Development Experience: why it's getting worse?

Ciao! Un po' di me

- Developing IDEs from 2008
 - Scala, Kotlin
- Build Tools
 - Gradle, SBT, TeamCity
- Focusing on customers
- Tree kids, dog and cat

DevOps engineer



https://www.redhat.com/en/topics/devops/devops-engineer

A DevOps engineer introduces processes, tools, and methodologies to **balance** needs throughout the <u>software development life cycle</u>, from coding and deployment, to maintenance and updates.

Development Experience



https://cpojer.net/posts/principles-of-devx

Developer Experience or DevX is the experience developers have when building, maintaining, testing, deploying, and analyzing software. DevX gets **deprioritized**, because there is no direct connection between improving DevX and generating business value.

What do you do for DevX?



https://www.menti.com/ala9eu9z5izb

Mentimeter!

DevOps ∩ DevX == Dev?

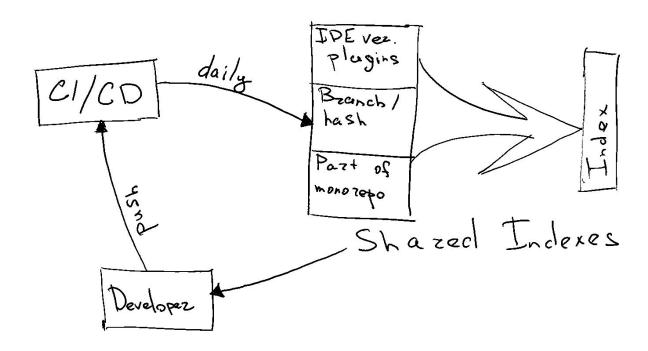
- Build Tools
- Setup experience
- Testing infrastructure
- Development / Production lifecycle

DevX - why it's getting worse?

- Growing project complexity / size
 - New solutions are required
- No connection between DevX & Profit
 - People are not motivated to work on that
 - No personal bonuses for DevX
- No metrics, how to calculate DevX

Examples

Shared Indexes



Bazel vs Gradle

- Big monorepo projects
 - o Impossible to open on a single machine
 - Customers do migrations to Bazel (faster, cache)
- For smaller projects
 - Gradle wins in setup

WebStorm vs VSCode

- Management doesn't know, which is better from the profit perspective
- People just don't want wait indexingTM
- We don't know what is developer "performance" at all
 - Lines of code? No! It's not allowed to calculate that!

Global analytics

- Tooling Vendor can have it (optionally)
 - https://vscodium.com/
- Global decisions can be made
- It's hard to do it company-wide
 - https://ai.googleblog.com/2022/07/ml-enhanced-code-completion-improves.html

The solution from JetBrains

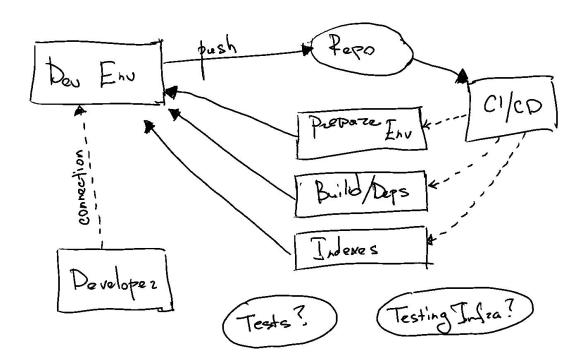
- Minute for Ads!
- Toolbox Enterprise
- https://www.jetbrains.com/toolbox-enterprise/

- Our analytics <u>server</u>



Remote Development

Infrastructure



VSCode devcontainers



- https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/remote/containers
- Looks very promising and seamlessly
- Remote local, requires powerful machine

JetBrains Remote Development

- https://www.jetbrains.com/remote-development/
- There are three orchestration tools:
 - Google Cloud Workstations
 - <u>Gitpod</u>
 - JetBrains Space



Problems

- It's premium feature
 - In addition to Mac Pro, now you need expensive remote tool
- It has support cost
 - To setup environment properly
- It's mostly in preview / beta
- If something fails => development cost
- Running UI app (?)

The good side

- Unlimited power of clouds
- Minimum time for setting up environment
- Everything is under control on the server
- Better security

Testing / Running

Testcontainers



- https://www.testcontainers.org/
- Very simple containerized tests setup
- Remote solution to simplify local experience

Kubernetes



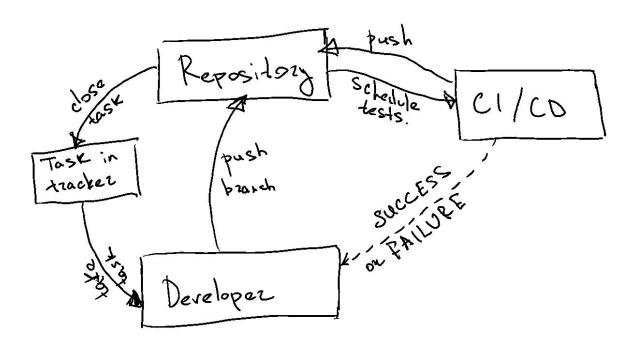
- https://speakerdeck.com/thomasvitale/developer-experience-with-java-on-kubernetes-jbcnconf-2022
- Fast rebuild
 - Tilt: https://tilt.dev/
- Hot reload
 - Skaffold: https://skaffold.dev/

Conclusion

- Everything is solvable
- Together with frameworks should go in sync with development tooling

Development processes

Safe push



Code review

- Similar diagram is possible
- Automation part includes integration of different tooling



Code Completion

- Code typing experience
 - Faster, less keystrokes
 - No thinking about obvious parameters etc.
 - Metrics are possible
- Code search experience
 - Saves a lot of time
 - Metrics are complicated

ML Completion

- Copilot
 - https://github.com/features/copilot
- Tabnine (ex-Codota)
 - https://www.tabnine.com/
- IntelliJ full line code completion
 - https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/14823-full-line-code-completion

ML Completion (Enterprise)



- ML process is needed
- Needs data, for big projects and big companies
- Writing code is faster:
 - https://ai.googleblog.com/2022/07/ml-enhanced-code-completion-improves.html

IDE can be slow

- Indexing
- Reading project from Build Tool
- Downloading dependencies
- Generating code
- Refactorings / IDE actions
- Typing freezes

Big Data Tools plugin

- Minute of ads again!:)
- https://www.jetbrains.com/help/idea/big-data-tools-data-files.html
- Zeppelin support
- Connect to data storages
- Kafka monitoring
- Amazon EMR support
- And more

Conclusion

- There is a new market (DevX)
 - We call it ToolOps market
- BigData tools, Enterprise Tools needs complicated processes
- Internal teams

DevX Community

- Please, join:
 - https://www.developerexperience.us/



More to discuss?



- Feel free to ping me directly
 - Alexander.Podkhalyuzin@jetbrains.com
- You have DevX related problems in your company
- You'd like to do some DevX in your company
- You can do consulting (new market!)



Thank you! Questions?