

Creative Embedded Devices: Class 3

Getting started:
Pi on your Pi

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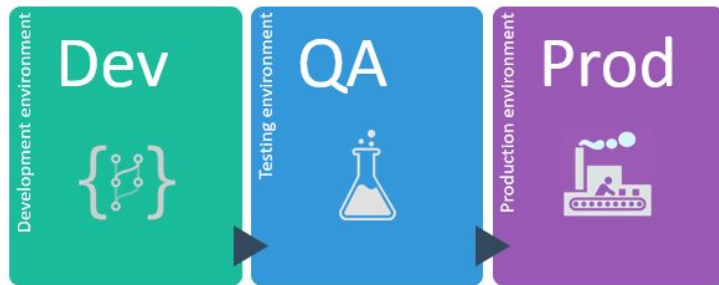
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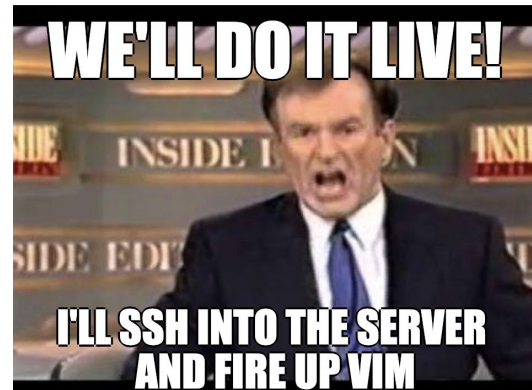
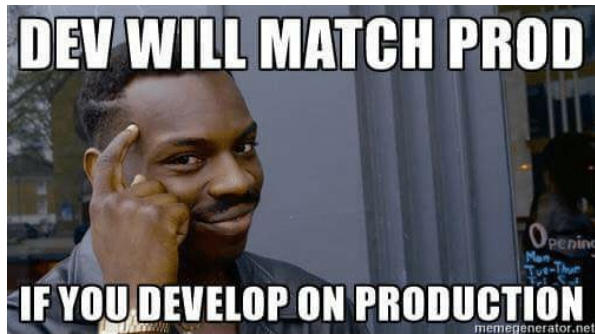
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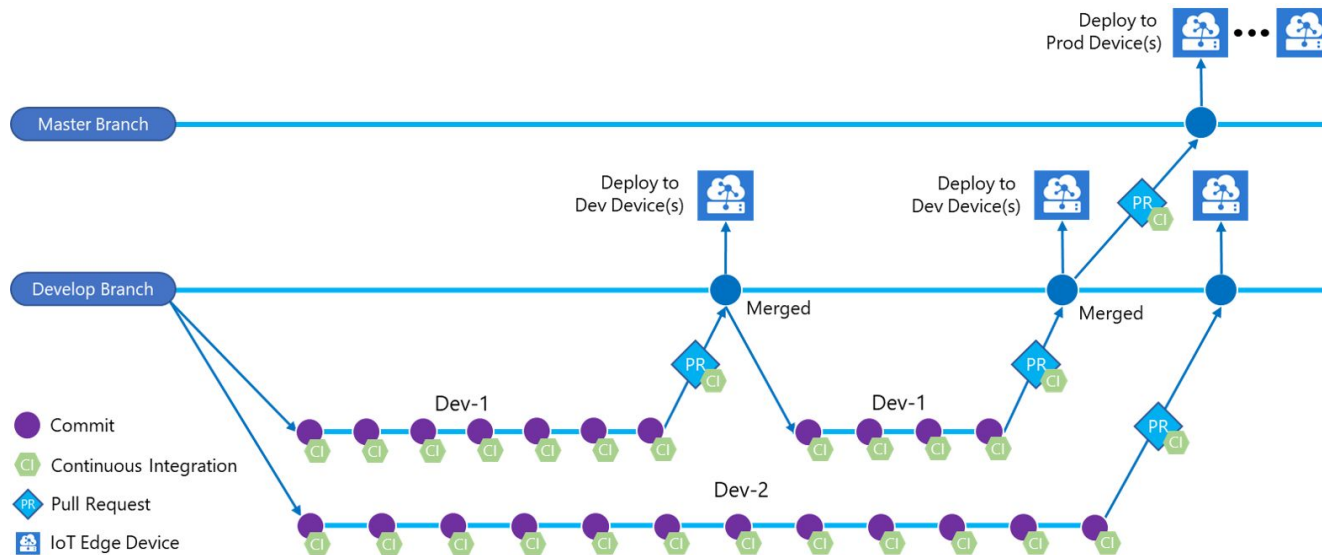
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*bonus points for discussing the artistic implications of a museum work that can be remotely updated. Does the space of a museum exhibit allow for 'software updates'?

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- General principle of "*Keep Dev close to Prod*"
- Production environment may have different hardware (processing, sensors, actuators) than dev. May need to emulate this hardware.

Dev Environments

Developing on the physical embedded device is not always practical

We need to be able to develop software on one machine and port to another.

- What is an architecture (x86 vs ARM)?

“The x86 was not designed; It evolved on an island, with a strange bird that ate everything that tried to prey on it. It now looks stranger than a duck billed platypus, and would not do well if a ship-full of new animals came along.— [ctrl-alt-delor](#)

- Cross-compilation vs side-loading vs network connections

read more on http://cpsc334.cs.yale.edu/1_Background/1_Preliminaries/1_Development_Tools.html

Activity - Pair Program your Pi for Pi

You have three tasks to complete in any order:

- Connect a screen to your Pi - you do not need a SD card running to start on this.
- Write a program to calculate the 10,000 digit of Pi on your laptop, and move that program to your Pi over the internet. Collect timing information for both machines using linux's `time` command.
- Use `/etc/rc.local`* to run your Pi program on startup and save the result in a timestamped file (just in case it changes one day). You will need to use `vi`, `emacs`, or `nano`

* `systemd` is another option, but is less portable across systems