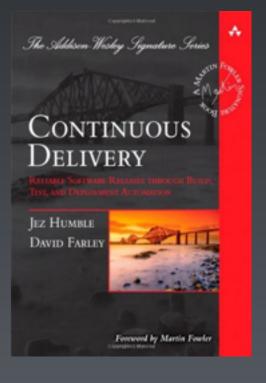
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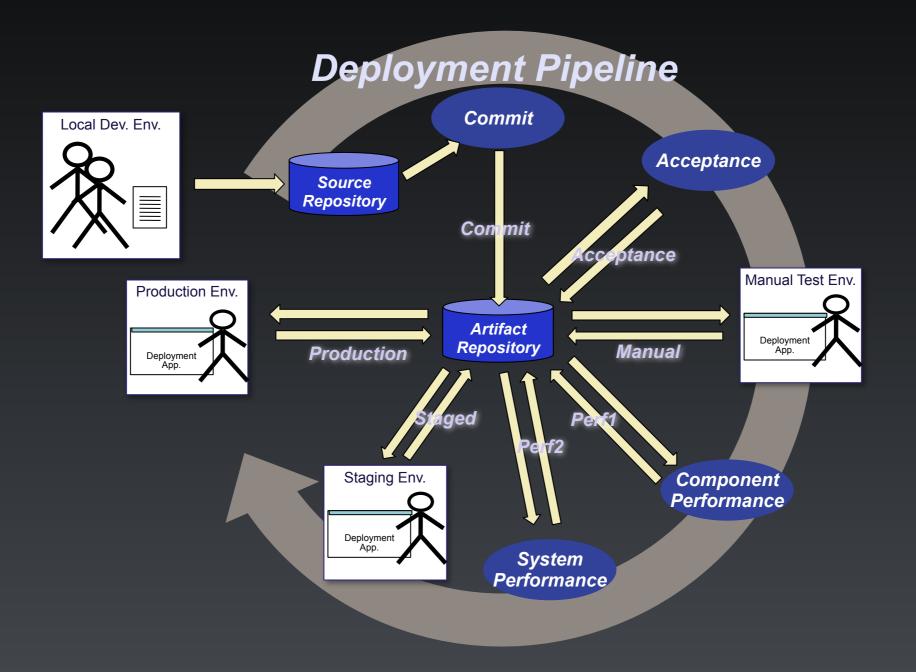


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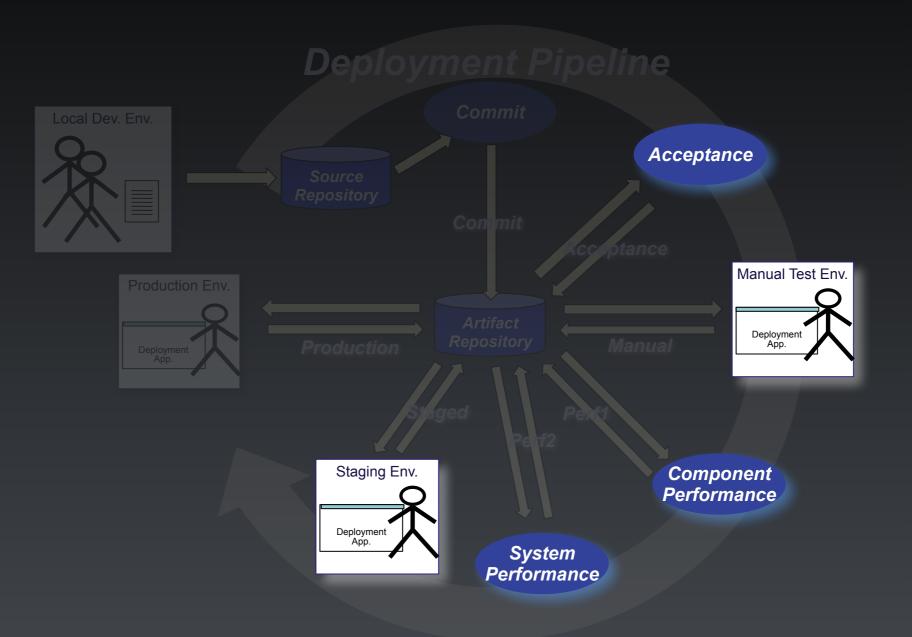




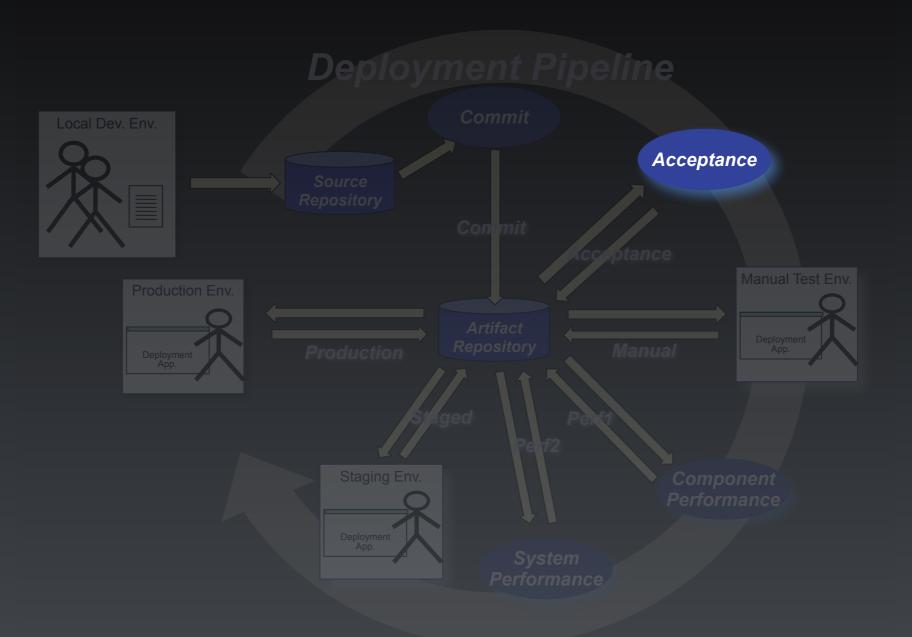












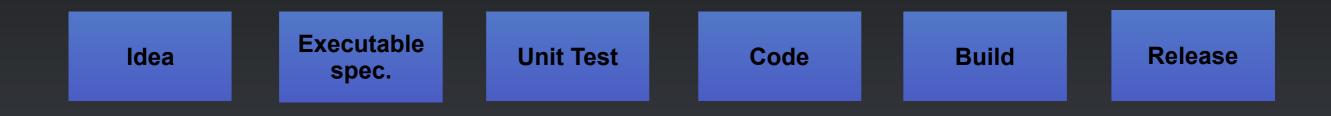


- Asserts that the code does what the users want.
- An automated "definition of done"
- Asserts that the code works in a "production-like" test environment.
- A test of the deployment and configuration of a whole system.
- Provides timely feedback on stories closes a feedback loop.
- Acceptance Testing, ATDD, BDD, Specification by Example, Executable Specifications.

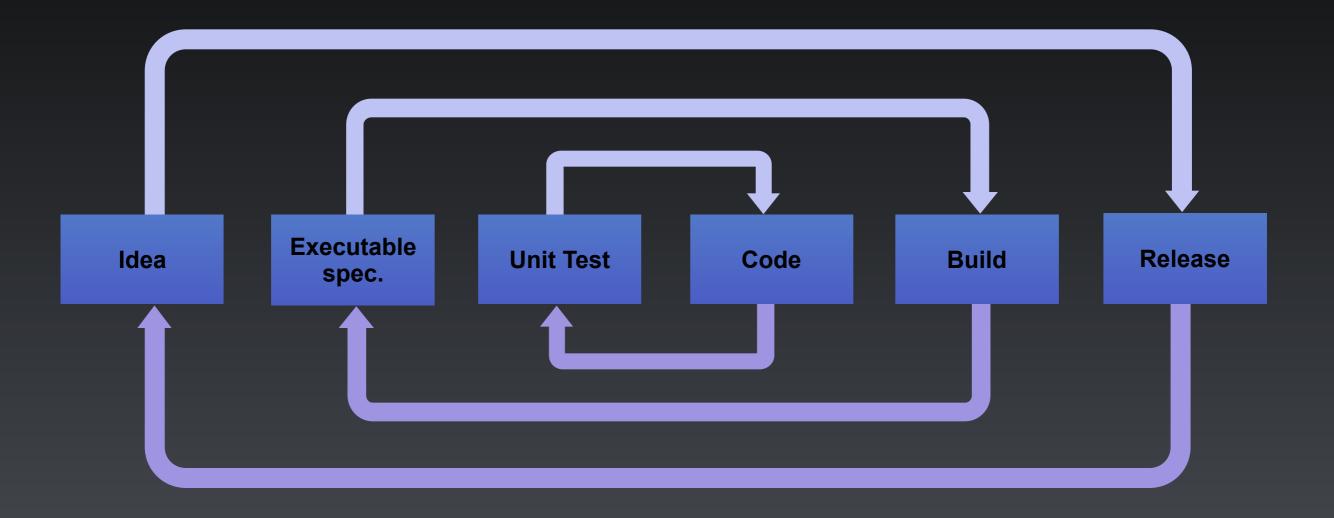


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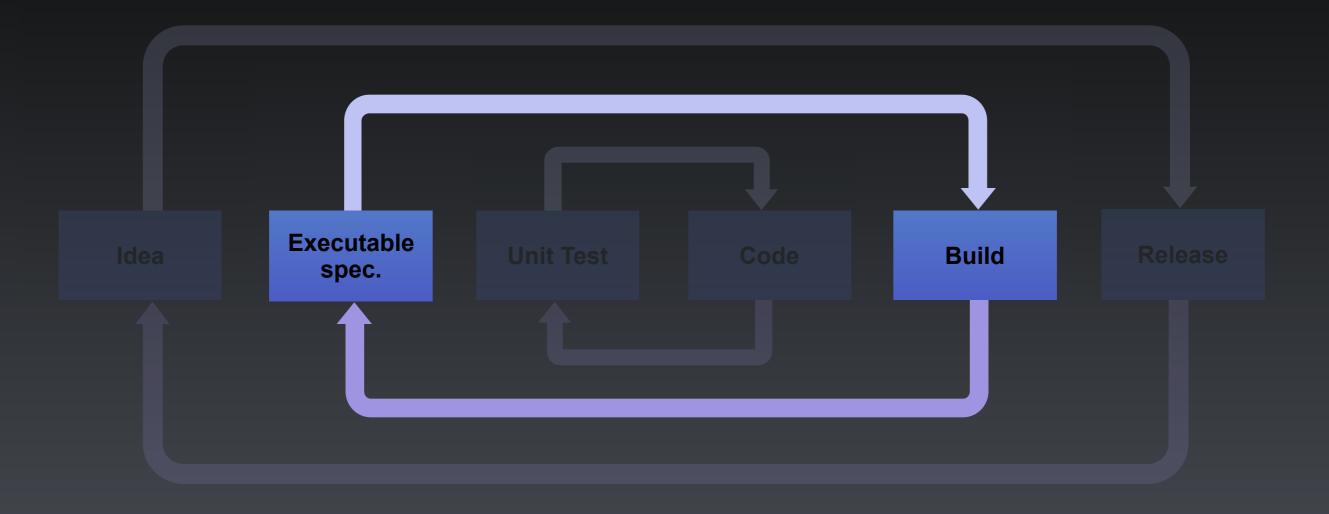














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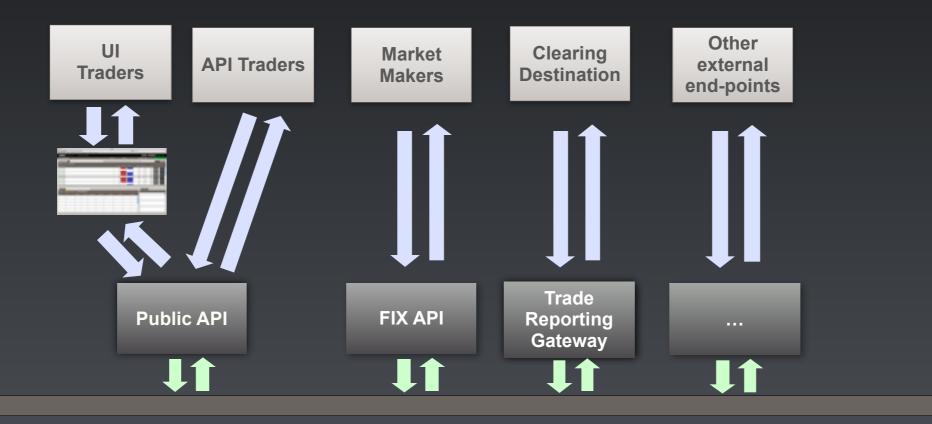
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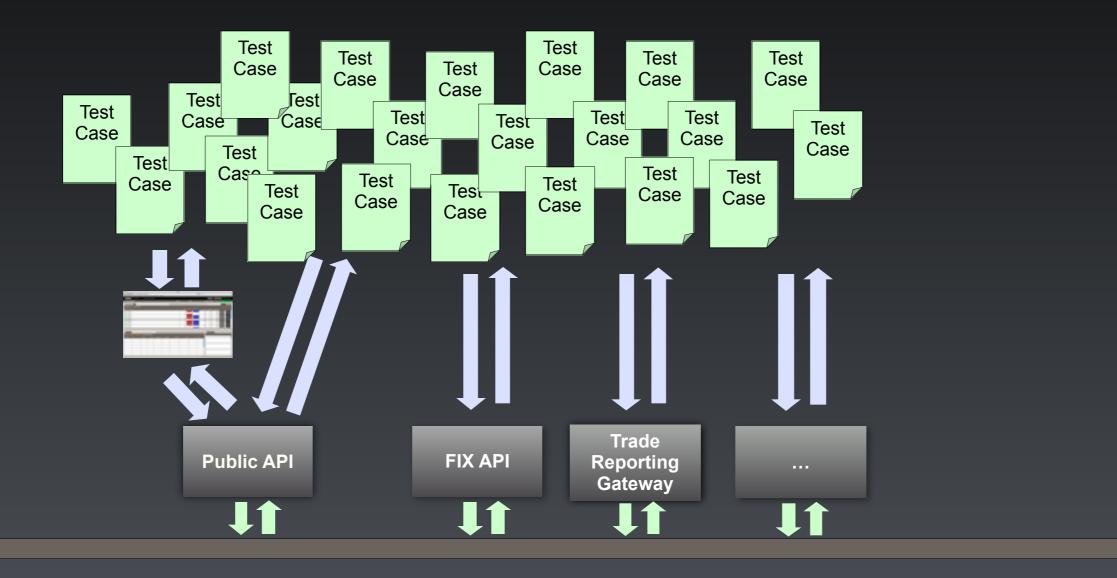
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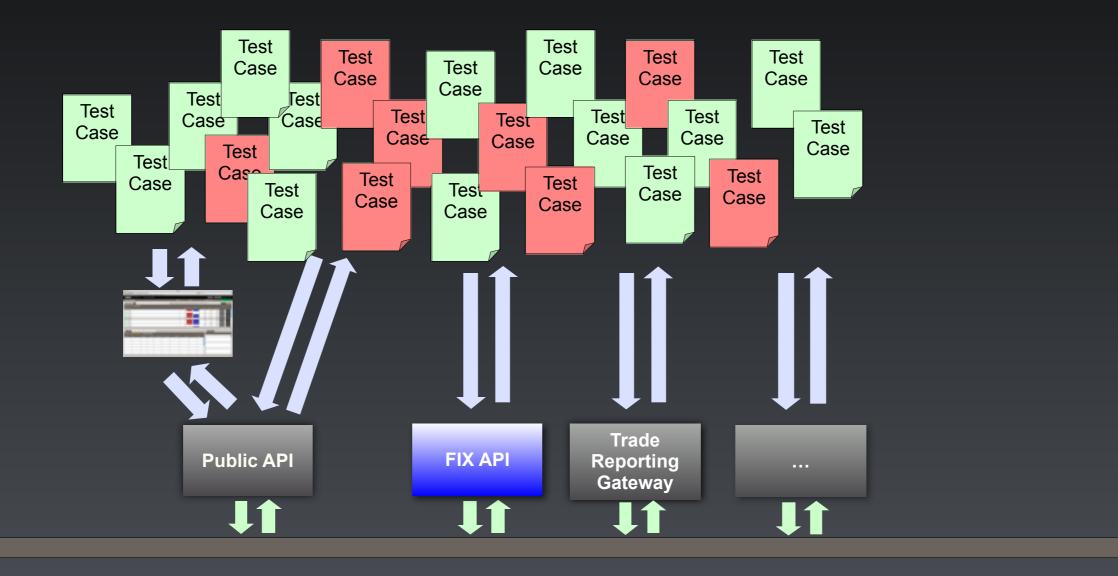




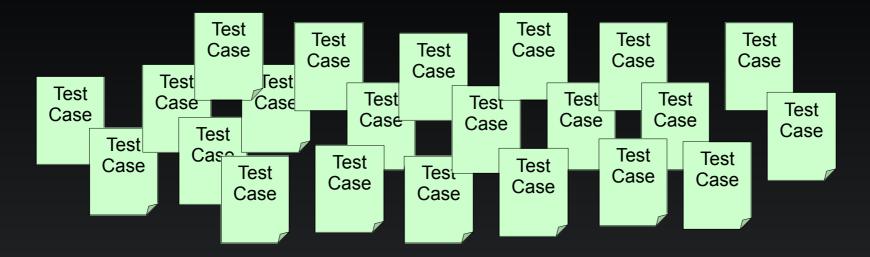


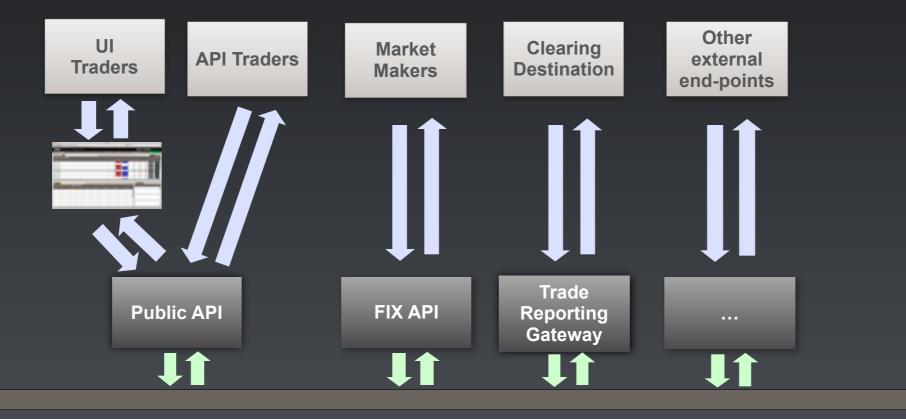




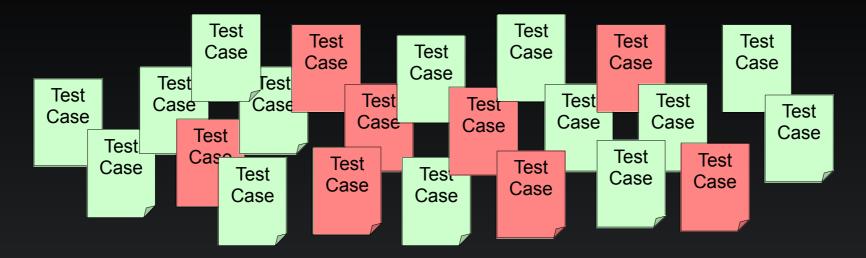


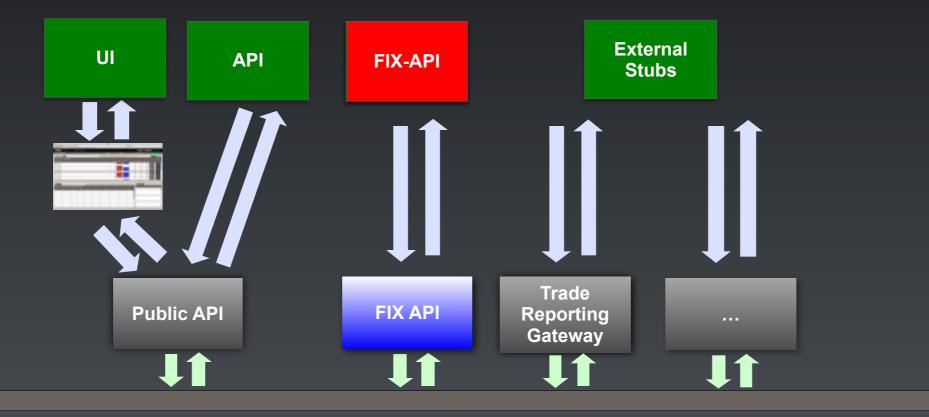




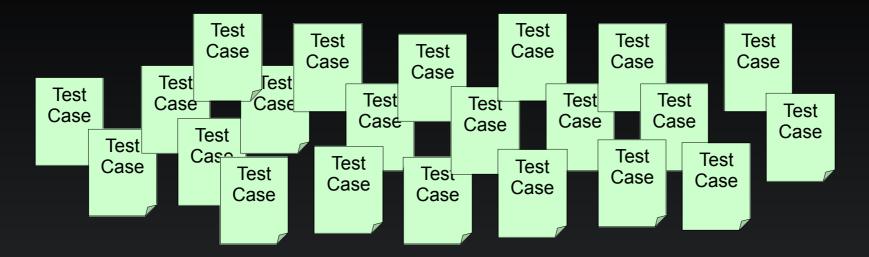


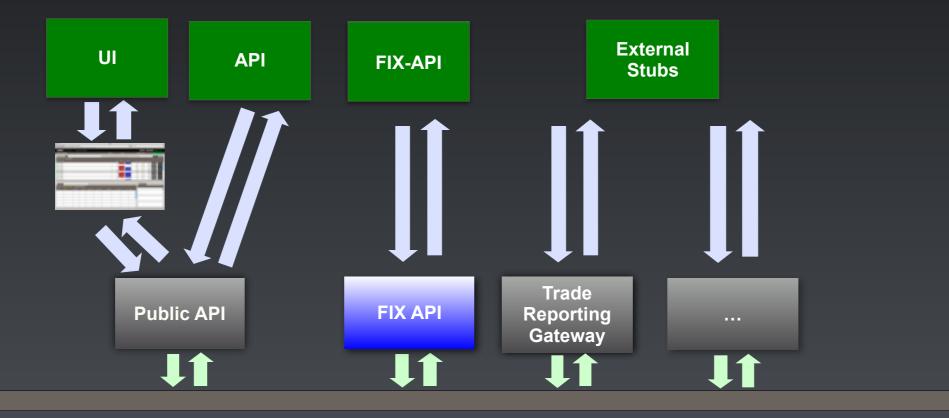




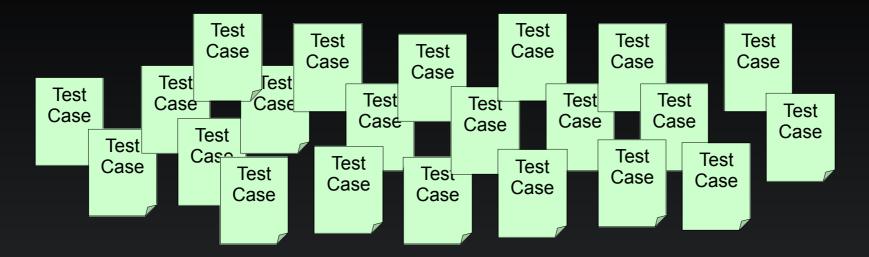


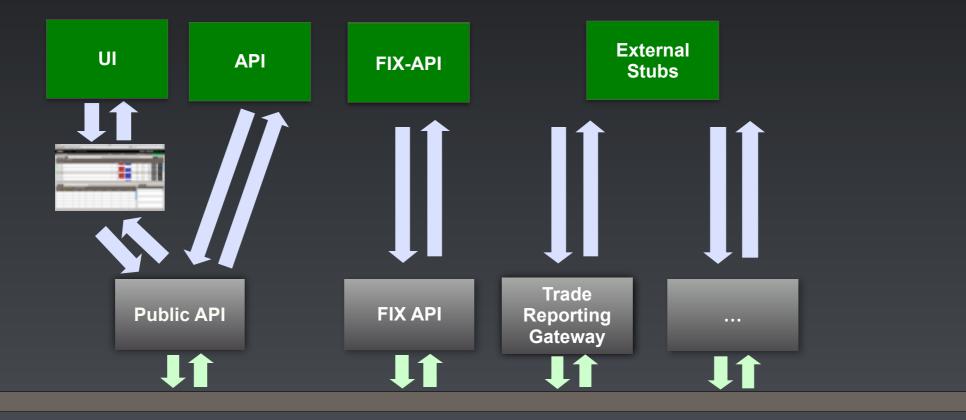




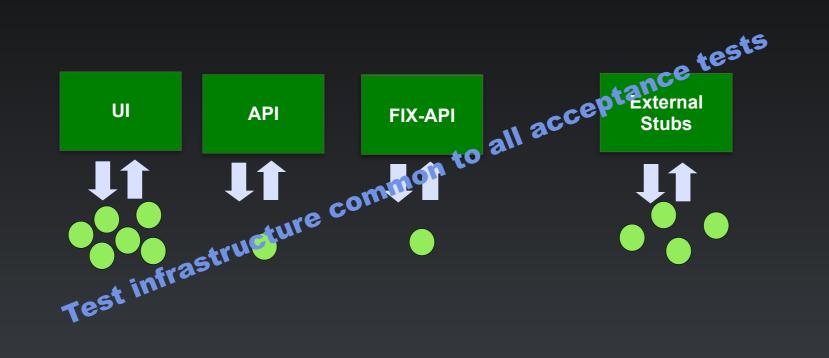














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Test Isolation

- Any form of testing is about evaluating something in controlled circumstances
- Isolation works on multiple levels
 - Isolating the System under test
 - Isolating test cases from each other
 - Isolating test cases from themselves (temporal isolation)
- Isolation is a vital part of your Test Strategy







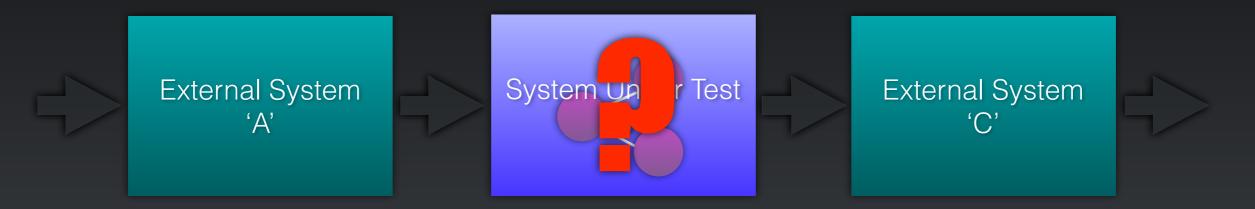


















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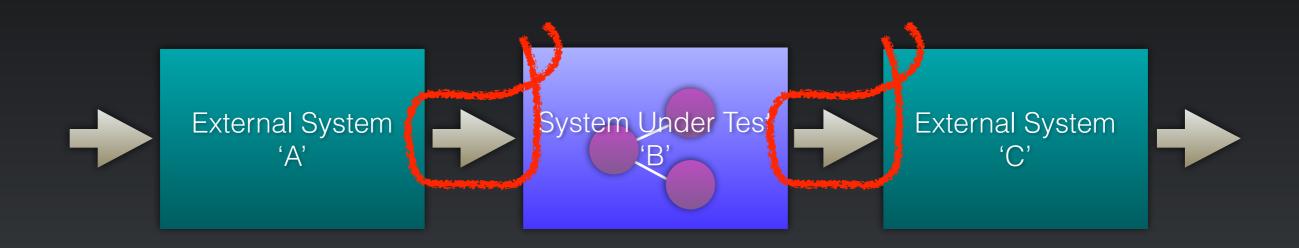




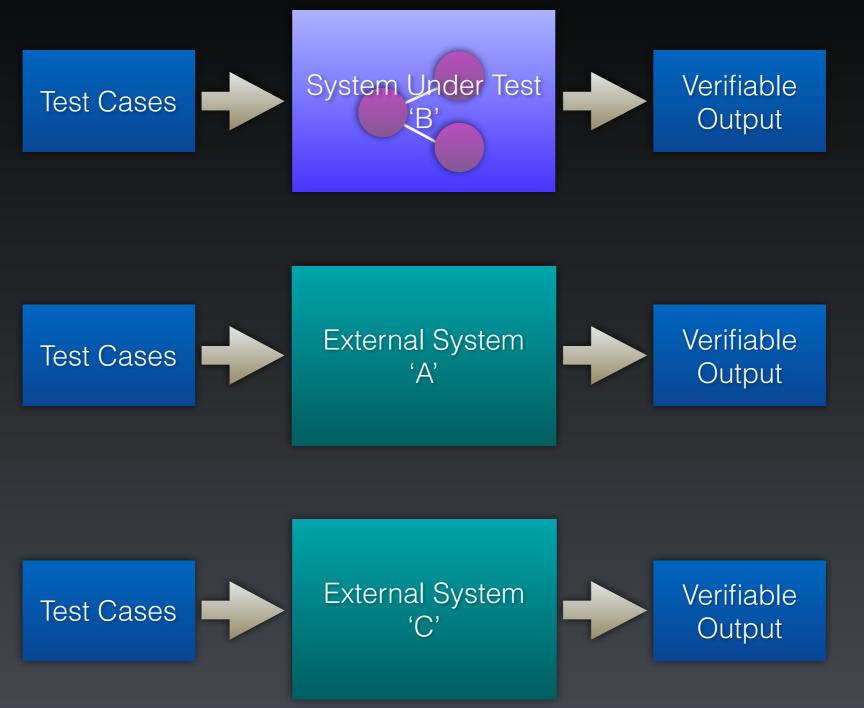




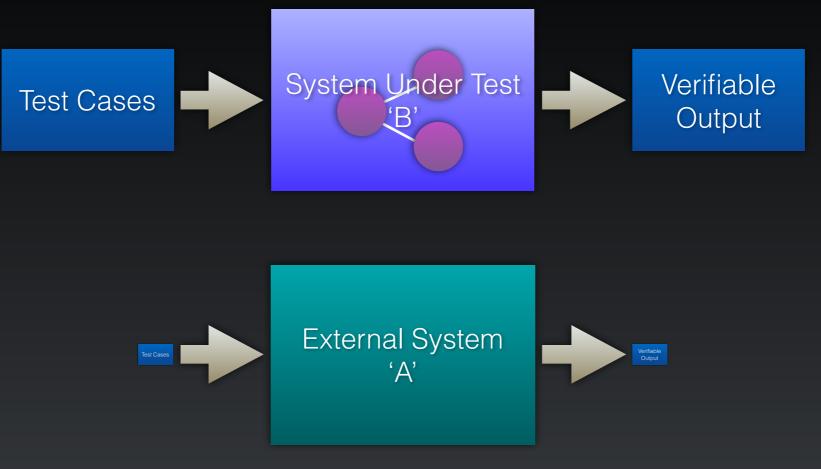


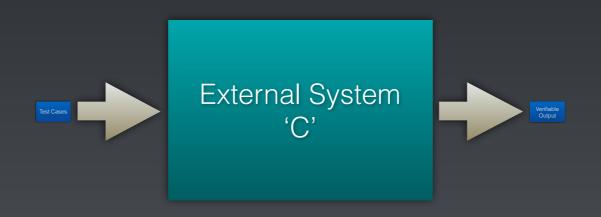














Test Isolation - Isolating Test Cases

- Assuming multi-user systems...
- Tests should be efficient We want to run LOTS!
- What we really want is to deploy once, and run LOTS of tests
- So we must avoid ANY dependencies between tests...
- Use natural functional isolation e.g.

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- If testing Amazon, create a new account and a new book/product for every testcase
- If testing eBay create a new account and a new auction for every test-case
- If testing GitHub, create a new account and a new repository for every test-case



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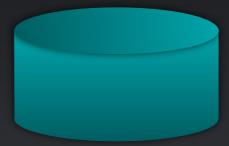
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- Alias your functional isolation entities
 - In your test case create account 'Dave' in reality, in the test infrastructure, ask the application to create account 'Dave2938472398472' and alias it to 'Dave' in your test infrastructure.



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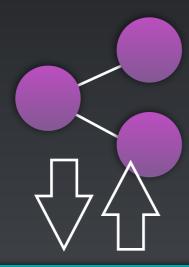


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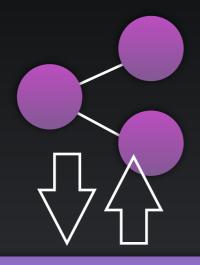
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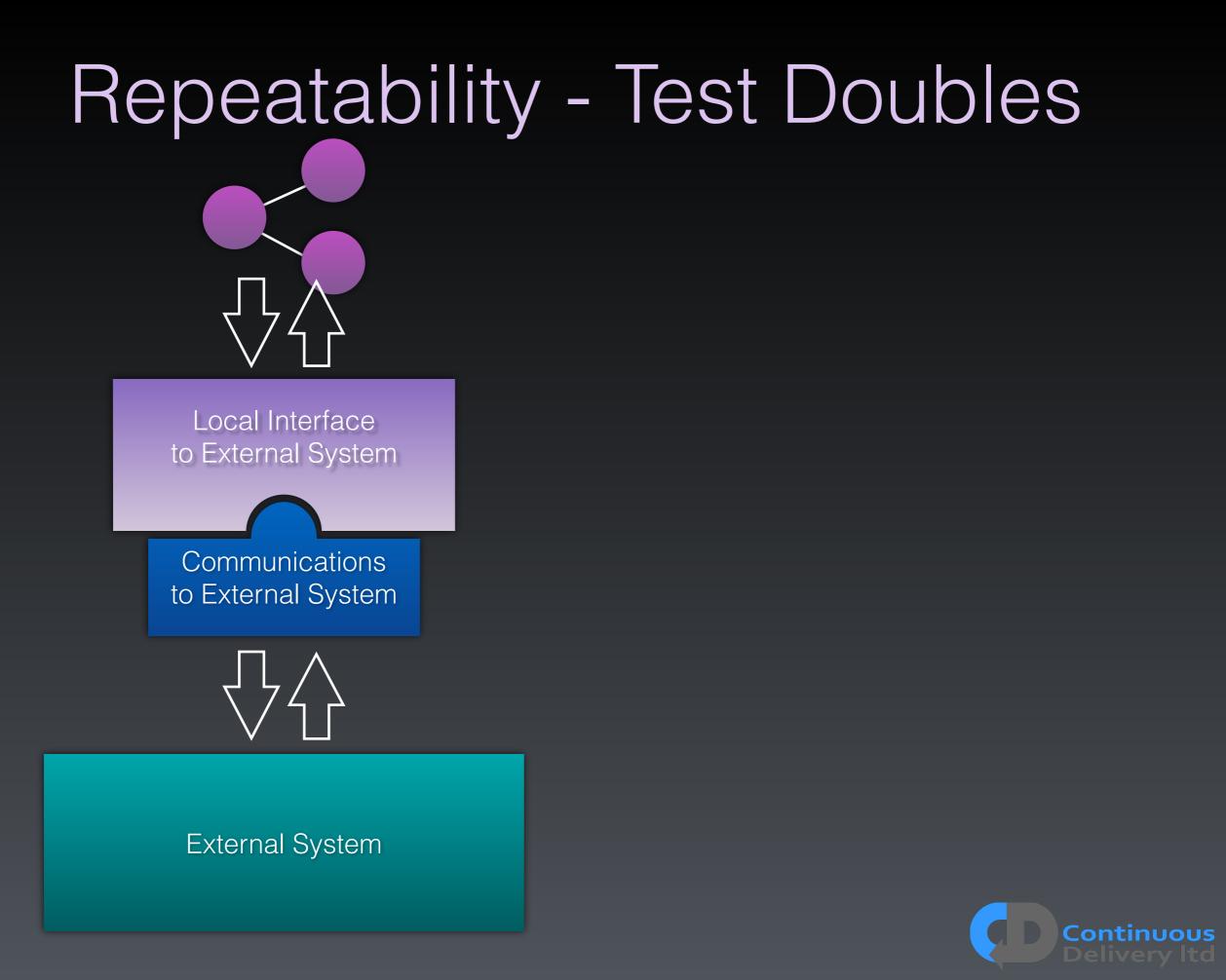
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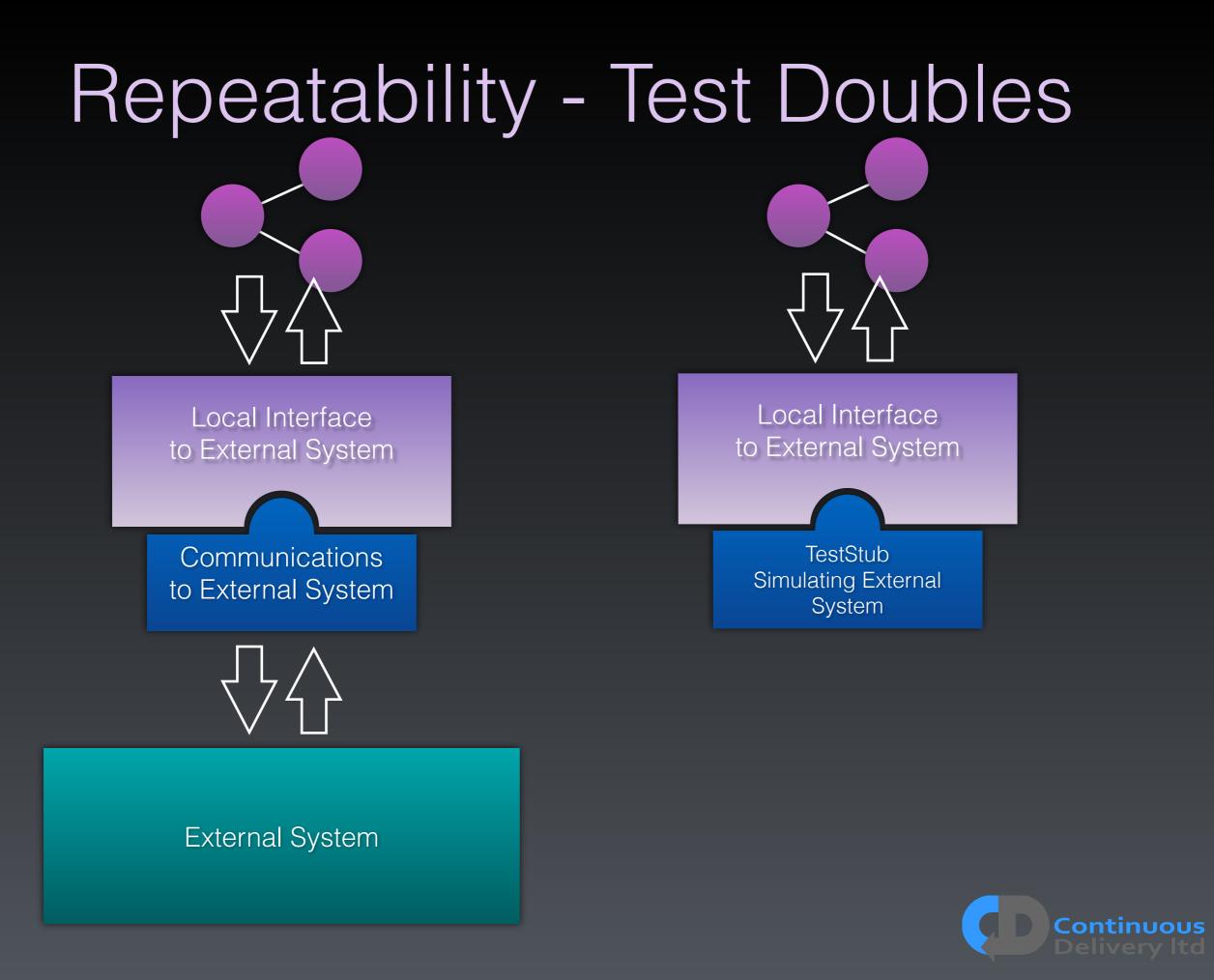


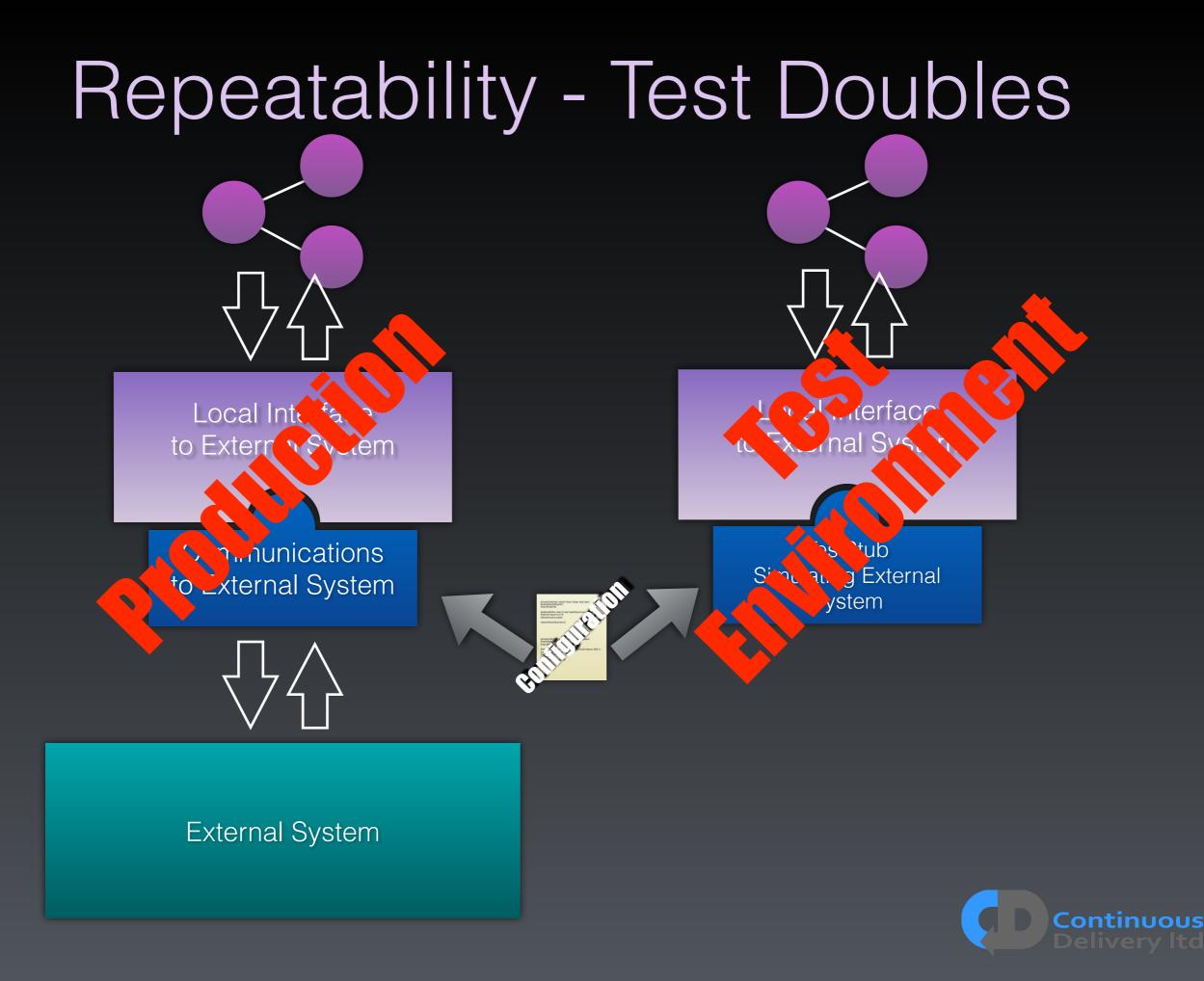
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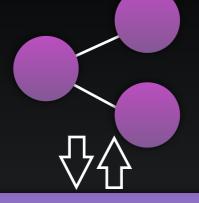
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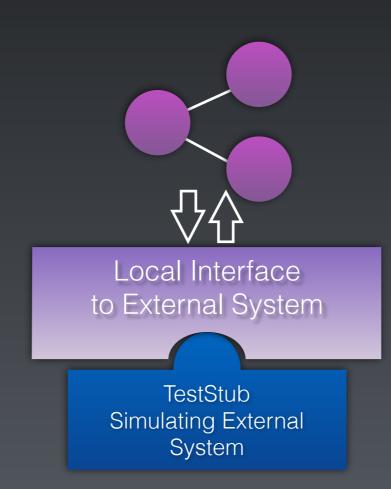




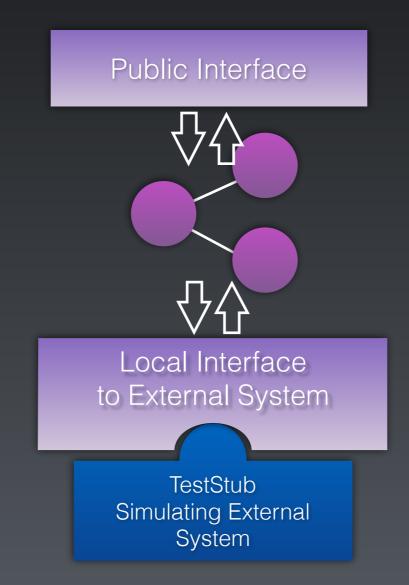
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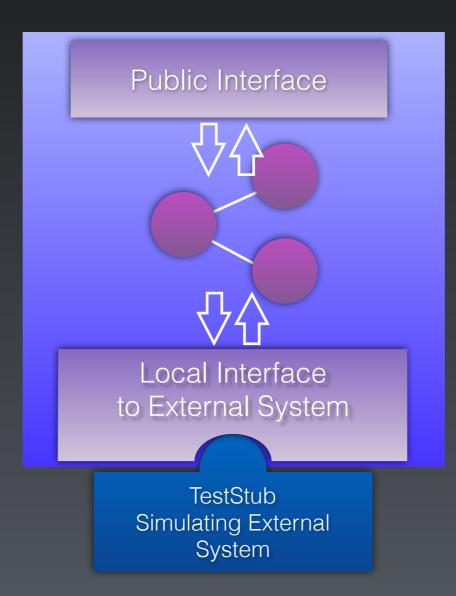




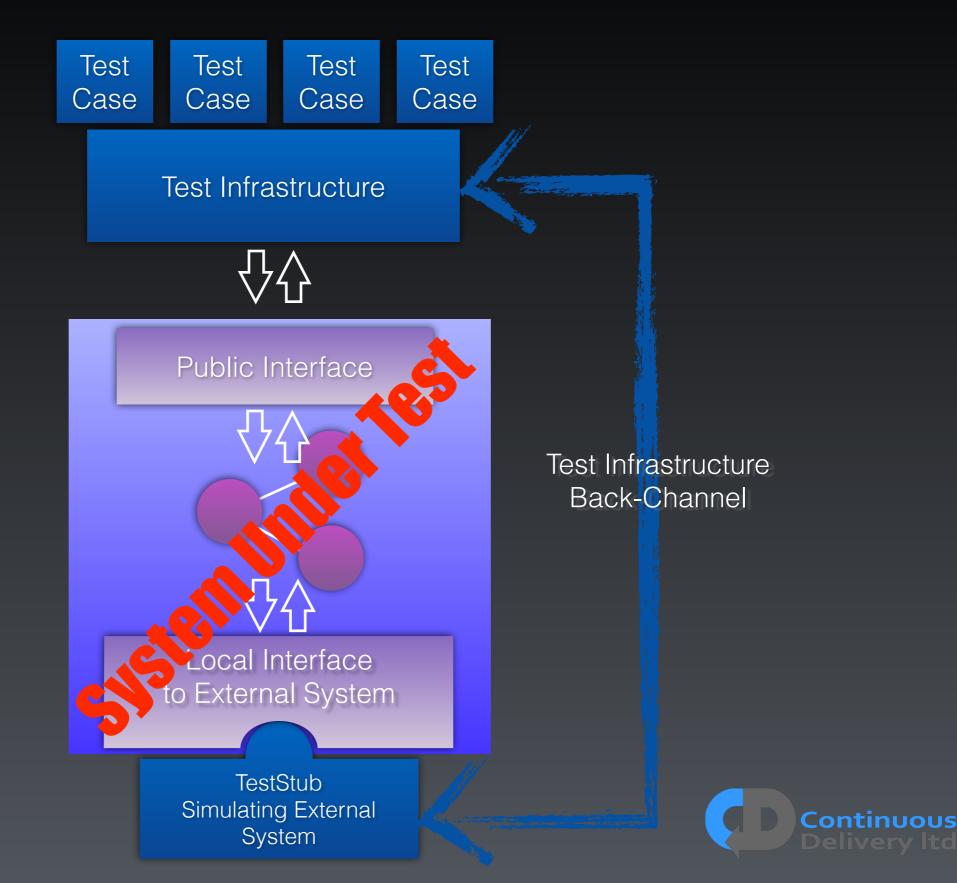












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- A Simple 'DSL' Solves many of our problems
 - Ease of TestCase creation
 - Readability
 - Ease of Maintenance
 - Separation of "What" from "How"
 - Test Isolation
 - The Chance to abstract complex set-up and scenarios
 - ...



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trading.selectDealTicket("instrument");
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trading.dealTicket.placeOrder("type: limit", "bid: 4@10");
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trading.dealTicket.checkFeedbackMessage("You have successfully sent a limit order to buy 4.00 contracts at 10.0");
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    fixAPI.waitForExecutionReport("executionType: Fill", "orderStatus: Filled",
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        "executionPrice: 50", "executionQuantity: 4");
}
```

```
@Before
   public void beforeEveryTest()
   {
      adminAPI.createInstrument("name: instrument");
      registrationAPI.createUser("user");
      registrationAPI.createUser("marketMaker", "accountType: MARKET_MAKER");
      tradingUI.loginAsLive("user");
   }
}
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public void placeOrder(final String... args)
       final DslParams params =
               new DslParams(args,
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                             new OptionalParam("side").setDefault("Buy").setAllowedValues("buy", "sell"),
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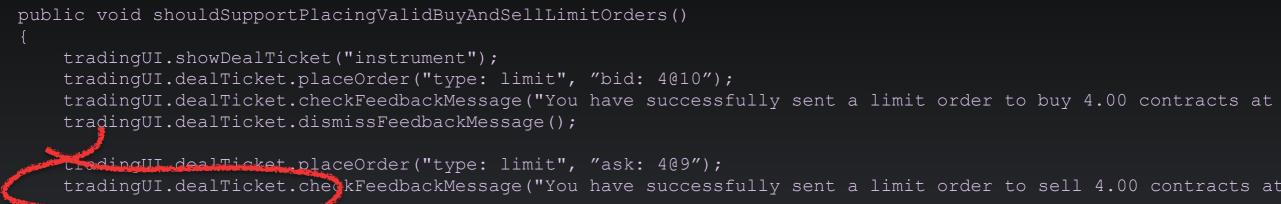
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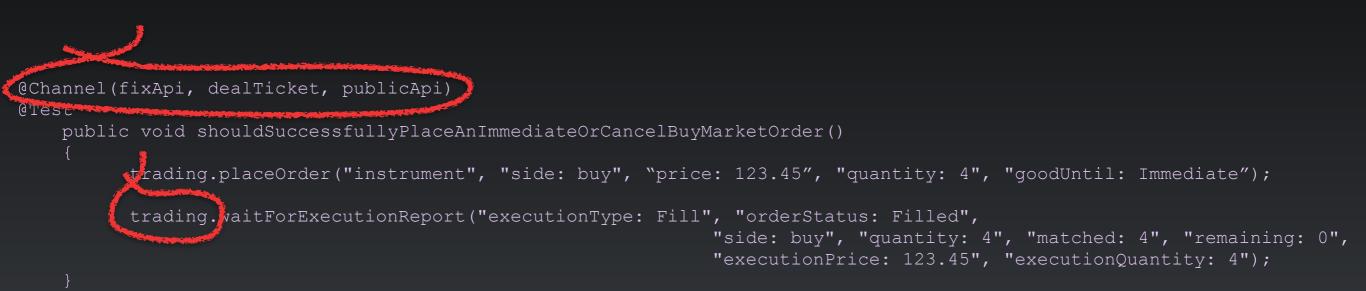


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Testing with Time

- Test Cases should be deterministic
- Time is a problem for determinism There are two options:
 - Ignore time
 - Control time



Testing With Time - Ignore Time Mechanism

Filter out time-based values in your test infrastructure so that they are ignored

Pros:

• Simple!

Cons:

- Can miss errors
- Prevents any hope of testing complex time-based scenarios



Mechanism

Treat Time as an external dependency, like any external system - and Fake it!

Pros:

- Very Flexible!
- Can simulate any time-based scenario, with time under the control of the test case.

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• Slightly more complex infrastructure



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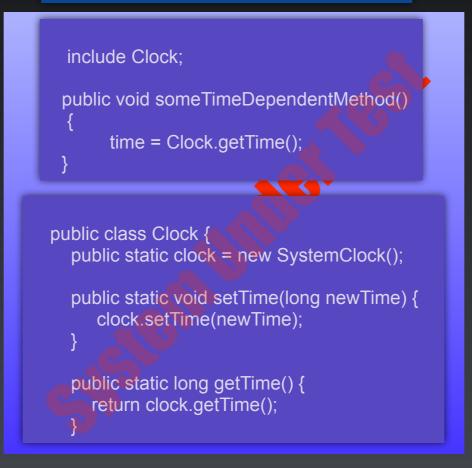
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include Clock;

public void someTimeDependentMethod()

time = Clock.getTime();

public class Clock {
 public static clock = new SystemClock();

public static void setTime(long newTime) {
 clock.setTime(newTime);

public static long getTime() {
 return clock.getTime();

public void onInit() {
// Remote Call - back-channel
 systemUnderTest.setClock(new TestClock());
}
public void time-travel(String time) {
 long newTime = parseTime(time);
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Test Infrastructure Back-Channel



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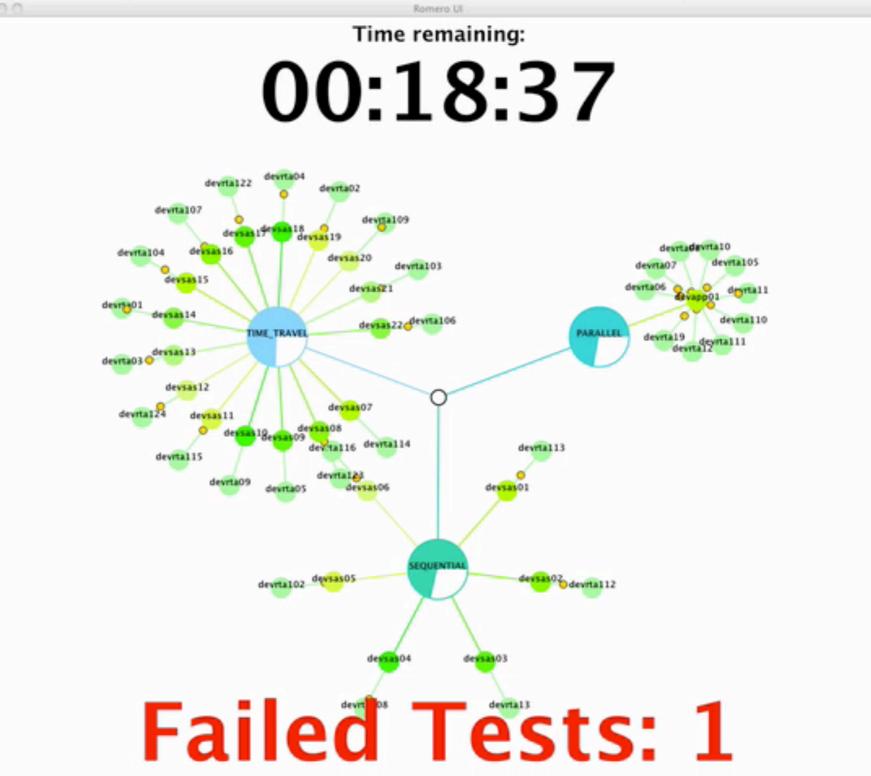


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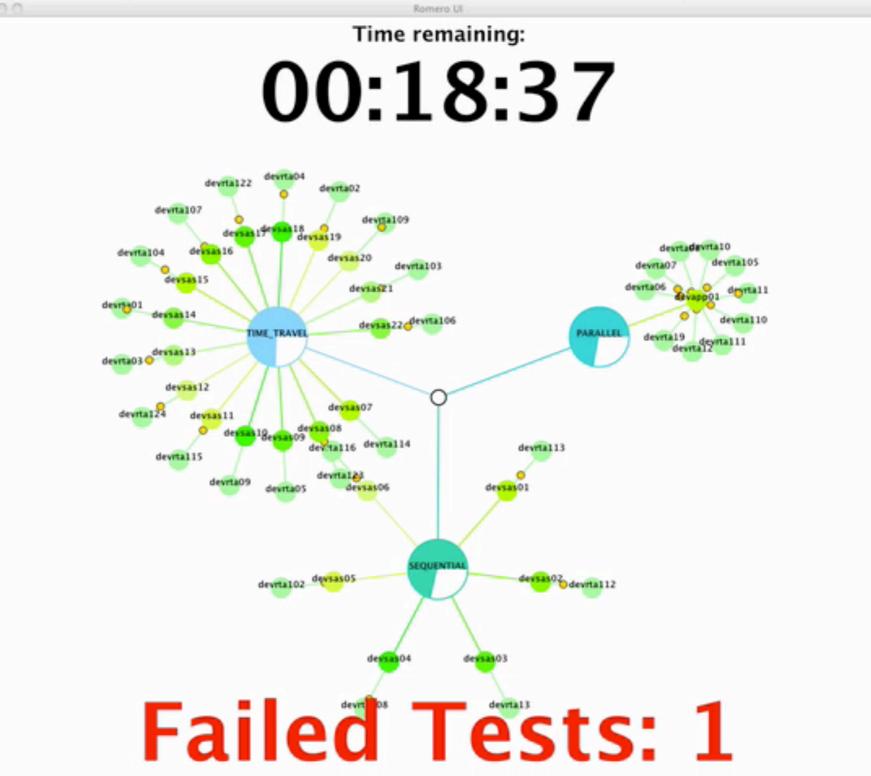
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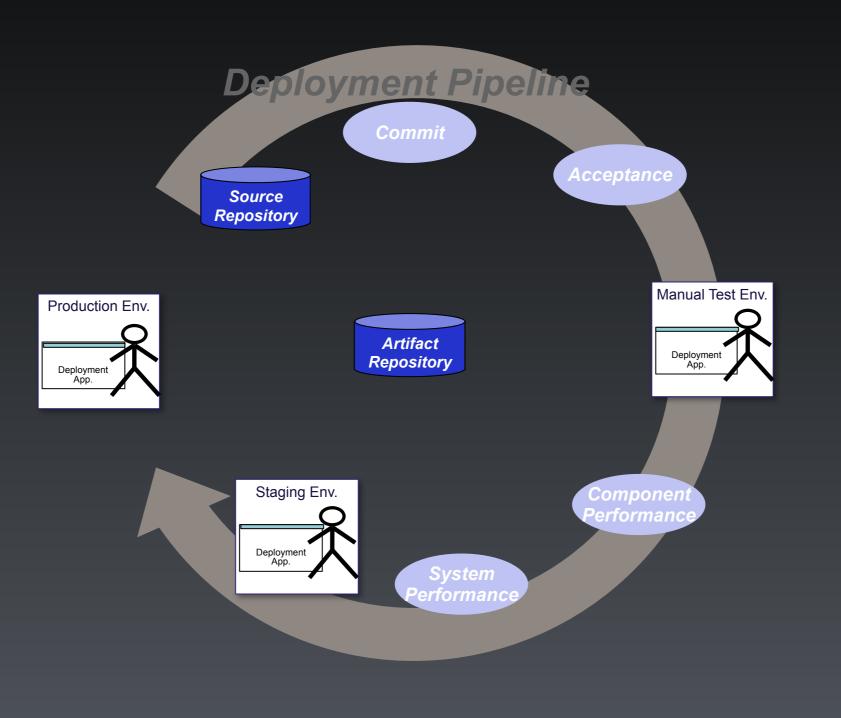


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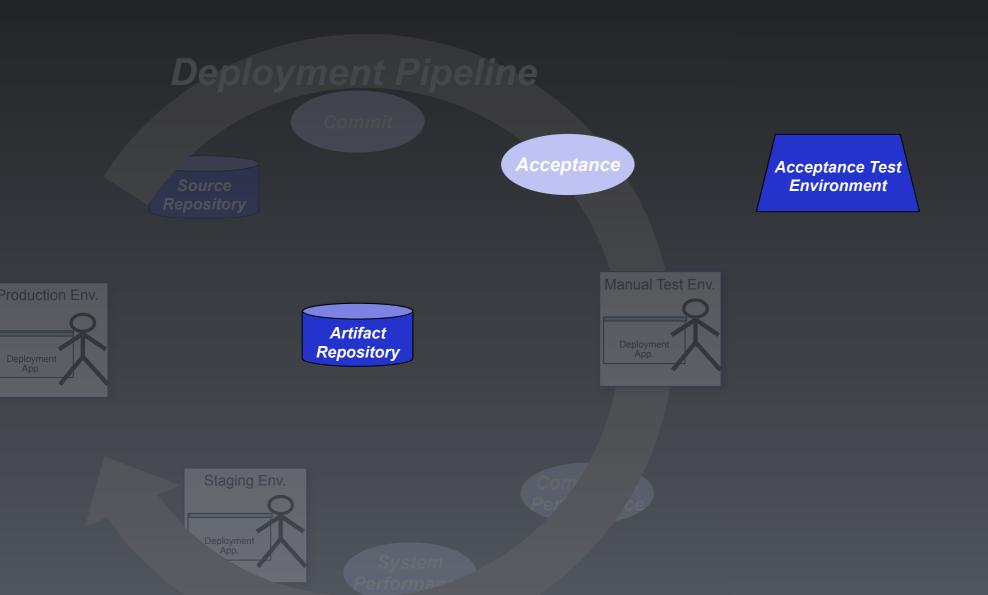
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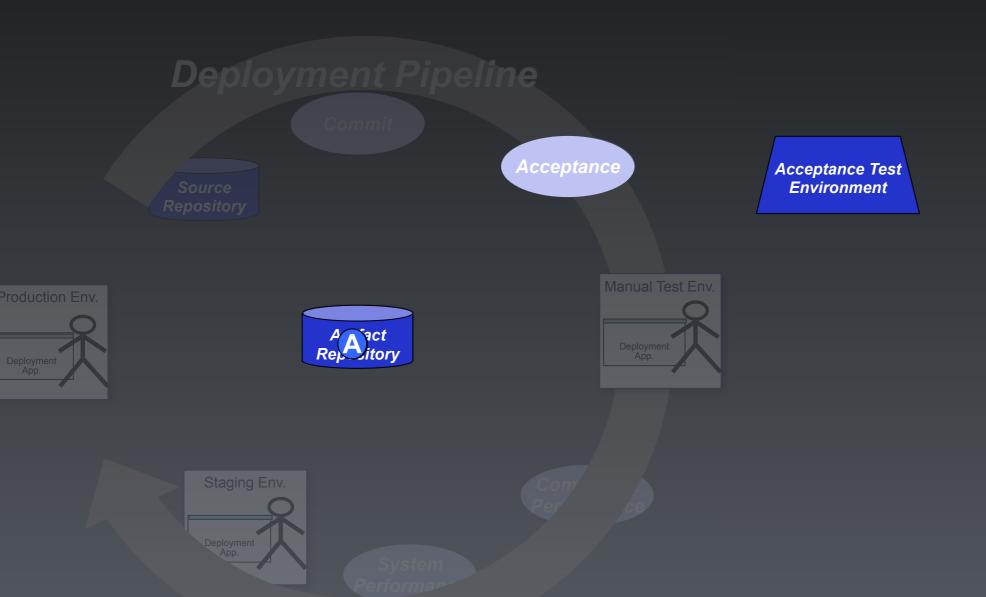
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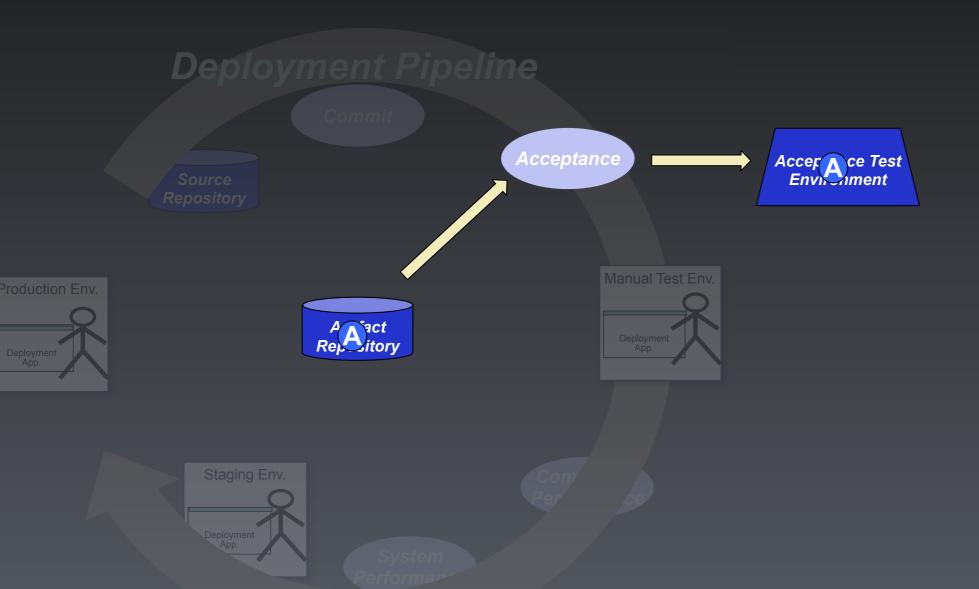




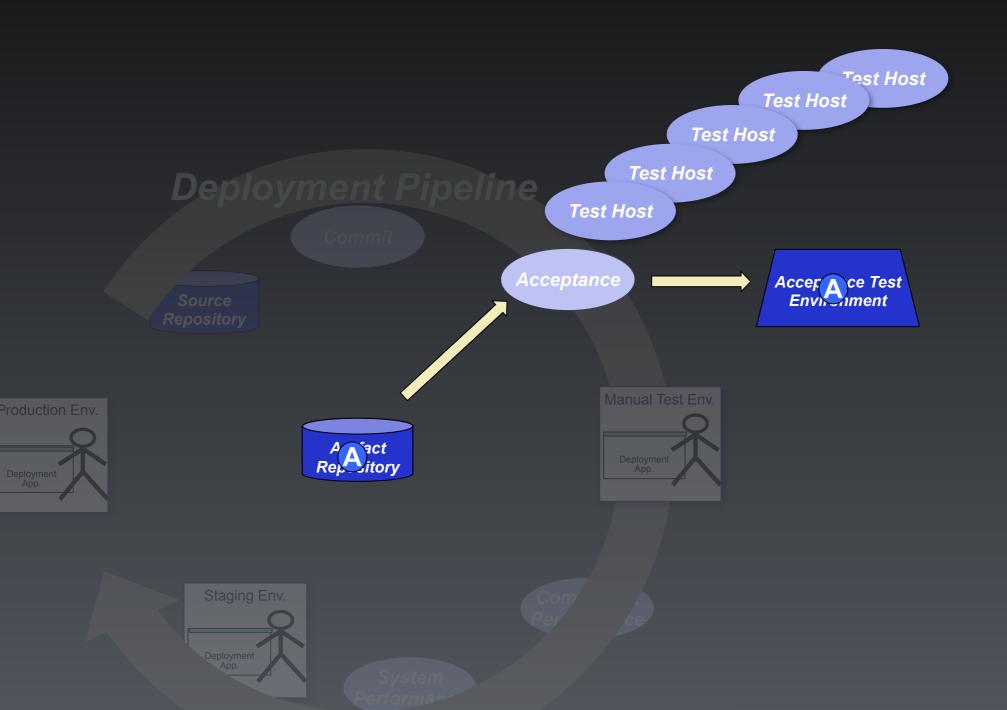




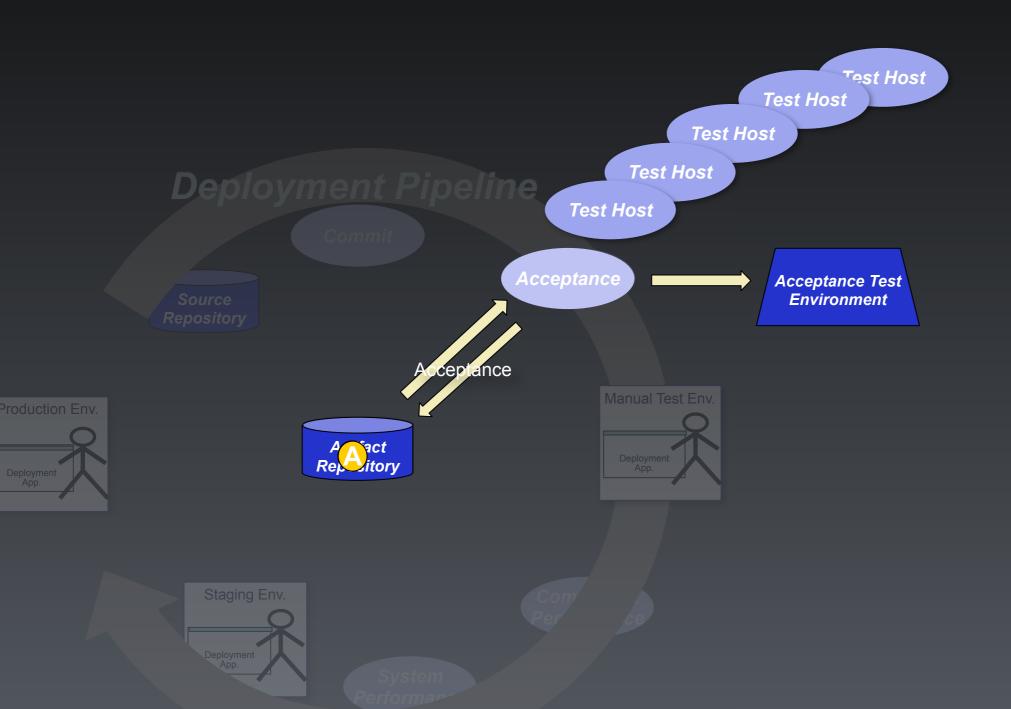
















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