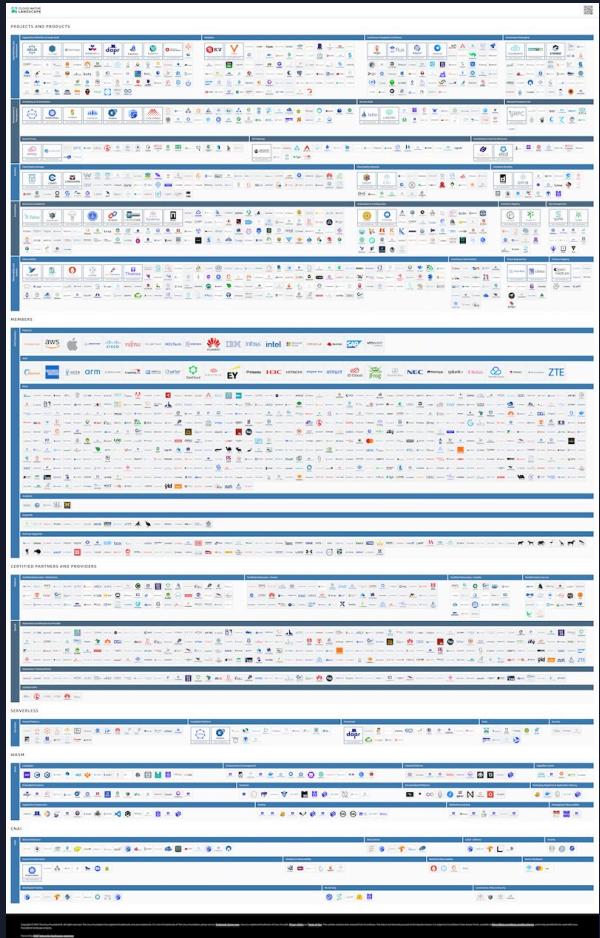


Streamlining DevEx

The Power of CI/CD Standardization and Interoperability



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A working definition of DevEx

"...the journey of developers and practitioners as they learn and deploy technology, which if successful, focuses on eliminating obstacles that hinder them from achieving success in their endeavors."

-Jessica West, *Co-Founder, DevEx Institute*



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A Good Developer Experience







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Point of clarification

- "DevEx" by default focuses on "developer"
- View "DevEx" as a whole of the lifecycle





- Standardization
- Interoperability

CI/CD Standardization

- consistency to development pipelines
- reduces friction
- enhances collaboration

Implementing CI/CD Standardization

Assessment and Analysis

- Thoroughly assess your current CI/CD pipelines
- Identify pain points and bottlenecks
- Analyze specific requirements and constraints

Implementing CI/CD Standardization

Define Standardization Goals

- Define goals and objectives, align with strategy and objectives
- Determine success, like reduced deployment times / error rates

Implementing CI/CD Standardization

Select Tools and Practices

- Choose tools & practices aligned with organization needs, goals
- Establish standard templates and configurations for pipelines
- Enforce coding standards for consistency and readability

Implementing CI/CD Standardization

Utilize Version Control

- Store pipeline configs as code in version control systems
- Implement branching and pull request strategies

Implementing CI/CD Standardization

Automated Testing and Validation

- Integrate automated testing and validation into templates
- Implement code reviews and peer validation early in dev process

Implementing CI/CD Standardization

Documentation and Training

- Create comprehensive docs for processes, configs, best practices
- Provide training to ensure understanding and effective use



Optimizing CI/CD Standardization



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Continuous Monitoring & Improvement

- Detect pipeline issues and bottlenecks in real-time
- Establish culture of regular reviews and updating pipelines

Optimizing CI/CD Standardization

Governance & Compliance

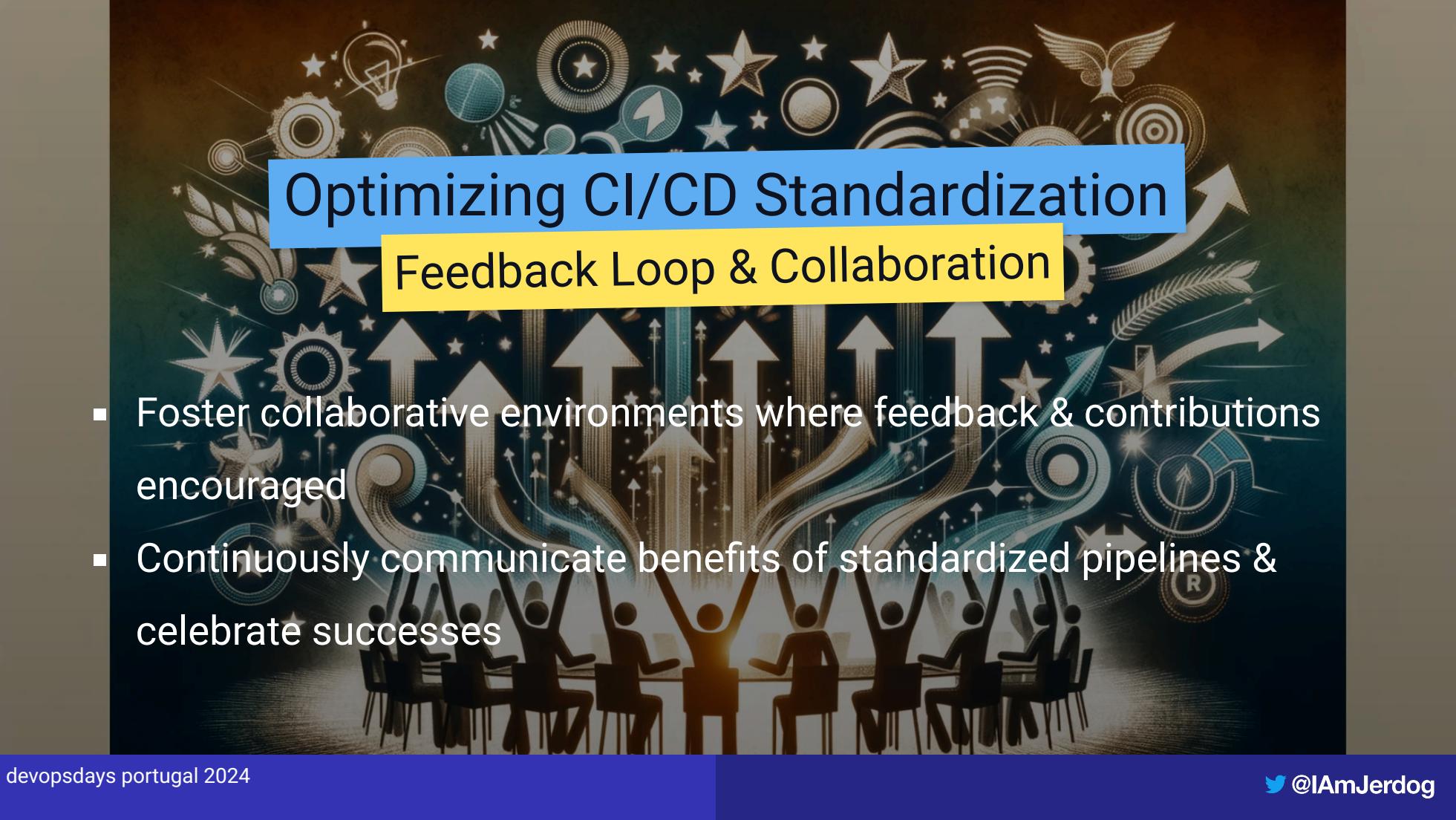
- Implement governance policies to enforce pipeline standards
- Validate compliance with industry regulations / internal standards
- Regularly audit and assess adherence to standardized practices



Optimizing CI/CD Standardization

Scaling & Adaptation

- Ensure standardized templates can scale and adapt
- Maintain flexibility to accommodate unique project requirements



Optimizing CI/CD Standardization

Feedback Loop & Collaboration

- Foster collaborative environments where feedback & contributions encouraged
- Continuously communicate benefits of standardized pipelines & celebrate successes



CI/CD Interoperability

- seamless integration across diverse toolsets
- fosters flexibility in development environments



Interoperability in CI/CD Systems

Streamlined workflows

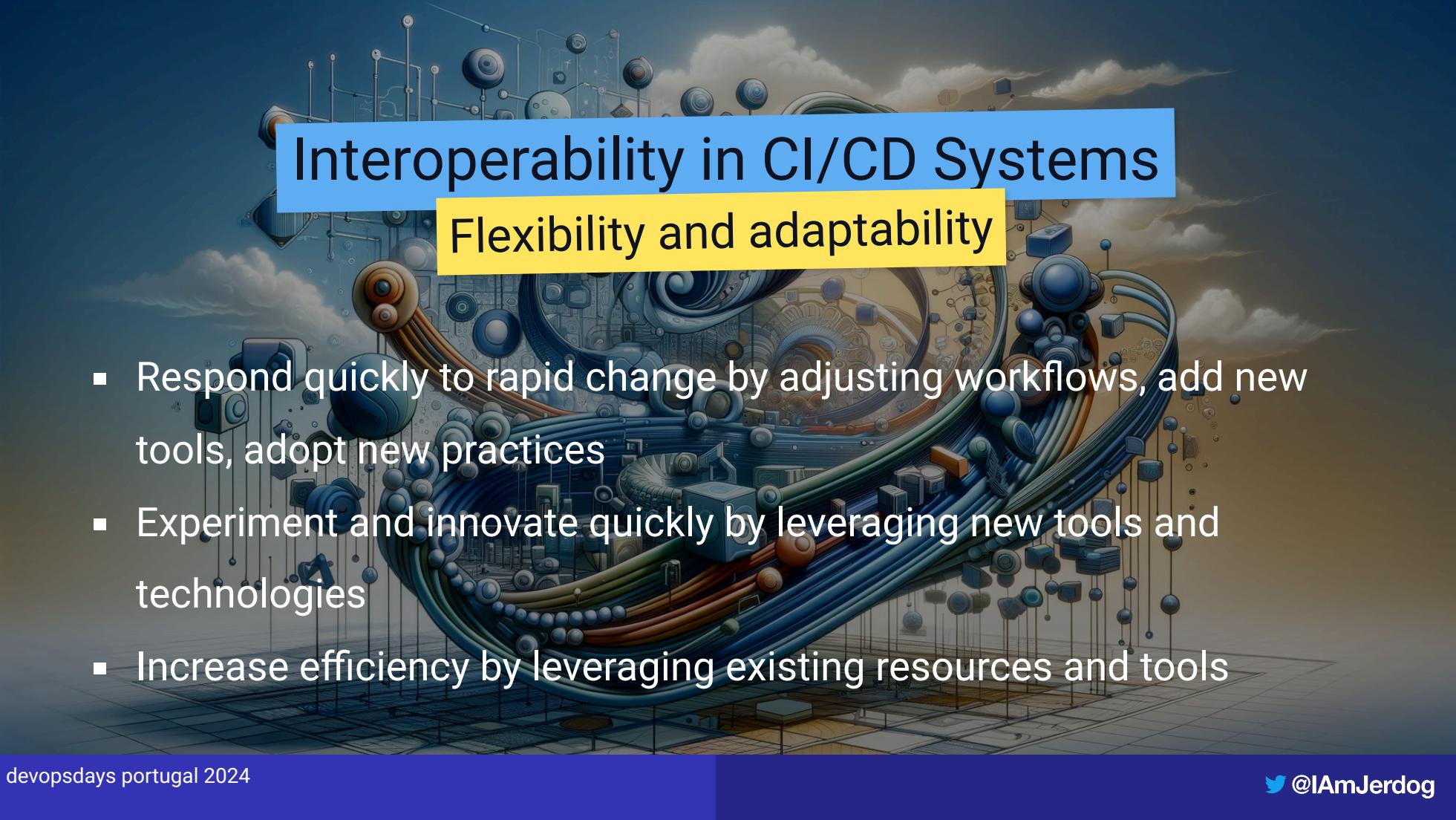
- Reduce manual intervention, increase automation with templates + reusable config
- Eliminate waste and improve efficiency
- Deliver faster with higher quality + better developer experience



Interoperability in CI/CD Systems

Cross-functional collaboration

- Have shared goals and break down silos
- Improve resource utilization and efficiency
- Leverage strengths and expertise of each team



Interoperability in CI/CD Systems

Flexibility and adaptability

- Respond quickly to rapid change by adjusting workflows, add new tools, adopt new practices
- Experiment and innovate quickly by leveraging new tools and technologies
- Increase efficiency by leveraging existing resources and tools





Advanced Interoperability

Ecosystem integration

- Assemble customized toolchain tailored to your requirements
- Minimize manual intervention via End-to-end automation
- Greater visibility + traceability via aggregation of info

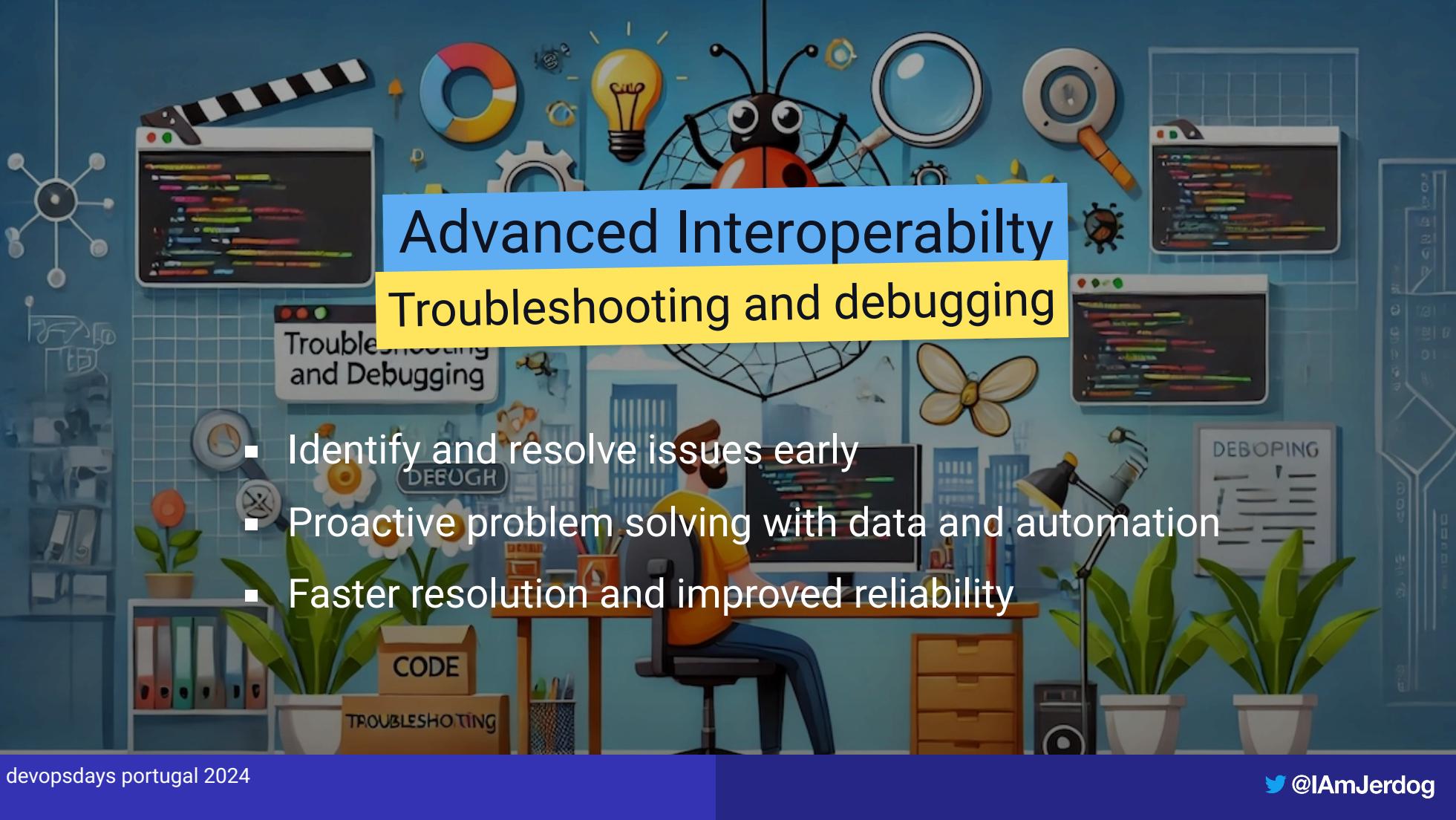


Advanced Interoperability

Ecosystem integration

Role of community and Open Source

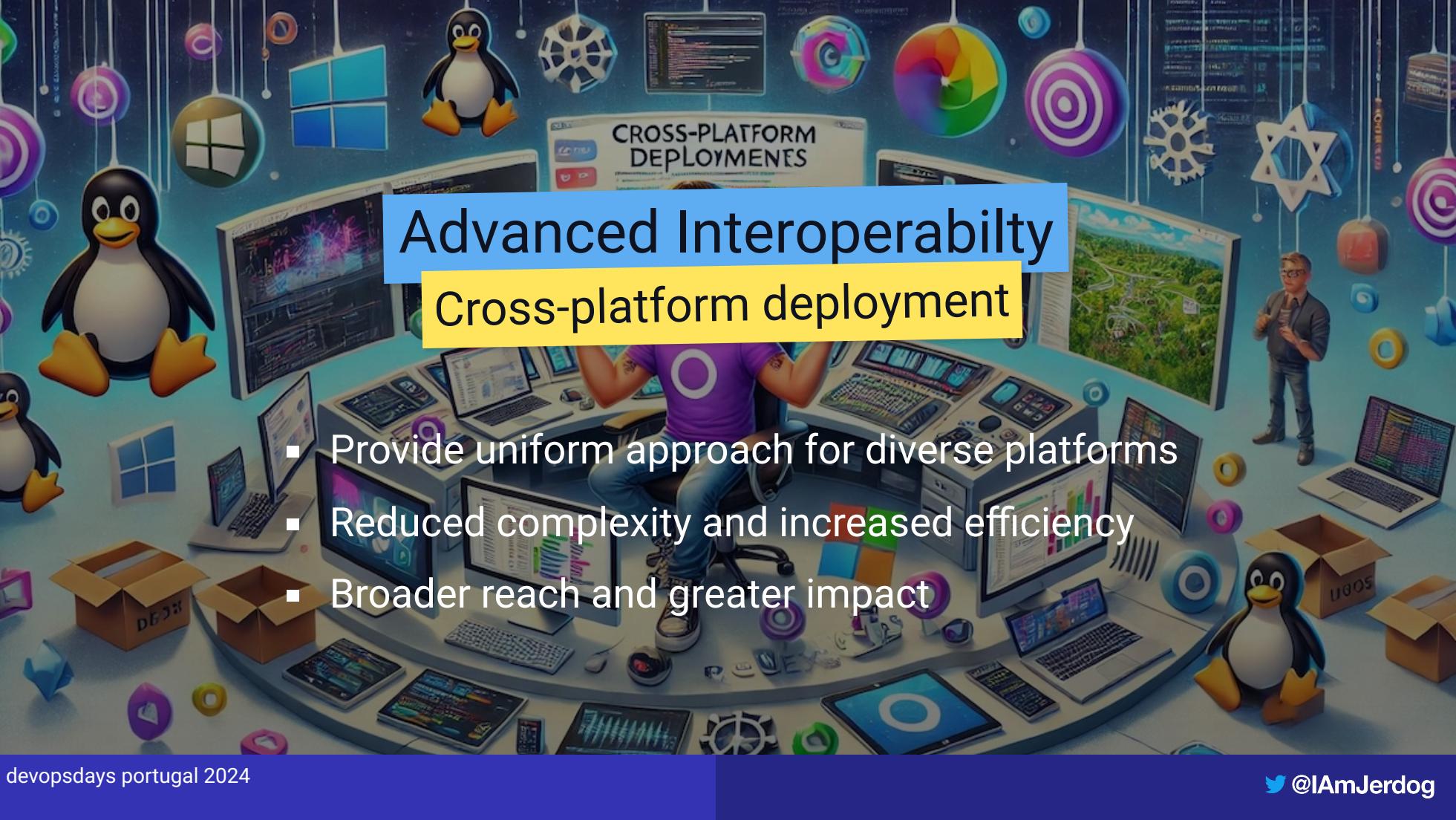
- Address potential interoperability challenges (case studies, submitting fixes)
- Create external community around your tools, gathering feedback directly



Advanced Interoperability

Troubleshooting and debugging

- Identify and resolve issues early
- Proactive problem solving with data and automation
- Faster resolution and improved reliability



Advanced Interoperability

Cross-platform deployment

- Provide uniform approach for diverse platforms
- Reduced complexity and increased efficiency
- Broader reach and greater impact



CI/CD Interoperability Challenges...

...and Remedies

Challenges	Remedy
Diverse Toolsets & Ecosystems	<i>Prioritize critical dependencies, objectives</i>
Data formats and schema differences	<i>Implement unified data formats</i>
Authentication and Authorization	<i>Standardize methods, integrate governance</i>
Versioning and compatibility testing	<i>Clear versioning policies, regular compatibility testing</i>
Lack of documentation	<i>Prioritize efforts + allocate resources, implement standards + process</i>

DevEx reflects an organization's values



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DevEx is...

...ruthlessly eliminating the barriers (and blockers) that keep your developers (and practitioners) from being successful

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