Lessons From a DevOps Journey

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Outline

- Background & History
- Ecosystem Description
- Automation Examples
- Lessons Learnt



What is DevOps?

- Patrick Debois, 2009
 - DevOps = collaboration
 - "DevTestSecurityOpsBusiness"?
- CAMS (John Willis & Damon Edwards)
 - Culture : Automation : Measurement : Sharing



#devops



Background & History

Enterprise Background

- 1,000+ IT personnel
- Many possible engagements between dev & infrastructure



- Can't have a single team of 1,000+ people!
- Each dev team needs to find a way to work with a subset of infrastructure personnel

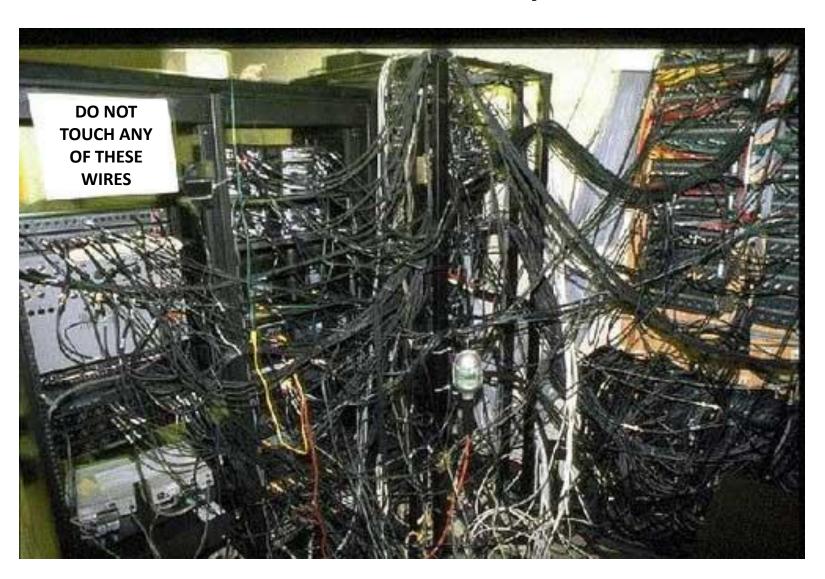


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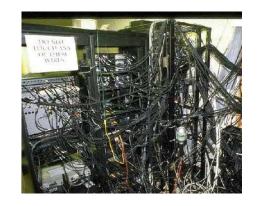
Mini trading floor

- Mission critical operations
- 150 end users across:
 - Front Office (Dealers/Sales)
 - Middle Office (Risk)
 - Back Office (Accounting/Settlement)
- Requires complex, specialist software

Good Old Days



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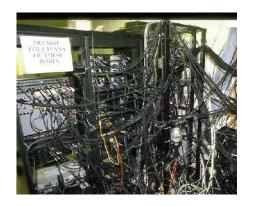
Dodgy Environments

- Built in a piecemeal fashion
- Inconsistent environment setup
 - Nobody knew what state all the dev regions were in
 - Couldn't rebuild new environment
- Maintenance nightmare
- Difficulty with:
 - Batch, backups, start/stop, organising daytime jobs
- Much on-call support required

Good Old Days

Disparate Interfaces

- Different languages/styles
- Obscure SQL code embedded in VB
- Poorly maintained
- Built up over 10 years
- No knowledge of change impact
 - what havoc will this change wreak?
- Inconsistent version control Lost source code!
- Dodgy practices
 - Patching fixes directly in production



Treasury Upgrade Project

- Installation automation
- Interface replacement
- Data migration



Treasury Upgrade Project

Statistics:

- 18 months
- 30 people
- 27 iterations, 900 Story Cards
- 9 releases (to Business Testing)
- 40 vendor software drops
- 13 environments

Typical Vendor Products

- Large installation manuals
- Complex manual installation procedures
- Vendor deployed onsite for months/years
- One-time install not repeatable



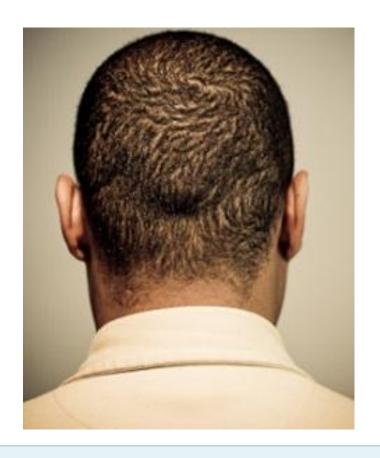
DevOps Journey

- Started 4 years earlier
- Agile replacement project:
 - automated install
 - interface replacement
 - Created open-source EAI/ETL library
 - data migration



Adventures of @WaterfallDave

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waterfalldave Waterfall Dave Hi my name is Dave. I'm still highly skeptical of many agile claims, so I can't show you my face.

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was overhead saying "Some aspects of Agile enabled this to work" after the automatic installation of a system previously done manually 25 Mar 09 A Favorite 13 Retweet Reply



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realises the horrible truth. I have (well almost) returned to my team, bringing with me agile goodies. May god save us all!

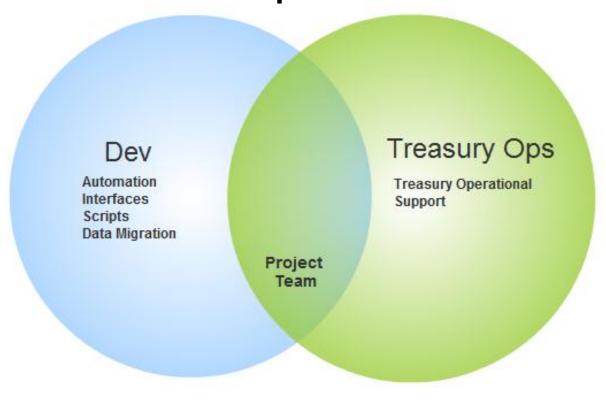
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Treasury Upgrade Project @waterfalldave's Tech Choices

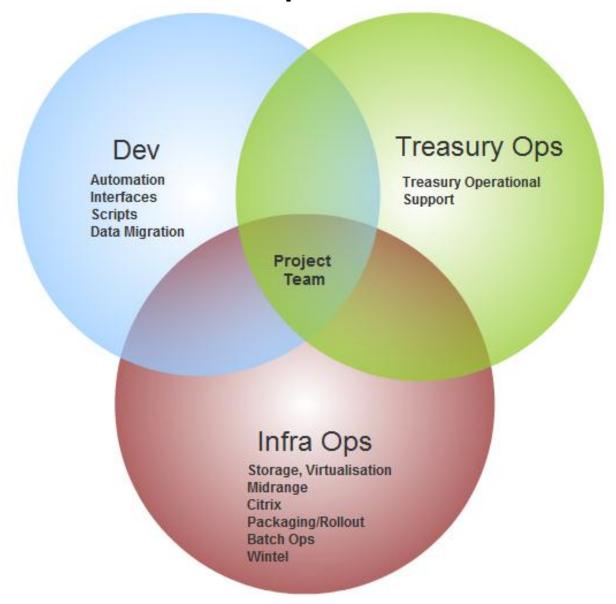
- Story cards
- Jira & Greenhopper
- Pairing
- Co-location
- Continuous Integration
- Standups, Retrospectives



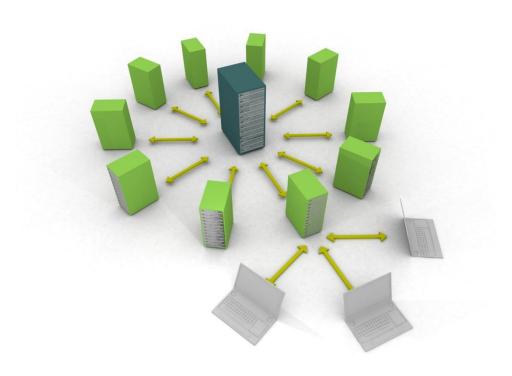
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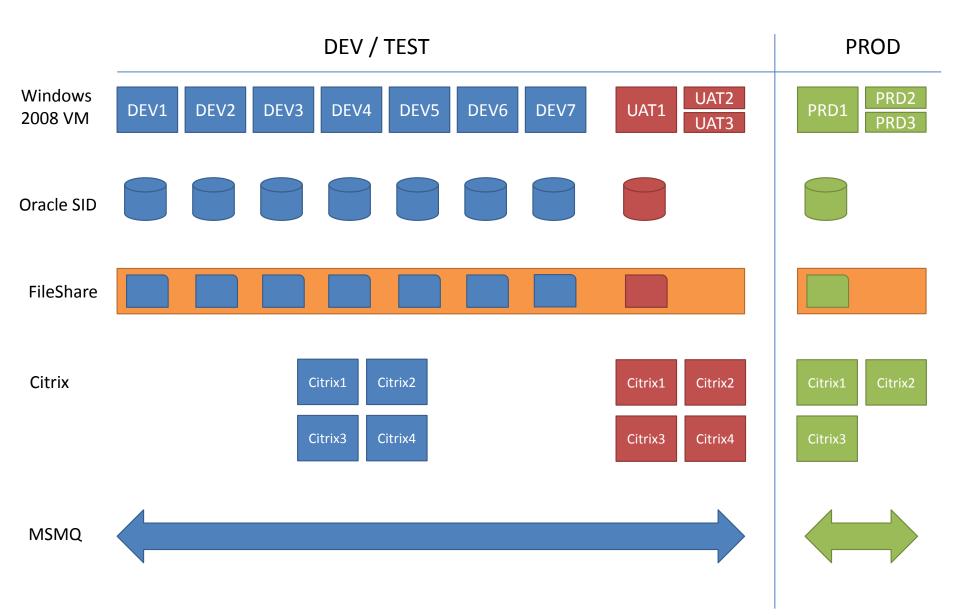
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Ecosystem



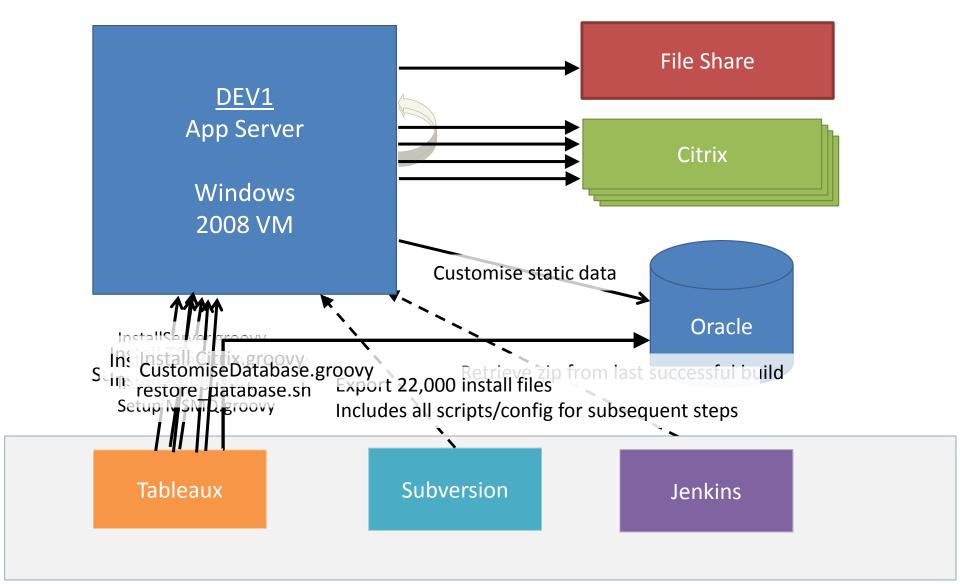
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Automation



Automated Deployment



Testing Your Automation

- Automation is great but does it still work?
- Wrap entire deployment process in a build and treat it like code:
 - Version control
 - Testable
 - Deployable
- "Infrastructure as code"



Continuous Integration

- Nightly build rebuild entire test environment:
 - Deploy vendor and custom apps and configuration
 - Acceptance tests for vendor and custom apps
 - Batch run
 - Restore database ready for next day
- Approx. 4hrs



Continuous Integration

- Analyse the results in the morning...
 - anything broken from unintentional side-effects introduced day before?



Tableaux Report



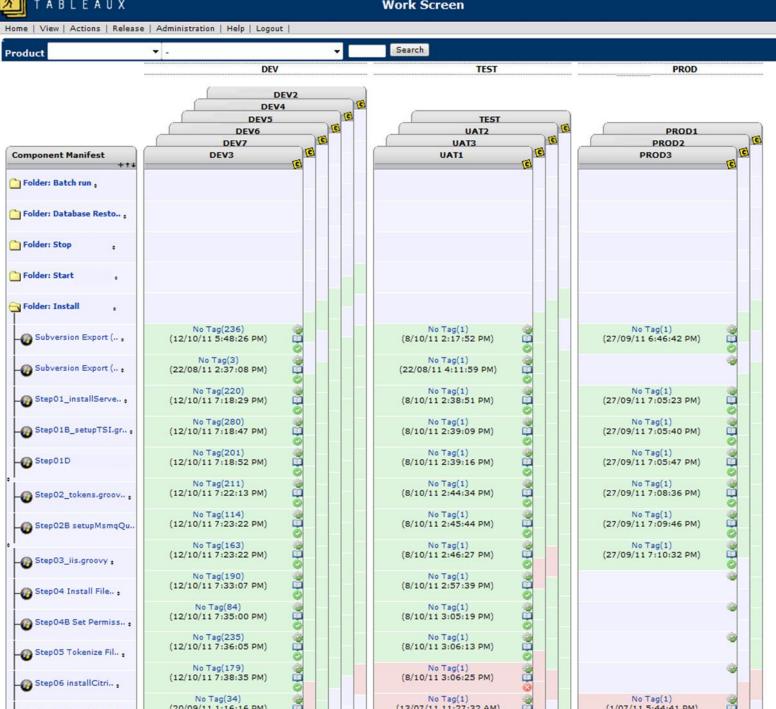
Stop Services	5:35:41 PM	50s	0
Stop IIS	5:36:31 PM	5s	0
Subversion Export (to latest)	5:36:37 PM	11m, 48s	0
Restore all	5:48:26 PM	56m, 6s	0
Generify Database	6:44:32 PM	41s	0
Run treasury-tsi Build	6:45:14 PM	15m, 49s	0
Run treasury-tsi-dist Build	7:01:03 PM	4m, 18s	0
Run treasury-api-dist Build	7:05:21 PM	48s	0
Step01_installServer.groovy	7:06:10 PM	12m, 19s	0
Step01B_setupTSI.groovy	7:18:29 PM	17s	0
Step01D_setupApi.groovy	7:18:47 PM	5s	0

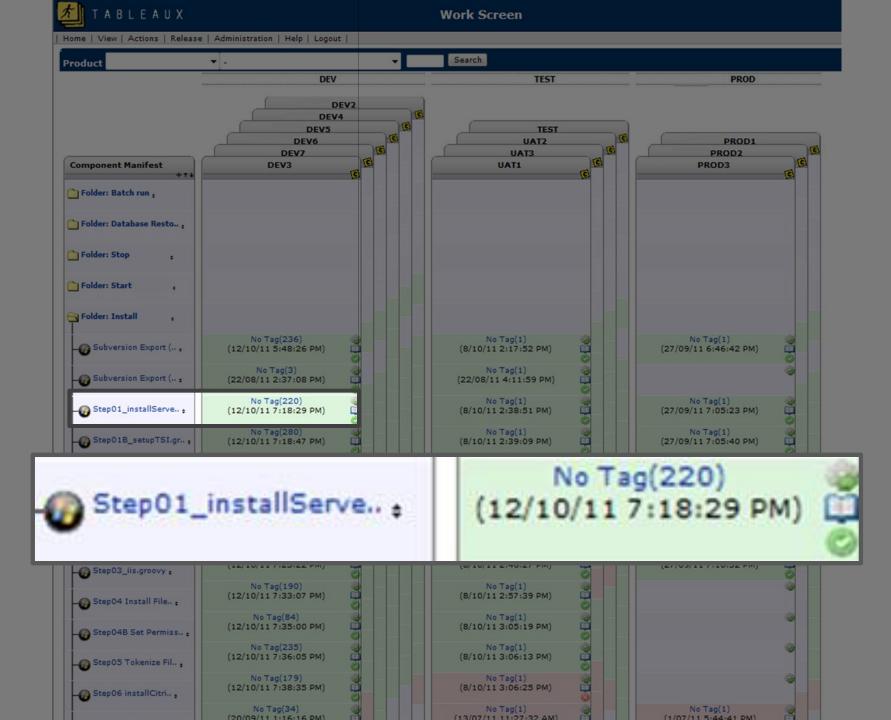
Tableaux Report



TSI Distribution Tests	7:38:35 PM	1m, 8s	0
Start IIS	7:39:44 PM	4s	0
Start Services	7:39:48 PM	2m, 55s	0
EOD Batch Run	7:42:44 PM	57m, 0s	0
Api Acceptance Tests	8:39:44 PM	11m, 27s	0
Stop Services	8:51:12 PM	57s	0
Stop IIS	8:52:10 PM	7s	0
Restore all	8:52:17 PM	55m, 9s	0
Generify Database	9:47:27 PM	36s	0
Start Services	9:48:03 PM	31s	0
Start IIS	9:48:35 PM	3s	0

Work Screen





Tokenisation

```
installables
  迫 🚞 build
                                                                      Step02 tokens.groovy
  File destDir = new File(/C:\Program Files\Server/)
        tokens_dev01.properties
                                    def tokens = new Tokens(args)
        tokens_dev02.properties
        tokens_dev03.properties
                                    println '---- Tokenising config files'
        tokens_dev04.properties
                                    destDir.traverse(filter: {it.name ==~ ~/.*\.(config|Config|xml)/}) { file->
        tokens_dev05.properties
                                         tokens.processFile(file, tokens.tokenise)
        tokens_dev06.properties
                                    }
        tokens_dev07.properties
        tokens_dev11.properties
        tokens_prod01.properties
                                                                    tokens dev03.properties
        tokens prod02.properties
        tokens prod03.properties
                                    PUBSUBWEBSRVIP=TREAS3
        tokens_uat01.properties
                                    PUBSUBWEBSRVPRT=47125
        tokens uat02.properties
                                    PUBSUBWEBSRVPRTSTART=49000
        tokens uat03.properties
                                    PUBSUBWEBSRVIP=TREAS3
  PUBSUBWEBSRVPRT=47125
  և 🗀 files
                                    ORAINSTANCE=DEV3
  i 🗁 install
        G Step01_installServer.groovy

    Step01B_setupTSI.groovy

    Step01D_setupTreasuryApi.groovy

                                                                       Application.config
        @ Step02_tokens.groovy
                                     <pubSubHost IntervalInSecondsToCheckHeartbeat="60"</pre>
        G Step02B_setupMsmqQueues.groov
                                                     Address="net.tcp://%PUBSUBWEBSRVIP%:%PUBSUBWEBSRVPRT%/...
        @ Step03_iis-pres.groovy
                                                     Start Port Range="%PUBSUBWEBSRVPRTSTART%"
        @ Step03_iis.groovy
                                                     End Port Range="%PUBSUBWEBSRVPRTEND%"/>
        G Step04_installFileShare.groovy

    Step04B_permsFileShare.groovy

        @ Step05_tokensFileShare.groovy
       @ Step06_installCitrix.groovy
```

Step90_OPTIONAL_installFileShareDOCS.groovy

```
Tokens.groovy
```

```
class Tokens {
    @Lazy tokens = loadProperties("../config/tokens ${System.getenv('ComputerName')}.properties")
    def processFile(file, Closure... closures) {
        def result = file.readLines().collect { line ->
            def newline = line
            closures.each { newline = it(file, newline) }
            newline
        file.text = result.join('\n').denormalize()
    def tokenise = { file, line ->
        def newline = line
        tokens.each { k, v ->
            newline = newline.replaceAll("%$k%", v)
        return newline
    def propertyMissing(name) {
        tokens[name]
    Map loadProperties(String name) {
        def props = new Properties()
        new File("${scriptDir}/../config/${name}.properties").withReader { r -> props.load(r) }
        props
```

Web Server (IIS) Install Script

- 1. Setup SSL certificates
- 2. Setup permissions
- 3. Reinstall application services
- 4. Configure services



SetupIIS.groovy

```
def tokens = new Tokens(args)
def serviceUsername = tokens.SERVICEUSERNAME
def servicePassword = tokens.SERVICEPASSWORD
String hash = makeCertificate()
execute """ appcmd set site /site.name:"$SITENAME" /+bindings.[protocol='https',bindingInformation='*:443:'] """
execute """ netsh http add sslcert ipport=0.0.0.0:443 certhash=$hash appid={$IIS APP ID}"""
execute """ appcmd delete apppool -apppool.name:ApplicationPool """
execute """ appcmd add apppool -name:ApplicationPool -autoStart:true -managedPipelineMode:Integrated -processModel.
def services = [ ApplicationService: "ApplicationPool", SecureTokenService: "ApplicationPool", ServiceInterface: "Defa
services.each { name, poolname ->
  execute """ appcmd delete APP "$SITENAME/$name" """
 execute """ appcmd add APP /site.name:"$SITENAME" /path:"/$name" -physicalPath:"apppath\$name" -applicationPool:$
 execute """ appcmd set vdir "$SITENAME/$name/" -userName:$serviceUsername -password:$servicePassword """
execute (/ntrights -u $serviceUsername +r SeServiceLogonRight/)
execute (/SchedulerService.exe -uninstall/)
execute (/SchedulerService.exe -install/)
execute (/sc config Scheduler obj=$serviceUsername password="$servicePassword" start=demand/)
String makeCertificate() {
    def output = execute("certutil -store My Cert")
    if (output.contains('-store command FAILED')) {
        println "Making certificate"
        execute("""makecert.exe -a sha1 -n "CN=Cert" -sr LocalMachine -ss My -sky exchange -pe""")
        output = execute("certutil -store My Cert")
    }
    def hash
    output.find(/Cert Hash[^:]*: (.*)/){ hash = it[1].replaceAll(' ', '') }
    if (!hash) throw new RuntimeException("Something went wrong parsing certificate")
    println 'Using certificate: ' + hash
    hash
```

SetupIIS.groovy

```
String execute(command) {
    def proc = command.execute()
    def sout = new StringBuffer()
    def serr = new StringBuffer()
    proc.consumeProcessOutput(sout, serr)
    proc.waitFor()
    String result = ''
    if (sout) result += sout
    if (serr) result += 'ERROR: ' + serr
    result
}
```

Setup new environment from scratch?

- Custom third-party software install package
 - Install wizard
 - Wiki page
- Fresh configuration



Installer







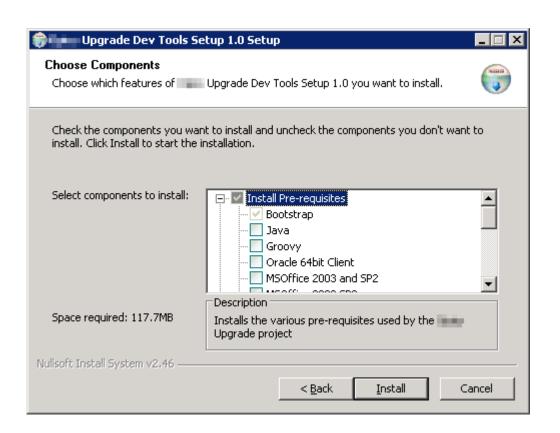


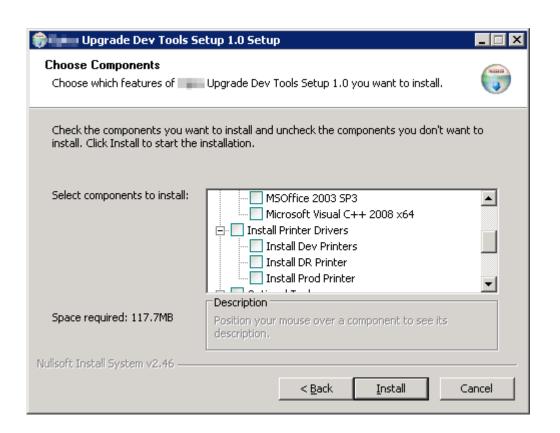










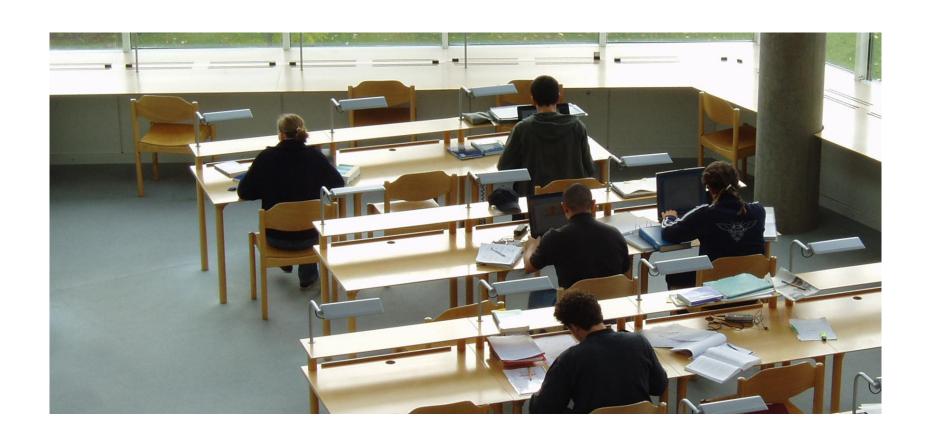


```
SectionGroup "Install Pre-requisites" SEC GRP INSTALL
                                                                            NSIS Script
  Section /o "Java" SEC JAVA
    ClearErrors
   SetOutPath "${JAVA INSTALL DIR}"
    !insertmacro execAndCheck 'Java' '"${BOOTSTRAP}\${JAVA EXE NAME}" ADDLOCAL=ALL /log c:\temp\install-jc
    ; Set JAVA HOME environment variable
   WriteRegExpandStr ${ENV REGKEY} JAVA HOME ${JAVA INSTALL DIR}
   ${EnvVarUpdate} $0 "PATH" "R" "HKLM" "${JAVA INSTALL DIR}\bin"
   ${EnvVarUpdate} $0 "PATH" "P" "HKLM" "${JAVA INSTALL DIR}\bin"
   Call notify all windows of environment change
  SectionEnd
SectionGroupEnd
SectionGroup "Install Printer Drivers" SEC GRP PRINTER
  Section /o "Install Dev Printers" SEC DEV PRINTER
    ClearErrors
   !insertmacro svnExport "${FILES REPO}/PrinterInstall" "${FILEDIR}/PrinterInstall"
    !insertmacro unzipAndCheck "${FILEDIR}\PrinterInstall\${PRINTER DRIVER ZIP}" "${TEMP DIR}"
    !insertmacro execAndCheck 'Dev' '"groovy.exe" "installLexmarkPrinter.groovy" "LX656 TEXT" "c:\temp\LX
    !insertmacro execAndCheck 'Dev' '"groovy.exe" "installLexmarkPrinter.groovy" "LX656" "10.10.10.10"
  SectionEnd
SectionGroupEnd
!macro svnExport Source Dest
   ExecWait '"${GROOVY INSTALL DIR}\bin\groovy.exe" "${BOOTSTRAP}\${SVN EXPORTER}" ${Source} ${Dest}'
!macroend
!macro execAndCheck Description Executable
    DetailPrint 'Executing ${Description} (${Executable})'
   ExecWait '${Executable}'
!macroend
!macro unzipAndCheck Zipfile Dest
    !insertmacro ZIPDLL EXTRACT "${Zipfile}" "${Dest}" "<ALL>"
!macroend
```

installLexmarkPrinter.groovy

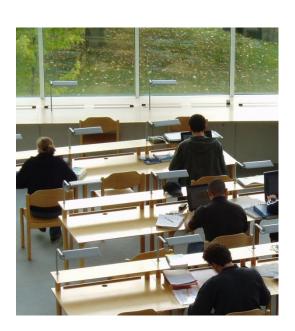
```
printerName = args[0]
printerLocation = args[1]
checkDriverExists()
createPort()
installPrinter()
makeDefault()
def createPort() {
    printerLocationIsIpAddress() ? createTcpIpPort() : createLocalFilePort()
}
def createTcpIpPort() {
    def wmi = new ActiveXObject(/winmgmts:{impersonationLevel=impersonate}!\\.\root\CIMV2/)
    def newPort = wmi.Get("Win32 TCPIPPrinterPort").SpawnInstance ()
    newPort.Name = printerLocation
    newPort.Protocol = 1
    newPort.HostAddress = printerLocation
    newPort.PortNumber = "9100"
    newPort.SNMPEnabled = true
    newPort.Put ()
}
def createLocalFilePort() {
    "net stop spooler".execute()
    """reg add "HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows NT\\CurrentVersion\\Ports" /v "$printerL
    "net start spooler".execute()
}
def installPrinter() {
    "rundll32 printui.dll,PrintUIEntry /if /b \"$printerName\" /f C:\\temp\\LexmarkUniversalDrivers\\Prin
}
```

Lessons Learnt



Lessons Learnt

- 1. Get skills mix right
- 2. Co-locate where possible
- 3. Automation provides leverage
- 4. Fail early, fail often
- 5. Don't need latest tools
- 6. Keep automation options open
- 7. Know when to automate



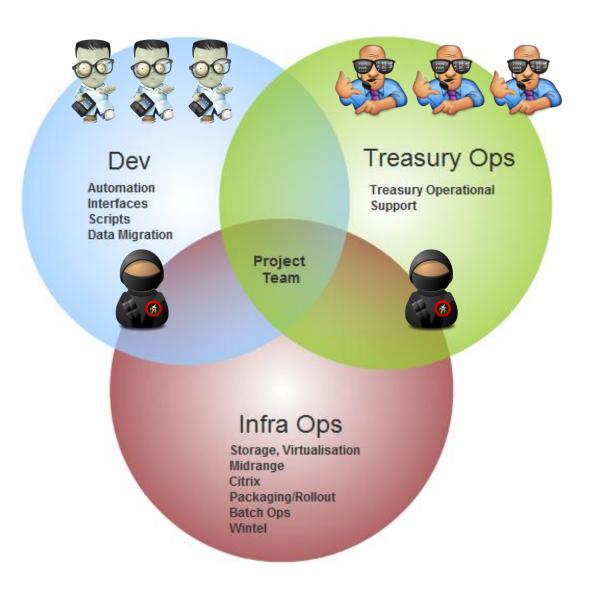


#1: Get Skills Mix Right

- Devs + Ops + Treasury experts
 + Environment experts
- Need experts from different disciplines
 - Brings balance to the force
 - A developer with a hammer sees every problem as a nail
- Pairing is not just for programming...
 - cross-skilling

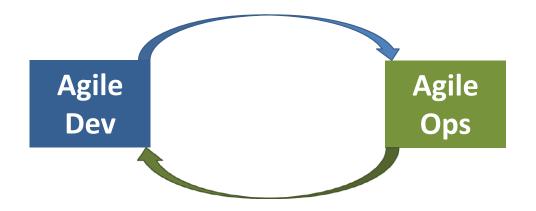


Collaborative Team



DevOps Composition

There's no one right way to compose your organization.



- DevOps Team?
- Continually seek to improve collaboration
 - whether in same team or different countries



#2: Co-locate as often as possible

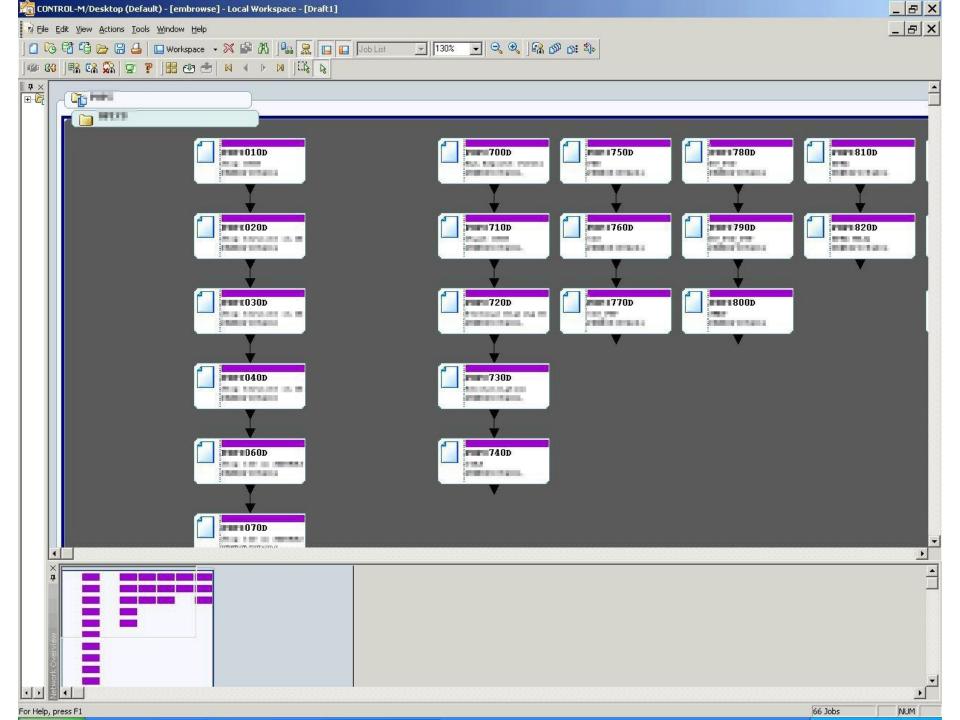
- Permanent co-location was not an option
- Need to find a way to break into silos
- Open invitation to infra guys:
 - Sit with team for ad-hoc problem solving
- Pick their brains
- Impress them with automation capabilities
- Gain their trust



Control-M Example

- Scheduling and monitoring tool
 - keeps production running 24/7
 - tedious manual GUI entry
- Manual setup would take 3-4 weeks
- Would "Huggy" embrace an automated solution?





Sample Control-M Job XML

```
Save Workspace

Save in: My Documents

File name: Draft1

Save

Save as type: CONTROL-M/Desktop Workspace (*.drf)

CONTROL-M/Desktop Workspace (*.drf)

XML file (ExportDefTable Format) (*.xml)
```

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='ISO-8859-1' ?>
<!DOCTYPE DEFTABLE SYSTEM "deftable.dtd">
<DEFTABLE >
<SCHED TABLE DATACENTER="MIDRANGE TEST">
 <JOB APPLICATION="TREAS" APR="1" AUG="1" ...</pre>
  CMDLINE="c:\Progra~1\..." CONFIRM="0" CREATION ...
  GROUP="TREAS" IND CYCLIC="START" INTERVAL="00000M" JAN="1" JOBNAME="TREAS010"
   PRIORITY="AA" RETRO="0" SEP="1" SHIFT="IGNOREJOB" SHIFTNUM="+00" SYSDB="0"
   <QUANTITATIVE NAME="AVAIL" QUANT="1"/>
   <SHOUT DEST="ECS" MESSAGE="%%JOBNAME ABENDED" URGENCY="R" WHEN="NOTOK"/>
   <ON CODE="NOTOK" STMT="*">
    <DOCOND NAME="P-FAILED" ODATE="ODAT" SIGN="ADD"/>
   </ON>
 </JOB>
</SCHED TABLE>
</DEFTABLE>
```

Data-driven Automation: Excel

Name	JOBNAME	SUFFIX	NODEID	OWNER	TIMEF	INCOND
SCHEDULE: Business Days WEEI	KDAYS="1,2	2,3,4,5"				
Stop OSYS	TRES010	D	%LOCAL_SERVER%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%	1815	
Stop services on SERVER1 before	TRES020	D	%LOCAL_SERVER%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES010D-TRI
Stop services on SERVER2 before	TRES030	D	%PAIRED_SERVER_1%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES020D-TRI
Stop services on SERVER3 before	TRES040	D	%PAIRED_SERVER_2%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES030D-TRI
Stop IIS on SERVER1 before back	TRES060	D	%LOCAL_SERVER%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES040D-TRI
Stop IIS on SERVER2 before backı	TRES070	D	%PAIRED_SERVER_1%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRESO60D-TRI
Stop IIS on SERVER3 before backı	TRES080	D	%PAIRED_SERVER_2%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES070D-TRI
Database backup before batch	TRES100	D	%ORASERVER%	%ORAUSER%		TRES080D-TRI
Start IIS on SERVER1 after backur	TRES110	D	%LOCAL_SERVER%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES100D-TRI
Start IIS on SERVER2 after backur	TRES120	D	%PAIRED_SERVER_1%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES110D-TRI
Start IIS on SERVER3 after backup	TRES130	D	%PAIRED_SERVER_2%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES120D-TRI
Start services on SERVER1 after k	TRES150	D	%LOCAL_SERVER%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES130D-TRI
Start services on SERVER2 after b	TRES160	D	%PAIRED_SERVER_1%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES150D-TRI
Start services on SERVER3 after k	TRES170	D	%PAIRED_SERVER_2%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES160D-TRI
Kick off the EOD batch run	TRES190	D	%LOCAL_SERVER%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES170D-TRI
Run Generate	TRES200	D	%LOCAL_SERVER%	%SERVICEUSERNAME2%		TRES190D-TRI

%LOCAL SERVER%

%LOCAL SERVER%

%ORASERVER%

%PAIRED SERVER 1%

%PAIRED SERVER 2%

%PAIRED SERVER 1%

%PAIRED SERVER 2%

%SERVICEUSERNAME2%

%SERVICEUSERNAME2%

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%SERVICEUSERNAME2%

%SERVICEUSERNAME2%

%SERVICEUSERNAME2%

%ORAUSER%

TRES200D-TRE

TRES210D-TRE

TRES220D-TRE

TRES230D-TRE

TRES250D-TRE

TRES260D-TRE

TRES270D-TRE

Stop services on SERVER1 before TRES210

Stop services on SERVER2 before TRES220

Stop services on SERVER3 before TRES230

Stop IIS on SERVER1 before back TRES250

Stop IIS on SERVER2 before back TRES260

Stop IIS on SERVER3 before back TRES270

Database backup after batch

TRES290

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Control-M Job Generator: Groovy

```
private String convert(File csvFile, String env) {
    def headerXml = """<?xml version='1.0' encoding='ISO-8859-1' ?><!DOCTYPE DEFTABLE SYSTEM</pre>
    def footerXml = """ </SCHED_TABLE></DEFTABLE>"""
    def templateXml = '''
    <JOB APPLICATION="TREAS" CMDLINE="${cmdLine}" ${confCal} DESCRIPTION="${description}"</pre>
       <ON CODE="NOTOK" STMT="*"><DOCOND NAME="P@%%JOBNAME-%%NODEID" ODATE="ODAT" SIGN="ADD"</pre>
    </JOB>'''
   Template template = new groovy.text.GStringTemplateEngine().createTemplate(templateXml)
   CSVReader reader = new au.com.bytecode.opencsv.CSVReader(new StringReader(csvFile.text),
    String[] cells
   output = headerXml
   while ((cells = reader.readNext()) != null)
        output += cellsToJobXml(template, cells, rowNum++, schedule, region)
   output += footerXml
private String cellsToJobXml(Template template, String[] cells, int rowNum, String schedule,
    parameters = [
            region: region, description: cells[0], jobName: cells[1] + cells[2],
            nodeId: cells[3], theOwner: cells[4], timeFrom: cells[5],
            inCond: cells[6] ? """<INCOND AND_OR="AND" NAME="${cells[6]}" ODATE="ODAT" />"""
            quantResource: """<QUANTITATIVE NAME="%%NODEID._AVAIL" QUANT="1"/>""" + "\n",
            outCond: reverseInCond(cells[6]) + buildOutConds(cells[7]),
            cmdLine: cells[8], confCal: getConfCal(cells[2]), shift: getShift(cells[2]),
            schedule: schedule
    template.make(parameters).toString()
```

Result XML

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='ISO-8859-1' ?>
<!DOCTYPE DEFTABLE SYSTEM "deftable.dtd">
<DEFTABLE >
  <SCHED TABLE DATACENTER="MIDRANGE TEST" LAST UPLOAD="21/04/2011 6:01:23 AM" TABLE NAME="
    <JOB APPLICATION="TREAS" APR="1" AUG="1" AUTHOR="ctmauth" AUTOARCH="0" CMDLINE="C:\Prog</pre>
       DAYS AND OR="AND" DEC="1" DESCRIPTION="Stop OSYS" FEB="1" GROUP="TREAS" JAN="1" JOBN
       MAXRUNS="0" MAXWAIT="98" MAY="1" MEMNAME="TREAS010D" MULTY AGENT="N" NODEID="TREAS"
       TASKTYPE="Command" TIMEFROM="1815" USE INSTREAM JCL="N" WEEKDAYS="1,2,3,4,5" WEEKSCA
      <QUANTITATIVE NAME="%NODEID. AVAIL" QUANT="1"/>
      <OUTCOND NAME="TREAS010D-TREAS020D" ODATE="ODAT" SIGN="ADD"/>
      <SHOUT DEST="ECS" MESSAGE="%%JOBNAME FAILED on %%NODEID - Call out to Treasury Suppor
      <ON CODE="NOTOK" STMT="*">
        <DOCOND NAME="P@%%JOBNAME-%%NODEID" ODATE="ODAT" SIGN="ADD"/>
      </ON>
    </JOB>
    <JOB APPLICATION="TREAS" APR="1" AUG="1" AUTHOR="ctmauth" AUTOARCH="0" CMDLINE="c:\proq</pre>
       DAYS_AND_OR="AND" DEC="1" DESCRIPTION="Stop services on SERVER1 before backup before
       MAXRUNS="0" MAXWAIT="98" MAY="1" MEMNAME="TREAS020D" MULTY AGENT="N" NODEID="TREAS"
       TASKTYPE="Command" TIMEFROM="" USE_INSTREAM_JCL="N" WEEKDAYS="1,2,3,4,5" WEEKSCAL="F
      <INCOND AND OR="AND" NAME="TREAS010D-TREAS020D" ODATE="ODAT" />
      <QUANTITATIVE NAME="%NODEID. AVAIL" QUANT="1"/>
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Would Huggy Go For It?

- We'd already saved a huge amount of time.
 But ... would Huggy go for it?
- Collaboration approach
 - Initially, just ask for advice
 don't be arrogant
 - 2. Co-locate collaborate in-person
 - 3. Test your assumptions, refine
 - 4. Impress
 - 5. Agree on way forward





Keys to Enterprise Engagement

- Engage early, engage often
- Face-to-face is still the best
 - One meet-and-greet can make a huge difference
- Pick your battles
 - Every other team in the organisation is vying for limited resources
 - Know what needs you have and what compromises the business can live with
- Not what you know who you know





#3: Automation Provides Leverage

- Serendipity
- Automating one task often enables another task
 - Example: Api for batch run enabled testing
 - Example: Tokenisation enabled installs, Control-M





#4: Fail Early, Fail Often

- Practice, practice, practice
- Feedback is key
 - Execute ops code often
 - CI is not just for code
 - Reinstall entire vendor app every night in test environment
- Example: exercising DBA scripts every night





#5: You don't need the latest tools to get started

- Can get started with simple scripts and version control
 - shell, batch, powershell, groovy, ruby
- Reuse. What do you have in your hand right now?
 - IntelliJ / JUnit for Data Migration
- Tools do help...
- ...but don't procrastinate



Tool Choices

- Configuration Management (e.g. Puppet / Chef)
 - Declarative; Resource abstraction
 - Scalable; Platform independent
 - Reusable templates: PuppetForge; opscode-cookbooks
- Logging
 - Splunk , Logstash, GrayLog2, Flume
- Monitoring
 - "monitoring sucks"
 - Nagios, Sensu, Graphite, Ganglia
- IDEs
 - Puppet: Geppetto
 - Chef: RubyMine, Vim





#6: Keep automation options open

- Don't let tool back you into a hole
 - E.g. Data migration got stuck inside IDE



- Make it reusable
 - Available from the command-line
 - No intervention



#7: Know when to automate

- Automation is not the goal
 - delivering business value sooner is the goal
- Gold-plated automation that's rarely used?
 - could be wasteful or could be indispensable...
 - depends on many factors: criticality / scalability / manual difficulty
- Over time, learn to trust gut-feel
 - Learning improves intuition
- If in doubt... automate
- Economies of Scale



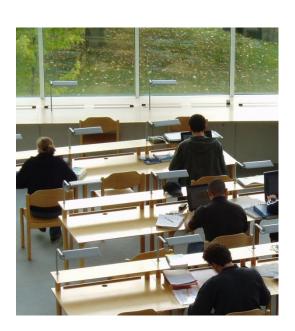
Automation Trade-offs

- Questions to ask yourself
 - Complexity?
 - Criticality?
 - Cost?
 - Need to scale?
 - How often?



Lessons Learnt

- 1. Get skills mix right
- 2. Co-locate where possible
- 3. Automation provides leverage
- 4. Fail early, fail often
- 5. Don't need latest tools
- 6. Keep automation options open
- 7. Know when to automate



DevOps = pushing Agile further

- We applied agile principles to "the last mile"
 - Culture of collaboratively seeking continual improvement
 - Automating fast feedback loops
- It's an attitude
 - Can we get more efficient at this?
 - Can a computer do this for me?
 - How can we collaborate with that team and what can we learn from them?

VOLUME

Results of Journey

- Successful implementation
- Patches: 4-5days → 1day
- On-call support reduction
 - Including downstream ops
- Confidence in changes
 - Continuous integration
 - Reliable environment
- Automation / Business priorities = Win-Win



Done... But The Journey Continues



Questions?

