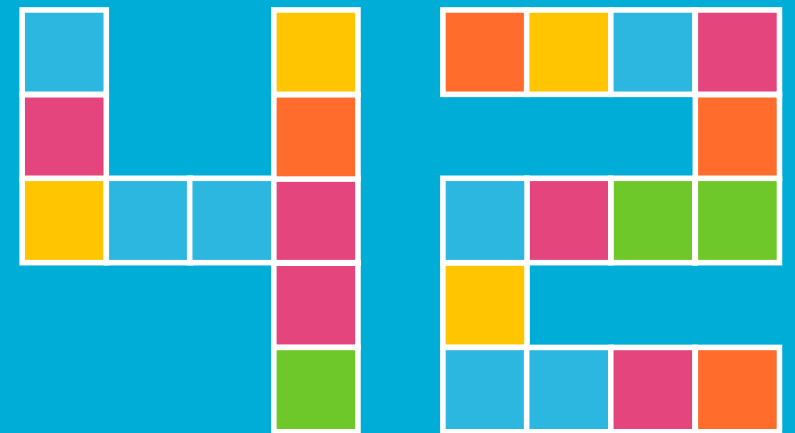


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Abstract

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New gadgets and slow mobile apps tempt many a developer to spend the Christmas holidays reverse engineering, hacking and coding to put their world back together.

Join a motivated developer on his journey to successfully implement his idea. Along the way, he is surprised at how much or how little effort is involved in each step, and what he learns along the way. We dive into the world of Android apps, Spring Boot, Buildpacks, GitHub Actions, Docker containers, GraphQL and API breaking changes.

A thriller in three acts.

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Introduction



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My focus is on the development of software solutions with humans.

Coaching, Architecture, Development, Reviews, and Training.

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How do you learn new things for work or in general? 

Does it only happen during working hours? 

How do you prepare for future tasks? 

Agenda

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- Getting a new toy (device)
- The pain caused
- Trying to find a solution
- DIY
- More pain
- The (current) result
- Lessons learned (for work)

Meet the Developer

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- Problem solver, software developer and architect
- Loves to have a challenge and learn new things
- Has a family and a full-time job
- Tinkering around Christmas is possible
- Got a new toy (device) for Christmas 📺







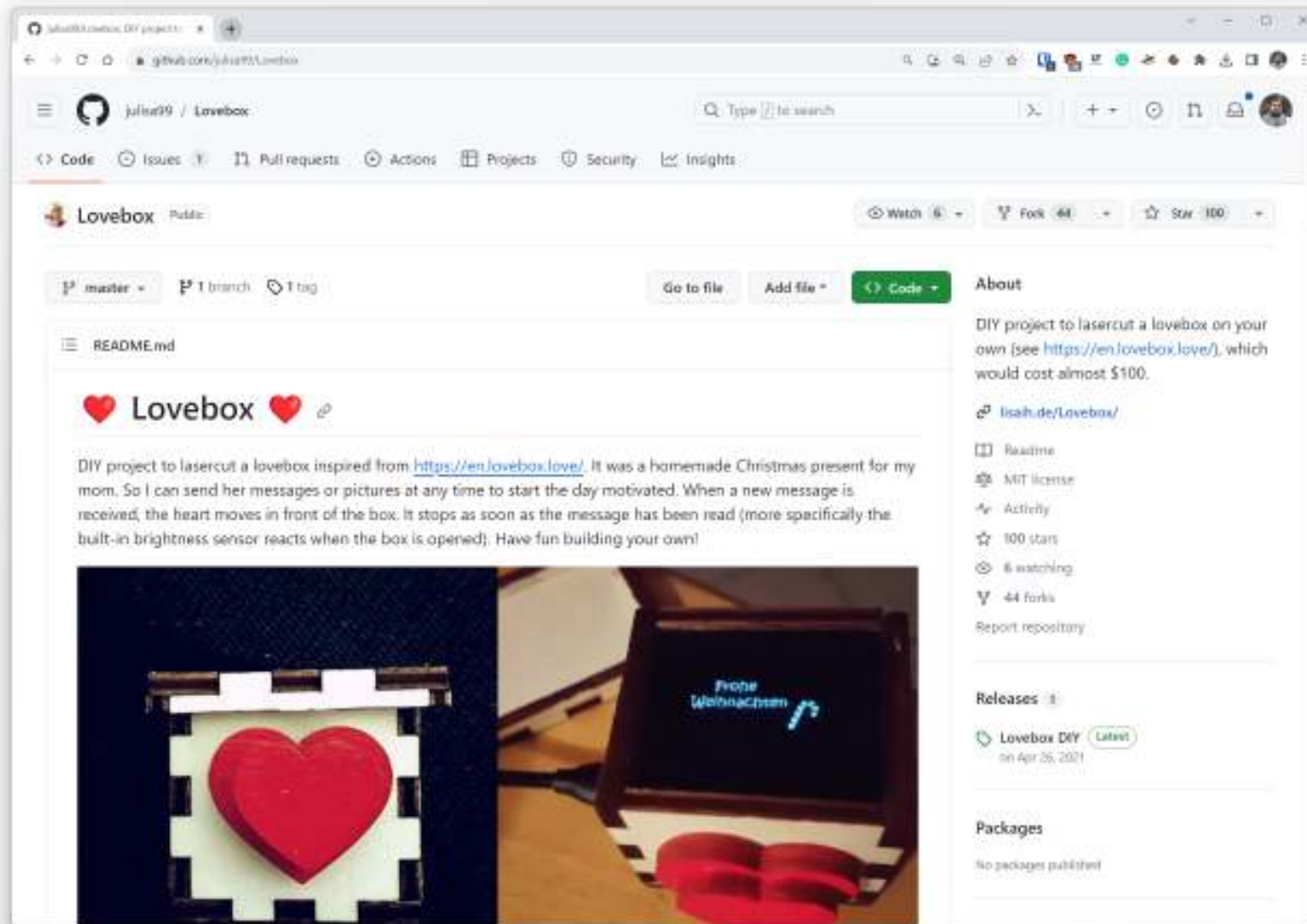
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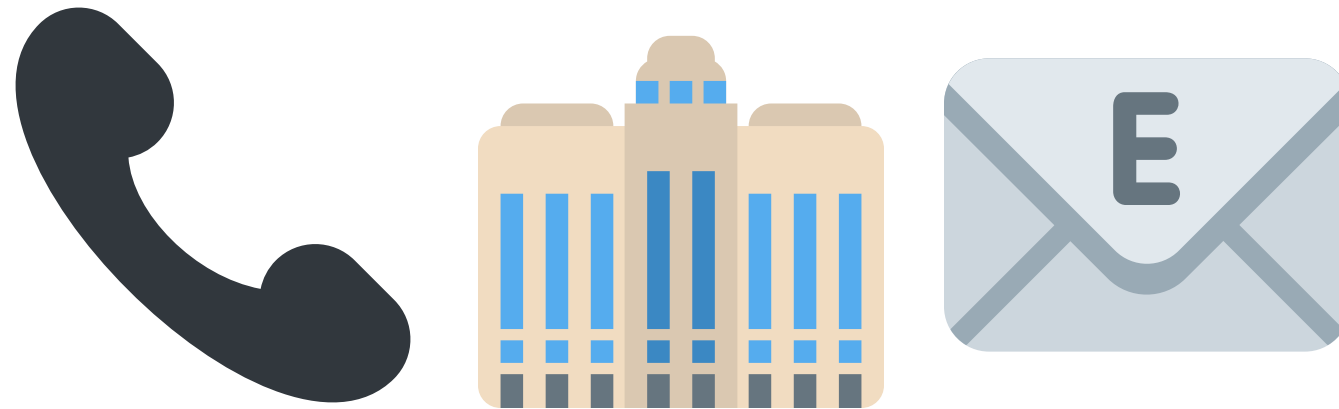
The Pain

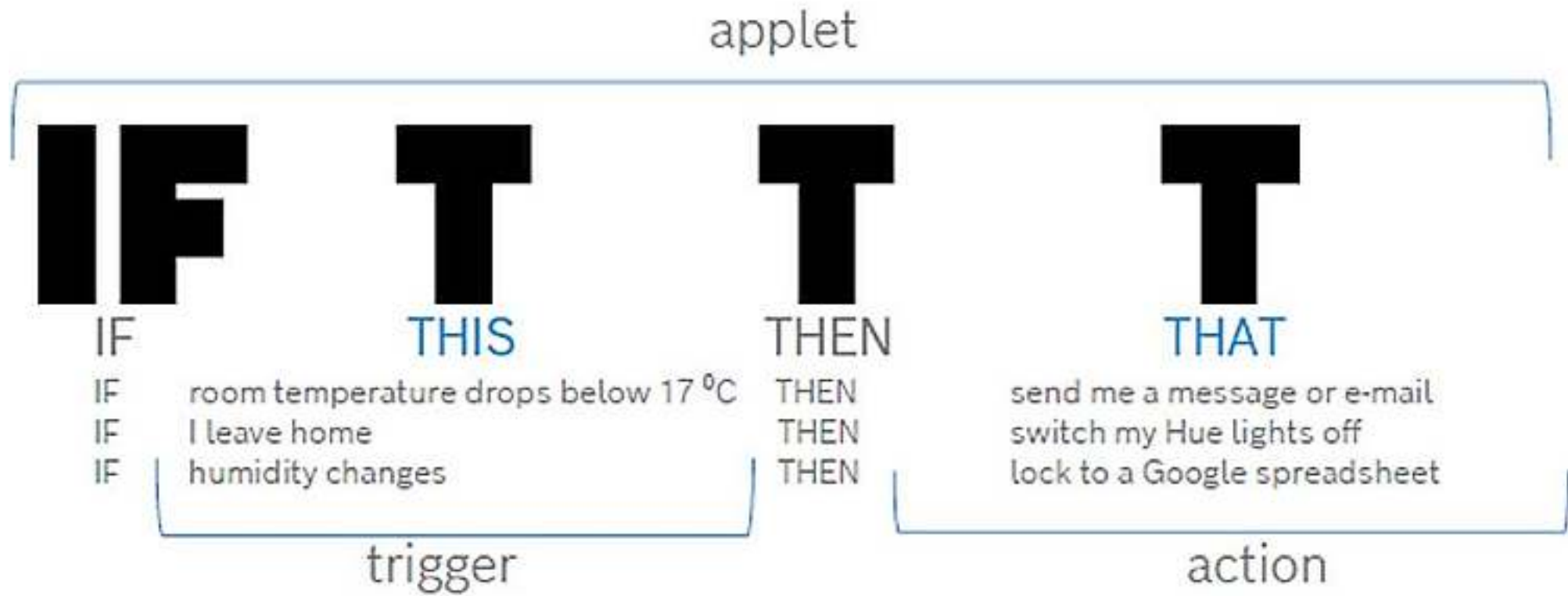
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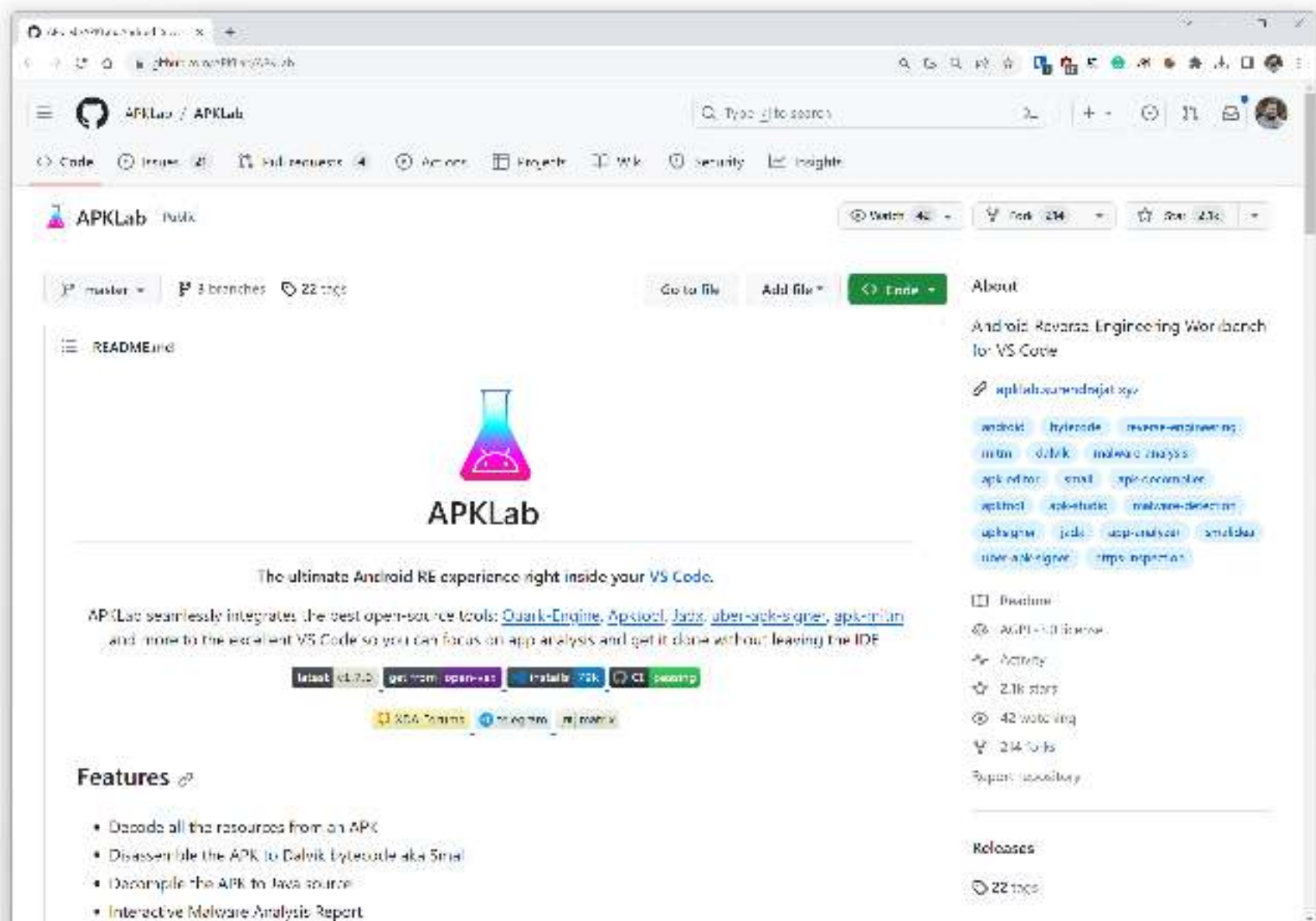


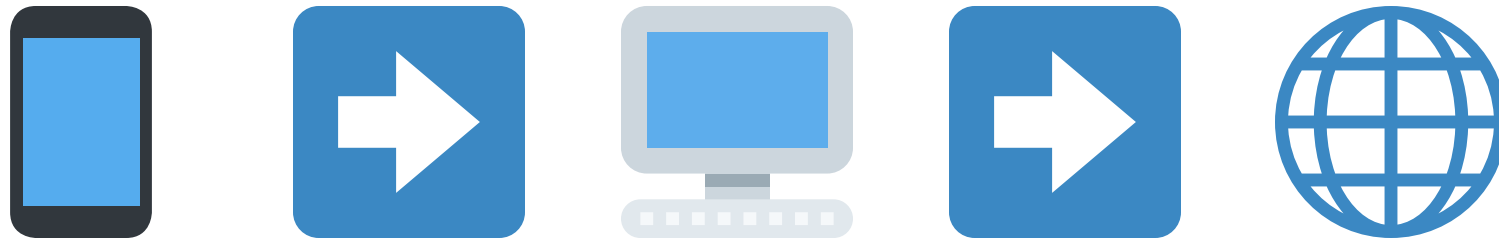
Cracking the Mobile App

(Reverse Engineering)



- Decode APK
- ... some other steps
- Certificate Unpinning
- ... some other steps
- Repackaging APK





Login Request

```
curl --location --request POST 'https://app-api.loveboxlove.com/v1/auth/loginWithPassword' \
--header 'accept: application/json' \
--header 'content-type: application/json' \
--header 'host: app-api.loveboxlove.com' \
--data-raw '{
    "email": "my@email.com",
    "password": "mySecret"
}'
```

```
{
  "_id": "42c61f261f399d0016350b7f",
  "firstName": "FirstName",
  "email": "my@email.com",
  "token": "exJhbGcp0iJIVzI1NipsInR5cCI6IkpXVDj9
.eyJ1c2xySwFiOiI2MWM5LWYzNjFhMzk5YzAwMTYzNTBhN2YiLCJpYXQiFjE22DAVNmQwNTL9
.q1svp_roqCu4MFwBMwNZu2eyImFGjogvNeR4tkoTLPe"
}
```

Creating a Server App



- Spring Boot
- Spring Cloud Open Feign Starter
- Telegrambots Spring Boot Starter
- Imgscalr
- OCI (Docker) Container
- Using Lovebox GraphQL API

Spring Boot Application

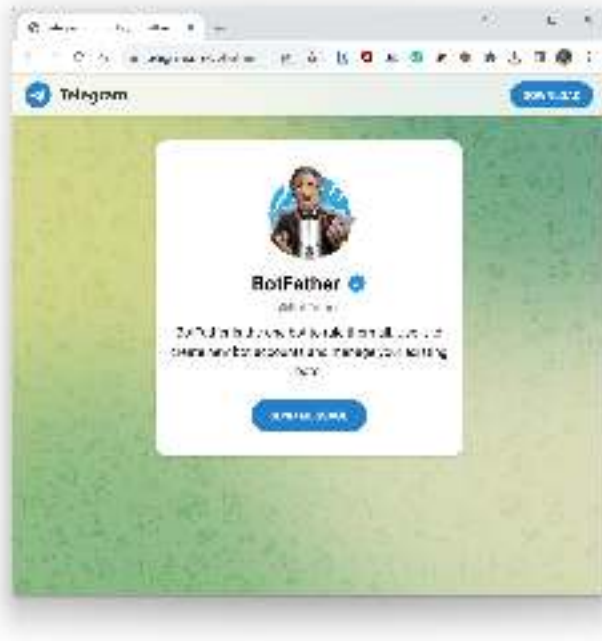
```
@EnableScheduling @EnableFeignClients @SpringBootApplication
@EnableConfigurationProperties({LoveboxRestClientProperties.class, LoveboxBotProperties.class})
@Import(TelegramBotStarterConfiguration.class)
public class LoveboxTelegramSenderApplication {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(LoveboxTelegramSenderApplication.class, args);
    }
}
```

```
@Component
public class YourBotName extends TelegramLongPollingBot { ... }
```

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.telegram</groupId>
  <artifactId>telegrambots-spring-boot-starter</artifactId>
  <version>6.8.0</version>
</dependency>
```

Setting Up the Telegram Bot

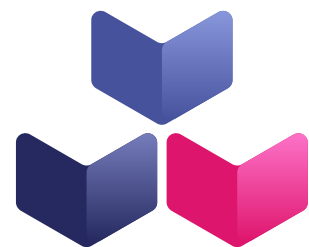


- Contact @Botfather
- Create a chatbot with /newbot
- Get the bot username, and token









Buildpacks.io



docker



2 Nights of Debugging

2017-2018

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Patching Buildpack Run-Image

```
FROM paketobuildpacks/run:base-cnb

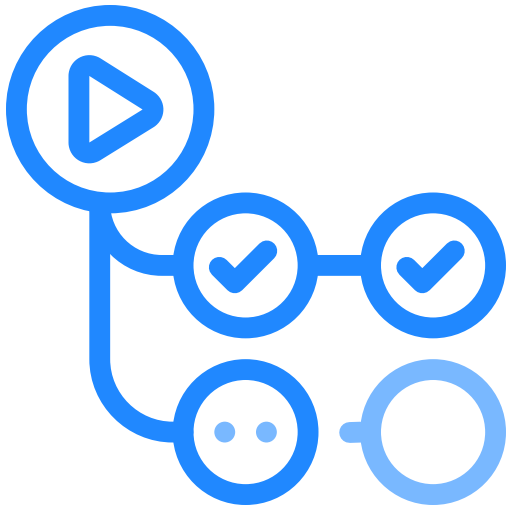
USER root

## Idea from: https://blog.adoptopenjdk.net/2021/01/prerequisites-for-font-support-in-adoptopenjdk/
RUN apt-get update \
    && apt-get install -y --no-install-recommends \
        wget \
        fontconfig \
    && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*

# Install Noto Emoji Manually
RUN mkdir -p /usr/share/fonts/truetype/noto \
    && cd /usr/share/fonts/truetype/noto \
    && wget https://github.com/googlefonts/noto-emoji/raw/9a5261d871451f9b5183c93483cbd68ed916b1e9/fonts/NotoEmoji-Regular.ttf \
    && fc-cache -fv

USER cnb
```


GitHub Actions



- Checkout
- Login to DockerHub
- Build and push Buildpack run-image
- Setup JDK 17
- Build app artifact with Maven
- Build and push the container image for the app

Dependency Updates with Dependabot



- Updating GitHub Actions
- Updating Maven dependencies

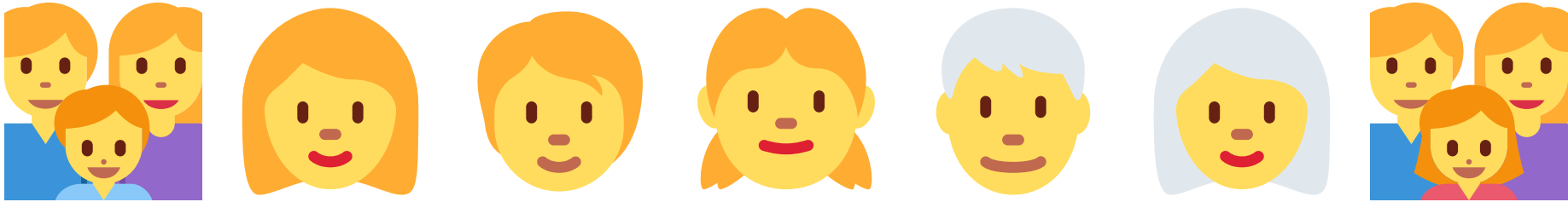
Automated Deployment with Watchtower



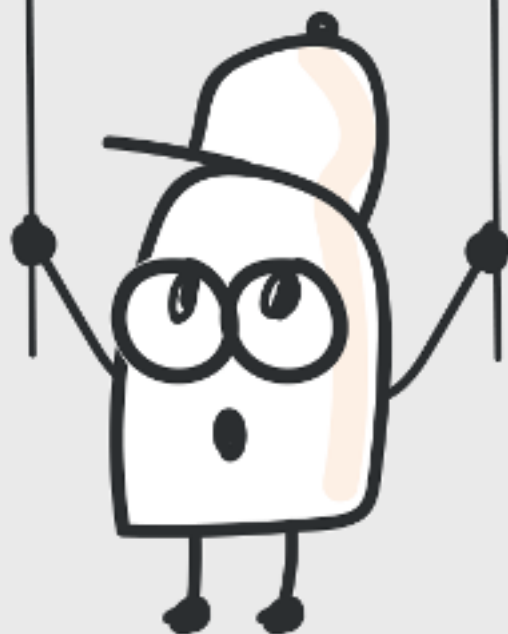
- Polling container updates from DockerHub
- Cron runs by default every 24 hours
- Update images and restart containers
- Everything runs on my NAS!

There is absolutely no need to have Kubernetes! 🚀

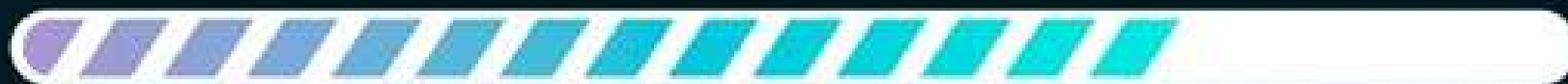
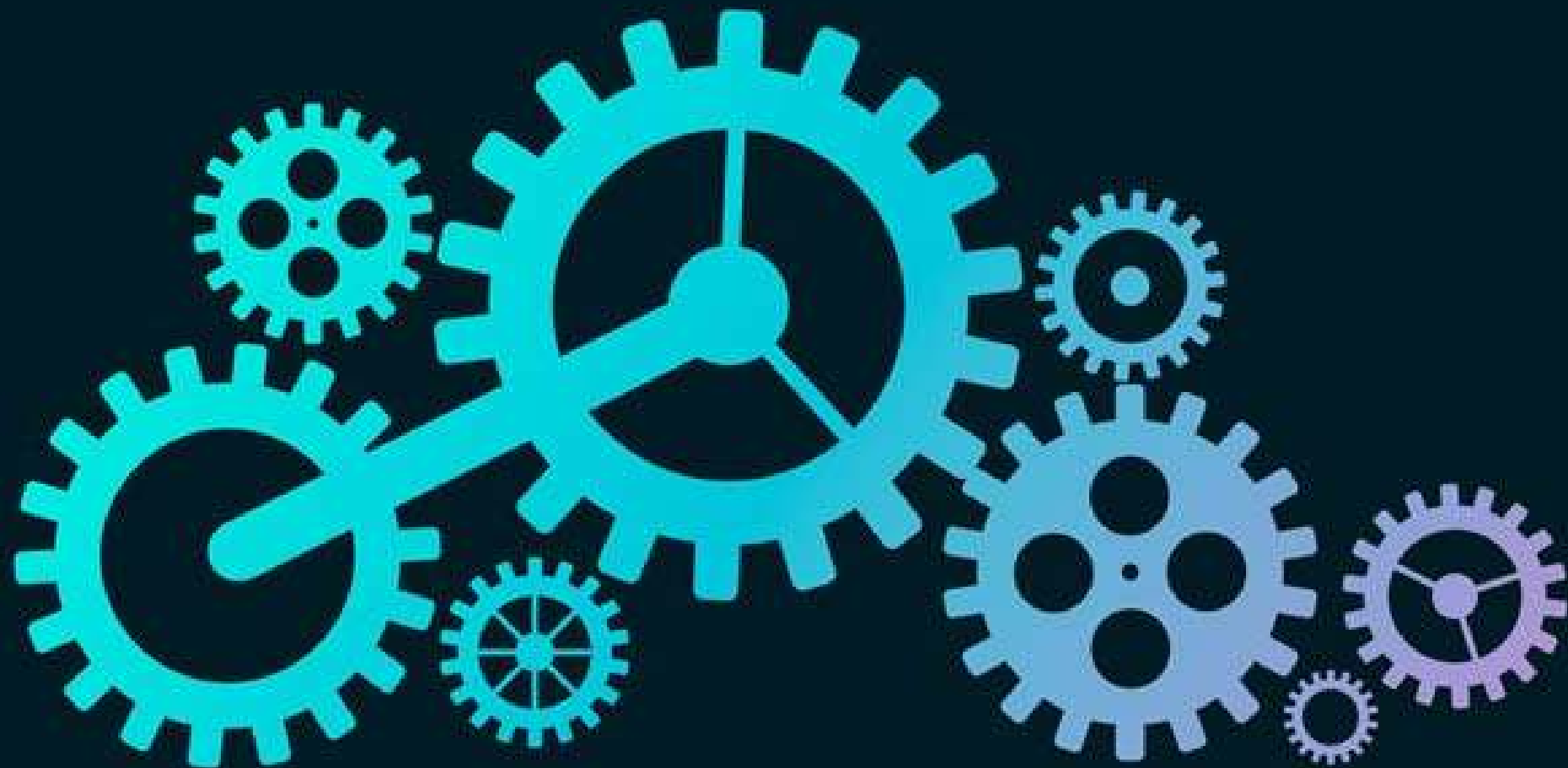
The NEW Product



FEATURES







UPDATE...

More Pain

More Pain ...

4 LEVELS OF PAIN



- No contribution accepted (Telegram starter)
- API changes (Lovebox GraphQL)
- Java and Spring Boot Updates
- New & better ways to do things

Product Improvements

Product Improvements - What's Next?



- Producer-Driven Contract Testing
- Better Error Handling
- Logging and Monitoring improvements

Lessons Learned

Manifesto for Software Craftsmanship

Raising the bar.

As aspiring Software Craftsmen we are raising the bar of professional software development by practicing it and helping others learn the craft. Through this work we have come to value:

Not only working software,
but also **well-crafted software**

Not only responding to change,
but also **steadily adding value**

Not only individuals and interactions,
but also **a community of professionals**

Not only customer collaboration,
but also **productive partnerships**

That is, in pursuit of the items on the left we have found the items on the right to be indispensable.



1

How the customer explained it



2

How the project leader understood it



3

How the analyst designed it



4

How the programmer wrote it



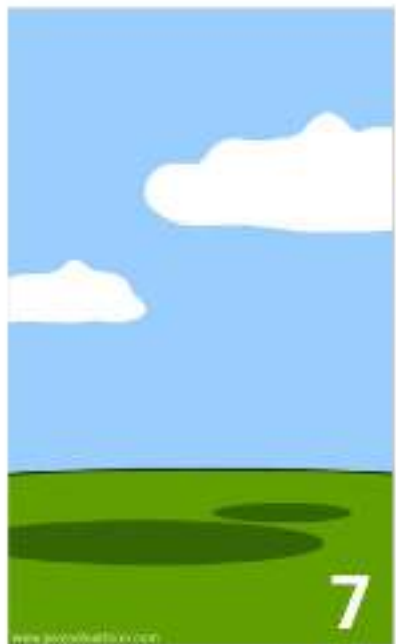
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What the beta testers received



6

How the business consultant described it



7

How the project was documented



8

What operations installed



9

How the customer was billed



10

How it was supported



11

iSwing

What marketing advertised



12

What the customer really needed

Every developer should have a **leisure project** as a learning experience and a **testing ground for new ideas**. But **that's not the product** that goes into production and is used by customers!

Happy Coding! 

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