

Chapter 2 – Measuring Performance

Developers should solve Business Problems with Minimal Code

- But that is understandable

Velocity is a Capability Planning Tool

- But its Relative
- If Pushed, it gets Gamed

Utilization only Works until it Doesn't

- Approach 100% -> Lead Time becomes Infinite

Measuring Software Delivery Performance

- Globally focused
- Focus on Outcome not Output

Software Delivery Performance

1. Delivery Lead Time
2. Deployment Frequency
3. Time to Restore Service
4. Change Rate Failure

Lead Time

- From Lean Theory
- Time from Customer making Request to Request being Satisfied
- 2 Parts
 1. Time to Design and Validate (Hard to Measure)
 2. Time to Deliver Feature (Implement, Test and Deliver)
 - Delivery Lead Time = Code committed to Code in Production
- Timeframes: < 1 hr, < 1 day, < 1 wk, < 1 mo, < 6 mos, > 6 mos

Deployment Frequency

- From Lean Theory
- Metric measured is Batch Size
- Reduce Batch Size
 - Reduces Cycle Times
 - Reduces Variability in Flow
 - Accelerates Feedback
 - Reduces Risk and Overhead
 - Improves Efficiency
 - Increases Motivation and Urgency
 - Reduces Cost and Schedule Growth
- How often is code deployed
 - Timeframes: On Demand, < 1 day, < 1 wk, < 1 mo, < 6 mos, > 6 mos

Restore Service

- From Lean Theory
- Also Mean Time To Restore (MTTR)
- Similar to Time between Failures
- How quickly can a service be restored
 - Timeframes: < 1 hr, < 1 day, < 1 wk, < 1 mo, < 6 mos, > 6 mos

Change Failure Rate

- Percent of Changes in Production that Fail
- Includes
 - Degraded Service
 - Requires Remediation

Organizational Performance

- High Performers Twice as likely to exceed Organizational Goals
 - Including
 - Quality and Quantity
 - Efficiency
 - Customer Satisfaction
 - Mission Goals
 - Therefore a Competitive Advantage
- A/B Testing and Experimentation is Key
- Reason to NOT Outsource Software Development
- Keep Strategic Software
 - Wardley Mapping Method (2020)

	Cohort Results		
	High	Medium	Low
Leadtime to Change	< 1 hour	> 1 week < 1 month	> 1 month < 6 months
Deployment Frequency	On Demand	> 1 week < 1 month	> 1 month < 6 months
Restore Service	< 1 hour	< 1 day	> 1 day < 1 week
Change Failure Rate	0-15%	31-45%	31-45%