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# Platform as a Product

**Transforming from service delivery into continuous operations**

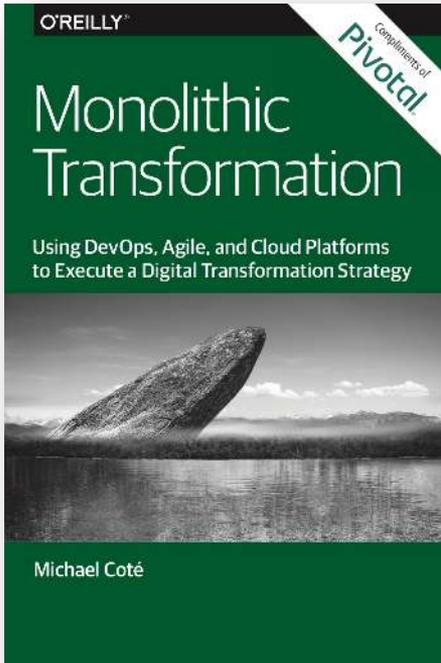
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# Businesses make more money with better software



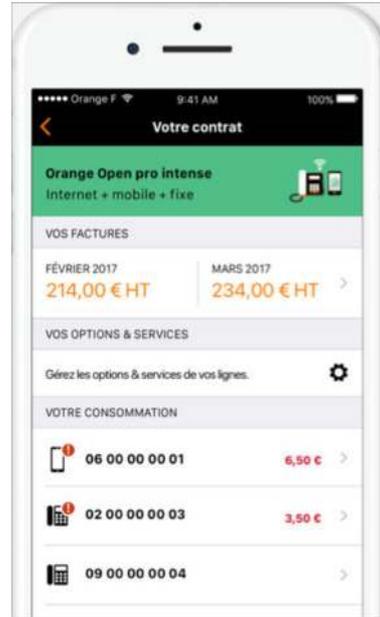
- Faster cycles lead to autonomy, productivity, & better product design.
- DevOps helped, but the wall of confusion is now the wall of yaml.
- Platform ops reduces toil, delivers as a product, creating prod. resilience.
- Developers move to product teams, adding product managers, & designers.
- Teams use agile practices, fast release cycles to force lean product management & higher productivity.
- Leadership re-programs the organization, defining & managing 1,000's of teams, gardening culture.
- Start small, rotating pairs across teams, with quarterly, internal marketing.

“Our developers are now totally focused on our customers and the user experience.”

Xavier Perret, Orange France



# A new business app in 1/3 less time, used by 50% of customers



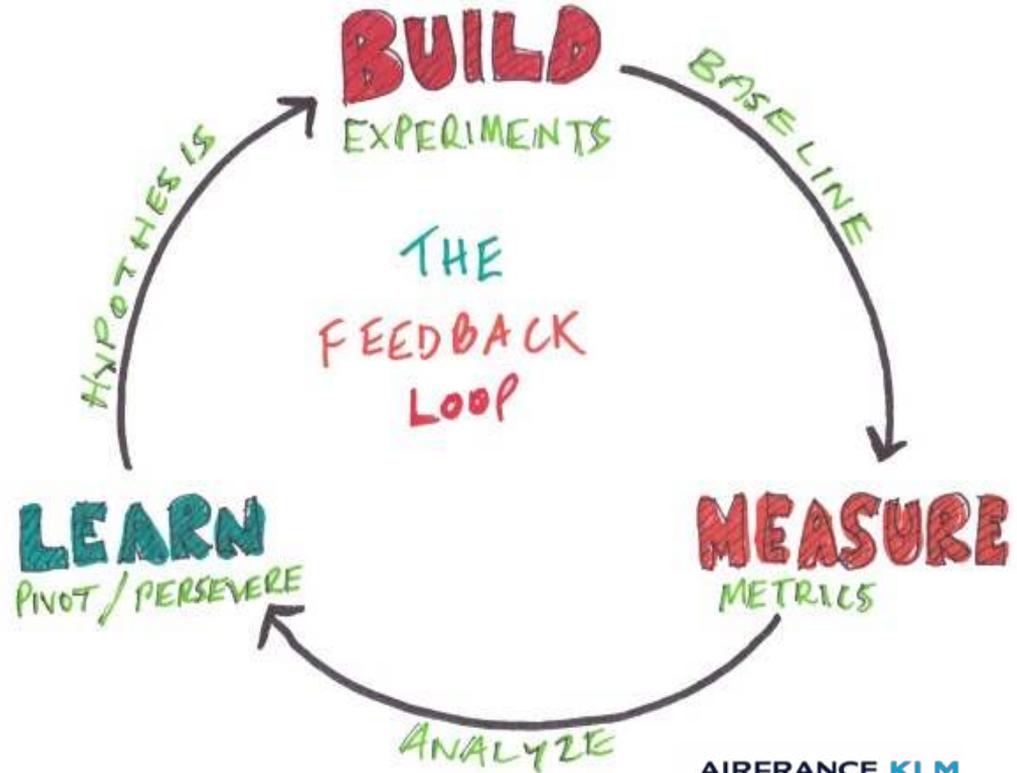
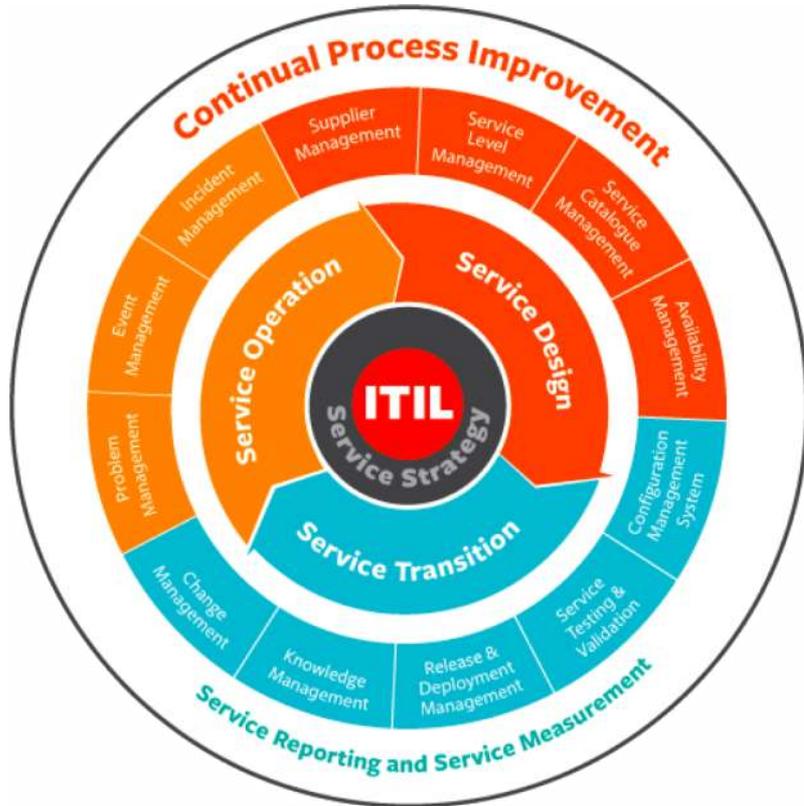
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***BUSINESS***

# How it's done

# Shift from *Service* Delivery to *Product* Delivery



## “The Business”



Corporate strategy, revenue goals, mission, etc.

## Leadership, EAs, etc.

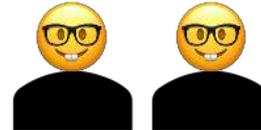


Culture, process, methodology, governance, compensation, etc.

## Product teams



## Platform Engineers

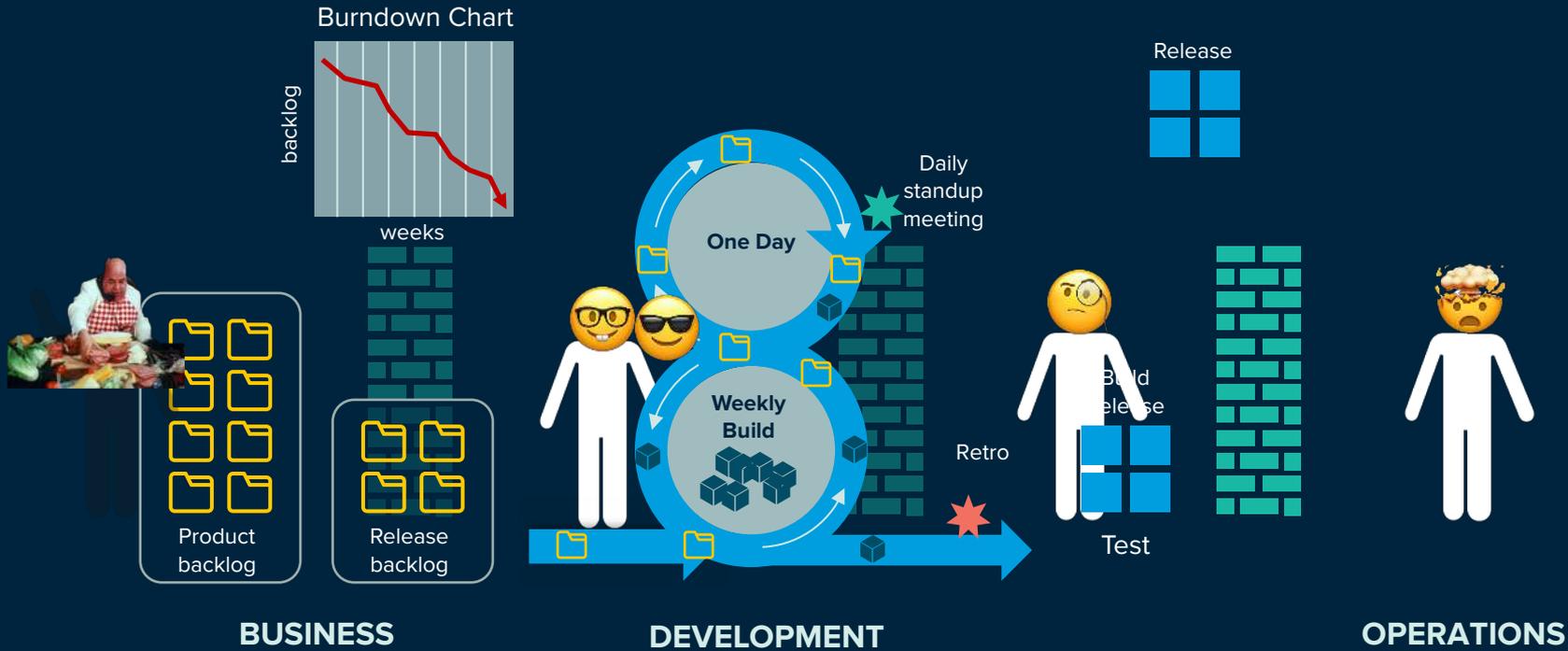


☁️ Private or public IaaS ☁️

# Balanced teams using weekly releases to production create better software

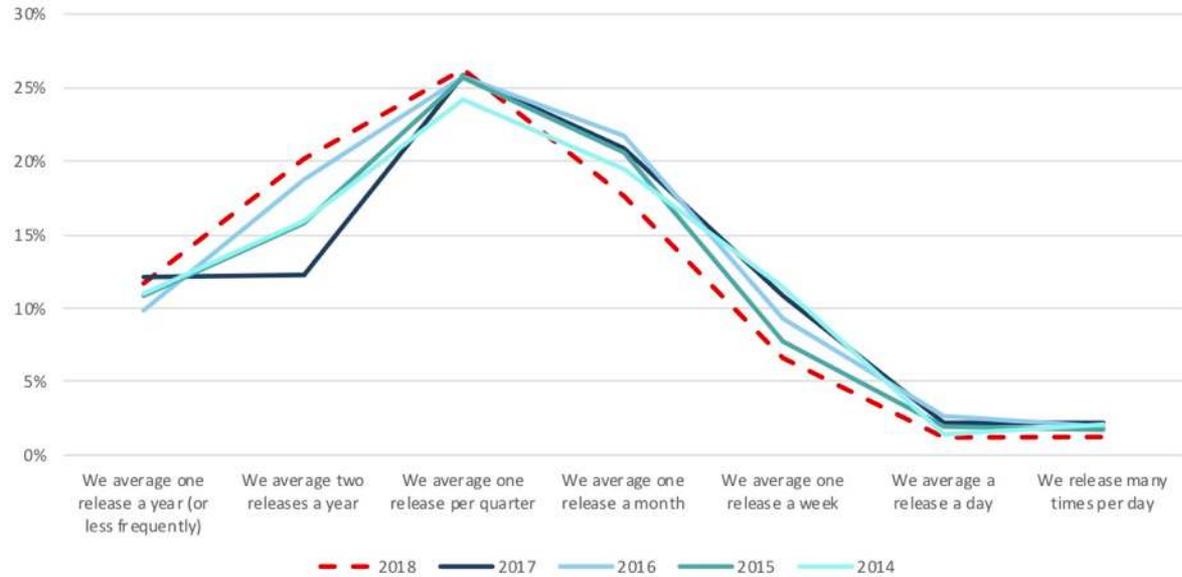


# A tale of two walls



We've made progress, but we've got to keep trying

### “How often does your team or teams release applications?”



Base (2018): 3,228 Developers

Base: 546-719 Developers who work for a software company, for internal IT, or in technology services

Source: Forrester Business Technographics Developer Survey, 2014-2018.

**App Definition and Development**

Database:

Streaming & Messaging:

Application Definition & Image Build:

Continuous Integration & Delivery:

**Orchestration & Management**

Scheduling & Orchestration:

Coordination & Service Discovery:

Remote Procedure Call:

Service Proxy:

API Gateway:

Service Mesh:

**Runtime**

Cloud-Native Storage:

Container Runtime:

Cloud-Native Network:

**Provisioning**

Automation & Configuration:

Container Registry:

Security & Compliance:

Key Management:

**Cloud**

Public:

This landscape is intended as a map through the previously uncharted terrain of cloud native technologies. There are many routes to deploying a cloud native application, with CNCF Projects representing a particularly well-travelled path.

**CLOUD NATIVE OBSERVATION FOUNDATION**

**CLOUD NATIVE LANDSCAPE**

**Platform**

Certified Kubernetes - Distribution:

Certified Kubernetes - Hosted:

Certified Kubernetes - Installer:

Paas/Container Service:

**Observability and Analysis**

Monitoring:

Logging:

Tracing:

Chaos Engineering:

**Serverless**

**Cloud Native Service Providers**

**Kubernetes Training Partner**

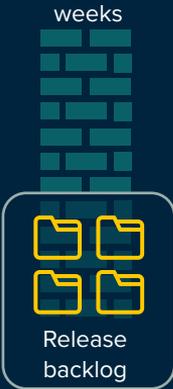
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apiVersion: v1      - name: database
kind: Service       image: mysql:5.6
metadata:           resources:
  name: mysql       requests:
spec:              cpu: 1
  ports:           memory: 1Gi
    - port: 3306   livenessProbe:
      protocol: TCP tcpSocket:
  selector:        port: 3306
    app: mysql     ports:
                  - containerPort: 3306
env:              - name: MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD
                  valueFrom:
                    secretKeyRef:
                      name: mysqlsecret
                      key: database.password
                  - name: MYSQL_USER
                    valueFrom:
                      secretKeyRef:
                        name: mysqlsecret
                        key: database.username
                  - name: MYSQL_PASSWORD
                    valueFrom:
                      secretKeyRef:
                        name: mysqlsecret
                        key: database.password
                  - name: MYSQL_DATABASE
                    valueFrom:
                      secretKeyRef:
                        name: mysqlsecret
                        key: database.name
volumeMounts:
  - name: database
    mountPath: /var/lib/mysql
volumes:
  - name: database
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: database

apiVersion: v1
extensions/v1beta1
kind: ReplicaSet
metadata:
  name: mysql
  labels:
    app: mysql
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: mysql
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: mysql
    spec:
      containers:

```

### Burndown Chart



**BUSINESS**



**DEVELOPMENT**

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kind: Service
metadata:
  name: mysql
spec:
  ports:
    - port: 3306
      protocol: TCP
      selector:
        app: mysql
  apiVersion:
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  kind: ReplicaSet
  metadata:
    name: mysql
  labels:
    app: mysql
  spec:
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        labels:
          app: mysql
      spec:
        containers:
```



# Standardize on a platform

Infrastructure		Operations	Deployment	Backing Services	Security
Container Orchestration		Service Monitoring and Dependency Management	Lifecycle Management Deploy   Patch   Upgrade   Retire	HTTP / Reverse Proxy	Control Plane Audit & Compliance
Infrastructure Orchestration		Inventory, Capacity, and Management	Release Packaging, Management & Deployment	Application Runtime	Security Event & Incident Management
Service Discovery		Event Management and Routing	CI/CD Orchestration	In-Memory Object Cache	Secrets Management
Configuration Management		Persistent Team Chat	TDD Frameworks	Search	Certificate Management
Core IaaS		Metrics & Logging Analytics & Visualization	Container Registry/Artifact Repository	Messaging	Identity Management
NAT	DNS	Log Aggregation, Indexing & Search	Standard Builds & Configurations	NoSQL Document Store	Threat & Vulnerability Scanning
SDN	IPAM				
Firewalls	WAN & VPN	Metrics Collection, Storage & Retrieval	Source Control Management	NoSQL Key/Value Store	Network Security
Storage	Load Balancers				
Compute	Network				



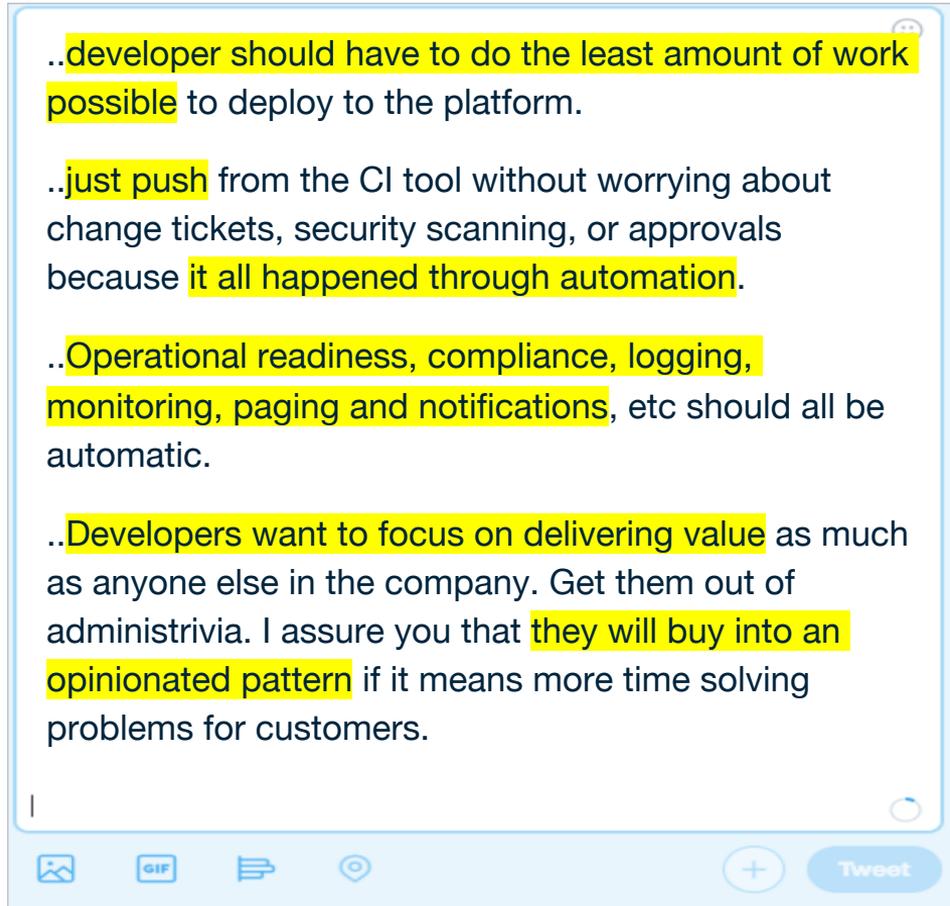
# Less yaml coding

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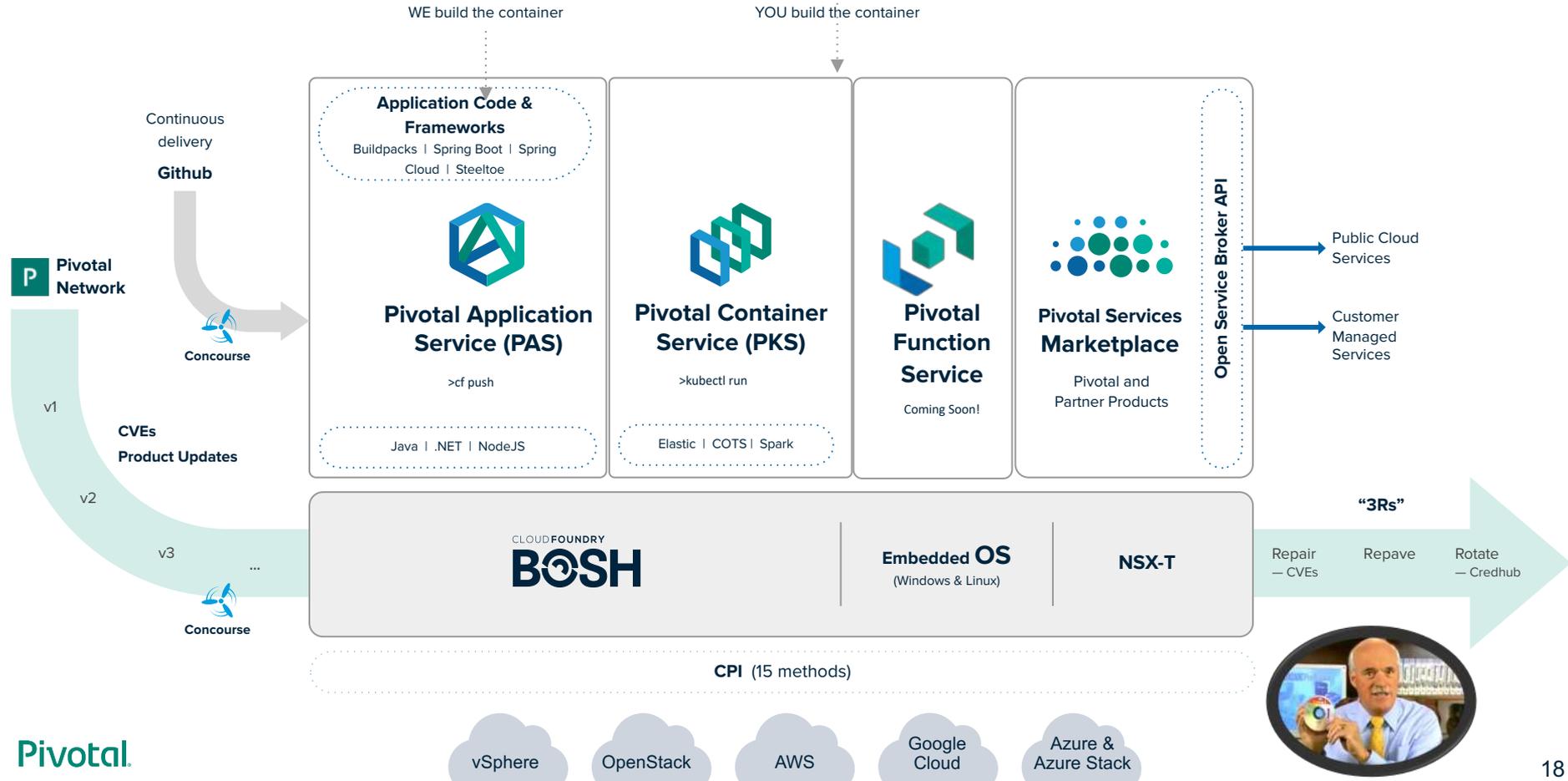
(previously Director,  
Cloud Engineering)  
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<https://twitter.com/mattjcurry/status/1017953790345875456>

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# A consistent platform (with less yaml)



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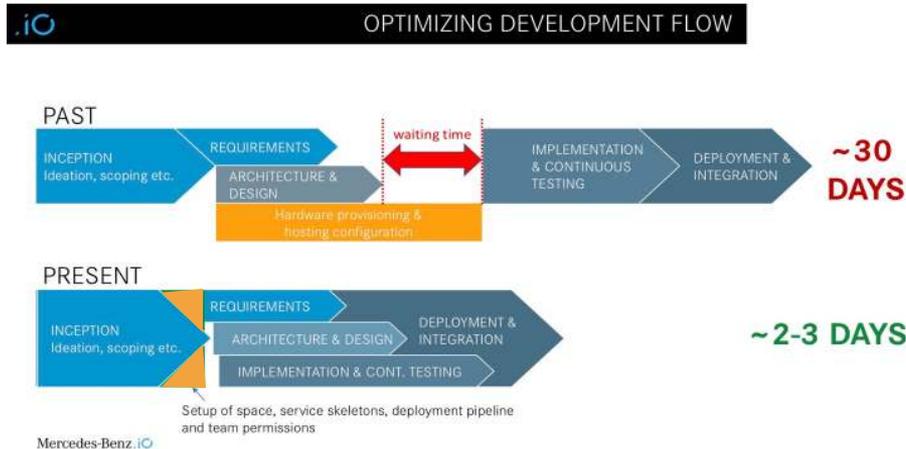
The promise we made to our developers is that life will get simpler.”

Vincent Oostindië, Rabobank



# Team functions

# Finding toil: what does it take to deploy one line of code?



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### Functions

- Removes toil with automation & programming
- Stands up & manages the platform
- Creates shared services/middleware/etc.

### Insane staff efficiency

- T-Mobile USA: 8 ops to 300 developers, 11k containers.
- Dick's Sporting Goods: 6 ops to 120 devs.
- Well Fargo: repaves production every 3 days

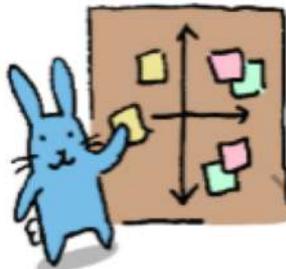
A consistent, trusted platform automates waste, focusing on product support



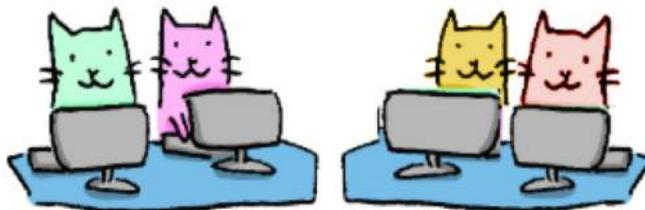
# Team Roles



- **Platform Champion / Product Owner**



- **Product Manager**

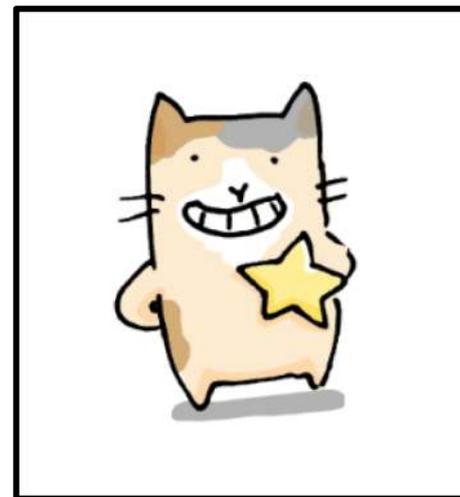


- **Platform Engineers**

# Platform Champion / Product Owner

The Platform Champion has the **will** and the **political capital** to **protect** the platform team as they embark on the platform journey. A part time member of the platform team, the platform champion creates an environment where change can happen.

- Is often at – or close to – CxO level
- Has a track record of internal **entrepreneurship** or organizational **transformation**
- Changes conversations from “here’s why this won’t work” to “how can we make this work?”
- Understands and can articulate the value of a platform product and **evangelizes** its use and growth within your company through storytelling, air cover and recruitment

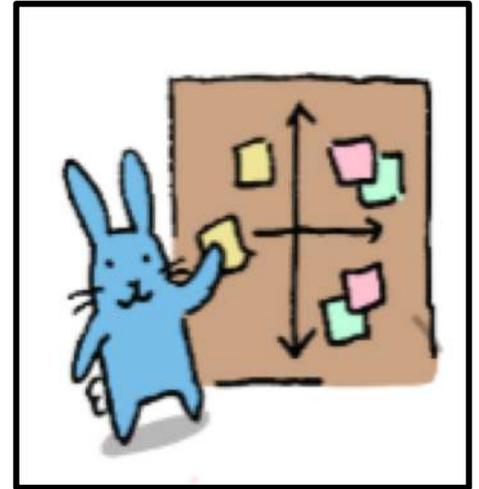


# Product Manager

The Platform Product Manager defines **what** should be done **rather than how** it should be done. A **full time member** of the platform team, the platform product manager defines the product strategy, manages the feature backlog with data-driven decisions and drives lean validation of assumptions and features.

- The “**dreamer**” who asks “why?” and doesn’t allow themselves to be constrained by legacy thinking and processes
- The “**alchemist**” who can take lots of disparate “requirements” and distill them down to a succinct product vision
- The “**influencer**” who has strong relationships with business partners, application teams, and IT
- The “**minimalist**” who understands the value of shipping early and often
- The “**lean champion**” who relentlessly pursues process change

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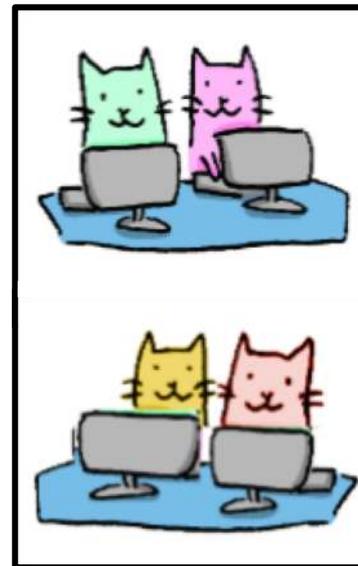


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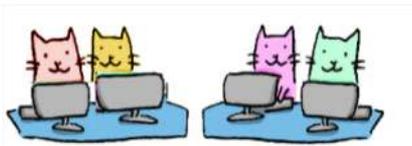
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The Platform Engineering team requires a combination of infrastructure and software engineering skills. Because SRE treats operations as if it is a software problem, your **platform engineers should be able to code.**

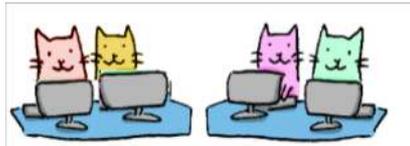
- The **infrastructure architect who codes**: Very experienced in IaaS primitives this person usually has experience in production operations and naturally automates repetitive tasks
- The **natural automator**: You'll often find this person doing continuous integration and deployment (CI/CD) work, automating your current release management processes or doing system automation
- The **curious software engineer**: You'll find this person in an application product team which has previously solved its own platform needs by going down the stack to automate infrastructure



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Application Developers

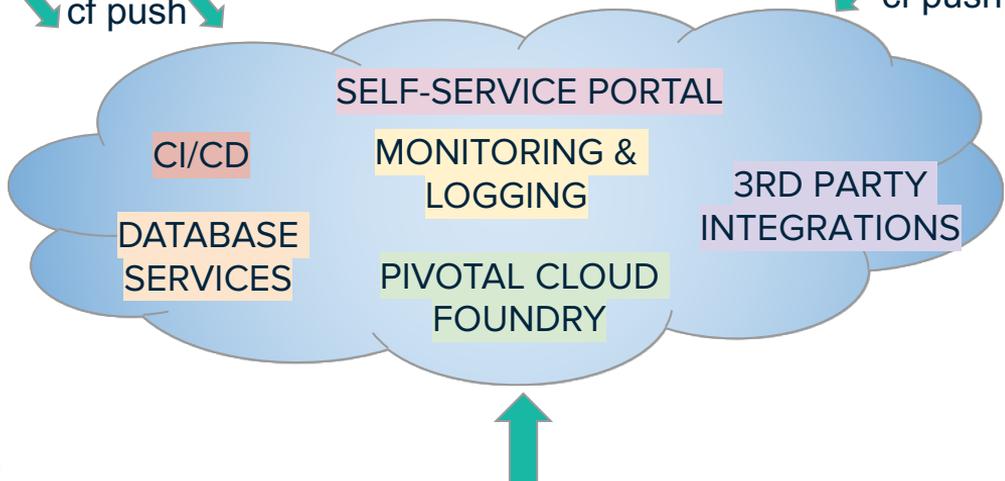


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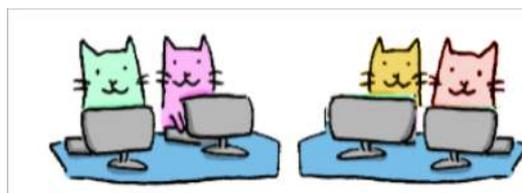
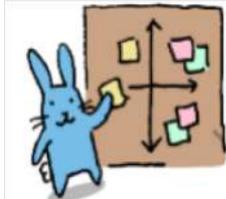
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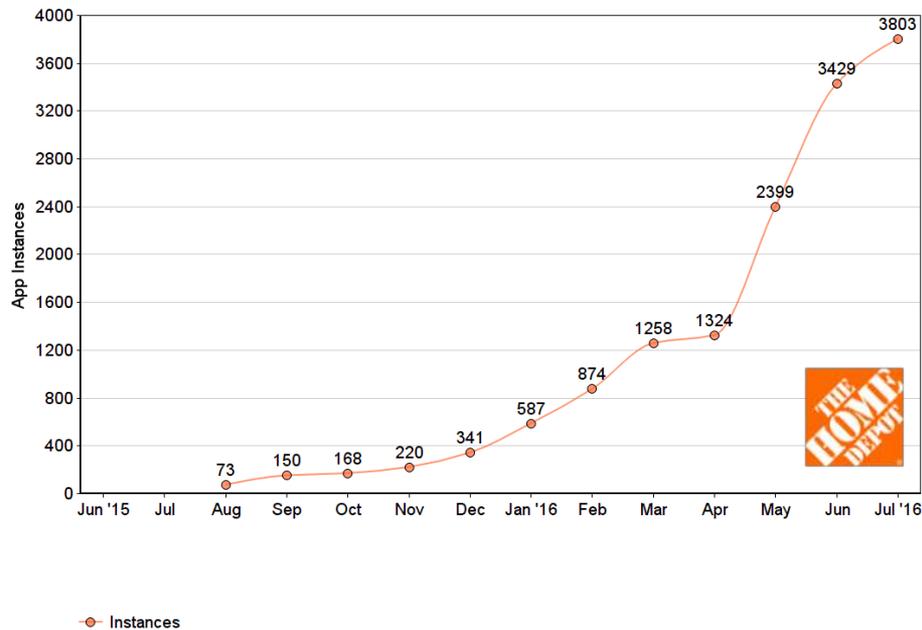


## Dedicated Balanced Platform Team

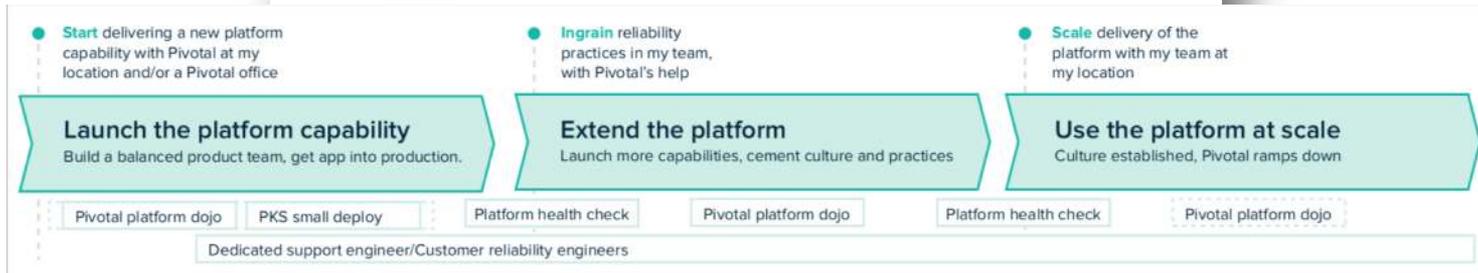


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# Rolling it out, ongoing management



Instances



Sources: [Home Depot meetup, Oct 2015](#); [Humana at CF Summit 2015](#); ["Getting started," Coté, Oct 2016](#); [Comcast's Christopher Tretina at SP1 2016](#); ["Cloud-Native at Home Depot, With Tony McCulley"](#); ["Bottom Up Enterprise Transformation," Kyle Campos, CSAA Insurance, CF Summit EU, Oct 2017](#). Number of AI's equates to ~130 apps composed on ~900 services.

# Budget for initial consulting



- Spend lots of time initially working with product teams
- You're often the most qualified to know the platform and even how to program for it
- Budget this time and staffing in, don't get shocked by actuals versus long-term dev:ops ratios.

# Labs, factories, CoE's, whatever...but brand your platform



- It's important to make a brand, this is a product.
- Internal conference, training, etc.
- Stickers & t-shirts, even!

# What does a successful platform product look like?

Strong Executive Sponsorship with a well communicated vision

A Fully Dedicated and Balanced Team  
(Product Owner/Product Manager, Platform Engineers)

Empowered to:

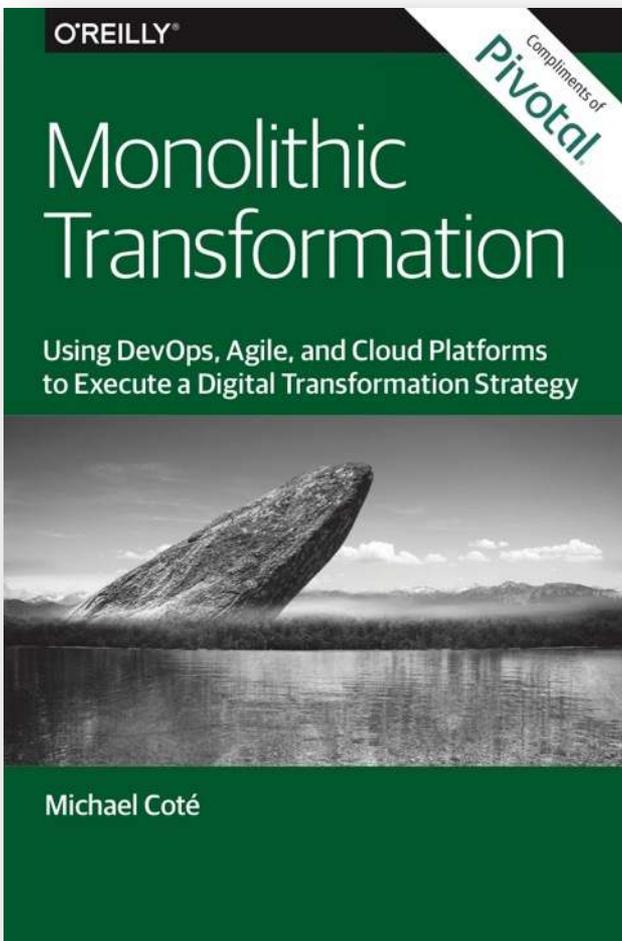
- Define Product Strategy
- Prioritize Backlog
- Release Updates & Patches to Platform
- Challenge Legacy Processes
- Focus on Reliability

By:

- Speaking Directly to Developers
- Conducting Hypothesis Driven Experiments
- Using Quick Feedback Loops
- Making Metric Driven Decisions

Resulting In:

- Solutions to Real Business & Customer Problems
- Minimizing Waste
- Increased Velocity
- Maximized ROI
- Good Product/Market Fit



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