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ROLLING STONES ON STAGE:

RELEASE ME

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- 🧑 Definitions & Meanings
- 🧑 DevOps & Release Management
- 🧑 Semantic Versioning
- 🧑 Sprints & Agility
- 🧑 DevOps Release & Deploy Strategies

Release: thus denotes a defined state of an artifact whose development cycle has been completed so that it is released for use.

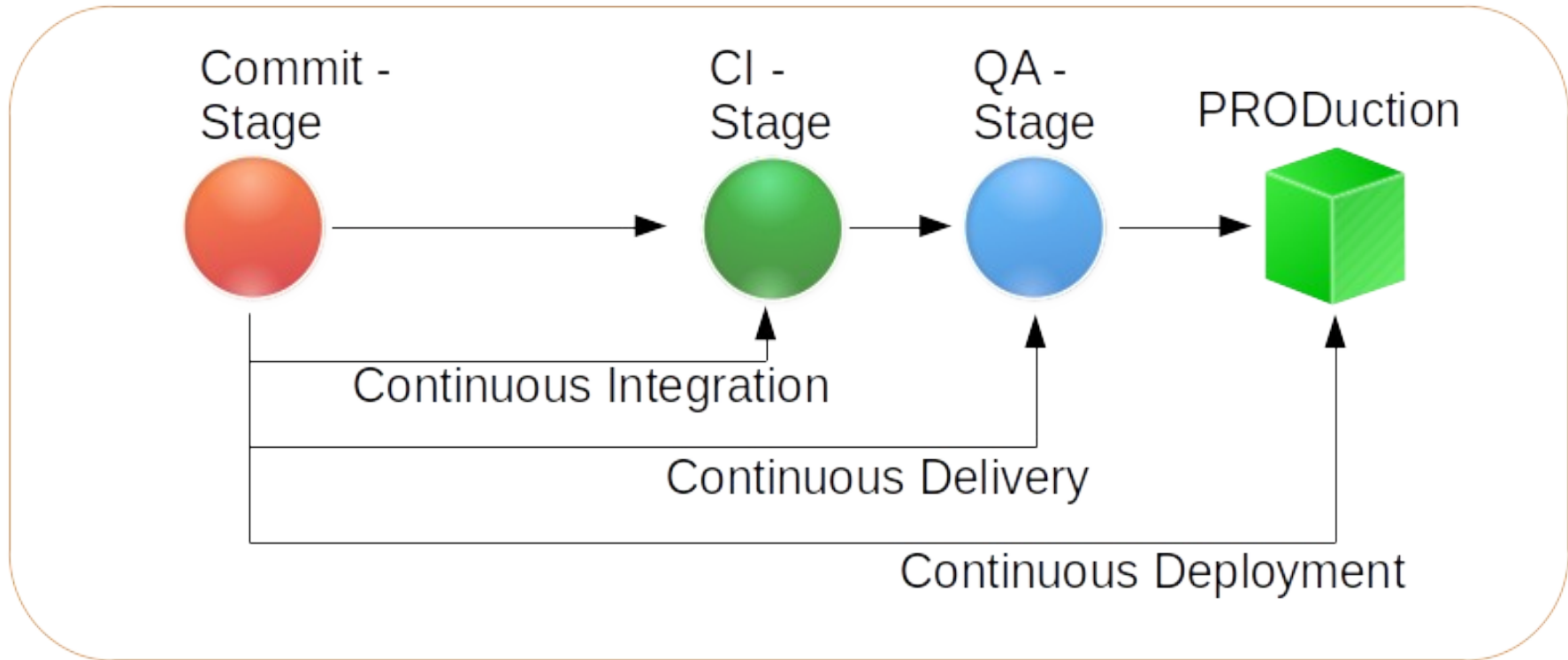
Deliver: signifies the provision of the artifacts for further use, e. g. by installing on a repository server.

Deploy: means the installation of software in the target environment, primarily to PRODUCTION.

PROCESS CHAIN

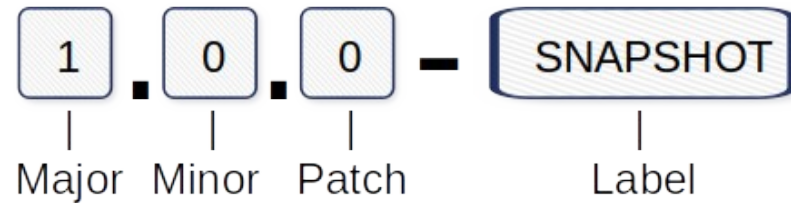


LEVELS OF AUTOMATIZATION



SEMANTIC VERSIONING

Increasing of the Version number [MAJOR . MINOR . PATCH]:



1. **MAJOR** – incompatible API changes
2. **MINOR** – Adding new functionality, backward compatible
3. **PATCH** – Error corrections, backward compatible

Optional existing Labels, to mark Pre-Releases e.g. in Maven
SNAPSHOT.

MYTHS & MISUNDERSTANDINGS

- Versioning applications can be individual (e. g. Firefox)
- SemVer should be used by force for Modules, Libraries & Micro Services (Integration)
- Version numbers always belong in the artifact and cannot be changed!
- Summarize API changes and plan for the long term
- Build numbers should not be used in version numbers



SINGLE POINT OF FAILURE

src/main/resources/org/europa/together/configuration/**version.properties**

```
01: version=${project.version}
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src/main/java/org/europa/together/utils/**Constraints.java**

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029: public static final String MODULE_VERSION = getVersion();
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099: private static String getVersion() {  
100:     String filePath  
101:         = "org/europa/together/configuration/version.properties";  
102:     PropertyReader propertyReader = new PropertyFileReader();  
103:     propertyReader.appendPropertiesFromClasspath(filePath);  
104:     return propertyReader.getPropertyAsString("version");  
105: }
```

Source: <https://github.com/ElmarDott/TP-CORE>

Reproducibility & Traceability

To reproduce means to obtain a result that has already been achieved under the same conditions as often as desired and without deviations.

→ **Repetition**

Understanding means to fully understand how a result was achieved in order to be able to adjust it if necessary.

→ **Understanding**

ERROR LEVELS

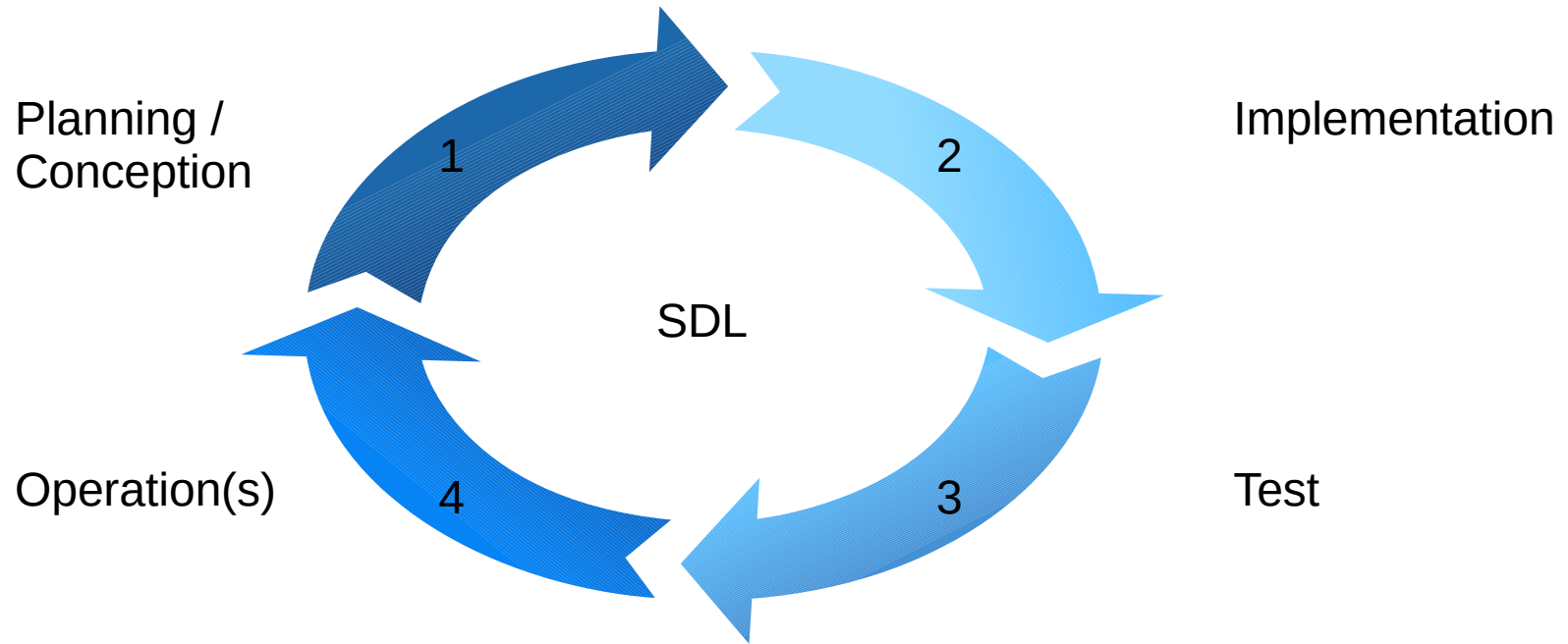
Error levels that can prevent the release from being used:

- Simple Errors (GUI/ Layout/ Labeling)
- Medium Errors (‘simple’ Logic errors)
- Heavy Errors (Acceptance preventing)

~~Release Candidate~~ → **Production Candidate**

SPRINT VS. RELEASE

1 Iteration = 1 Sprint = n Weeks = Release



PROJECT PLAN

Weeks	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	Version
Sprint 1	D	T								1.1.0
Sprint 2		D	T							1.2.0
Sprint 3			D	T						1.3.0
Sprint 4				C/T						1.4.0 Prod.Cand.
Sprint 5				D	T					1.5.0
Sprint 6					D	T				1.6.0

D = Develop / T= Test / C = Corrections

TEST STAGES

DEVELOP

Hourly Builds (Commit Stage)
Permanent compile and Unit Tests.

Line A: 1.1.0

INTEGRATION

Nightly Build (Integration & Deploy Tests)
The application is running. Preparing for Release

Line A: 1.1.0

ACCEPTANCE

External Quality Check (Retest)
Released – BugFixes

Line A: 1.1.0

PRODUCTION

Live System
Released – only critical BugFixes

Line A: 1.1.0

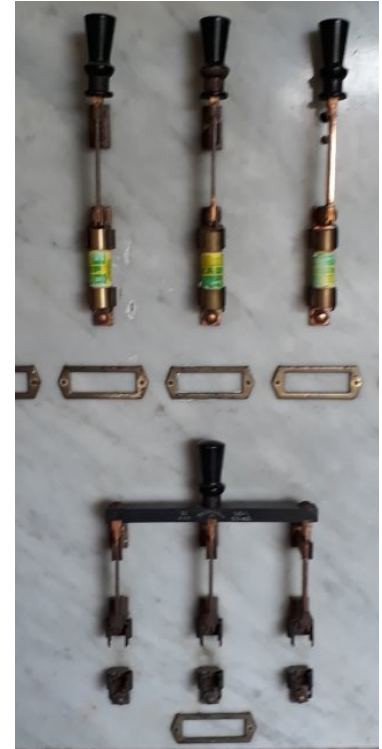
RELEASE TYPES & DEPLOY STRATEGIEN

Blue/ Green Deployment: Redundant deployment with rollback option.

Canary Releases: gradual Roll-out

A/B Tests: Evaluation of the conversion (user acceptance) according to defined criteria.

Feature Toggles: Turning functionality on and off.



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