

Is Your Team Any Good?

4 key metrics for measuring your team's performance



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 Lead Time For Changes

 Deployment
Frequency

DORA Metrics

 Mean Time to Recovery

 Change Failure Rate



Lead Time for Changes

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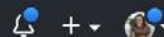
Elite Performers	<1 hour
High Performers	1 day to 1 week
Medium Performers	1 month to 6 months
Low Performers	6+ months

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Teams hierarchy #1176

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BAD

Long Lead Time for Changes

- Attempts to make huge changes in one go
- Code reviews sit around for too long
- Changing requirements during development
- Insufficient CI/CD pipelines

Short Lead Time for Changes

- Make sure everyone on the team can review PRs
- Reject tickets that aren't fully fleshed out & clarify requirements upfront
- Escalate changing requirements

Measuring Lead Time for Changes

- How long did it take for a ticket to hit production from when:
 - It was created?
 - The engineer started working on it?
 - The pull request was open?
- How much time between a PR being merged and being released?

Deployment Frequency

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Elite Performers	Multiple times a day
High Performers	Once a week to a month
Medium Performers	Once a month to every 6 months
Low Performers	Less than once every 6 months

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Release Gantt Chart Beta



BAD

Low Deployment Frequency

- Insufficient CI/CD pipelines
- Bottleneck of people with permission to deploy
- Lengthy manual testing process

High Deployment Frequency

- Make it easy to release
- Set up good integrated & end to end tests
- Drive a DevOps ethos

Measuring Deployment Frequency

- How many releases in a sprint?
- What is the average amount of time between releases?

 **Mean Time to Recovery**

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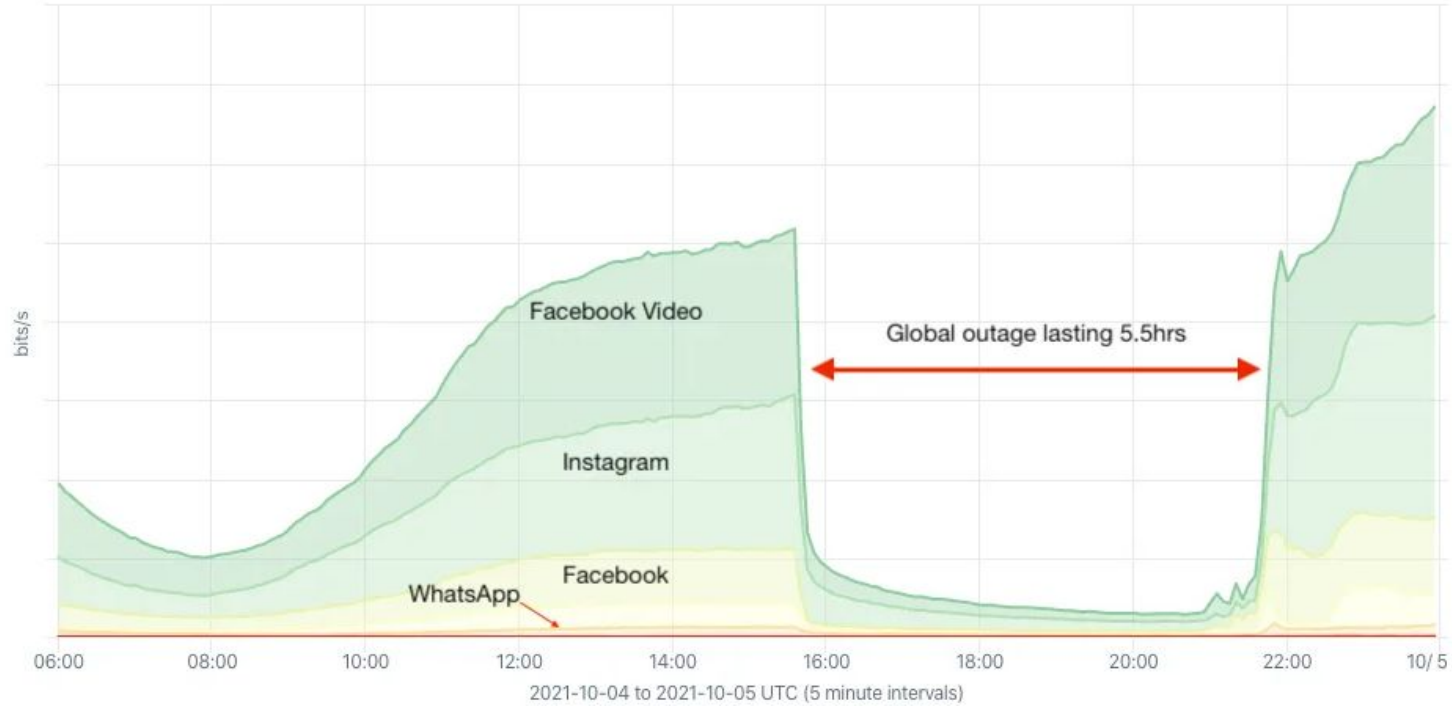
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Top OTT Service by Average bits/s Internet Traffic served by Facebook

Oct 04, 2021 06:00 to Oct 05, 2021 00:00 (18h)

Global outage 4-Oct-2021



** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2021_Facebook_outage

A promotional image for Roblox featuring a futuristic cityscape at night, a large metallic structure resembling a space station or tower, and a large, glowing sphere in the sky. The text "We're making things more awesome. Be back soon." is overlaid on the scene.

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ROBLOX

Long Mean Time to Recovery

- Risky infrastructure
- Poor ability to rollback changes
- Bad incident management process
- Tribal knowledge / insufficient documentation

Short Mean Time to Recovery

- Tight incident management processes
- Ability to rollback quickly (and lots of people know how)
- Tools to quickly diagnose what is wrong
- Clear runbooks that are easily accessible

Measuring Mean Time to Recovery

- How long was the outage?
- How much time between when the fix was discovered and when it was released?
- How long did it take to discover the outage?

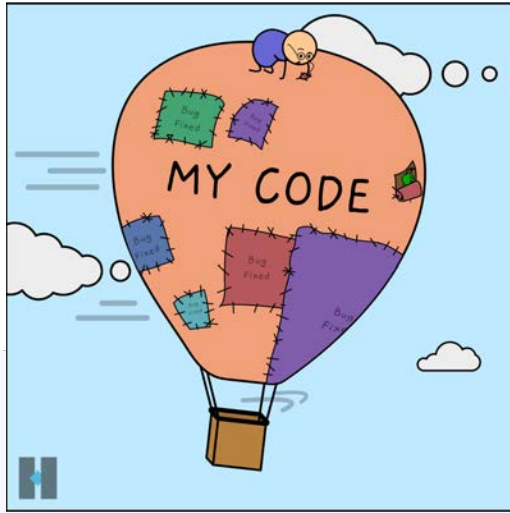


Change Failure Rate

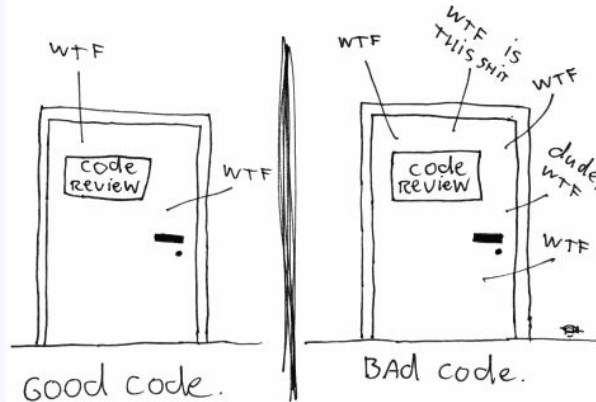
Change Failure Rate

Elite Performers	0 - 15%
High Performers	15 - 30%
Medium Performers	15 - 30%
Low Performers	15 - 30%

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The only valid measurement
of code quality: WTFs/minute



(c) 2008 Focus Shift

High Change Failure Rate

- Sloppy code reviews
- Insufficient testing
- Staging environments with inaccurate / insufficient data

Low Change Failure Rate

- DevOps ethos → a culture of quality
- Representative development and staging environments
- Strong partnership between product and engineering

Measuring Change Failure Rate

- How many releases have caused downtime?
- How many tickets have resulted in incidents?
- How many tickets have had follow up bug tickets?
- Digging deeper - How many of these issues are the result of
 - Insufficient unit tests?
 - Insufficient end to end tests?
 - Bad data?

Putting it all together: Speed v. Stability

- Speed: Lead Time for Changes & Deployment Frequency
- Stability: Mean Time to Recovery & Change Failure Rate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Averaging to at least one deploy a day in the last 7 days 	1
<pre>deploys(lookback=duration("P7D"),types=["DEPLOY"]).count >= 7</pre> <p>Deployment Frequency</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Incident was ack'ed within 5 minutes 	1
<pre>oncall.analysis(lookback = duration("P7D")).meanSecondsToFirstAck <= 300</pre> <p>MTTA (Mean time to acknowledge)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Incident was resolved within an hour 	1
<pre>oncall.analysis(lookback = duration("P7D")).meanSecondsToResolve < 3600</pre> <p>MTTR</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ No incidents in the last 7 days 	1
<pre>oncall.analysis(lookback = duration("P7D")).totalIncidentCount = 0</pre> <p>Change Failure Rate</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Number of incidents in the last 7 days 	1
<pre>jira.issues("label=!\"Bug\" and created >= -7d ") <= 5</pre> <p>Change Failure Rate</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Number of incidents in the last 7 days 	1
<pre>jira.issues("label=!\"Incident\" and created >= -7d ") = 0</pre> <p>Change Failure Rate</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Number of rollbacks in the 7 days 	1
<pre>deploys(lookback=duration("P7D"),types=["ROLLBACK"]).count = 0</pre> <p>Change Failure Rate</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Ratio of incidents to deploys in the last 7 days 	1
<pre>(oncall.analysis(lookback = duration("P7D")).totalIncidentCount / deploys(lookback=duration("P7D"),types=["DEPLOY"]).count) = 0</pre> <p>Change Failure Rate</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Validate that last commit was within 24 hours 	1
<pre>git.lastCommit.freshness <= duration("P1D")</pre> <p>Lead Time for Changes</p>	



Thank you

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