

Scaling Product Organisation for Growth



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The man in the planning room, whose specialty is planning ahead, invariably finds that the work can be done more economically by subdivision of the labour; each act of each mechanic, for example, should be preceded by various preparatory acts done by other men

Frederick W Taylor

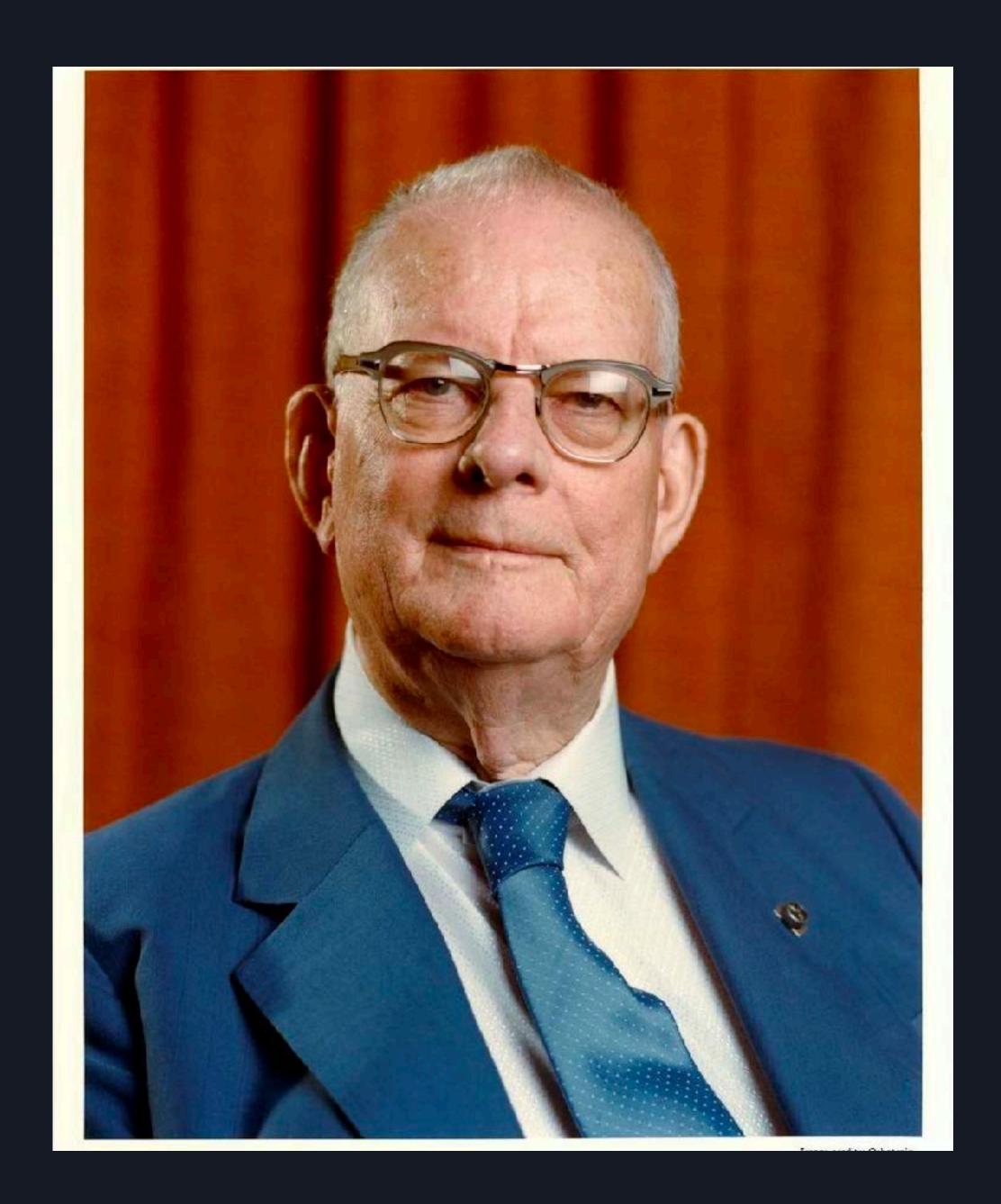
Father of Scientific Management 1856-1915



Break down barriers between departments. People in research, design, sales, and production must work as a team, to foresee problems of production and use that may be encountered with the product or service.

W Edwards Deming

Total Quality Management 1900-1993

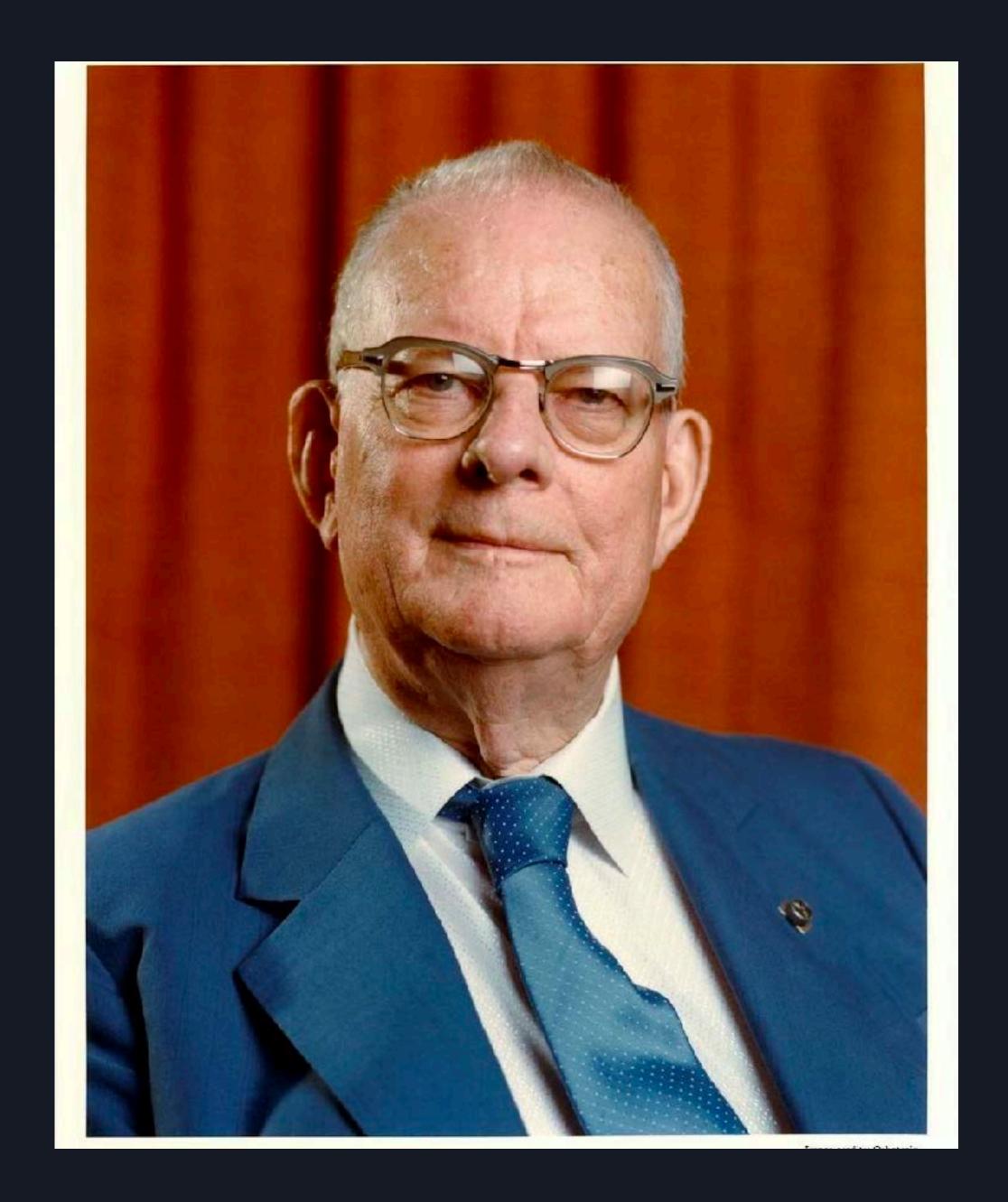


Institute leadership — the aim of supervision should be to help people and machines and gadgets to do a better job.

Supervision of management is in need of overhaul, as well as supervision of production workers.

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Taylor

Deming

- Specialisation
- Output focused
- Efficiency
- Low variation

- End to end
- Build quality in
- Effectiveness
- High variation

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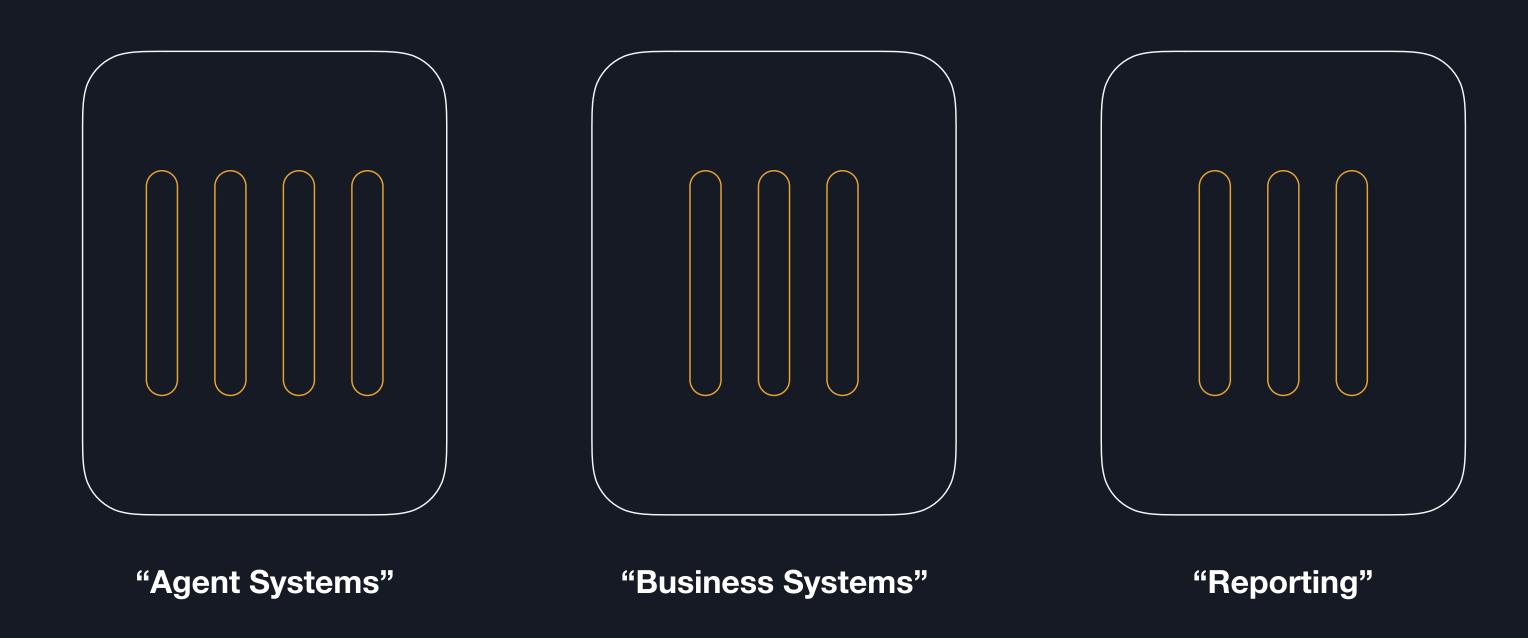
It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change

Charles Darwin



Company A

capability based teams, operating in silo

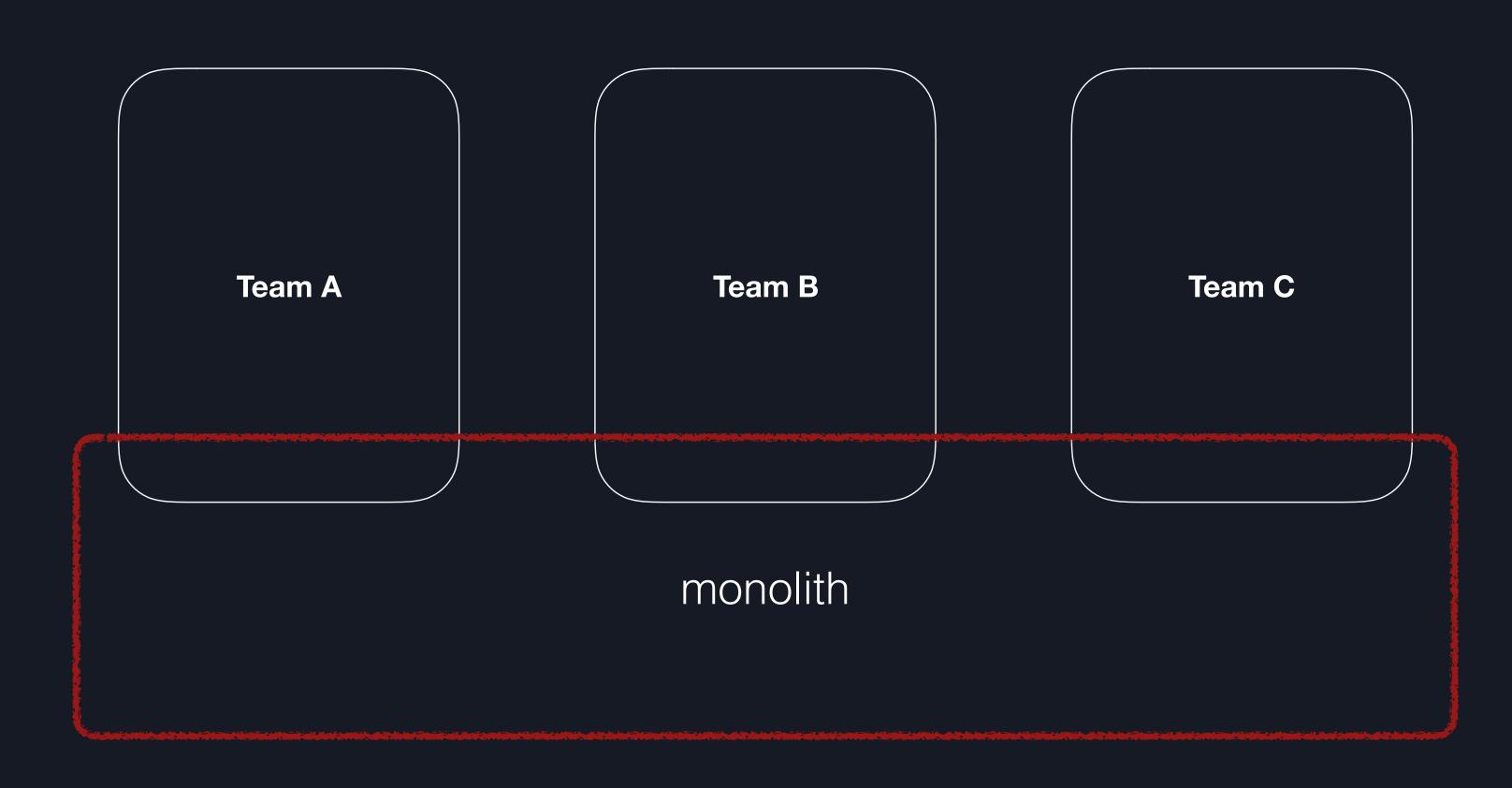


it took nine months to create a new package

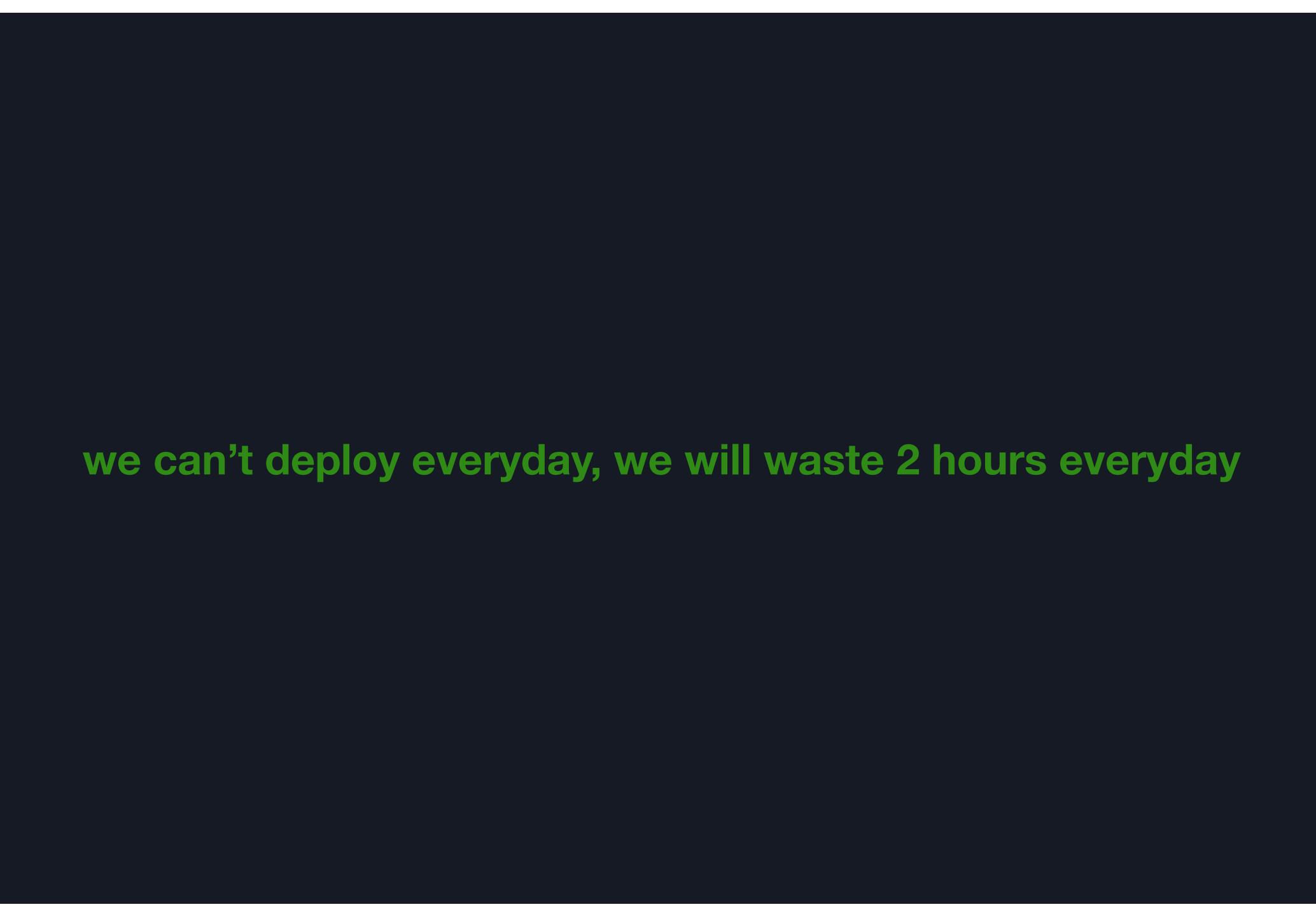
that team is so not agile

Company B

monolithic code base

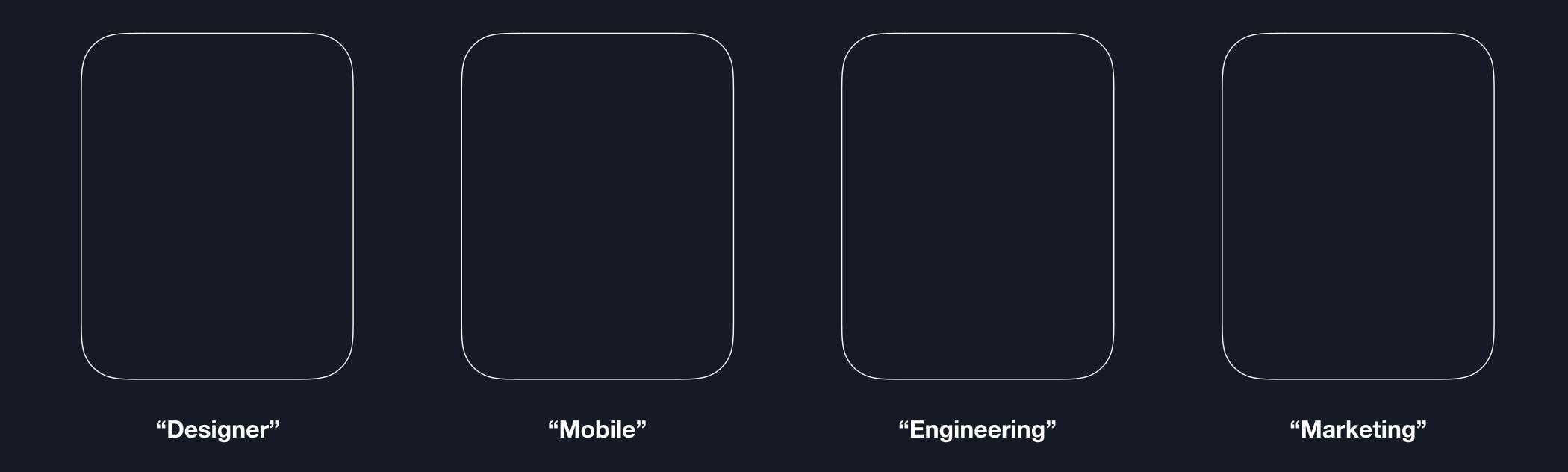


ping pong all day



Company C

disciplined based team, operating in silo



what is the value that the design team bring?

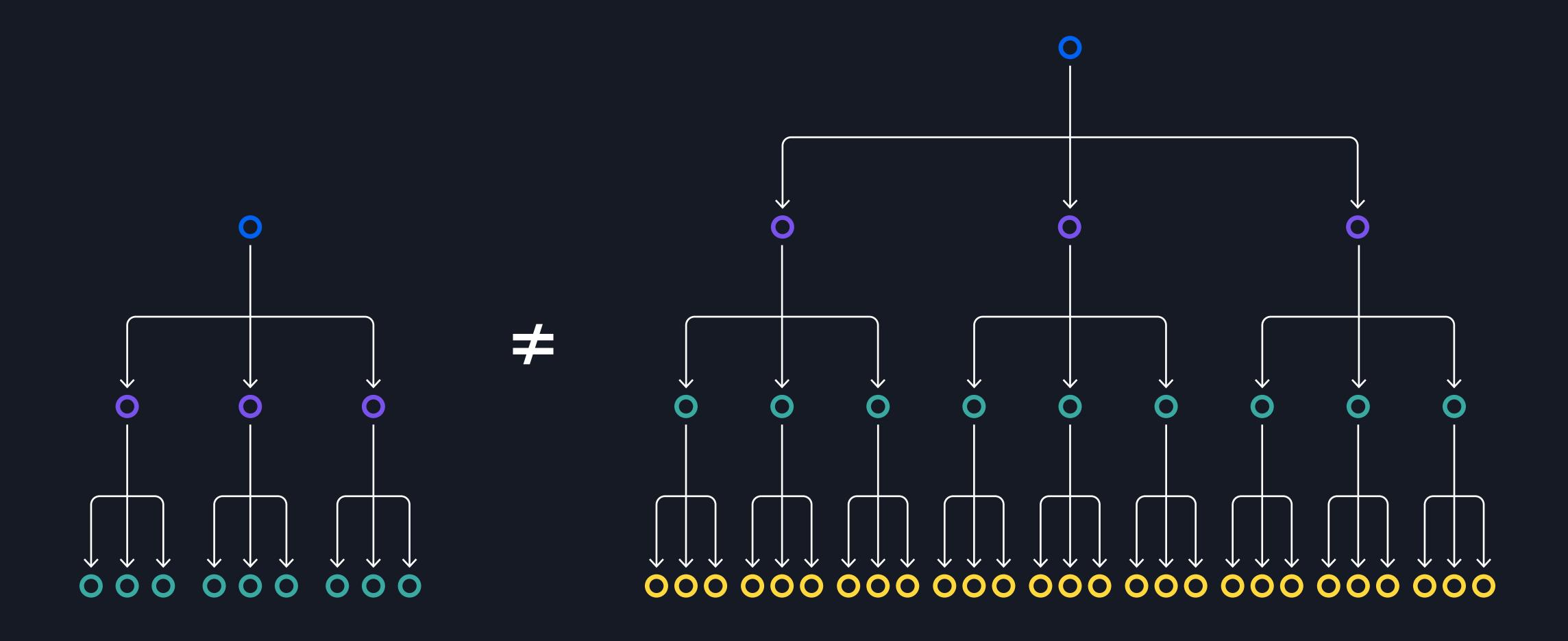
are they sweating it?

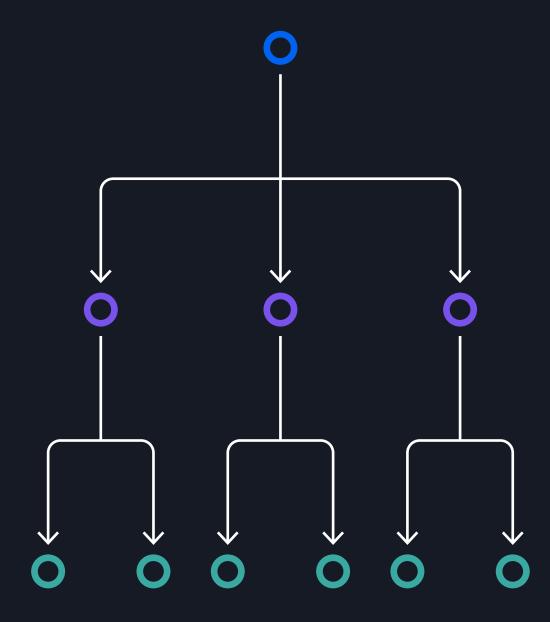
PTSD

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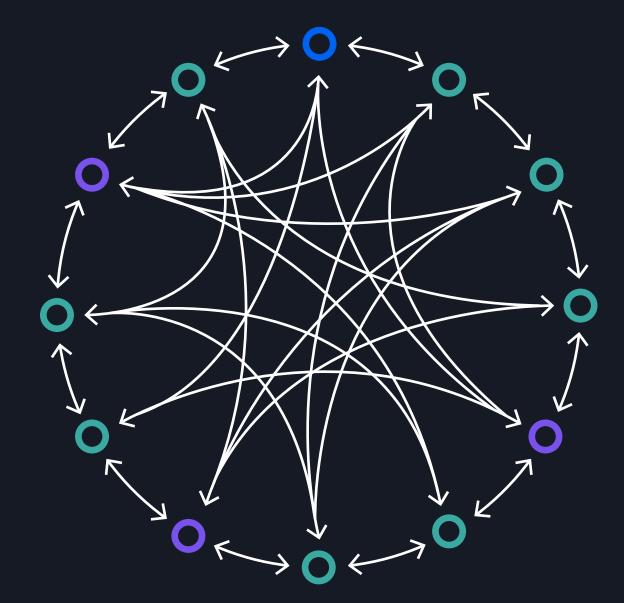
94% of the problems are caused by the system

W. Edwards Deming



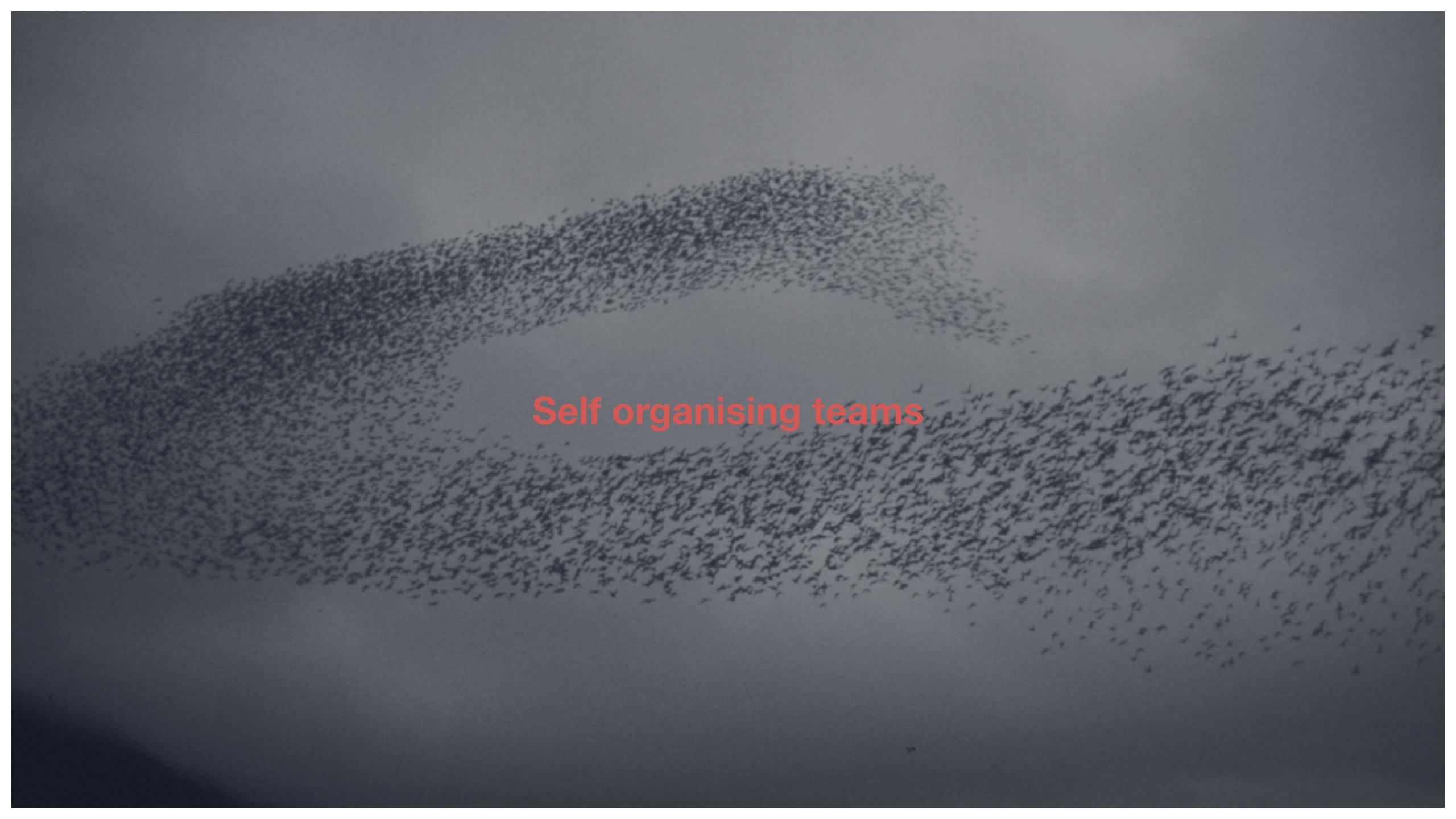


"Hierarchical Structure"



"Value Structure"





Culture

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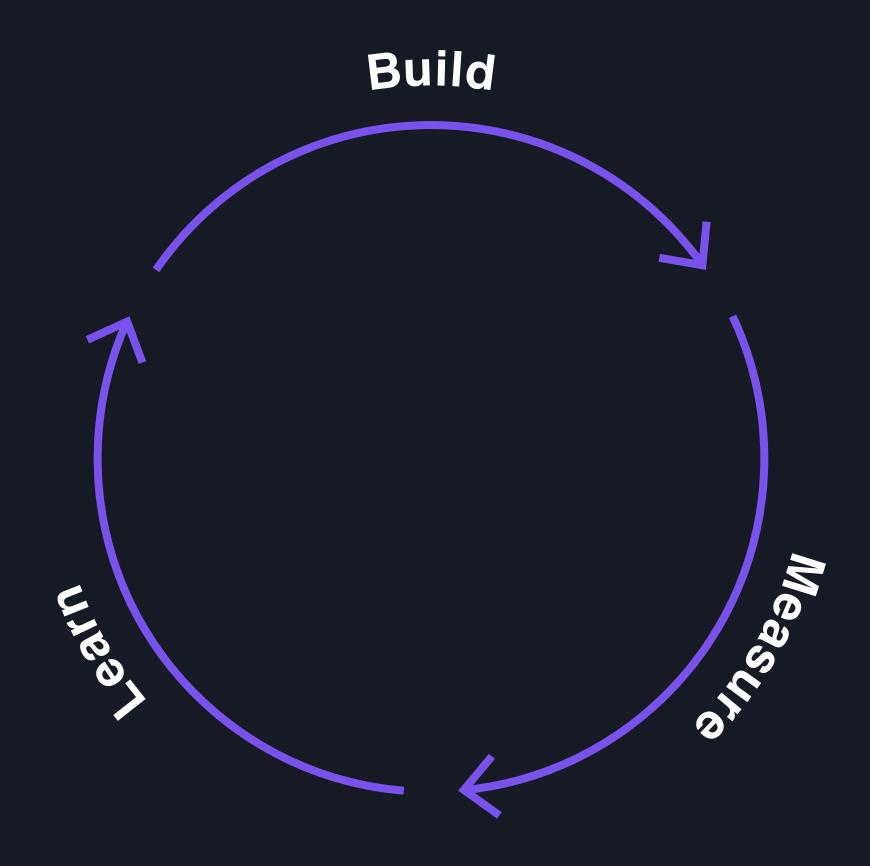
The leader's job is to drive out fear

W. Edwards Deming

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Stop being a company with its face towards the CEO and ass towards the customer

Jack Welch



Before cars, make people

Eiji Toyoda

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If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader

John Quincy Adams

People

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Attitude, not aptitude, determines altitude

Zig Ziglar

Boundary crossing competencies Depth in at least one system or discipline

Structure

Process

Architecture

People

Culture

Structure

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A bad system will beat a good person every time

W. Edwards Deming

Culture People Structure Process Architecture



Process

align with company goals

Objective

Increase our repeat users

Key Results

- 1. Increase adoption of function A by x%
- 2. Increase registered users by y%
- 3. Reduce churn by z%

Culture People Structure Process Architecture

make the work visible



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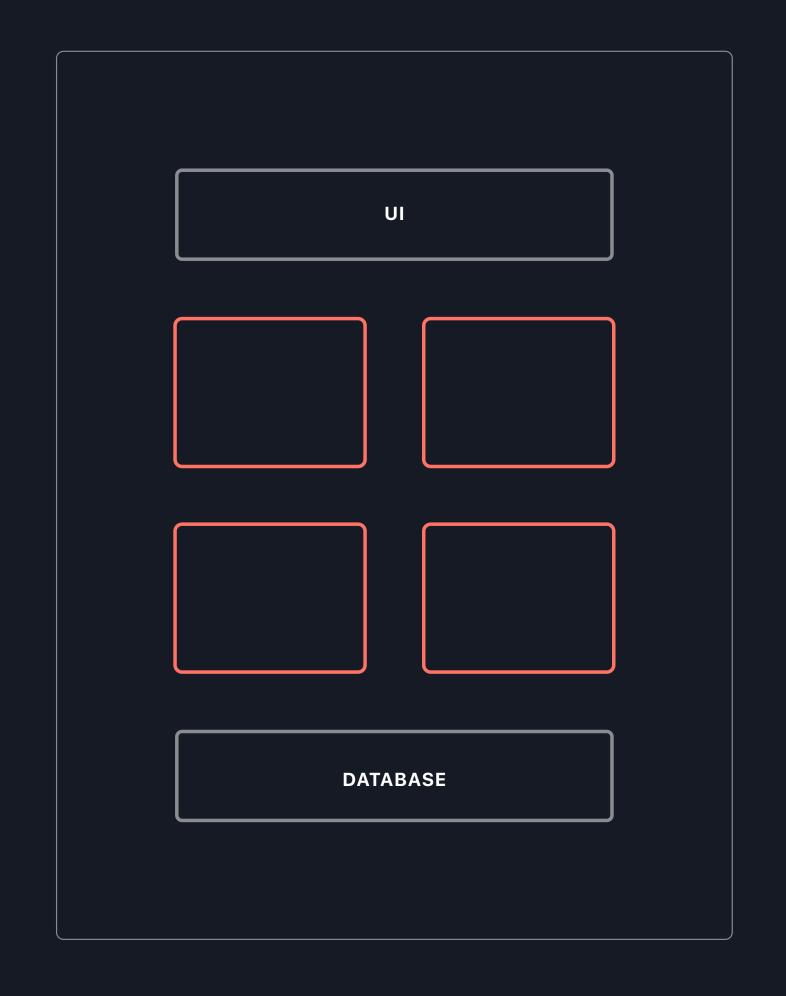
Architecture

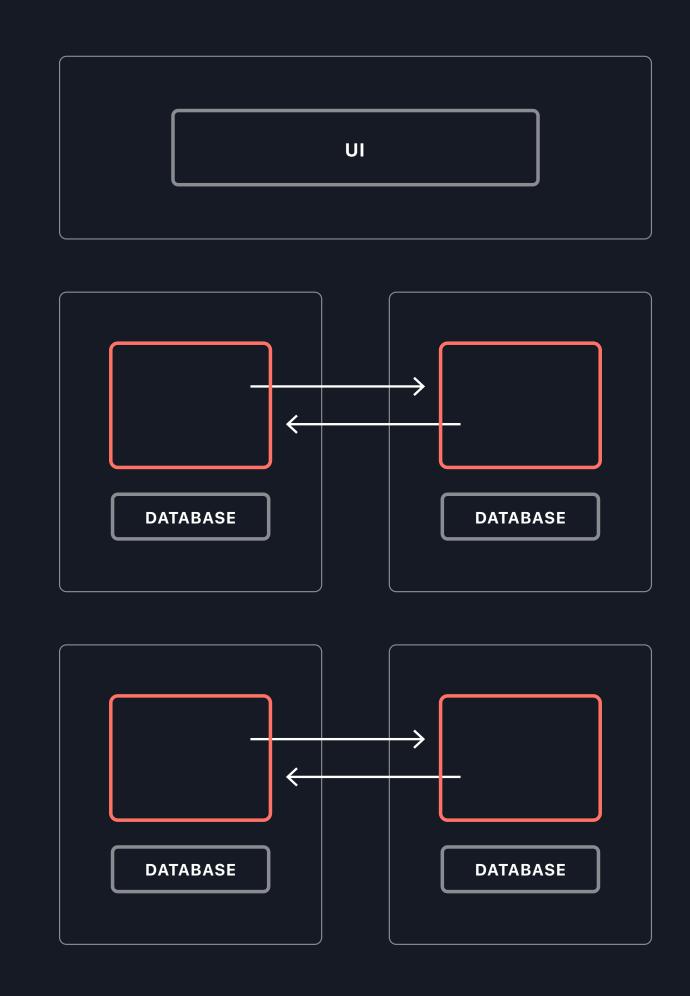
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Any organisation that designs a system will inevitably produce a design whose structure is a copy of the organisation's communication structure

Conway's Law

Culture People Structure Process Architecture





A self organising team is...

a cross-functional team with t-shaped members who have a get things done attitude and a desire to learn, are motivated by a strong purpose that is aligned to the company's goals, has the autonomy to reach those, has full ownership of its environment and are coached and supported by servant leaders.

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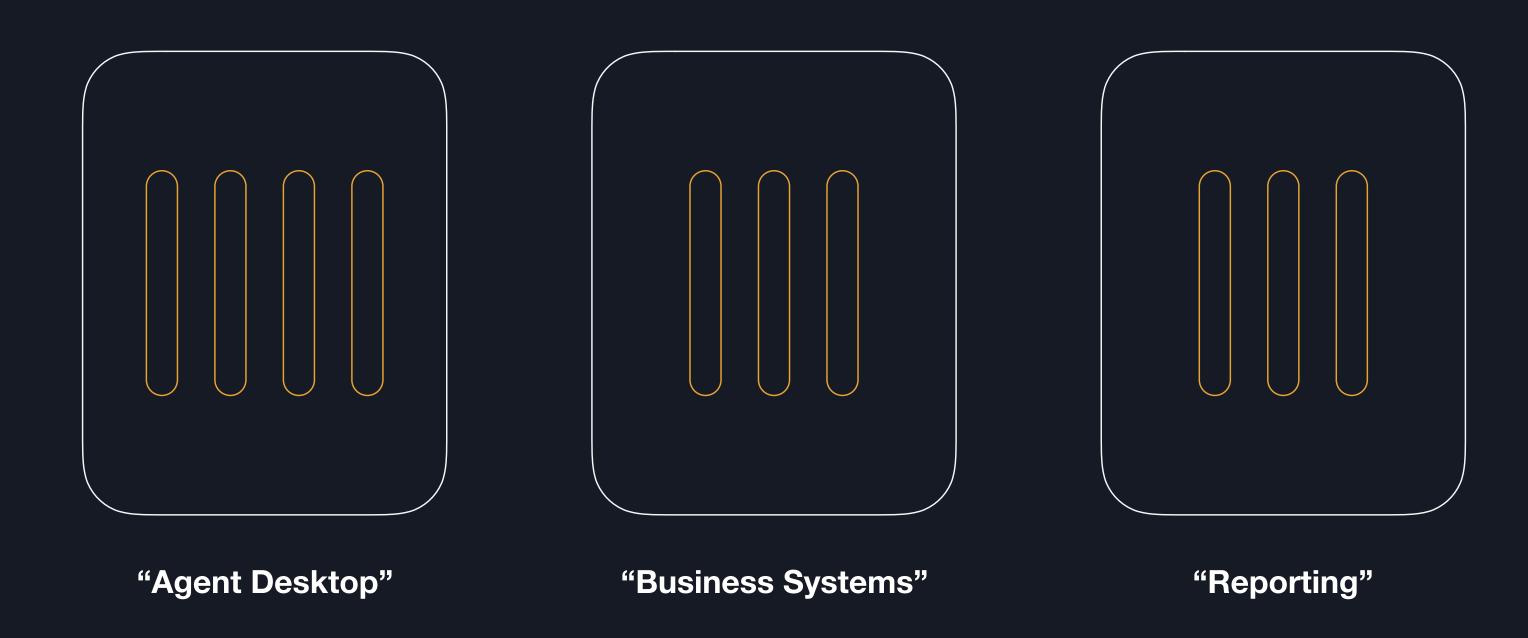
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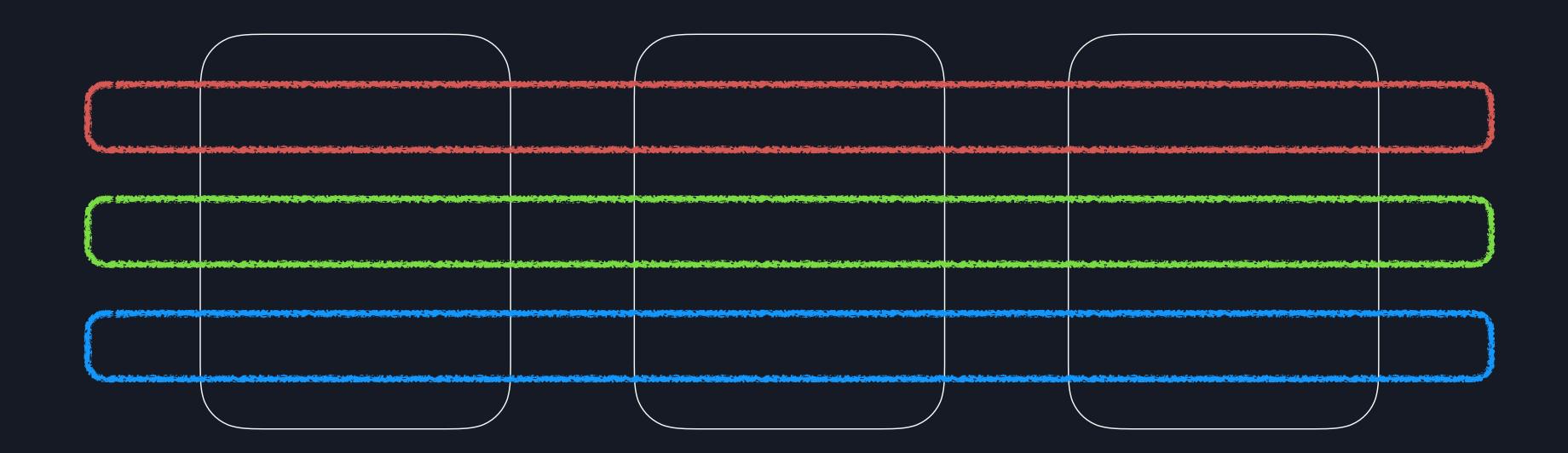


Company A

From purchase to invoice

From listing to property

Improve consumer experience through data



start with the structure

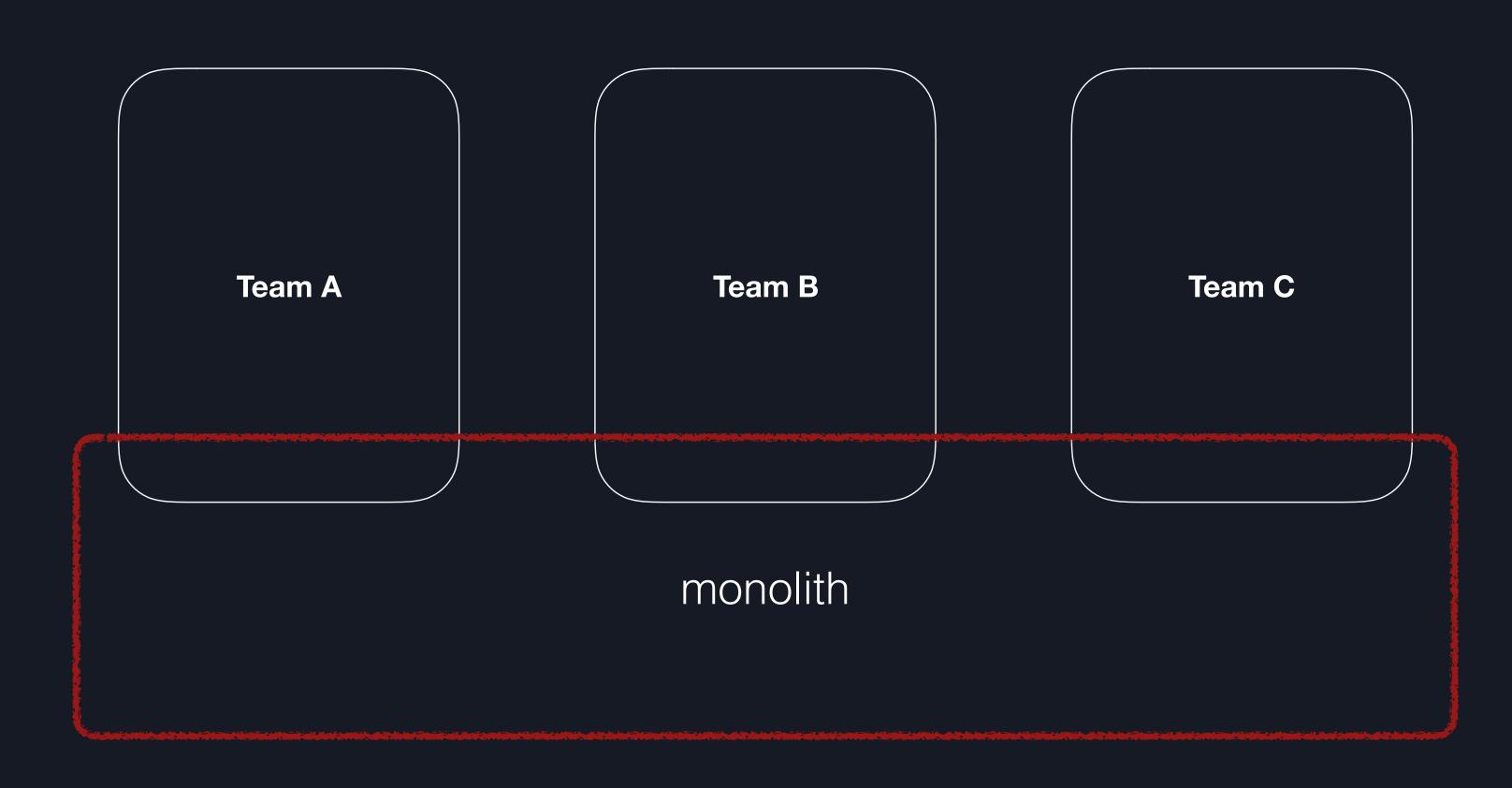
grow the people

overcommunicate

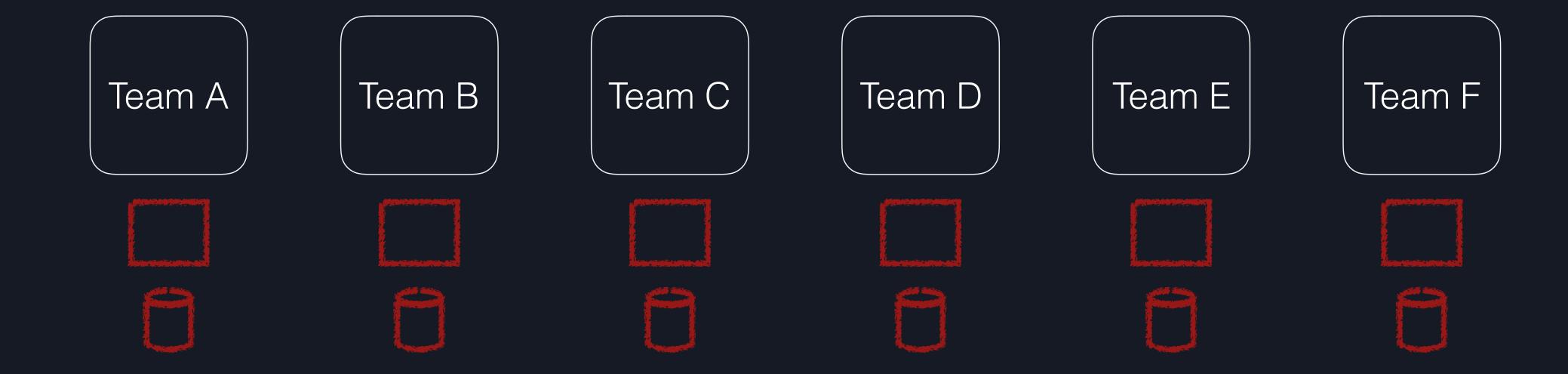
this is not for me

Company B

monolithic code base



Company B



open your kimono

if it hurts, do it more

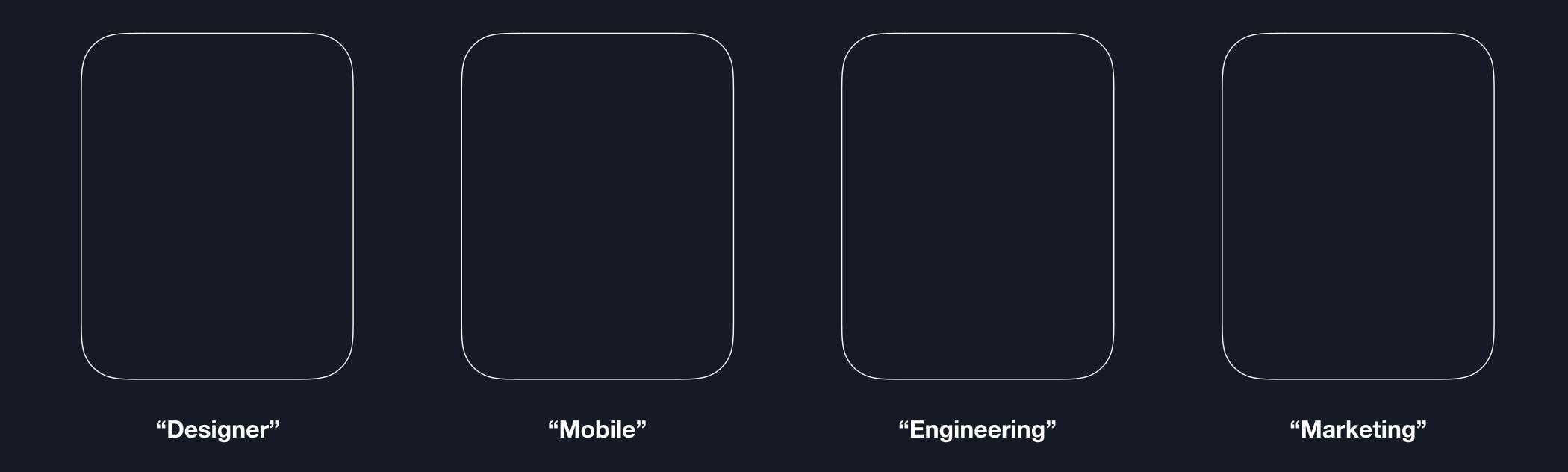
science project

overcommunicate

this is not for me

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Company C



3 questions

break walls and build bridges



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be bold, take risk

You are successful unless I tell you otherwise

Richard Durnall

