# Transforming Product Development with the Cloud

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## Motivators?









Hitting roadblocks trying to drive change Best practices review

Development practices need a refresh

Reduce cost of failure and experimentation



# What we'll cover:



Modern product development toolkit



Achieving organizational flow



How the cloud is changing product development





Methods and Principles of Modern Product Development



## Design Thinking Interface to customer and feedback loop



Agile Teaming The organizational glue that keeps release cycle moving continuously



DevOps Interface for getting stuff built and released





# Design Thinking is just...

## User Centered Design







# Practical Principles: Design Thinking

## User Centered Design

Bring the outside in

Pinpoint the pain point

Radical ideas, real impact

Build to learn

- 1. First gain empathy
- 2. Then frame the problems
- 3. Now you can ideate
- 4. Run simple, fast, frugal tests





## Focus: respond quickly to feedback

Agile Principle

Learning over following a plan

#### SCRUM

Continuously groomed backlog

No changes to work plan made during sprint

Product increment: must be completed, integrated and tested

Each agile framework has a way of bringing feedback into its workstream





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#### XP—Extreme Programming

Emphasizes technical excellence as a way to remain agile Pair programming and code reviews are common methods

Frequent checkpoints—allows for constant feedback on customer requirements

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#### **KANBAN**

Finish task and pull forward next work item

Uses work-in-progress (WIP) limits and cycle-time to manage flow of new development

Adapted from Toyota Production System

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Use release maps

Two pizza team model

Power of the demo

Find your Agile center

- 1. Rip the band-aid off, but have mercy
- 2. Keeping it real...and small
- 3. Show something every sprint
- 4. Trap: Agile by the book







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Integrated security (DevSecOps), not infosec toll gates







#### **DevOps Principles**

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All of these reduce cycle time and allow builders to focus on product, quickly deploying and collecting feedback







Companies that practice CI/CD ship code faster, and with more confidence



Lower change failure rate

440x

Faster from commit to deploy

**46**x

More frequent deployments



More time spent on new features & code

Source: Puppet 2017 State of DevOps Report





Putting the Pieces Together: Finding Organizational Flow







Minimum Viable Product: What is the smallest thing you can test to prove the unproven parts of your idea



#### Start with value hypothesis and growth hypothesis

Run small experiments to see if there is both value and demand

Bias towards many small tests vs. larger, extended ones

Persevere or pivot early based on results

"One accurate measurement is worth more than a thousand expert opinions." —Admiral Grace Hopper





# Project Teams or Product Teams

## Methods to manage your product/technology portfolio

### PROJECT

Pre-defined requirements, scope, and schedule

Deliver what was planned

Measured by output

#### PRODUCT

Continuous Development

Customer defines roadmap

Measured by output and outcomes





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# Typical Release Testing

## Most Tests Occur Late In Process









## **Always Be Testing**



Development Functional Acceptance Performance Security/compliance

Deployment Functional Acceptance Performance Security/compliance Canary



## How Amazon Achieves Flow



Working backwards From the customer



Two pizza teams Run what you build



Microservices Speed and agility



# PR

Write the Press Release: Think big and focus on the customer need

# Working backwards from the customer



Write the FAQ: Customer and internal stakeholder



Define the user interaction and write the manual





Most companies write the software, they get it all working, and then they throw it over the wall to the marketing department, saying 'here is what we built, go write the press release.' That process is the one that's actually backwards.

#### **Jeff Bezos**

Founder and Chief Executive Officer Amazon.com, Inc.



# Amazon Achieves Speed and Agility with Two-Pizza Teams



Small, decentralized teams are nimble



#### Own/run what you build



## Monoliths: Slow and Rigid



# Microservices: Speed and Agility





## Microservices Principles





Single purpose

http:// API-based

Highly-decoupled











## Reducing cost of failure

Rapid adoption of new capabilities

Quickly scaling winning ideas





Agero created the MileUp app and used crash prediction models to speed up emergency response



Reducing cost of experiment

Cloud enables quick testing of unproven concepts

Quick time to market: 8 weeks from conception to production

Continuous scale: seamlessly ramps up to peak traffic of 22k Concurrent Requests

Event driven architecture maximizes resource efficiency



## Omaphox Devote More Resources to Customer Value

Mapbox adds location services to any application with mapping, navigation, and location search SDKs



Reducing cost of new development

#### Cloud reduces undifferentiated infrastructure focus

Productivity: Allowed developers to focus more on runtime functionality and less on infrastructure management

Cleaner separation of logging, metrics and security infrastructure from application code base

Cost: Spot instances and containers cut EC2 cost in half



# **C-SPAN** Cloud Native Architectures

Accelerates adoption and innovation of new capabilities



Rapid adoption of new capabilities

Rekognition use case: automated footage tagging API access to advanced service capabilities Built in three weeks Index against 99,000 people Saving 9,000 hours a year in labor





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App Container Failure Prediction

#### Outcomes: \*Improved user experience \*95% reduction in on-call

#### Bad State Predictor Model

Indicates which containers should be removed before failure

App and system logs used to train model

Developed by cloud team with no ML/DL experience

# Enterprises Are Achieving Massive Scale with Cloud Native Architectures



processes **4,000 requests** per second

THOMSON REUTERS



Processes half a trillion validations of stock trades daily

#### HEARST

reduced the time to ingest and process data for its analytics pipeline by **97%**  vevo

can handle spikes of **80x normal traffic** 

Expedia

Triggers **1.2 billion Lambda requests** each month





# Develop New Ideas Without Limits





Natural language processing on **1.1 million concurrent** vCPUs using EC2 spot instances



## edicolligenome FPGA World Record Genome Analysis



Quickly scaling winning ideas

#### Cloud enables the massive scaling of big ideas

Immediate access to programmable hardware-acceleration using FPGAs at cloud scale

Utilized AWS Batch to provision and orchestrate compute jobs across 1,000 Amazon EC2 F1 instances

Compute infrastructure cost to analyze genome reduced to staggeringly low ~\$3 per whole human genome



# **FICO** Achieving Massive Scale Not Massive Cost FICO Decision Management Suite (DMS) runs on the AWS serverless architecture



Quickly scaling winning ideas

Serverless enables quick and agile product development

>95% decrease in overall deployment and operational costs

Scales up or down for variation in customer request volume

Migrating tasks to Lambda took only a few weeks





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