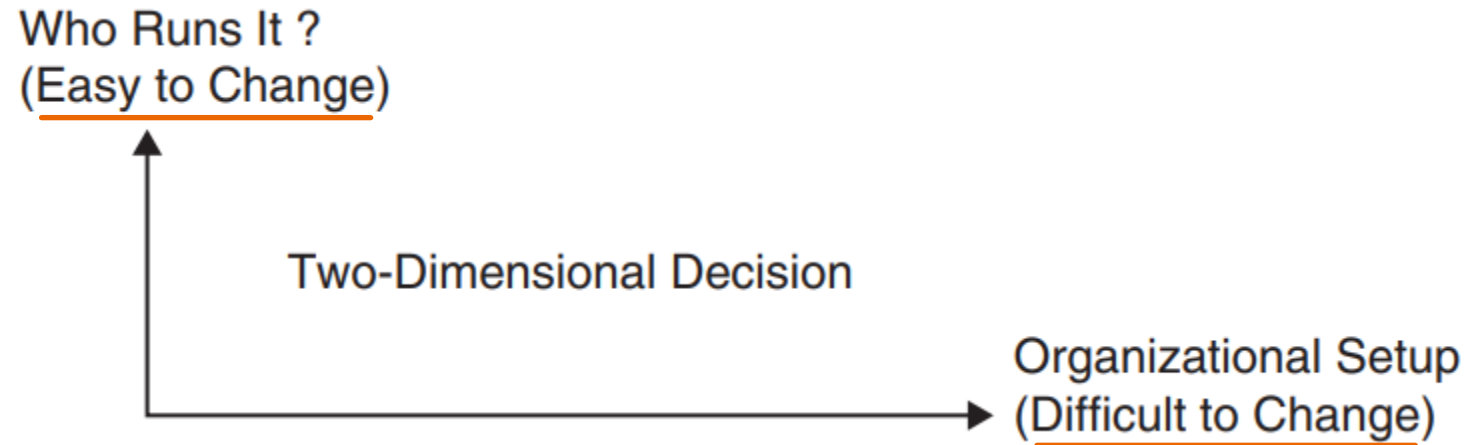
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| SRE team KPIs | Rooted in products under development | Rooted in incidents | Rooted in reliability user experience |
| Example KPI 1 | 97% of customer complaints about product A are not related to reliability. | Mean time between failures (MTBF) is less than two weeks. | 90% of supported services are within error budgets. |
| Example KPI 2 | NPS score of at least 75 for product B | Mean time to recovery (MTTR) from an incident is less than a day. | 95% of incidents with supported services consume less than 30% of the monthly error budget. |
| Example KPI 3 | Reliability engineering implemented in new product C from the outset | Number of incidents is on a decline quarterly, | 95% of customer complaints for supported services are not related to reliability. |

6. Decide:

Select a model, transit and set up the org

Model Transition Options

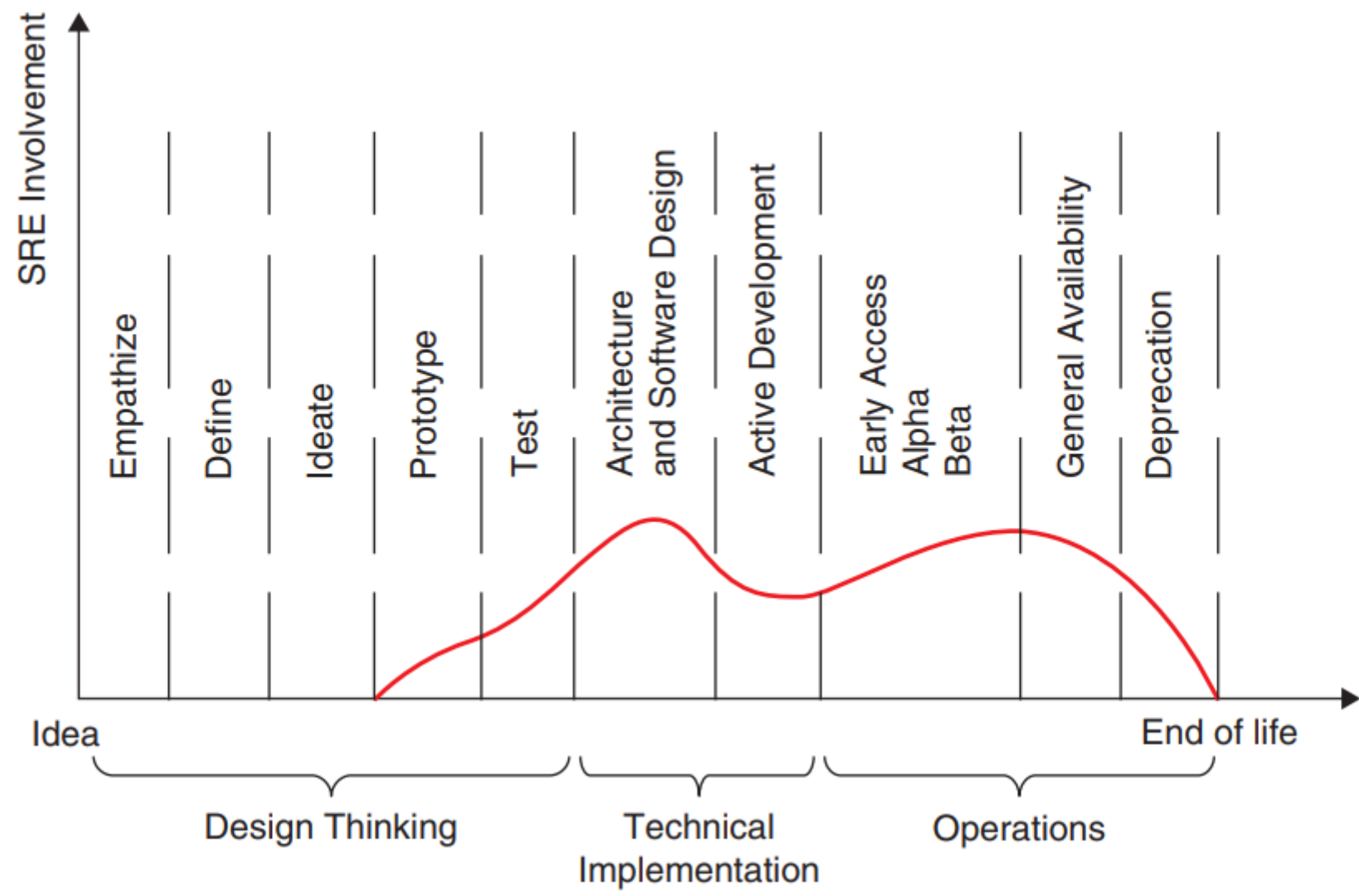
| | | Transition TO | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | | <i>Unorganized</i> | <i>“You build it, ops run it”</i> | <i>“You build it, SRE run it”</i> | <i>“You build it, you and SRE run it”</i> | <i>“You build it, you run it”</i> |
| Transition FROM | Unorganized | - | Possible | Possible | Possible | Possible |
| | “You build it, ops run it” | No reason | - | Possible | Possible | Possible |
| | “You build it, SRE run it” | No reason | Unlikely | - | Possible | Possible |
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Position a newly created SRE Org if any

| | SRE as a Cost Center | SRE as an Asset | SRE as a Partner | SRE as an Enabler |
|----------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Focus on | Cost reduction | Reliability asset | Reliability business value | Enabling business through reliability |
| Strategy | Reduce cost | Optimize the asset | Exploit revenue | Nurture |

Position a newly created “SRE” role if any



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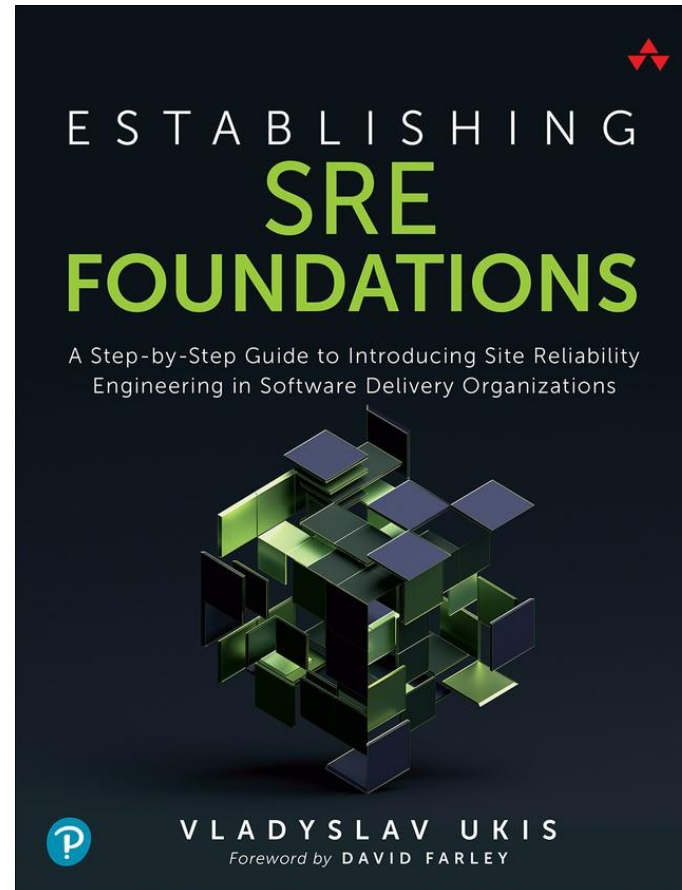
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