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Introduction

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- Technology company
- Mission critical environments only
- Highly-regulated customers
- For 9 years 100% customer recommendation
- 30+ audits per year
- Agile/DevOps teams only
- 0 high risk findings since 2013

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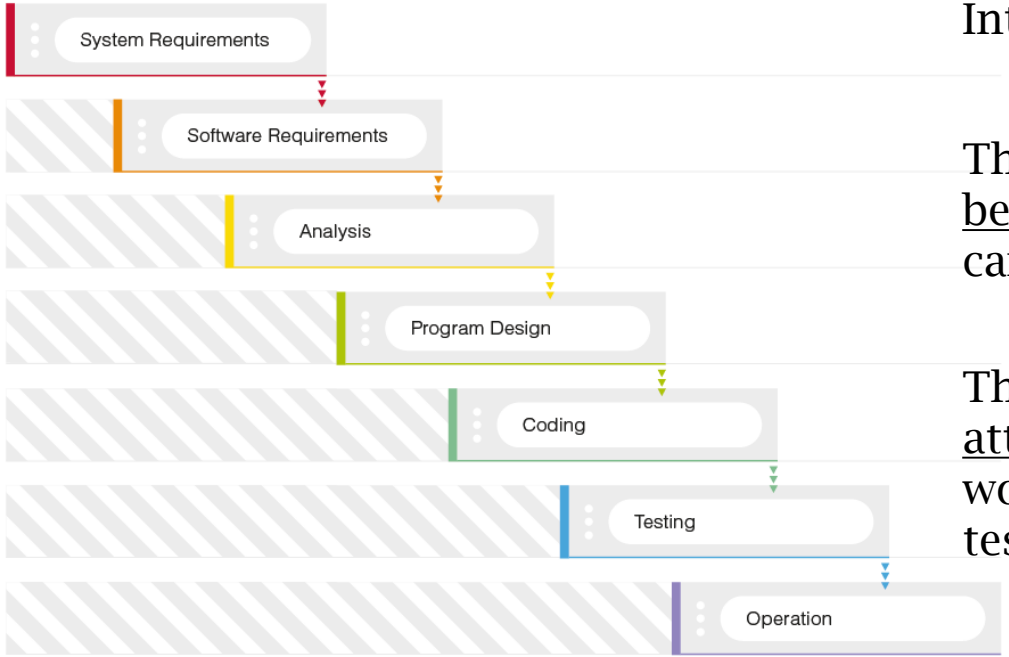
Waterfall – was it meant to be sequential?



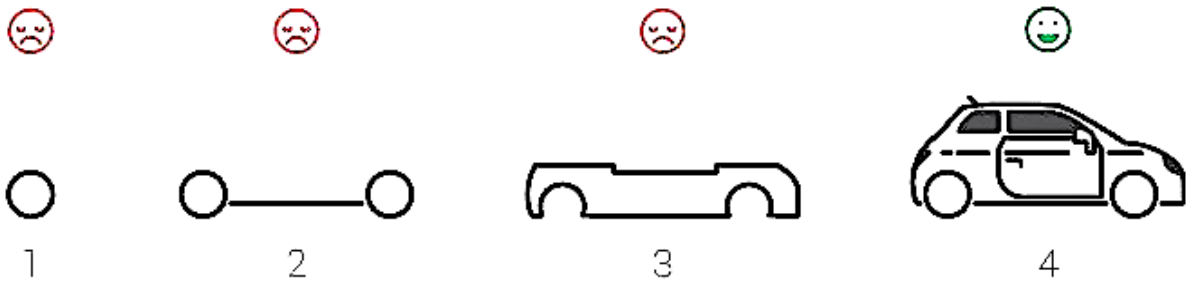
Introduced in 1956 by Herbert D. Benington

The waterfall top-down approach is not to be interpreted too literally: “This attitude can be terribly misleading and dangerous”.

The biggest mistake his team made: the attempt to make a too large release. He would now focus on smaller changes and test and evolve the system from there.

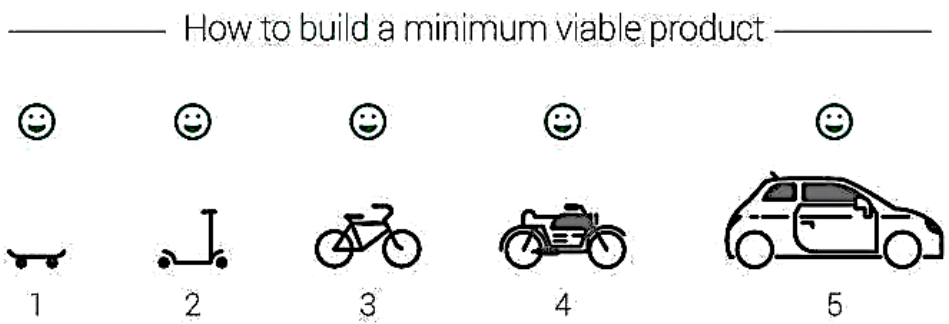
Waterfall characteristics

- Project only completed after phase 4
- Requirements cannot change
- Separated teams per phase
- Need for extensive documentation



Agile characteristics

- A MVP after phase 1
- After each sprint the priorities can be re-visited
- Focus on constant improvement
- Importance of interaction and team dynamics
- Quicker feedback



SCRUM as implementation method

Customers
Stakeholders
Users

Features

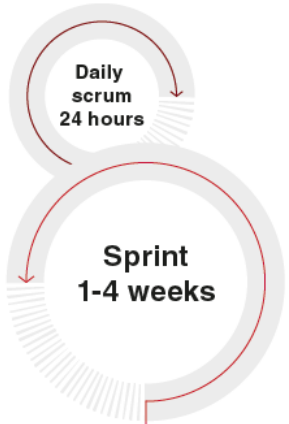
Customers, stakeholders and users lay down their requirements in the form of features.

Product owner

The product owner lays down a product backlog based on the features

Product backlog

The backlog contains prioritized features bugs, functions and requirements



Every day starts with a scrum, a meeting in which developers tell what they have done, will do any problems they expect.

Sprint backlog

The sprint backlog contains the items from the backlog that had highest priority

Tasks

During the sprint tasks from the sprint backlog are being expanded

Review / Demo

Developers show the result of the sprint, the customer gives feedback

Internal or external release

This release will serve as a starting point for a new iteration

What is DevOps?

1. Tool?
2. Process?
3. Philosophy?
4. Methodology?
5. Way of working?

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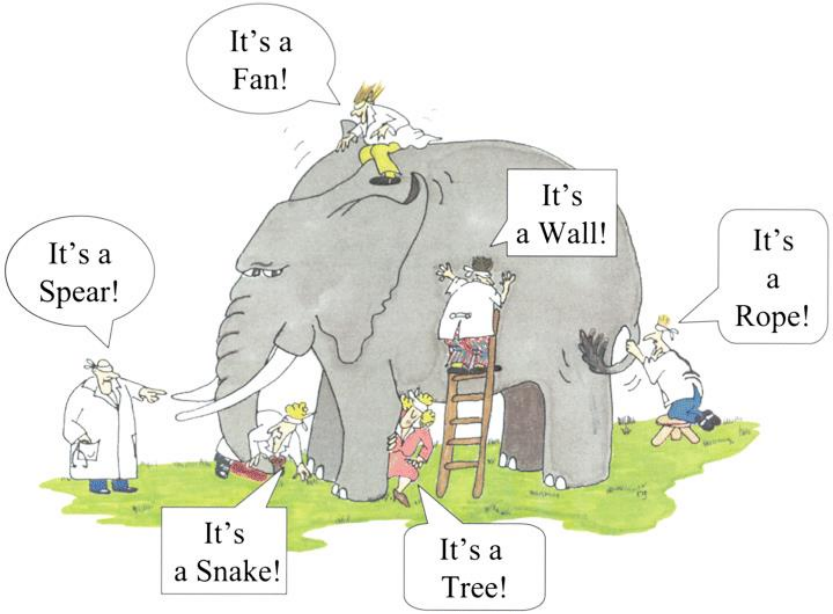
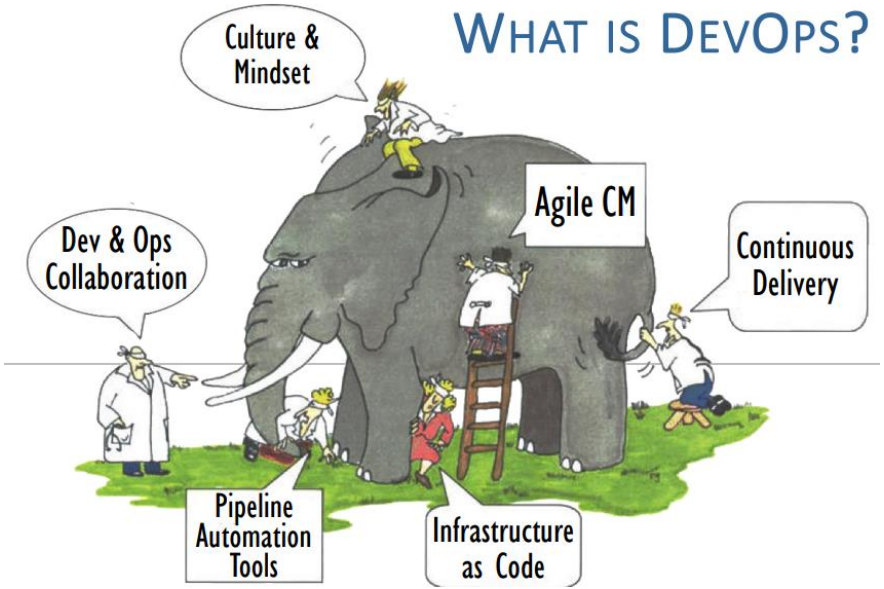
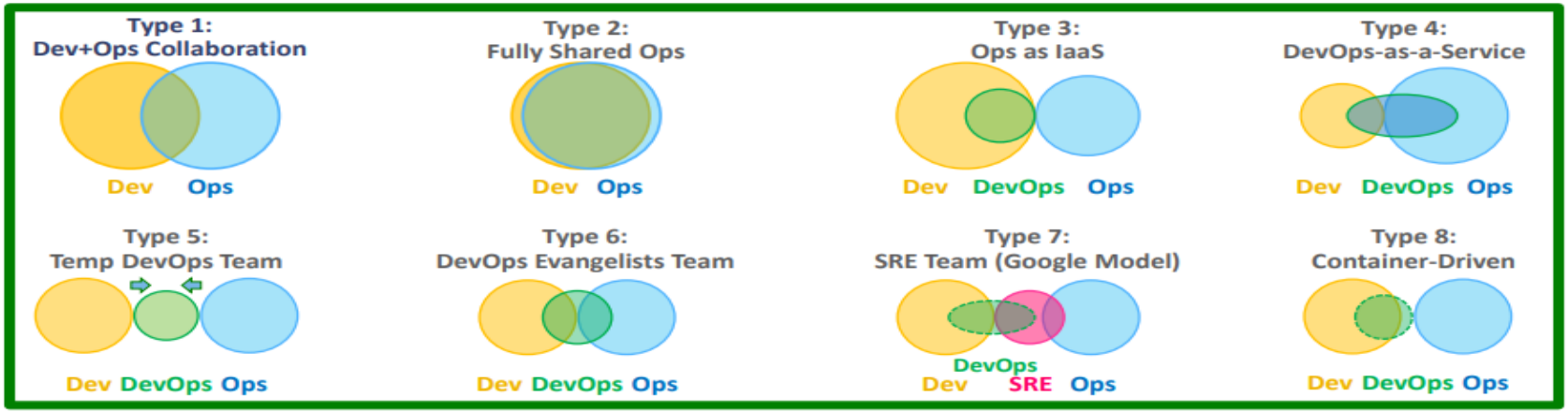




Source: Blind men and the elephant

DevOps types from www.devopstopologies.com

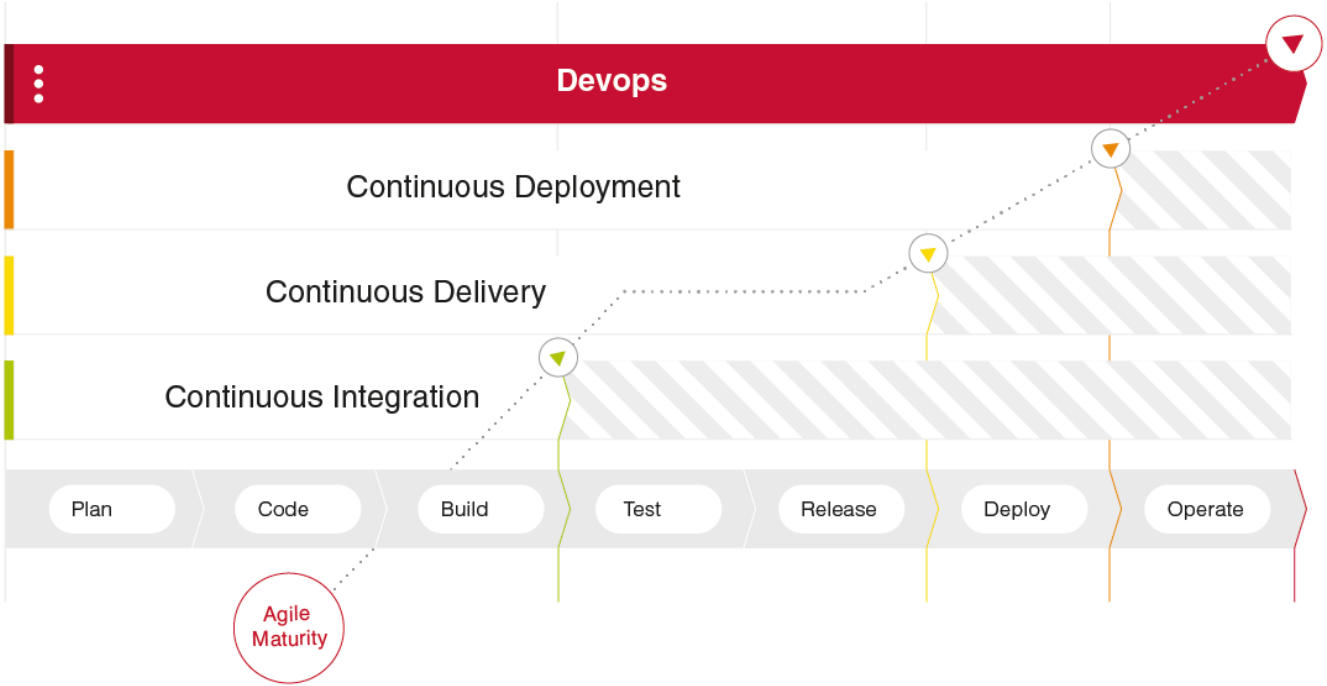


Our definition

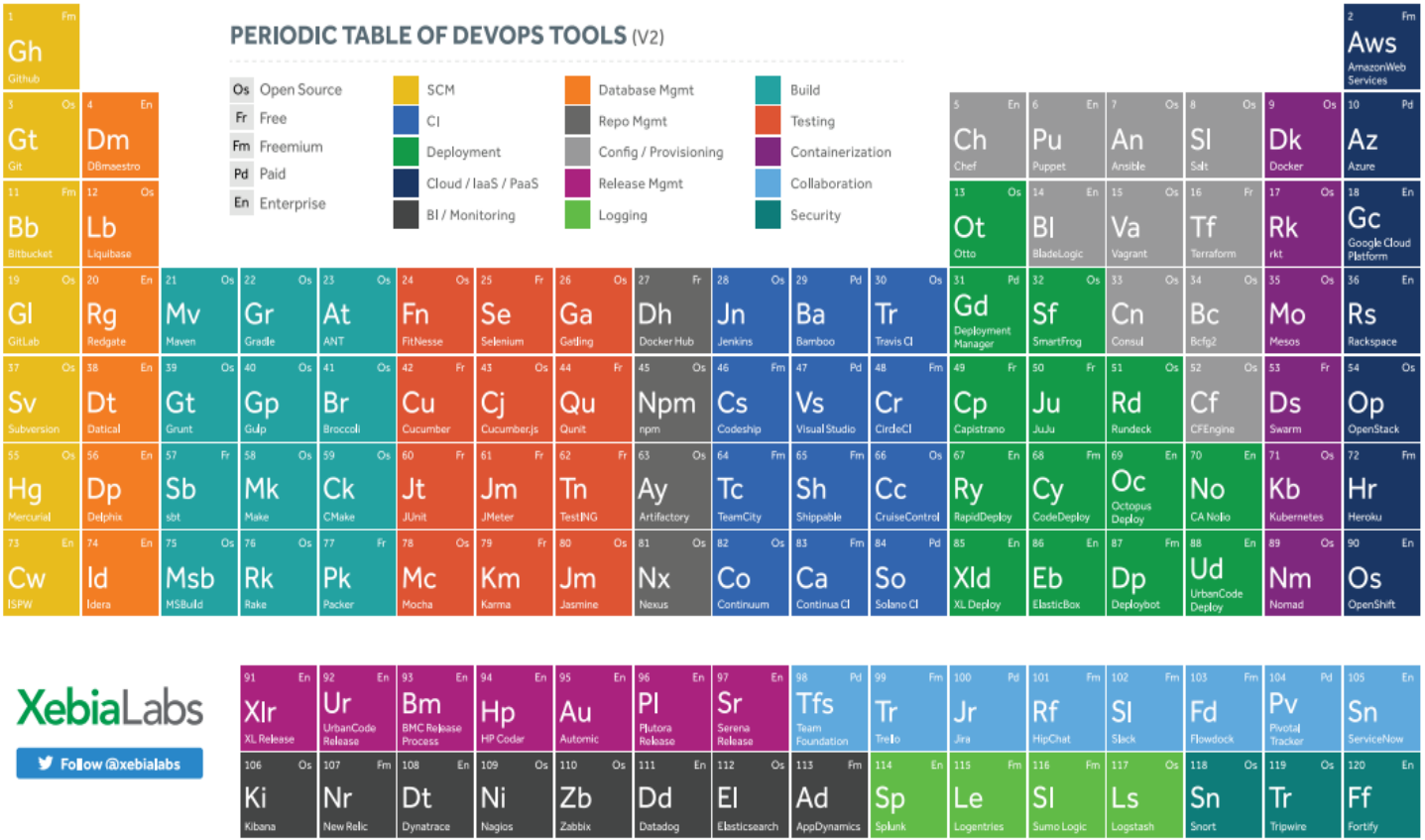
- "DevOps is the union of, at least, software development and IT operations activities in an environment that has incorporated the accompanying cultural and technical principles to deliver business value at a high frequency."

- Source: Norea study report

Technical principles



- Version control
- Infrastructure as Code (IaC)
- Automated testing
- Security testing
- Continuous monitoring
- Repository management
- Etc



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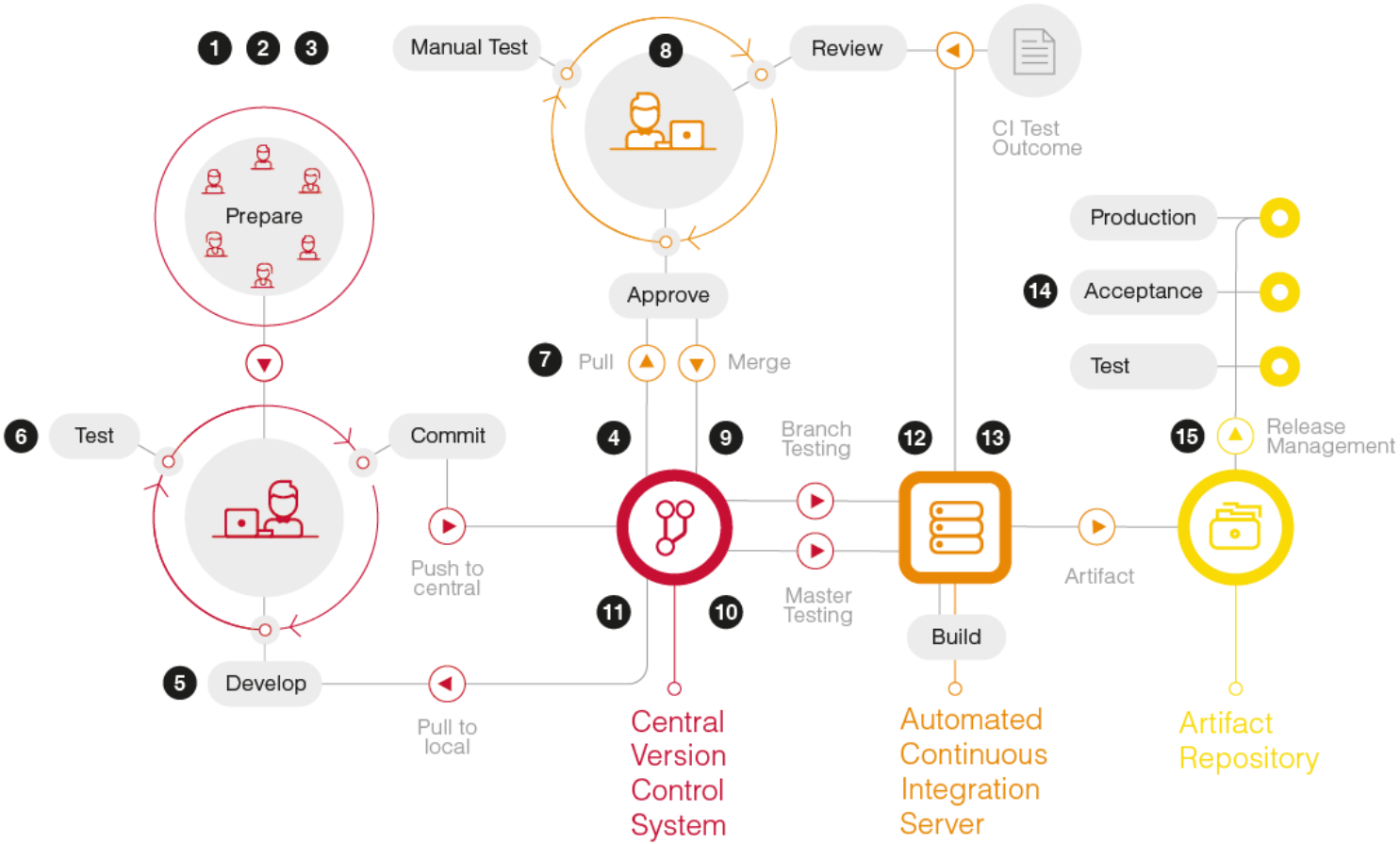
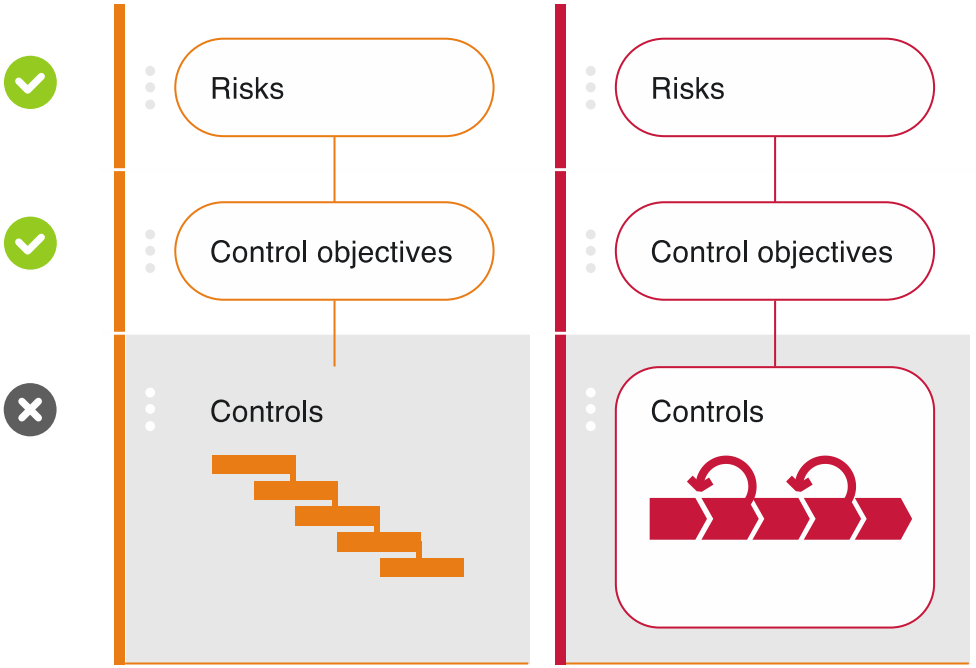
The control framework



What changed?

- Same risks:
  - Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability
- Same control objectives :
  - IT entity-level, Change management, Security management, Operational management.
- Different controls



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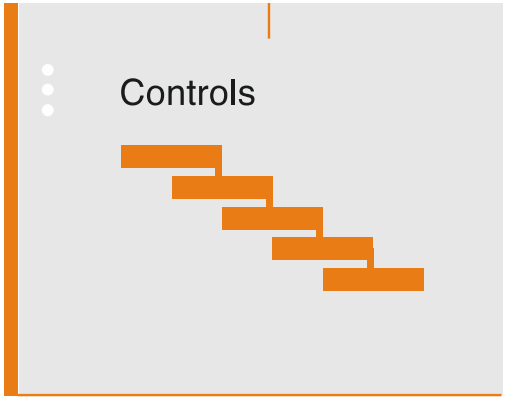
Example

C1: All changes are reviewed by the Change Control Board (CCB) prior to release.

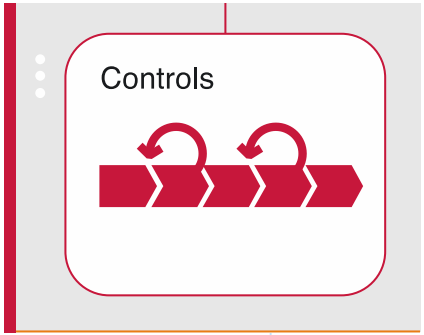
a) The changes are submitted for review at least two weeks prior to the next CCB meeting.
b) The submitter must complete the Change Control Form (CCF), documenting the changes to be made, which environments the change should be applied to, what risks are associated with the change, and rollback procedures.
c) If the CCB approves the change, the change will be scheduled for the next release window with the IT Operations team.



CS1 evidence:

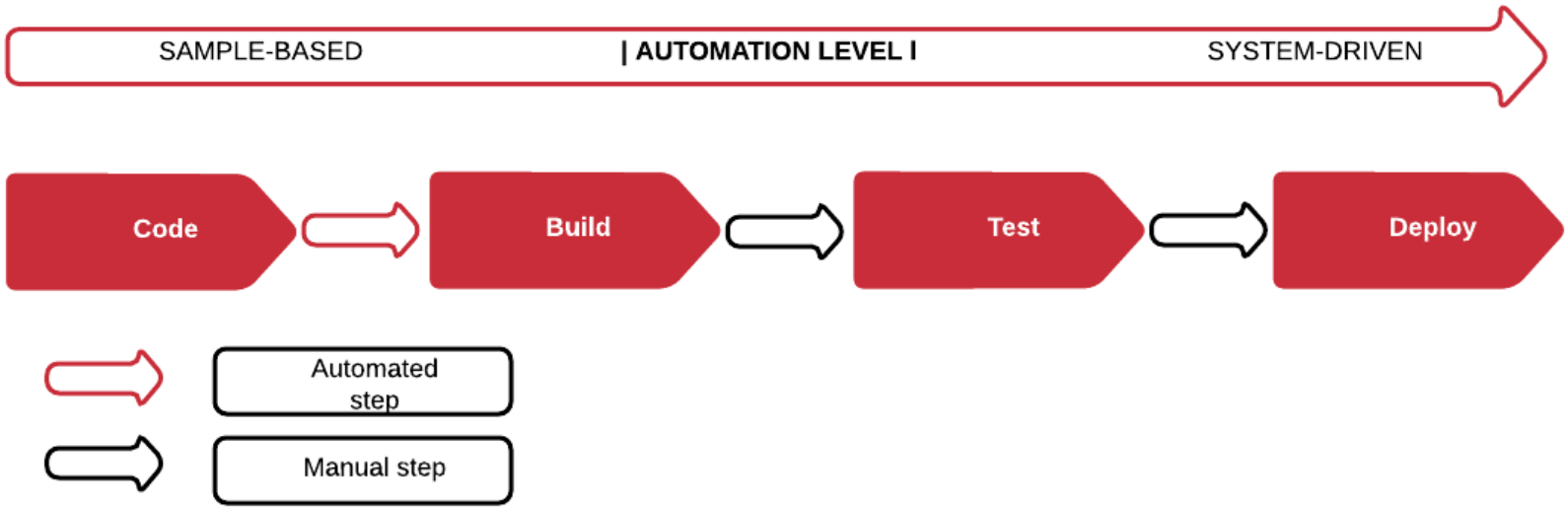
a) Documentation of CCB procedures.
b) CCB meeting agendas for the last year.
c) CCFs for each CCB meeting for the last year.
d) Record of approval for each CCF.
e) Record of changes applied for each production release window, along with CCF for each of those changes.
f) Record of which changes were applied successfully and which failed.
g) For change failures, record of rollback procedures applied and outcome of the rollback.

Example cont'd

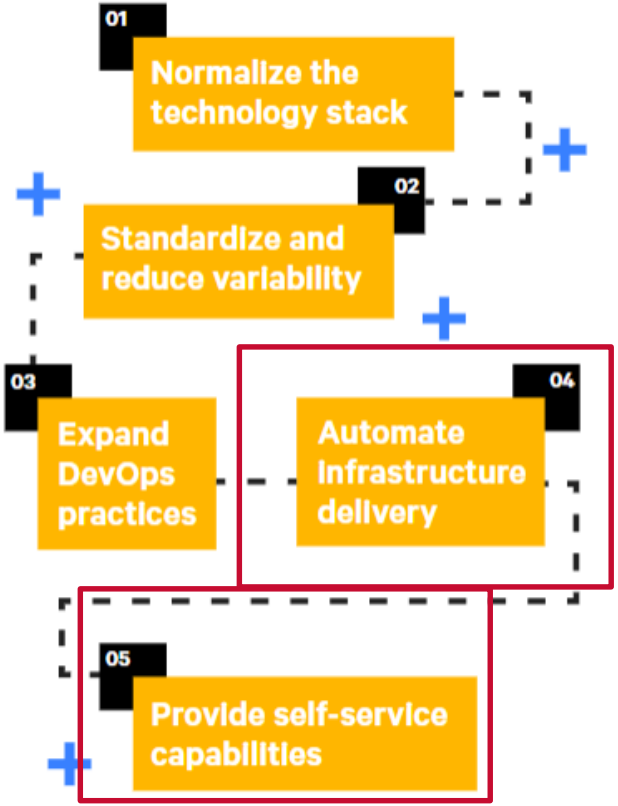


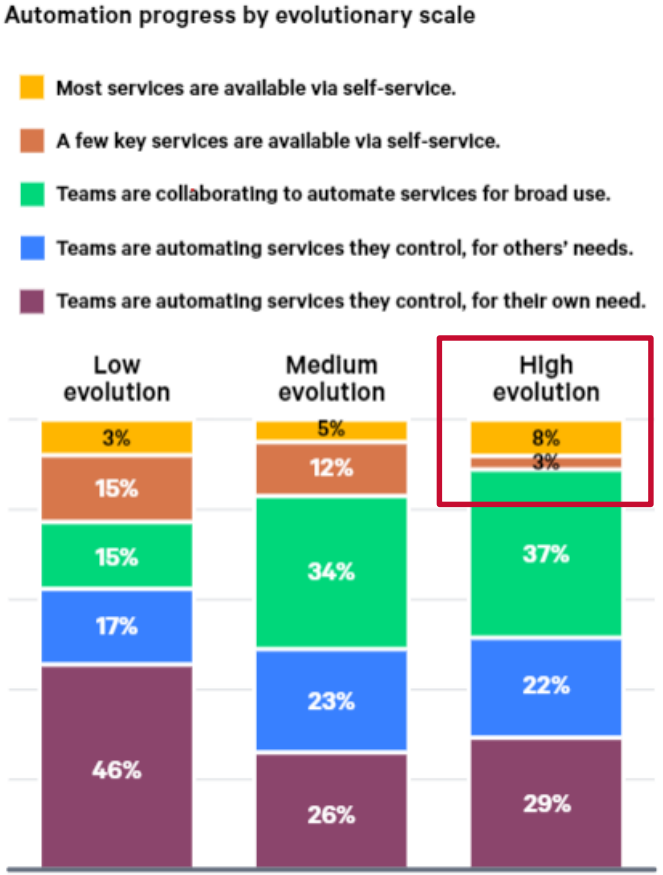
7	**Develop**	A peer review of the code is mandatory for the code changes based on code review guidelines.	1. The team has a documented their code review guidelines for performing the peer-review e.g. based on best practices such as Google Style Guide or, based on the application context, enriched with security checks from the OWASP Application Security Verification Standard (level 1 through 3). 2. Once committed, the developer can push the local branch to the CVS. Ensure the developed code remains a branch in this stage, until further testing and merging/approval is completed. 3. The VCS enforces a peer review of the code change by another developer of the team who can pull the new code change for review.

System-driven versus sample-based

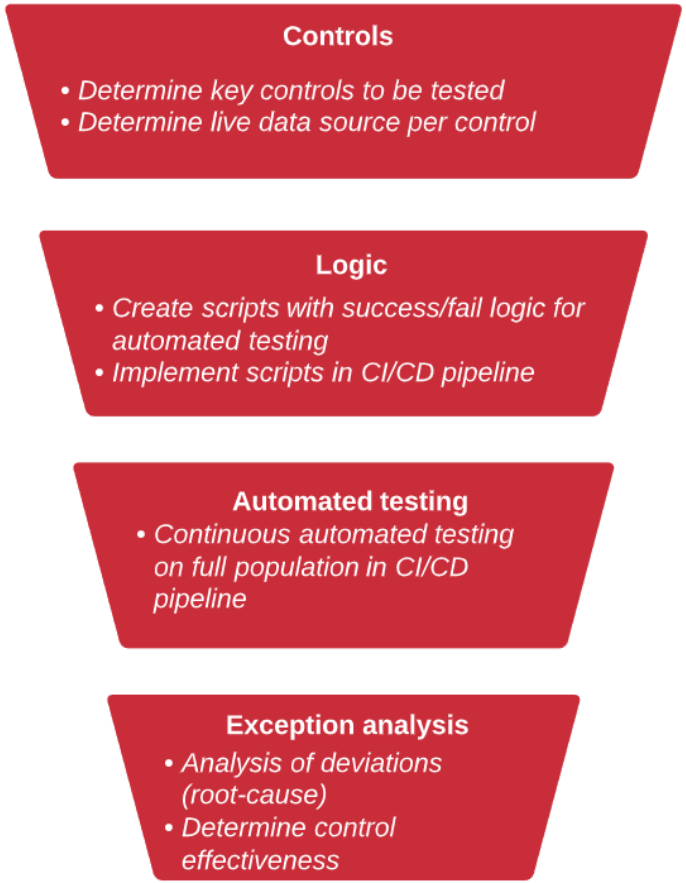


Rome wasn't built in a day



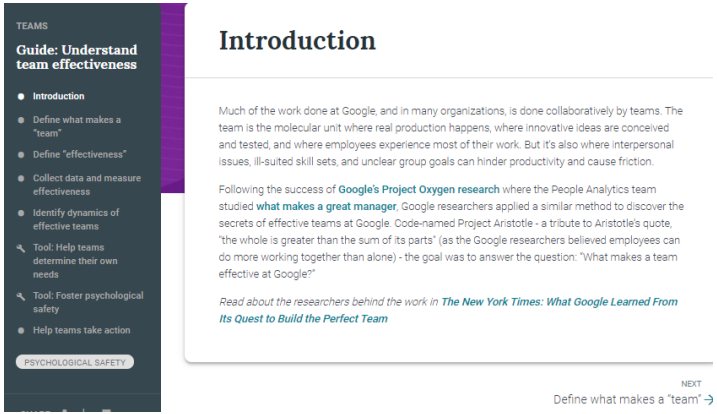


Full-population Exceptional Analysis Testing (FEAT)



Cultural principles (Google project Aristotle)

Examples of tools to measure



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Summary

- Don’t stop thinking:
  - New controls
  - Every implementation is unique, no standard control framework
  - DevOps is not a fixed methodology but a moving destination
  - System-driven, sample-based or FEAT test approach?
  - Culture is just as important as the technical practices

- The audit has changed: more technical & inclusion of cultural assessment

The full report

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