Developer Productivity Engineering What's in it for Java Developers?







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Developer Productivity Engineering







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Bottlenecks to Productivity are Everywhere

"Bottlenecks in the toolchain are holding back the rockstar 10x developers"

Pete Smoot, Software Architect, Dell Technologies

It's True at Dell, and Everywhere Else

Developers code 52 minutes per day



https://www.software.com/reports/code-time-report





DPE is a new software development practice used by leading software development organizations to maximize developer productivity and happiness.

Gradle is Pioneering DPE

GRADLE ENTERPRISE CUSTOMER STATISTIC

DPE Fosters Developer Joy

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



Source: TechValidate survey of 51 users of Gradle Enterprise



TechValidate



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This Doesn't Have To Be Our Reality





What Problems Does DPE Solve?



• This takes too long!



Nis should have been observable



GRADLE ENTERPRISE CUSTOMER STATISTIC

Builds and Tests are Slow!

85% of surveyed IT organizations experienced challenges with too much time spent waiting on build and test feedback.



Source: TechValidate survey of 65 users of Gradle Enterprise



TechValidate by SurveyMonkey



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The anatomy and importance of fast feedback cycles





Faster Builds Improve Creative Flow

	Team 1	Team 2
No. of Devs	11	6
Build Time	4 mins	1 mins
No. of local builds	850	1010



Multiple Acceleration Technologies are Best

Build caching delivers fast build and test feedback cycles





Build Caching

- Introduced to the Java world by Gradle in 2017
- Maven has an open source build cache too
- Used by leading technology
 companies like Google and Facebook
- Can support both **user local and** remote caching for distributed teams

- Build caches are complementary to dependency caches, not mutually exclusive:
 - A dependency cache caches fully compiled dependencies
 - A build cache accelerates building a single source repository
 - A build cache caches build actions (e.g. Gradle tasks or Maven goals)





What is a Build Cache?

Inputs

- Gradle Tasks
- Maven Goal Executions

Outputs

When the inputs have not changed, the **output can be reused** from a previous run.





Cache Key/Value Calculation

The *cacheKey* for Gradle Tasks/Maven Goals is based on the Inputs:

The *cacheEntry* contains the output:

```
cacheEntry[cacheKey(javaCompile)] = fileTree(classFiles)
```

For more information, see:

https://docs.gradle.org/current/userguide/build_cache.html



Remote Build Cache Savings at Dell

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Reproducible Builds

https://reproducible-builds.org/



Predictive Test Selection leads to greater efficiencies



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Meta Research

Predictive Test Selection

International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)

Abstract

Change-based testing is a key component of continuous integration at Facebook. However, a large number of tests coupled with a high rate of changes committed to our monolithic repository make it infeasible to run all potentially impacted tests on each change. We propose a new *predictive test selection strategy* which selects a subset of tests to exercise for each change submitted to the continuous integration system. The strategy is *learned* from a large dataset of historical test outcomes using basic machine learning techniques. Deployed in production, the strategy reduces the total infrastructure cost of testing code changes by a factor of two, while guaranteeing that over 95% of individual test failures and over 99.9% of faulty changes are still reported back to developers. The method we present here also accounts for the non-determinism of test outcomes, also known as test flakiness.



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https://research.facebook.com/publications/predictive-test-selection/

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Predictive Test Selection Approach

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Predictive Test Selection Savings at Dell



Test distribution can make tests even faster









Existing solutions - CI fanout

Test execution is distributed by manually partitioning the test set and then running partitions in parallel on several CI nodes.

```
pipeline {
 stage('compile') { ... }
 parallelStage('test') {
   step {
      sh './gradlew :testGroup1'
    step {
      sh './gradlew :testGroup2'
    step {
      sh './gradlew :testGroup3'
```



Assessment of existing solutions

- **Build Caching** is great in many cases but doesn't help when test inputs have changed.
- Single machine parallelism is limited by that machine's resources.
- **CI fanout** does not help during local development, is inefficient (in particular on ephemeral CI agents or without build cache), requires manual setup and test partitioning, and result collection/aggregation



Build Scans speeds up troubleshooting



Improved Troubleshooting





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	Summary	Started today at 10:25:26 AM EDT finished today at 10:26:16 AM EDT							
>-	Console log	Maven 3.8.5, Gradle Enterprise Maven Extension 1.15							
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ł	Performance	1 failure							
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9	See before and after	war:war @ shopping 4.586s							

Build Scan - scans.gradle.com

Without focus, problems can sneak back in...

- Infrastructure changes
 - Binary management
 - Caching

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- CI agents
- New annotation processors or versions of annotation processors
- Build logic configurations settings
 - Build tool version and plugins
 - Compiler and/or Memory settings
- Code refactoring
- New office locations
- Without observability, it is impossible to have a great and fast developer experience.







"You can observe a lot by just watching."

- Yogi Berra, Catcher and Philosopher





Performance Insights

Are you tracking local build and test times?



463 builds

DPE Organizations Track Build and Test Times

Solution Failed for task *			Ø	Non-verification	Verification	All failures		
> There we Slow ///* /* /* Builds with matching failures 1.23K (2% of 59K total bui	re falling tests. /* /build /roport	See the report a	at: http:////////affected users		Affected hosts		Top Tags	
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Failed builds (50 most recent) Start time	Project		Requested tasks/goals	User		Hostname		
today at 1:00:47 AM	gradle	OCAL IDEA dirty	:core:embeddedIntegTest	tests org.grad jvando	rt	Justins-MBP.	home	

Execution failed for task ':core:embeddedIntegTest'.

> There were failing tests. See the report at: file:///Users/jvandort/work/gradle/subprojects/core/build/reports/tests/embeddedIntegTest/index.html

DPE Organizations Track Failure Rates

Flaky Tests Are Everywhere



Dealing with Flaky Tests

The test is flaky. What do you do now? a. Try it again b. Re-run it c. Re-run it again d. Ignore it and approve PR e. All of the above

Tests ightarrow org.gradle.smoketests.GradleBuildExternalPluginsValidationSmokeTest \mathscr{O} ightarrow Find methods

Builds that executed test class \oslash

160 builds



Mean execution time for test class 📀





Tests by flaky count 🕐

Name	Outcome trend 📀	Failed 🚽	Flaky 🚽	Passed	Mean execution time \oslash \neg
performs static validation of plugins used by the Gradle build	1111	5 (3%)	144 (90%)	11 (7%)	2 min 47 sec

DPE Organizations Analyze Flaky Tests

All Of This Will Improve Cl

Distributed Agent Availability - Main Branch















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I can't make it to the meeting because my calendar is full at that time with a fake meeting.







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