Agile Software Production?

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Agenda

- Its not (just) about Agile Development
- The real issues in the Software Development Lifecycle
 - What are they?
 - What is important?

Software Production : Tool Options

- Buy or Build?
- How do you decide?



The Ideal?



Agile Build, Test and Deployment

High Degree of Automation



LifeCycle Tool Investment





SPM Problems



- Slower time to market
- Lower quality
- Lack of compliance
- Roadblock to modern development techniques
 - Agile
 - Global teams
 - Virtual environments



Software Production Checklist

Торіс	Response	Comment
Build times > 30 minutes		Multiplies up with variants, localisation
Slow, manual steps from SCM->Build->Test		Time consuming
Need Continuous Integration		Help with time-to- market, code quality
Have problems managing and maintaining build scripts / single person has knowledge		High-risk
Need to build on multiple platforms		Can be a serial, slow process
Developers lose time waiting for overnight builds, test results		Developers switch projects while waiting
Project releases would be earlier if multiple platform build and test run in parallel		Don't know what can be parallelised
Need visibility/metrics on build and test progress		Manual work today
Have distributed teams sharing common build and test processes		Increasingly common



Production Time Example

- 1 SmartPhone
 - Ground-Up Build time 37 hours
- 4 Hardware Platforms
- 22 Localisation builds for target languages
- 135 days total...

- Incremental builds and links can lead to dependency issues
- One file change / bug fix and start-over



Project Trade-off.

- You may only have three of these :
- Good (Quality)
- Fast (Time to Market)
- Cheap (Cost Effective)
- Done (Project Completed)
- But, You can optimise the mix

What is the Enterprise Requirement?



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Linking Distributed Teams



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Specific Access and Permissions Based on Role Anywhere in the World

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Managing Resources





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Build Servers Test Servers Production Servers Virtual Servers



Tie it all Together





Blue Sky Solution





Managing Build and Test Data





Visibility: Management Reports

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Methodology : Continuous Integration and Pre-Flight Builds



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Continuous Integration



- Developer runs local build and unit tests
 - Developer checks tested code into SCM system
- Integration build at frequent intervals or upon check-in



Frequent Problem: Continuously Broken Builds



- Developer builds/tests on local system, checks in code
- Integration build started, breaks ("it worked on my machine")
- Team impacted while check-in is backed out or build fixed



Solution: Pre-Flight Builds and Tests



- Developers build and test across all targets/platforms
- Ensures successful integration build
- Developers can check in changes with confidence
- Broken builds less likely to affect the entire team



What Actually Happens







The MVP

Who are the engineering team MVPs?

- Managers?
- Developers?
- QA?
- The MVP is the build manager supporting the script
- Why?



Who Else?

- The build manager actually builds the product that's shipped
- Sure, developers write the features and bugs
- Sure, QA tests that the product works
- Sure, managers do something valuable
- But the build manager...
 - … that guy actually built the thing your company ships
 - … that guy probably stayed up until 3am to make it happen
- So why does that guy get no decent tools?



The Rise and Rise of the MVP Build Manager

In the old days..

- TBM didn't exist, being TBM was a role taken on by a developer
- Developers hated to be the 'build guy' for the day
- The software grew; the build grew
 - TBM role is formalized, but developers still looked down on him

Today

- The Manager invites TBM to join his weekly staff meeting; TBM matters now
- Developers, QA and Management harass him about broken builds



Quick Win : Accelerating the Software Production Process



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A typical Software Production process





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Builds Grow





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The Problem: Dependencies





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Fine Grain Parallelism on Builds





Getting There: DIY

Fast builds

- Buy lots of SMP hardware and try out GNU Make parallelism or manually parallelize the build.
- Scheduled builds
 - Use cron for that

On demand builds

 Build an intranet page, integrate it yourself with the current build and source code management system

Stimuli builds

 Build ad-hoc script attached to source code management system



DIY

You could try that

Before you do think about...

- How much time do you have to write all that code?
- How you are going to manage 200+ builds per day?
- What build time acceleration is needed?
- How are you going to manage hardware failure in your build system?
- Who will manage and maintain the solution
- What is the long-term cost and risk



































Build Your Own? It Never Ends SCM integration, Support multiple Web interface for languages and bill of materials editing processes build tools Developer access to production **Command-line** User builds interface impersonation, Portable across password Modular. hardware/OS Shared access by Extensibility management composable platforms multiple teams process steps Investment Control Parameters LDAP Priorities environment authentication Conditional steps for jobs Monitor system View partial **Role-based** results of status Retry steps after builds in access control errors/ failures Resource progress pooling, load Notifications via e-mail/RSS balancing Detect resource Logging and **Run multiple** Automated build failures error reporting Cancel iobs and test for one builds build tool, one simultaneously Customizable Timeouts for On-demand job machine runaway job reports invocation via steps Web **Trend reports** Scheduled jobs Multiple jobs run **Cross-product** Resource Web-based on one resource selection criteria reports access to **Trigger builds** simultaneously results after check-ins Run job steps Tools for Resource in parallel utilization extracting Multiple servers. Database of data from logs reports remote invocation build results Single job can use Annotate builds multiple resources after completion





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