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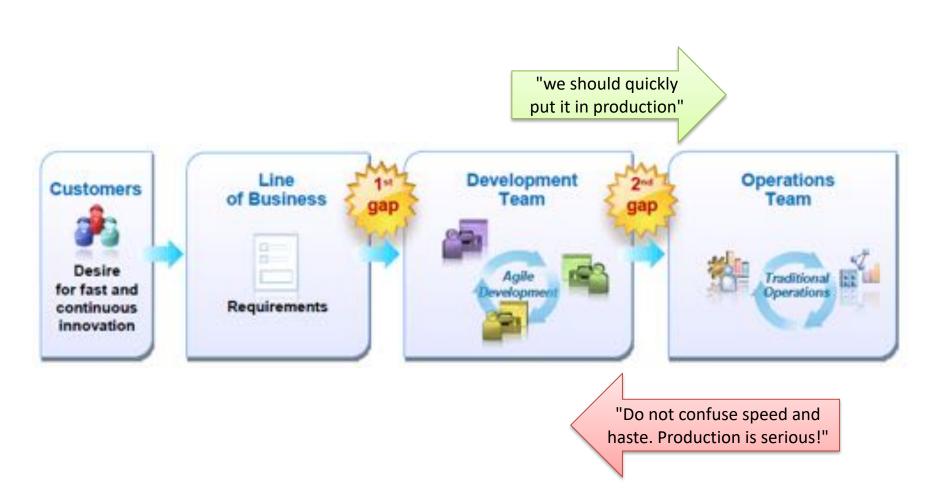
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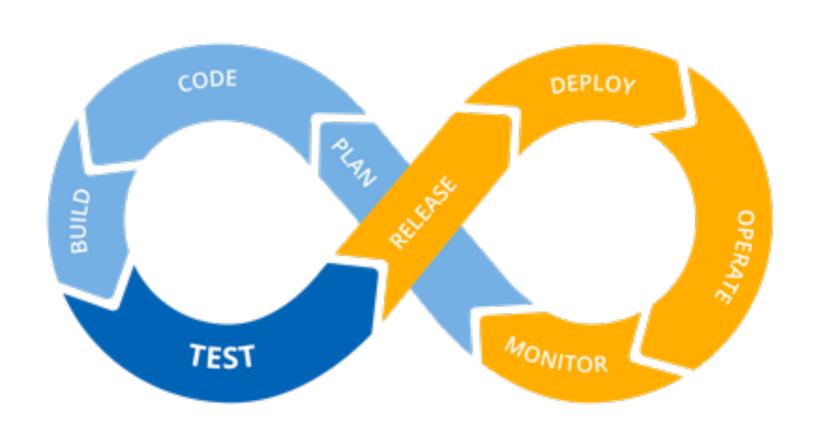




What's DevOps?

"A software engineering practice
that aims at unifying
software development (Dev)
and software operation (Ops)."

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Motivations

- Reduce the release cycle (time to market, lead time between fixes...)
- More fragmented approach (small increments vs. bigbang)
- Seamless updates
- Shared responsibilities (all in the same boat)
- Continuous improvement

Typical Stories

- Story 0: Dev and Ops collaborate to develop environment definitions
 - Value: Ensures that Dev understands and deals with production-like environments; avoids architectural miscommunications
- Story 1: Dev continuously delivers application changes to a realistic environment for testing
 - Value: Shared technology ensures testable environments and script reuse for repeatable delivery; Test org always has known good builds, properly deployed
- Story 2: Release Applications from Test /Staging to production
 - Value: Shared technology and automation ensures no gratuitous differences between dev/test and prod
- Story 3: Collaborative incident management
 - Value: ensures an integrated process for reproducing and resolving defects and issues between dev, test, and ops
- Story 4: Dev and Ops use the same analysis and instrumentation in dev, test, and ops
 - Value: Ensures a common understanding of quality and performance (and no fingerpointing)
- Story 5: Manage the entire delivery pipeline with end-to-end visibility and dashboards
 - Value: Enables end-to-end delivery metrics and visibility into bottlenecks

Responsabilities

Pre-DevOps

- Developpers produce the source code
 - Do not care about the impact on the overall system in production
- IT teams operate the system and ensure the quality of service
 - Do not care about the performance of the code



Post-DevOps

- Shared responsabilities with all stakeholders in the same boat
- "You build it, You run it." Walter Vogels, Amazon CTO



Expected Benefits

- Faster time-to-market/delivery times that improves ROI
- Engaged, empowered cross-discipline teams
- Stable/reliable operating environments
- Early detection and faster correction of defects
- Improved quality

DevOps: 3 Basic Principles



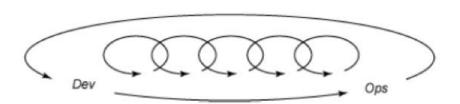
System thinking



Amplify feedback loops



 Culture of continual experiment and learning



System thinking



Create a smooth and fast flow from dev to ops

- Make your work visible (visual board, lead time)
- Limit Work In Progress ("Stop starting. Start finishing.")
- Reduce batch size and intervals of work
- Continually identify and elevate the system's constraints
- Eliminate hardships and waste in the value stream

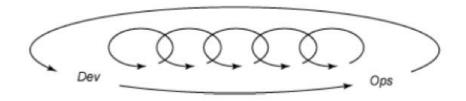
Feedback loops



Enable a fast and constant feedback from ops to dev

- Working safely within complex systems
- See problems as they occur
- Swarm and solve problems to build new knowledge
- Keep pushing quality closer to the source
- Enable optimizing for downstream work centers

Continual experiment and learning

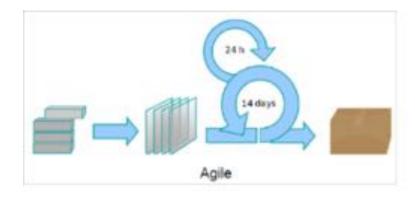


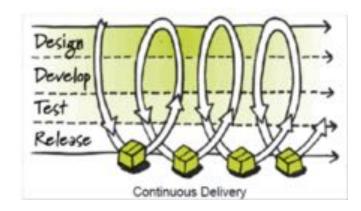
Enable constant creation of individual knowledge, which is then turned into team and organizational knowledge

- Enabling organizational learning and a safety culture
- Institutionalize the improvement of daily work
- Transform local discoveries into global improvements
- Inject resilience patterns into our daily work
- Leaders reinforce a learning culture

DevOps vs. Agile

- DevOps is especially complementary to the Agile software development process.
 - extends and completes the continuous integration and release process
- DevOps enables a far more continuous flow of work into IT Operations
 - Avoid situation where development delivers code every two weeks but it's deployed only every two months





Some DevOps Principles

- Observability
- Stateless architecture
- Reproducibility and replicability
- Accountability
- Software lifecycle automation

The CALMS Conceptual Framework

- Culture: There is nothing fluffy about culture.
- Automation: Automation is the idea that you should program everything.
- Lean: Running lean means keeping everything to a minimum.
- **Measurement**: If a team does not have visibility into everything, something will eventually go horribly wrong.
- Sharing: Sharing is not just reporting facts, it is regular exchanging of ideas across teams.
- ✓ Often used as a maturity model
- ✓ Proposed by Jez Humble



Common Attributes of Successful Cultures

Infrastructure As Code

- Full Stack Automation
- Commodity Hardware and/or Cloud infra
- Reliability in software stack
- Datacenter or Cloud Infrastructure APIs
- Core Infra Services

Application As Services

- Service Orientation
- Lightweight Protocols
- Versioned APIs
- Software Resiliency (Design for Failure)
- Database/Storage Abstraction

Dev/Ops/All As Teams

- Shared Metrics/Monitoring
- Incident Management
- Service Owners On-call
- Tight integration
- Continuous Integration
- Continuous Deployment
- GameDay

Some DevOps Practices

- Static analysis and test automation
- Continuous integration/deployment/delivery
- Release/configuration management and Infrastructure as Code (IaC)
- Monitoring (e.g., performance, availability...)

- Change management, hypothesis driven dev.
- Resilience engineering

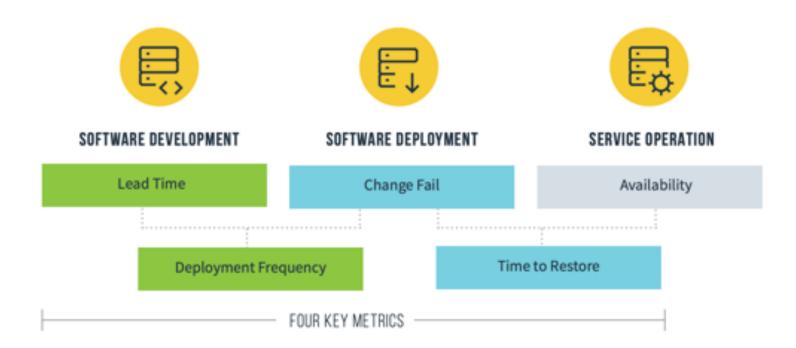
Purpose of the Configuration, Release and Deployment Pipeline

• **Visibility**: All aspects of the delivery system are visible to all team members promoting collaboration

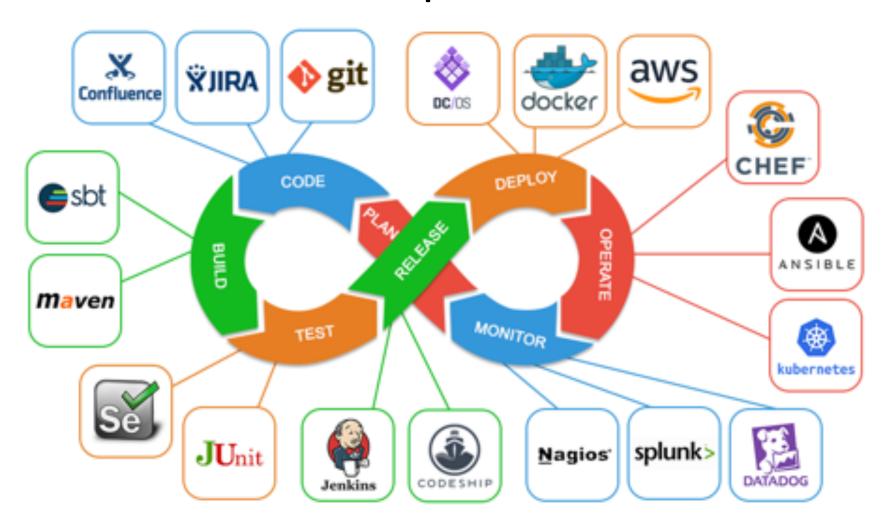
• Feedback: Team members learn of problems as soon as they occur so that issues are fixed as soon as possible

 Continually Deploy: Through a fully automated process, you can deploy and release any version of the software to any environment

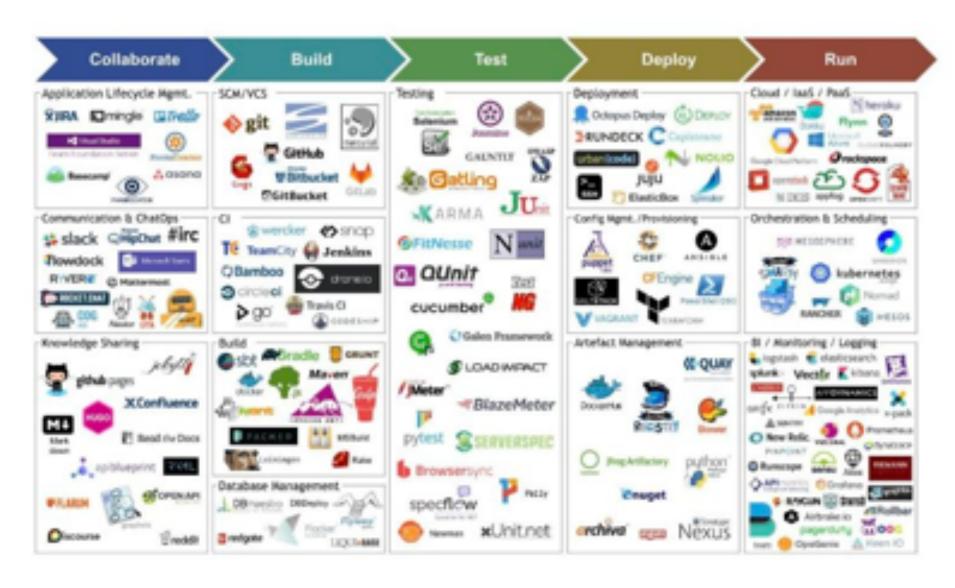
Performance Metrics



DevOps Tools



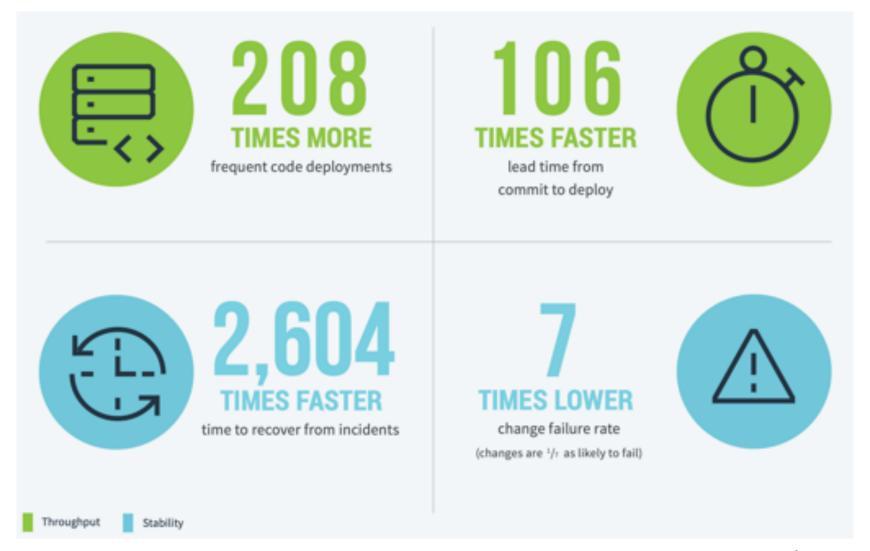
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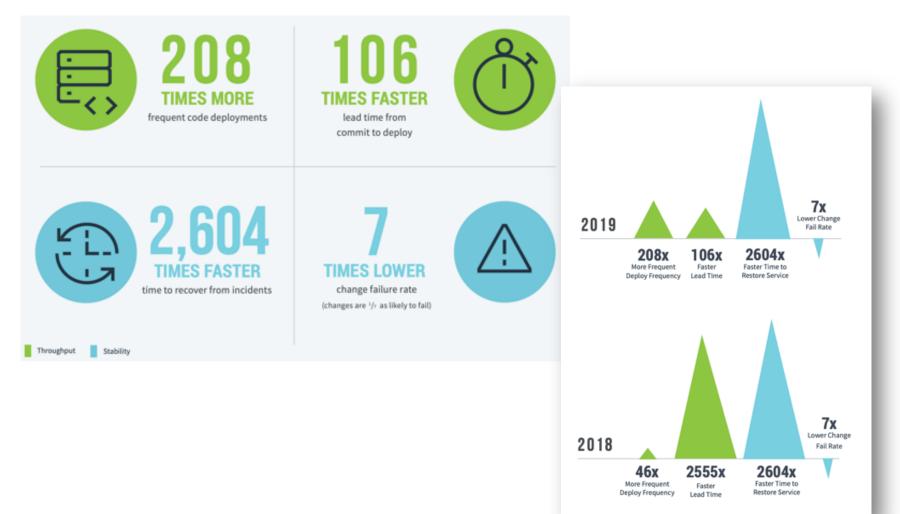
The adoption of DevOps is being driven by factors

- Use of agile and other development processes and methodologies
- Demand for an increased rate of production releases from application and business unit stakeholders
- Wide availability of virtualized and cloud infrastructure from internal and external providers
- Increased usage of data center automation and configuration management tools
- Increased focus on test automation and continuous integration methods;

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Anti-patterns

- Management just saying we're doing DevOps
- Just changing job titles to DevOps
- Just merging dev and ops teams or creating a separate DevOps team
- Committing is done
- My responsibility ends here
- Devs blaming Ops; Ops blaming Devs
- Ops not involved early
- DevOps means Developers Managing Production
- It's not just automation or a tool (or set of tools)

Further Material

Books









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- Conferences
 - DevOpsCon
 - DevOpsDays
 - DevSecDays
 - KubeCon + CloudNativeCon
- A lot of high-quality posts (e.g., medium)
- Teaching initiative: https://teachdevops.github.io