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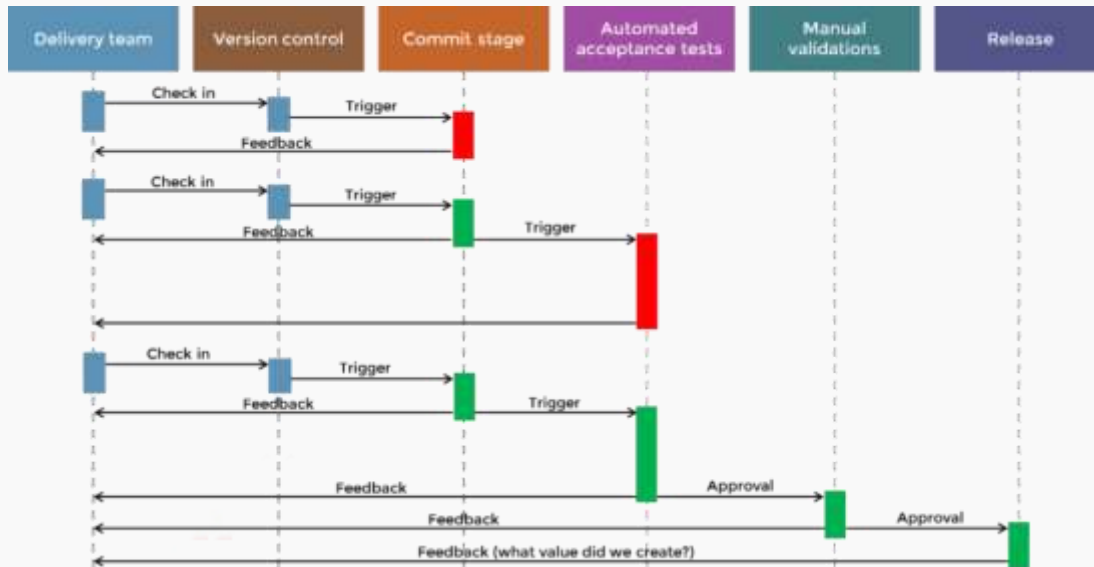
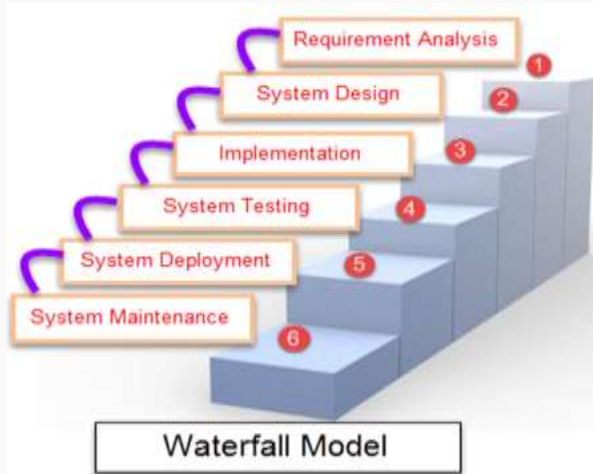
DevOps Overview

Steve Robinson 2018

Roots of DevOps

Lean and Kaizen

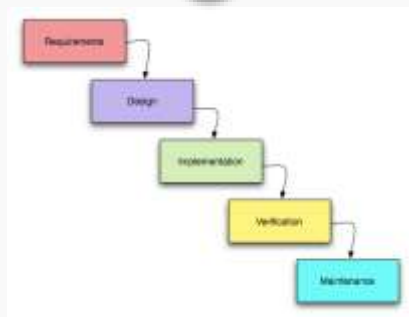
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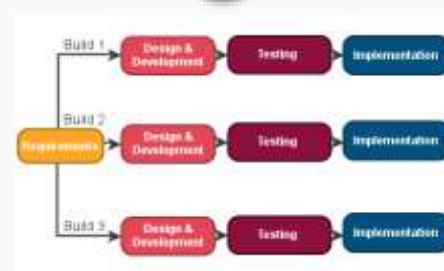
Roots of DevOps (Waterfall-Agile-DevOps)

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Waterfall



Iterative
Agile



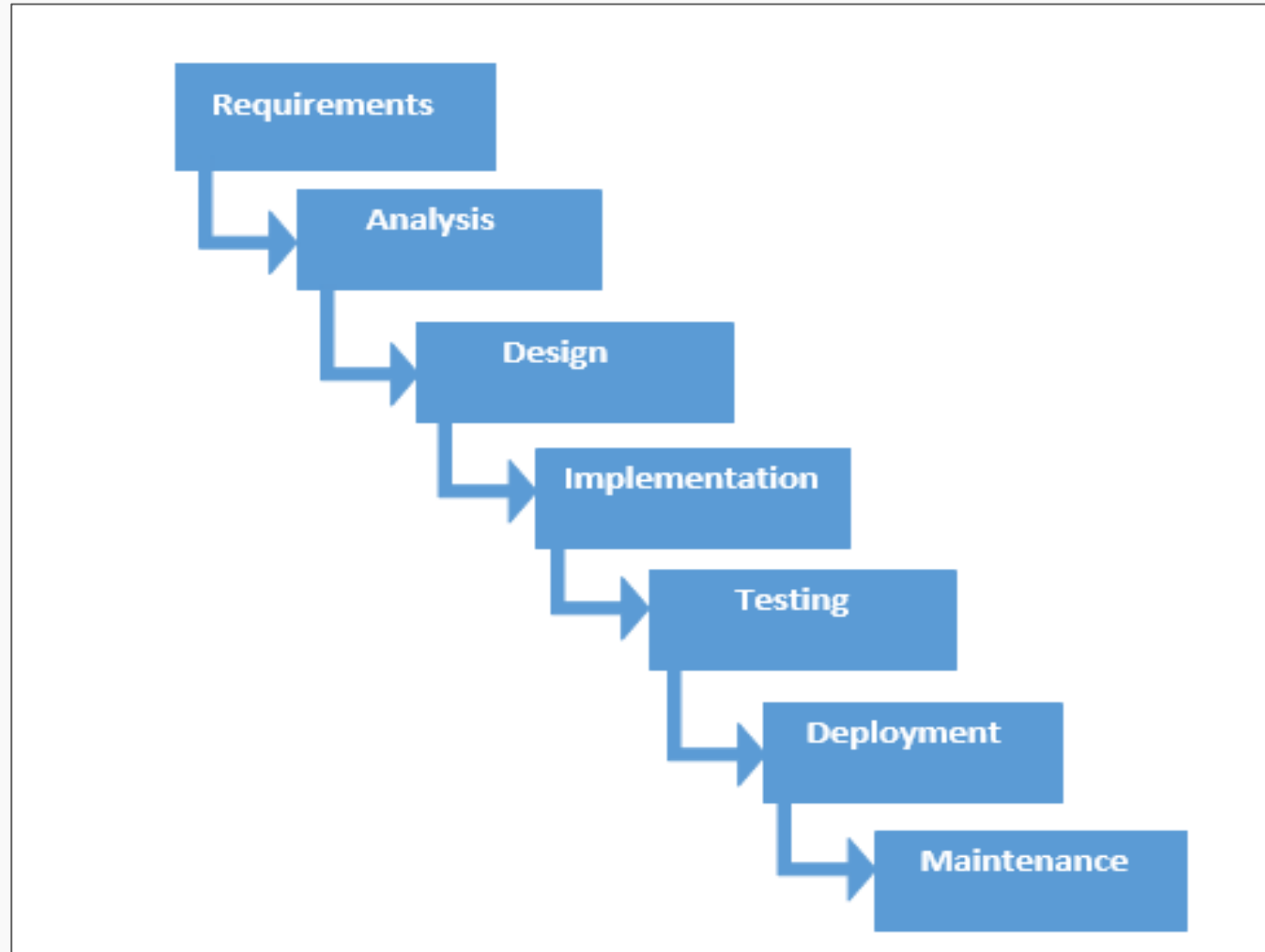
Disciplined
Agile



DevOps



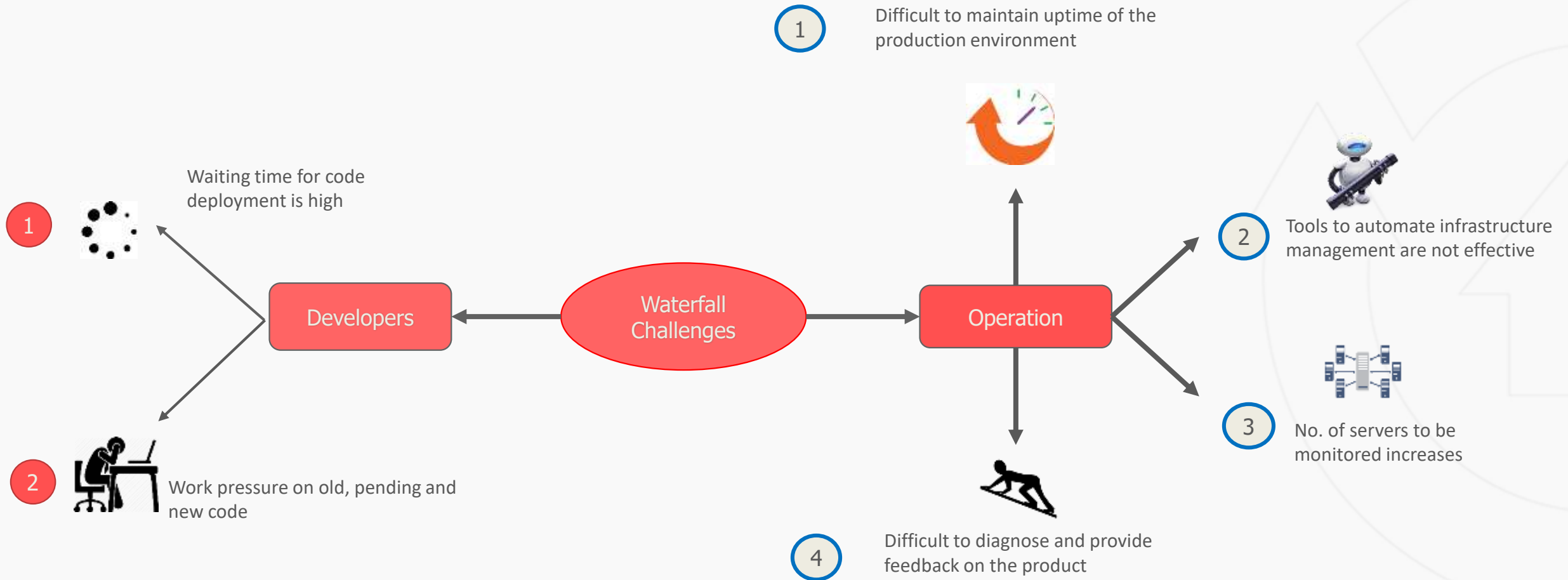
Waterfall Model



Challenges in Waterfall Model

- From Developers side:
 - After development, the code deployment time was huge
 - Pressure of job on “old items” and “pending items” was high, because of the huge development time and deployment time
- From Operations side:
 - It was difficult to maintain 100% uptime of the production environment
 - Automation of the infrastructure set up was not effective
 - Number of servers to be monitored kept increasing and thus resulted in complexity
 - Difficulty in providing feedback and diagnose issue in the product

Challenges in waterfall model

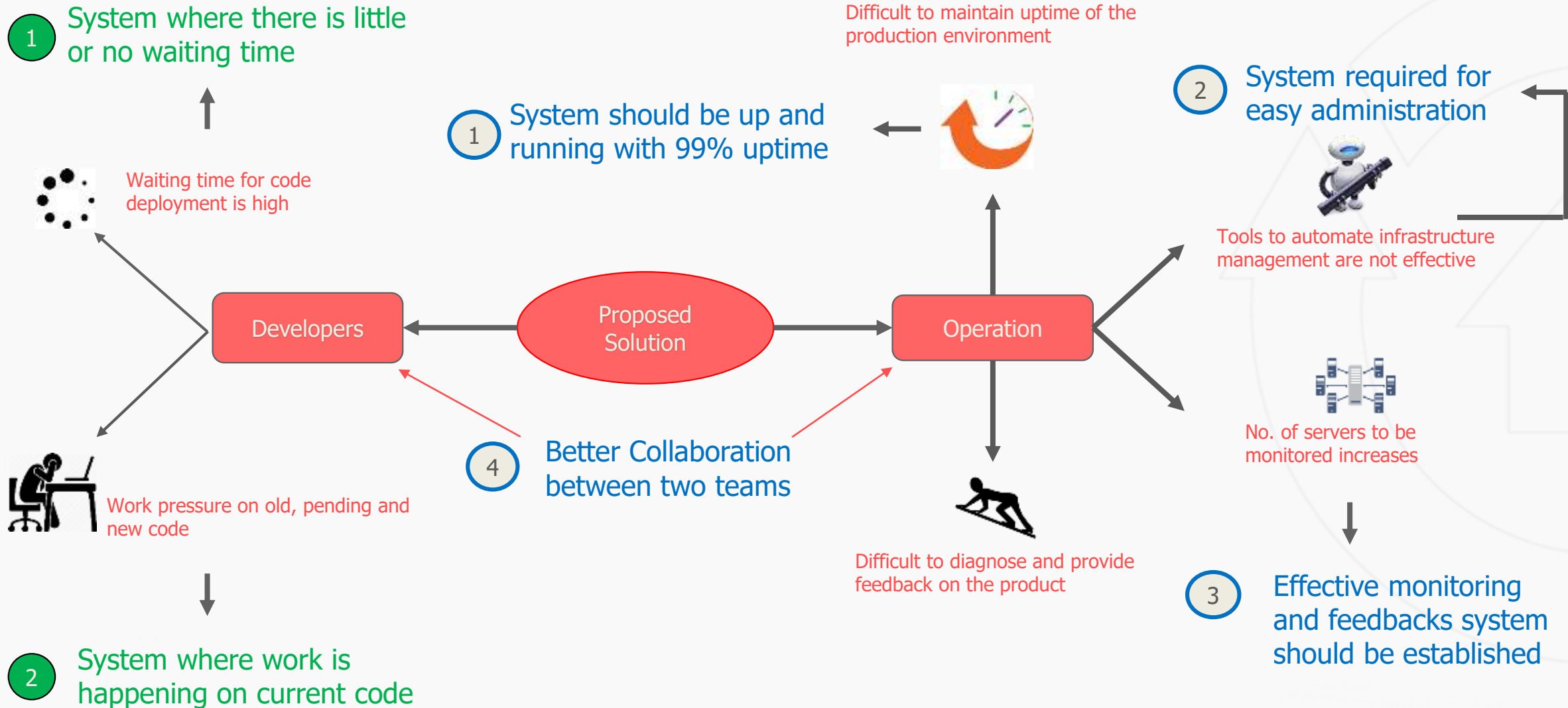


Solutions



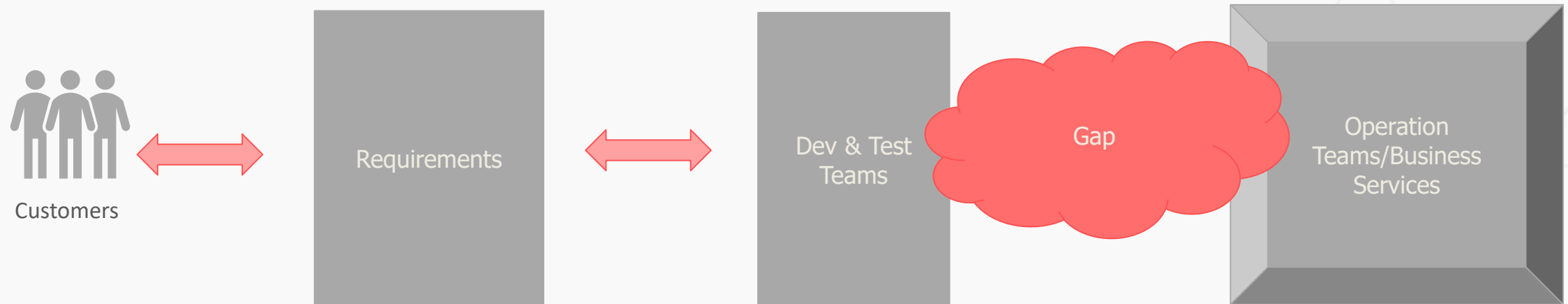
- From Developers side:
 - Enablement of an efficient system for code deployment and thus achieve less delay and waiting time
 - A system where work happens on the current code itself i.e. development sprints are short and well planned
- From Operations side:
 - System should have at-least 99% uptime
 - Tools and systems for effective administration
 - Effective monitoring and feedback system
 - Improved collaboration between development and operations team

Solutions



Why to go for DevOps?

- To overcome the delivery challenges and gaps



Reasons for Gap

- In Dev environment:
 - Features are delivered after testing in development systems.
 - Dev systems need not be equivalent to production systems.
 - Turn around time of developers will be faster with respect to features.
 - Not much focus on infrastructural and deployment impact because of code changes.
- In Ops environment:
 - Turn around time will be reduced with respect to feature deployment and testing due to large number of builds
 - Concerns about infrastructural and deployment impact because of code changes.

Agile Development



- Agile Development is an umbrella term for several iterative and incremental software development methodologies
- The most popular agile methodologies include Scrum, Kanban, Scaled Agile Framework , Lean Development and Extreme Programming (XP)
- Whilst each of the agile methodologies is unique in its specific approach, they all share a common vision and core values. They all fundamentally incorporate iteration and the continuous feedback that it provides to successively refine and deliver a software system
- They all involve continuous planning, continuous testing, continuous integration, and other forms of continuous evolution of both the project and the software
- In the beginning, agile teams were primarily made up of developers. As these agile teams became more effective and efficient at producing software, it became clear that having Quality Assurance (QA) and Dev as separate teams was inefficient. Agile grew to encompass QA in order to increase the velocity of delivering software and now agile is once again growing to encompass the delivery and support members to extend agility from ideation to delivery.

“Imagine a world where product owners, Development, QA, IT Operations, and Infosec **work together**, not only to help each other, but also to ensure that the overall organisation succeeds.

By working towards a **common goal**, they enable the fast flow of **planned work** into production (e.g. performing tens, hundreds, or even thousands of code deploys per day), while achieving world-class stability, reliability, availability, and security.”

The DevOps Handbook

There's a common refrain from IT managers who are leading successful DevOps transformations within their organizations:

DevOps is about **continual learning** and **improvement** rather than an end state.

Your specific process will ultimately take its own shape in your organisation as you learn from successes and failures along the way.

“Taking great people and putting them into a pathological or **bureaucratic culture** does not change the culture - It **breaks** the **people**.”

The **solution** is to do all the hard work to **transform** the **culture** of the organisation and **grow** effective **leadership** and management appropriate to each horizon – which will, incidentally, remove the need to continually hire or acquire innovators.”

LEAN Enterprise

Drivers for Change



- Any Initiative to centralise the development of an Organisation or Business Unit requires the establishment of a defined Software Engineering function supported by Frameworks & Blueprints which define I.T. capability.
- The objective should be to drive significant re-use of code with continuous higher code quality all the while continuously reducing time to delivery/market.
- In addition, a common **Tooling Framework** is required in order to support all teams within the Application Development Service/Lifecycle, fostering collaboration and common goals.
- The tooling frameworks and software engineering working practises need to align to **global DevOps objectives** and **Agile at scale**.

Required for Change

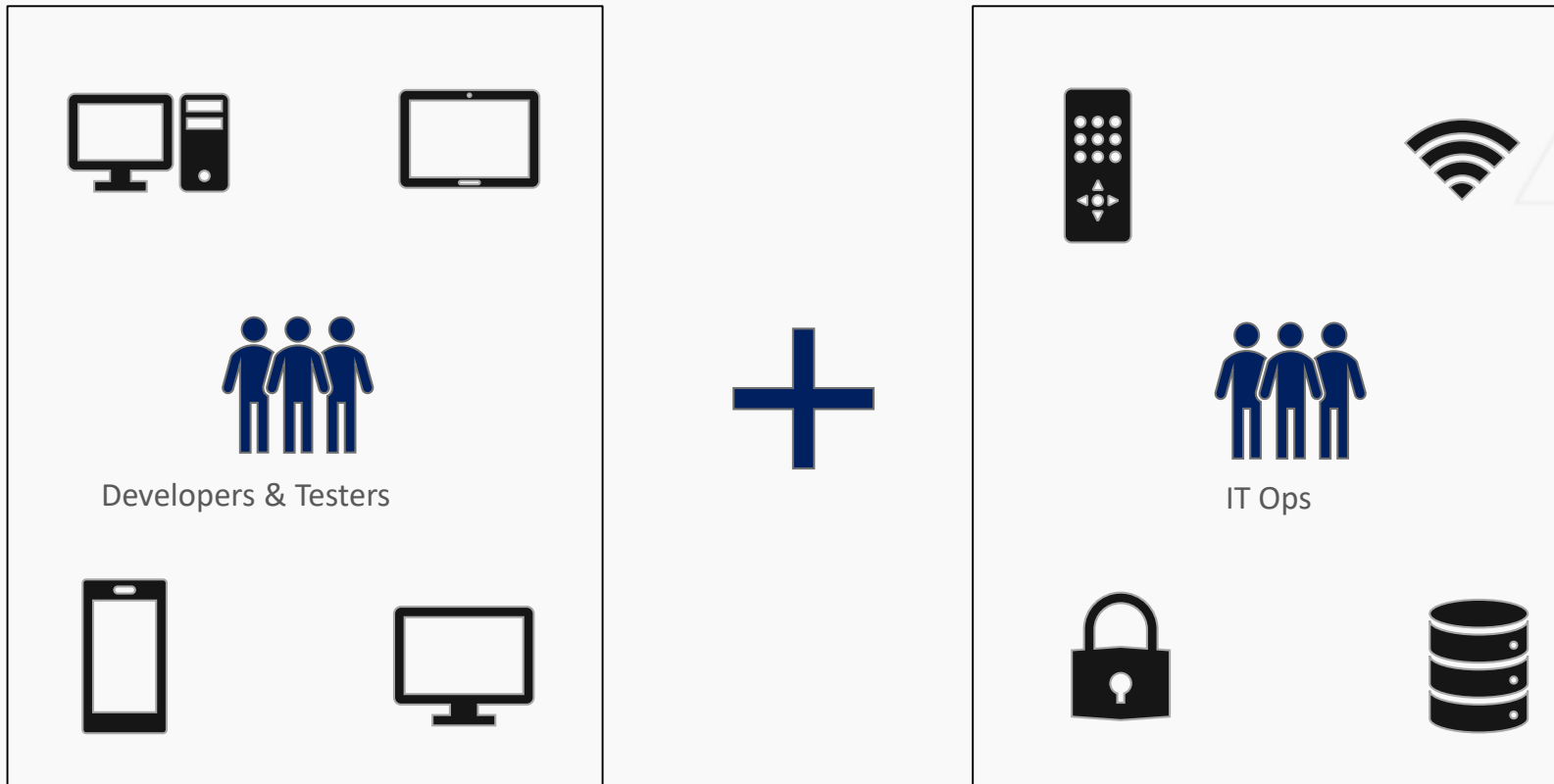


- Centralised Portfolio Management.
- Full Business Case, Requirements tracking.
- Frameworks to outline both the process, the architecture and the tools required.
- Continual Process mapping and Process improvement.
- Governance to manage any process defined.
- Define a story, evangelise the process.
- Self audit, and independent audit.
 - **Constant** and **Never-Ending Continuous Improvement.**



What is DevOps?

A culture & mindset for collaborating between developers and operations



What is DevOps?

- DevOps is a combination of development and operations functions
- The DevOps ideals extend agile development practices by further streamlining the movement of software change through the build, validate, and deploy and delivery stages, while empowering cross-functional teams with full ownership of software applications – from design through production support
- DevOps is not a technology, a process or a standard; rather, it is an IT culture or movement that emphasizes ways in which development, testing and operations can collaborate more effectively. DevOps is more about trust, people and teamwork than about process, and creating software as an ongoing service, not a static product
- Advantages are:
 - Quick evolution of products & services
 - Less risk
 - Better quality
 - Less cost
- DevOps teams focus on standardizing development environments and automating delivery processes to improve delivery predictability, efficiency, security and maintainability. The DevOps ideals provide developers more control of the production environment and a better understanding of the production infrastructure

4 pillars of the DevOps ecosystem



DevOps adoption requires changes to 4 primary aspects of the Enterprise:

● Culture ● Process ● People ● Technology.

- Changes to each pillar tends to influence the changes required in other pillars.
- To realise benefits, enterprise **Processes** must adapt from manual work by administrators and developers in favour of repeatable, automated processes.
 - The effect is the altering of skillsets required of team members.
- The **People** in Development, QA and Operations teams must possess core competencies in automated infrastructure creation/management, automated software build/test and automated application deployment.
- Building these core competencies requires continuous adoption of new **Technologies** within the enterprise to support the work of our teams
- Without efficient communication paths between teams, the **Culture** of the organisation can present an obstacle to progress.

DevOps means continuously innovate your SLDC

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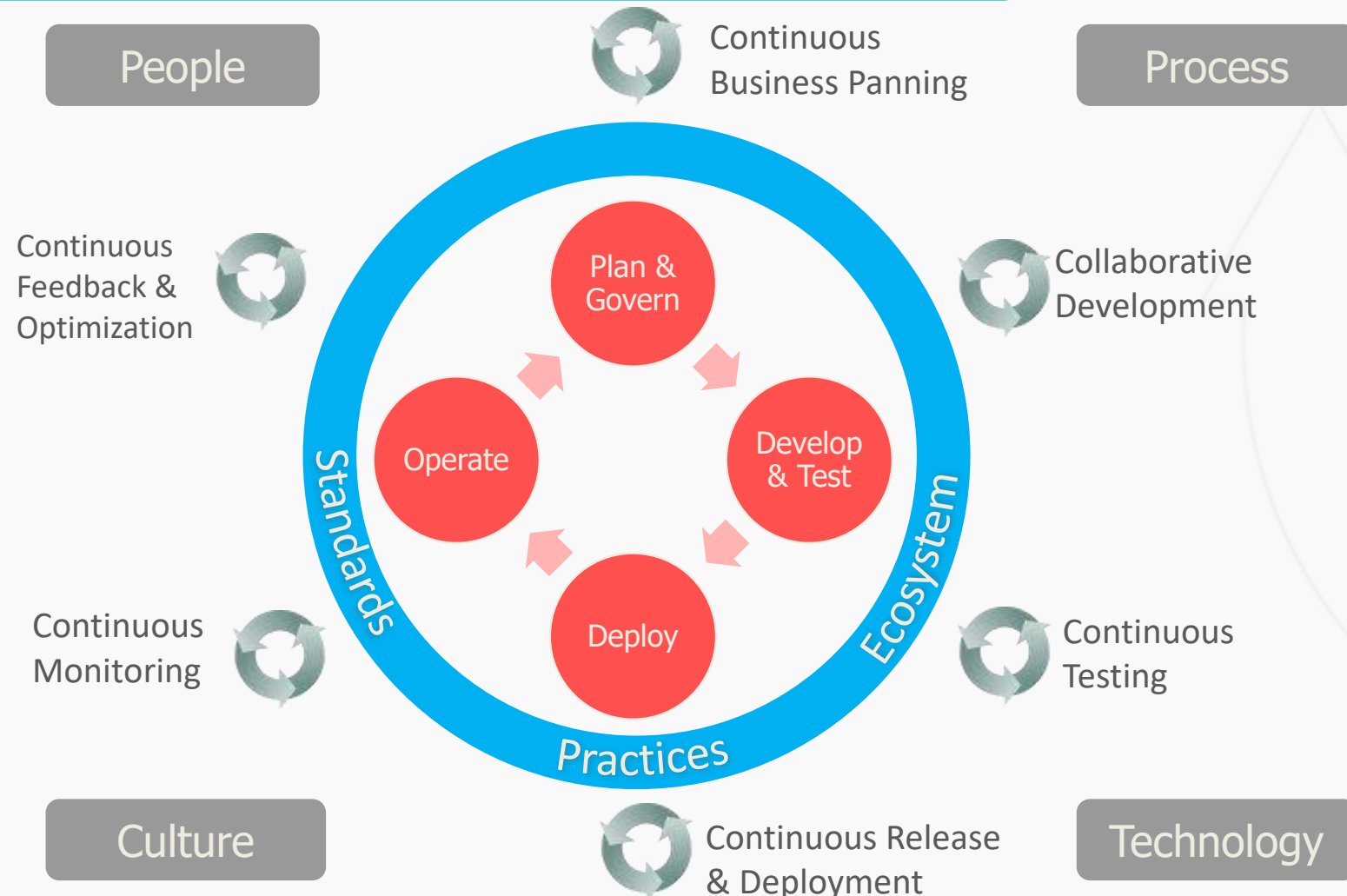
DevOps:

- Addresses all aspects of the Software Delivery Lifecycle (SDLC)
- Does not equal Cloud/Tools, but frequently leverages cloud & technology enablers.
- Has become a strategic imperative largely due to the fundamentally different SDLC process requirements needed to support Systems of Engagement and Delivery in an ever improving cycle.

Speed: More frequent releases and functionality refreshing with decreased time to market.

Quality: Brand and business objectives being represented and evaluated constantly.

Cost: On-going focus of reduction / ROI, but delivered as a by-product.



Unite Disconnected Software Delivery Disciplines



The organisation must unite disconnected software delivery disciplines if they are to increase **quality** and **productivity** and benefit from the latest methodology innovations, at scale for:

- Agile
- Lean Software
- DevOps

All of the above initiatives require automated integration of tools to eliminate friction points, enabling teams to work with the same information in near real time.

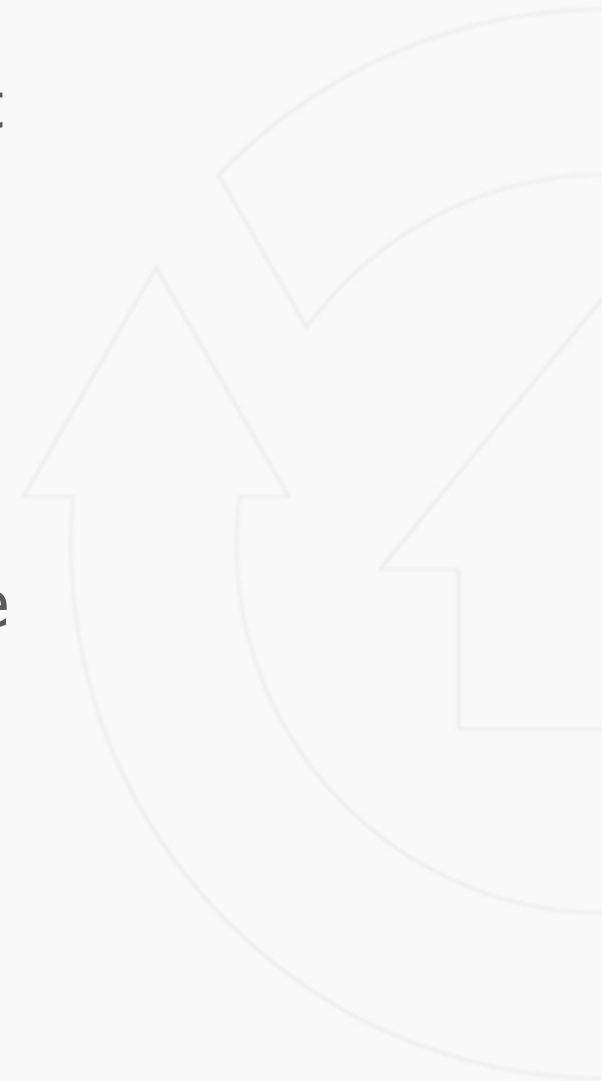
Additionally, emerging platforms, such as Mobile & Cloud need to adhere to a joined up feedback loop for both PAAS & SAAS.

Integration among these tools is a must.

Plan for traceability at onset



- Reporting is important for the purposes of delivering the project to **ensure** that the project conforms to **corporate requirements**.
- Supporting **compliance** requires cross-tool **traceability** and reporting.
- The cross-organizational infrastructure necessary to connect the practice of software delivery should include:
 - Integrated architecture
 - Process monitoring
 - Measurement
 - Reporting
 - Dashboarding



Braid the delivery disciplines



Unlike piecemeal integration solutions, true software lifecycle integration solutions should..



- **Connect** all software development and delivery tools.
- Synchronize information across disciplines.
- Unlock cross-discipline value through shared information.
- Give practitioners real-time access to the changes other team members are making in their tools.
- Improve visibility across **the entire project team** for **traceability** and **compliance**.
- Enable **end-to-end reporting**.

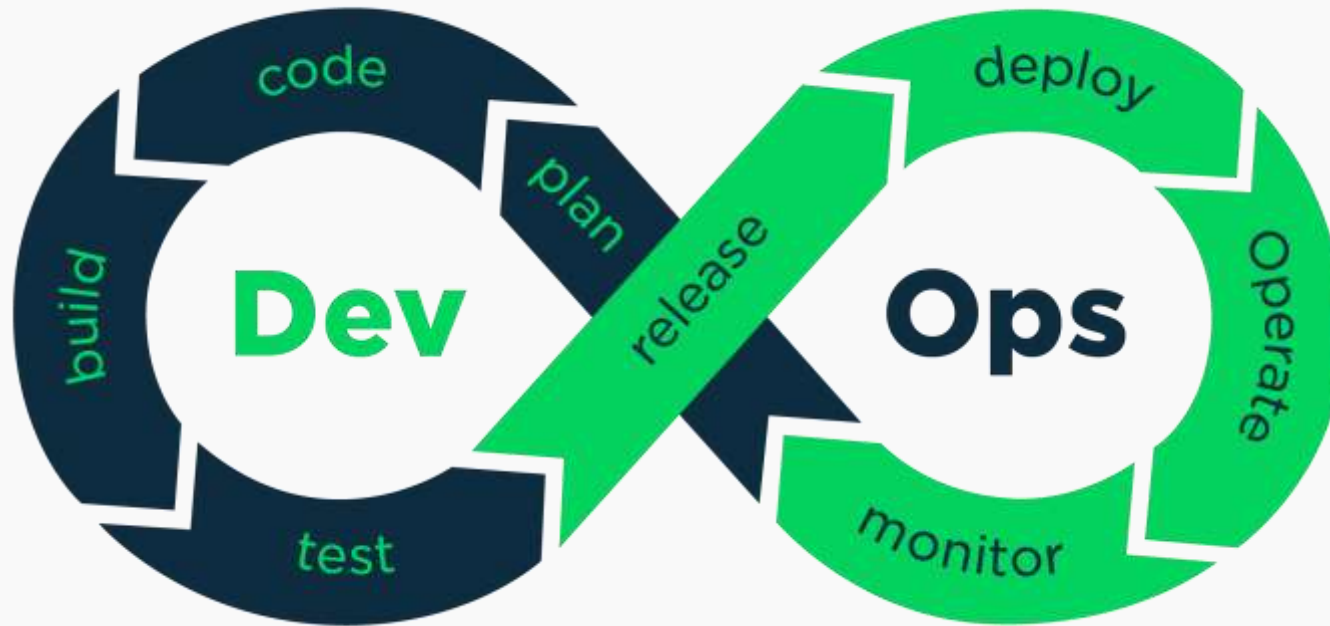
Develop a foundational DevOps methodology

The traditional waterfall-based solution development lifecycle should be modified to:

- **Involve business, security, development and production teams from the beginning** to properly define functional, technical and infrastructure requirements.
- Inform the production team of development progress so that issues are defined early on, and the production environment is ready to go once development and testing is completed.
- Establish a process for continual feedback.

DevOps

- According to the DevOps culture, a single group of Engineers (developers, system admins, QA's, Testers etc turned into DevOps Engineers) has end to end responsibility of the Application (Software) right from gathering the requirement to development, to testing, to infrastructure deployment, to application deployment and finally monitoring & gathering feedback from the end users, then again implementing the changes



Principles of DevOps?

- Effective Collaboration
- Increased operational agility
- Quicker release of software to market
- Automating the design, development, QA and deployment of new systems and applications
- Develop and test the product in an environment which is very much similar to production environment
- Frequently deploy the builds
- Continuously validate the quality of operation

DevOps is an Intersection



How DevOps Solved Dev Challenges



Ops Challenges	DevOps Solution
Waiting time for code deployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuous Integration ensures that there is quick deployment of code, faster testing and speedy feedback mechanism.
Work pressure on old, pending and new code	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No waiting time for code deployment. Hence the developer focuses on building the current code.

How DevOps Solved Ops Challenges

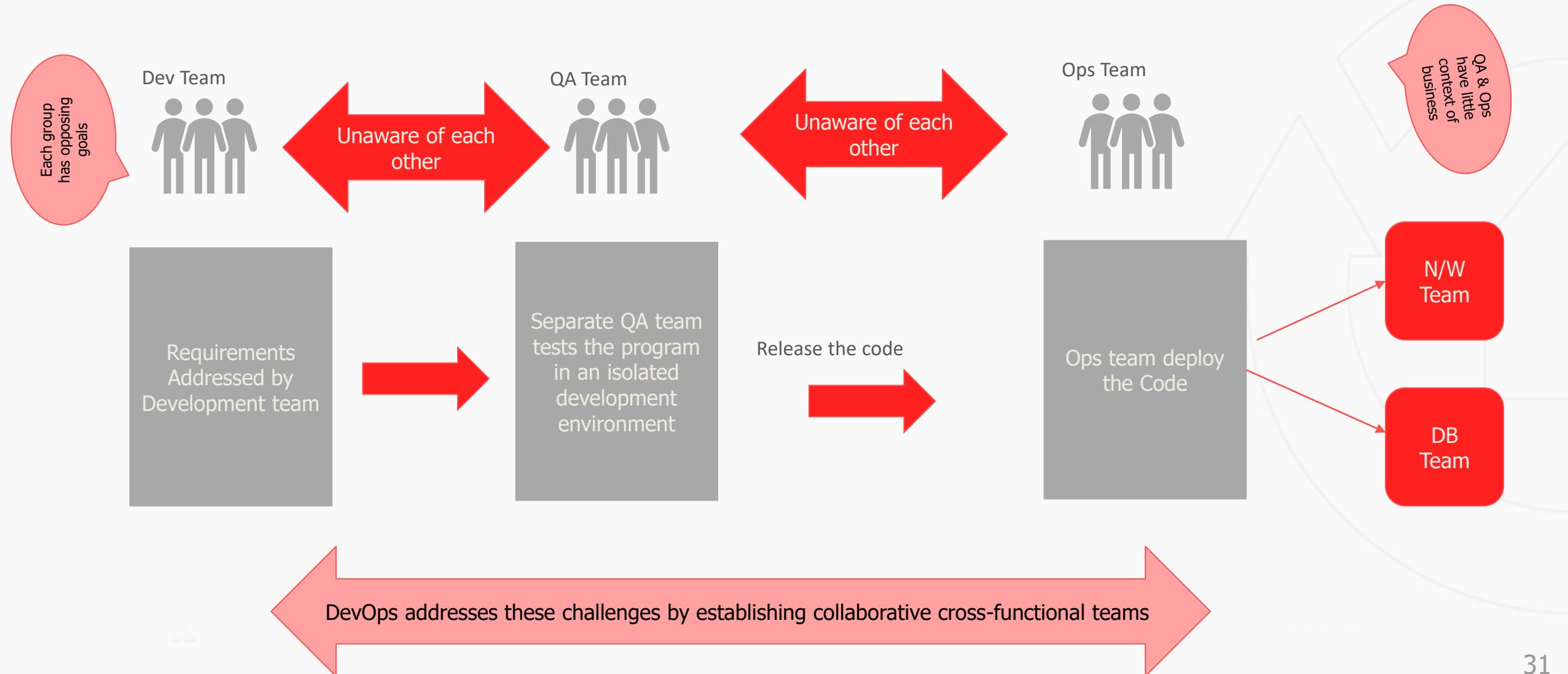


Ops Challenges	DevOps Solution
Difficult to maintain uptime of the production environment	Containerization/virtualization ensures there is a simulated environment created to run the software as containers offer great reliability for service uptime
Tools to automate infrastructure management are not effective	Configuration management helps you to organize and execute configuration plans, consistently provisioning the system, and proactively manage their infrastructure.
No. of servers to be monitored increases	Continuous monitoring: Effective monitoring and feedback system is established through Nagios. Thus effective administration is assured
Difficult to diagnose and provide feedback on the product	

Challenges Solved by DevOps

- Prior to DevOps application development, teams were in charge of gathering business requirements for a software program and writing code
- A separate QA team tested the program in an isolated development environment (if requirements were met) and releases the code for operations to deploy
- When teams work separately:
 - Dev is unaware of QA and Ops. So product may not work anticipated
 - QA and Ops have little context of the business purpose and value of the software
 - Different goals of the team result in inefficiency and criticism when software damages happen
- DevOps addresses above issues by establishing collaborative cross-functional teams that share responsibility for maintaining the system that runs the software and preparing the software to run on that system with increased quality feedback and automation issues

Challenges Solved by DevOps



Pre-DevOps Scenario

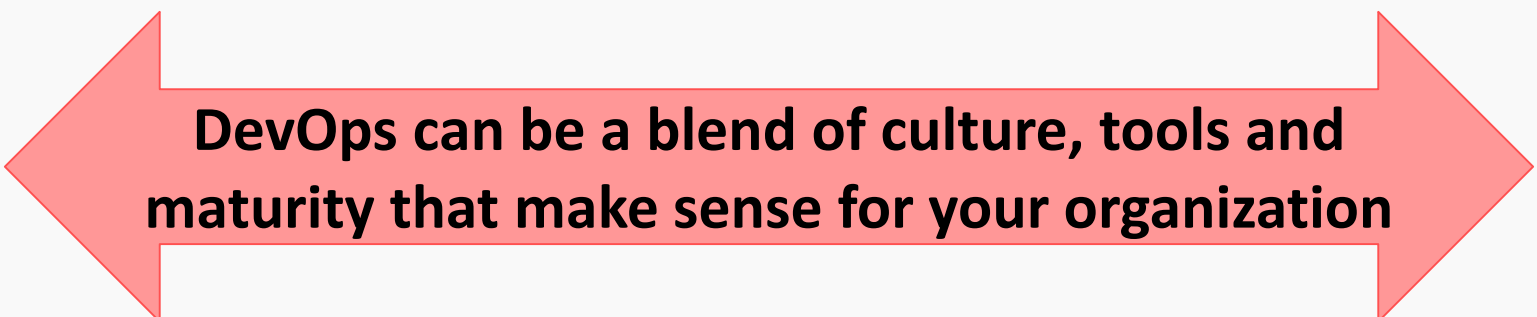


- The Dev team kicks a new release “over the wall” to QA
- When the testers bring their findings to Dev, the developers become defensive and blame the testers that are testing the environment for the bugs
- The testers respond that it isn’t their testing environment, but the developer’s code that is the problem
- Eventually QA kicks the debugged new release “over the wall” to Ops
- The Ops team’s goal is to limit changes to their system, but they apprehensively release the code and the system crashes. Ops says that Dev provided them faulty artefacts
- Dev says everything worked fine in the test environment
- The fire drills begin to debug the system and get production stable. The production environment isn’t Dev’s and QA’s responsibility, so they keep hands off while Ops spends all night fixing the production issues

POST-DevOps Scenario



- The software team meets prior to starting a new software project. The team includes developers, testers, operations and support professionals. This team plans how to create working software that is ready for deployment
- Each day new code is deployed as the developers complete it. Automated testing ensures the code is ready to be deployed
- After the code passes all the automated testing it is deployed to a small number of users. The new code is monitored for a short period to ensure there are no unforeseen problems and it is stable
- The new code is then proliferated to the remaining users once the monitoring shows that it is stable

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DevOps can be a blend of culture, tools and maturity that make sense for your organization

Reasons for DevOps

- The existence of traditional team structures that did not scale to meet the varied needs of modern enterprises
- The disconnect between development, testing and operations teams, which resulted in poor communication, collaboration and integration
- The accelerating progression of digital technologies, which has evolved faster than the underlying processes used to deploy, extend and manage them

DevOps

- Dev team sits with Ops team to understand the impact of code changes and works more closely with systems which are equivalent to production environment
- Dev team give more attention to metrics used by Ops team
- Ops will have more understanding on infrastructure needs and apply more automation for deployment
- Development-Test-Production tunnel could be closely monitored for each deployment
- Better collaboration and communication

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Agile and DevOps

Agile Development

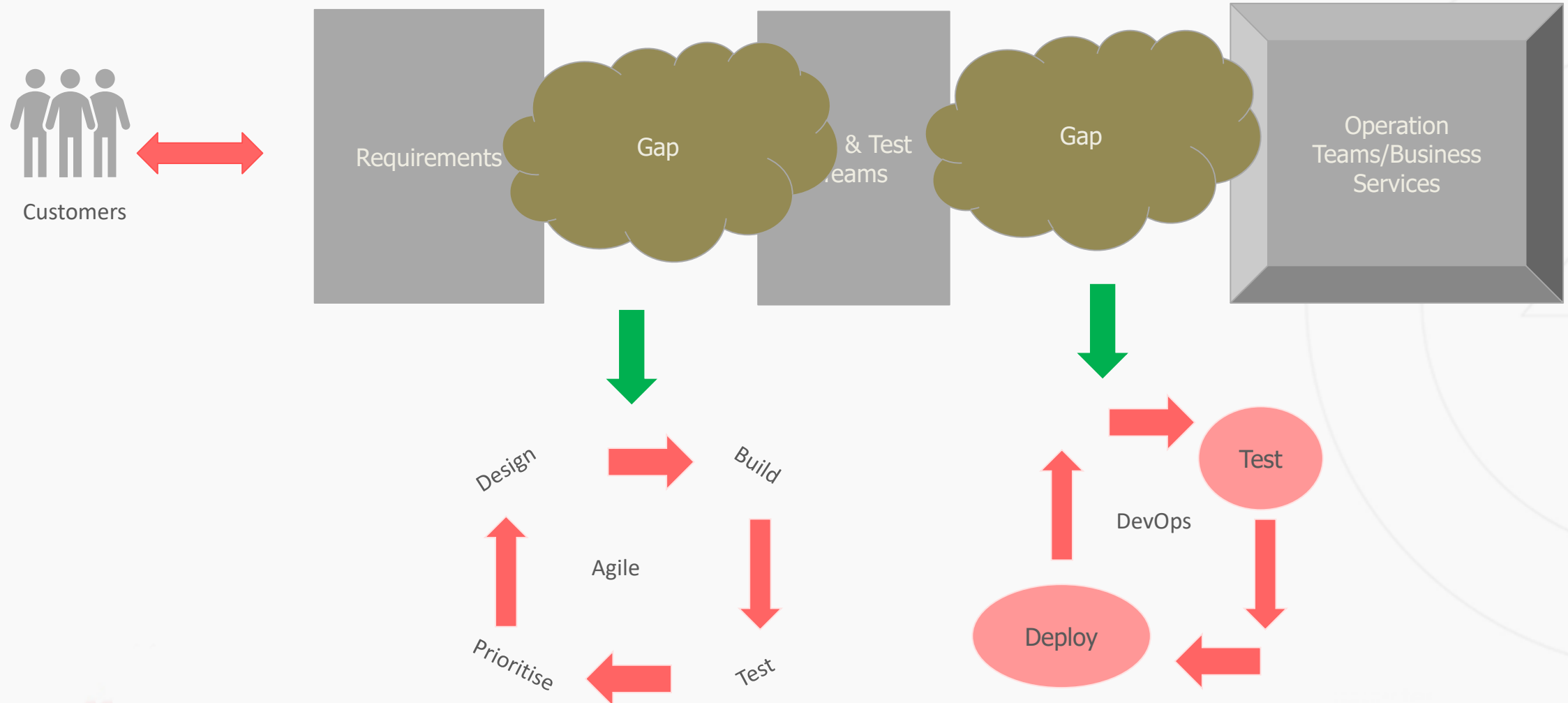
- Focuses on the gap between customer requirements and dev + testing team
- Consists of cross-functional team who performs design, development and test based on customer preferences
- Focuses on functional and non-functional readiness

DevOps

- Focuses on the gap between dev + testing team and operational team
- Automated release management
- Focuses on functional, non-functional, operational and business readiness

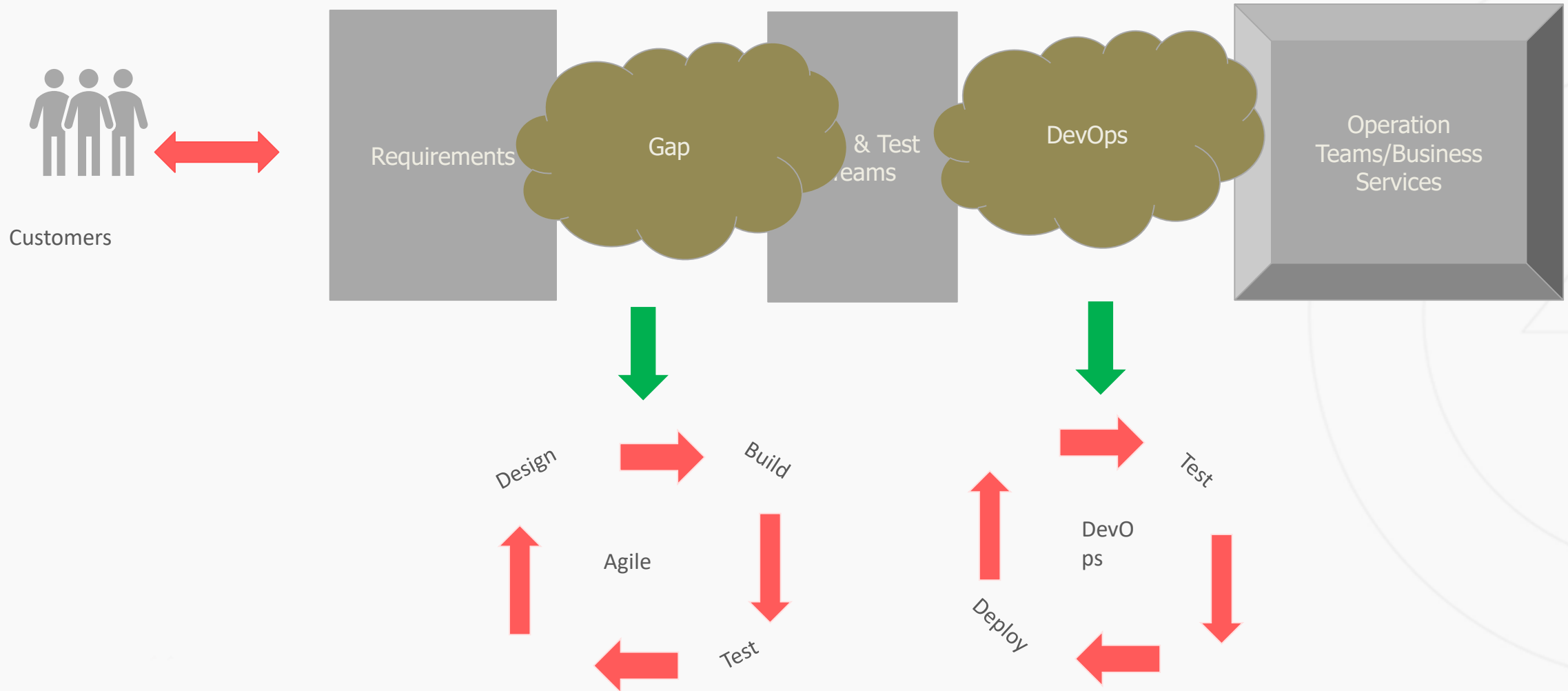
Agile & DevOps – Addressing Delivery Challenges

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DevOps Vs Release Management – Addressing Delivery Challenges

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Agile + Release Management



Agile Team

Agile Development



Ops Team

Traditional Release Management

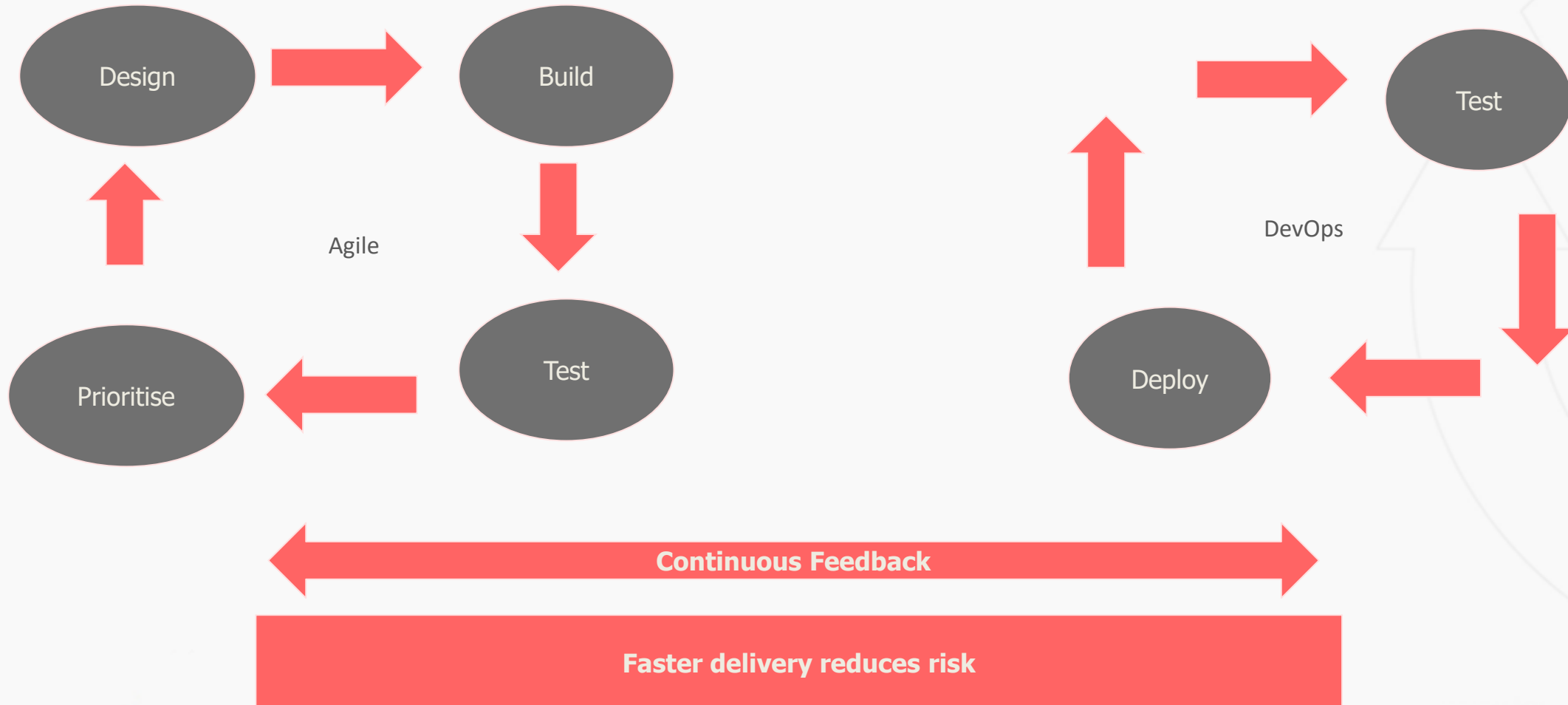


Bottleneck



Agile + DevOps

Continuous Integration extended as Continuous Delivery



DevOps Practices



- ↑ One fundamental practice is to perform very frequent but small updates. This is how organizations innovate faster for their customers. These updates are usually more incremental in nature than the occasional updates performed under traditional release practices. Frequent but small updates make each deployment less risky. They help teams address bugs faster because teams can identify the last deployment that caused the error. Organizations using a DevOps model deploy updates much more often than organizations using traditional software development practices.
- ↑ Organizations might also use a microservices architecture to make their applications more flexible and enable quicker innovation. The microservices architecture decouples large, complex systems into simple, independent projects. Applications are broken into many individual components (services) with each service scoped to a single purpose or function and operated independently of its peer services and the application as a whole. This architecture reduces the coordination overhead of updating applications, and when each service is paired with small, agile teams who take ownership of each service, organizations can move more quickly.

DevOps Practices



- ↑ The combination of microservices and increased release frequency leads to significantly more deployments which can present operational challenges. Thus, DevOps practices like continuous integration and continuous delivery solve these issues and let organizations deliver rapidly in a safe and reliable manner. Infrastructure automation practices, like infrastructure as code and configuration management, help to keep computing resources elastic and responsive to frequent changes. In addition, the use of monitoring and logging helps engineers track the performance of applications and infrastructure so they can react quickly to problems.
- ↑ Together, these practices help organizations deliver faster, more reliable updates to their customers.

4 key Activities of DevOps Practice



Collaborative Development:
Increased collaboration between teams



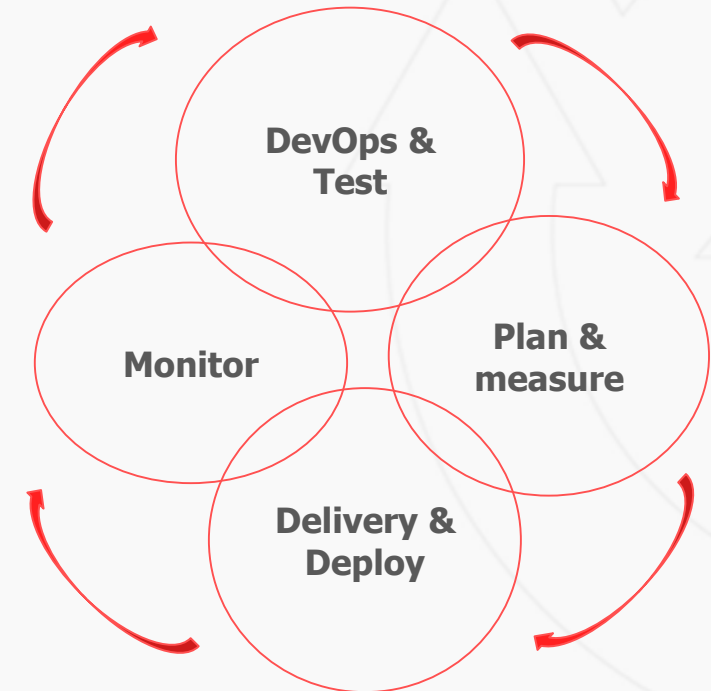
Continuous Integration & Continuous Testing:
Integration of software testing with deployment and operations



Continuous Delivery and Deployment:
Increased delivery speed and frequency



Continuous Monitoring:
Improved quality by monitoring production performance

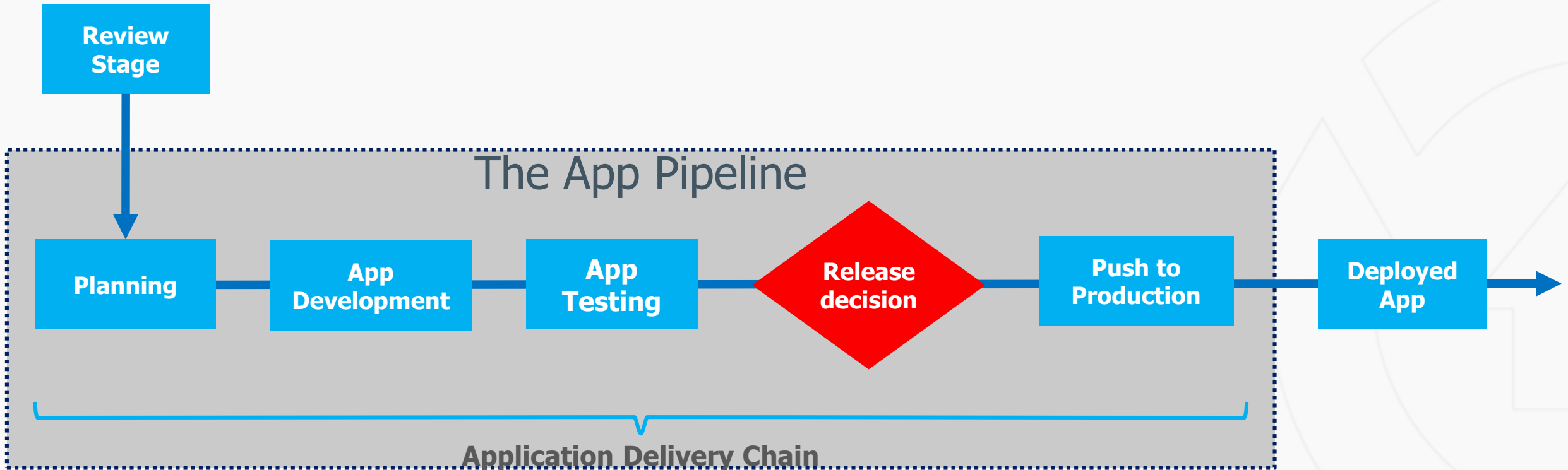


Communication & Collaboration

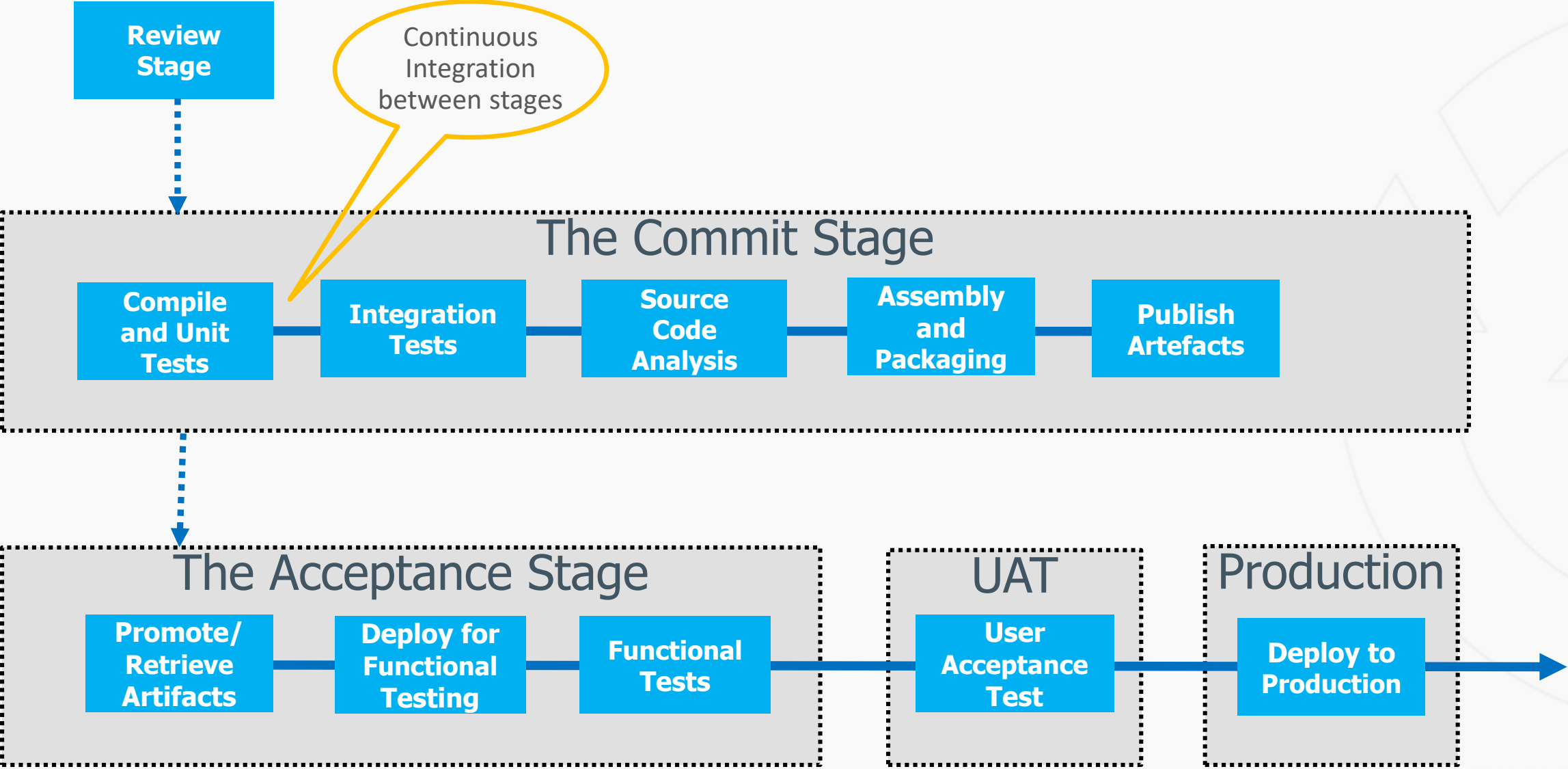


- Increased communication and collaboration in an organization is one of the key cultural aspects of DevOps
- The use of DevOps tooling and automation of the software delivery process establishes collaboration by physically bringing together the workflows and responsibilities of development and operations
- Building on top of that, these teams set strong cultural norms around information sharing and facilitating communication through the use of chat applications, issue or project tracking systems, and wikis
- This helps speed up communication across developers, operations, and even other teams like marketing or sales, allowing all parts of the organization to align more closely on goals and projects

Essentials steps to Deployment



Continuous Delivery Pipeline is achieved via Continuous Integration



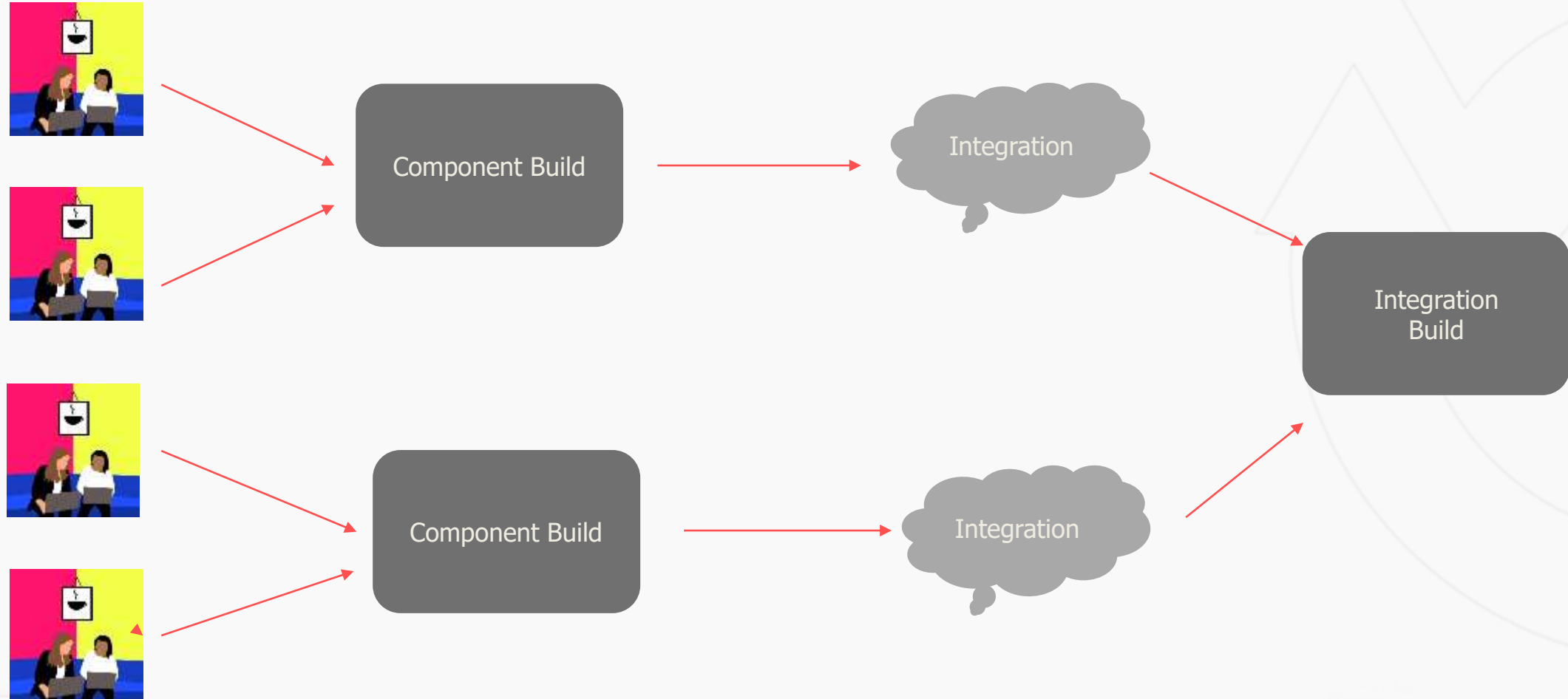
Continuous Integration



- Continuous integration is the practice of quickly integrating newly developed code with the main body of code that is to be released
- Continuous integration saves a lot of time when the team is ready to release the code.
- Automation is required to successfully execute continuous integration
- Continuous integration is often the first step down the path toward DevOps maturity
- The continuous integration process from a DevOps perspective involves checking your code in, compiling it into usable (often binary executable) code and running some basic validation testing
- The key goals of continuous integration are to find and address bugs quicker, improve software quality, and reduce the time it takes to validate and release new software updates.

Continuous Integration

The code changes by each developer in integrated to ensure the main branch is up to date



Dinner – Day 1

Continuous Testing



- Continuous testing is the first step in the right direction when embarking on a DevOps journey
- Continuous testing is a metaphor for a continuous feedback mechanism that drives software delivery through the SDLC tunnel
- Automated feedback at each checkpoint is an auto-trigger for the next process in the delivery chain if the feedback is to move forward, or green
- If the feedback is to not move forward, the process immediately is stopped, and corrective measures are taken

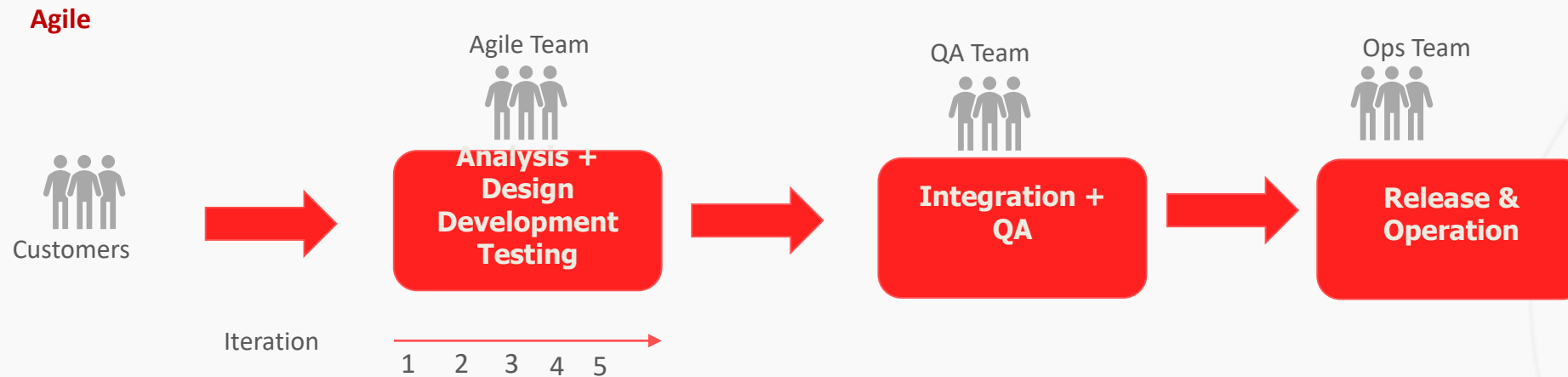
Continuous Delivery



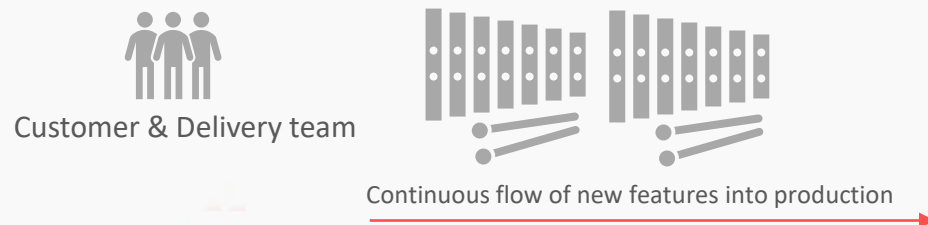
- Continuous delivery is a software development practice where code changes are automatically built, tested, and prepared, for a release to production
- Continuous delivery is an extension of continuous integration. It expands upon continuous integration by deploying all code changes to a testing environment and/or a production environment after the build stage. It sits on top of continuous integration
- When executing continuous delivery, you add additional automation and testing so that you don't just merge the code with the main code line frequently, but you get the code nearly ready to deploy with almost no human intervention
- When continuous delivery is implemented properly, developers will always have a deployment-ready build artefact that has passed through a standardized test process
- It's the practice of having the code base continuously in a ready-to-deploy state

Continuous Delivery

Run each CI build through deployment procedures on production



Continuous Delivery



Automated test driven development process
Collaboration between business and delivery teams
Cross functional teams including Q and operations
Continuous integration and incremental development in the mainstream
Software is production ready always
Release always mapped to business needs, not to operational constraints

Continuous Deployment



- Continuous deployment is the most advanced evolution of continuous delivery. It's the practice of deploying all the way into production without any human intervention
- Teams that utilize continuous delivery don't deploy untested code; instead, newly created code runs through automated testing before it gets pushed out to production
- The code release typically only goes to a small percentage of users and there's an automated feedback loop that monitors quality and usage before the code is propagated further

Continuous Monitoring & Logging



- Organizations monitor metrics and logs to see how application and infrastructure performance impacts the experience of their product's end user
- By capturing, categorizing, and then analysing data and logs generated by applications and infrastructure, organizations understand how changes or updates impact users, shedding insights into the root causes of problems or unexpected changes
- Active monitoring becomes increasingly important as services must be available 24/7 and as application and infrastructure update frequency increases
- Creating alerts or performing real-time analysis of this data also helps organizations more proactively monitor their services

Other Practices

- Microservices
- Infrastructure as Code
- Configuration Management

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Microservices

- The microservices architecture is a design approach to build a single application as a set of small services
- Each service runs in its own process and communicates with other services through a well-defined interface using a lightweight mechanism, typically an HTTP-based application programming interface (API)
- Microservices are built around business capabilities; each service is scoped to a single purpose
- You can use different frameworks or programming languages to write microservices and deploy them independently, as a single service, or as a group of services

Infrastructure as Code



- Infrastructure as code is a practice in which infrastructure is provisioned and managed using code and software development techniques, such as version control and continuous integration
- The cloud's API-driven model enables developers and system administrators to interact with infrastructure programmatically, and at scale, instead of needing to manually set up and configure resources
- Engineers can interface with infrastructure using code-based tools and treat infrastructure in a manner similar to how they treat application code
- Because they are defined by code, infrastructure and servers can quickly be deployed using standardized patterns, updated with the latest patches and versions, or duplicated in repeatable ways

Configuration Management



- Developers and system administrators use code to automate operating system and host configuration, operational tasks, and more
- The use of code makes configuration changes repeatable and standardized
- It frees developers and systems administrators from manually configuring operating systems, system applications, or server software

DevOps vs Agile

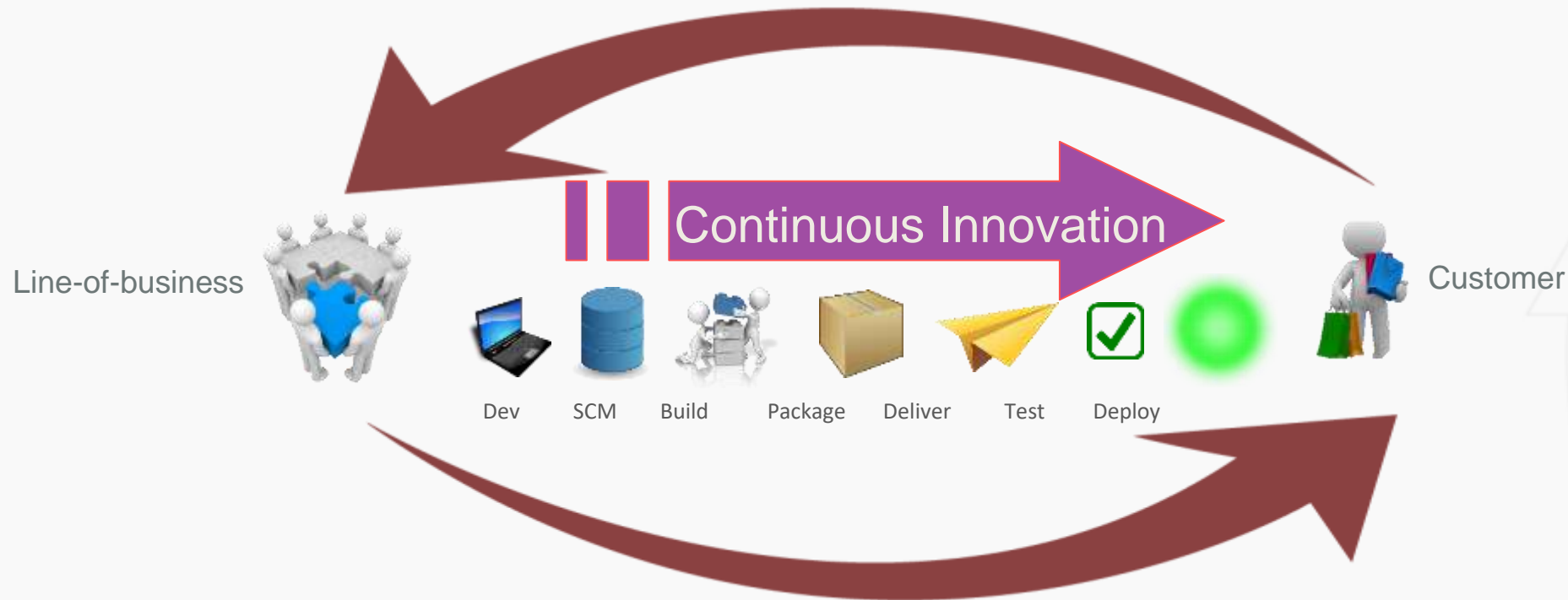
Testing in Agile	Testing in DevOps
Test as early and as often as possible	Test continuously
Automate testing as much as possible	Automate almost everything
Continuous integration and testing is a step forward	Continuous integration and testing is mandatory
Potentially shippable code at the end of a sprint	Potentially shippable code following every integration

Three Ways of DevOps Systems Thinking



Getting ideas into production quickly, in small batches, Automating the process

Three Ways of DevOps Feedback Loops

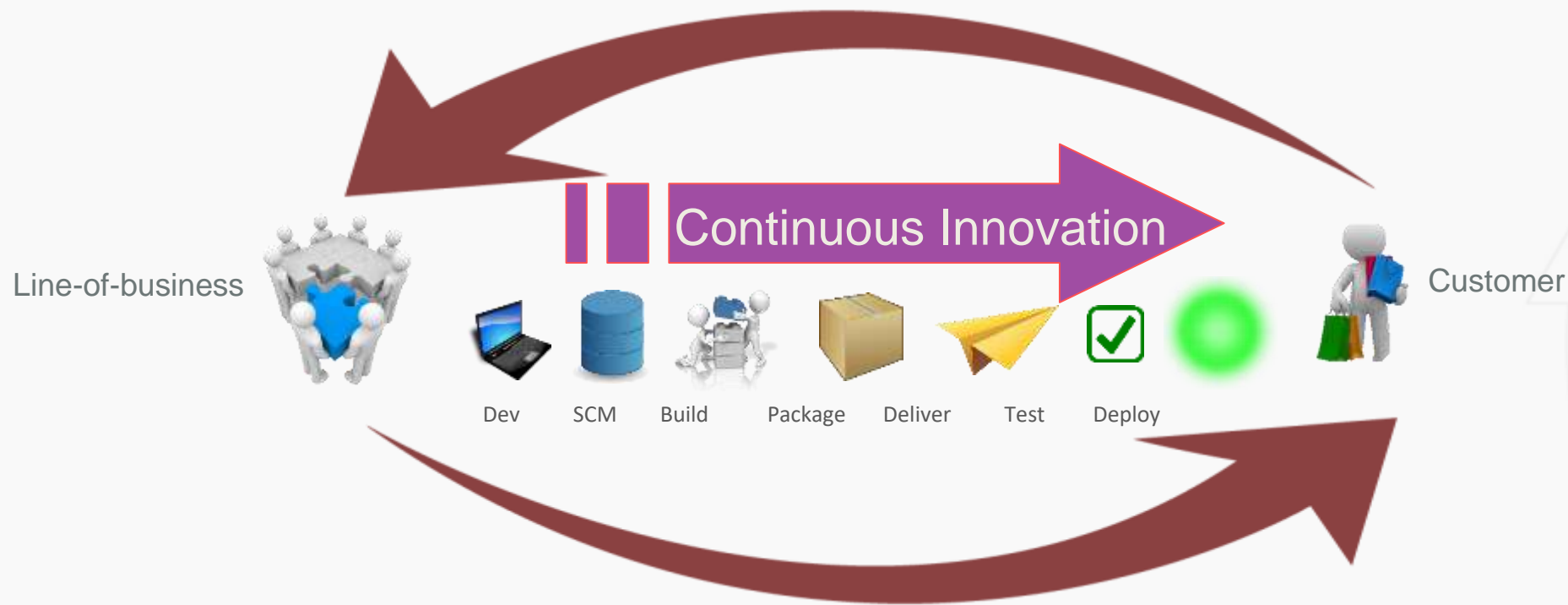


- Getting ideas into production quickly, in small batches
- Getting people to use it
- Getting their feedback

- Measure and Monitor
- Are we building the right product?
- Understanding and responding to all customers
- Introduce faults to the system

Three Ways of DevOps

Culture of Experimentation



- Getting ideas into production quickly, in small batches
- Getting people to use it
- Getting their feedback
- Experiment and reduce MTTR

- Experiment and introduce failure practice makes perfect
- Allocate time to experiment
- Allow people to take risks
- Introduce faults to the system

The CAMs Model

CAMS is the migration from the CALMS Model which seems to have dropped the L for Lean

- Culture
 - Absolutely essential in making the DevOps implementation a success
 - Bringing the whole team together business, development, test and operations
- Automation
 - Automate all manual and repeatable processes
- Measurement
 - The glue to bringing it all together
- Sharing
 - Collaboration
 - Visibility
 - Transparency

DEVOPS BENEFITS



STRONG IT PERFORMANCE IS A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Firms with high-performing IT organizations were 2x as likely to exceed their profitability, market share, and productivity goals



DEPLOY CODE 30X FASTER

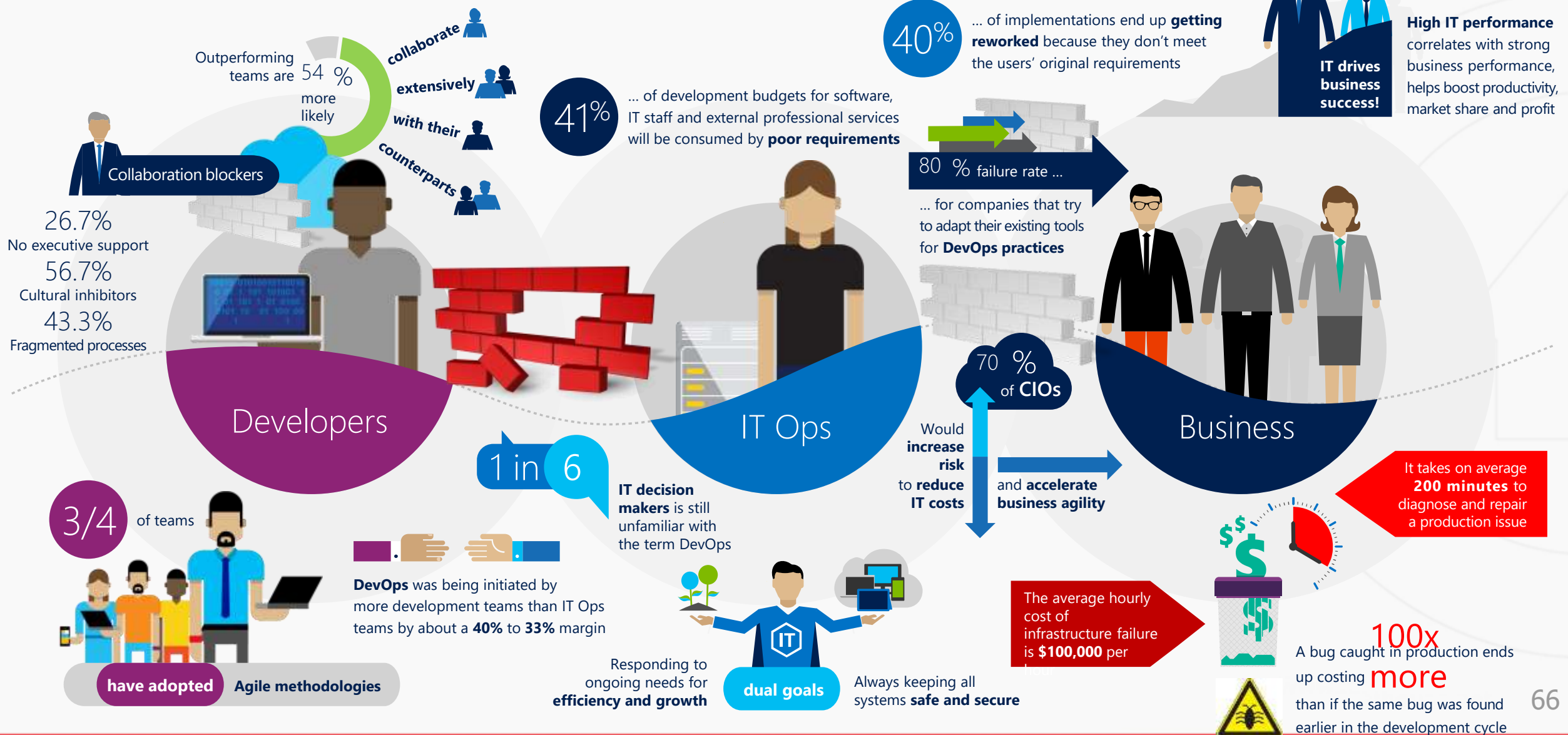
... and with 200x shorter lead time when compared to their lower-performing peers

DEVOPS PRACTICES IMPROVE IT PERFORMANCE

HAVE 60X FEWER FAILURES

... and recover from failure 168X faster when compared to their lower-performing peers

Value Delivery Challenges **testhouse**



Value of DevOps



DevOps focuses heavily on establishing a collaborative culture and improving efficiency through automation with DevOps tools.

DevOps Culture

DevOps culture is characterized by increased collaboration, decreasing silos, shared responsibility, autonomous teams, improving quality, valuing feedback and increasing automation. Many of the DevOps values are agile values as DevOps is an extension of agile.

Agile methods are a more holistic way of delivering software. Agile development teams measure progress in terms of working software. Product owners, developers, testers and UX people work closely together with the same goals.

Value of DevOps



DevOps Culture

- DevOps is just adding the operations' mindset and maybe a team member with some of those responsibilities into the agile team. Whereas before DevOps progress is measured in terms of working software, with DevOps progress is measured in terms of working software in the customer's hands.
- To achieve this, Dev and Ops must break down the silos and collaborate with one another, share responsibility for maintaining the system that runs the software, and prepare the software to run on the system with increased quality feedback and delivery automation.

Value of DevOps



- Transitioning to DevOps requires a change in culture and mindset.
- At its simplest, DevOps is about removing the barriers between two traditionally siloed teams, development and operations.
- With DevOps, the two teams work together to optimize both the productivity of developers and the reliability of operations.
- They strive to communicate frequently, increase efficiencies, and improve the quality of services they provide to customers.
- They take full ownership for their services, often beyond where their stated roles or titles have traditionally been scoped by thinking about the end customer's needs and how they can contribute to solving those needs.
- Quality assurance and security teams may also become tightly integrated with these teams.
- Organizations using a DevOps model, regardless of their organizational structure, have teams that view the entire development and infrastructure lifecycle as part of their responsibilities.

Implementing DevOps



DevOps Tools

- DevOps tools consist of configuration management, test and build systems, application deployment, version control and monitoring tools
- Continuous integration, continuous delivery and continuous deployment require different tools
- To expedite and actualize DevOps process apart from culturally accepting it, one also needs various DevOps tools like Puppet, Jenkins, GIT, Chef, Docker, Selenium, AWS etc to achieve automation at various stages which helps in achieving Continuous Development, Continuous Integration, Continuous Testing, Continuous Deployment, Continuous Monitoring to deliver a quality software to the customer at a very fast pace

Tools for DevOps



Source Code Repository

- A source code repository is a place where developers check in and change code. The source code repository manages the various versions of code that are checked in, so developers don't write over each other's work.
- Source control has probably been around for forty years, but it's a major component of continuous integration. Popular source code repository tools are Git, Subversion, Cloudforce, Bitbucket and TFS

Build Server

- The build server is an automation tool that compiles the code in the source code repository into executable code base. Popular tools are Jenkins, SonarQube and Artifactory.

Configuration Management

- Configuration management defines the configuration of a server or an environment. Popular configuration management tools are Puppet and Chef.

Tools for DevOps



Virtual Infrastructure

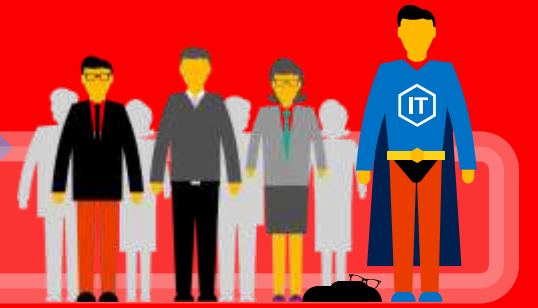
- Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure are examples of virtual infrastructures
- Provided by cloud vendors that sell infrastructure or platform as a service (PaaS)
- APIs to allow you to programmatically create new machines with configuration management tools such as Puppet and Chef
- There are also private clouds. For example, VMware has vCloud.
- Virtual infrastructures combined with automation tools to empower organizations practicing DevOps with the ability to configure a server without any fingers on the keyboard. If you want to test your brand-new code, you can automatically send it to your cloud infrastructure, build the environment and then run all of the tests without human intervention

Test Automation

- DevOps testing focuses on automated testing within your build pipeline to ensure that by the time that you have a deployable build, you are confident it is ready to be deployed
- Popular tools are Selenium and Water

Microsoft Tooling

People | Process | Tools



Develop

Developer IDE



Team Collaboration

- Visual Studio Team Services
- Visual Studio Team Foundation Server

Build + Test

Build/CI

- Visual Studio Team Services
- Visual Studio Team Foundation Server

Test

- Visual Studio Team Services
- Visual Studio Team Foundation Server

Microsoft Test Manager

Deploy

Release/CD

Microsoft System Center

Release Management for Visual Studio



PowerShell | WAML



Azure Resource Management

xPlat Command Line

Monitor + Learn

Monitor

Microsoft System Center

- Visual Studio Team Services
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OSS Tooling

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Develop

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Team Collaboration

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Test



Deploy

Configuration



Release



Monitor + Learn

Monitor

Nagios
ZABBIX

DevOps Maturity & Capabilities...



	Culture	Process	People	Technology
Level 1 Initial Novice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncommunicated Vision Restricted communication Sub innovating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual Processes Inconsistent Project Management Inconsistent Deliveries AdHoc Development AdHoc Testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Tickets Teams Organised Around Skillset Tribal Knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Collaboration Tools No SCM Artefact Management Manual Monitoring No Automation Minimal Testing Manual Environment Build
Level 2 Managed Beginner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear delivery requirements Rapid intra-team communication Innovation via necessity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple Scripts Project & Requirement Management Scheduled Deliveries Scrum Development Requirements Based Testing Tactical Reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Tickets & Creating Scripts Teams organised around Delivery In-Level Technology Skills Written Knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Planning Tool Standardised CSM/Artefact Core Monitoring Build Automation Functional Testing Standardised Environment Build
Level 3 Defined Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulated business goals Clear project requirements Rapid inter-team communication Innovation by design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple Orchestrations Integrated Project Management Automated Deliveries Agile Development Integrated Testing Consolidated Reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining Scripts & Creating Orchestrations Teams Organised Around Projects In-Level Technology Skills Automation & Documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge Management Team/Toolset Integration Build/Test Automation Integrated Monitoring Non-Production Deployment Automation Automated Environment Build
Level 4 Quantitatively Managed Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulated Business Vision Clear Project Requirements Frequent Collaborative Communication Strategic innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complex Orchestrations Quantitative Project Management Frequent Deliveries Lean Development Qualitative Testing Strategic Reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining Orchestrations Teams Organised Around Products/Services In-Level Technology Skills Common Knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analytics/Intelligence Self-Healing Production Deployment Automation Qualitative Testing
Level 5 Optimised Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulated Business Strategy Clear Business Requirements Rapid Feedback Ownership Mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed Orchestrations Organised Performance Management Continuous Deliveries & Testing Predictive Reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interdisciplinary Teams Organised Around KPI's Continuous Education Common Knowledge Transfer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooling as a Product Toolset Optimisation Infrastructure As Code

Continuous Integration, Delivery and Deployment Progression

Continuous Never-Ending Improvement to Maturity

Typical Agile

	Immature → Mature			
Build	Automated builds	Artefacts are managed	Automated Release notes	Full trace
Test	Unit testing, Mock-ups And proxies	Automated functional test	Maintain test data	Adaptive test suites
Version Control	Commits are tied to tasks	Release train branching strategy	Version numbers matter	Use distributed VCS
DevOps	One Team	Automated deployment	Access to production-like environments	Infrastructure as code
Architecture & Design	Code metrics	Testable code	Dependencies are managed	Individually releasable components
Organisation & Culture	Agile process	Buy-in from management	Tasks are groomed	Designated roles

Maturity (Future State)

	Novice	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced	Expert
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Architecture & Design	Code metrics	Testable code	Dependencies are managed	Individually releasable components	Full audit trail in production
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Maturity will be uneven; That's OK!

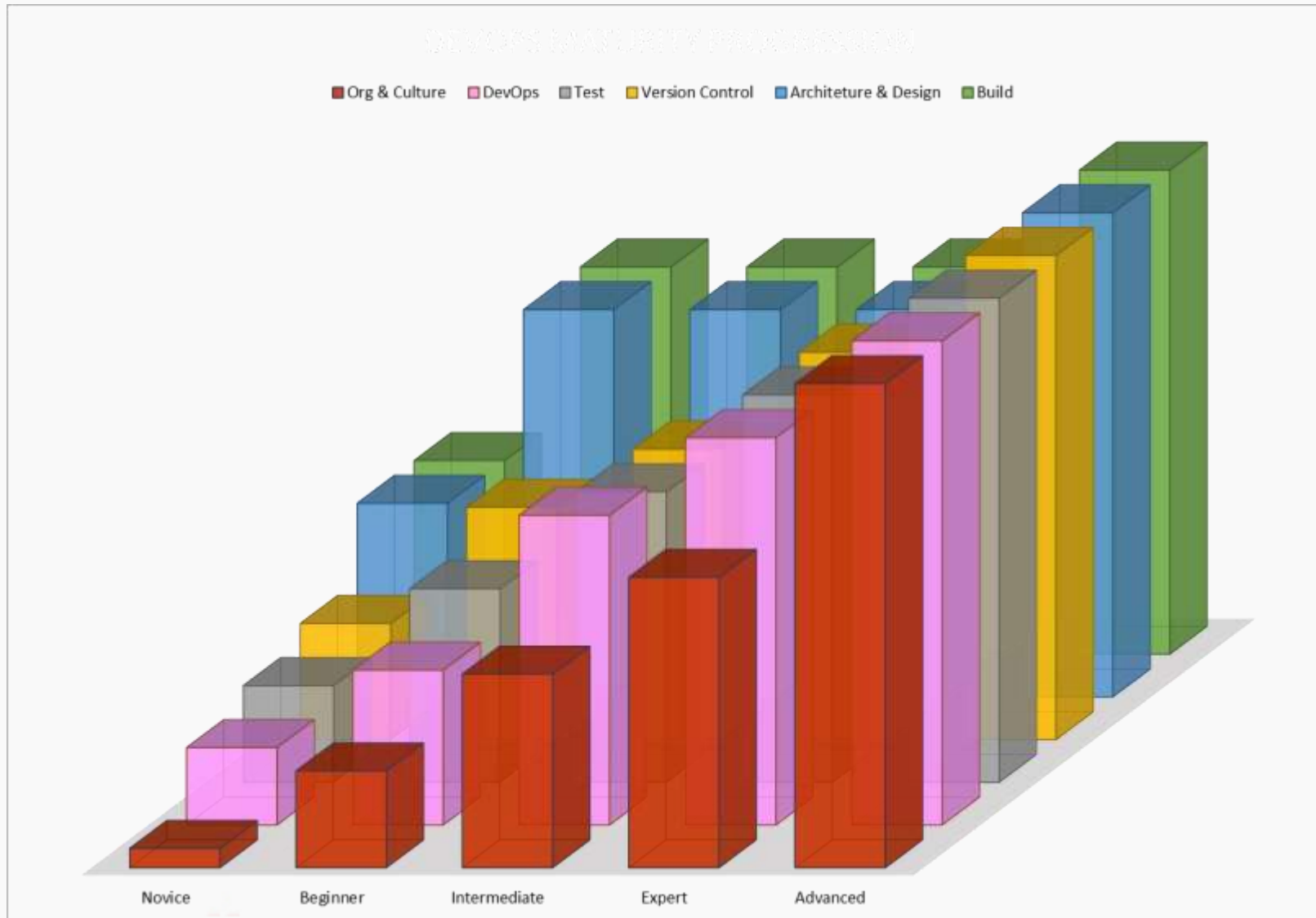


This diagram strives to show that levels of maturity may vary across disciplines, and so we may have uneven steps.

Because we think often in terms of linear lists, we tend to model maturity progressions in steps, this is not reality.

Example:

Intermediate-Level Build may occur before **Intermediate-level Collaboration**, or before **Intermediate traceability**.



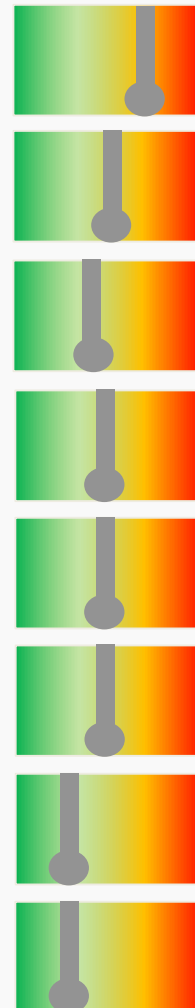
Continuous Integration - Core Capabilities



Building Blocks

1: Planning	1.1 Requirement Capture	1.4 Knowledge Management
	1.2 Portfolio Mgmt	1.5 Bug/Defect Tracking
2: Develop & Code	1.3 Collaboration & ChatOps	1.6 Project Mgmt
	2.1 Integrated Dev Env (IDE)	2.4 Source Control Mgmt (SCM)
3: Commit & Build	2.2 Code Generators	2.5 Code Analysis
	2.3 Virtual Desktop (VDI)	
4. Testing	3.1 Build	3.4 Code Obfuscation
	3.2 Continuous Integration	3.5 App Build Distribution
5. Release & Deployment	3.3 Repository Mgmt	3.6 Unit Testing
	4.1 Functional Testing	4.4 Operational Acceptance Test
6. Operate	4.2 Performance Testing	4.5 Test Data Mgmt
	4.3 UI Testing	4.6 Security Testing
7. Information Management	5.1 App Release Automation (ARA)	5.3 Configuration Mgmt
	5.2 Orchestration	5.4 Pipeline Manager
8. Common Enablers	5.3 Configuration Mgmt	5.5 Cloud Proxy
	6.1 Monitoring	6.3 Application Perf Mgmt
	6.2 Requirements Measurement	
	7.1 Reporting	7.3 Push Notifications
	7.2 Dashboards	7.4 BI & Analytics
	8.1 Environment & Lab Mgmt	8.4 Network Virtualisation
	8.2 Containers	8.5 Process Mgmt/Lean Tools
	8.3 Service Virtualisation	

Complexity

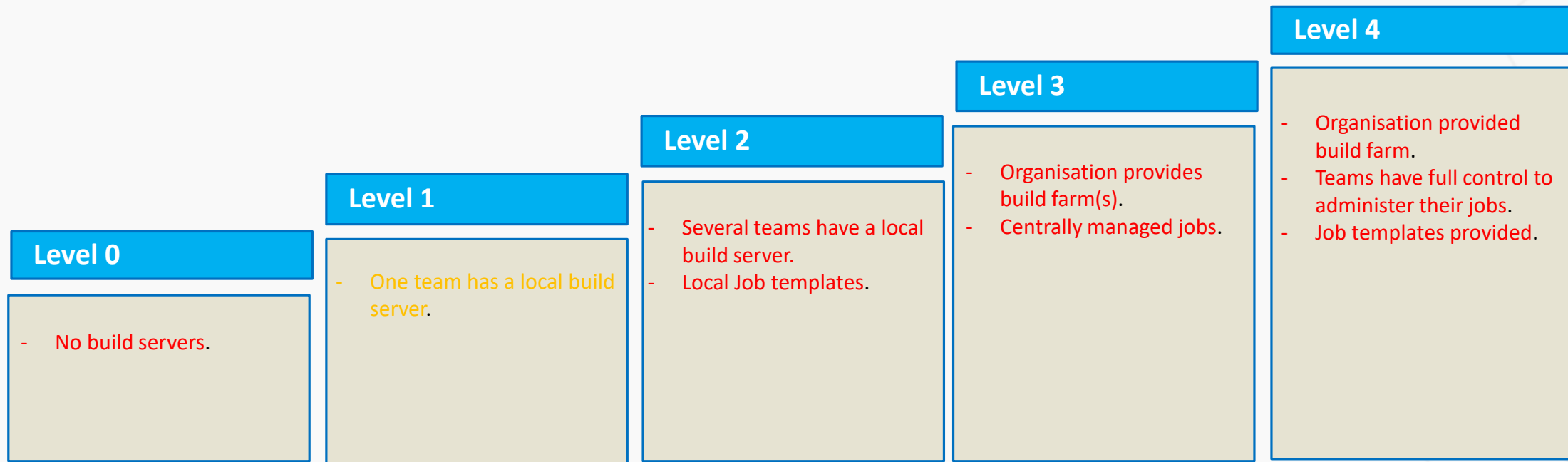


Points of Note

1.	Requirements traceability is up to and including test cases.
2.	Communication channels defined, and Governance forums agreed.
1.	Incubate process, library/re-use components & automation at onset.
2.	Onboarding of resources must be efficient, as well as Information Sharing.
1.	Build fast, build often. Keep the build green.
2.	Integrate early & Test early.
1.	Test coverage, regression testing if feed from the incubated unit testing.
2.	Continually evaluate automated testing (UI, and Test Creation/Test data).
1.	Self service, allow any build to become a candidate release.
2.	Environment tracking.
1.	SLA's are understood.
2.	Operational Acceptance Gate (Documentation, Process).
1.	KPI Framework at each stage is a key output.
2.	Single notification framework.
1.	Automate as a Mindset, Continuous High Fidelity Feedback.
2.	Continuous Improvement is captured via Process Management/Lean tools.

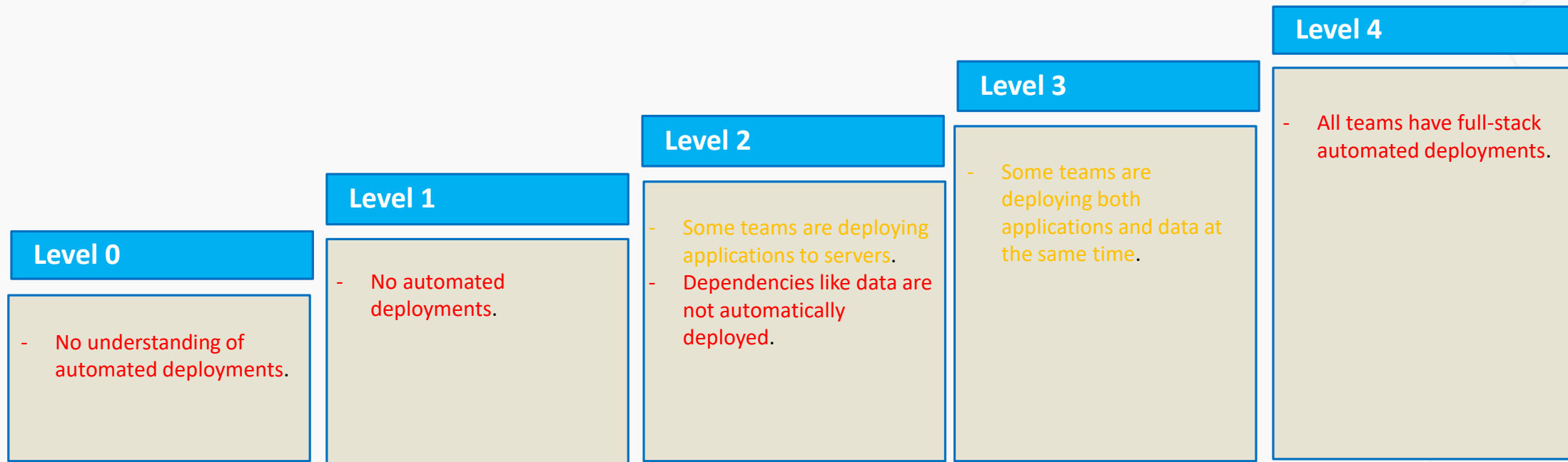
Build Server

Is there a build server up and running, and do teams know about it and why it is there?



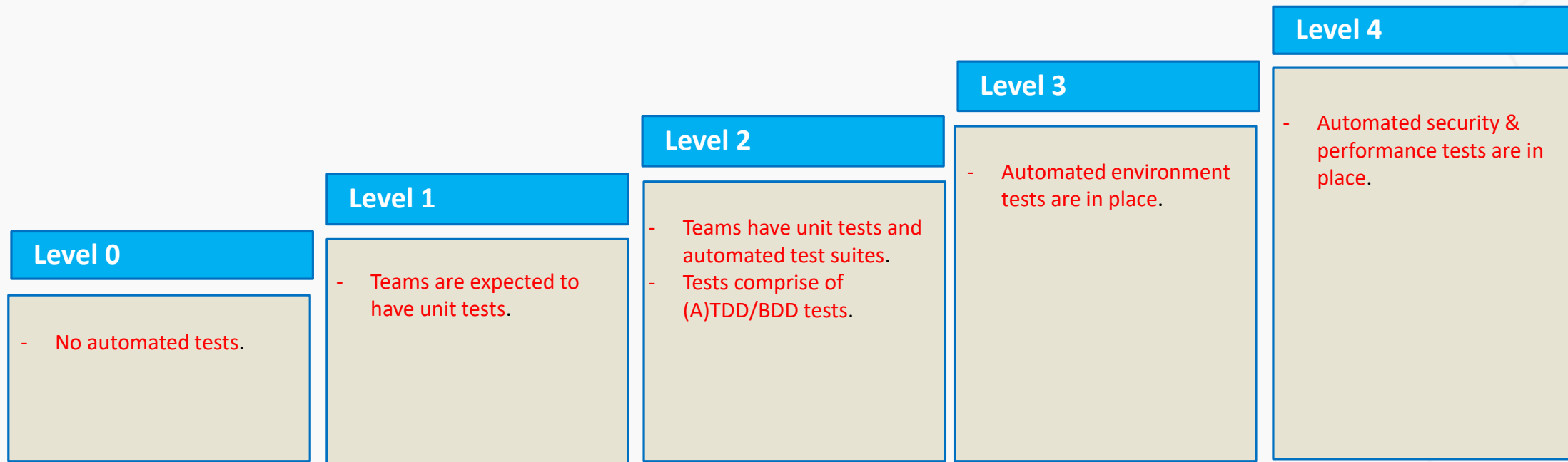
Automated Deployments

Are there any automated deployment happening?



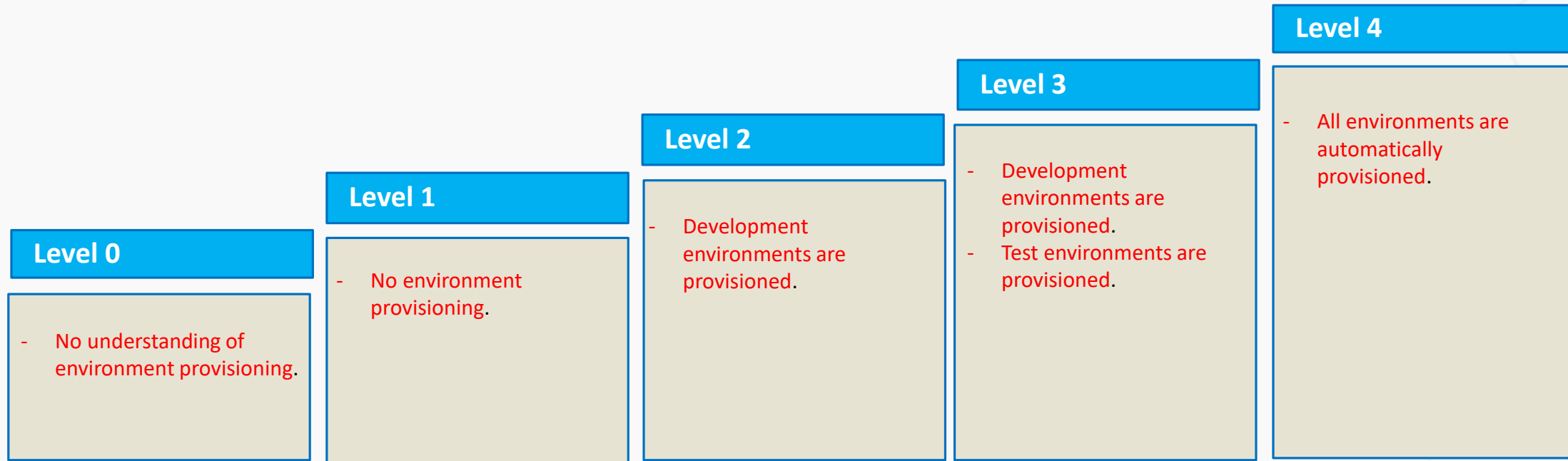
Automated Deployments

Is automated testing understood and being used?



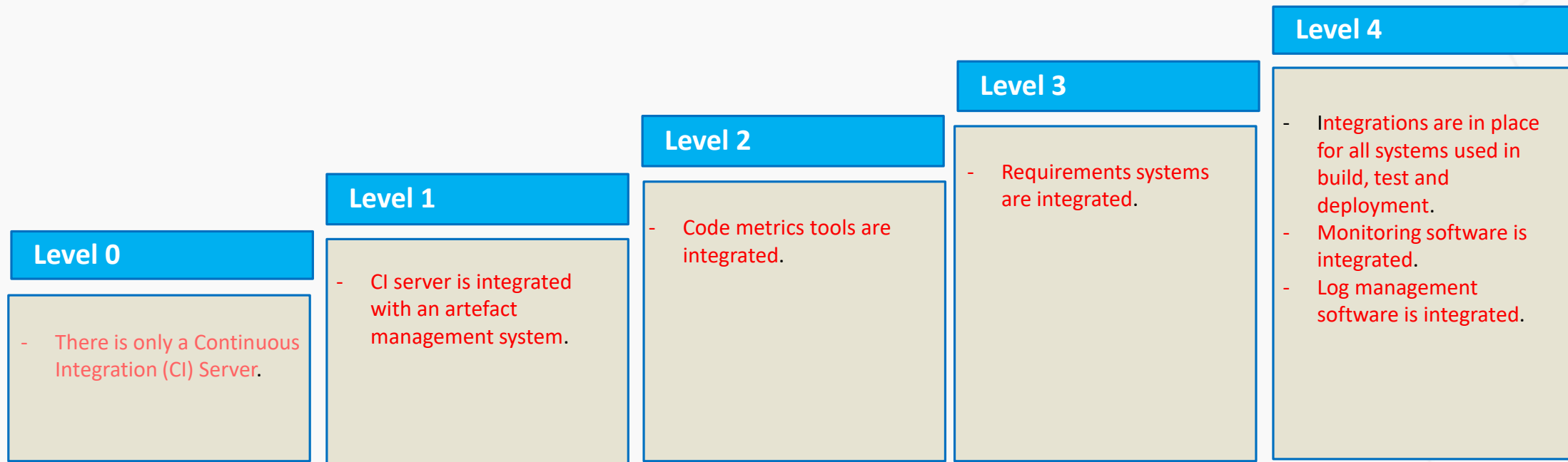
Environment Provisioning

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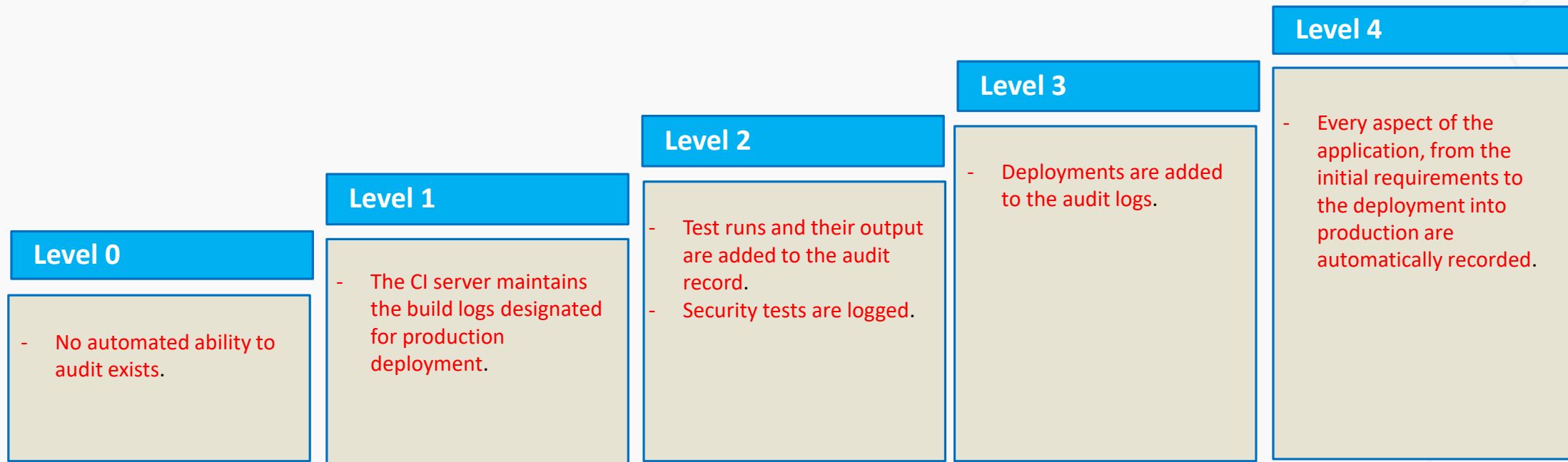
DevOps Integrations

What integrations to other systems exist?



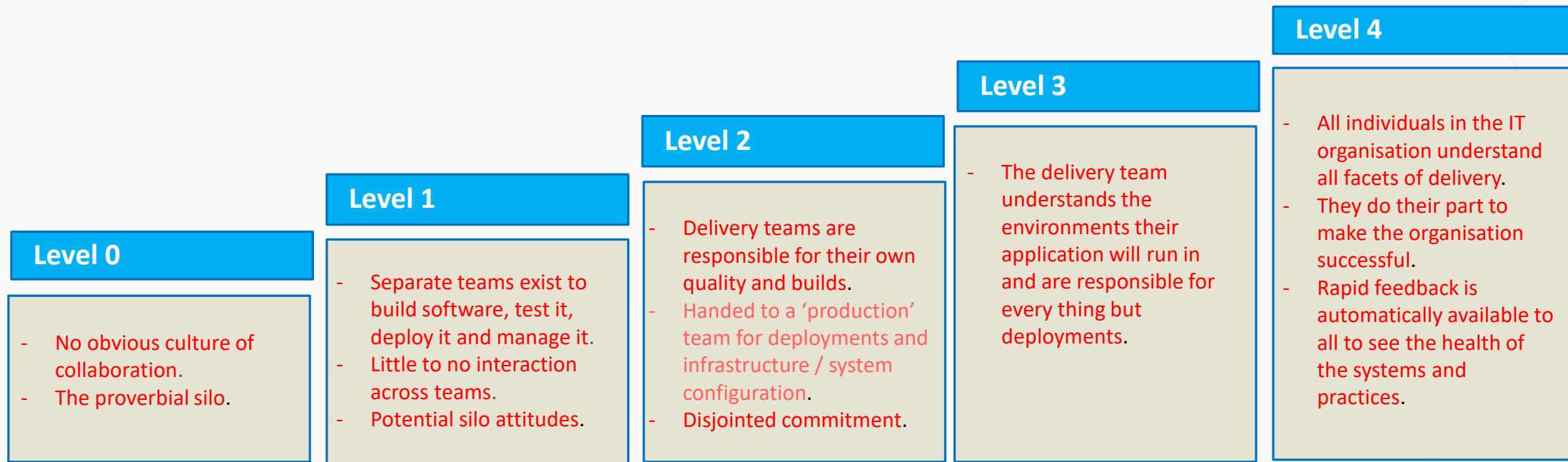
Audit-ability

Is the overall pipeline audit-controlled?



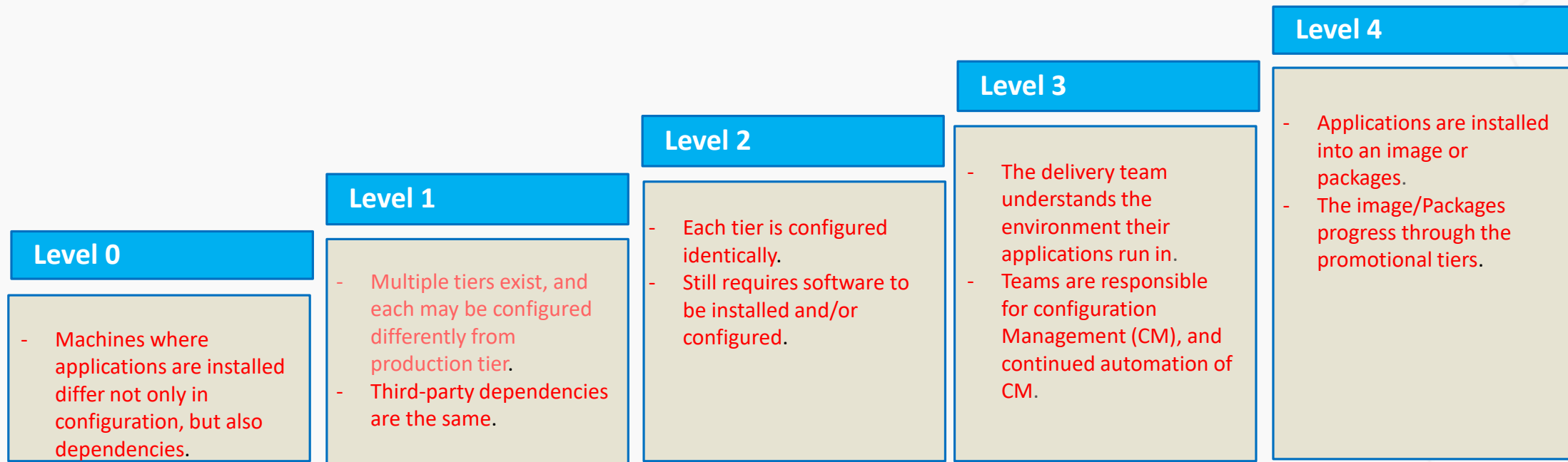
Culture

Do groups in the end-to-end process operate from the perspective of shared accountability for the delivery of business results?



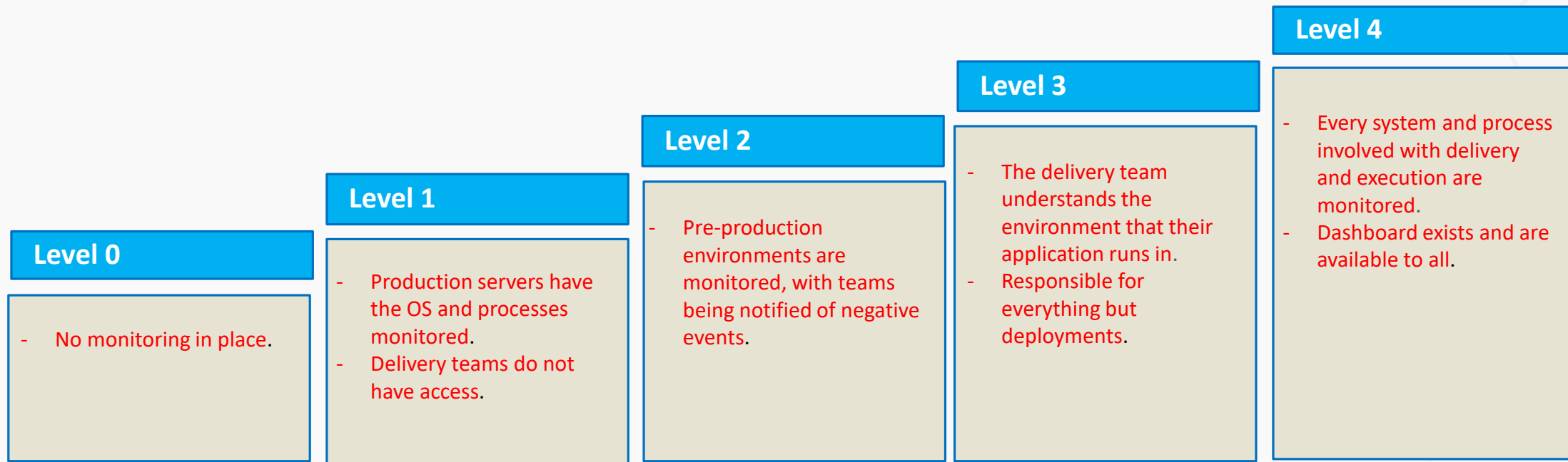
Server Integrity

Do the servers from Development to Production have the exact same configuration and version of OS and other supporting software?



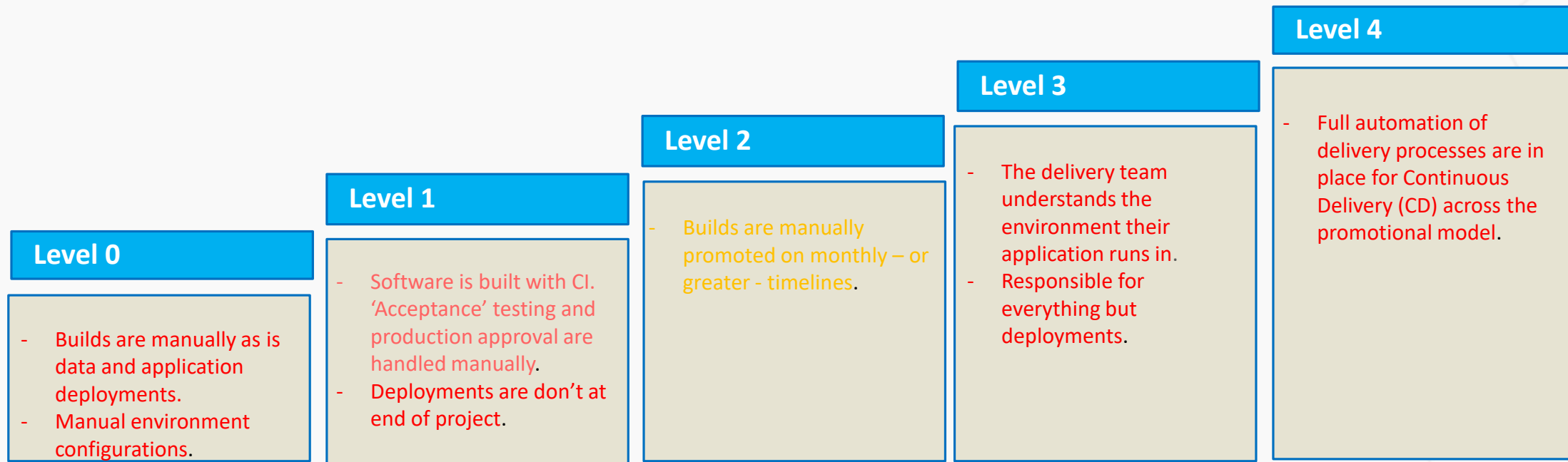
Monitoring

Is monitoring in place that provides timely and accurate notification of issues?



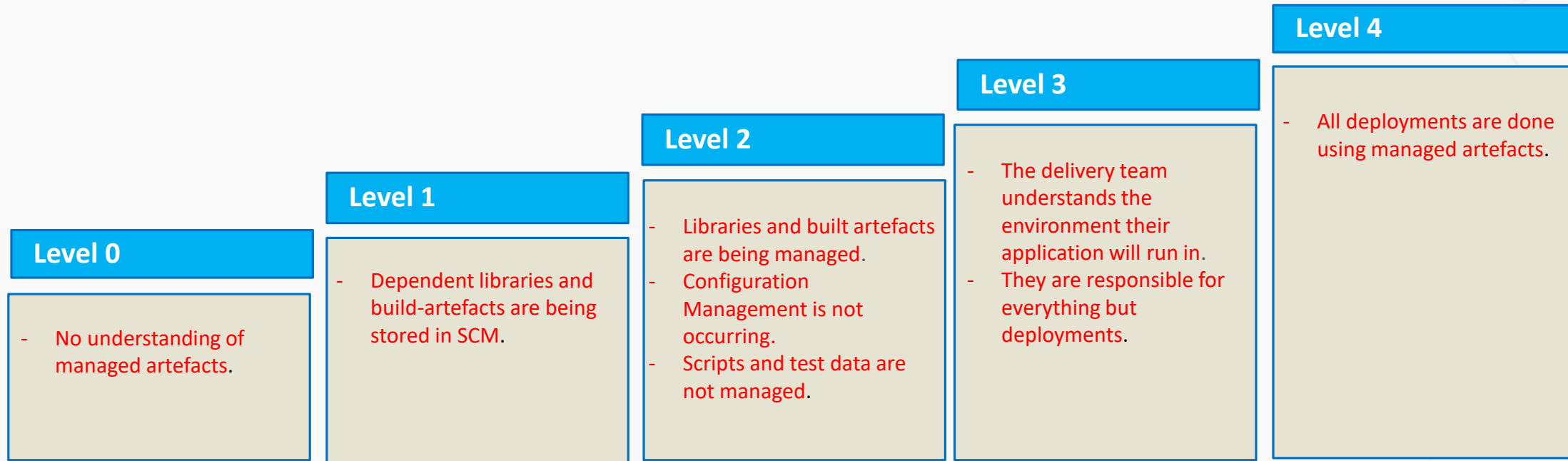
Continuous Delivery

Does the organisation have the tools and process in place to enable the regular in frequent delivery of software into production via a promotional model?



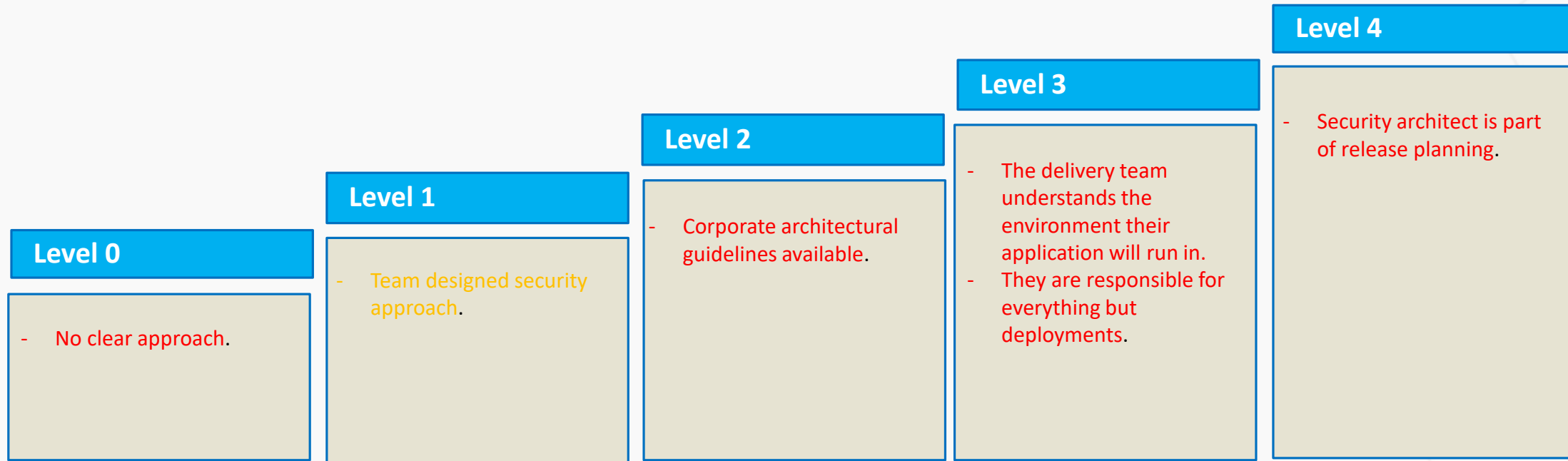
Managed Artefacts

Are artefacts being managed by an artefact management system?



Security

Is the security of software considered and how is it handled?



**Within the enterprise, where
do we begin?...**

Getting started – Where do we start?

A common recommendation is to improve day-today stability of trunk:

1. Setup Continuous Integration with some automated tests and start learning to continually **keep builds green**.
2. If already doing this at component-level using unit-tests, then move to a larger application builds in an operational like environment with automated system test.
3. Culture change will occur naturally because different development groups are continually getting all the code working together and delivered (to the Customer/Market) as opposed to just localised intermediary steps.
4. Stress the test automation to ensure it is stable and maintainable.

4 Steps to successful starting DevOps



- Embarking on an organizational transformation with DevOps can be a massive undertaking.
 - In fact, it can be downright overwhelming when you consider the scope and size of the changes it requires.
- DevOps represents a **major cultural change**, so keep your expectations in check.
- Don't expect the organization to change overnight, and don't expect the entire organization to change at the same time.
- Consider following these four steps for a smooth transition.



**Start at the right place at
the right time**

1. Start at the right place at the right time



- Decide where to plant the seeds of change and grow.
- Where can we **harvest quick wins** and learn what works?
- Start with the business:
 - Does it demand speed and velocity from IT?
 - Is management desperate to go faster?
 - Are they open to change?
- Is IT receptive or resistant to change?
- Try to choose areas where technology is more cloud and web oriented.
 - It's not that DevOps is only suitable for web and cloud; it's that newer technology with lower legacy debt will make it easier for your first time out the gate.
- Look for areas where the teams will be empowered.





Lather (observe and orient)

2. Lather (observe and orient)

- **Observe and measure** how things work today.
 - How long does it take for a new requirement to get to production?
 - Employ rapid scientific methods to assess success/failure.
- Find the areas with the greatest pain, and find the biggest bottlenecks.
- Get some data, create a baseline, and figure out how to continually update it.
- A word of caution:
 - **Don't get stuck measuring for the sake of measurement.** Do just enough, and then get moving.



3

Rinse (decide and act)

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- **Do something different.**
- The team knows where the problems are, so fix those first.
- If the problem is in coding and builds, work on source control and continuous integration.
- If testing and QA are the biggest issues, automate and implement continuous testing to streamline those processes.
- If the problem area is the deployment and delivery of apps and infrastructure, continuous delivery is the place to start.
- As you start making changes, don't forget to pay attention to the data.
- If the data gets better, then keep going. If things get worse, don't hesitate to go back to the drawing board.



4

Repeat

4. Repeat

- **Don't rush things, and Don't stop.** The improvement loop for DevOps has no end: It's really all about continuous improvement.
- Give the process time to sink in with the team. It may even be a month or more before you can go back to the beginning.
- Teams may need to iterate a process/tools combination several times before they'll feel confident & witness improvement.
- When the team(s) is/are finally ready, start again with the data and search for new bottlenecks and pain points.
 - This is the next opportunity to improve, accelerate, and streamline delivery.
- **Participation** in the DevOps transformation will vary with roles.
- IT **leaders need to empower** the team so they can own the change and the results.
 - The **partnership between IT leadership** and the **team** must be built on **mutual trust** based on a **shared goal** of delivering more value to the customer.

Thought leadership...

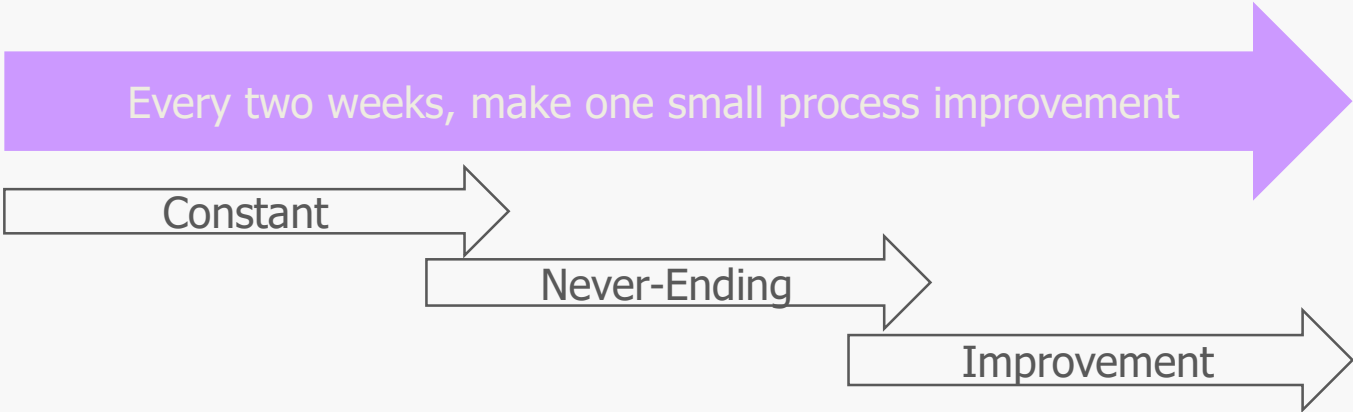
Key Cultural Changes



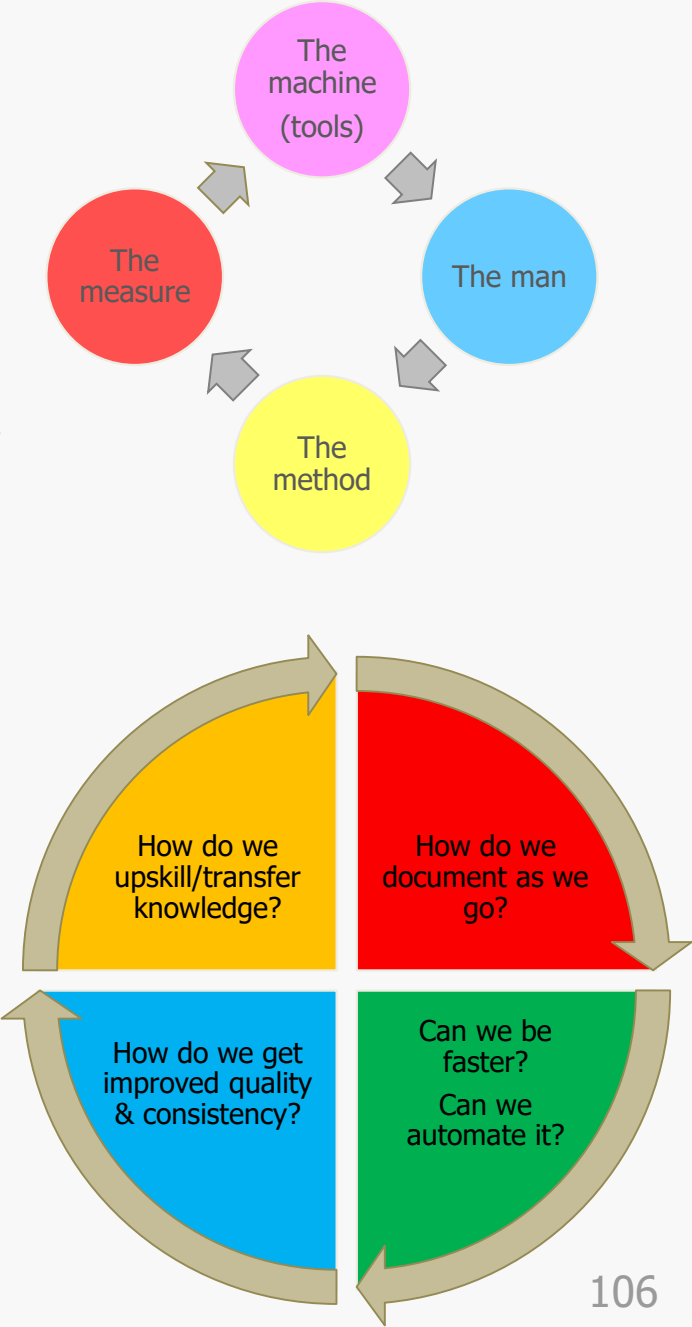
- Getting developers to **own** ensuring **every check-in to trunk** is stable in a production-like environment.
- Getting **Development** and **Operations** teams using **common tools** and environments to align them on a common objective.
- Getting the entire **organisation** to **agree** that the **definition of done** at the release branch i.e. the feature is signed off, defect-free, and the test automation is ready in terms of test coverage and passing rates.
 - KPI/Metrics exist.
 - Process is improved & documented.
- Getting the organisation to **embrace** the unique characteristics of your **software & build practice** then design a **planning process** that takes advantage of its **flexibility**.

The Improvement Karta - aka Kaizen

- 1 Repetition is the mother all of learning!
- 2 Repetition creates habit!
- 3 Habits are what enable mastery!



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Are you up for the Challenge?



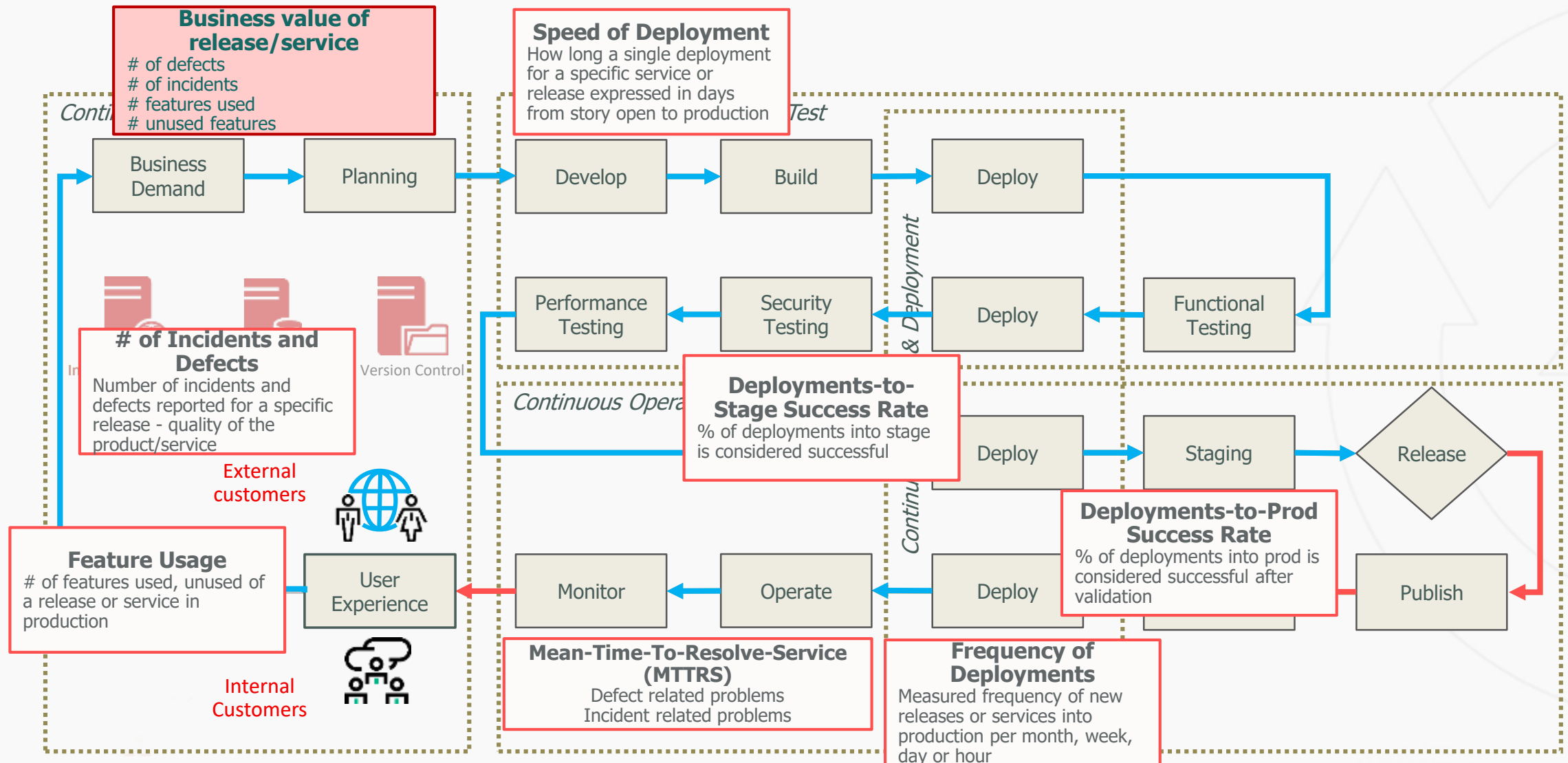
- **Who do you need** to join you in leading the transformation?
- **What are your plans** for taking the first step?
- **What** are your **business objectives**?
- **What organisational barriers** do you think will need to be addressed?
- What do you think your **organisation can commit to completing** in the first iteration of your enterprise-level continuous improvement process?

Traceability, metrics and KPIs...

Traceability Matrix & Systems

- Traceability" could be factually described as **"the use of tracking and tracing systems and processes to match the incoming product requirements to outgoing product attributes."**
- **Forward traceability**
 - Ensure at any point that everything you require is in the plan somewhere, or, better yet, in the actual software.
- **Backward traceability:**
 - Ensure that everything in the software was developed for some identifiable reason, and it wasn't just developers running amok.
- **Keeping things tidy when requirements change, both during the project and during ongoing maintenance afterwards**
 - If requirements change, you would like to know what the impact of the change will be?
 - Which pieces of the system will be impacted?
 - How many of them are there?

Measuring success: velocity, quality and value



Technology Metrics/KPIs



- Deployment Frequency
- Lead time for changes
- % Change error rates
- % Failure rates
- Lines of code?
- % Availability
- Recovery time
- Job satisfaction
- Defect %
- # Security tests
- # Broken builds
- Mean-time-to-resolve
- % Test pass rate
- Stories - branch ready
- Stories - not ready for branching
- # Environments
- % Code coverage
- # Unit tests
- # System tests
- % System tests automated
- % Continuous green build

Recommendations for the Enterprise...

Recommendations: Policy, Planning, and Management



- **Establish a viable governance framework**
 - CI is not only a technical implementation, it is also an organizational and cultural implementation.
- **Establish a “CI Implementation” working group**
 - Management should set up a software development technical leadership working group to lead CI adoption and other software quality and process improvement initiatives through training and technical support.
- **Version control systems must be used across the pipeline**
 - An improperly used source control system can easily derail efforts to implement CI improvement in upstream stages.
- **Enforce proper release management**
 - The CI Implementation working group should take steps to clearly define, document, and enforce policies and guidelines for proper software release practices.

Recommendations: Technology Implementation



- **Adopt CI practices incrementally**
 - Each team should honestly assess where their maturity level it is at a given point in time, then put in place the changes needed to move to the next level.
 - Continually reviewing the maturity level, will support maturity at scale.
- **Implement CI early in new projects**
 - Teams should focus their CI improvement efforts on new projects, maintenance releases, defect fixes, and new development and implement new CI practices early.
- **Provide fast machines for the CI build and test servers**
 - High-performance servers will result in faster builds, removing one of the most important roadblocks to CI improvement.

Recommendations: Technology Implementation (cont...)



- **Start with the most willing & knowledgeable teams**
 - Initial attempts to improve CI practices should start with the teams that already have some of the key practices in place.
- **Write scripts to automate manual processes**
 - Teams should decide which manual processes are causing the most problems and automate these first.
 - The benefits of doing this will motivate them to tackle the next problem area, and so on.
- **Get serious about automated testing**
 - Detecting defects early depends on having all the necessary testing resources in place.
 - No implementation of CI should be attempted without a commitment by all stakeholders to upgrade the department's testing practices and infrastructure.

Recommendations: Technology Implementation (cont...



- **Continually adopt the most relevant best practices in CI**
 - Development teams should attempt to apply the practices appropriate for the maturity level they are working toward in their individual CI adoption objectives.
- **Train and mentor developers and testers together**
 - CI improvements create additional demands on the workforce, so the need for additional training, and continuous mentoring and support, is critical, and must be factored into velocity reporting i.e. delivery speed.
- **Consider using external consultants and trainers**
 - There are outside consulting firms that specialize in providing services to “jump start” an organization’s CI improvements, and it might be both beneficial and cost effective to consider engaging one of these firms.

*It is all fine and dandy, but
of no use long-term when no
governance or LEAN
software improvement is
applied.*

General thoughts

- Process and definition even at varying layers of detail will have no long term impact. The focus has to be in changing people's behaviour.
- Any strategy must encompass the ability to encourage and foster behaviour patterns of the people who participate within.
- Culture is made up of the attitude of choice, thus attitude will define the altitude of success.
- Focus on the culture change objectives, and use process as a conduit then it will become an aqueduct to transport success.
- The ultimate destination is a river of exponential success due to the tributaries of continuous change and improvement.

Tool Choice, and Potentiality...



Single Portfolio Management

Single Tool for Requirements

Single Tool for User Stories

Single Wiki Style Product & Knowledge Linking

•Single Rich Document Store (Governance, Architecture, Framework, Process)

Single SCM (Git)

Single Kanban Tool

Single Bug Tracking

Single Test Script Management

Single Defect Management

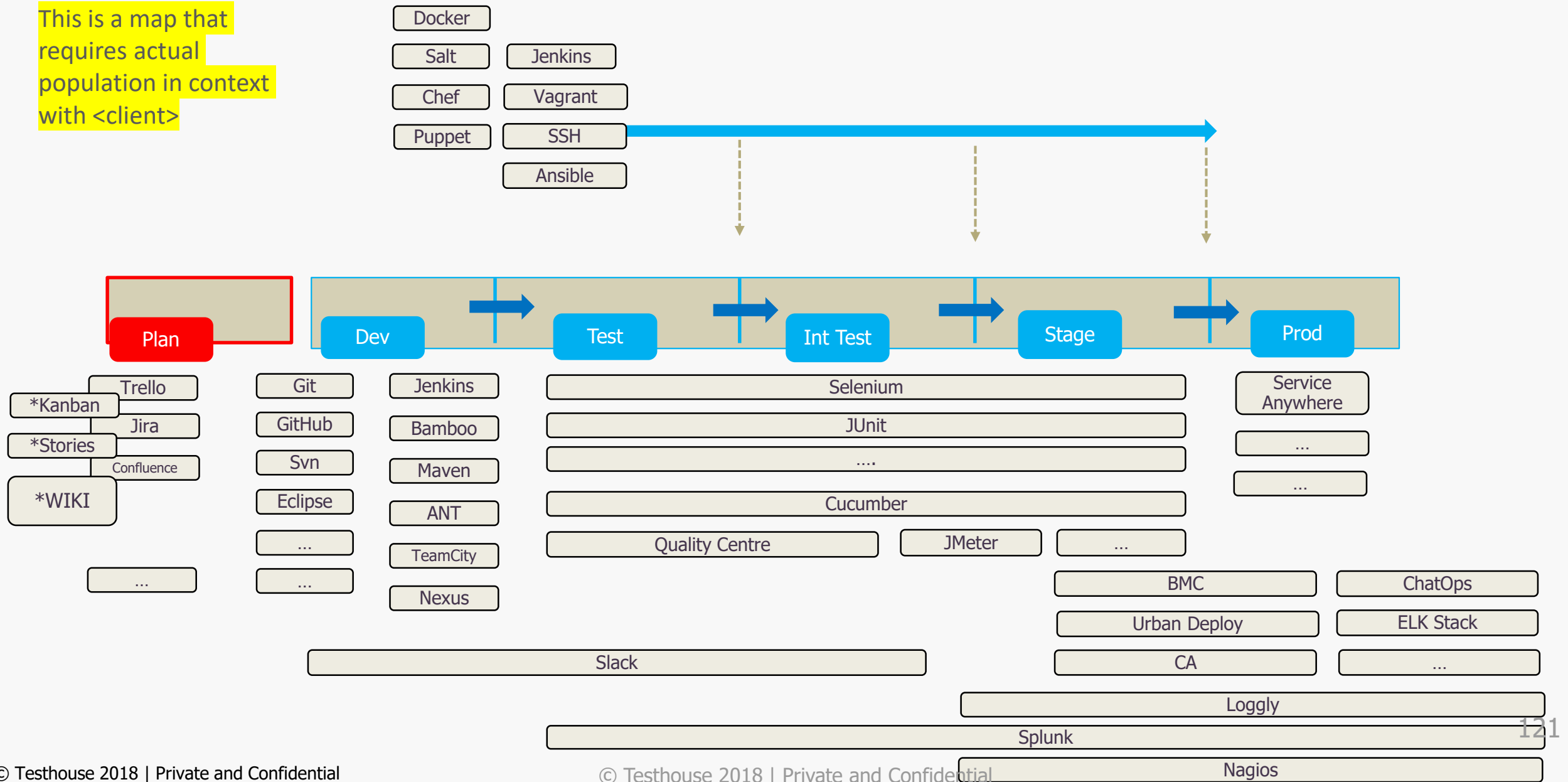
Single Feedback Tracker / Collaboration Tool

Single Release Management

Multiple Alert Channels, Multiple media

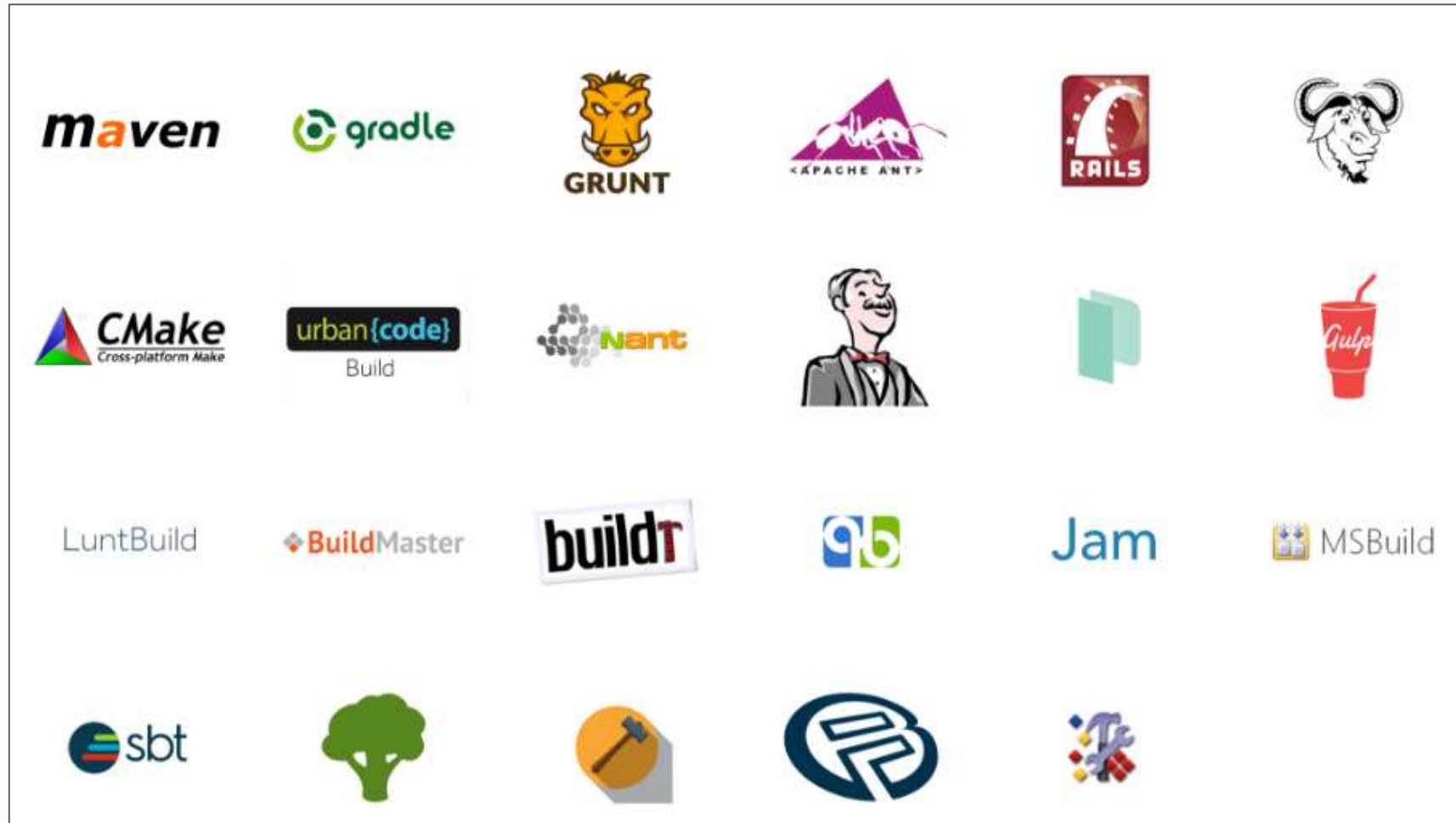
Tools to make it work (Examples of usual suspects)

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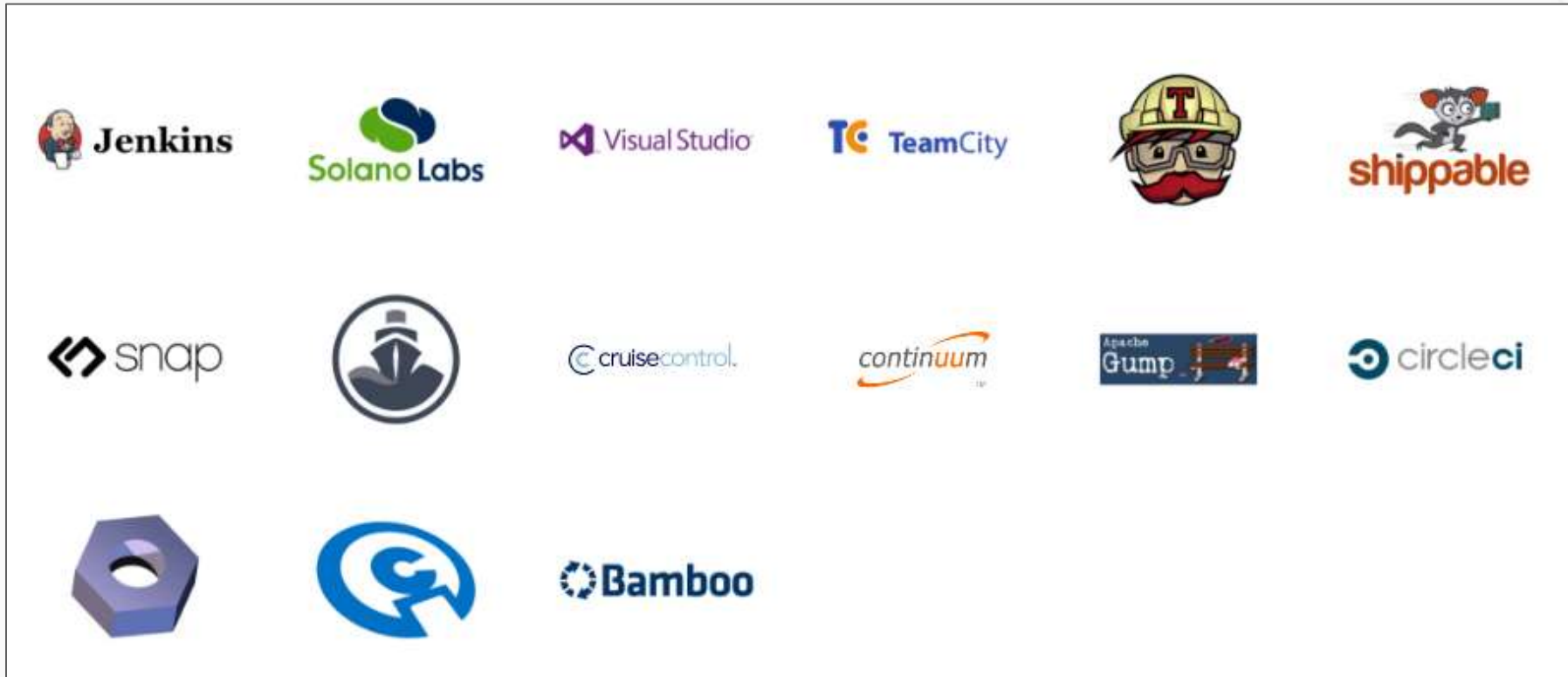


Source Control Management

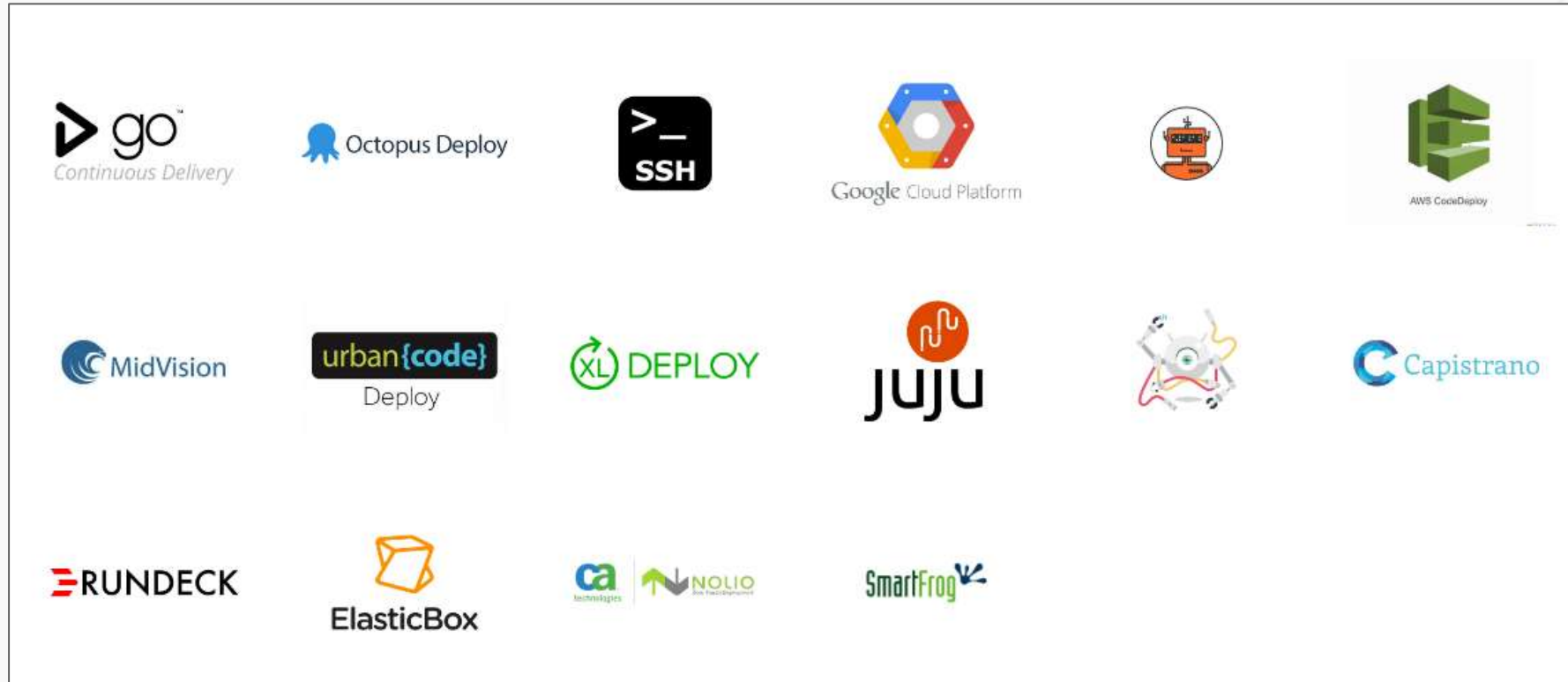


Continuous Integration

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Deployment Tools

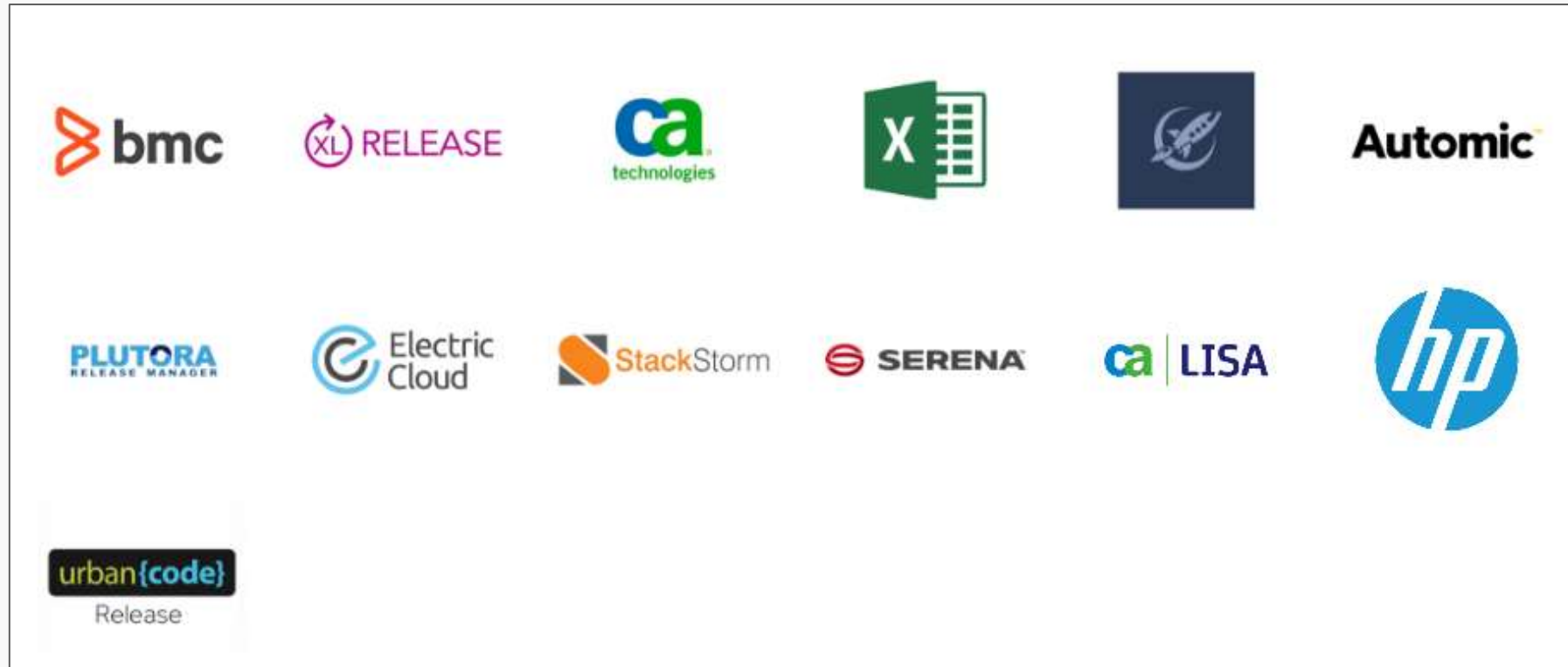


Repository Management



Release Management

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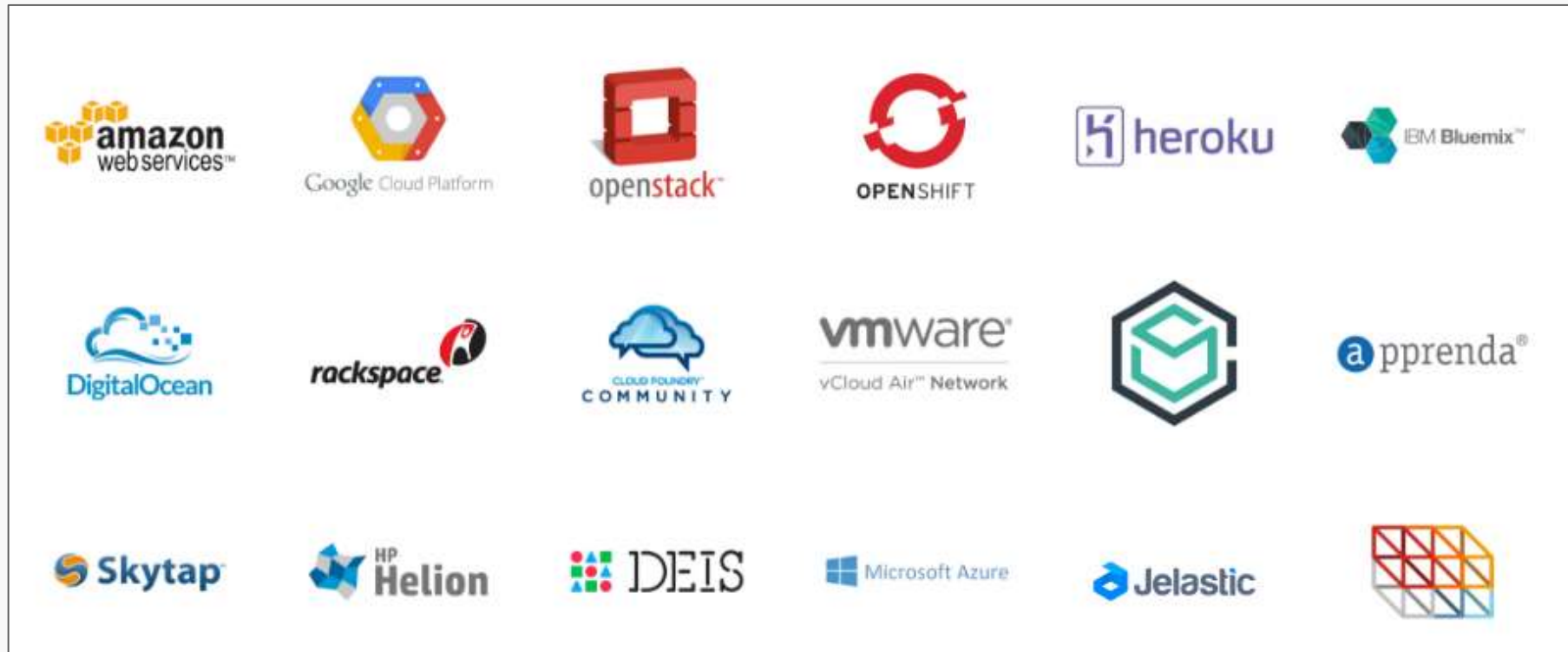


Containerisation



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