

Unstoppable Force vs. Immovable Object: DevOps and the DBA

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Agenda

- Show exactly where DevOps and the database world collide and how to resolve the conflict based on a real world implementation.
- Explain database configuration drift and its affect on implementing the DevOps process.
- Show examples of process and tooling that automate deployment of code and enforce a database state.
- Expand on the conflict between stateful databases in a managed environment that favors a stateless application
- Explore how this impacts the role of the database administrator and his skillset.



You Want Me To What?!

Fit a square Peg in a Round Hole

FIT A SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLE

How do we not bottleneck CI/CD?

You want me to learn what?!

Can our tools even do that?

How do we become cloud native?

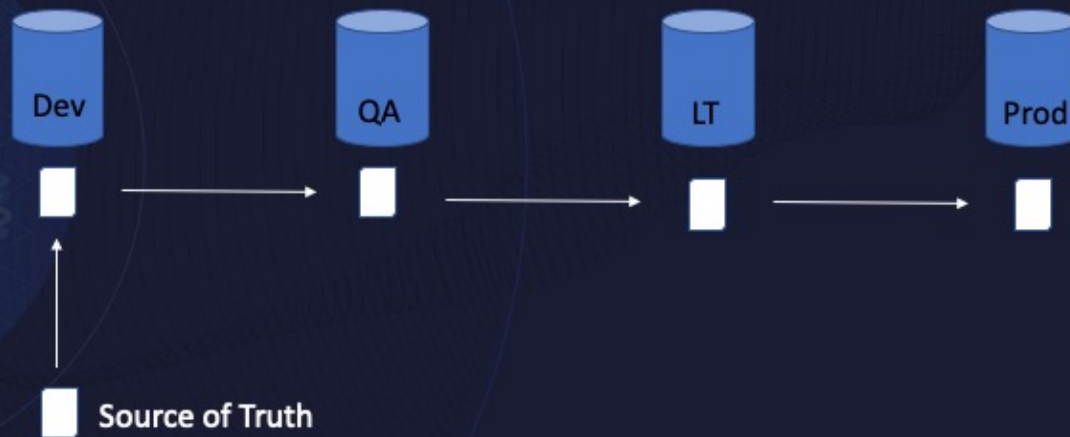
How will regular database maintenance work?



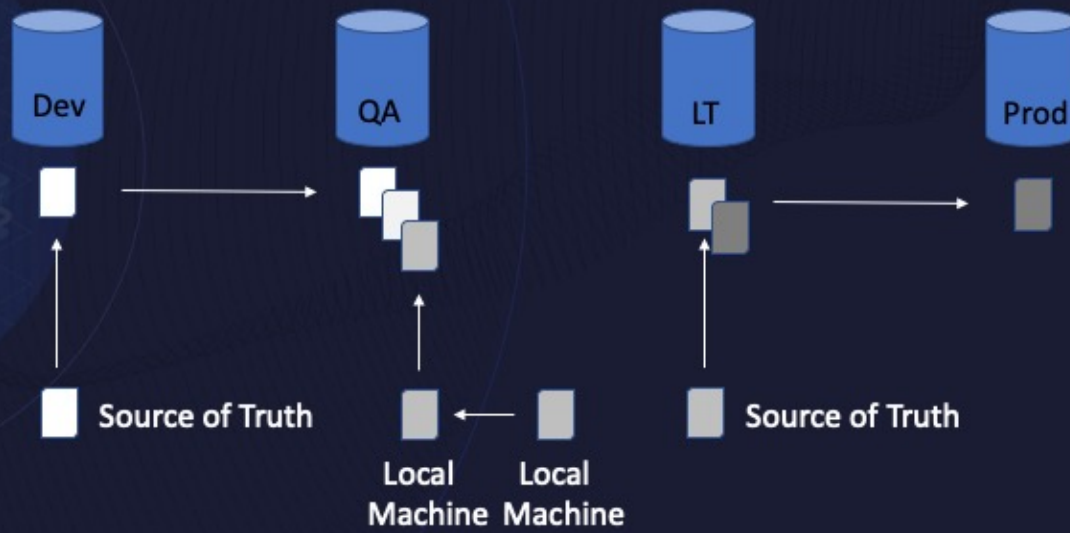
Walk Before You Run

Addressing Configuration Drift

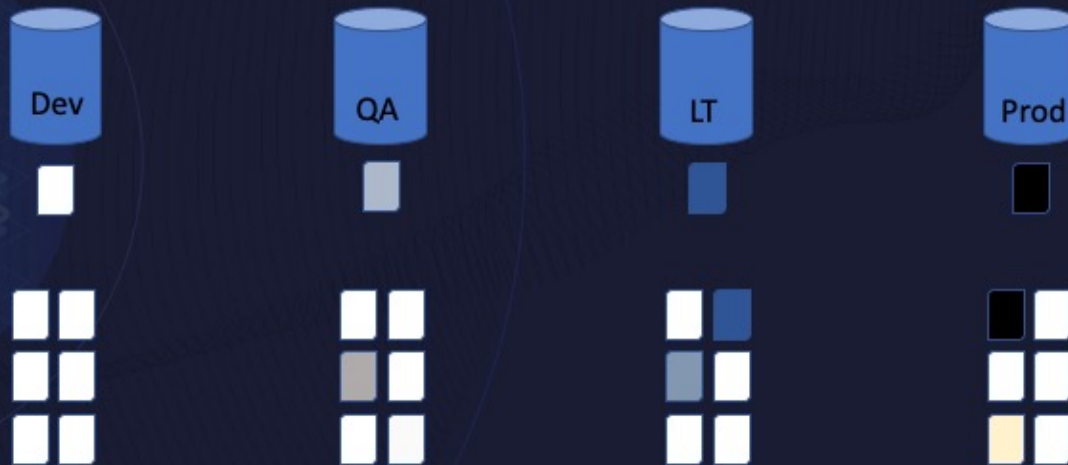
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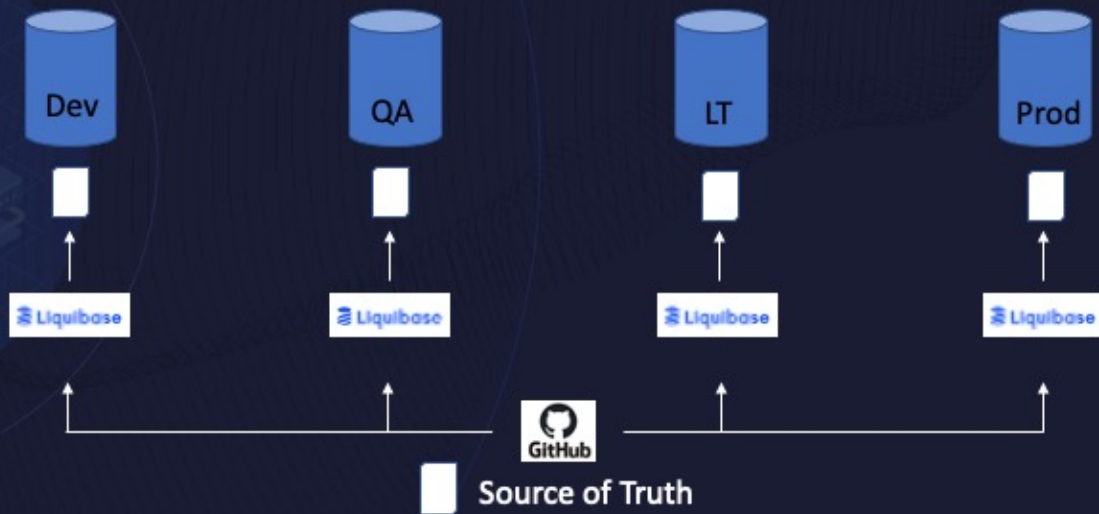
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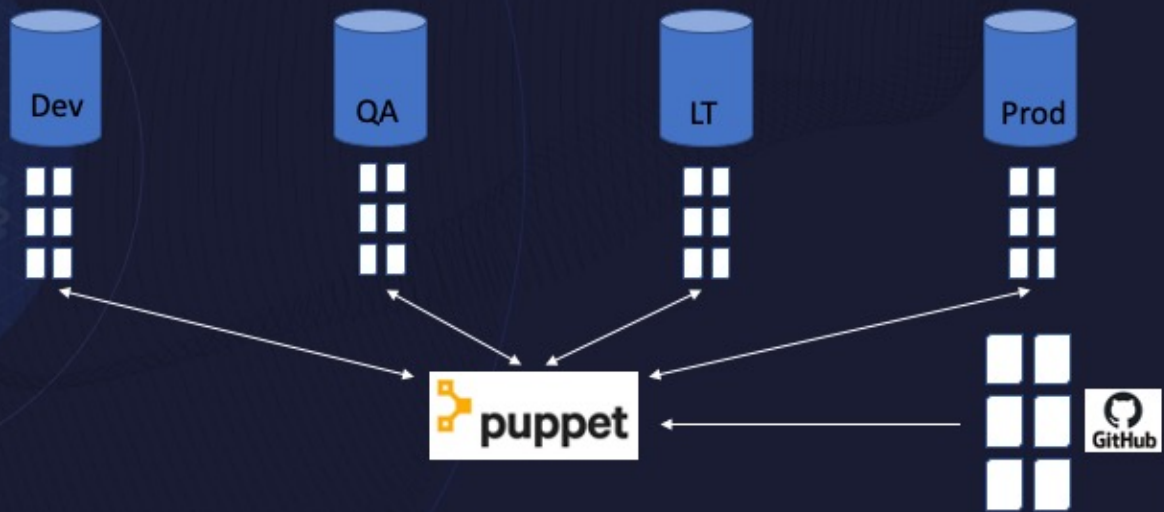
Exponential Deployment of Crap (Maint.)



Ideal Promotion of Code (Deployment)



Maintaining a State (Maint.)



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Achievement unlocked

Automatic rollback of failed SQL

Robust scripting

Environments that are actually in sync

Faster deployment

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- You could stop right here and enjoy the fruit of your effort if you wanted to.



Start Jogging

Striving for Infrastructure as Code

Old and Busted



Developer
Local VM



Cloud
IaaS



On-Prem /
Bare Metal



Cloud
DBaaS

Manual or Semi Manual Process

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- Developer Local: Heavy VM, passed by thumb drive, no single source of ISO.
- Bare Metal: Manually provisioned by System Engineer with DBA help on size and shape. 3mo internal or few days via provider.
- Cloud: Relatively quick to provision, usually done by System Engineer a day to provide.
- DBaaS: Quick to provision, maybe by a System Engineer or Database Engineer

New Hotness



Developer
Local VM



Docker



Cloud
IaaS



CloudFormation



Docker



Cloud
DBaaS



CloudFormation

New Hotness



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- Remember, this is only addressing new architecture. Your database schema is being kept in line by liquibase



Achievement unlocked


Standardized environments

Developer locals

Environment build speed

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Couch to 5k

Orchestration & Automation

Make it go!



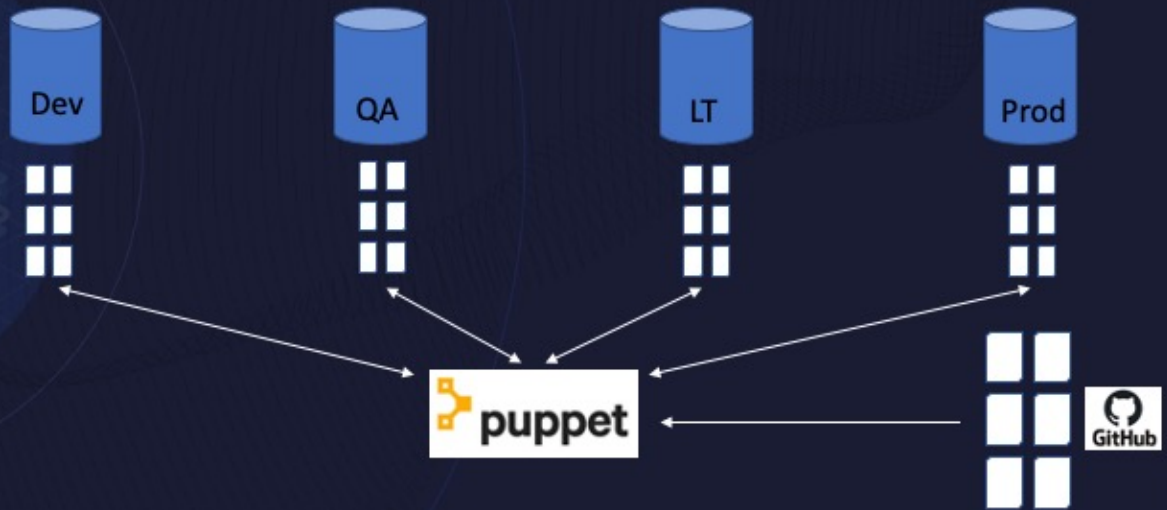
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Literally
Black Magic



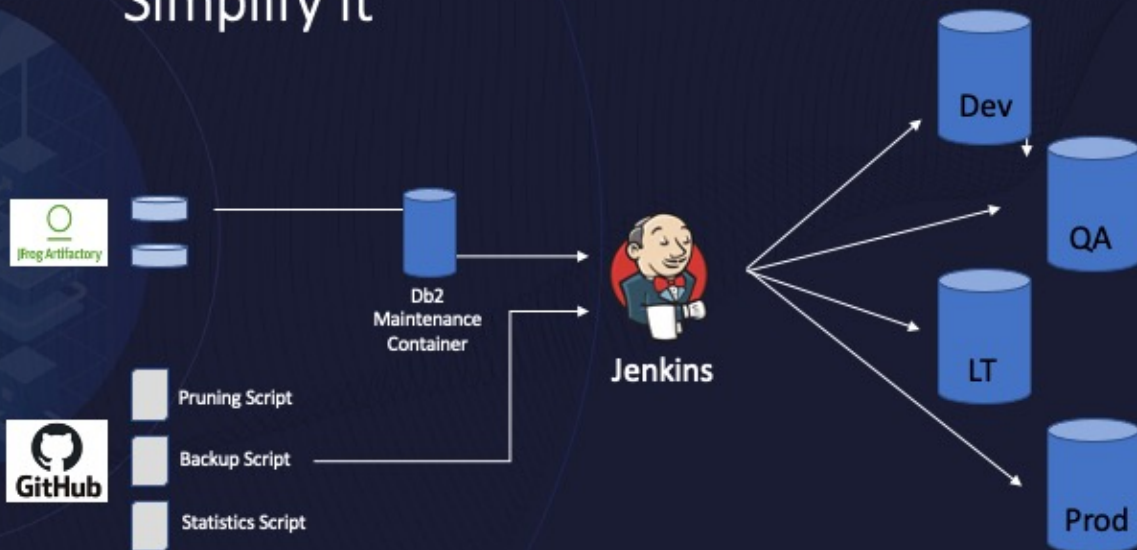
Developers

Remember This?

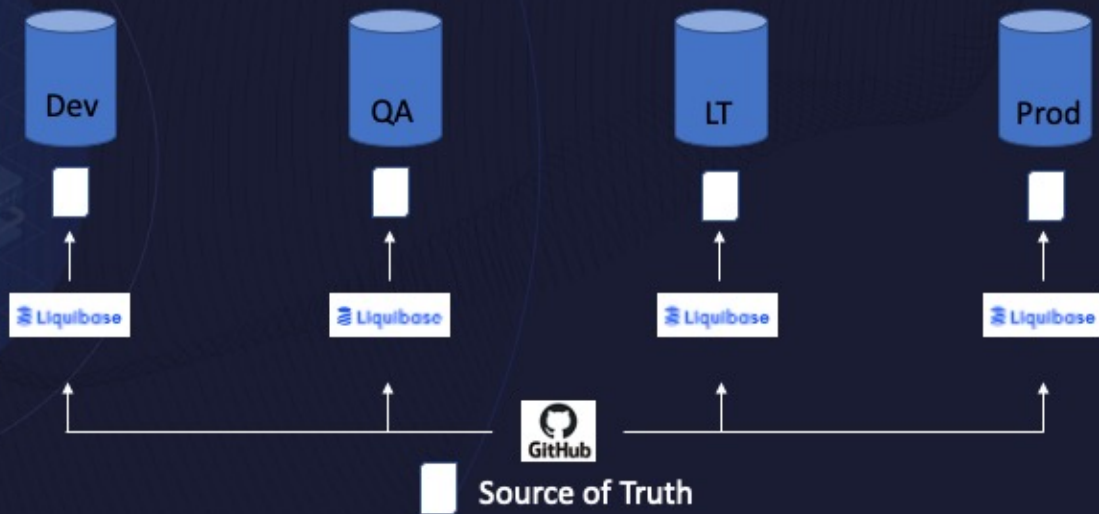


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Simplify It



Remember This?



One Button Push




/qa_deploy

Color_Update.sql

Promotion.sql

Inventory.sql

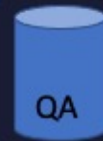
 Liquibase



Jenkins



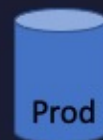
Dev



QA



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Achievement unlocked

Environments on demand

Scheduled deployments

Simplified maintenance

No DBA during 2am maintenance window

Environments stay in sync

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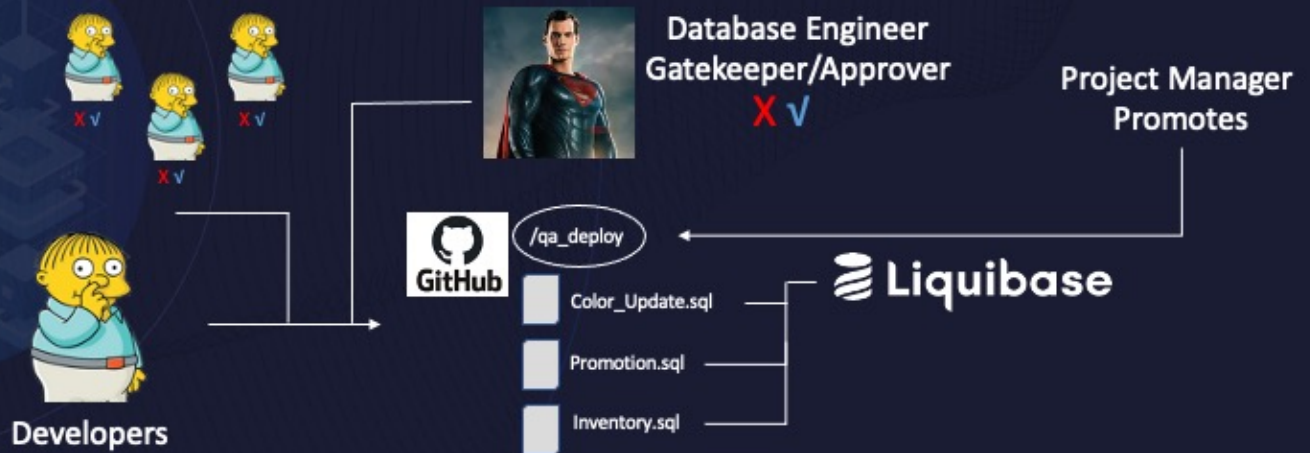
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Square Peg Meet Round Hole

Where DevOps and Databases Collide

Fast & Accurate



Appeasing the Evil Overlords



Specific Code Changes

vs



Deployment Process

Databases are Often Stateful



Stateless/Ephemeral



Stateful/Persistent

Wide Load

- 1G Memory
2G Disk
- 1G Memory
1G Disk
- 2G Memory
2G Disk



- 8G Memory
3T Disk
- 24G Memory
2T Disk
- 16G Memory
10T Disk

Eeny, Meeny, Miny, Moe ...



Amazon
EC2



DBaaS

DBaaS: Double Edge Sword



Benefit:

- ◆ Turnkey
- ◆ Buttress missing skillset
- ◆ Basic monitoring
- ◆ High availability
- ◆ Backup/Recovery

Drawback:

- ◆ Procedures vs. syntax
- ◆ Feature limitations
- ◆ "Knobs and levers" are missing.
- ◆ IMHO: Performance

Monitoring is for Suckas!

Database Metrics

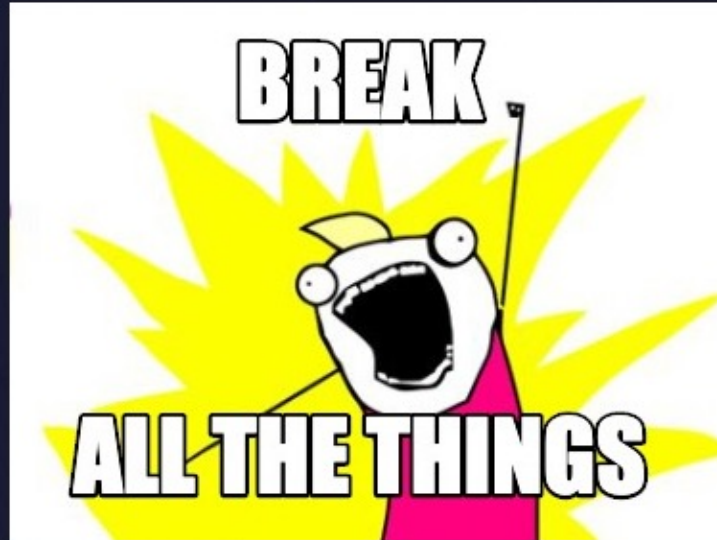
Filesystem Capacity

CPU Utilization

High Availability

Memory Consumption

Automatic Takeover



Shifting Left

People, Preconceived Notions, and Skillsets



Developers



Database
Engineer



DevOps
Engineer

Cats and Dogs



- ◆ Micro POV
- ◆ Manipulates rows at a time
- ◆ Develop to feature not performance
- ◆ Database breadth
- ◆ Development focused



- ◆ Macro POV
- ◆ Thinks in data sets
- ◆ Performance centric
- ◆ Database depth
- ◆ Operationally focused

Old Dog vs. New Tricks



Traditionally:

- ◆ Siloed
- ◆ Operations based
- ◆ Scripter not programmer
- ◆ Specific complementary skillsets
- ◆ Limited OS exposure
- ◆ Command line vs. GUI

Learning Curve:

- ◆ DevOps concepts
- ◆ Cloud providers
- ◆ Containerization
- ◆ Registries
- ◆ Source control
- ◆ Orchestration concepts
- ◆ YAML & templating
- ◆ Ruby, Python, etc
- ◆ NOSQL
- ◆ Non traditional database design

DevOps: A DBA's Perspective



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I can see why DBAs resist devops. The up-front learning curve is steep, both conceptually and technically. Changing tools would still have a technical learning curve.

But making a change in just one place and watching it propagate to multiple dbs is magical. [#Db2](#) [#DevOps](#)
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