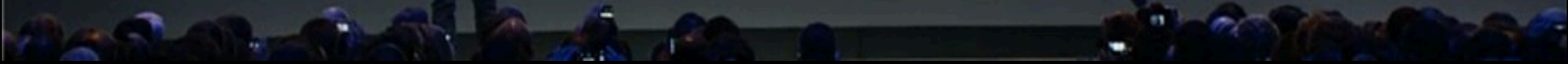


iOS development  
efficiency at Facebook

**MOVE  
FAST AND  
BREAK  
THINGS**



# **Brief history of iOS at Facebook**

2011-2016

# **Best practices for scaling**

revision control, branching strategies, development cycle

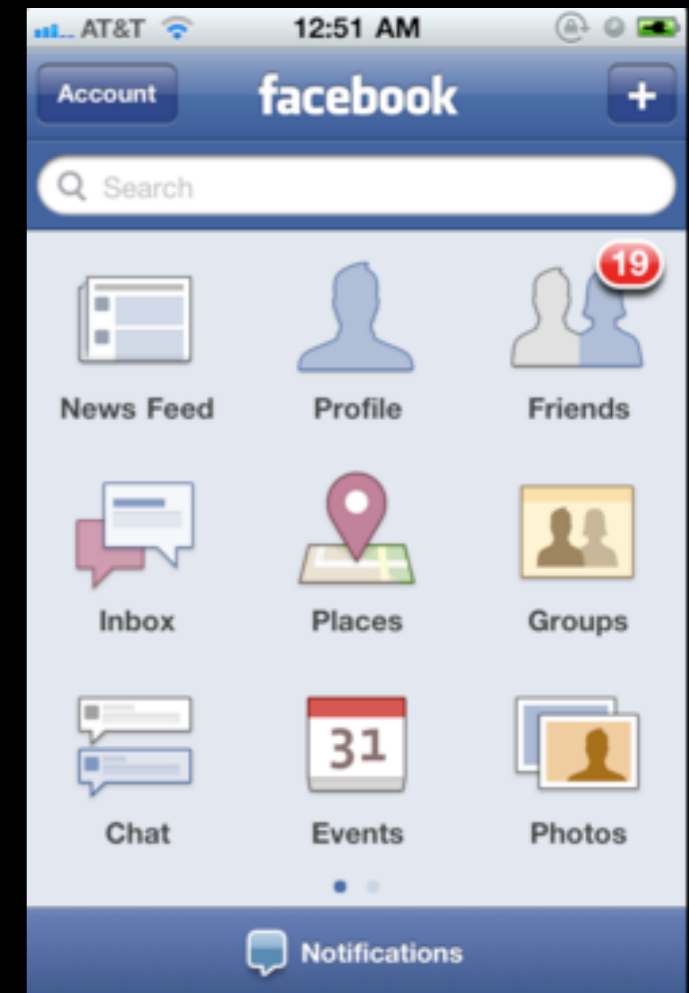
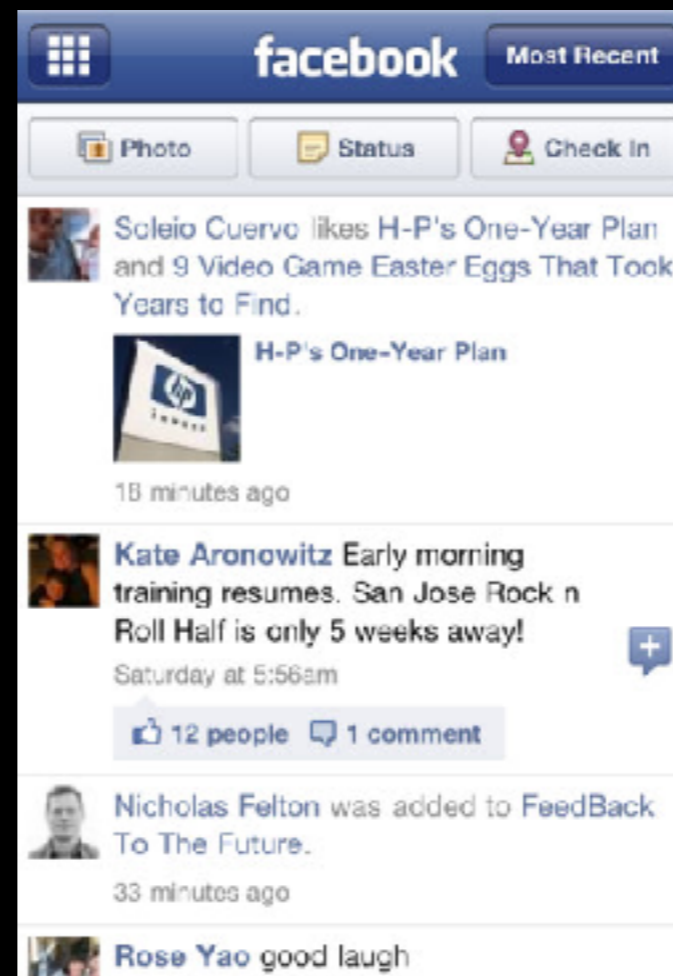
# **iOS open source tools/frameworks**

brief overview

# **Applying Facebook development efficiency**

at Bellabeat

# 2011 Web company



# 2012 - Rebuilding Facebook for iOS

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~~Scaling up with html5~~

Rebuilding for speed

System of modules - shared code e.g. for Messenger

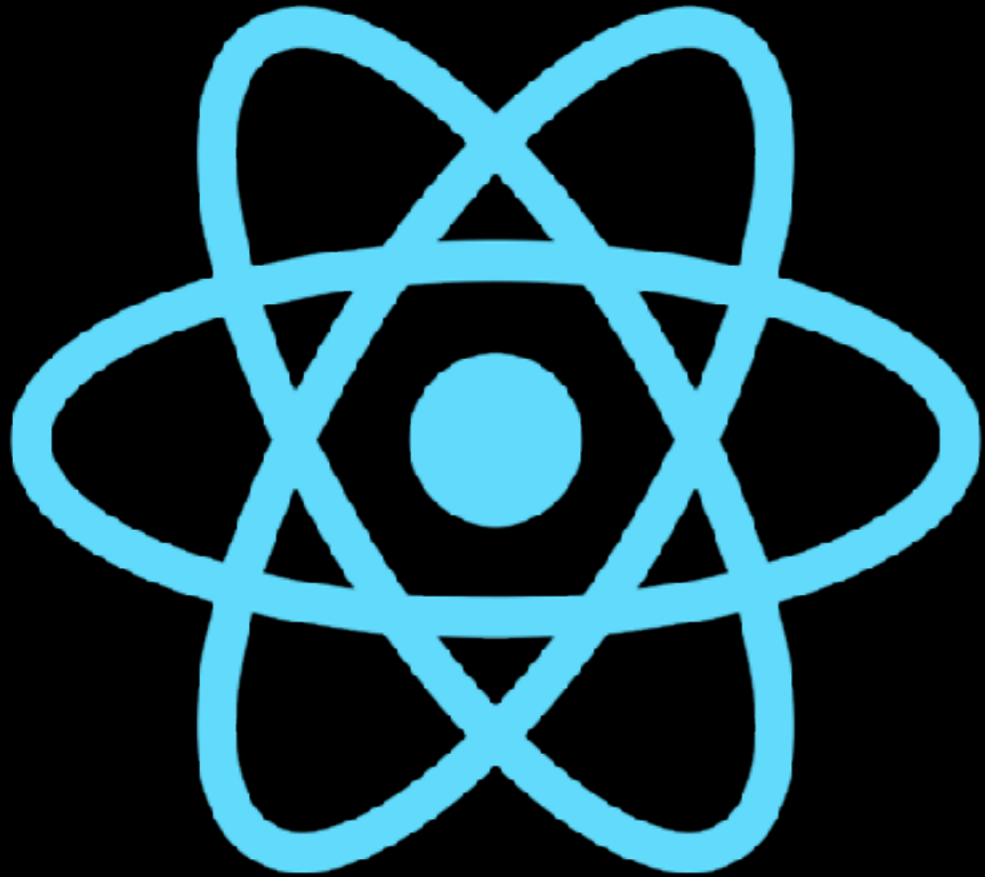


**I DON'T ALWAYS BETA TEST**



**"BUT WHEN I DO, I DO IT IN  
PRODUCTION"**

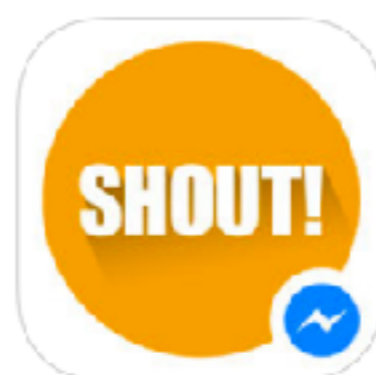
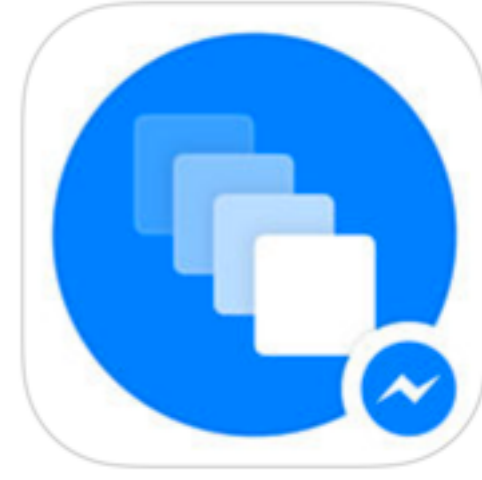
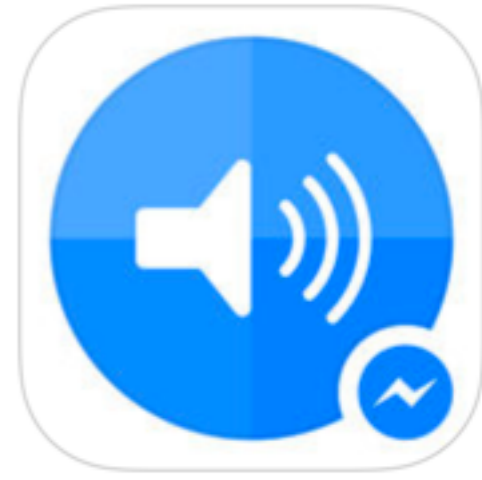
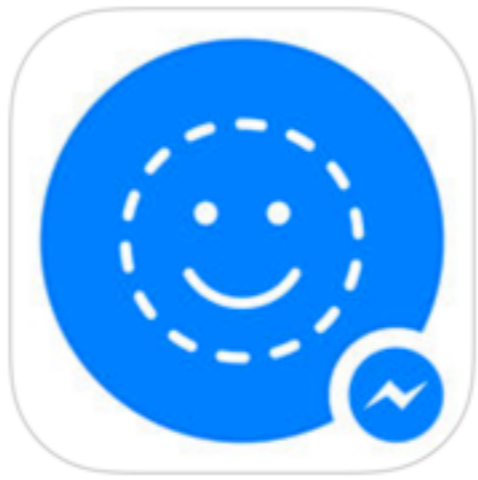
# React native



Declarative

Component based

Learn once, write anywhere





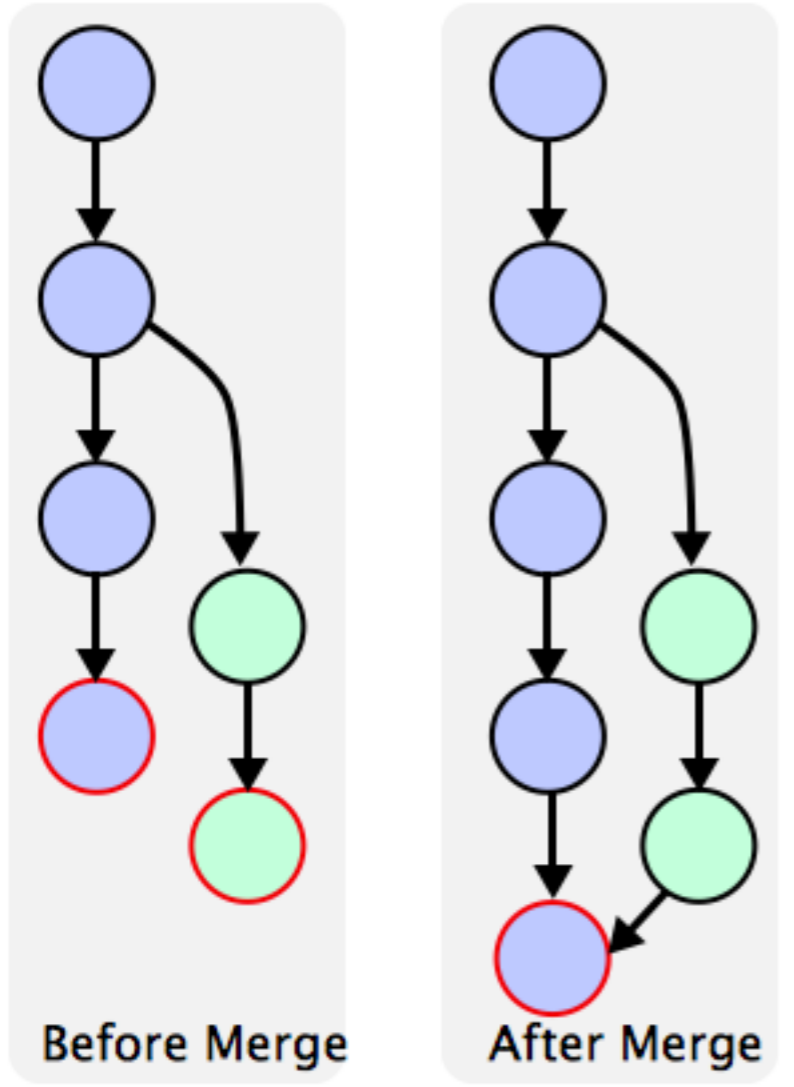


# Recommendations on branching

- never put feature branches in the remote/origin/trunk
- control access to new features with runtime configuration, not branching

Choose a strategy where one idea is one commit in the authoritative master/remote version of the repository

# Typical Merge

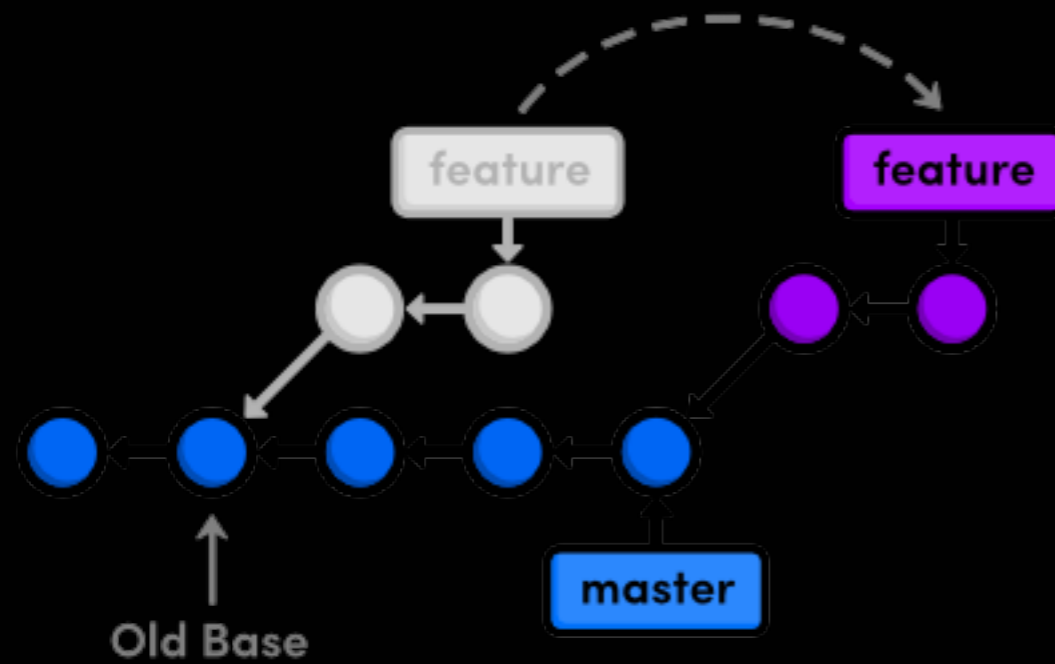


The screenshot displays a complex Git commit history. The left side shows a vertical timeline of commits, with branches branching off and merging back. The right side lists commit messages, many of which are merged into the production environment. The messages include:

- merged prod.12910 into prod.12910 (base Reports/Production Reports/Controls IDMTools/Reports IDMTools/Module\_action)
- Added Producer Code posted 127783 and 129026 into Live, used Merge posted 129604 changes to support, cherry-picked posted changes from 127783 and 127783 to SUPPORT
- SUP.129271D origin/SUP.1292... SUP 129271 FIX System default Revert 'SUP 129271' FIX System default to 12:01 a.m. on future of
- SUP.129271C origin/SUP.1292... SUP 129271 FIX System default
- SUP.129271B origin/SUP.1292... SUP 129271 FIX System default
- Merge branch 'SUP.129937B' into DEV
- Merge branch 'SUP128331' into DEV
- Merge branch 'SUP.129271' into DEV
- SUP.129937B origin/SUP.1299... SUP 129937 CHG Gramercy G
- Merge branch 'DEV.130029' into DEV
- SUP128331 origin/SUP12833... Changed optionList for PDEach
- SUP.129271 origin/SUP.1292... SUP 129271 FIX System default
- short: abort: abort: quit "Revert back the changes for 130082 to
- Merge branch 'SUPPORT'
- Merge branch 'AgencyLossRatio' into SUPPORT
- posted 129838 to DEV, fixed merge conflict in process
- Merged 129587 to DEV
- 129587 origin/129587 fix error from 129587
- SUP.129939 origin/SUP.1299... SUP 129939 FIX GSCIT0010584
- Merge branch 'AgencyLossRatio' into DEV
- SUP.130155 origin/SUP.1301... SUP 130155 update discount qu
- origin/129601 130155 update discount query posted 130082 to SUPPORT, was already posted to DEV
- Merge branch '1300110\_6/27/2012\_a' into DEV
- Merge branch 'SUP.129915' into DEV
- Merge branch 'SUP.129938' into DEV
- Merge branch '129587' into DEV
- Merge branch 'SUP.129019' into DEV
- Merge branch 'DEV.127538' into DEV
- SUP.129915 origin/SUP.1299... Corrected the ListDiscount by a
- SUP.129019 origin/SUP.1290... Fixed the 17% payment plan on
- DEV.130029 origin/DEV.1300... CRIG\_HEAD Updated query
- AgencyLossRatio origin/AgencyLo... Change to Agency Loss
- 130155 update discount query would not work on CRIG var yndeta







Graph	Message	Author	Date
●	<b>[master][origin/HEAD][origin/master]</b> Pulling up some methods in to the interface	Jimmy Bogard	2 days ago
●	<b>[integration]</b> Fixed a failing test (forgot to ignore the new destination transformer property)	Richard Banks	3 days ago
●	Added support for destination member prefixes, postfixes and naming transformers	Richard Banks	3 days ago
●	Making the configuration public on the mapper class	Jimmy Bogard	4 days ago
●	Added test to SL project	Jimmy Bogard	4 days ago
●	Fixed weird inheritance issue where resolution contexts did not pull down the type map source/dest type	Jimmy Bogard	6 days ago
●	Fixed bug where the interface matching got overwritten	Jimmy Bogard	2 weeks ago
●	Fixed bug on enums matching on value as well as name	Jimmy Bogard	2 weeks ago
●	<b>[IEnumerableBug]</b> Trying out the bug but it seems to work just fine	Jimmy Bogard	4 weeks ago
●	Adding support for generic ICollection	Jimmy Bogard	4 weeks ago
●	Moving common assembly info versioning to ci-only build	Jimmy Bogard	4 weeks ago
●	Changed samples and benchmark to use project reference to AutoMapper.dll instead of file reference.	maxild	4 weeks ago
●	<b>[ThreadingIssues]</b> Trying again	Jimmy Bogard	5 weeks ago
●	Trying to figure out threading issue	Jimmy Bogard	5 weeks ago
●	Fixed bug where ForAllMembers skipped missing members	Jimmy Bogard	5 weeks ago
●	Trying to repro an intermittent missing type map error	Jimmy Bogard	5 weeks ago
●	Adding a non-SL version solution	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	Adding conditional mapping based on the ResolutionContext	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	Adding conditional skipping based on the source object	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	Marking master as 1.1	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	Using SL-specific DynamicMethod ctor and making all unit test types public	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	Fixed IL merge issue to pull correct SL libs in	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	Fixed issue with INotifyPropertyChanged proxy that the event target was the wrong object	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	Making the profile name public	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	<b>[NullValuesInProfilesBug]</b> Failing test that is not supported	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	Fixing bug in null resolution to allow assignable types to be properly created when no null destination types allowed	Jimmy Bogard	6 weeks ago
●	integrating jflanagan/latetype	Jimmy Bogard	7 weeks ago



# Feature branches

## Cons

- you have to merge
- this strategy generally aggregates risk into a single high-risk merge event of development
- when you have multiple feature branches, it's impossible to test interactions between the features until they are merged
- you generally can't A/B test code in feature branches

## Pros

- replacing old feature
- the chance that this code will impact production before the merge is nearly

# Abandoning feature branches

## Advantages

- you don't have to merge
- risk is generally spread out more evenly into a large number of very small releases created as each commit lands
- you can test interactions between features in development easily
- you can A/B test and do controlled rollouts easily

## Tradeoffs

- if a new feature replaces an older feature, both have to exist in the same codebase for a while
- you need an effective way to control access to features so they don't launch until they're ready

# Controlling access to features

## Gatekeeper



```
if is_feature_launched("like_button") {  
    showLikeButton()  
}
```

# Gatekeeper

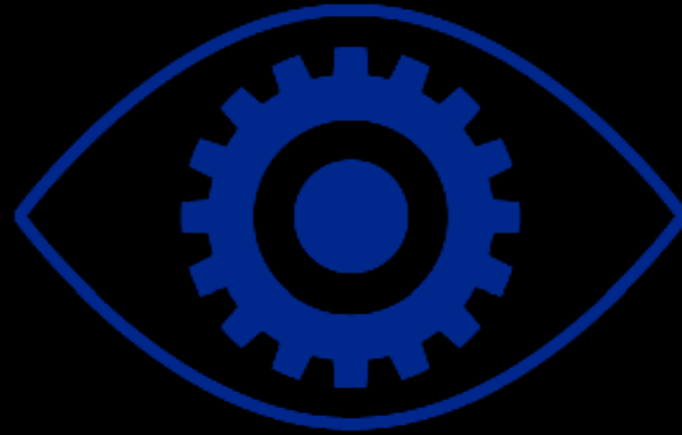
- allowing features to have states like "3%" instead of just "on" or "off" allows you to roll out features gradually and watch for trouble
- if you perform A/B testing, integrating A/B tests with feature rollouts is probably a natural fit.
- building a control panel where you hit "Save" and all production servers immediately reflect the change allows you to quickly turn things off if there are problems

# Recommendations on Revision Control

**When projects scale, strategies which enforce one idea is one commit are better**

- when one idea is many commits, everything you do is more complicated because you need to figure out which commits represent an idea
- release engineering is greatly simplified
- automated testing is greatly simplified
- understanding changes is greatly simplified
- there is no clear value in having checkpoint commits





# PHABRICATOR

review code

host git/svn/mercurial

build with continuous integration

review designs

discuss in internal chat channels

# Writing reviewable code

- the smallest a commit can be is a single cohesive idea
- there should be a one-to-one mapping between ideas and commit
- turn large commits into small commits by dividing large problems into small problems
- write sensible commit messages

Title

Summary:

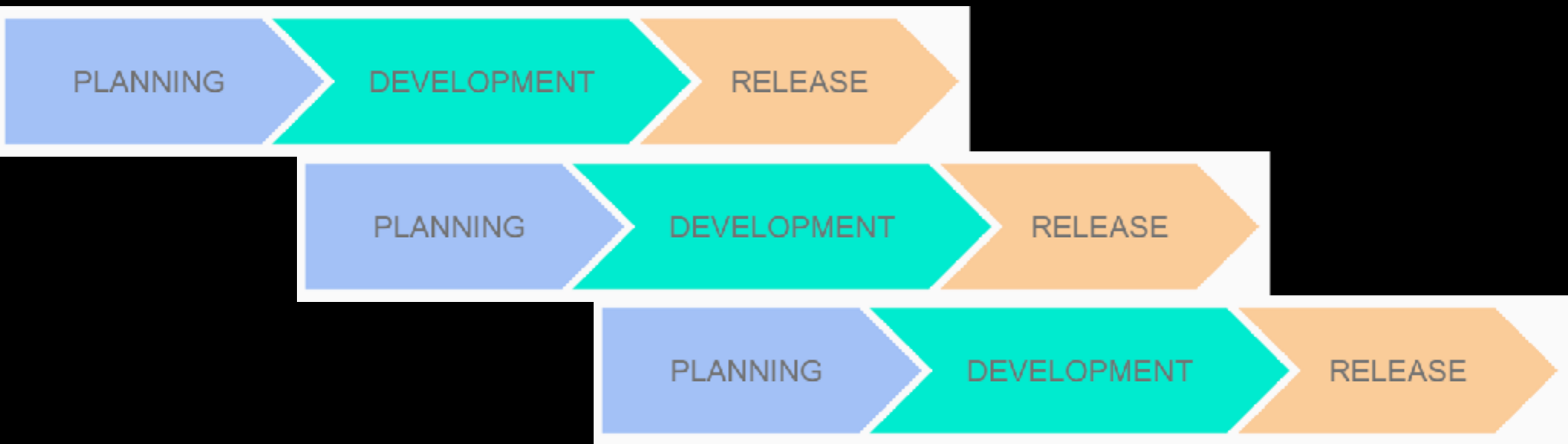
Brief explanation what you have done in this commit

Test plan:

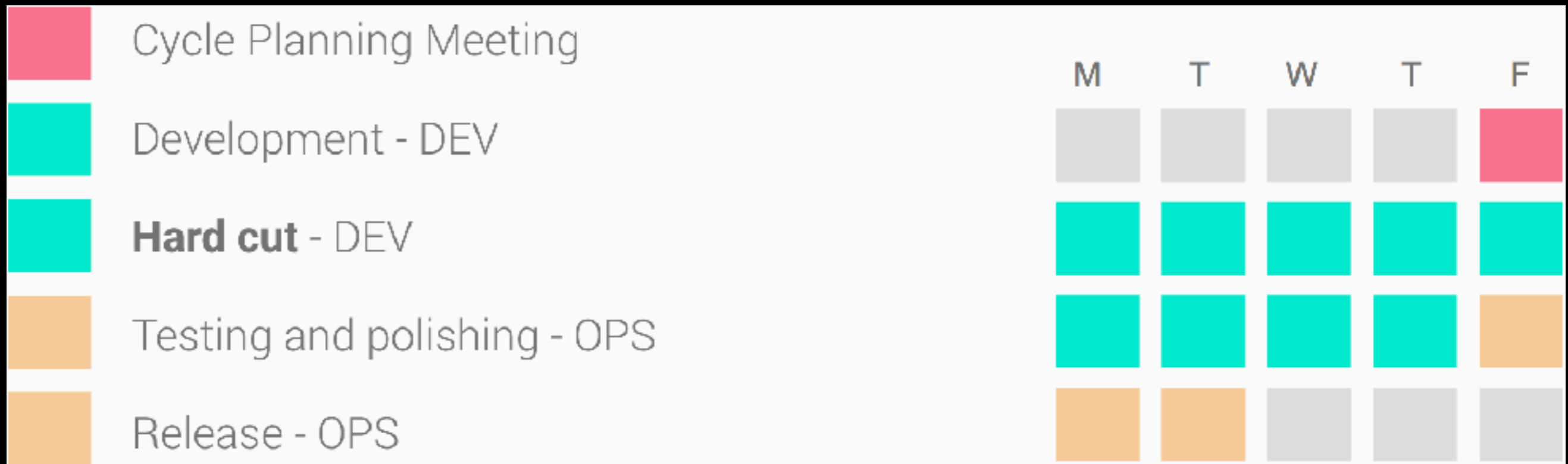
- exhaustive test plan
- - writing down edge cases
- 'it works' or 'it compiles' is not a good test plan
- error handling, service impact, performance, unit tests, concurrent change robustness, revert plan, security

# Development cycle

**“A week of coding can save you an hour of thinking.”**



# Two week cycle





# Development cycle

- Do not postpone releases to ship features.
- Ship a subset of the feature to meet the release deadline.
- During planning phase - split features into smaller batches.
- When you're blocked, resolve the problem, ask for help.
- Report progress regularly. And setbacks.

# Testing

- Engineer
- Dogfooding
- gatekeeper
- Quick experiments
- Monitoring metrics



Speed up your builds

It encourages the creation of small, reusable modules

Add reproducibility to your builds

Better understanding your dependencies

# Component Kit



A React-Inspired View Framework for iOS

one-way data flow from immutable models to immutable components

No need to do any calculations for view layout

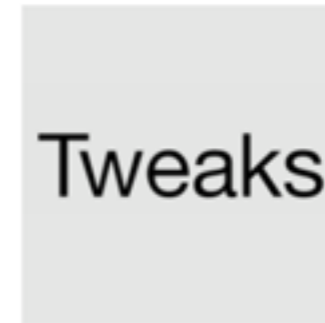
# Snapshot testing

<https://github.com/facebook/ios-snapshot-test-case>

It's straightforward to test logic code, but less obvious how you should test views

FBSnapshotTestCase

<https://code.facebook.com/projects/ios/>



tweaks



pop



Shimmer for iOS

```
#!/usr/bin/python
# Example file with custom commands, locat

import lldb
import #lldbbase as #b

def lldbcommands():
    return [ PrintKeyWindowLevel() ]

class PrintKeyWindowLevel(#b.FBCommand):
    def name(self):
        return 'pkwinlevel'

    def description(self):
        return 'An incredibly contrived comman
```

chisel



# Swift at Bellabeat

transitioning from objc to swift

far less crashes

far less code

rxSwift

single repo - shared code in modules



# Takeaways

switch from pushing feature branches to remote - to single master/remote branch

create a mechanism that allows you to switch off features

create small reusable modules

keep up with the open source community

most of the problems happen only when your repo hits a specific velocity

Thank you