FAANG Software Engineering Blogs

Are there any blogs where FAANG companies post about software engineering practices like units of work, definition of done, PR management, branching, tracking execution, or the like?

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Canonical “how big tech ships” resources (process + tracking execution)

Meta (Facebook) — shipping culture, continuous deployment, testing at scale

- Ship to production as often as possible
- Test and deploy code at scale with Sandcastle

Amazon / AWS — working backwards, narrative execution

- The Amazon “Working Backwards” process
- The PR/FAQ
- AWS Builders’ Library

Netflix — code + delivery pipelines, continuous delivery platform patterns

- How We Build Code at Netflix
- Deploying the Netflix API
- Global Continuous Delivery with Spinnaker

Apple (Swift open source) — contribution flow, review discipline, change hygiene

- Swift: Contributing

Git workflow resources (branching models used in practice)

Git fundamentals (branching/workflow mechanics)

- Pro Git: Branching Workflows

GitHub Flow (lightweight, PR-centered)

- GitHub Docs: GitHub flow

GitLab Flow (environment/release branches, “flow downstream”)

- GitLab: What is GitLab Flow?

GitFlow (heavier release-branch model; still relevant in some versioned products)

- A successful Git branching model (nvie)
- Atlassian tutorial: Gitflow Workflow

Code review (big-tech-grade review criteria)

Google — explicit review standards (what reviewers look for, how authors package changes)

- Google Engineering Practices (repo)
- Google Code Review: Overview

Git best practices (operational, not “style”)

Branch/merge discipline

- Prefer short-lived branches and frequent integration (aligns with GitHub Flow and most trunk-style orgs) (GitHub flow, Pro Git workflows).
- Keep “one change per PR/CL”: small, coherent diffs reduce review time and rollback cost (Google review overview, GitHub flow).

Commit/PR structure

- Commits: isolate logical changes; avoid mixing refactors + behavior changes in one commit when separable (GitHub flow).
- PR description: state intent, scope, risk, test evidence; treat it as an execution artifact that survives personnel churn (Google review overview).

CI/CD gating and traceability

- Treat main (or trunk) as continuously releasable; block merges on tests and review; keep deployment pipeline visible and automated (Meta shipping, Meta Sandcastle).
- Use pipeline stages + progressive exposure (manual judgement where needed) as first-class execution tracking (Netflix Spinnaker).

Release branching (only when product constraints require it)

- SaaS: deploy from trunk; avoid long-lived release branches unless operational windows force them (GitHub flow, GitLab Flow).
- Multi-version/public API/mobile: maintain stable branches per version; apply “upstream-first” fixes then cherry-pick into release branches (explicitly described in GitLab Flow) (GitLab Flow, nvie GitFlow discussion).

Execution tracking artifacts (planning → build → ship)

- Write the narrative first, then implement: PR/FAQ working-backwards as the upstream execution constraint (Working Backwards, PR/FAQ).
- Make deploy frequency and change safety a default behavior, not a special event (Meta shipping, Netflix delivery).

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Continuous delivery / deployment (Netflix + Spinnaker)

- Netflix engineering: How We Build Code at Netflix
- Netflix API delivery: Deploying the Netflix API
- Spinnaker announcement (older TechBlog domain): Global Continuous Delivery with Spinnaker
- Same post (Medium-hosted Netflix TechBlog domain): Global Continuous Delivery with Spinnaker
- Netflix on Spinnaker report + deployment scale claim: Multi-Cloud Continuous Delivery with Spinnaker (report)
- Spinnaker project home: Spinnaker
- Secondary/tertiary summaries (non-canonical but valid):
    - Learning best practices from Netflix Tech Stack (CI/CD pipeline)
    - Eightify summary page

Code review + contribution workflow (Swift)

- Official: Swift.org Contributing
- Official: Swift.org Documentation
- Secondary walkthrough: First time contributing to Swift

Git workflows / branching models (foundations + GitLab Flow)

- Canonical Git reference: Pro Git — Branching Workflows
- GitLab Flow (vendor guide): What is GitLab Flow?
- GitLab Flow (docs): Introduction to GitLab Flow
- Additional explanation: The Ultimate Manual to GitLab Workflow
- Example repo/notes: jadsonjs/gitlab-flow

Trunk-based development + code review practices (Google + explainers)

- Google (repo): google/eng-practices
- Google (review guide): Google Engineering Practices — Code Review
- Explain-what/why TBD: freeCodeCamp — Trunk-Based Development
- Additional explainer: LogRocket — guide to trunk-based development

Misc. (branching strategy overview)

- Algocademy — branching strategies in large teams

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Canonical “how big tech ships” resources (delivery, branching, review)

Netflix (continuous delivery + branching/review culture)

- Netflix engineering culture/process: How We Build Code at Netflix
- Example of CD in practice: Deploying the Netflix API

- Spinnaker as a CD platform (announcement post): Global Continuous Delivery with Spinnaker
- Spinnaker report + scale context: Multi-Cloud Continuous Delivery with Spinnaker (report)
- Spinnaker project site: Spinnaker
- Secondary (non-canonical) summary: Learning best practices from Netflix Tech Stack CI/CD pipeline

Google (trunk-based development + rigorous pre-submit review)

- Canonical Google guidance hub: google/eng-practices
- Review criteria and mechanics: Google Engineering Practices — Code Review

Swift (PR-based contribution + review discipline)

- Canonical process: Swift.org Contributing
- Canonical docs entry point: Swift.org Documentation
- Secondary walkthrough: First time contributing to Swift

Git workflow resources (branching models)

Foundations

- Canonical Git reference: Pro Git — Branching Workflows

GitLab Flow (environment branches / release branches / issue integration)

- Vendor overview: What is GitLab Flow?
- Docs (detailed mechanics, environment branches, upstream-first, MR usage): Introduction to GitLab Flow
- Secondary explanation: The Ultimate Manual to GitLab Workflow
- Reference repo/notes: jadsonjs/gitlab-flow

Code review (what strong orgs actually enforce)

- Google’s concrete checklist-level expectations (design/functionality/tests/readability/etc.): Google Engineering Practices — Code Review
- Swift contribution model (small changes, review before landing, CI on PRs): Swift.org Contributing
- GitLab Flow’s MR-centric review and branch hygiene guidance: Introduction to GitLab Flow

Practical Git best practices (operationalized)

- Branch/merge discipline: protect main; keep branches short-lived; merge frequently; avoid long-running divergence.
- Commit/PR structure: small deltas; clear intent in commit messages; PRs scoped to one coherent change; split refactors vs behavior changes.
- CI/CD gating: PR checks required; fast tests on every change; treat main as always-green; add canary/rollback mechanisms for deploy safety.
- Release branching: create release branches late; upstream-first bugfix policy; tag releases; minimize multi-branch patching windows.
- Execution tracking artifacts: link changes to issues/tickets; require PR description with risk/rollout/monitoring notes; keep auditability (who/what/why) in the VCS history.
