

Creating an engineering culture for better professionals and better products

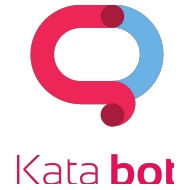
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La Suite de Kata es una solución **SaaS** que cuenta con componentes estándar que están listos para utilizarse en base a la configuración que el cliente requiera.



Plataforma para Digitalizar todos los procesos y servicios que se gestionan en campo por medio de un dispositivo Móvil



Plataforma para que utiliza inteligencia artificial para flujos conversacionales



Plataforma para BackOffice y Orquestación de Productos Financieros para la aprobación y seguimiento de los créditos
Integra todos los componentes de la Kata Suite

Experiencia en el Sector Financiero

Nos enfocamos en **transformar digitalmente** y hacer más eficiente **las operaciones de nuestros clientes en el sector financiero** mediante todo el ciclo de vida del software.



Hi Mom!



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Engineering Culture:

*“Is the set of attitudes, behaviors, beliefs, and values
that impact how we build software”*



Challenges we encounter

As a SaaS company, our goal is that our products never die, but they need to evolve and adapt to the market needs... and get better and better over time

Onboarding for new hires is difficult

Hiring for long term (≥ 3 years)

Compensation is very competitive in the industry

Scaling knowledge is tricky

SLAs

1. People are more important than code

Companies and Teams are made of people, by the people, and for the people

People will make the company achieve its goals

Genuinely care about people, and foster psychological safety

Conscious energy is a limited resource

Measure and limit burnout

As a leader execute One-on-ones to give and get feedback, be a coach and an example for your team

2. Testing

1. There are two ways to test software
 - a. Manual
 - b. Automated
2. Write automated tests to validate you application's behavior faster
3. If it works, you can do it better
4. Start small, test a function, a class, a module, with time you might ended up testing 75%+ of the application's code
5. Your tests should be fast! (ms)
6. Don't test code that you don't own
7. Use ***tests doubles***
8. Getting fancy?, check PBT.

3. Effective time management

All people on planet Earth have the same 24h, the difference is what we do with that time

Understand where the team is investing its time

Remove unnecessary meetings with ***async communication*** (email, loom)

Minimize interruptions

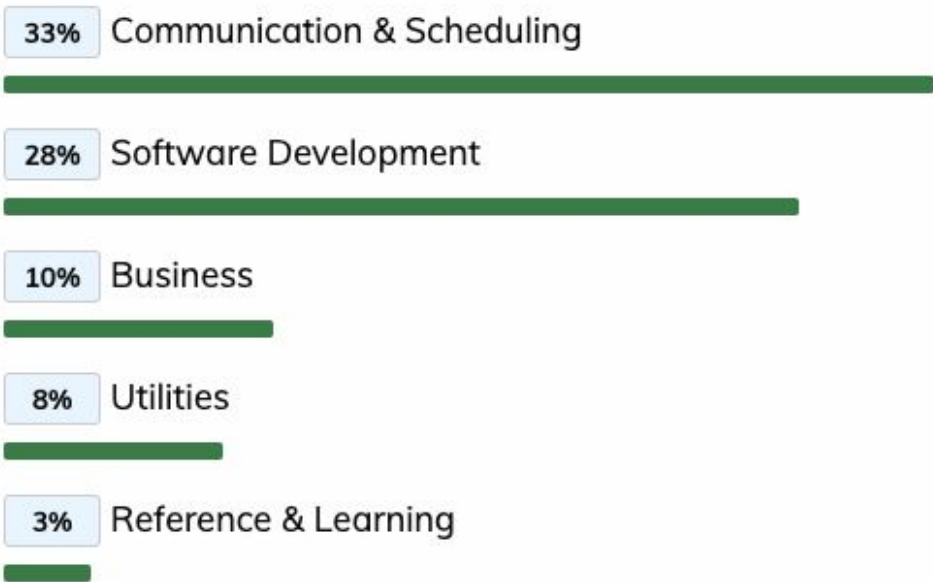
Establish time budgets for all activities

Enable the team to invest most of their time to work on the activities that will help them achieve the sprint goal

4 day week???

3. Effective time management

2021



2022



3. Effective time management

“One reason programmers dislike meetings so much is that they're on a different type of schedule from other people. Meetings cost them more.”

Maker Schedule, Managers Schedule - Paul Graham

<http://www.paulgraham.com/makersschedule.html>

How Future Billionaires Get Sh*t Done - Dalton Caldwell and Michael Seibel

<https://youtu.be/ephzgxxgOjR0>

4. Measure

Numbers are far more objective than people

Do not believe what people say to you, believe the numbers they are presenting to you

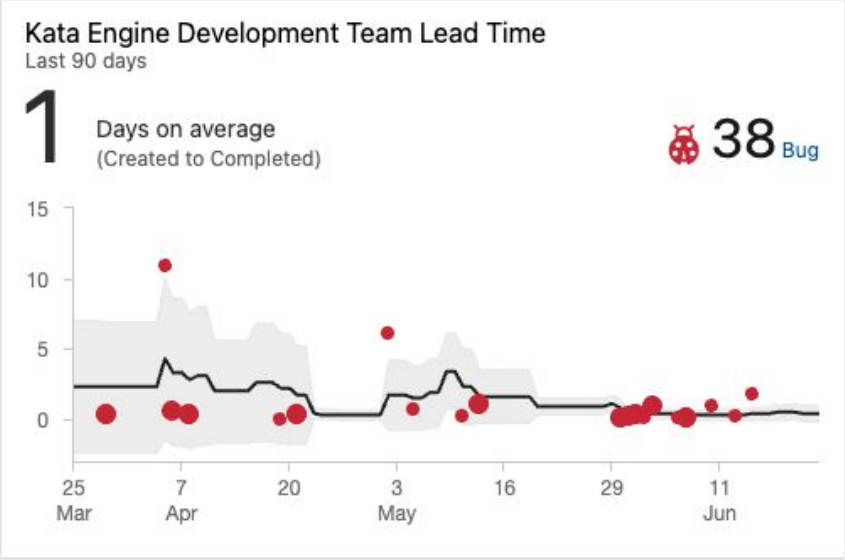
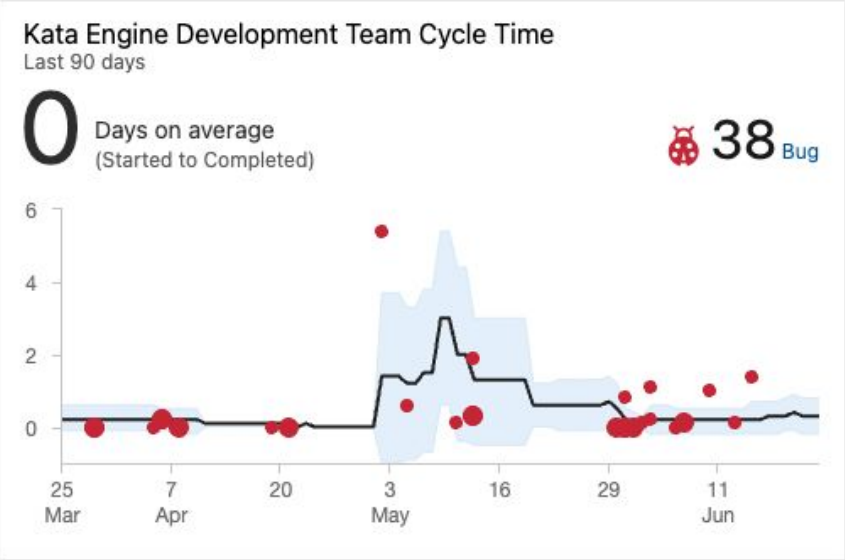
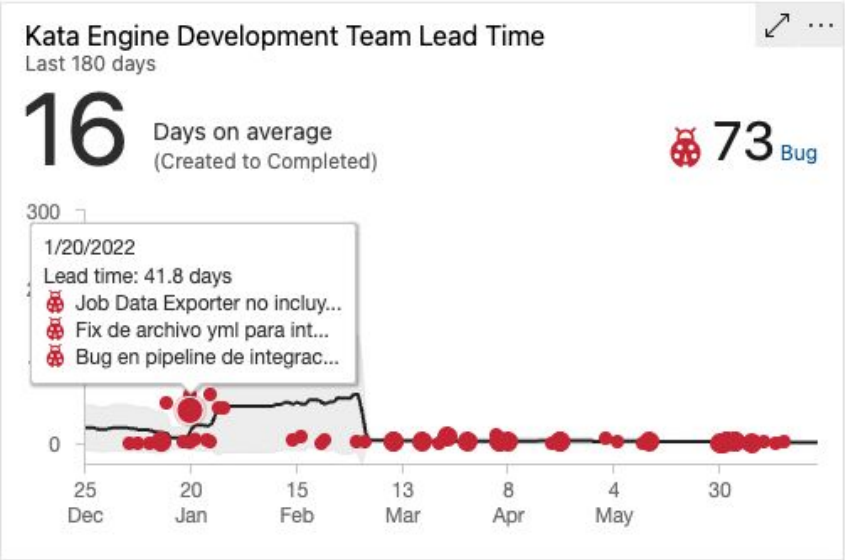
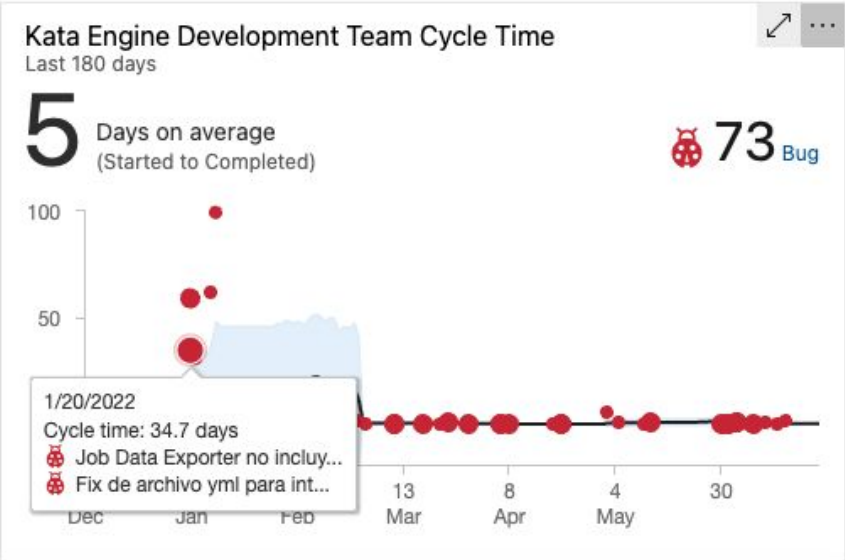
Decision making *is a process* in which you need to gather information to choose the best available option

Get data to assure if you got it right in the first place

We can't get better in anything we don't measure, so define and track your KPIs

- Commitment Reliability
- Time to merge
- Lead time and cycle time
- Team Velocity
- etc

KPIs 2S 2021 vs 1Q 2022



KPIs Evolution



5. The team is more important than any individual

No exceptions, everyone must attach and follow the same rules

Existing rules can evolve and adapt, but we need solid arguments to change them for the whole team

No special treatment for anyone

If we achieve goals, we achieve them as a team... and if we don't, we didn't achieve them

6. Peer Code Reviews

Its a tool for *teamwork*

With Pull Requests you can protect your code from getting unwanted code

Minimize the code mistakes and its impacts

The team will learn new techniques

Help to keep code consistency

Open a discussion about technical decisions, and/or keep track about it

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OrdersRepository.kt

/orders-data/src/main/kotlin/com/kata/mobile/orders/data/repository/OrdersRepository.kt

View latest diff Aug 10

66 */

67 //@VisibleForTesting

68 internal class Order

69 ~~private val orderRepository: OrderRepository,~~

70 ~~private val orderDataStore: OrderDataStore,~~

71 ~~private val telemetryProvider: TelemetryProvider,~~

72 ~~private val sessionProvider: SessionProvider,~~

67 */

68 //@VisibleForTesting(otherwise = VisibleForTesting.PACKAGE_PRIVATE)

69 internal class OrdersRepository(

70 + private val context: Context,

71 private val ordersDataProvider: OrdersDataProvider,

72 private val ordersRemoteDataProvider: OrdersRemoteDataProvider,

73 private val telemetryProvider: TelemetryProvider,

74 private val sessionProvider: SessionProvider,

HA

Hector Daniel Rodriguez Arreola Aug 10

Resolved

a repository should never have a context reference, this is the main cause for memory leaks, context references should be provided as parameters where needed

GE

Gerardo Epitacio Aug 10

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Since this is the second time that we are having the conversation about having a reference of the Context , in repository, I wanted to add additional comments about this to clarify why Context shouldn't be a dependency of a repository.

The team will learn new techniques

```
26
27 - // const database = new CollaborationDatabase(firestore
28
29 - // test('firestoreExport', async () => {
30
31 - // ... const data = [];
32
33 - // ... const groups = await database.getGroups();
34
35 - // ... for (const groupItem of groups) {
36
```

```
22
23 + // IMPORTANT:
24 + // this test should not be executed as part of
25 + // so we use test.skip to prevent this
26 + // its purpose is to be used as a data exporter
27 + // so please dont send Prs with this test uncomm
28 + // if you're a reviewer and see this test uncomm
29
30 + test.skip('firestoreExport', async () => {
31
32 + ... const data = [];
33
34 + ... const groups = await database.getGroups();
35
36 + ... for (const groupItem of groups) {
37
```

JS firestoreExport.test.js
/test/extensions/firestoreExport.test.js

[View original diff](#) Jun 29

GE Gerardo Epitacio Jun 29

Resolved ▾

using `skip` feature of jest test framework would be useful here.

<https://codewithhugo.com/run-skip-single-jest-test/> 

HA Hector Daniel Rodriguez Arreola Jun 29

amazing feedback 🍌🍌🍌

HA Hector Daniel Rodriguez Arreola Jun 29

added `.skip` to tests

Minimize the code mistakes and its impacts

 **build.gradle**
/FormiikCatalogs/app/build.gradle

[View latest diff](#) Mar 23, 2021

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defaultConfig {
 applicationId "com.kata.formiik.catalogs"
 minSdkVersion 21
 targetSdkVersion 30

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defaultConfig {
 applicationId "com.kata.formiik.test_catalogs.csv"
 minSdkVersion 21
 targetSdkVersion 30

 **Gerardo Epitacio** Mar 23, 2021

Resolved ▼

Why application id contains "test" and "csv" string?

 **Hector Daniel Rodriguez Arreola** Mar 23, 2021

🤖 OMG I made a file rename and I think it replaced all the `catalog` strings for `test_catalogs.csv`, this will be fixed in the next commit

Open a discussion about technical decisions, and/or keep track about it

WidgetSignatureViewModel.kt
/form/widget-signature/src/main/java/com/kata/formiik/widget/signature/WidgetSignatureViewModel.kt

View original diff · Mar 29

286 + MutableStateFlow(false)
287 + }
288 +
289 + val isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible: StateFlow<Boolean>
290 + get() = this._isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible
291 +
292 + @VisibleForTesting(otherwise = VisibleForTesting.PRIVATE)
293 + fun displayDeleteSignatureDialog() {

Gerardo Epitacio · Mar 29

Closed ▾

We need to reach an agreement about how to define `StateFlow` variables, sometimes, we are declaring as `te` code in this VM (`get() = this._isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible`), sometimes with `by lazy{...}` and sometimes with `= this....`, personally I prefer the `by lazy` syntax, this way we are ensuring that they are initialized only when they are required.

@Uriel Olvera Maqueda @Hector Daniel Rodriguez Arreola thoughts?

Suggested change

289 - val isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible: StateFlow<Boolean>
290 - get() = this._isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible
289 + val isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible: StateFlow<Boolean> by lazy {
290 + get() = this._isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible

or

Suggested change

289 - val isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible: StateFlow<Boolean>
290 - get() = this._isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible
289 + val isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible: StateFlow<Boolean> by lazy {
290 + + this._isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible
291 + }
292 + }

or

Suggested change

289 - val isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible: StateFlow<Boolean>
290 - get() = this._isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible
289 + val isDeleteSignatureDialogVisible: StateFlow<Boolean> = this._isDeleteSignatu

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Waiting a further discussion to approve.

7. Code Consistency

“All code in the team must seem to have been written by the same person”

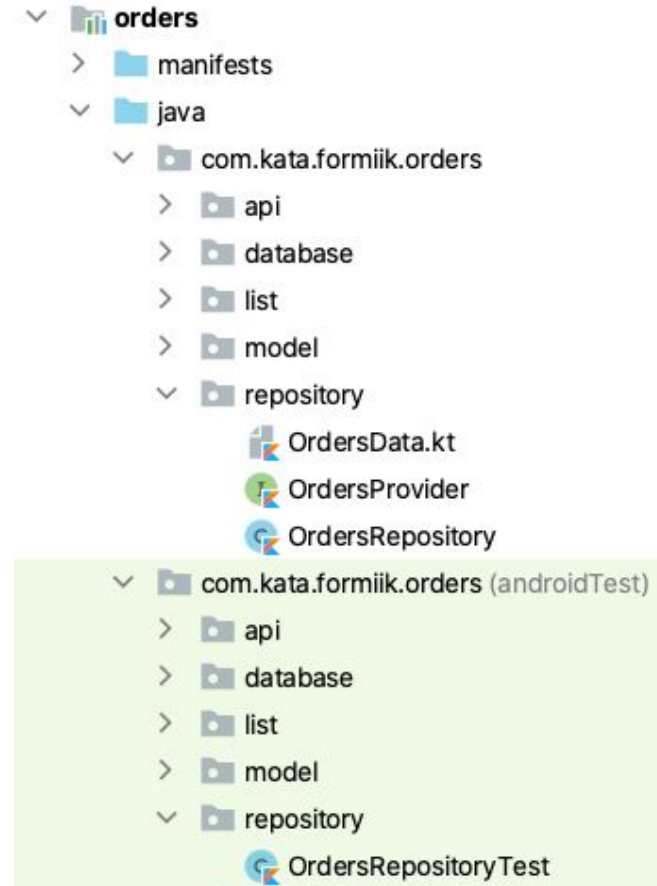
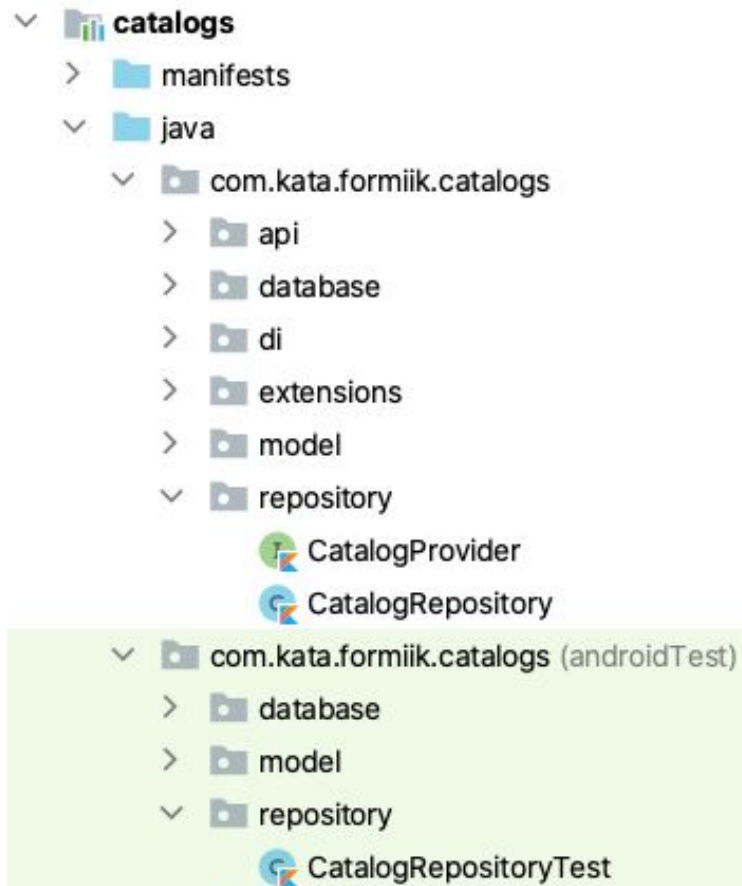
The team focuses more on building new features, and less in understanding the existing code base

Reduce the learning curve for new hires

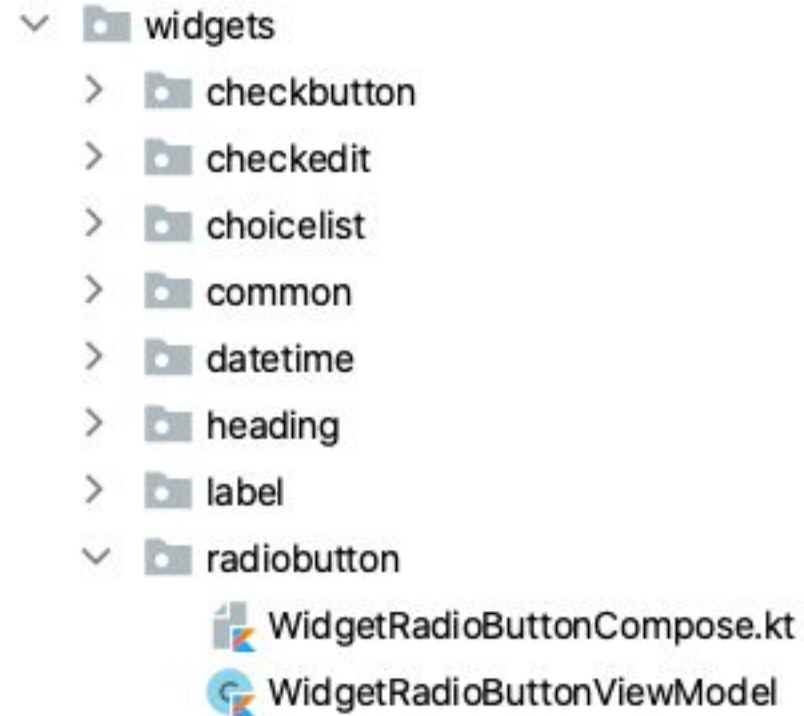
Tool adoption and implementation for developer productivity becomes easier

Evolve your product faster

Project structure and file naming



Class names and separation of concerns



Function implementation and parametrization

```
@Composable
internal fun WidgetCheckEdit(
    widget: WidgetEntity,
    modifier: Modifier = Modifier,
    viewModelProvider: WidgetViewModelProvider = WidgetViewModelProviderManager,
) {

    val viewModel: WidgetCheckEditViewModel = viewModelProvider.getCheckEditViewModel(widget)

    WidgetCheckEdit(
        viewModel = viewModel,
        modifier = modifier
    )
}
```

```
@Composable
internal fun WidgetCheckEdit(
    viewModel: WidgetCheckEditViewModel,
    modifier: Modifier = Modifier
) {

    val caption: State<String> = viewModel.caption.collectAsState(initial = "")

    val text: State<String> = viewModel.text.collectAsState(initial = "")

    val isChecked: State<Boolean> = viewModel.isChecked.collectAsState(initial = false)

    val onCheckedChange: (Boolean) -> Unit = {...}

    WidgetCheckEdit(
        text = text.value,
        modifier = modifier,
        caption = caption.value,
        isChecked = isChecked.value,
        onCheckedChange = onCheckedChange,
    )
}
```

```
@Composable
internal fun WidgetRadioButton(
    widget: WidgetEntity,
    modifier: Modifier = Modifier,
    viewModelProvider: WidgetViewModelProvider = WidgetViewModelProviderManager,
) {

    val viewModel: WidgetRadioButtonViewModel = viewModelProvider.getRadioButtonViewModel(widget)

    WidgetRadioButton(
        viewModel = viewModel,
        modifier = modifier
    )
}
```

```
@Composable
internal fun WidgetRadioButton(
    viewModel: WidgetRadioButtonViewModel,
    modifier: Modifier = Modifier
) {

    val caption: State<String> = viewModel.caption.collectAsState(initial = "")

    val options: State<List<WidgetItemEntity>> = viewModel.options.collectAsState(initial = listOf())

    val selectedIndex: State<Int?> = viewModel.selectedIndex.collectAsState()

    val enabled: State<Boolean> = viewModel.isReadOnly.collectAsState(initial = true)

    val onClick: () -> Unit = {
        viewModel.onItemSelected(selectedItem = null)
    }

    WidgetRadioButton(
        options = options.value,
        onClick = onClick,
        modifier = modifier,
        caption = caption.value,
        selectedIndex = selectedIndex.value,
        isEnabled = enabled.value,
    )
}
```

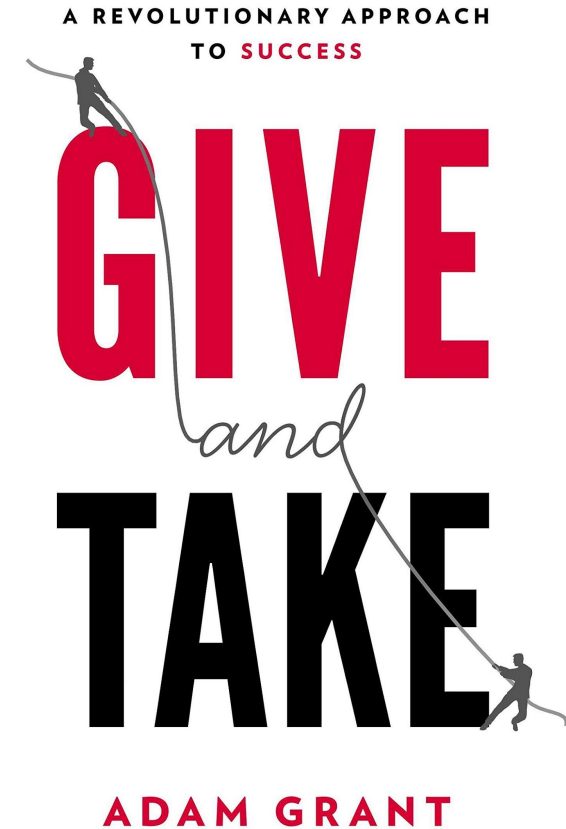

8. Be better everyday.. and make better the ones around you.

Be a ***giver***, and protect other givers

Invest on people because they will help you to achieve your goals

Do not create dependencies on the individuals

Distribute the knowledge in all team members



9. Developer productivity

Give them tools to build fast

 **Jameson**
@softwarejameson · [Follow](#)

We recently found that the new 2021 M1 MacBooks cut our Android build times in half.

So for a team of 9, \$32k of laptops will actually save \$100k in productivity over 2022. The break-even point happens at 3 months.

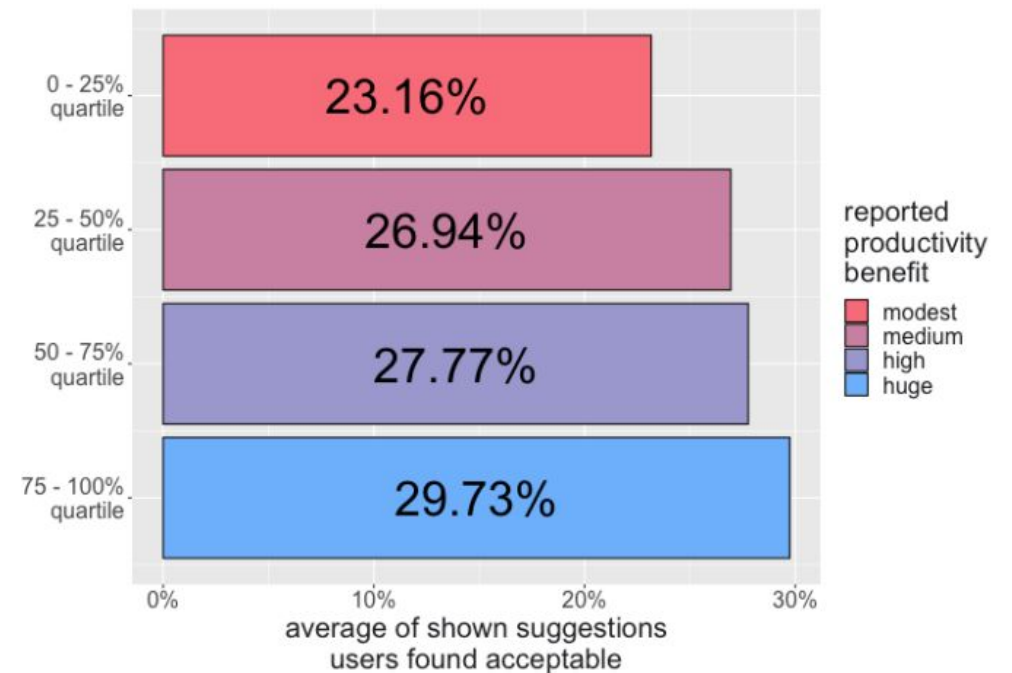
TL;DR Engineering hours are much more expensive than laptops!

12:52 PM · Nov 3, 2021

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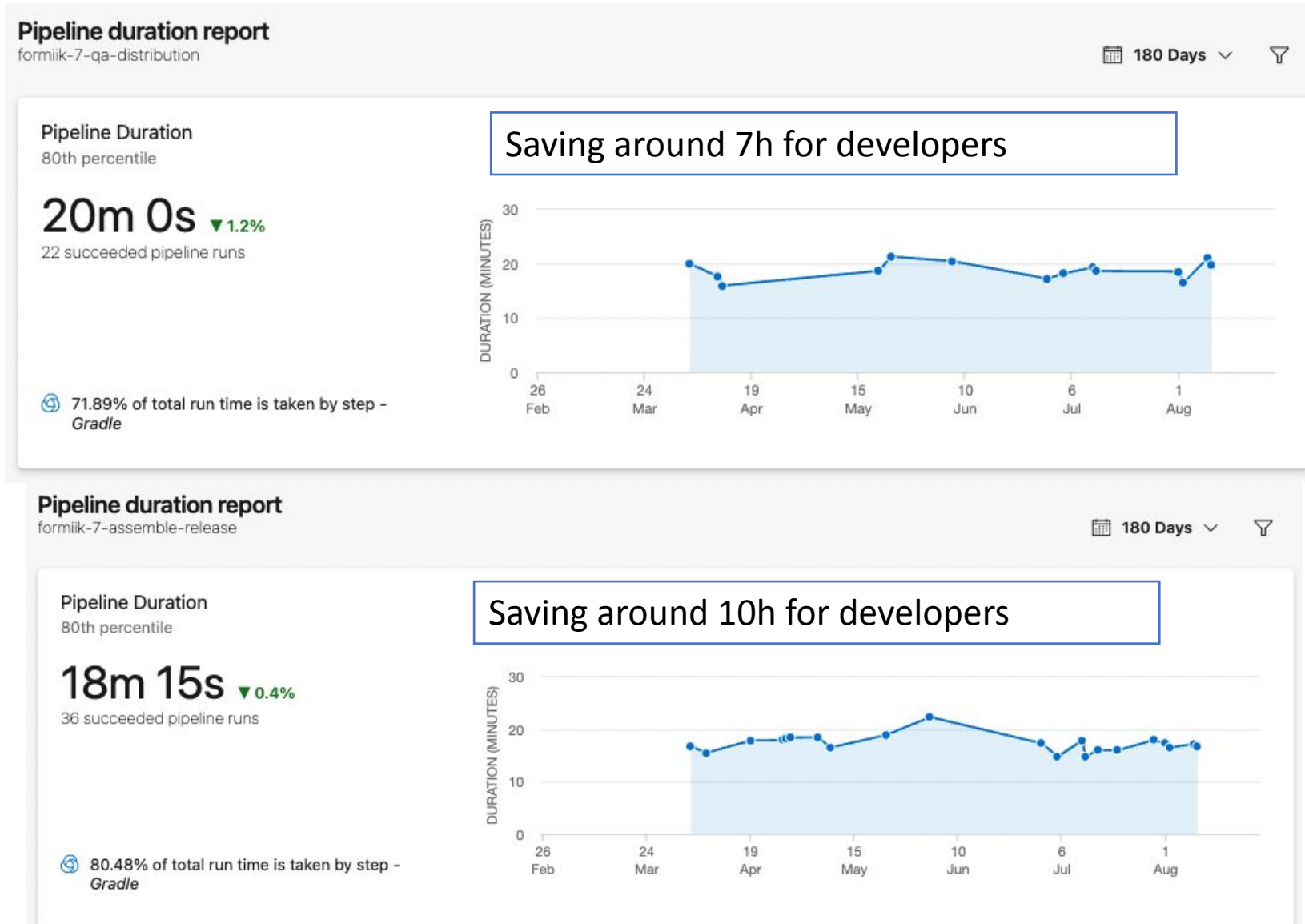
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Developers who report the highest productivity gains with GitHub Copilot also accept the largest number of shown code suggestions



9. Developer productivity

Automate as most as you can – CI/CD pipelines



9. Developer productivity

Automate as most as you can – test check & reporting



Summary

2 Run(s) Completed (1 Passed, 1 Failed) [5 unique failing tests in the last 14 days](#)

1,596

Total tests

+1,596



1,593

Passed

3

Failed

0

Others



3

Failed tests (+3)

3

New

0

Existing

99.81%

Pass percentage

↑ 99.8%

29m 45s

Run duration ⓘ

↑ +29m 45s

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Tests not reported

10. Innovate and Experiment

API-First

- Testing and Development at the same time

Authentication

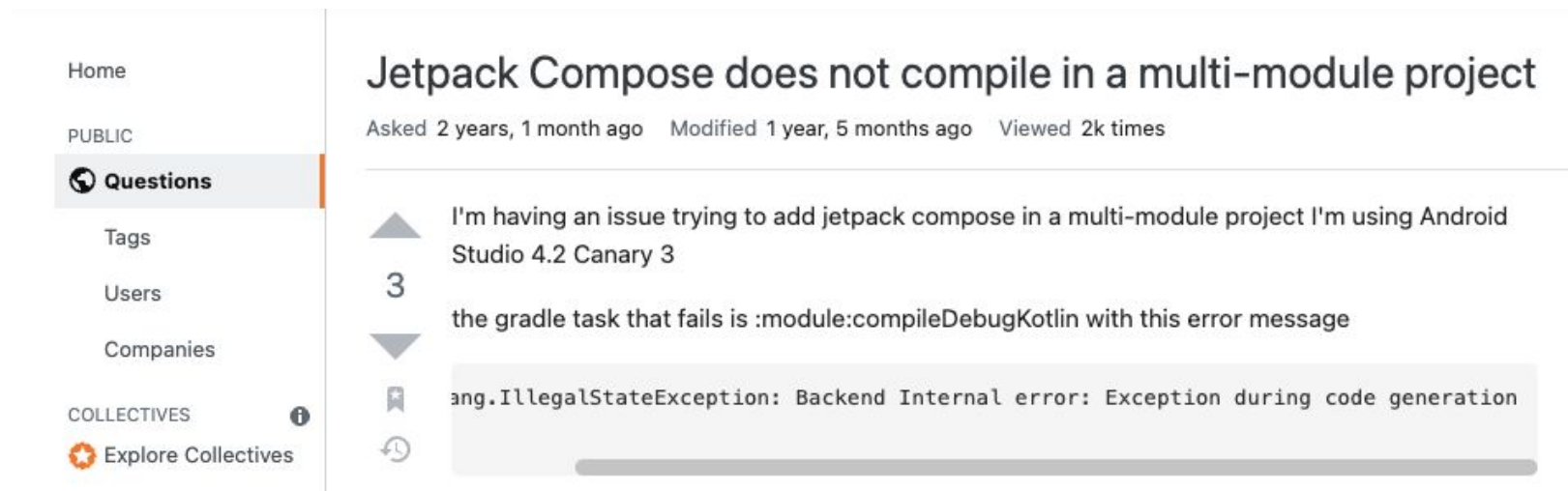
- Passwordless biometric authentication

Android

- Jetpack Compose
- Android Instant Apps

Testing

- Property based testing



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<https://bit.ly/3pGPn7C>

We invite you to our Kata Sessions!



Junio 2022 - Seeing The Matrix by testing everything with code

Best Moments: <https://vimeo.com/725055793>

Full Session: <https://vimeo.com/725038669>

Septiembre 2022 - ???



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Thanks!