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Breaking all the DevOps rules

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This is the hard reality in many large enterprises



A few years ago, I would have been disappointed with the following statements:

- Our team does not fail pipelines with failed tests.
- Our team does deploy code that has failed security scans.
- Our team chooses manual cloud deployments over automation.
- Our team moves from full stack to a federated model.

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And I sometimes break rules...

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...consciously.



The environment we're talking about is that of larger complex enterprises

The transformation starting point is along the following lines:



Portfolio



Infrastructure



Complex contract



Custom, COTS, SAAS



Lack of documentation



BAs, testers, engineers, etc.

The Atlassian landscape we work with





Our ground to cover

- 1. CD pipelines
- 2. Full stack teams
- 3. The cloud
- \rightarrow And of course, some take-home tips!

Pipelines — good intentions

"The goal of CD pipelines is to build/deploy/assess each new version of an application and provide fast, comprehensive feedback."



Pipelines — from pipelines to networks



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Full stack teams — good intentions

"The most efficient way for DevOps to organize is in a full stack team that includes people from the infrastructure team."

Hmm...



To DevOps team or not to DevOps team?



Creating autonomous teams instead of full stack teams

- Make information available (e.g., log aggregation)
- 2. Provide self-service for the obvious (passwords, servers, etc.)
- 3. Measure dependencies and eradicate them



Question: Is the team ready for full autonomy?



Hmm...



Cloud — good intentions

"Environments in the cloud are full automated, and nothing should be manual."

and...

"In the cloud, servers are immutable."



Cloud — the better way



Cloud golden image vs. automation in layers

		Transactional data		
App config	Op tooling config	Static data		
App Binary	Op tooling agents	DB structures		
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The boardroom question

How do I know we are on the right track if each answer is contextual?

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Rule 1: Make economic decisions



Rule 2: Measure things

Business effectiveness Experiment & expand Delivery efficiency Speed up & automate

Operations reliability Automate & react

Architectural flexibility Simplify & decouple



Rule 2: Measure things

Business effectiveness | Experiment & expand

- Number of experiments run
- Average time to decision
- Funnel data
- Number of systems interactions
- Feature usage

Operations reliability | Automate & react

- Mean time to recover
- Number of automated tickets
- Percentage of services automated
- Number of defects
- Percentage of proactive found vs. user found
- Cloud usage

Delivery efficiency | Speed up & automate

- Cycle time
- Number of manual steps
- Number of deployment failures
- Time to feedback
- Transaction cost

Architectural flexibility | Simplify & decouple

- Percentage of transactions in old vs. new
- Average size of release
- Percentage of interfaces that are backward compa
- Number of outdated components
- Number of security concerns
- Technical debt



Rule 3: Provide options



Rule 3: Provide guidance









Summary: Provide the teams with a compass, not a map



One step at a time... one conscious step at a time



Thank you