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10 Steps to Implement SLO in Your Organization







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TRACK: SITE RELIABILTY ENGINEERING







"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." Andy Warhol





Before you start

Leadership buy-in Manager's support Horizontal role





Become an SLO expert

Learn and practice Prepare your "sales" pitch Understand what engineers and company executives care about

"It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech" by Mark Twain







Create Supporting artifacts

- Documentation
 - Strategy why?
 - Definition how?
 - FAQ
 - Implementation Step by step
 - Use Case example
- Training
 - Overview (5-30 min max)
 - Hands on workshop

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." -- Benjamin Franklin



First training and workshop on SLO

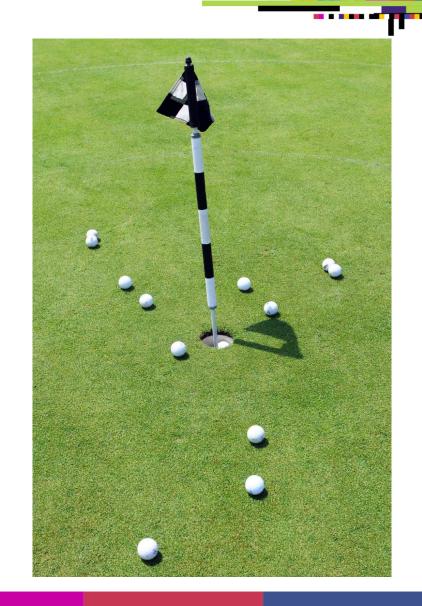
- Collaboration
- Scale
- Variety





SLO Pilot

- First service
- Small or/and most used?
- Simple of complex?
- Dependencies?
- Define -> Instrument
- Build SLI visualizations
- Start using SLO
- Document this Case Study!





Communicate!

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." -- George Bernard Shaw

- Internal meetups / conferences
- Engineering reviews
- Demo Days
- Newsletter
- Email distribution list









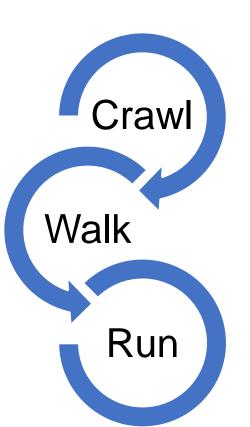
Challenges







- Now that you built foundations...
- Keep adding services to SLO early adopters
- Community of SLO Experts
- Scale your SLO training across regions
- Catalogue of Case Studies
- Scale your communication







Celebrate achievements

• ... even when everything seems lost





Continuously Improve





TIME	Hypothetical timeline of how to drive adoption of literally ANYTHING!	– –
Learn X		
Docur	ment & build training about X	
Сс	ommunicate and bring everyone along on understanding X! Communicate more. And even more!	
	Everyone getting trained!	ㅈ
	Early adopter(s), Case studies Late adopter(s), Case studies	eep
	A lot of other work	og
	Magic – people come to you and tell you how X is helping them!	oingi
	Celebrate successes. Blame yourself for failures. Do blameless retrospectives.	
	More unplanned work, cause you keep inventing new ways of using X	
	Start talking about X at technical conferences and write books!	
	Is it still X or did it evolve by now and is a new thing called XYZ?	
	IS IT STILL A OF UNU IT EVOLVE BY HOW AND IS A NEW THING CALLED AT Z ?	



Thank You!

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Learn More!

Implementing Service Level Objectives

A Practical Guide to SLIs, SLOs & Error Budgets





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