



# Run Fast!

Catch Performance Regressions in Python

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How to catch performance regressions?

Detection ➡ Prevention

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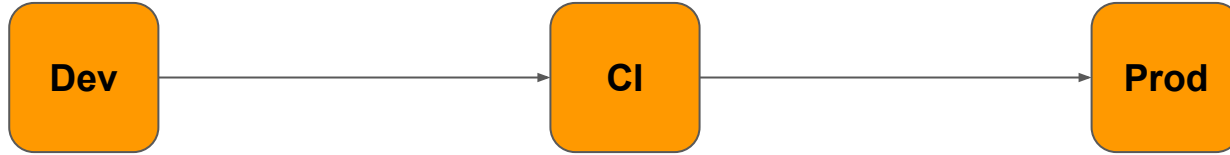


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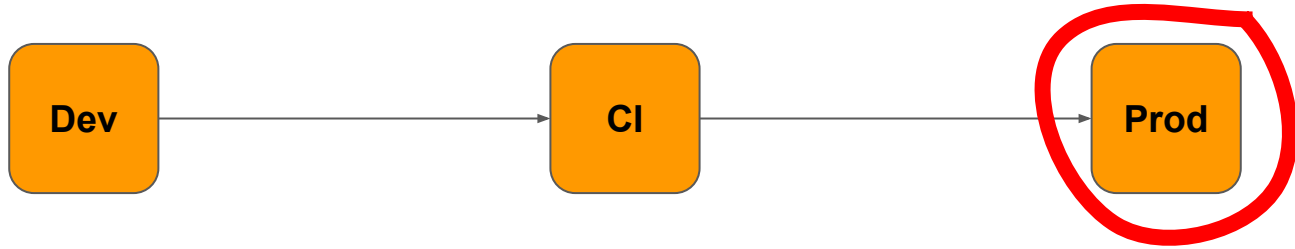




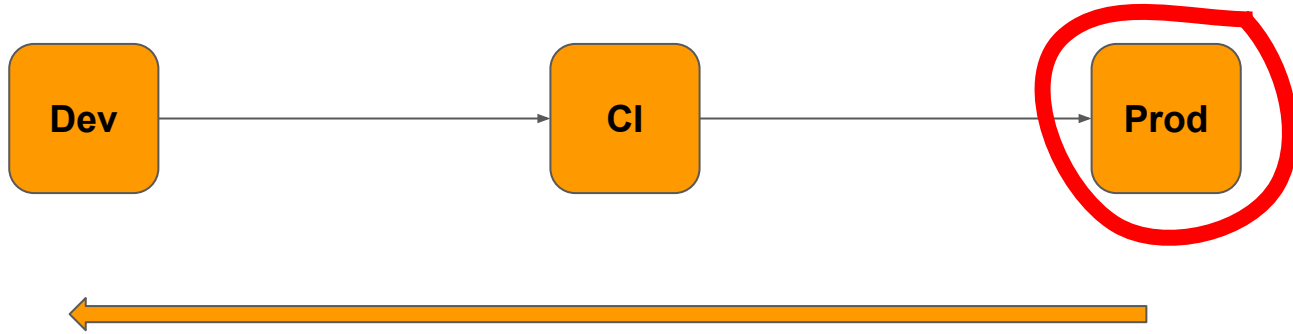
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App v0

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Fun Notification Feature

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Improved Fun Notification Feature

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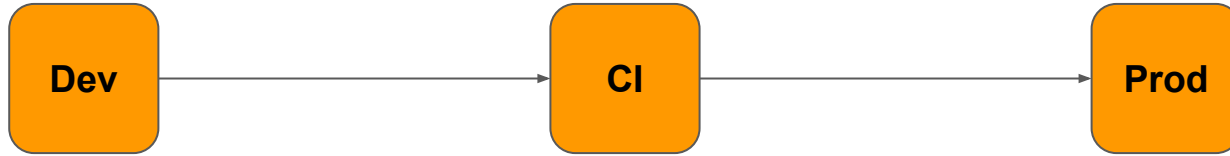
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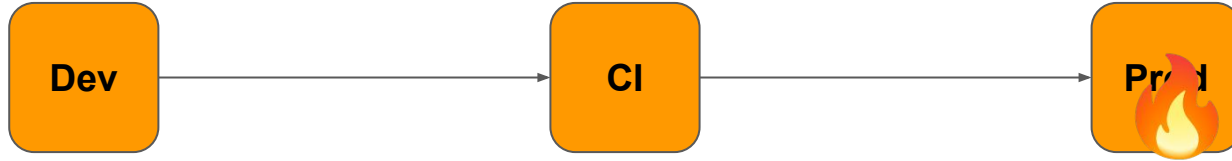
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airspeed velocity (asv)

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Run pytest-benchmark

```
pytest fun_notification.py
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```
(python) gitpod /workspace/bencher/examples/python (devel) $ pytest fun_notification.py
===== test session starts =====
platform linux -- Python 3.8.16, pytest-7.2.1, pluggy-1.0.0
benchmark: 4.0.0 (defaults: timer=time.perf_counter disable_gc=False min_rounds=5 min_time=0.000005 max_time=1.0 calibration_precision=10 warmup=False warmup_iterations=100000)
rootdir: /workspace/bencher/examples/python
plugins: benchmark-4.0.0
collected 1 item

fun_notification.py . [100%]

----- benchmark: 1 tests -----
Name (time in ms)      Min       Max     Mean  StdDev   Median    IQR  Outliers  OPS  Rounds  Iterations
-----
test_fibonacci        160.1963  165.8044  163.0506  1.8655  162.5430  2.3961    2;0  6.1331     7         1

Legend:
  Outliers: 1 Standard Deviation from Mean; 1.5 IQR (InterQuartile Range) from 1st Quartile and 3rd Quartile.
  OPS: Operations Per Second, computed as 1 / Mean
===== 1 passed in 2.49s =====
```



Run and Save pytest-benchmark

```
pytest --benchmark-autosave fun_notification.py
```

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----- benchmark: 1 tests -----
Name (time in us)      Min       Max      Mean   StdDev   Median    IQR  Outliers  OPS (Kops/s)  Rounds  Iterations
-----
test_fibonacci        33.8200  7,300.4490  38.2772  57.6385  34.2800   0.3300  366;3280      26.1252    17257      1

Legend:
Outliers: 1 Standard Deviation from Mean; 1.5 IQR (InterQuartile Range) from 1st Quartile and 3rd Quartile.
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===== 1 passed in 1.77s =====
```

Run and Compare with pytest-benchmark

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pytest --benchmark-compare=0001 fun_notification.py
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```
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Comparing against benchmarks from: Linux-CPython-3.8-64bit/0001_ea3d56fb1242d60590eb7233682f7618e64b0995_20230226_155638.json
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fun_notification.py . [100%]

----- benchmark: 2 tests -----
Name (time in us)           Min                Max                Mean                StdDev              Median              IQR               Outliers            OPS                Rounds  Iterations
-----
test_fibonacci (NOW)        31.0510 (1.0)      8,474.7680 (1.0)   38.3061 (1.0)      67.9789 (1.0)      34.1300 (1.0)      2.2400 (1.0)      351;2783          26,105.5273 (1.0)  16287    1
test_fibonacci (0001_ea3d56f) 157,517.6220 (>1000.0) 168,837.1590 (19.92) 161,825.9668 (>1000.0) 3,846.8150 (56.59) 160,884.4600 (>1000.0) 2,872.3000 (>1000.0) 2;1              6.1795 (0.00)    6        1

Legend:
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OPS: Operations Per Second, computed as 1 / Mean
===== 1 passed in 1.73s =====
```

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Macro  
(integration)

```
@ping_blueprint_v1.route("/api/v1/fun", methods=["GET"])  
def fun_notification():  
    day_of_month = datetime.now().day  
    notification = fun_notification(day_of_month)  
    return jsonify({"status": "success", "message": notification})
```

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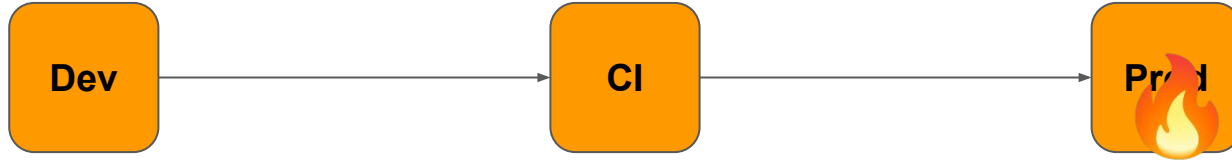
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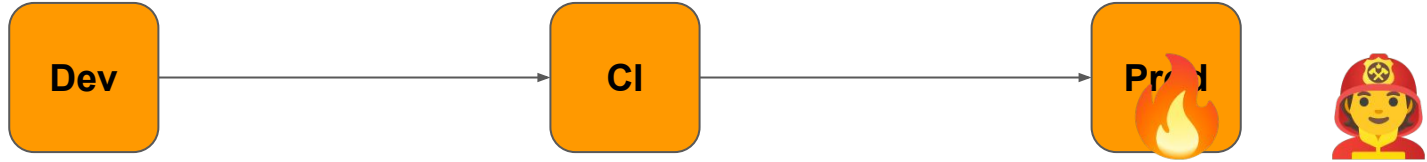
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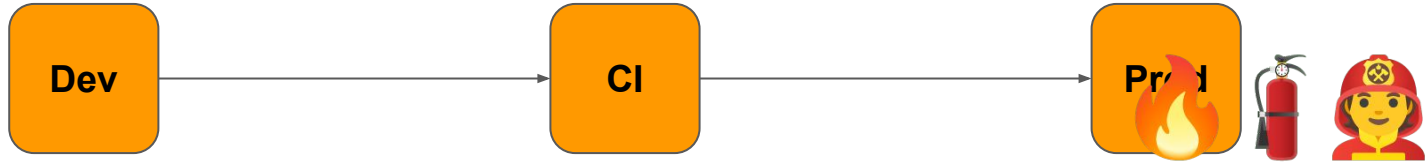
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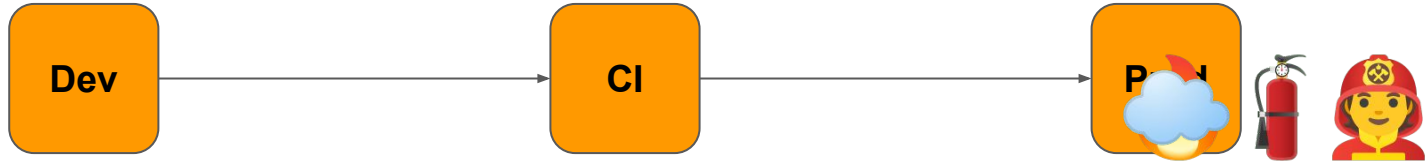


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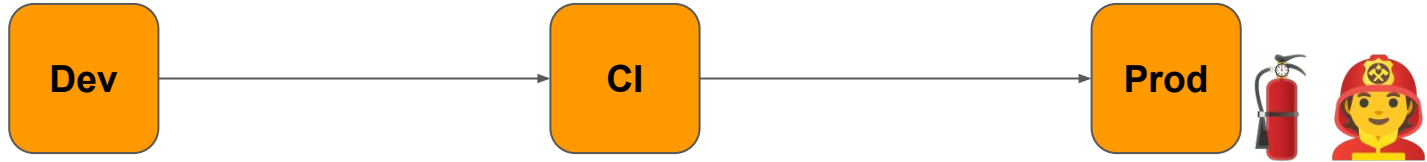




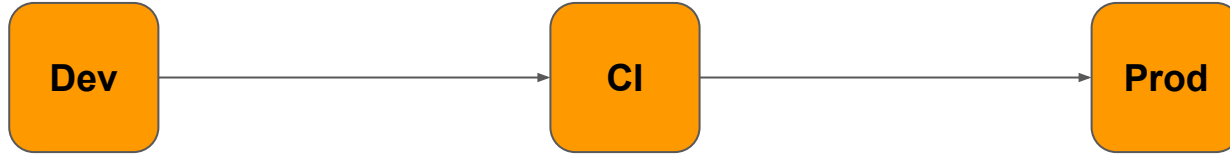
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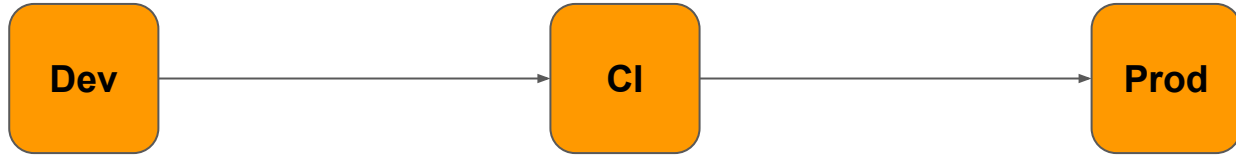
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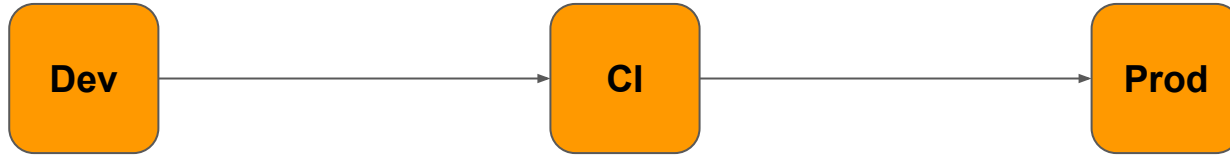
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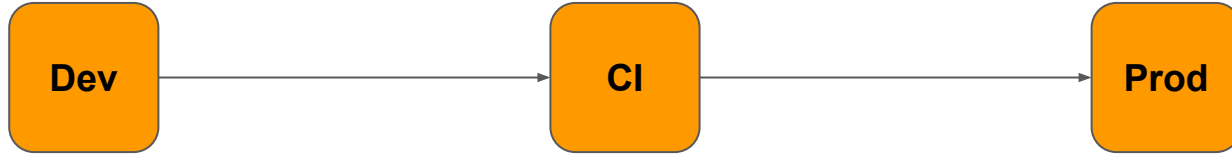
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Continuous Benchmarking

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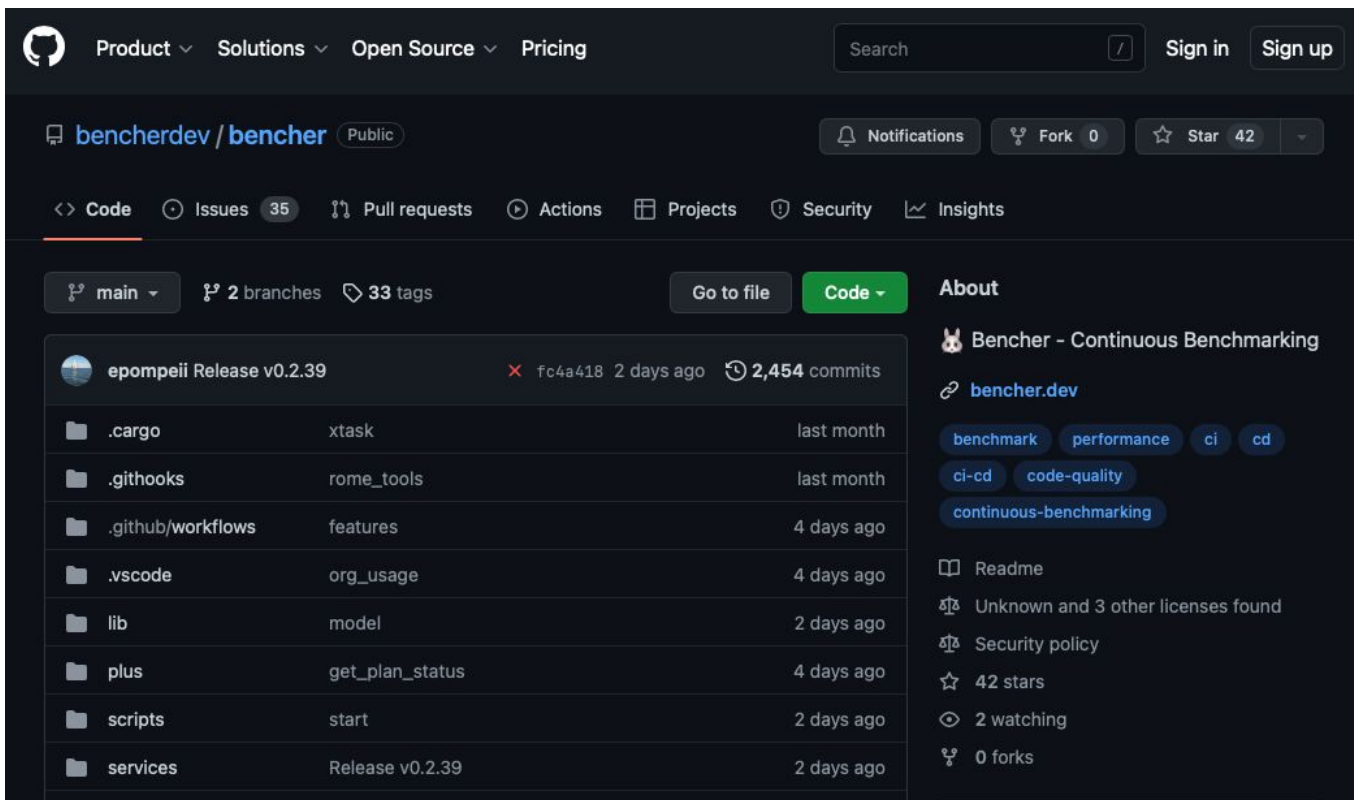
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The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `bencherdev/bencher`. The repository is public and has 42 stars and 0 forks. The main branch is `main`, with 2 other branches and 33 tags. The repository is owned by `epompeii` and has a release `v0.2.39` from 2 days ago with commit `fc4a418` and 2,454 commits. The repository contains several folders: `.cargo` (xtask, last month), `.githubooks` (rome\_tools, last month), `.github/workflows` (features, 4 days ago), `.vscode` (org\_usage, 4 days ago), `lib` (model, 2 days ago), `plus` (get\_plan\_status, 4 days ago), `scripts` (start, 2 days ago), and `services` (Release v0.2.39, 2 days ago). The repository is categorized with tags: `benchmark`, `performance`, `ci`, `cd`, `ci-cd`, `code-quality`, and `continuous-benchmarking`. The repository also has a Readme, Unknown and 3 other licenses found, Security policy, 42 stars, 2 watching, and 0 forks.

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def test_fun_notification(benchmark):  
    def days_in_month():  
        for n in range(1, 32):  
            fun_notification(n)  
    benchmark(days_in_month)
```



# Install Bencher CLI in CI

```
wget https://github.com/bencherdev/bencher/releases/download/v0.2.40/bencher_0.2.40_amd64.deb  
sudo dpkg -i bencher_0.2.40_amd64.deb
```

# Continuous Benchmarking with pytest-benchmark

```
bencher run \  
  --file results.json \  
  "pipenv run pytest \  
    --benchmark-json results.json \  
    fun_notification.py"
```

# App v1: Fizz Feature

Return “Fizz” if day is divisible by 3.  
Otherwise, return None.

```
def fun_notification(n):  
    if not n % 3:  
        return 'Fizz'  
    return None  
  
def test_fun_notification(benchmark):  
    def days_in_month():  
        for n in range(1, 32):  
            fun_notification(n)  
    benchmark(days_in_month)
```



# App v2: FizzBuzz Feature

Return “Fizz” if day is divisible by 3, “Buzz” if divisible by 5, or “FizzBuzz” if both. Otherwise, return None.

```
def fun_notification(n):  
    response = ''  
    if not n % 3:  
        response += 'Fizz'  
    if not n % 5:  
        response += 'Buzz'  
    return response if response else None  
  
def test_fun_notification(benchmark):  
    def days_in_month():  
        for n in range(1, 32):  
            fun_notification(n)  
    benchmark(days_in_month)
```



# App v3: FizzBuzzFibonacci Feature

Return “Fizz” if day is divisible by 3, “Buzz” if divisible by 5, or “FizzBuzz” if both. Except if day is divisible by 7, then return  $n^{\text{th}}$  step of the Fibonacci Sequence. Otherwise, return None.

```
def fun_notification(n):
    if not n % 7:
        return fibonacci(n)
    response = ''
    if not n % 3:
        response += 'Fizz'
    if not n % 5:
        response += 'Buzz'
    return response if response else None

def test_fun_notification(benchmark):
    def days_in_month():
        for n in range(1, 32):
            fun_notification(n)
    benchmark(days_in_month)
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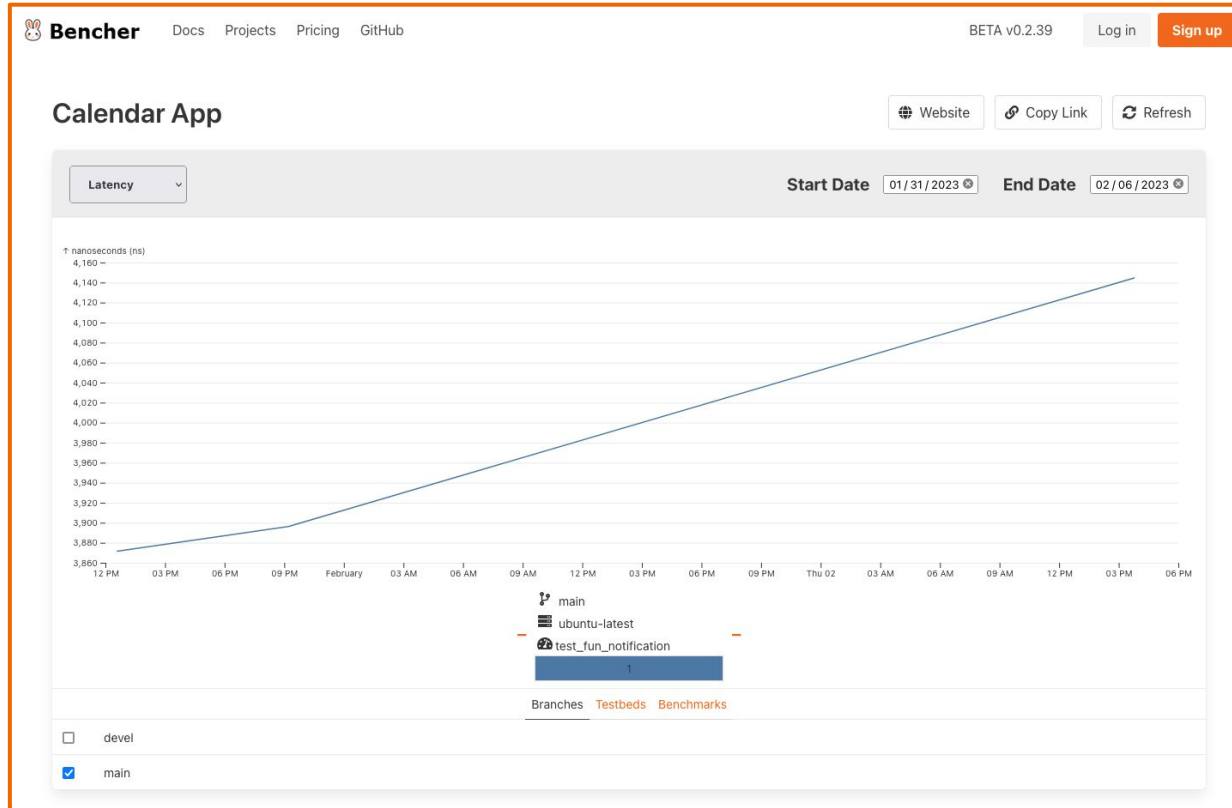
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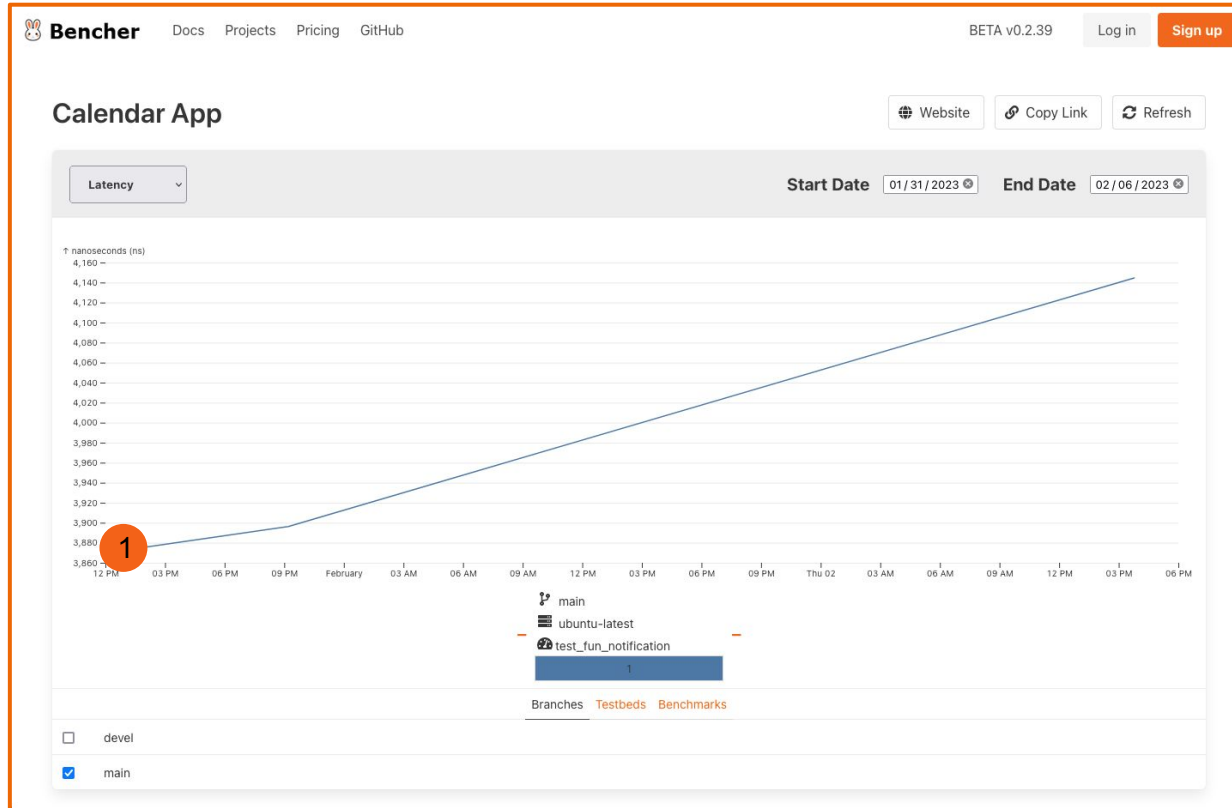
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    if not n % 7:  
        return fibonacci(n)  
    response = ''  
    if not n % 3:  
        response += 'Fizz'  
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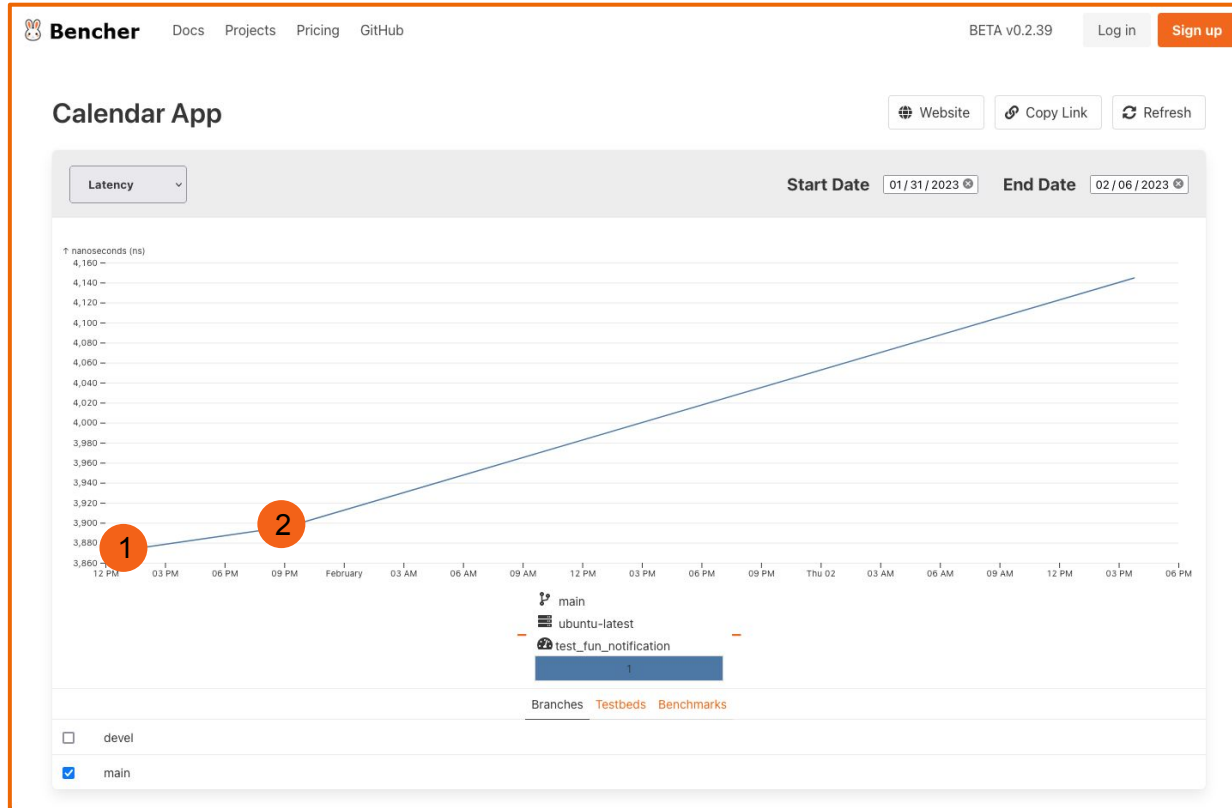
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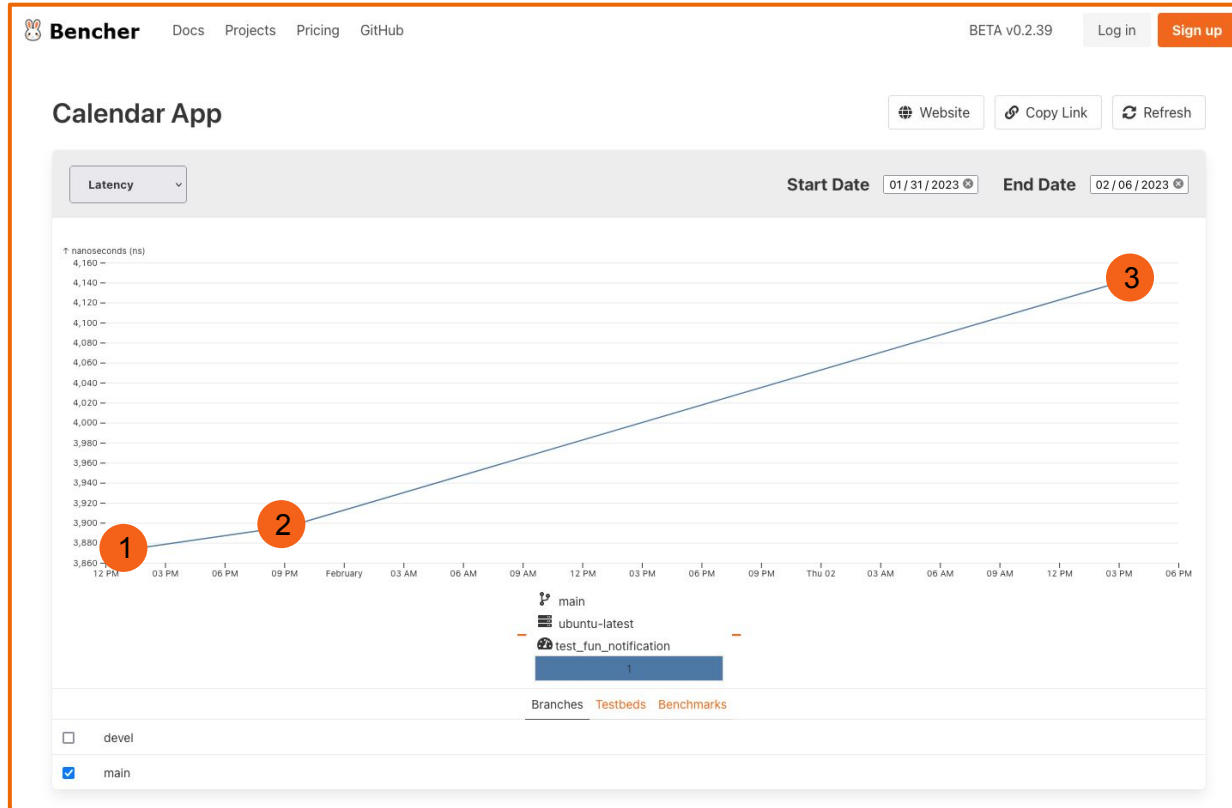
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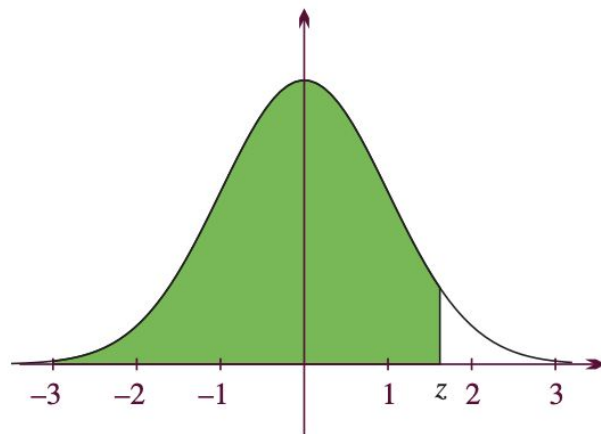
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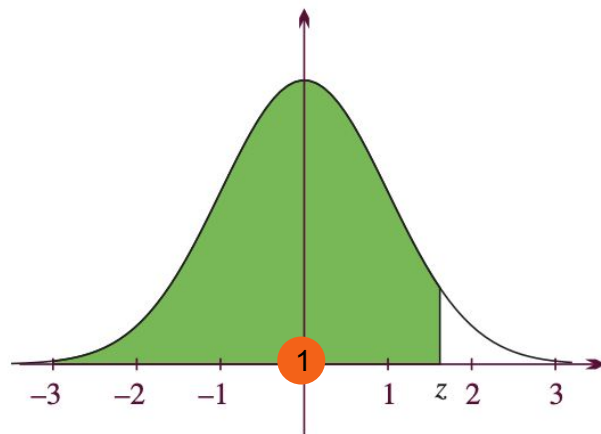
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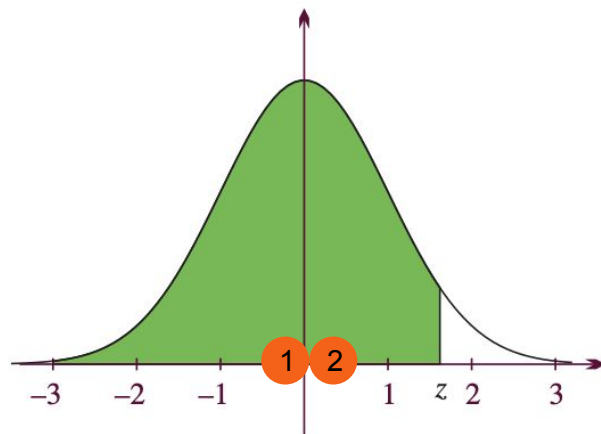
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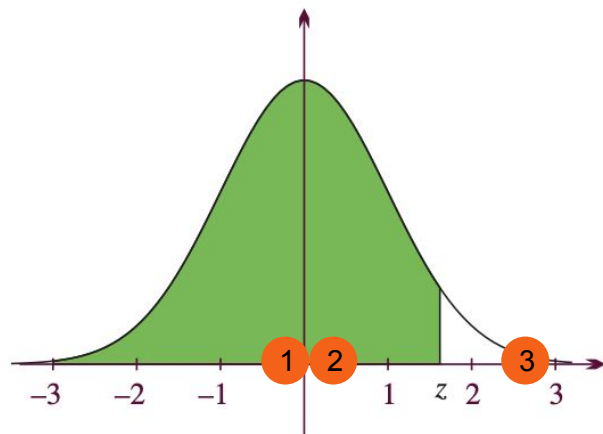


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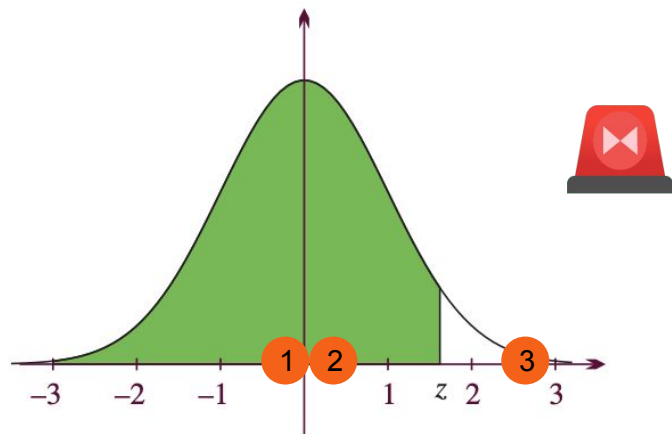




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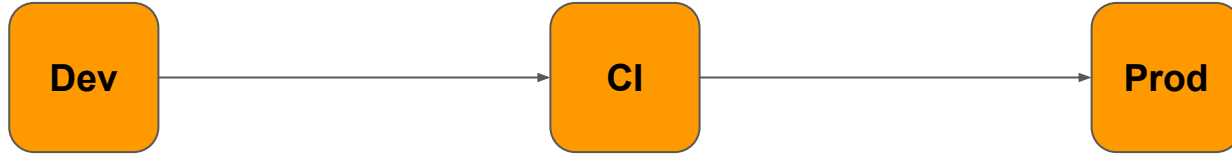


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# Catch performance regressions in CI

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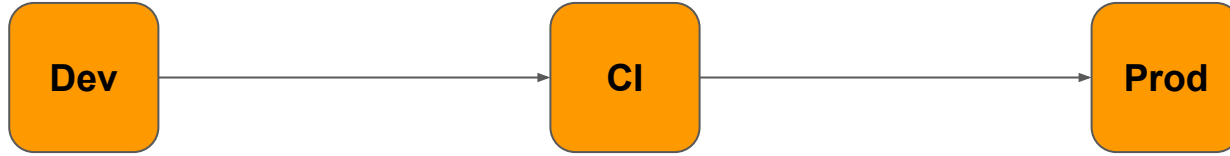
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🐰 Awesome!

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