Developer Guide

Ways of working

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Agenda

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- Developing, building and testing code
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Development Environment

• Core tools

- IDE (IntelliJ, Eclipse, Netbeans etc.)
- Java (JDK 1.8)
- Build tools (Maven, Gradle etc.)
- Version control software (Git)
- Project specific tools (and for local integration testing)
 - Docker (for containerised microservices)
 - IBM Websphere (Legacy applications)
 - AWS CLI (For cloud based services)
 - Postgres, Oracle etc. etc.

Development Environment Setup 1

Install and setup both core and project specific tools on host machine.

Advantages

• Easy setup

Disadvantages

- Environment Clutter
- Configuration management overhead
- Configuration conflicts
- Tooling incompatibility
- Unnecessary resource utilisation
- Not so easy to test

Development Environment Setup 2

Install only core tools on host machine and virtualise the rest.

Advantages

- Clean host development environment
- Isolated project test pods
- Spin up environment and tooling when needed
- Optimum resource utilisation
- No configuration/tooling conflicts and incompatibilities

Disadvantages

- Learning curve
- Initial setup using virtualisation tools like
 Vagrant

Develop, build and test code locally

- Code must build locally and all checks (static code analysis, unit tests etc.) should pass
- Integration and deployment testing should be done locally using relevant services and containers (databases, app server, docker etc.)
- Unit test cases must be written for each newly created code-unit (class, method etc.)
- Existing unit test cases must be kept up-to-date in case of changes to existing code

- Two primary branches
 - 1. Master
 - In-Sync with Production
 - Stable releases
 - 2. Development
 - Working branch
 - Snapshot releases



- Multiple Feature branches
 - Branched off development
 - Merged to development once feature is ready to be functionally tested
 - The merge to development builds and deploys snapshot
 - The merge-commit is tagged as "Release candidate"



- Hotfix branch
 - Branched off master
 - Deploys to test environment once fixed
 - Merges to master after promotion to production
 - Merges to development



- Release branch
 - Branched off development when features need to be released
 - Release build promoted and tested on SIT and PPTE
 - Released to production
 - Merged to master
 - Merged to development
 - Commit to master is tagged as "Release" with version



Promotion and Release

- All snapshot artefacts are published to "build" repository and are not promoted beyond the test environment.
- All release artefacts can be promoted to "verify" repository for SIT/PPTE deployment and testing.
- Once a release artefact is stable, it can then be promoted to "release" repository for deployment to production.

Definition of Done

- 1. Story kickoff
 - Requirements
 - Acceptance criteria
- 2. Development completed
- 3. Code unit tested
- 4. CI updates (Jenkins pipelines)
- 5. Sonar passed (Owasp, Claire scan, findbug, checkstyle, code coverage)
- 6. Code walkthrough and peer-review
- 7. Functional tests passed (acceptance criteria met)
- 8. Regression tests pass
- 9. NFRs met
 - Performance SLAs
 - Security compliance (CSAM requirements)
- 10. Documentation