

Digital Assurance

Driving Continuous Adaptive Testing Practices

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Abstract

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User expectations are shifting faster than ever and yet are set higher than ever before. The software landscape is therefore evolving rapidly to deliver higher quality software at an ever-greater pace. Testing must be able to keep up and move away from a traditional Core IT approach. Shifting to an Adaptive IT model calls for a new practice that requires accelerated communication, collaboration, integration, measurement and automation.

Whether you label this as Digital Transformation or not, understanding the detail of this journey is an essential part of every organisation's journey to becoming a Digital Enterprise.

Together with Paul Gerrard, Jonathon Wright will define what Digital Transformation is, its complexity and its risks, what Digital Assurance is from the process angle and then they'll look at how models are being at the heart of testing, creating an essential 'blueprint' for test design.

Agenda

- 1 INTRODUCTION
- 2 WHAT IS DIGITAL ASSURANCE
- 3 PROCESS PATTERNS, NEW MODEL FOR TESTING, SHIFT LEFT & RIGHT
- 4 COGNITIVE ADAPTIVE TESTING
- 5 WHAT NEXT?
- 6 Q & A

Digital Assurance - 'Evolution, over Revolution'

78%

of enterprises believe that they need **value-driven algorithmic business models** to respond to disruption in the next 3 years.

Digital (Cognitive Adoption)

VALUE-DRIVEN

Legacy is your Legacy (API)



MAINFRAME

1960s

Digitalization of your Core (SOA)



ERP/CRM SYSTEMS

1990s



APPLICATION ECONOMY (API)

TODAY

TIME

1 – "The Battle for Competitive Advantage in the App Economy", Oxford Economics, 2015

Journey to Enterprise Digital

UNPRECEDENTED



94%

of executives face increased pressure to release apps more quickly

“ **Businesses no longer have the luxury of time.**

Rising customer expectations, competitive threats, and increased consumer choice have turned rapid delivery and iteration of software applications into a competitive differentiator.

Adoption of Value-Driven Delivery has become the new means to better business outcomes. ”

TechRadar™: Continuous Software Delivery, Q2 2015, Forrester Research, May 1, 2015



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Delivering Quality at Speed

VELOCITY



94%

of executives face increased pressure to release apps more quickly¹

QUALITY



2/3

of business leaders say the future of their business depends on the quality of their software²

LOWER COST



25%

of a single application's development and operations costs is wasteful³

While Ensuring a Superior Digital Experience!

1. 2014 Vanson Bourne study commissioned by CA
2. "Surviving Disruption, Leading Change: Winning in the Application Economy," 2015
3. "DevOps and the Cost of Downtime" – IDC 2014

"Surviving Disruption, Leading Change: Winning in the Application Economy," 2015



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Shift Left introducing DesignOps



DesignOps

Create and deliver Ideas to Outcomes



Agile Management

Redefine how work is planned, managed and executed

Continuous Development

Continuous Delivery

Accelerate and streamline development, testing and release

Continuous Adaptive Testing

Agile Operations

Provide a flawless app experience optimized for performance

Continuous Release

Pervasive Security



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Continuous Adaptive Testing (CAT)

CONTINUOUS ADAPTIVE TESTING

The ability to reliably release high-quality solutions at any time



Accelerate
Deliveries



Reduce
Errors



Manage
Complexity



Increase
Visibility



Drive
Collaboration



Continually
Improve

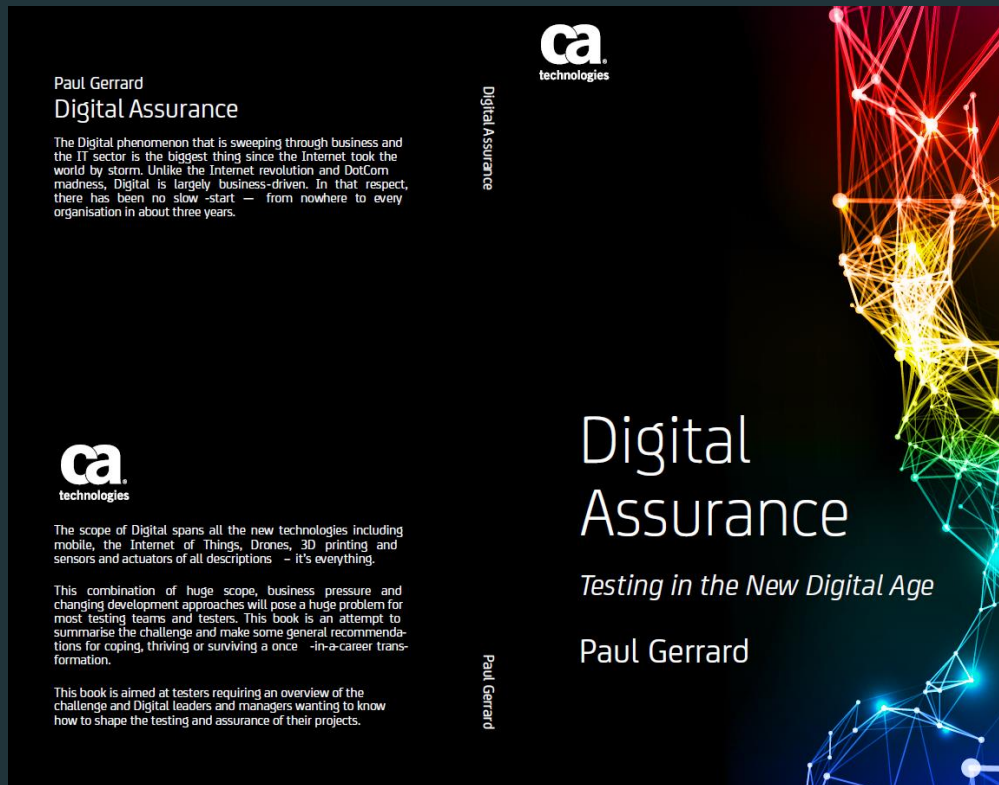


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Pocketbook



Paul Gerrard



NEW exclusive Pocketbook authored by Paul Gerrard, eminent Test-Transformation consultant, thought leader, teacher and international conference speaker.

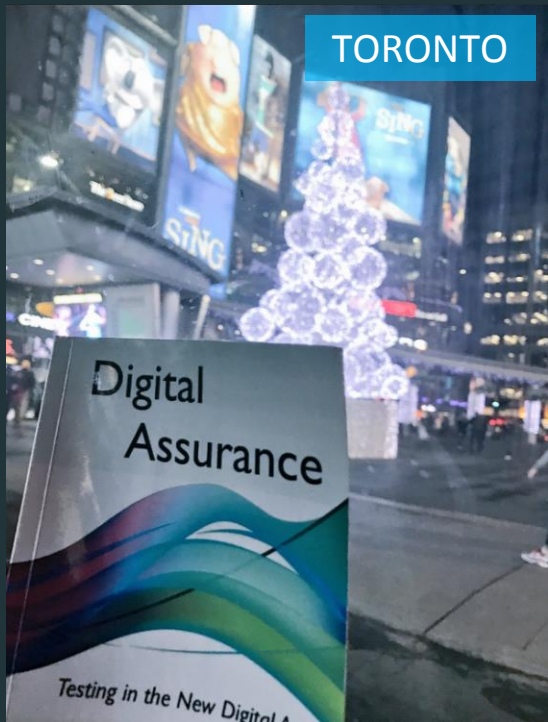
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Pocketbook – World Tour

TORONTO



LOS ANGELES



SILCON VALLEY



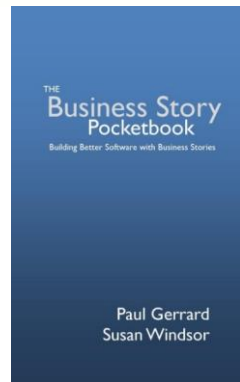
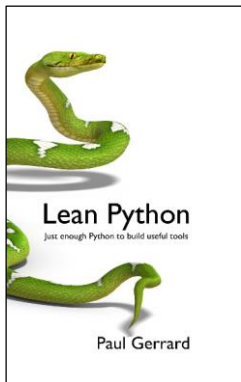
Notes on Digital Assurance

Process patterns, new model, shift-left, shift-right and tools

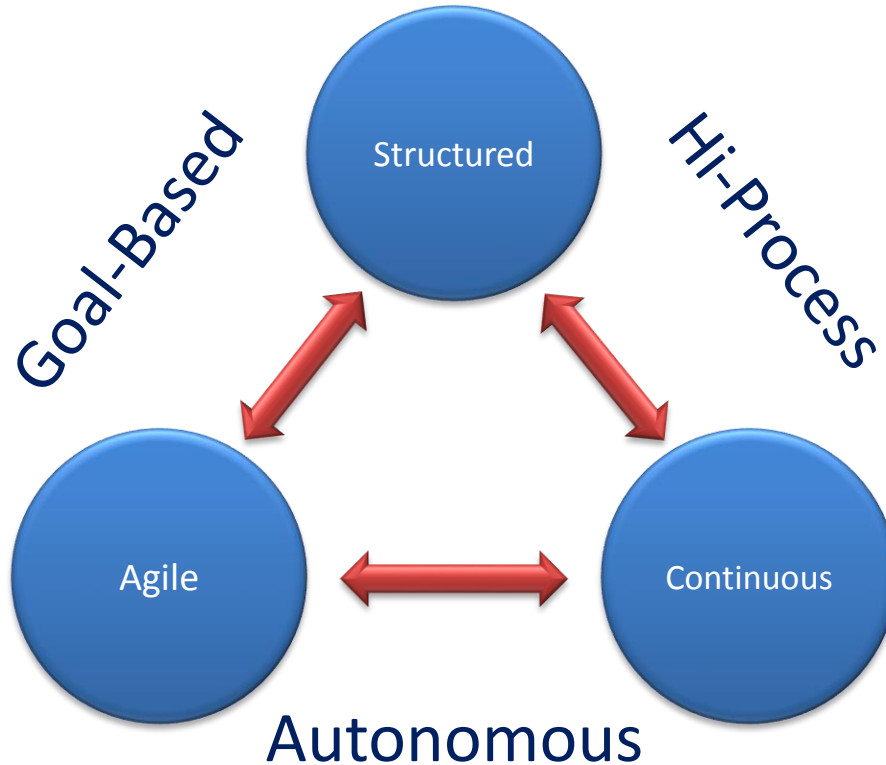
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Three development patterns



Characteristics of the patterns

| Characteristic | Summary |
|---------------------|---|
| Structure | What is the organisational structure of the project team? |
| Pace/cadence | What drives the rate of decision making? Who do decisions depend on? |
| Leadership | How is the team managed/directed? What style of leadership is involved? |
| Definition | How is requirements knowledge captured? In what format? |
| Testing | How is testing (mostly) performed? Scripted, exploratory, automated? |
| Automation | When is automation used? Who leads the automation effort? |
| Measurement | What/how is project measurement performed? |
| Governance | What form does governance take? |

Profiles of the three patterns

| Characteristic | Structured | Agile | Continuous |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Structure | Managed team | Autonomous | Production Cell |
| Pace/cadence | Business decision | Team decision | Feedback |
| Leadership | Project Managed | Guided Research | Line Managed |
| Definition | Fixed spec | Dynamic spec | Executable Specs |
| Testing | Scripted | Exploratory | Automated |
| Automation | Retrospective | Developer led | Pervasive |
| Measurement | Pervasive | Avoided | Analytics |
| Governance | Bureaucratic | Trust-based | Insight-Driven |

Not three patterns;
There are many

You have to work out your own hybrid approach
that suits your organisation

The old way of testing won't work in the future

We need a New Model of Testing (free from
logistics)

Forget Logistics

(for the time being)

Document or not?

Automated or manual?

Agile v waterfall?

This business or that business?

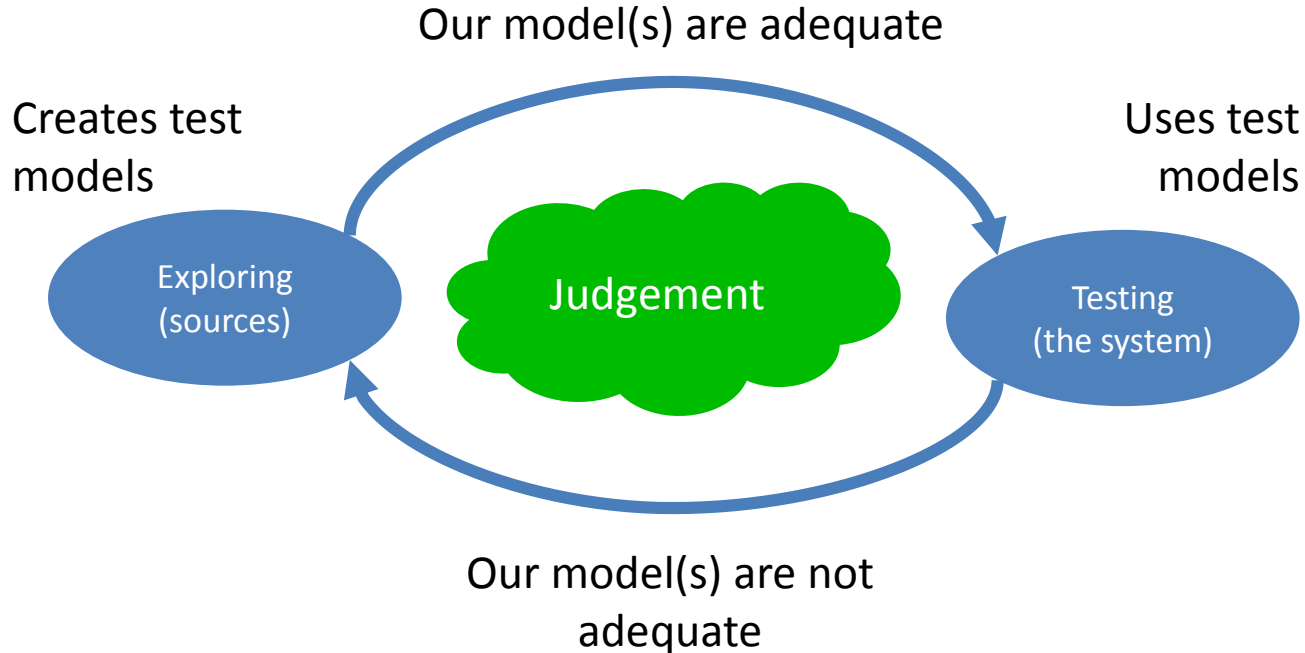
This technology v that technology?

ALL Testing is Exploratory

We explore sources of knowledge ...
... to build test models ...
... that inform our testing.

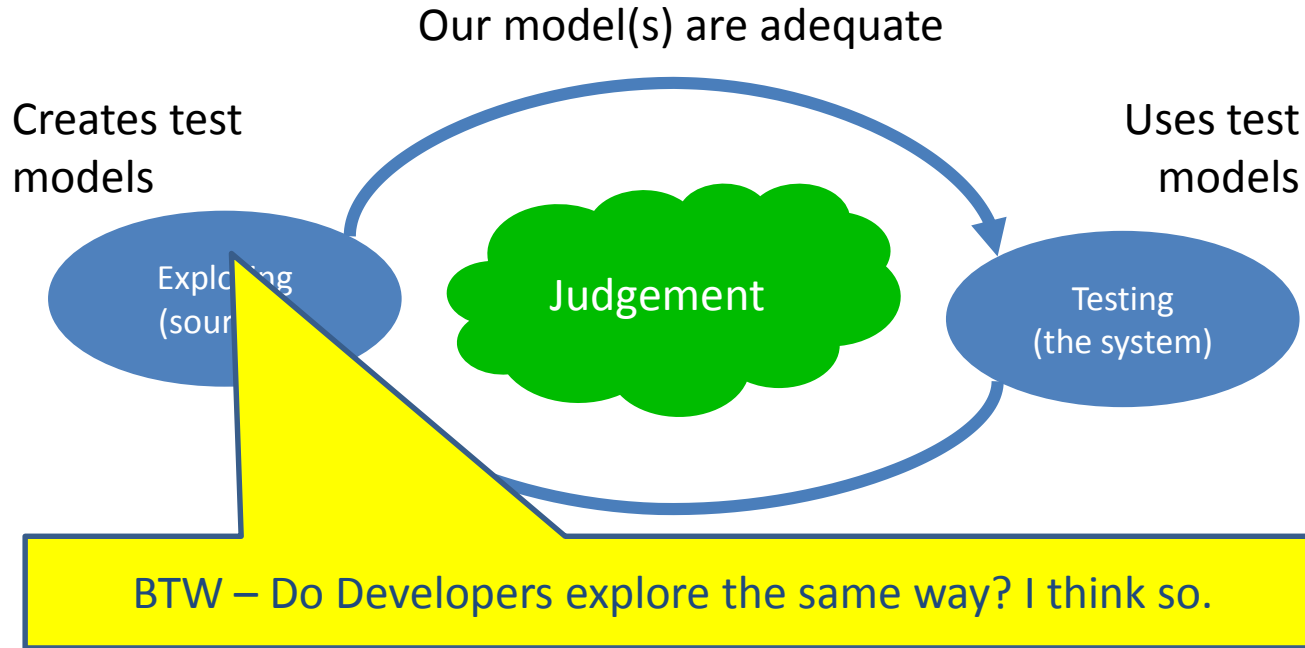
Judgement, exploring and testing

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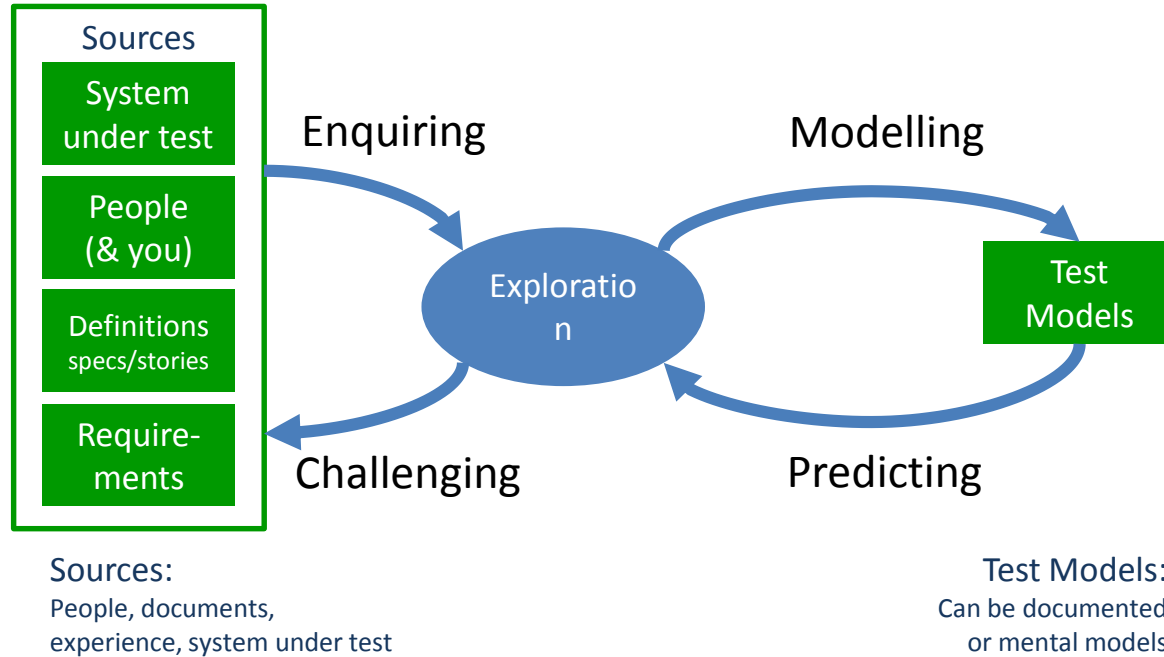


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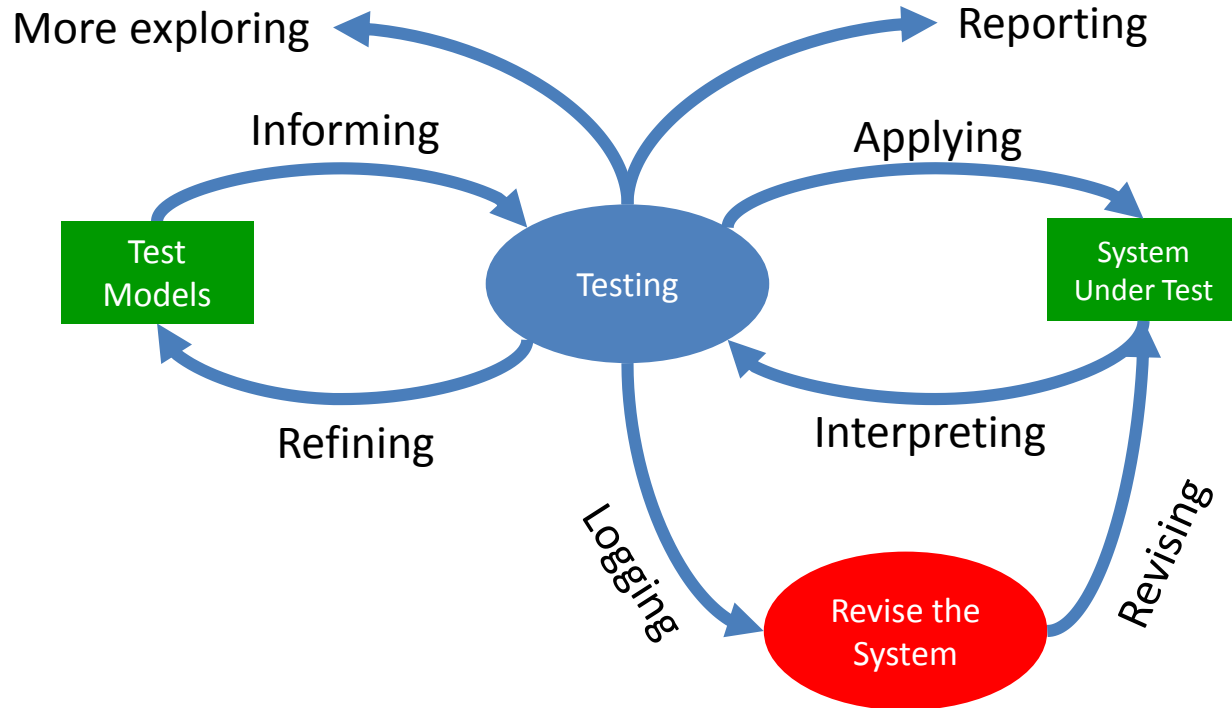
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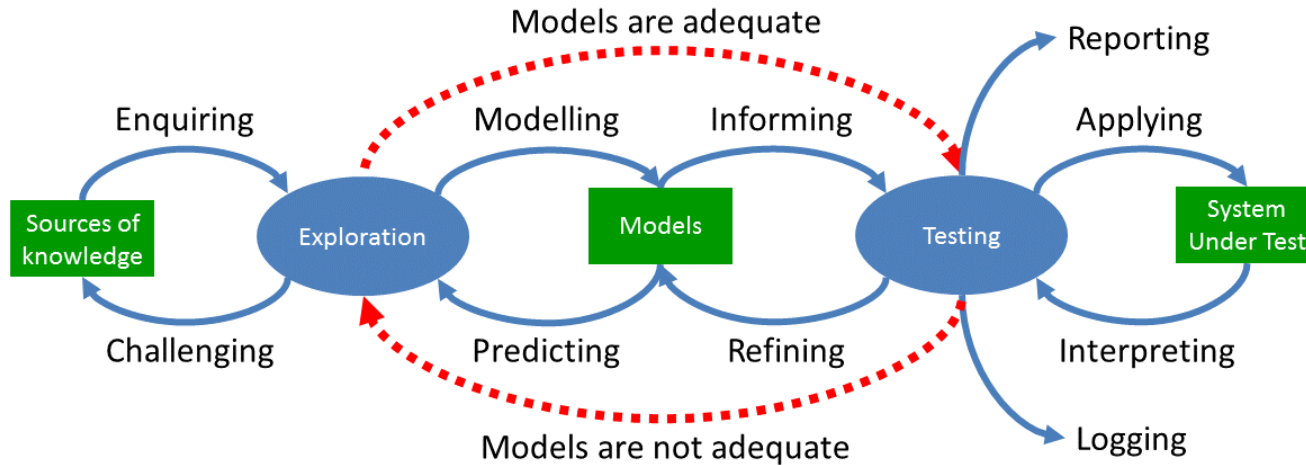
Exploration process



Testing process



New Model Testing

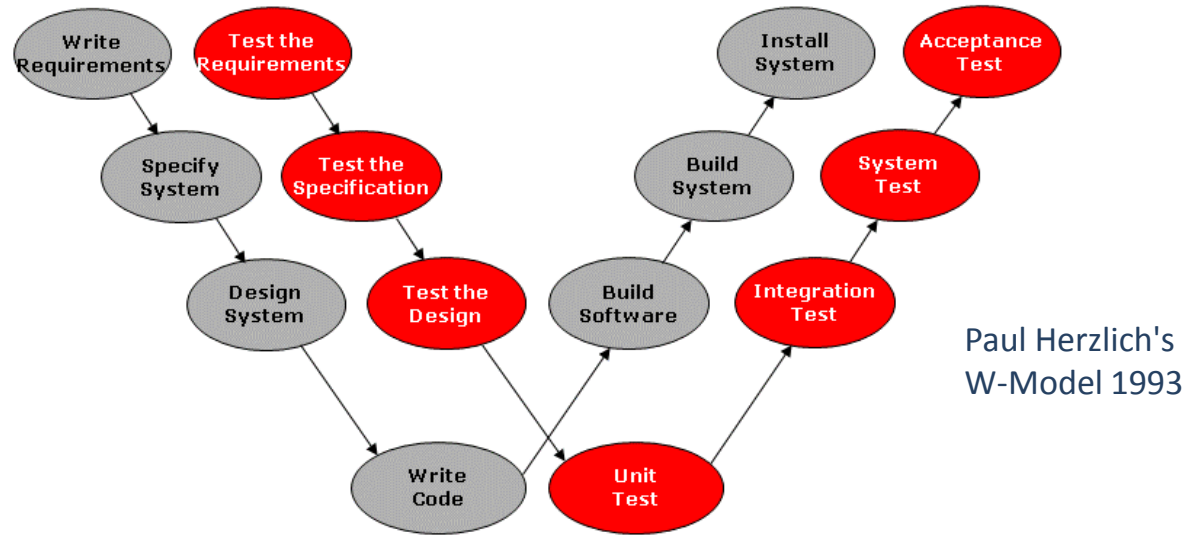


My talk at the BBC: <http://blog.gerrardconsulting.com/?q=node/656>
29 page paper: <http://dev.sp.qa/download/newModel>

Shift-left

- Teams redistribute responsibility for testing and collaborate more
- Shift-Left can mean:
 - Developers take ownership for their testing
 - Testers get involved earlier, challenge requirements, share examples with users and devs
 - No test team and no testers
- There is no 'one true way' of course.

Shift-Left is not new



- Shift-Left really brings the thinking about testing earlier in the process
- So, all we do is get involved earlier and ask awkward questions?
- Is it really as simple as that? Well, not quite.

Shift-Left – it's all about feedback

- Testers provide feedback – whenever possible
 - Get involved early – as early as you can
 - Challenge through example
- Software development is knowledge acquisition
 - Knowledge is gathered throughout the project and evolves over time
 - The goal is to assure this knowledge and to ensure it is trusted before it is frozen in code
- Shift-Left is not a threat; it is an opportunity to make a bigger, better contribution.

The Tools Landscape

How many tools do you use?

APM - Application monitoring - gives us the eyes on our app and how it's being used / performing

PaperTrail - Log file collector - brings in log files from various servers to one single place - great for systems running across multiple servers

OpsView - Monitoring and alerting tool which we use to bring together monitoring from various systems

Nagios - Used for monitoring and alerting

PagerDuty - Used to alert (SMS and Email and Phone) when a service craps out

Elastic Search, Log Stash and Kibana - Data analysis and monitoring and trending - powerful analyses of what our product is actually doing

Chef - Auto build and deploy technology to allow us to rapidly build and destroy environments (with **Chef Kitchen** and **Knife**)

Vagrant - Create Virtual Environments

Real Time Board - Virtual Whiteboard - amazingly useful

Pivotal Tracker - Agile tracking tool

Fiddler - Proxy web tool

Firebug - Proxy web tool

Zed Attack Proxy - Security testing tool

Burpsuite - Security Testing Tool

HipChat - Real Time IM communication tool

Slack - Real Time IM Communication tool

Rally and **Confluence** - bug tracking and wiki

CloudFormations - Creates templates for Amazon instances

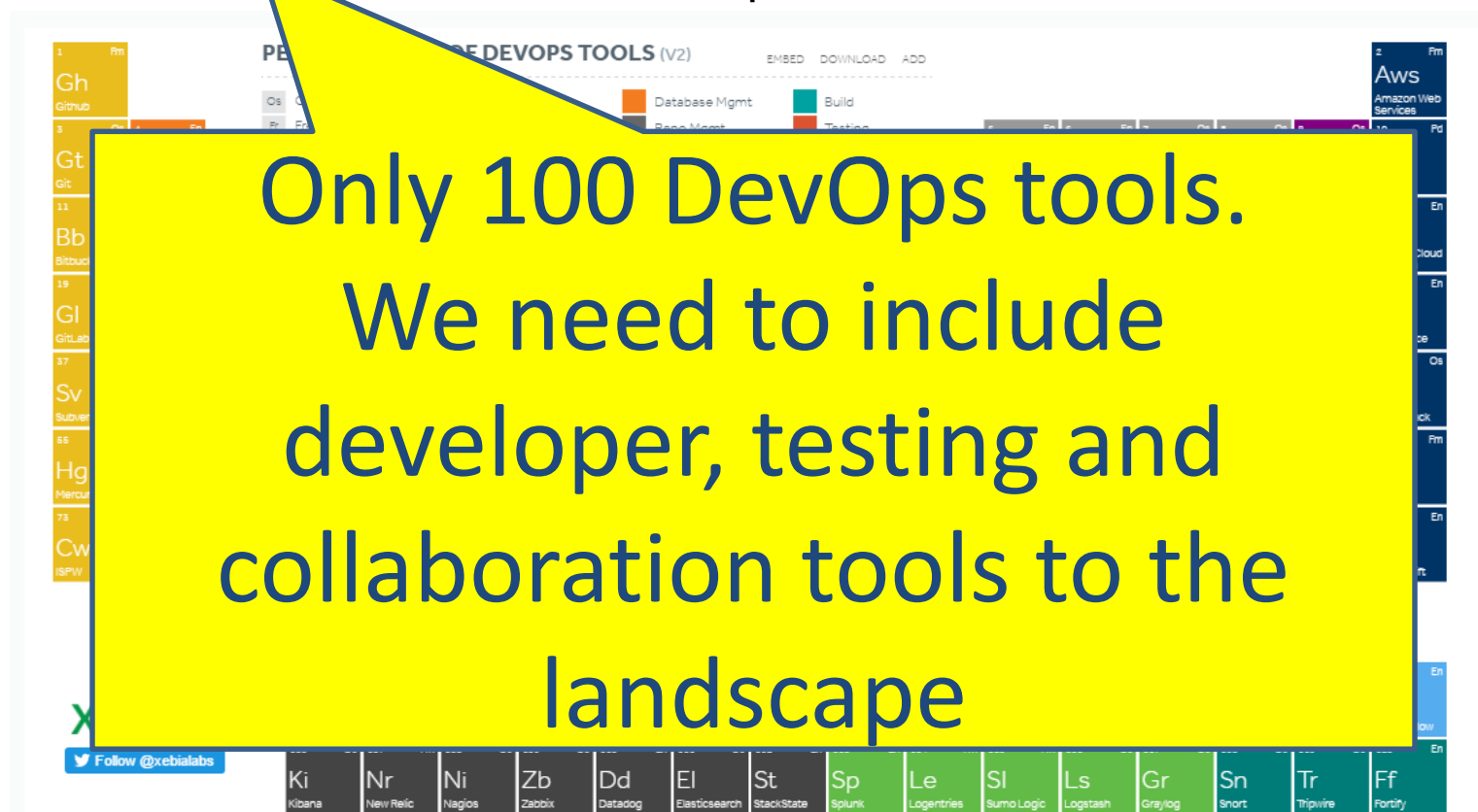


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tools

"No doubt we have some more hiding away but that's a pretty good list."

Periodic table of DevOps tools

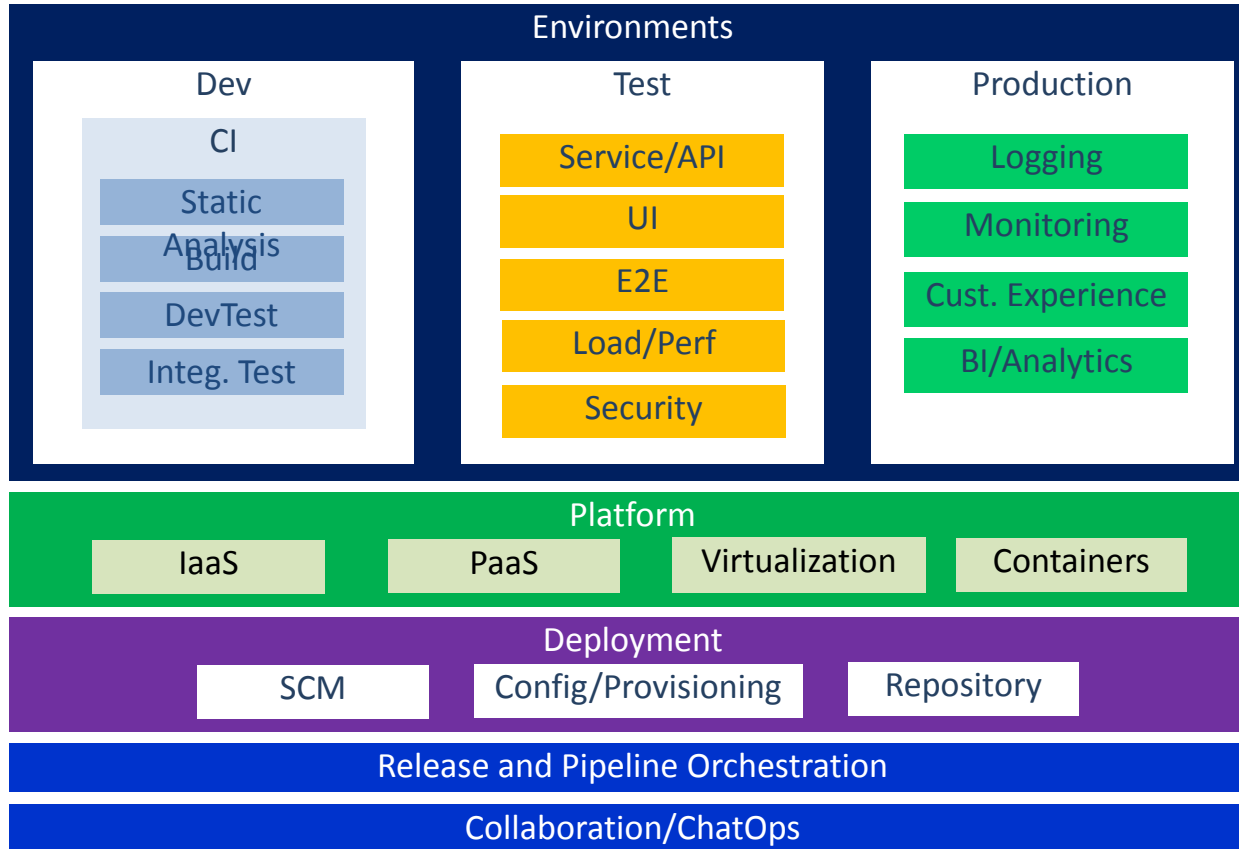
<https://xebialabs.com/periodic-table-of-devops-tools/>



The image shows a periodic table of DevOps tools. A large yellow callout box with a blue border is overlaid on the table, containing the text: "Only 100 DevOps tools. We need to include developer, testing and collaboration tools to the landscape". The periodic table itself is titled "PERIODIC TABLE OF DEVOPS TOOLS (V2)" and includes categories like "Database Mgmt", "Build", and "Testing". The tools are arranged in a grid, with some tools like "Gh" (GitHub), "Gt" (Git), "Bb" (Bitbucket), "Gf" (GitLab), "Sv" (Subversion), "Hg" (Mercurial), "Cw" (CIS), "Ki" (Kibana), "Nr" (New Relic), "Ni" (Nagios), "Zb" (Zabbix), "Dd" (Datadog), "El" (Elasticsearch), "St" (StackState), "Sp" (Splunk), "Le" (Logentries), "Sl" (Sumo Logic), "Ls" (Logstash), "Gr" (Graylog), "Sn" (Snort), "Tr" (Tripwire), and "Ff" (Fortify) visible.

Only 100 DevOps tools.
We need to include
developer, testing and
collaboration tools to the
landscape

Tools landscape



Tools Knowledge Base (tkbase.com)

- I'm researching tools for tkbase.com
 - 2424 of which 686 are programming languages
 - 1658 tools for DevOps, SDET & Testers
- Tool types and features
 - <https://tkbase.com/tools>
- My guess is there are at least 2000.



Testing, Analytics and Decision-Making (Shift-Right)

- We test to gather information for someone to make a decision
 - Developers (to fix defects)
 - Project managers (to understand and manage progress)
 - Stakeholders (to be updated and assured)
- In this one respect, testing is all-powerful
- SMAC – Real-Time Analytics
 - Data is analyzed to detect trends, patterns of behaviour, user preferences and opportunities for improvement or new market initiatives
 - Apps instrumented to collect information for decision making.

Modern Practices – Opportunities for Testing

- Shift-Left aims to reduce, if not eliminate, misunderstandings in requirements
- Pervasive automation in DevOps generates much of the data we need automatically
- Results capture and analyses are no longer manual; reporting is almost instant
- Some companies don't log defects or bugs; when defects are found – they are fixed
- But how does testing support decision-making?

Testing and Decision Making

- Testing Uncertainty Principle:
 - *We can predict test status, but not when it will be achieved;*
 - *We can predict when a test will end, but not its status*
- Testing Relativity
 - Stakeholders can't put an absolute value on any test
 - But they can say which test is more valuable
 - So we can use this to scope and prioritise
- Quantum Testing
 - Every test adds some quantum of knowledge or it has no value

Assurance in the Digital World

- The change that Digital forces on testers and Assurance is profound:
 - We need to re-think how we approach testing so that we achieve levels of confidence in very challenging circumstances.
 - We need “**power-thinking-tools**” to create effective tests at volume; it requires both superior modelling skills
 - We need our testers to skill up; to test functionality at scale and with tools almost all the time. The days of manual testing are numbered
- Testing must align with definition and development processes:
 - Shift-Left, to embed and align with developers, to be indispensable partners in the thinking, development and testing processes.

Value

Behaviors

Beliefs, Values,
Culture

Heuristics

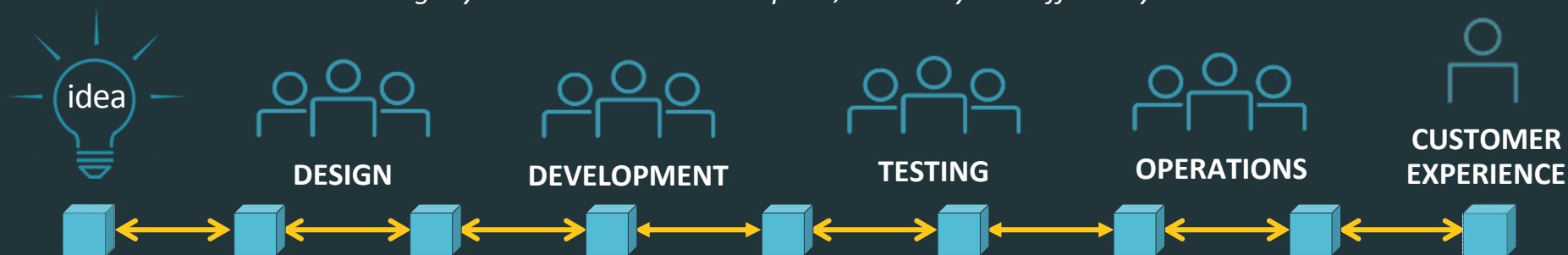
User Story
Mapping

Organization
Change

Insight

DesignDevTestOps

Agility across all 4 increases speed, reliability and efficiency



'Shift-Left' Digital Evolution feat. DesignOps

'Shift-Up' Digital Assurance feat. Cognitive Adaptive Insight

'Shift-Right' Digital Ecology

'Shift-Down' Digital Archaeology



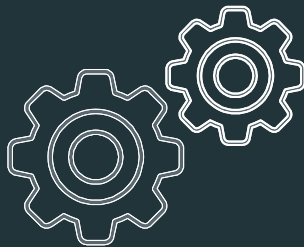
DesignOps – “Shift Left” (AND Right)

SHIFT LEFT

SHIFT RIGHT



CODE



BUILD



DELIVERY



PRODUCTION

CONTINUOUS ADAPTIVE TESTING



DesignOps – “Shift Left” (AND Right)

SHIFT LEFT

SHIFT RIGHT



CODE



BUILD



DELIVERY



PRODUCTION

CONTINUOUS ADAPTIVE TESTING

Evolution over
Revolution

Engineering
over Agility

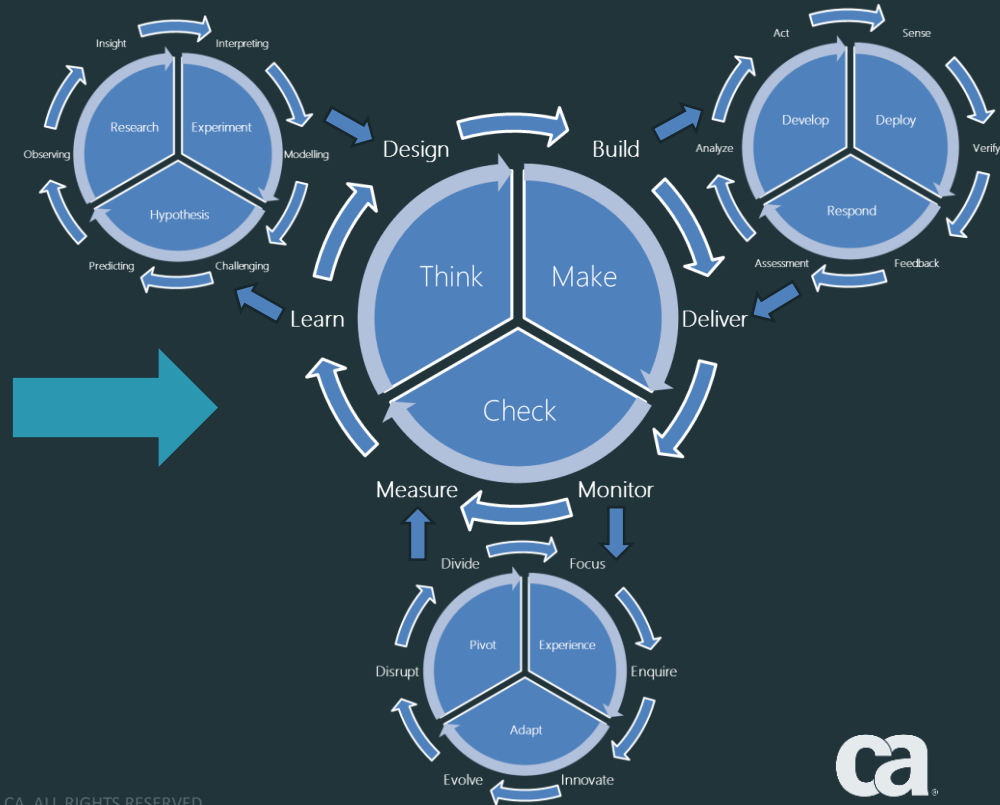
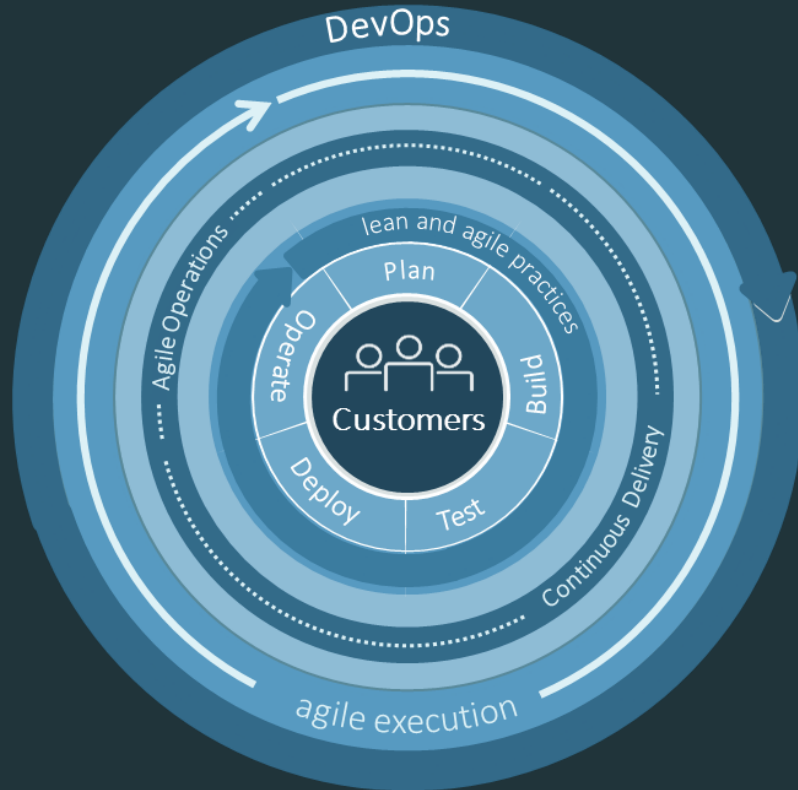
Predictive over
Continuous

Intelligence
over Things

Governance
over
Ownership

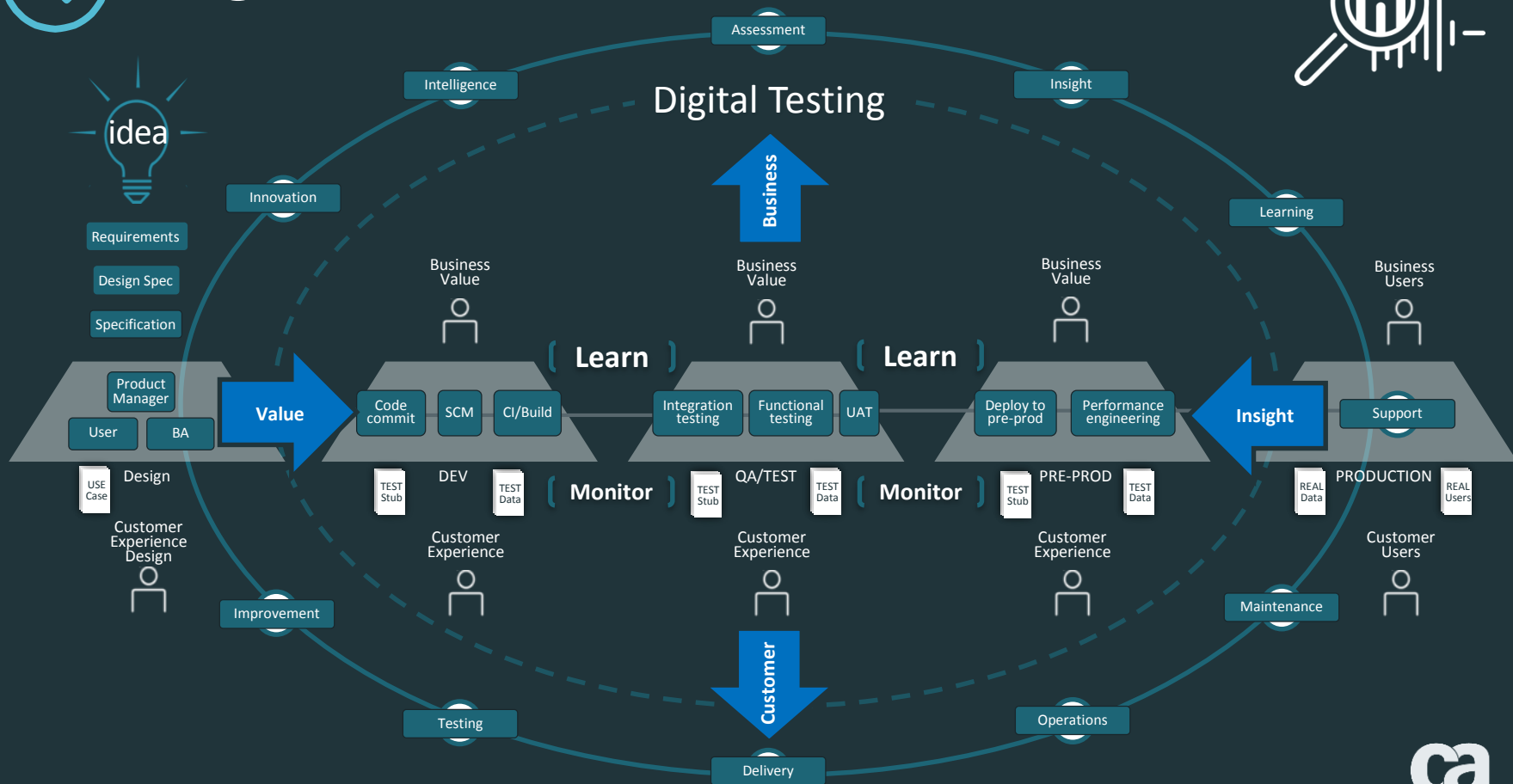
Proactive
over Reactive

Maturity over
Mastery





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DESIGN

SHIFT-LEFT

DESIGNOPS

SHIFT-RIGHT

OPS

BPMN
Nimbus
Visio

INTAKE

Requirements
User Stories
Release Plan

TDD
BDD
ATDD
MDD

MODEL

Import User Stories to Automatically Create, Visualize and Optimize Tests

Initiate Functional, Non-Functional and Security as Code

CODE

Develop and Commit Code, Scan Code, Version Control, Continuous Integration. Complete Build and Initiate Release

FUNCTIONAL

- Subset/Mask Test Data
- Create/Reserve Test Data
- Test Automation Library
- Ensure Mobile Experience

NON-FUNCTIONAL

- Performance Engineering
- Simulate Backend Load
- Test Outlier Conditions
- Ensure Mobile Experience
- Security / Penetration

INTEGRATION

Remove Constraints with Virtual Services

- Mobile, Web, App Server, Middleware, Backend, MF
- 3rd Party Systems / API's

Node.Probe

Node.Learn

CONFIG/DEPLOY

- Provision Entire Stack
- Confirm Configurations
- Approve Changes
- Successfully Deploy
- Internal or External Cloud

MEASURE/FEEDBACK

- Customer Experience
- Business Service View
- Application View
- Infrastructure View
- Dynamic Capacity
- Feedback loop

Node.Test

Node.Data

PLAN

AUTOMATION

BUILD

AUTOMATION

TEST

AUTOMATION

DEPLOY

AUTOMATION

RUN

INSIGHT-DRIVEN



Customer Experience

Common Goals

- ✓ Speed/Time-to-Market
- ✓ Quality/Availability

- ✓ Cost/Financial Mix
- ✓ Risk/Compliance

"Big Picture" Issues

- ✓ Requirements
- ✓ Environments

- ✓ Data
- ✓ Automation





Test in DevOps (TiD)



1

Model-Driven Design of Tests from Use Cases

2

Generate 'Automation as Code' from Model

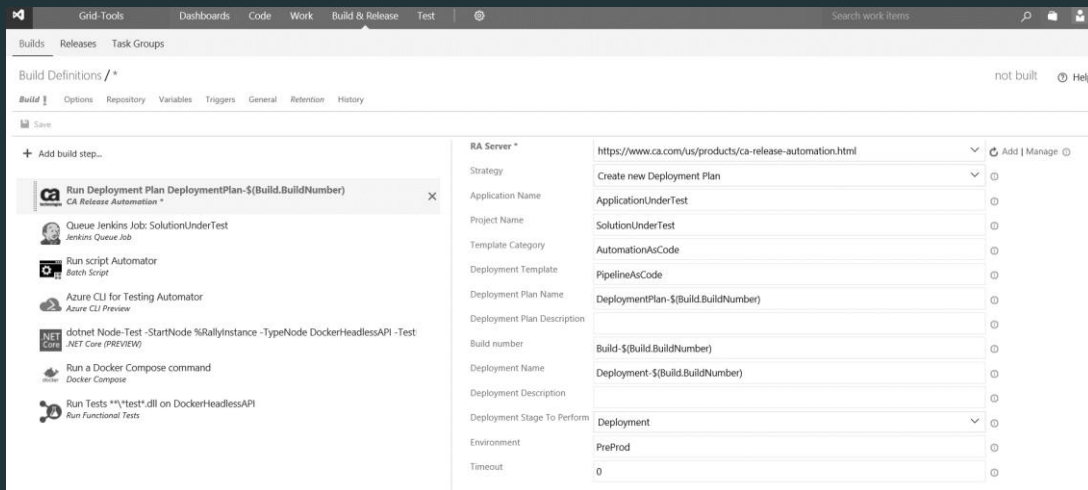
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Add 'CA Automator' Task to 'Pipeline as Code'



Please can you build tests directly into the pipeline?

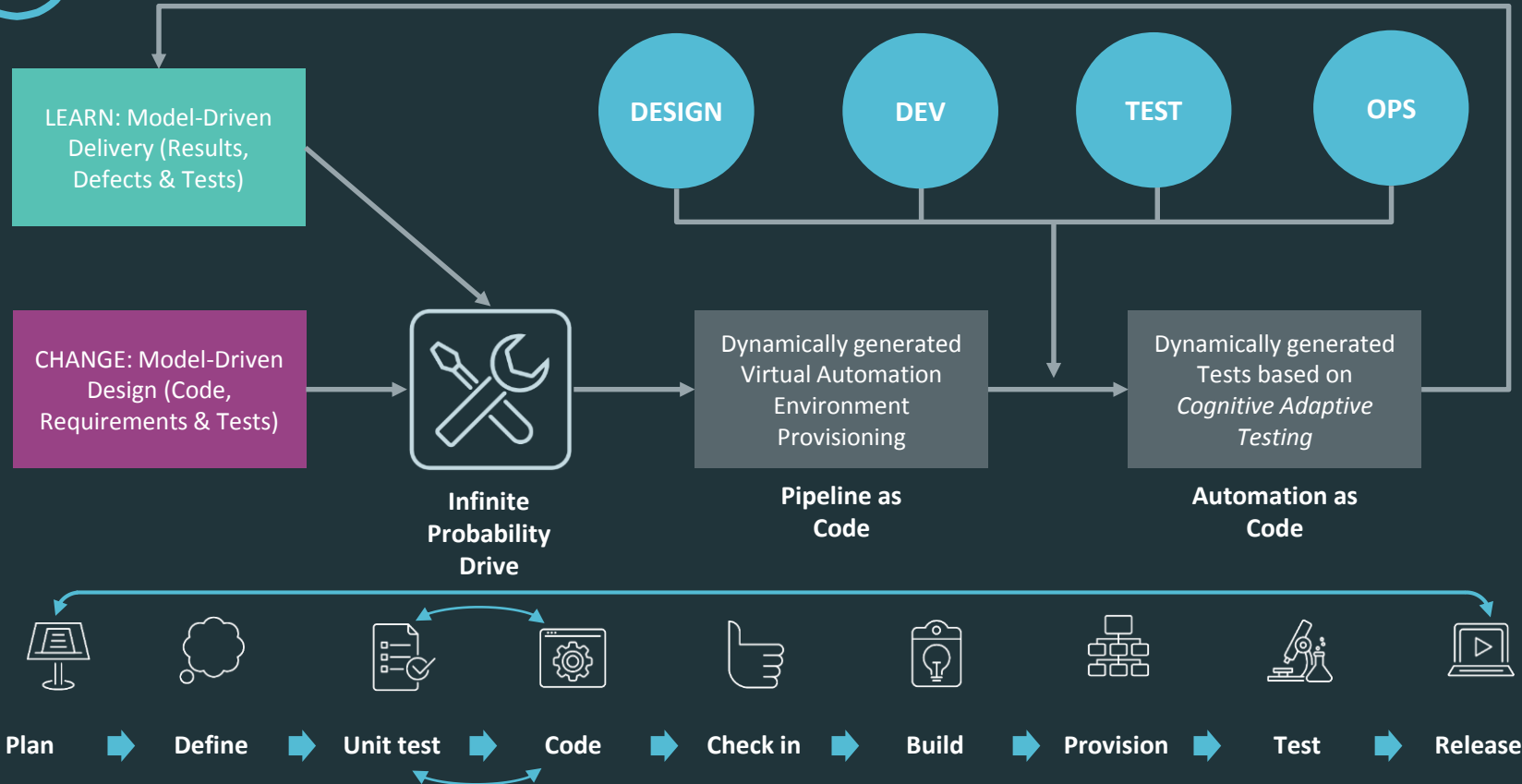
"Sure, just assign me the tasks and I will automatically generate the necessary artefacts within whichever release automation platform you want!"



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Infinite Probability Drive



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Pinpoint Failure Analysis



Use Case



Model Flows



Optimize



Generate



Coverage



Workflow



Provision



Code



Iterate



Pinpoint



Analyze

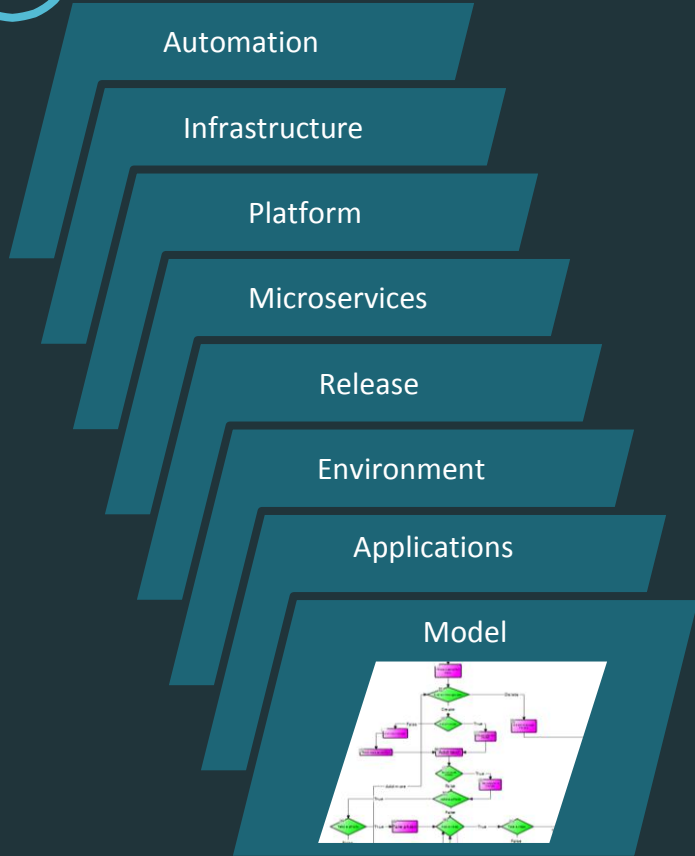


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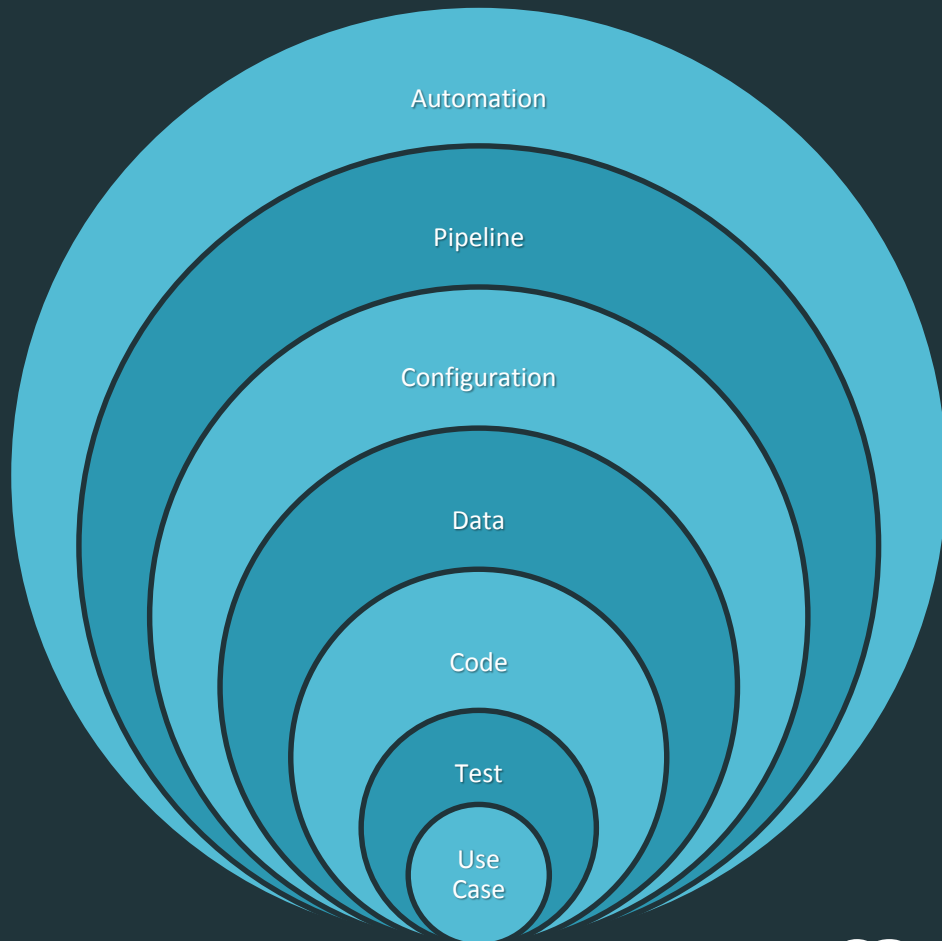
1. Requirement / Use case / User story (Rally)
2. Generate Model-Driven Design flows (ArD)
3. Optimize & Generate Automation (ArD)
4. Workflow 'Automation as Code' (AD Automator)
5. Populate 'Data as Code' (ArD Databuilder)
6. Customise 'Configuration as Code' (YAML)
7. Build 'Application as Code' (Jenkins)
8. Provision 'Platform as Code' (Docker)
9. Virtualize 'Infrastructure as Code' (SV, NV & NFV)
10. Deliver 'Pipeline as Code' (RA CDE, Puppet & Chef)
11. Deploy Headless Test Runners (MicroContainers)
12. Deprovision 'Environment as Code' (GIT / Blob)
13. Analyse 'Results as Code' (ArD Server)
14. Pinpoint Failure (Optimizer NLP)
15. Generate new Model-Driven Delivery flows (CLI)



'Pipeline as Code'



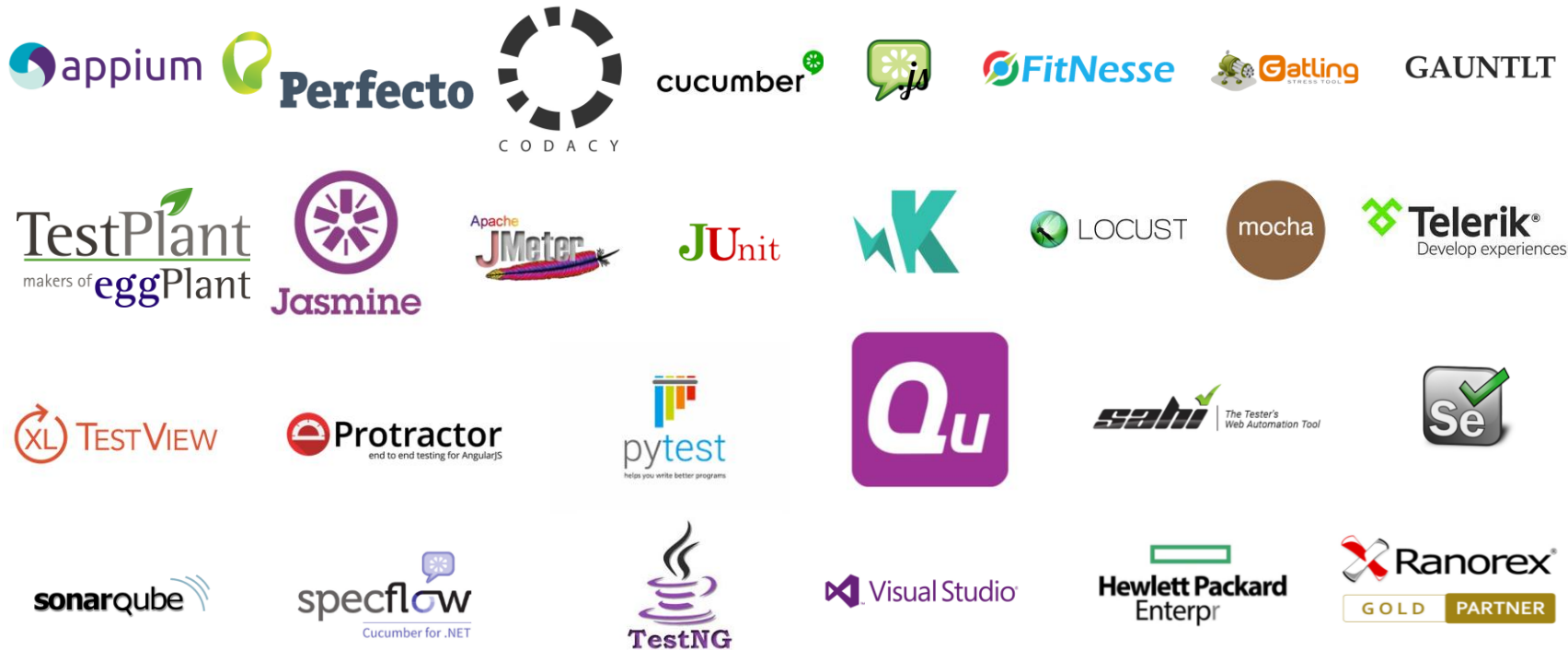
Command Line Interface for Testers



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'Automation as Code'



*CA Agile Requirement Designer - Automation Builder has native support for EggPlant, Ranorex, Selenium 3.0 and Cucumber.

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Adoption

Learning

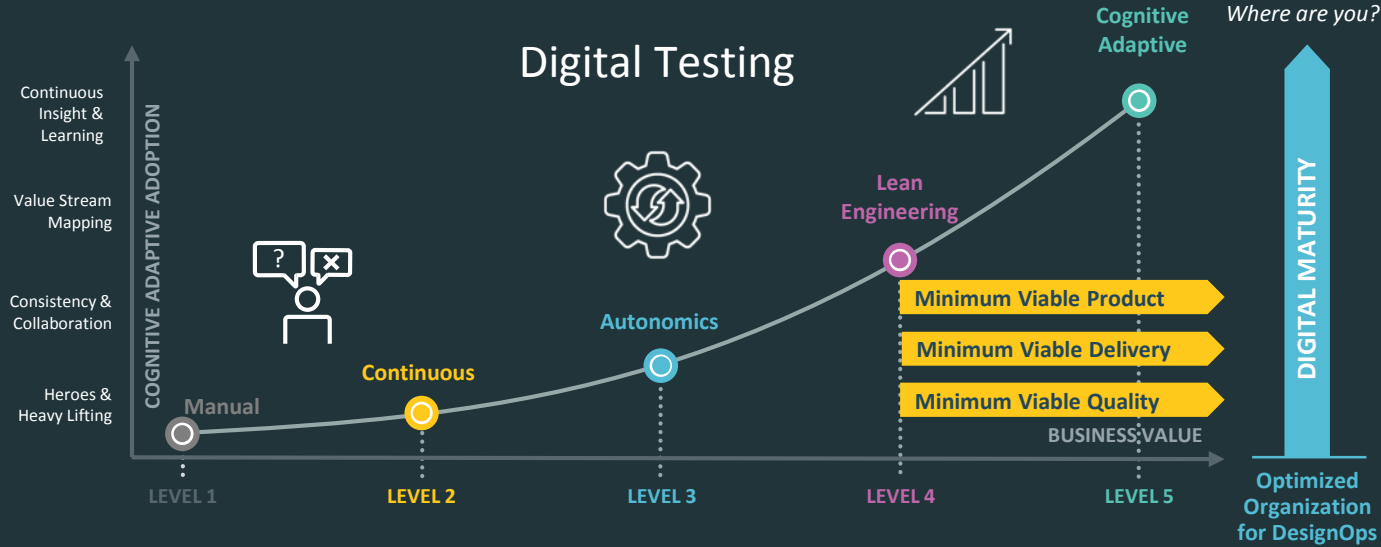
Intelligence

Innovation

Improvement

Testing

Delivery



- Silos, manual handovers, waterfall process
- One release/year
- Monolithic apps
- Long term project/resource planning
- Error prone dev/test/release processes

- Insight-Driven (Predictive / Prescriptive)
- NoOps organized (IoT-Ops/DX-Ops/Sec-Ops)
- Self-healing end-to-end autonomic orchestration
- Microcontainerization & Microservices enabled
- Open Innovation & Connected Intelligence
- Quantum Teleportation (Shift X)



The shift towards Value-Driven Delivery

Cognitive Adaptive Adoption (CA-A)

BUSINESS INITIATIVE

Manage & Monitor

Make a great customer experience a competitive advantage

Minimum Viable Experience

CA Project & Portfolio Management

Unify long term strategy, investment and portfolio planning.

Release & Deploy

Control the release process, to continuously advance application quality, improve the customer experience and reduce costs.

Continuous Delivery

Complexity-Informed Organizational Change

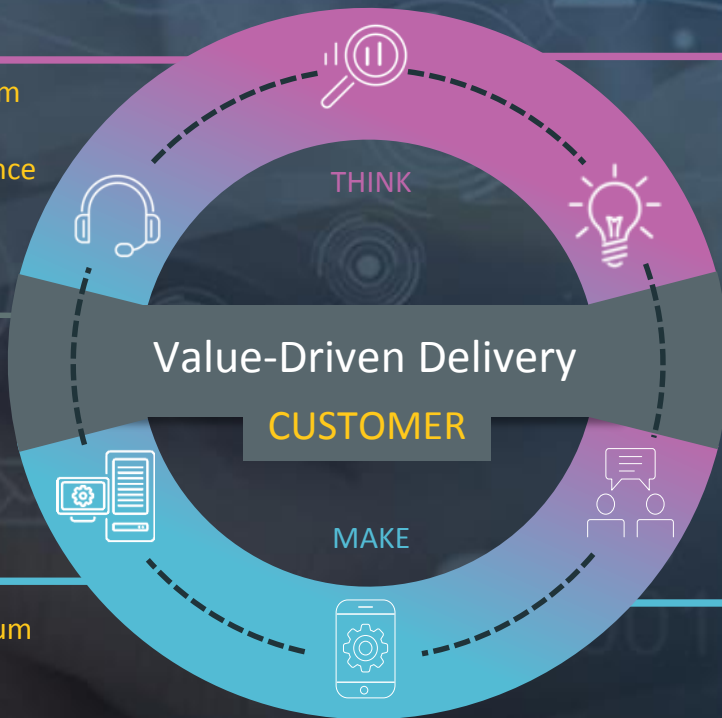
Develop & Test

Synchronize efforts to dramatically speed app development & increase quality

Minimum Viable Quality

CA Agile Central

Collaboratively plan, prioritize and track work across the enterprise.



BUSINESS VALUE





Cognitive Adaptive Insight (iCA)

Powered by Actionable Intelligence technologies



REAL TIME, BIG DATA ANALYTICS EMBEDDED THROUGHOUT OUR PORTFOLIO



AGILE MANAGEMENT

AGILE OPERATIONS

DEVELOPER PRODUCTS

CONTINUOUS DELIVERY

MAINFRAME

SECURITY

Release management dashboard

Real-time app performance

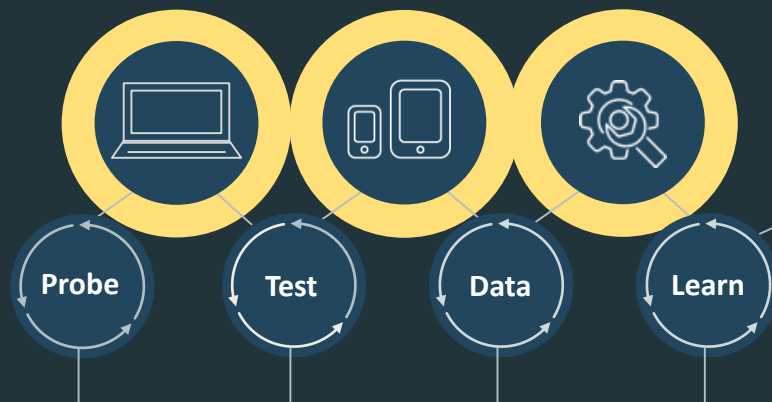
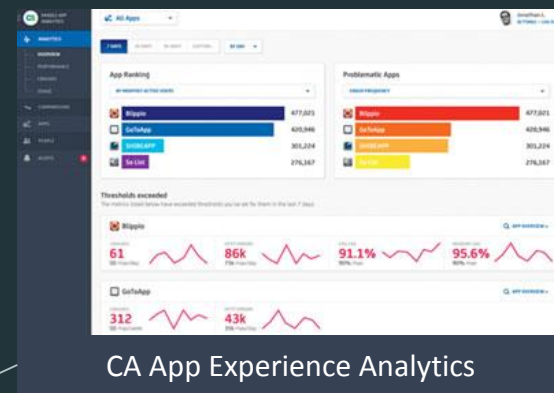
Access incident response

API analytics



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Cognitive Adaptive Intelligence (CAi)



Repository
Management



Application
Management



Release
Management



Environment
Management



Network
Management



Infrastructure
Management

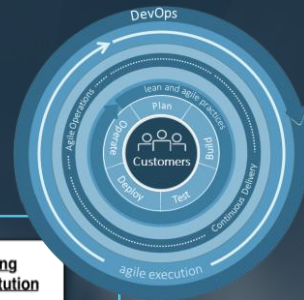


Data
Management



Cognitive Adaptive Intelligence (CA-I)

Use Case – CA Service Virtualization

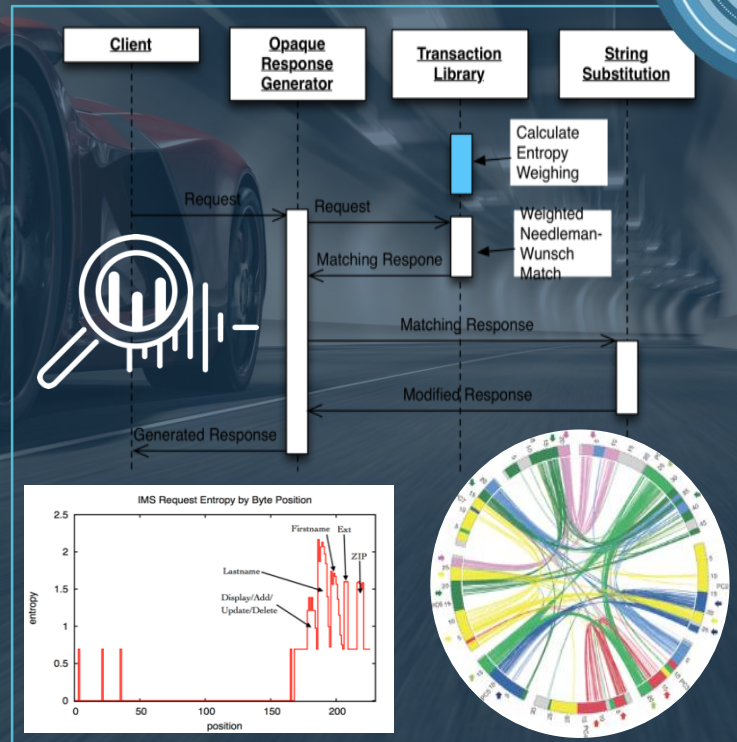


BRINGS TRUE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TO LIFECYCLE VIRTUALIZATION

- Virtualize services without requiring any knowledge or decoding of the service protocols
- Applies a genome sequence alignment algorithm, discovers byte-level patterns in message protocols
- Now virtualize a much wider range of protocols without requiring a new DPH

HIGH ACCURACY: 99.6 – 100%

- Increased speed and accuracy with Entropy Weighting + Message Clustering
- The more data a service observes the data, more intelligent it becomes
- Perfect for performance testing where we deal with tons





Cognitive Adaptive Technology

The next generation of Knowledge, Vision, Adaptive, Speech & Search (KVASS)



COGNITIVE ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

| Virtual Personal Assistants | Connected Home | Multi-Reality | Context Brokering Platforms | Connected Vehicle |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Smart Advisors | Internet of Everything (IoE) | Brain-Computer Interface | Digital Offers | Autonomous Vehicles (C2X) |
| Natural-Language (Q&A) | Human Augmentation | Emotion Detection | City Data Exchange | Vehicle-to-Infrastructure |
| Situation Awareness | Ambient Experiences | Head-Mounted Displays | Complex Event Processing | Mood Recognition |
| People-Literate Technology | Gesture Control | Virtual Worlds | Mass Personalization (Scale) | Digital Offers (Concierge) |
| Deep / Machine Learning | Artificial Intelligence | Neural Networks | Quantum / Fog Computing | Cognitive Reckoning |

1. Digital Mobile, PerfectoMobile, Chapter 22, Jonathon Wright



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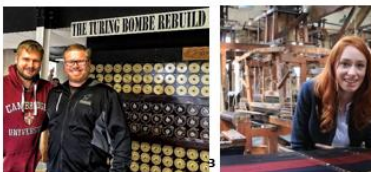
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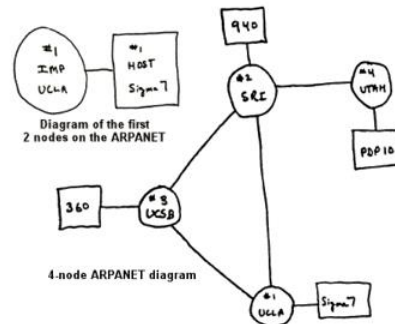
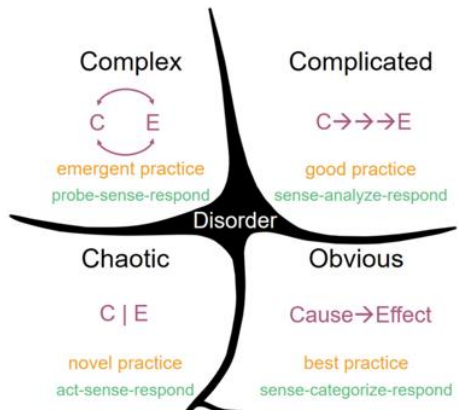
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Last month when live on stage at STARWest in California, I was able to ask Alexa to 'turn on my heating' back in the UK.



² STARWest, 'Think you can just test that API? think again!', 6th October, http://www.slideshare.net/lonathon_wright/starwest-think-you-can-luj
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⁴ 'Calculating Ada: Countess of Computing', BBC4, Macclesfield, Hannah



This abstraction layer will enable data scientists, statisticians and engineers to enable value and insight-driven predictive, prescriptive and deep learning, it achieves this by a process of machine learning, training algorithms



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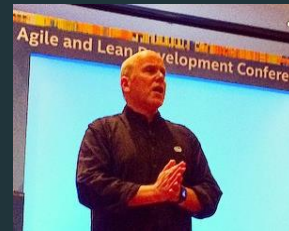


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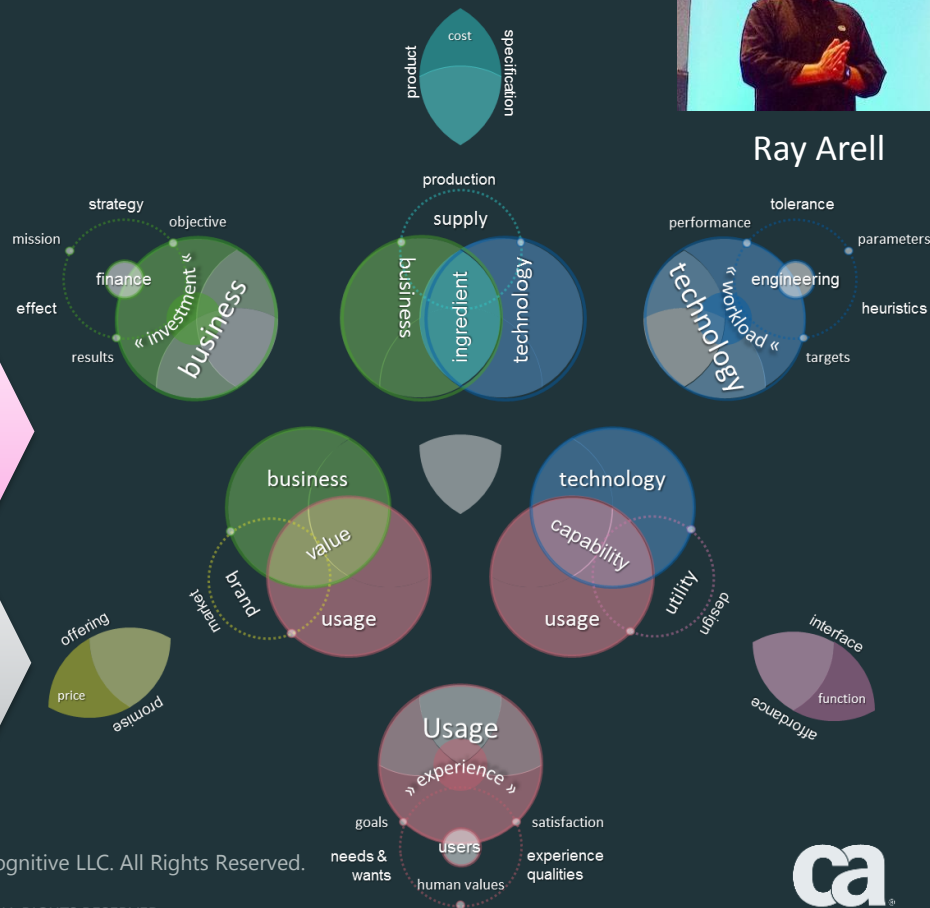
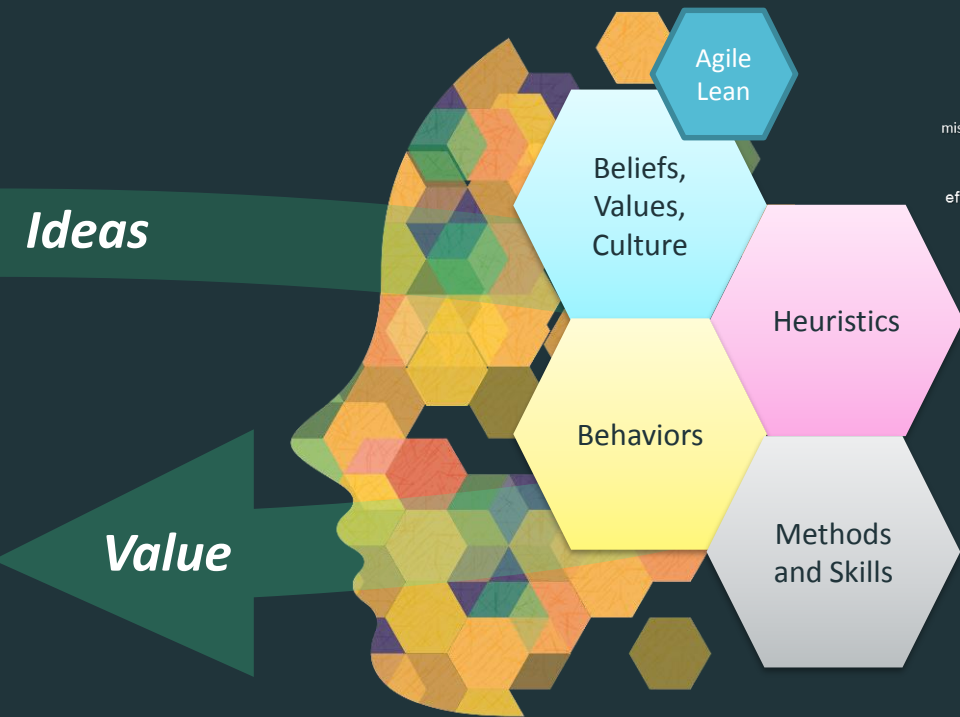


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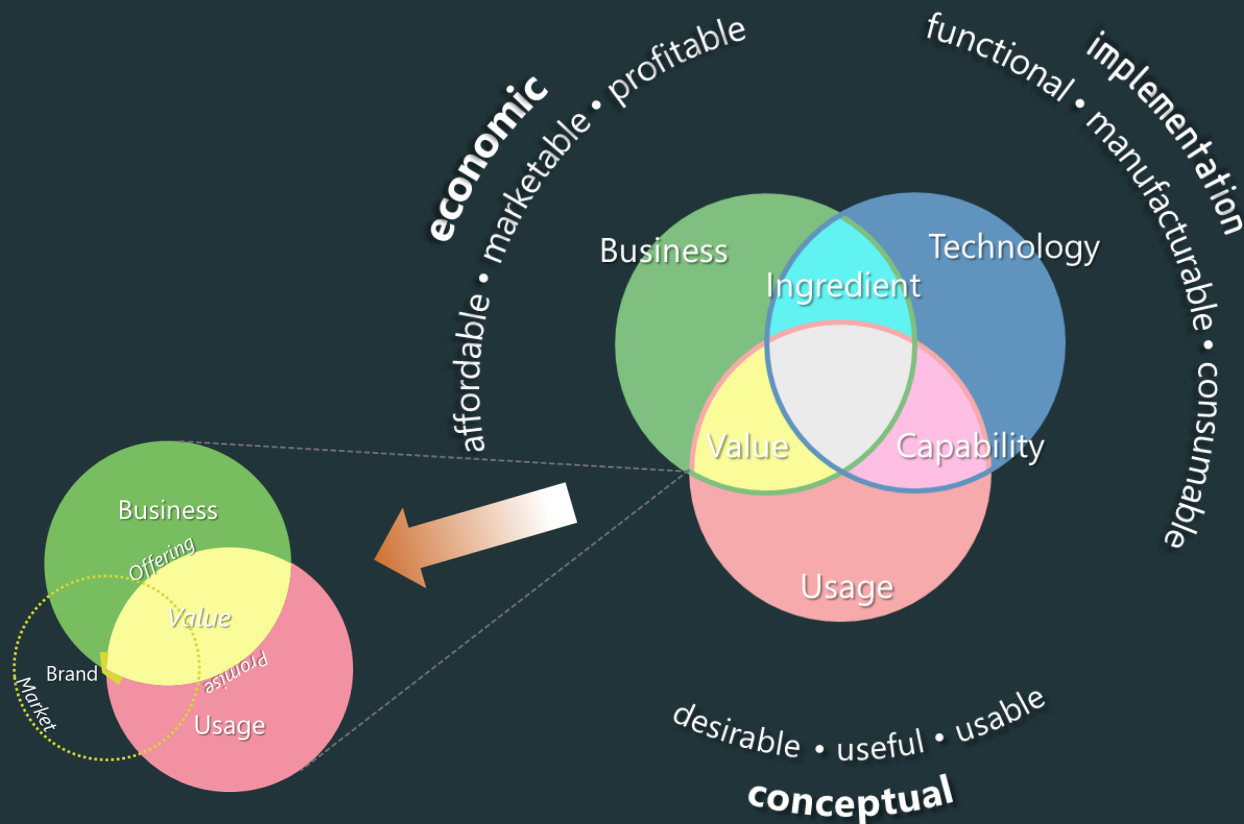


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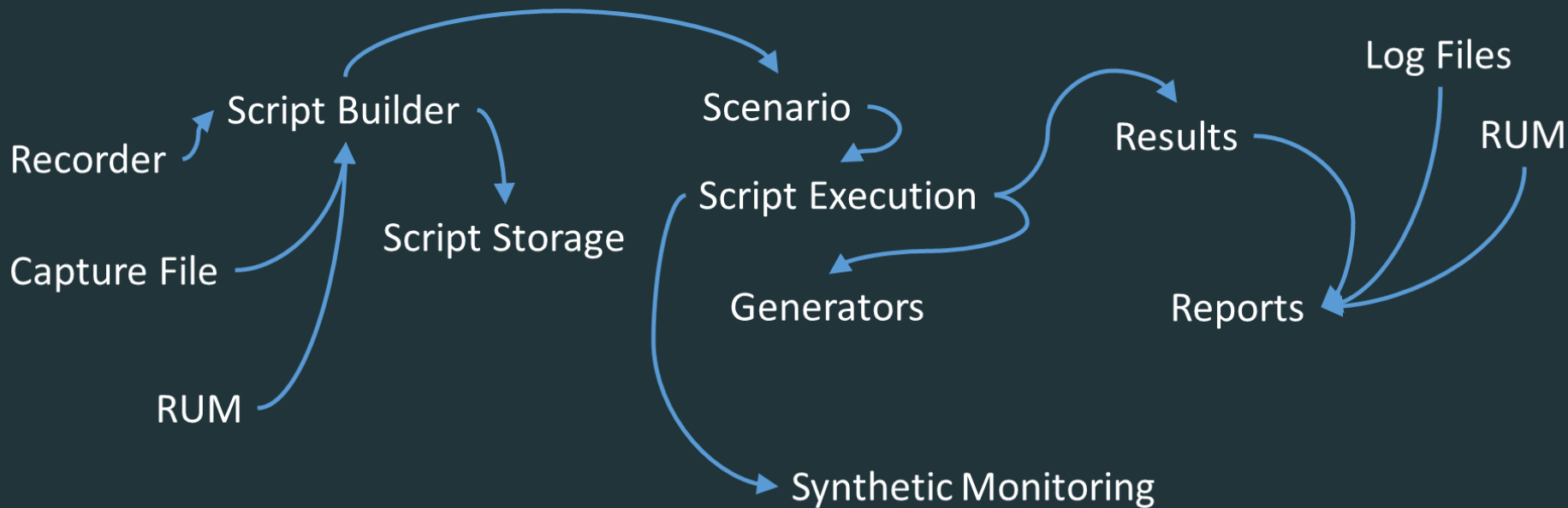


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Q & A

Thank you!



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