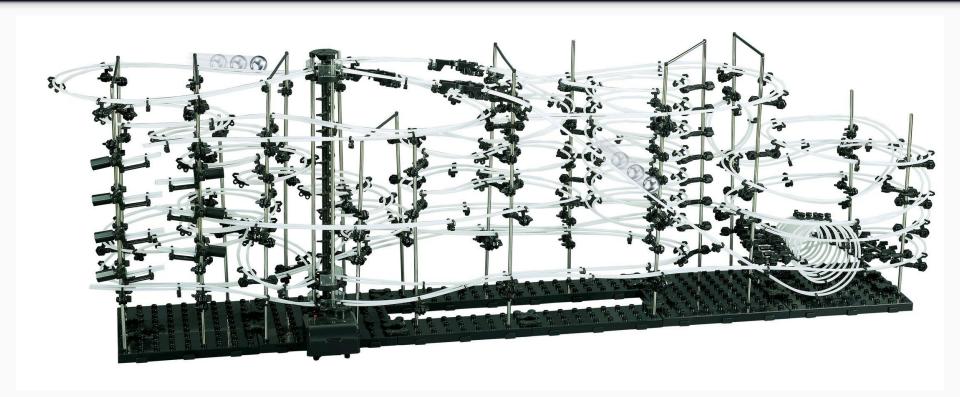
Tinkertoys, Microservices, and Feature Management

How to build for the future

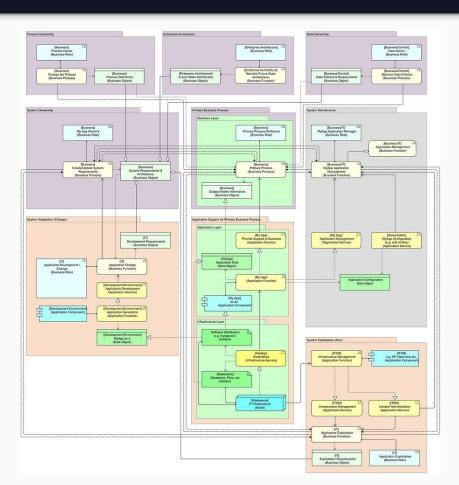
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Could be worse







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Moving the Locus of Control

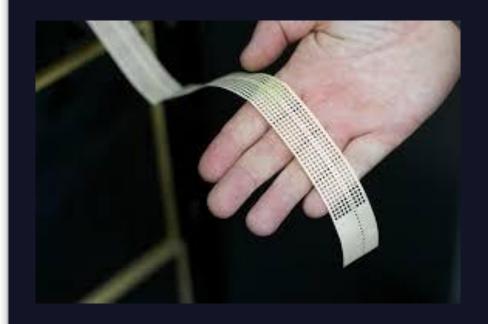


Brief computing history

- Hardware
- Operating System
- Virtual Machine
- Container
- Orchestration
- Serverless



Hardware

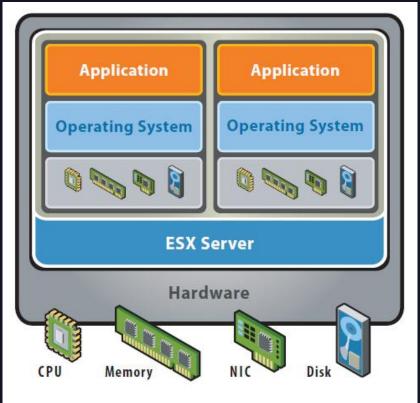




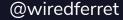
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Virtual Machine

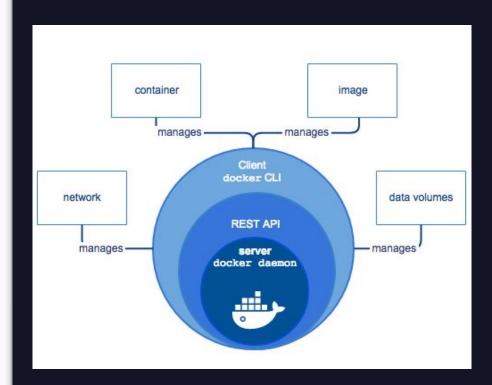


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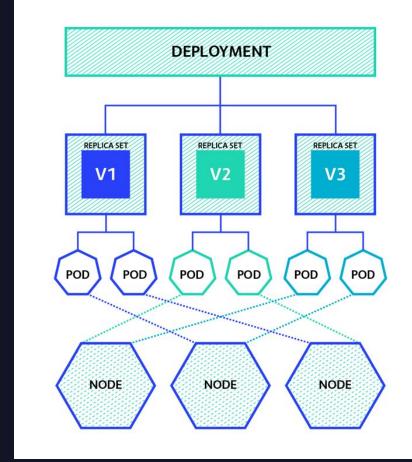


Container





Orchestration





Serverless





Operational!= Perfect





Sneaky testing



Why do we test?



What do we test for?





9s don't matter if the user is unhappy.

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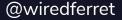
The trouble is toil

- Manual
- Repetitive
- Automatable
- Tactical
- No enduring value
- Scales badly



Useful tests

- End-to-end message time
- Availability
- Request performance
- Accurate responses
- Usability
- Accessibility





Facade tests

- Code coverage
- Only the happy path
- Only clean data
- Staging



The beautiful future



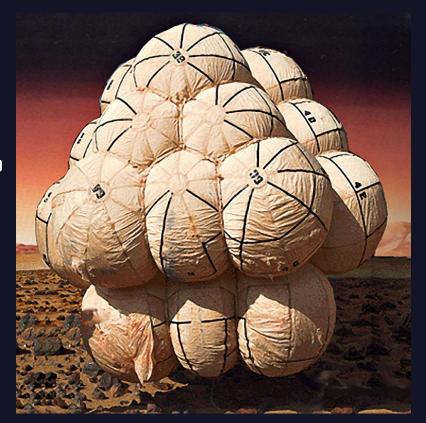
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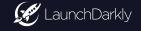


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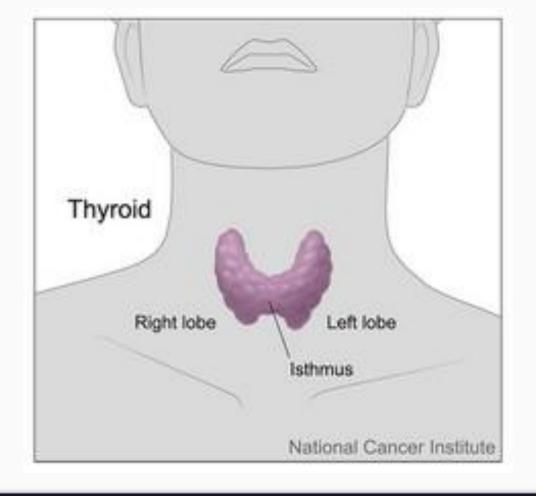
Semantics > Syntax





Testing experience, not embodiment





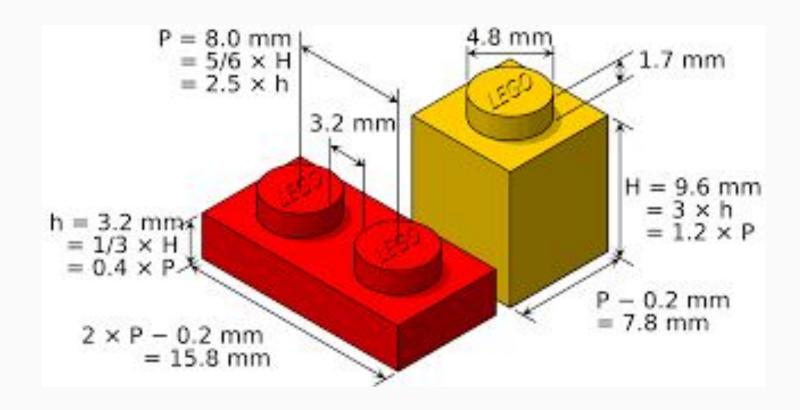


Why microservices are like Tinkertoys



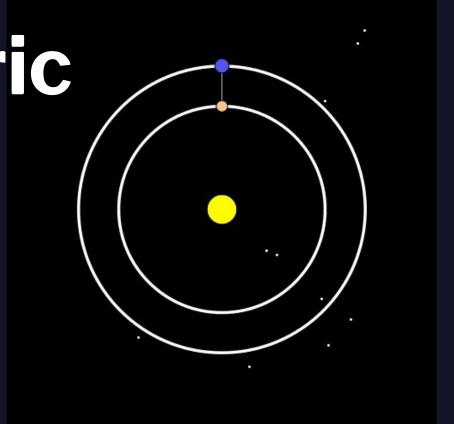








Combinatoric Testing Complexity









All On

All Off

Status Quo

Status Quo +/- Flag



Do it all in production

Complexity Has Inherent Problems





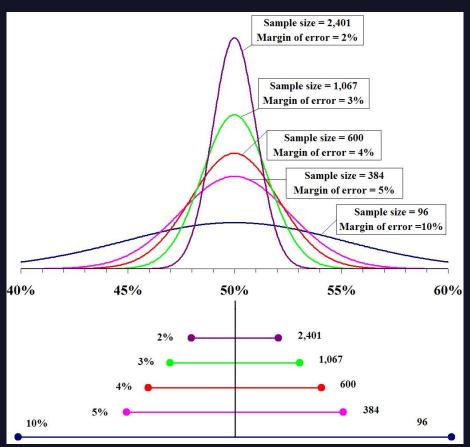


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How Much Failure is Tolerable?







Reduce Catastrophes

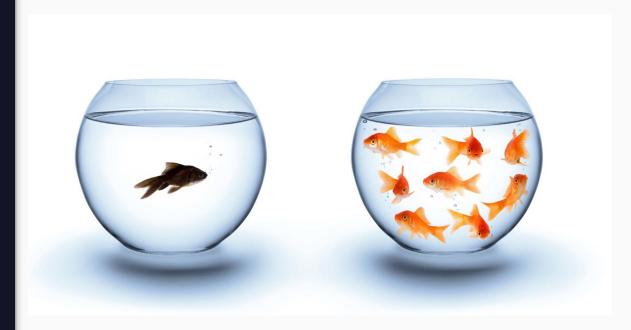


Circuit breakers





Isolations



Control Points



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Rapid Rollback





Layered Access





No Direct Access





Authorized Users Make Changes



401
Unauthorized

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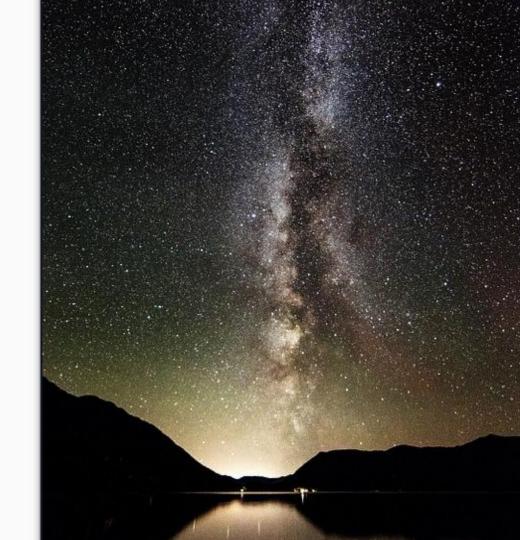
Abstractions Manage Change



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This is a roadmap

It may not be your roadmap







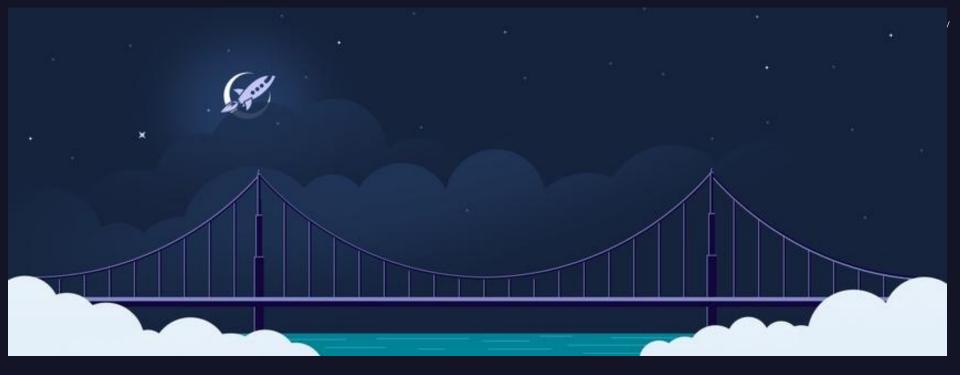
When it's bumpy

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tl;rt

- Full test coverage is not a thing anymore
- What is more important than how
- Test in production
- Plan for failure



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