

# Measuring Continuous Delivery

TL;DR:

Measure the system, not teams or individuals

Don't turn metrics into targets

Measure time and quality

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13M

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# How often do you deploy?

|                          |                                 |                             |                           |                           |                              |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| < once every<br>6 months | 1 per month -<br>1 per 6 months | 1 per week -<br>1 per month | 1 per day -<br>1 per week | 1 per hour -<br>1 per day | On demand,<br>multiple a day |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|



# How long does it take for code to get to production?

Average time between when a developer checks code into source control, and it running on production

|            |                    |                  |                |         |          |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------|----------|
| > 6 months | 1 month - 6 months | 1 week - 1 month | 1 day - 1 week | < 1 day | < 1 hour |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------|----------|

# How often does a deploy fail?

Needs a rollback, needs a (hot)fix

|        |           |           |           |        |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| > 75 % | 50 - 75 % | 25 - 50 % | 15 - 25 % | > 15 % |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|

# How long to fix an issue?

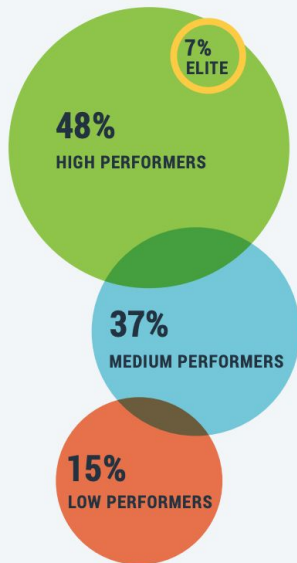
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|           |                  |                |         |          |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------|----------|
| > 1 month | 1 week - 1 month | 1 day - 1 week | < 1 day | < 1 hour |
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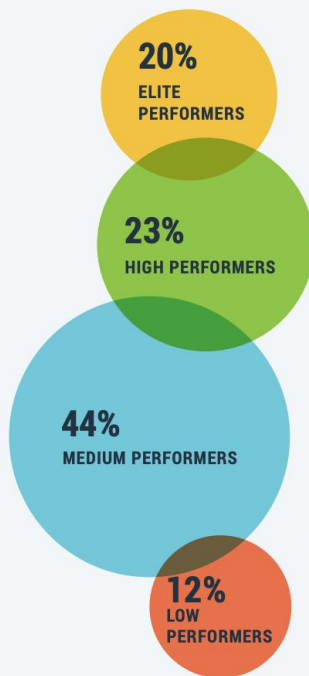
| Aspect of Software Delivery Performance*   | Elite                                | High                                   | Medium                                   | Low  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Deployment frequency</b><br>For the primary application or service you work on, how often does your organization deploy code to production or release it to end users?  | On-demand (multiple deploys per day) | Between once per day and once per week | Between once per week and once per month | Between once per month and once every six months |
| <b>Lead time for changes</b><br>For the primary application or service you work on, what is your lead time for changes (i.e., how long does it take to go from code committed to code successfully running in production)?   | Less than one day                    | Between one day and one week           | Between one week and one month           | Between one month and six months                 |
| <b>Time to restore service</b><br>For the primary application or service you work on, how long does it generally take to restore service when a service incident or a defect that impacts users occurs (e.g., unplanned outage or service impairment)?   | Less than one hour                   | Less than one day <sup>a</sup>         | Less than one day <sup>a</sup>           | Between one week and one month                   |
| <b>Change failure rate</b><br>For the primary application or service you work on, what percentage of changes to production or released to users result in degraded service (e.g., lead to service impairment or service outage) and subsequently require remediation (e.g., require a hotfix, rollback, fix forward, patch)? | 0-15% <sup>b,c</sup>                 | 0-15% <sup>b,d</sup>                   | 0-15% <sup>c,d</sup>                     | 46-60%   |

Source: [The State of DevOps Report 2019](#)

2018



2019\*



## PERFORMANCE CLUSTERS

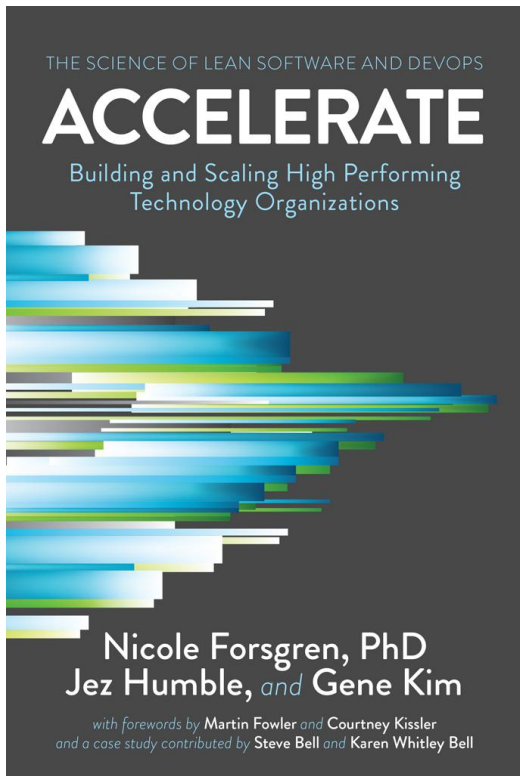
We identified elite performers in last year's report for the first time, but this group was a subset of our high performers. This year, we see four distinct groups in our analysis. We use the same name because the elite performers exhibit the same speed and stability characteristics this year as last year, showing that these two groups are similar.

*This comparison shows us that:*

- The proportion of our elite performers has almost tripled, showing that excellence is possible—it just requires execution.
- The proportion of low performers is down. This reflects a continued shift in the industry, as organizations continue to transform their technology.
- The proportion of medium performers is up. Some are likely improved low performers, while others may be high performers who dropped as they struggled with increased complexity.

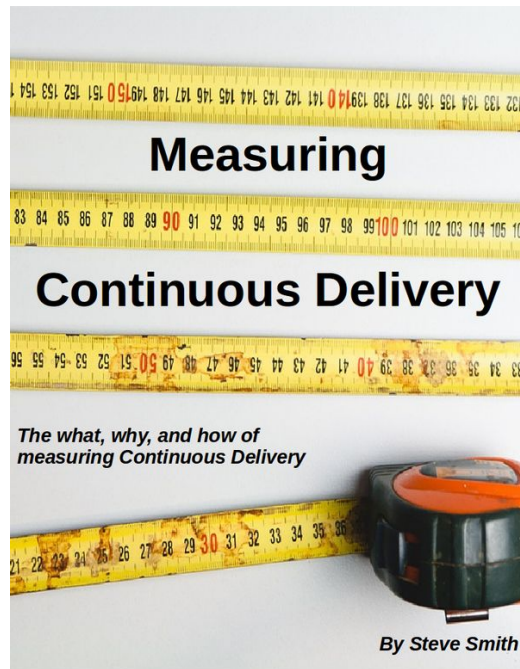
\* < 100% due to rounding

Source: [The State of DevOps Report 2019](#)



[Accelerate on Amazon](#)

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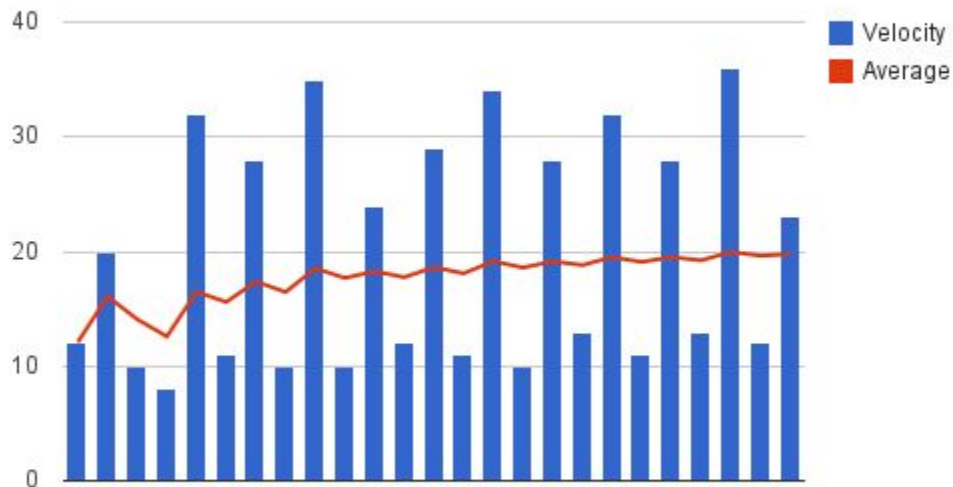


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# Why those?

# What about Velocity?





**“Managers who can’t measure what they value  
will instead  
value what they can measure”**

-- Russell Ackoff

# Goodhart's Law

**“When a measure becomes a target,  
It ceases to be a good measure”**



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goodhart's\\_law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goodhart's_law)

**What are you measuring that has side-effects?**

# What about utilization?



**Measure the system, not the people**

**Stability**

**=**

**Failure  
Rate**

**and**

**Failure  
Recovery  
Time**

**Throughput**

**=**

**Lead  
Time**

**and**

**Frequency**

Stability and throughput measures

**A single number is meaningless.  
Combine metrics, and watch trends.**

# Throughput

- Deployment frequency

“Twice a year”

- Lead time for changes
- Mean time to recover
- Change failure rate





# Throughput

- Deployment frequency

“Twice a year”

- Lead time for changes

“Three months”

- Mean time to recover
- Change failure rate



# Throughput

- Deployment frequency

“Twice a year”

- Lead time for changes

“One day”

- Mean time to recover
- Change failure rate



**A change in a metric is an invitation for a conversation**

**Less focus on accountability, more focus  
on giving people a chance to give their account  
-- David J. Bland / Tom Looy**

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**No metric without a goal**





**Do you want to be predictable?**



**Or fast?**

**IF EVERYTHING  
SEEMS UNDER CONTROL  
YOU'RE JUST NOT GOING  
FAST  
ENOUGH**

*-Mario Andretti*



# Throughput and stability

- Deployment frequency

“How often do we deploy to production?”

- Lead time for changes

“How much time from developer code check-in to running in production?”


- Mean time to recover







“How long between detection of production issue and resolving it”

- Change failure rate

“How often does a deployment fail?”

- [Back to Dashboard](#)
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**Build History**
[trend](#)

|   |                      |                      |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | <a href="#">#149</a> | Dec 12, 2016 12:45   |
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|  | <a href="#">#145</a> | Dec 9, 2016 4:10 PM  |
|  | <a href="#">#144</a> | Dec 9, 2016 2:56 PM  |

# Pipeline AutoTrack 3.0



## Stage View

Average stage times:

|  | Compile and test | Build    | Deploy acceptance | Deploy production |
|--|------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | 6min 52s         | 1min 20s | 3min 50s          | 4min 1s           |
| <div>#149</div> <div>Dec 12 13:45</div> <div>1 commits</div> | 8min 26s         | 1min 25s | 4min 42s          | 4min 5s           |
| <div>#148</div> <div>Dec 12 13:05</div> <div>1 commits</div> | 7min 13s         | 1min 19s | 3min 44s          | 3min 45s          |
| <div>#147</div> <div>Dec 12 11:58</div> <div>1 commits</div> | 8min 1s          | 1min 25s | 3min 44s          | 4min 17s          |
| <div>#146</div> <div>Dec 12 10:30</div> <div>2 commits</div> | 7min 12s         | 1min 21s | 3min 44s          | 3min 9s           |
| <div>#145</div> <div>Dec 09</div> <div>2</div>               | 7min 2s          | 1min 17s | 3min 44s          | 4min 30s          |



Team  
Skills Shift

See progress from business perspective  
Redirect teams when needed

# 'Product Teams': Value

## Deliver Value



Ship on market cadence  
Capture value frequently  
Reveal obstructions early

## Optimize Value



Make excellent product decisions  
Eliminate handoffs  
Speed decision making

Organizational  
Structure Shift





# 'Product Teams': Value

**“Value is what you like”**

**-- Ron Jeffries**

<http://ronjeffries.com/xprog/articles/value-is-what-you-like/>



# 'Product Teams': Value

**"What is your business model?"**

**-- Me, repeatedly**

Cost Structure

Customer acquisition costs,  
Distribution costs,  
Hosting,  
People, etc

Revenue Streams

Revenue model,  
Life time value,  
Revenue,  
Gross margin

Existing Alternatives

High-Level Concept

Early Adopters

# ☆☆☆ **'Product Teams': Value**

- Web: Pirate metrics!
- Internal applications: UX analytics



# 'Product Teams': Value





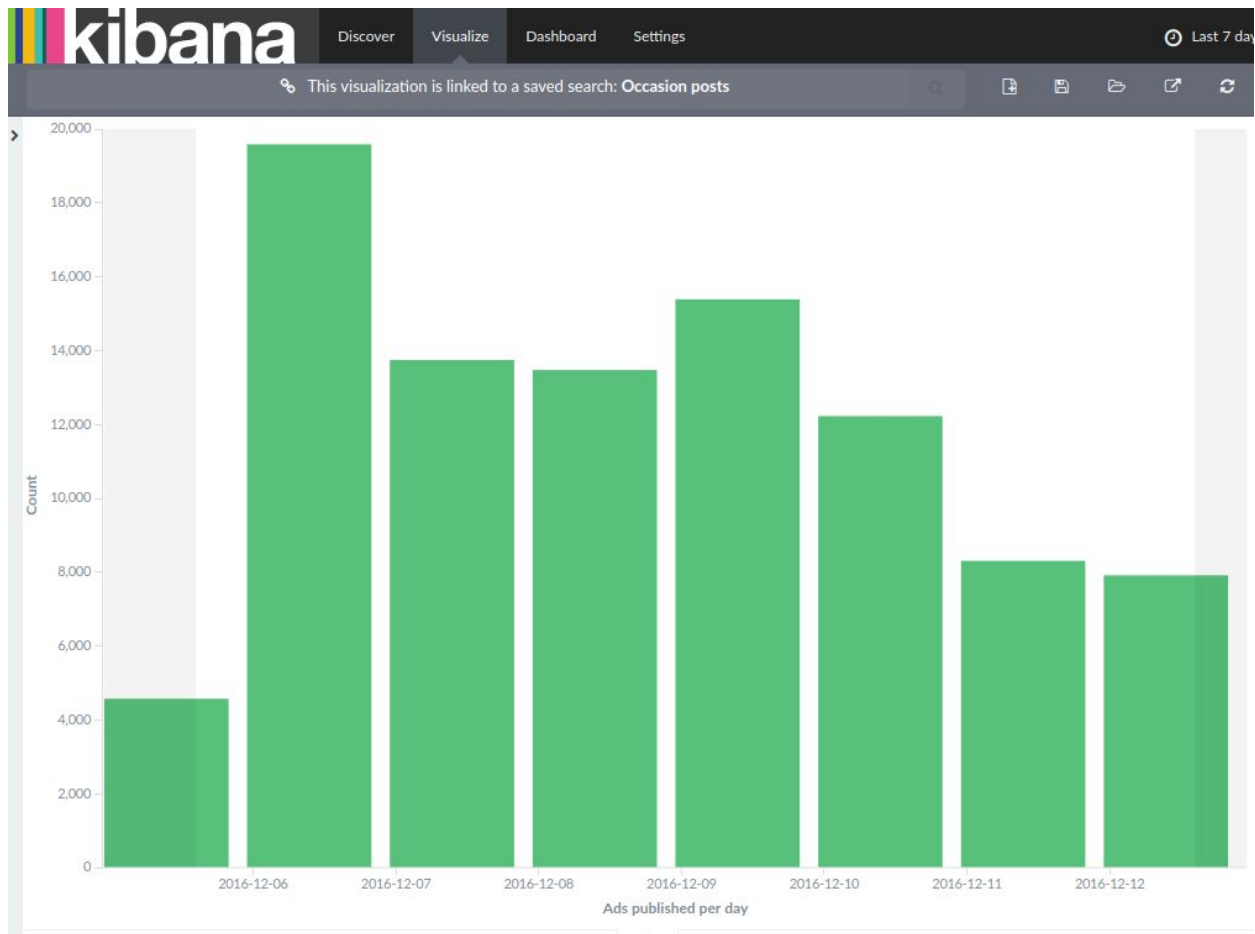


# 'Product Teams': Value

## Example Conversion Metrics

| Category    | User Status  | Conv % | Est. Value |
|-------------|--|--------|------------|
| Acquisition | Visit Site<br>(or landing page, or external widget)                        | 100%   | \$0.01     |
| Acquisition | Doesn't Abandon<br>(views 2+ pages, stays 10+ sec, 2+ clicks)              | 70%    | \$0.05     |
| Activation  | Happy 1 <sup>st</sup> Visit<br>(views X pages, stays Y sec, Z clicks)      | 30%    | \$0.25     |
| Activation  | Email/Blog/RSS/Widget Signup<br>(anything that could lead to repeat visit) | 5%     | \$1        |
| Activation  | Acct Signup<br>(includes profile data)                                     | 2%     | \$3        |
| Retention   | Email Open / RSS view → Clickthru  | 3%     | \$2        |
| Retention   | Repeat Visitor<br>(3+ visits in first 30 days)                             | 2%     | \$5        |
| Referral    | Refer 1+ users who visit site  | 2%     | \$3        |
| Referral    | Refer 1+ users who activate  | 1%     | \$10       |
| Revenue     | User generates minimum revenue   | 2%     | \$5        |
| Revenue     | User generates break-even revenue  | 1%     | \$25       |





# Actionable Metrics



# **Work in Progress**

**Metric:** WIP

**Distance:** Direct

**Scale:** Individual, Team, Department, Organisation

**Actionable:** Yes

**Feedback Cycle:** From minutes to years

Individual measurements:

- How many tasks is any person working on?
- How many features? Projects?

Practices:

- Personal kanban, Getting Things Done
- King/Servant pattern
- TDD
- Story slicing

*Stop Starting, Start Finishing*



# Goal: Focus

**Metric:** WIP

**Distance:** Direct

**Scale:** Individual, Team, Department, Organisation

**Actionable:** Yes

**Feedback Cycle:** From minutes to years

*Stop Starting,  
Start Finishing*



# 'Continuous Delivery': Capability

- Deployment frequency
- Lead time for changes
- Mean time to recover
- Change failure rate

Start:

Building Code

Team

Culture Shift

Focus on Value



See progress from business perspective  
Redirect teams when needed

Team

Skills Shift

Deliver Value



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April

- Feature 1
- Feature 2
- Feature 3
- Feature 4

May

- Feature 5
- Feature 6
- Feature 7
- Feature 8

June

- Feature 9
- Feature 10
- Feature 11
- Feature 12

July

- Feature 1
- Feature 2
- ...

# Goals

**Goal:**  
Improve product detail  
views coming via search

**Goal:**  
Improve retention  
active users first 30d

**Goal:**  
Improve conversion  
product detail > cart

# Features

**Goal:**  
Improve product detail  
views coming via search

**Idea:**  
Improve relevancy results

**Idea:**  
Supply filters

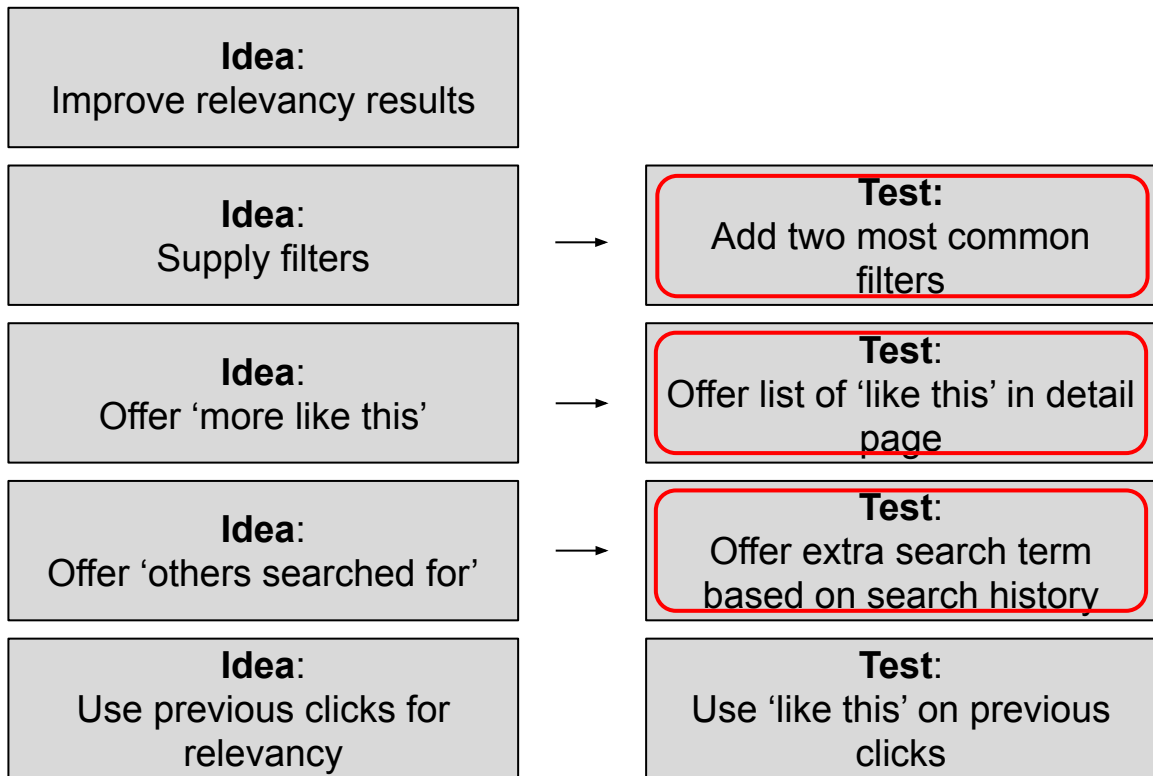
**Idea:**  
Offer 'more like this'

**Idea:**  
Offer 'others searched for'

**Idea:**  
Use previous clicks for  
relevancy



# Tests



# Results

|   |
|---|
| <b>Test:</b><br>Add two most common filters                     |
| <b>Test:</b><br>Offer list of 'like this' in detail page        |
| <b>Test:</b><br>Offer extra search term based on search history |

|  |
|--|
| <b>1.5% more searches</b><br><b>1% more detail views</b> |
| <b>.5% more searches</b><br><b>4% more detail views</b>  |
| <b>5% more searches</b><br><b>2% more detail views</b>   |