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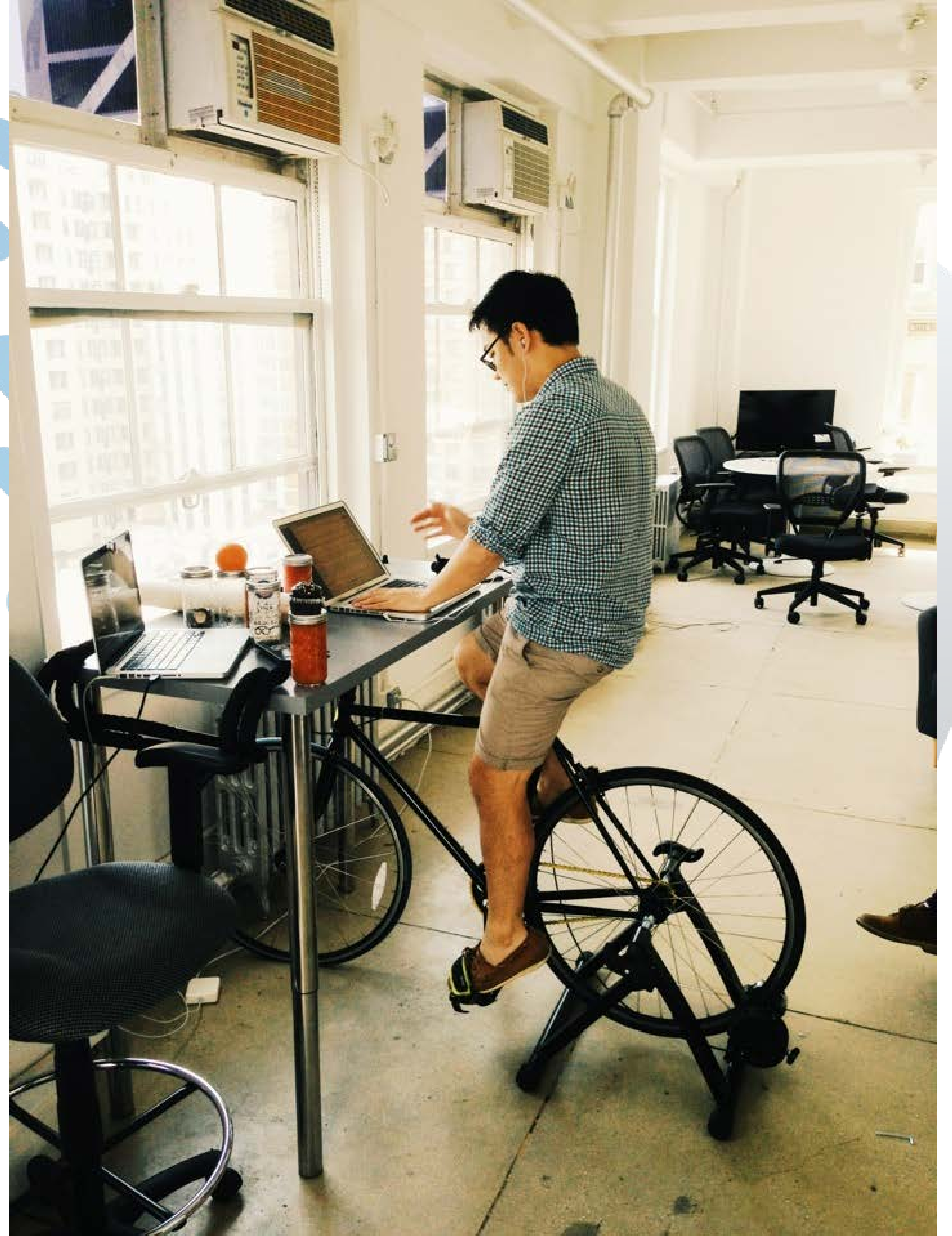
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WHAT ARE CYBER EXERCISES?



CYBER EXERCISE

Definition: A planned event during which an organization simulates a cyber disruption to develop or test capabilities such as preventing, detecting, mitigating, responding to or recovering from the disruption.

Source: US-CERT



Cyber Exercise Playbook

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PRACTICING CYBER DEFENSE



Real-life provides plenty of practice scenarios.



Ooops, your files have been encrypted!

English

What Happened to My Computer?

Your important files are encrypted.

Many of your documents, photos, videos, databases and other files are no longer accessible because they have been encrypted. Maybe you are busy looking for a way to recover your files, but do not waste your time. Nobody can recover your files without our decryption service.

Can I Recover My Files?

Sure. We guarantee that you can recover all your files safely and easily. But you have not so enough time.

You can decrypt some of your files for free. Try now by clicking <Decrypt>.

But if you want to decrypt all your files, you need to pay.

You only have 3 days to submit the payment. After that the price will be doubled.

Also, if you don't pay in 7 days, you won't be able to recover your files forever.

We will have free events for users who are so poor that they couldn't pay in 6 months.

How Do I Pay?

Payment is accepted in Bitcoin only. For more information, click <About bitcoin>.

Please check the current price of Bitcoin and buy some bitcoins. For more information, click <How to buy bitcoins>.

And send the correct amount to the address specified in this window.

After your payment, click <Check Payment>. Best time to check: 9:00am - 11:00am

CMT from Monday to Friday

Payment will be raised on

5/16/2017 00:47:55

Time Left

02:23:57:37

Your files will be lost on

5/20/2017 00:47:55

Time Left

06:23:57:37

[About bitcoin](#)

[How to buy bitcoins?](#)

[Contact Us](#)



Send \$300 worth of bitcoin to this address:

12t9YDPgwueZ9NyMgw519p7AA8isjr6SMw

Copy

Check Payment

Decrypt

WANNACRY RANSOMWARE (2017)

- **300,000+** computers infected.
- **98%** running **Windows 7** operating system
- Used **ExternalBlue** exploit released by Shadow Brokers in April 2017

CYBERSECURITY

Why the OPM Hack Is Far Worse Than You Imagine

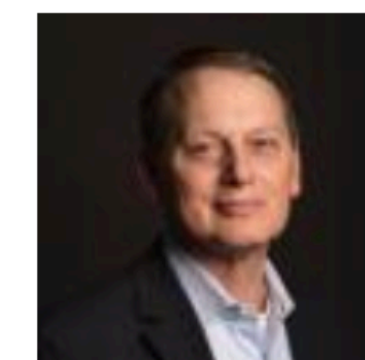
By **Michael Adams** Friday, March 11, 2016, 10:00 AM



DayZero: Cybersecurity Law and Policy

The Office of Personnel Management (“OPM”) data breach involves the greatest theft of sensitive personnel data in history. But, to date, neither the scope nor scale of the breach, nor its significance, nor the inadequate and even self-defeating response has been fully aired.

The scale of the OPM breach is larger and more harmful than appreciated, the response to it has worsened the data security of affected individuals, and the government has inadequately addressed the breach’s counterintelligence consequences. While we can never know for sure exactly what the government is doing in secret to address the breach and mitigate its consequences, based on



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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT BREACH (2015)

- One of the largest breaches of government data in the history of the U.S.
- **21.5 million** personnel records stolen
- **5.6 million** fingerprints stolen
- Discovered during forensic tool demonstration on OPM's network

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury for the District of Columbia charges:

Introduction

1. The United States of America, through its departments and agencies, regulates the activities of foreign individuals and entities in and affecting the United States in order to prevent, disclose, and counteract improper foreign influence on U.S. elections and on the U.S. political system. U.S. law bans foreign nationals from making certain expenditures or financial disbursements for the purpose of influencing federal elections. U.S. law also bars agents of any foreign entity from engaging in political activities within the United States without first registering with the Attorney General. And U.S. law requires certain foreign nationals seeking entry to the United States to obtain a visa by providing truthful and accurate information to the government. Various federal agencies, including the Federal Election Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Department of State, are charged with enforcing these laws.

2016 U.S. ELECTION HACKING

- “...engaged in operations to interfere with elections and political processes.”
- Registered social media accounts using VPNs to mask origin and control of their activity.
- Controlled hundreds of web-based email accounts under false names to give the appearance of U.S. persons.
- Used stolen identities to register for PayPal accounts used to purchase social media advertisements.

Examples provide
adversary tactics, techniques and procedures.

**CREATING
REALISTIC
TRAINING**



Who are we?

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE

SEI founded in 1984 at CMU as Department of Defense **Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC)**:

- Only DoD R&D center focused on software engineering and cybersecurity
- **~700** employees
- **CERT Division** founded in 1988

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CERT CYBER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CWD Directorate Mission

Provide force-multiplying solutions to rapidly grow and strengthen DoD's cybersecurity workforce--addressing the problems of time, scale, and cost.

- We empower DoD's Cyber Mission Force to **“Train as You Fight”**
- We develop and transition cutting-edge Prototypes and Content:
 - Training and Exercise Platforms
 - Modeling and Simulation Tools
 - Gamified, on-demand training



Training Prototypes

GREYBOX

Simulates complex Internet topology in a single virtual machine

- Built using NRL's Common Open Research Emulator (CORE)
- Core routing infrastructure with accurate geospatial delays
- Domain Name System with all root servers plus .com, .net, .edu, .mil, etc.
- Email services like Gmail, Yahoo, Outlook.com, etc.

github.com/cmu-sei/greybox



USERSIM

- Agent that simulates user activities like:
 - Web surfing
 - Email
 - Typing documents in Word
 - Chat
- Can be taught to use any Windows application
- Users generate trouble tickets when they have issues (bounced email, Web site down, etc.)

github.com/cmu-sei/usersim



WELLE-D

Enables wireless training within a virtualized environment without transmission of radio frequencies

- **Cost effective** – no hardware
- **Portable** – brings wireless inside secure facilities
- **Scalable and repeatable** - No interference
- **Realistic** - Functions like a real wireless device



Open source coming soon.

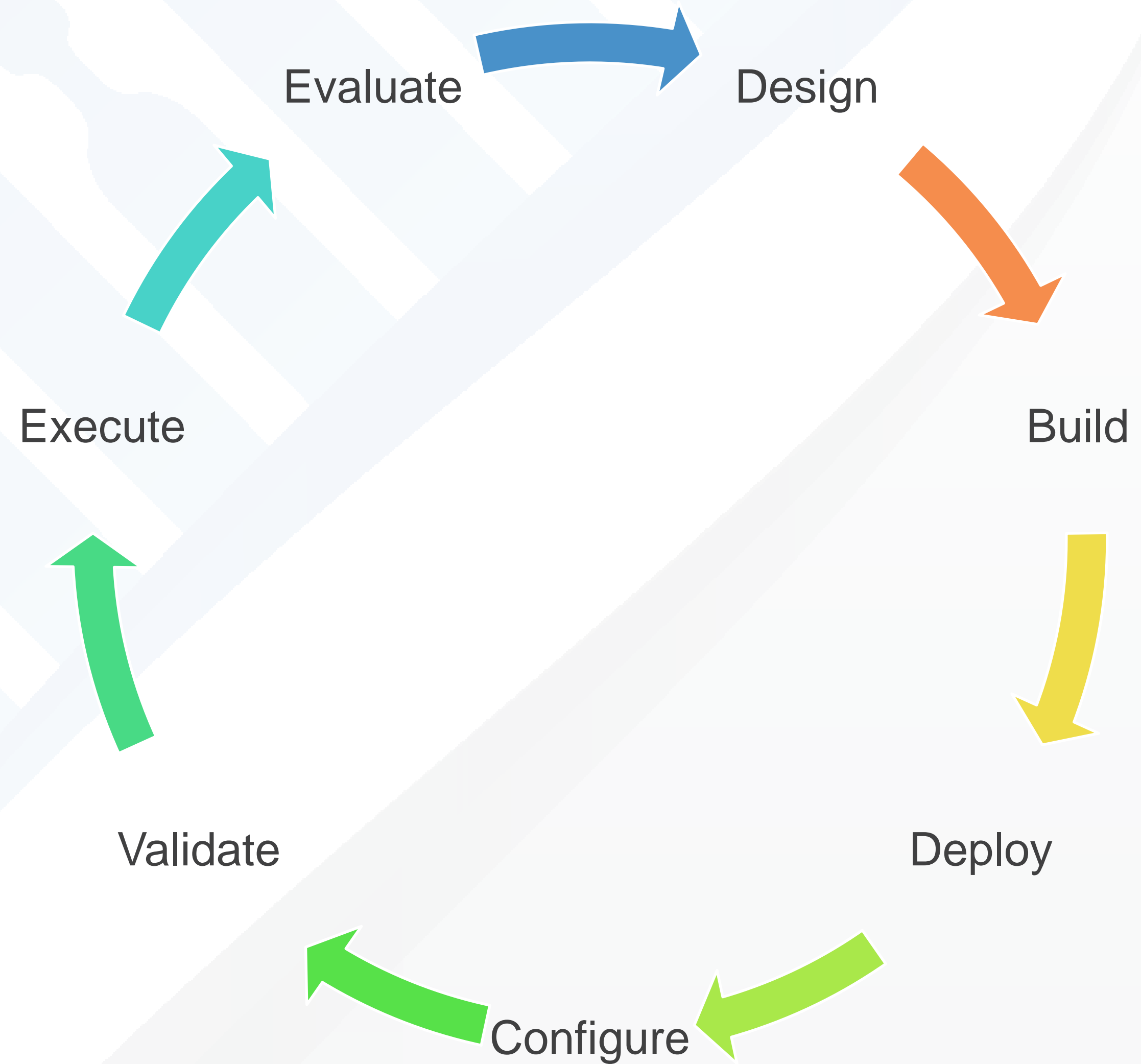
How can this training scale?

**BUILDING
CYBER
EXERCISES**

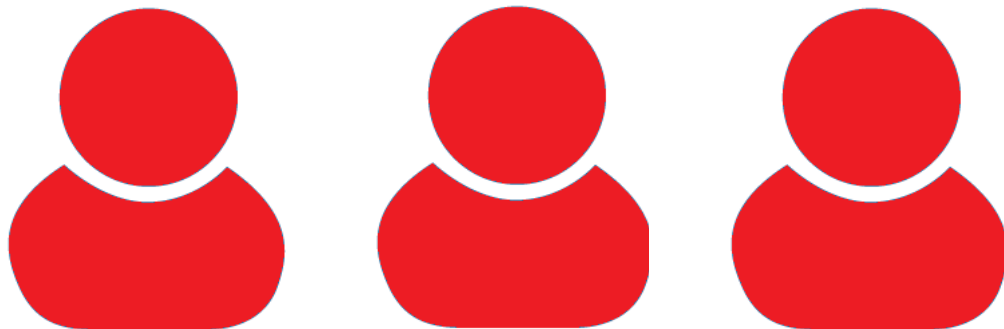


EXERCISE LIFECYCLE

- “Time to market” – Time from exercise inception to execution
- Reducing time at any phase results in being able to execute training faster
- Phases currently last on the order of weeks or months at a time



RED VS. BLUE

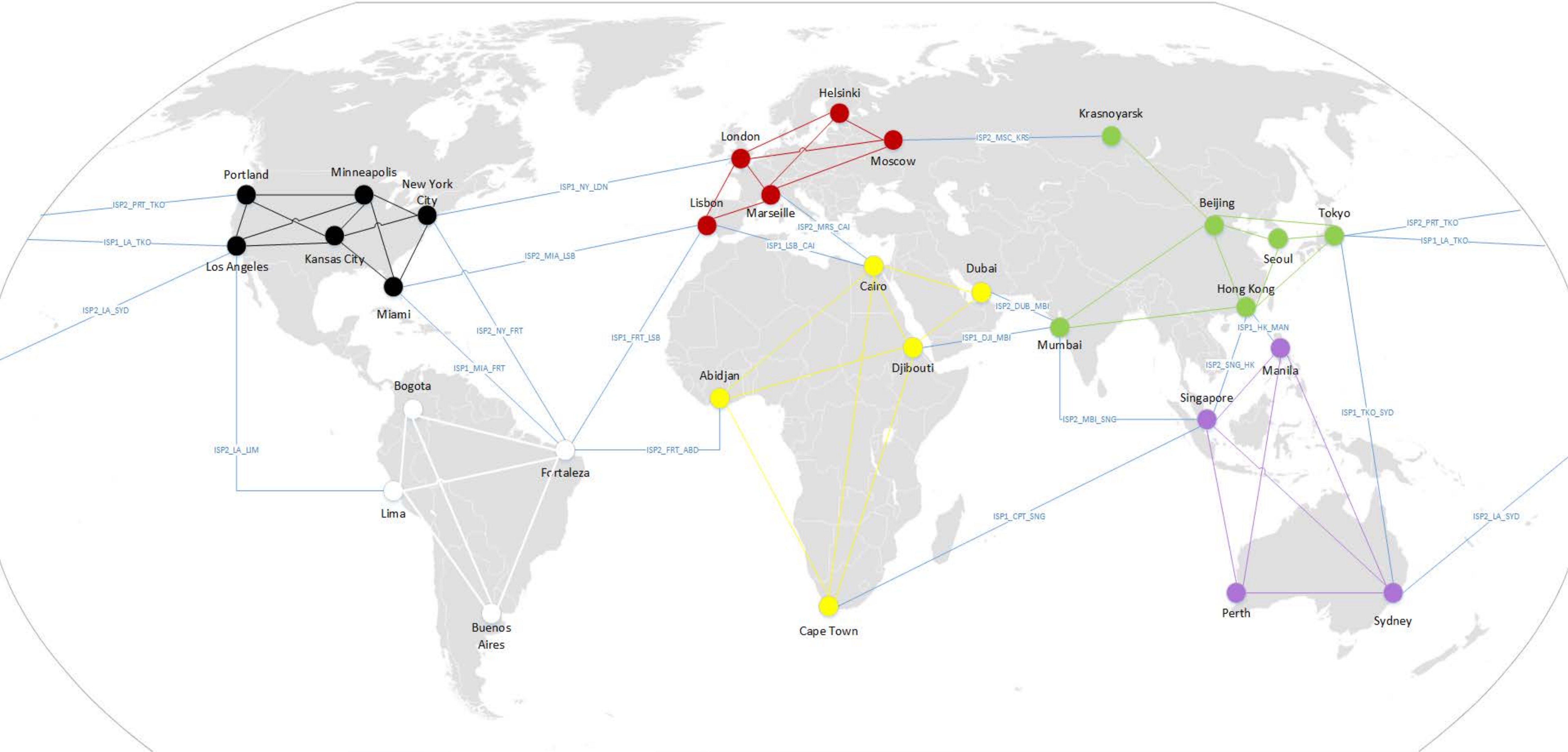


OPFOR



Blue Teams

PSEUDO INTERNET



SERVICES

- **Protocols**
 - HTTP/S
 - DNS
 - NTP
 - BGP
 - OSPF
- **Internet Services**
 - Websites
 - Package repositories
 - Certification authorities
 - Cloud services
- **Team networks**
 - Active Directory
 - Microsoft Exchange
 - File servers
 - Simulated users
 - Management workstations
 - DNS servers
 - Web servers
 - Security monitoring
 - Firewalls
- **And much more...**

QUESTIONS

How do you scale to handle a growing number of participants?

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How do you avoid costly mistakes?

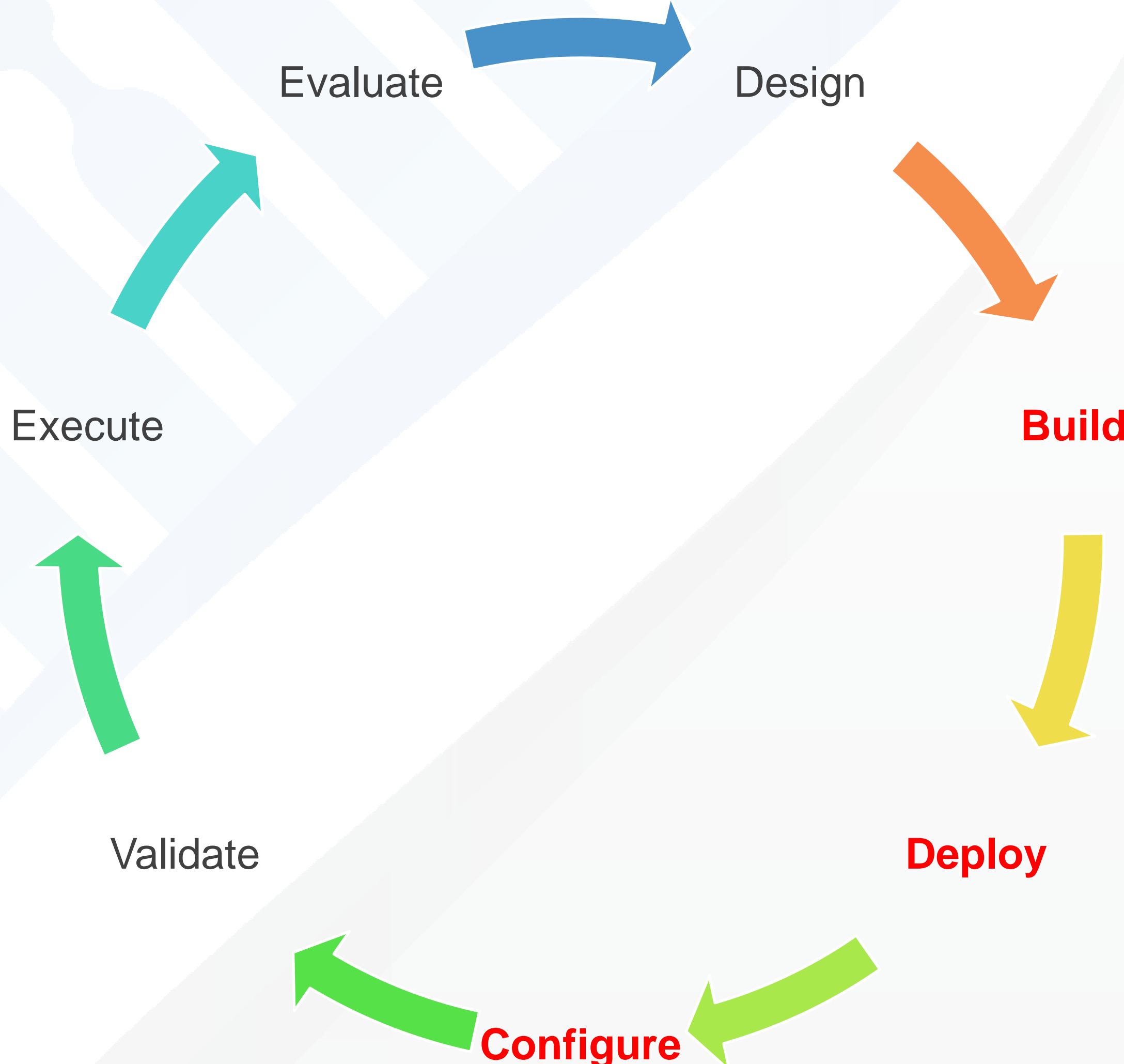
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How do you adapt to changing customer requirements?

ANSWER

**Automate!
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AUTOMATING THE EXERCISE LIFECYCLE

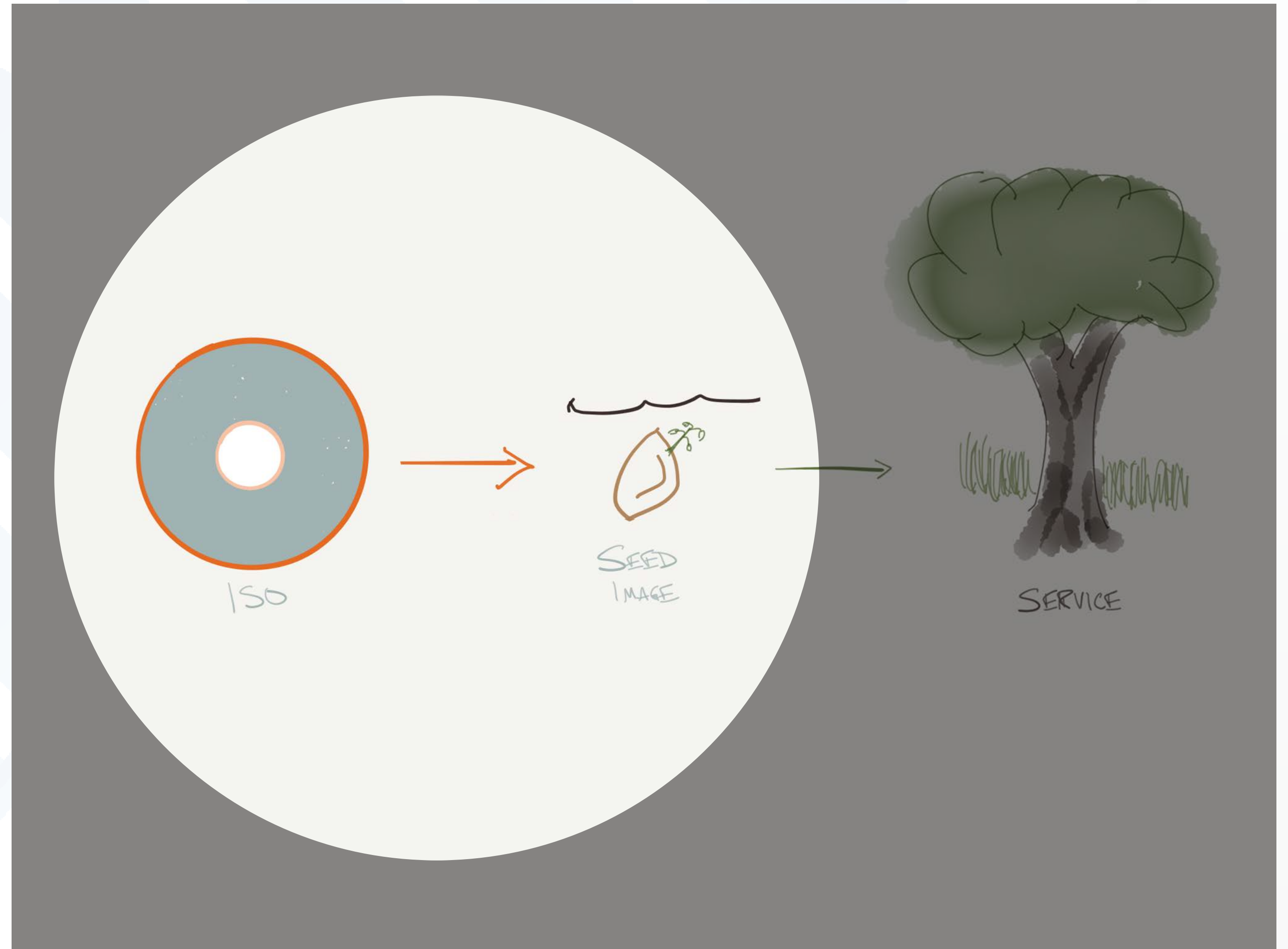


PACKER (BUILD)

Open-source tool for building virtual machine disks:

- Used to create “seed” images as starting points for each build.
- Allows for easy software upgrades between iterations.
- Couple with continuous integration for automated builds.

github.com/hashicorp/packer



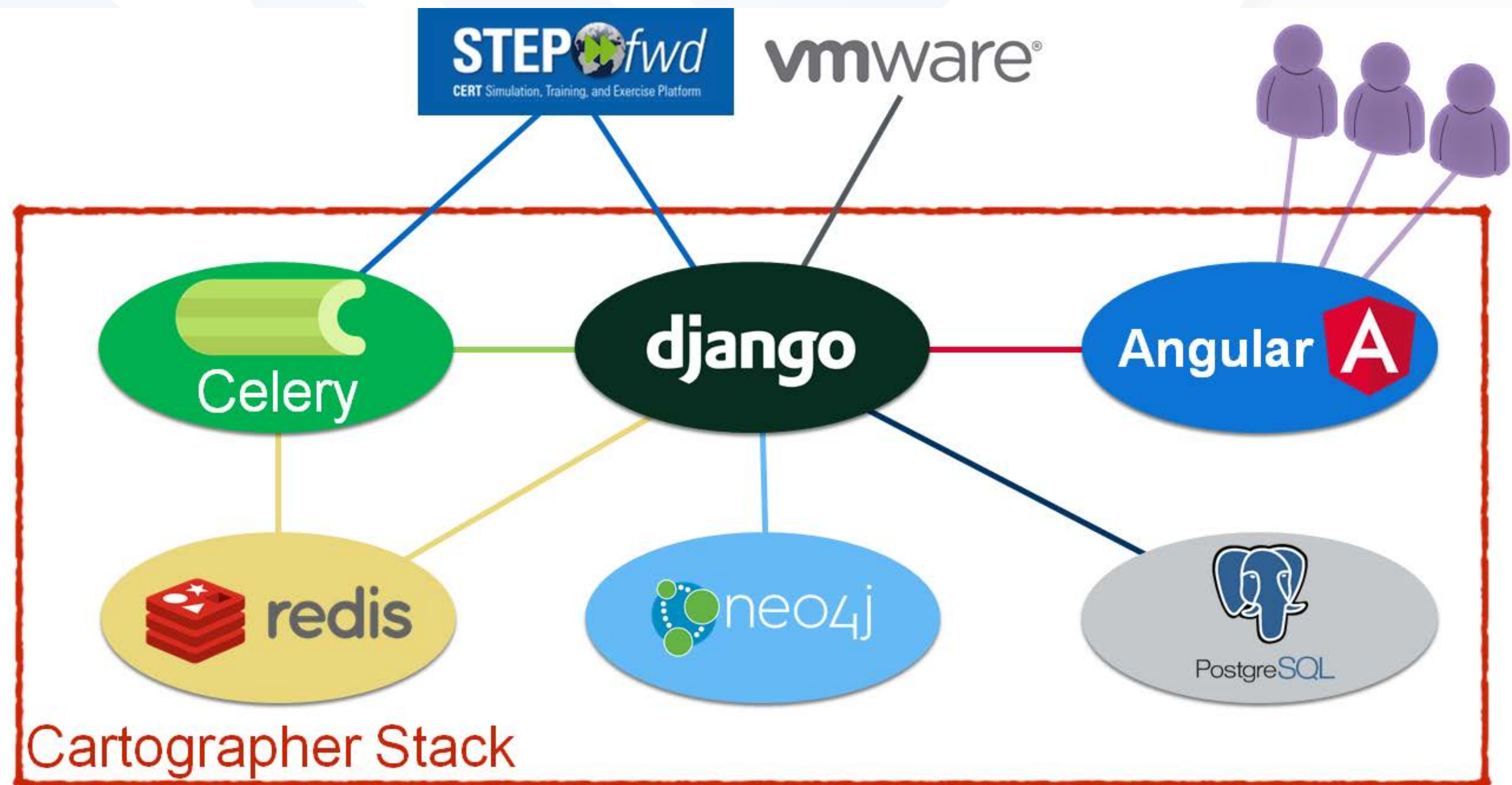


CARTOGRAPHER (DEPLOY)

Topology construction tool currently being developed by the SEI:

- Web-based diagramming tool for designing networks and validating configurations
- Deploy machines directly from diagrams.
- Don't Repeat Yourself. (DRY)

Open source coming soon.



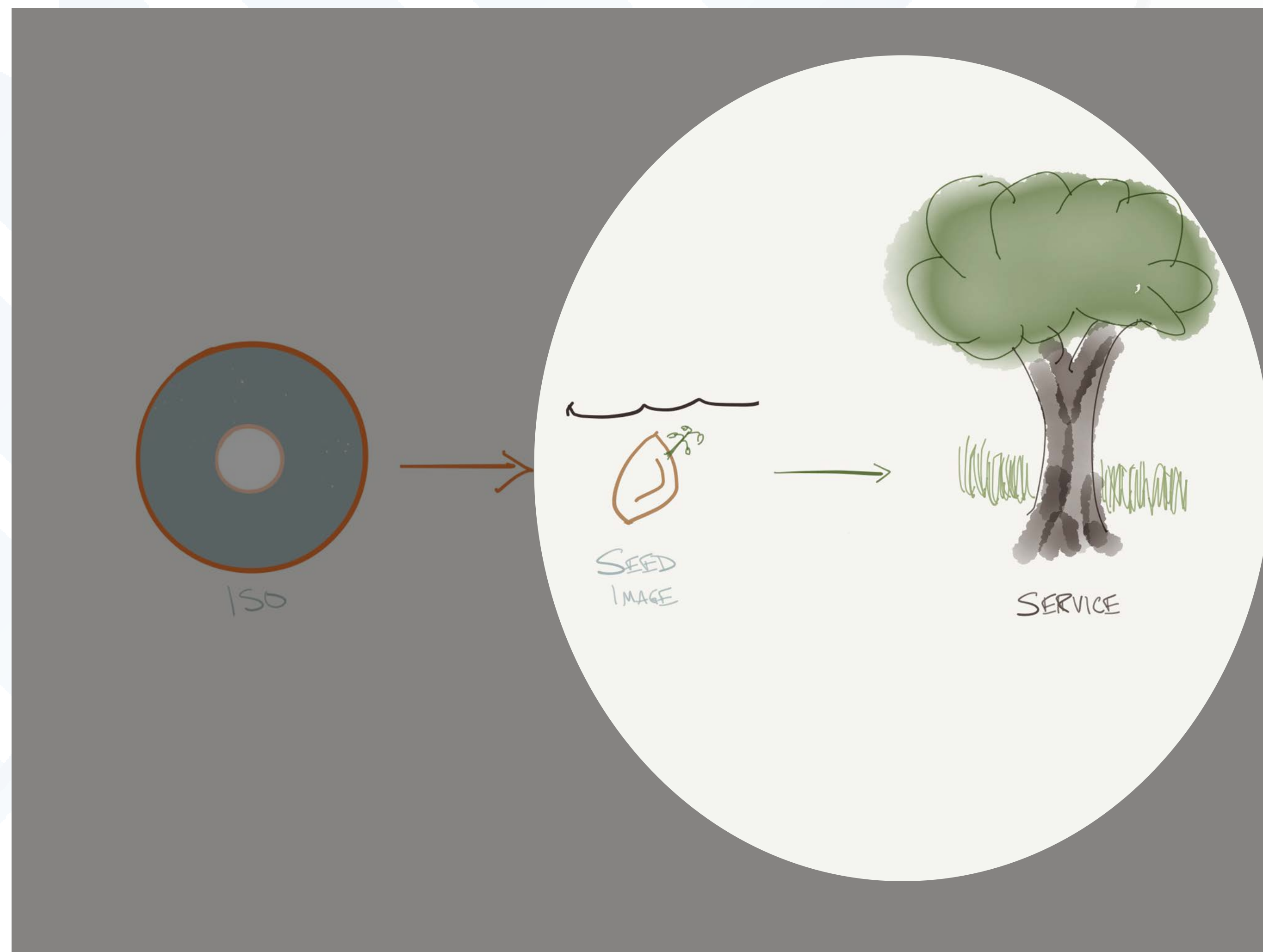


ANSIBLE (CONFIGURE)

Open-source configuration management tool:

- Grow “seed” images into full-blown services
- Idempotent – successive runs do not leave machine in a bad state
- Agentless – minimize footprint on deployed VMs
- Playbooks/roles written in readable YAML

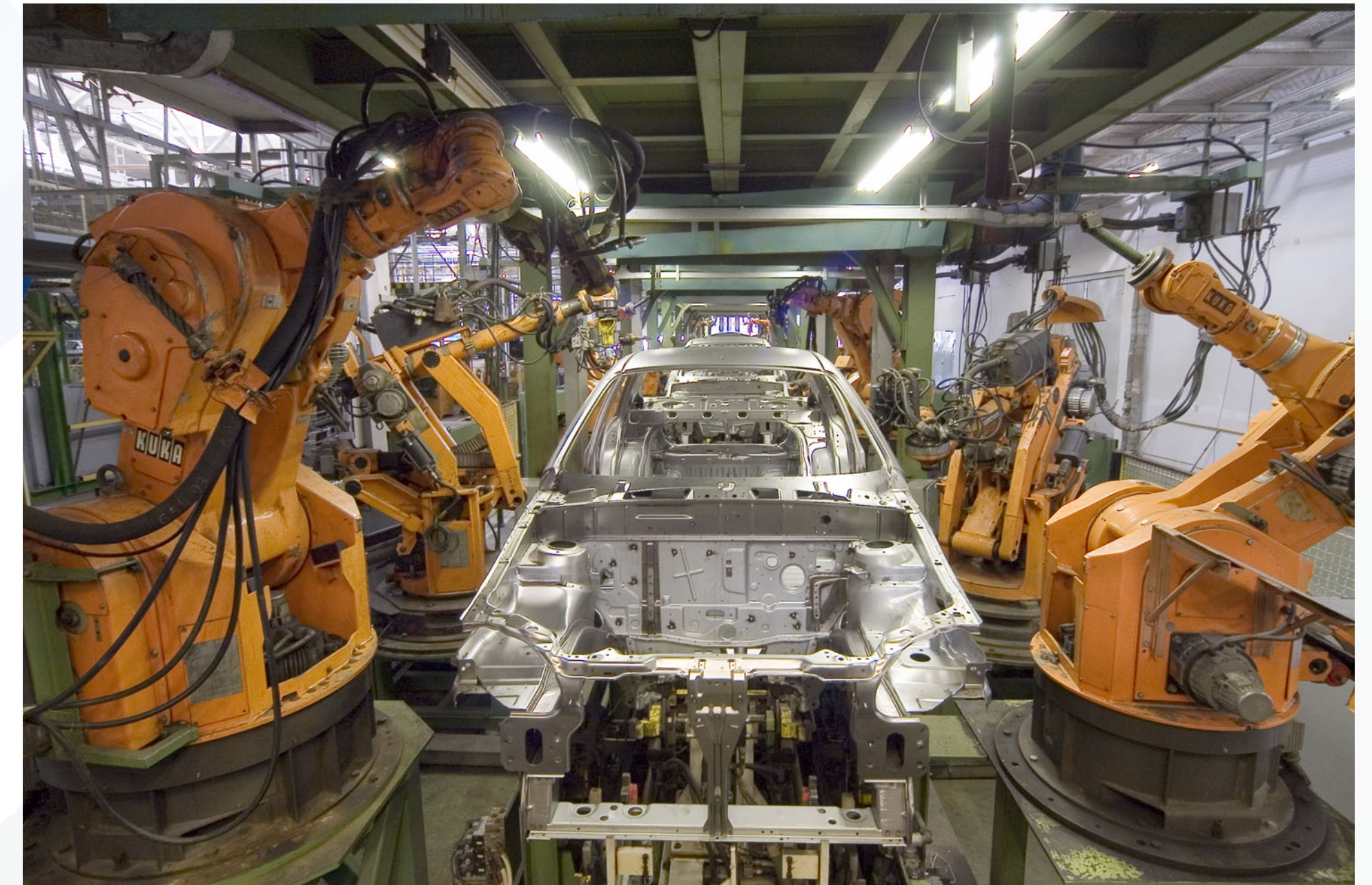
github.com/ansible/ansible





AUTOMATION BENEFITS

- Environments can scale as new participants join:
 - Most teams have similar setups
 - Easy to roll out a new instance
- Reduced troubleshooting time by avoiding common errors:
 - Fat-fingering
 - Skipping steps
 - Invalid input
- Tool idempotency ensures machines are left in a known state
- Self-documenting build processes
- Parallel provisioning





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