Continuous Integration

Continuous Integration using Damage Control

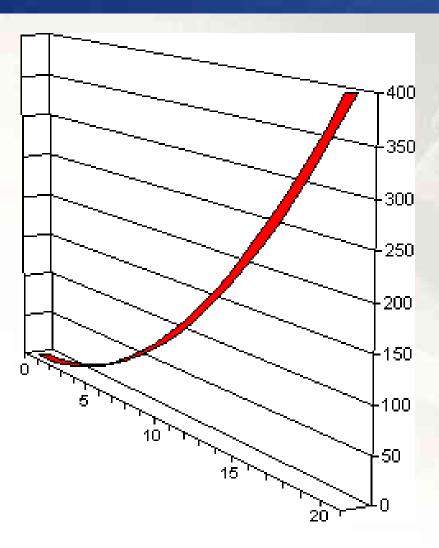
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Integration



- Making large, disparate parts working together
- Traditionally, error prone, ... and dreaded
- Solution Integrate often
- Need tools to make it successful

The Exponential Cost of Change



- The earlier you find an error, the easier it is to fix
- Empirically 10x cost escalation at each step from requirement, to developement, to QA, to release

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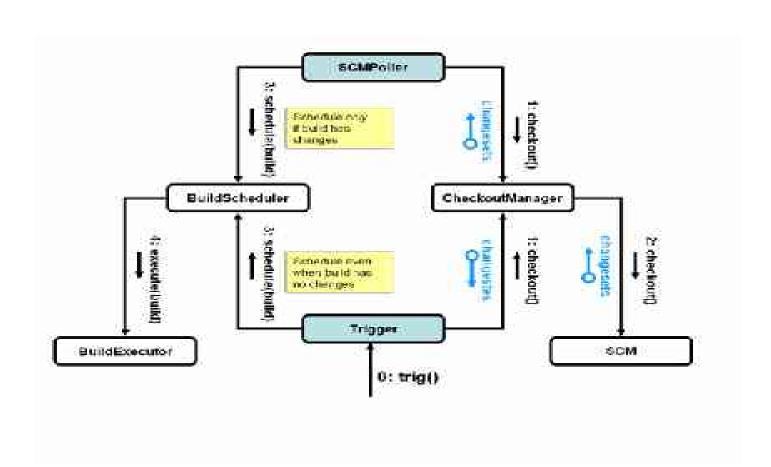
- Merge
- Build
- Test
- Rinse 'n Repeat

Damage Control

- Ruby based automated build server
- Source control integration to trigger builds
- Web based reporting and control
- Depends on having single click build and test environments for your projects
- Build tool agnostic



Damage Control Architecture



More Features

- Scheduled Builds
- SCM Polling
- Issue Tracker Integration
- Build artifact archiving
- ViewCVS Integration



DEMO

Using DamageControl

Caveats

- Young and evolving project
- Documentation could be improved
- Ongoing changes ... new version out soon



Alternatives

- CruiseControl
 - Build ant based projects
- CruiseControl.NET
 - Build .NET (nAnt) based projects
- GUMP
 - Global continuous integration

Questions?



More Info

- Main DamageControl Site
 - http://damagecontrol.codehaus.org/
- Martin Fowler on Continuous Integration
 - http://martinfowler.com/articles/continuousIntegration.html
- Cost of Change
 - http://www.xprogramming.com/xpmag/cost_of_change.htm
- Cruise Control
 - http://cruisecontrol.sourceforge.net/
- This Presentation
 - http://www.sengupta.net/talks/

Dependencies & Installation

- Install Ruby
- Download binary
 - http://damagecontrol.codehaus.org/
- Install DC server
- Install DC SCM plugin