



# CI/CD

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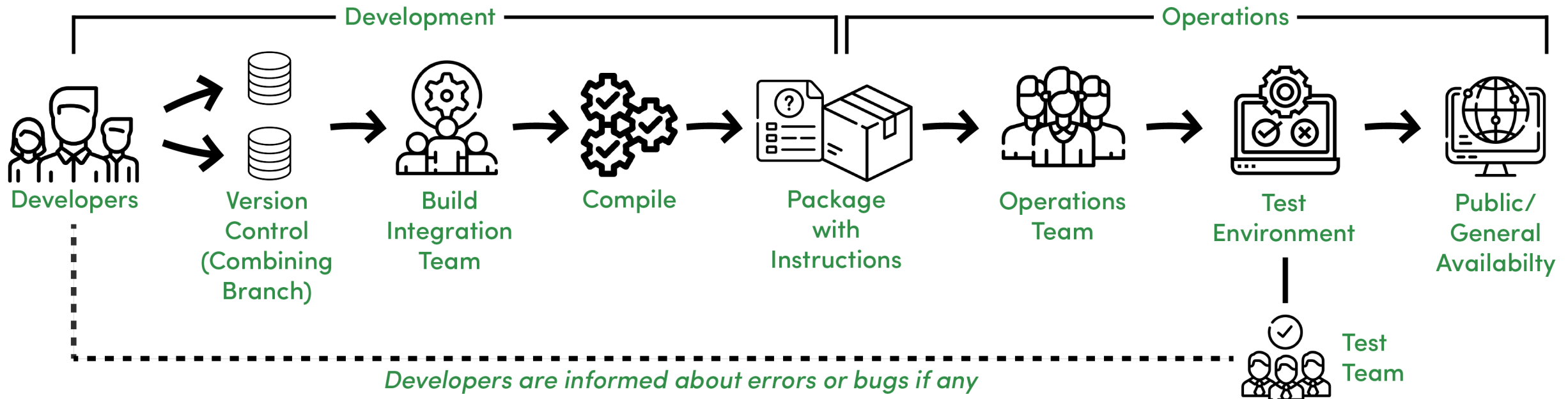
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- Professor at Politecnico di Milano
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# CI/CD in a nutshell

- CI/CD = Continuous Integration / Continuous Deployment or Delivery



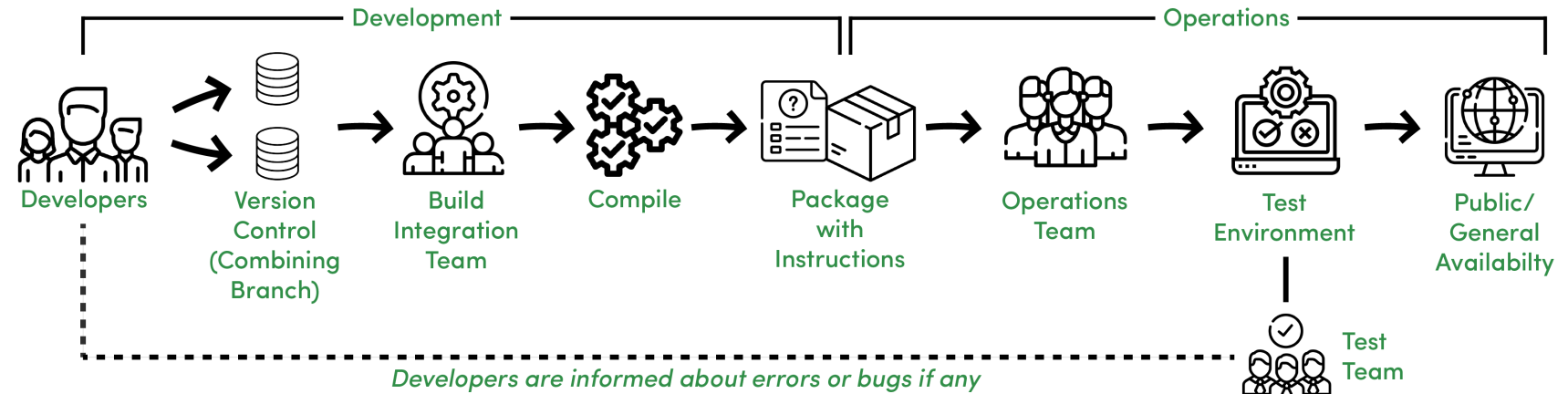
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# Course learning objectives

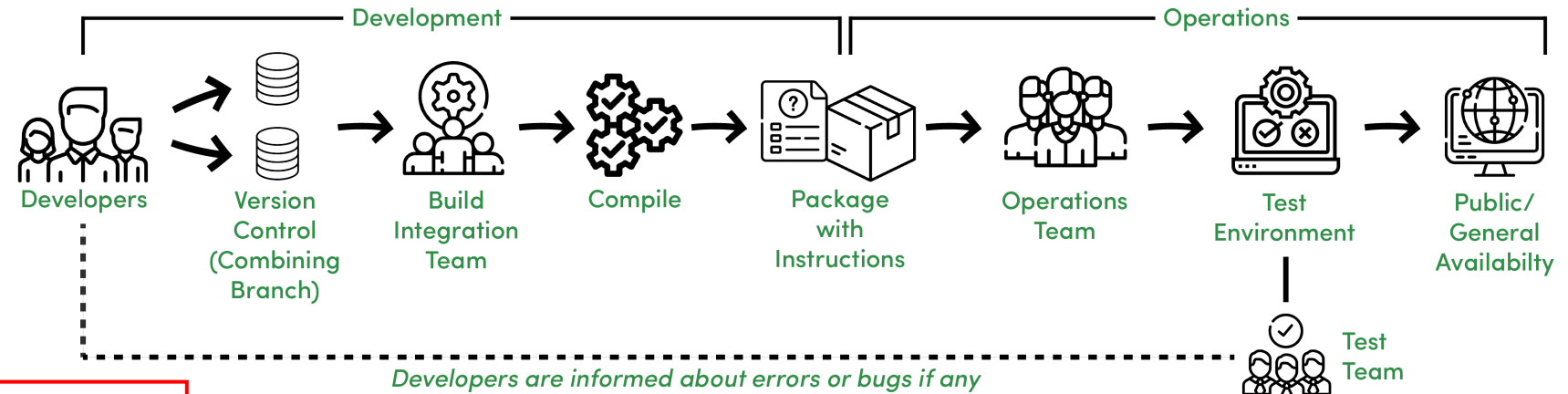
- Learning objectives
  - Be able to design a CI/CD pipeline
  - Understand the most common steps that compose it
  - Understand how to integrate the pipeline in the software development process
- Approach
  - Today more on traditional lecturing with some exercises
  - Next session more practical with hands-on examples

# Course plan



- Process
  - Development lifecycles
  - DevOps
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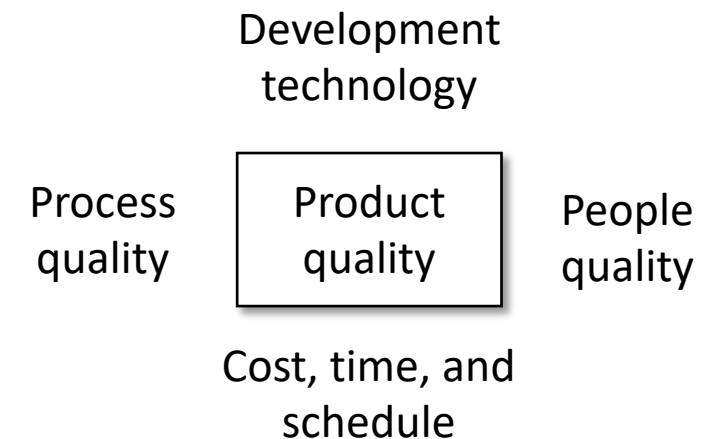
# Process and product

- Our goal is to develop **software products**
- The **process** is how we do it
- Both are extremely important, due to the nature of the software product
- Both have qualities
  - in addition, quality of process affects quality of product
  - ...even though, other aspects such as the quality of the development team are important as well



# The software product

- Different from traditional types of products
  - intangible
    - difficult to describe and evaluate
  - malleable
  - human intensive
    - does not involve any trivial manufacturing process
- Aspects affecting product quality





# Software product qualities – ISO/IEC 25010:2011 Software Quality Model



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# Process qualities: productivity

- Ability to produce a “good” amount of product

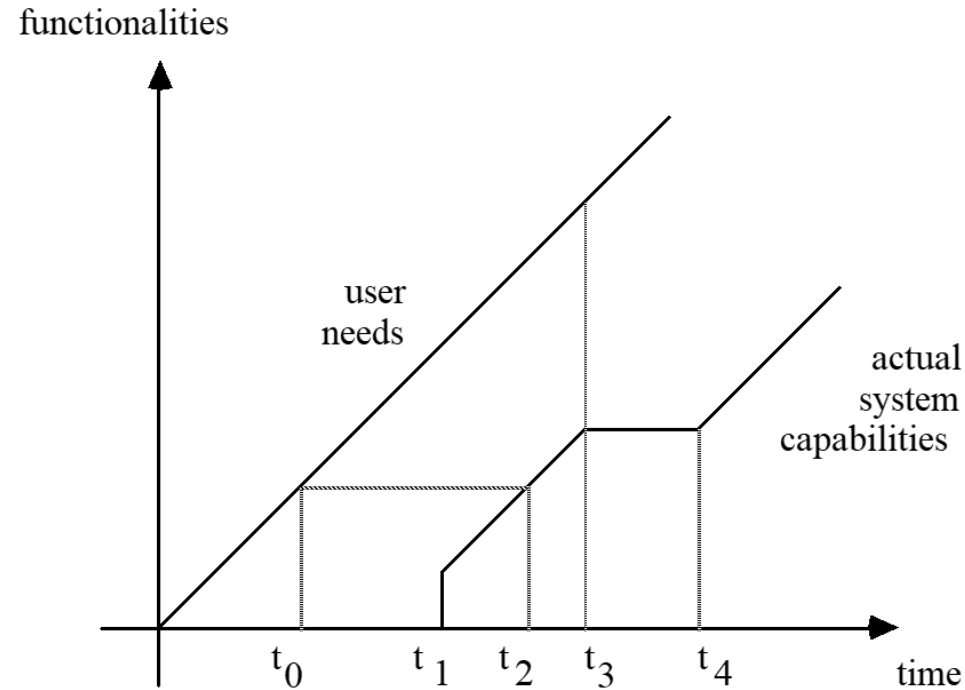
- How can we measure it? → **Delivered items** by **unit of effort**

lines of code (and variations)  
function points

person month  
WARNING: persons and months  
cannot be interchanged

# Process qualities: timeliness

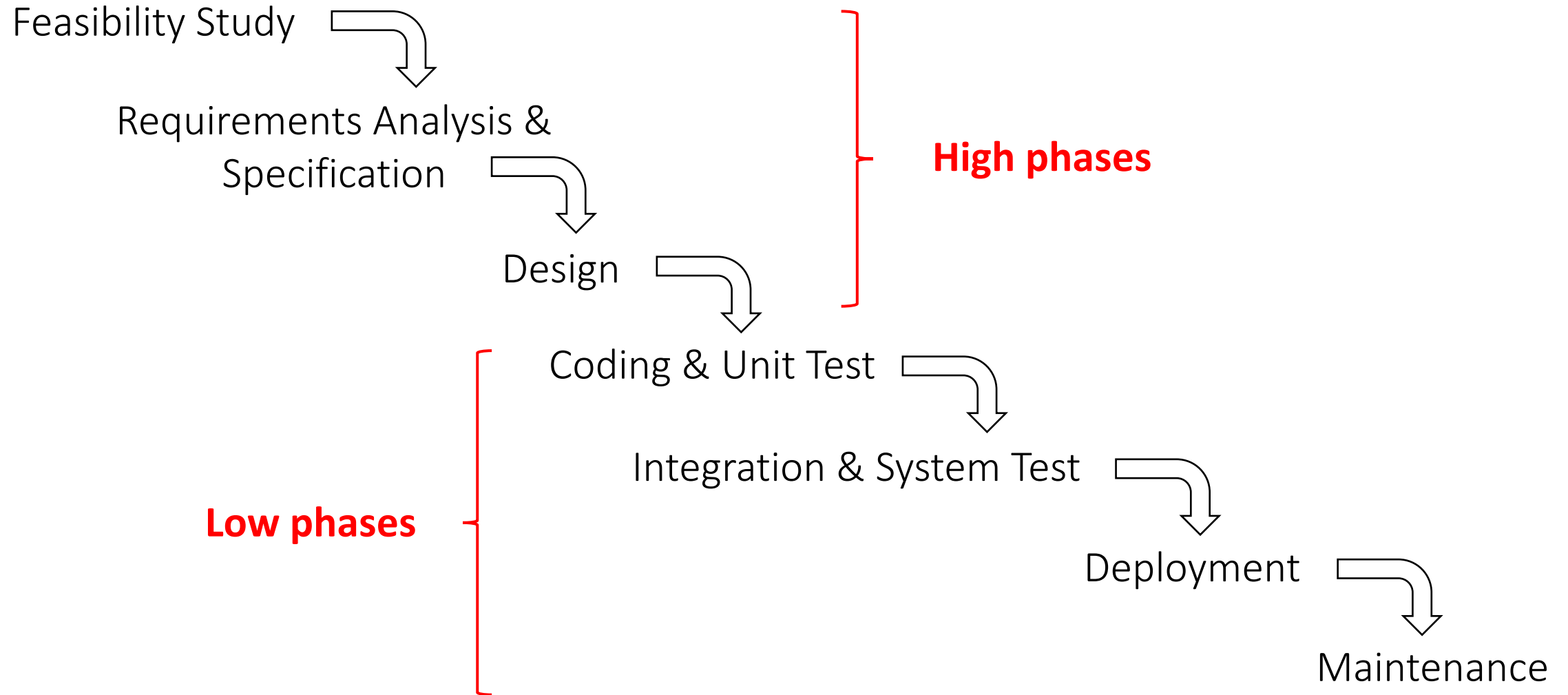
- Ability to respond to change requests in a timely fashion



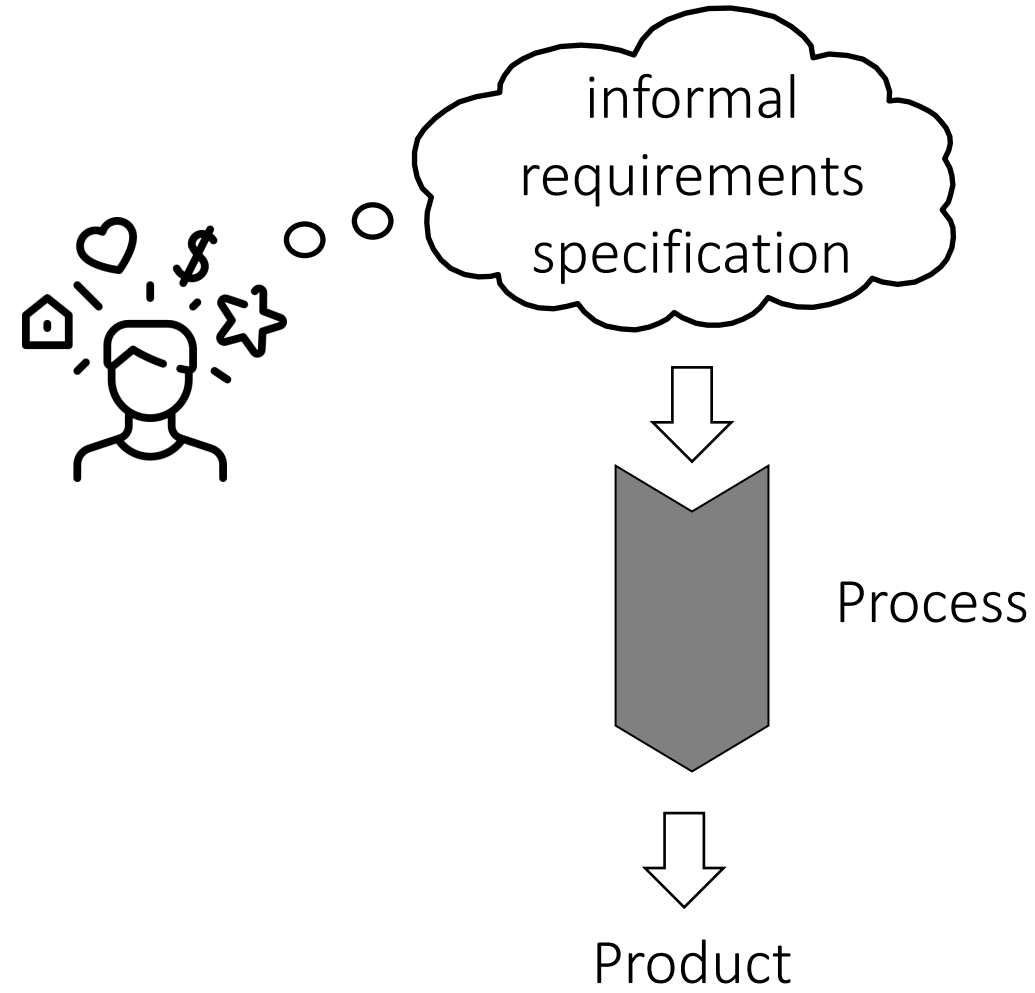
# Software lifecycles

- Initially, no reference model: Just code & fix
- As a reaction to the many problems: traditional “waterfall” model
  - identify phases and activities
  - force linear progression from a phase to the next
  - no returns (they are harmful)
    - better planning and control
  - standardize outputs (artifacts) from each phase
  - Software like manufacturing
- Then, flexible processes: iterative models, agile methods, DevOps

# A waterfall organization

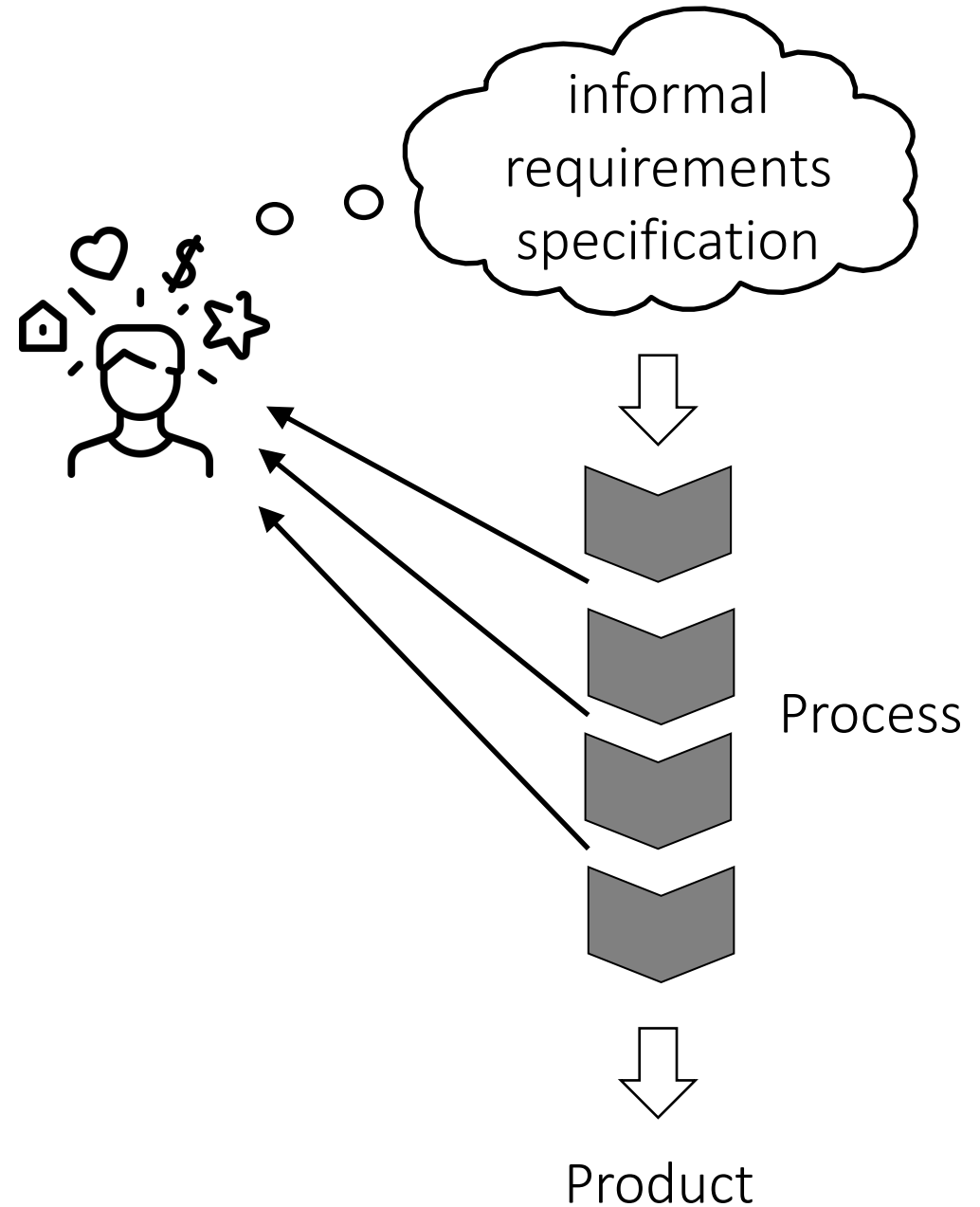


# Waterfall is “black box”

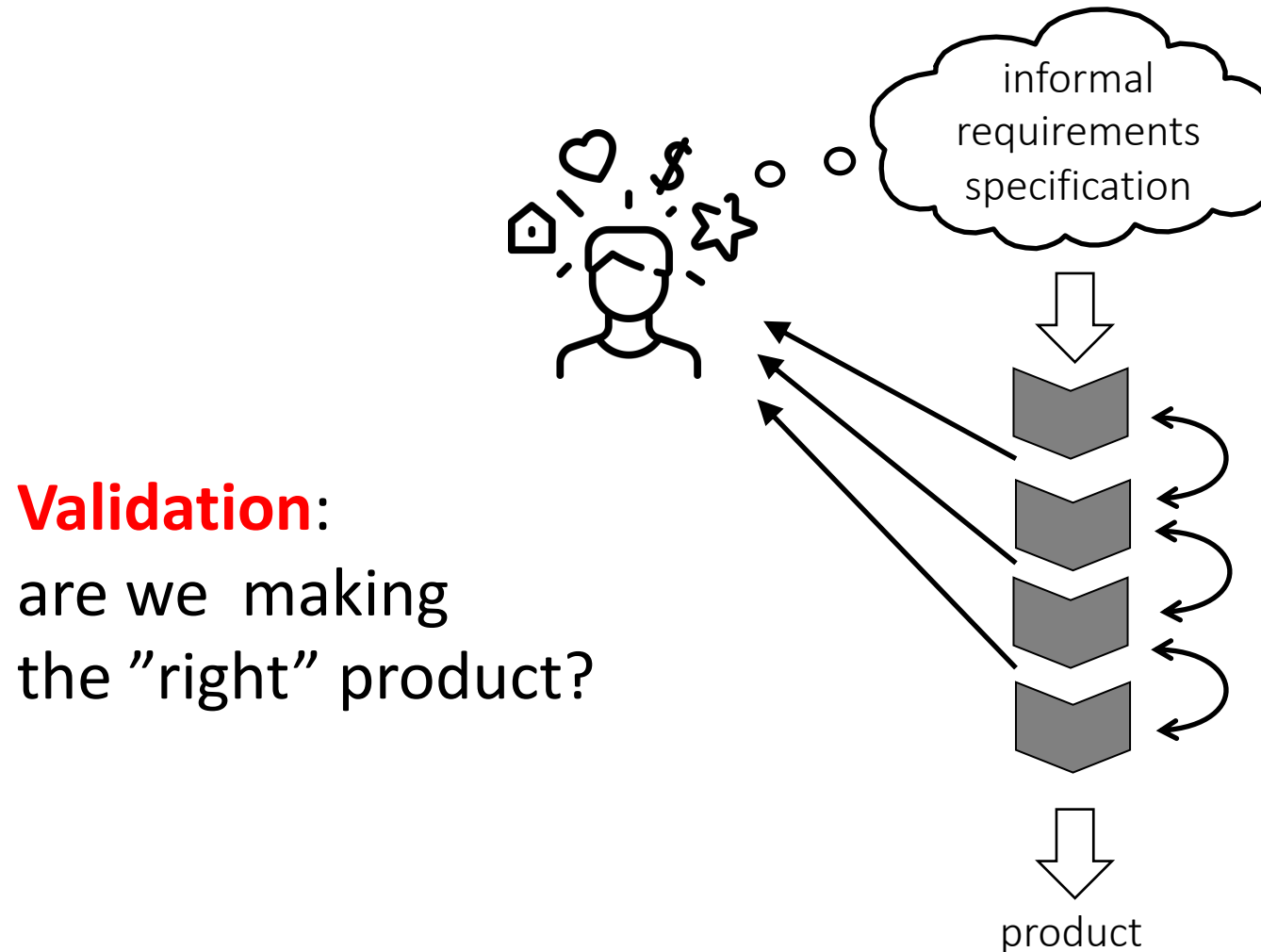


# Need for transparency

- Transparency allows early check and change via feedback
- It supports flexibility



# Verification and validation



**Validation:**  
are we making  
the "right" product?

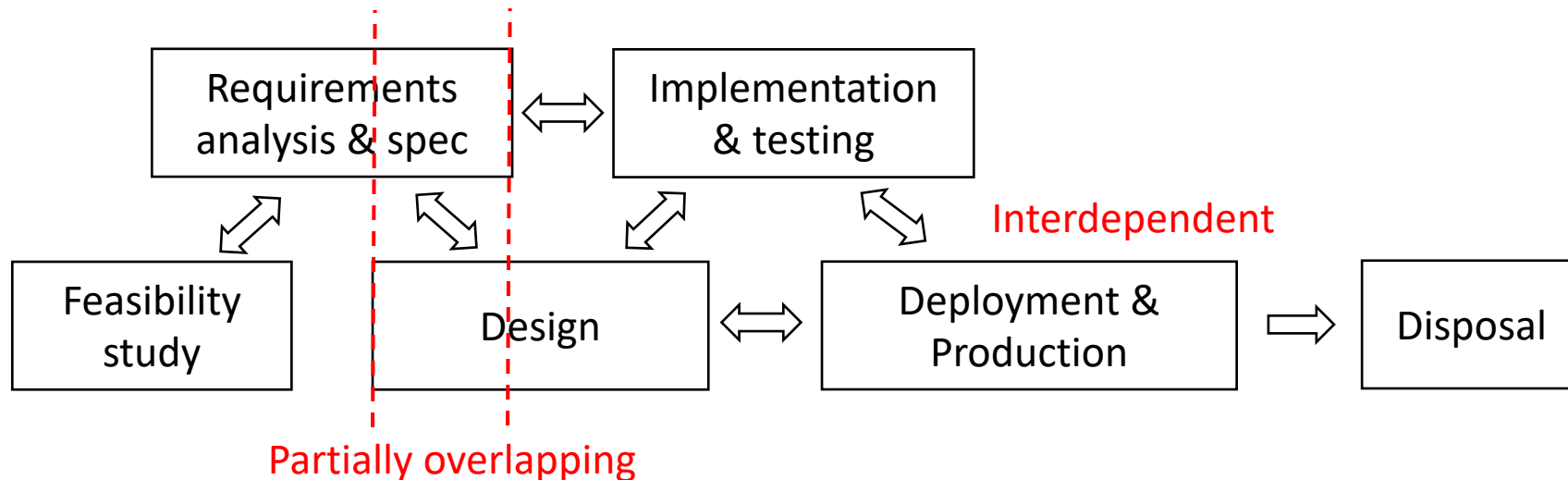
**Verification:**  
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# Flexible processes

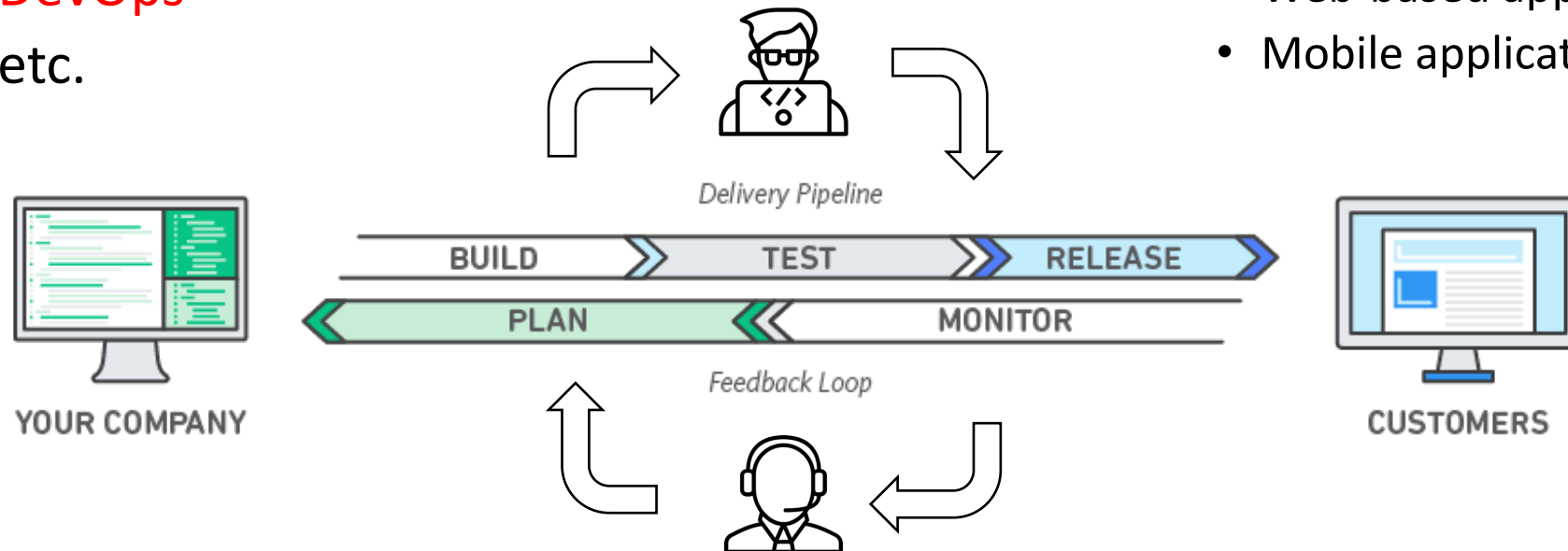
- **Main goal:** adapt to changes (especially in requirements and specs)
- The **very idea**:
  - stages are not necessarily sequential
  - processes become iterative and incremental

## Example



# Flexible processes

- Exist in many forms
  - eXtreme Programming (XP)
  - SCRUM
  - **DevOps**
  - etc.
- Effective in **dynamic** contexts
  - Many changes per week
  - Example:
    - Web-based applications
    - Mobile applications





# Dev & Ops: the classical roles

## **Dev focuses on**

- Developing features
- Changing requirements
- Releasing products

## **Ops focuses on**

- Offering services
- Providing guarantees and stability



# Dev vs Ops

“The system works correctly in the development machine, but it does not on the operation machine”

“10 days after successful deployment of last release, the system is overloaded”

Who is guilty? **Dev**– team, or **–Ops** team?

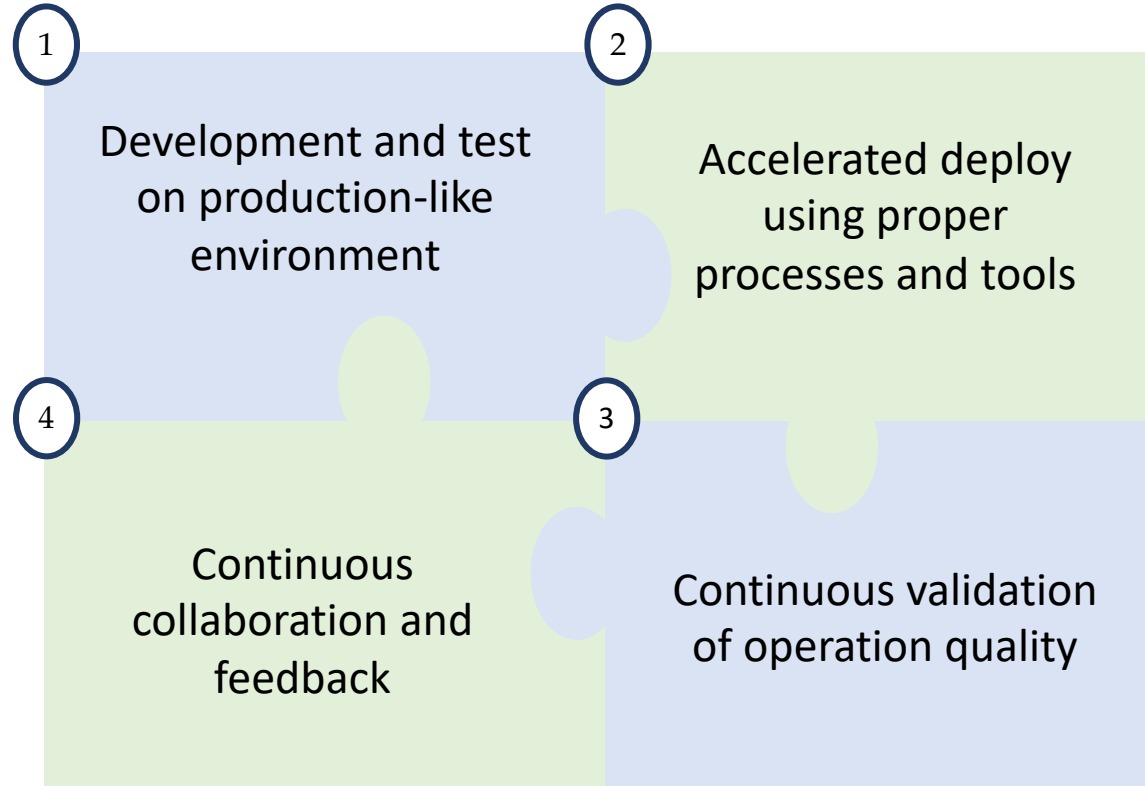
# The problem: two disconnected groups

- Dev works to apply releases
  - Dev does not pay attention to QoS guarantees
  - Ops resists to releases
  - Ops is aiming at guaranteeing QoS
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- Changes are fundamental for the business!
  - QoS guarantees are needed too!

# DevOps

- **What is it:** “Practices or tools that bridge the gap between development and operations”
- **Goal:** Creates a collaborative mindset where a single team performs Dev and Ops  
→ the team **must** contain differentiated competences, background, etc.
- **Requires:**
  - Culture management;
  - Automation tools;
  - Organisational as much as technical metrics
  - Continuous sharing artifacts, procedures, languages, approaches...

# The four DevOps values





# DevOps general advantages

- Shorten time-to-value
- Quick and regular release of software features
- Improve quality
- Mitigate risks
- Increase collaboration in the team

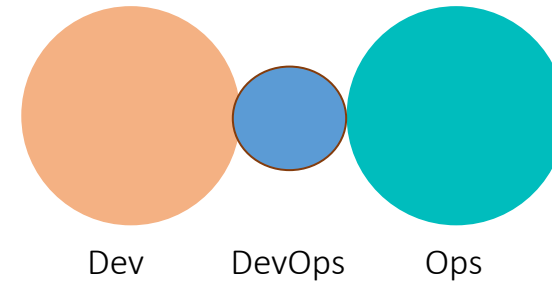


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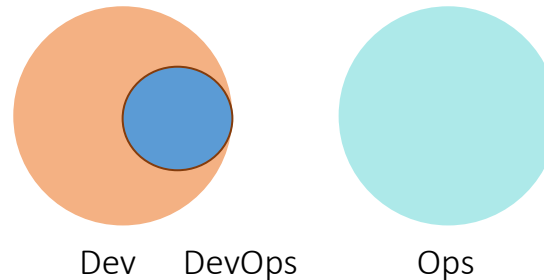
## *What to avoid: anti-patterns*



Separate Silos



Separate DevOps Silo



We don't need Ops

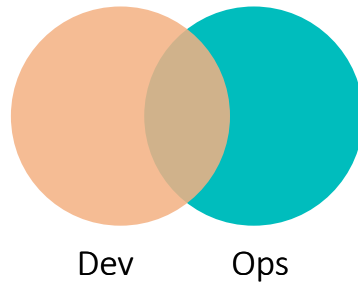
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Further elaborated in <http://web.devopstopologies.com>

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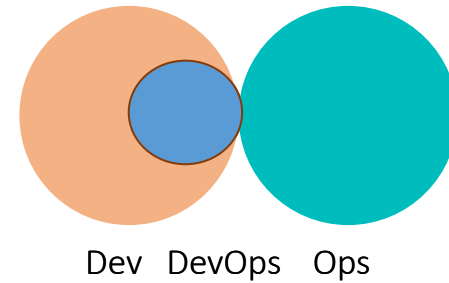
## *What to do: adoption patterns*



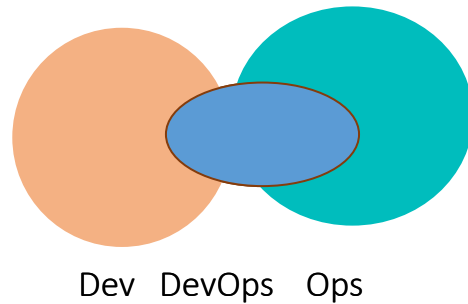
Smooth collaboration



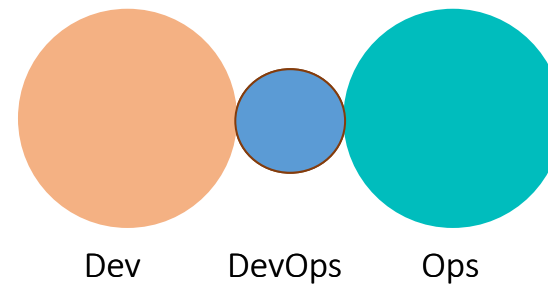
Fully Embedded



Ops as an Infrastructure as a Service



DevOps as a Service



Temporary DevOps Team

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# DevOps processes and toolchain

- Continuous Architecting

**Def.** “architect for test, build and deploy, take quality attributes into account, take advantage of feedback from runtime”

- Continuous Integration

**Def.** “merge all developer work-copies to a shared mainline frequently”

- Continuous Testing

**Def.** “run tests as part the build pipeline so that every check-in and deployment is validated”

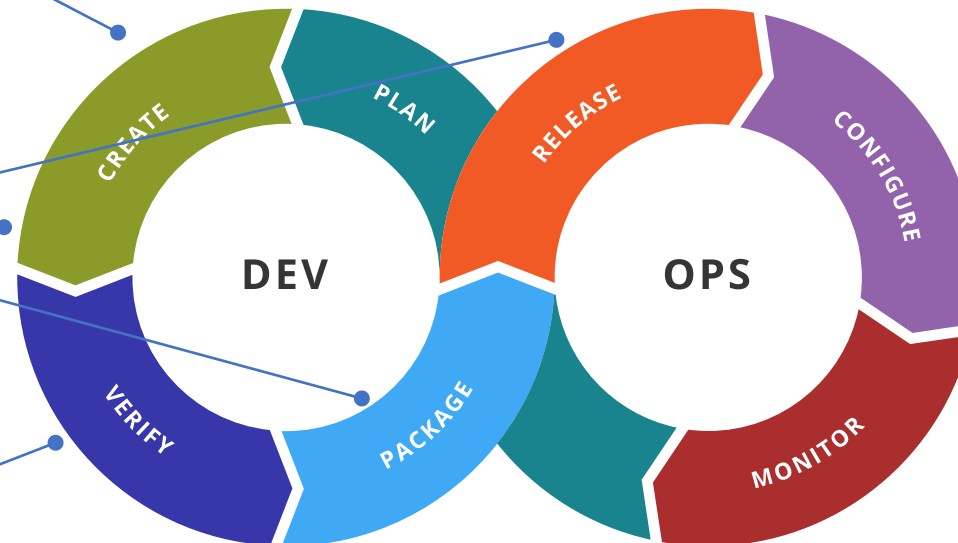
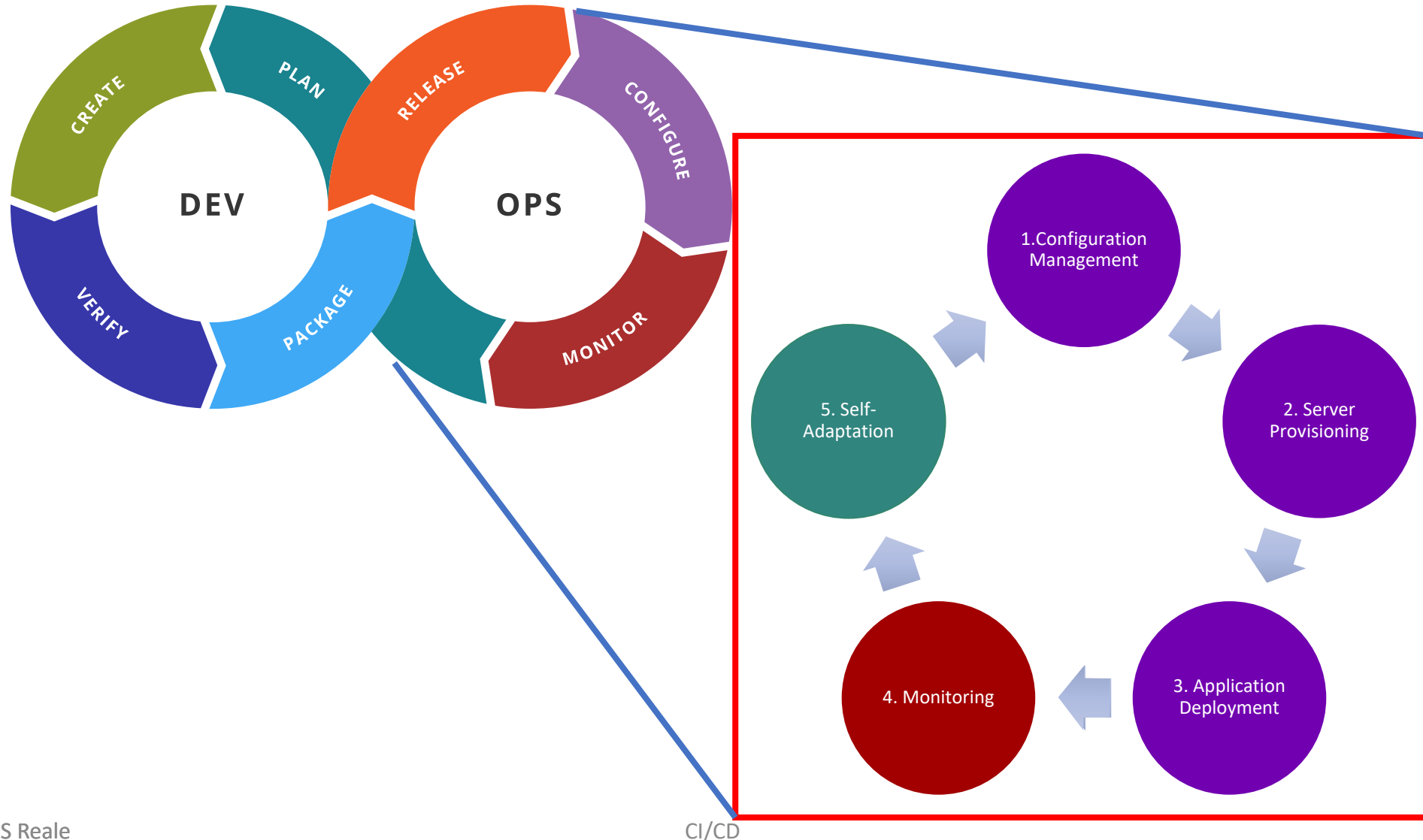


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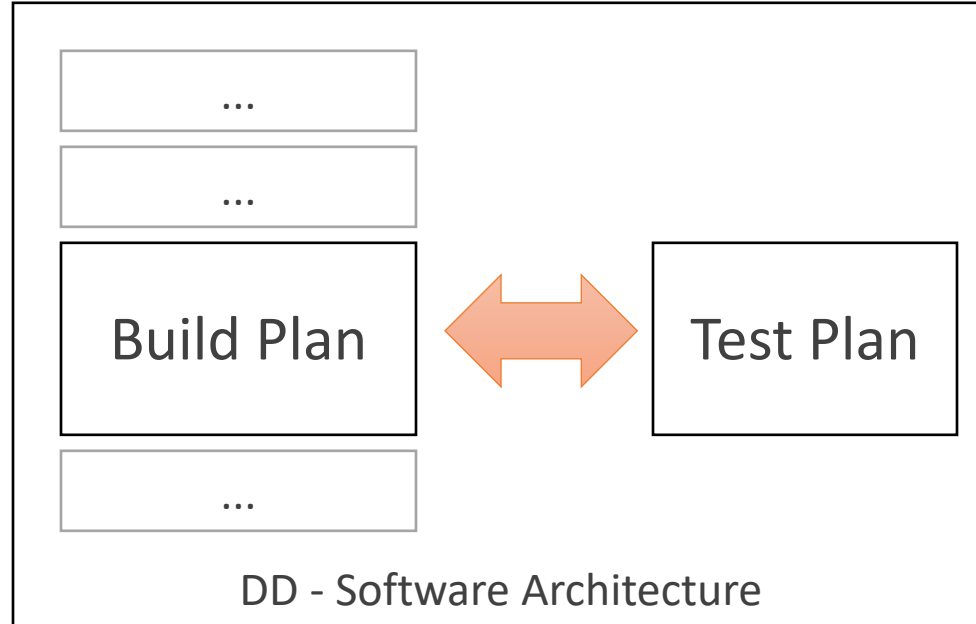
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# A parenthesis on architecting and integration

- Architecting
  - Define the components of your system explicitly, document how they interact with each other => **Software architecture**
  - Make sure that components are sufficiently autonomous and cohesive
  - Study the cases of high coupling between components
  - Keep track of the mapping between architectural components and your code
- Integration
  - Use the information about the software architecture to define your integration plan

# Integration and test plan



- Typically defined by the Design Document
- **Build** plan = defines the order of the integration
- **Test** plan = defines how to carry out integration testing
  - Must be consistent with the build plan!

# Integration testing: strategies

- **Big bang**: test only after integrating all modules together (not even a real strategy)
  - **Pros**
    - Does not require stubs, requires less drivers/oracles
  - **Cons**
    - Minimum observability, fault localization/diagnosability, efficacy, feedback
    - High cost of repair
      - Recall: Cost of repairing a fault increases as a function of time between the introduction of an error in the code and repair



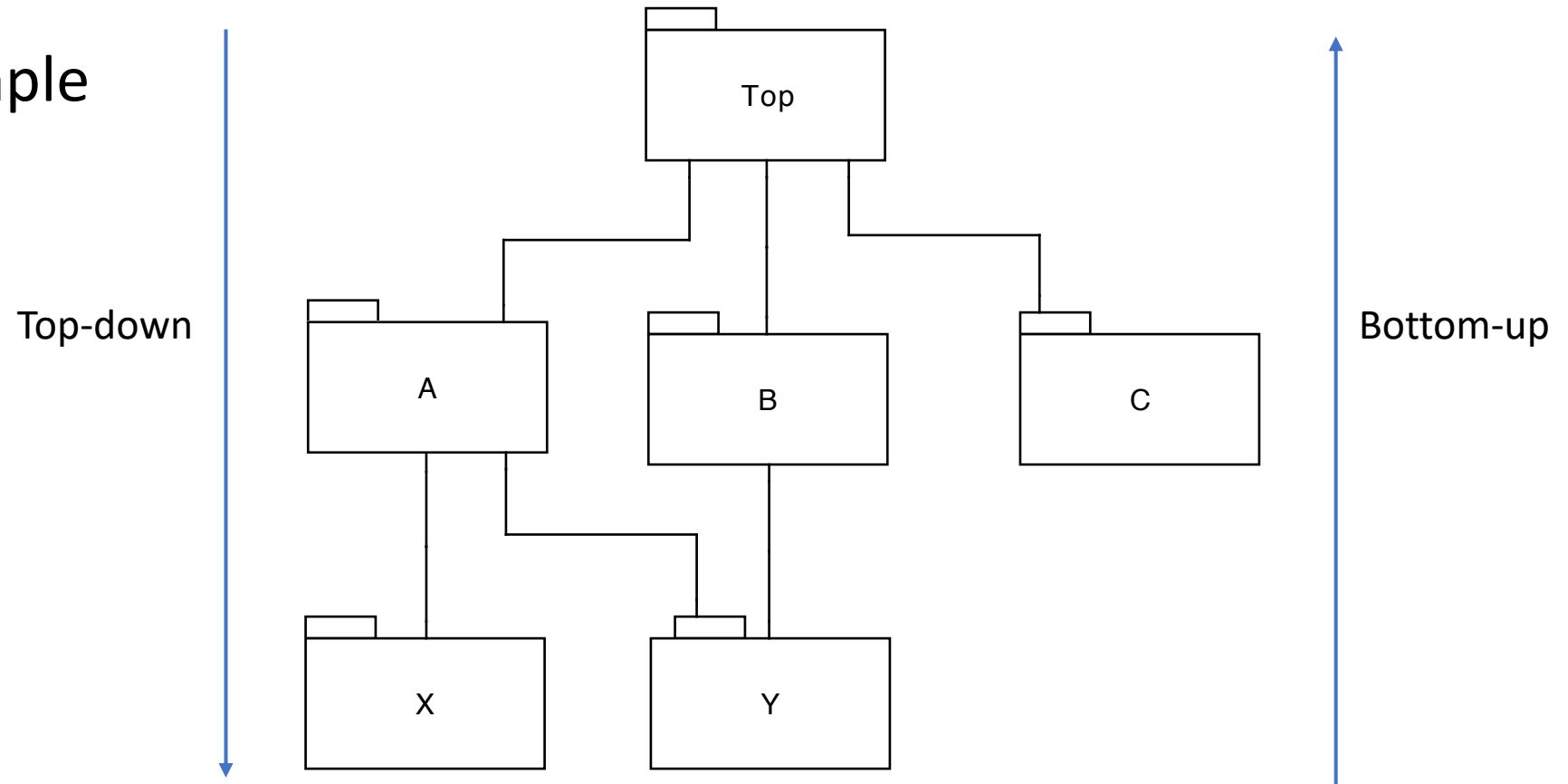
# Integration testing: strategies

- **Iterative and incremental strategies**
  - run as soon as components are released (not just at the end)
  - **Hierarchical**: based on the hierarchical structure of the system
    - Top-down
    - Bottom-up
  - **Threads**: a portion of several modules that offers a user-visible function
  - **Critical** modules



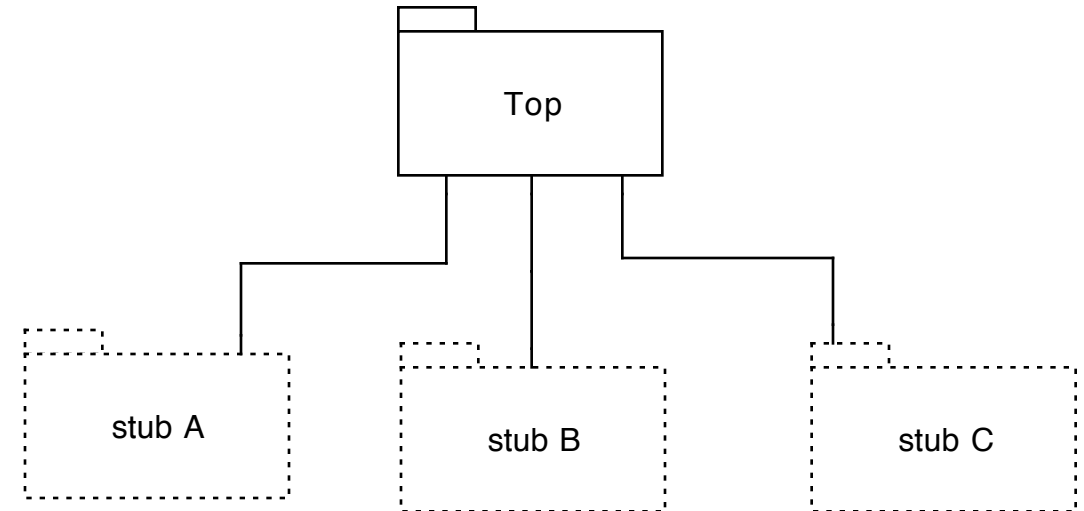
# Integration testing: top-down vs bottom up

- Architecture example



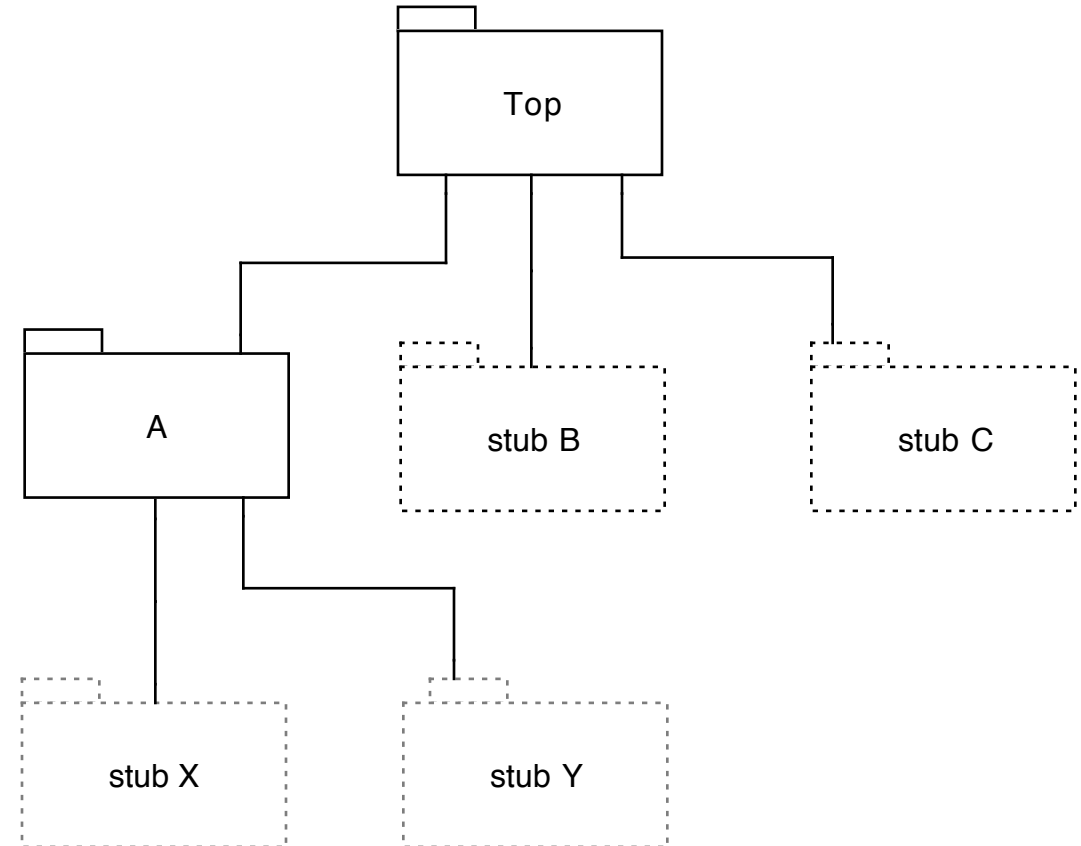
# Integration testing: top-down

- **Top-down strategy**
  - Working from the top level (in terms of “use” or “include” relation) toward the bottom
  - We need stubs of used modules at each step of the process



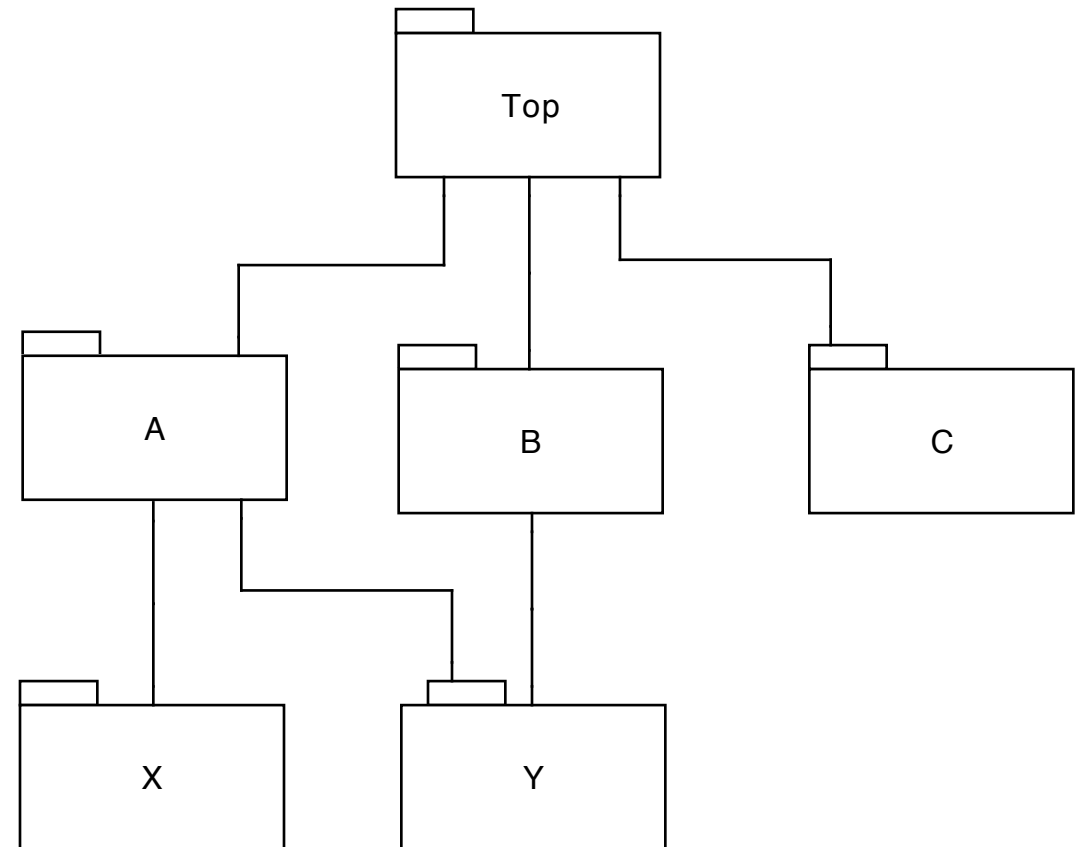
# Integration testing: top-down

- **Top-down strategy**
  - As modules are ready (following the build plan) more functionality is testable
  - We replace some stubs and we need other stubs for lower levels



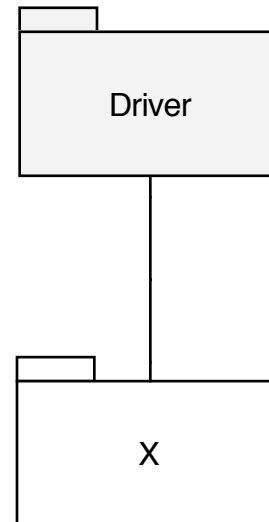
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- **Top-down strategy**
  - When all modules are incorporated, the whole functionality can be tested



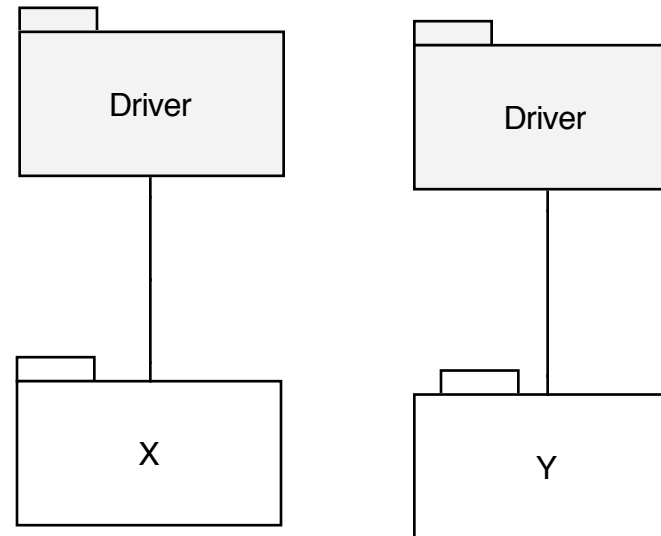
# Integration testing: Bottom-up

- **Bottom-up strategy**
  - Starting from the leaves of the “uses” hierarchy
  - Does not need stubs



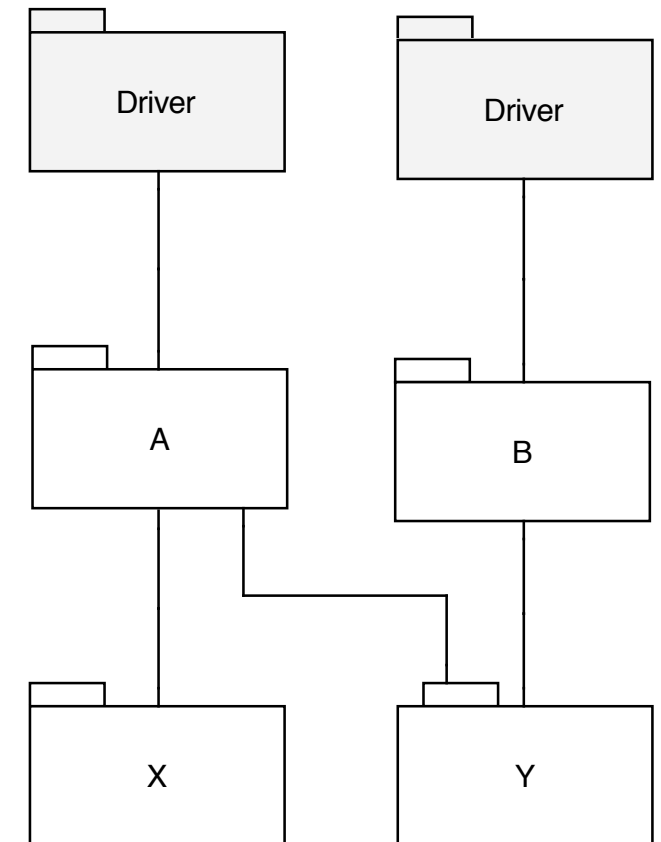
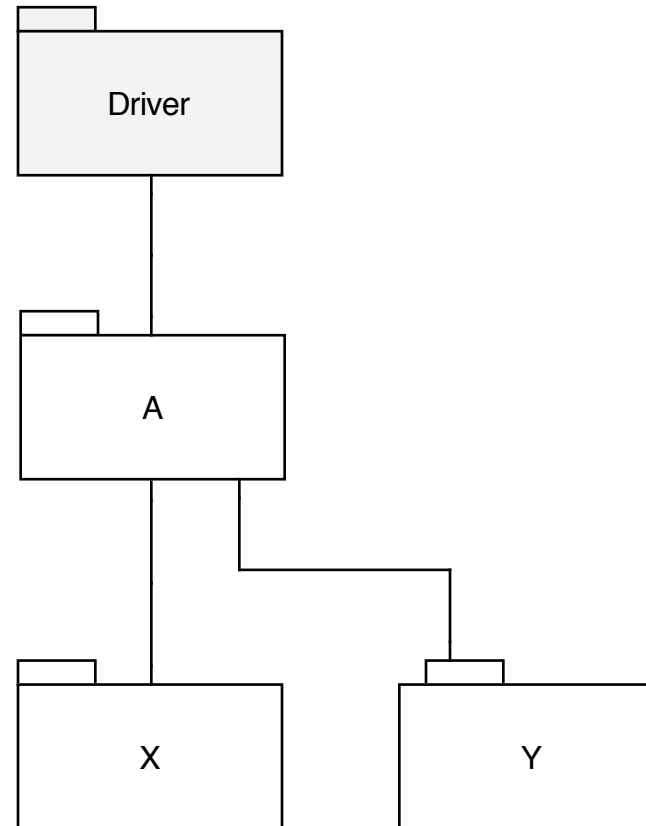
# Integration testing: Bottom-up

- **Bottom-up strategy**
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  - Does not need stubs
  - Typically requires more drivers: one for each module (as in unit testing)



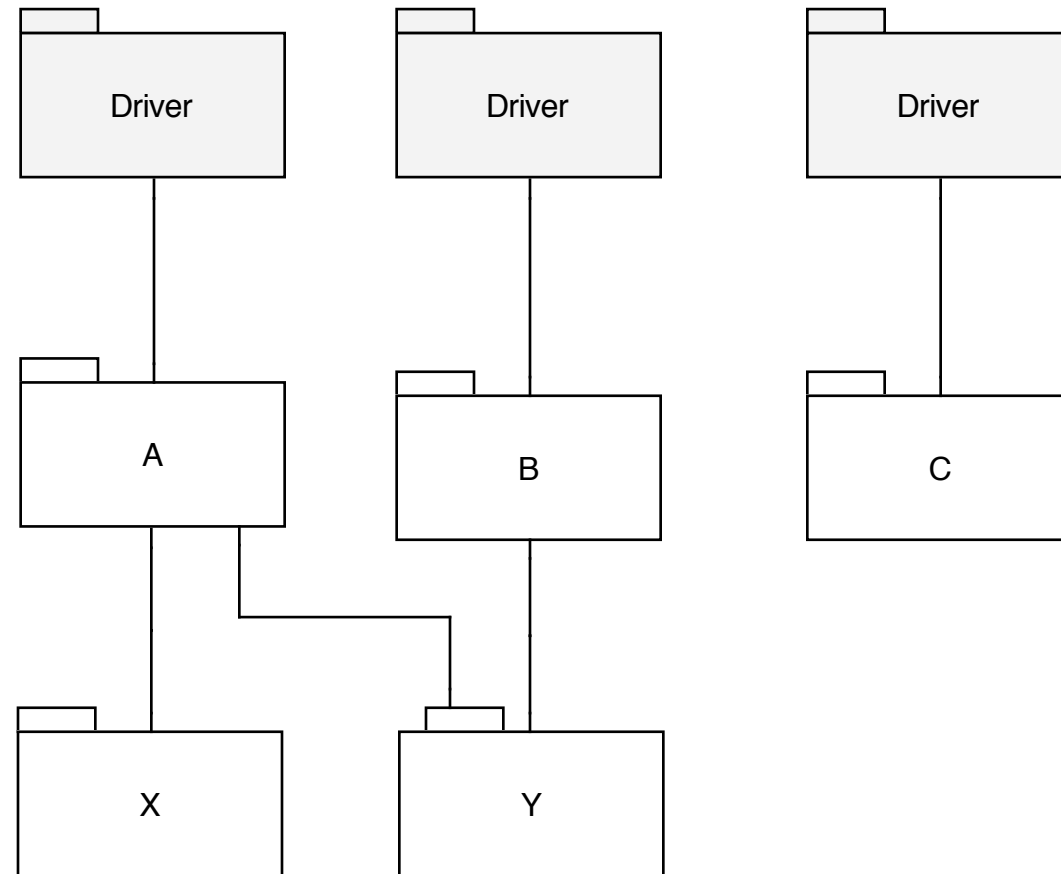
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- **Bottom-up strategy**
  - Newly developed module may replace an existing driver
  - New modules require new drivers



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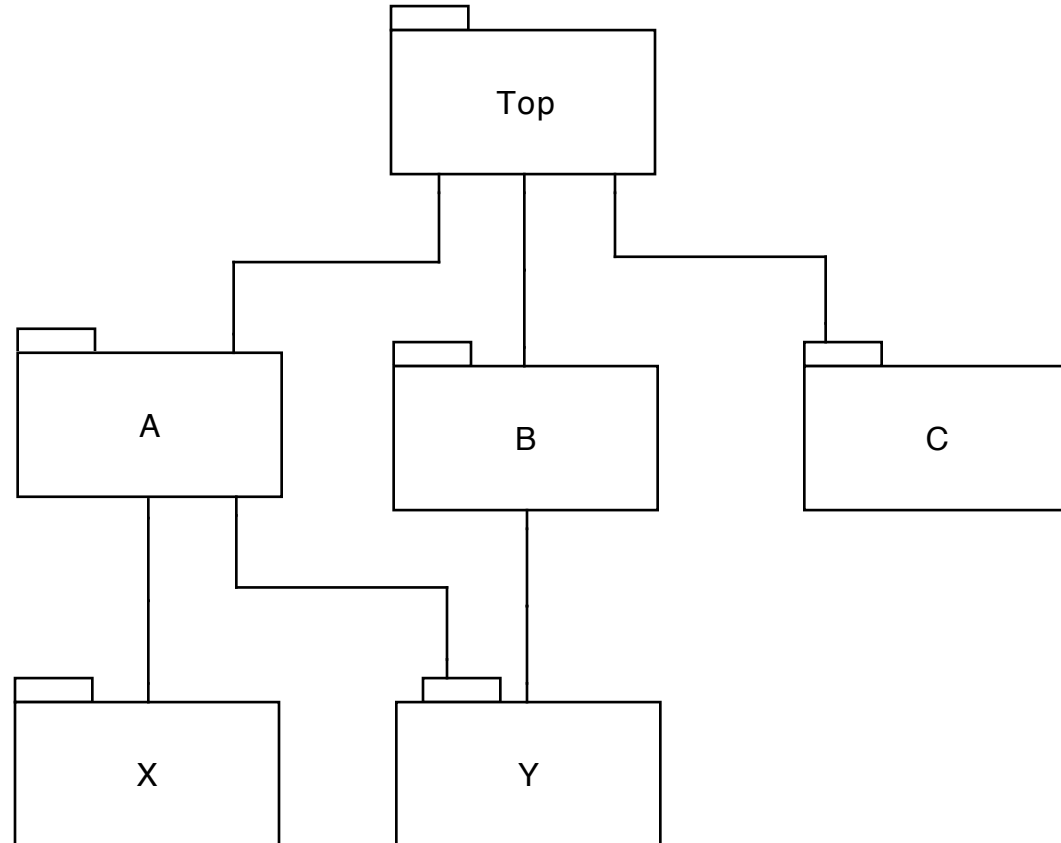
- **Bottom-up strategy**
  - It may create several working subsystems





# Integration testing: Bottom-up

- **Bottom-up strategy**
  - Working subsystems are eventually integrated into the final one

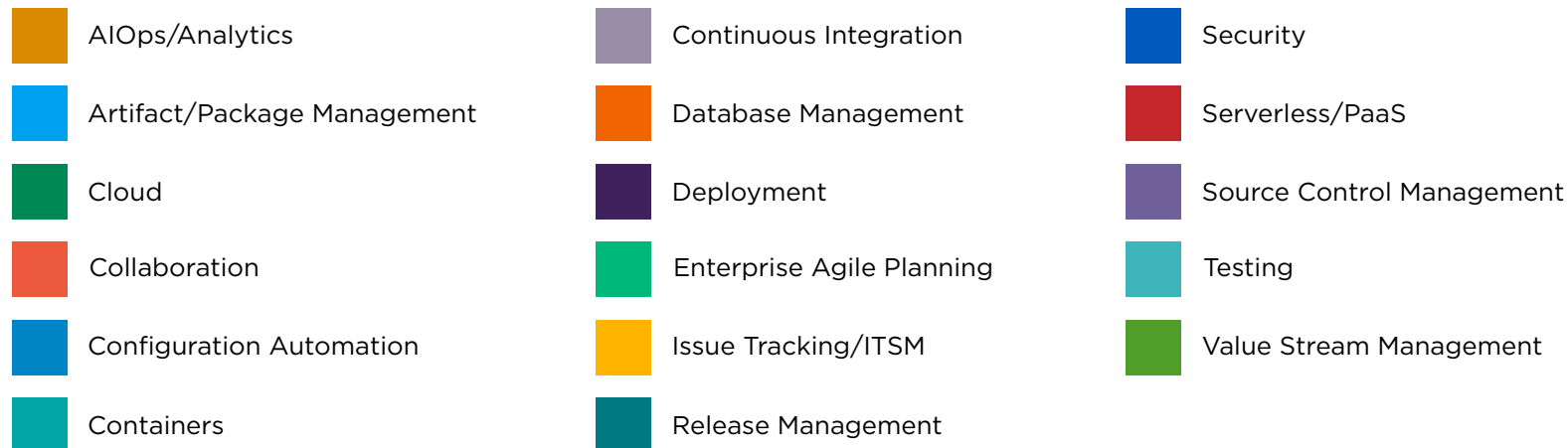


# Automation - a large number of tools



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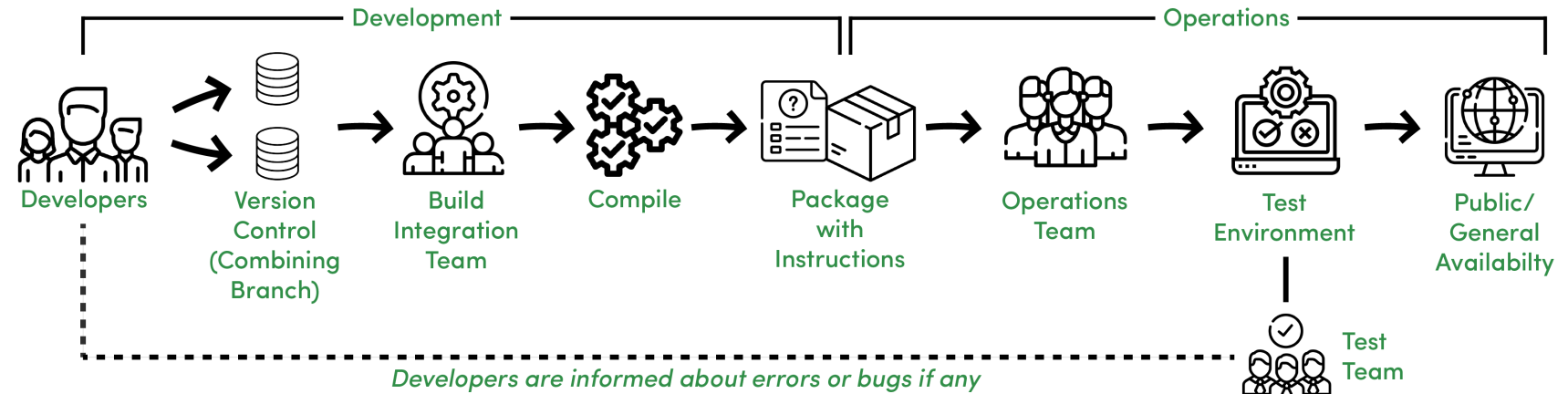
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# Exercise in breakout rooms

- Think at your own organization and processes
- Answer to the following questions
  - To which DevOps organizational pattern/anti-pattern your organization is close?
  - How do you handle architecting and integration?
  - Do you use any automation tool in your projects?
  - What are the highest priority steps for your organization to fully embrace DevOps?

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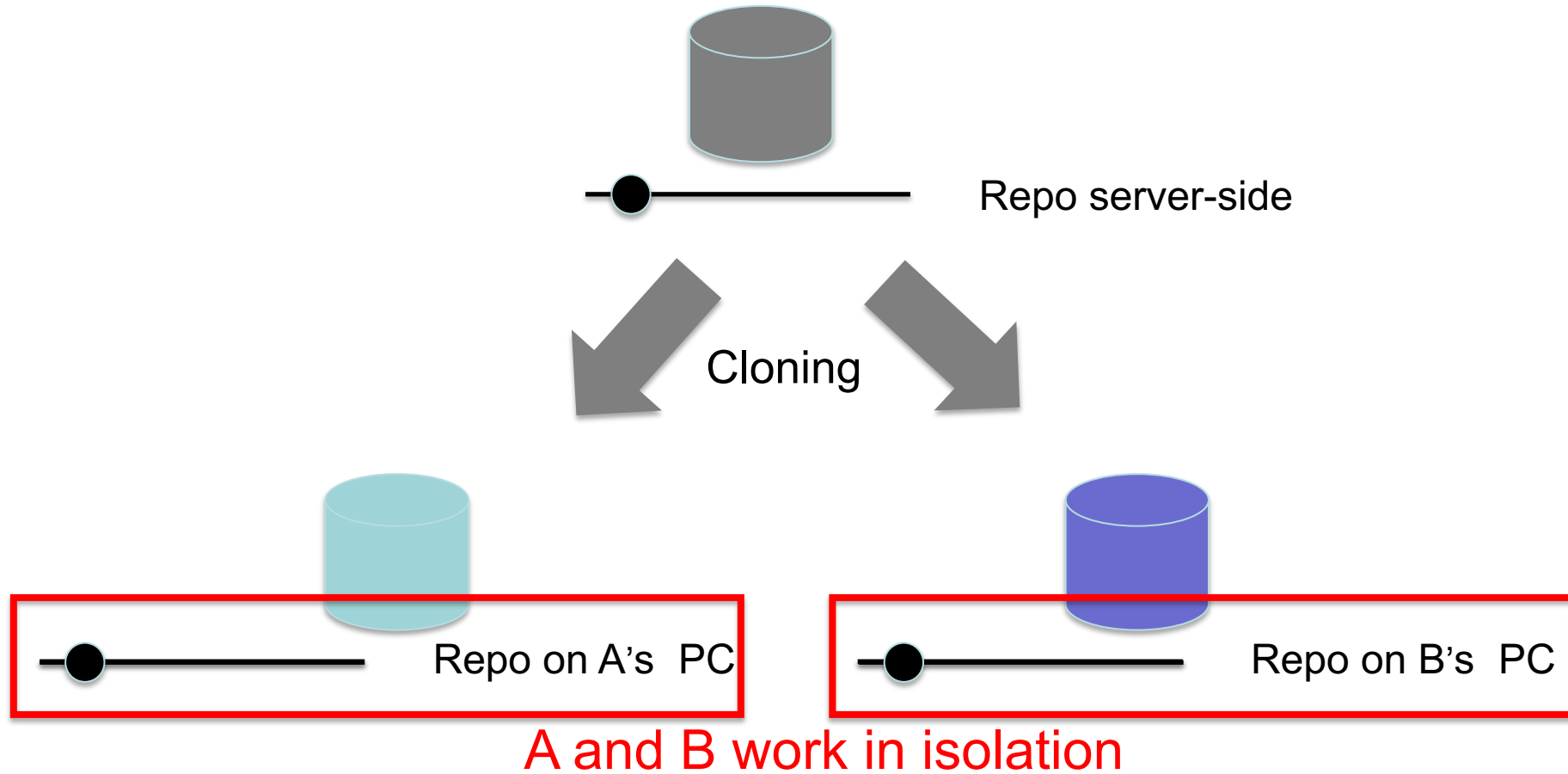
# Software Configuration Management

- Roles:
  - Manage change in a controlled manner
  - Sharing software artifacts
- Centralized
  - Central repository, selective access to project tree
  - Tools: CVS, SVN, Team Foundation Server, Rational ClearCase, Rational TeamConcert...
- Decentralized
  - Distributed repositories, replicated repositories
  - Tools: Git, Mercurial

# Basic approach to use a decentralized CM

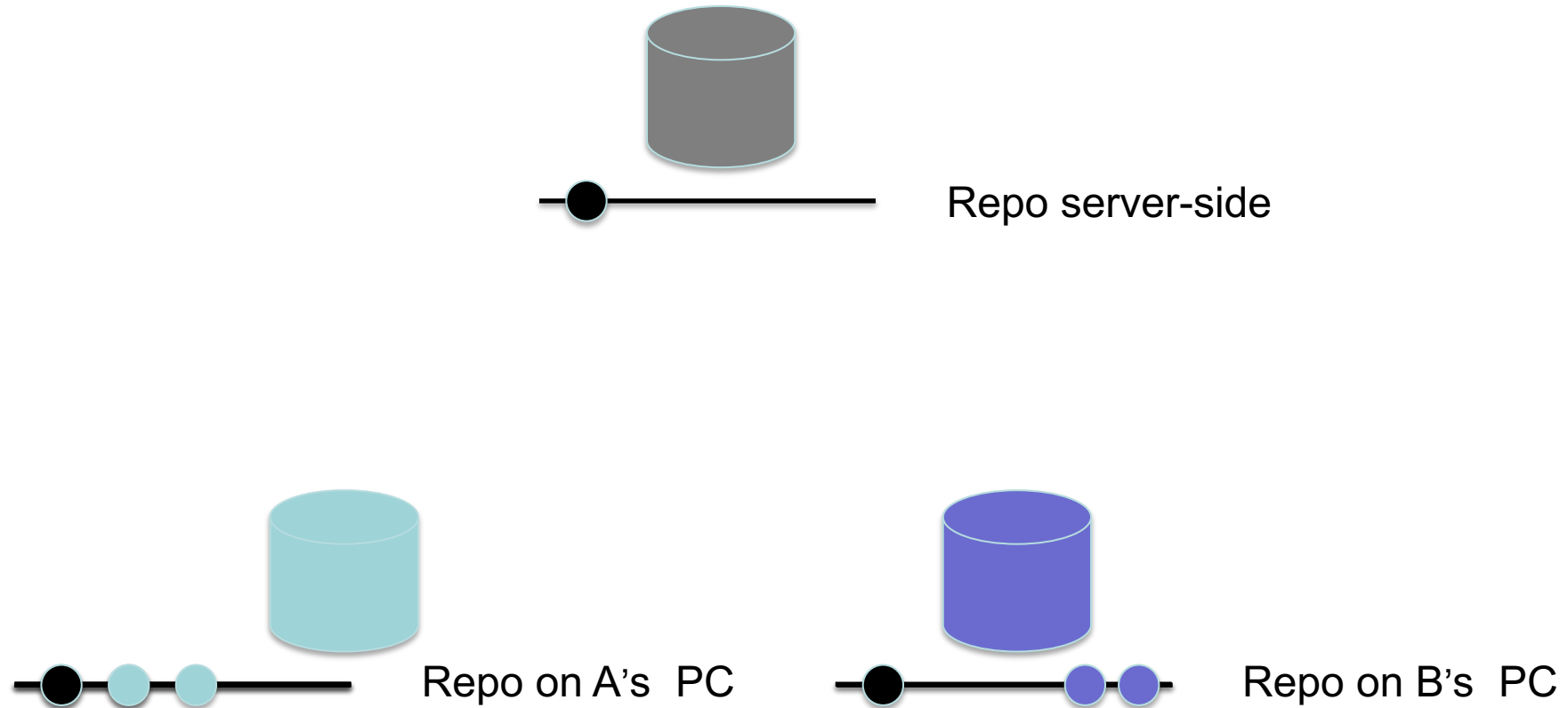


# Cloning to local repositories



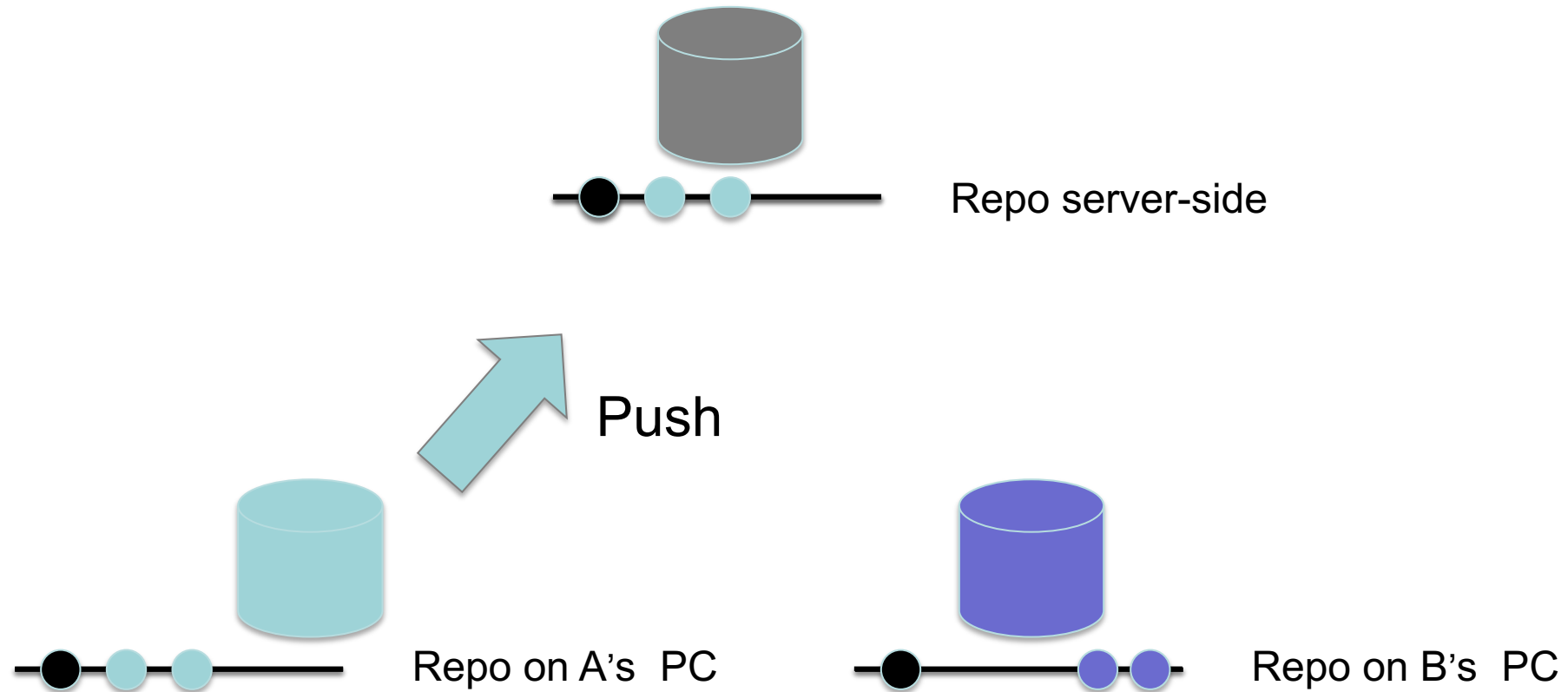


# Local work



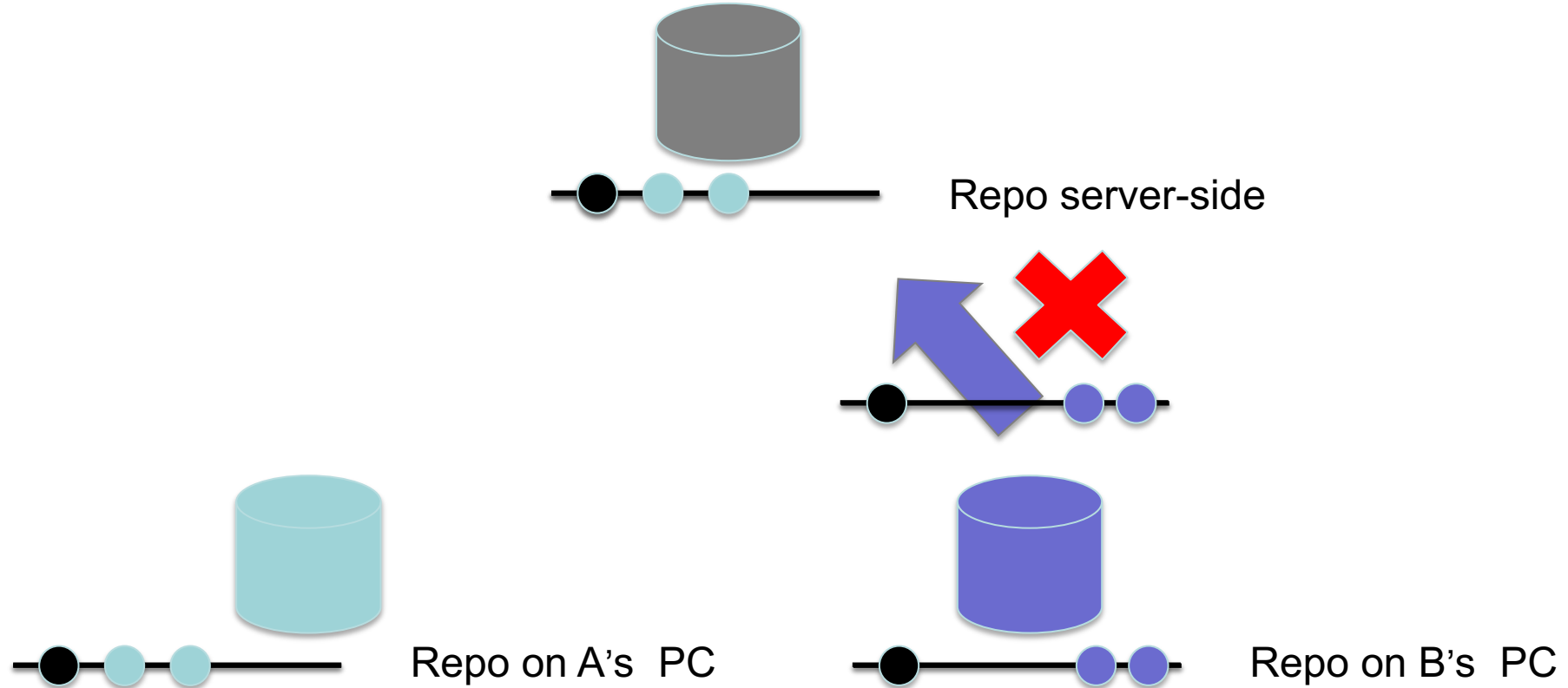
Locally code, compile, test, commit

# Integrating changes to central repository



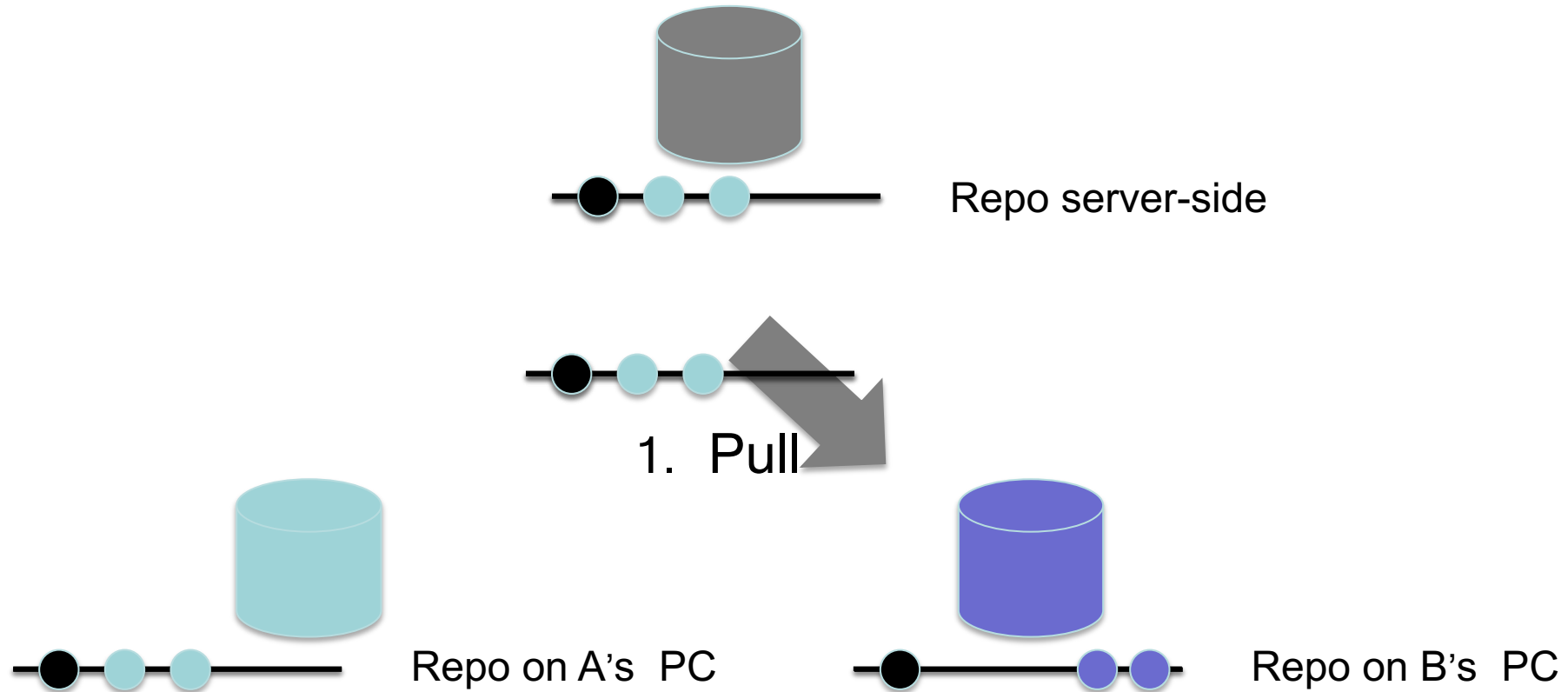
Push changes to central repository master branch

# Integrating changes to central repository



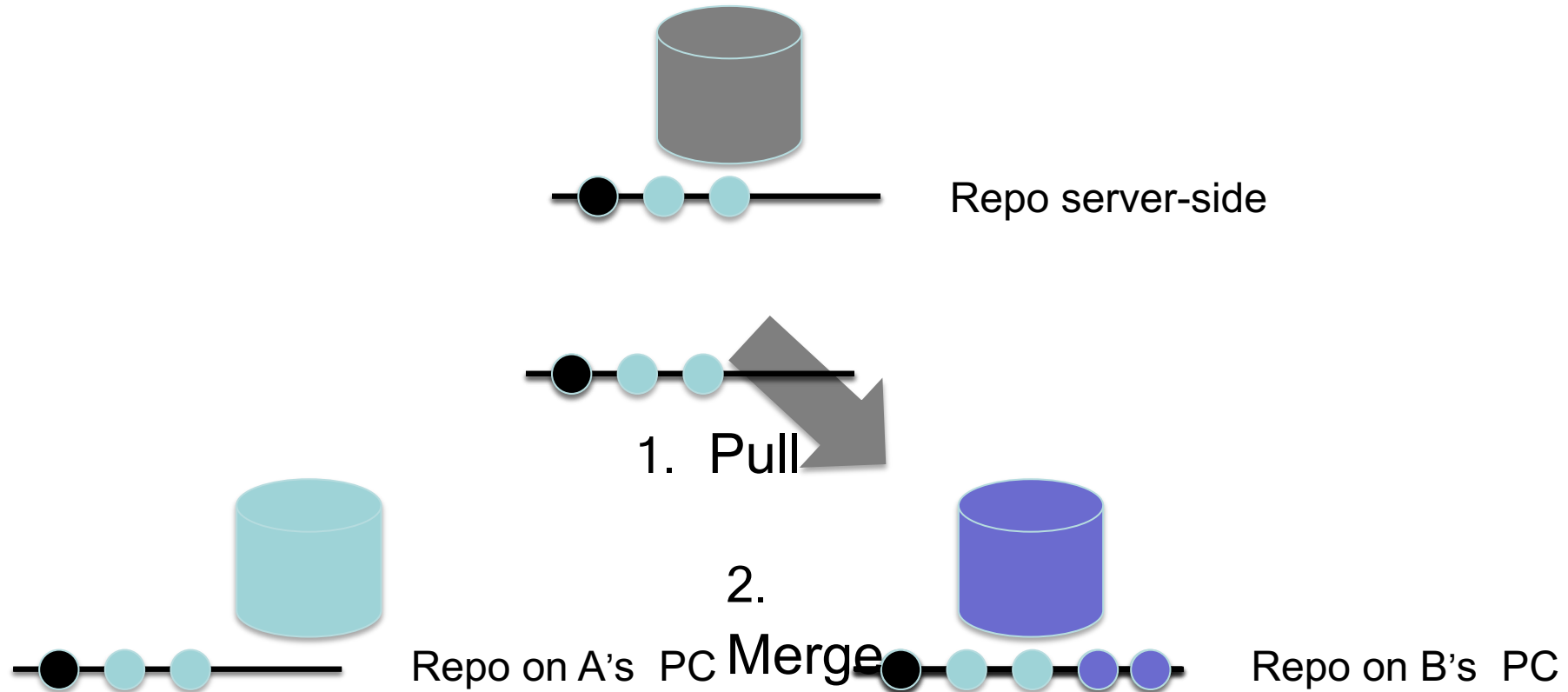
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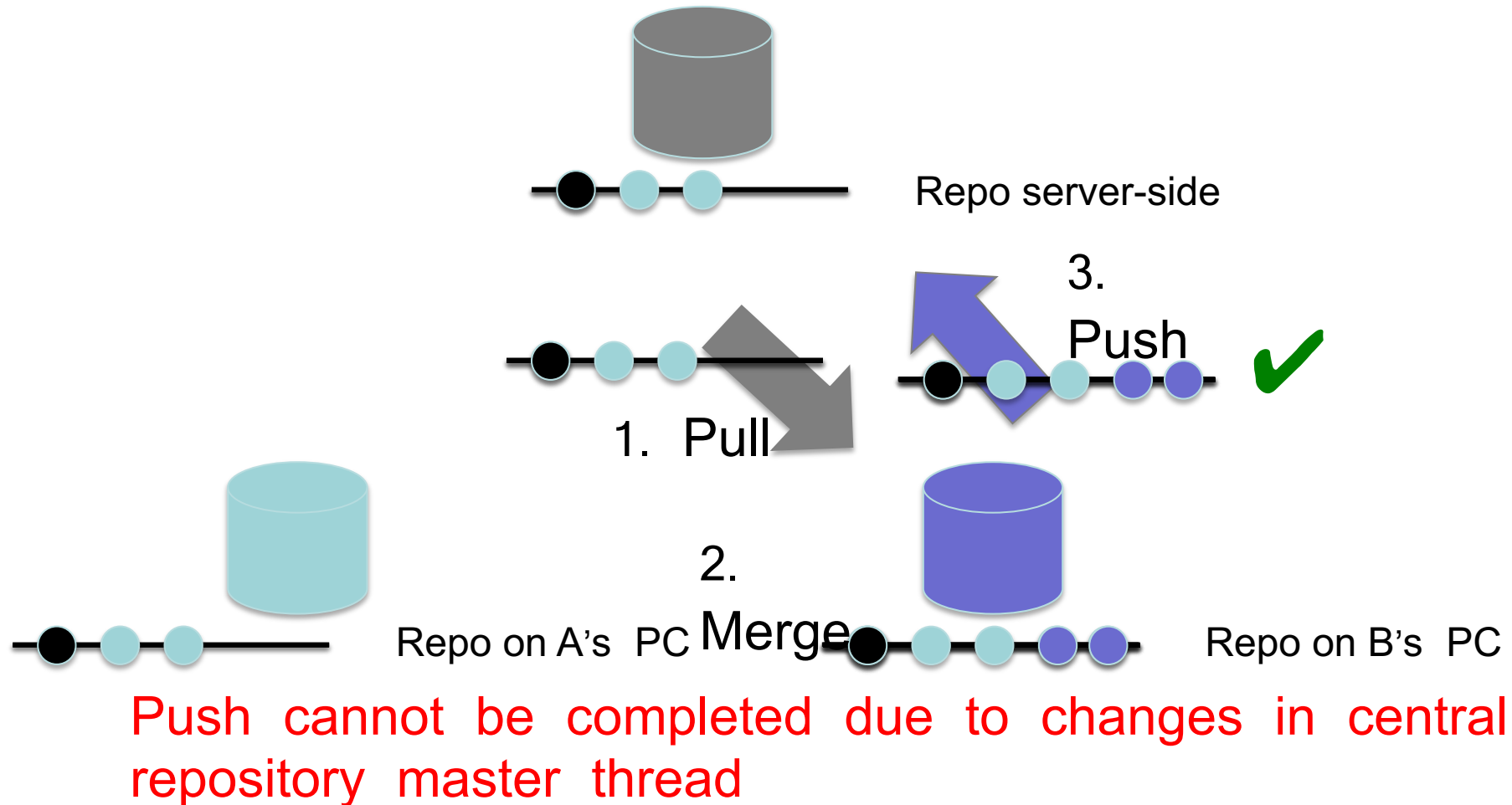


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# Main Git commands

- `git clone <repository URL>`: create a local copy of the repository on the server
- `git pull`: get new updates from the server and merges them with the local changes
- `git add`: add modified files to the local repository
- `git commit`: finalizes the changes in the local repository
- `git push`: transfers local commits to the server
- `git status`: it shows the status of the local repository (if there are files not included in the repository, if it not aligned with the server-side one)
- References
  - <https://education.github.com/git-cheat-sheet-education.pdf>
  - <https://git-scm.com/doc>



# Some examples of free of charge clients

- Atlassian SourceTree
  - OS X, Windows
  - Integrate with any git repository
- Github desktop
  - OS X, Windows
  - Specific for Github
  - Simple to use
- SmartGit (free for non-commercial use)
  - OS X, Windows, Linux
  - Integrate with Github, GitLab, Bitbucket, or Stash
  - Advanced features





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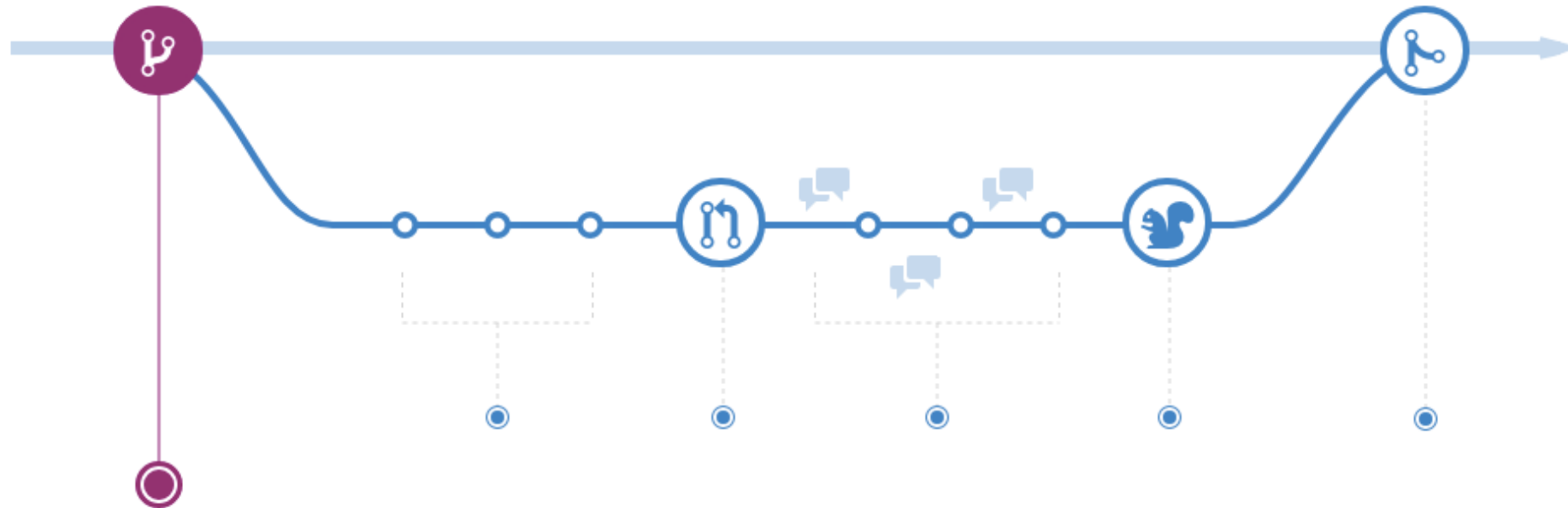
- Create a repository on GitHub or on your preferred SCM
- Share it with your colleagues
- Experiment with concurrent work
  - Work on your local repo, push changes (remember to always pull before push), merge when needed



# Workflows

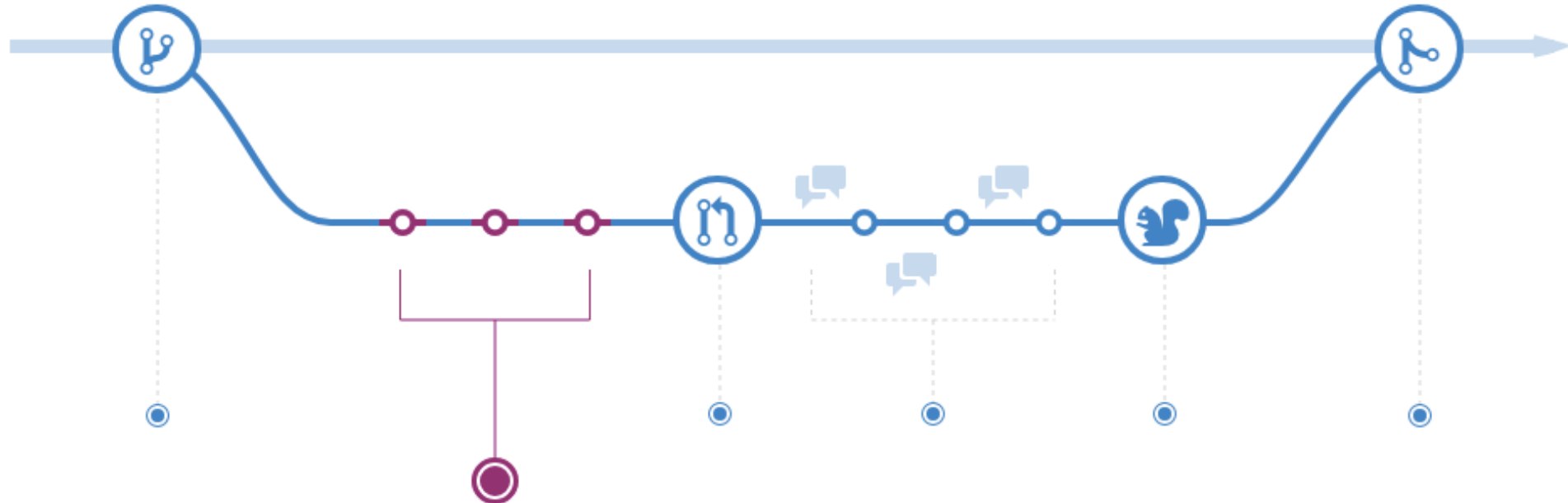
- Define the way an organization uses the CM for a specific project
- Main principles
  - The *master* repository must be kept as clean as possible
  - The distinction between local and central repository is not enough in case of multiple contributors
  - On the central repository we can create one *master* repository and as many *branches* as we want
  - A new contribution becomes part of the master only if the whole team agrees

# GitFlow <https://guides.github.com/introduction/flow/>



- When you need to develop a new feature or a new idea, create a new *branch*
  - A new independent sub-repository where you can experiment without impacting on what is in the master

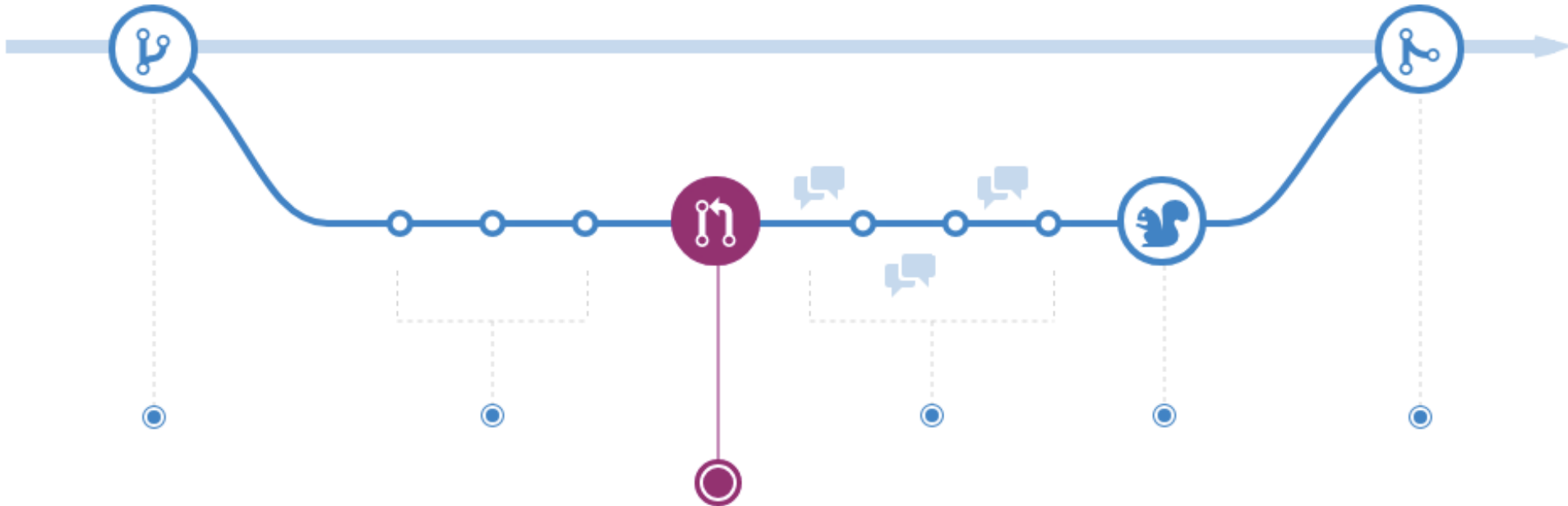
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- New versions of software are produced in the branch

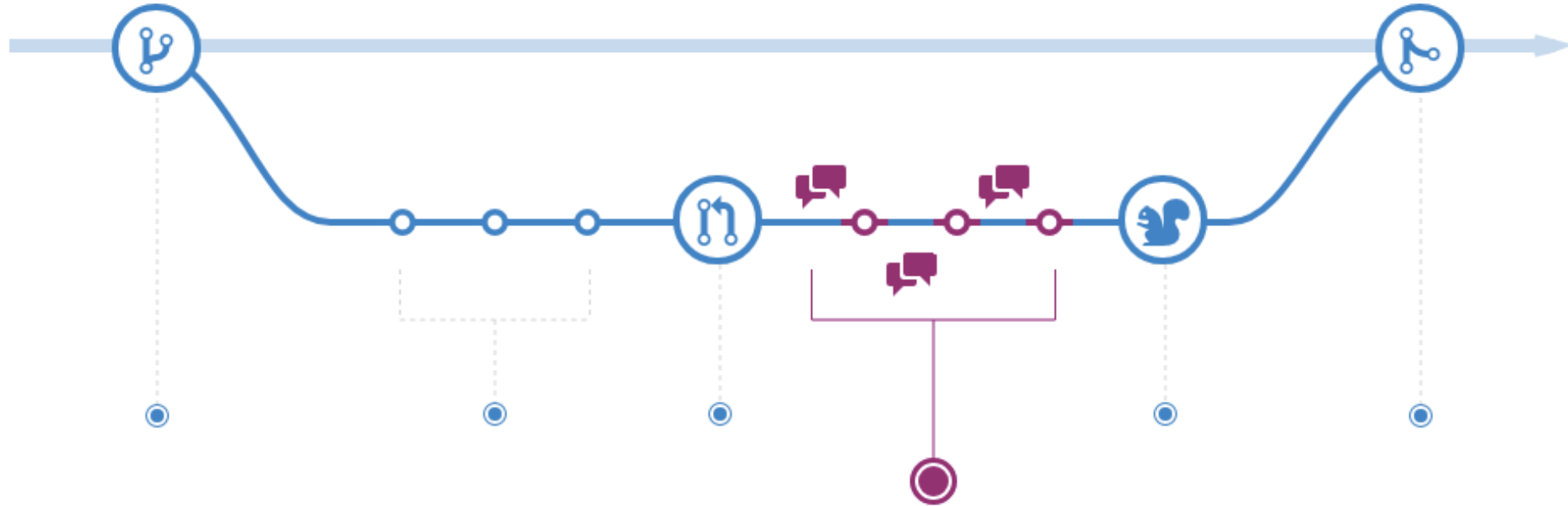
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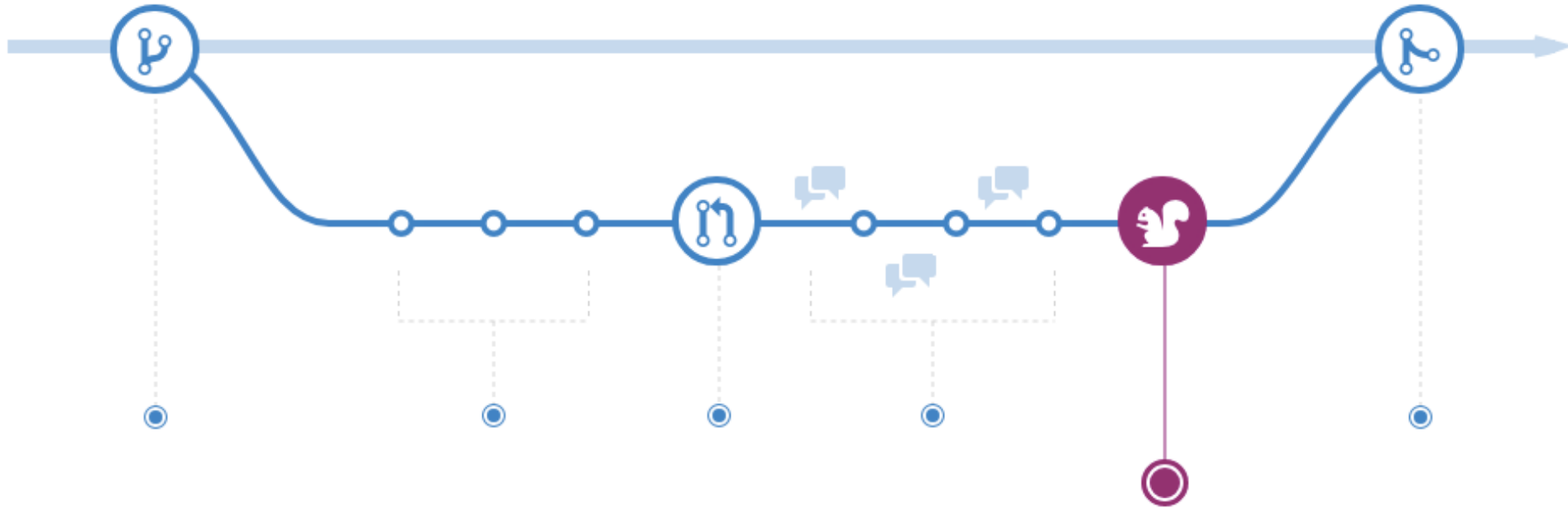
- When the developers are happy, they can issue a *pull request*
  - The sub-team is asking the whole team to review the changes and decide whether to accept them or not
  - The sub-team has already merged any local change in the branch server-side

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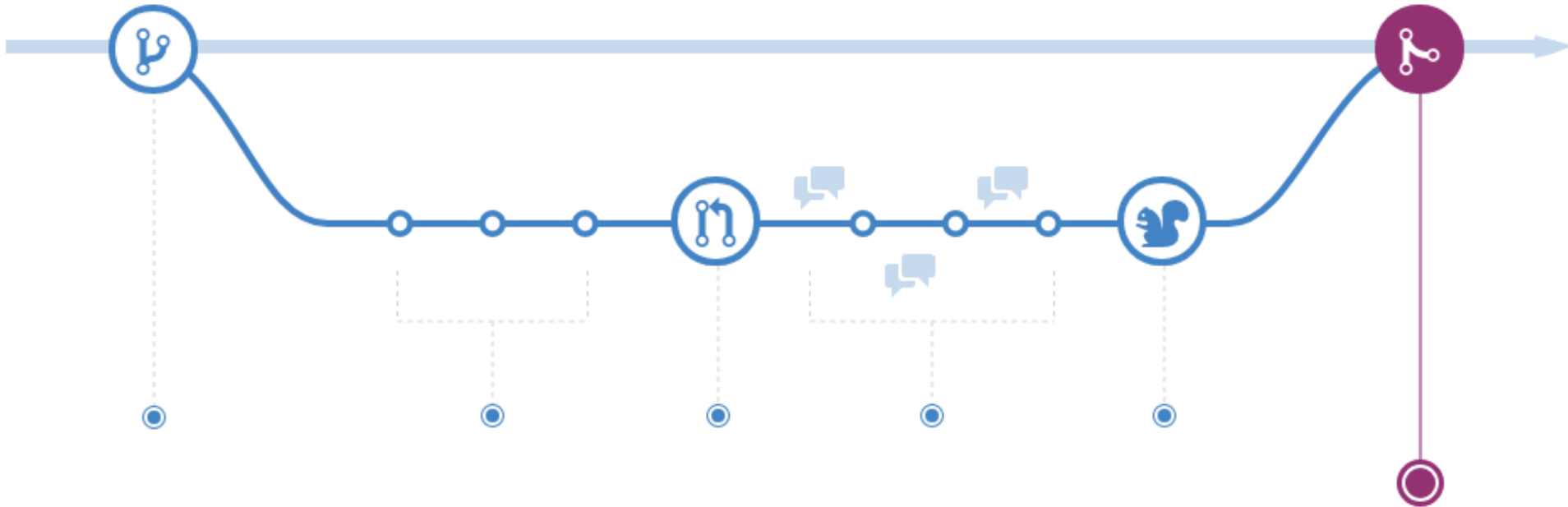
- A discussion starts
- During the discussion, new versions can be created in the branch

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- The code is deployed and tested

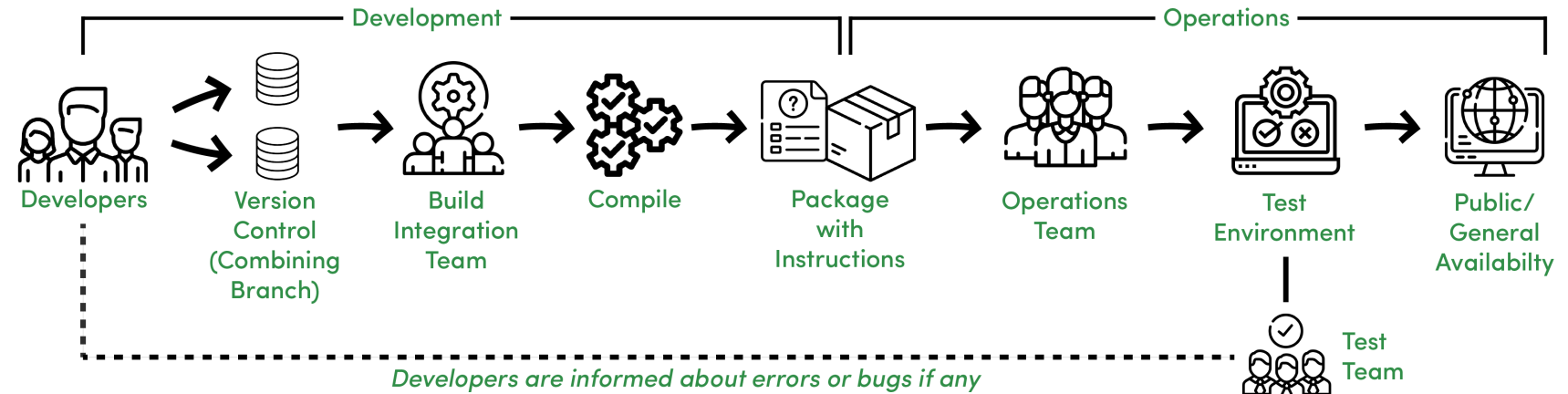
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- Then finally, the branch is merged in the master



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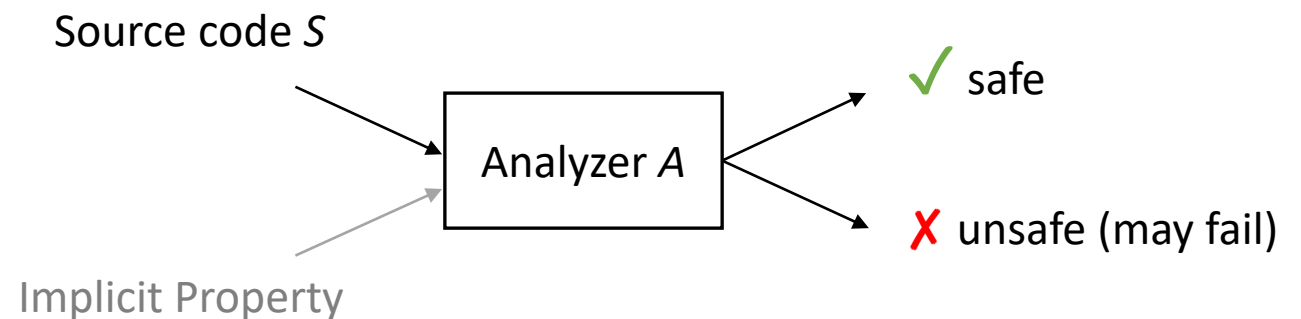


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# Static Analysis

- The very idea

- Analyzes the source code
- Each analyzer targets a fixed set of **hard-coded** (pre-defined, not custom) properties
- Completely **automatic**
- The output reports
  - **Safe** = no issues
  - **Unsafe** = potential issues



# Static Analysis: properties

- Checked **properties** are often general safety properties (absence of certain conditions that may yield errors)
- Examples:
  - No **overflow** for integer variables
  - No **type errors**
  - No **null-pointer** dereferencing
  - No **out-of-bound** array accesses
  - No **race conditions**
  - No **useless assignments**
  - No **usage of undefined variables**
  - No **execution of specific paths**

# How to automate these checks?

- Derive the control flow diagram
- Identify points where variables are defined and used
  - Note: `i++` contains both a use and a definition for `i`
- Identify def-use pairs

- Example

```
1 int i, k = 0;  
2 i = k;  
3 while (i<10)  
4  i++;
```

def-use pairs for `k`

`<1, 2>`

def-use pairs for `i`

`<2, 3>, <2, 4>, <4, 3>, <4, 4>`

# Def-use pairs through an example

- Consider the following fragment of code:

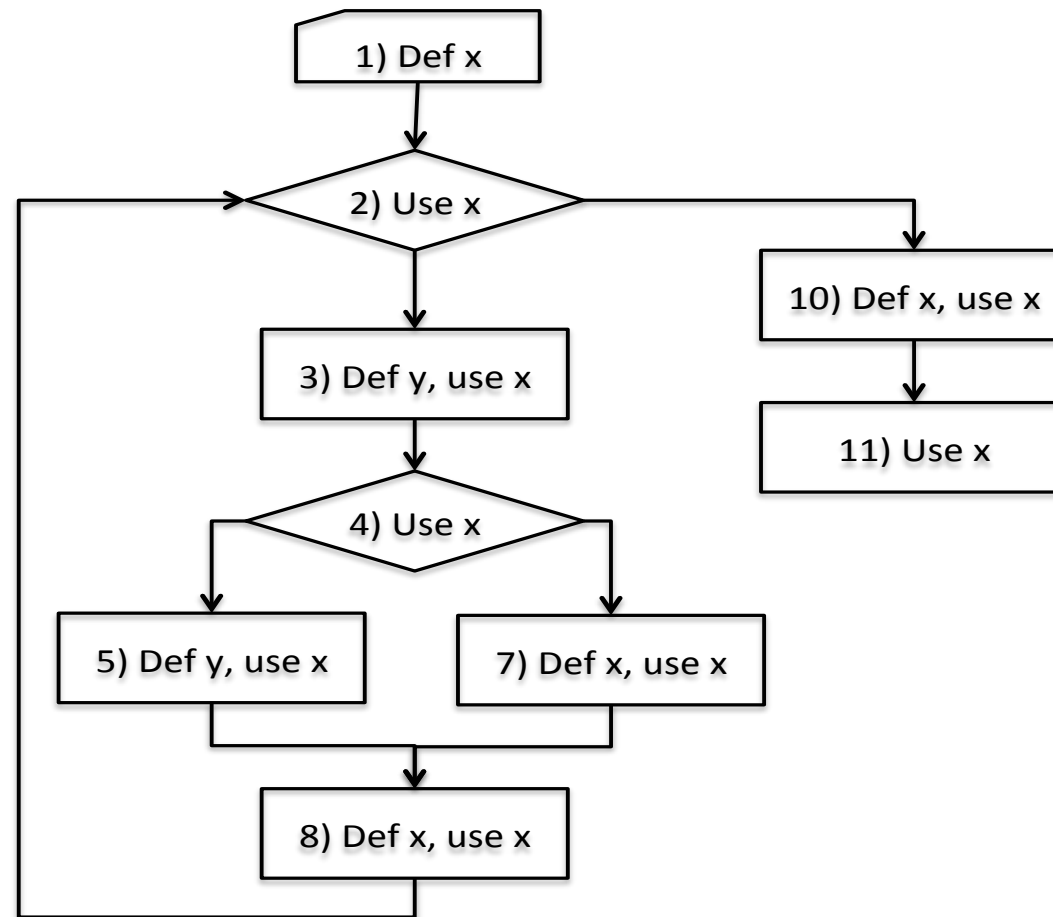
```
int foo() {  
1  x = input();  
2  while (x > 0) {  
3      y = 2 * x;  
4      if (x > 10)  
5          y = x - 1;  
6      else  
7          x = x + 2;  
8      x = x - 1;  
9  }  
10 x = x - 1;  
11 return x;  
}
```

You are to accomplish the following:

1. draw the control flow graph of the program;
2. provide the use-definition information for variables x and y;
3. provide the def-use pairs
4. point out a potential issue with this code that data flow analysis would be able to spot;

# 1., 2. Control flow graph and def/use

```
int foo() {  
1  x = input();  
2  while (x > 0) {  
3    y = 2 * x;  
4    if (x > 10)  
5      y = x - 1;  
6    else  
7      x = x + 2;  
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11 return x;  
}
```



## 3, 4. Def-use pairs

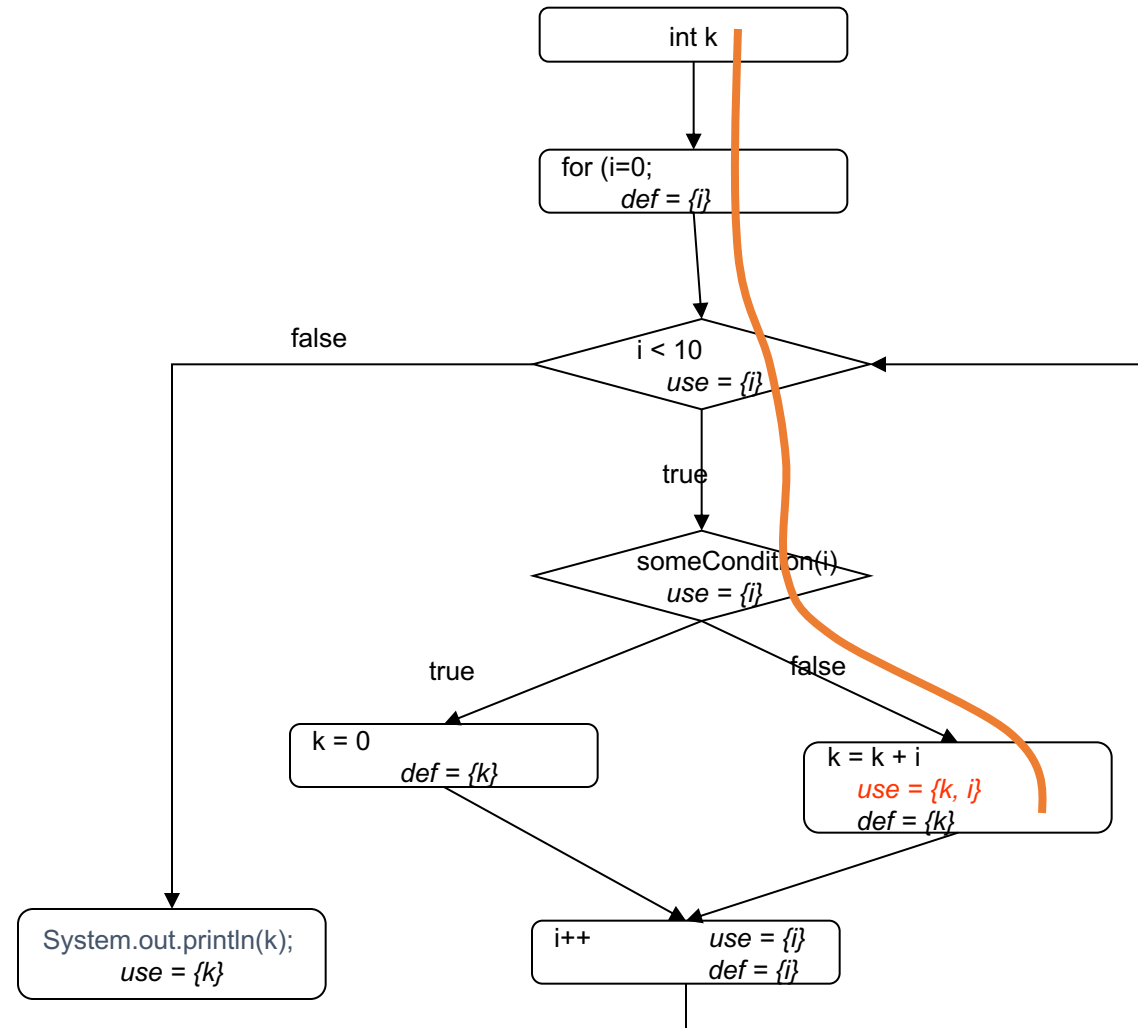
x	<b>&lt;1, 2&gt; &lt;1, 3&gt; &lt;1, 4&gt; &lt;1, 5&gt; &lt;1, 7&gt; &lt;1, 8&gt; &lt;1, 10&gt; &lt;7,8&gt; &lt;8, 2&gt; &lt;8, 3&gt; &lt;8, 4&gt; &lt;8, 5&gt; &lt;8, 7&gt; &lt;8, 8&gt; &lt;8, 10&gt; &lt;10, 11&gt;</b>
y	<3, ?>, <5, ?>

The potential issue is a useless assignment

# Is it guaranteed that a variable is initialized when used?

```
static void questionable() {  
    int k;  
    for (int i=0; i<10; i++)  
        if (someCondition(i))  
            k = 0;  
            else k = k+i;  
    System.out.println(k);  
}
```

- Assuming that someCondition yields false, k is not initialized
- Maybe in practice this does not happen
- Dataflow is a “pessimistic” tool





# Static analysis: succesful stories



[2017] “Our strategy at Uber has been to use *static* code analysis tools to prevent *null pointer exception* crashes.”

**Engineering NullAway, Uber’s Open Source Tool for Detecting NullPointerExceptions on Android**

<https://www.uber.com/en-IT/blog/nullaway/>



[2013] “Each month, hundreds of potential bugs identified by Facebook *Infer* are fixed [...] *before* they are [...] deployed to people’s phones.”

**Facebook buys code-checking Silicon Roundabout startup Monoidics**

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2013/jul/18/facebook-buys-monoidics>

# Static analysis tools

- Various tools available
- The analyses are language-specific but many tools support multiple programming languages
- The first static analysis tool was a Unix utility, Lint, developed in 1978 for C programs. From this, simple static analysis is also called **linting**
- Lists of currently available tools are available from various sources:
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_tools\\_for\\_static\\_code\\_analysis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tools_for_static_code_analysis)
  - <https://github.com/analysis-tools-dev/static-analysis>



# Comparing some static analysis tools

<https://www.comparitech.com/net-admin/best-static-code-analysis-tools/>

Tool/Features	SonarQube	Checkmarx	Synopsys Coverity	Micro Focus Fortify SCA	Veracode Static Analysis	Snyk Code
Language Support	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple
→ Integrations	Various IDEs, CI/CD	Various IDEs, CI/CD	Various IDEs, CI/CD	Various IDEs, CI/CD	Various IDEs, CI/CD	Various IDEs, CI/CD
Free Trial	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
On-Premises/Cloud	Both	Both	Both	Both	Both	Cloud
Automated Scans	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Compliance Reporting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vulnerability Database	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Real-Time Feedback	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes



# Example of issues report from SonarCloud/SonarQube

[https://sonarcloud.io/project/issues?resolved=false&id=aws\\_aws-sdk-java-v2](https://sonarcloud.io/project/issues?resolved=false&id=aws_aws-sdk-java-v2)

The screenshot displays the SonarCloud web interface for the 'AWS Java SDK :: Parent' project. The left sidebar shows navigation options: Overview, Main Branch, Pull Requests (60), and Branches (2). The main content area is divided into a 'Filters' panel on the left and a list of issues on the right.

**Filters Panel:**

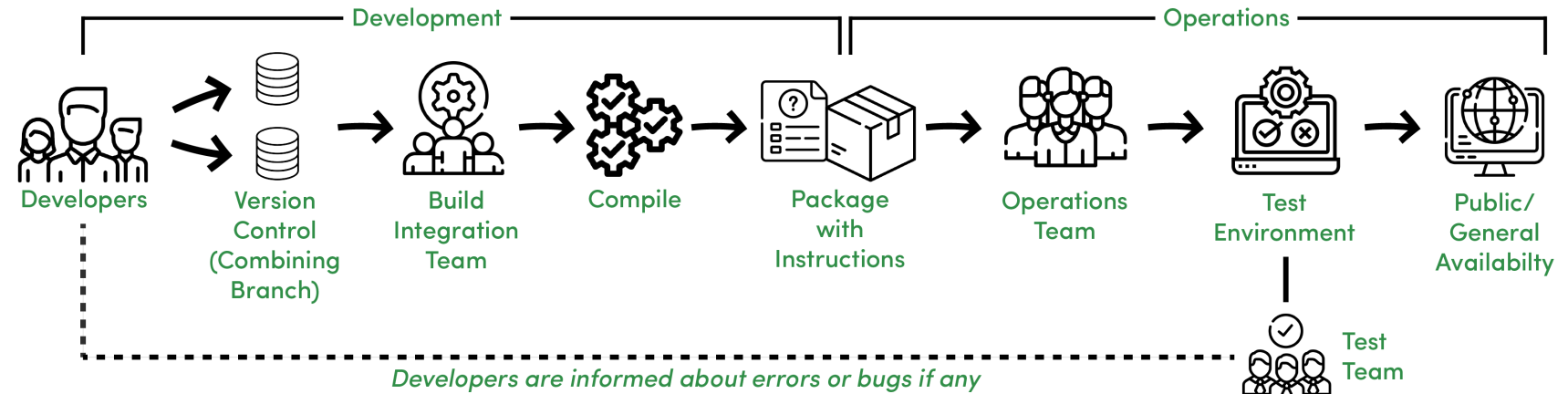
- Clean Code Attribute:**
  - Consistency: 704
  - Intentionality: 4.9k
  - Adaptability: 443
  - Responsibility: 7
- Software Quality:**
  - Security: 7
  - Reliability: 86
  - Maintainability: 6k
- Severity:**
  - High: 527
  - Medium: 1.3k

**Issues List:**

- Issue 1:** build-tools/.../awssdk/buildtools/checkstyle/NonJavaBaseModuleCheck.java. Intentionality issue. Title: [Replace this if-then-else statement by a single return statement.](#). Status: Open. Assigned to: Matthew Miller. Category: Maintainability. Code Smell. Severity: Minor. Effort: 2min. Created: 1 year ago.
- Issue 2:** build-tools/.../awssdk/buildtools/checkstyle/SdkIllegalImportCheck.java. Intentionality issue. Title: [Add a default case to this switch.](#). Status: Open. Assigned to: Not assigned. Category: Maintainability. Code Smell. Severity: Critical. Effort: 5min. Created: 2 years ago.
- Issue 3:** build-tools/.../awssdk/buildtools/checkstyle/SdkPublicMethodNameCheck.java. Adaptability issue. Title: [This class has 7 parents which is greater than 5 authorized.](#). Status: Open. Assigned to: Not assigned. Category: Maintainability. Code Smell. Severity: Major. Effort: 5h. Created: 5 years ago.

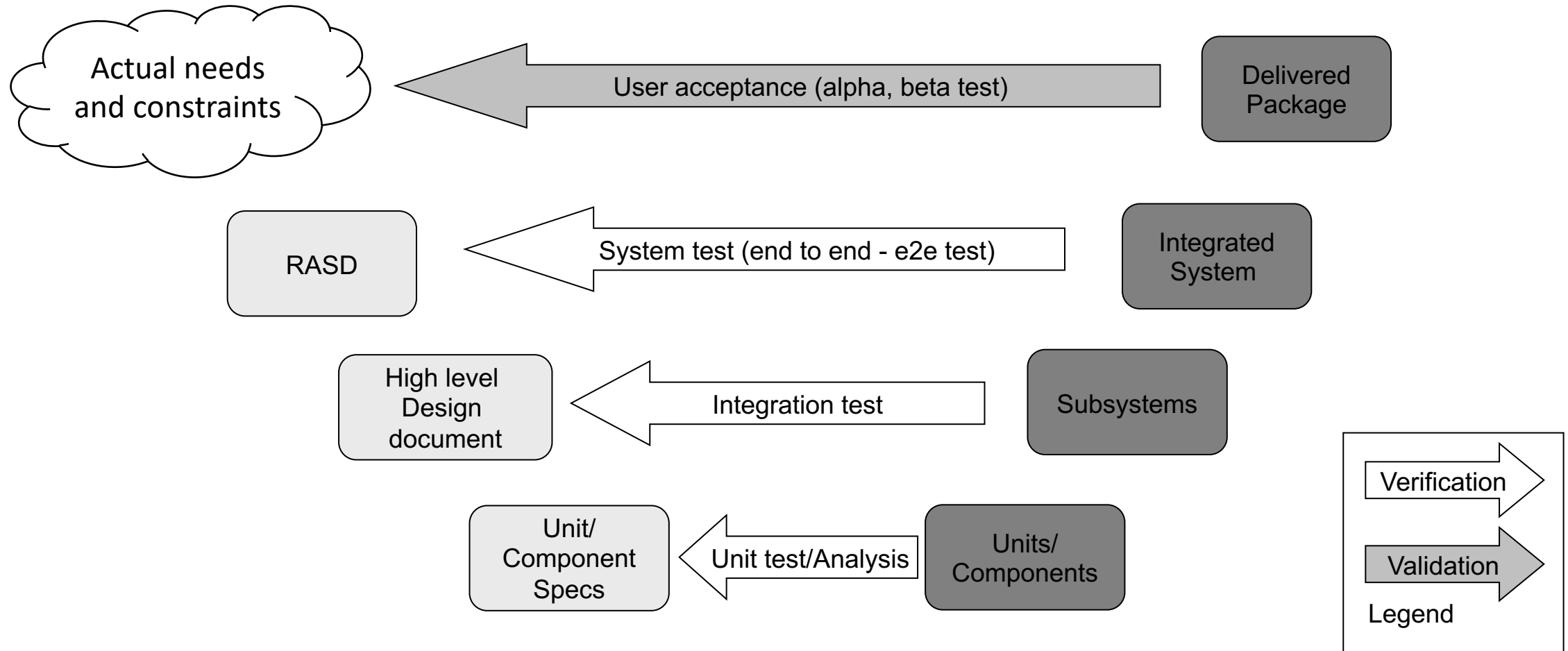
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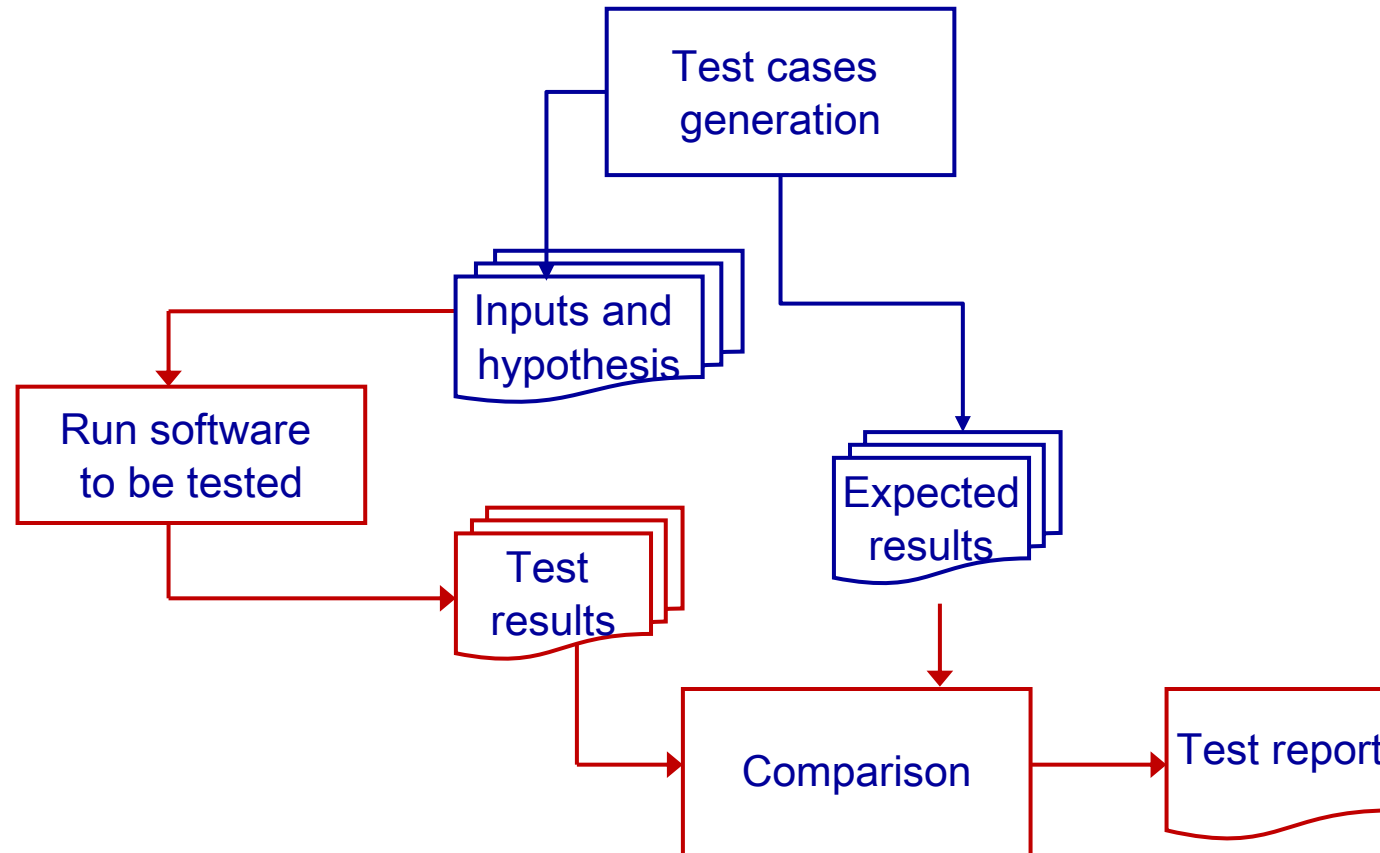


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# Testing activities (the V model)



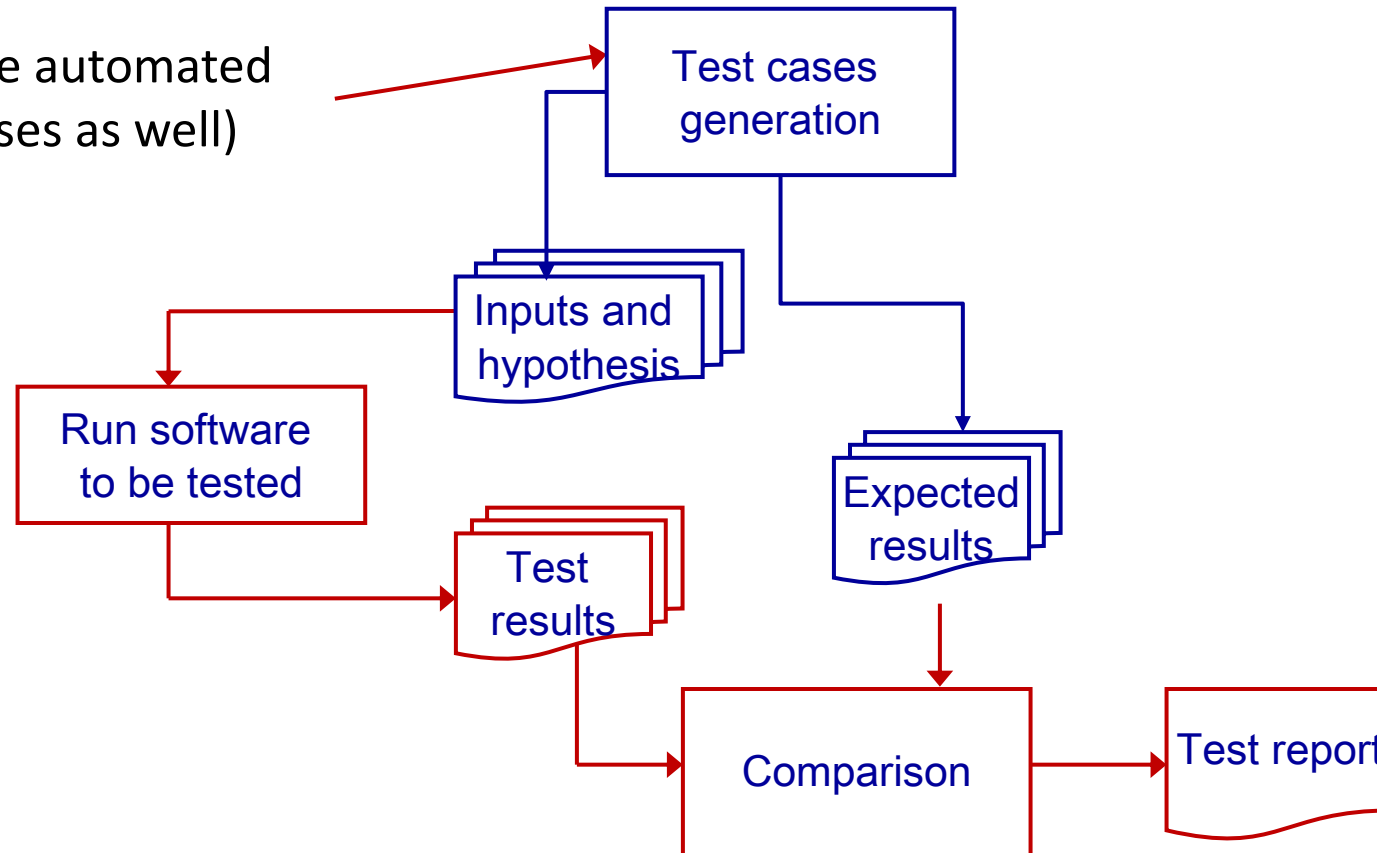
# Automation possibilities



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(This can be automated  
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# Automated testing in Python: PyUnit

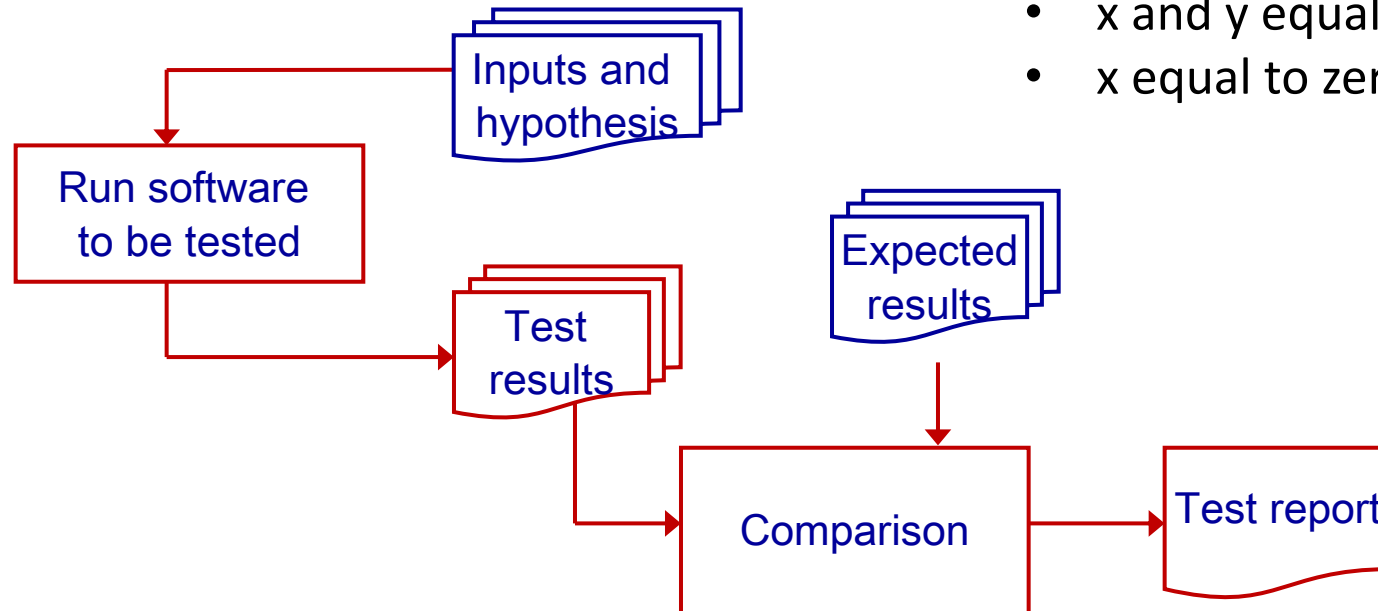
- Python unit testing framework also called **unittest**
- Derived from jUnit (first automated testing tool developed for Java)
- Developed by Kent Beck and Eric Gamma

# First simple example

```
#this is file simpleAdd  
def add(x,y):  
    return x + y
```

Possible test cases (inputs and hypothesis):

- Positive values for x and y: 4, 5
- Negative values for x and y: -4, -5
- x positive and y negative: 4, -5
- x negative and y positive: -4, 5
- x and y equal to zero: 0, 0
- x equal to zero, y not: 0, -5



# First simple example

```
#this is file simpleAdd
def add(x,y):
    return x + y

import unittest
import simpleAdd
class SimpleTest(unittest.TestCase):
    def testadd (self):
        self.assertEqual(simpleAdd.add(4,5),9)
        self.assertEqual(simpleAdd.add(-4,-5),-9)
        self.assertEqual(simpleAdd.add(4,-5),-1)
        self.assertEqual(simpleAdd.add(-4,5),1)
        self.assertEqual(simpleAdd.add(0,0),0)
        self.assertEqual(simpleAdd.add(0,-5),-5)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    unittest.main()
```

Possible test cases:

- Positive values for x and y: 4, 5
  - Negative values for x and y: -4, -5
  - x positive and y negative: 4, -5
  - x negative and y positive: -4, 5
- zero: 0, 0  
y not: 0, -5



# unittest concepts

- **test case:**

- unittest provides a base class, **TestCase**, which may be used to create new test cases.
- This checks for a specific response to a particular set of inputs.

- **test suite:**

- It is a collection of test cases, test suites, or both.
- This is used to aggregate tests that should be executed together.
- Test suites are implemented by the **TestSuite** class.

# unittest concepts

- **test fixture:**

- This represents the preparation needed to perform one or more tests, and any associate cleanup actions.
- This may involve, for example, creating temporary or proxy databases, directories, or starting a server process.

- **test runner:**

- This is a component which orchestrates the execution of tests and provides the outcome to the user.
- The runner may use a graphical interface, a textual interface, or return a special value to indicate the results of executing the tests.

# Test case design

1. Select the unit of code to be tested
2. Identify the input data for the test and the initial state your running code should be
3. Define the oracle, that is, the piece of code that asserts what should be true at the end of the test
4. Write the implementation of a test case:
  - Test fixtures can be used to ensure the unit of code is in the initial state before testing
  - Write the code that calls the unit of code under test with the parameters you have identified
  - Write the oracle exploiting instructions such as assertEquals



# unittest API

- **setUp():** Method called to prepare the test fixture. This is called immediately before calling the test method
- **tearDown():** Method called immediately after the test method has been called and the result recorded. This is called even if the test method raised an exception.
- **setUpClass():** A class method called before tests in an individual class run.
- **tearDownClass():** A class method called after tests in an individual class have run.
- **run(result = None):** Run the test, collecting the result into the test result object passed as result.
- **skipTest(reason):** Calling this during a test method or setUp() skips the current test.
- **debug():** Run the test without collecting the result.
- **shortDescription():** Returns a one-line description of the test.

# Second example



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```
#this is file SimpleTest2
import unittest
import addSub
class SimpleTest2(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        name = self.shortDescription()
        if name == "Add":
            self.a = 10
            self.b = 20
            print(name, self.a, self.b)
        if name == "Sub":
            self.a = 50
            self.b = 60
            print(name, self.a, self.b)
    def tearDown(self):
        print('\nend of test',self.shortDescription())
    def testadd(self):
        """Add"""
        self.assertEqual(addSub.add(self.a, self.b), self.a+self.b)
    def testsub(self):
        """Sub"""
        self.assertEqual(addSub.sub(self.a, self.b), self.a-self.b)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    unittest.main()
```

```
#this is file addSub
def add(x, y):
    return x+y
def sub(x, y):
    return x-y
```



# TestSuites

Test case instances can be grouped together according to the features they test

- **Step 1** – Create an instance of TestSuite class.  
`suite = unittest.TestSuite()`
- **Step 2** – Add tests inside a TestCase class in the suite.  
`suite.addTest(unittest.makeSuite(testcase class))`
- **Step 3** – Individual tests can also be added in the suite.  
`suite.addTest(testcaseclass('testmethod'))`
- **Step 4** – Create an object of the TestTestRunner class.  
`runner = unittest.TestTestRunner()`
- **Step 5** – Call the run() method to run all the tests in the suite  
`runner.run (suite)`



# Example of test suite

```
import unittest
import SimpleTest2
import SimpleTest

def suite():
    suite = unittest.TestSuite()
    suite.addTest(unittest.makeSuite(SimpleTest2))
    suite.addTest(unittest.makeSuite(SimpleTest.SimpleTest))
    return suite

if __name__ == '__main__':
    runner = unittest.TextTestRunner()
    test_suite = suite()
    runner.run (test_suite)
```

# Basic AssertionTypes

- `assertEqual(arg1, arg2, msg = None)`: Test that `arg1` and `arg2` are equal. If the values do not compare equal, the test will fail.
- `assertNotEqual(arg1, arg2, msg = None)`: Test that `arg1` and `arg2` are not equal. If the values do compare equal, the test will fail.
- `assertTrue(expr, msg = None)`: Test that `expr` is true. If false, test fails
- `assertFalse(expr, msg = None)`: Test that `expr` is false. If true, test fails
- `assertIs(arg1, arg2, msg = None)`: Test that `arg1` and `arg2` evaluate to the same object.
- `assertIsNot(arg1, arg2, msg = None)`: Test that `arg1` and `arg2` don't evaluate to the same object.

# Basic Assertion Types

- `assertIsNone(expr, msg = None)`: Test that `expr` is `None`. If not `None`, test fails
- `assertIsNotNone(expr, msg = None)`: Test that `expr` is not `None`. If `None`, test fails
- `assertIn(arg1, arg2, msg = None)`: Test that `arg1` is in `arg2`.
- `assertNotIn(arg1, arg2, msg = None)`: Test that `arg1` is not in `arg2`.
- `assertIsInstance(obj, cls, msg = None)`: Test that `obj` is an instance of `cls`
- `assertNotIsInstance(obj, cls, msg = None)`: Test that `obj` is not an instance of `cls`

# Trivial example of assertion usage

```
import unittest

class SimpleTest(unittest.TestCase):
    def test1(self):
        self.assertEqual(4 + 5, 9)
    def test2(self):
        self.assertNotEqual(5 * 2, 10)
    def test3(self):
        self.assertTrue(4 + 5 == 9, "The result is False")
    def test4(self):
        self.assertTrue(4 + 5 == 10, "assertion fails")
    def test5(self):
        self.assertIn(3, [1, 2, 3])
    def test6(self):
        self.assertNotIn(3, range(5))

if __name__ == '__main__':
    unittest.main()
```

# Testing web apps – simple example 1

```
from flask import Flask

# Create the application instance
app = Flask(__name__)

# Create a URL route in our application for "/"
@app.route('/')
def home():
    return 'Hello!!!!'

# If we're running in stand alone mode, run the application
if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

# Testing web apps – test case for simple example 1

```
import unittest

from simpleWebApp import app

class AppTestCase(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.ctx = app.app_context()
        self.ctx.push()
        self.client = app.test_client()

    def tearDown(self):
        self.ctx.pop()

    def test_home(self):
        response = self.client.get("/")
        assert "Hello!!!!" == response.get_data(as_text=True)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    unittest.main()
```

# Testing web apps – simple example 2

```
from flask import (
    Flask,
    render_template
)

# Create the application instance
app = Flask(__name__, template_folder="templates")

@app.route('/')
def home():
    return render_template('home.html')

@app.route('/viewMap')
def viewMap():
    return render_template('viewMap.html')

@app.route('/reserveBike')
def reserveBike():
    return 'Congratulations, you have reserved a bike!'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```



# Testing web apps – test case for simple example 2

```
import unittest

from simpleWebApp2 import app

class AppTestCase(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.ctx = app.app_context()
        self.ctx.push()
        self.client = app.test_client()

    def tearDown(self):
        self.ctx.pop()

    def test_home(self):
        response = self.client.get("/")
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
        html = response.data.decode()
        assert "You can do the following:" in html

    def test_viewMap(self):
        response = self.client.get("/viewMap")
        assert response.status_code == 200
        html = response.data.decode()
        assert "This is the view map page" in html

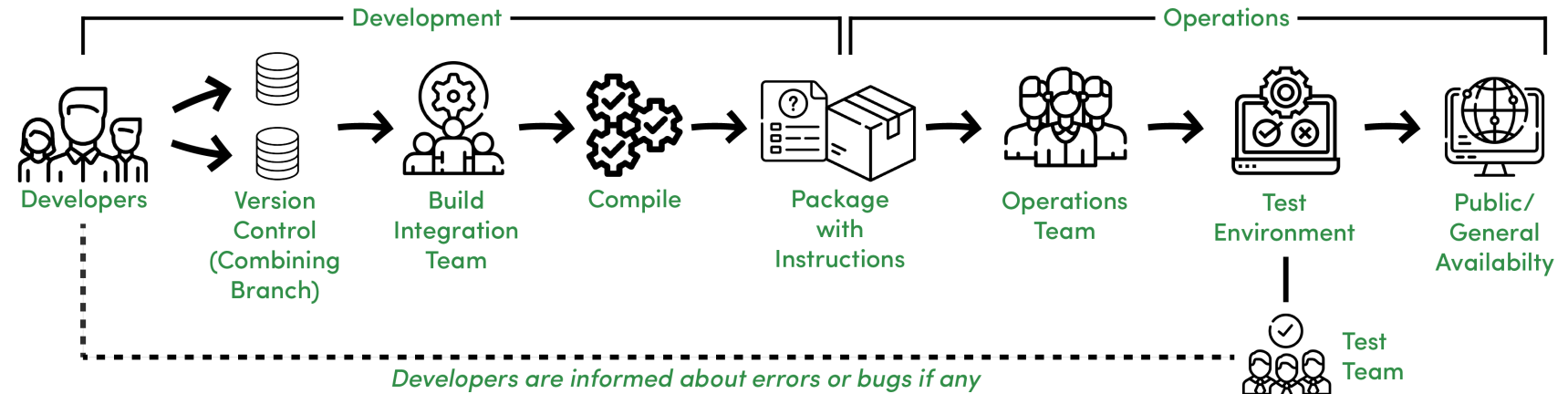
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    unittest.main()
```



# Exercise in breakout rooms

- Clone the repository available here  
<https://github.com/dinitto/pyTestExamples>
- Inspect the examples
- Run tests (it requires Python, unittest and Flask to be installed)
- Introduce some errors in the code and run again the tests
- Modify the tests and run them again

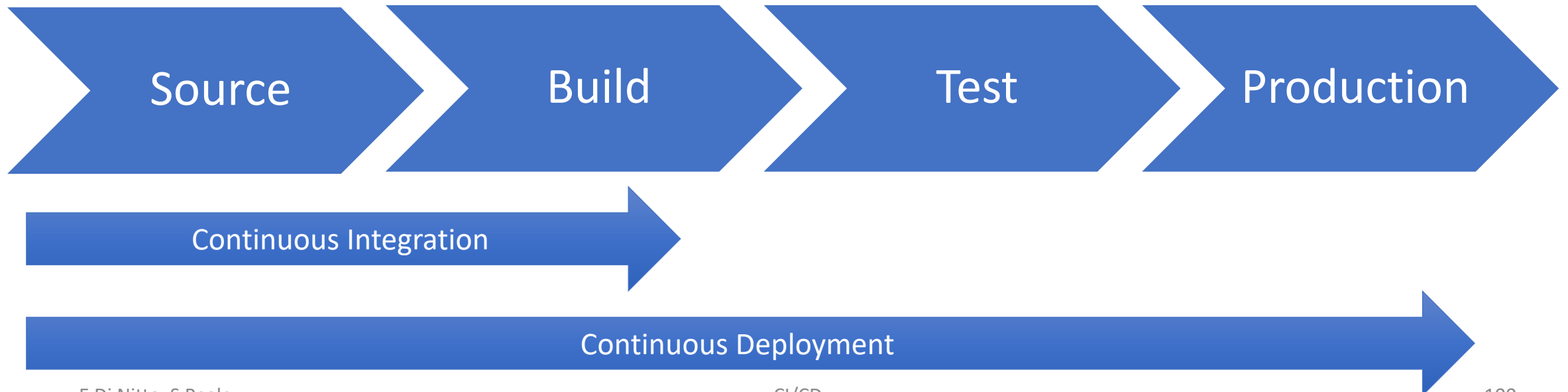
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- Hands-on
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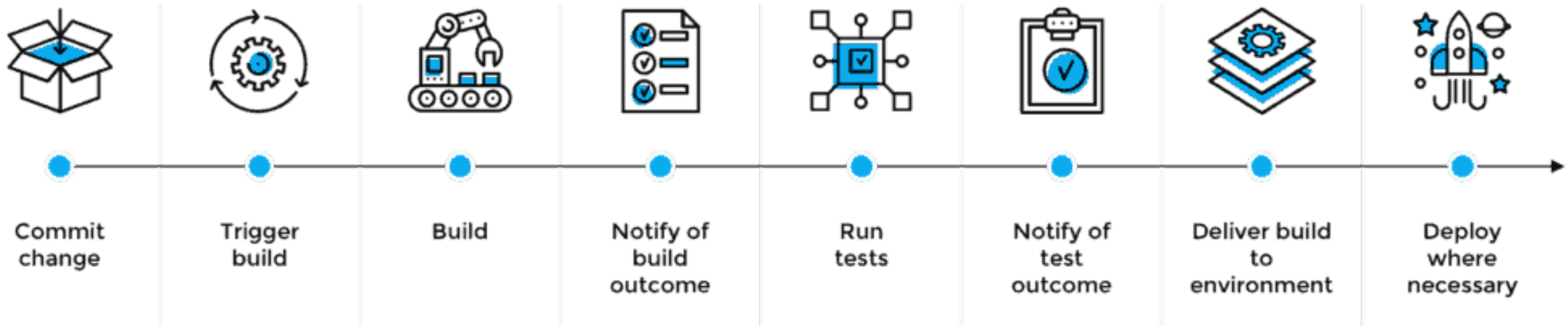
# CI/CD

- CI: Continuous Integration
  - Integrate whenever there is a new version of a component available
- CD: Continuous Delivery/Deployment
  - Deliver/Deploy new versions as soon as they are ready



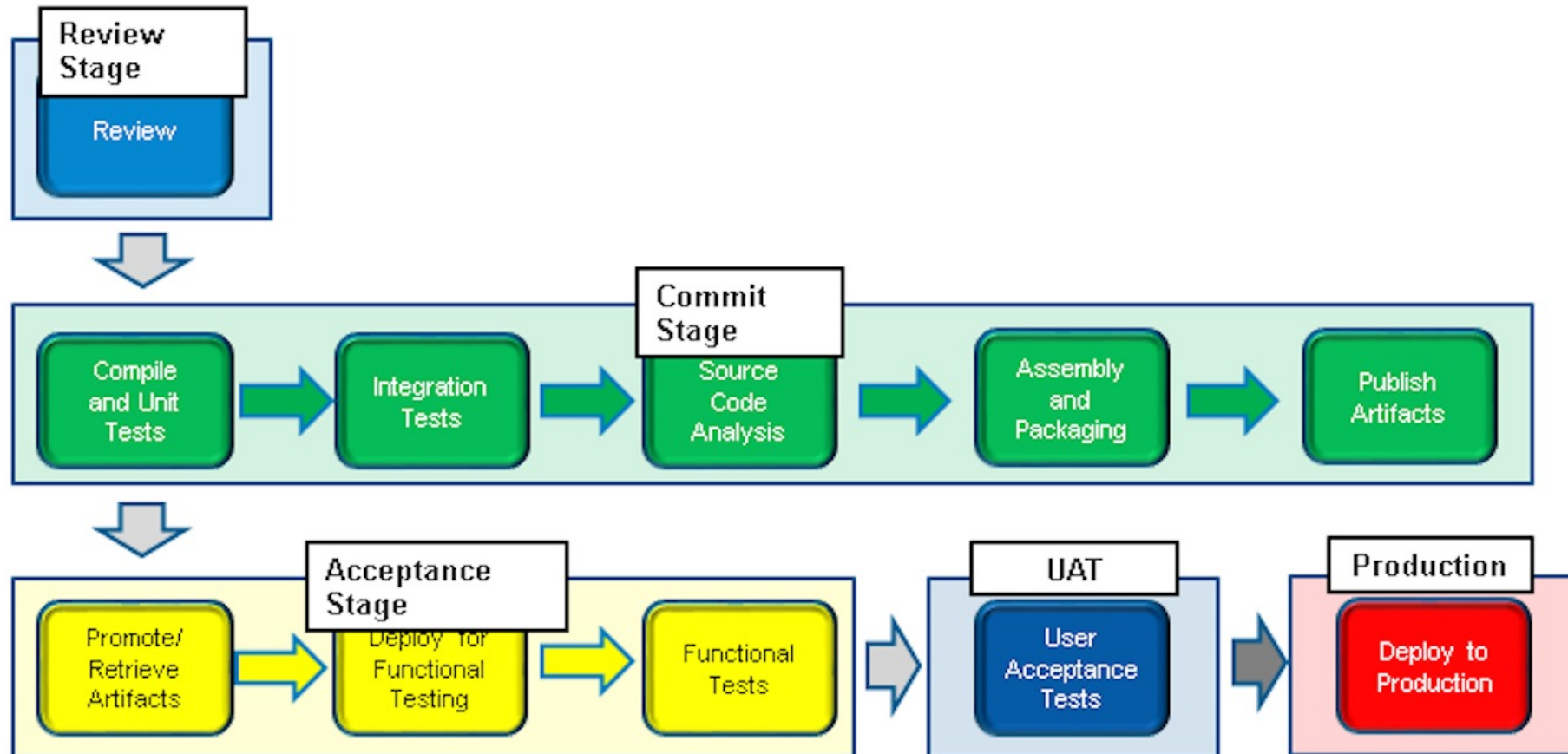
# The CI/CD pipeline

## CI/CD Pipeline



<https://www.plutora.com/blog/understanding-ci-cd-pipeline>

# The CI/CD pipeline – another view

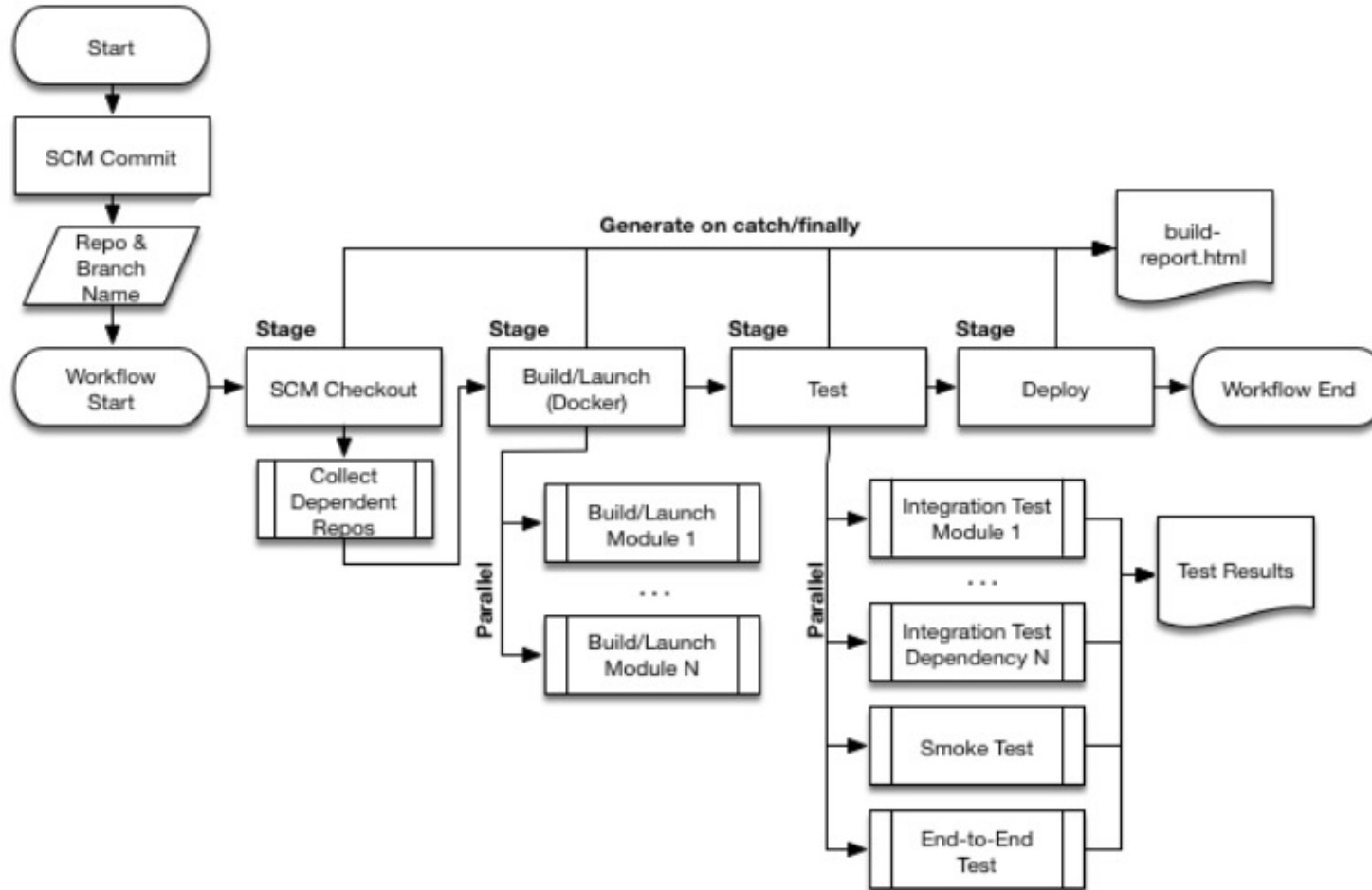


<https://www.oreilly.com/content/configuring-a-continuous-delivery-pipeline-in-jenkins/>

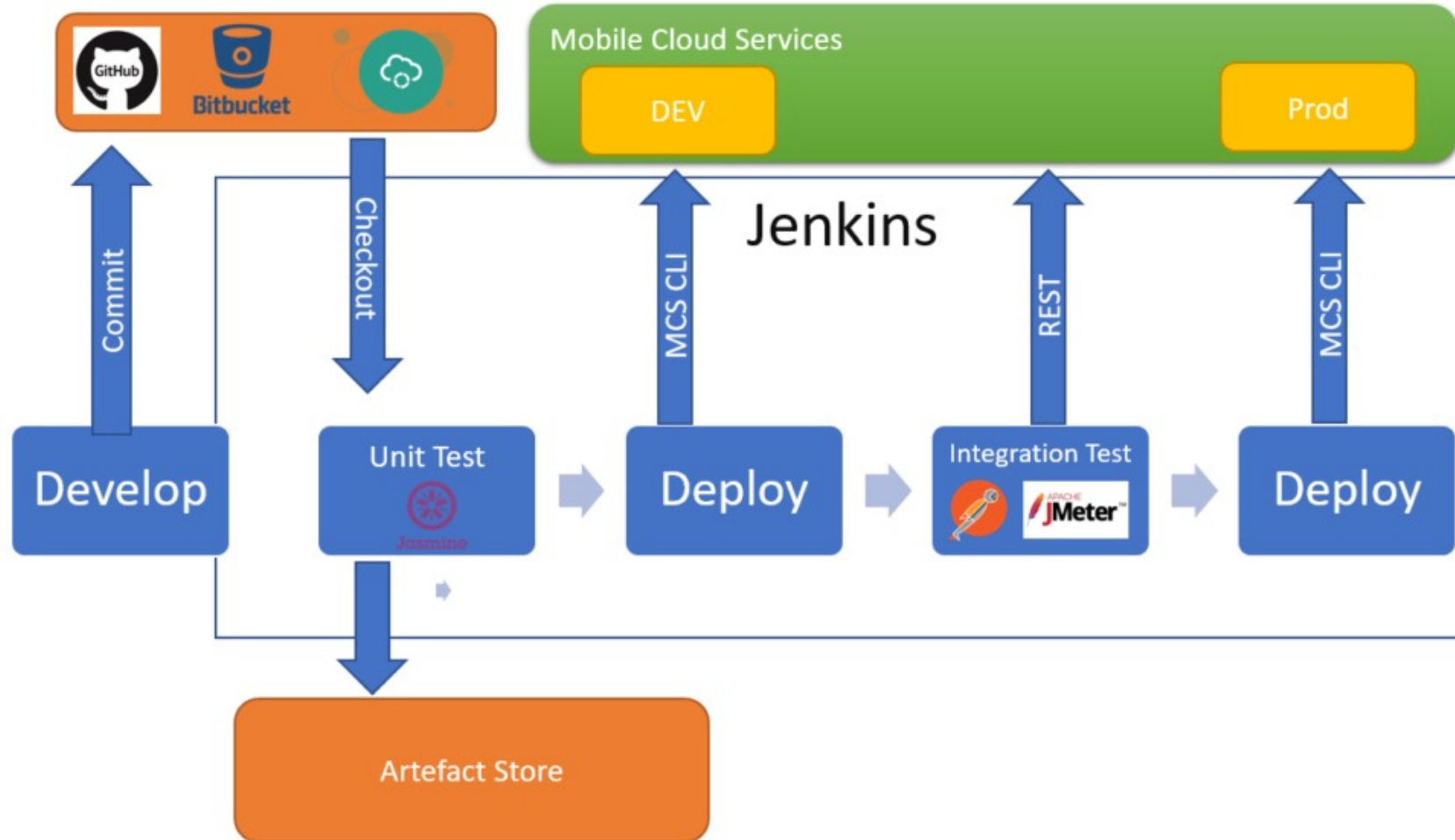
# Another possible workflow



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# An example of CI/CD pipeline



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






# CI/CD best tools

<https://thectoclub.com/tools/best-ci-cd-tools/>



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Tools										
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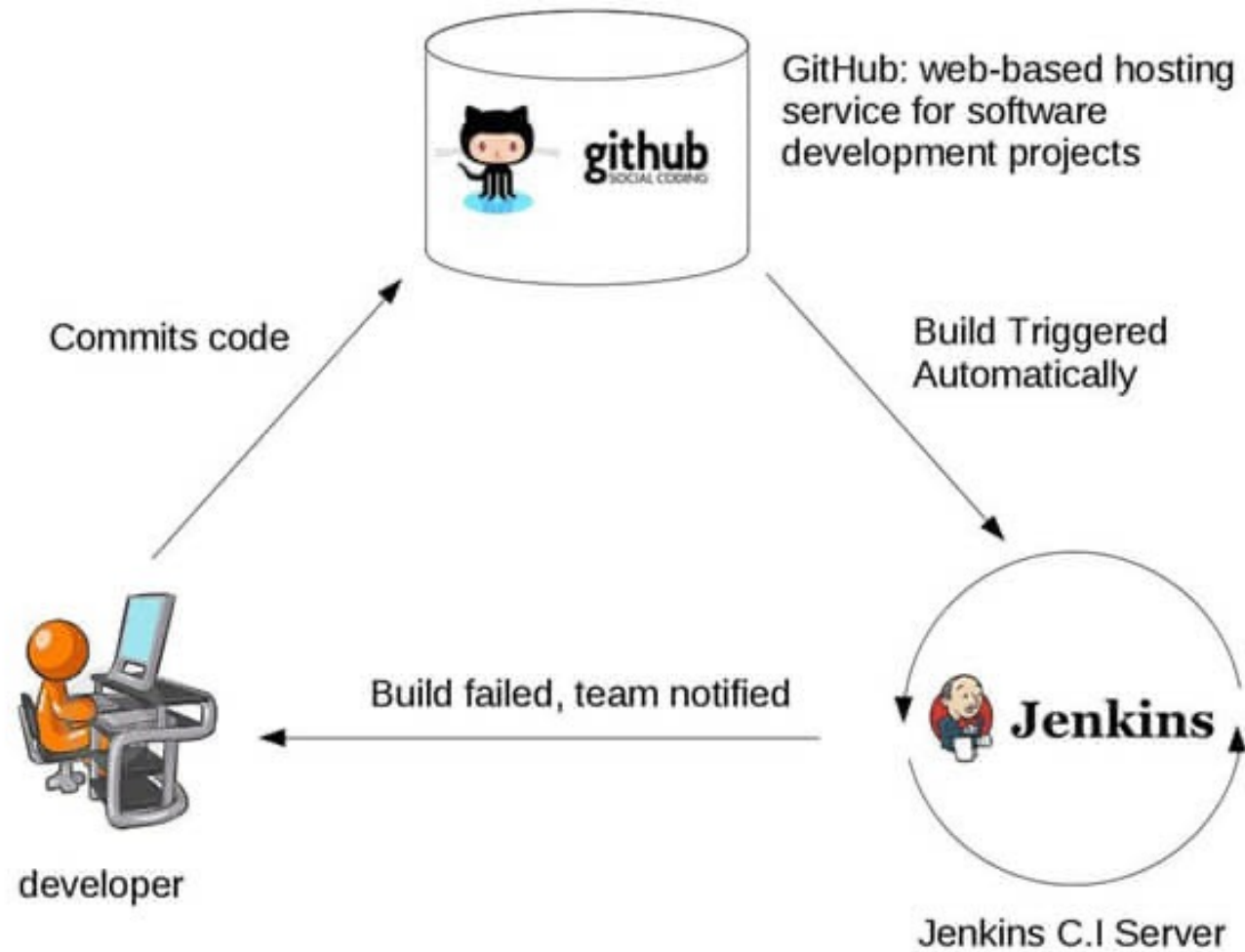
- Originally conceived by Kohsuke Kawaguchi to support build and testing of Java code
- It was called Hudson
- In 2011 part of the Hudson community decided to split and developed Jenkins
- It is a workflow management system able to run several different tools as part of a *pipeline*

# Jenkins

<https://www.jenkins.io>



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# A simple Jenkins pipeline

```
1 pipeline {
2   agent any
3
4   tools {
5     // Install the Maven version configured as "M3" and add it to the path.
6     maven "M3"
7   }
8
9   stages {
10    stage('Build') {
11      steps {
12        // Get some code from a GitHub repository
13        git 'https://github.com/dinitto/simple-maven-project-with-tests.git'
14
15        // Run Maven on a Unix agent.
16        sh "mvn -Dmaven.test.failure.ignore=true clean package"
17
18        // To run Maven on a Windows agent, use
19        // bat "mvn -Dmaven.test.failure.ignore=true clean package"
20      }
21
22      post {
23        // If Maven was able to run the tests, even if some of the test
24        // failed, record the test results and archive the jar file.
25        success {
26          junit '**/target/surefire-reports/TEST-*.xml'
27          archiveArtifacts 'target/*.jar'
28        }
29      }
30    }
31  }
32 }
```

# Jenkins pipeline – multiple stages



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```
pipeline {  
    environment {xxx}  
    stages {  
        stage ('Pull repo code from github') {xxx}  
        stage ('Build the code with Maven') {xxx}  
        stage('Sonar analysis') {xxx}  
        stage ('Trigger a build of defect-prediction') {xxx}  
        stage('Build docker images') {xxx}  
        stage('Push Reasoner to DockerHub') {xxx}  
        stage('Push graphdb to DockerHub') {xxx}  
        stage('Install dependencies') {xxx}  
        stage('Deploy to openstack') {xxx}  
    }  
    post {  
        failure {xxx}  
        fixed {xxx}  
    }  
}
```

Complete code available here

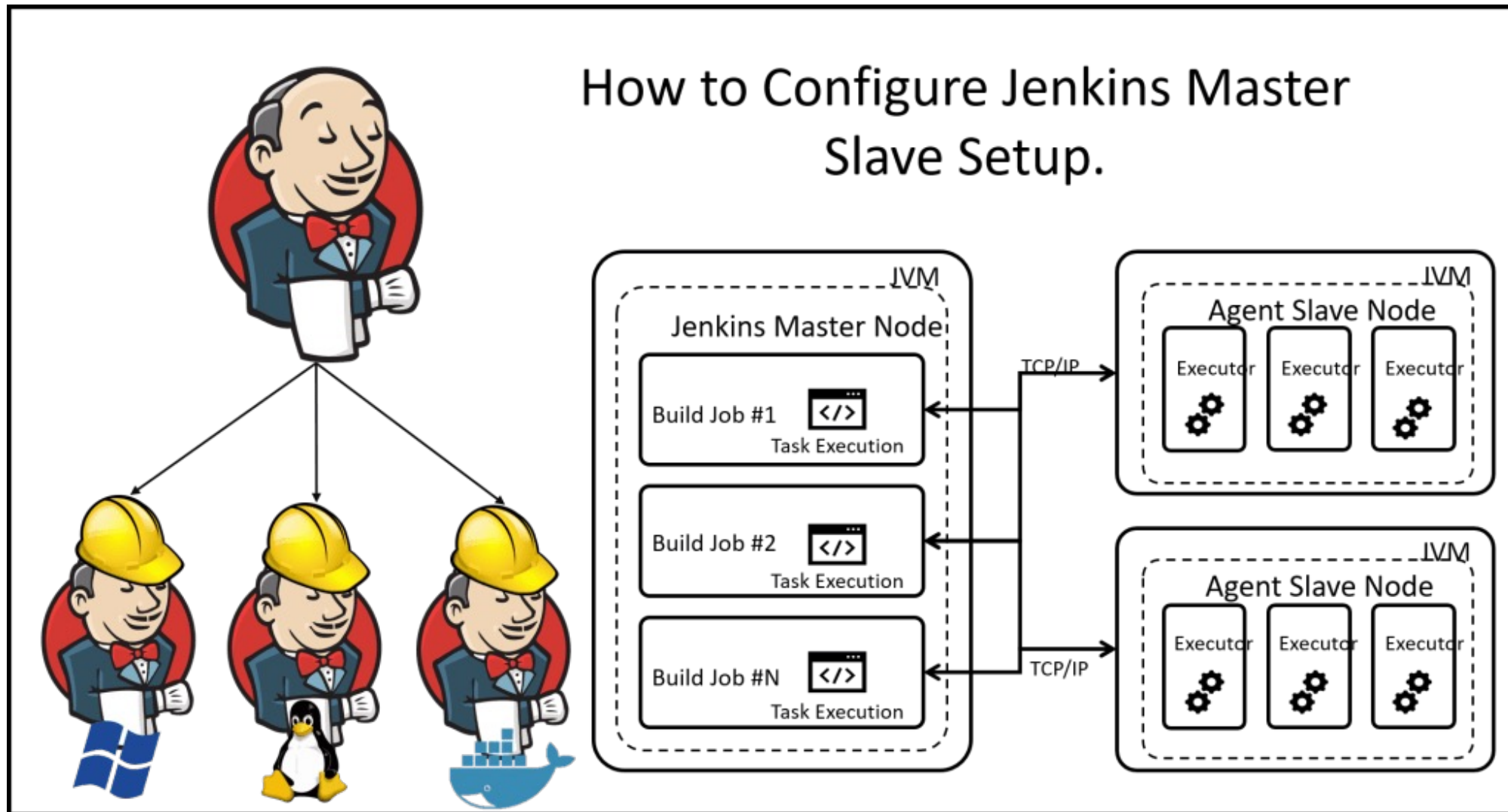
<https://github.com/SODALITE-EU/semantic-reasoner/blob/master/Jenkinsfile>

# Jenkins master-slave approach

<https://digitalvarys.com/how-to-configure-jenkins-master-slave-setup/>

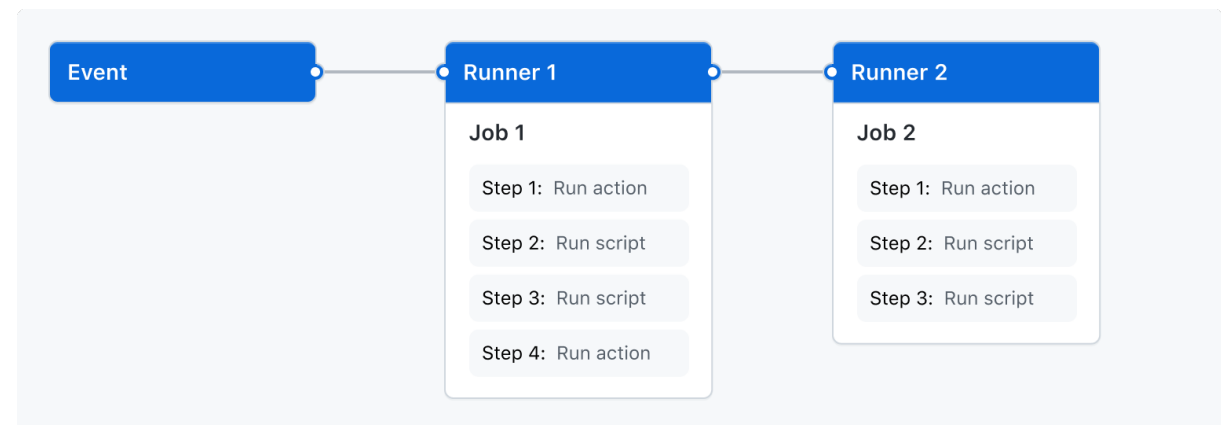


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# Github actions – main concepts

- Workflow: configurable automated process that will run one or more jobs.
- Event: triggers the execution of workflows.
- Job: a set of steps in a workflow.
- Step: can be an action (reusable in different contexts) or a shell script.
- Runner: a VM where a job is run.

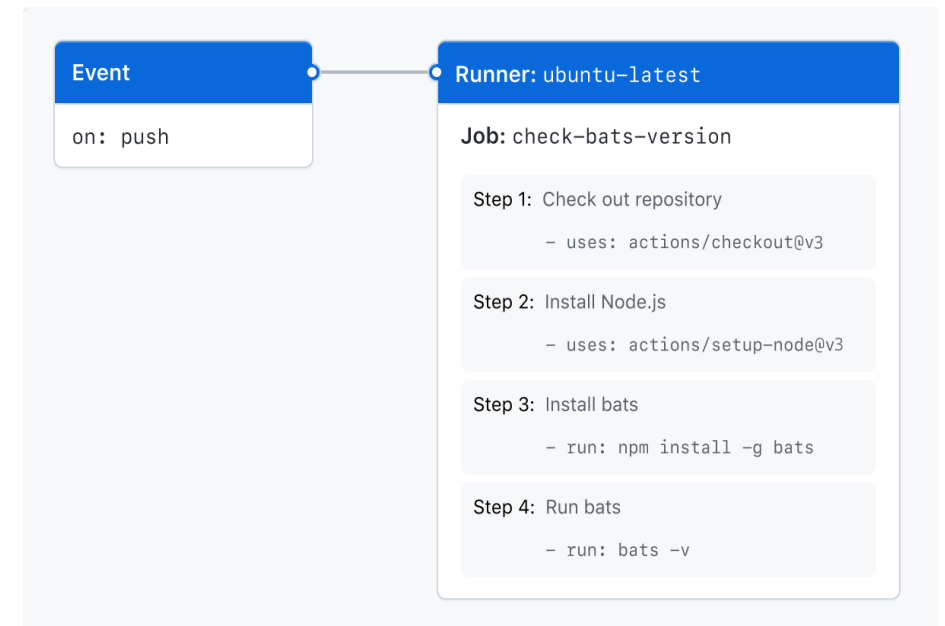


# Workflow

- Defined in the `.github/workflows/` directory within a repository

## Example

```
name: learn-github-actions
run-name: ${ { github.actor } } is learning GitHub Actions
on: [push]
jobs:
  check-bats-version:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v4
      - uses: actions/setup-node@v4
        with:
          node-version: '20'
      - run: npm install -g bats
      - run: bats -v
```





# An example of CI workflow using cmake

<https://github.com/actions/starter-workflows/ci/cmake-single-platform.yml>

```
name: CMake on a single platform
on: [push, pull_request]
env:
  BUILD_TYPE: Release
jobs:
  build:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v4
      - name: Configure CMake
        run: cmake -B ${{github.workspace}}/build -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=${{env.BUILD_TYPE}}
      - name: Build
        run: cmake --build ${{github.workspace}}/build --config ${{env.BUILD_TYPE}}
      - name: Test
        working-directory: ${{github.workspace}}/build
        run: ctest -C ${{env.BUILD_TYPE}}
```

# An example of CI workflow using Maven

<https://github.com/actions/starter-workflows/ci/maven.yml>

```
name: Java CI with Maven
on:
  push:
    branches: [ $default-branch ]
  pull_request:
    branches: [ $default-branch ]
jobs:
  build:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v4
      - name: Set up JDK 17
        uses: actions/setup-java@v3
        with:
          java-version: '17'
          distribution: 'temurin'
          cache: maven
      - name: Build with Maven
        run: mvn -B package --file pom.xml
```

# Triggering events

- Events that occur in your workflow's repository
- Events that occur outside of GitHub and trigger a repository\_dispatch event on GitHub
- Scheduled times
- Manual
- Complete list <https://docs.github.com/en/actions/using-workflows/events-that-trigger-workflows>



# Triggering events

- Defined after the on keyword

```
on: push
```

- Multiple events can be specified

```
on: [push, pull_request]
```

```
on:  
  push:  
    branches:  Filter  
    - main  
  pull_request:  
    branches: [ $default-branch ]  
  label:  
    types:  Activity type  
    - created
```

- NB: A workflow instance starts for every event occurred

# Actions

- Building blocks that can be used in a workflow
- Can be defined in
  - Your repository
  - Any public repository
  - Directory of publicly available actions: GitHub Marketplace  
<https://github.com/marketplace/actions/>
- Are pieces of code written in JavaScript or in any other language if made available as a container
- Each action must have a metadata file to define the inputs, outputs and main entrypoint: `action.yaml` or `action.yml`
- Publicly available actions should have a readme describing it

# Workflow execution

- The occurrence of an event with the specified action type and fulfilling the filter triggers the execution of a workflow
- A runner is spooned for each job in the workflow

```
jobs:  
  build1:  
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest  
  ...  
  build2:  
    runs-on: macos-latest  
  ...
```

```
jobs:  
  test:  
    runs-on: [self-hosted, linux]
```

- Steps within each job are executed sequentially