Evolving Continuous Delivery

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What We're Told

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- Single Source Repository

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- Automate Build and Testing

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- Publish Latest Distributable

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- Every Commit Builds

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- Test in Production Like Environment

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- Keep Builds Fast

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- Use Information Radiators

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- Automate Deployment

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- Build Binary Once

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- Promote Binary Through Stages

Evolution

Initial State

- New team of talented and impatient developers
- Starting to create trading applications for an established desk

Initial State

- Releasing daily from developer workstations to production
- No Continuous Integration!
- Using Fig for dependency management

Stage 1

- Standardise and Refactor the build scripts
- Add Continuous Integration server
- Set up an Information Radiator

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Stage II

- Create a standard deployment script
- Turn the scripts into dependencies
- Try a different CI server

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Stage III

- Sideline the Continuous Integration loop
- Bake the Continuous Integration safeties into the deployment scripts

Stage IV

- Automate server builds
- Start to scale services out

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Stage V

- Fracture services out into stacks
- Stage the binaries
- Fast rollbacks

Stage VI

- Onward...

How Do We Do It?

- Process
- Principles
- Heresy

Process

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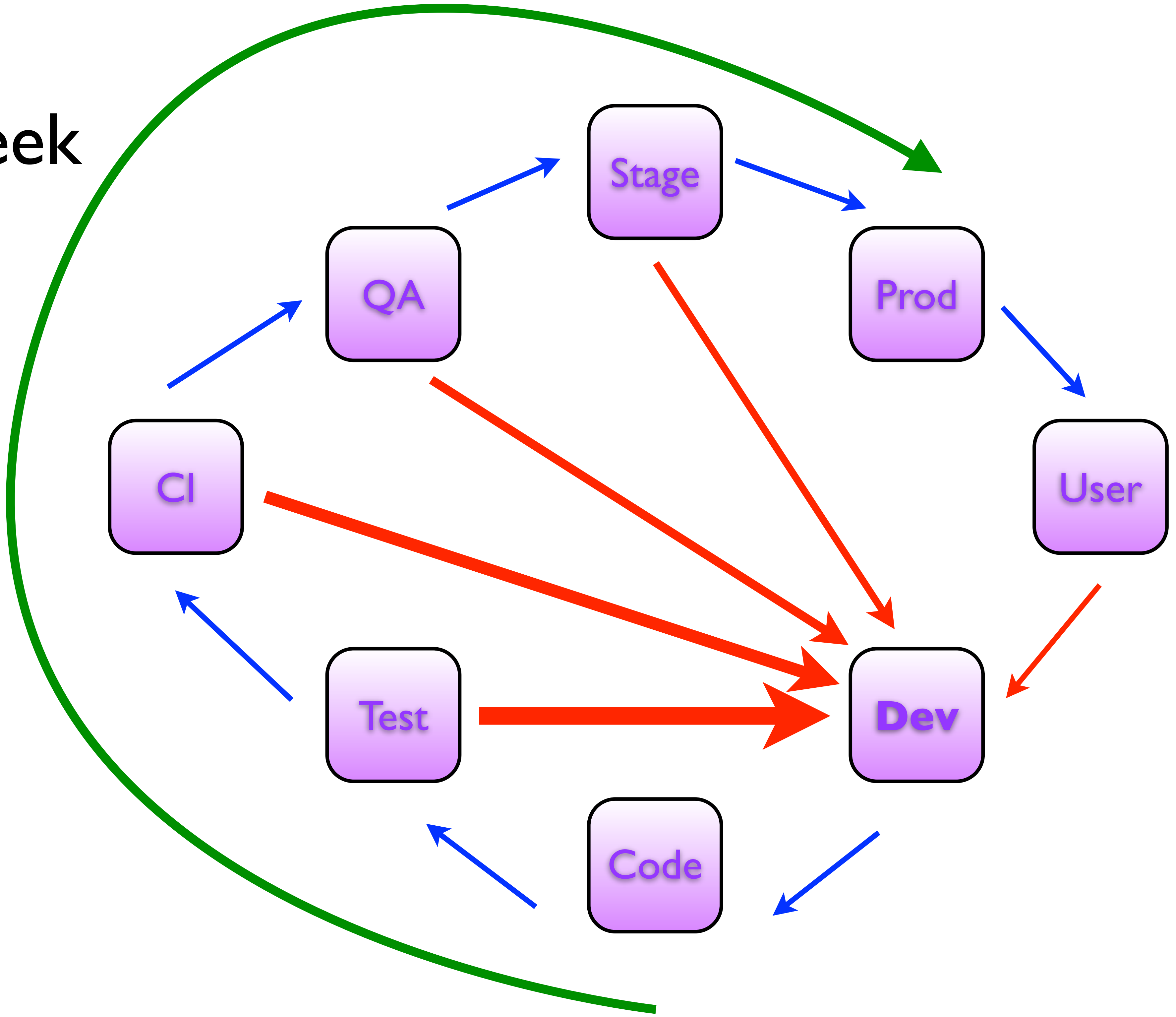
Trad Agile Process

1 week



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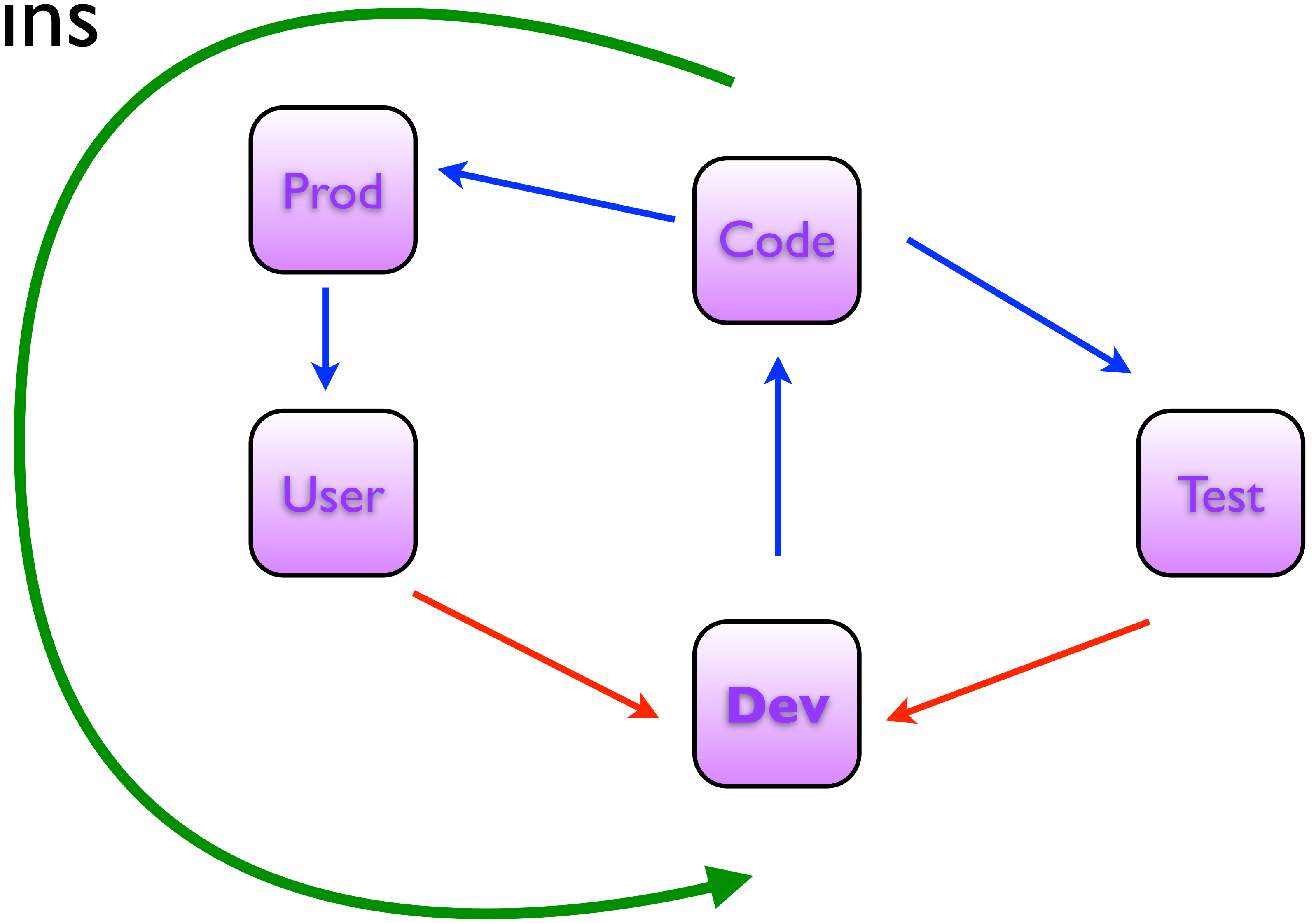
Our Team's Process

30 mins



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Pros and Cons

- Fast
- Low Cycle Time
- Simple Flow
- Narrower Scope
- Smaller Change Delta
- Less Complex Bugs

- More Bugs in Prod

Principles

- Requires architectural vision & discipline
- Short code half life & unix philosophy
- Minimise risk by co-locating customers
- Prodigious monitoring

Heresy

- Minimal use of frameworks
- Polycopyism

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What Have I Learned?

- The Things We're Told still hold, but implementation will vary greatly
- Constantly re-evaluate your tools and your processes
- Always question the return on investment

Thank You

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