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## SoftBank unmasked as 'Nasdaq whale' stoking tech rally

Japanese conglomerate has been snapping up options in huge amounts over past month



- Shows what comes after the easy money stage
- Tests opinion on S&P 500 rebuffs
- Growing tech shorts after volatile week

Explainer: US equities

### 'What just happened?' ask bruised tech investors

Unusual options trading by SoftBank and others gave a clue to risks building in the market



Brazil

### Johnson claims UK would 'prosper' in no deal Brexit

Scottish Tory offers green as prime minister says he is ready for any scenario



Analysis: Coronavirus pandemic

### Shared beliefs unite factions in Germany's virus protests

Demonstrators see themselves engaged in struggle between good and evil



US presidential election 2020

### Ficken accuses Trump of 'disparaging fallen soldiers'

President furiously denies report that he called war-dead 'suckers' and 'liars'



Amazon.com

### Amazon deletes 20,000 reviews after evidence of profits for posts

FT investigation finds suspicious behaviour by 1 of top 50 UK companies

- Moving to the Cloud
- Adopting Microservices
- DevOps/Empowered Teams

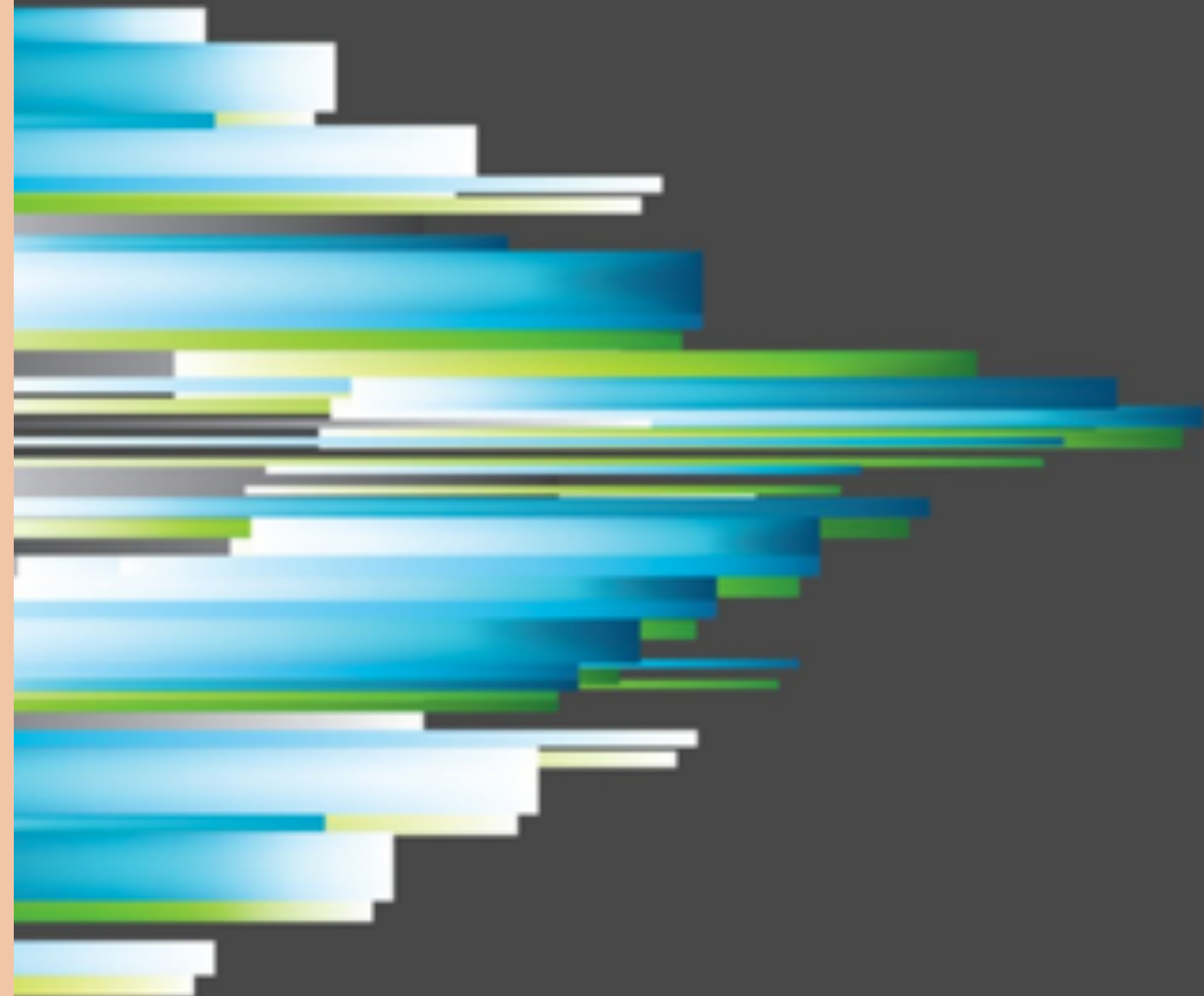
Remove dependencies  
if you want to move  
faster

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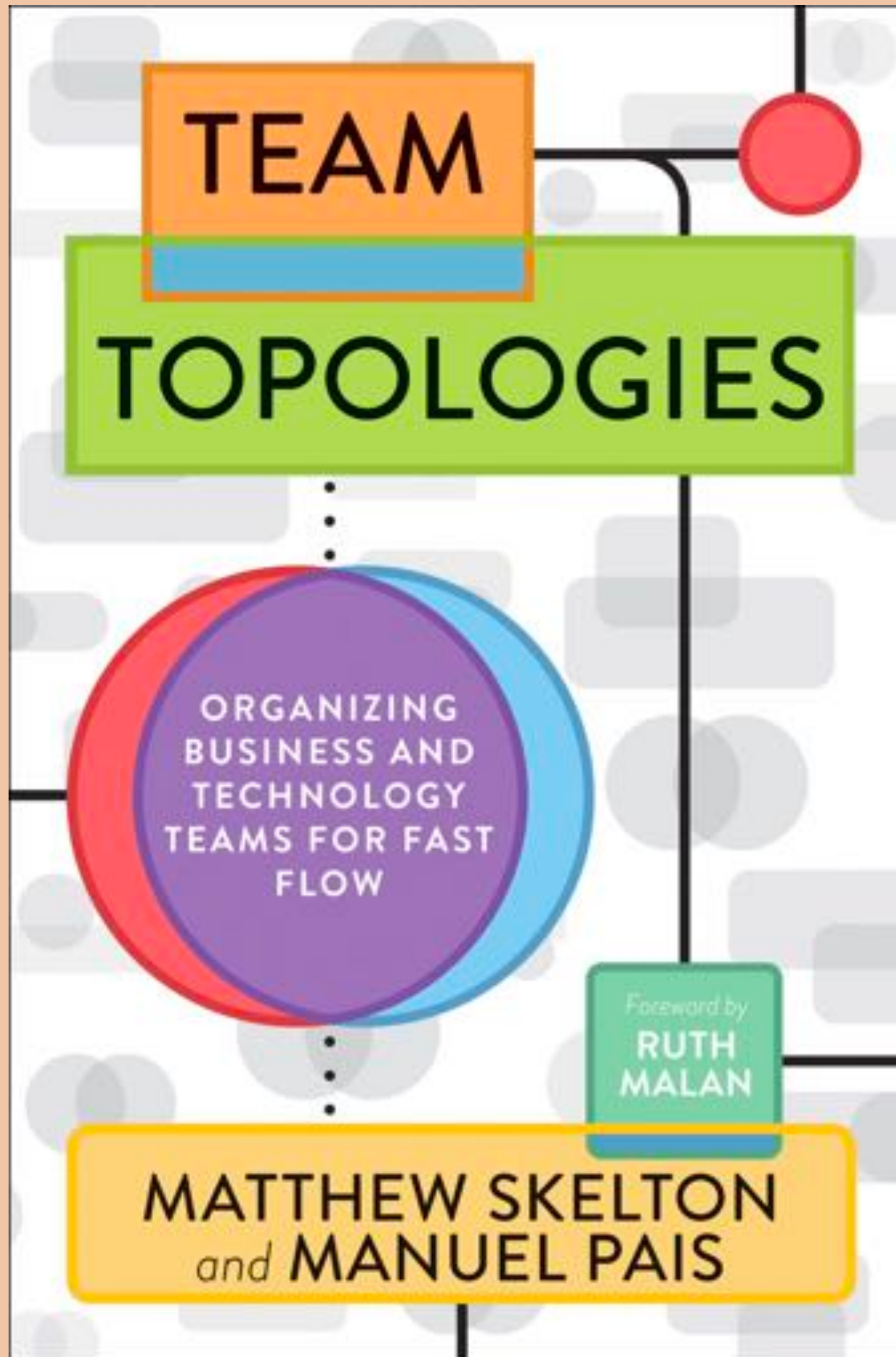


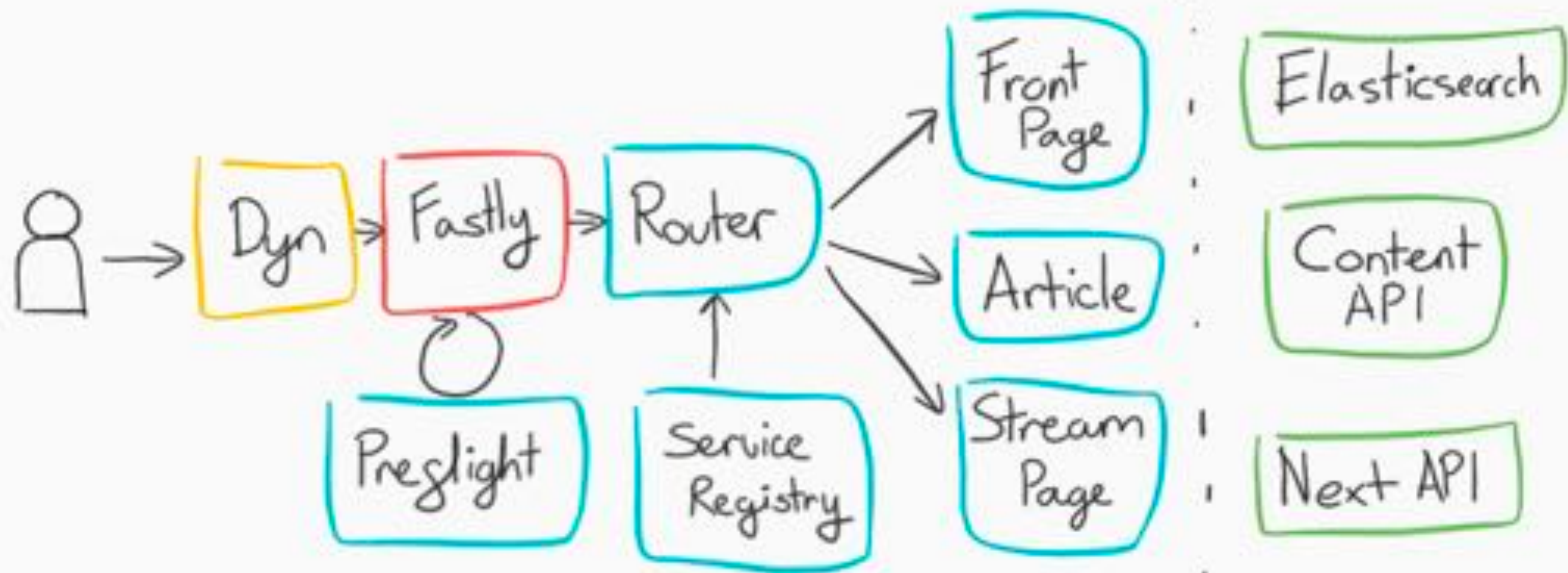
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Building and Scaling High Performing  
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Jez Humble *and* Gene Kim









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# Clarity

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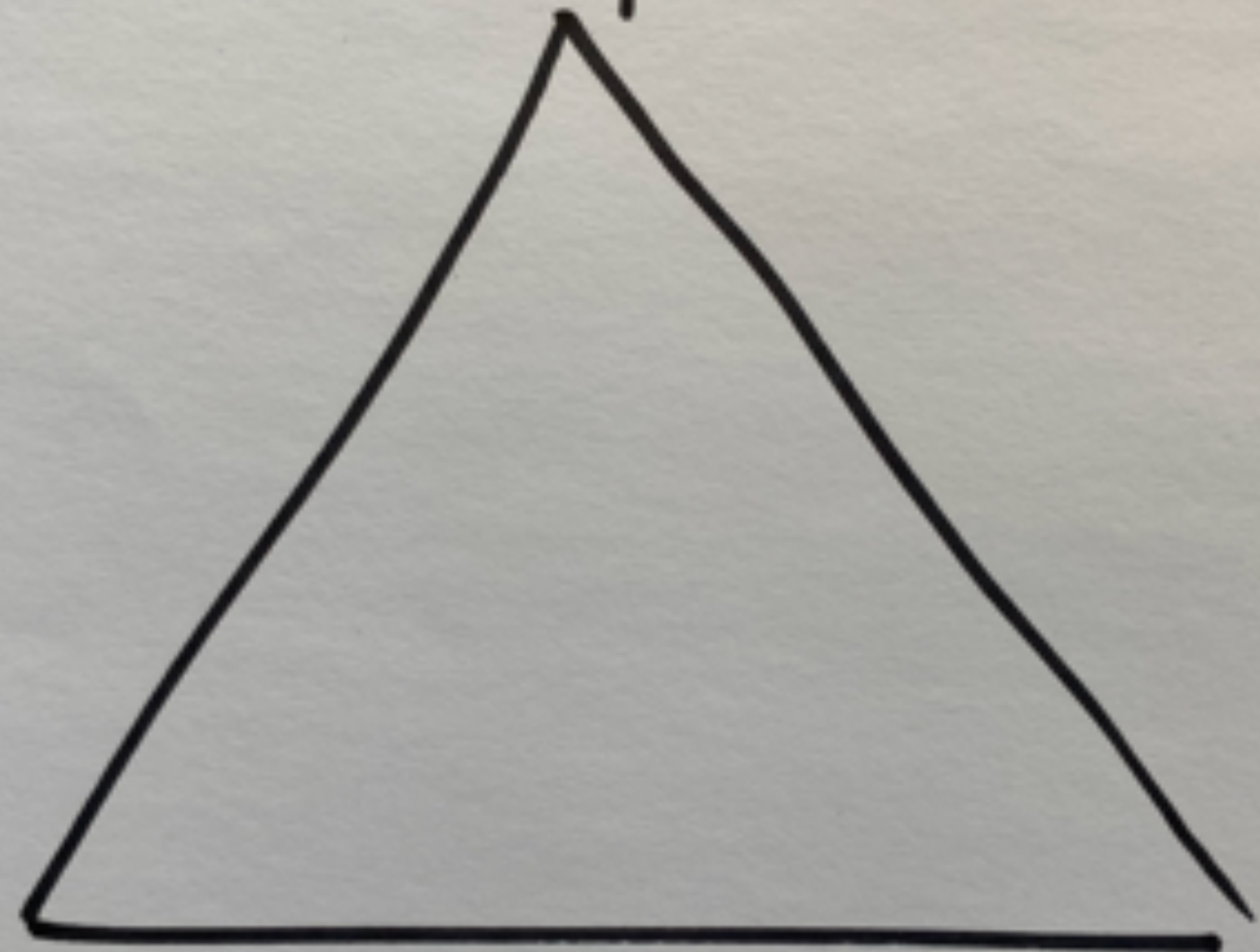
# Why are you doing this?

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# What is the finish line?

Scope



Cost

Schedule

Who needs to do work  
outside your own team?

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What context are they  
working in?

What is the consequence  
of failing to hit the finish  
line?

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one thing that happens in groups of 50+ is messages never really get to everyone, unless you make an extraordinary effort. if you say "you can request a free popsicle at any time" on email, group meetings, reminders, signs all over the place, \*someone still doesn't know\*

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Replying to [@lenazun](#)

any complexity you add to the message multiplies your problems. "you can request a free popsicle on Mondays and Wednesdays", and nobody knows what's happening. 10 different versions of the popsicle program start to circulate with different costs, items, dates.

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Be very very clear about:

- What exactly people need to do
  - When they need to do it by
  - What will happen if they don't do it by then
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“Cloud only 2020”

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Use every channel you  
can

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## Operations and Reliability Newsletter, July 2020



TL;DR: Q3 OKRs, Monitoring Score for Systems, AWS resources in BizOps

### Top three things

These are some of the bigger things we've done over the last month:

“Dear specific person...”

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Tech Governance Group:  
“allows people to share ideas,  
receive feedback on them, and  
get consensus”

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NEW INTERNATIONAL EDITION

‘Hot stuff’

SUNDAY TIMES

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# nudge

Improving decisions  
about health,  
wealth and happiness

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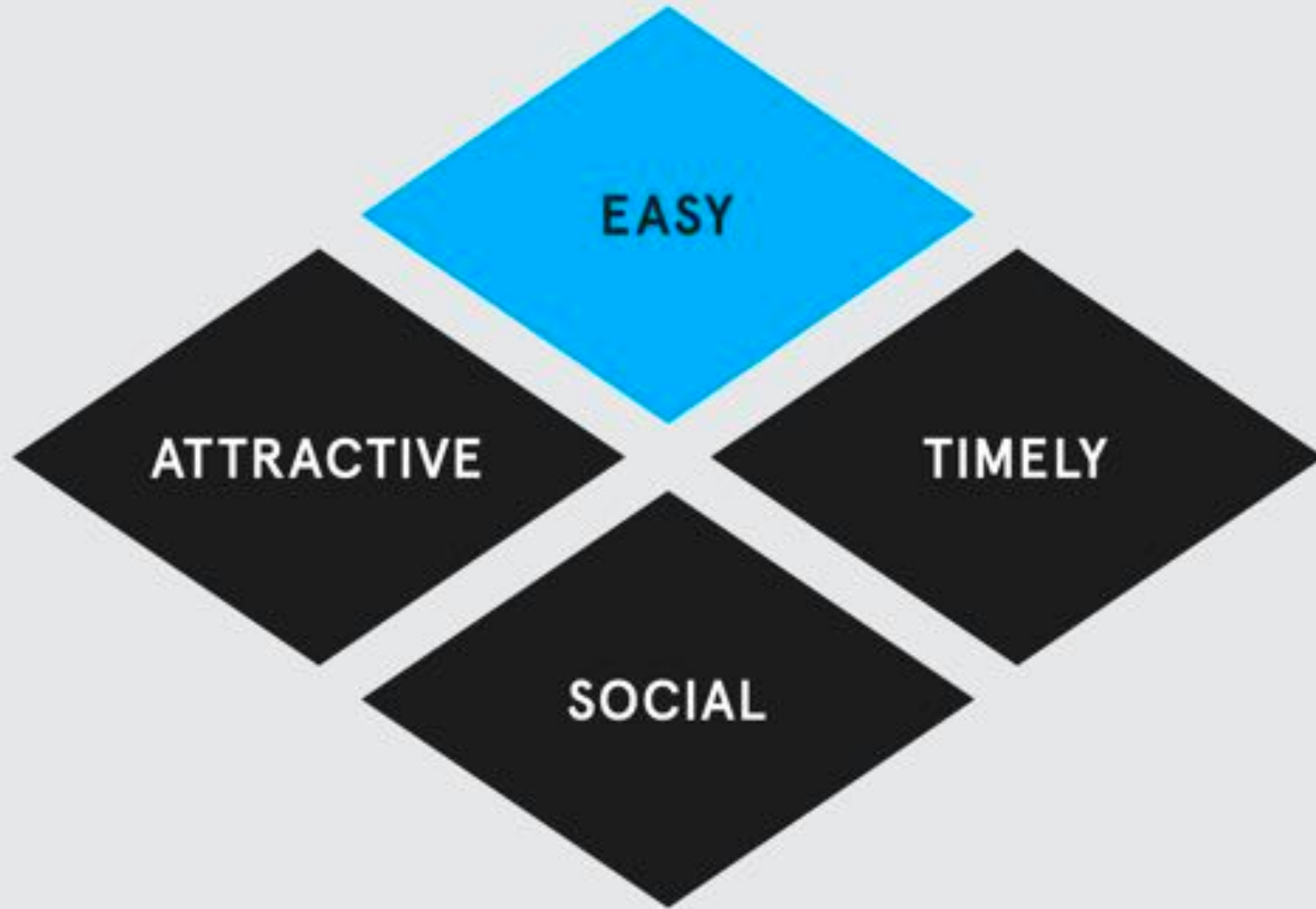
# INSIDE THE NUDGE UNIT



HOW SMALL CHANGES  
CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

**DAVID HALPERN**

Foreword by Richard H Thaler co-author of Nudge



Easy:

- Remove dependencies on YOU

# Authentication

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Change API uses FT API Gateway for authentication. All endpoints expect a `x-api-key:<api-key-value>` header for authorisation.

Generate a new key for *Change Management Service* by either of the following methods:

- use the [API gateway slack bot](#).
- fill in a request form to the [API gateway slack team](#).

Easy:

- Remove dependencies on YOU
- Visualise their progress

- s<sub>3</sub>o to Okta Migration
- Amazon Linux to version 2
- End of Life AWS Runtimes

## Operations & Reliability Migration Progress

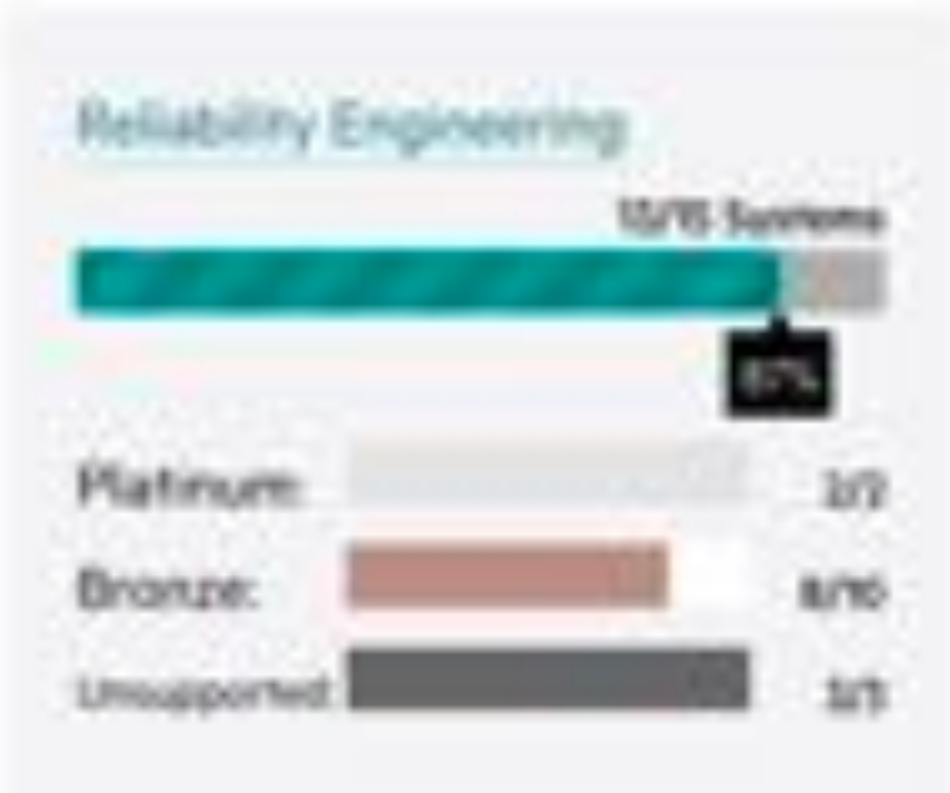
Risk Scores **Migrations** All Systems

### s<sub>3</sub>o to Okta Migration

Our single sign-on system for staff is being switched off in 2020. The recommended replacement is Okta. Check out our [wiki pages about Okta](#), or contact the [Cyber Security Team](#) for more info.



### Teams Progress





# Easy:

- Remove dependencies on YOU
  - Visualise their progress
  - Do the work for them!
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# Deployment process integrations

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## CircleCI

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### Circle 2.1 users

If you are using CircleCI version 2.1, we *highly recommend* using [Orbs](#). See the Change API Orb [documentation](#) for more details.

# Attractive:

- Make it clear what they and/or the company get from this

# Technology Proposal

## DNS Migration to AWS Route53

Authors:	Nayana Shetty
Date to be reviewed by:	31-10-2019
Current Status:	Approved

### Summary

We use Oracle DYN in the Financial Times to do all the DNS Management of our public zones. We have 296 zones managed by Oracle DYN. Given DYN is going end of life in mid 2020 and Oracle's replacement solution does not have feature parity for us, we want to migrate DYN managed DNS zones to a different solution. (

## Attractive:

- Make it clear what they and/or the company get from this
  - Give them something better (if you can)
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## New Change API

Logging the changes to our systems has a number of benefits, including helping to diagnose the cause of incidents. But few systems log changes because the existing Change Request API is too error prone.

We have now released a new [Change API](#), which is far more resilient and can be integrated confidently into your build pipelines... so please do. It uses FT API gateway for authentication (so you can obtain a key using the new [Bifrost tool](#)), can be called from any CI pipeline, including Heroku, and we now have a CircleCI orb we've been trialing with the IP-ETG team.

## Social:

- Show them how they compare to others

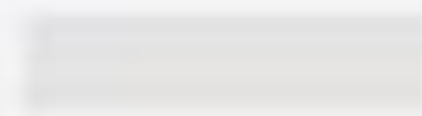
## Groups Progress

Customer Products 16/22 Systems

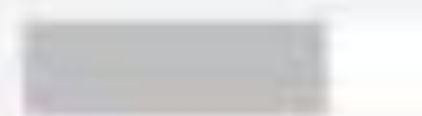


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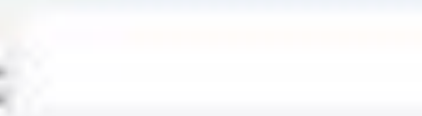
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Bronze: 13/14



Unsupported: 0/3



Enterprise Services 15/17 Systems



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Bronze: 10/11

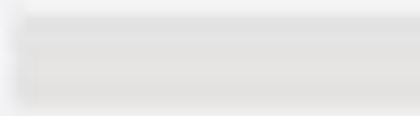


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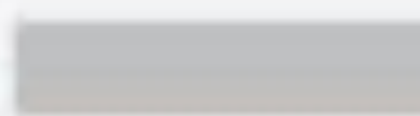


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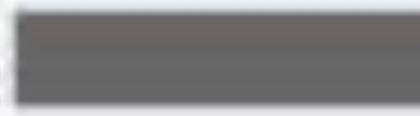
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Bronze: 11/11



Unsupported: 1/1





## Social:

- Show them how they compare to others
- Encourage a public commitment

OKRs comprise an **objective**—a clearly defined goal—and 3–5 **key results**—specific measures used to track the achievement of that goal.

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  - Help people make a plan
  - Focus on immediate costs and benefits
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