



IBM Next Generation ALM Seminar

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Challenges in Today's IT Environment

- Integration between Development and Operations teams is fractured due to:
 - different reward systems: Business Functionality Improvements vs. Runtime Stability
 - multiple management chains with inherent politics
 - fragile or non-existent trust between groups: "You broke my app!" vs. "You brought down my environment!"
 - conflicting standards and unclear ownership: "You did it wrong" and "Its not my job"
- Complicated by:
 - do more with less: organizational shrinkage, retirement, staff reductions, etc;
 - brain drain or proprietary expertise: knowledge is captured in someone's head rather than an accessible, repeatable format
 - unclear delivery pipelines for new/enhanced technologies and functionality
- Contributes to:
 - lack of representative environments for spin up and test
 - manually intensive deployments due to lack of automation, informal coordination amongst deployment specialists
 - poor value realization from limited adoption of new tools, technologies and methods for enhanced delivery and operations

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Need to Integrate Software Delivery and Operations





Deployment is a Complex Problem

- Development and Operations teams collaboration challenges
 - Hand-off from development teams is inconsistent and manual
 - Application component requirements do not match IT infrastructure
- Deployment requirements are difficult to validate
 - Enterprise, Software & IT architects all use different formats
 - No standardization or templates for reuse
- Complex series of steps
 - Deployment engineers often execute manual steps
 - Not repeatable, prone to error
 - Automations are hard to build, maintain and reuse
 - Hard to tell what if the right things were installed



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✓ 50% of applications put into production are later rolled back

✓ 60% - 80% of an average company's IT budget is spent on maintaining existing applications (Intelligent Enterprise.com)

Software related downtime cost industries almost \$300 billion annually

(CENTS - Comparative Economic Normalization Technology Study)

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Delivery and Operations Use Separate Process Control Frameworks

Accentuates Enterprise IT Integration Challenges!





The Result

- Software not designed for Operability and Supportability
- Operations Processes not geared for Service Management





NextGen ALM has Emerged in Response to Multiple Challenges at All Levels of the Business

- People Challenges
 - Multiple skills versus silo skills
 - Automated information repository versus "human repository"
 - Massive and ongoing change
- Technology Challenges
 - "Next big thing" driving business innovation
 - Industry innovating faster than it can absorb change
 - "State of the art" is a sliding scale
- Organizational Management Challenges
 - IT is driving revenue and business differentiation
 - Impact of failure is massive
 - Lines between IT and the business have blurred
- Viewed as a way to surmount People, Technology, and Organizational challenges





Addressing Application Lifecycle Management gaps





With only Agile Development improvements...





Four key drivers are putting DevOps on 'must do' list!





DevOps Culture & Techniques

- What does "DevOps" actually mean to an Enterprise?
 - "increased application velocity with managed risk".
 - not simply a statement of rapid provisioning, but more like changing the mindset of Operations to artifacts, rather than administration
- Challenges
 - Agile development implies dedicated, autonomous, empowered teams
 - Operations teams organized as a shared resource
 - how do you deliver rapidly while utilizing shared, nondedicated resources and maintain environmental integrity
- How do we get there?
 - need to understand processes & standards
 - tools do not "give" you DevOps, but promote, enable and automate best practices









What We Know vs. What We Don't Know

- Companies have processes that work (and some that don't)
 - But are those existing processes providing the full set of functionality required to run today's business?
 - Is there even an awareness that things can be done differently?
- Best practices from 1990 and 2000 likely have new, more efficient ways to do it today

 How can someone even learn about it?
- There are many moving parts!
 - Before we even start to implement NextGen ALM in an organisation there are already a vast array of platforms, products, technologies, integrations, methods and tools
- We propose the following
 - "12 Steps to Better DevOps" to update existing processes. Kind of a "DevOps 12 step recovery program"
 - A NextGen ALM Reference Architecture, defining key elements in the solution
 - A set of NextGen ALM best practices or patterns, which can be implemented separately or layered on top of each other, providing greater value than the sum of the parts

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12 Steps to Better DevOps*

- Do you use source control for your build and configuration artifacts?
- Can you deploy a system in one step?
- Do you deploy your applications daily and verify them?
- Do you have an issue tracking system for operations, linked to a bug database used for development?
- Do you validate platform software against expected KPIs, before deploying your application?
- Do you have well defined delivery pipeline?
- Do you have agreed upon patterns for applications and platforms?
- Can your developers launch, use, and destroy representative environments on demand?
- Do you provide Infrastructure and Platform as a Service for your development teams?
- Do you have automated tests to validate your application function and security?
- Do your new operation engineers understand how to automate system administration?
- Do your operations and development teams collaborate regularly?



*Based on "The Joel Test: 12 Steps to Better Code"

http://www.joelonsoftware.com/articles/fog000000043.html IBM Next Generation ALM Seminar





NextGen ALM Reference Architecture







Best Practice: Define a Solution Lifecycle

- A Solution Lifecycle should define how new Solutions are created, deployed, maintained, and retired. A Solution should incorporate aspects of the platform, middleware, and application. New Solutions should adhere to the established architectures.
- Implement it by:
 - Impose a standard architectural pattern for applications to follow before they are integrated into the shared environment.
 - Define a consistent logical architecture for each application
 - Define a physical architecture for each environment which supports the logical architecture as part of an established pipeline
 - Map application onto the infrastructure
- Avoid Anti-patterns:
 - Lack of logical consistency among environments along the pipeline
 - Lack of consistent conceptual framework for describing architecture between Development & Operations
 - Not considering the lifecycle of individual applications and how the change a single application impacts others; may require compliance for all other apps before one app's dependencies may change.



Example Solution Lifecycle







Best Practice: Define a Delivery Pipeline

- Define a standard pipeline for delivery of the solution into each environment
 - there are many ways to deliver development artifacts through the various testing stages and into a production environment
 - left alone, each team and organization will create delivery solutions for their own particular purposes, none of which will allow for reuse and integration
- Establish streamlined governance that comes from using standard patterns rather than manual governance that requires detailed knowledge to guarantee compliance
 - delivery pipelines formalize an end-to-end process to provide common and consistent mechanisms to manage asset migrations
- Implement by:
 - well defined processes and hand-offs
 - common, automated mechanisms to ensure consistent build, test and promotion.
 - complete flow from Unit Test through Production
 - well defined interfaces for interaction and integration
 - standardized reporting mechanisms for pipeline activity health
- Avoid Anti-patterns:
 - roll-your-own methods: Just because you can, doesn't mean you should





Example Deployment Pipeline





Pipeline Example – Development Stage



- Deploy/Debug/Test/ Validate Development stage
- Perhaps drive via Continuous Delivery for short feedback loops
- Define automation for deployment and automation for verification/acceptance tests

U.S. Production - Primary





Pipeline Example – Integration Stage





Pipeline Example – Production Stage

- Promote to production
- Re-use same deployment automation from prior environments
- Use same automatic validation leveraged in prior milestones

WebSphere 7.0 dmgr Node

Redhat Linux 5

Virtual Image





Best Practice: Establish a Definitive Library of Deployment Assets

- ITIL recommends establishing a "Definitive Media Library" a place where all the master or 'gold' versions of software assets are stored and maintained
 - we take this further to include master configuration data, installation scripts, topology patterns, release notes and other 'non-build' items essential in provisioning an environment
- Many organisations take this to mean a basic file system
 - some extend the concept and use a Version Control system
 - this is a good start but it it means many important details about component interdependencies, maturity levels, and existing deployments
- Using a formal Asset Management Repository gives you control over
 - Releases consisting of a baseline through many components, libraries, provisioning data, topology assets and development data (known defects, requirements and changes)
 - Formal asset lifecycles
 - Approvals and review
 - Policies for automated validation, review, retirement, compliance, provisioning



Best Practice: Establish a Definitive 'Software' Library

Gain control over the:

- **Components** to ensure only certified releases are deployed
- People who are stakeholders in the decision making
- Workflow to manage sharing
- Policies to enforce rules
- Access permissions to control access
- Traceability and auditing for plans and automations







DevOps using a Definitive Library









Build using linked and vetted outputs from the library





Best Practice: Establish a DevOps Pattern Library

- Ensure that Development Architects & Operations Architects agree on standardized platforms and what architectural patterns will be supported
 - Setup pattern workgroup to develop, collaborate and refine patterns
 - Establish a catalog of standard, support patterns in the DSL for consumption by both Development and Operations
- DevOps is a collaborative effort to align and optimize solution delivery between development and operations
 - Standardization reduces cost with consistent administration, consistent problem determination, consistent maintenance
 - Establish and follow exception process for infrequent cases outside of mainstream application development
- Communicate early in the process using unambiguous topology specifications
 - Traditionally, very little intersection between development and operations terminology
 - Need to find common ground where worlds meet
- Avoid Anti-patterns:
 - Lack of consensus on architectural patterns
 - One size fits all (likely doesn't fit anyone well)
 - Custom Everything (increased cost to management and maintain)





Establishing the Pattern Library - Figure out what you have!

- Discovering existing systems as a basis for new patterns
 - leverage your CMDB and Operational Discovery Agents to capture, quantify and refine the patterns that currently exist
 - Document the patterns in a form that can be used to build new systems, and create the delivery pipeline automatically
- Pattern definition is key to DevOps
 - You will not see the value if every solution is a one-off
- Companies have many patterns (and anti-patterns) that exist



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Layers







Logical Pattern

- Describe a skeleton and assumptions to build an application upon; two flavors: abstract design pattern or conceptual pattern of platform
- Created by: IT Architects or an Architecture Board
- Consumed by: Starting point for Application Architect







Application Pattern

- Describes application architecture within the bounds of the logical pattern. Captures required enterprise dependencies independent of each stage
- Created By Application Architects
- Consumed By Deployment Architects or Specialists





Platform Pattern

- Defines standard, supported configurations of middleware, operating systems, and infrastructure. By standardizing and limiting configurations, provide greater re-use, lower cost of ownership.
- Created by Subject Matter Experts; either individually defining their own areas or coming together with IT Architects to define supported compositions
- Consumed by Deployment Architects or Specialists





Assembling the Patterns to Build a Solution





Best Practice: Treat Infrastructure Artifacts as Code

- Source Control Management can't be limited to business applications
 - Automation routines and scripts are fundamental to Operations
- Managing Operations routines like source code offers several benefits:
 - Central point of truth as routines and environments change
 - Backup in case of loss
 - Identify possible regressions by comparing with prior versions
- Example Managed Assets:
 - Perl, Jython, WSADMIN, ANT scripts
 - Service orchestration routines (opsware, buildforge, etc)
 - Infrastructure Gold copies components





Installation Today

Installation Instructions

RedHat Linux

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Infrastructure as Code

- As more routines are developed within the infrastructure areas to perform automated provisioning, resource management and administrative activities, they become more important as an enterprise asset.
- The loss of these routines can be catastrophic to the operations of the business and need to be managed like other code assets
- Well defined process for check-in/checkout, testing and migration of assets is required

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<pre>def add_build_stamp template_file = WEB_APP_EDOI + "/app/templates/pages/page.html" @log.isfo "Addiag build ID stamp #{@build.id} to \ #(template_file)"</pre>
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Infrastructure As Code





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Best Practice: Automate the Delivery Pipeline

- Don't fix problems through administrative consoles once per problem, per environment Fix once in the automation logic
 - Automation becomes part of the system under test
 - Results in automation logic undergoing testing O(100)s times prior to deployment into production (as frequently as once per check-in)
- Developer access to representative Environments for their target application architectures.
 - Without representative Environments, Developers can't validate their code early and Operators have no validation of whether the Application will run in its planned production environment
 - Provide standard Environments for re-use with push button automation to stand-up
 - Use virtual or Cloud-based representative Environments that provide progressively more realistic configurations towards production
- Deployment and validation tests are automated against representative environments.
 - use the same automated pipline to roll application out into representative environment
 - Perform automatic verification at time of build and deployment
 - automated tests against the deployed environment;
 - pro-active validation to look for potential problems with future versions (e.g. using migration toolkits)



Continuous Delivery - A Logical Progression of Existing Approaches

- In the early 2000s, modern IDEs introduced the idea of continuous compilation

 the code is compiled when a file is saved
- This was soon followed by continuous integration
 - the code is built, and a set of unit tests are run when it is checked into source control
- Just as continuous compilation improves individual productivity, and continuous integration improves a development team's productivity, continuous deployment improves an organization's productivity



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Continuous Delivery







Link Automation Gates to Component Lifecycles in DSL

- Defining asset lifecycles in your Definitive Library provides a perfect way to automate the deployment
 - Tie automated deployment to the Release lifecycle state
 - Store 'gold' versions of deployment scripts as an asset, baselined with the release
- In early stages of the release maturity lifecycle, trigger continuous deployment system to provision and deploy development environments automatically on every change
- In later stages, trigger notification to testers that the system is ready to be deployed to test environments, and let test team decide when to kick off provisioning
- In final stages, lock the production deployment processes out until all reviews and approvals are complete and signed off



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Automated Provisioning of Environments

- Developers request environment for a lease period
 - Work with a representative environment
- In concert with broader lifecycle ensuring its good and making it available to the next stage in the lifecycle





Compliance Validation

- Various checks throughout the lifecycle and pipelines to ensure compliance with enterprise concerns
 - Best practices
 - Code coverage
 - Licensing
- Automated validation hooks throughout to capture and report
 - Unit test against the build code
 - Integration tests against integration environment
 - Functional tests against the running system
 - Acceptance and Compliance tests





Best Practice Summary

- Define a Solution Lifecycle
- Define a Delivery Pipeline
- Establish a Definitive Library of Deployment Assets
- Establish a DevOps Pattern Library
- Treat Infrastructure Artifacts as Code
- Automate the Delivery Pipeline







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Real Life Examples

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Example – An Insurance Organisation

- Situation
- Solution
- Benefits





Example – A Federal Government Department

- Situation
- Solution
- Benefits







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ANZ Bank Case Study

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Agenda

- Situation at ANZ Bank
- Challenges at ANZ
- Solution
- Benefits





About ANZ Bank

- Opened its first office in Sydney in 1835
- Global headquarters is located in Melbourne, Australia
- Top ten listed company in Australia, and the number one bank in New Zealand
- Operates in more than 32 countries across Australasia, Europe, Pacific and America (Regional Bank)
- Over 5.7 million customers worldwide
- Employs more than 48,000 people around the world
- Provides a range of banking and financial products and services to around eight million customers





About ANZ Technology





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The situation at ANZ Bank





The situation at ANZ Bank





Solution - Software Delivery lifecycle Integration





What this means for ANZ Bank





The ROI benefit to ANZ

- Improved scalability of solution delivery
- Ability to assume an increased workload of 30-35 percent without adding resources
- Greater efficiency in responding to regulators' audits of process
- Staff can now move easily between projects as environments have the same set-ups and tools
- Test environment deployment reduced from three days to 15 minutes
- Deployment cycle improvements by at least 50%
- Test cycles reduced by at least 30%
- AU\$12m expected to be saved in the first year representing an ROI of AU\$4.27m – with increased savings in future years





Improvements in ANZ





Customer quotes & Questions

- "The project went incredibly smoothly, driven by good project management and backed by Odecee's expertise and strong track record in environment management."
- —Frank Fabian, Head of Testing Environments, Delivery Services, ANZ Technology, ANZ
- "We wanted a solution that was flexible enough to handle changes in the environment and application space, and Odecee delivered."
- —Frank Fabian, Head of Testing Environments, Delivery Services, ANZ Technology, ANZ





Introduction of NextGen ALM is an Evolutionary Process





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