

***SURVIVING THE
TECHPOCALYPSE***



**EMPOWERING
SURVIVORS WITH
DEVELOPER
PRODUCTIVITY
ENGINEERING**



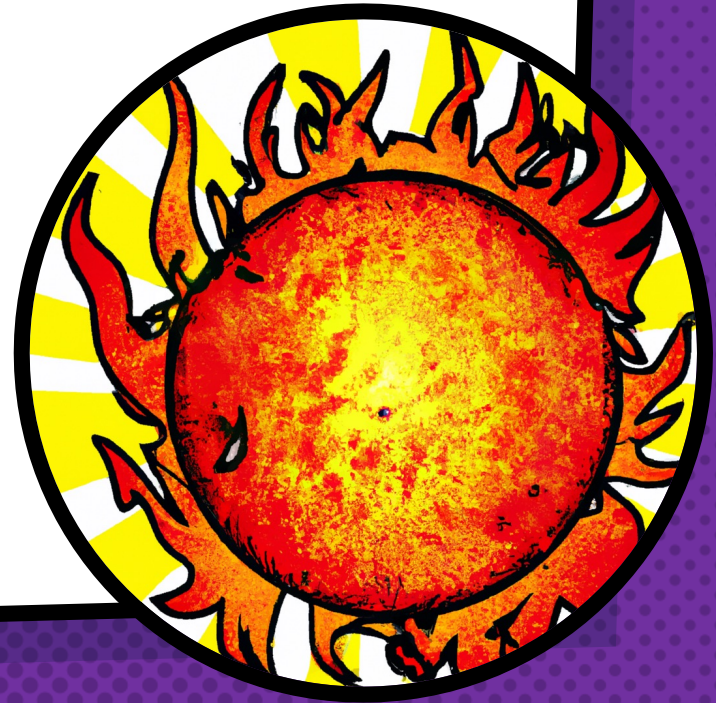
Layoffs.fyi

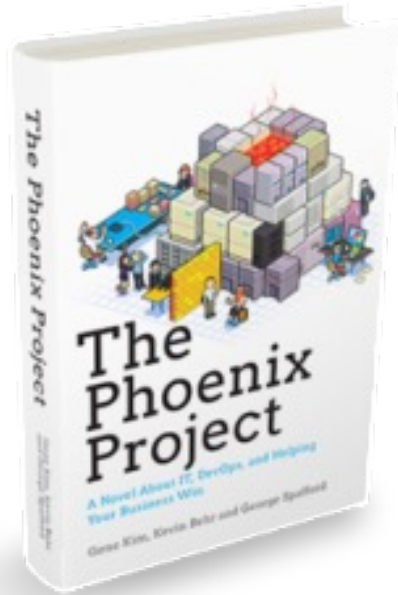
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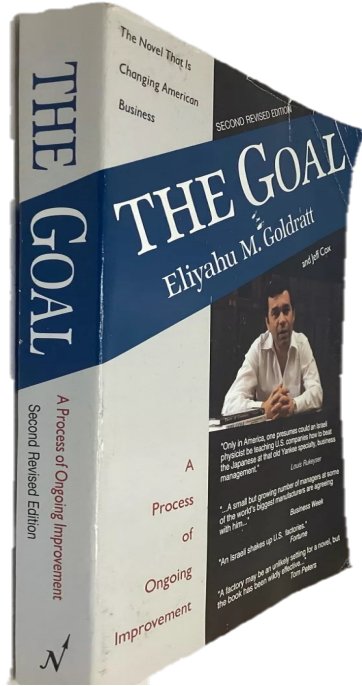
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470 tech companies w/ layoffs · **141,145** employees laid off ·

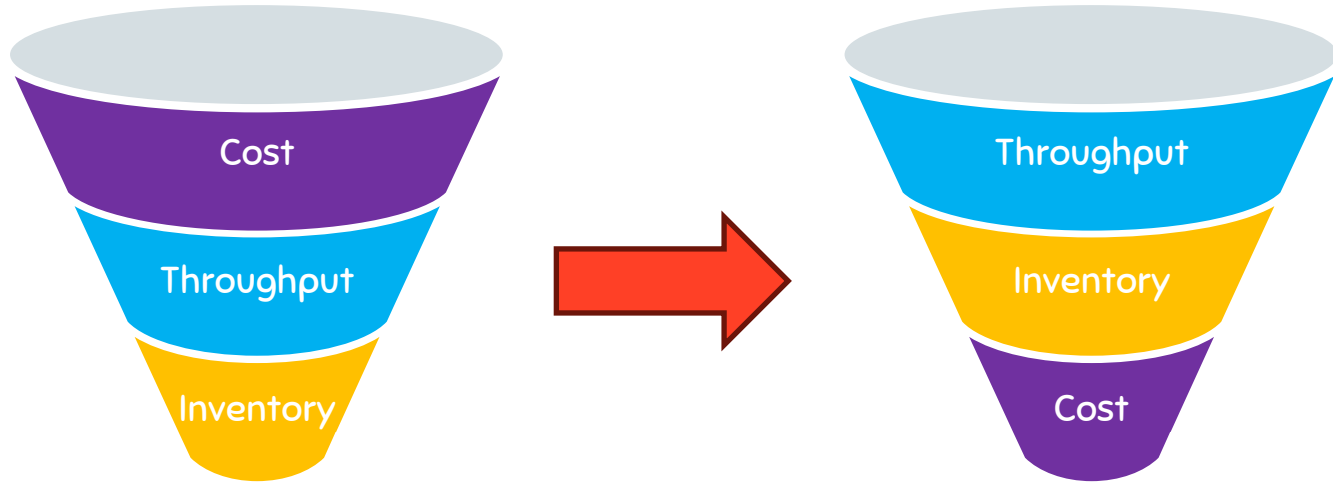
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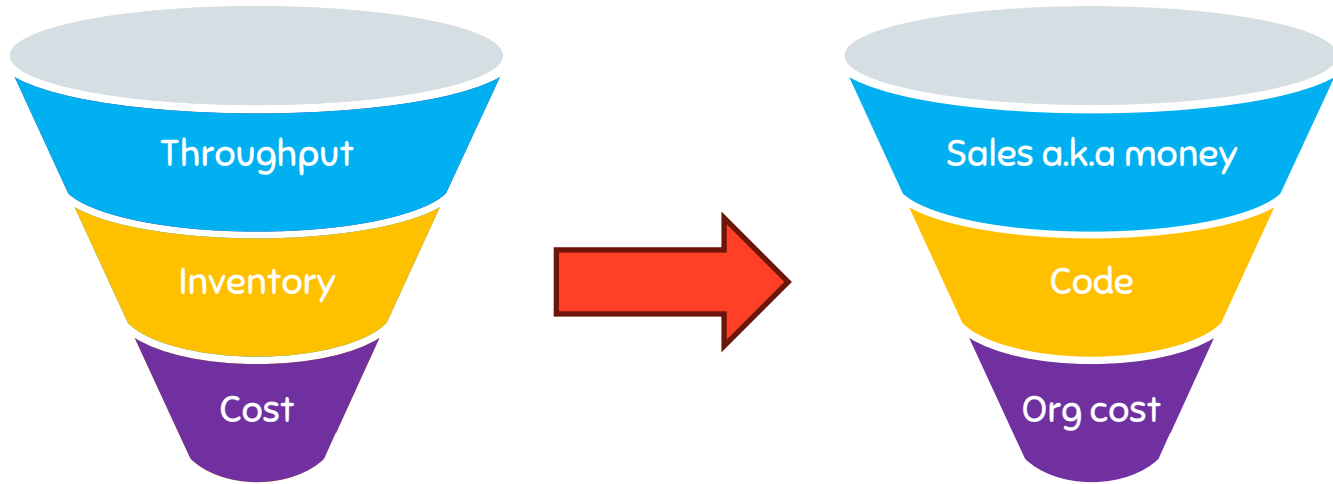




FROM COST WORLD TO THROUGHPUT WORLD



IN TERMS OF IT COMPANY



***THE ONLY INITIATIVES THAT
WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT
PERFORMANCE ARE ONES THAT
INCREASE THROUGHPUT WHILE
SIMULTANEOUSLY DECREASING
COST***



***CUTING COSTS (LAYOFFS)
WITHOUT INCREASING
THROUPTUT BY MOVING
INVENTORY (CREATING AND
SELLING MORE SOFTWARE)***

IS USELESS



BUT WHAT ABOUT SILENT QUITTING?

GALLUP

WORKPLACE APRIL 10, 2024

U.S. Engagement Hits 11-Year Low

4.8 million fewer U.S. employees are engaged in early 2024

BY JIM HARTER



BUT WHAT ABOUT SILENT QUITTING?



YOU'D EXPECT SELECTIVE LAYOFFS THEN?



Marc Grabanski 

@1Marc



playbook seems to be:

- 1) layoff lots of developers
- 2) stock goes up!
- 3) try to push less devs to build the same roadmap, plus shove in AI

what could go wrong?

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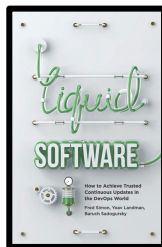
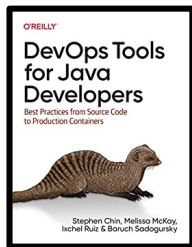


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HUMAN RESOURCES ATTRITION

	VOLUNTARY	INVOLUNTARY
REGRETTABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I quit- That's a bummer!	"The leadership takes full responsibility" 😊
NON-REGRETTABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I quit- Good riddance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You're fired



Since the layoffs, how would you describe your personal feelings?

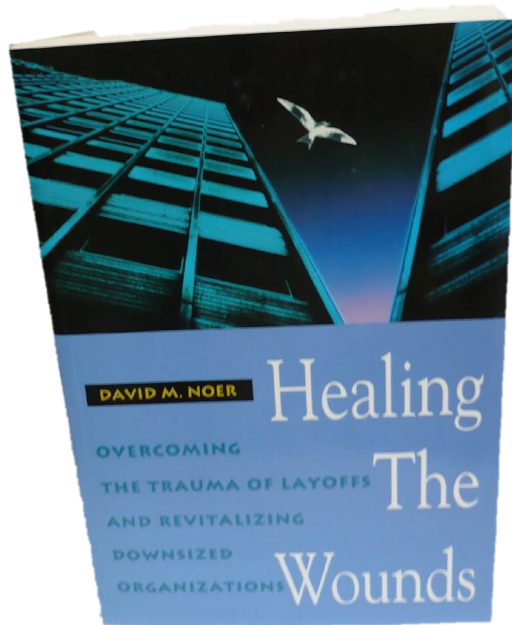
Abandoned Abused Aggressive Agony Alone **Anger**
Anxiety Ashamed Betrayed Brokenhearted Conflicted
Disengaged Disgusted Dissatisfied Empty **Exhausted** Fear Furious
Guilt Grateful Hopeful Hopeless **Hurt** Ineffective
Joyless **Lonely** Lucky Nothing Numb
Overworked Pessimistic **Sad** **Upset**
Worthless

Source: **LEADERSHIP IQ**

Survivor guilt or survivor's guilt (but also survivor syndrome, survivor's syndrome, survivor disorder and survivor's disorder) is a mental condition that occurs when a person believes they have done something wrong by surviving a traumatic or tragic event when others did not.

Wikipedia
[https://en.wikipedia.org > wiki > Survivor_guilt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Survivor_guilt) ⋮

Survivor guilt - Wikipedia



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**LAYOFF
SURVIVOR
SICKNESS**



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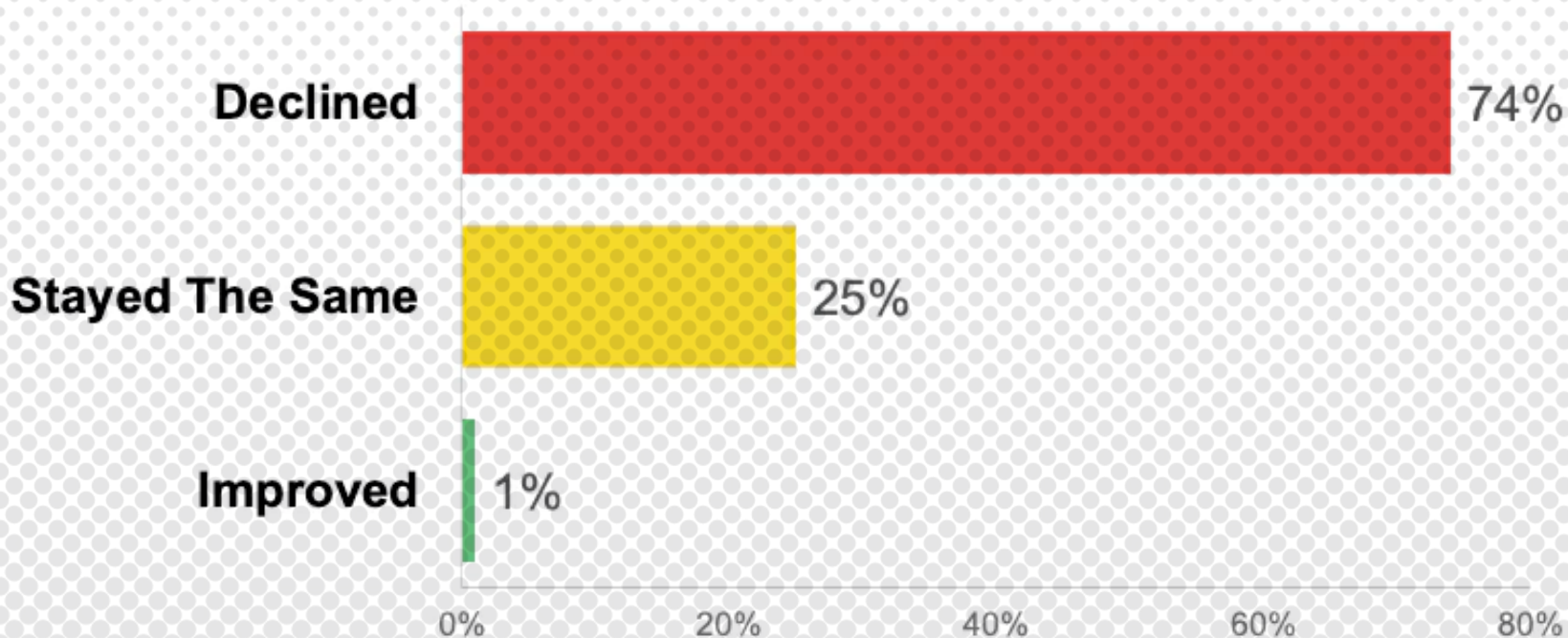


71%

of layoff survivors say their work motivation has declined since the layoff.

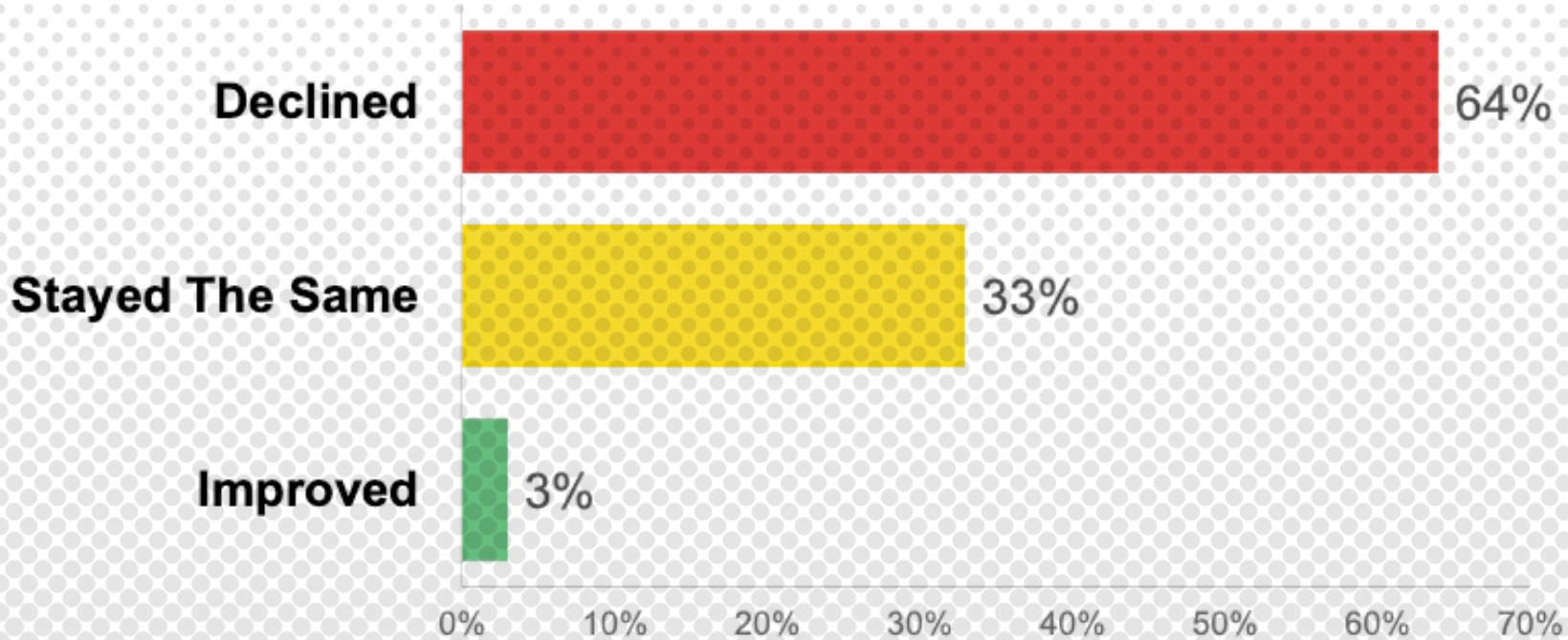


Since the layoffs, my personal productivity has...



Source: **LEADERSHIP IQ**

Since the layoffs, from what I've seen, the productivity of my coworkers has...



Source: **LEADERSHIP IQ**



65%

of layoff survivors say they are
overworked since the layoff.



"LEAN AND MEAN"?
MORE LIKE
SAD AND ANGRY





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A close-up shot of a man in a military uniform, wearing a green campaign hat. He has a wide-eyed, shocked, or perhaps indignant expression on his face, with his mouth slightly open. The background is a plain, light-colored wall with a subtle grid pattern.

***THE BEATINGS
WILL CONTINUE
UNTIL MORALE
IMPROVES***

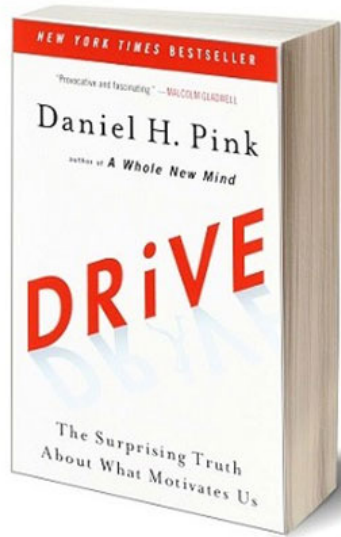


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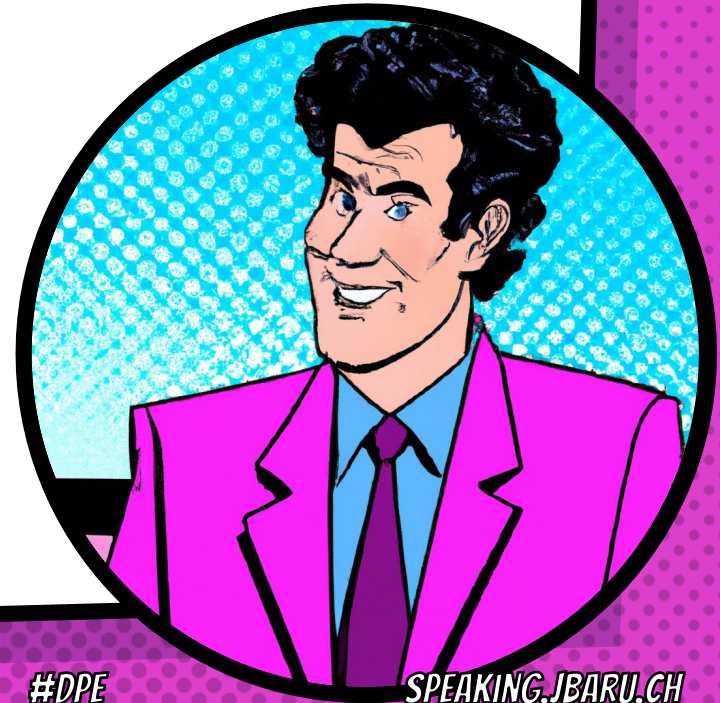
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3 FACTORS LEAD TO BETTER
PERFORMANCE & PERSONAL
SATISFACTION...

AUTONOMY
MASTERY
PURPOSE



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**"THE BUILD TAKES
FOREVER, I AM
DISTRACTED TO DO
OTHER THINGS AND THE
CONTEXT SWITCH IS
TERRIBLE"**



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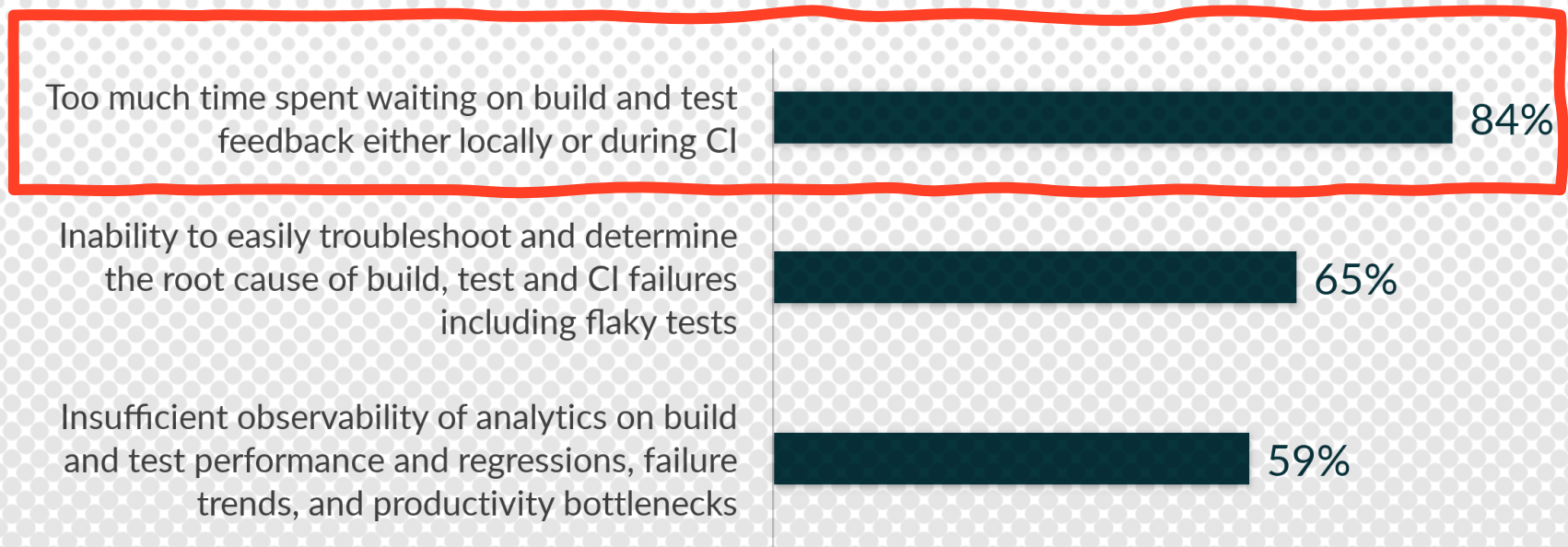
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Development Pains are Widespread

Which of the following challenges or pain points did your organization experience prior to implementing Developer Productivity Engineering?



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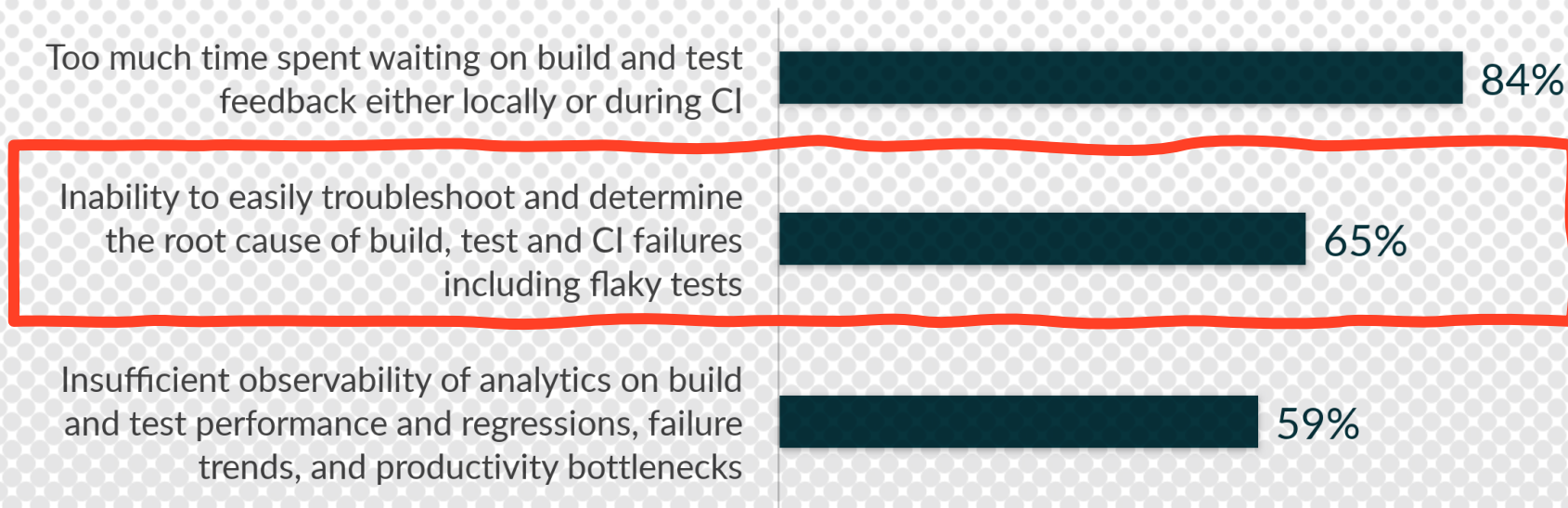
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***"WE HAVE A FLANKY
TEST, IT IS IRRELEVANT
99.5% OF THE TIME,
BUT IT ALWAYS RUNS
AND IT IS LAST IN THE
SUITE"***



Development Pains are Widespread

Which of the following challenges or pain points did your organization experience prior to implementing Developer Productivity Engineering?



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***"I HAVE A FEELING THAT
EVERYTHING IS SLOWER
SOMEHOW..."***



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Development Pains are Widespread

Which of the following challenges or pain points did your organization experience prior to implementing Developer Productivity Engineering?

Too much time spent waiting on build and test feedback either locally or during CI



Inability to easily troubleshoot and determine the root cause of build, test and CI failures including flaky tests



Insufficient observability of analytics on build and test performance and regressions, failure trends, and productivity bottlenecks



DEVELOPER PRODUCTIVITY == A/M/P == MOTIVATION

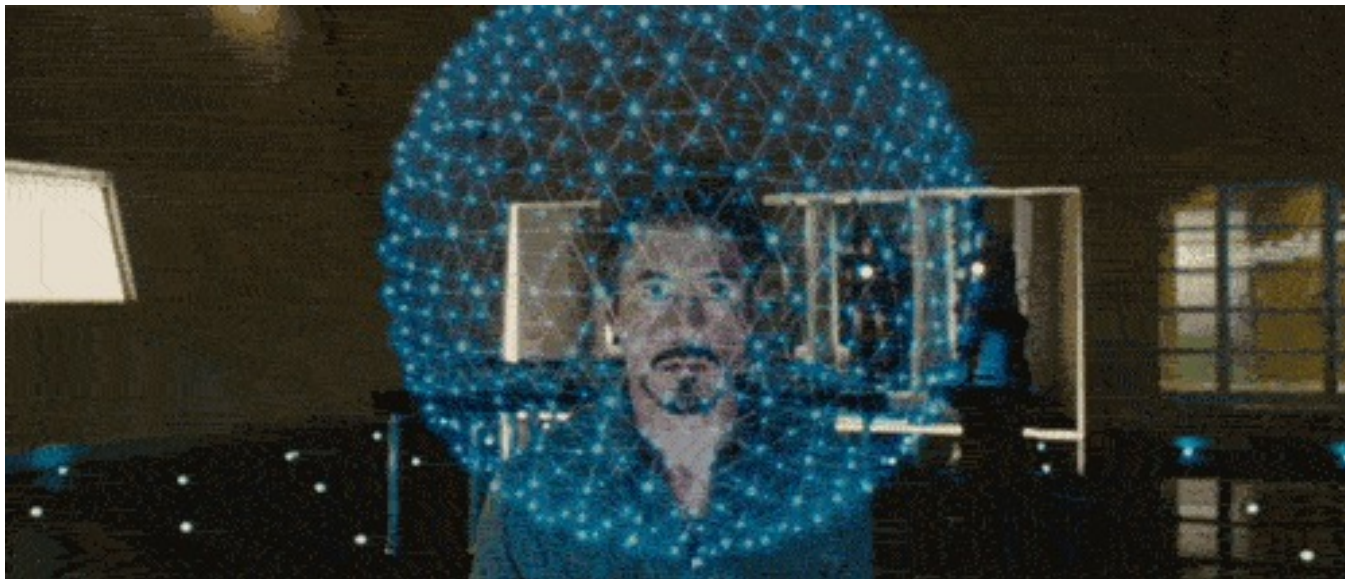
Autonomy → Tools and people aren't in my way

Mastery → Tools and processes help me to excel

Purpose → I want to be *productive*, i.e. create the product



DEVELOPER PRODUCTIVITY ENGINEERING!



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DEVELOPER PRODUCTIVITY ENGINEERING

Foster Faster Feedback

Collaborate through
Effective Tooling

Embrace Rigorous
Observability for
Proactive Improvement

Eliminate Toil for
Developers

Prioritize Automation
and Eliminate
Bottlenecks

Dedicated
Organizational Mindset

Outcomes Over Output



***TALK IS CHEAP,
SHOW ME THE
GOODS!***



SMALL DPE IMPROVEMENTS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

- × Generate code faster: Better IDE
- × Test better: Testcontainers
- × Enforce better code: Sonar
- × Test more reliably: Flaky test detection
- × Foster Faster Feedback:

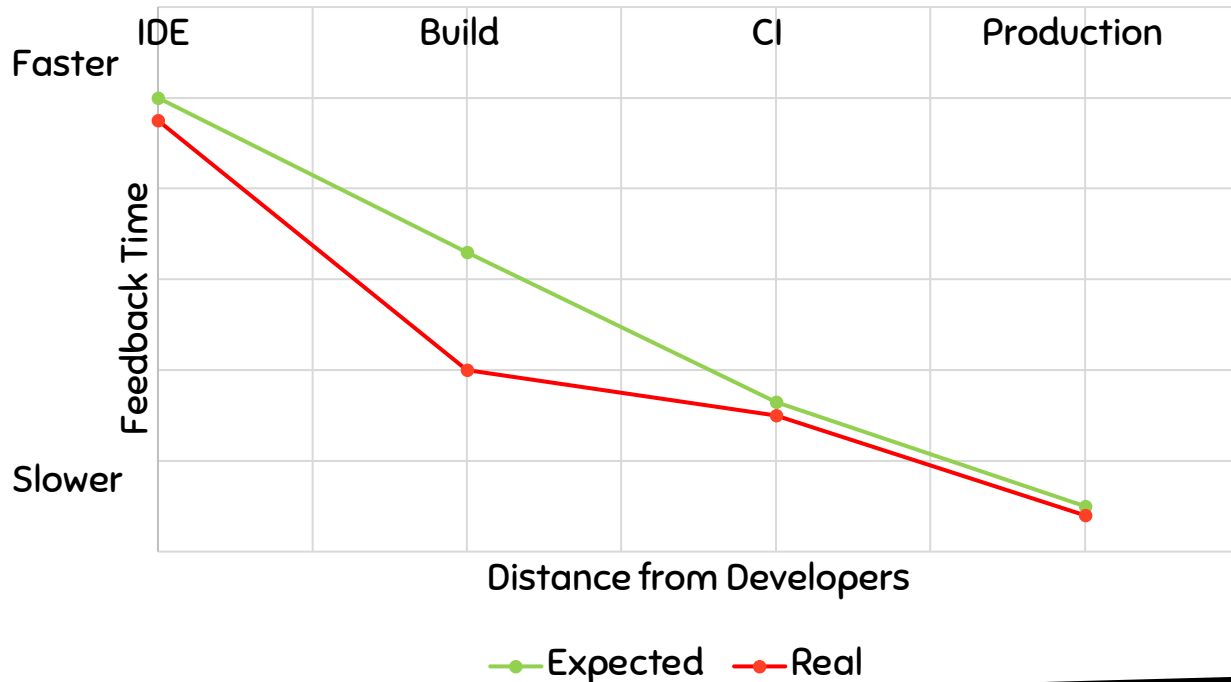


FEEDBACK EFFICIENCY

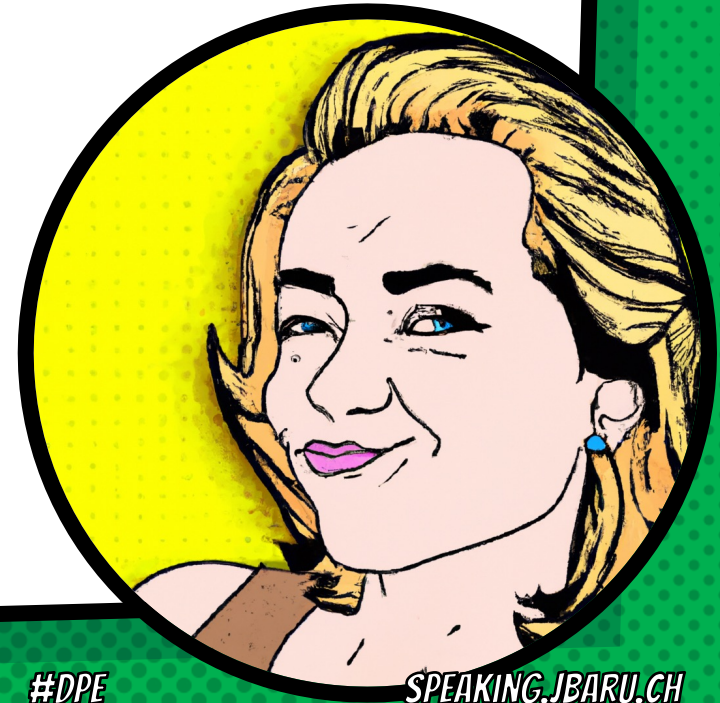
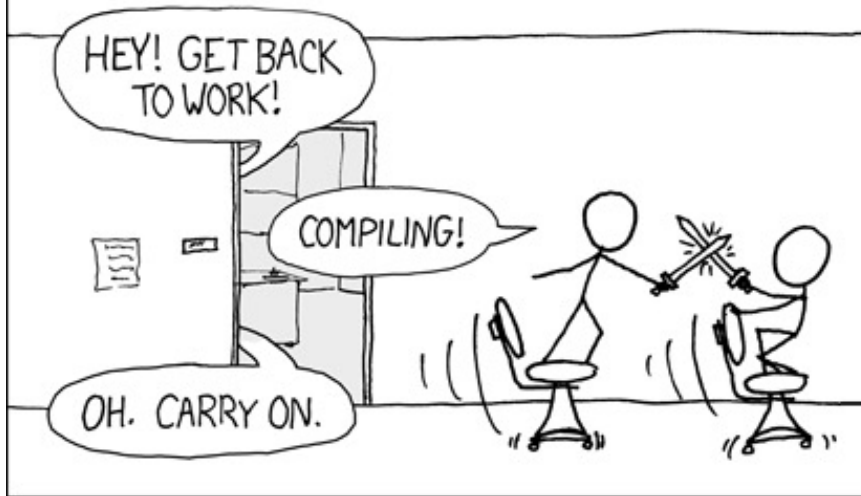
- × IDE: Sub-seconds (I type, it marks it red)
- × Build: Seconds
- × CI: Minutes
- × Production: Hours/Days



REVERSE DEPENDENCY ON DISTANCE FROM DEVELOPERS



THE #1 PROGRAMMER EXCUSE
FOR LEGITIMATELY SLACKING OFF:
"MY CODE'S COMPILING."



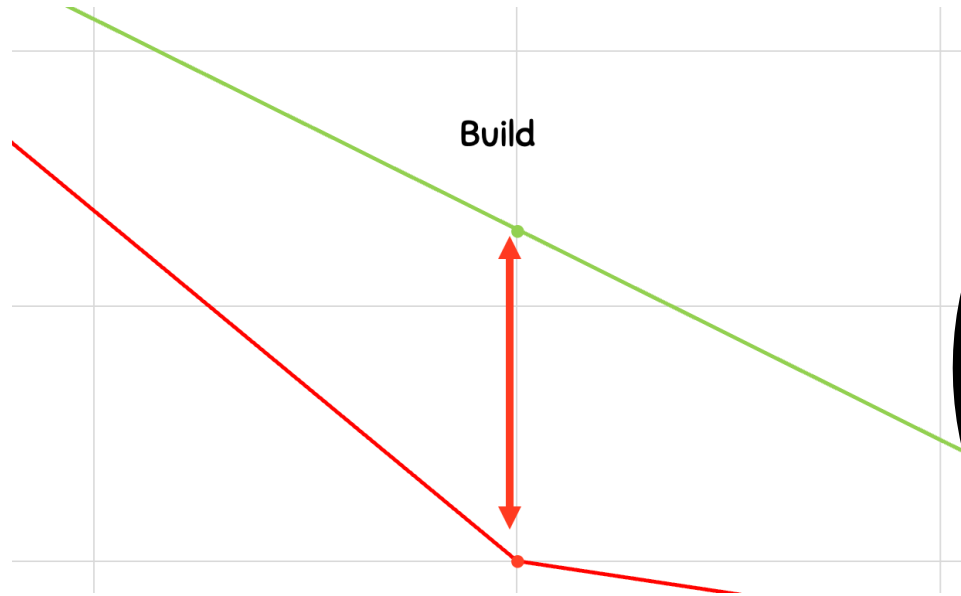
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IT IS SLOW!



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← → ↻ 🛡️ <https://www.bruceeckel.com/2021/01/02/the-problem-with-gradle/>

stymied me. This is the problem I had with Gradle:

To do anything you have to know everything

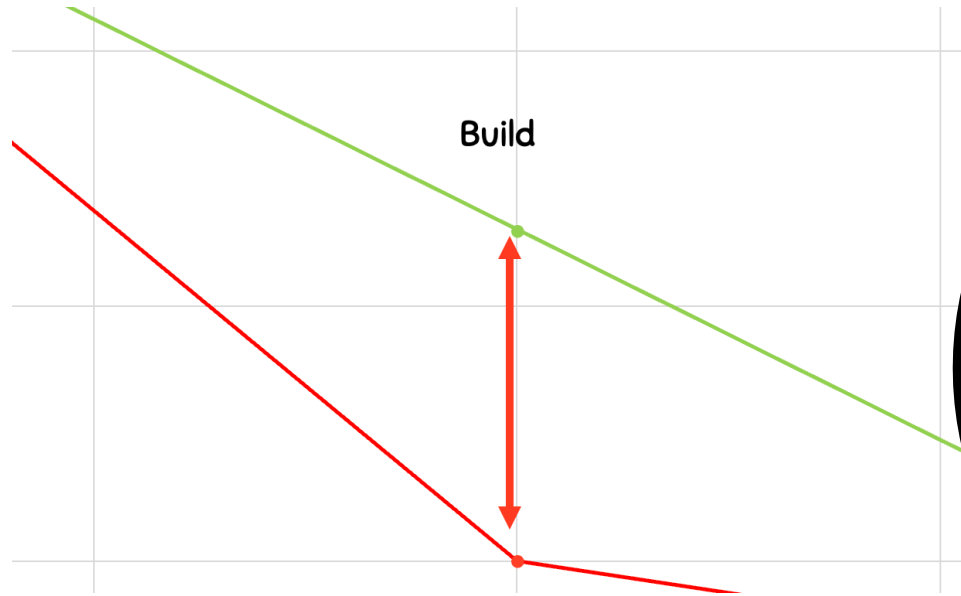
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IT IS SLOW AND THE DEVELOPERS HAVE NO IDEA WHY!



WHAT IS BUILD?

- × Project setup
- × Downloading the Internet
- × Artifact generation: Compilation, packaging, etc
- × Tests
- × Artifact deployment



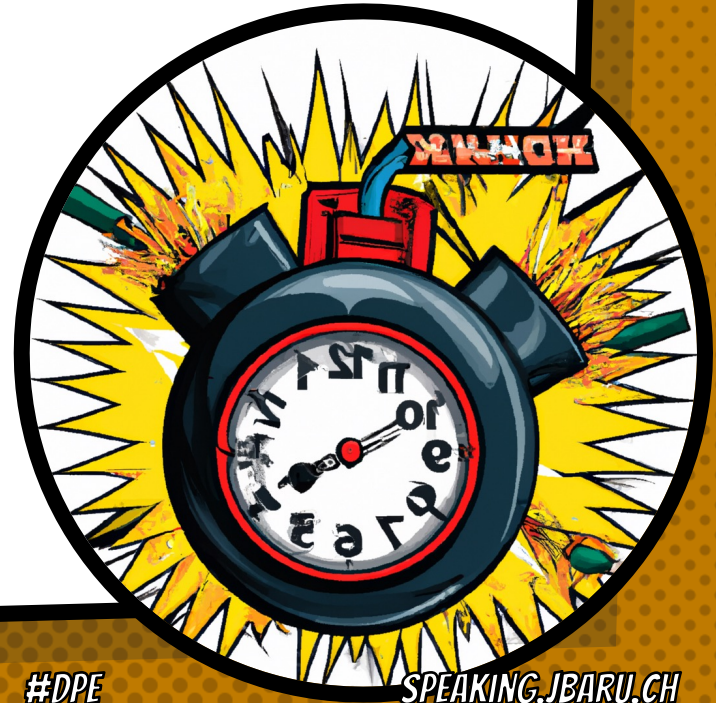
WHAT CAN GO WRONG?

- × Project setup
- × Downloading the Internet
- × Artifact generation: Compilation, packaging, etc
- × Tests
- × Artifact deployment



WHEN CAN IT GO WRONG?

AT ANY TIME.



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LET'S ASK CHATGPT



What techniques can I use to speed up a Maven build?



Sure, here are some quick tips to speed up a Maven build:

1. **Skip Tests:** Use `-DskipTests` to skip running tests.
2. **Parallel Execution:** Use `-T` flag to run in parallel. E.g., `-T 4` for 4 threads.
3. **Offline Mode:** Use `--offline` to avoid checking for updates.
4. **Incremental Build:** Use `mvn -am -pl` to build only changed modules and their dependencies.
5. **Profile:** Use Maven profiles to conditionally enable plugins.
6. **Resource Filtering:** Limit resource filtering to only necessary files.
7. **Use a Mirror:** Set up a local Nexus or Artifactory mirror.

Hope that helps! Got a preference for Gradle, but these should give your Maven build a boost.



WHAT THE ACTUAL F*CK?!

- × Skipping tests defeats the purpose of the build!
- × How about skipping compilation?
- × We want faster feedback, not less feedback



***WHAT
FEEDBACK DO
WE WANT?***



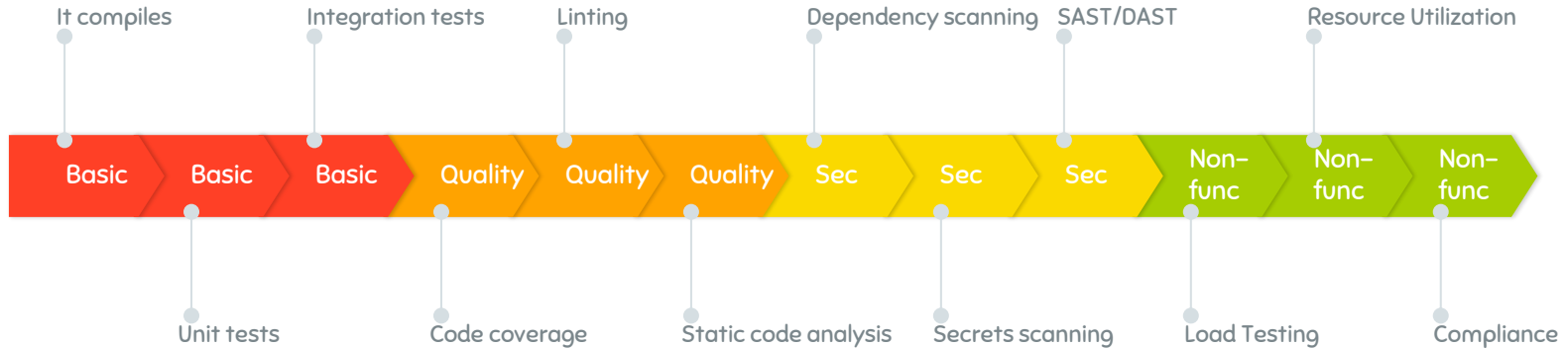
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CI/CD PIPELINE QUALITY GATES





CI/CD? NOT GREAT, NOT TERRIBLE.



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TWO TYPES OF FEEDBACK

ASYNCHRONOUS

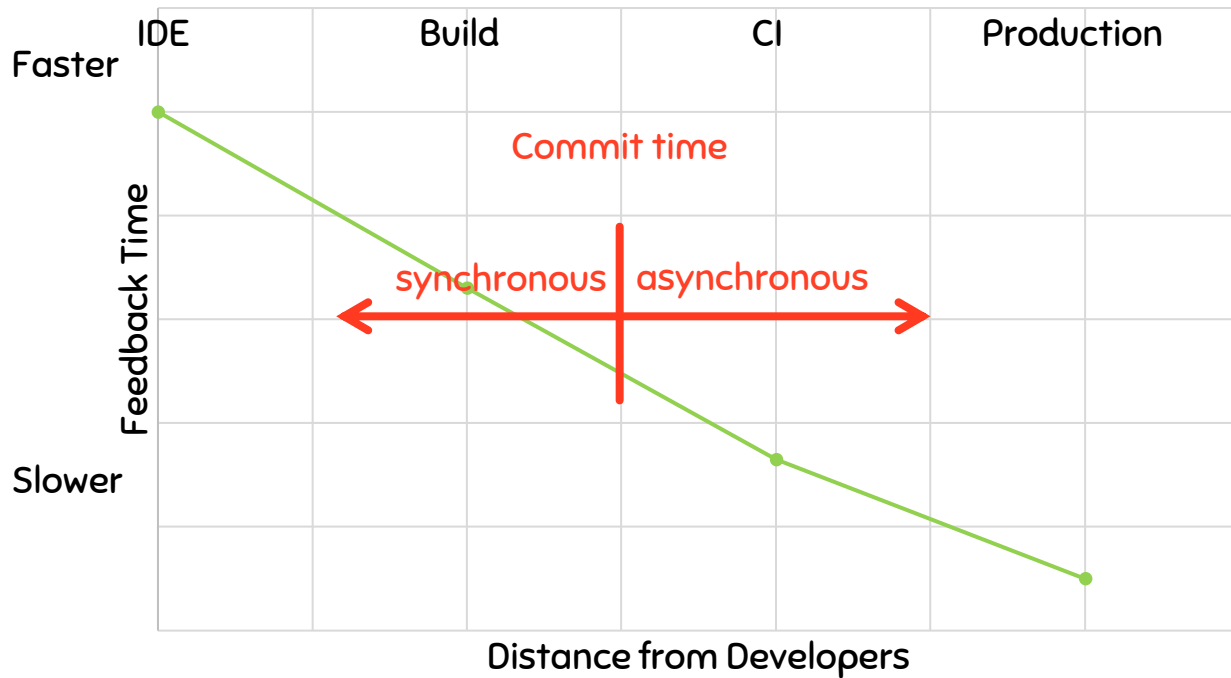
- x e.g., CI/CD
- x we never wait for it
- x results are distracting

SYNCHRONOUS

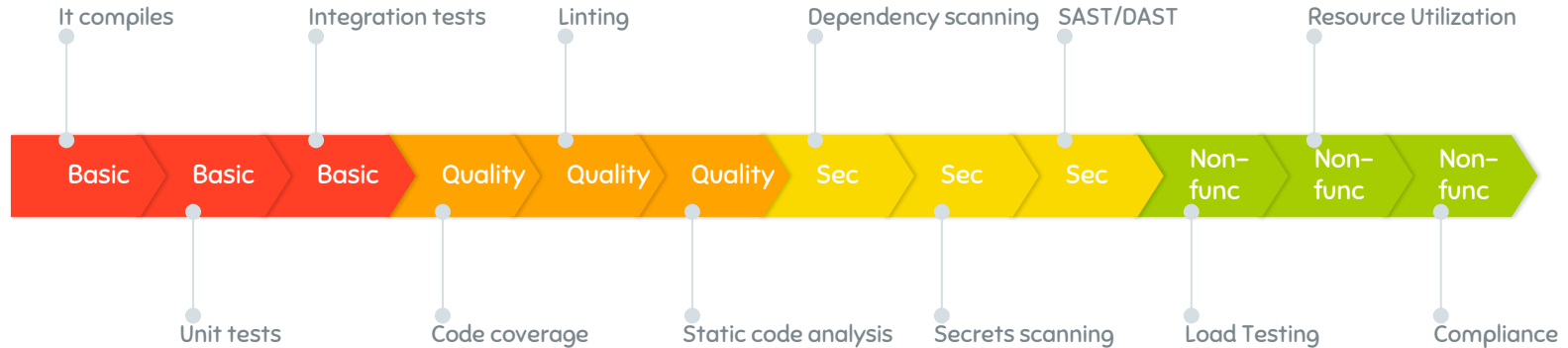
- x e.g., build
- x we'll wait for it in the flow
- x we'll be pissed off when it's slow



REVERSE DEPENDENCY ON DISTANCE FROM DEVELOPERS



IDEAL BUILD TIME FEEDBACK



**BUT WON'T IT
SLOW
DOWN THE
BUILD?!**



DELIGHTFUL BUILD (PICK TWO):

- PROVIDES MAX FEEDBACK***
- FAST***



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***SKIP WHAT CAN
BE SKIPPED
(BUT NO
MORE!)***



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AVOIDANCE: INCREMENTAL BUILD

- × Don't build what didn't changed
- × Don't build what isn't affected



AVOIDANCE: INCREMENTAL BUILD SHORTCOMINGS

- × Relies on produced artifacts
- × Relies on architectural decisions



AVOIDANCE: CACHING

- × Makes the build faster
- × Makes the build faster for everybody
- × Makes the build faster always
- × Makes all parts of the build faster



Build time ? 12 min 28 sec	Serial execution ? 15 min 13 sec (2.46x)	Avoidance savings ? 39 min 10 sec (73.62%)	Build cache overhead ? 18 sec	Dependency downloading ? 2.2 sec
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Up to date ? 19 min 33 sec	Local build cache ? 4.3 sec	Remote build cache ? 19 min 33 sec
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1h 40m

1h 15m

50m

25m

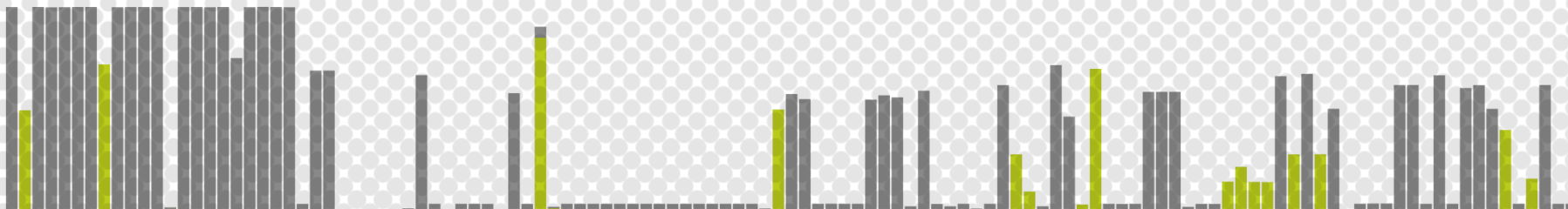


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AVOIDANCE: PREDICTIVE TEST SELECTION

- × Learns code changes effects de-facto
- × Skips tests with high degree of confidence

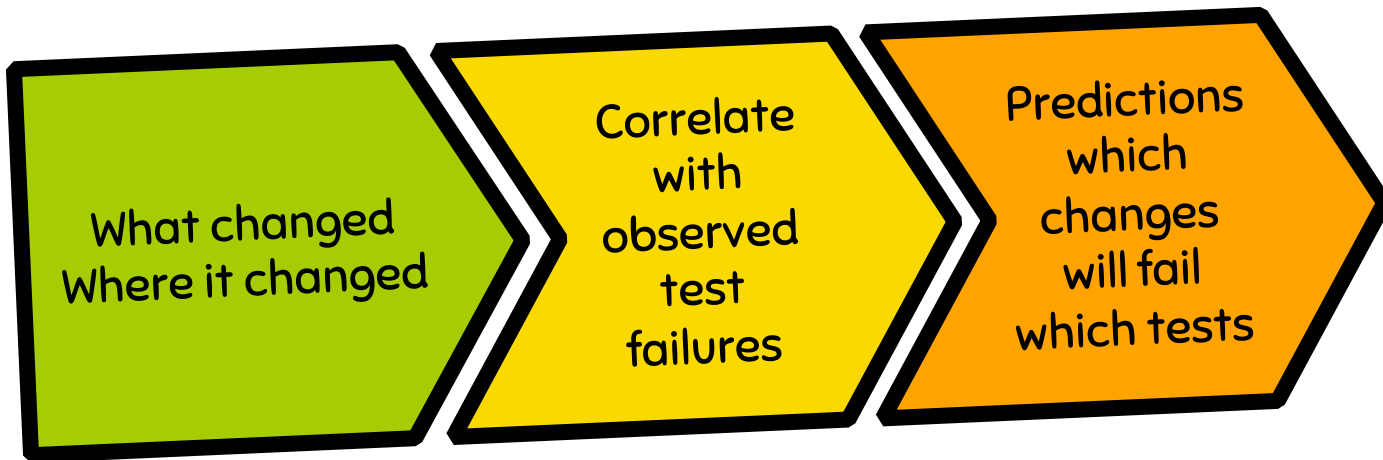


HOW TEST PREDICTION WORKS

- × Code changes and test results are thrown into learning model
- × After a while, the model predicts which changes fail which tests

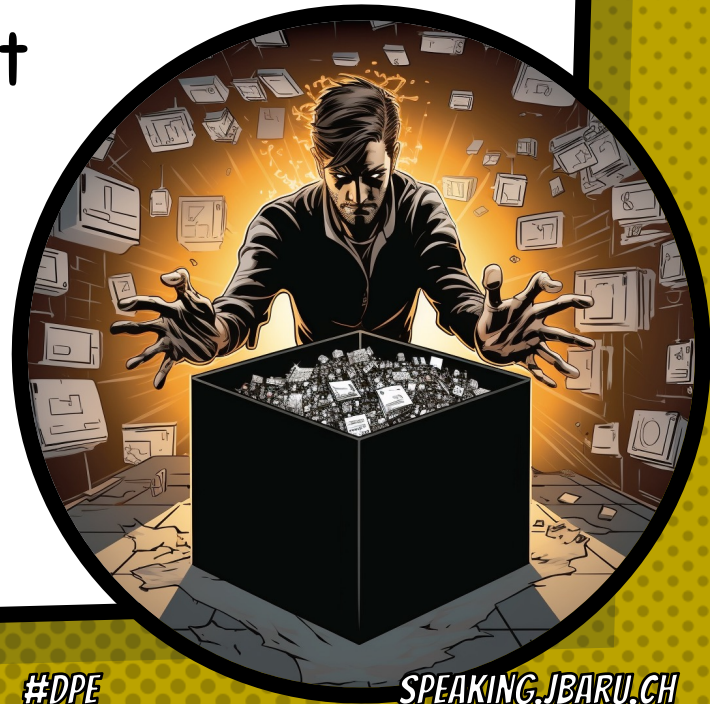


TEST PREDICTION



BLACK MAGIC IN ACTION

- × The more tests a project has, the less they break
- × Refactorings in Java break tests less than in JavaScript



Predictive Test Selection [Find test task/goal](#)

age (78 builds)

Simulations (51.3K builds)

in build time: 11 min 18 sec

Mean build time: 5 min 27 sec

Selection profile ?

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Task/Goal failures predicted ?

Test failures predicted ?

Savings potential ?

Avoidable tests ?

Unavoidable tests ?

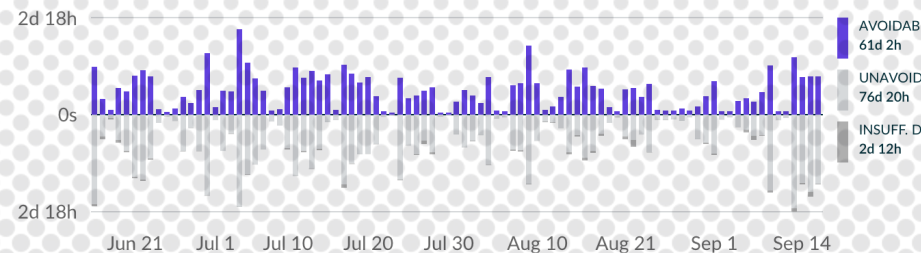
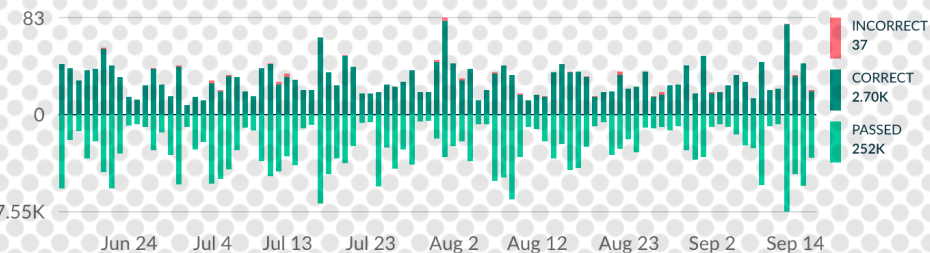
98.7% (2.70K of 2.74K total)

96.4% (3.55K of 3.68K total)

61 d 2 hr (44%)

1.84M (30%)

4.13M (68%)



Tasks/Goals by mean duration (top 50) ?

All predictions Only incorr

	Task/Goal failures predicted ?	Test failures predicted ?	Simulations ?	Mean duration ?	Total test time ?	Savings potential ?
ng-boot-build > :spring-boot-project:spring-boot-tools:spring-b...	15 / 16 (93.8%)	15 / 17 (88.2%)	637 / 677	31 min 12 sec	13 d 14 hr	7 d 9 hr (54%)
ng-boot-build > :spring-boot-project:spring-boot-tools:spring-b...	84 / 87 (96.6%)	86 / 89 (96.6%)	612 / 661	18 min 18 sec	7 d 10 hr	5 d 2 hr (69%)



***SPEED UP
WHAT
CAN'T BE
SKIPPED***



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TEST PARALLELIZATION

- × Use max power of local machine
- × (Yes, your boss should buy you the bleeding edge)



Task path	Started after ?	Duration ?
:clean	0.499s	0.053s
:compileJava	0.553s	0.146s
:processResources NO-SOURCE	0.699s	0.001s
:classes	0.700s	0.000s
:jar	0.701s	0.040s
:assemble	0.741s	0.000s
:compileTestJava	0.741s	0.242s
:processTestResources NO-SOURCE	0.984s	0.000s
:testClasses	0.984s	0.001s
:test	0.985s	1m 59.135s
:check	2m 0.120s	0.001s
:build	2m 0.121s	0.001s

Task path	Started after ?	Duration ?
:clean	0.416s	0.048s
:compileJava	0.465s	0.085s
:processResources NO-SOURCE	0.550s	0.000s
:classes	0.550s	0.000s
:jar	0.551s	0.040s
:assemble	0.591s	0.000s
:compileTestJava	0.592s	0.212s
:processTestResources NO-SOURCE	0.804s	0.001s
:testClasses	0.805s	0.000s
:test	0.805s	10.553s
:check	11.359s	0.000s
:build	11.359s	0.000s

```

tasks.test { this: Test!
    onlyIf { true }
    useJUnitPlatform()
    maxParallelForks = Runtime.getRuntime().availableProcessors()
    testLogging { this: TestLoggingContainer

```

TEST DISTRIBUTION

- × CI uses fan-out to speed-up tests
- × Shouldn't you enjoy it for local tests?
- × Use the cloud to distribute test load
- × RUN ALL THE TESTS!



WHY NOT JUST USING CI FAN-OUT?

- × Relying on shared CI infrastructure
- × CI infrastructure is not optimized for real-time feedback!
- × Are the agents as fast as they can be?



DON'T LET IT SLIDE



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OBSERVE AND IMPROVE

- × Measure local build times across time and environments
- × Detect downfacing trends
- × Find root causes and improve



Basic search Advanced search

User Hostname Project Requested tasks/goals/targets Build tool Build tool version

Start time Custom values Tags Outcome

Jan 16 2020 02:00 CDT Feb 2 2020 23:59 CDT Relative Fixed git branch name=sam/performance-scenario Refresh

Overview Build time Serial execution Avoidance savings Build cache overhead Dependency downloading Day Week Month

Build time

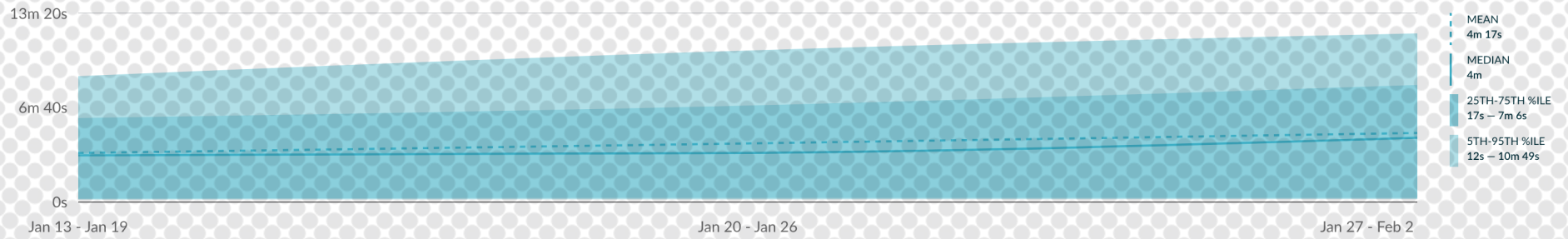
4 min 17 sec

Non execution

28 sec

Execution

3 min 49 sec



Serial execution

35 min 41 sec (7.7x)

Non-cacheable

44 sec

Build cache miss

34 min 40 sec

Build cache hit

4.2 sec

Up to date & non-actionable

13 sec



THE GAINS ARE REAL!



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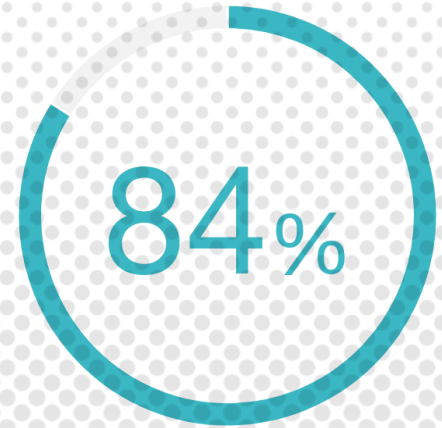
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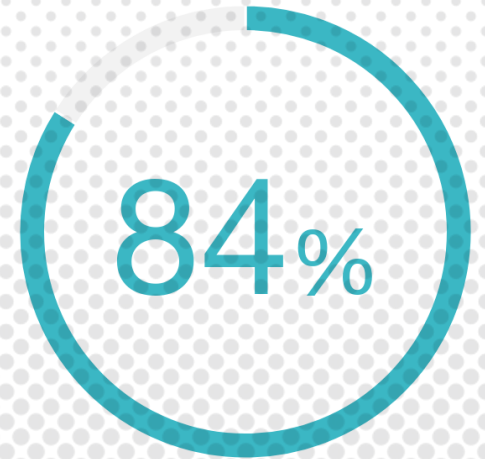
DPE Dramatically Improves Productivity

Almost every surveyed IT organization agreed that “Since integrating Developer Productivity Engineering into our development process, the time savings we experienced on build and test cycle times have dramatically improved developer productivity.”



DPE Fosters Developer Joy

84% of surveyed users agree that DPE's impact on their toolchain makes their job more enjoyable.



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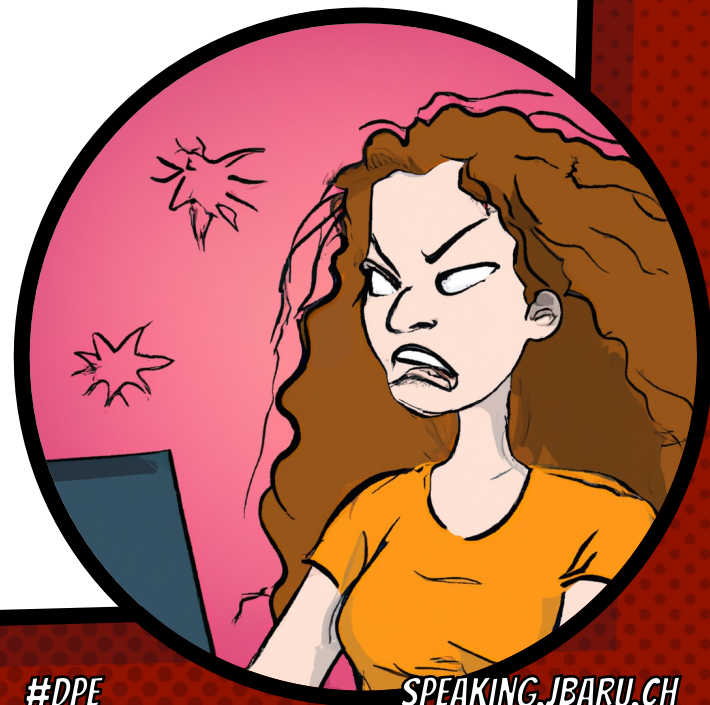
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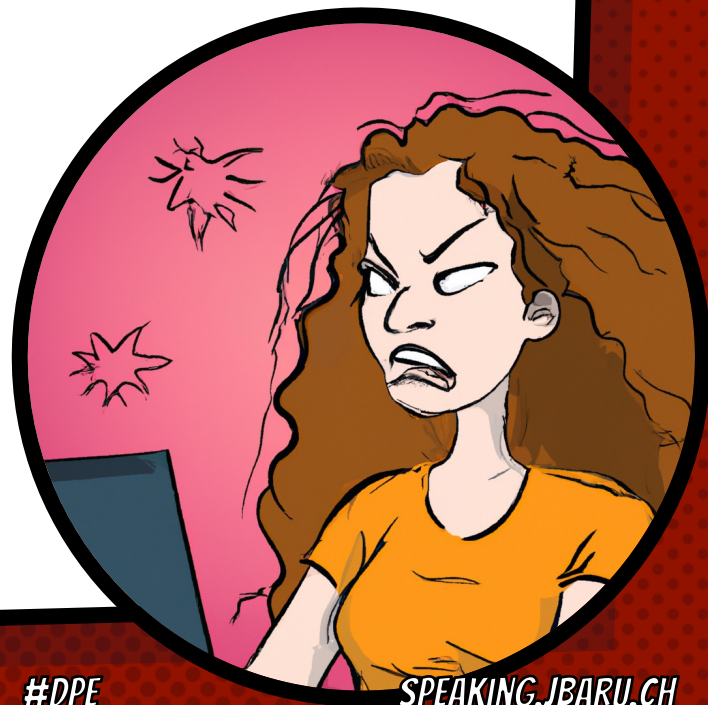
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DEVOPS VS DPE

	<i>DEVOPS</i>	<i>DPE</i>
<i>OUTCOME</i>	The product	More productive work
<i>URGENCY</i>	On everybody's minds	Slips away
<i>ORG STRUCTURE</i>	Organizational culture	Specialized team



***THE BEST DPE ORGANIZATIONS
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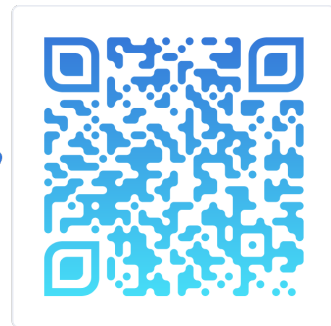
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