Devtest: using Lean and Devops practices to bring QA and coders together

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Once upon a time...





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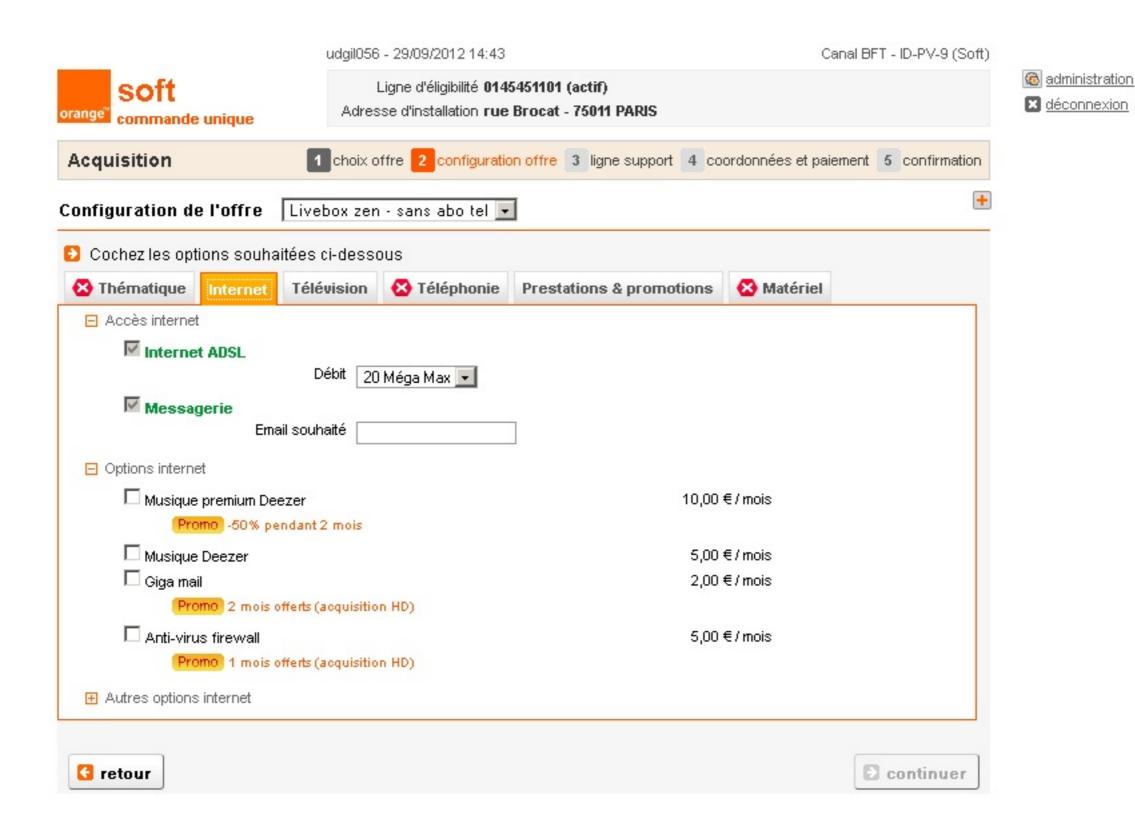
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Who?

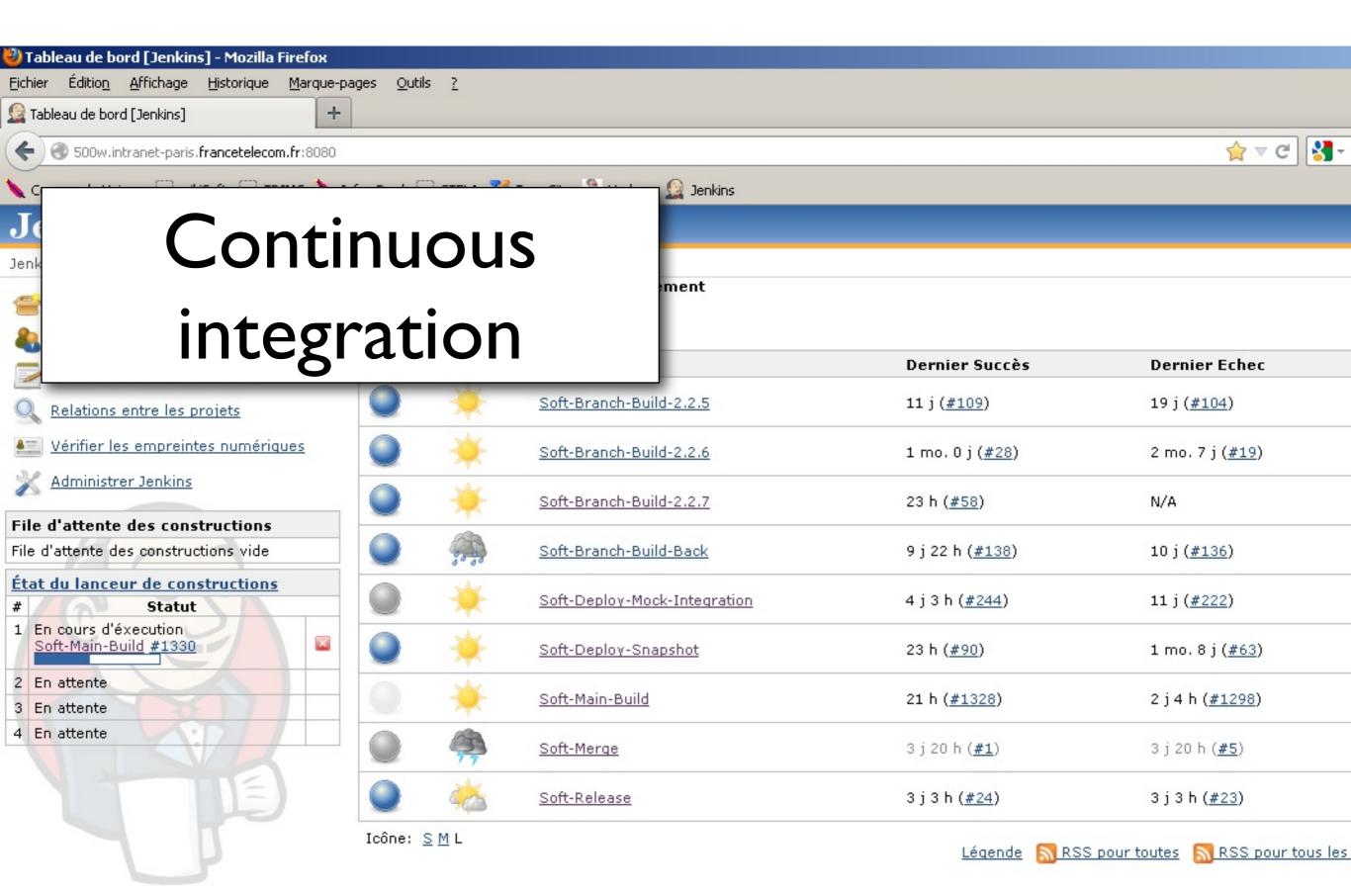
- ~ 2000 users, ~ 40000 transactions per day
- ~ 60 members on team, including
 - ~ 30 developers
 - ~ I0 testers ("qualifieurs")

What?



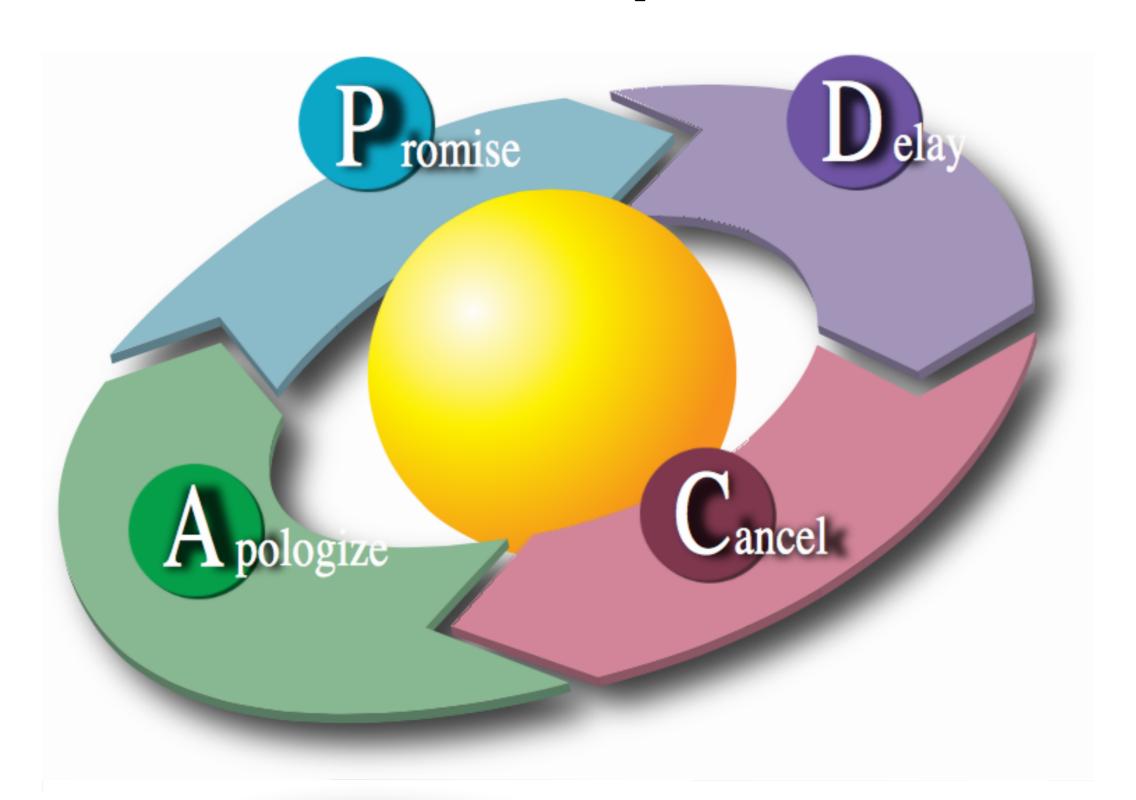




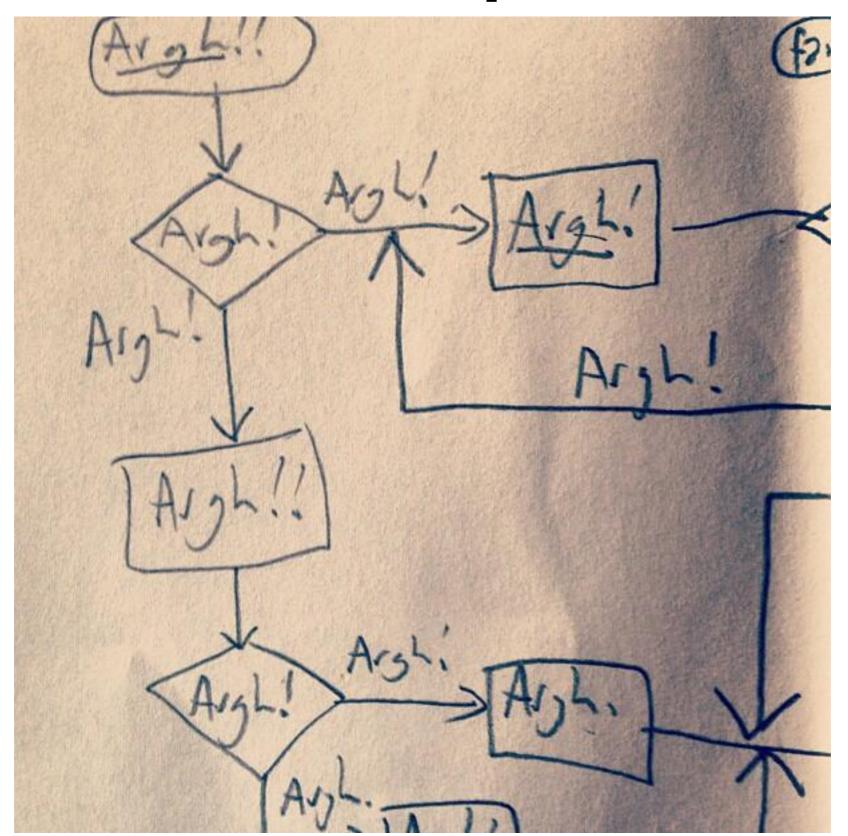


But not all was well...

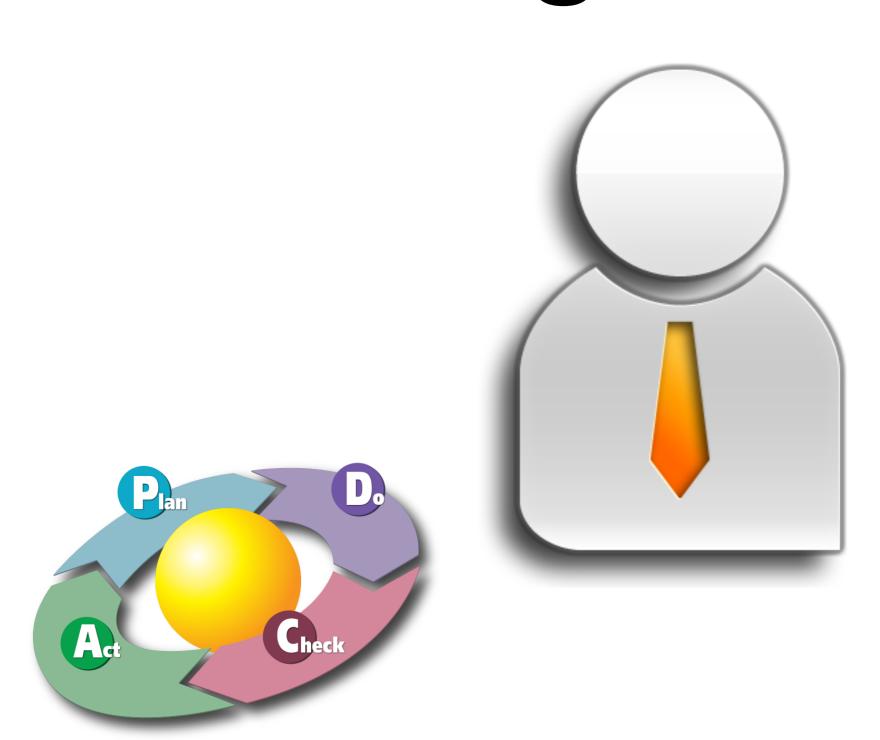
Kaizen spirit?



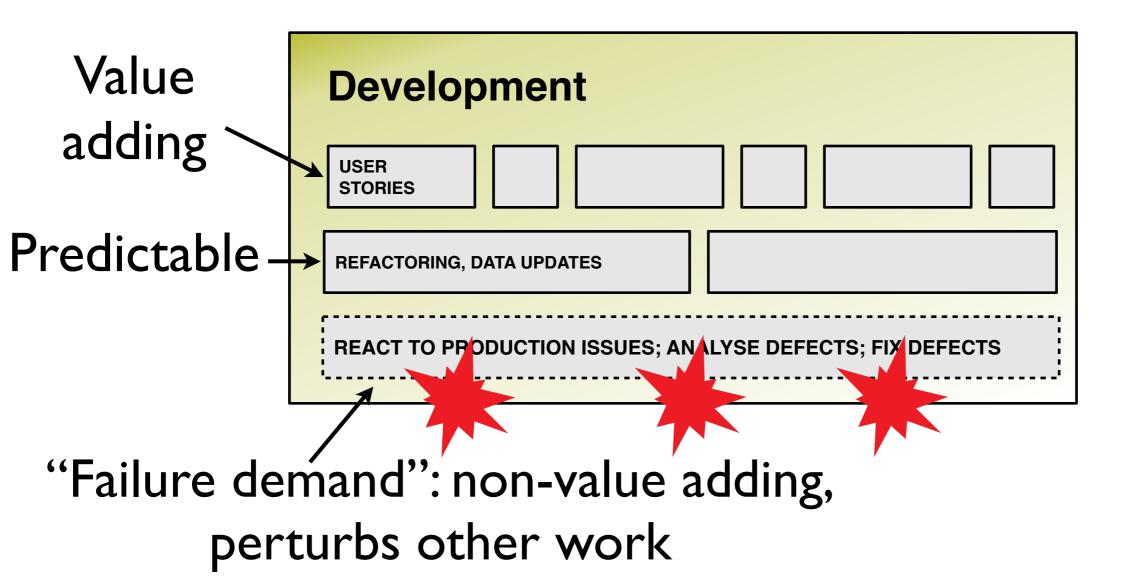
The actual process...



"Why is everything taking so long?"



CORE profile



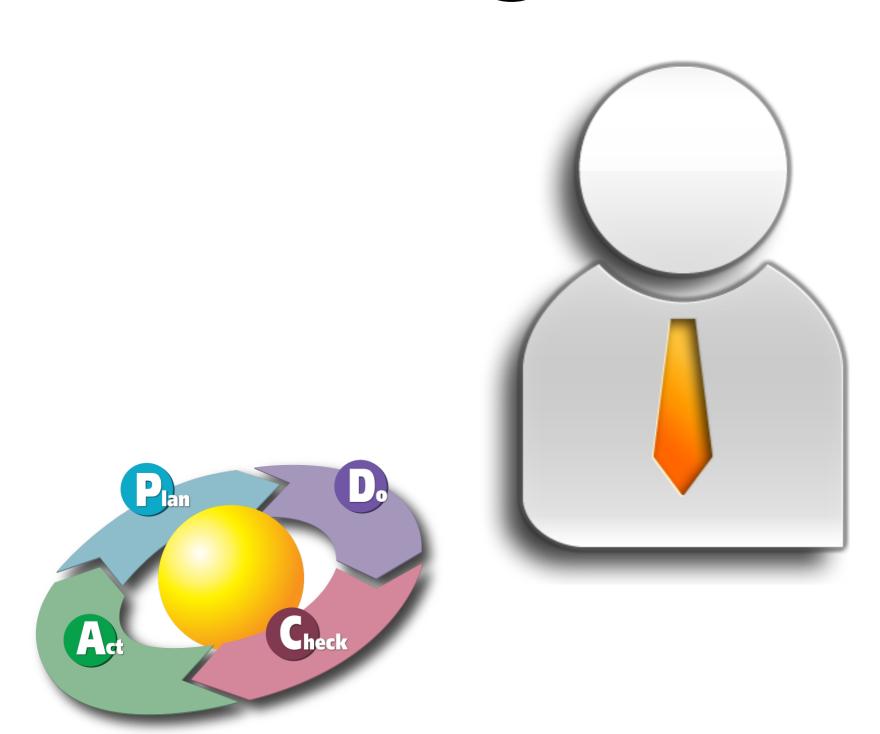
Based on the CORE profile tool, cf.

http://www.slideshare.net/operaepartners/lean-it-strategy-lean-measurement-and-organizational-design

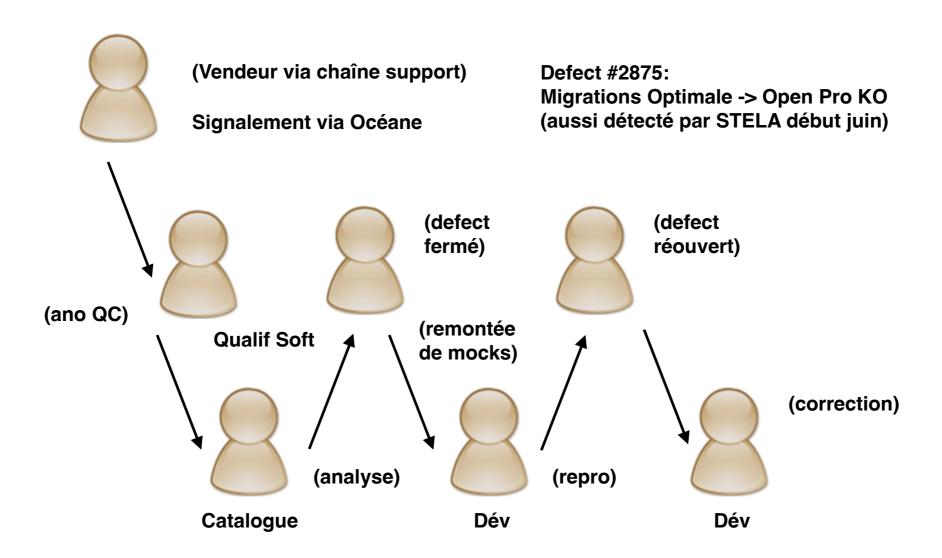
End user impact

- Constant background grumbling from end users, eroding confidence in product
- Flaring up into occasional crises on "MEP" days (deployments, roughly monthly)
- Substantial monetary impact: each failed order is re-processed manually

Why are defects slowing us so much?



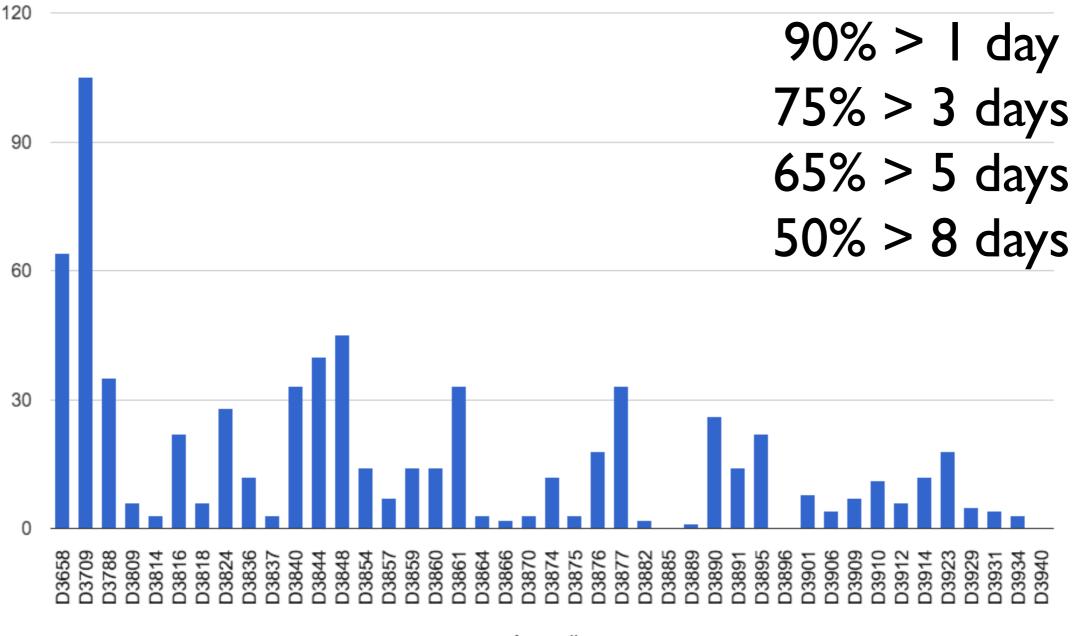
"Staple yourself to a bug"



Total lead time: 6 weeks

Best repeatable performance?

Délai de correction des anomalies

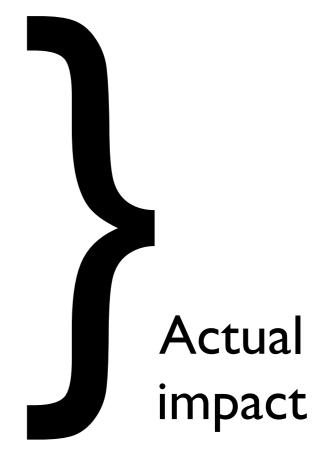




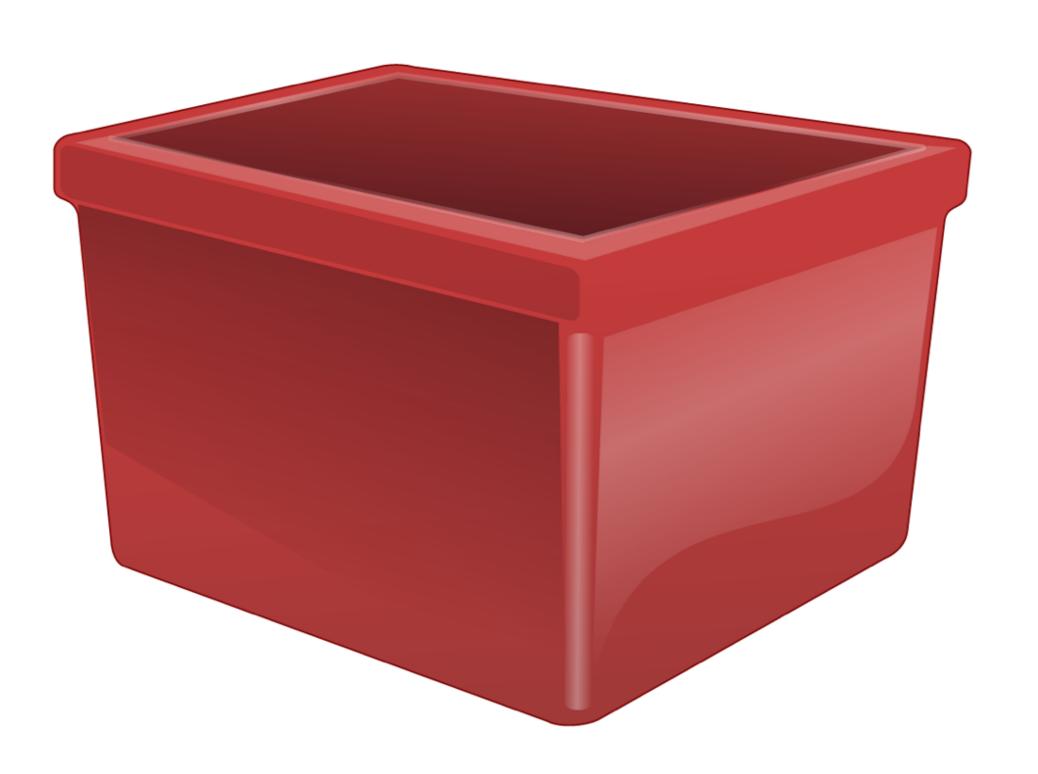
"Passive cost windows"

- Bug introduced
- Bug shipped
- Bug detected
- Bug reported
- Bug fixed
- Fix shipped





Red bin system



Existing, but underused...

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Runtimes Defects

Recherche de runtimes

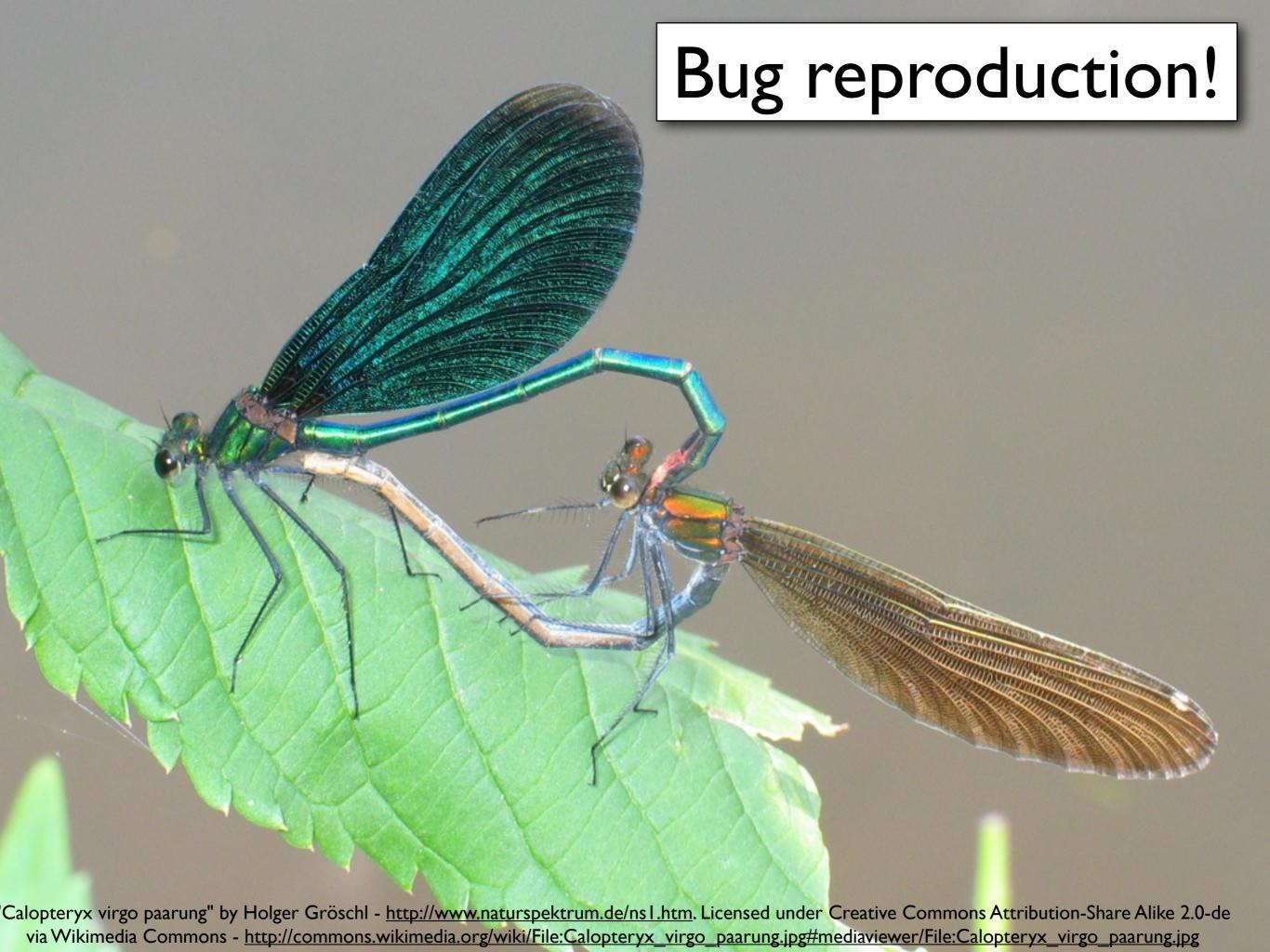
Rechercher



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A delicate subject must now come up...

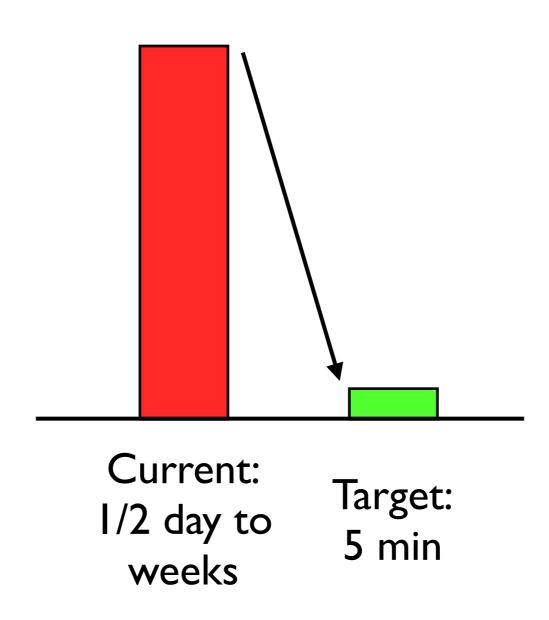
(Persons of a delicate disposition are advised to cover their ears)



"Repro" the key to improving the process?

- Minimum time for a repro: 1/2 day...
- ...often stretching to a few days...
- ...sometimes up to several weeks!

Setting goals for "repro" lead time

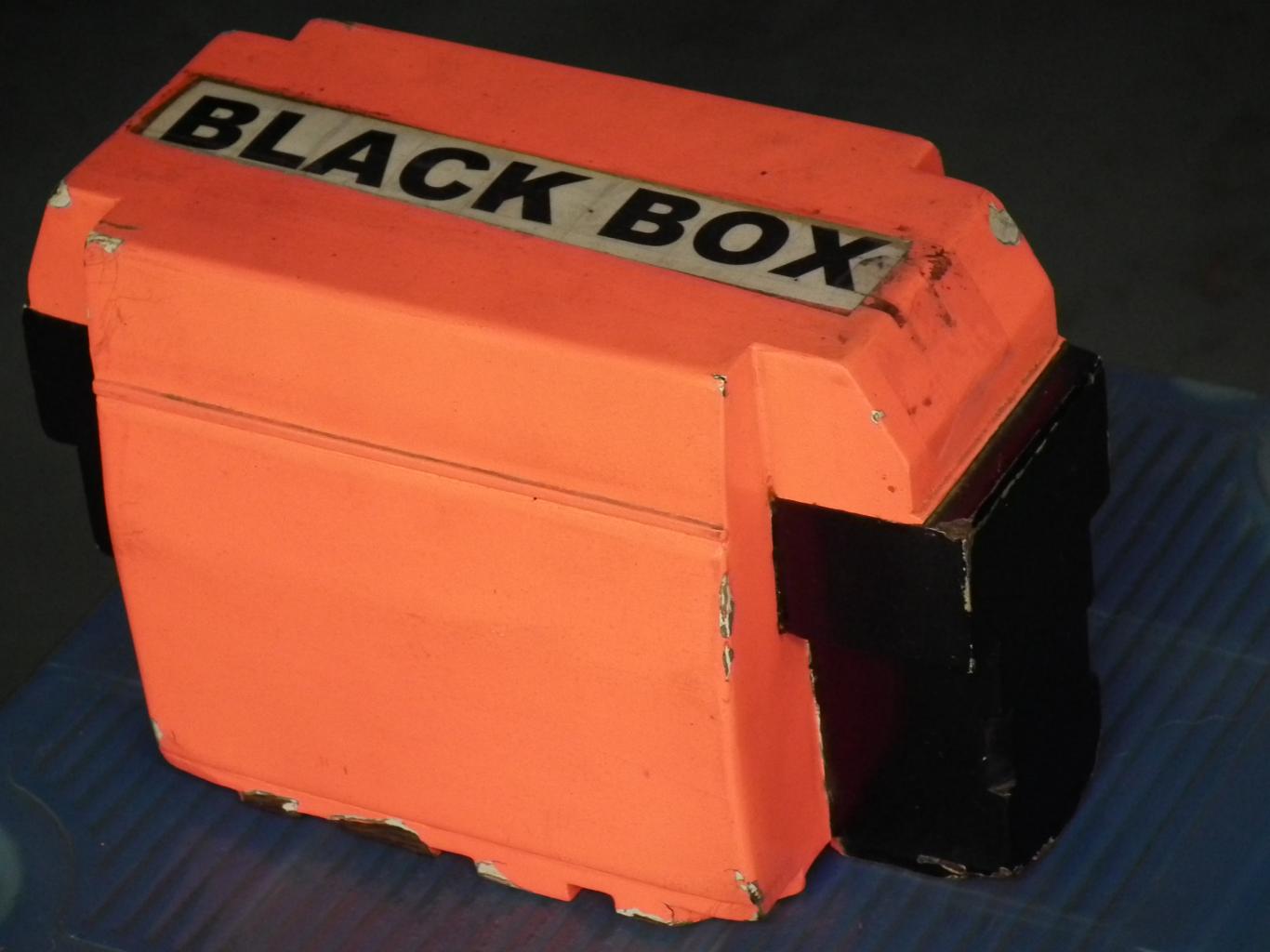


What's so hard about repro-ing defects?



Plan





What's so hard about repro? Take 2...



Standardized work: software defects

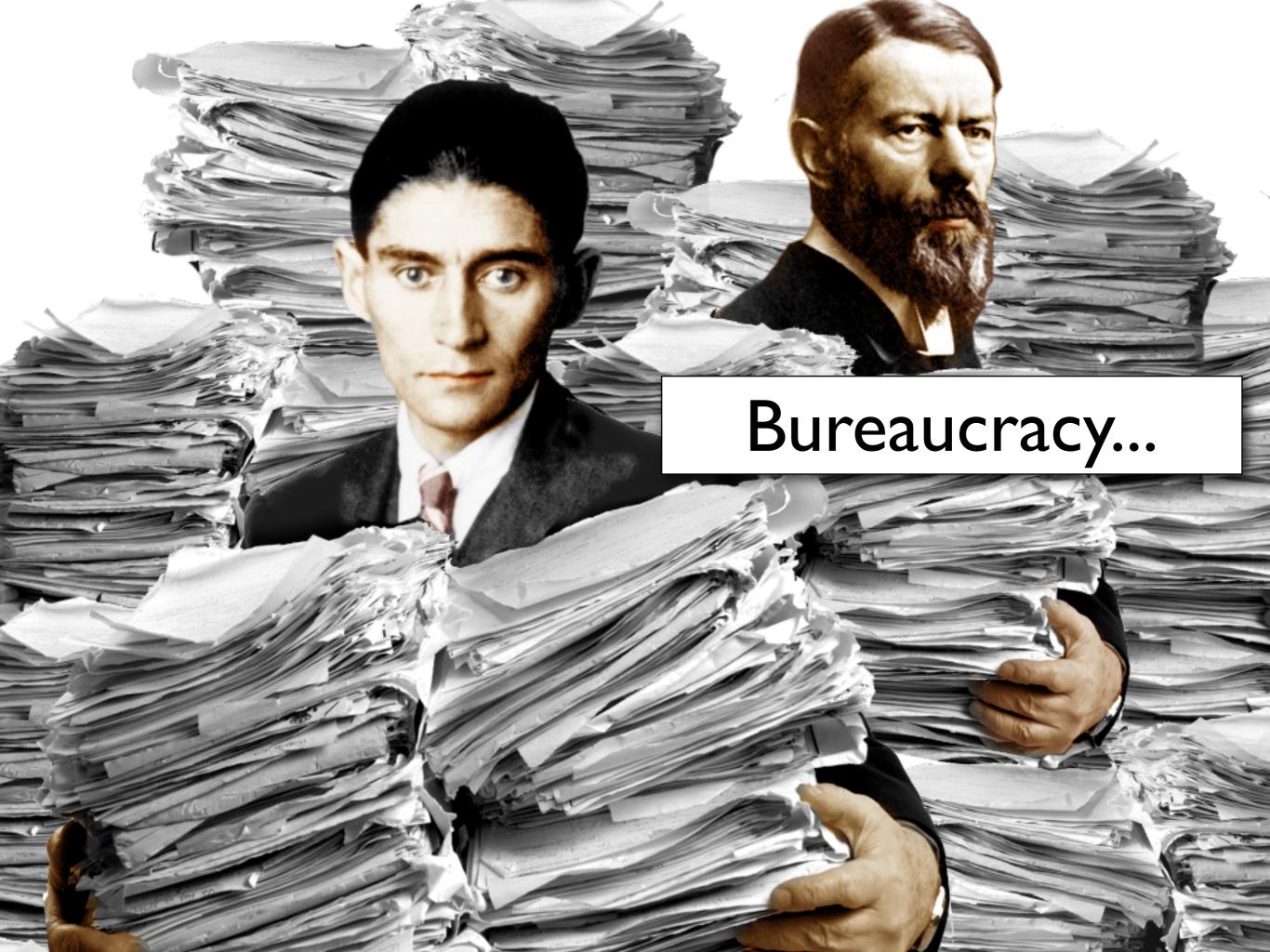
- Repro needs inputs identical to production:
 - same third-party inputs (web services)
 - same path through application
 - same configuration settings
 - same database version
 - same application version

Standardized work: software defects

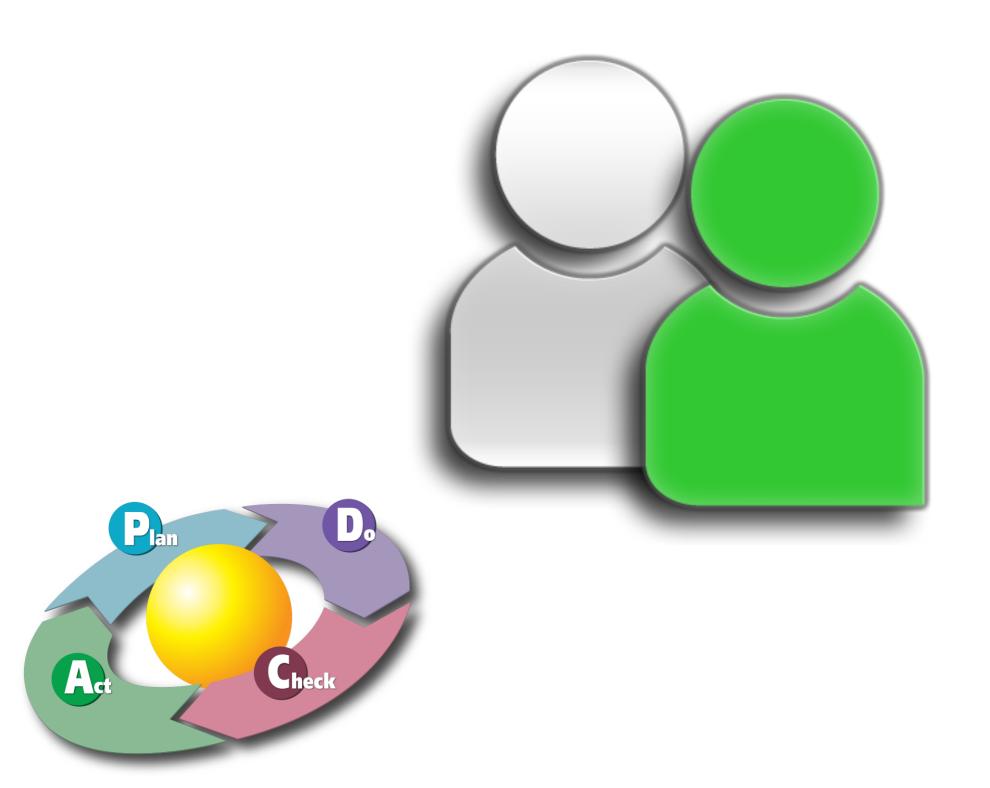
- After getting a good "repro" and only then:
 - identify causes (debugger, static analysis)
 - "necessary and sufficient conditions"
 - capture as an automated test

What's so hard about repro? Take 3...





Why are test environments a scarce resource?



Devops to the rescue!

Infrastructure as Code



http://bit.ly/jedi_iac

Infrastructure?

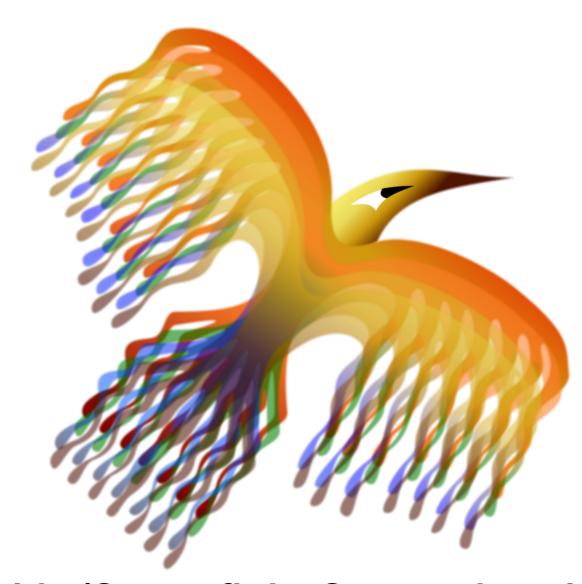
- Physical servers
- Virtual machines
- Network links
- Operating systems
- Application dependencies
- Application containers (e.g. JonAS)

"as code"?

- everything is a text file (no manual setup)
- under version control, with commit messages
- ideally with automated tests

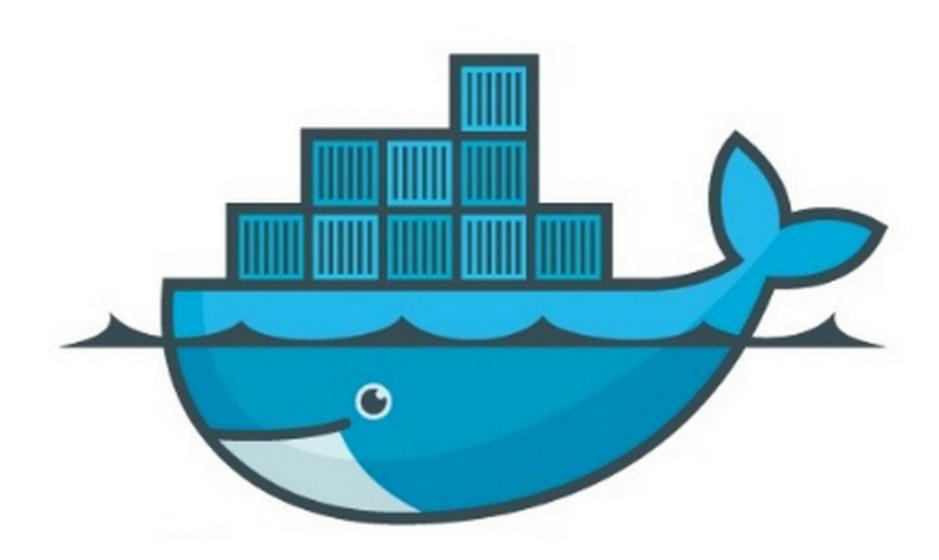
Servers on demand





http://martinfowler.com/bliki/SnowflakeServer.html http://martinfowler.com/bliki/PhoenixServer.html

docker.io



New tooling



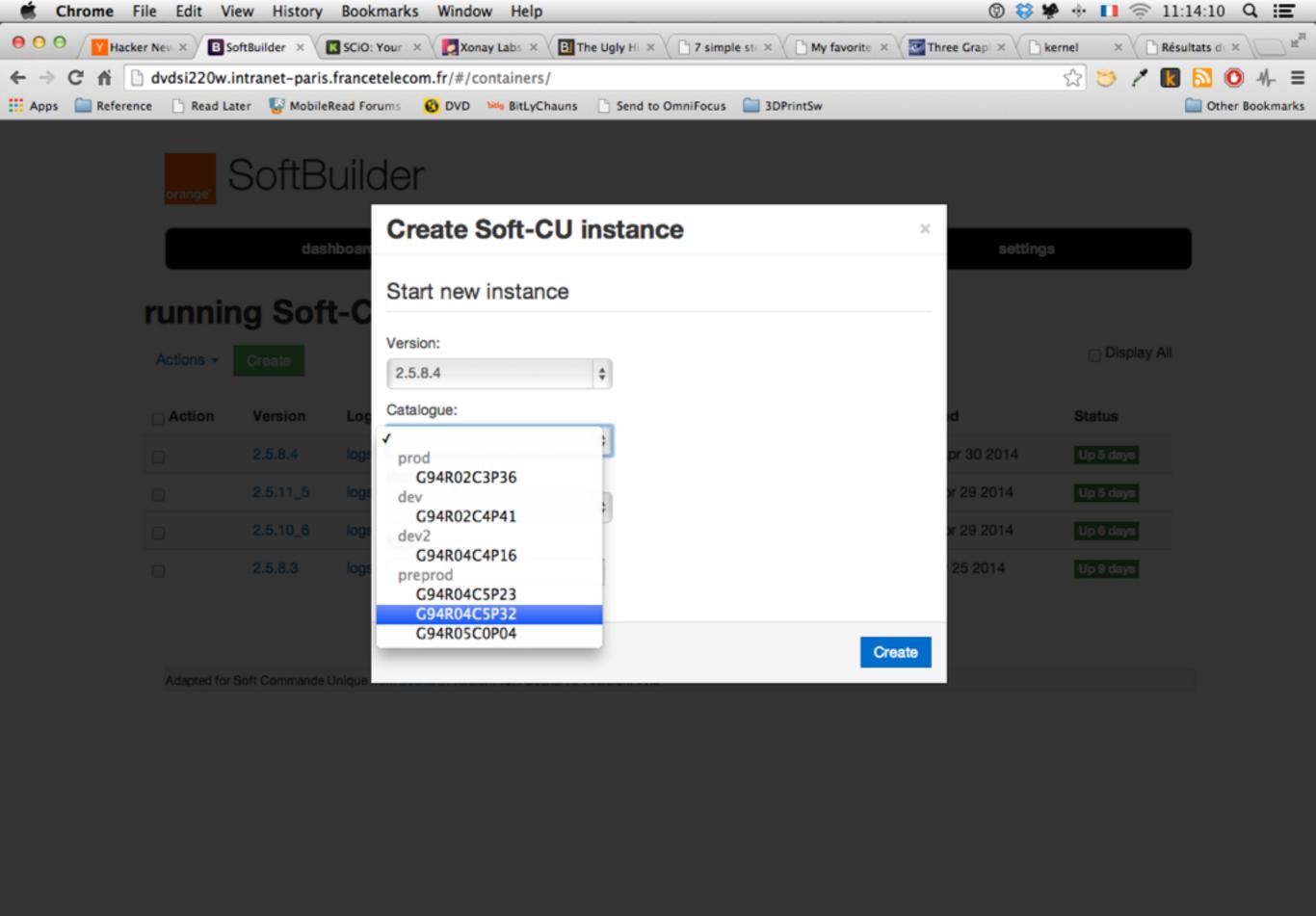
dashboard	containers	settings

running Soft-CU instances:

Actions ▼ Create

Display All

Version	Logs	Type	Catalogue	Profile	Note	Created	Status
2.5.8.7	logs	mock	G94R02C3P36	standard	repro	Tue May 13 2014	Up 30 seconds
2.5.10.1	logs	mock	G94R04C5P32	openVA15	Lionel	Tue May 06 2014	Up 7 days
2.5.11_5	logs	mock	G94R04C4P16	open	Sabrina	Tue Apr 29 2014	Up 2 weeks
2.5.10_6	logs	mock	G94R02C4P39	standard	testASM	Tue Apr 29 2014	Up 2 weeks



First results...

- Target of 5 minutes reached in "pilot" phase
- Remaining challenges (technical)
 - bring more of the system configuration under version control
 - closer integration of the tools involved

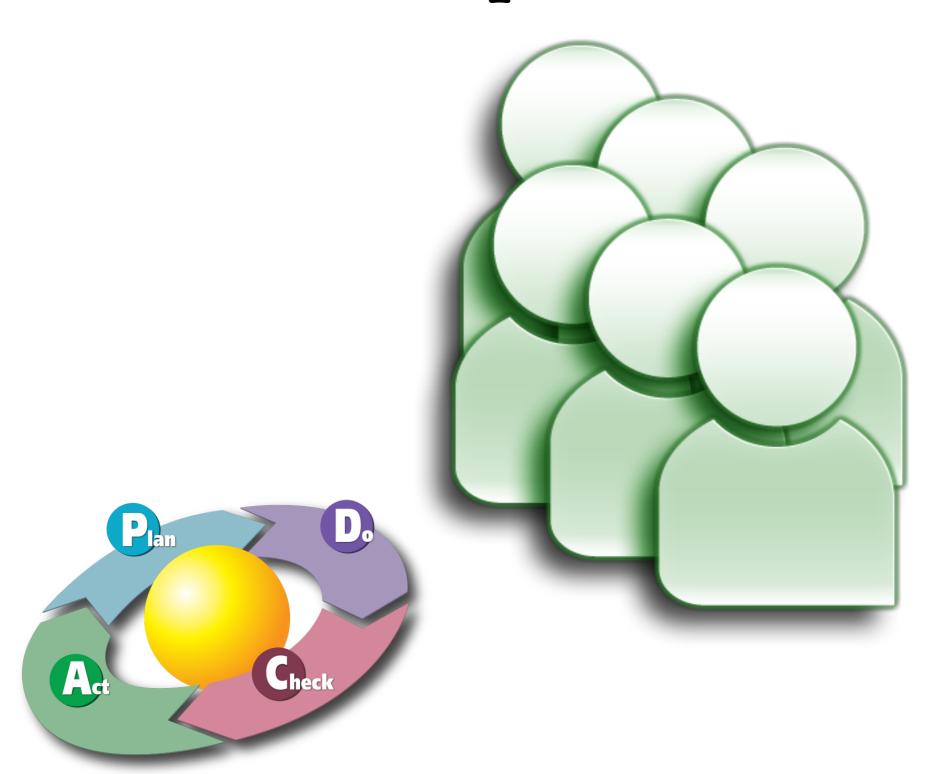
First results...

- Remaining challenges (non-technical)
 - reach 5 minutes consistently
 - align process with reality: count "red bin" defects as official bugs, proactively
 - apply "5 whys" to production bugs

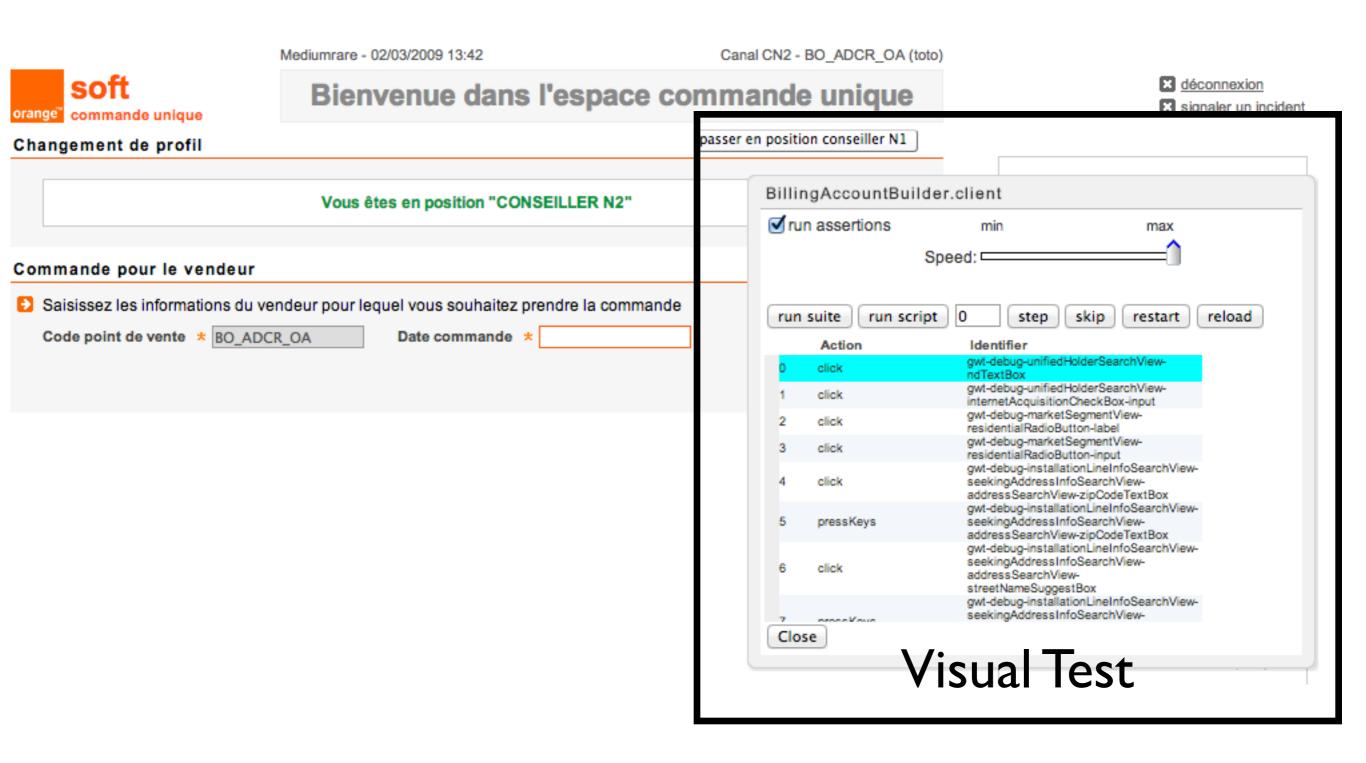
Most importantly...

Dev and QA really collaborating:)

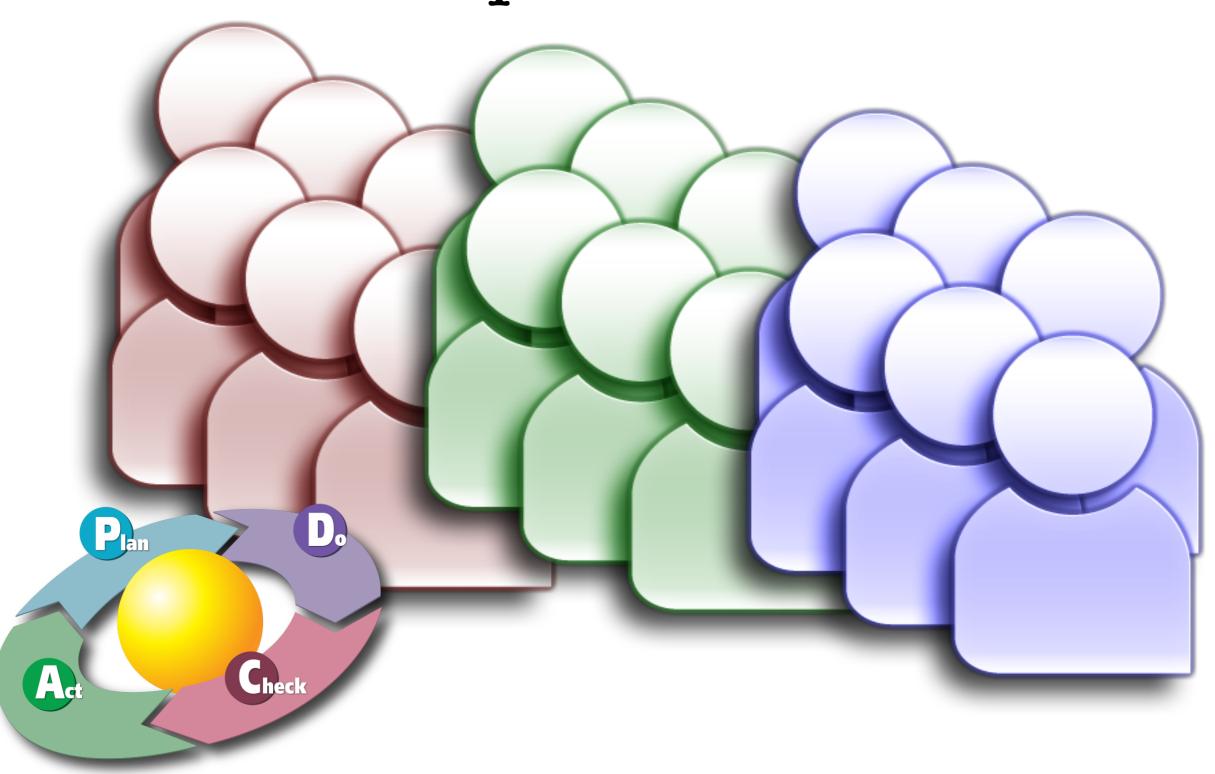
How do we streamline defect reproduction?



Sophisticated tooling



How do we get everyone to care about production defects?



How the story ends...



Merci!