Agile Software Production?

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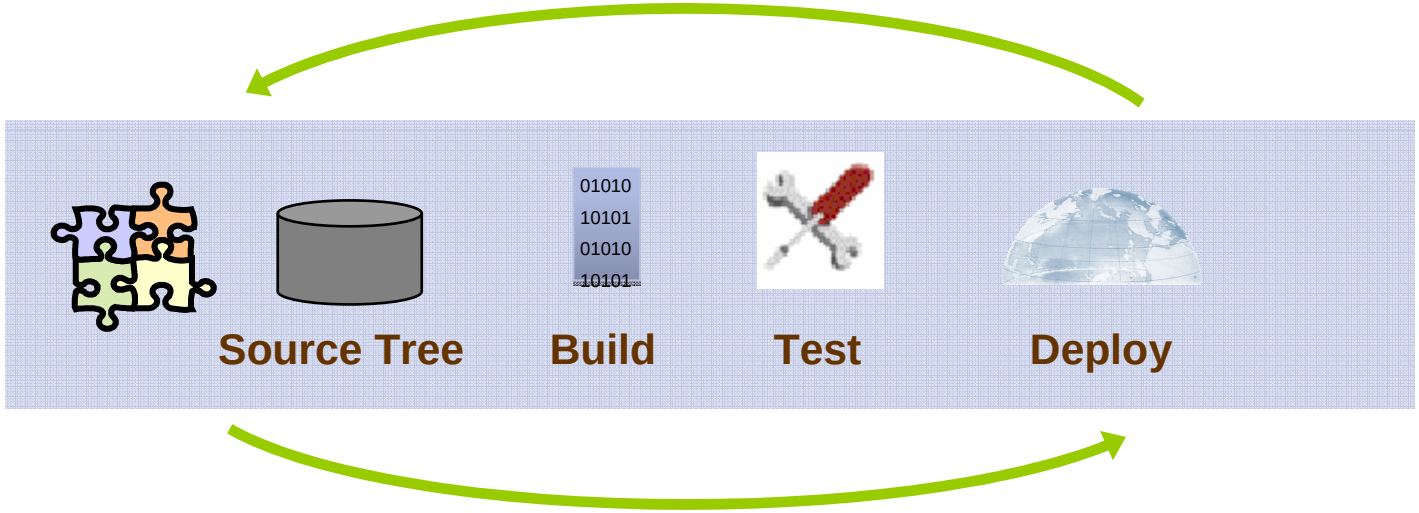
Agenda

- **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

CODE → BUILD → TEST → DEPLOY

Software Creation

SCM $2 B

Dev Tools Multi-Billion

Test Creation $1.5 B

Software Production

?

SPM Problems

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

Software Production Checklist

Topic	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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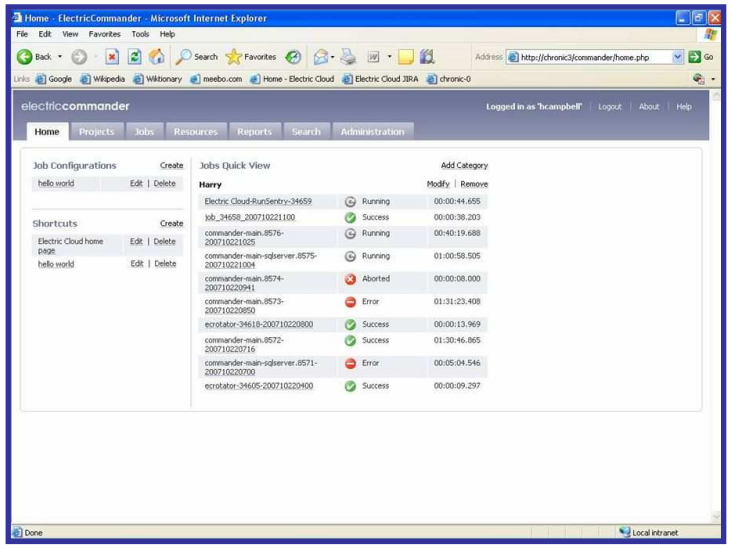
ENGINEERING MGR
Boston

BUILD TEAM
San Francisco

SW DEVELOPERS
Bulgaria



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Specific Access and Permissions Based on Role Anywhere in the World

Managing Resources

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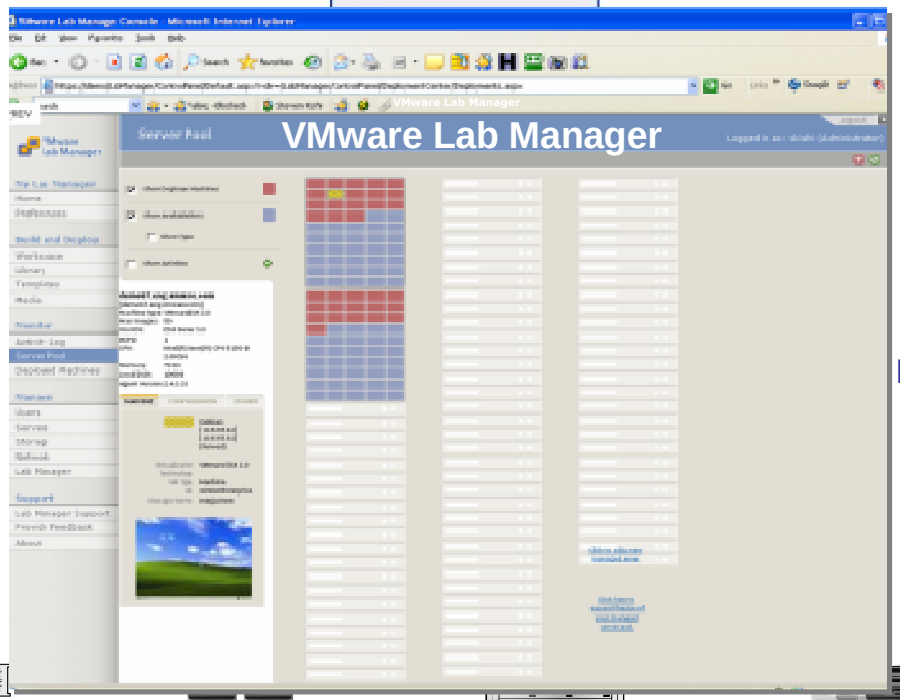

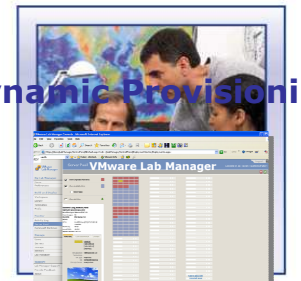

Dynamic Provisioning

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Build Servers

Test Servers

Production Servers

Virtual Servers

Integrate Tools and Processes

Tie it all Together

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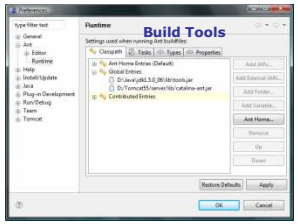

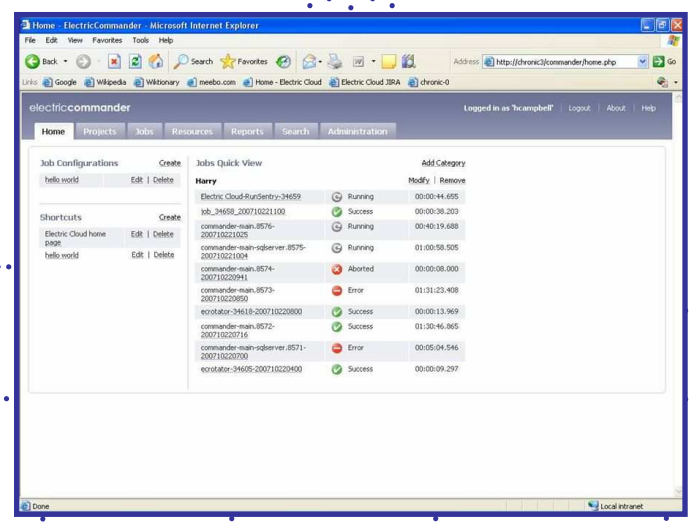

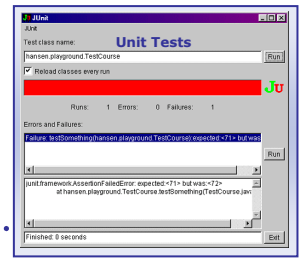

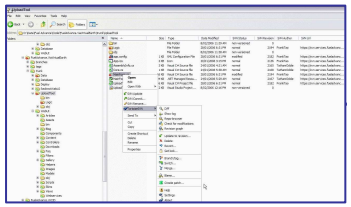

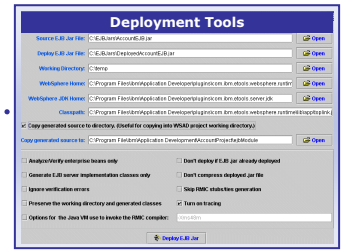

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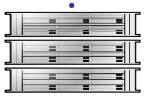
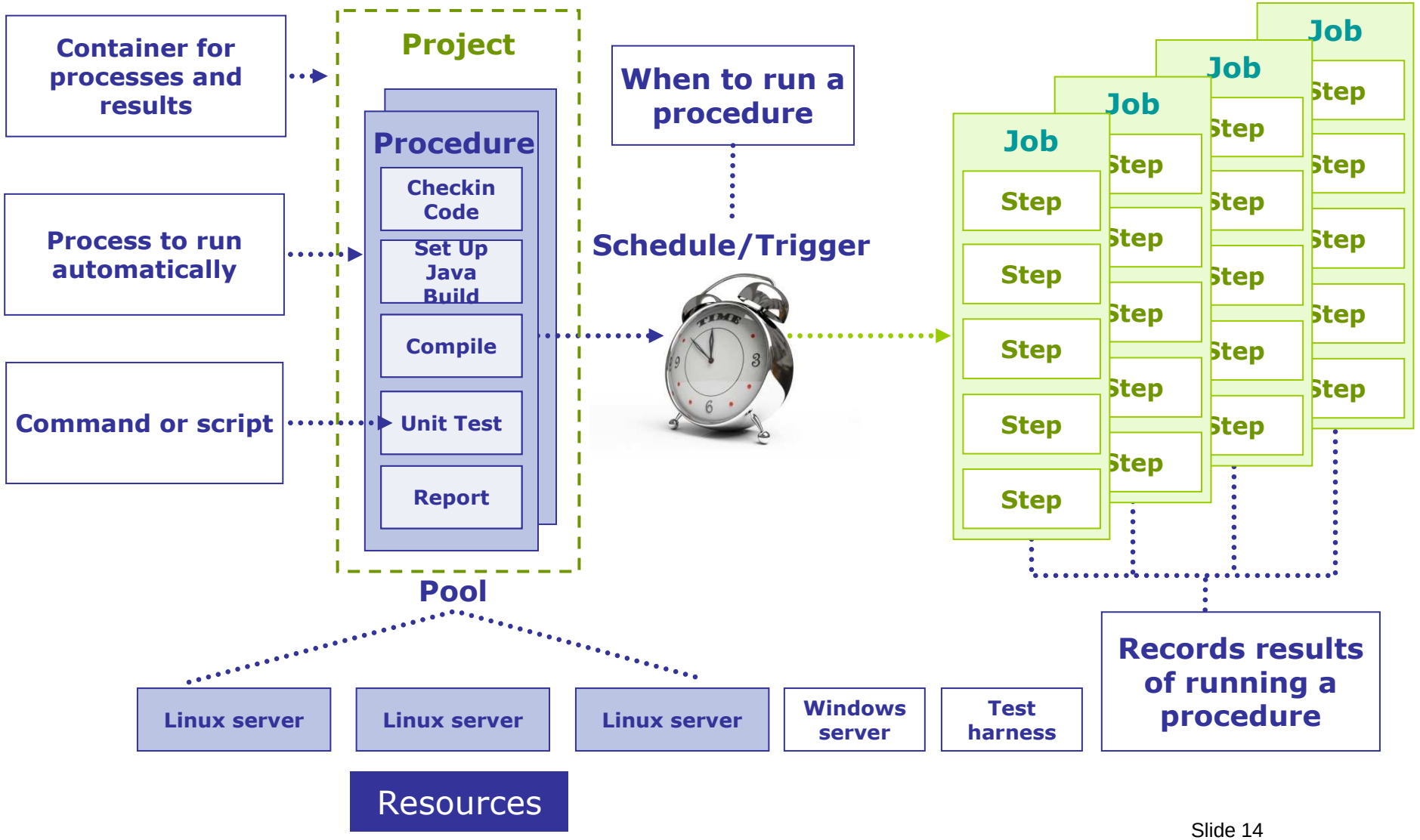


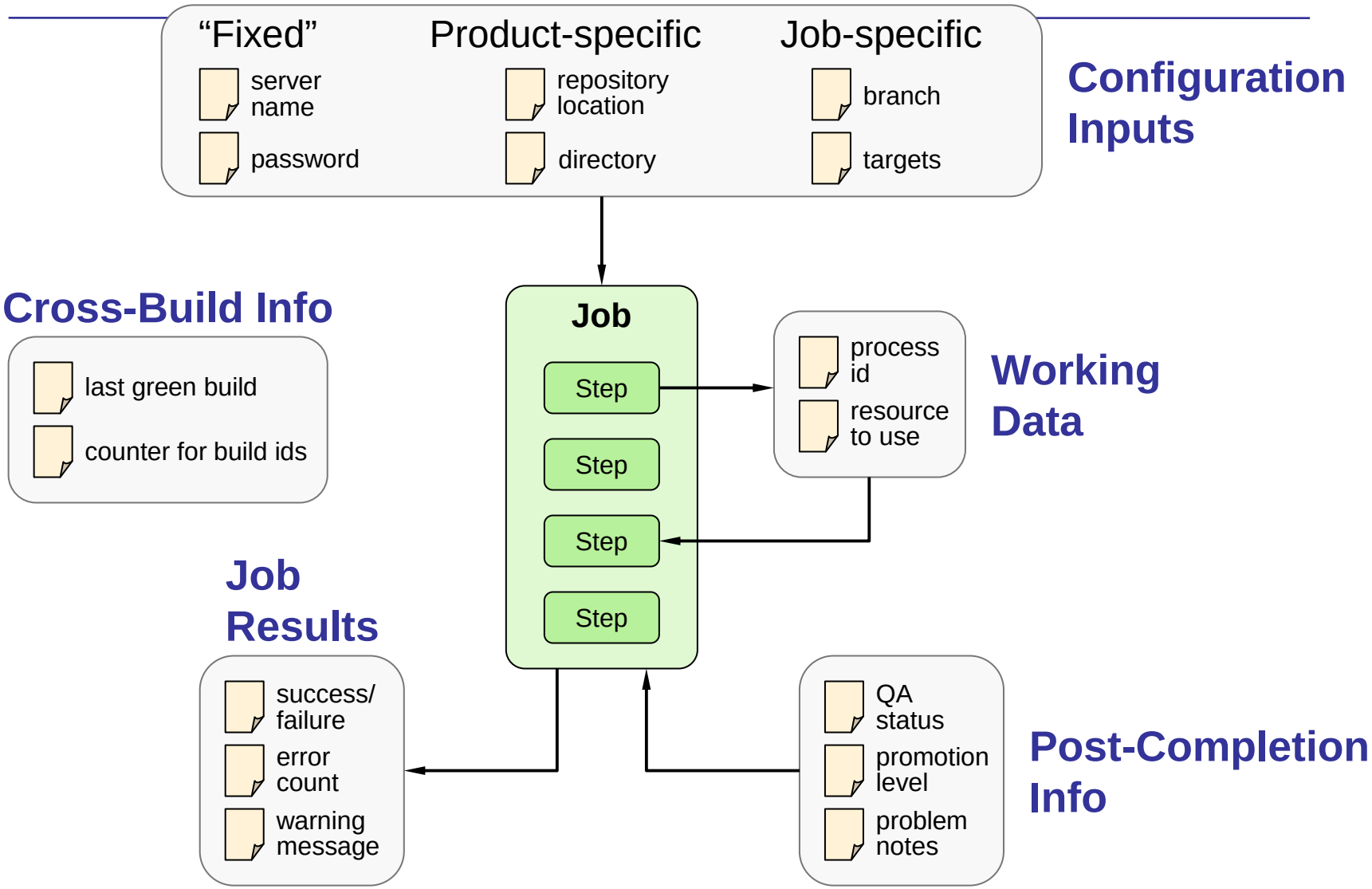
Production Servers

Virtual Servers

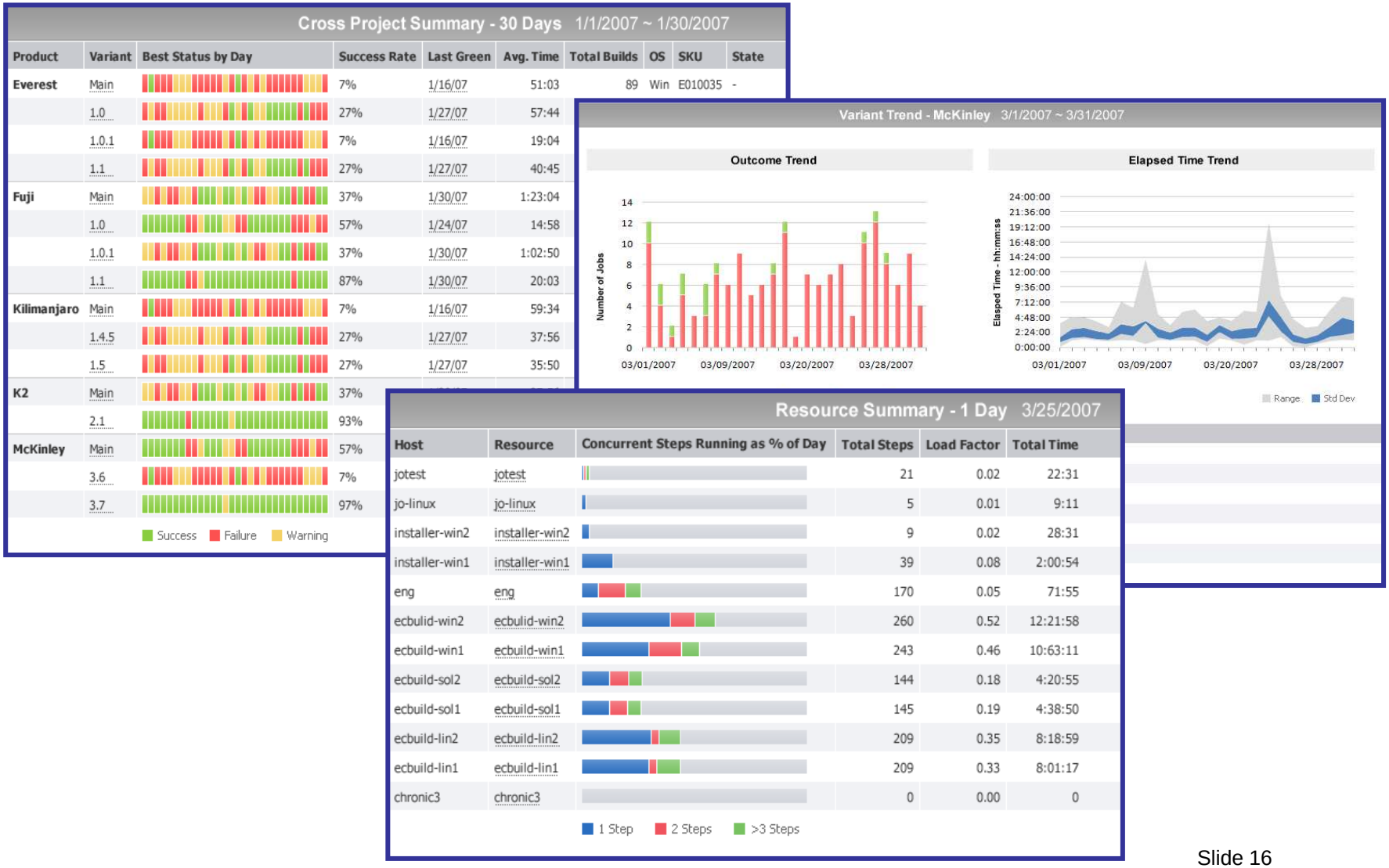
Blue Sky Solution



Managing Build and Test Data



Visibility: Management Reports



Methodology : Continuous Integration and Pre-Flight Builds

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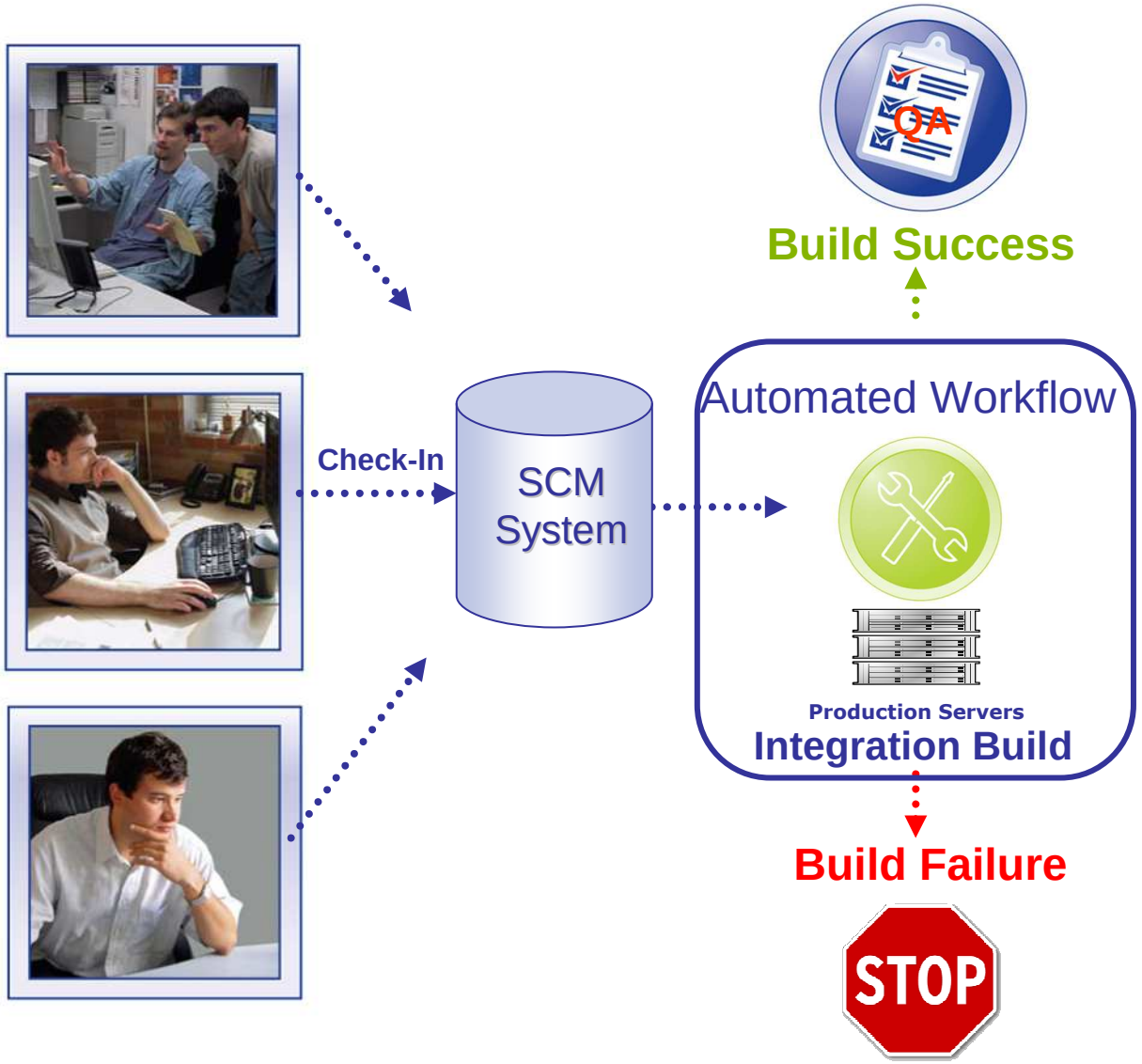
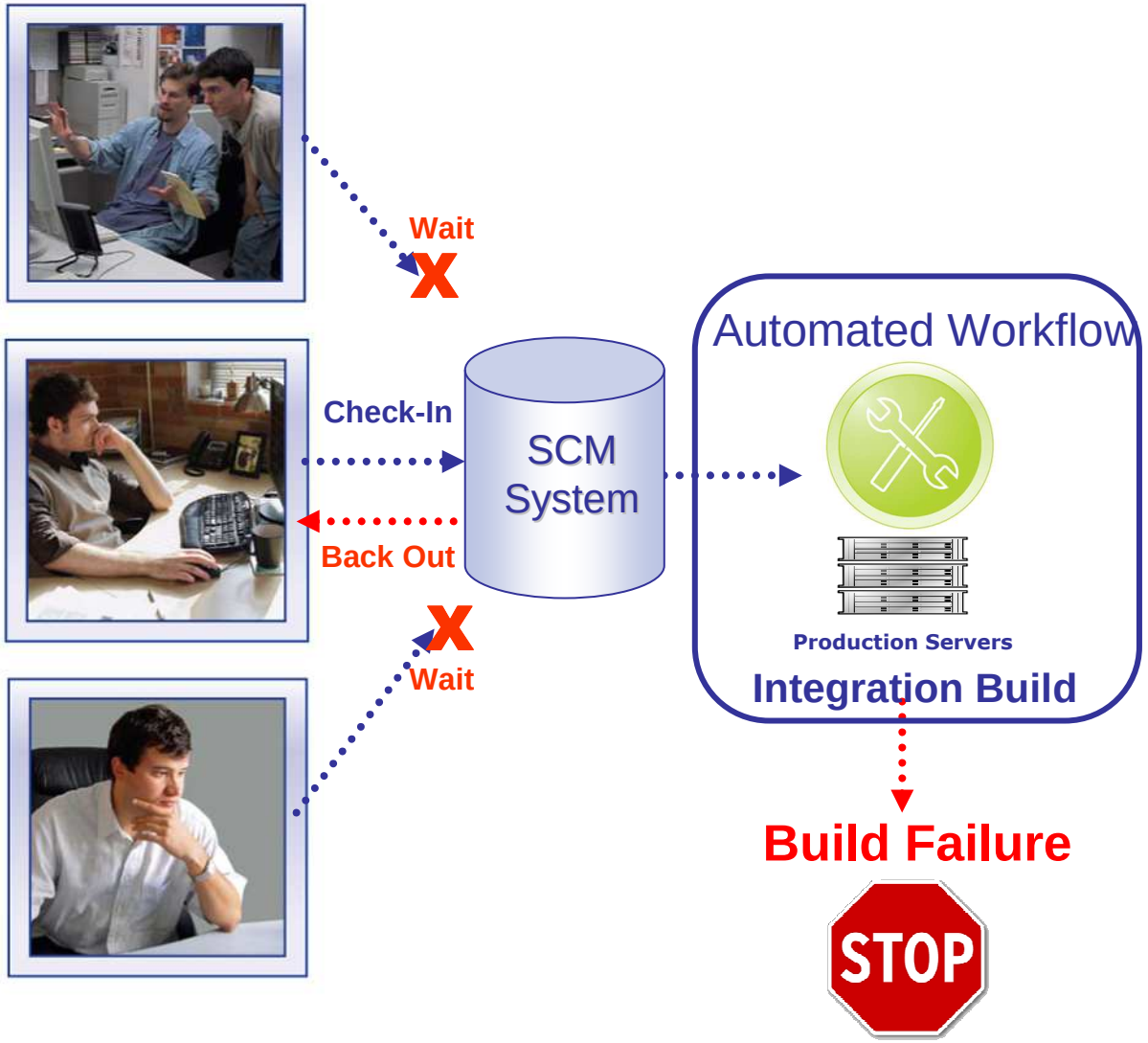
Continuous Integration



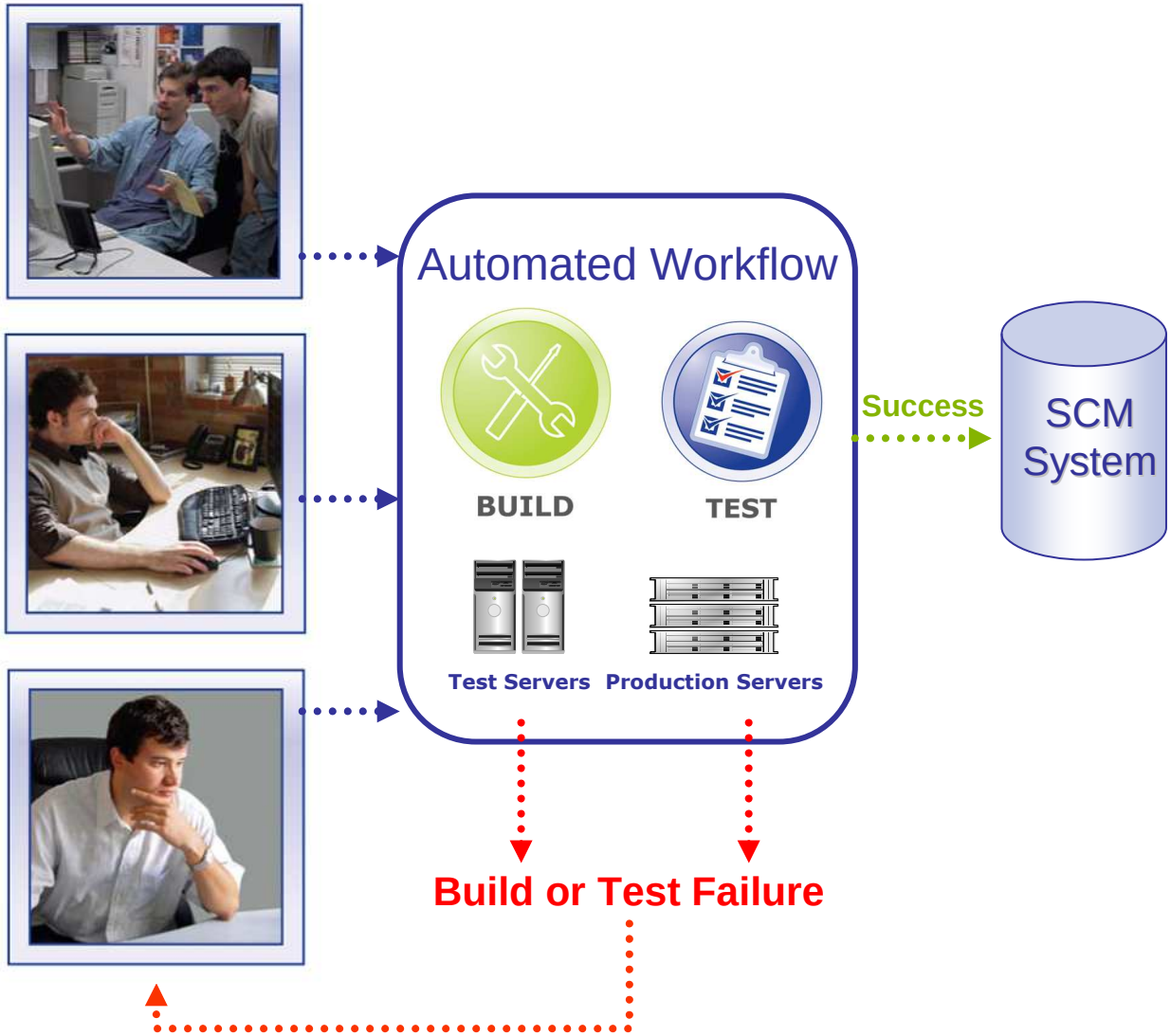
- Developer runs local build and unit tests
- Developer checks tested code into SCM system
- Integration build at frequent intervals or upon check-in

Frequent Problem: Continuously Broken Builds



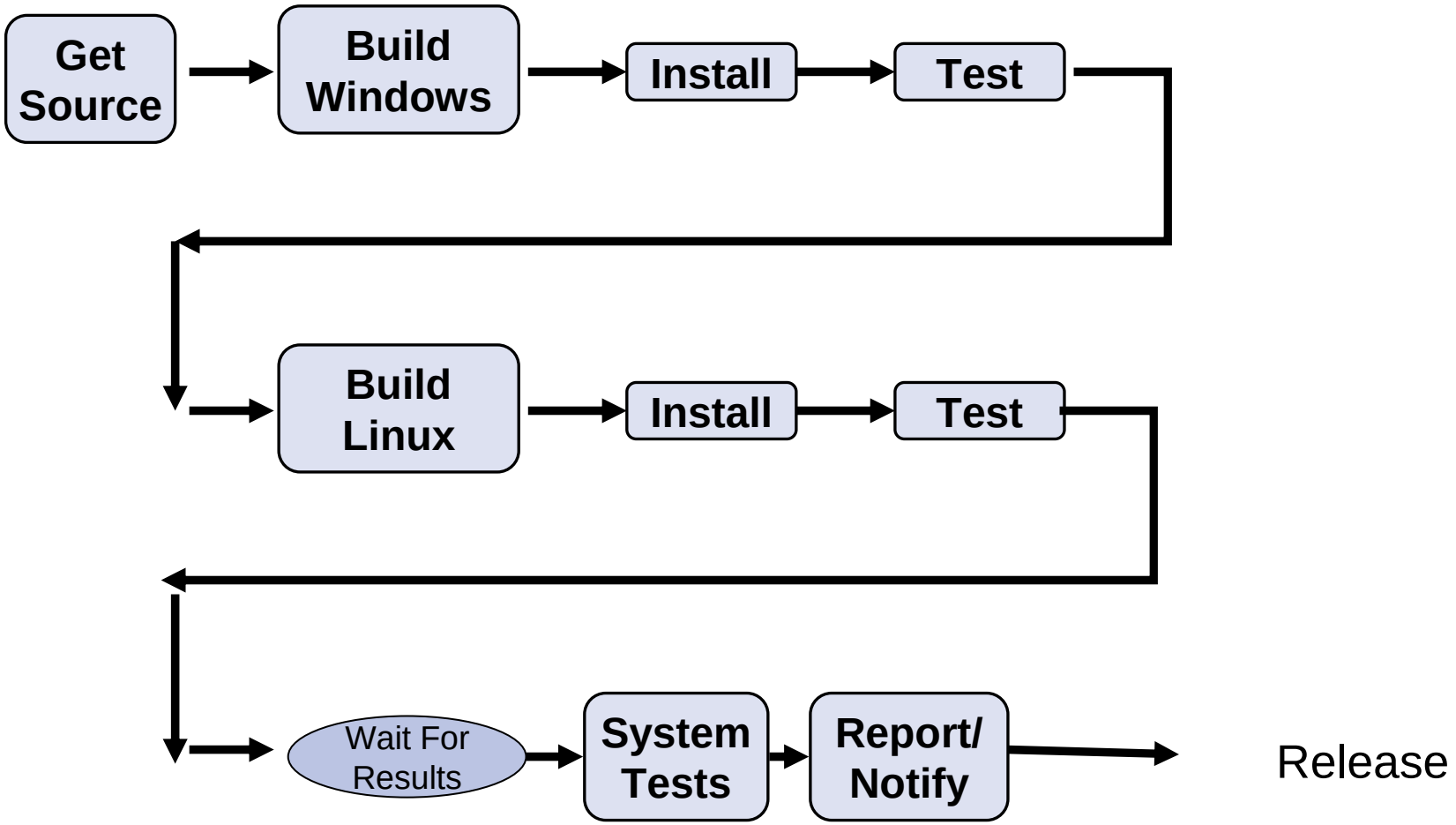
- Developer builds/tests on local system, checks in code
- Integration build started, breaks (“it worked on my machine”)
- Team impacted while check-in is backed out or build fixed

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

Acceleration

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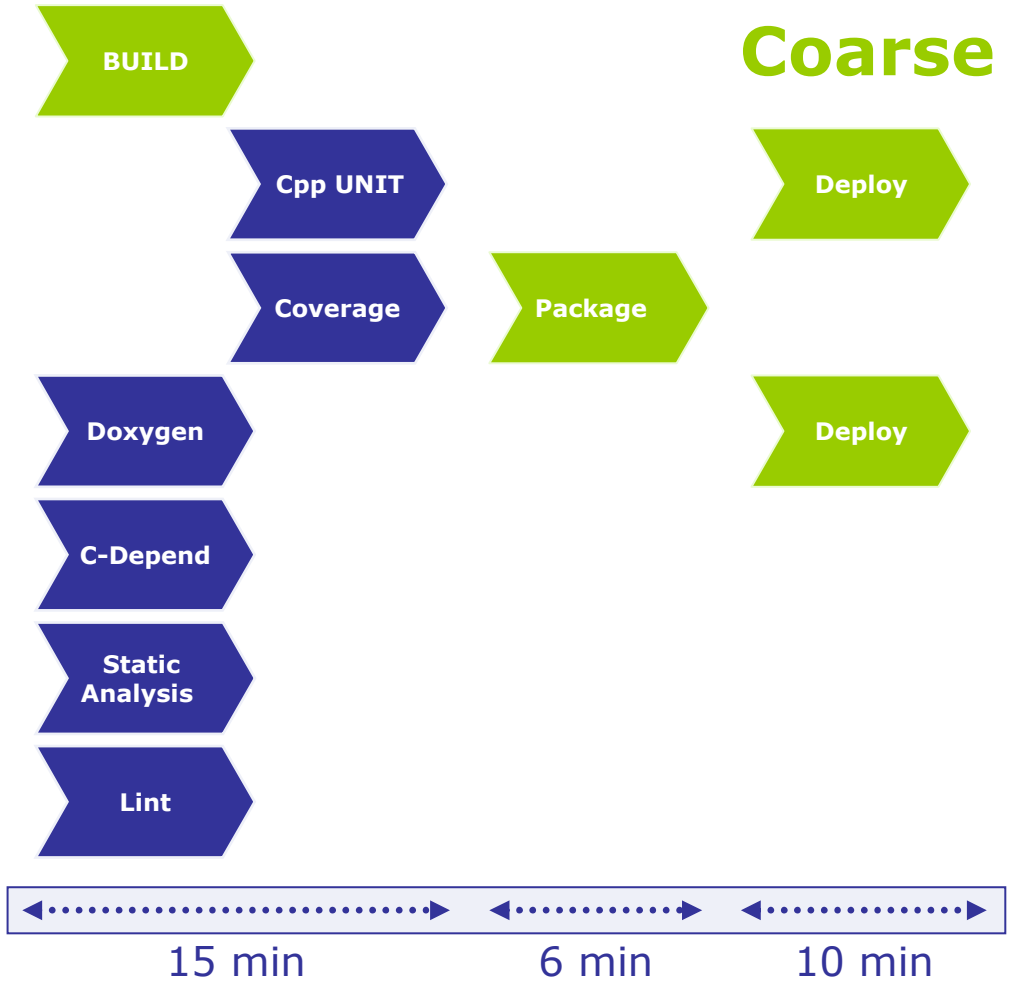
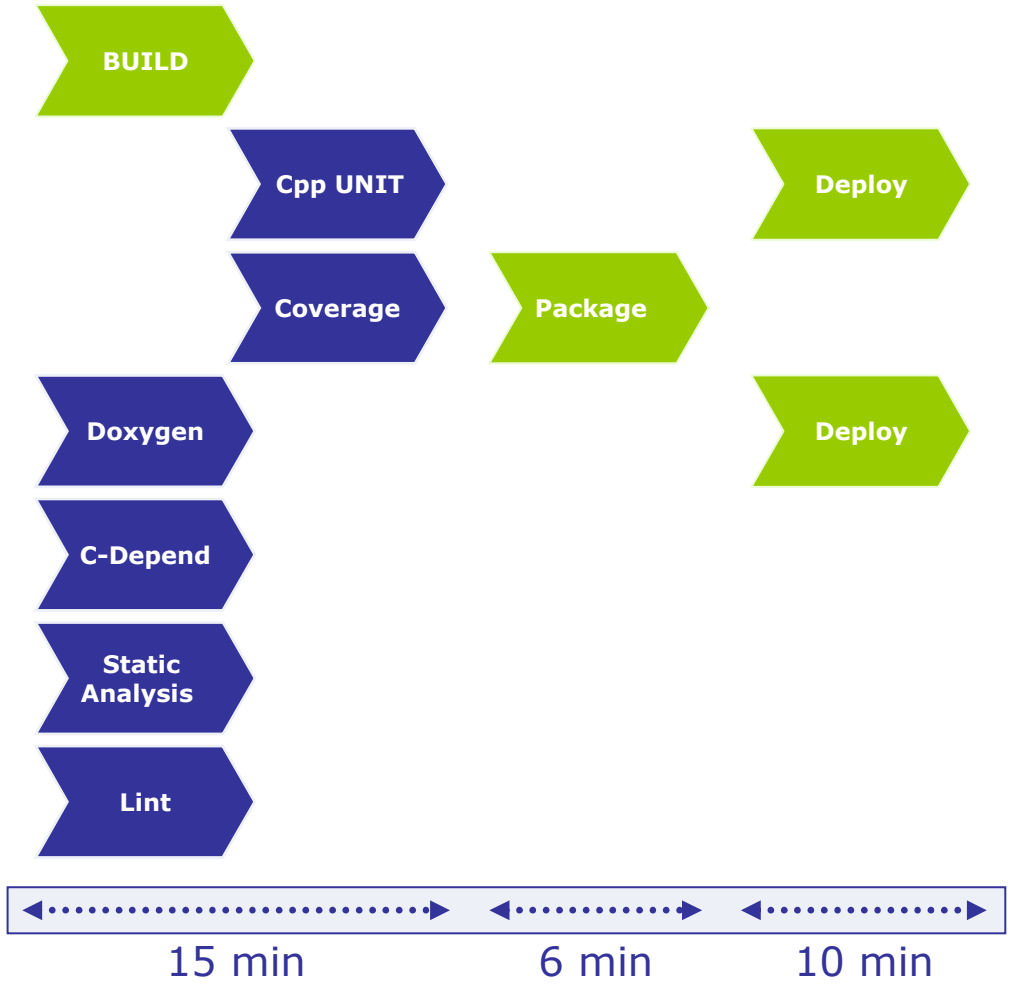


Coarse Grain Parallelism

3x Gain

31 Minutes

Builds Grow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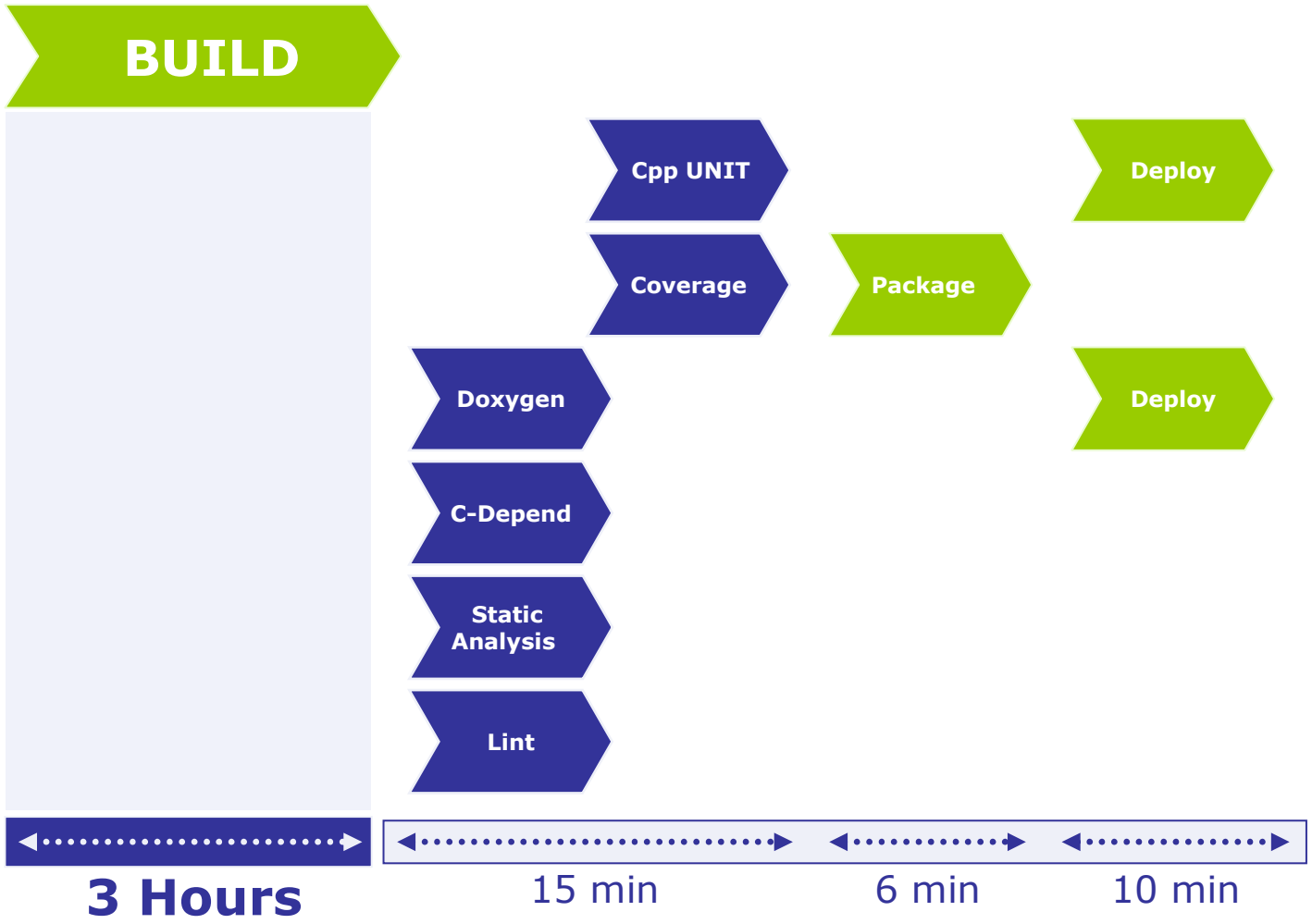
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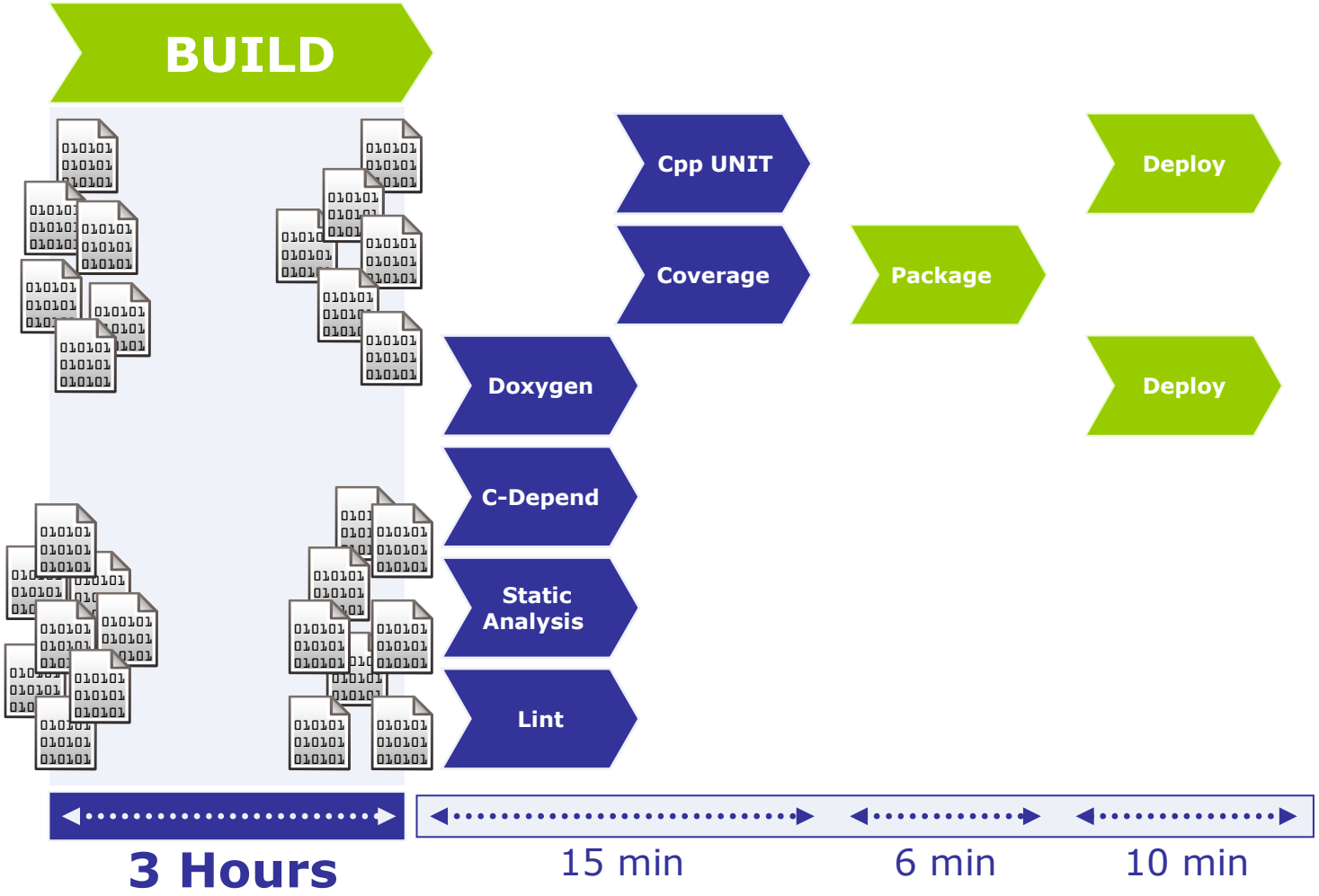
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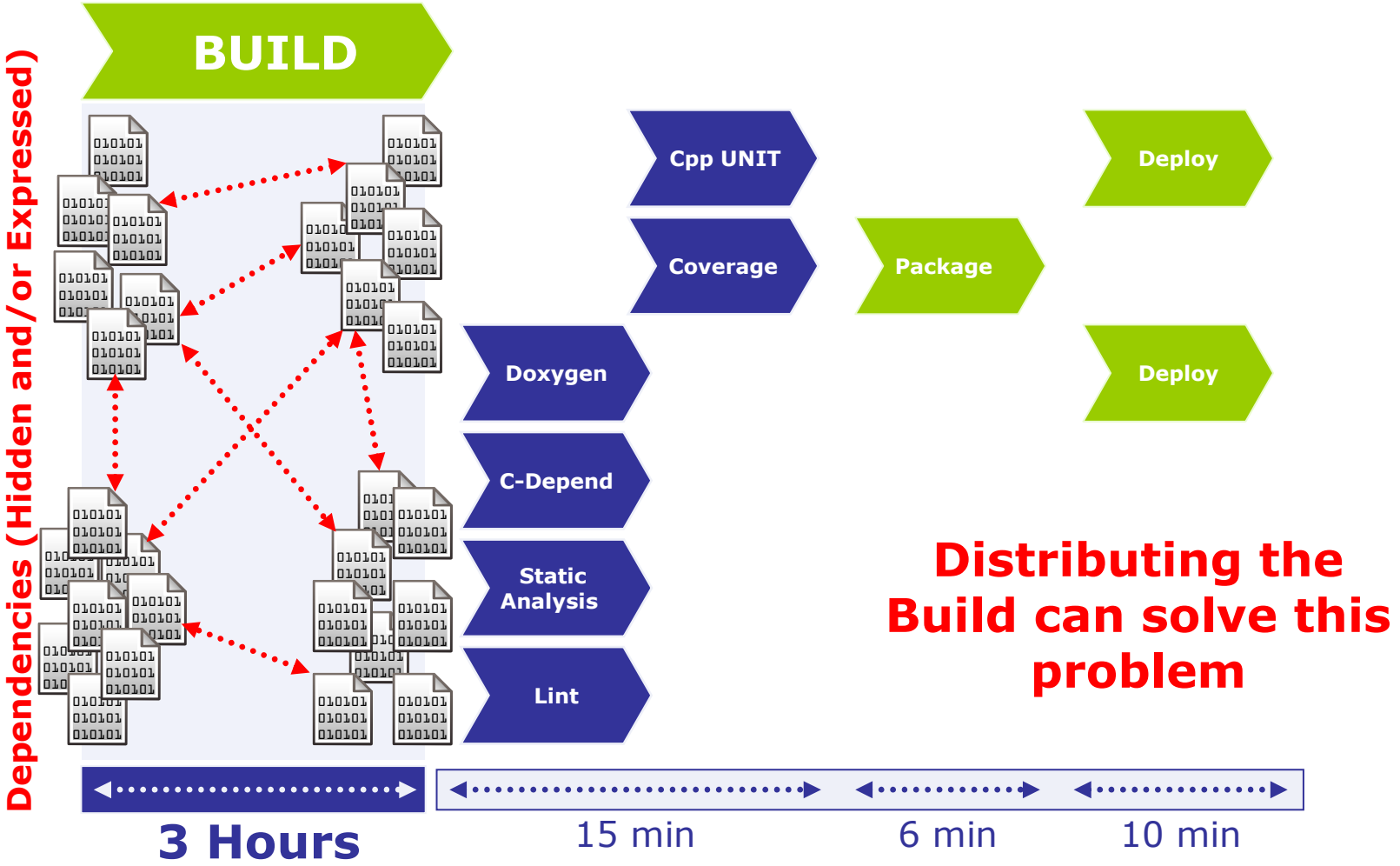

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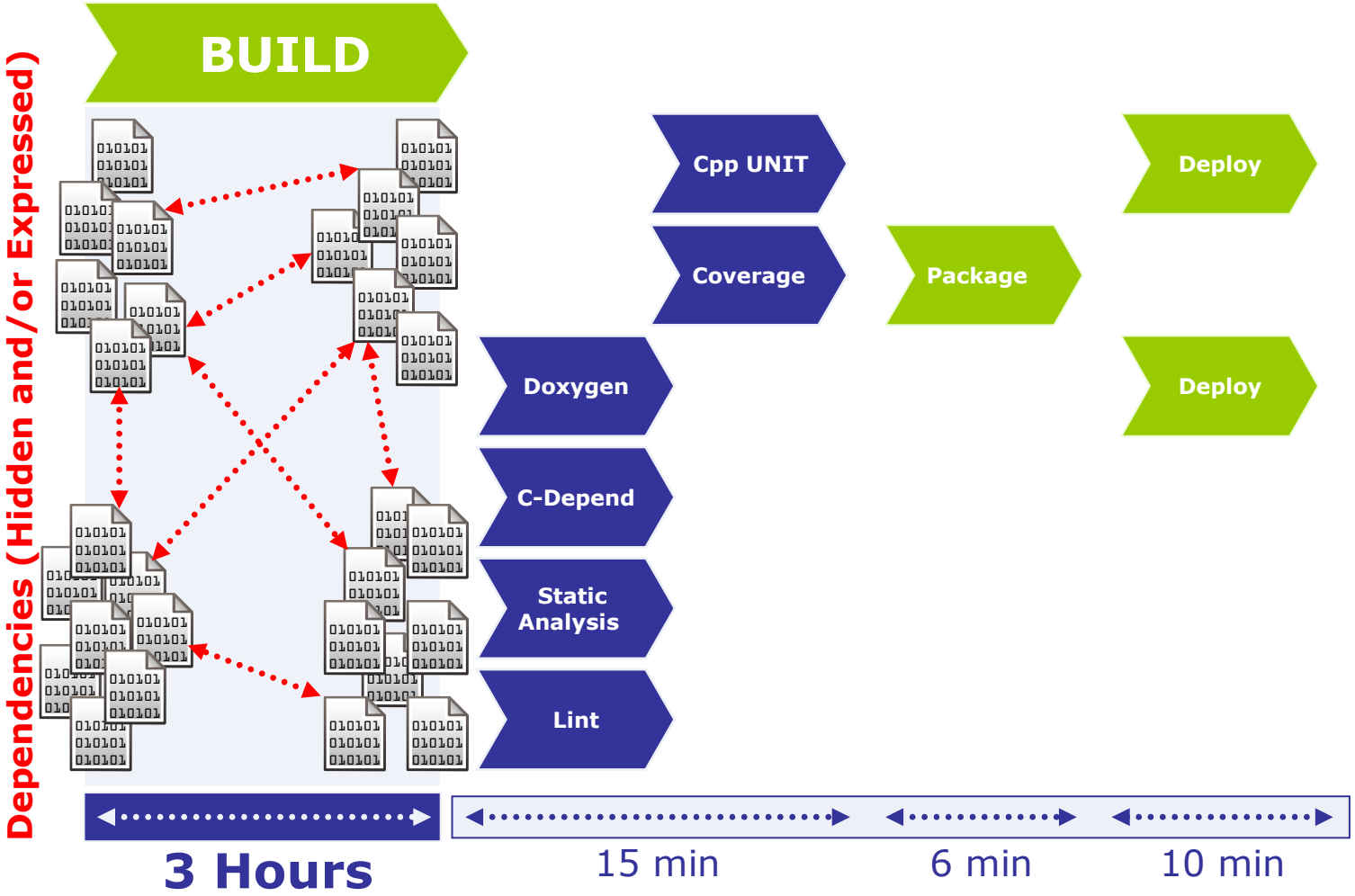
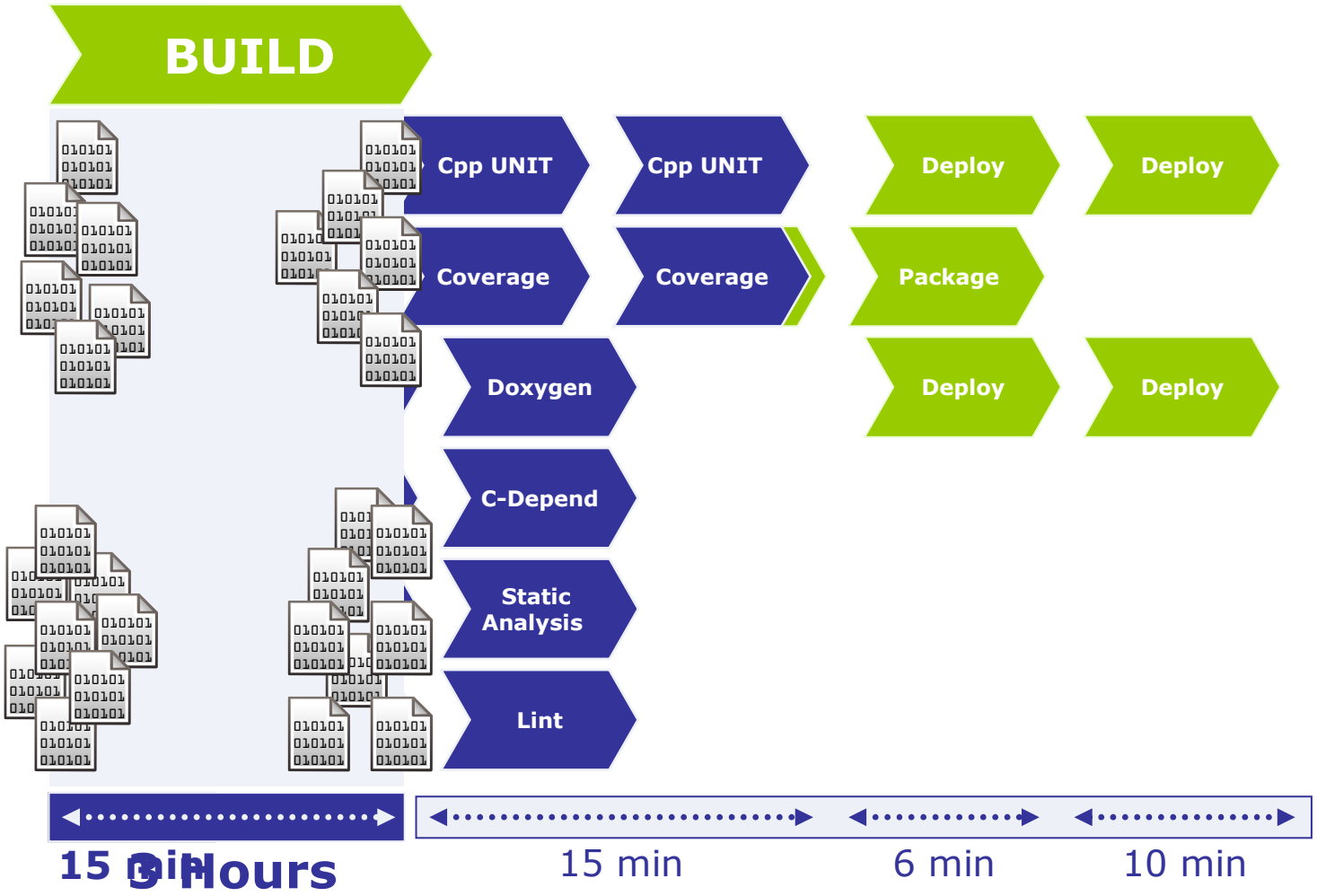


Fine Grain Parallelism on Builds



Getting There: DIY

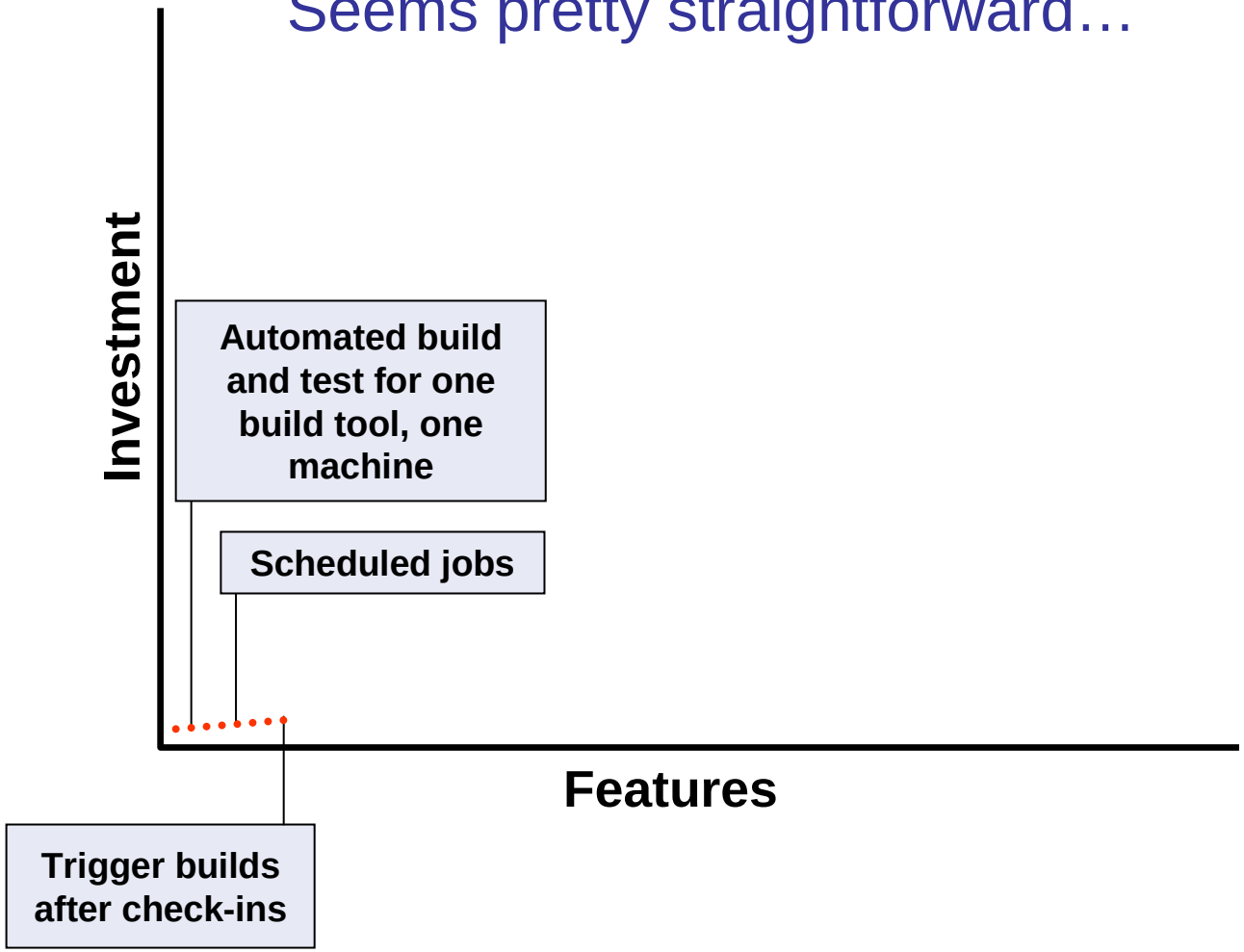
- **Fast builds**
  - Buy lots of SMP hardware and try out GNU Make parallelism or manually parallelize the build.
- **Scheduled builds**
  - Use `cron` for that
- **On demand builds**
  - Build an intranet page, integrate it yourself with the current build and source code management system
- **Stimuli 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?

Seems pretty straightforward…



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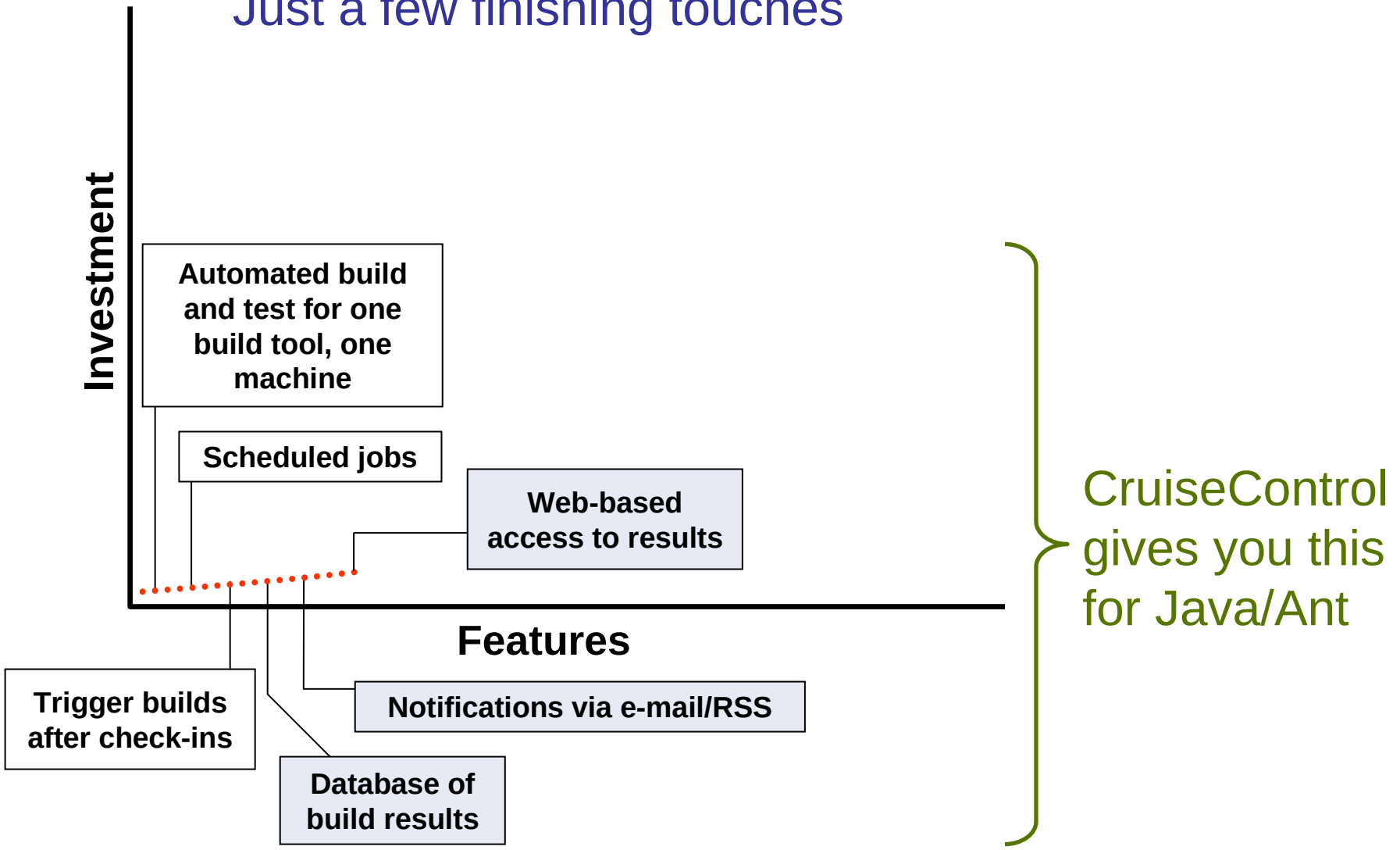
Just a few finishing touches



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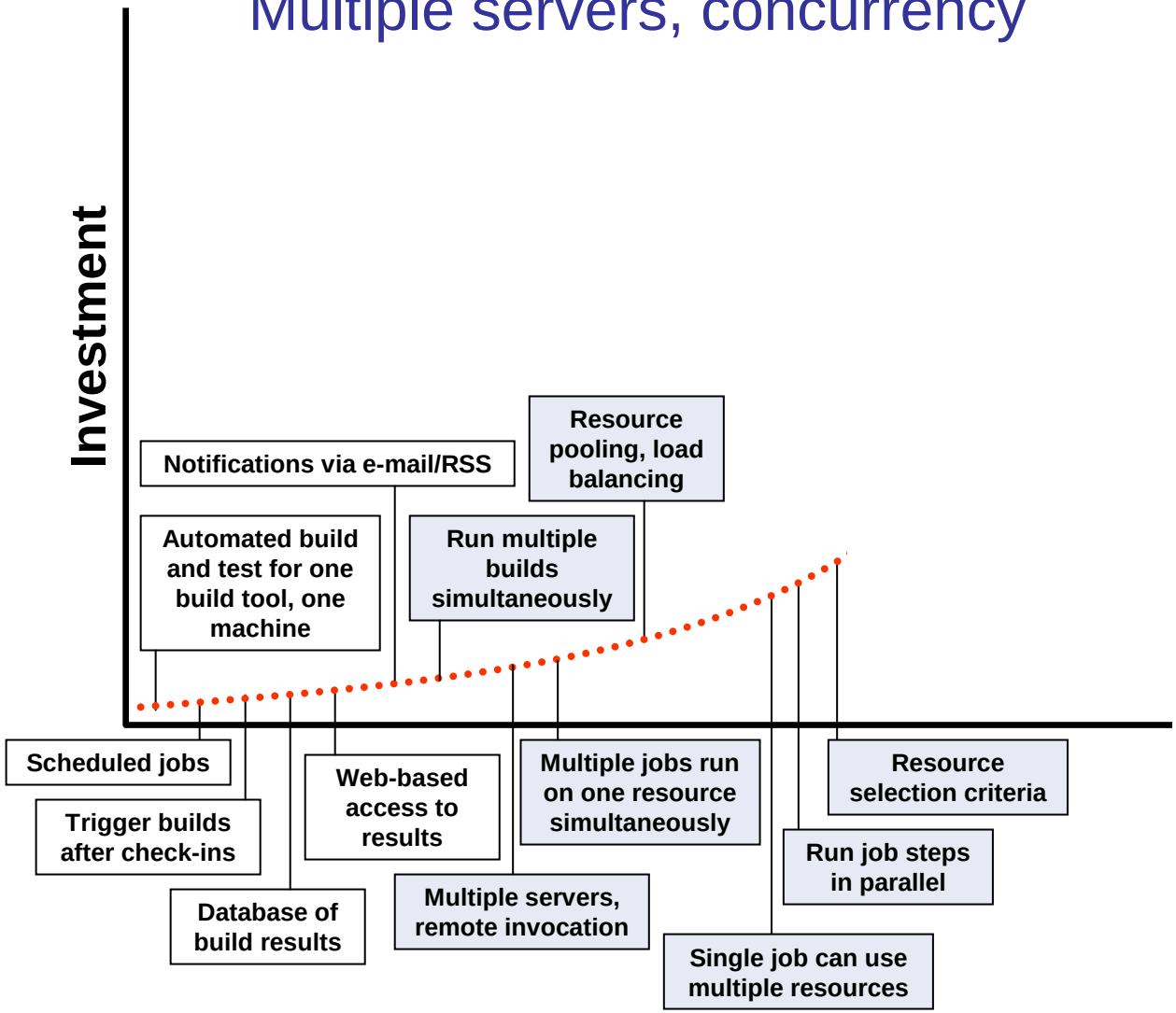
Multiple servers, concurrency



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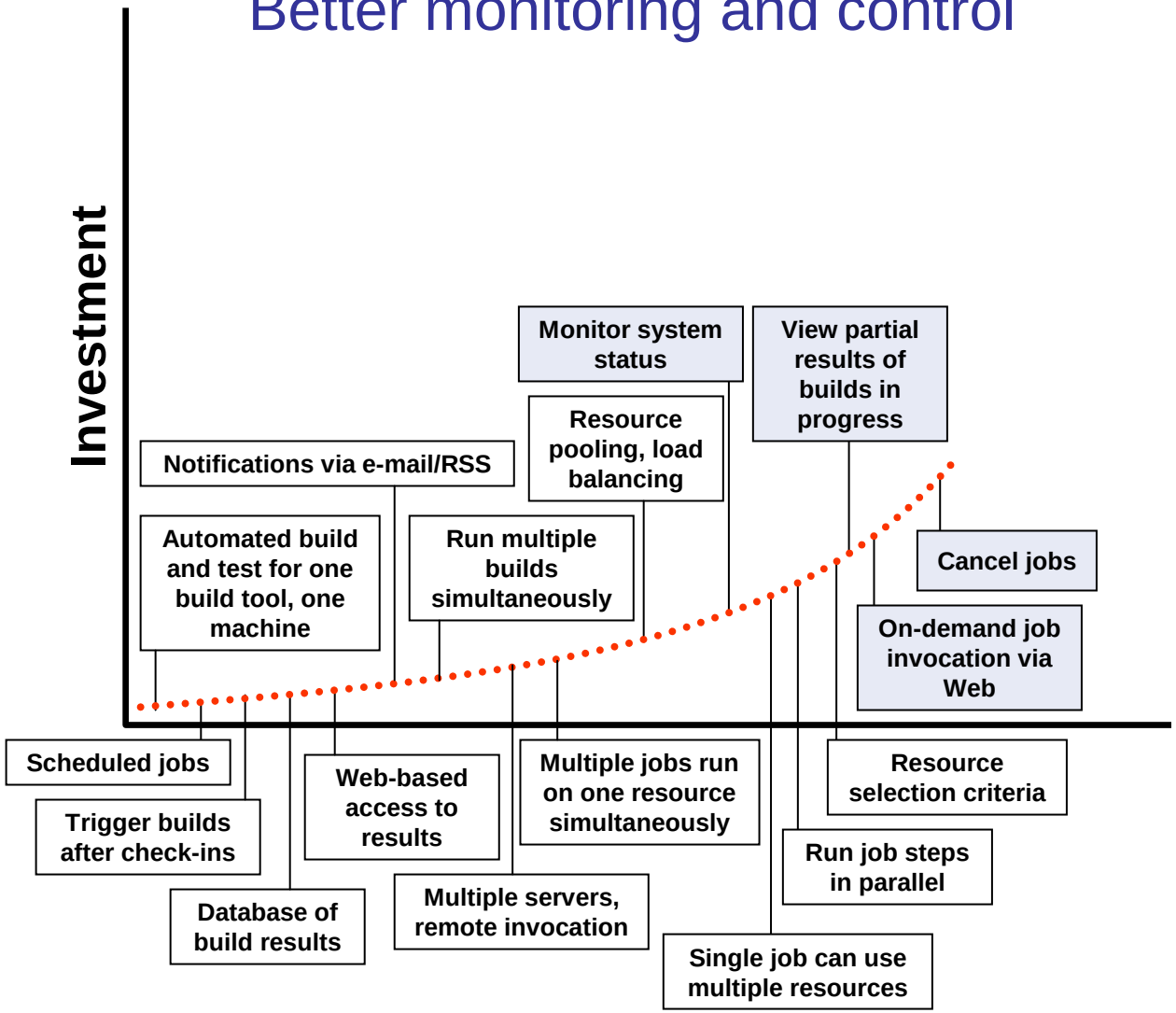
Better monitoring and control



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Better reporting

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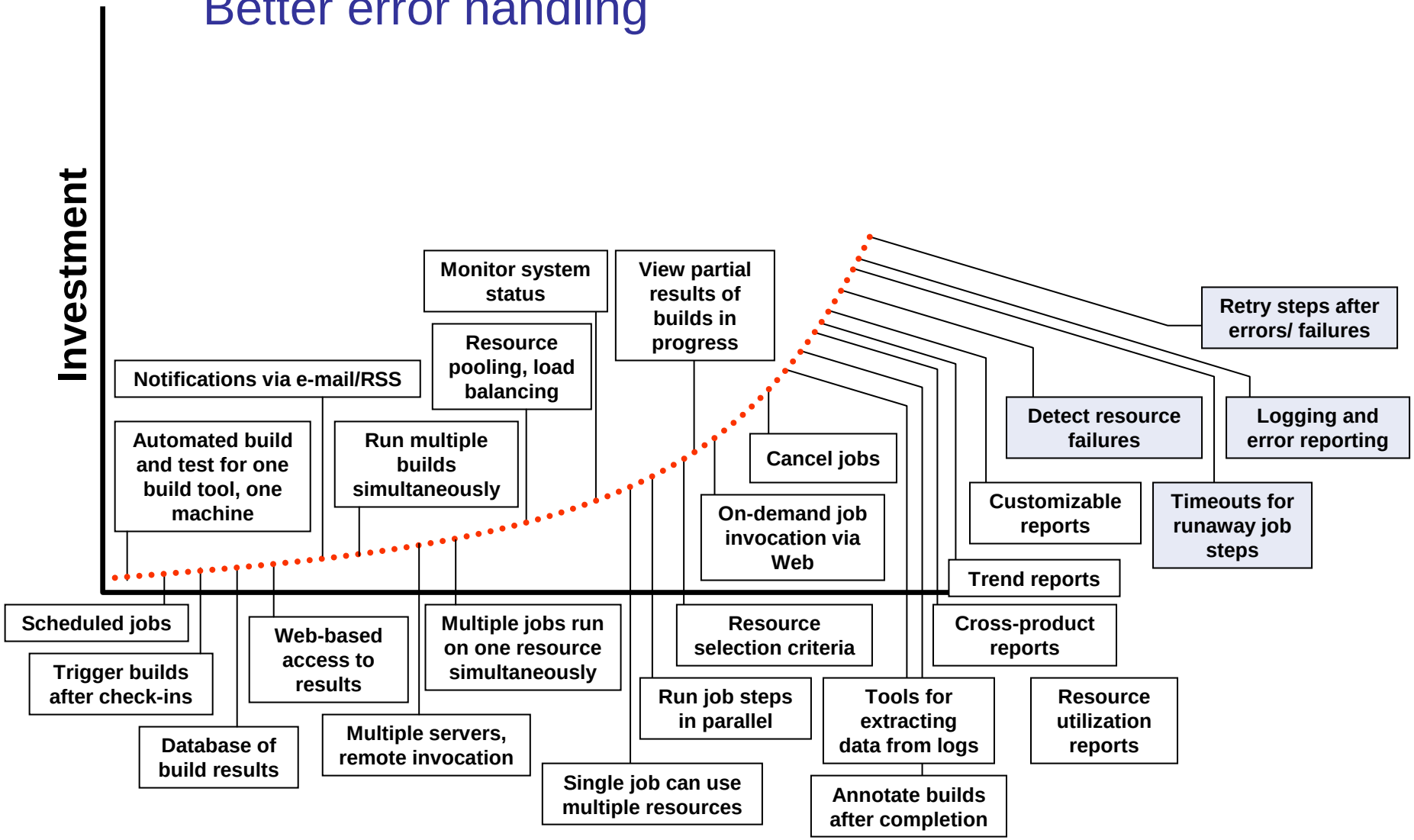
Better error handling



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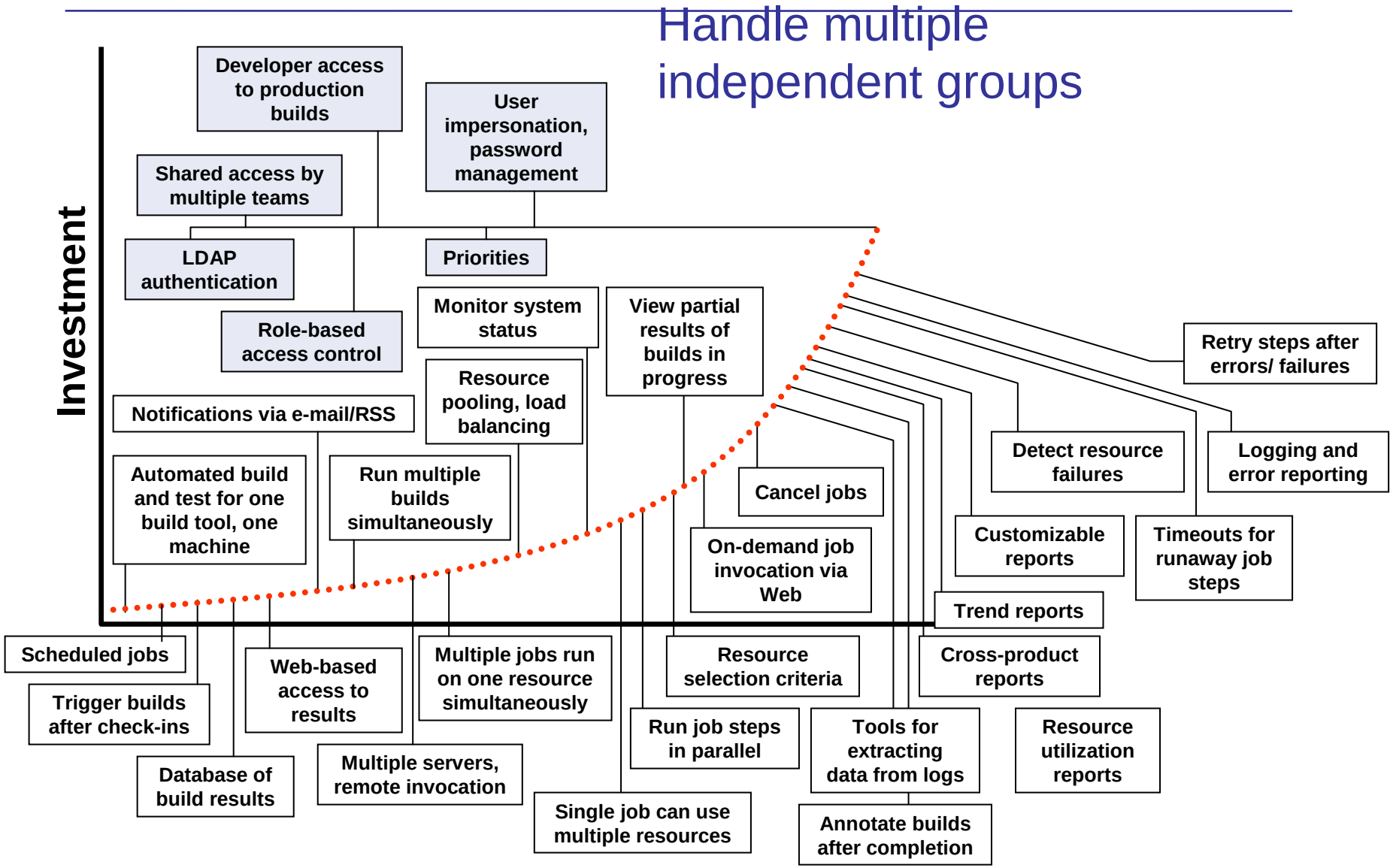

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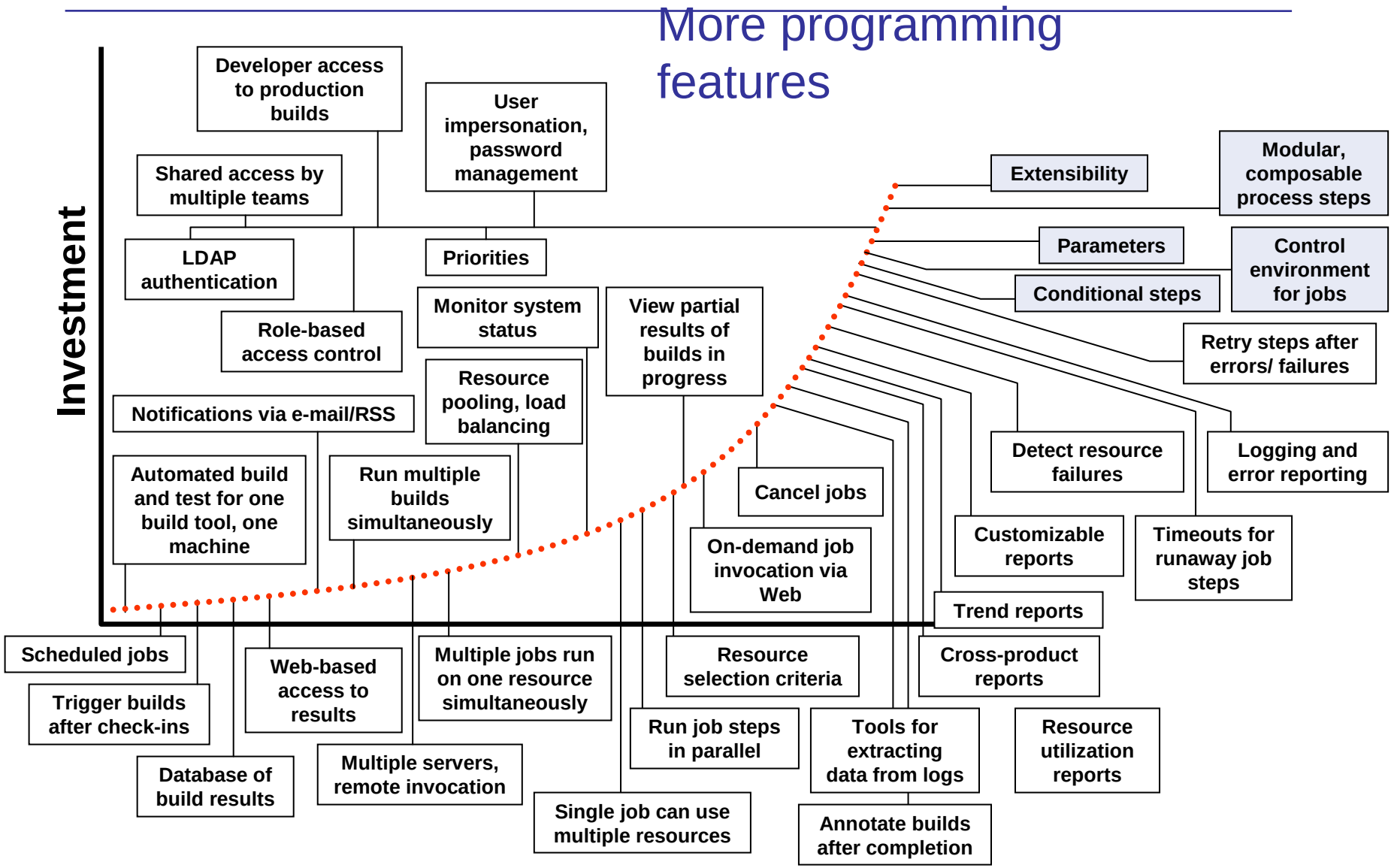
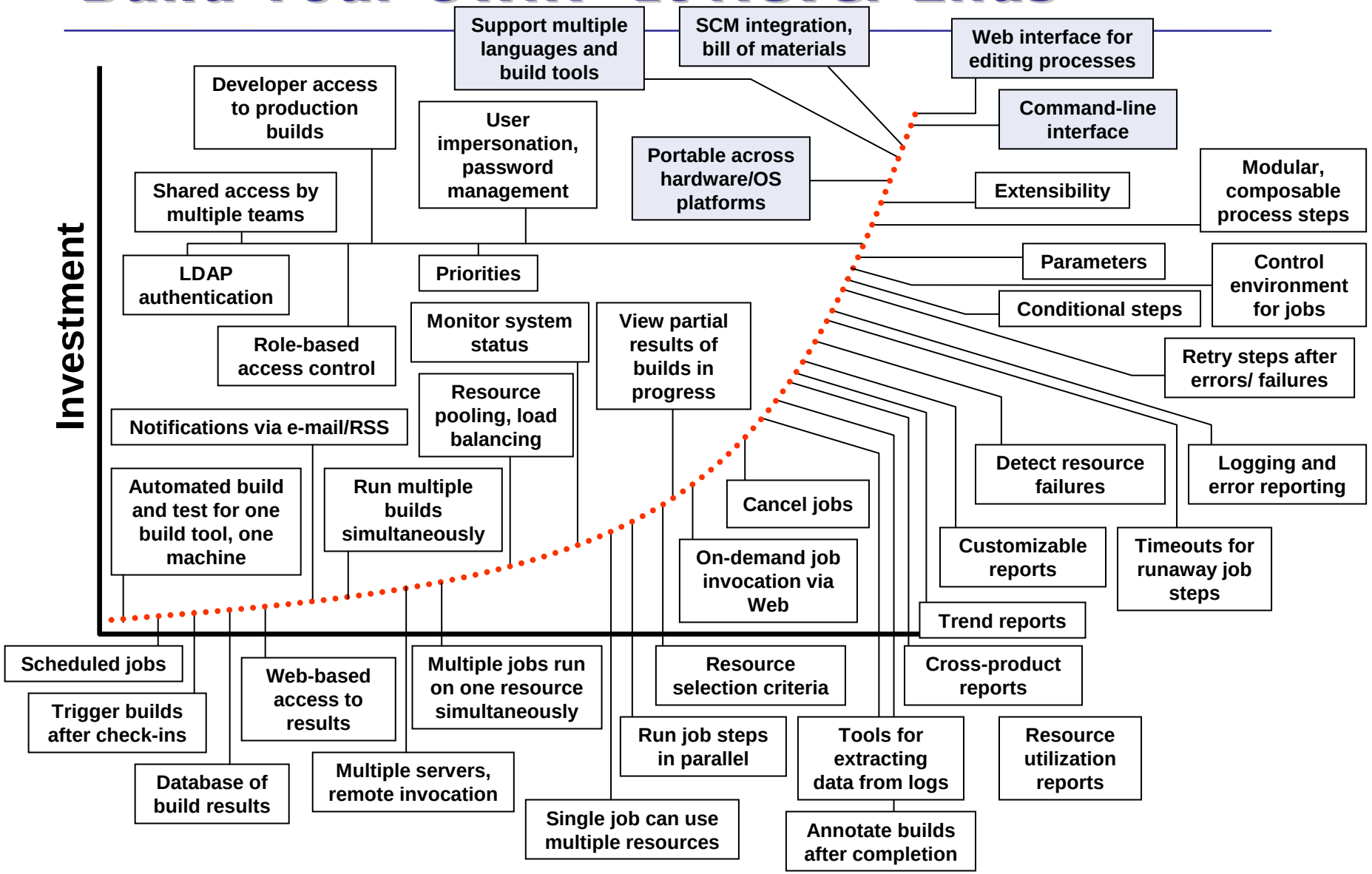


Build Your Own? It Never Ends



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