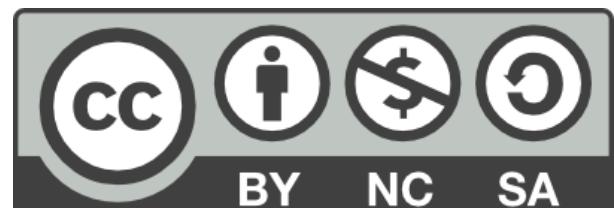




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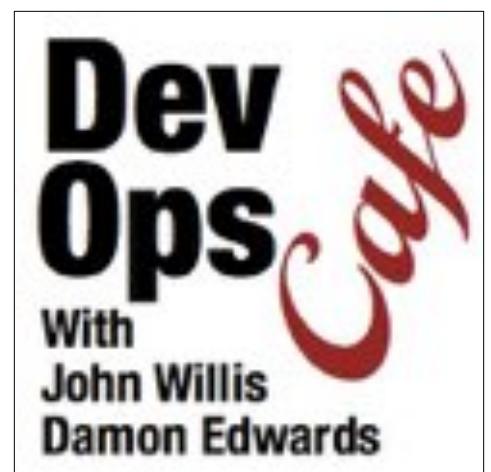
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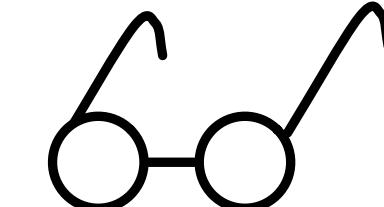
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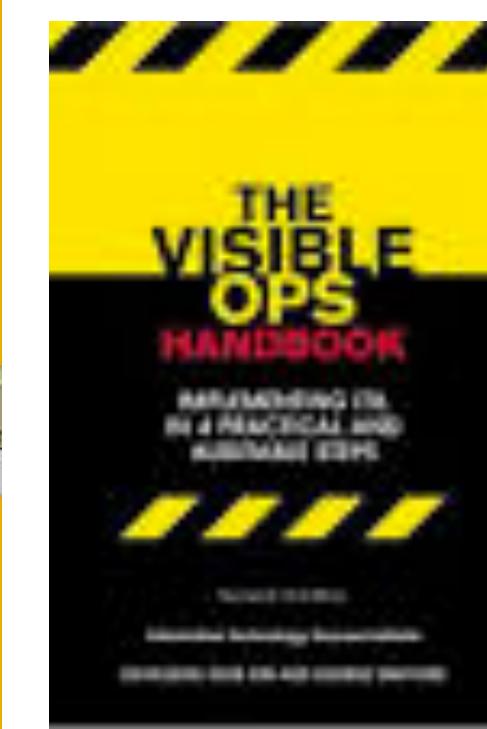
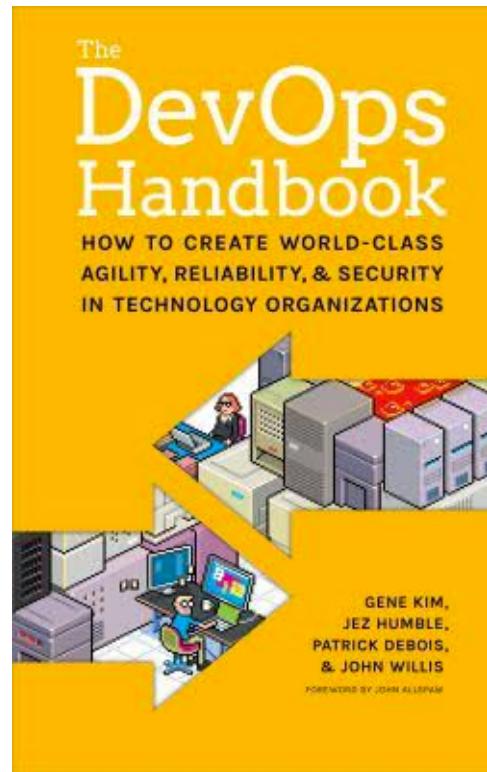
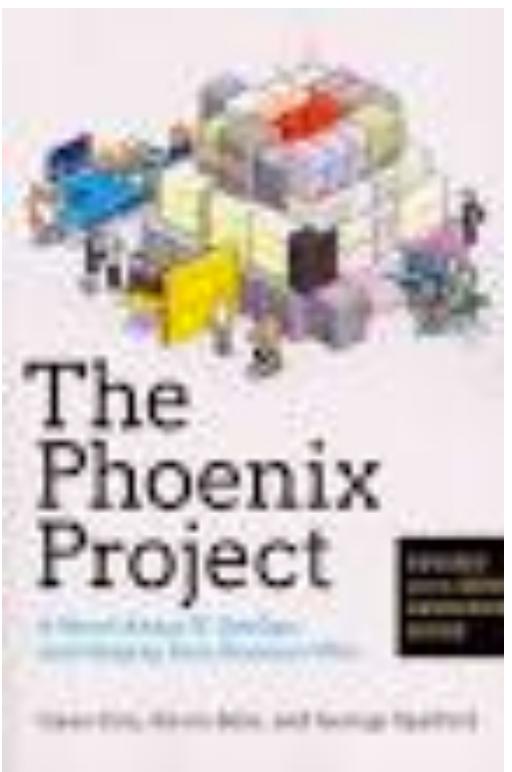
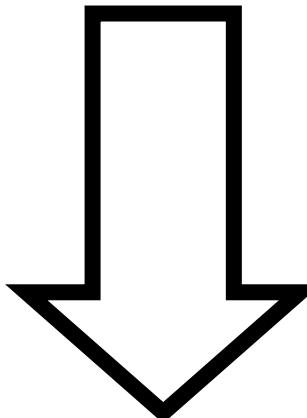
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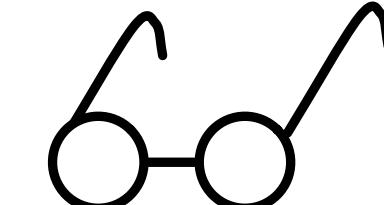
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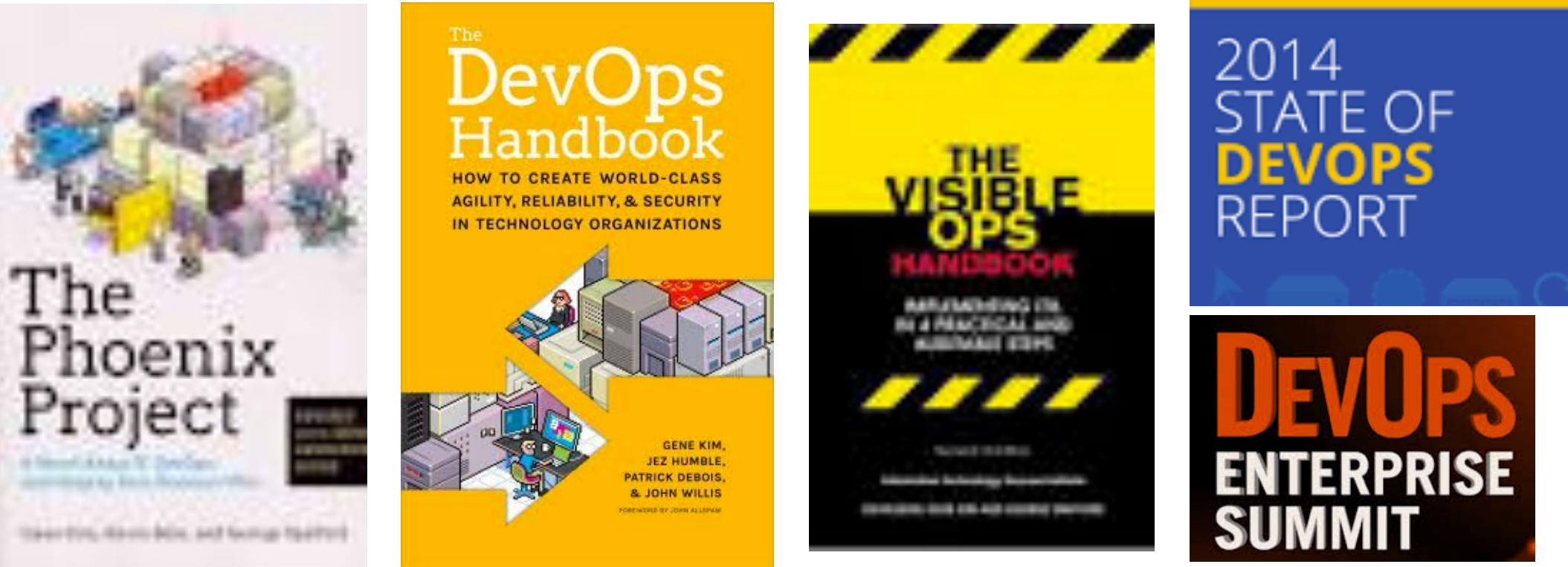
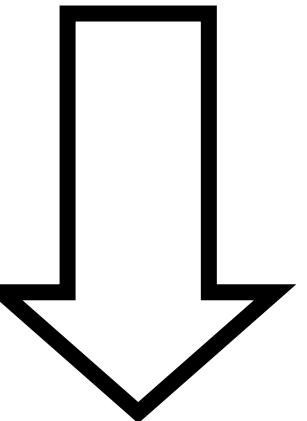


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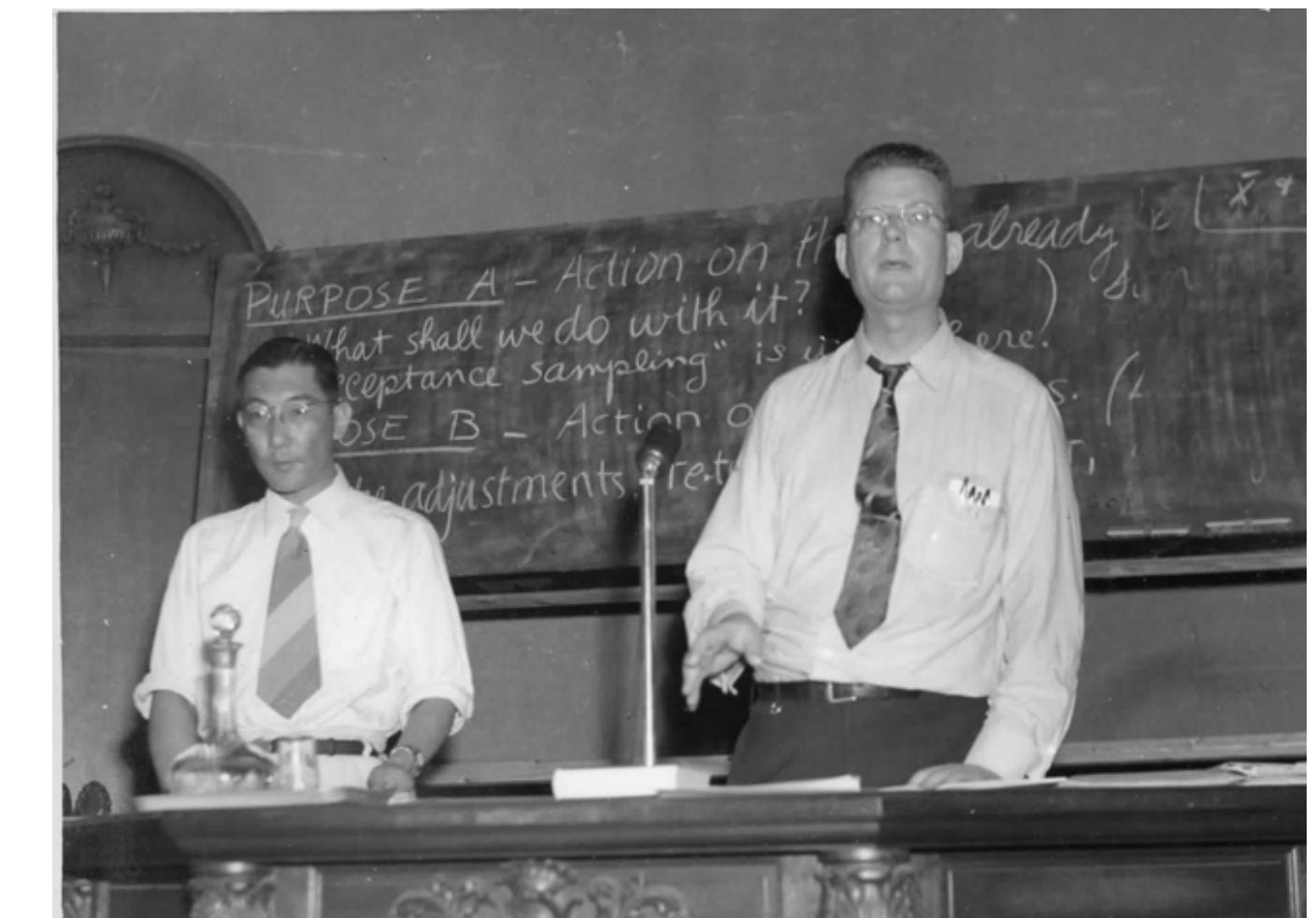
**The unique trait of high-performing companies is
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Improvement already has a well known recipe: Plan - Do - Study - Act (PDSA)



Other variants:
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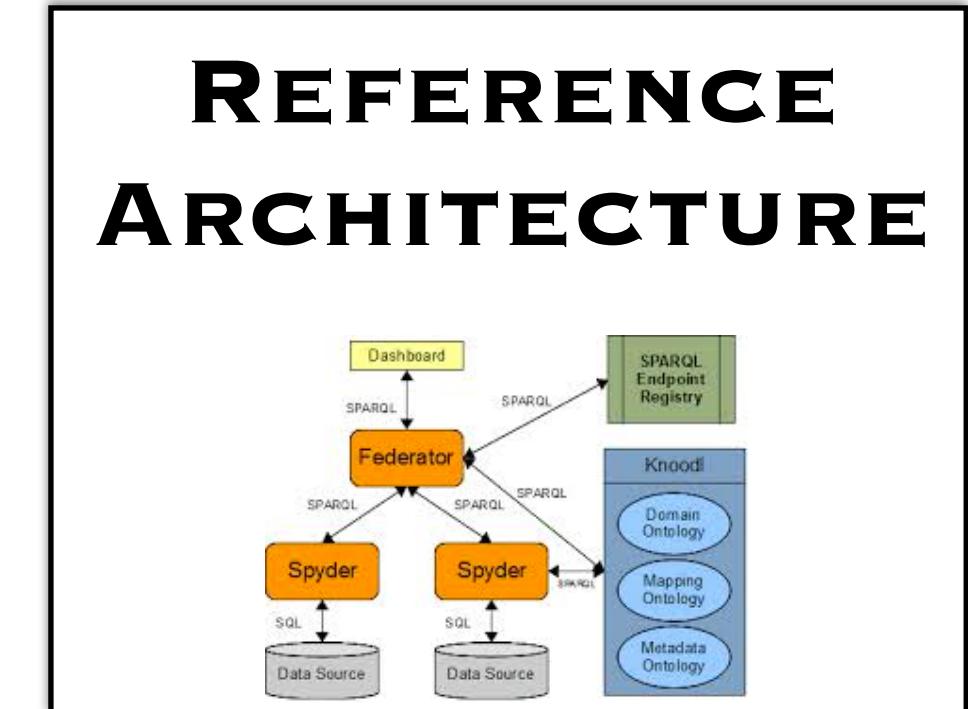
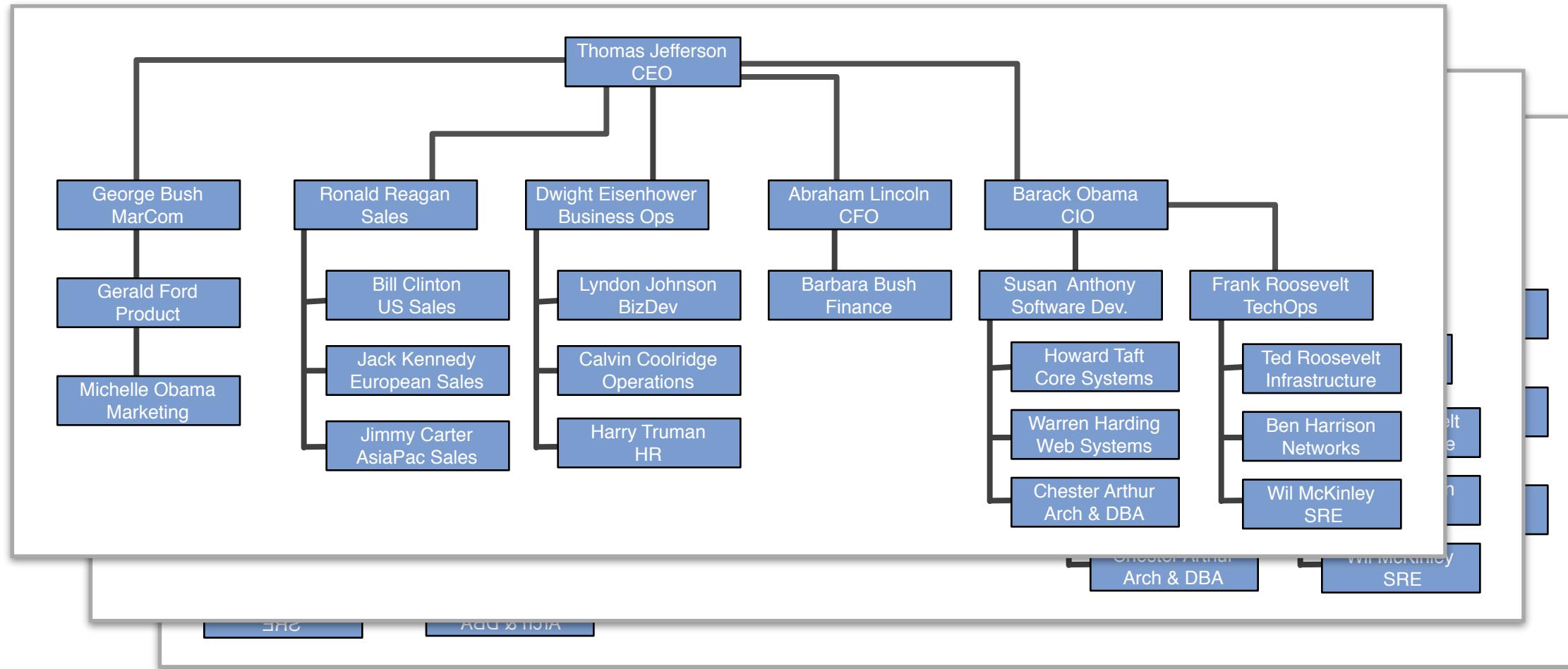
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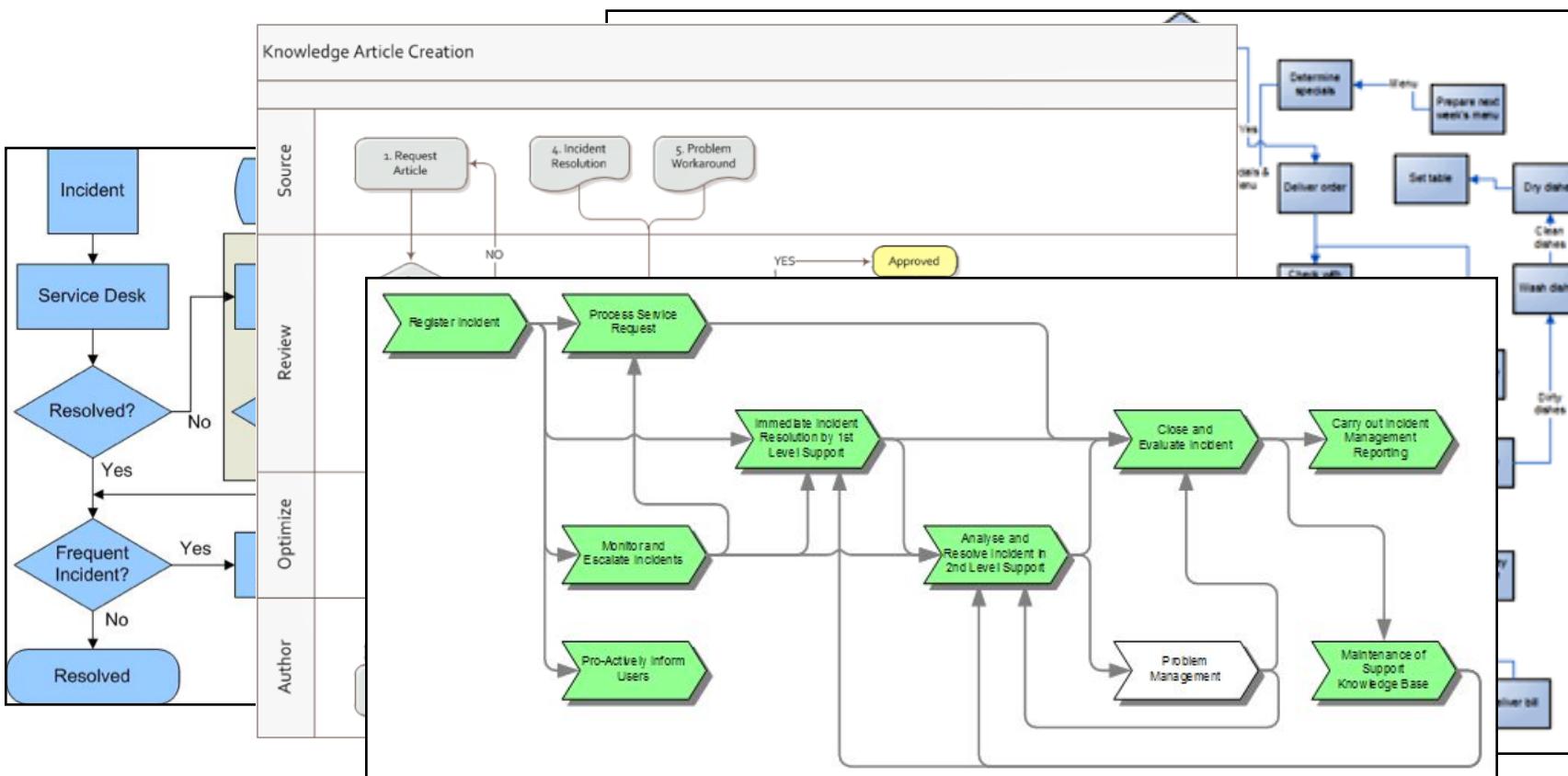
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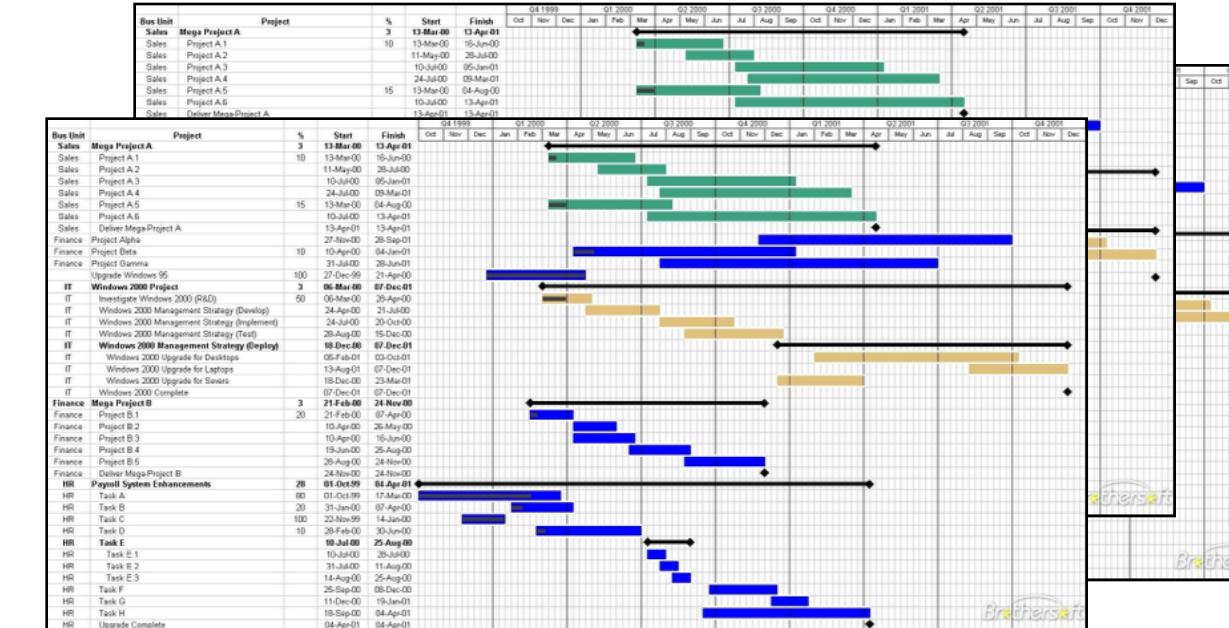
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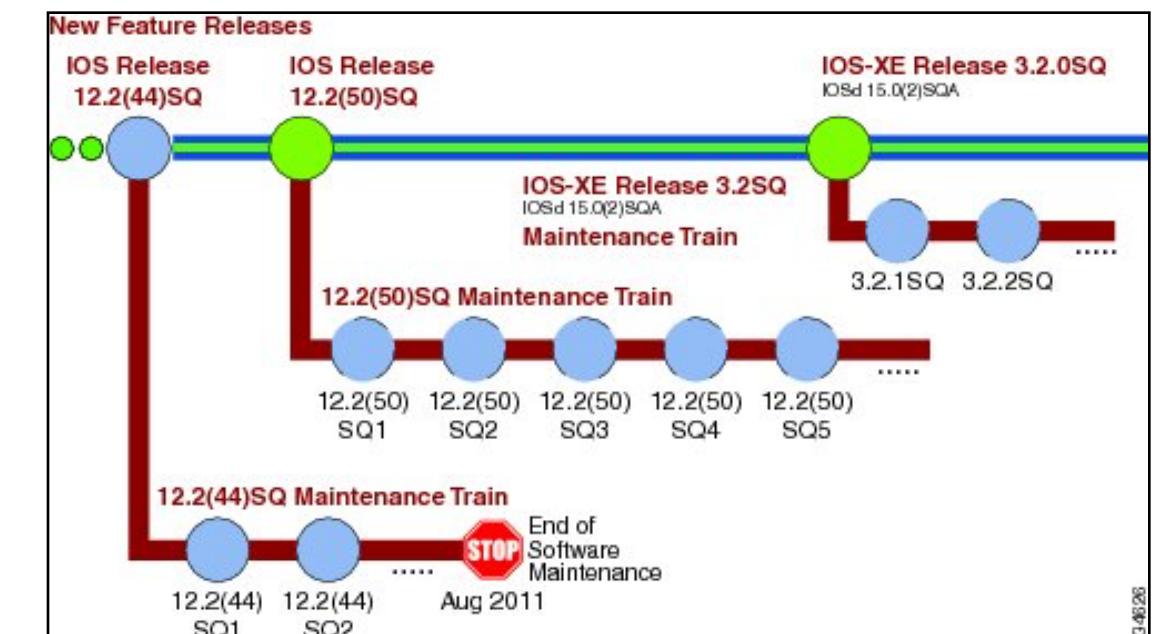
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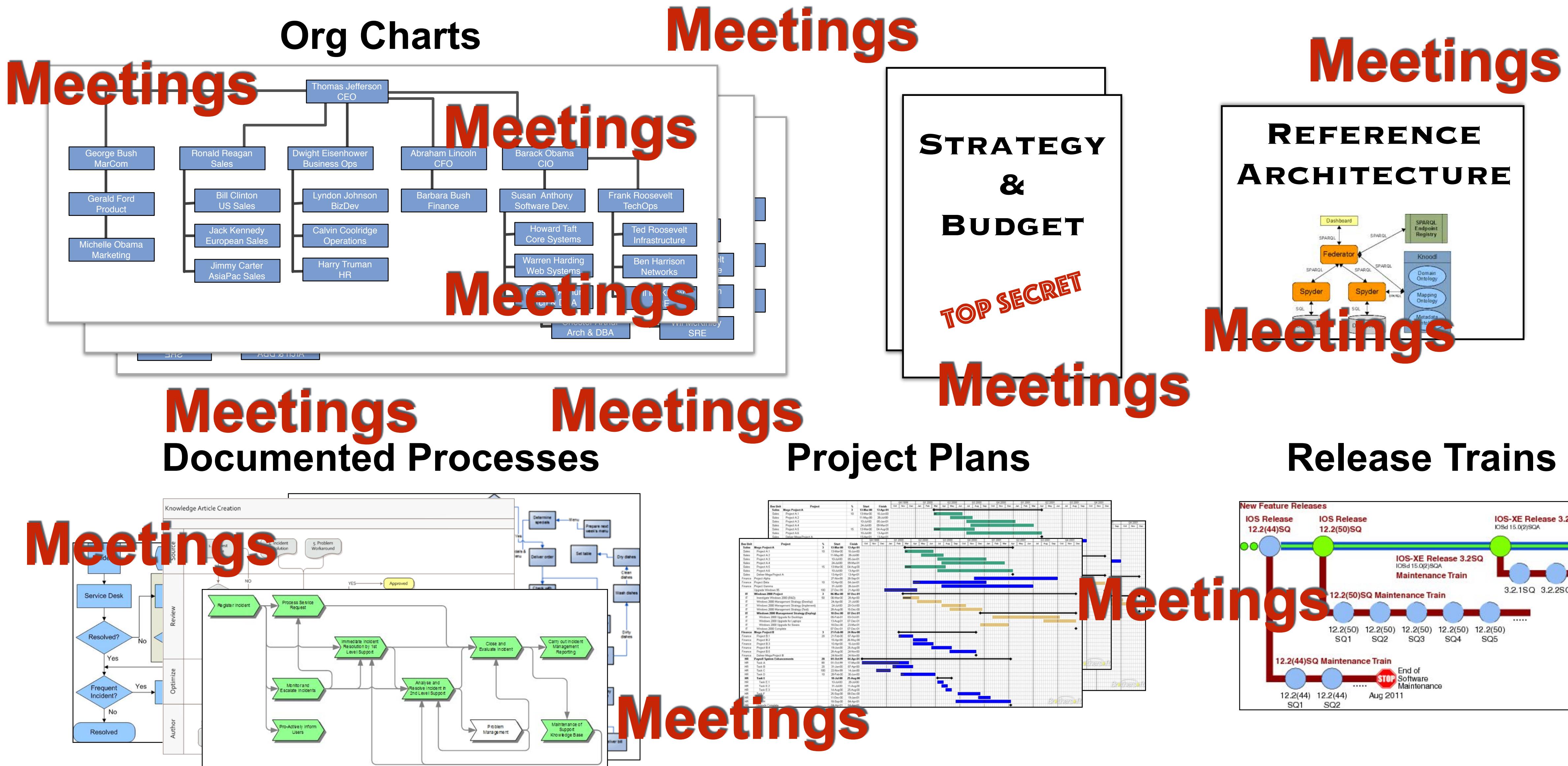
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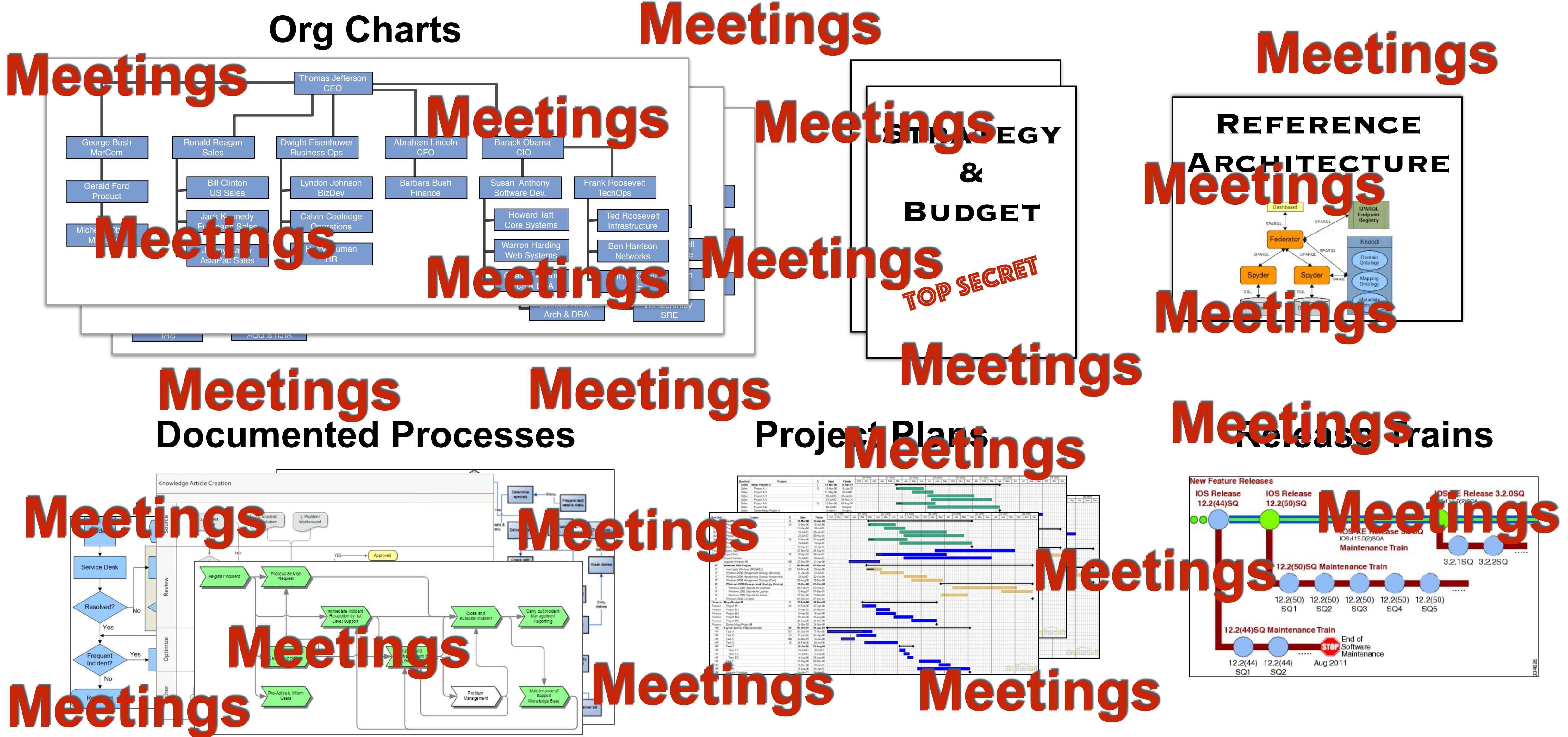
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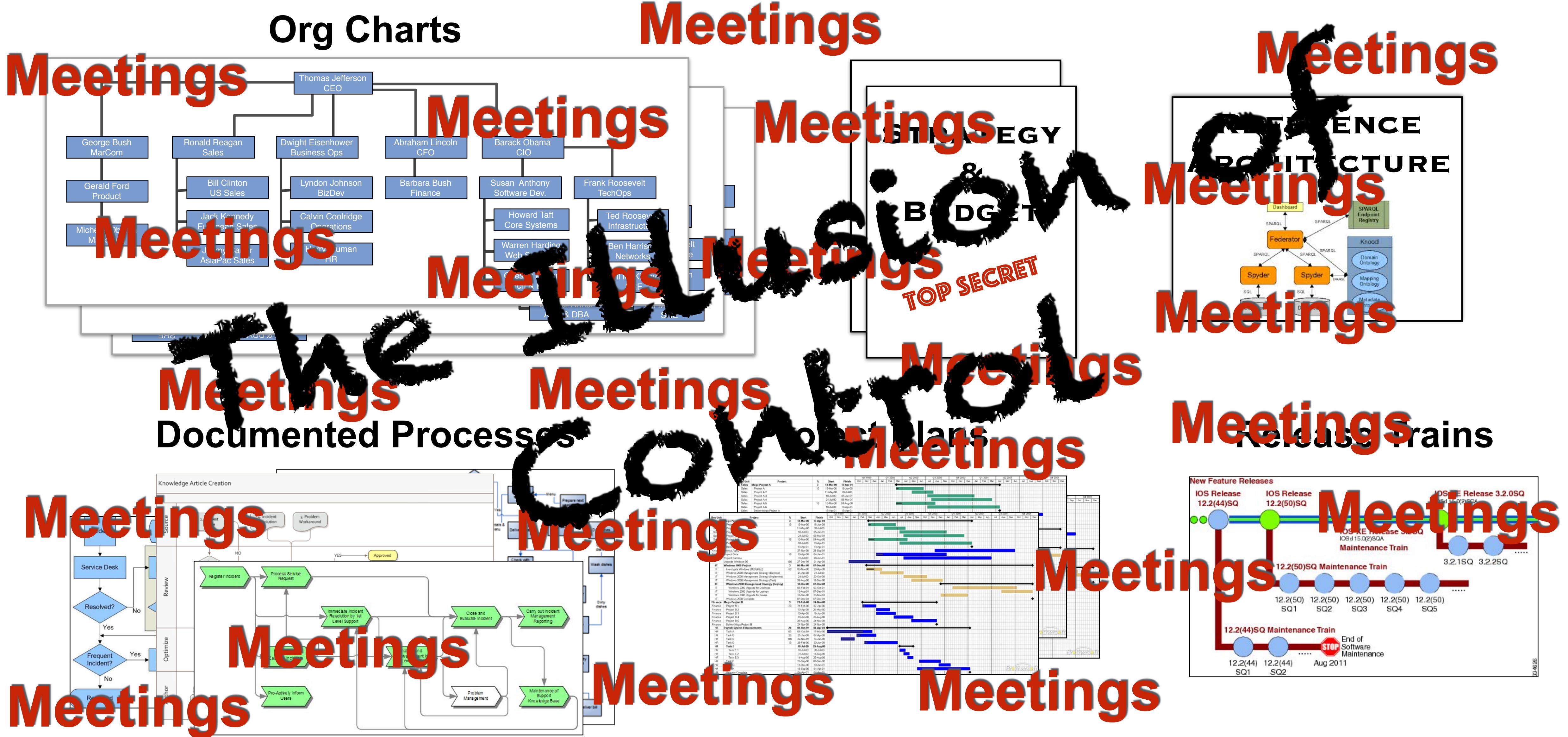
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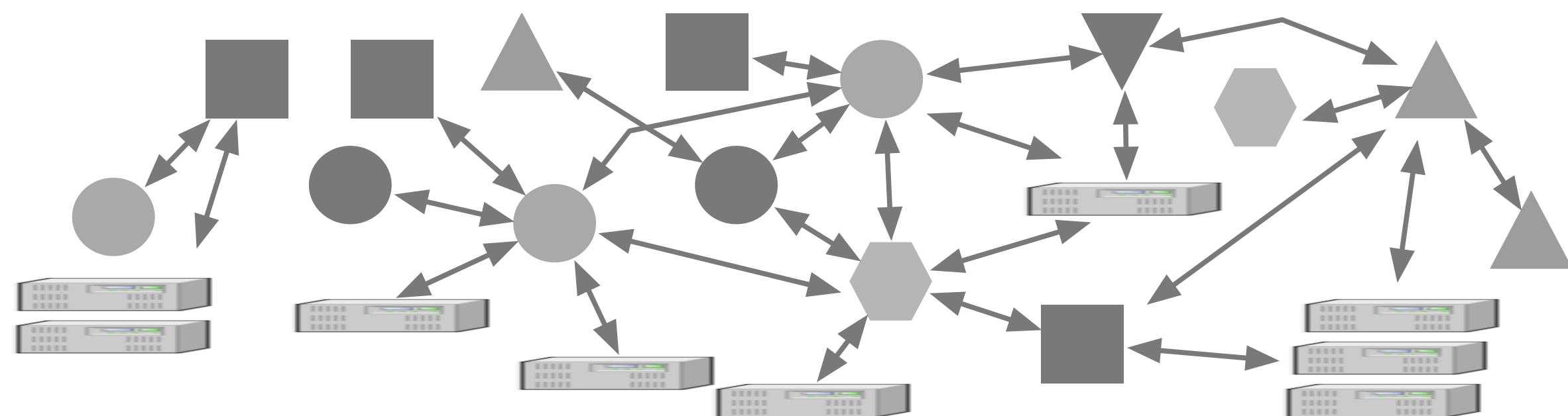


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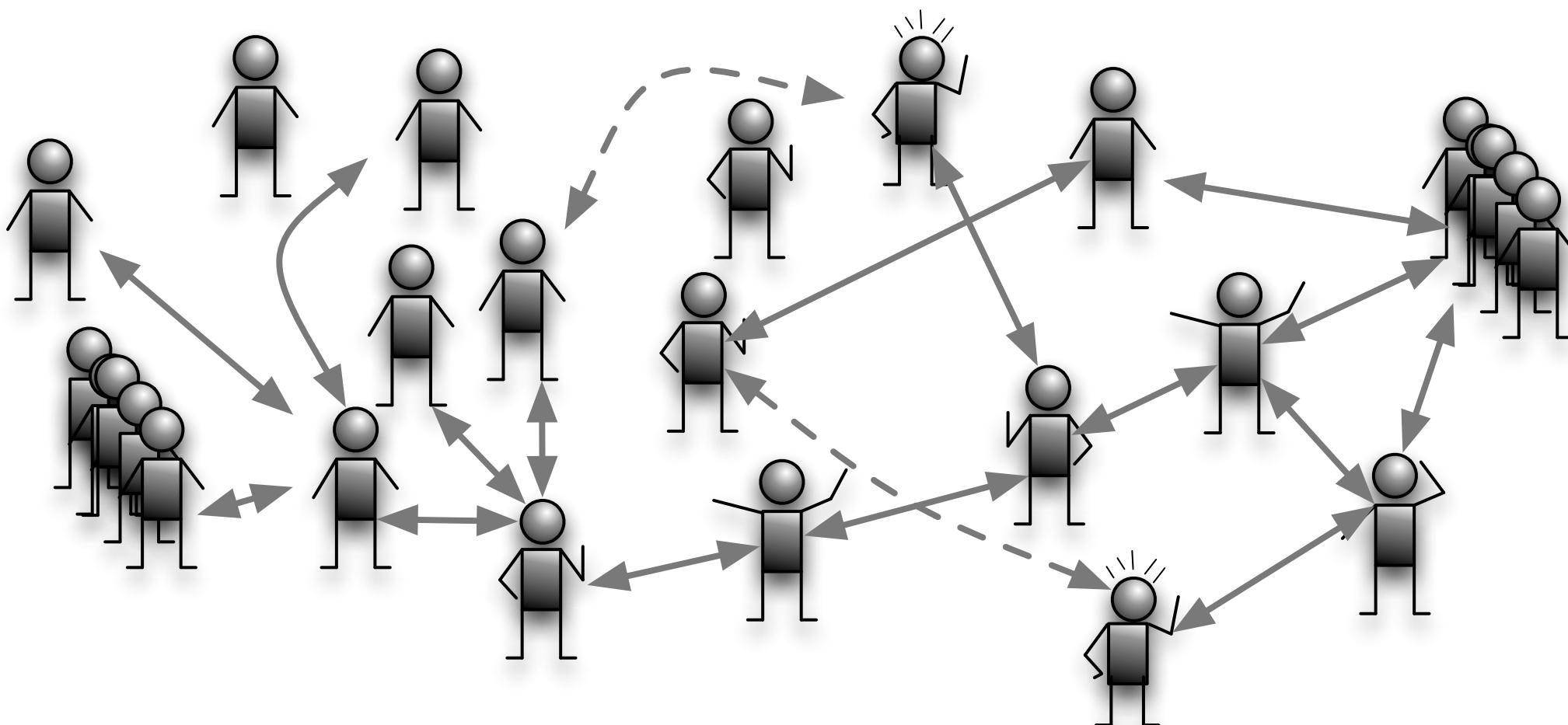
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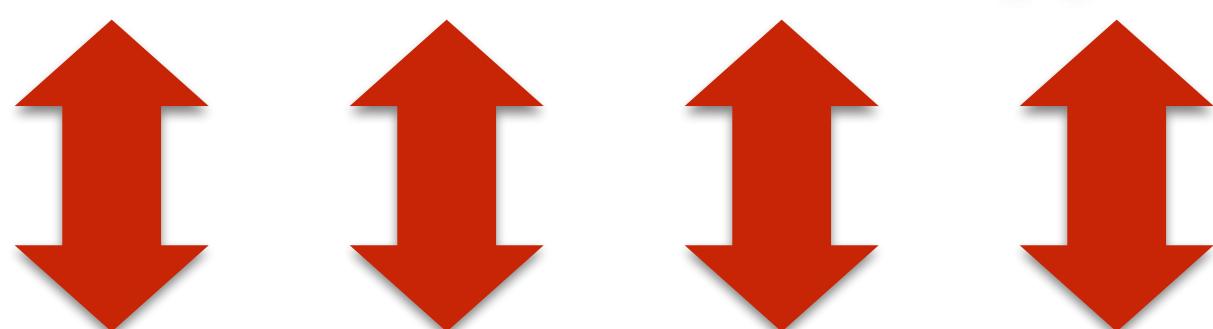


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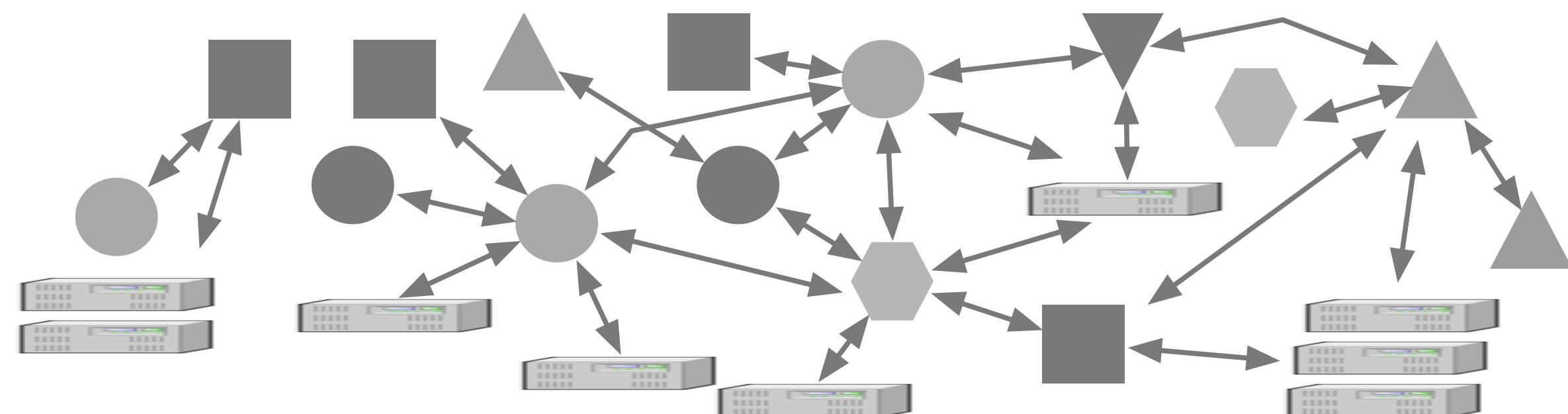
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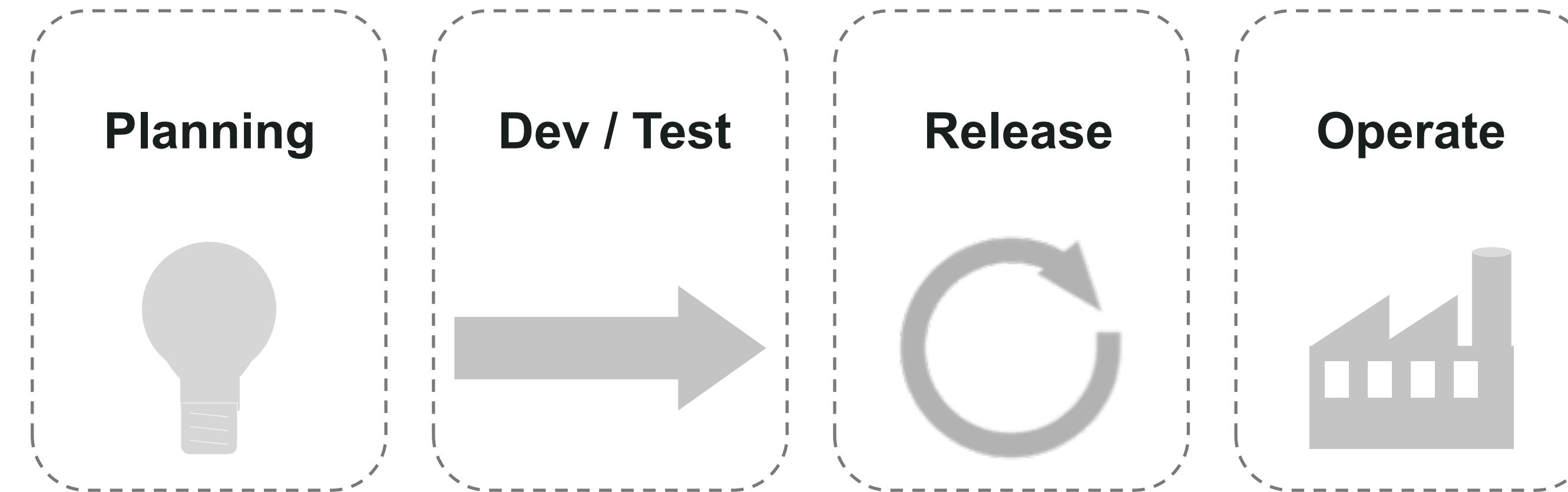


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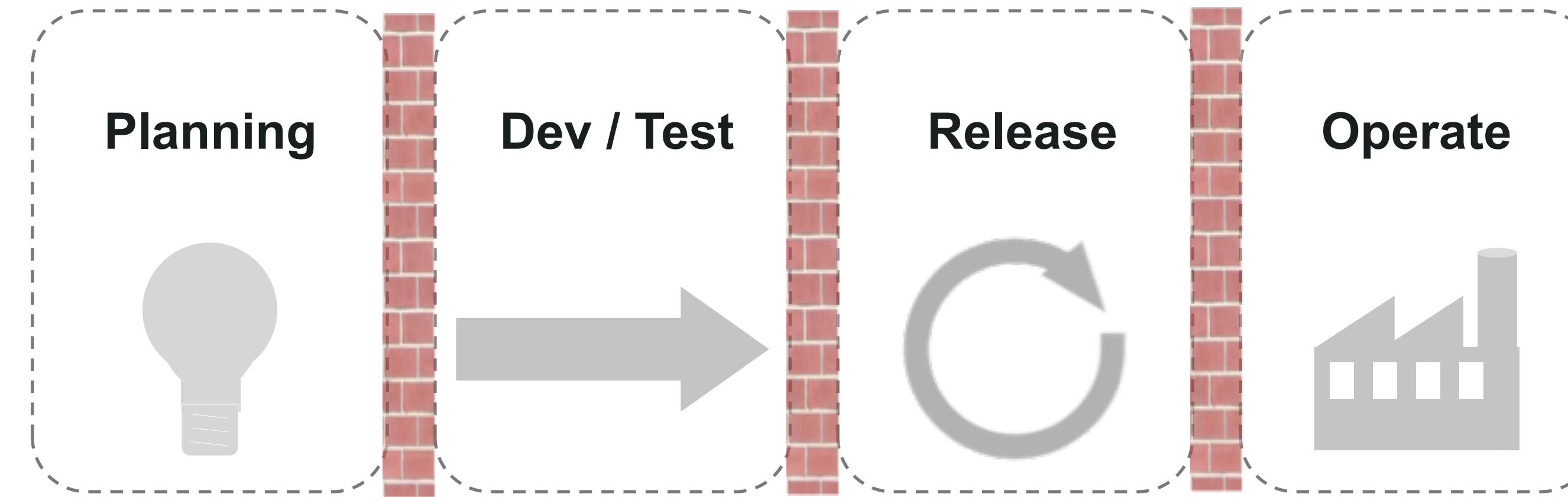


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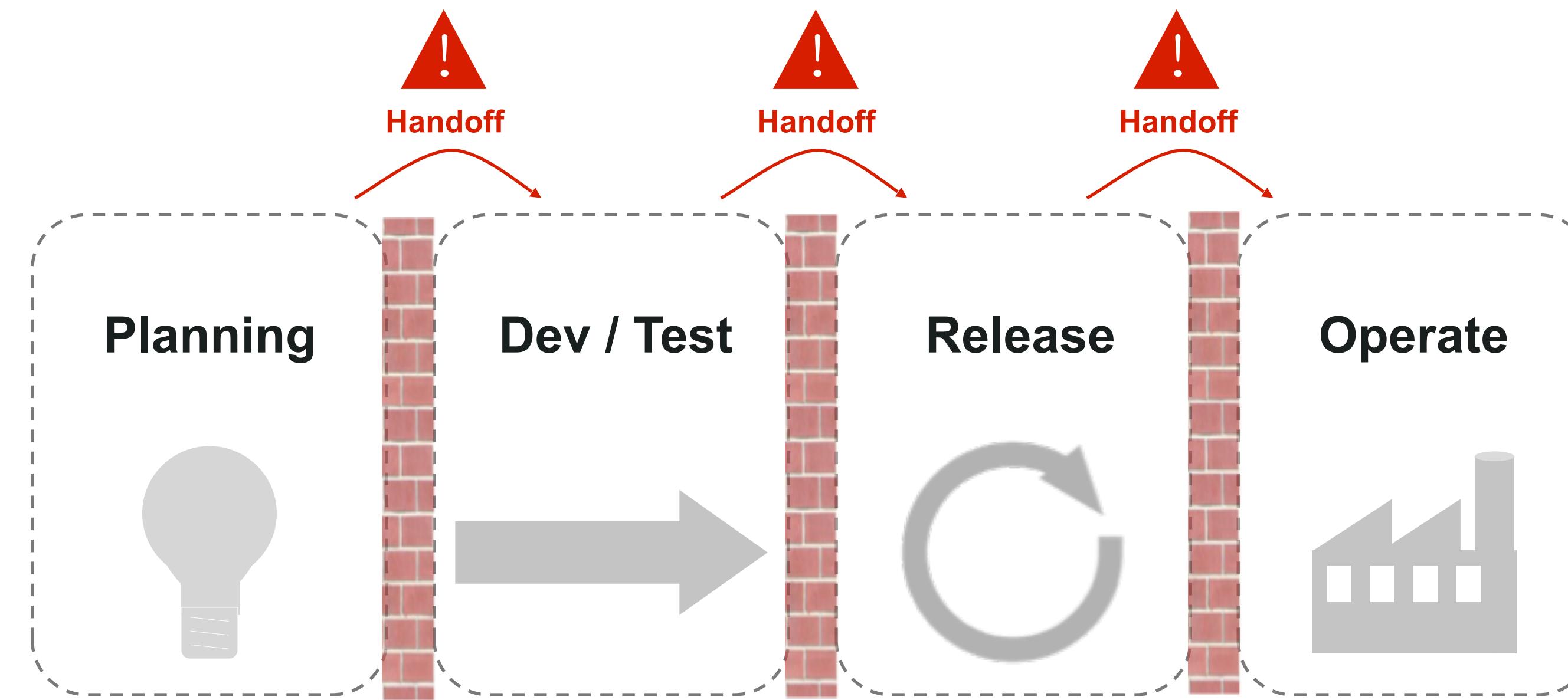
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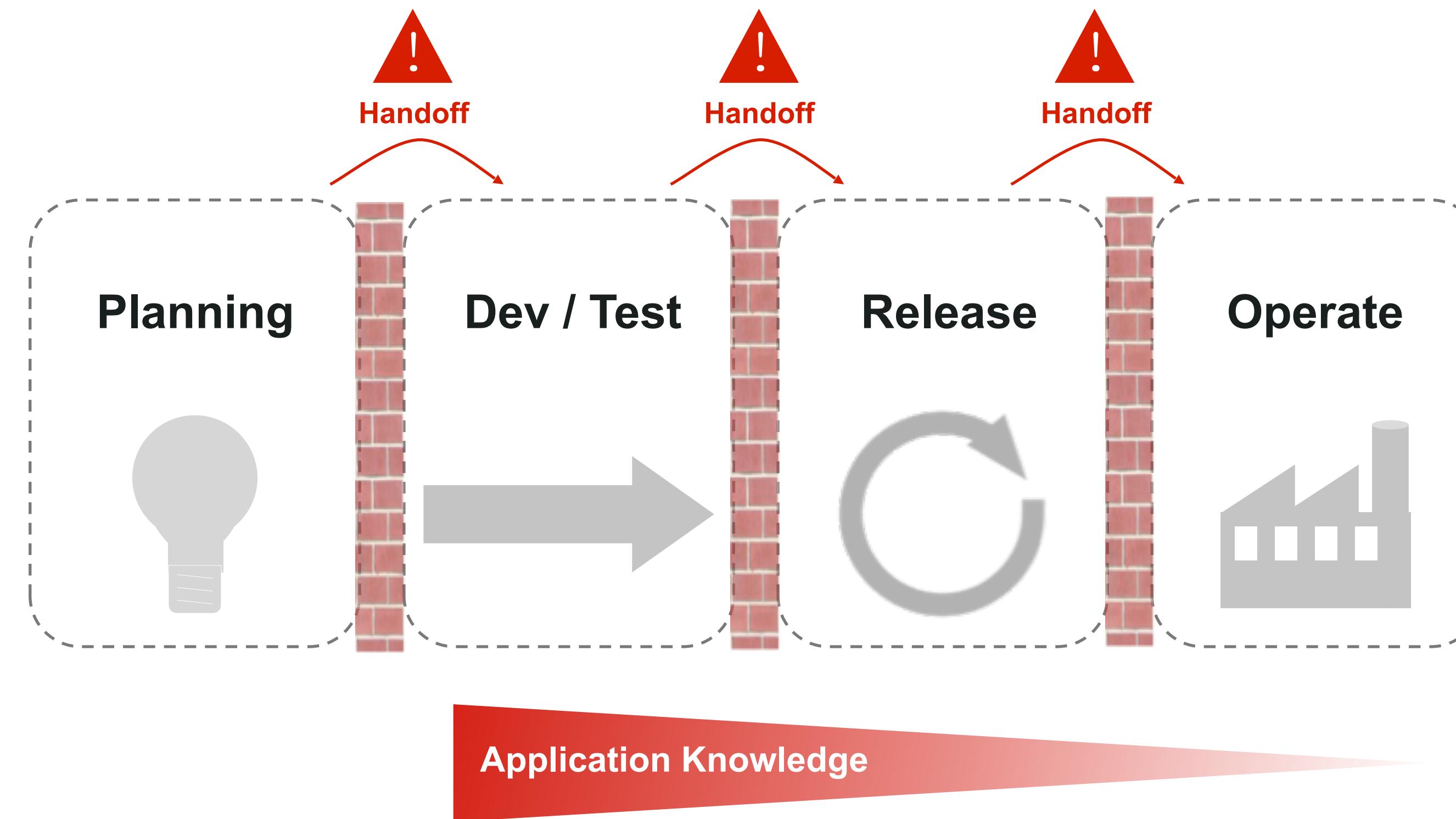
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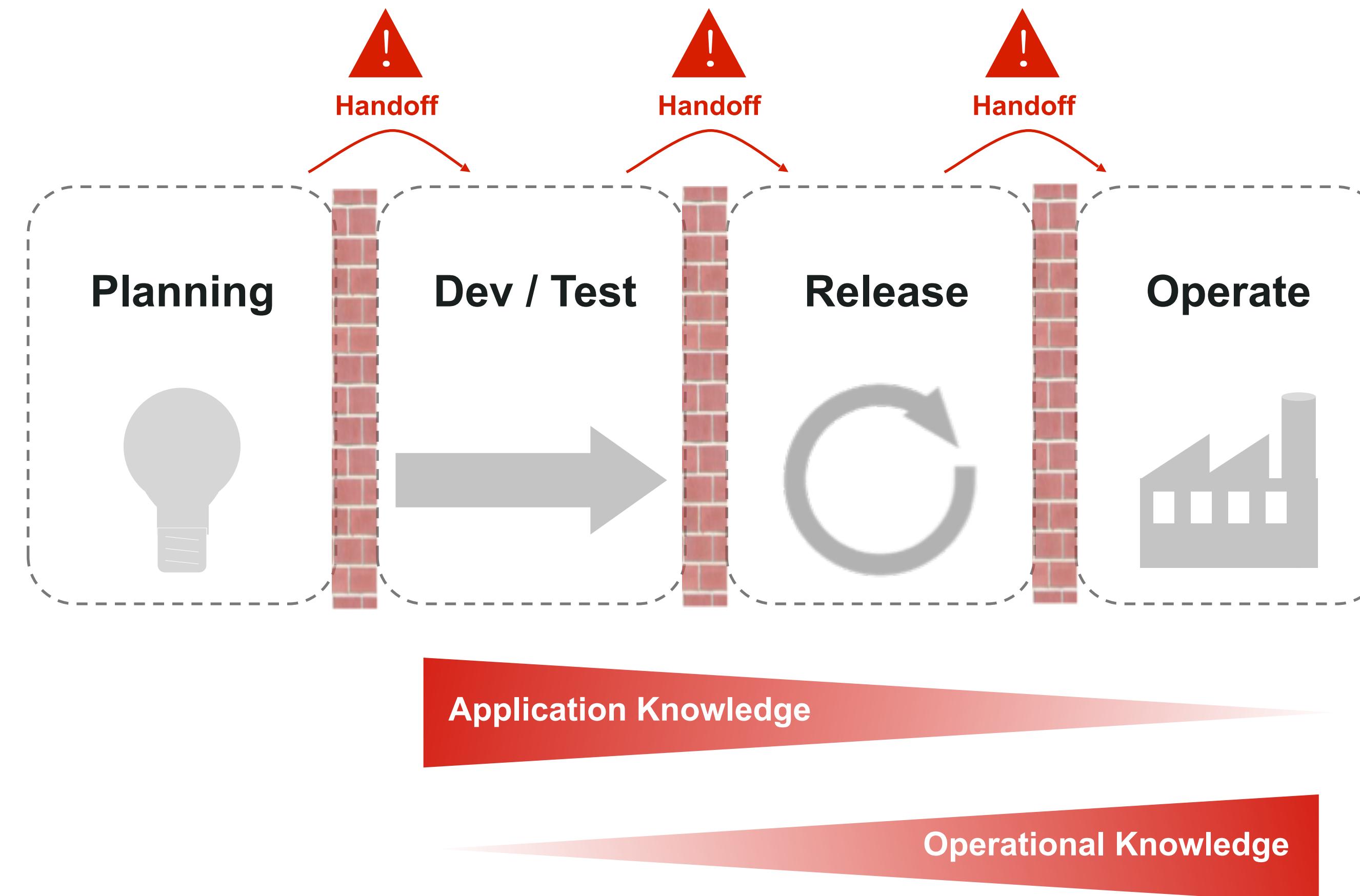
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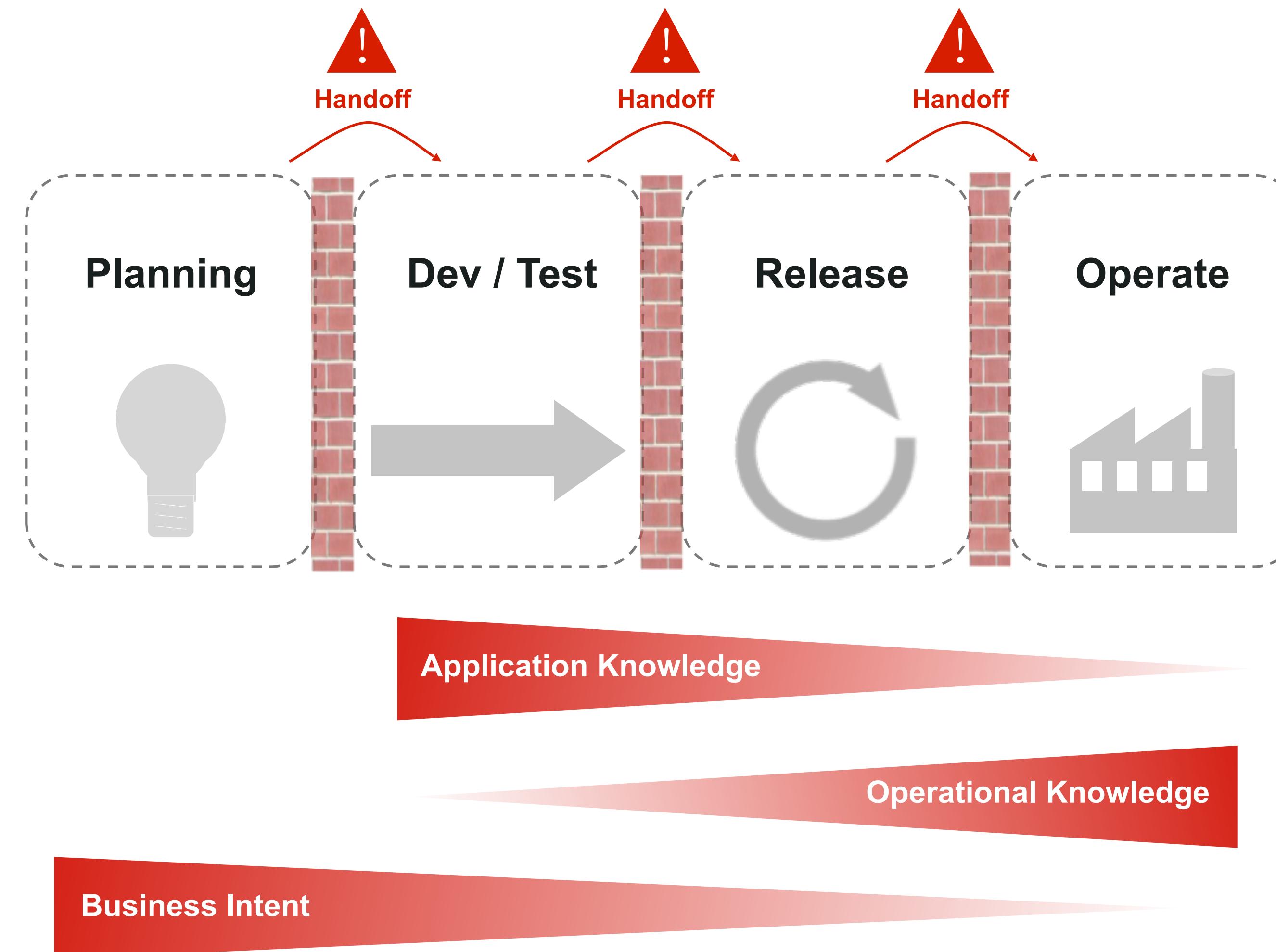
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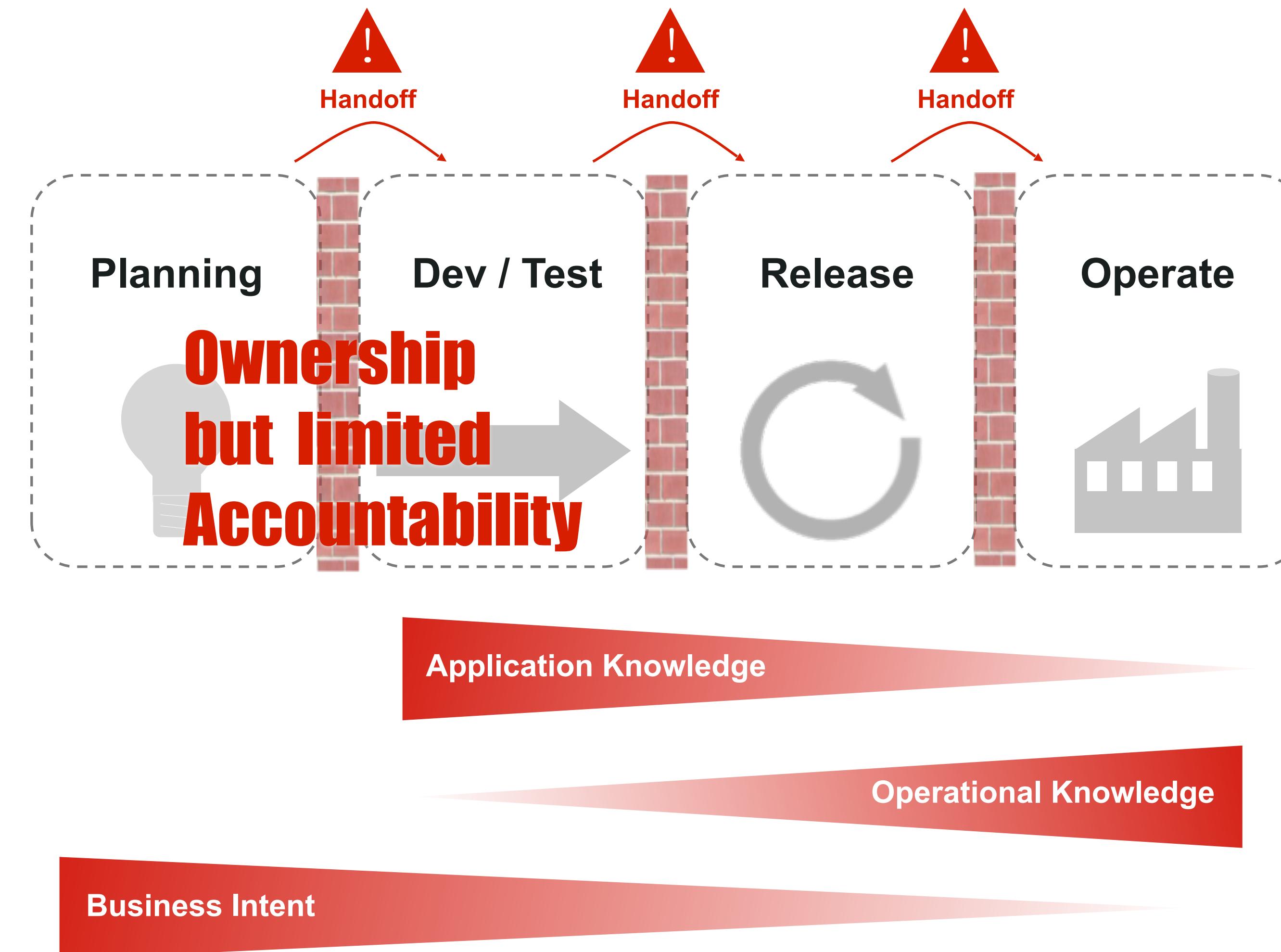
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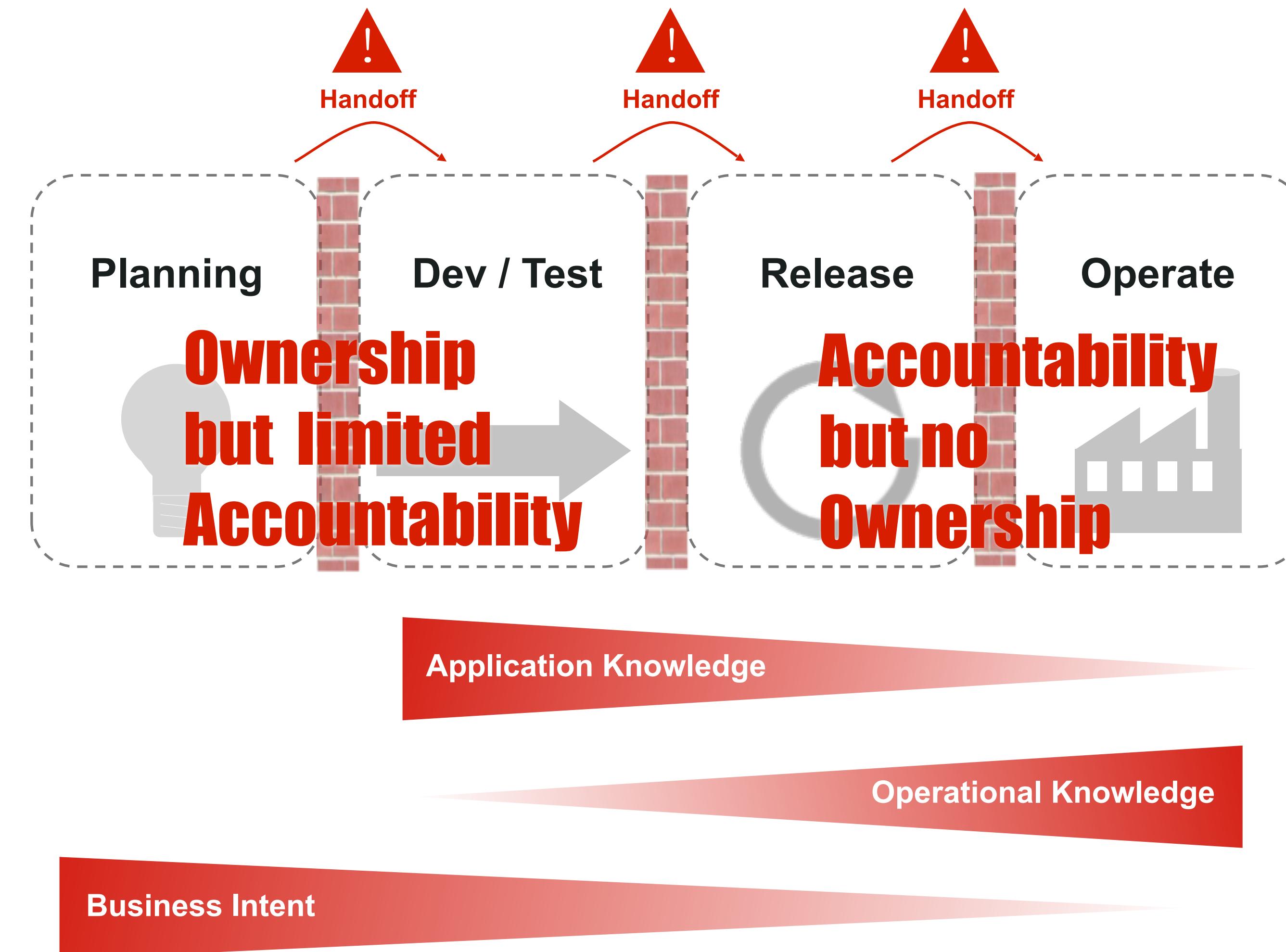
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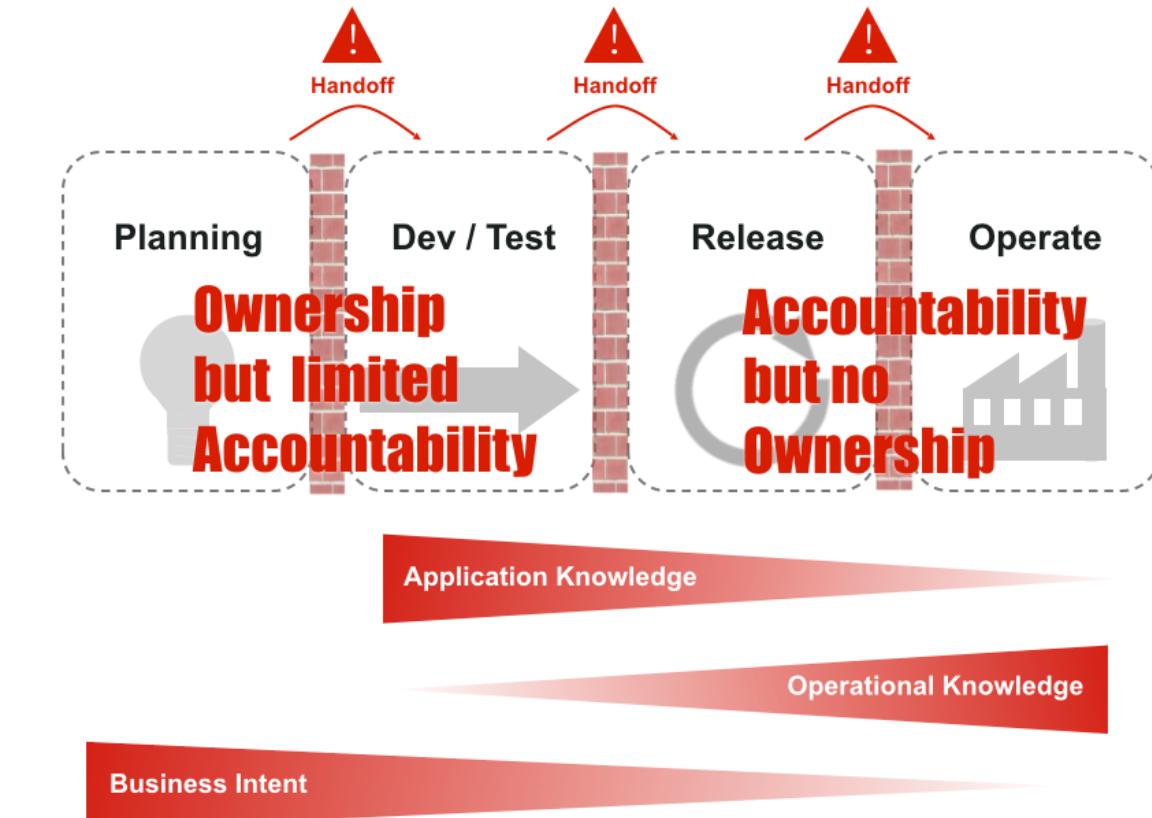
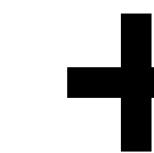
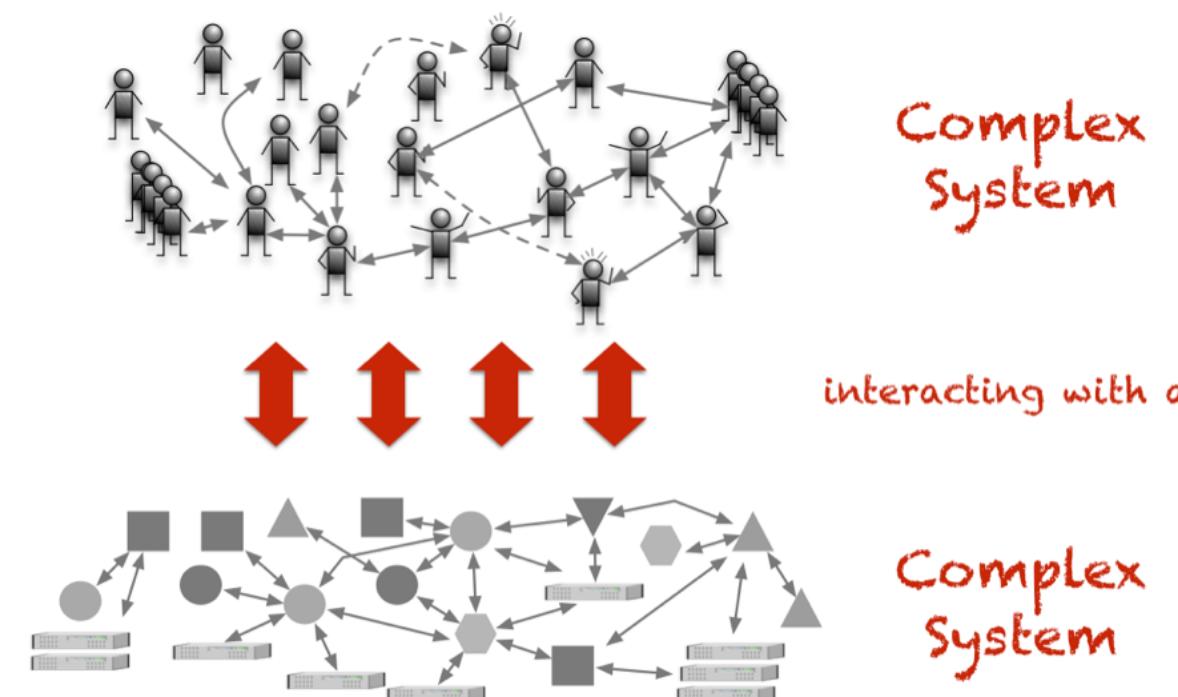
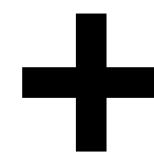
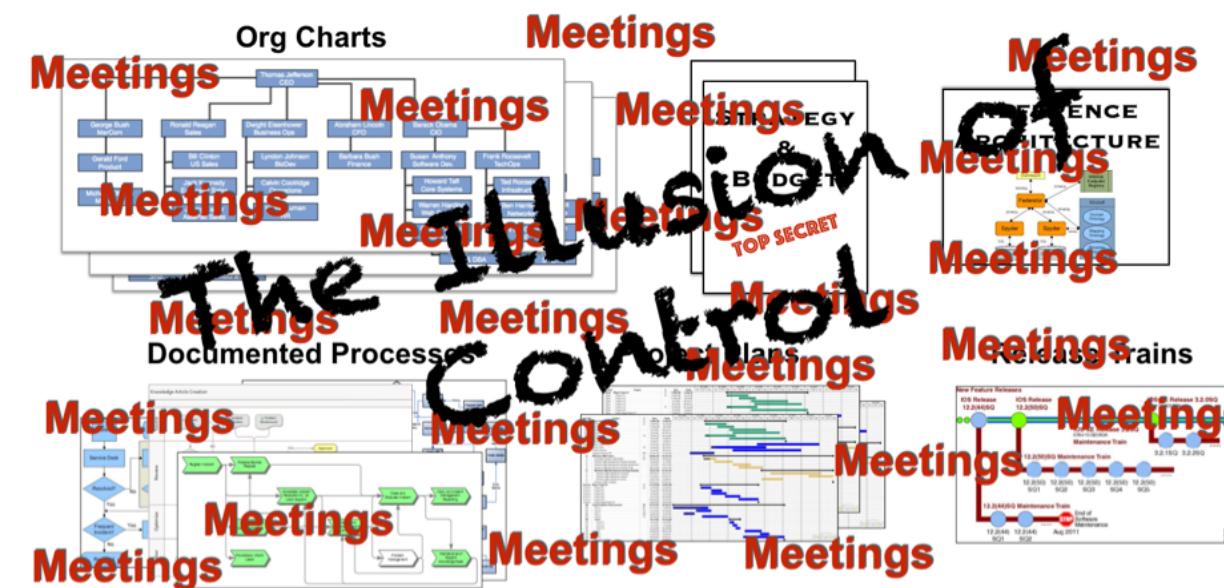
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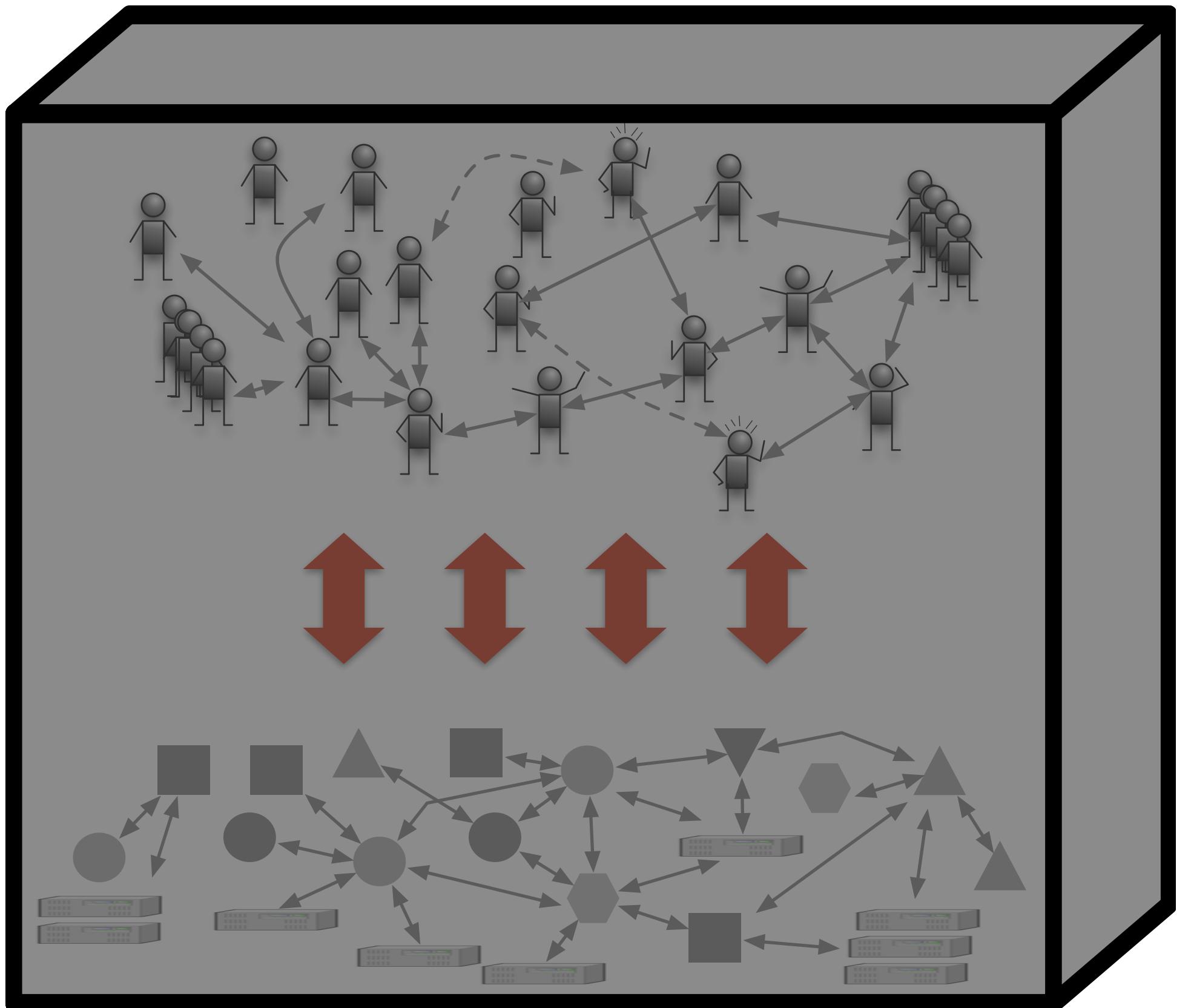


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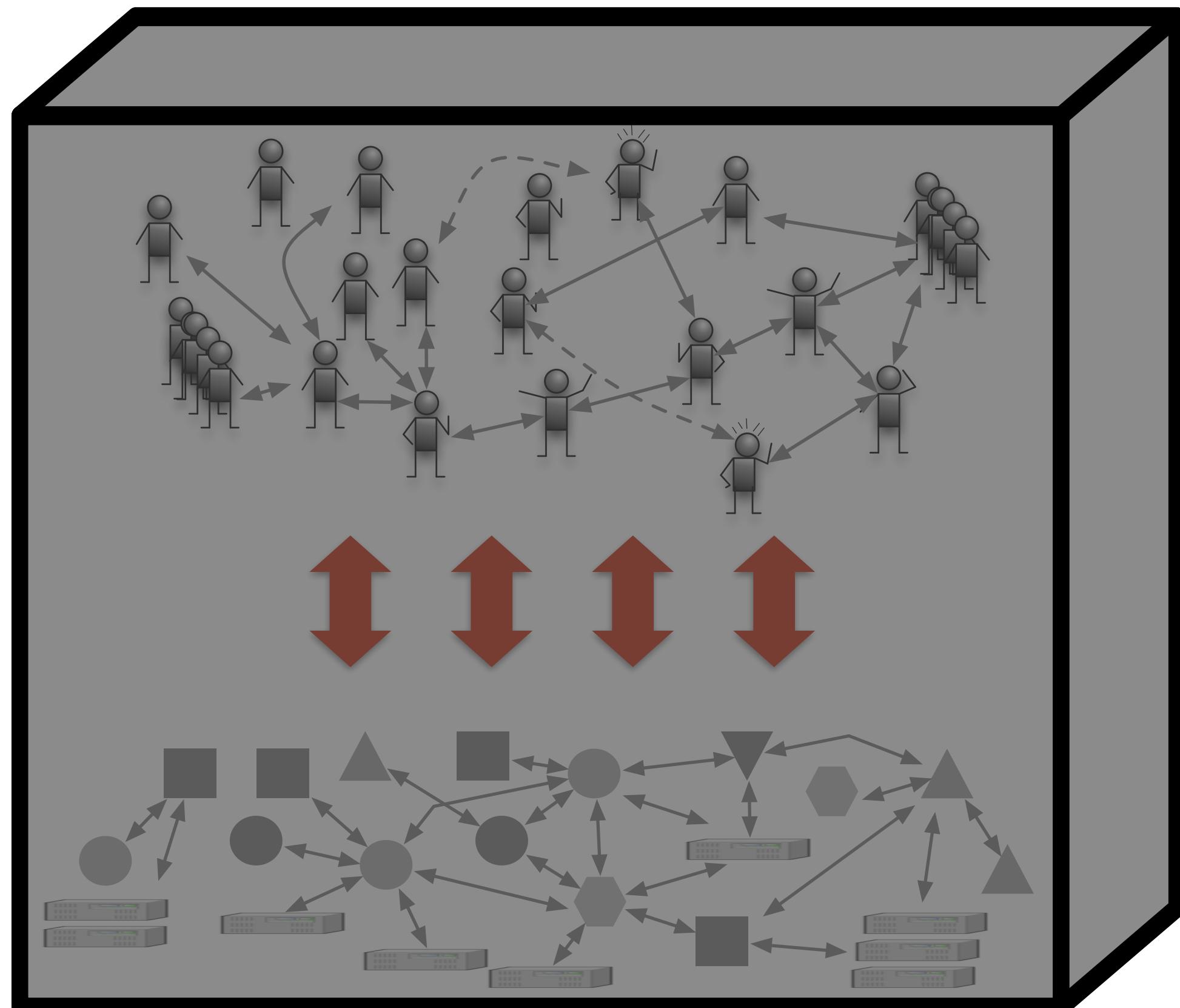


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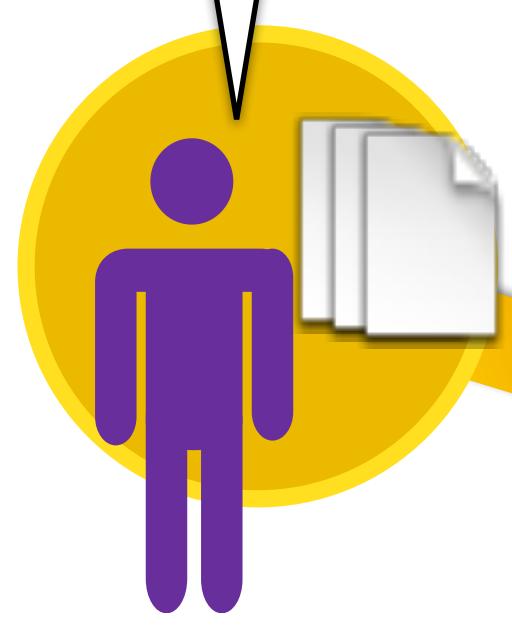


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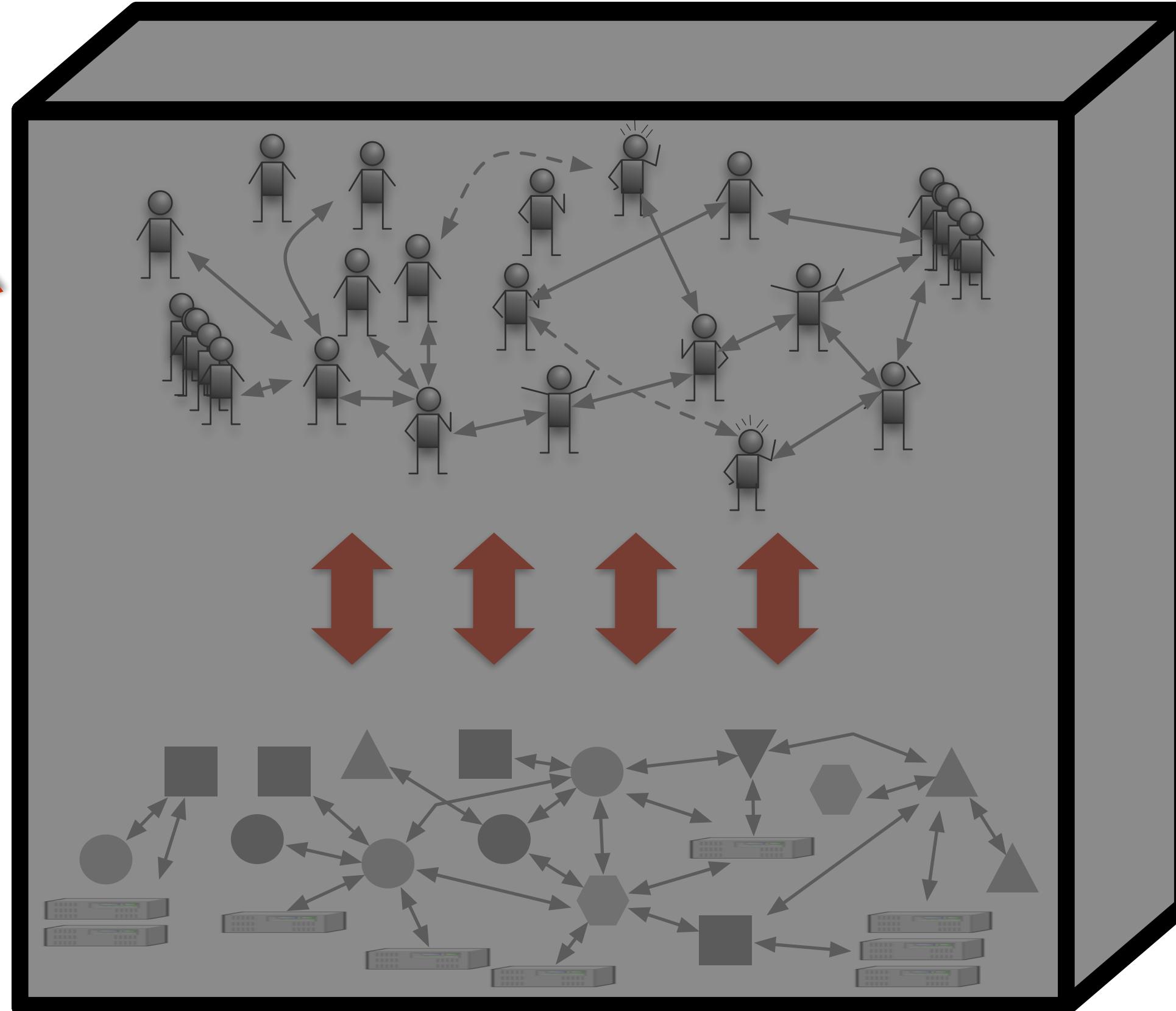
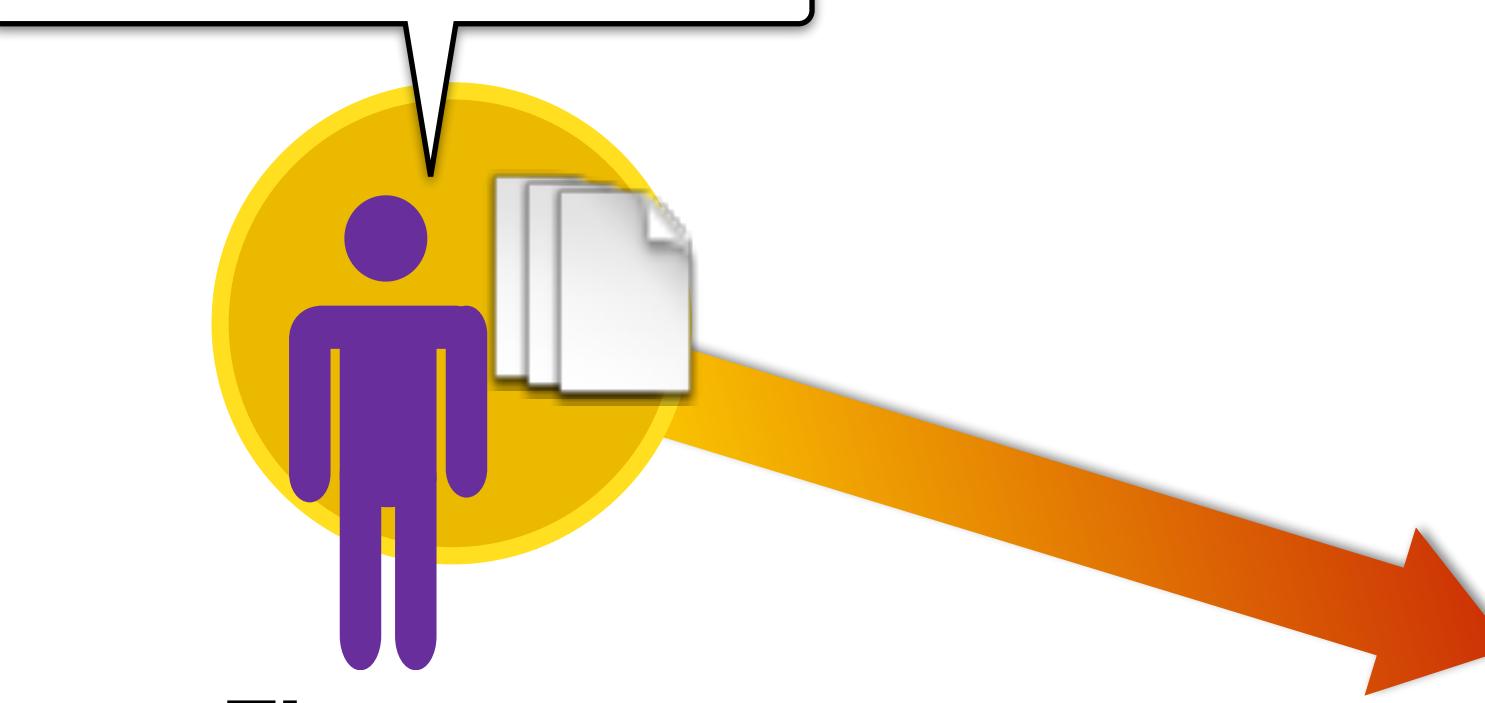


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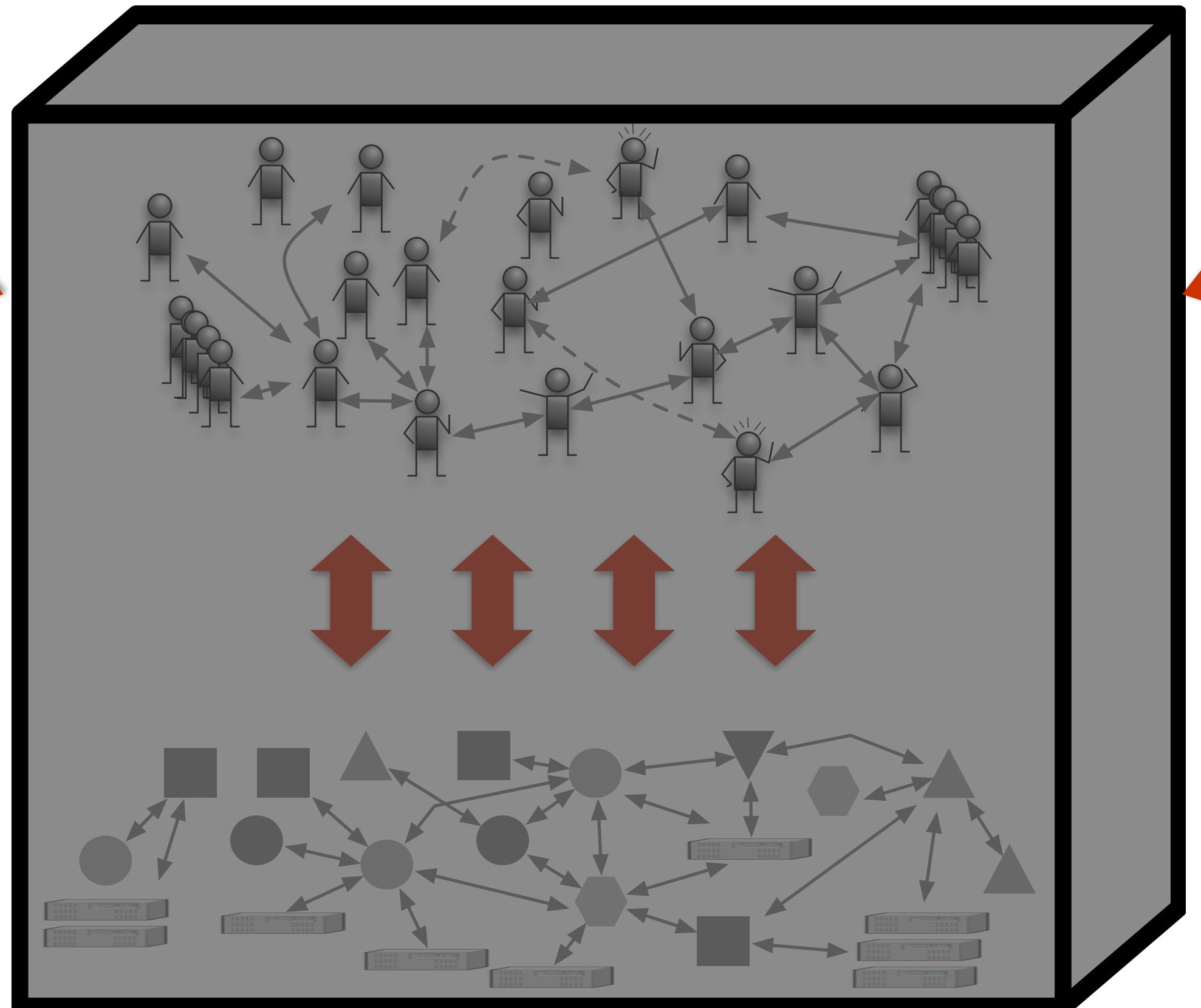


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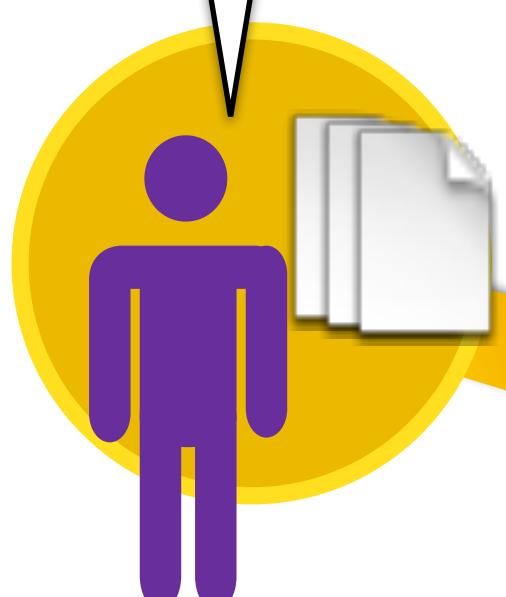


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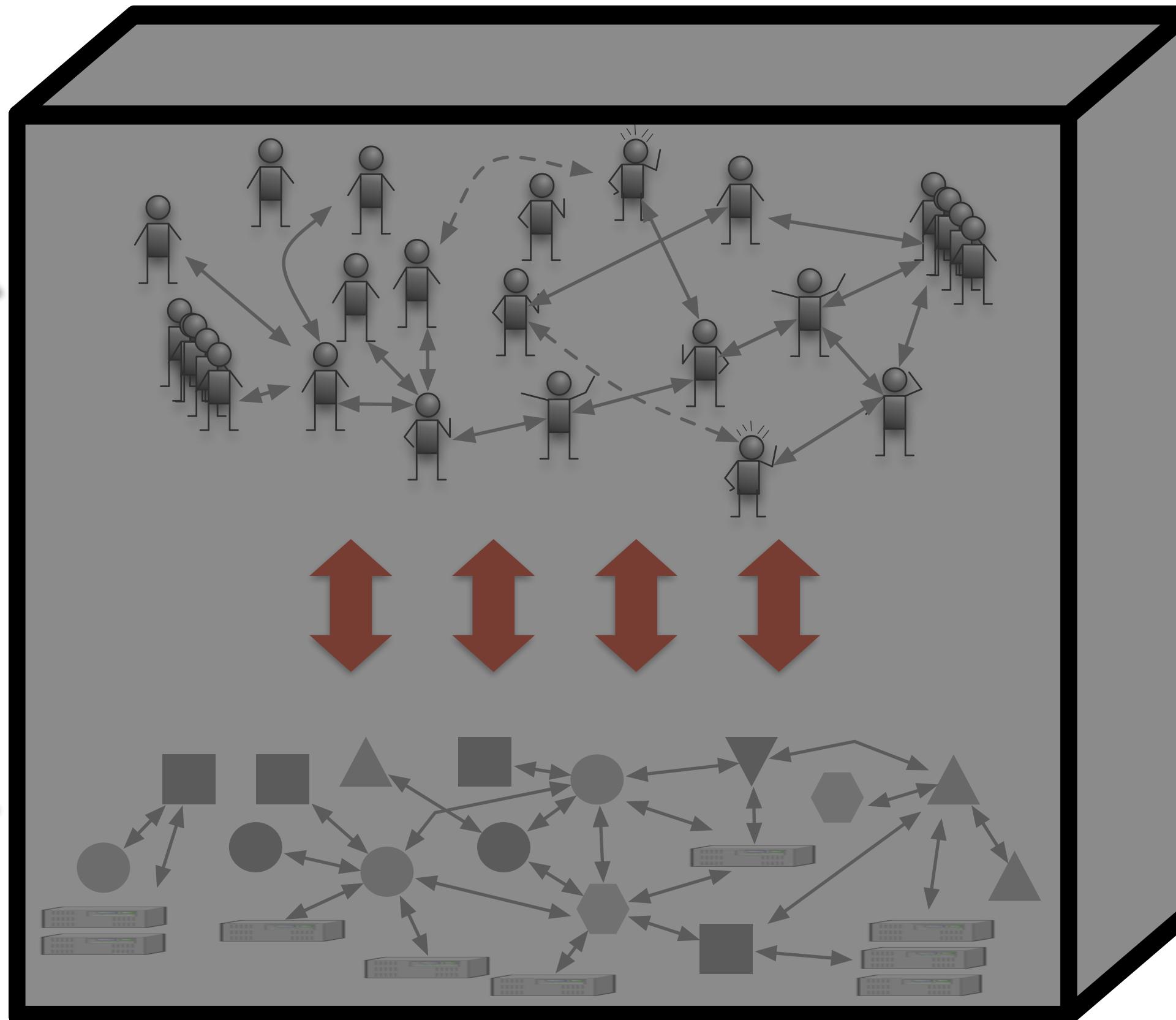


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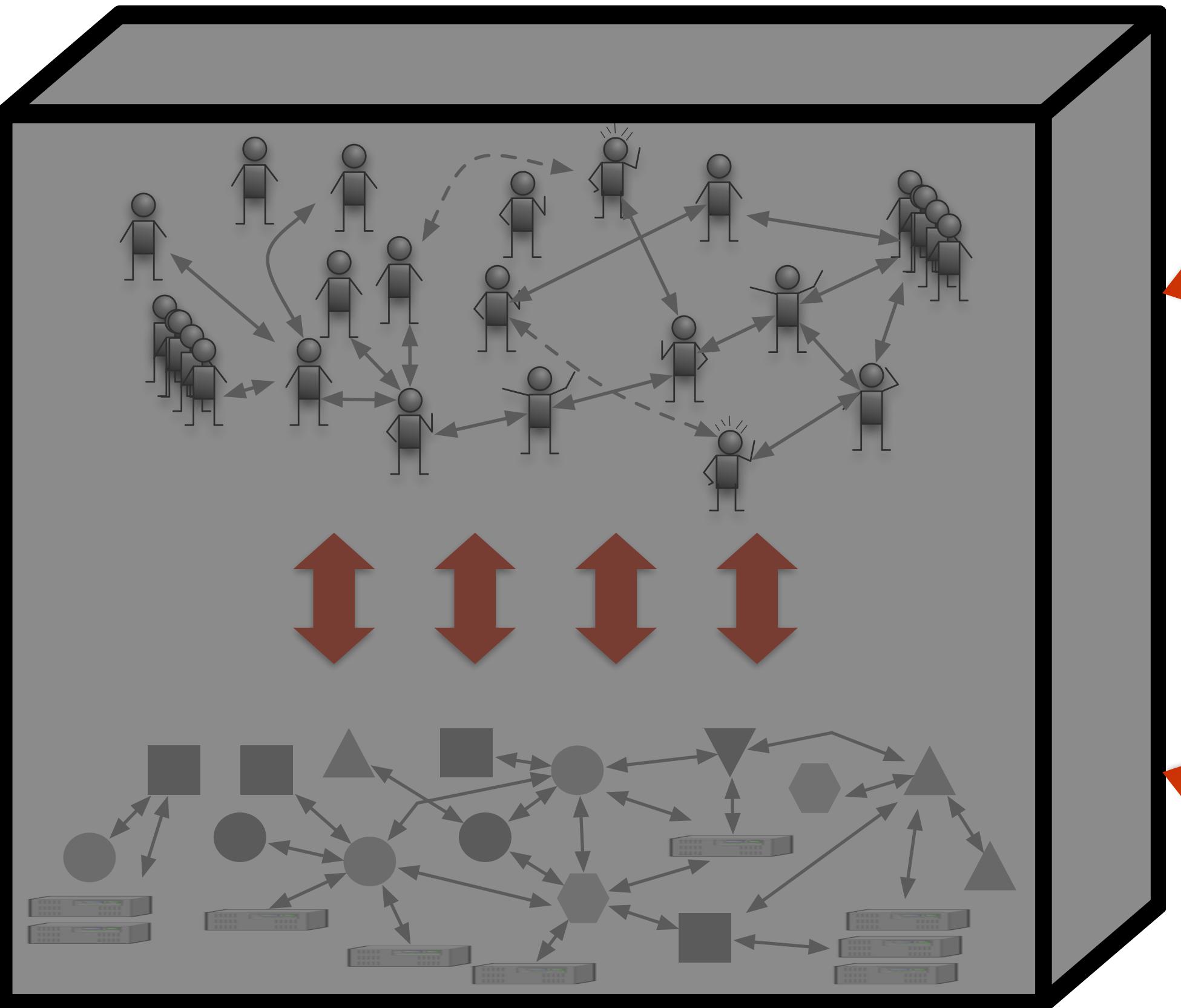


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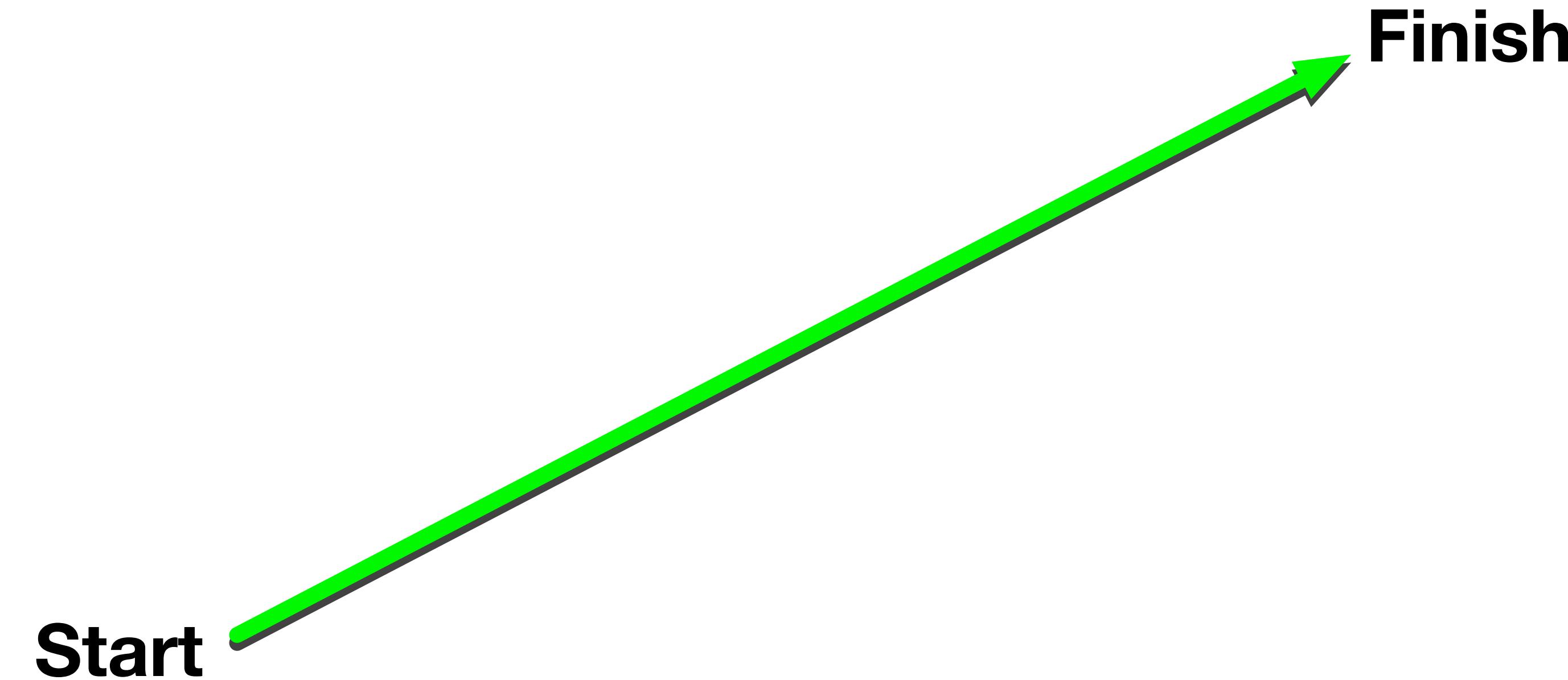
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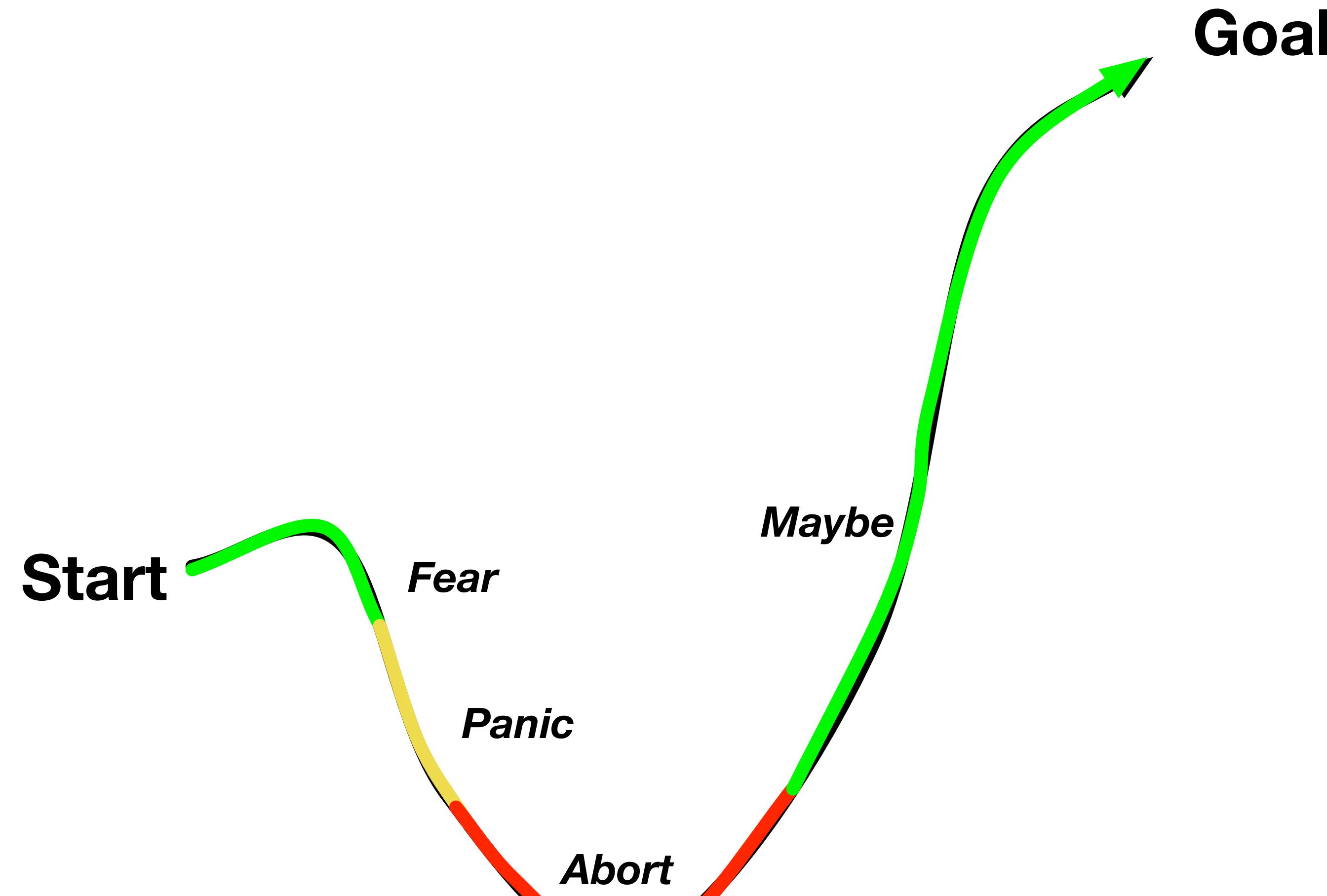
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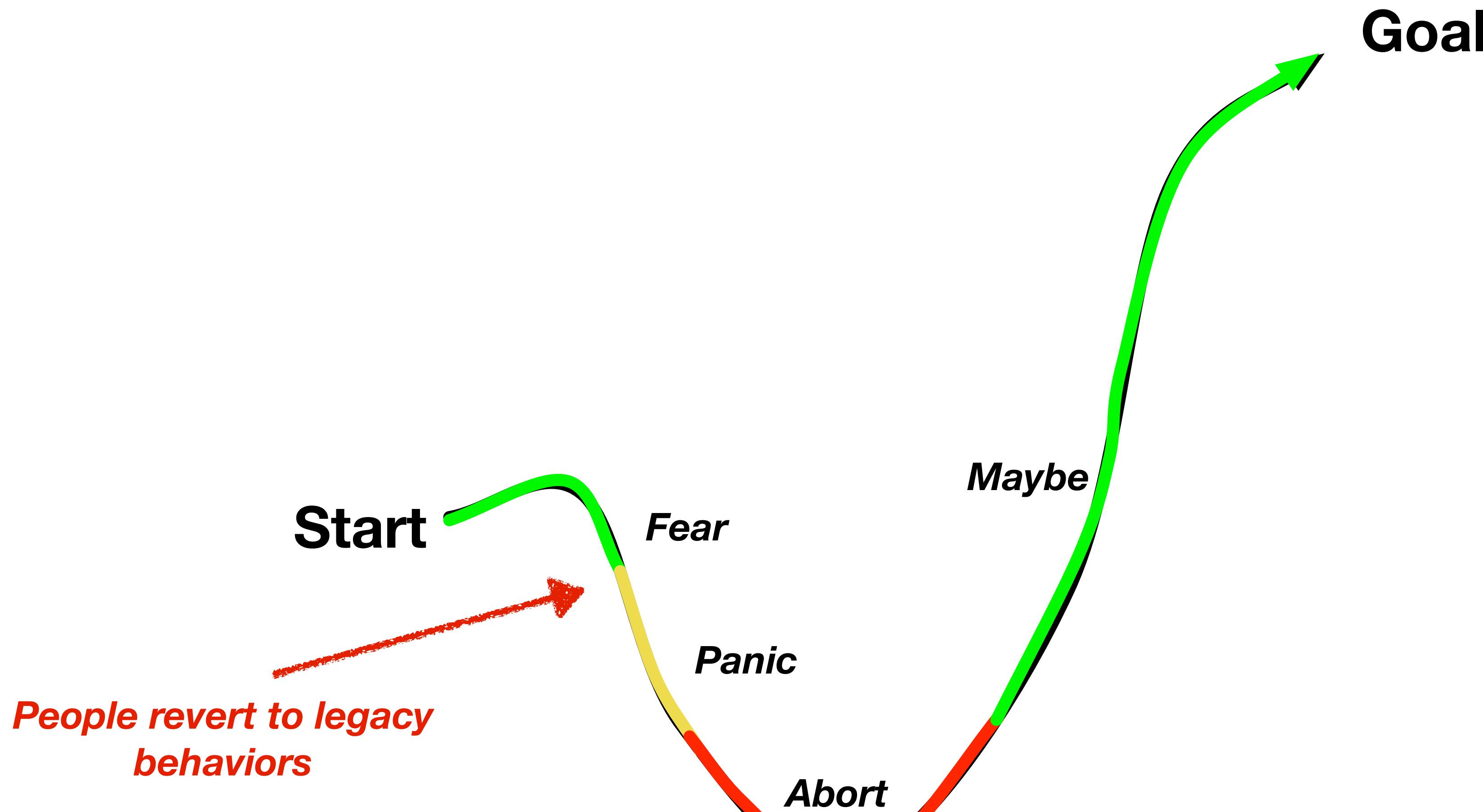
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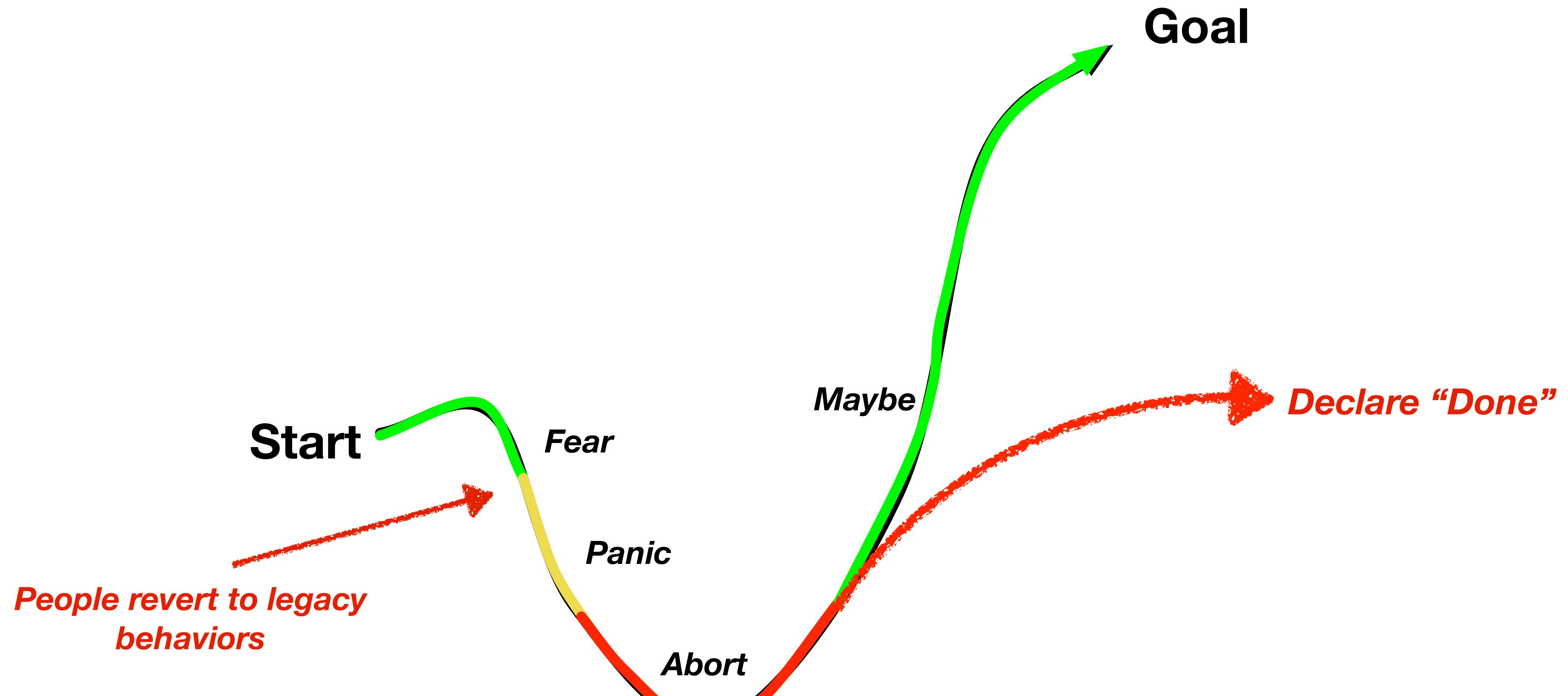
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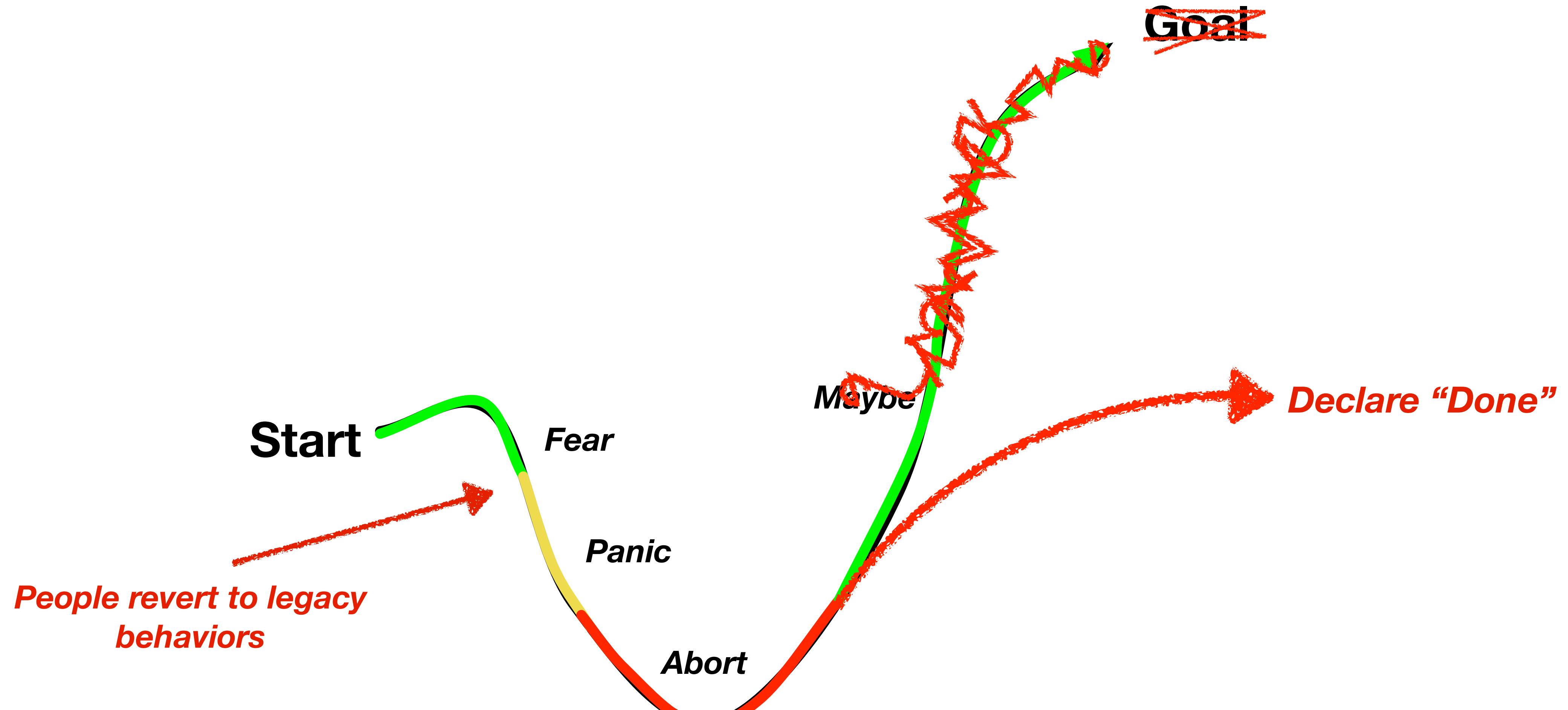
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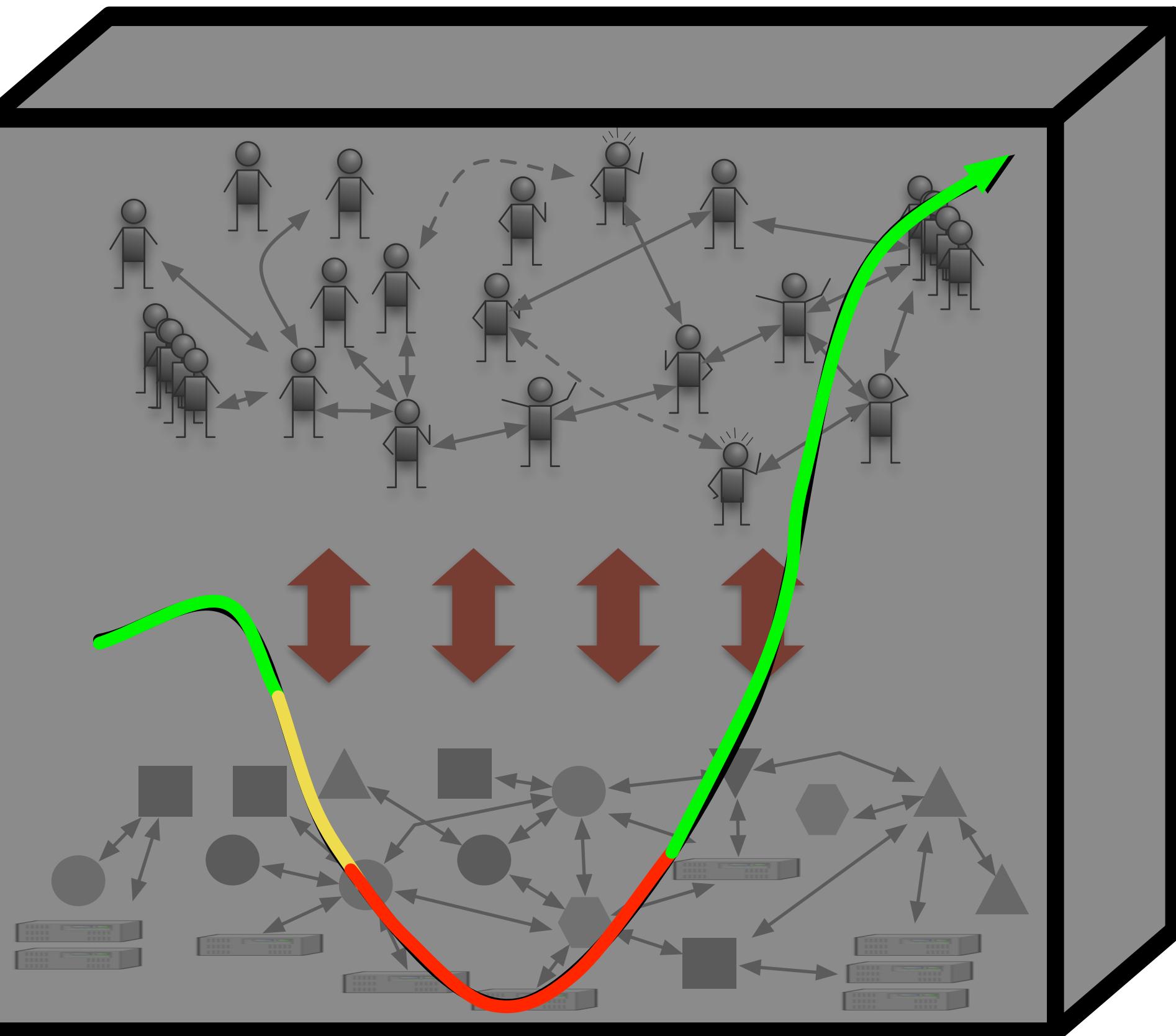


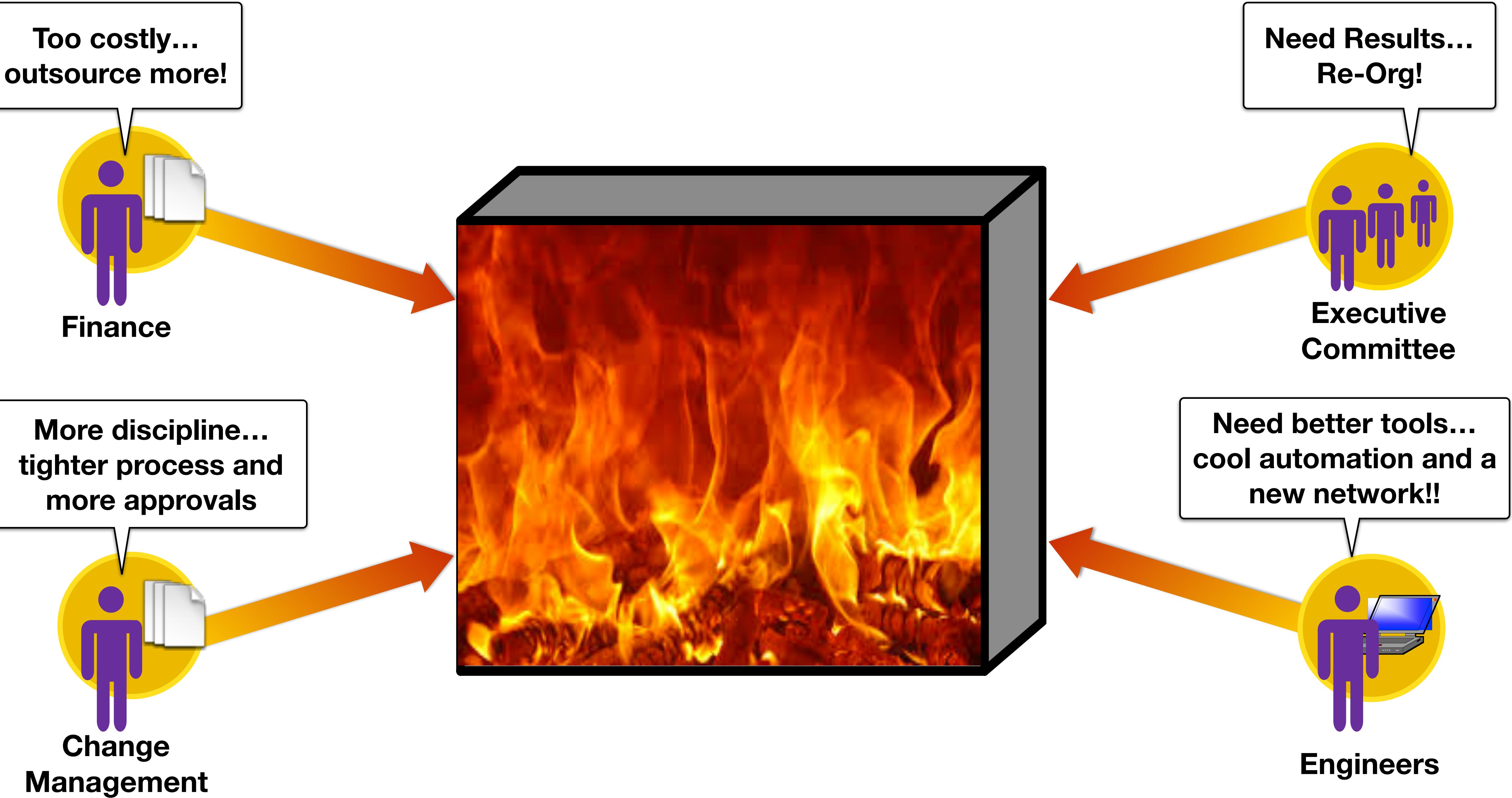
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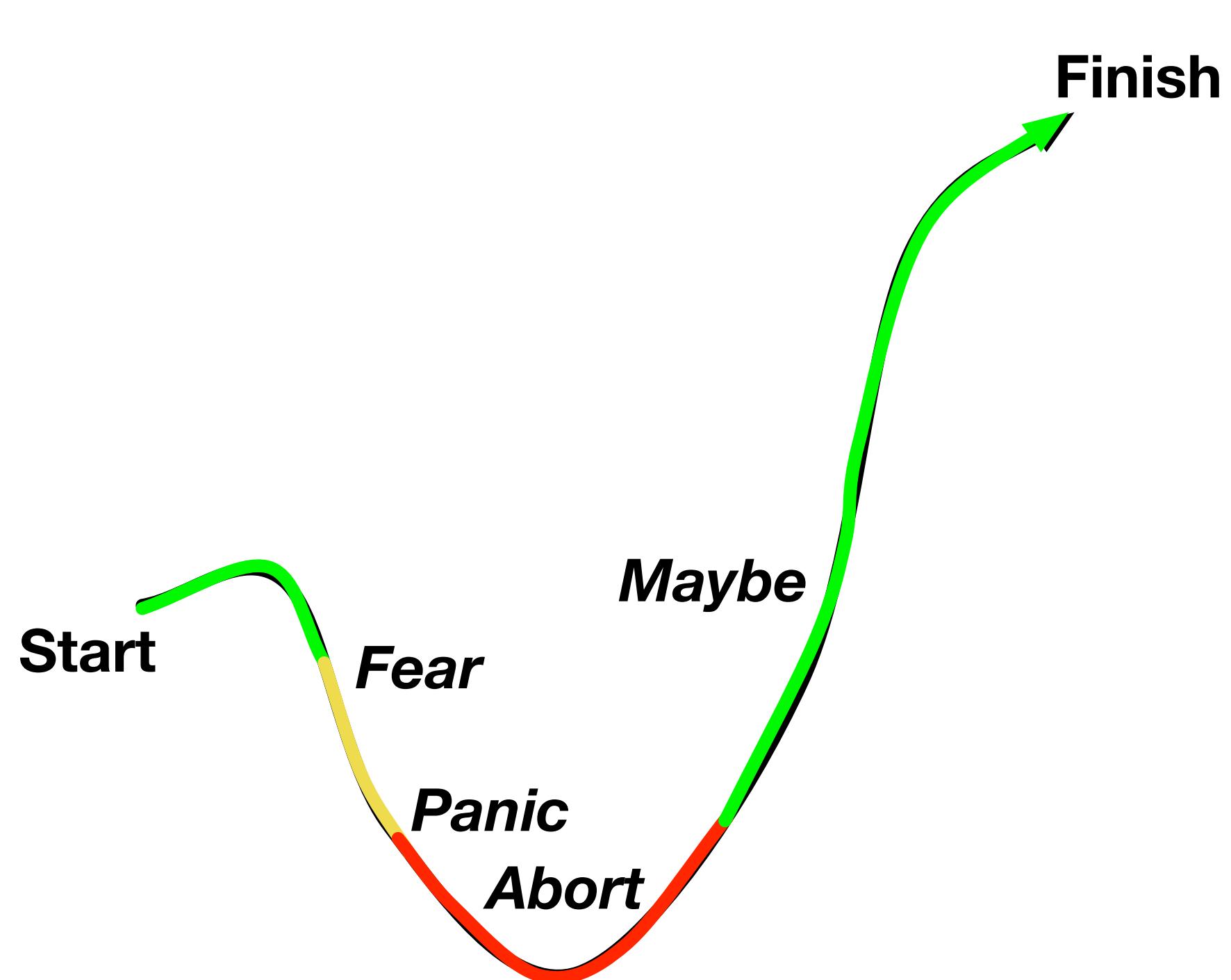


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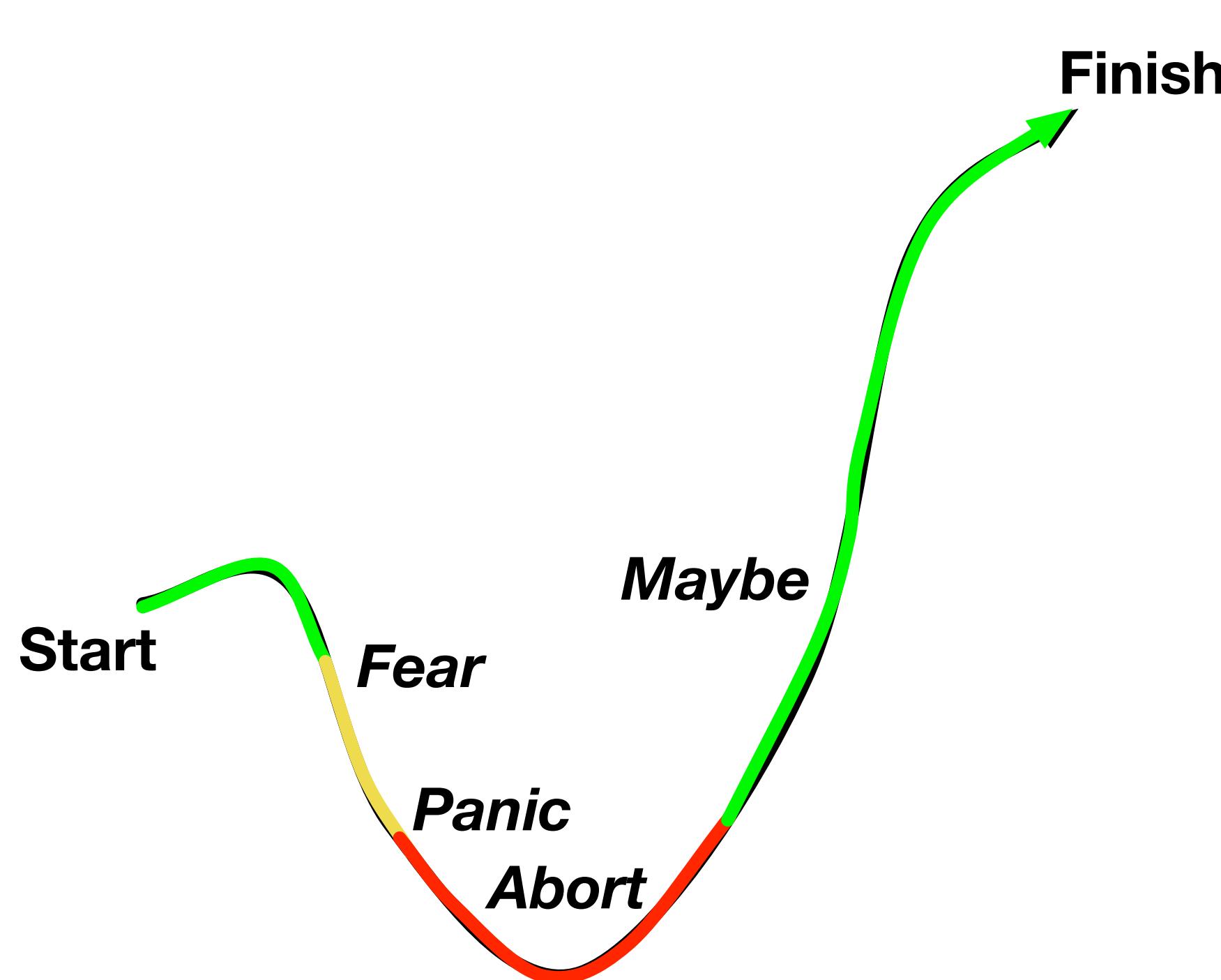


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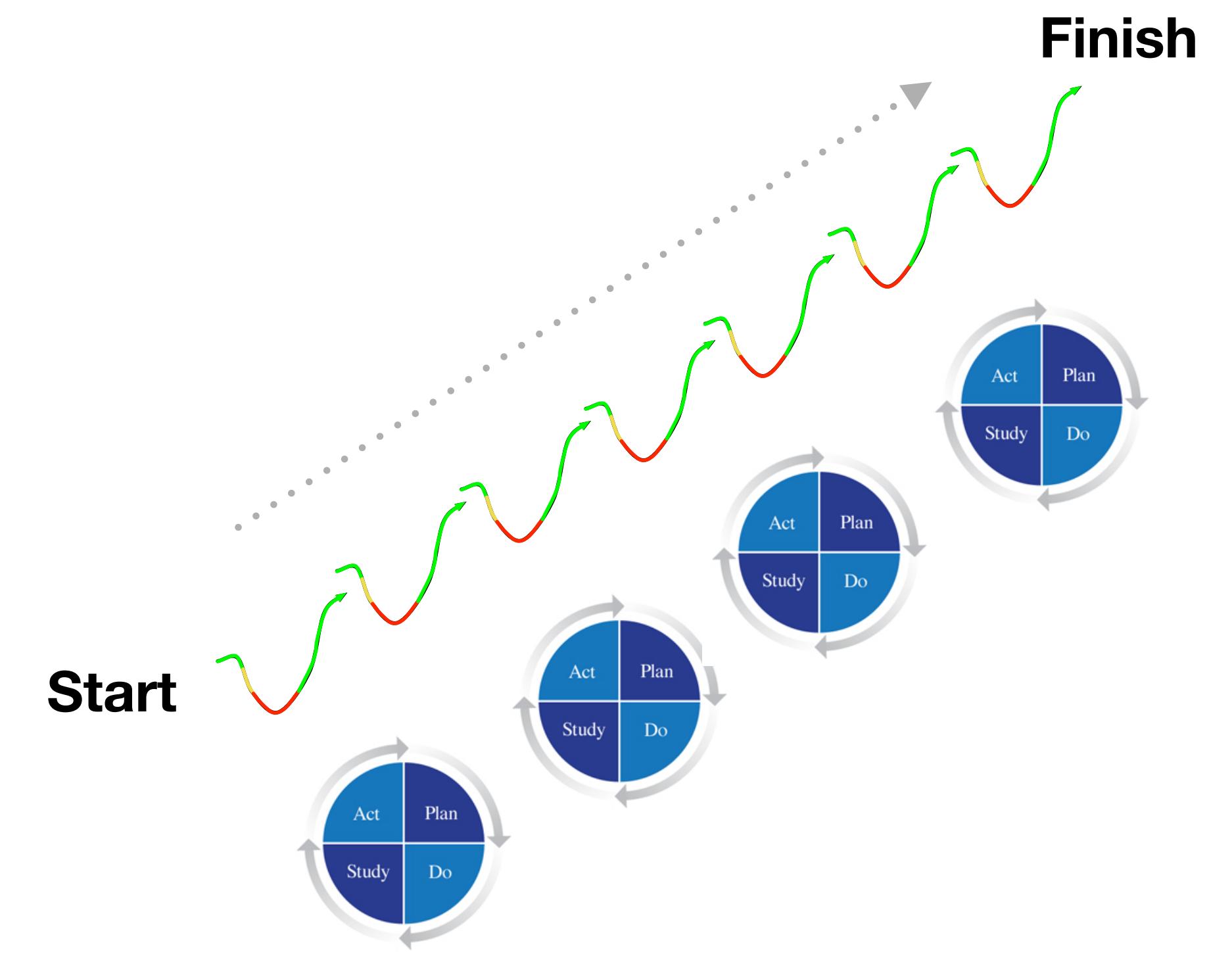


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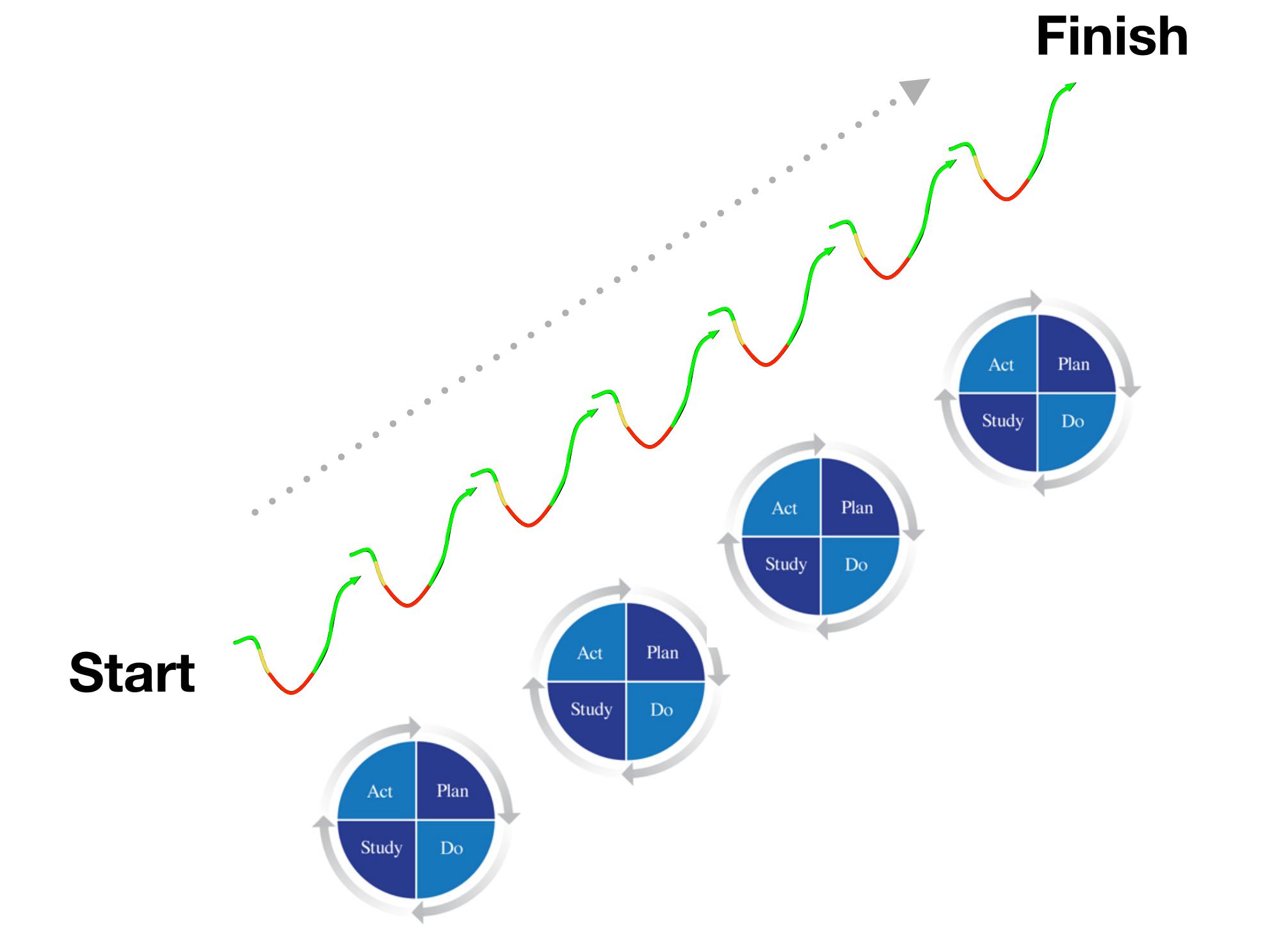
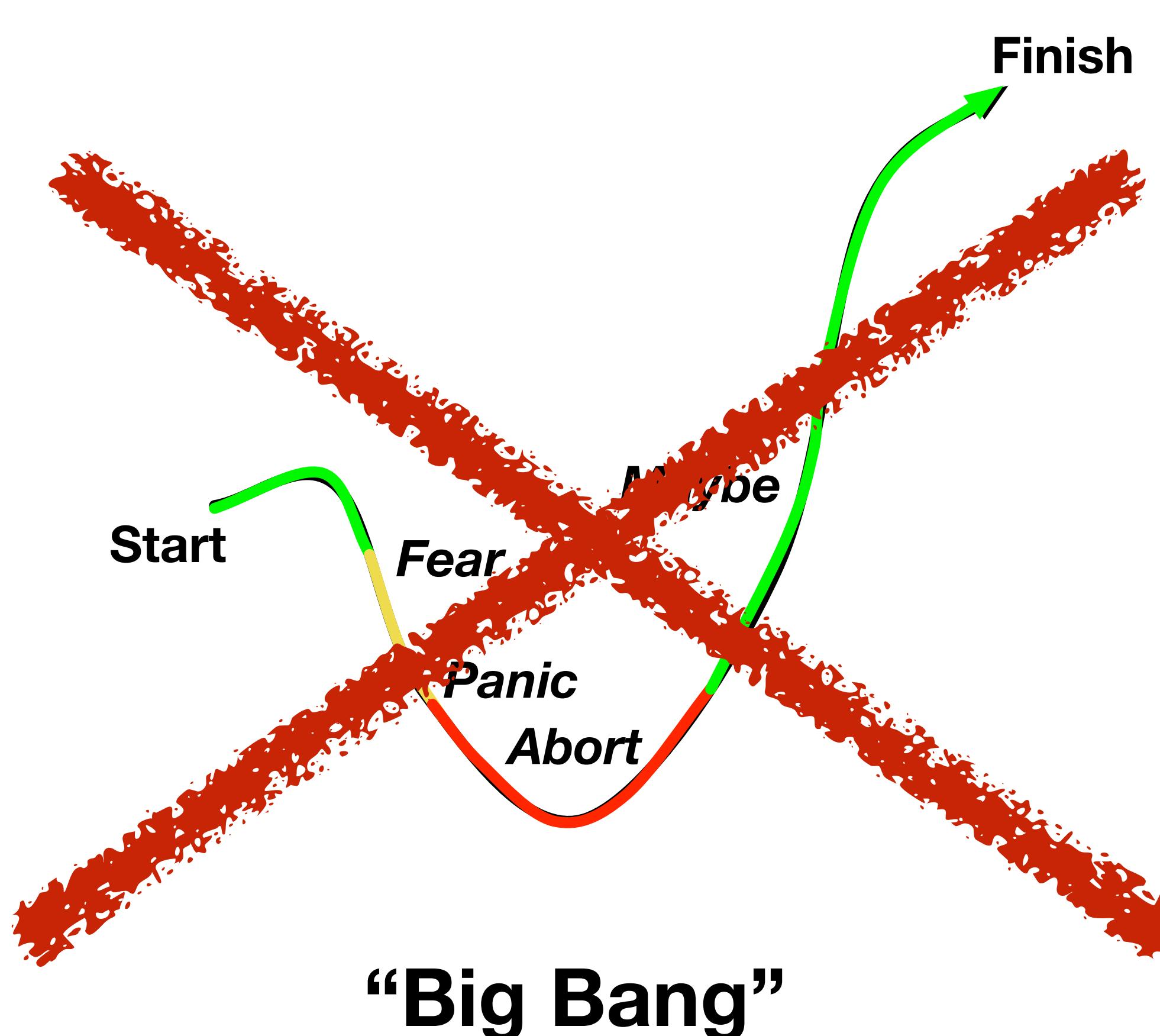


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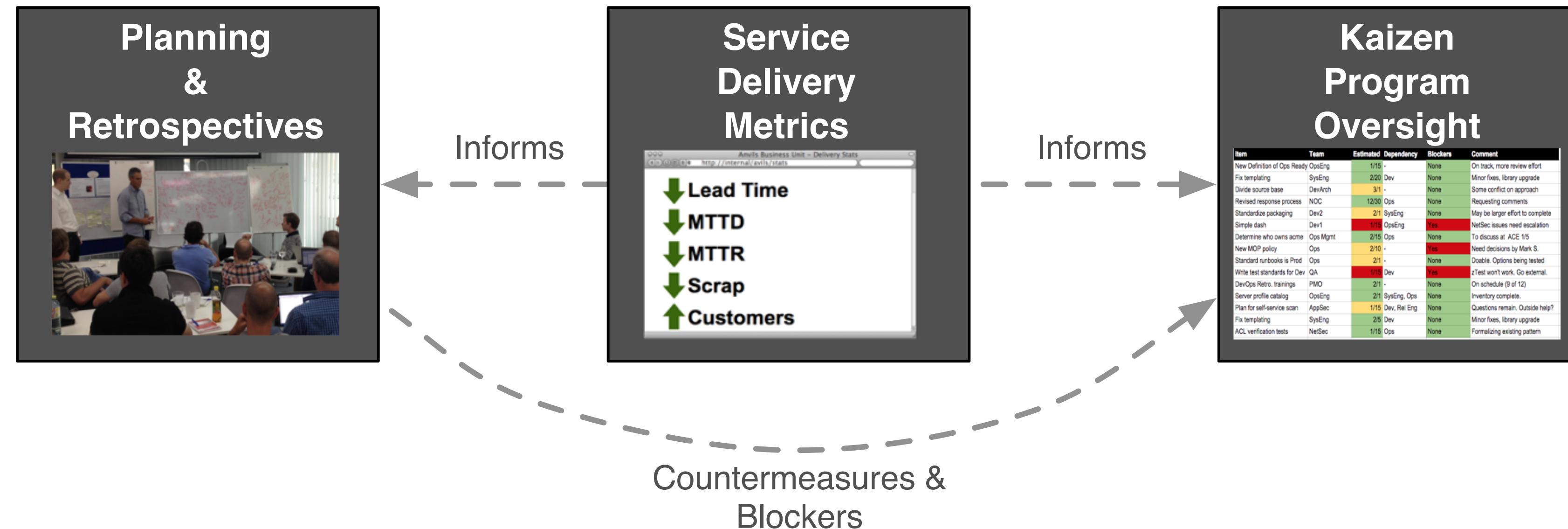
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“DevOps Kaizen”

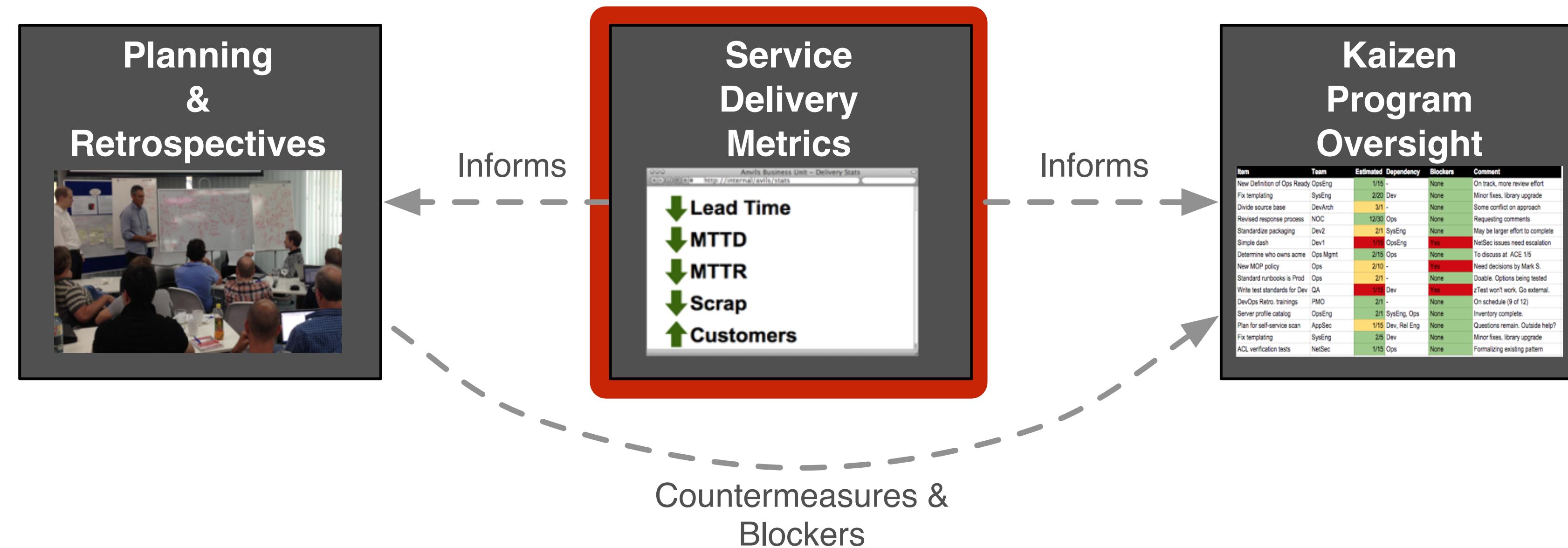
Proven Lean Techniques + DevOps Context

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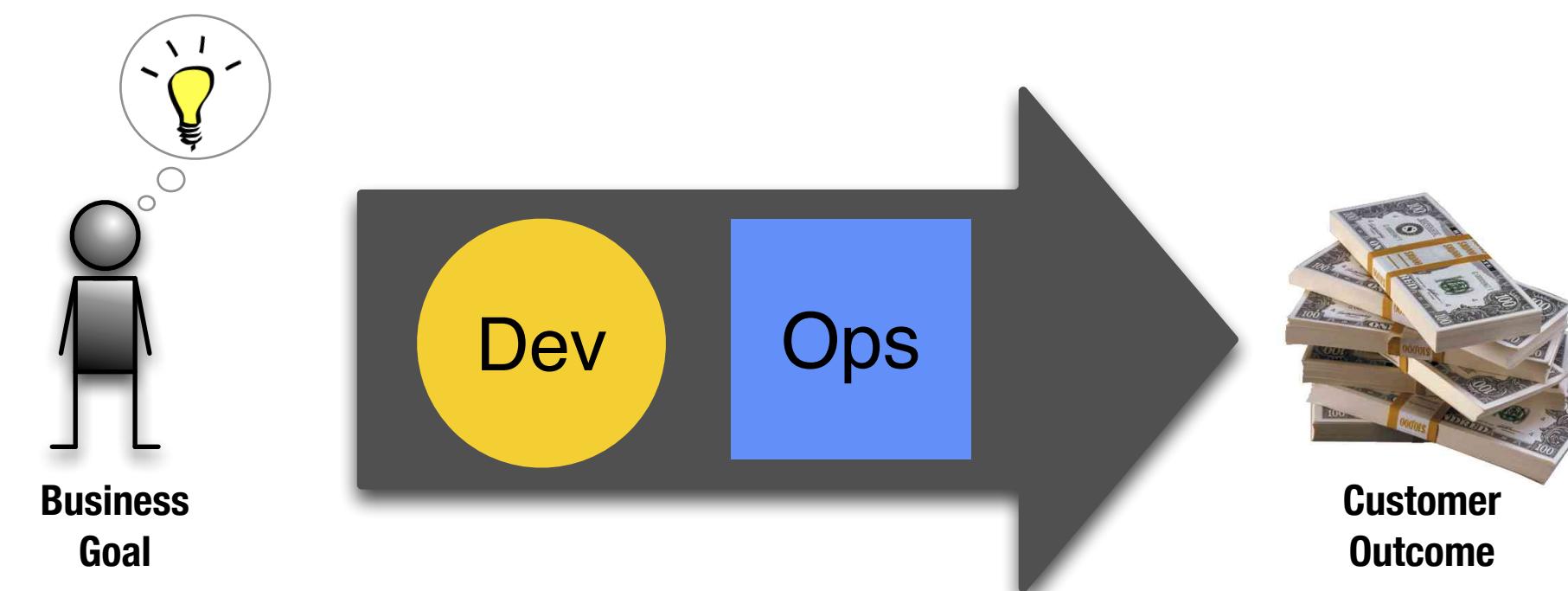


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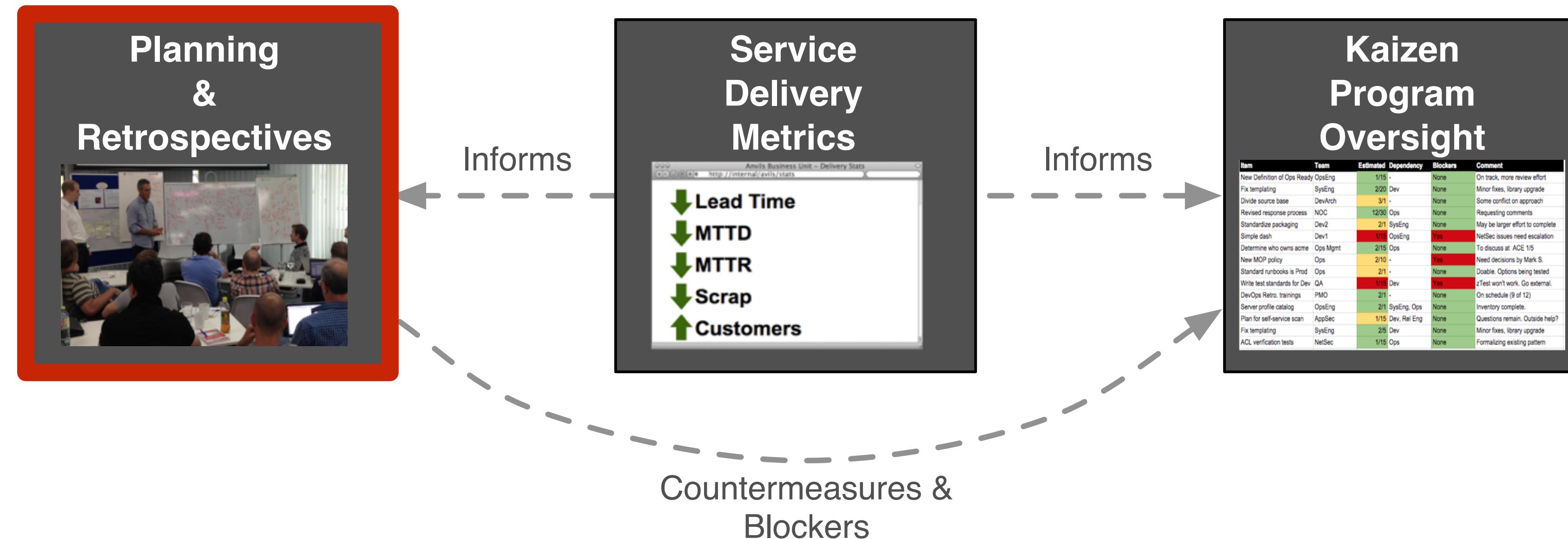


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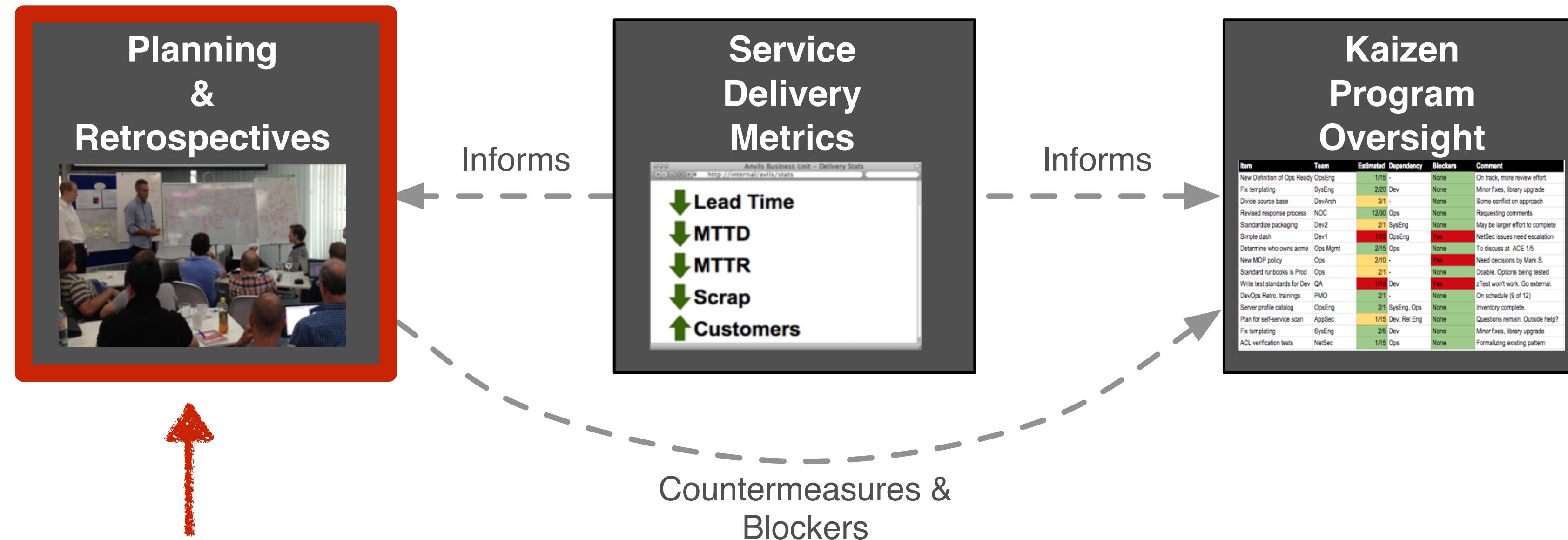
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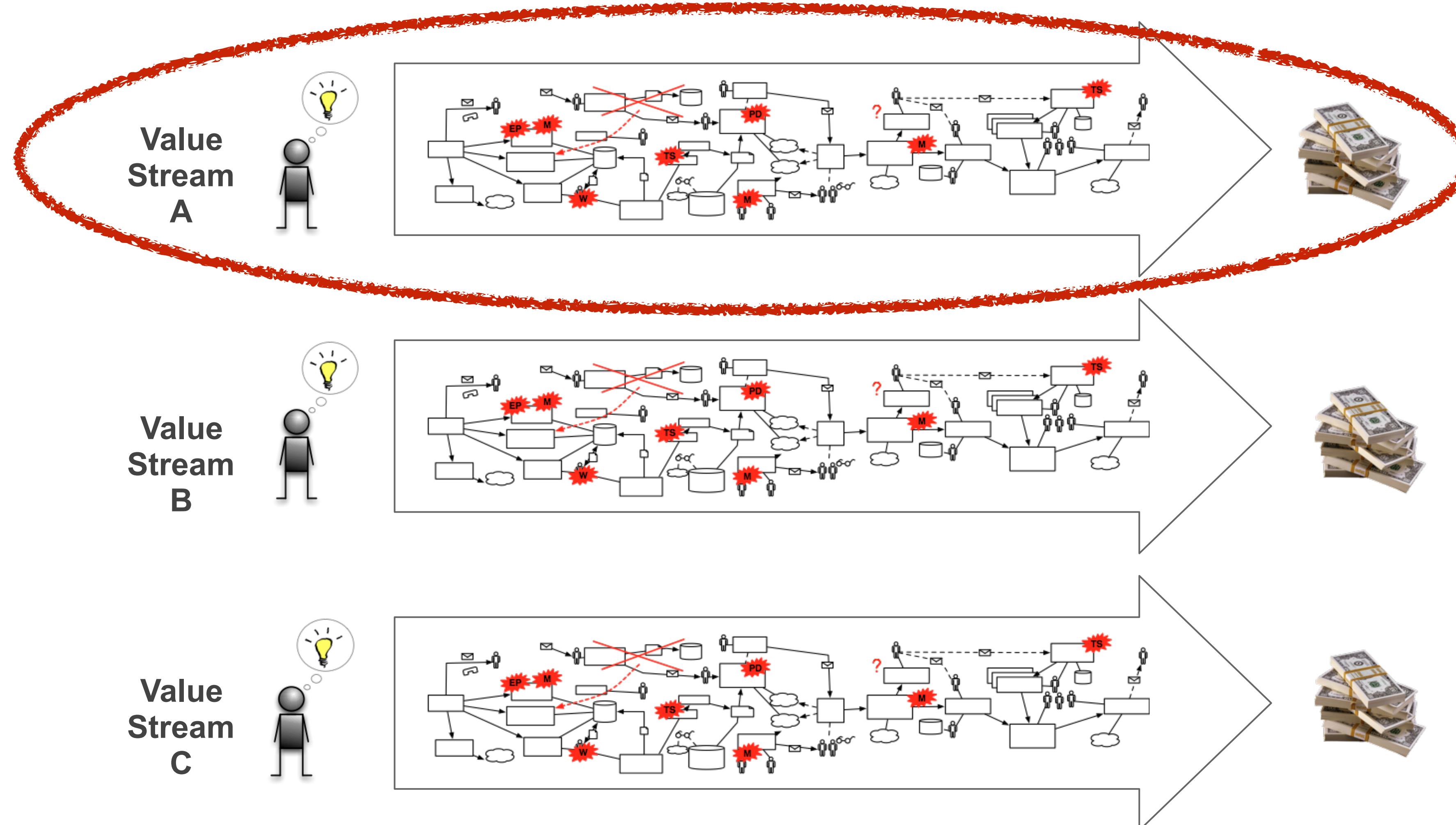


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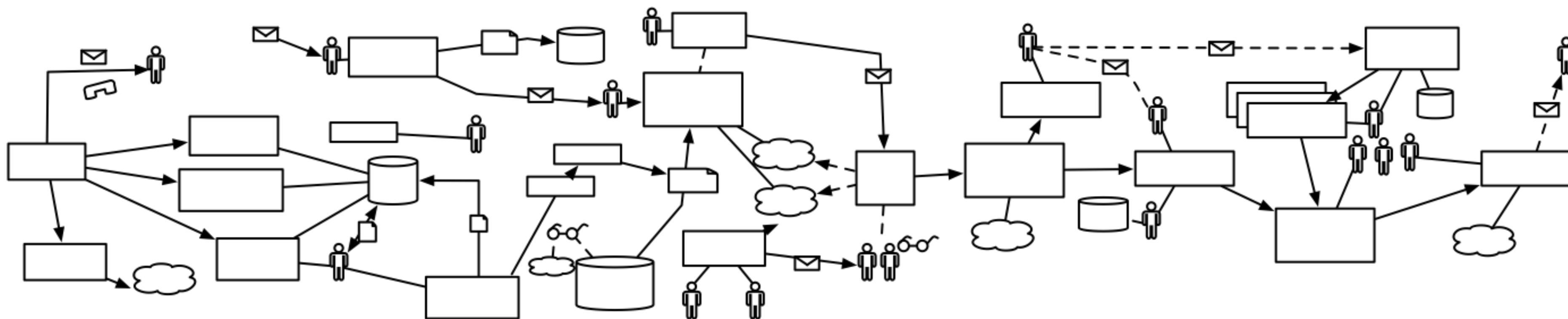


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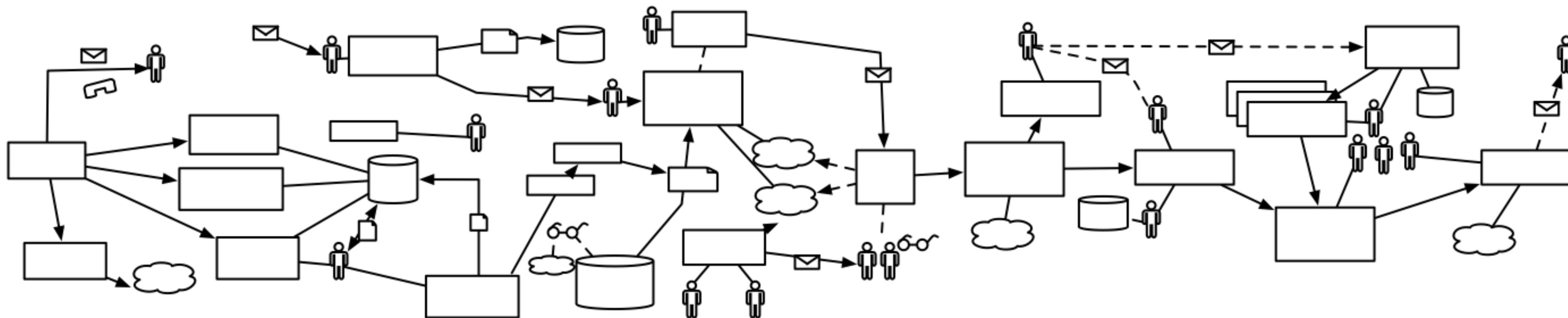
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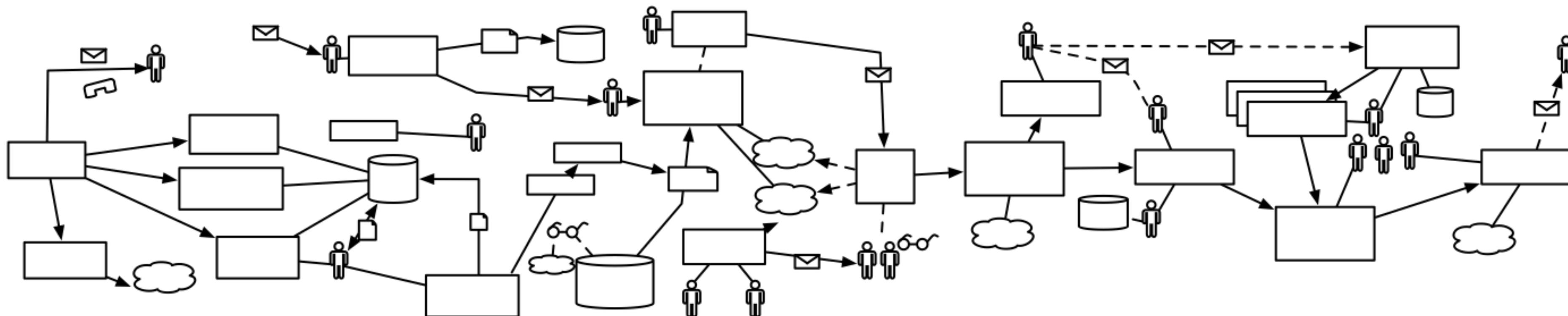
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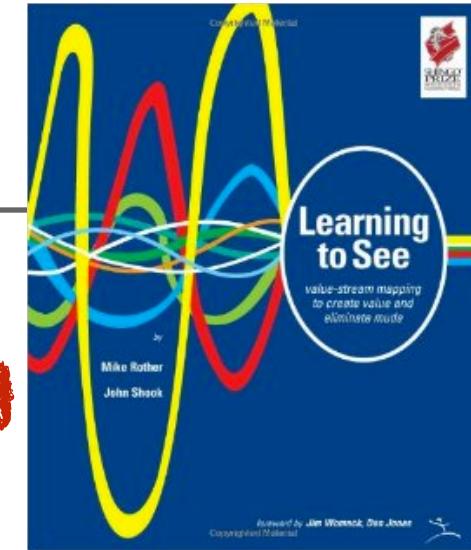
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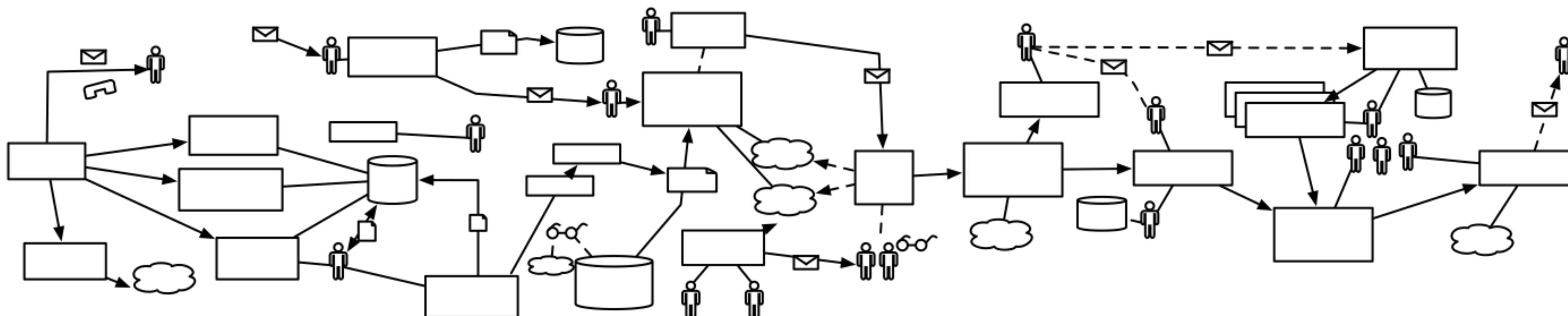
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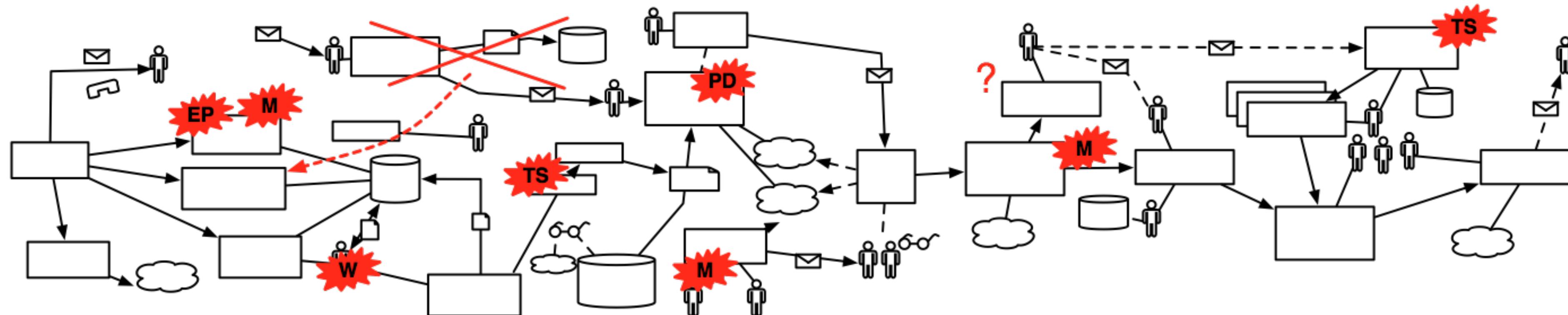
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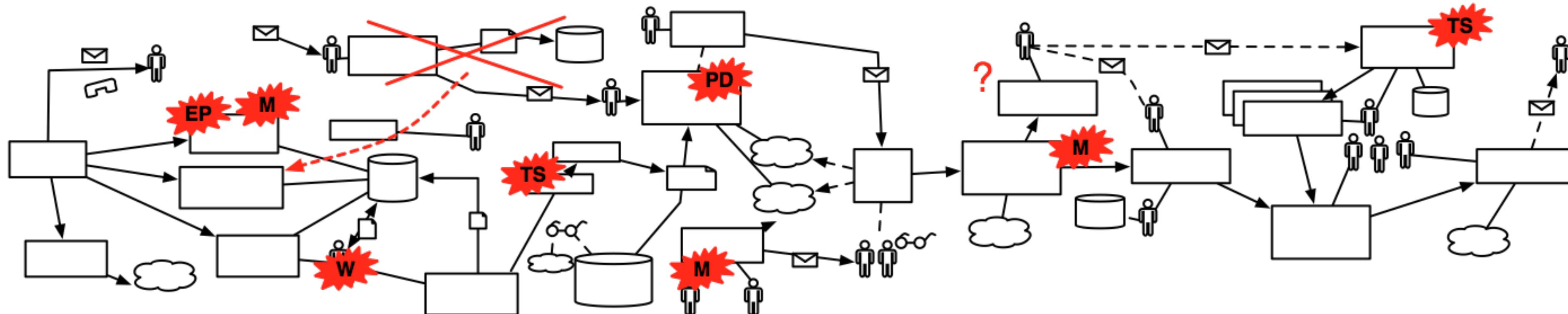
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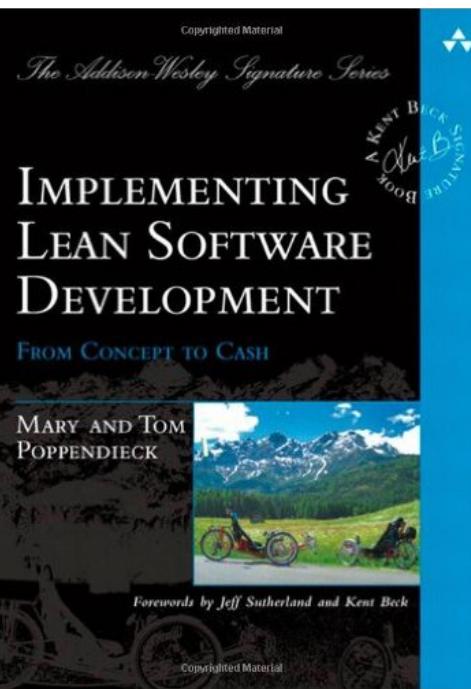
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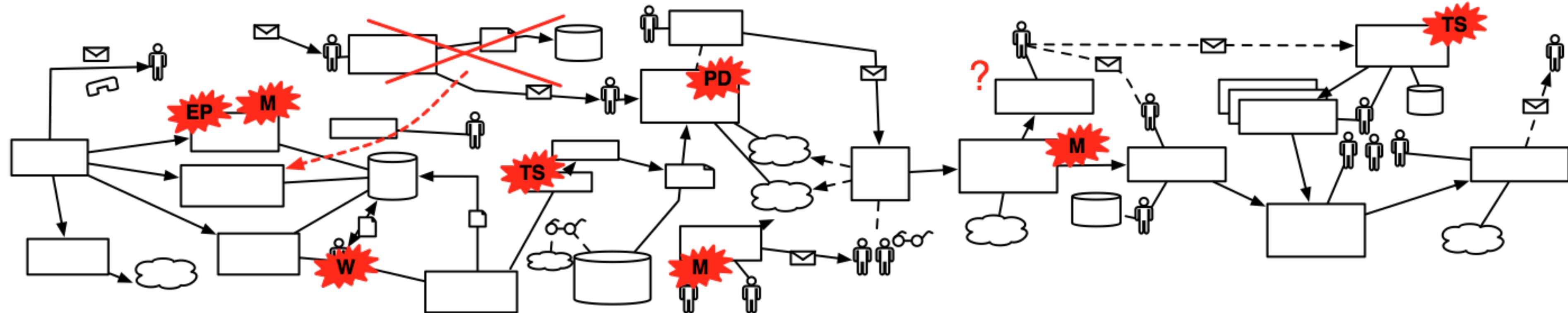


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Inspiration: 7 Wastes of Software Development

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Identify wastes, inefficiencies, bottlenecks



Structured approach building on DevOps
adaptation of “7 deadly wastes” from Lean / Agile:

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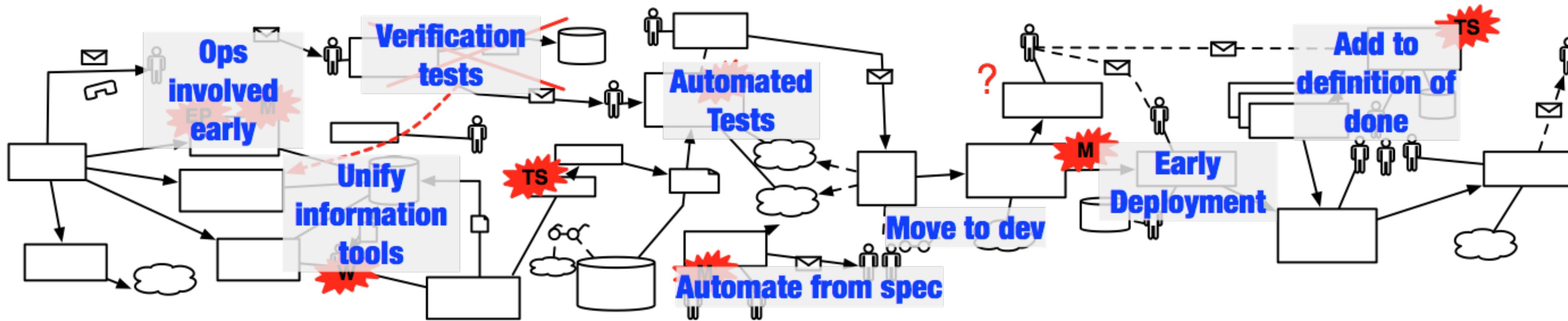
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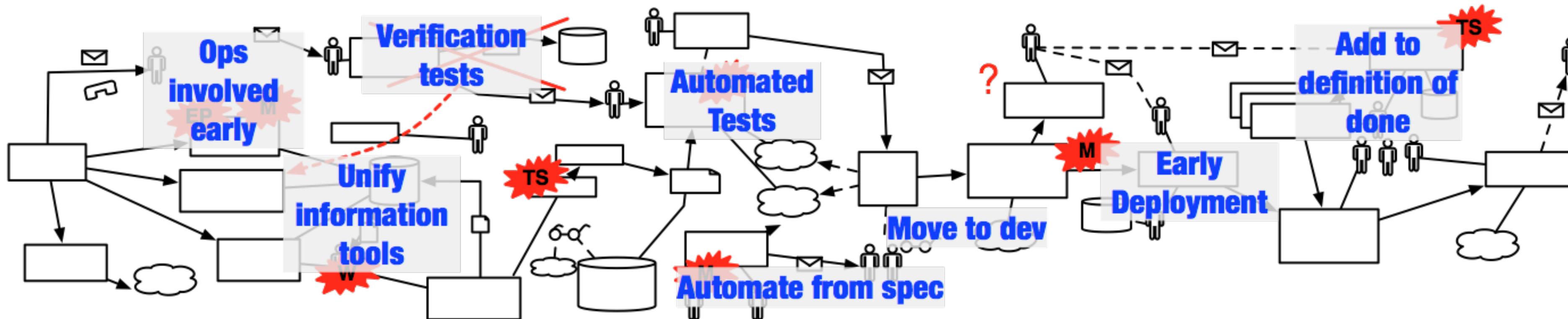


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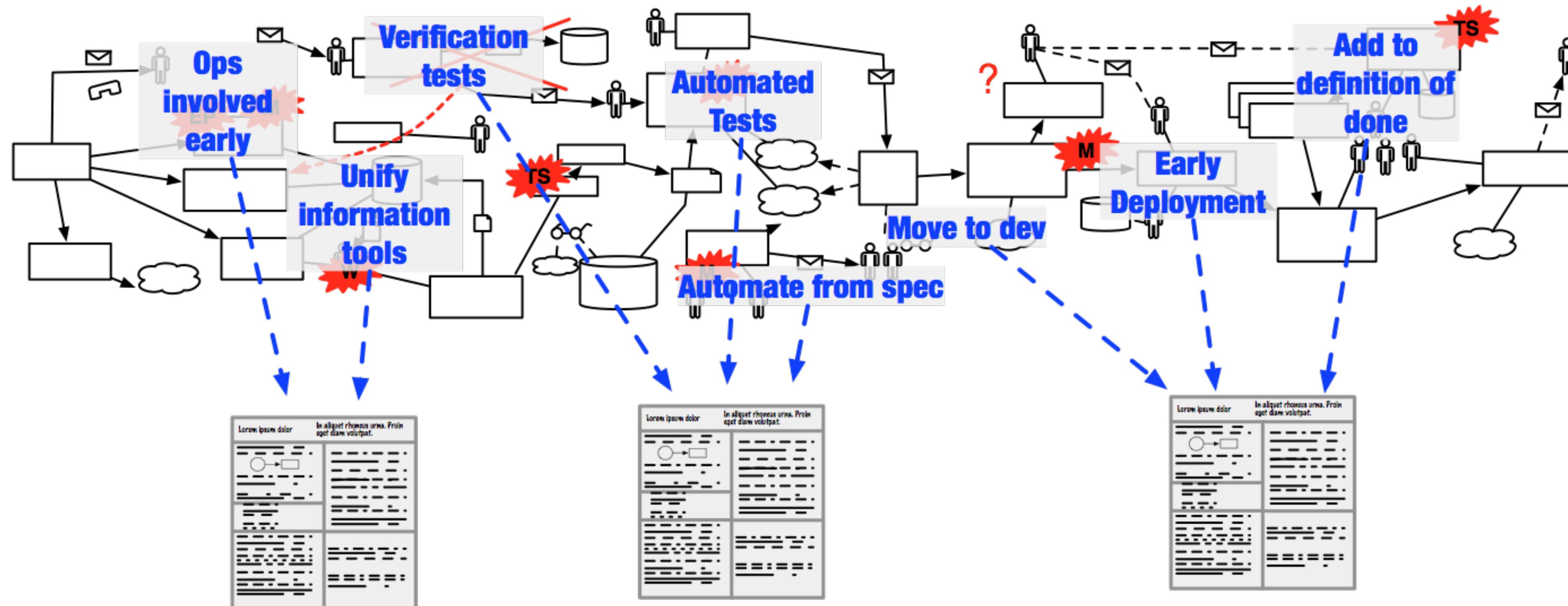
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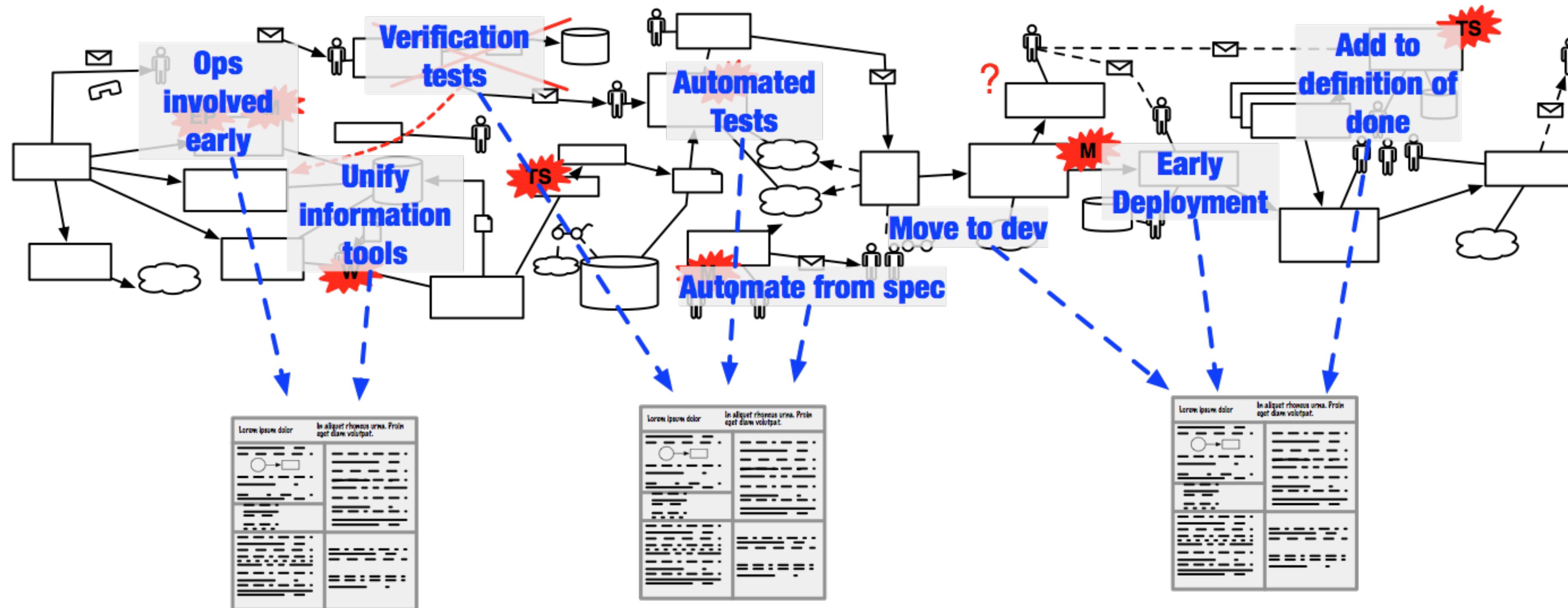
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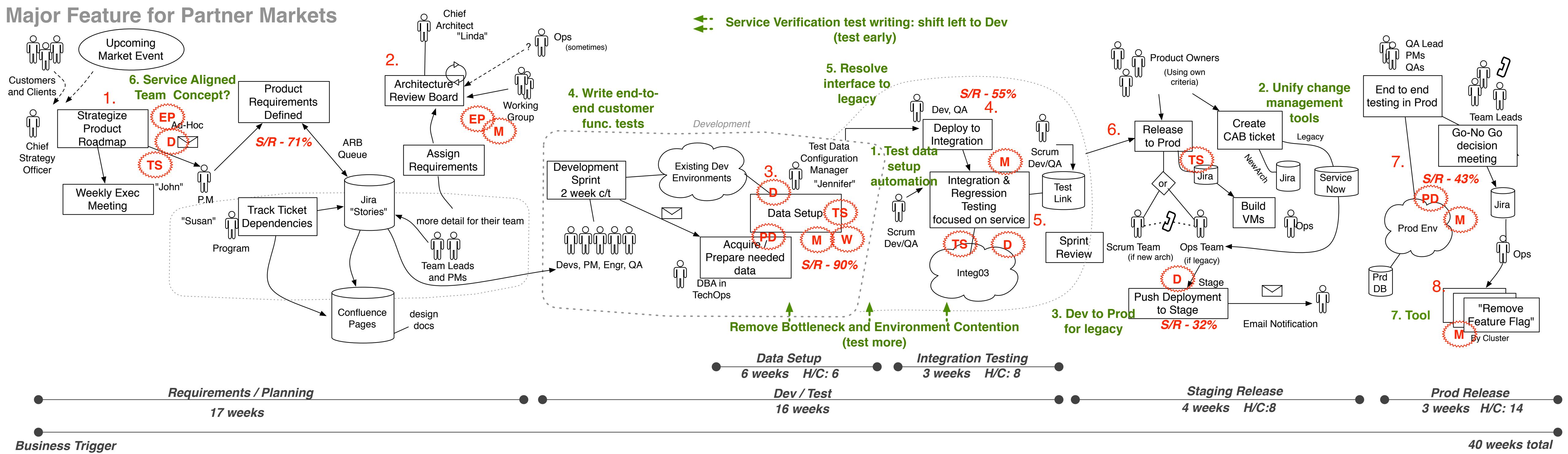


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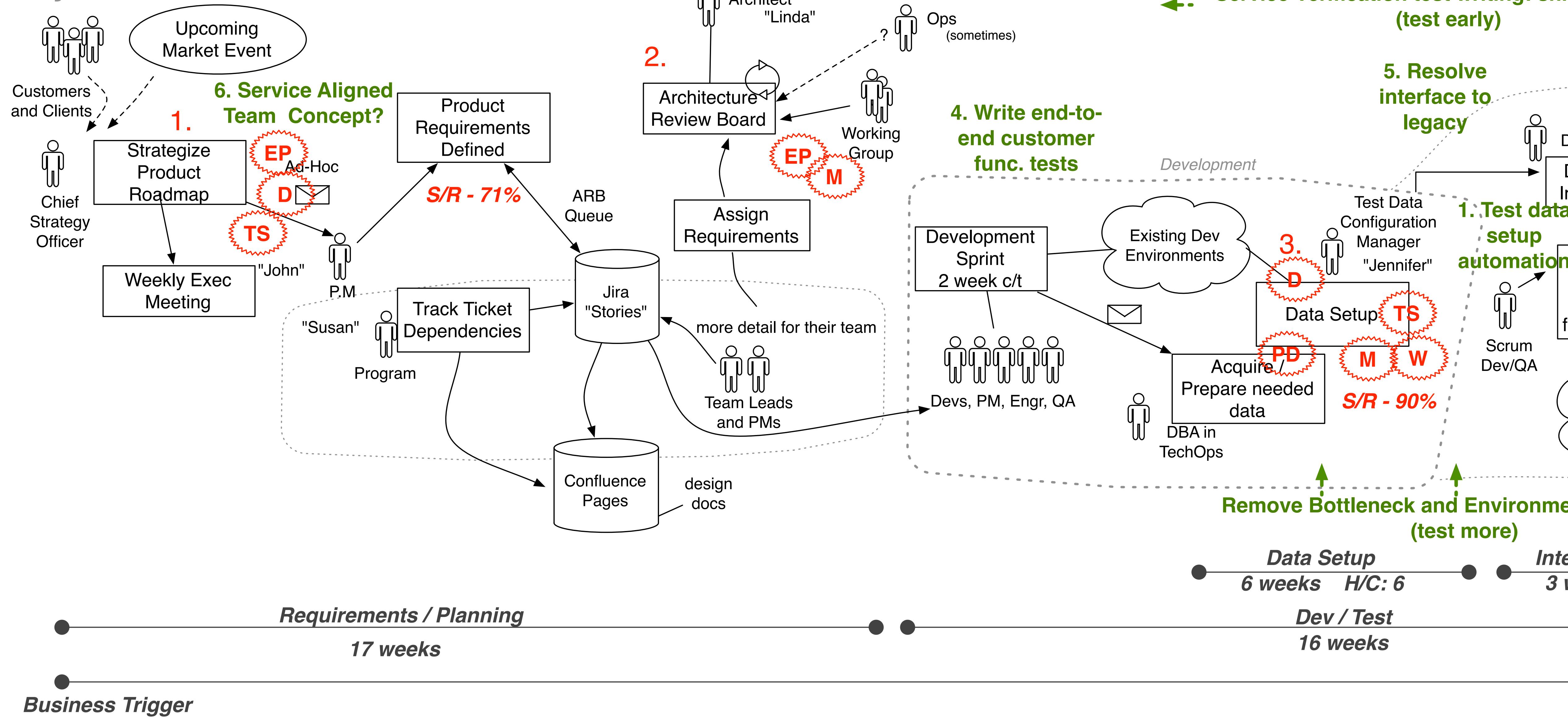
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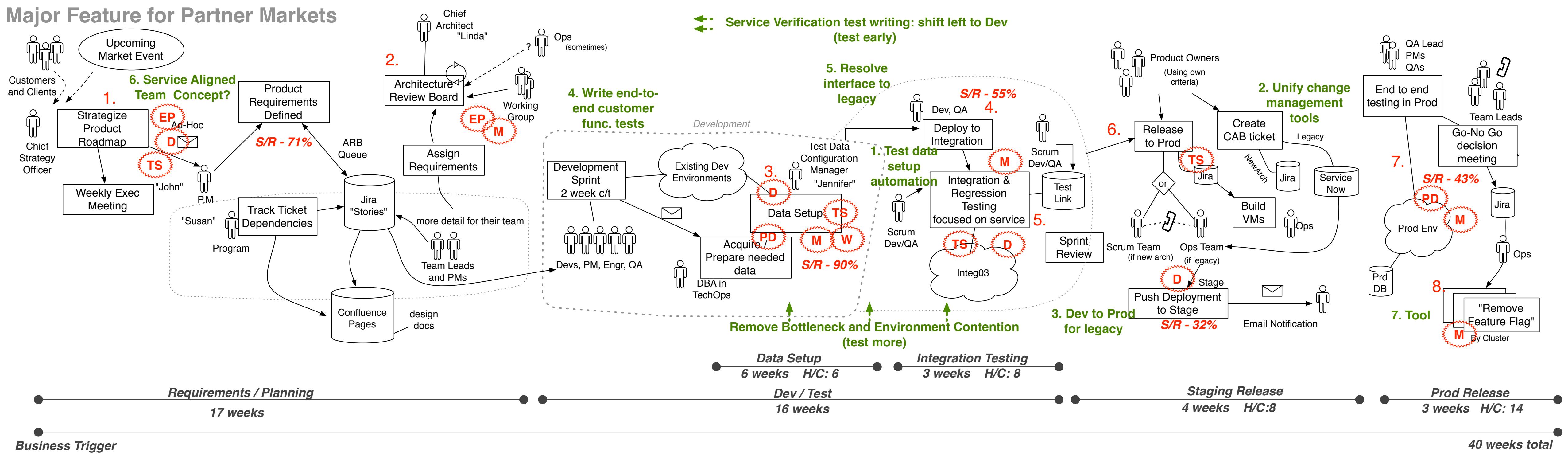
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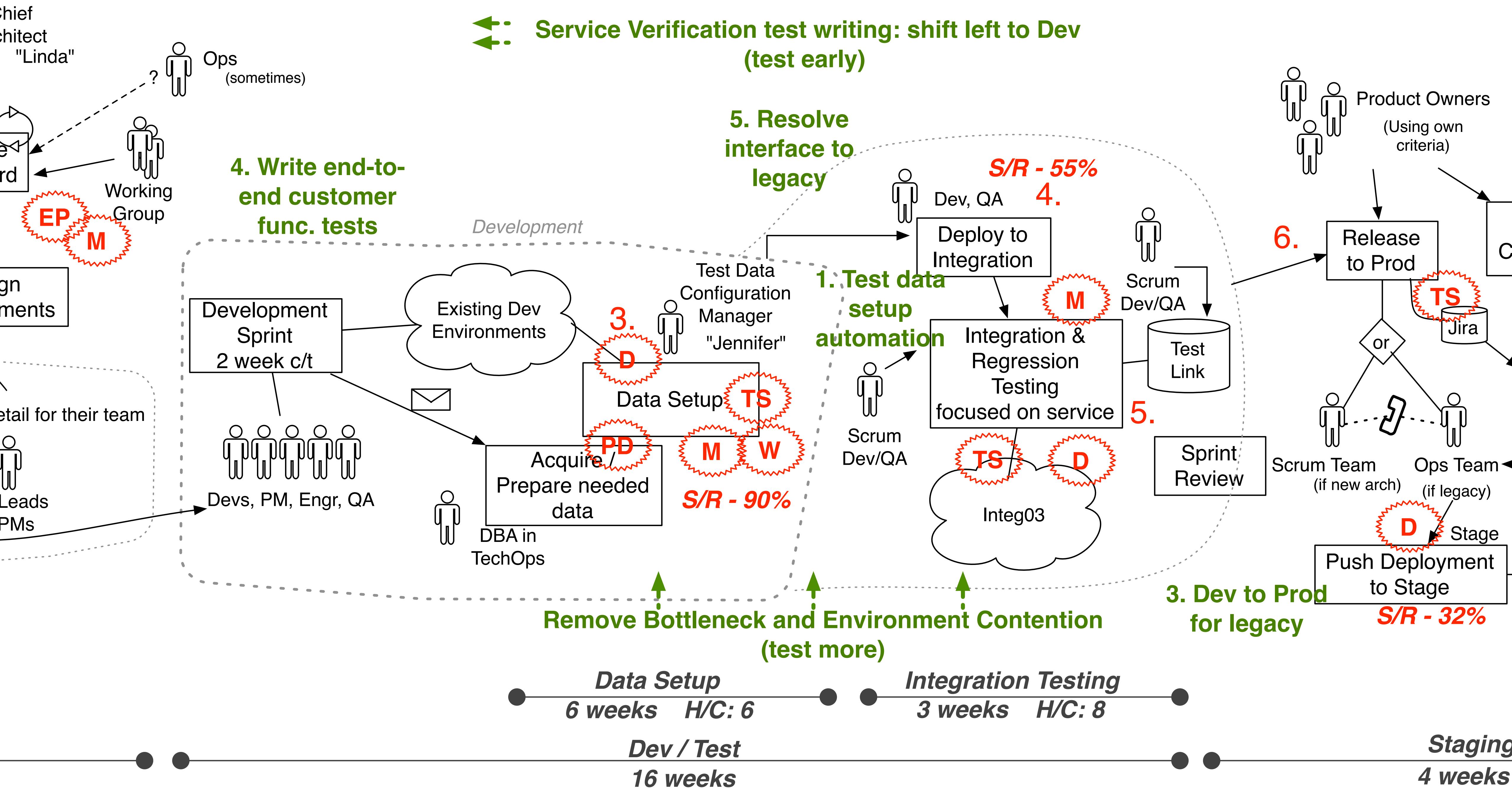


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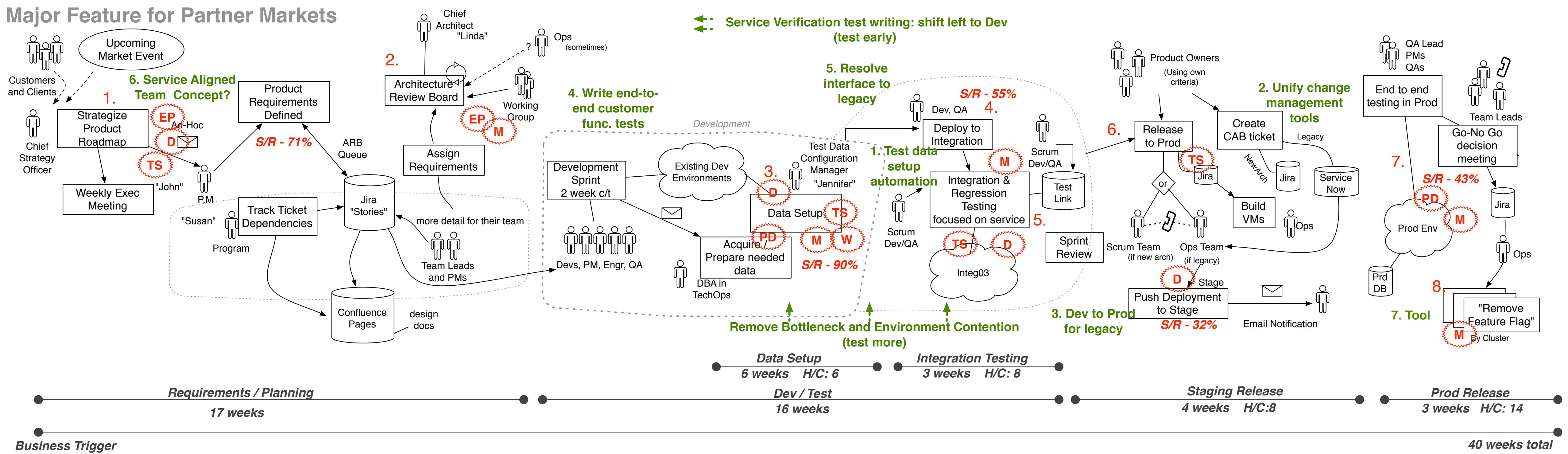


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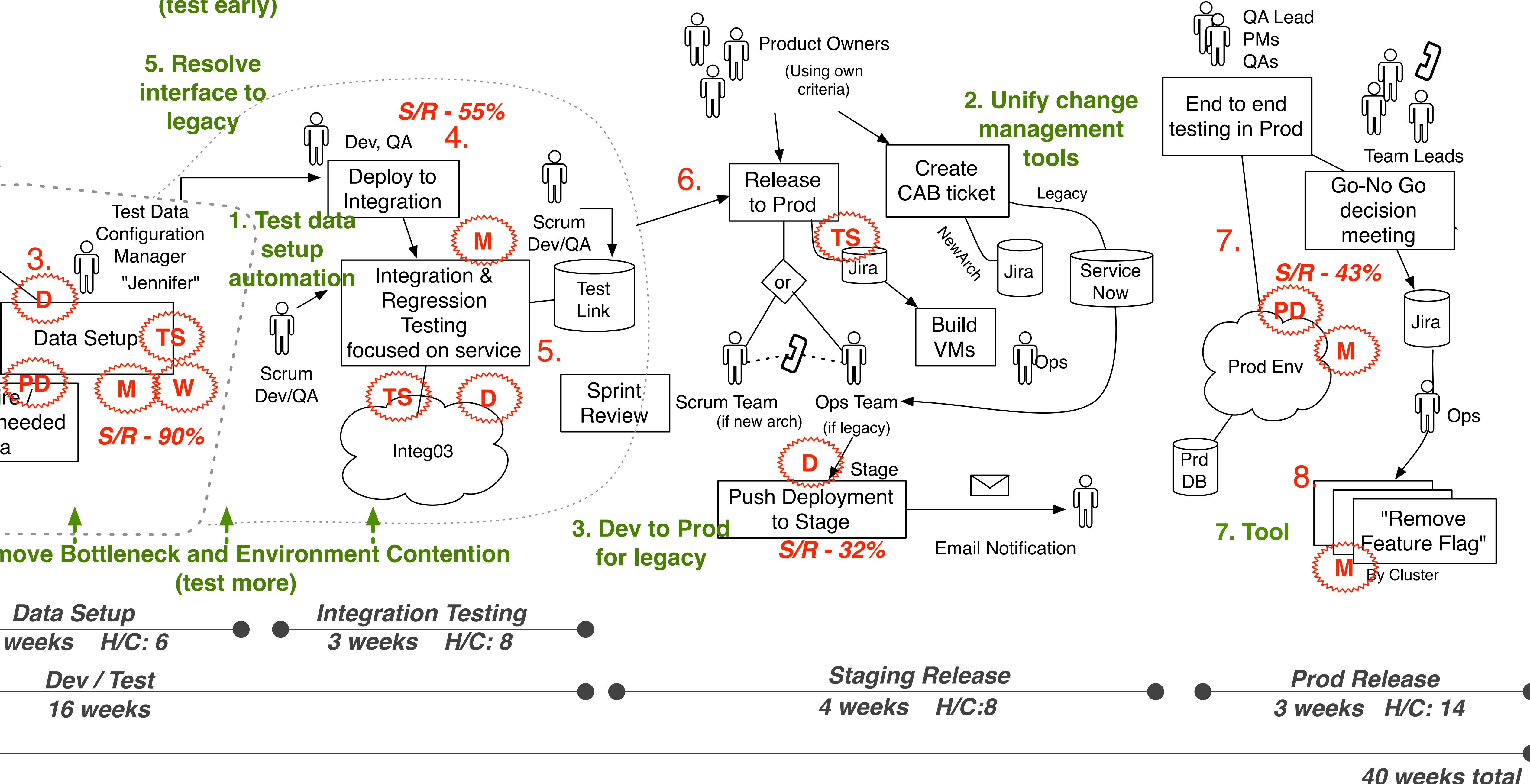




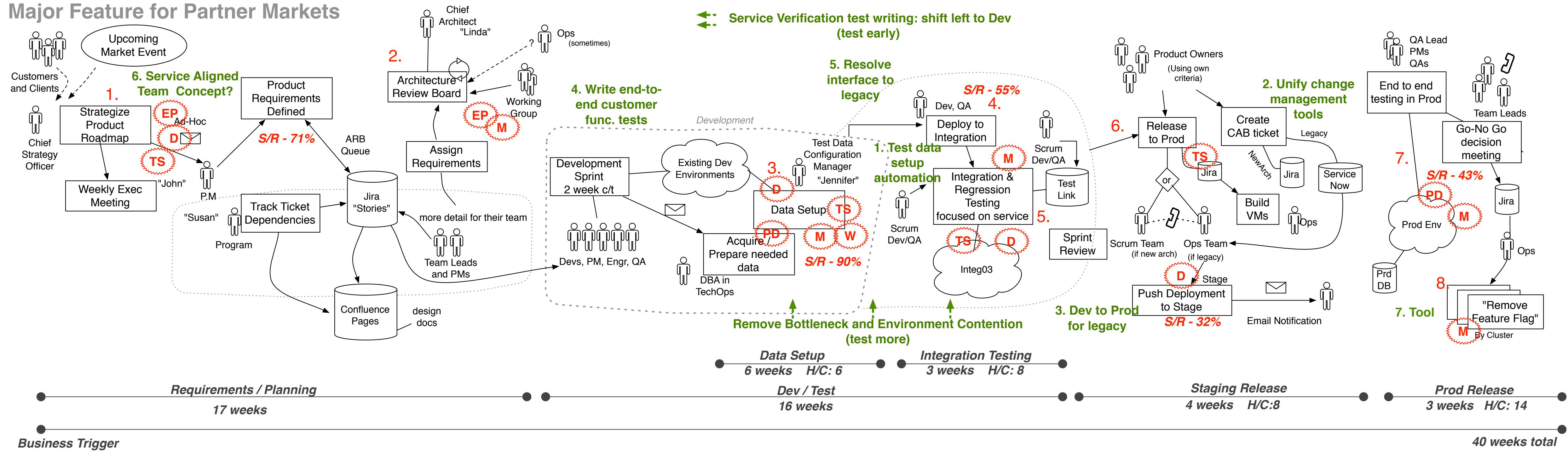
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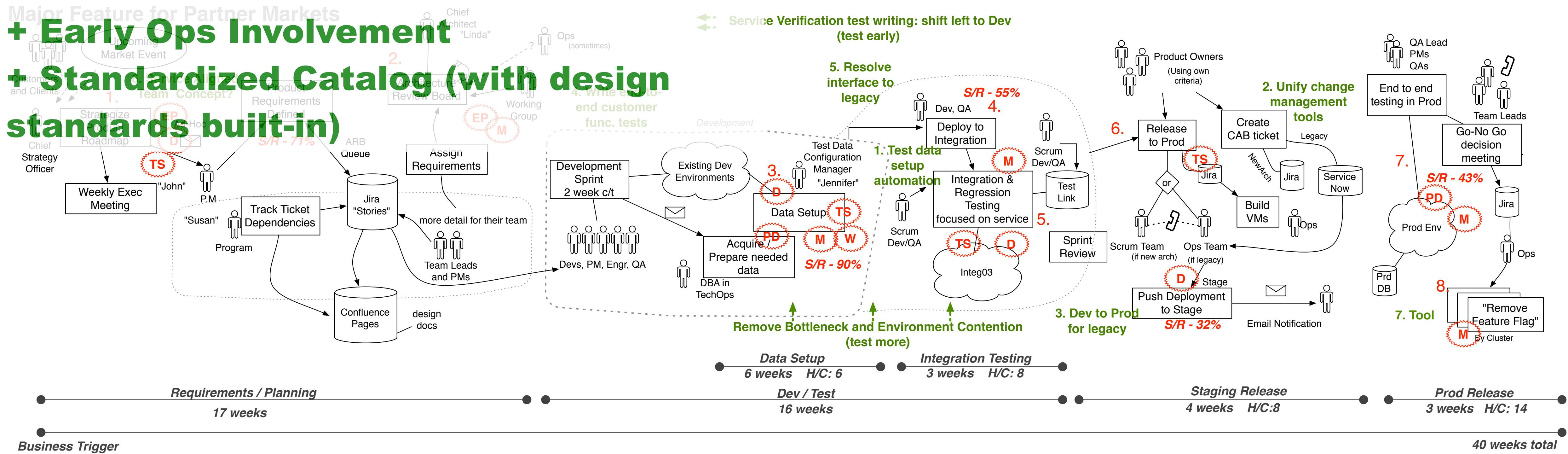
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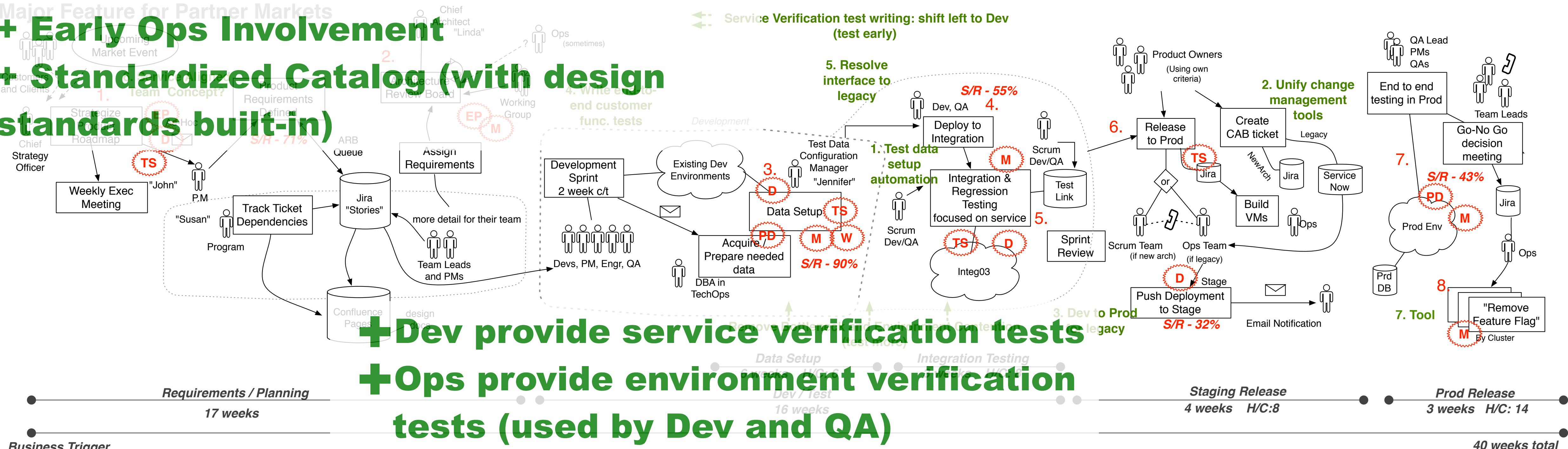
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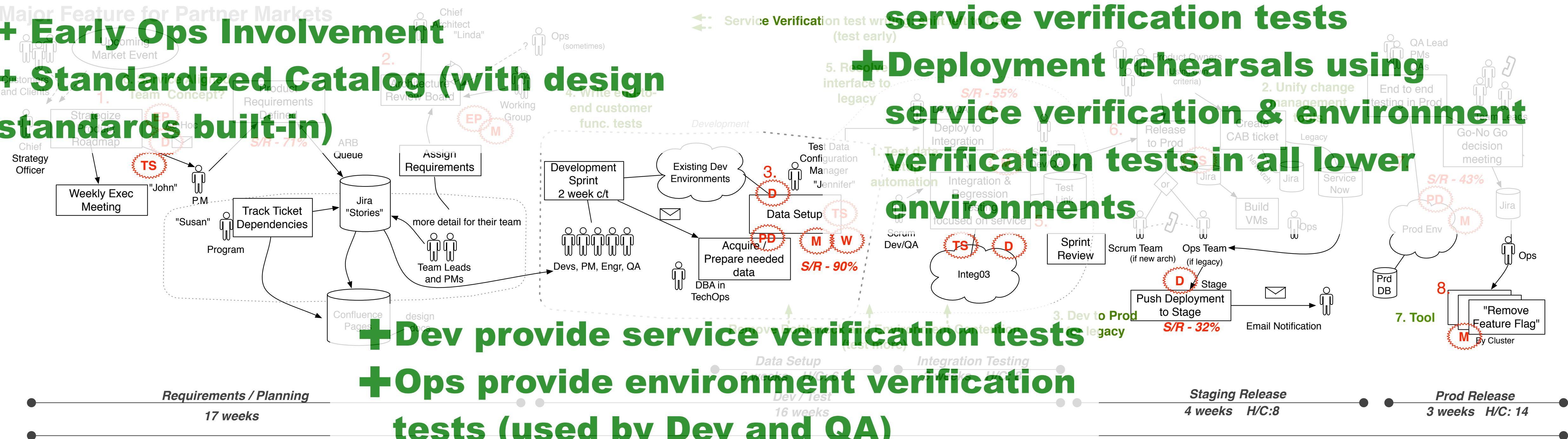
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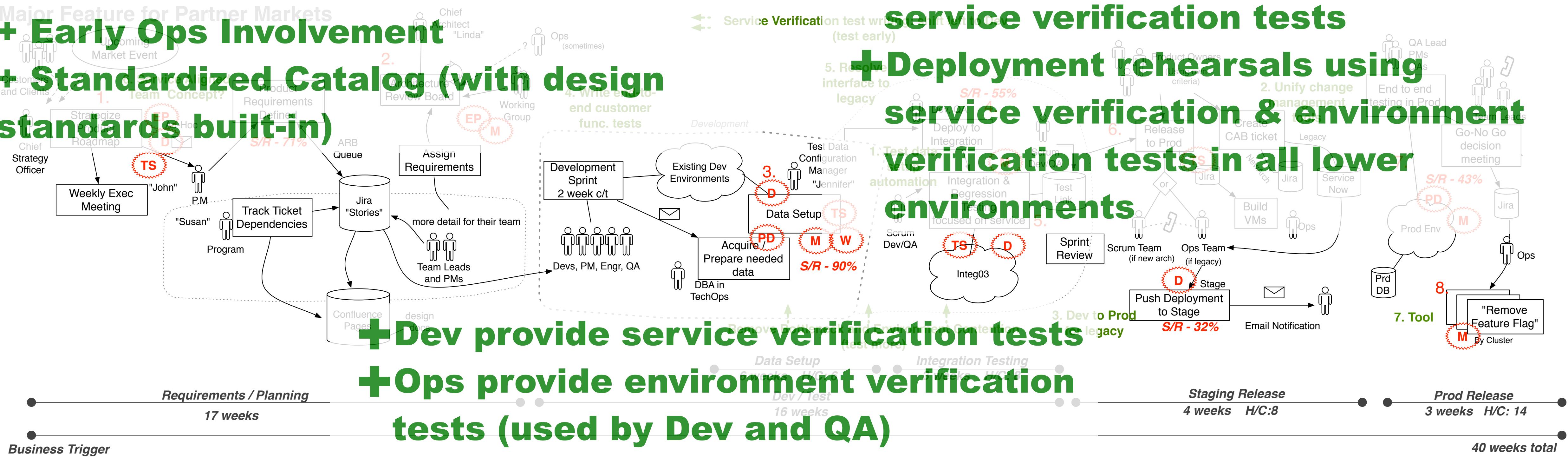
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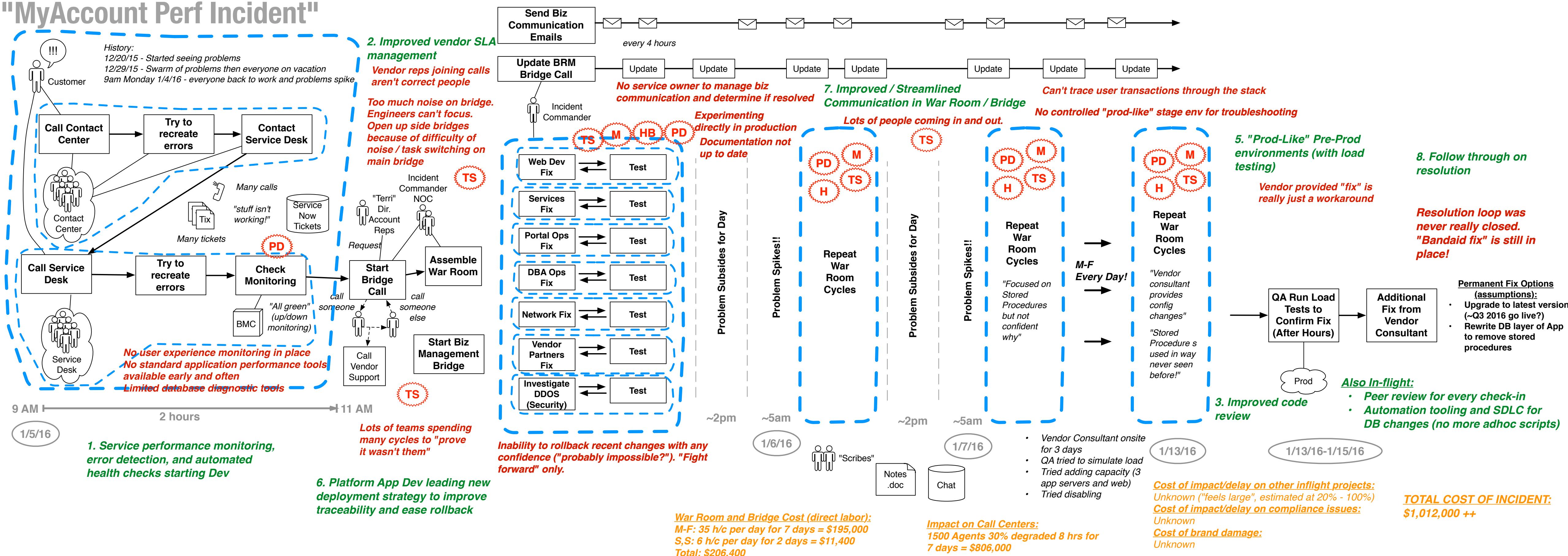
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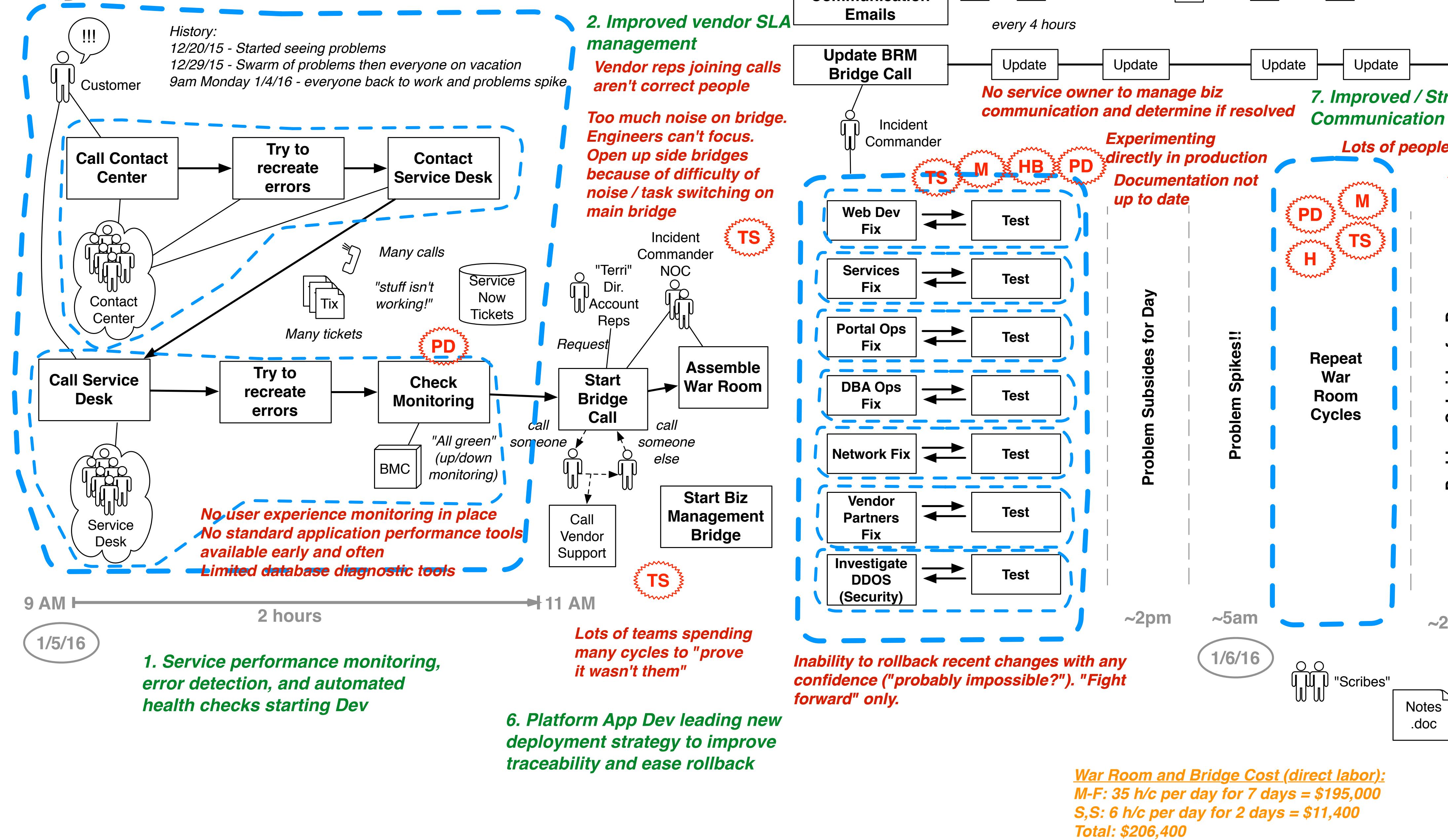


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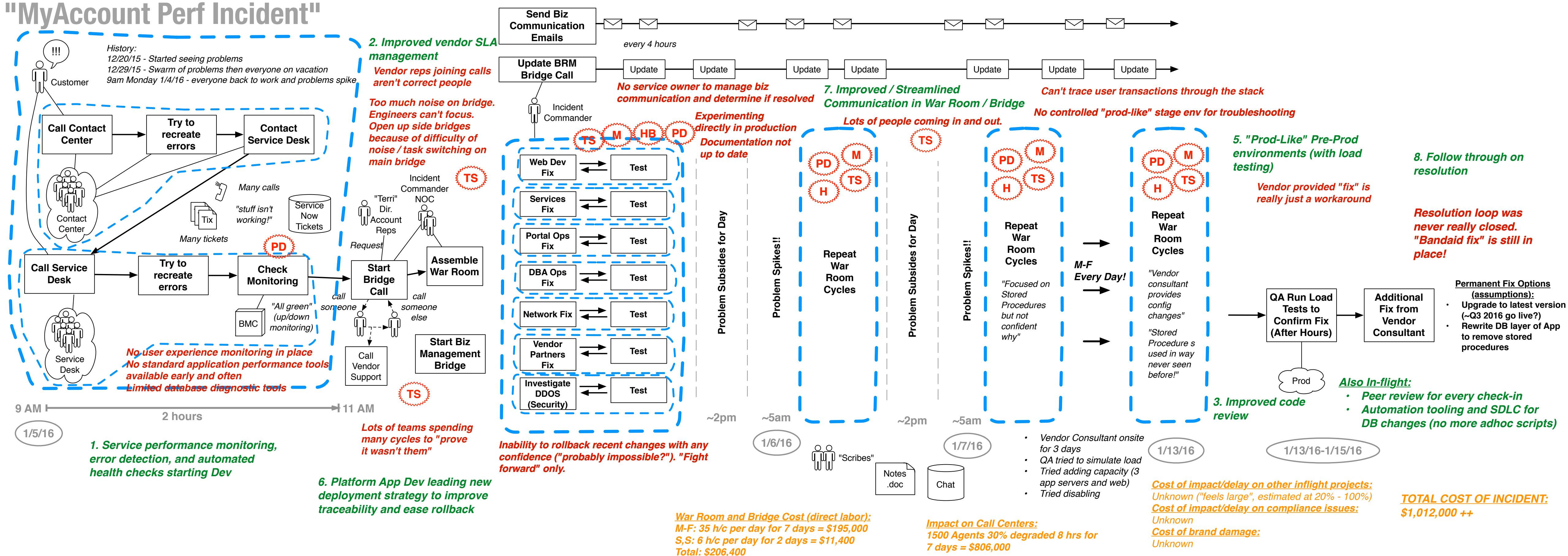
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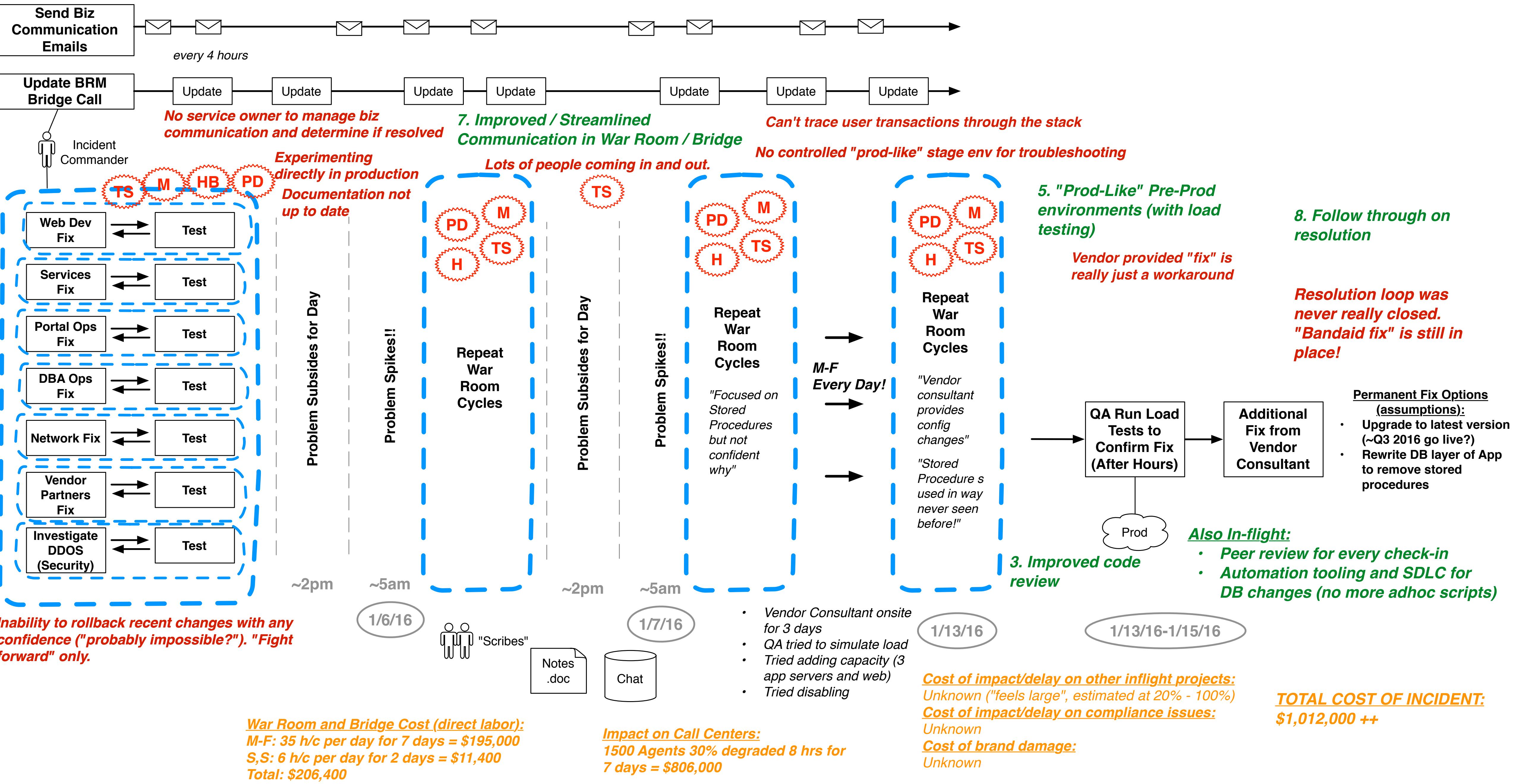


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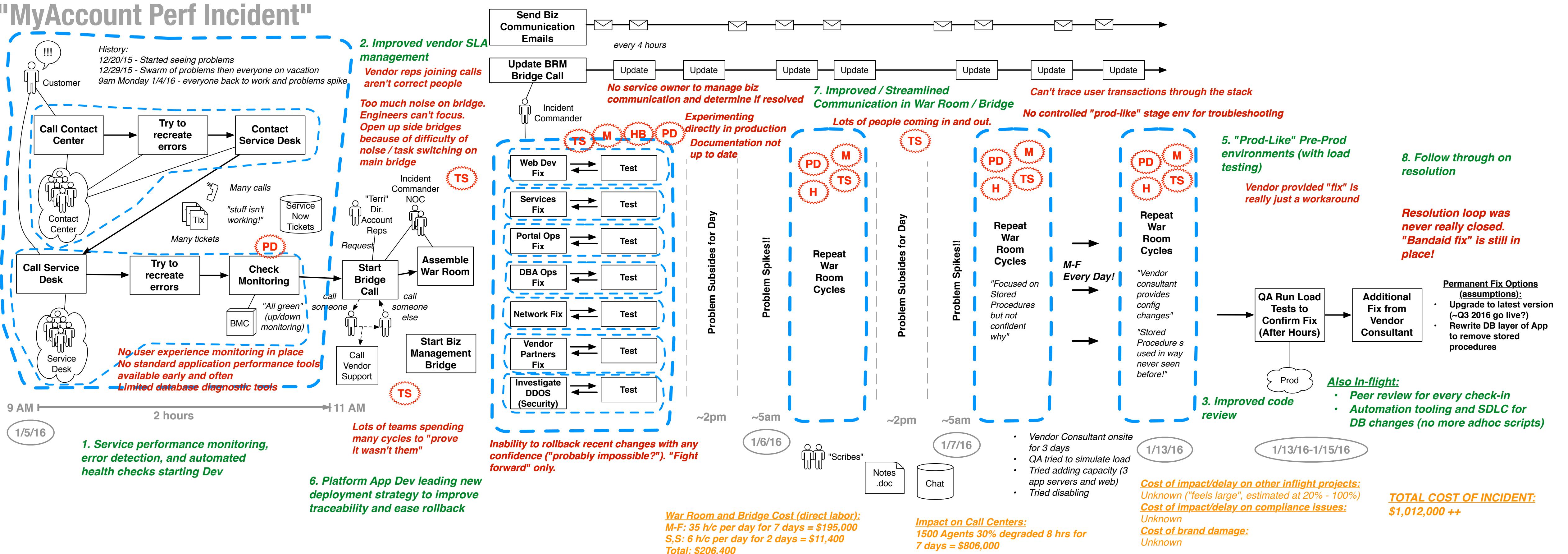


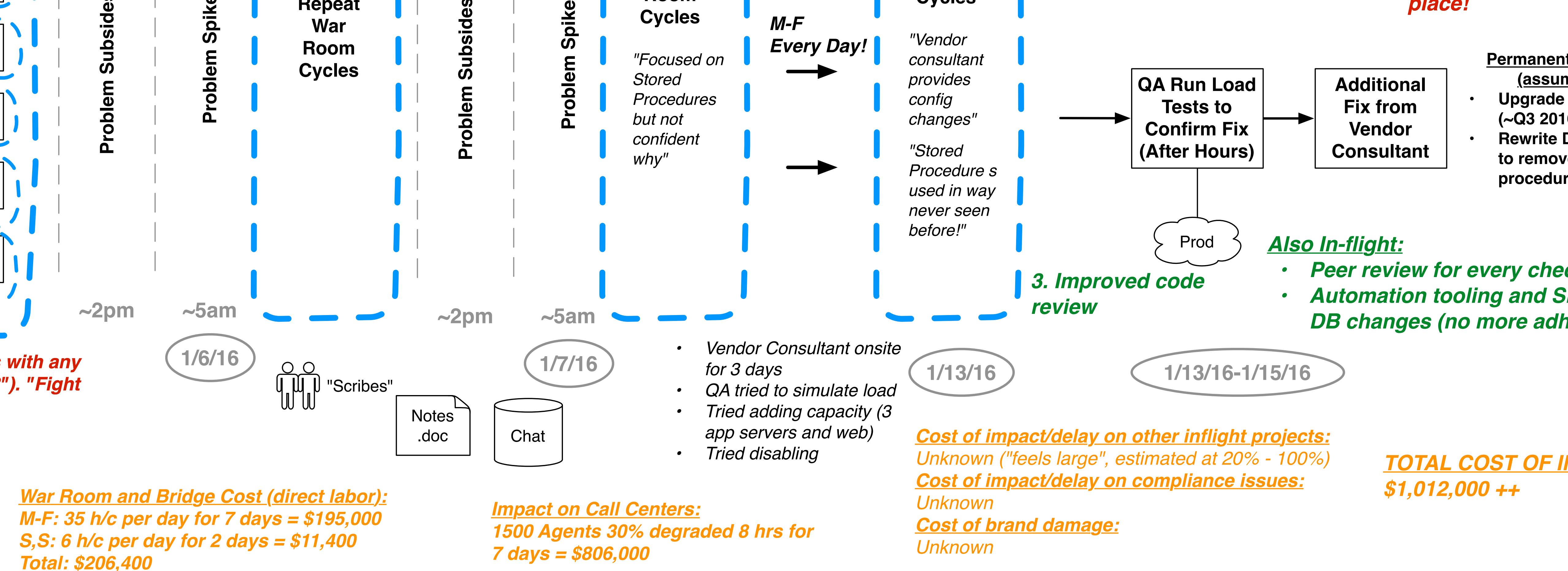
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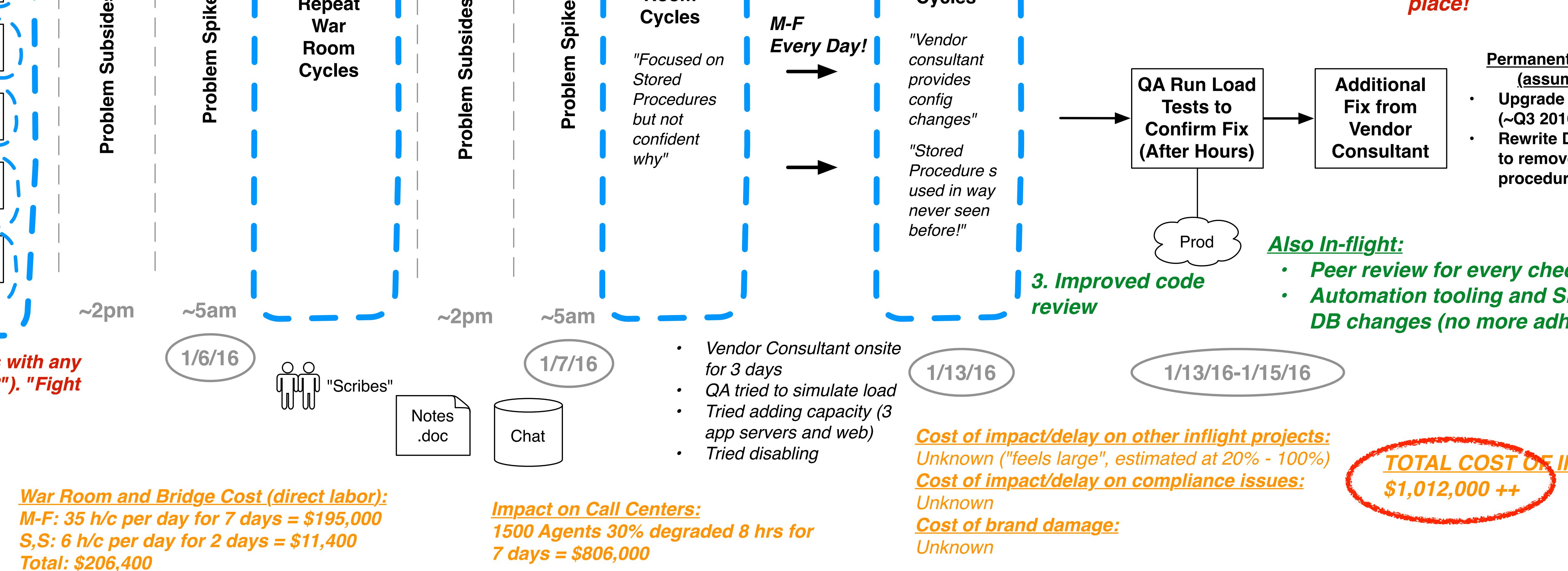




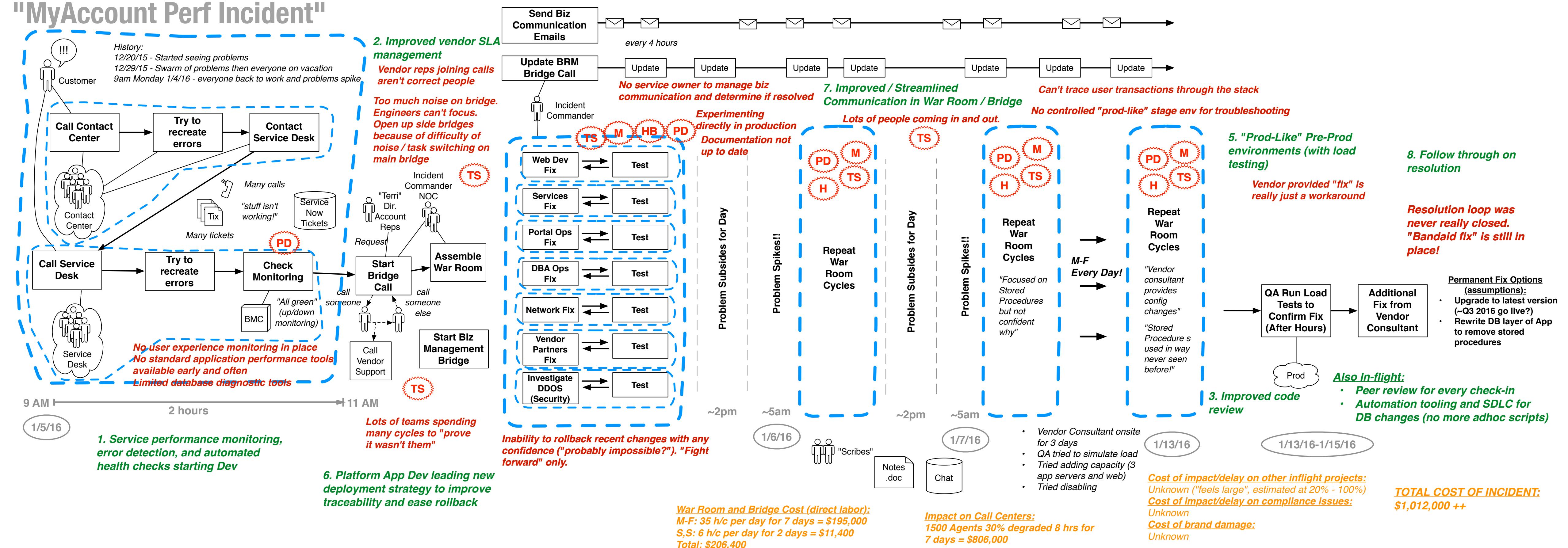
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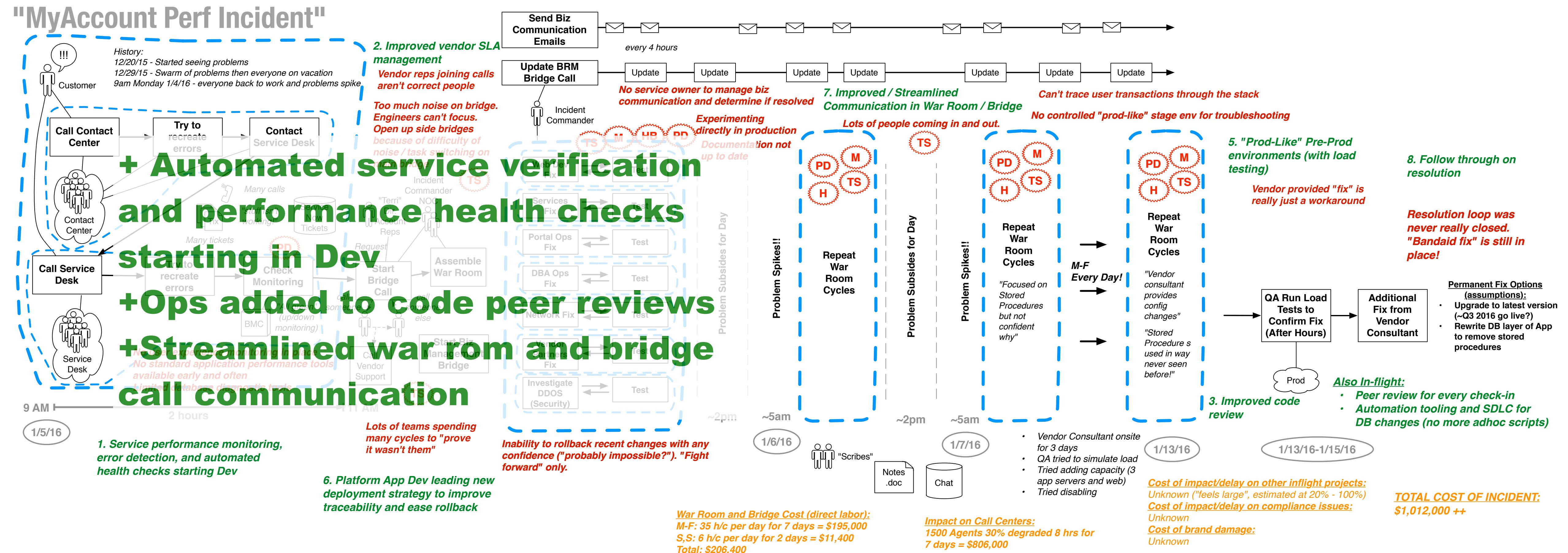


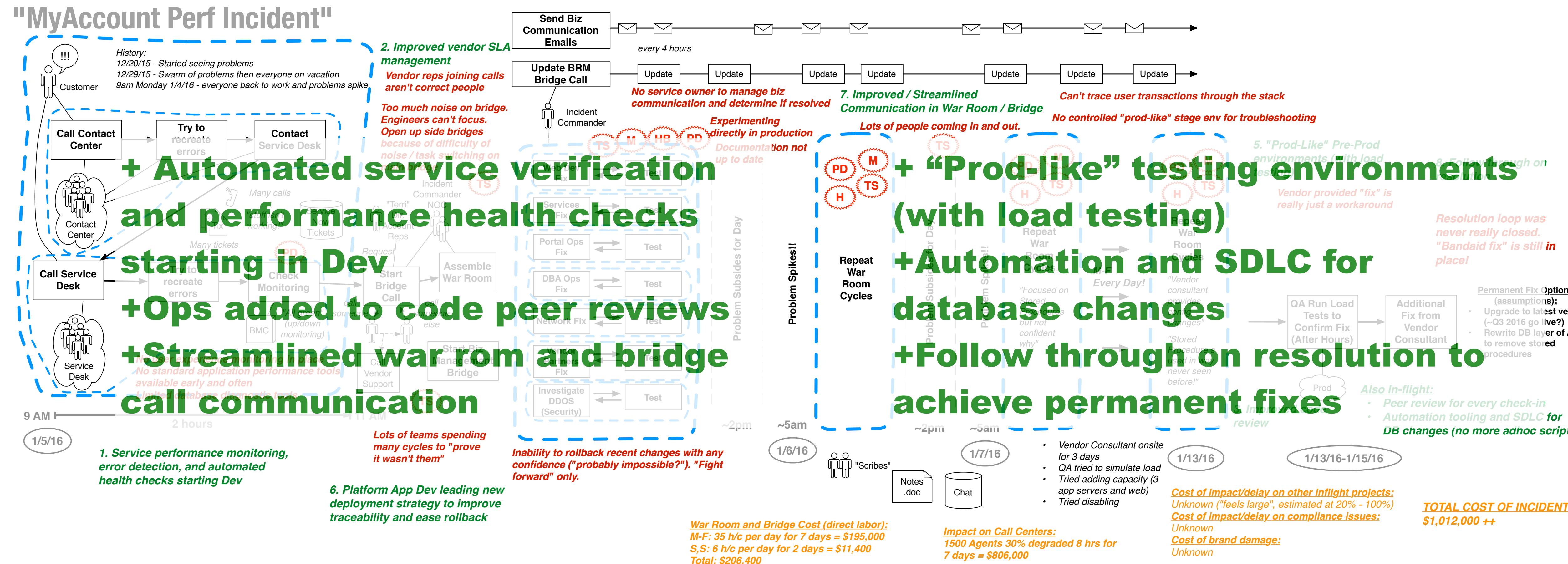




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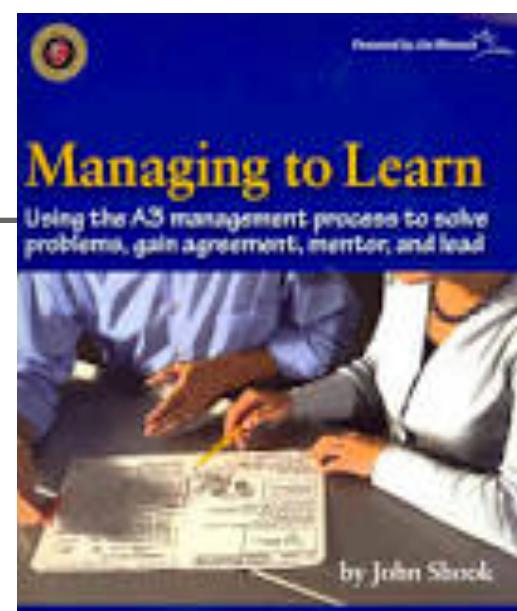
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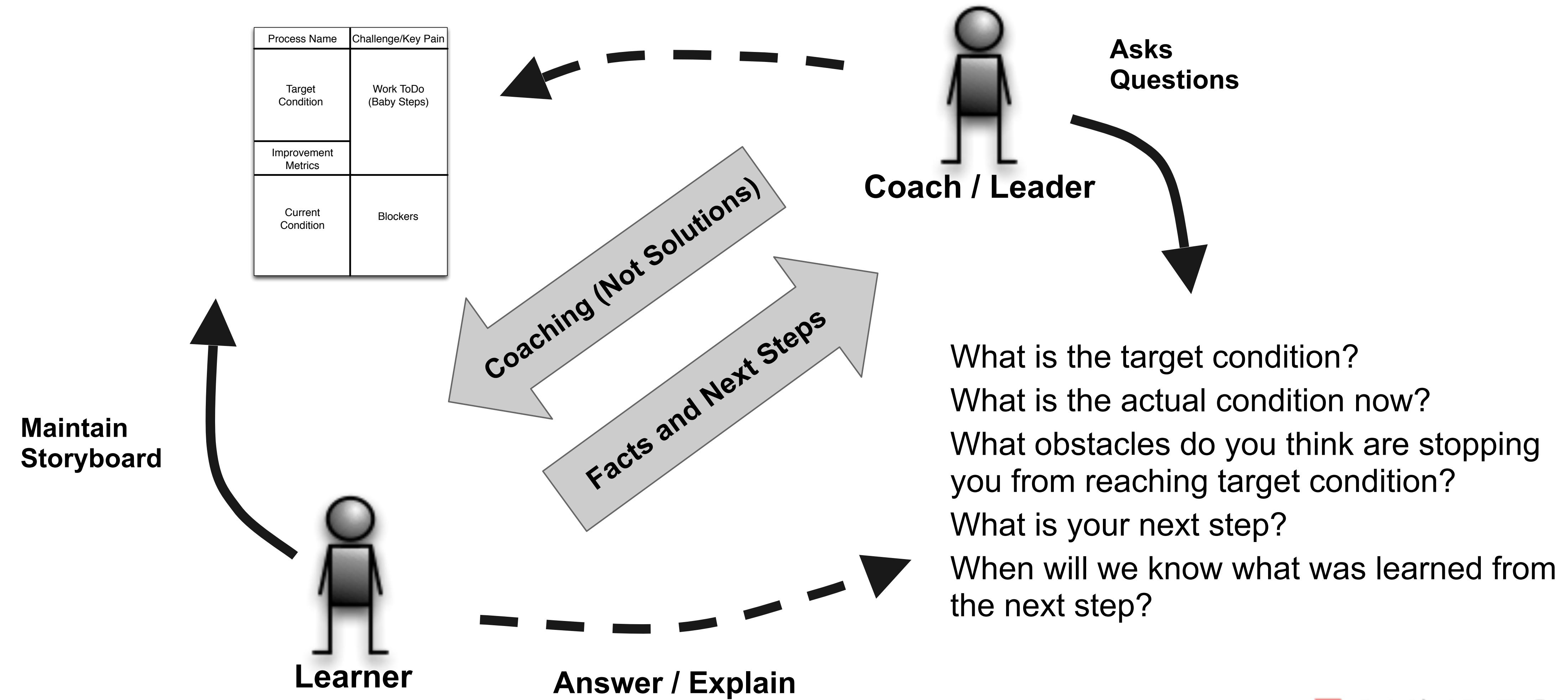
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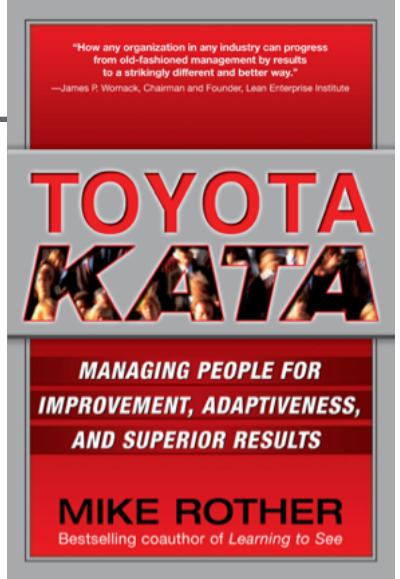
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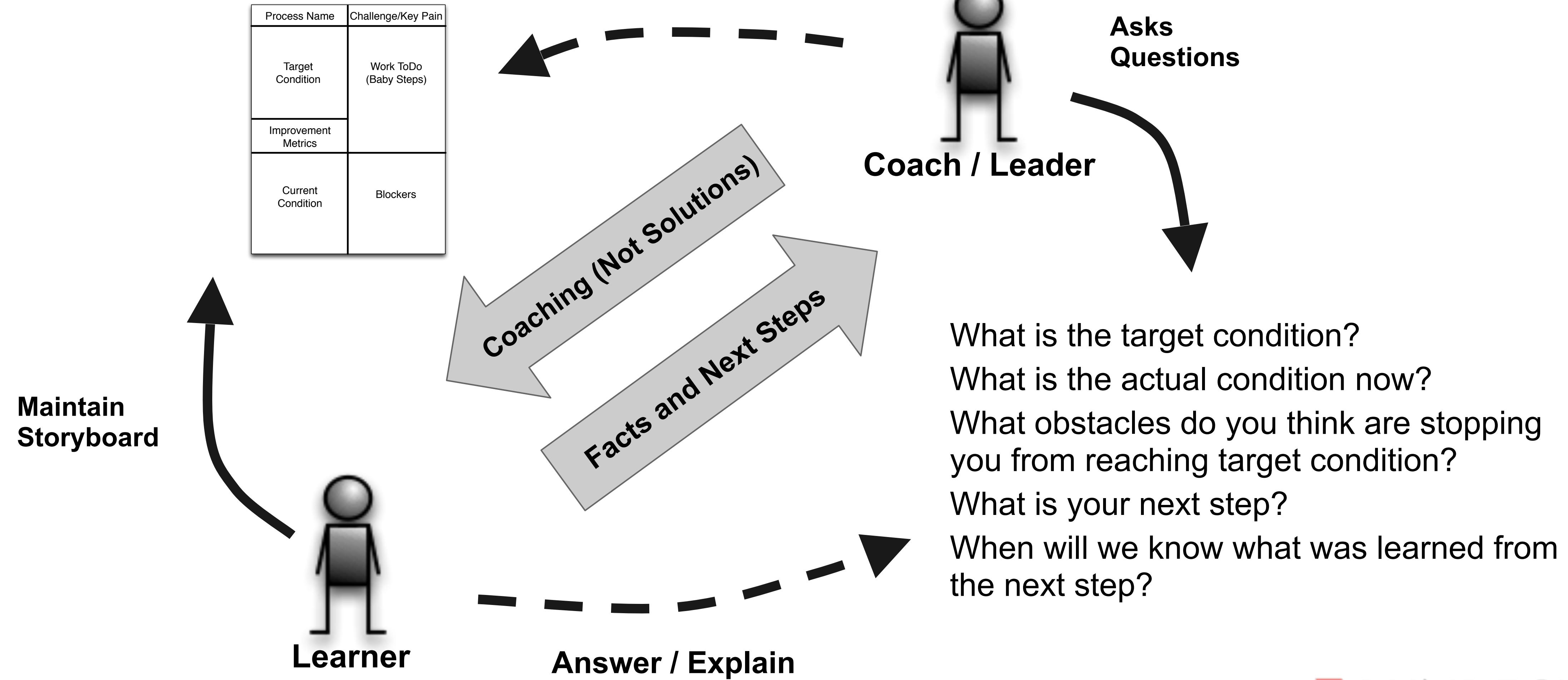
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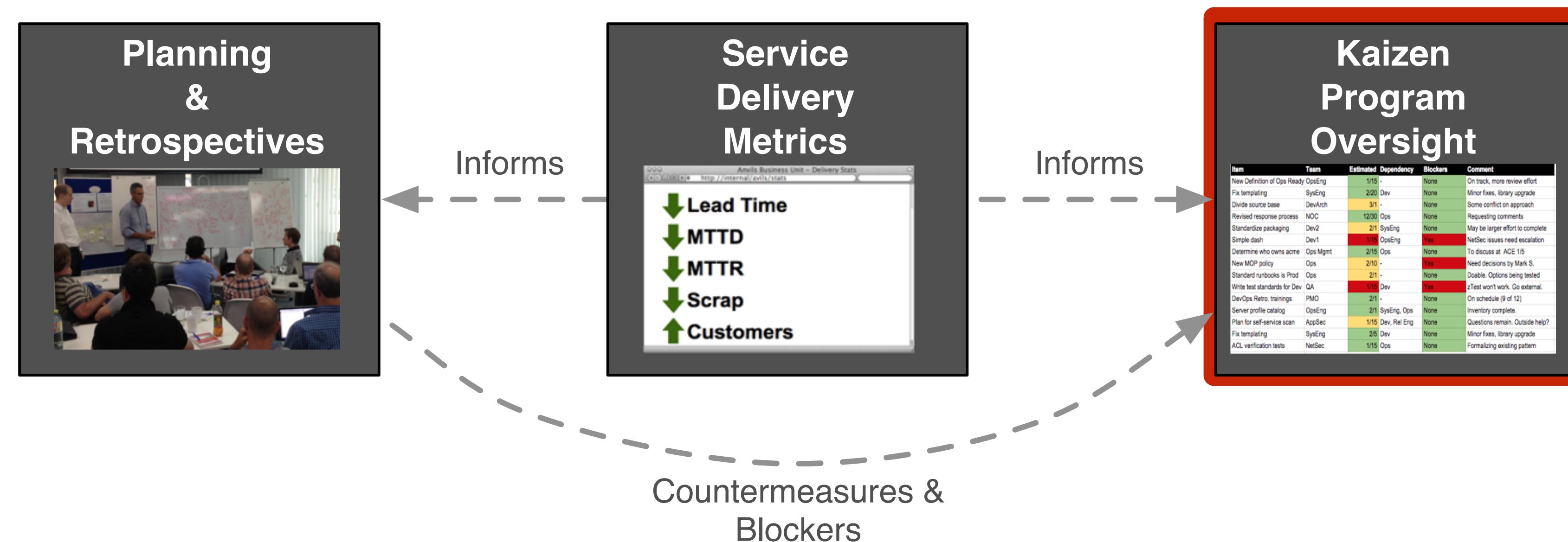
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Inspiration: Toyota Kata



Elements of a DevOps Kaizen Program



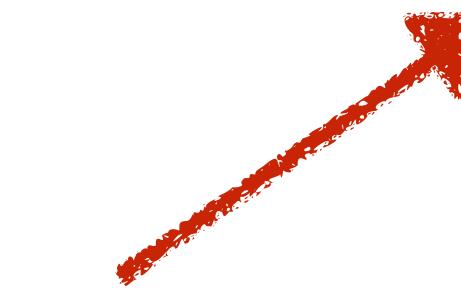
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New Definition of Ops Ready	OpsEng	1/15	-	None	On track, more review effort
Fix templating	SysEng	2/20	Dev	None	Minor fixes, library upgrade
Divide source base	DevArch	3/1	-	None	Some conflict on approach
Revised response process	NOC	12/30	Ops	-	Requesting comments
Standardize packaging	Dev2	2/1	SysEng	None	May be larger effort to complete
Simple dash	Dev1	1/15	OpsEng	Yes	NetSec issues need escalation
Determine who owns acme	Ops Mgmt	2/15	Ops	-	To discuss at ACE 15
New MOP policy	Ops	2/10	-	Yes	Need decisions by Mark S.
Standard runbooks	Prod	2/1	-	None	Double. Options being tested
Write test standards for Dev	QA	1/15	Dev	Yes	zTest won't work. Go external.
DevOps Ref trainings	PMO	2/1	-	None	On schedule (9 of 12)
Server profile catalog	OpsEng	2/1	SysEng, Ops	None	Inventory completed
Plan for self-service scan	AppSec	1/15	Dev, Rel Eng	None	Questions remain. Outside help?
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ACL verification tests	NetSec	1/15	Ops	None	Formalizing existing pattern

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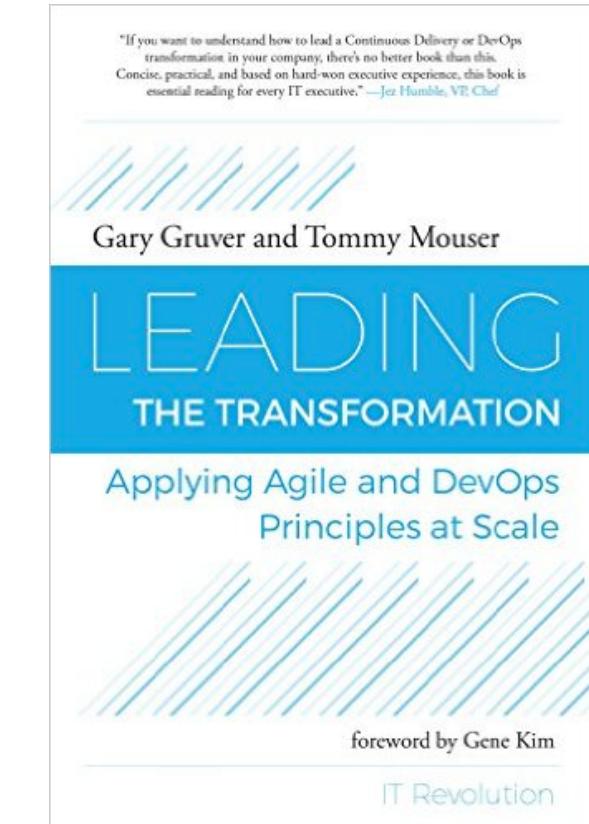
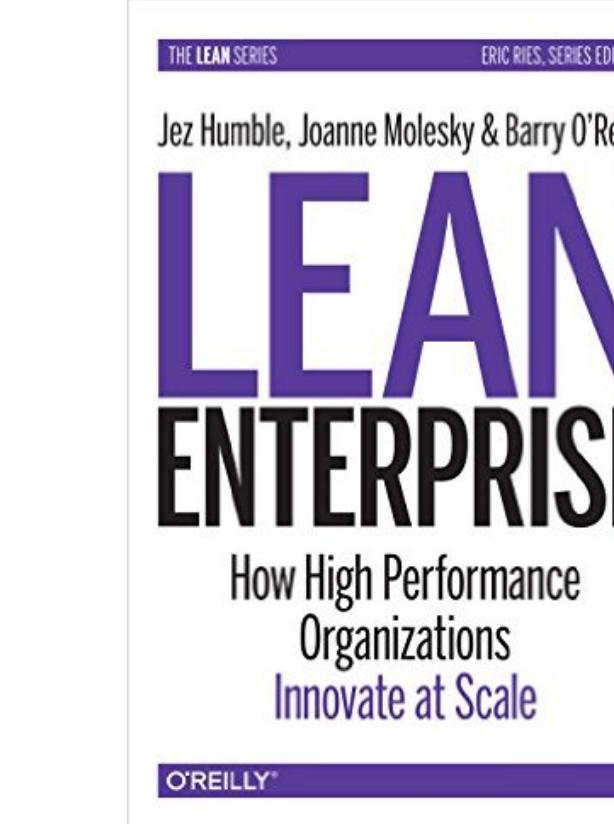
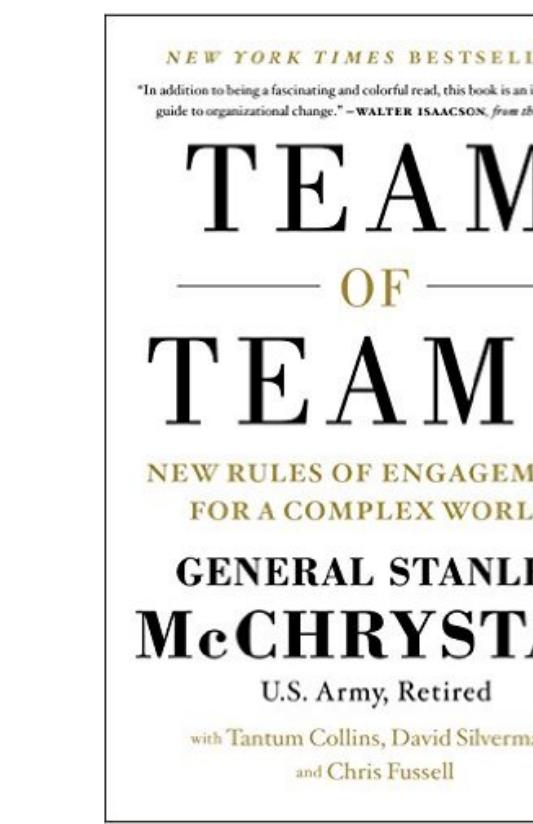
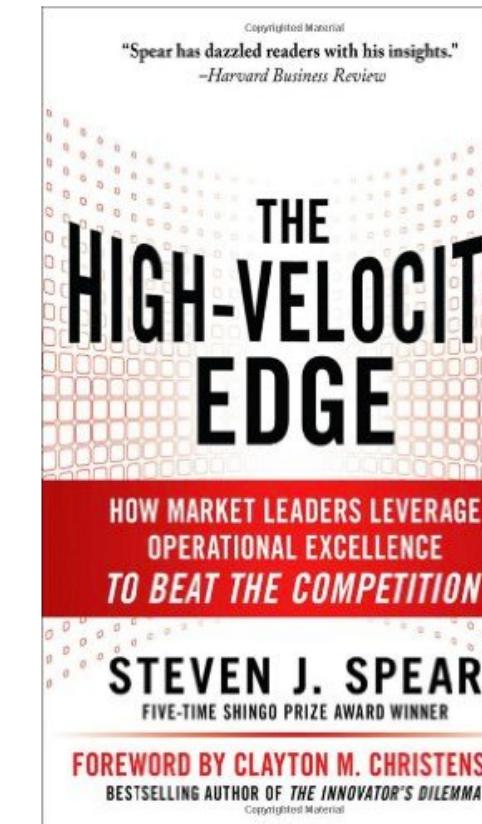
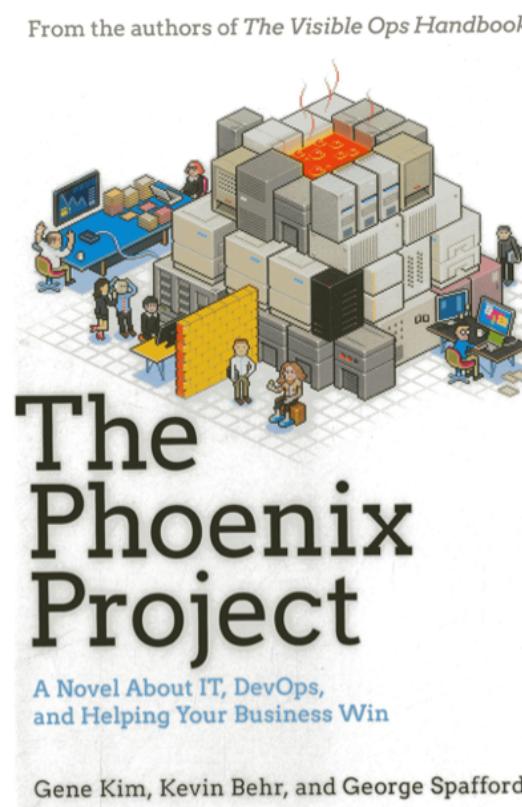
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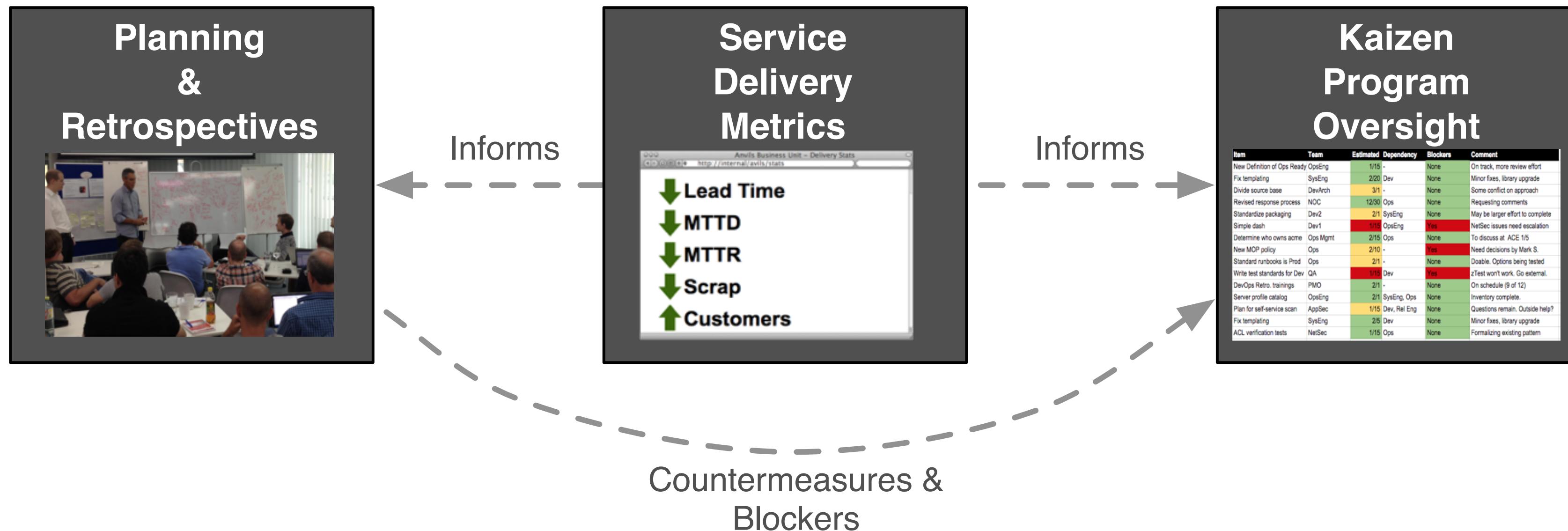
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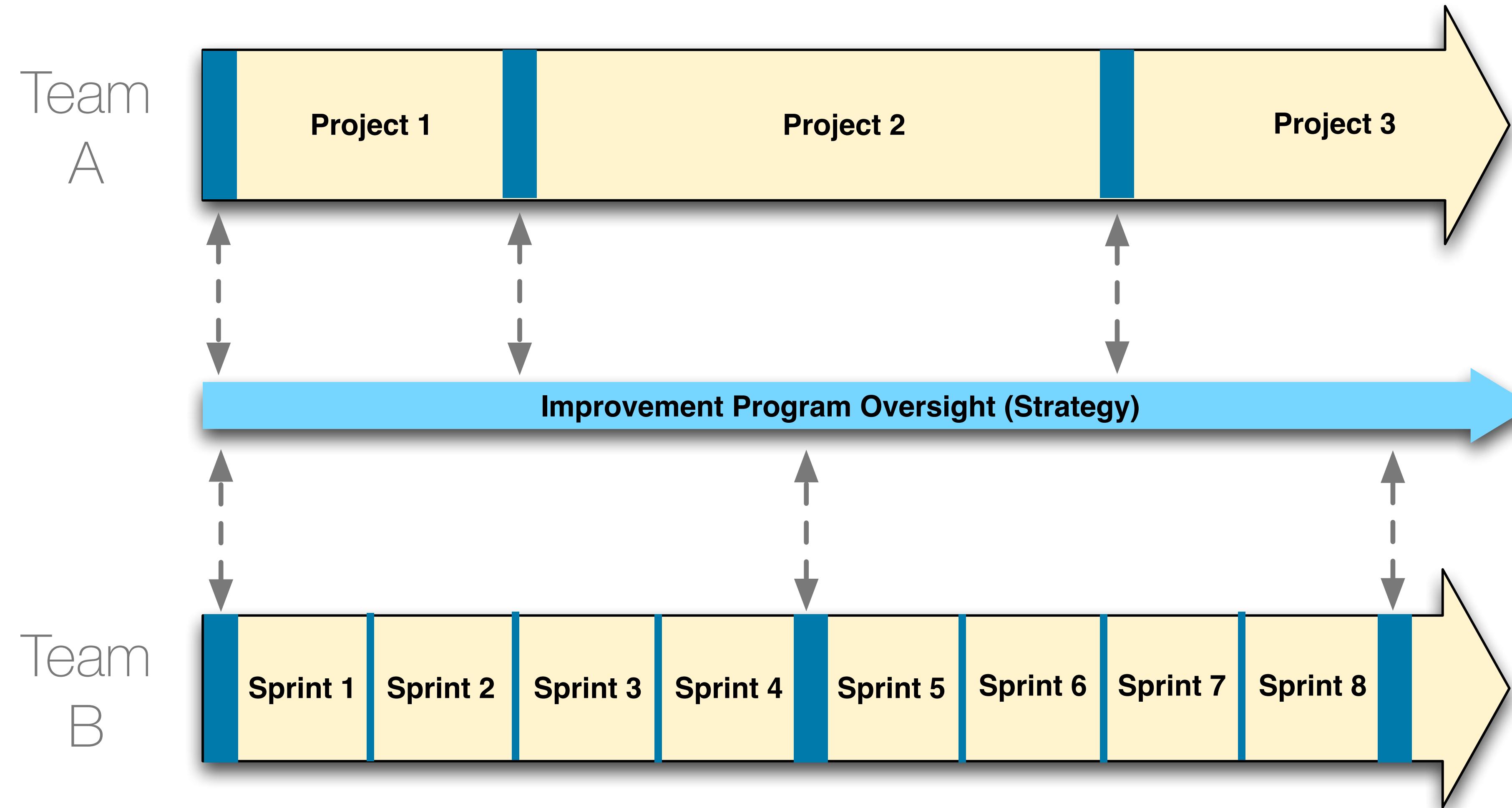


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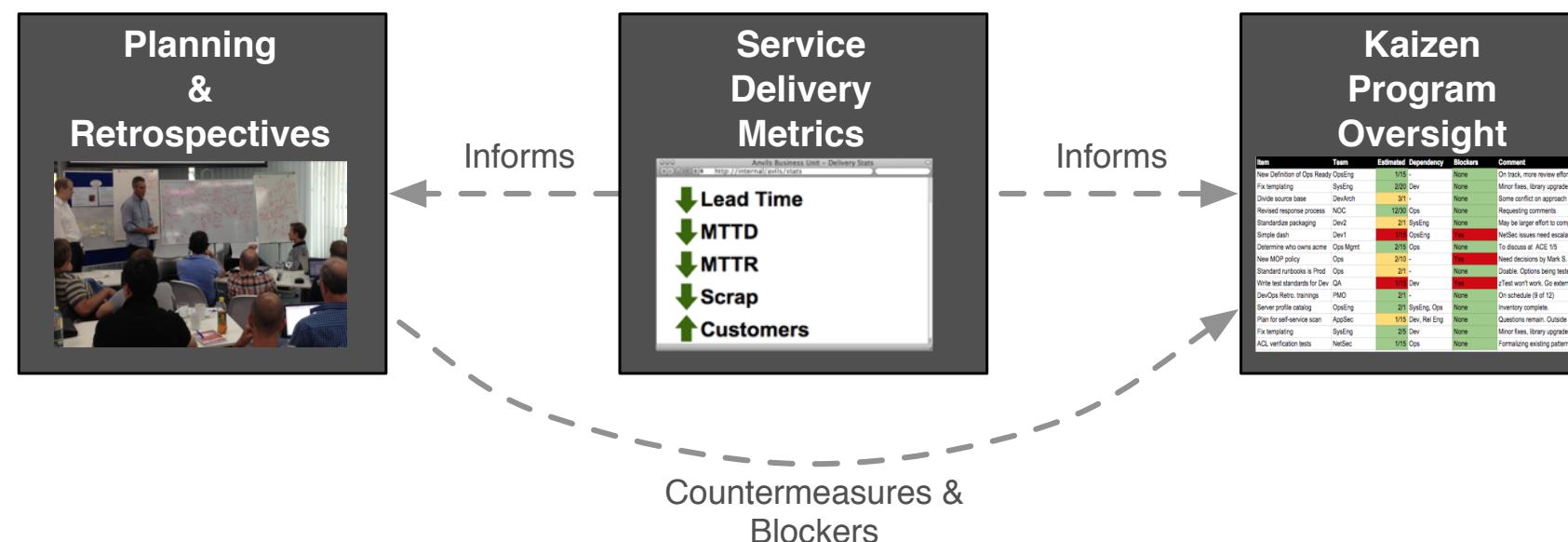
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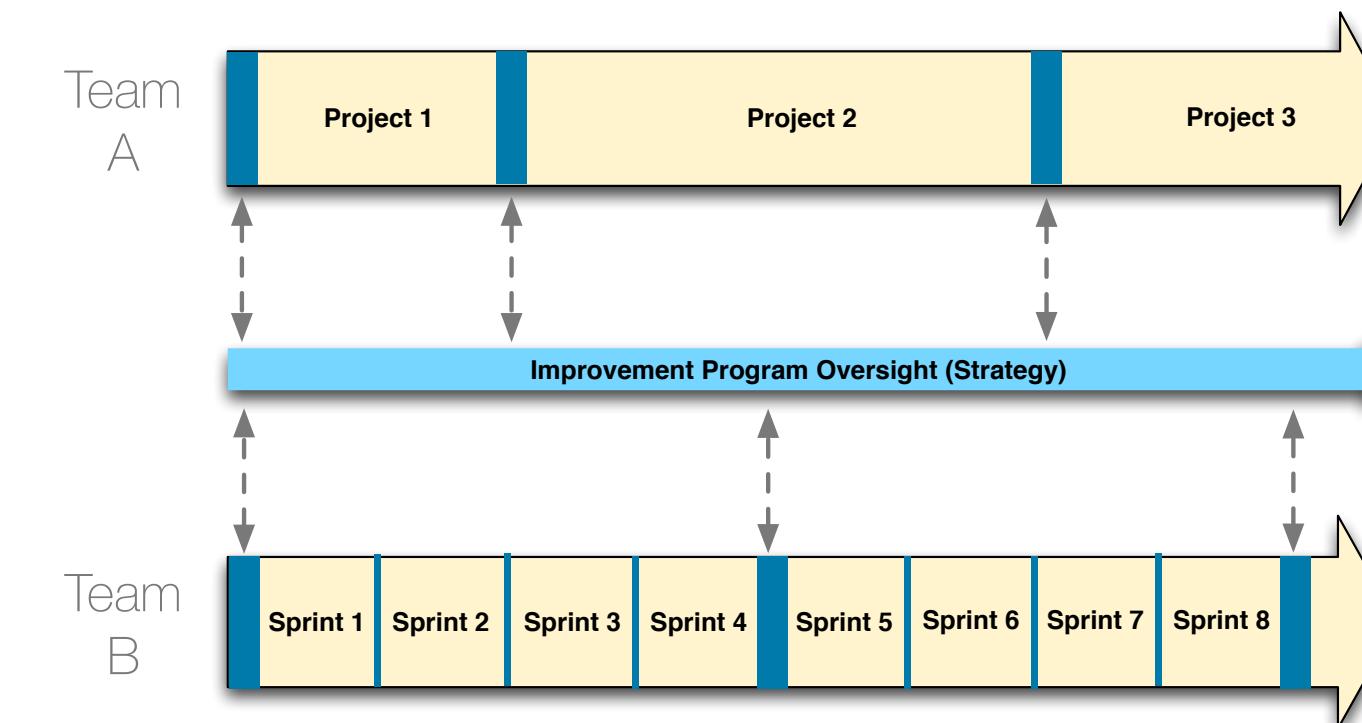
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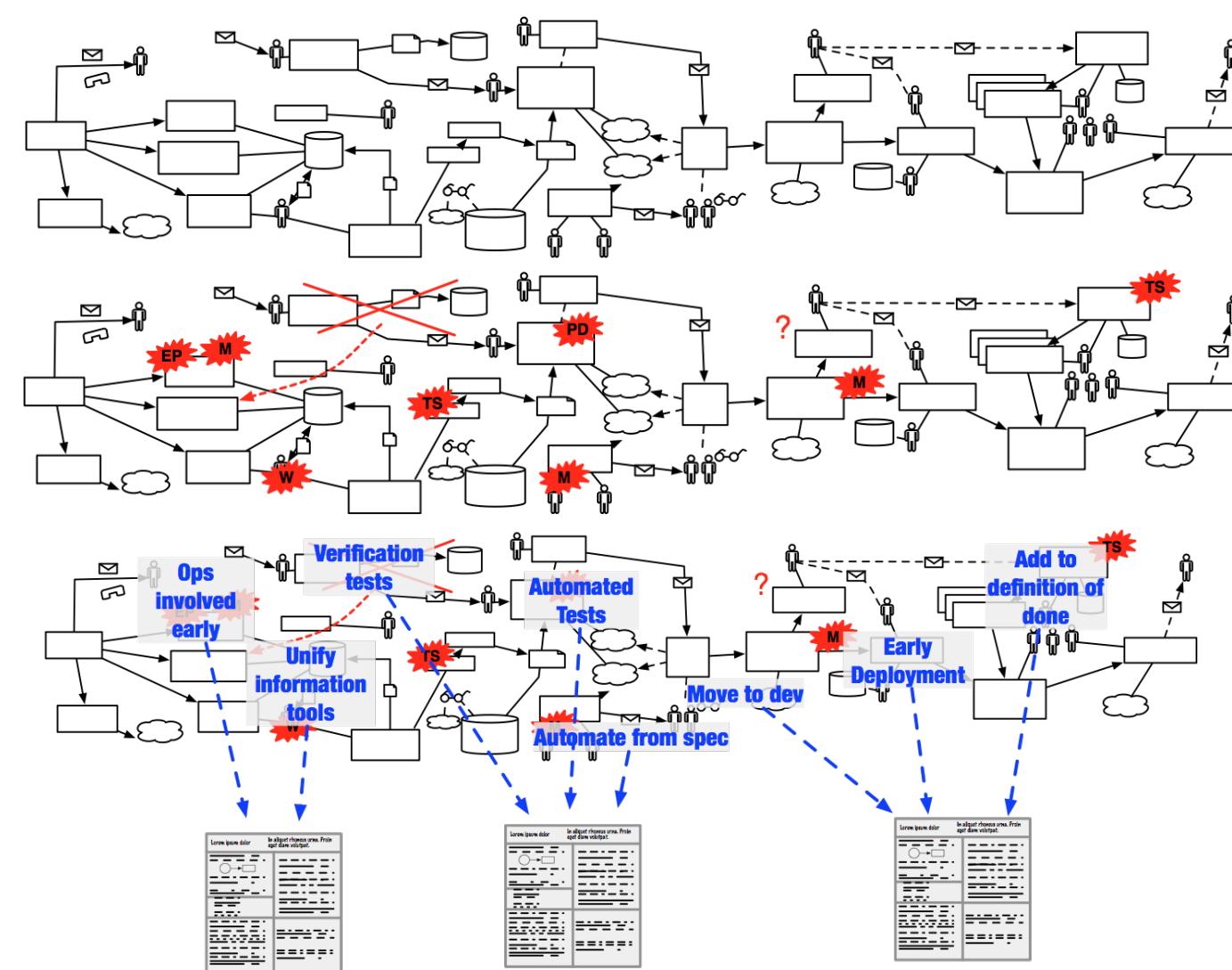
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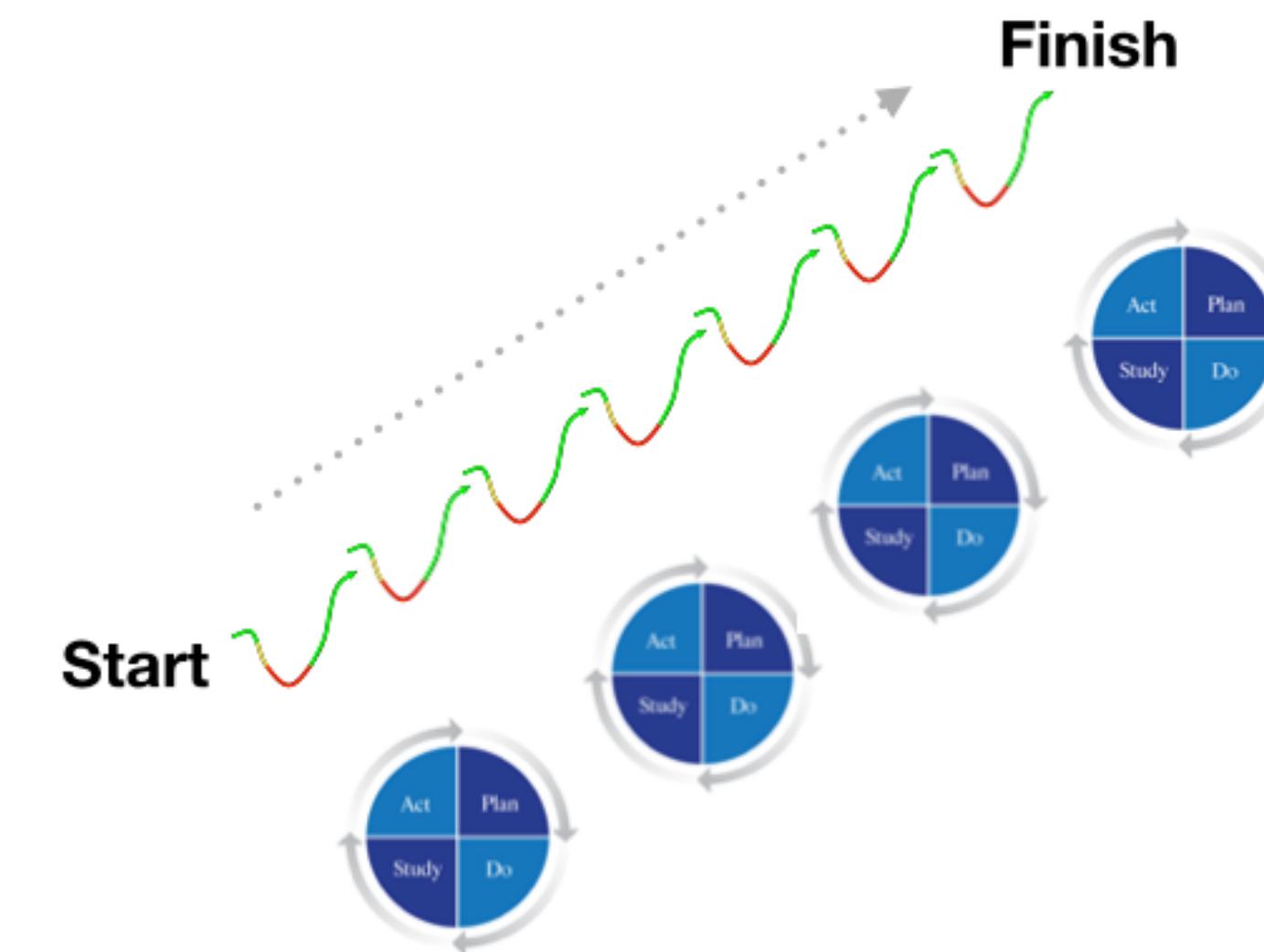
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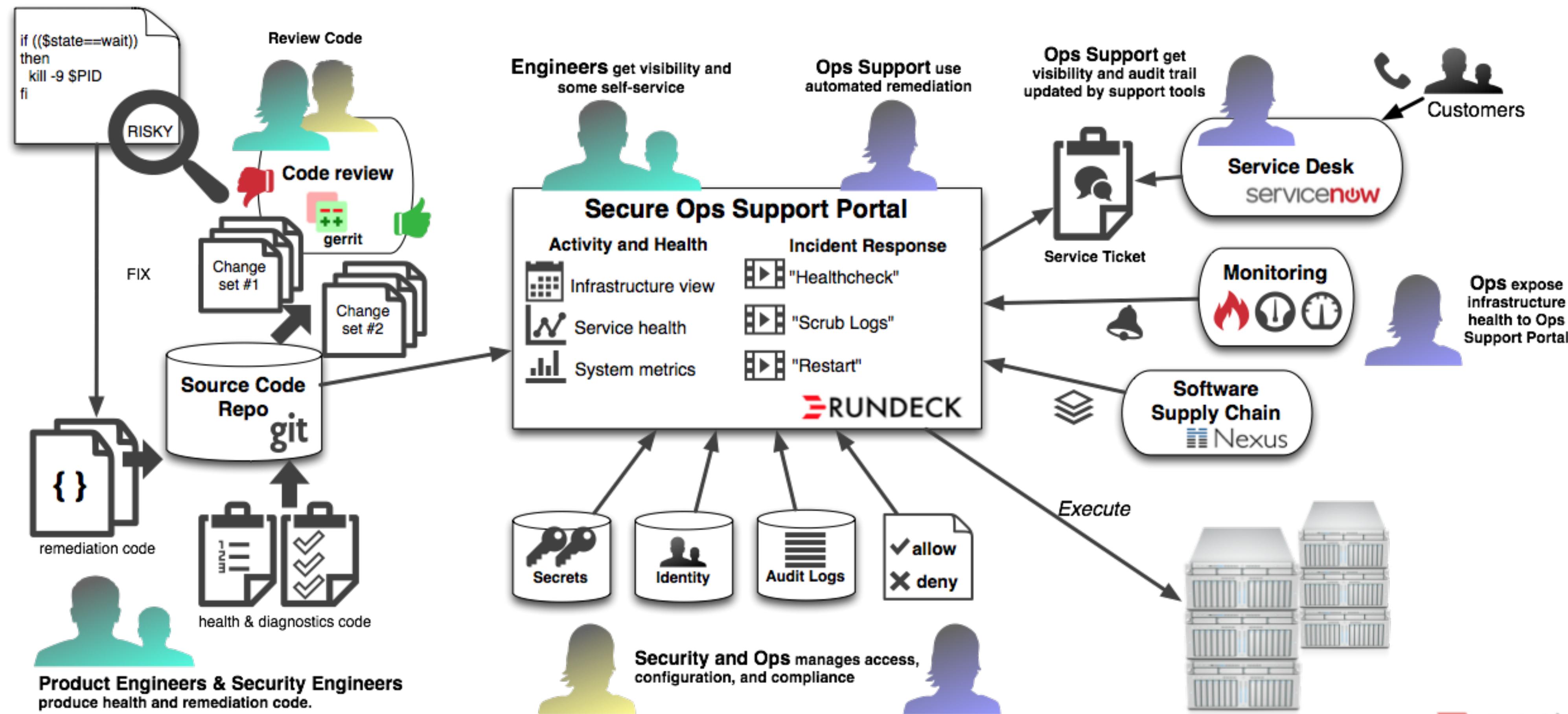


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