



5 ways to boost your automation effectiveness







e2e :: e2e Tests [master] #0.52.0.1406

If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.

e2e :: e2e Tests [master] #0.52.0.1406 failed (Tests failed: 27 (27 new), passed: 1854, ignored: 551) Build Agent: Agent 4

TeamCity, FAILEDI Build ornhlems with how this message is dis

- 1. Delusive test results
- 2. Difficulty locating elements
- 3. Test data maintenance
- 4. Demanding test infrastructure

Issues 5. Overcomplicated code

Developer
Home-brew
Automation

5+ years

Who am !?

International
Fortune 500
70+ test engineers

5+ years Devbridge

Who am !?

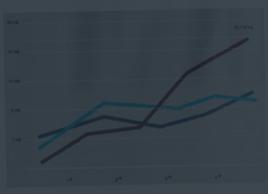
30+ engineers
4 scrum teams
Bi-weekly releases

5+ years
Devbridge
30+ (at peak)

Who am I?



Issue #1















IIII DAILI

Delusive test results



- Demotivate team members
- Waste time
- Decrease effectiveness
- Might hide actual bugs

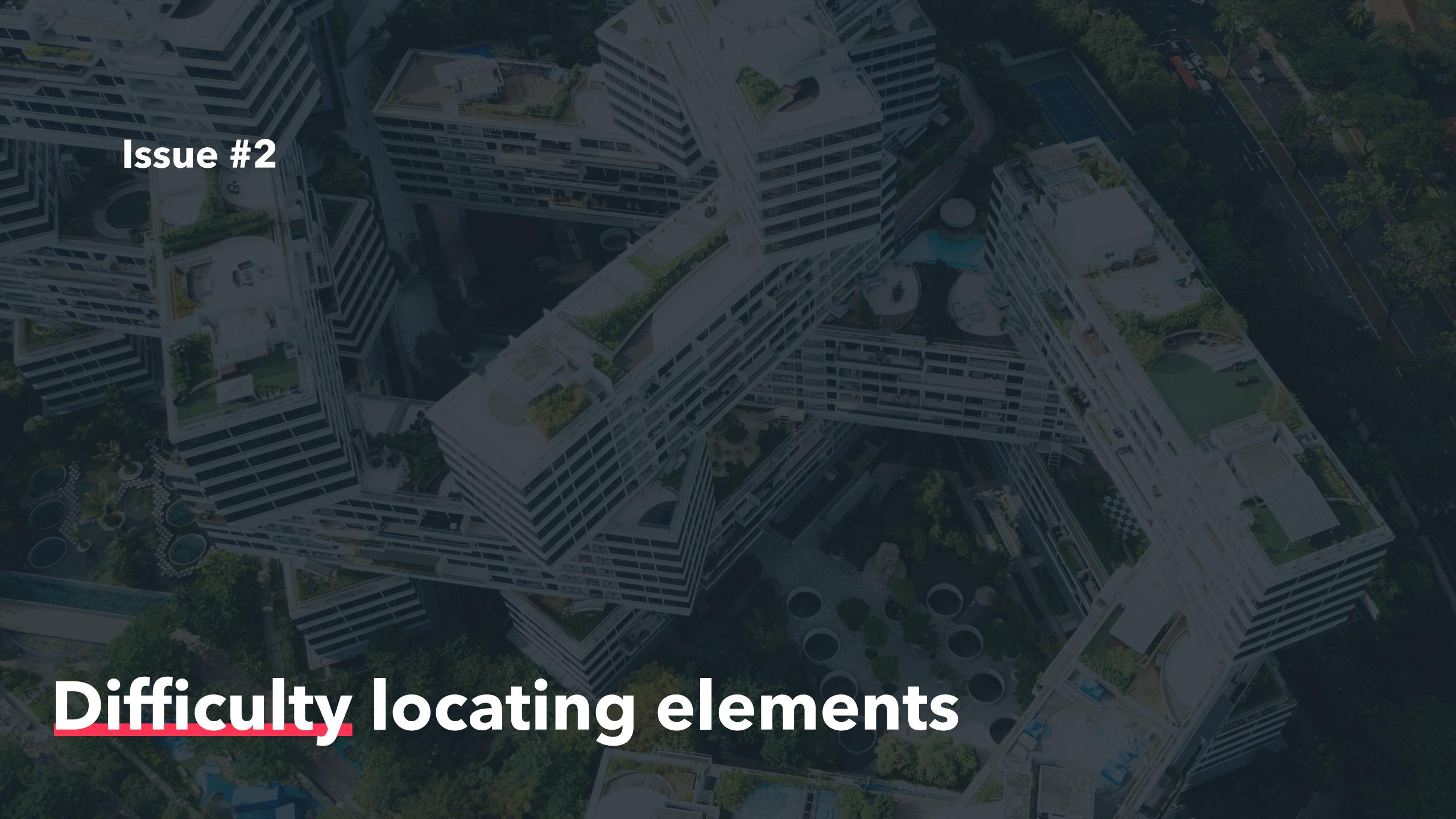


You get emails *

*Only positive if you're in need of communication

Possible solutions

- → Make automated test stable
- → Rewrite test cases
- → Disable randomly failing ones and do them manually



SUM

POSITIVE

- More independency from developers
- + Cleaner test code
- More flexibility in selecting required elements
- With developer participation this might D.O.R.

<a>NEGATIVE

- Takes time to add
- Require basic HTML knowledge



Ouiz

How you manage your test data?

- A. I don't use any test data, my tests are not requiring test data setup
- B. I use same e2e steps to prepare data for tests
- C. I use API calls to setup data
- D. I use SQL scripts to setup data
- E. I use DB backup and restore it before each run

POSITIVE

- + Fast and reliable test data preparation
- + Easy test data management
- No garbage data
- + Less maintenance in a long rung



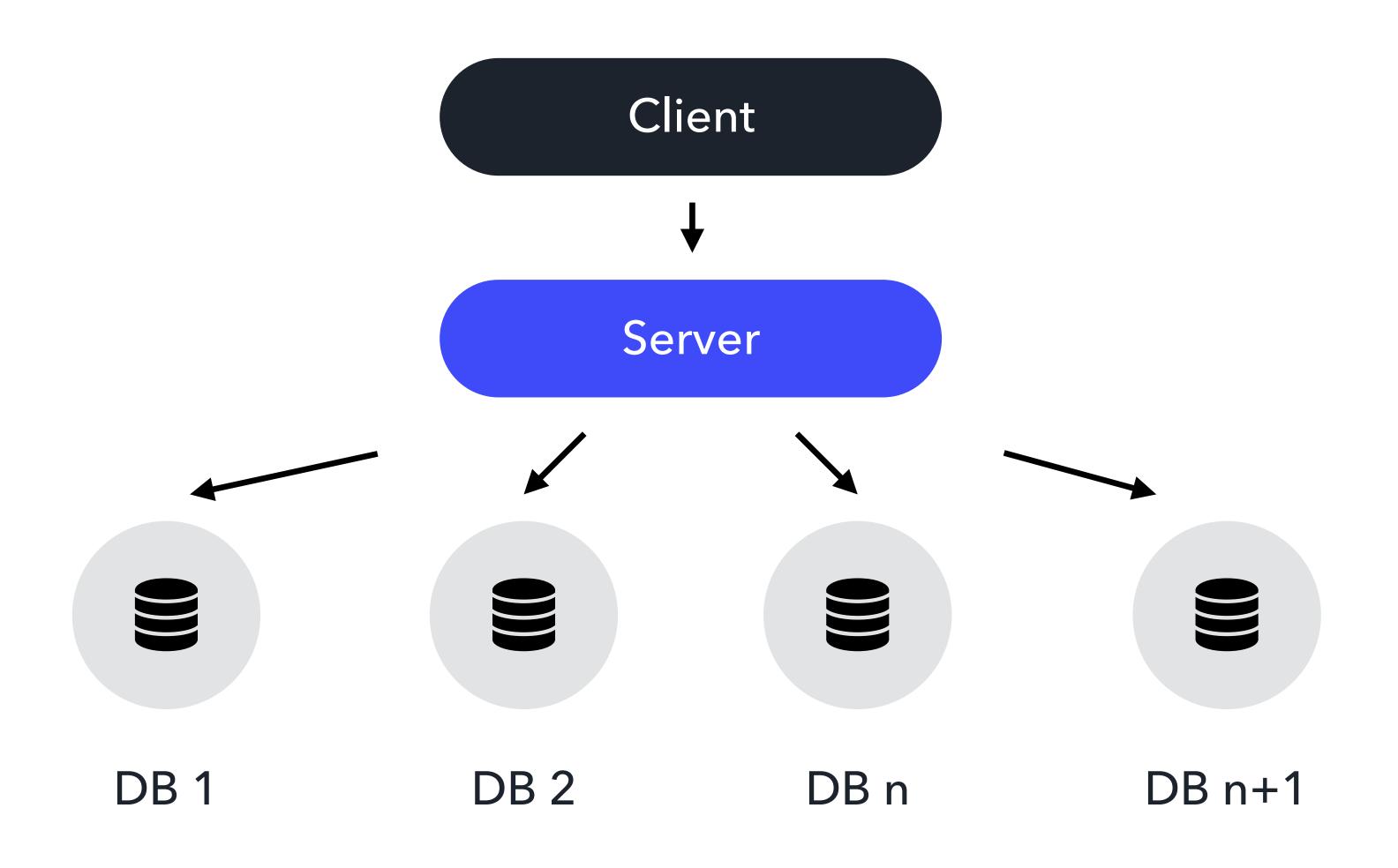
Takes time to implement



Are you into DevOps?

- A. Automate boring and repetitive tasks.
- B. Reduce human error probability.
- C. Speed up workflows.
- D. Work towards self-sufficient test automation.

We use Database Routing

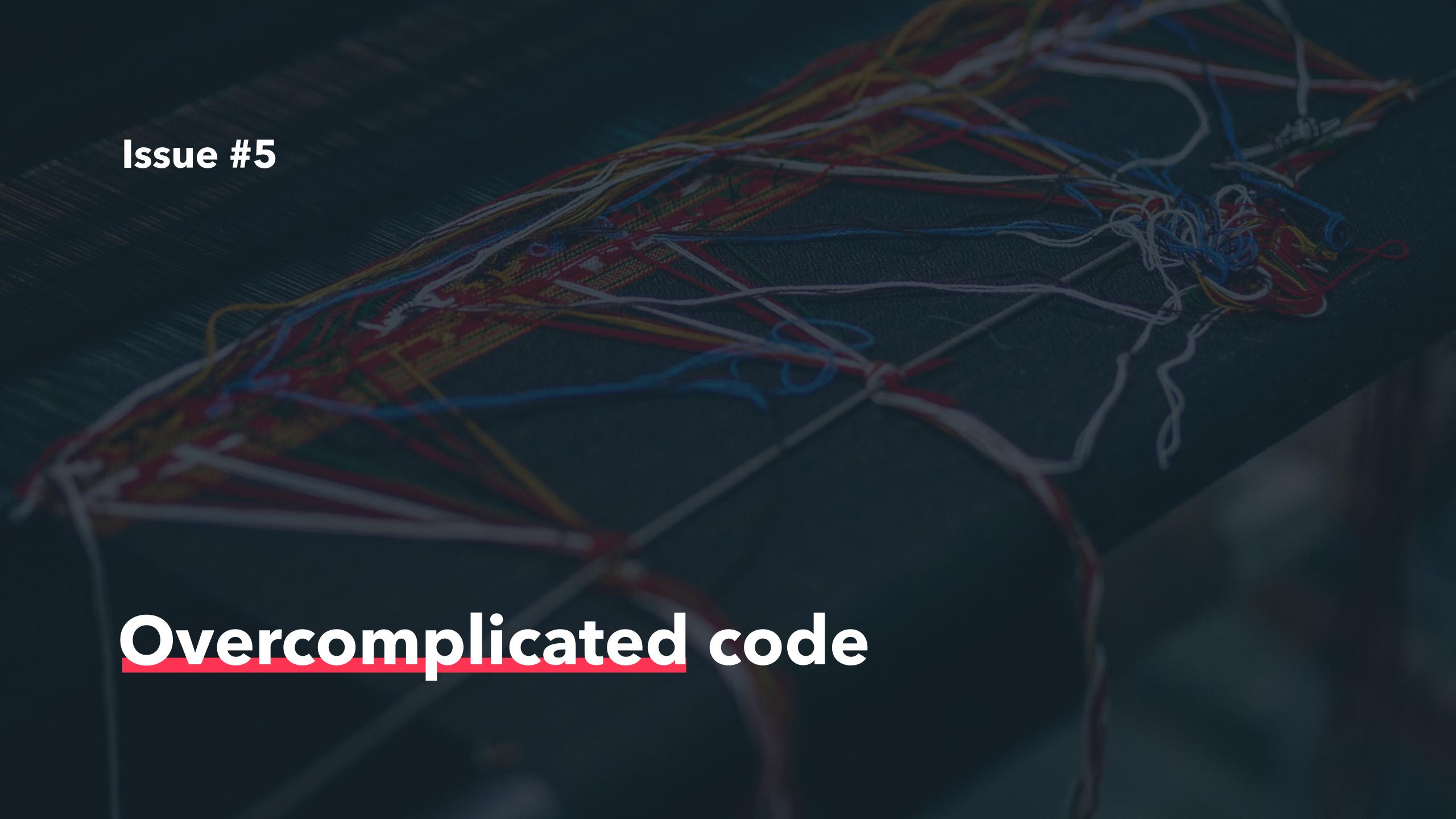


POSITIVE

- + Automated and manual testing same builds
- Less environments
- + Scale development slots if needed



- Takes time to implement
- Not all builds are tested



Can automated test's code be inferior quality compared to application under test?

Key principles

- → Reading your code should be pleasant.
 - Variables and functions self explanatory.
 - Functions focused, short and reusable.
 - Global patterns, coding style and conventions.
 - Perform code reviews.
 - DRY rule.
 - KISS principle.

Is there any benefit from keeping code clean?

Clean code is easier to collaborate on

Clean code is easier to refactor

Clean code is easier to augment

Clean code is easier to maintain

Clean code is easier to port

Clean code is easier to scale

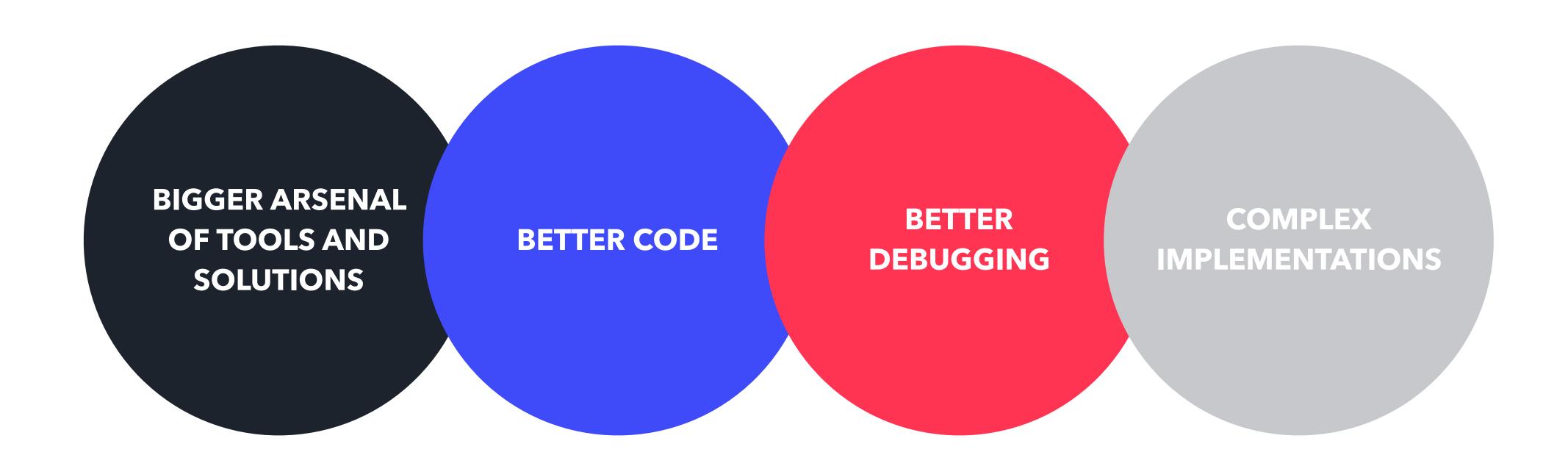
Collaborate Refactor Augment Maintain Port Scale



How to do it?



Collaboration with developers



Is it all only positive experience when collaborating with developers?

- "uninitialized": "always" requires one variable declaration for uninitialized va
- "uninitialized": "never" requires multiple variable declarations for uninitialize
- "uninitialized": "consecutive" requires consecutive variable declarations for

always

Examples of **incorrect** code for this rule with the default "always" option:

```
/*eslint one-var: ["error", "always"]*/
/*eslint-env es6*/

function foo() {
   var bar;
   var baz;
   let qux;
   let norf;
}
```

Examples of **correct** code for this rule with the default "always" option:

```
/*eslint one-var: ["error", "always"]*/
/*eslint-env es6*/

function foo() {
   var bar,
       baz;
   let qux,
       norf;
}
```

```
const _ = require('lodash');
7 / * *
  . * . @class
 . * . @param . {string[]} . headers .
  . * . @param . {Array.<Array.<string>>} . data .
3 . */
 const.DataTableWithHeaders.=.function.(headers,.data).{
9..../**
 .....*.@returns.{Array.<Array.<{value:.string,.header:.string}>>}.
....this.getDataRows.=.function().{
 ....return __.map(data, (row) => _.map(row, (column, index) => ({ header: headers[index], value: column })));
9..../**
 ..... * .@returns . {Array.<string>}
· · · · · */

> . . . this.getHeaders = function() . {
 .....return headers;
} . . . . }
j . . . this.get = function() . {
 return _.concat (headers, data);
j..../**
 ..... *. @param. {string}.header
 ..... * @returns (Array. <string>)

    this.getColumnValues = function(header) . {
         const index = __.indexOf(headers, header);
         return __.map(data, .(row) .=> .row[index]);
}};
```

- 1. Reduce False-Positive results to zero
- 2. Injecting custom locators to the application
- 3. Database restoring for test setup and tear-down
- 4. Invest into infrastructure for E2E tests

Summary 5. Promote clean code practices

nikolaj.tolkaciov@gmail.com

Questions?



Thank You.

Nikolaj Tolkačiov Lead Test Engineer