



DevOps on AWS: Deep Dive on Continuous Delivery and the AWS Developer Tools

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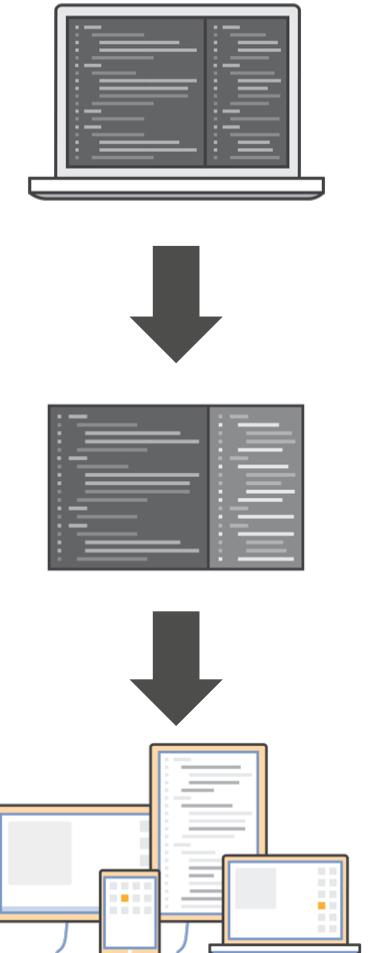
A photograph of a weathered brick wall. The bricks are a mix of reddish-brown and greyish-blue, showing signs of age and wear. A white, sans-serif font question is overlaid on the wall. The question reads "Why are we here today?"

Why are we
here today?

Software moves faster today

Software creation and distribution is easier and faster than ever:

- Startups can now take on giants with little to no funding ahead of time
- Getting your software into the hands of millions is a download away
- Your ability to move fast is paramount to your ability to fight off disruption



The software delivery model has drastically changed

Old software delivery model



New software delivery model



What tools do you need to move fast?

Releasing software in this new software driven world requires a number of things:

- Tools to manage the flow of your software development release process
- Tools to properly test and inspect your code for defects and potential issues
- Tools to deploy your applications

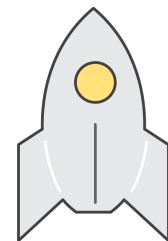
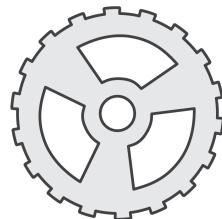
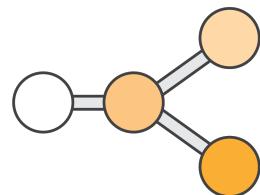
First, we need to understand a little bit about software release processes



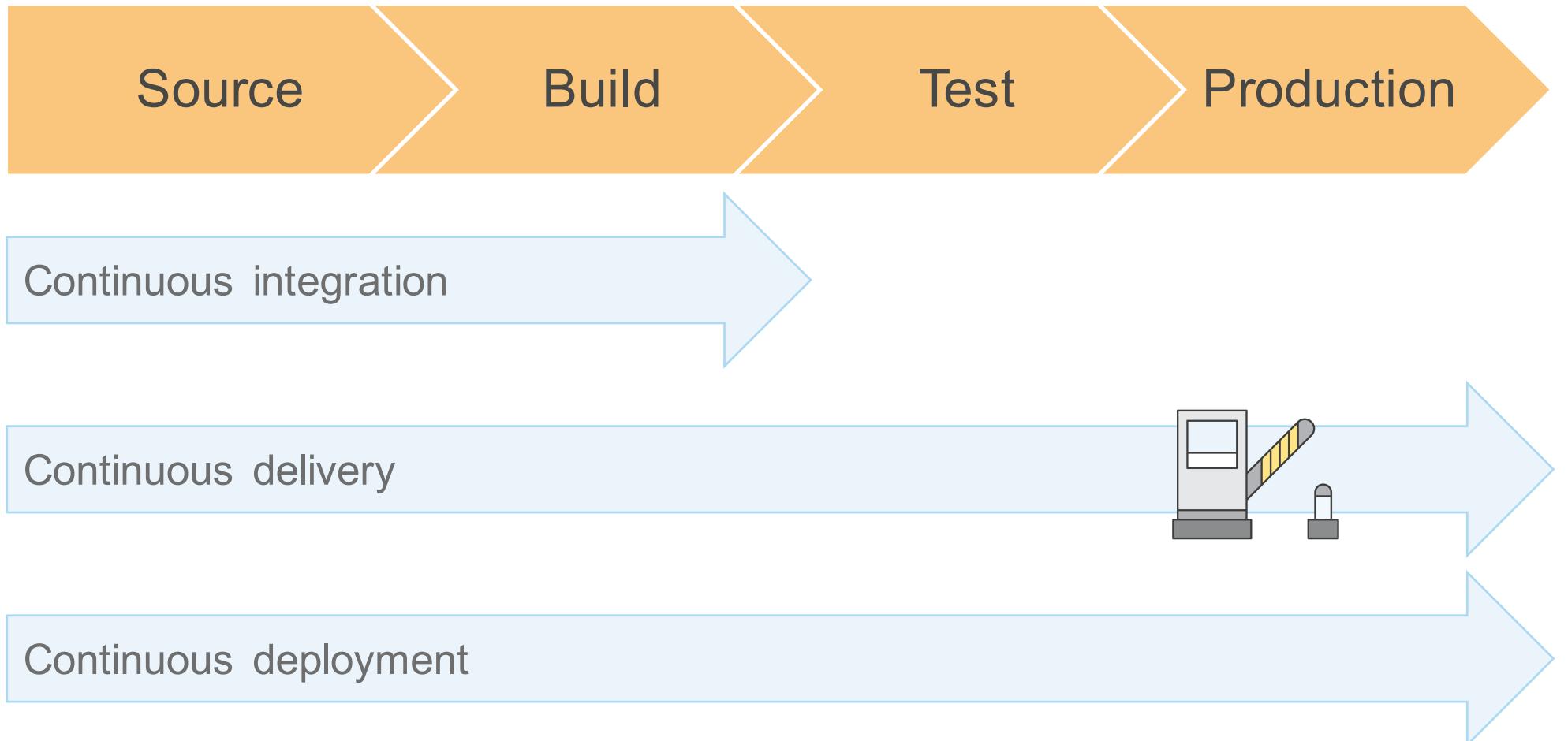
Release processes have four major phases



- Check-in source code such as .java files.
- Peer review new code
- Compile code
- Unit tests
- Style checkers
- Code metrics
- Create container images
- Integration tests with other systems
- Load testing
- UI tests
- Penetration testing
- Deployment to production environments



Release processes levels



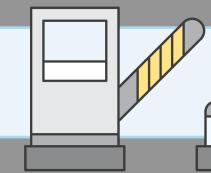
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Our focus today

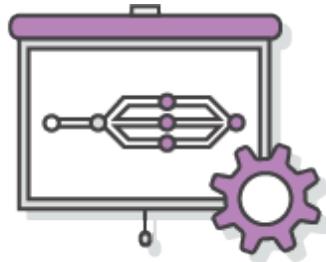
Continuous integration

Continuous delivery

Continuous deployment



Continuous Delivery Benefits



Automate the software release process



Improve developer productivity



Find and address bugs quickly



Deliver updates faster

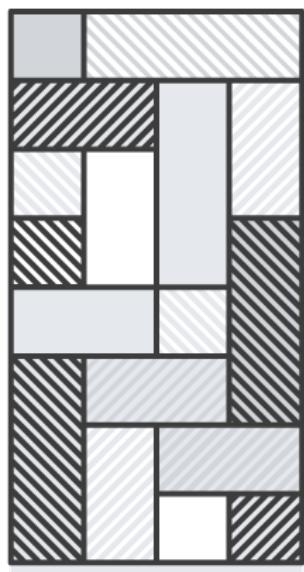


A look back at
development at
Amazon..

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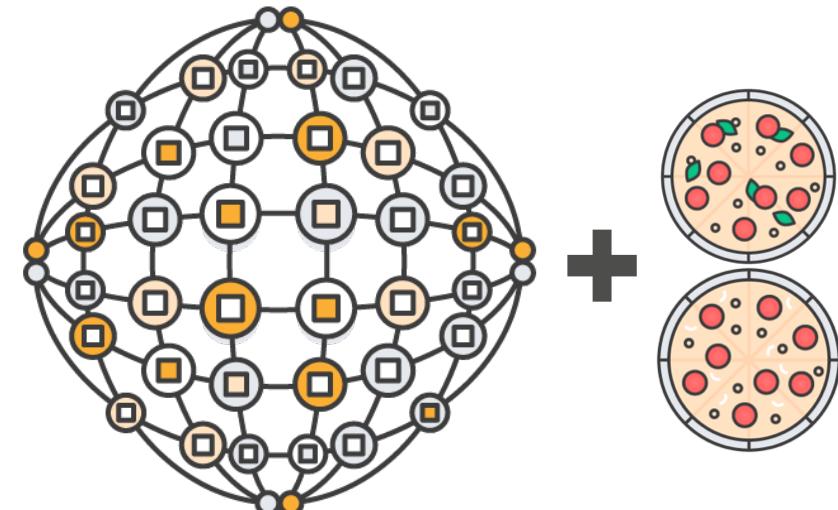
Development transformation at Amazon: 2001-2009

2001



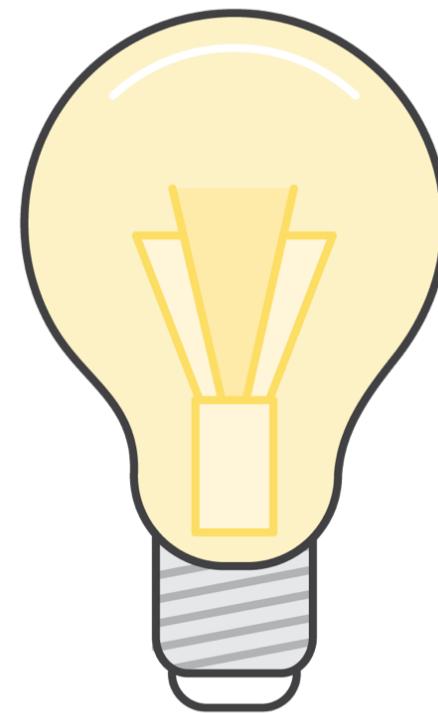
monolithic
application + teams

2009



microservices + 2 pizza teams

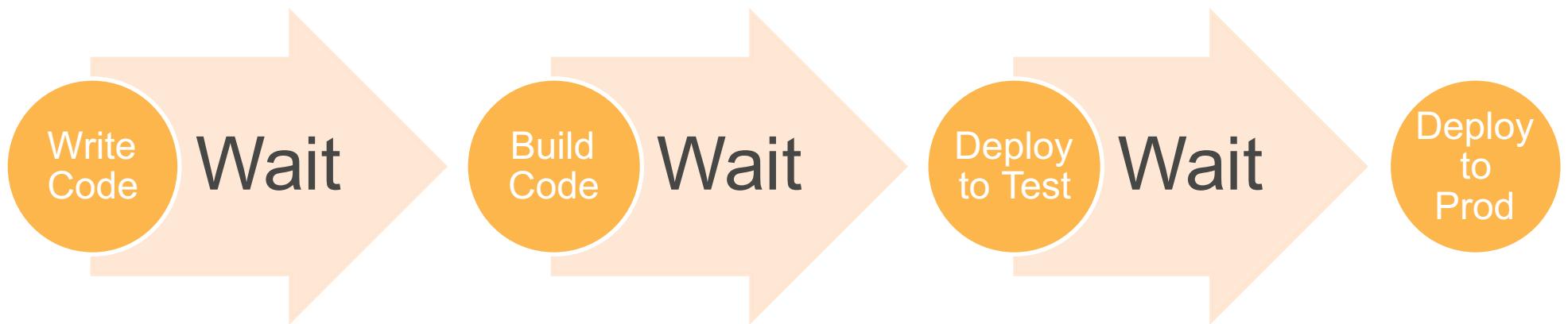
Things went much better under this model and teams were releasing faster than ever, but we felt that we could still improve.



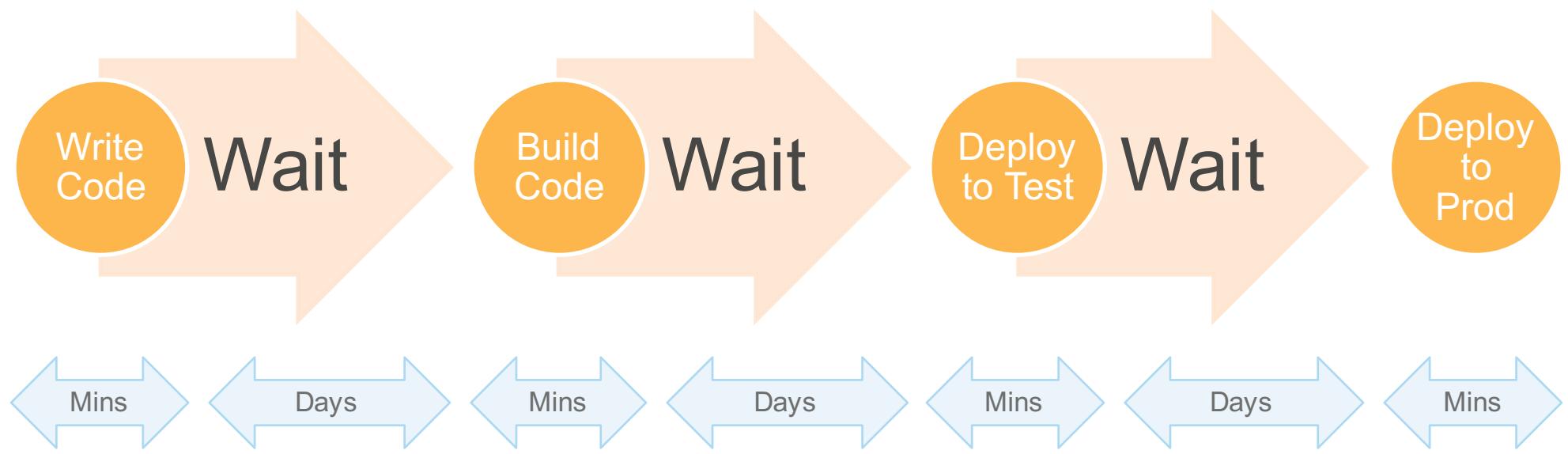


In 2009, we ran a study to find out where inefficiencies might still exist

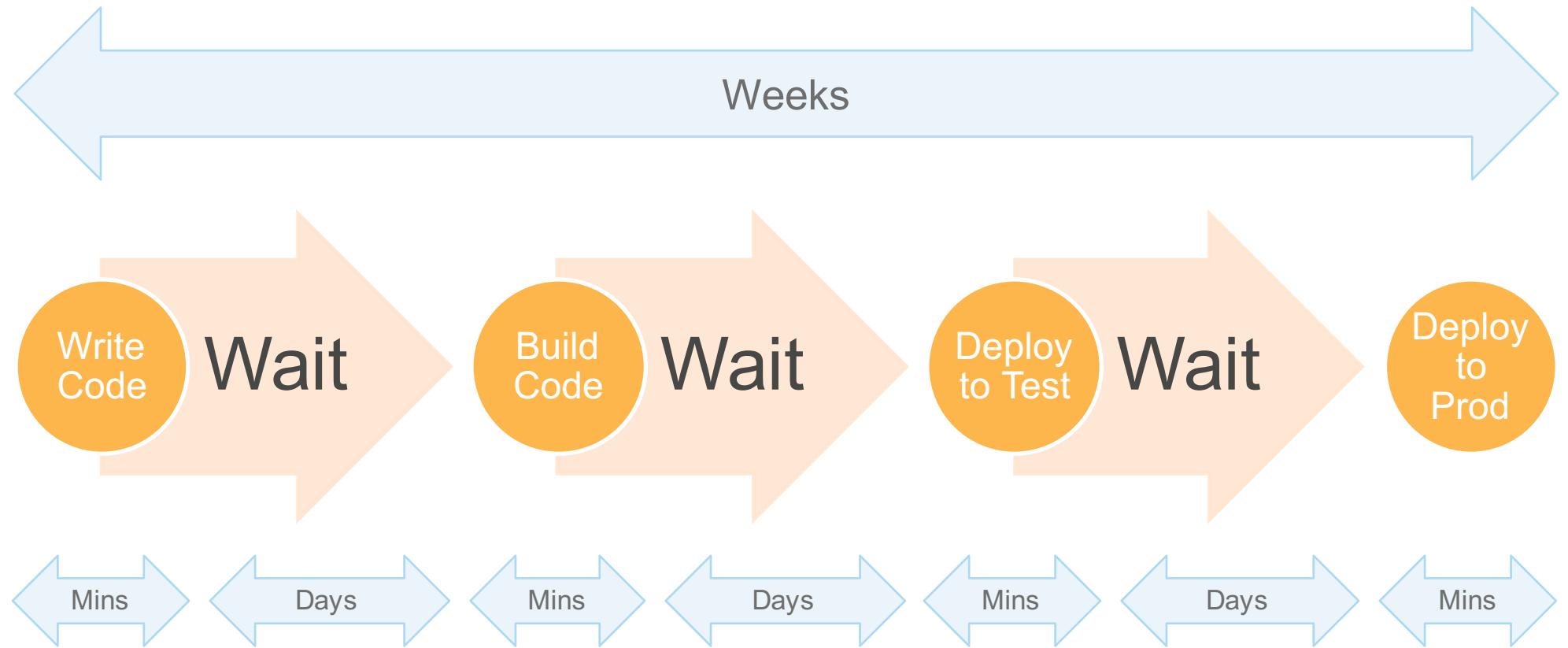
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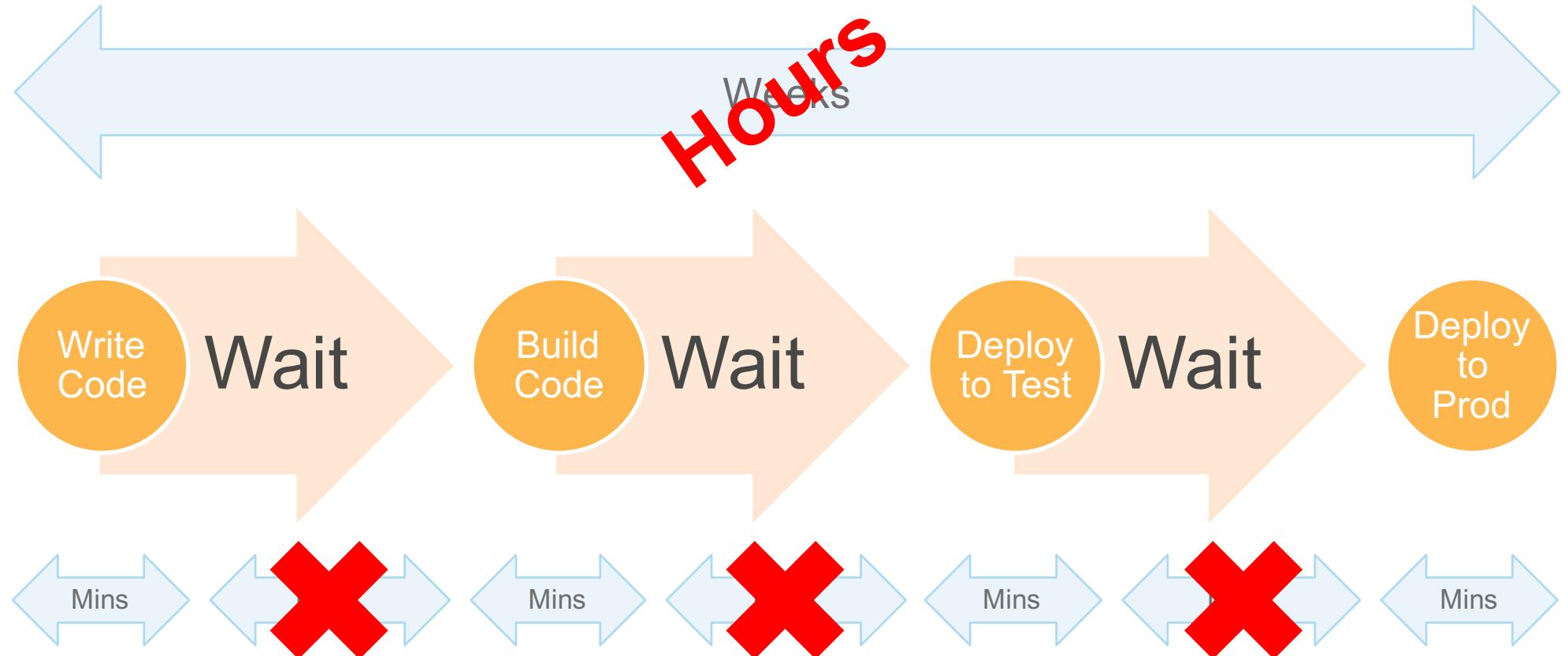
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We built tools to
automate our software
release process

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Pipelines

Automated actions and transitions; from check-in to production

Development benefits:

- Faster
- Safer
- Simplification & standardization
- Visualization of the process

This has continued to work out really well:

In 2014:

- Thousands of service teams across Amazon
- Building microservices
- Practicing continuous delivery
- Many environments (staging, beta, production)

50 million deploys

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This equates to roughly:

- 1000+ deploys every hour
- 10,000 hosts deployed to simultaneously. Max hosts 30,000 hosts

**Every 11.6 seconds
(production only)**

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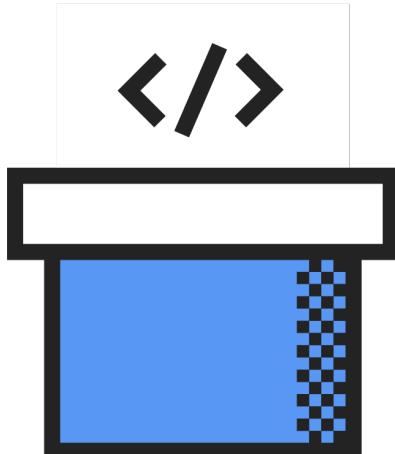
Every year at Amazon, we perform a survey of all our software developers. The 2014 results found only one development tool/service could be correlated statistically with happier developers:

Our pipelines service!

continuous delivery == happier developers!

AWS CodePipeline

Continuous delivery service for fast and reliable application updates

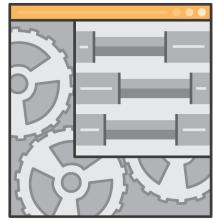


Model and visualize your software release process

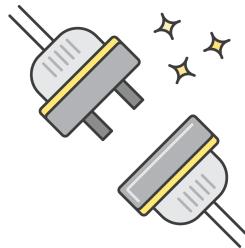
Builds, tests, and deploys your code every time there is a code change

Integrates with 3rd party tools and AWS

AWS CodePipeline Benefits



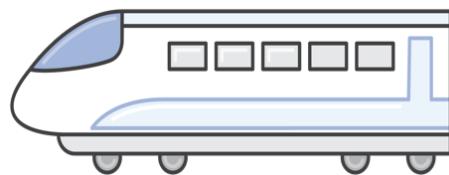
Configurable workflow



Easy to integrate



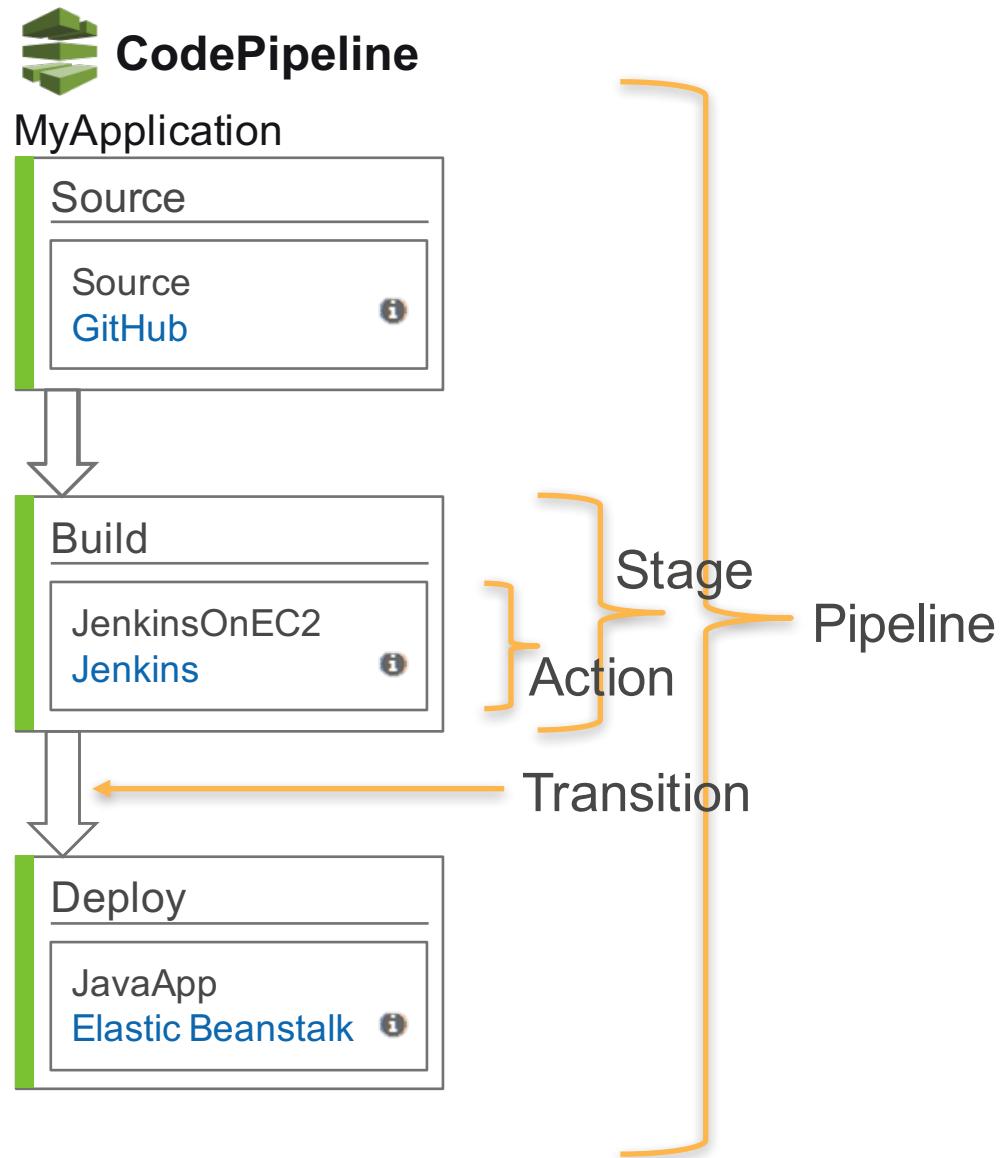
Improved quality



Rapid delivery

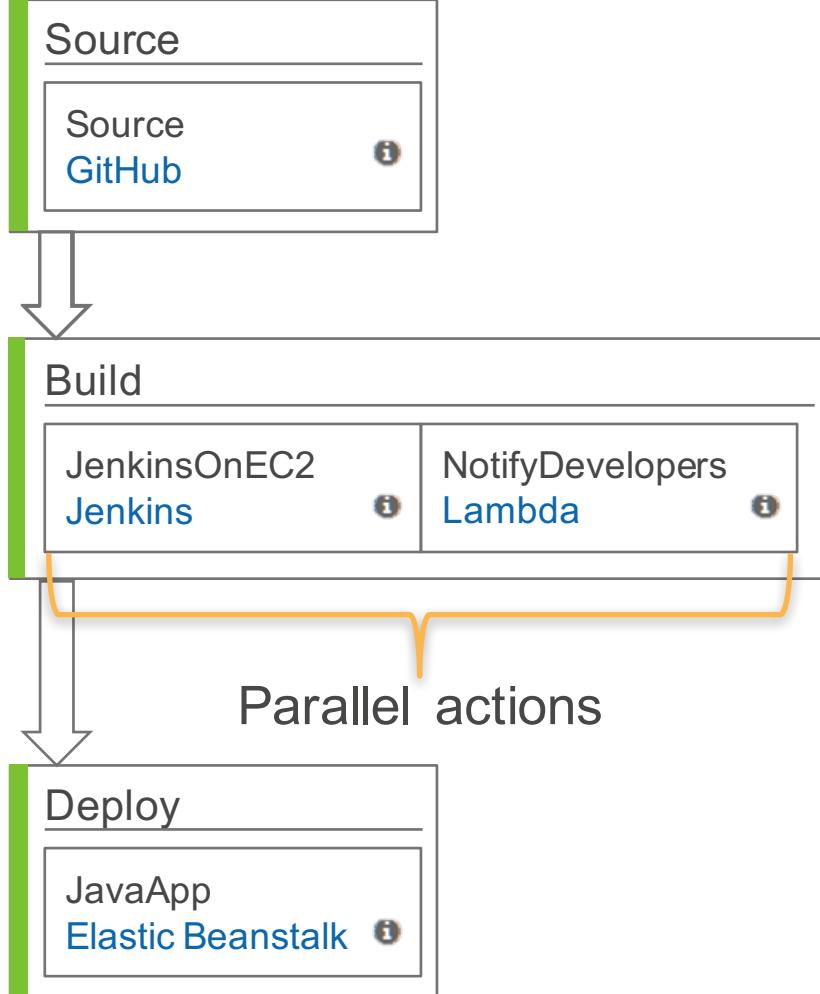


Get started fast



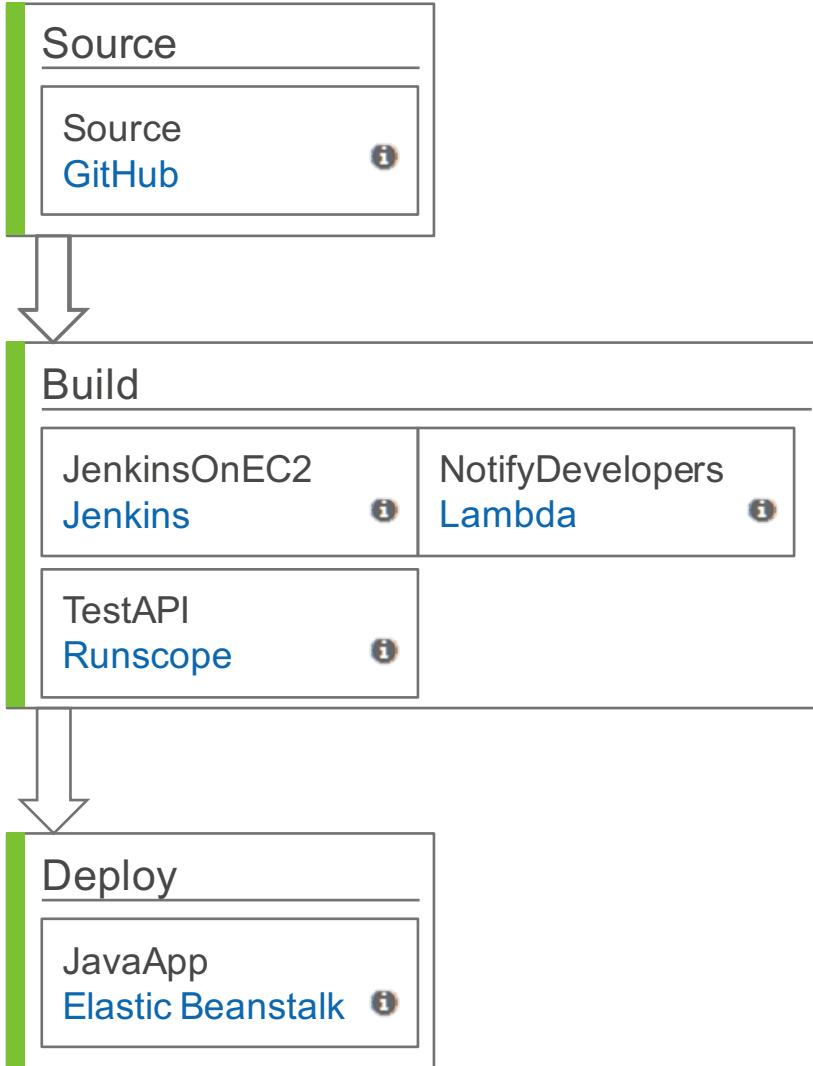


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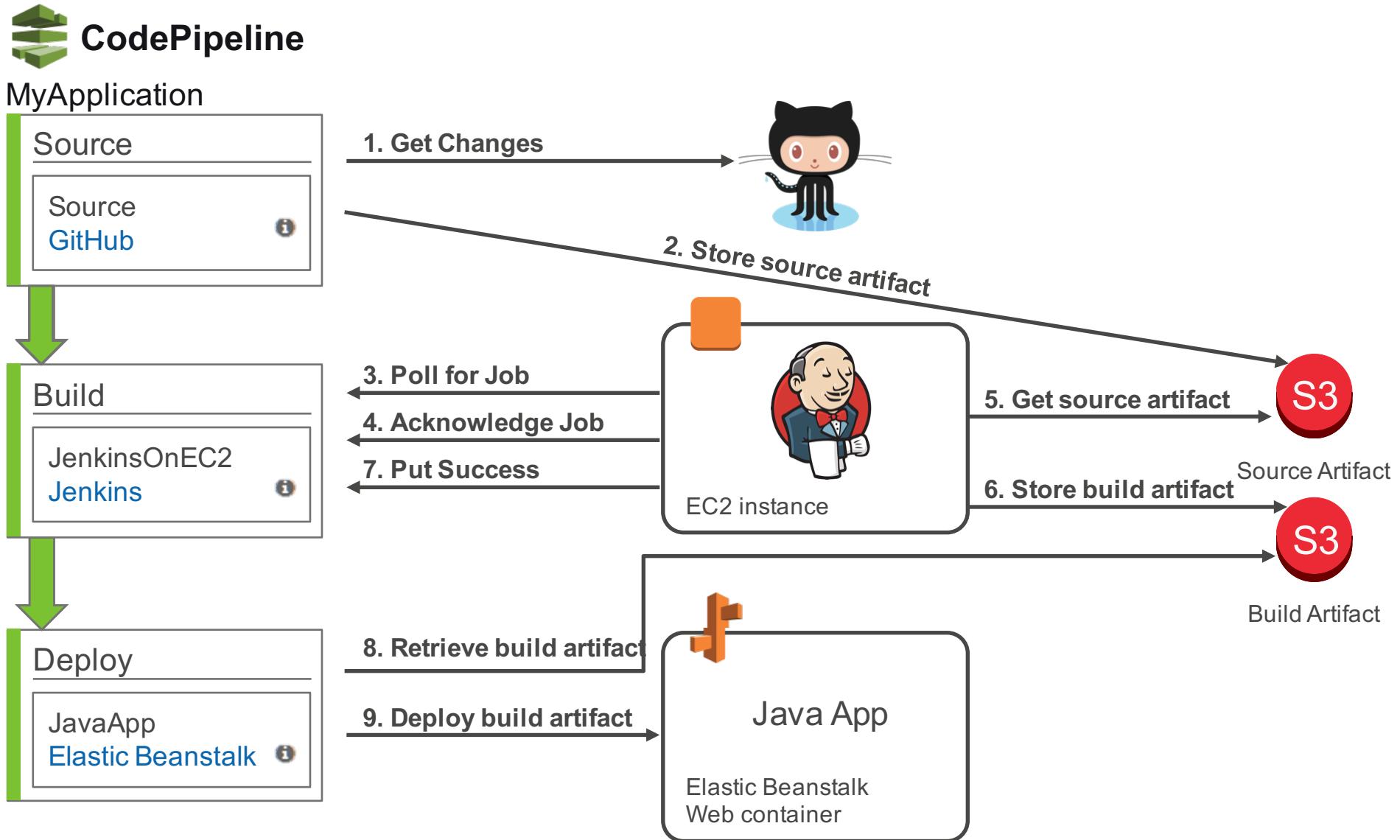




MyApplication



Sequential actions



We have a strong partner list, and it's growing



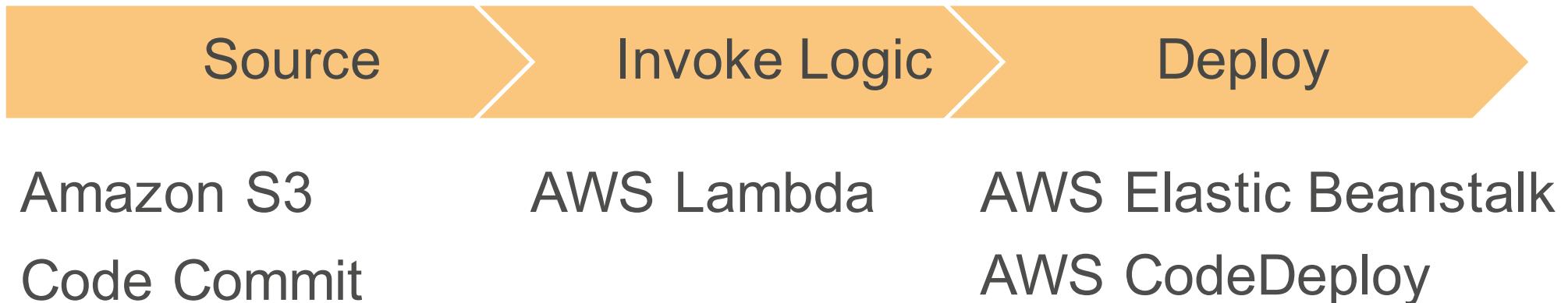
GitHub



BlazeMeter



AWS service integrations



Building your application development release pipeline

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DEMO!



An epic drama
of adventure
and exploration

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2001 a space odyssey

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A photograph of an industrial factory floor, likely an automobile assembly plant. Numerous orange ABB industrial robots are positioned along a conveyor belt, each equipped with a welding torch. They are performing spot welding on the metal frames of cars. Sparks are visible as the robots move along the line. The background shows more robotic arms and parts of the factory structure.

Build & test your
application

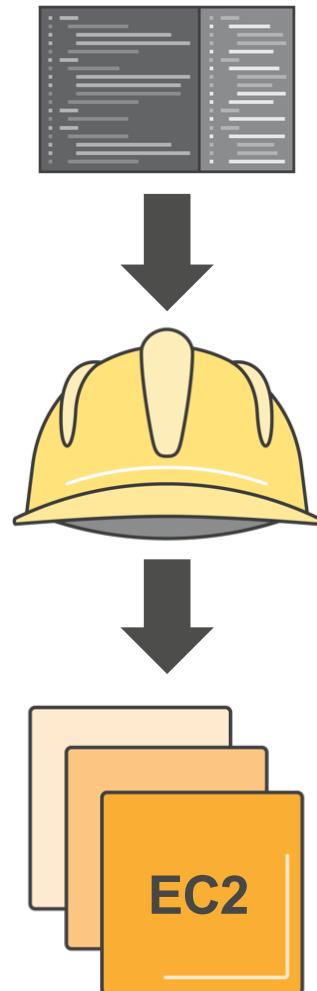
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Building Your Code

“Building” code typically refers to languages that require compiled binaries:

- .NET languages: C#, F#, VB.net, etc.
- Java and related languages: Java, Scala, JRuby
- Go
- iOS languages: Swift, Objective-C

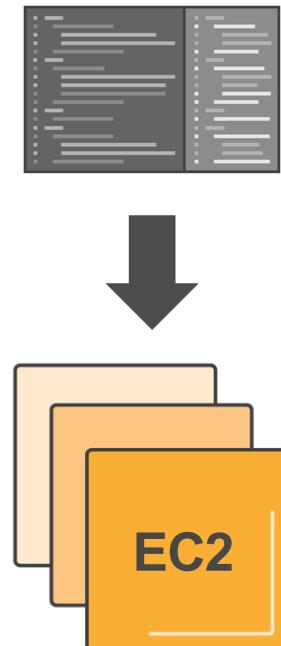
We also refer to the process of creating Docker container images as “building” the image.



No Building Required!

Many languages don't require building. These are considered interpreted languages:

- PHP
- Ruby
- Python
- Node.js



You can just deploy your code!

Testing Your Code

Testing is both a science and an art form!

Goals for testing your code:

- Want to confirm desired functionality
- Catch programming syntax errors
- Standardize code patterns and format
- Reduce bugs due to non-desired application usage and logic failures
- Make applications more secure

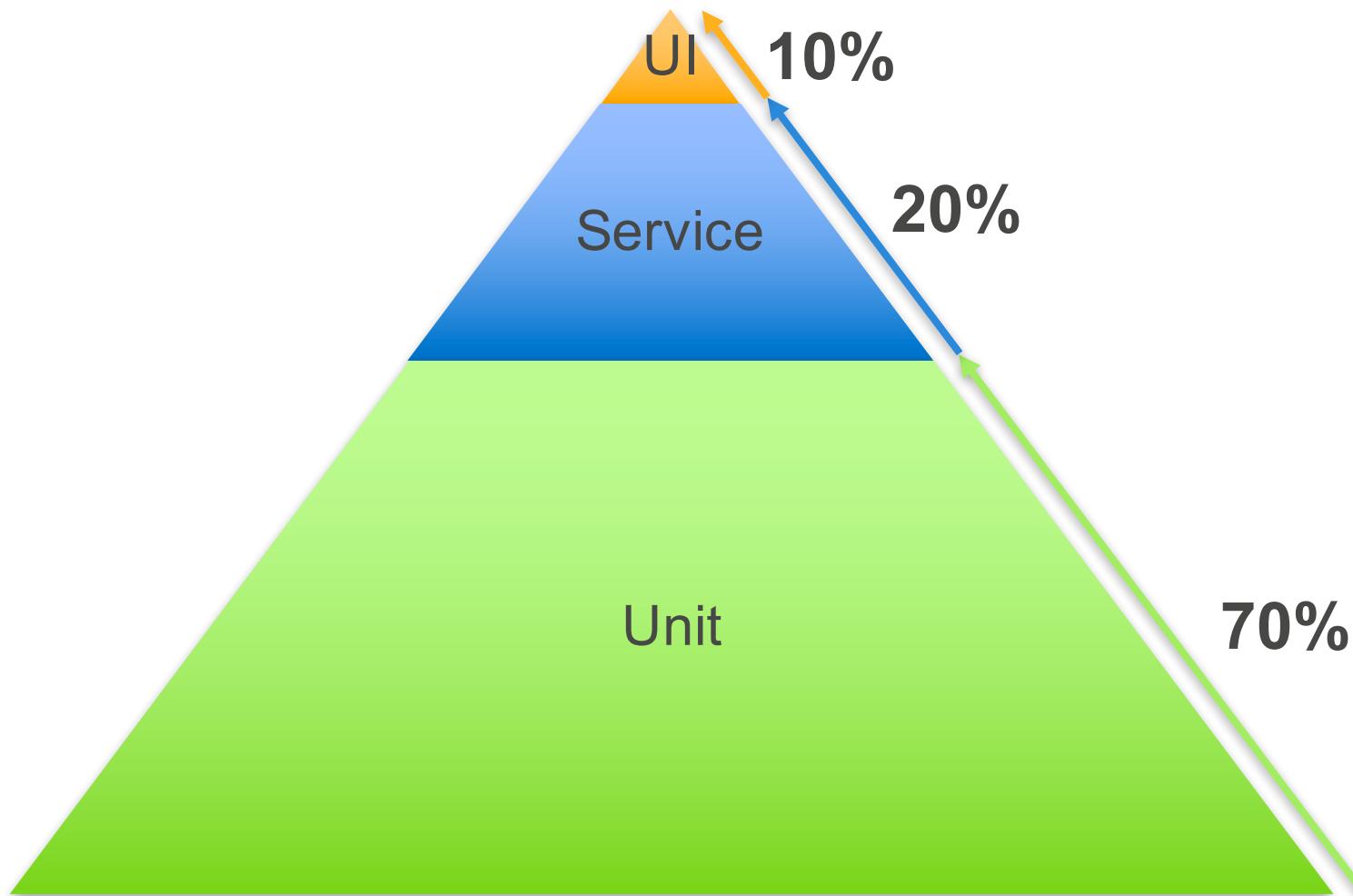


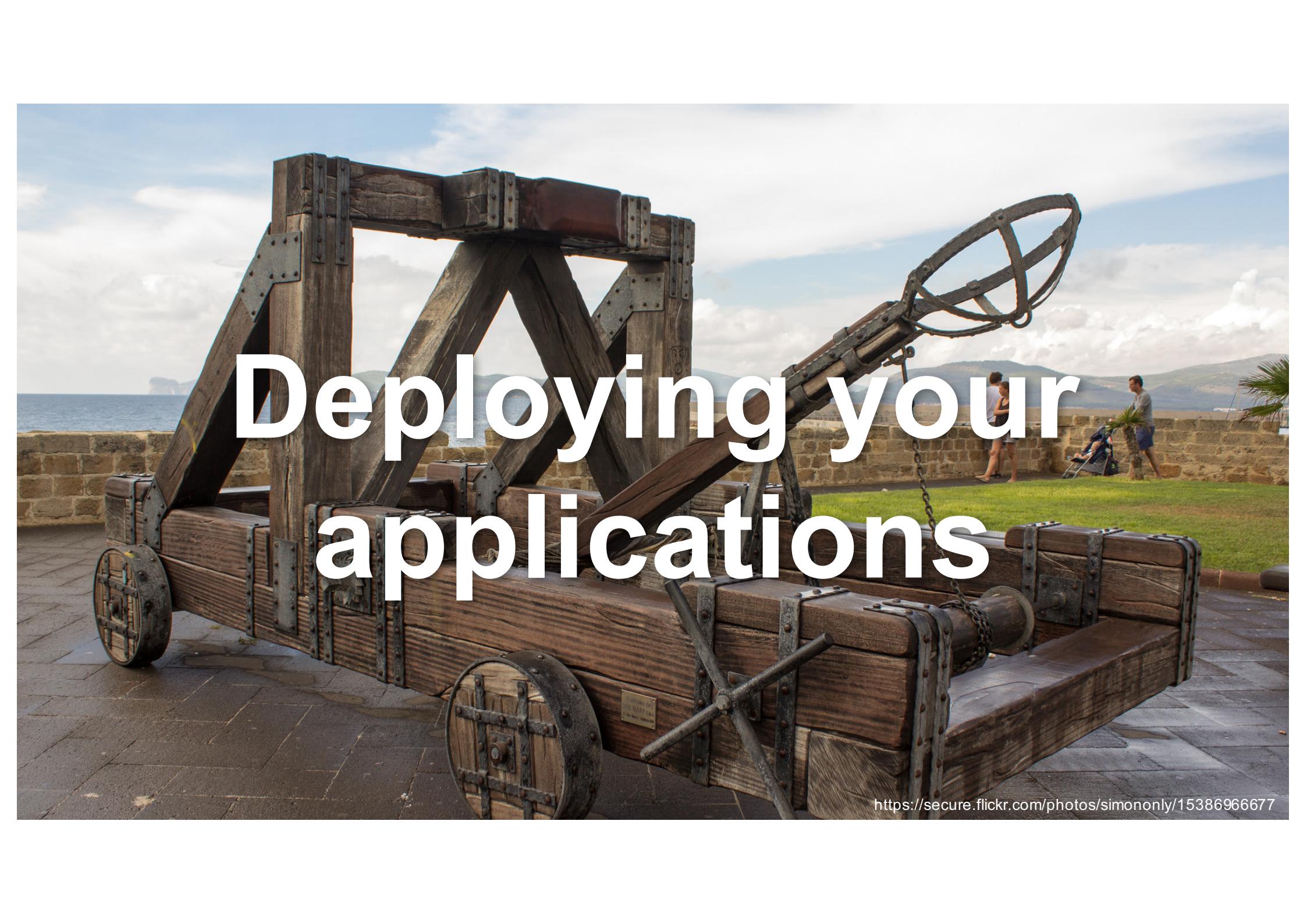
Where to Start with Testing

1. Start with a generic syntax linter
 - Are you missing brackets, commas, etc.?
2. Work on the top of the pyramid initially to test user facing experience/functionality
 - Are your pages rendering properly?
3. Move on to deeper UI/service checks
 - Are these two components in sync?
4. Start unit tests against basic user functions and move deeper into application logic
 - Invest more time and effort here as you find bugs or failures in production



Where to Focus Your Tests:



A large wooden trebuchet, a medieval siege engine, is positioned on a stone pier overlooking a body of water and distant hills under a cloudy sky. The trebuchet's arm is angled upwards, and its counterweight is visible. In the background, a few people are walking on a grassy area near a stone wall.

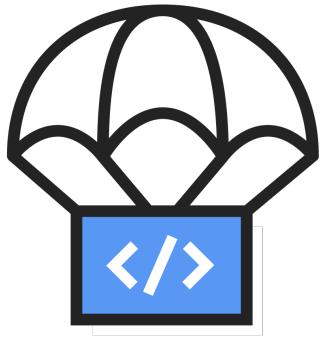
Deploying your applications

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AWS CodeDeploy

Automates code deployments to any instance

Handles the complexity of updating your applications



Avoid downtime during application deployment

Deploy to Amazon EC2 or on-premises servers, in any language and on any operating system

Integrates with 3rd party tools and AWS

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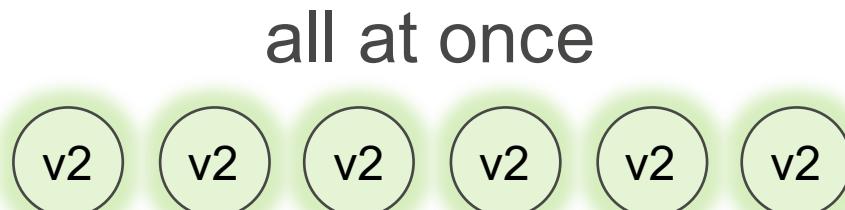
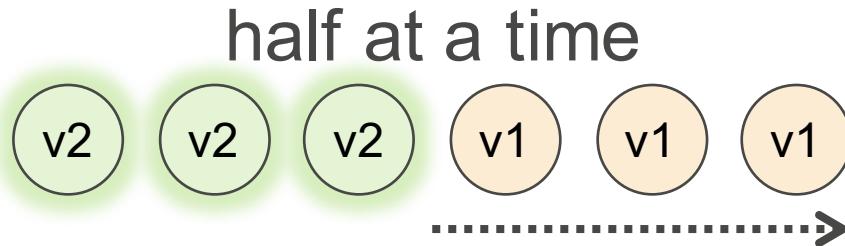
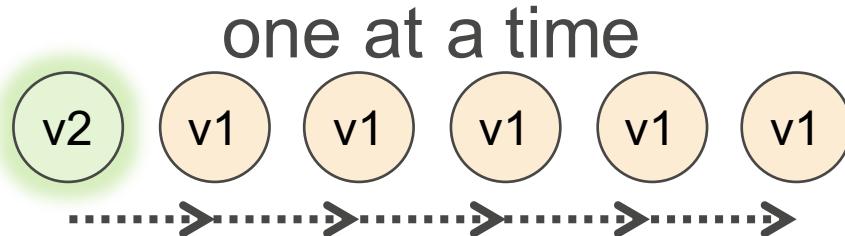
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    destination: /var/www/html
permissions:
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hooks:
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- Send application files to one directory and configuration files to another
- Set specific permissions on specific directories & files
- Remove/add instance to ELB
- Install dependency packages
- Start Apache
- Confirm successful deploy
- More!

Choose Deployment Speed and Group



Dev Deployment group



OR

Prod Deployment group



Launching to Production

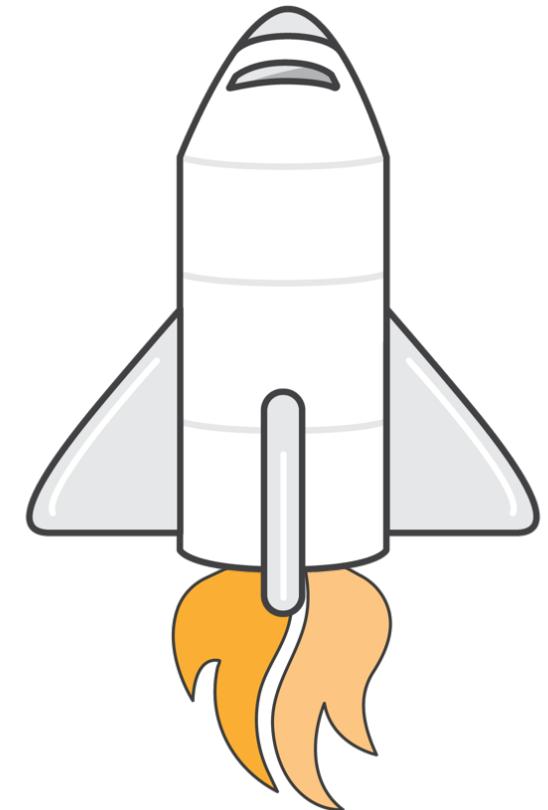
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Launching to Production

After you've built and tested your code and hopefully gone through a few pre-production deploys, its time for the real thing!

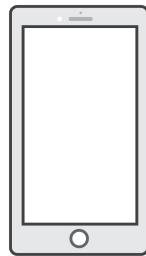
You'll want think about:

- Impact to customers
- Impact to infrastructure
- Impact to business

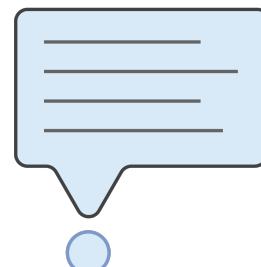


How can we track these and communicate deploys?

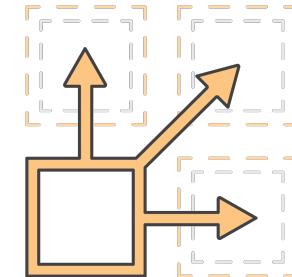
Extend AWS CodePipeline Using Custom Actions



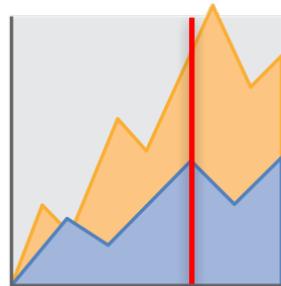
Mobile testing



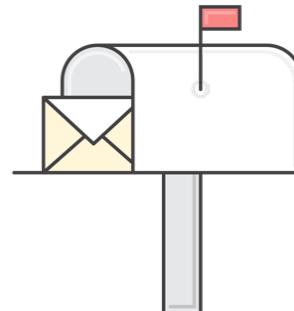
Update tickets



Provision resources



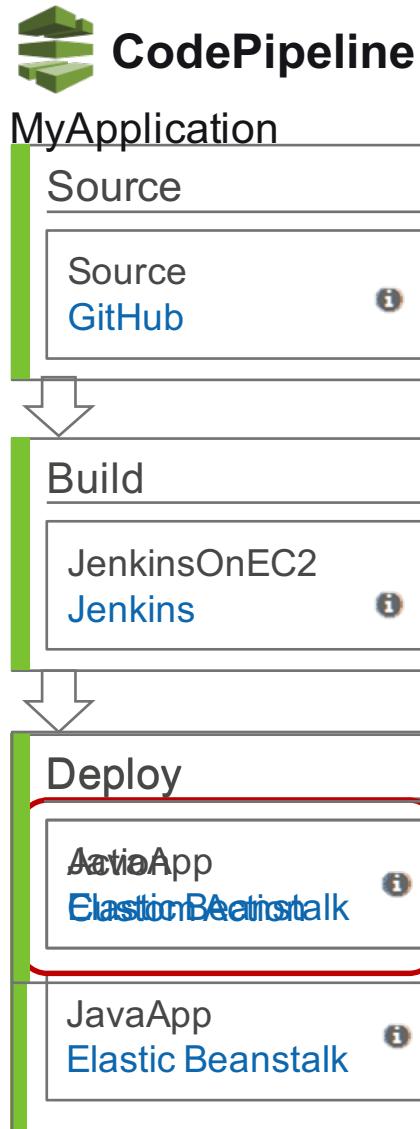
Update dashboards



Send notifications

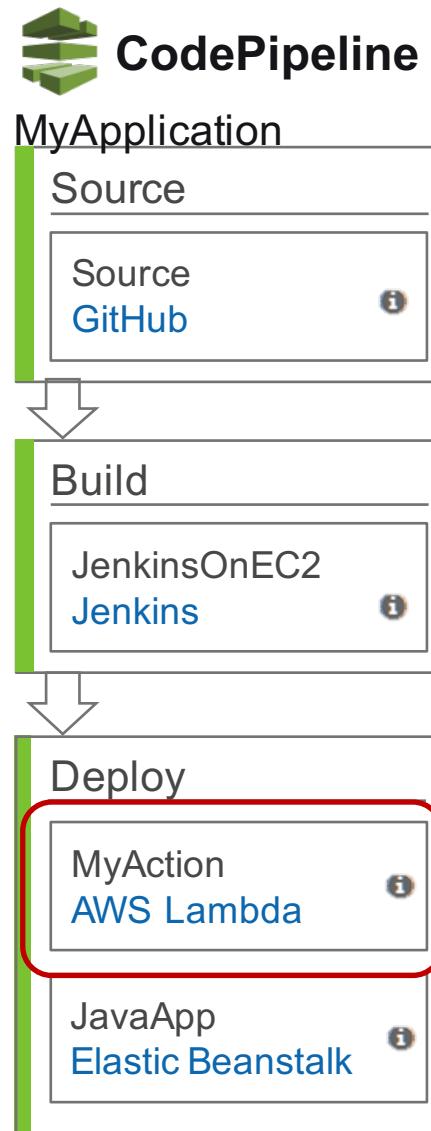


Security scan



**With custom actions,
the job worker drives the interaction
between AWS CodePipeline
and other applications or services**





**With AWS Lambda-based actions,
AWS CodePipeline
drives the integration with Lambda,
which then connects with other
applications or services**



1. Invoke Lambda function →
3. PutJobSuccessResult w/
Continuation Token ←
4. Invoke Lambda function w/
Continuation Token →
5. PutJobSuccessResult ←

2. Perform Job

#3 & #4 repeat until no continuation token is sent, signaling the action has been completed (#5).

What Extension Method Should I Use?

Lambda	Custom Action
Short-running tasks are easy to build	Can perform any type of workload
Long-running tasks need more work	Control over links displayed in console
Node.js, Python, and Java support	Any language support
Runs on AWS	Can run on-premises
No servers to provision or manage	Requires compute resources

FIN, ACK

We've seen a quick run through today of the benefits of continuous delivery on our software release process:

- Continuous integration (build/test) helps shrink our feedback loop greatly
- We can get our software out in front of our users much more rapidly
- By moving faster we can actually ensure better quality
- CodePipeline allows for integration with almost any service or tool you can think of!
 - Plus visualization of what's going on!

Try it out today

Test out CodePipeline and spin up a full continuous delivery pipeline using the Starter Kit

bit.ly/AWSCodeStarterKit

But wait, there's more!

Resources to learn more:

- Continuous integration: <https://aws.amazon.com/devops/continuous-integration/>
- Continuous delivery: <https://aws.amazon.com/devops/continuous-delivery/>
- CodePipeline
 - <https://aws.amazon.com/codepipeline/>
 - <https://aws.amazon.com/documentation/codepipeline/>
- CodeDeploy
 - <https://aws.amazon.com/codedeploy/>
 - <https://aws.amazon.com/documentation/codedeploy/>
 - <https://github.com/awslabs/aws-codedeploy-samples>
- Code Services Starter Kit: <http://bit.ly/AWSCodeStarterKit>



Thank you!





Customer



LifeQ Cloud Platform

LifeQ is a health informatics company with a cloud-based, bio-mathematical engine and API. The engine can ingest various physiological data streams to construct a highly personalized, digital representation of an individual's unique physiology.



LifeQ Cloud Platform

A platform consisting of hosted internet services that enables the bio-mathematical algorithms and Virtual Human Model (VHM) to receive data from integrated data sources and makes the analytics available to other parties in the ecosystem.



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Challenges

- Scaling mathematical models (multiple languages)
- IoT data stream scaling (many small files)
- Speed to market (New data models monthly)
- Rapidly changing infrastructure requirements
- Compliance (HIPAA)



AWS Usage

- EC2 instances with ELBs & RDS
- EC2 Container Registry
- Prebuilt AMIs with docker containers (100s startup)
- Certificate Manager
- S3
- IAM cross-account roles & policies
- CodeDeploy
- SQS for Logstash



Benefit

- Stable
- DevOps Tooling
- Automation - APIs for everything
- Spin up testing environment in 15minutes (~35 servers)
- AWS is HIPAA compliant
- Cost per model (business decides SLA)



The Future

- Route53 geo-redundency
- Elastic Cache
- Mesos+Marathon or Kubernetes clusters

