# Automated SLO-Based Testing

*"Testing as a Self-Service with Keptn"*


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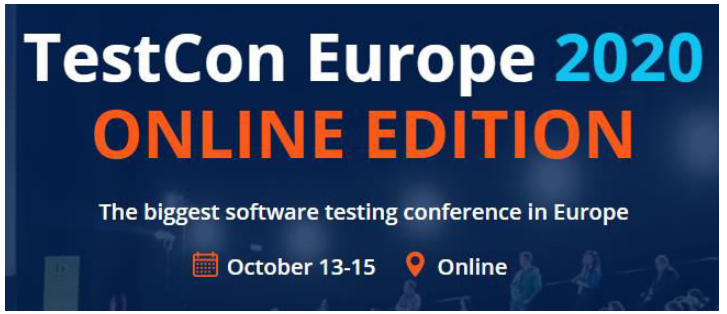


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# What does Keptn do? End-2-End Capabilities overview!

Increased **Speed** and **Quality** of Progressive Delivery through **Automation**

**Automate Operations**

Developer

Pull Request

simplenodeservice:4.0.0

dev

0 1 0

simplenodeservice:3.0.0

simplenodeservice:4.0.0 100

(1) Deploy & **Test**

(2) Evaluate SLOs 100

(3) Auto-Promote

staging

0 1 0

simplenodeservice:3.0.0

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(4) Deploy & **Test**

(5) Evaluate SLOs 100

(6) Promote?

prod

1 1 1

simplenodeservice:3.0.0 100 100

simplenodeservice:3.0.0 86

(7) Deploy Blue / Green

(8) Evaluate SLOs 86

(9) Toggle Blue / Green

(10) Re-Evaluate SLOs 100

Closed-Loop Remediation

**Problem resolved**

**Source:** dynatrace-service

**Problem:** Failure rate increase

**Labels:** Problem URL

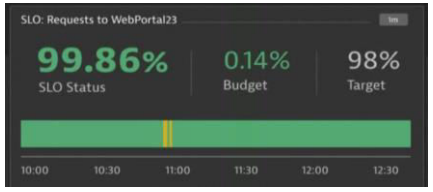
(1) Action 1: Scale Up

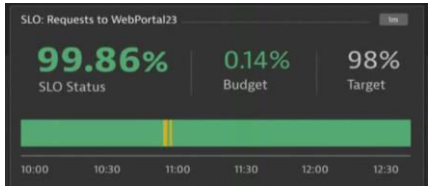
(2) Evaluate SLOs 86

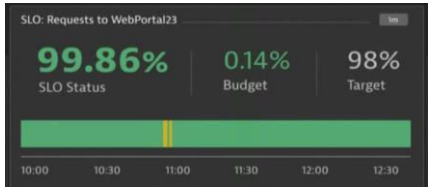
(3) Action 2: Roll Back

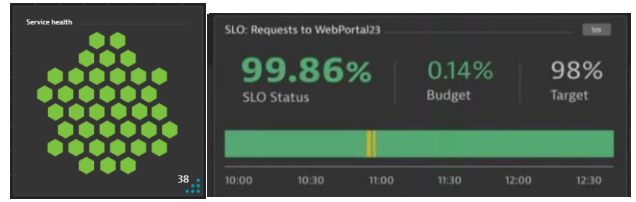
(4) Evaluate SLOs 100

Observabilty



# Keptn's architecture and event-driven approach for delivery & operation

Site Reliability Engineer

DevOps

Developer

**Application Plane (=Process Definition)**
Define overall process for delivery and operations

**Control Plane**
Follow application logic and communicate/configure required services

API

**Eventing**

config.change: artifact:x.y | deploy.finished: http://service1 | tests.finished: OK | evaluation.done: 98% Score | problem.open: High Failure

**Execution Plane (=Tool Definition)**

| Config Service (Git, ...) | Deploy Service (Helm, Jenkins ...) | Test Service (JMeter, Neotys, ..) | Validation Service (Keptn Lighthouse ...) | Monitoring Service (Prometheus, Dynatrace, ...) | Remediation Service (Keptn Remediation, SNOW ...) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Artifact / Microservice


***shipyard.yaml***
- dev: direct, functional
- staging: blue/green, perf
- prod: canary, real-user

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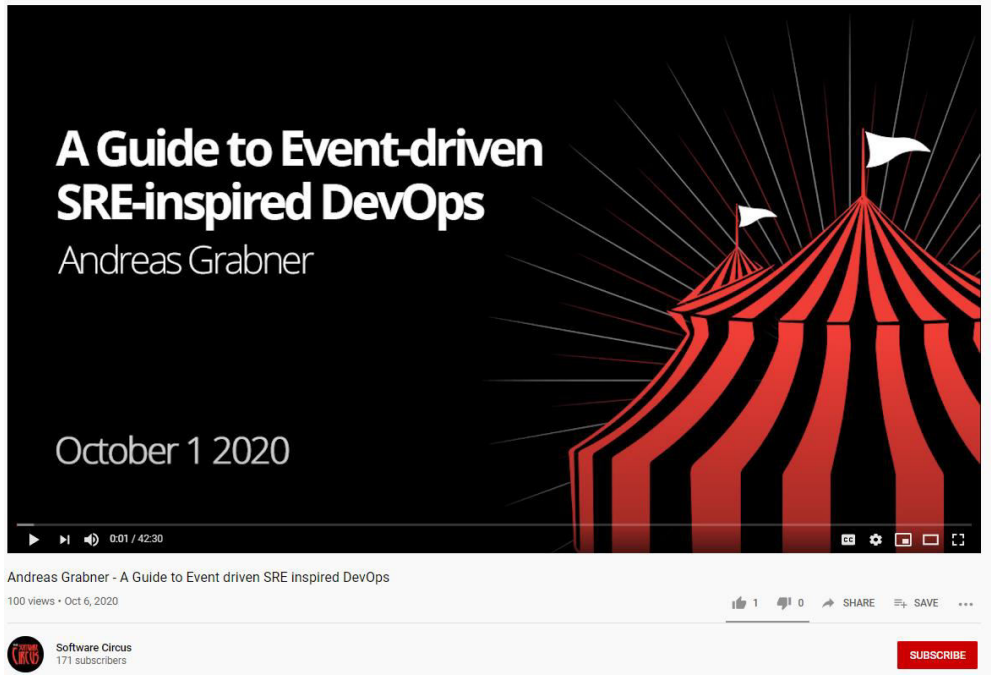
***uniform.yaml***
config-change*: helm
deploy*: JMeter
deploy-finish: Lighthouse
problem*: Remediation
all: Slack, Dynatrace

# If you want to learn more about Keptn

- GitHub: https://github.com/keptn/keptn
- Website: www.keptn.sh , Tutorials: https://tutorials.keptn.sh
- 2 Minute install of Keptn on k3s: https://github.com/keptn-sandbox/keptn-on-k3s
- Meetup Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWq1rPKMFQI
- Slack: https://slack.keptn.sh




- **But now lets focus on the following Use Cases**
  - Automating Test Analysis using SLIs/SLOs
  - Providing Testing as a Self-Service

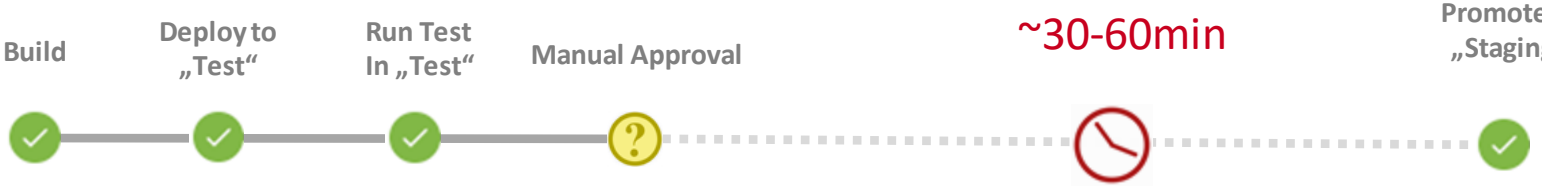
# Use Case #1

Automating Test Analysis using SLIs/SLOs

**80%** of lead time

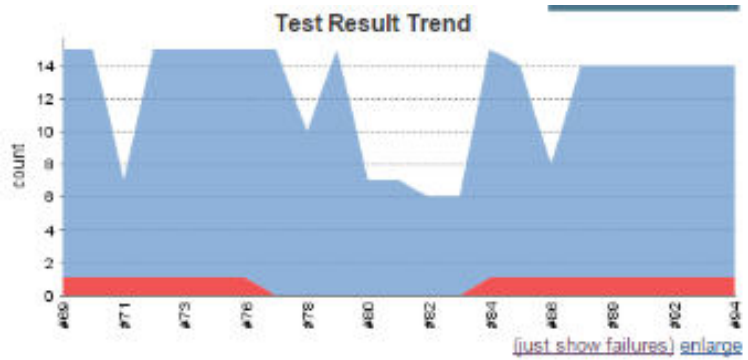
spent in manual test result / deployment validation

# Root Cause: Lengthy manual approval

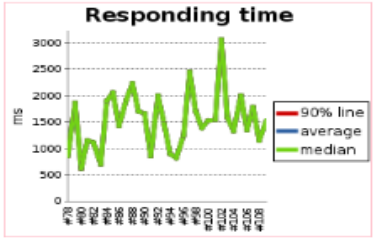

*Is this regression impacting key business use cases*

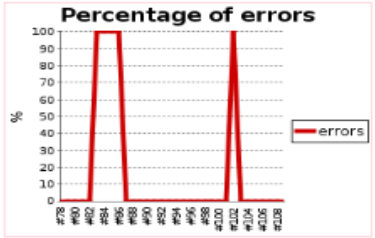
**Functional**: Test Result Trend Not Enough

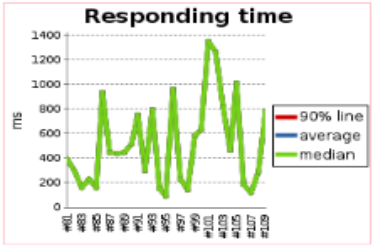


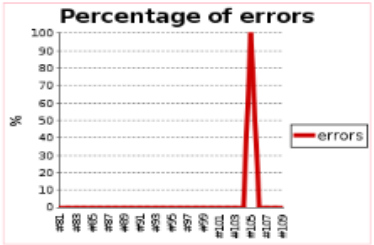

*Which metrics are important and which build is therefore better*

**Performance**: Manual Comparison Is Slow



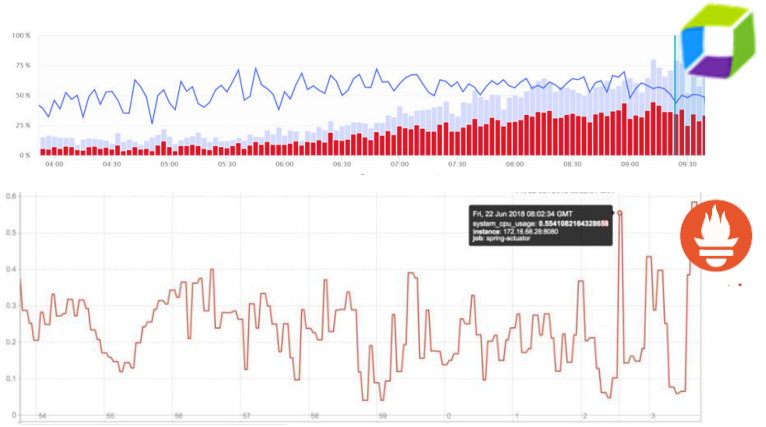





*Which data comes from my test and is relevant for business transactions*

**Monitoring**: Too much unstructed data

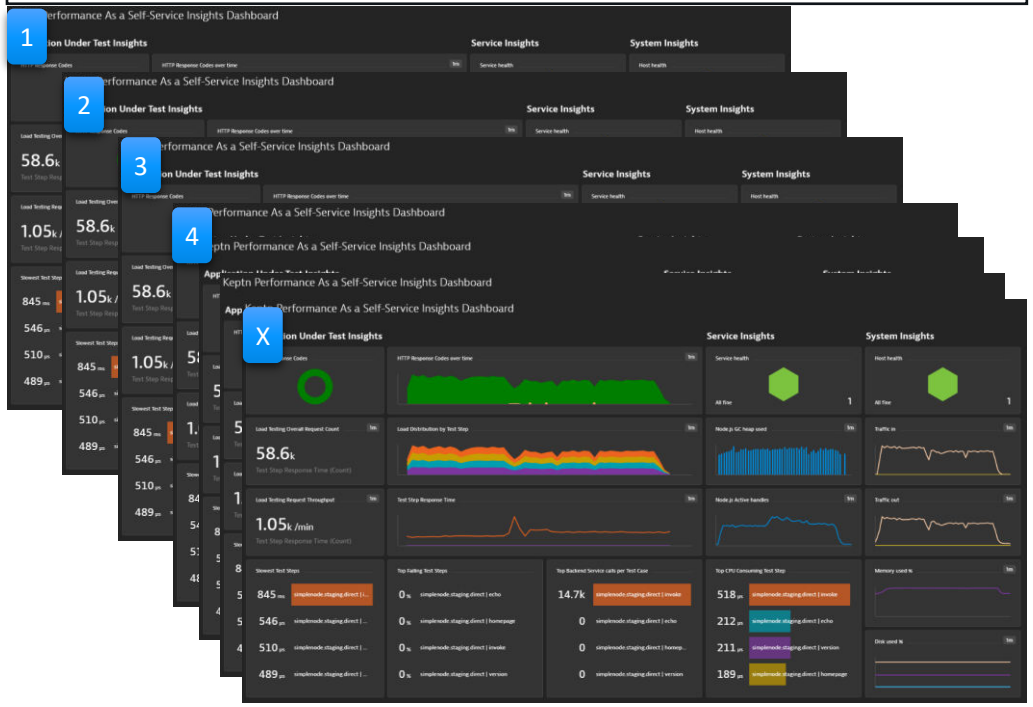


Speed up delivery lead time by **80%**

through Automated SLI/SLO-based Quality Gates

# The problem Keptn solves: Automates Data Analysis

Instead of manually analyzing and comparing test results




Keptn automates that process based on **SLIs** & **SLOs**

## SLI/SLOs – Key Concept from Google's SRE Practices

# SLIs drive SLOs which inform SLAs

- Service Level Indicators (SLIs)
  - Definition: Measurable Metrics as the base for evaluation
  - Example: Error Rate of Login Requests
- Service Level Objectives (SLOs)
  - Definition: Binding targets for Service Level Indicators
  - Example: Login Error Rate must be less than 2% over a 30 day period
- Service Level Agreements (SLAs)
  - Definition: Business Agreement between consumer and provider typically based on SLO
  - Example: Logins must be reliable & fast (Error Rate, Response Time, Throughput) 99% within a 30 day window
- Google Cloud YouTube Video
  - SLIs, SLOs, SLAs, oh my! (class SRE implements DevOps): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEylFyxbDLE

# Keptn applies SRE Best Practices across the lifecycle

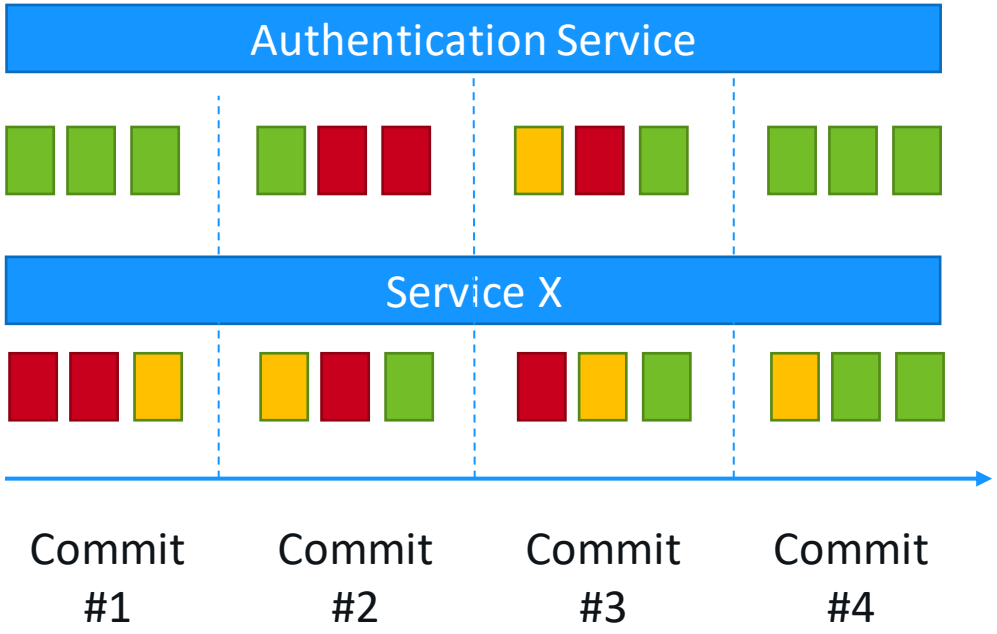
**Continuous Delivery**

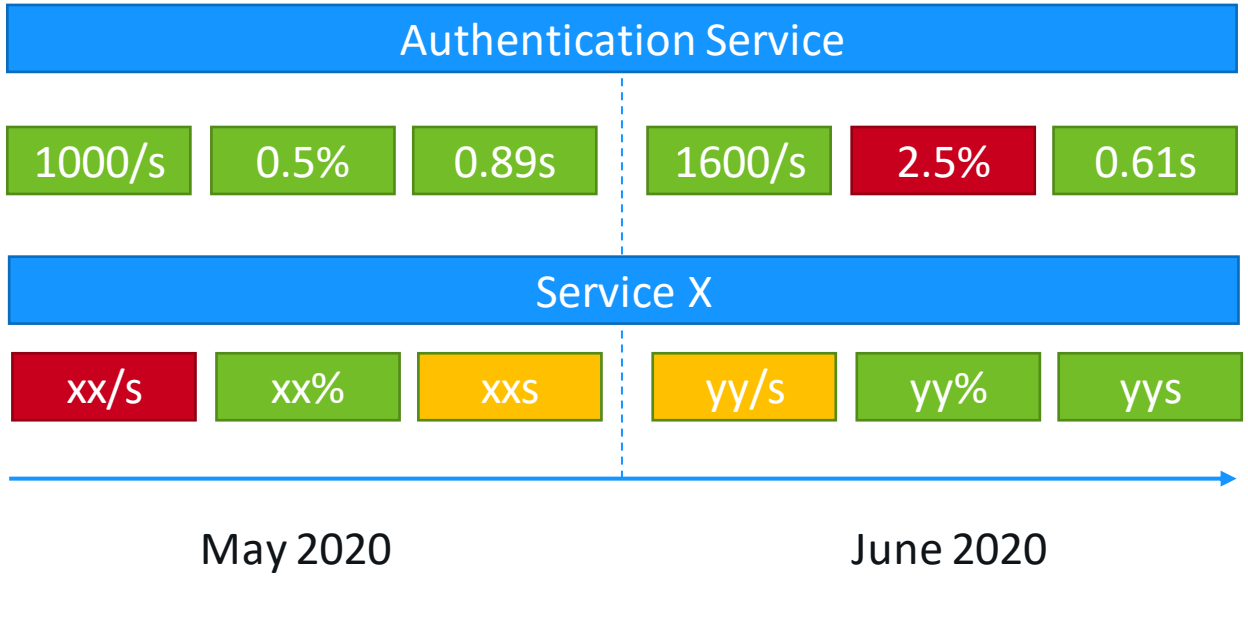
Shift-Left

**Production**

keptn **Quality Gates**

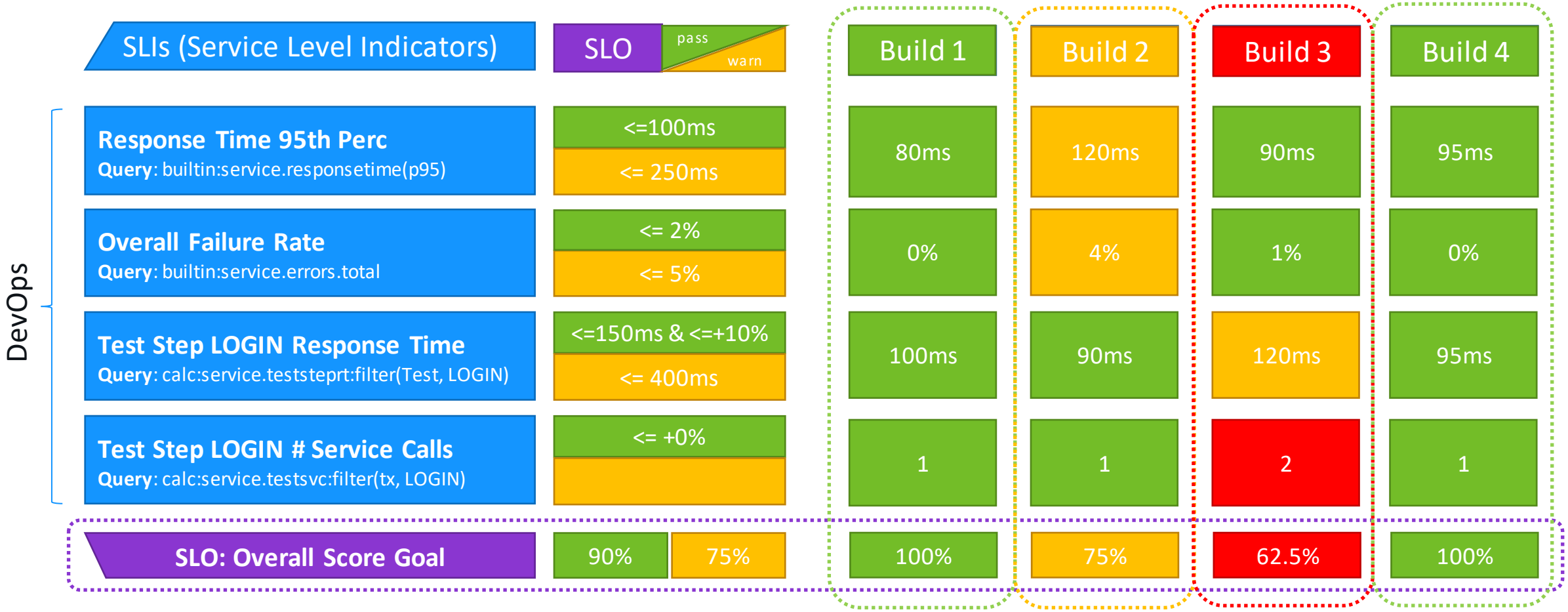
| Name | Status | Budget | Target | Window |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Authentication service<br>Check the SLO for SSO authentication | 77% | -100min | 99.9% | 1 month |



# Explainer on SLI/SLO Validation as part of Continuous Delivery with Dynatrace & Keptn!

```
$ keptn send event start-evaluation myproject myservice starttime=build4_teststart endtime=build4_testsend
```



# SLI/SLO-based evaluation implementation in Keptn

## SLIs defined per SLI Provider as YAML

SLI Provider specific queries, e.g: Dynatrace Metrics Query

```yaml
indicators:
  error_rate:     "builtin:service.errors.total.count:merge(0):avg"
  count_dbcalls:  "calc:service.toptestdbcalls:merge(0):sum"
  jvm_memory:     "builtin:tech.jvm.memory.pool.committed:merge(0):sum"
```

## SLOs defined on Keptn Service Level as YAML

List of objectives with fixed or relative pass & warn criteria

```yaml
objectives:
  - sli: error_rate
    pass:
    - criteria:
      - "<=1“  # We expect a max error rate of 1%
  - sli: jvm_memory
  - sli: count_dbcalls
    pass:
    - criteria:
      - "=+2%"  # We allow a 2% increase in DB Calls to previous runs
    warning:
    - criteria:
      - "<=10"  # We expect no more than 10 DB Calls per TX
total_score:
  pass: "90%"
  warning: "75%"
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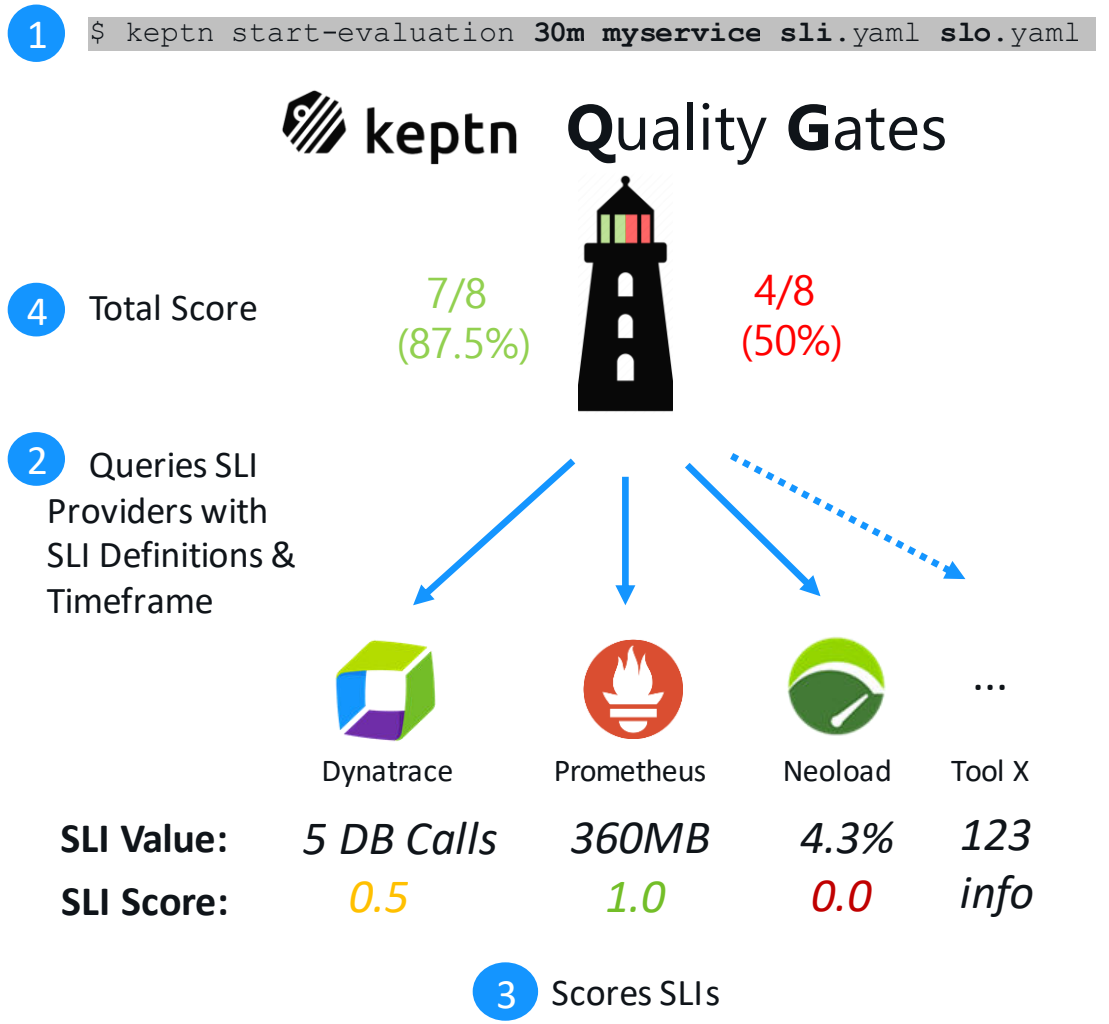
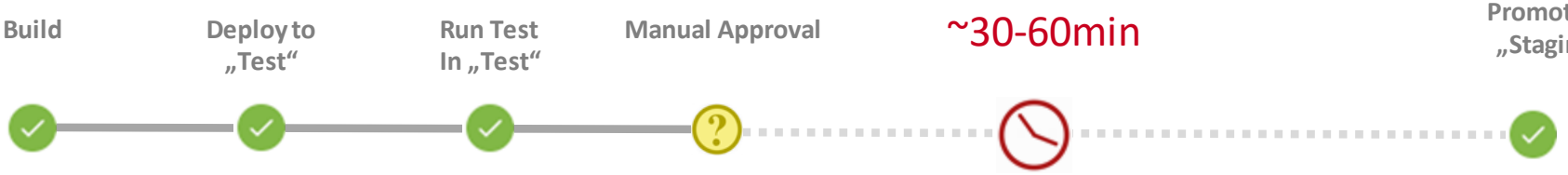
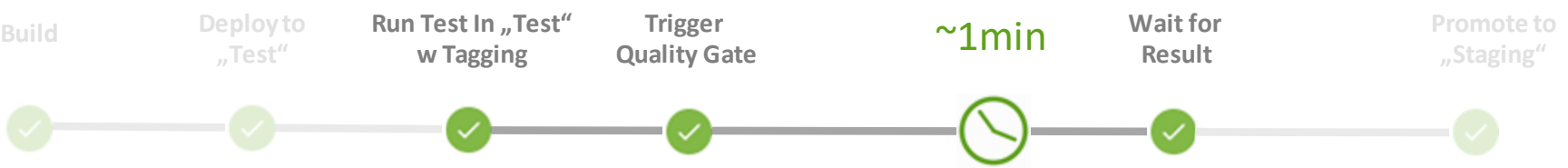


# Integrate Automated SLI/SLO-based Analysis into your existing workflows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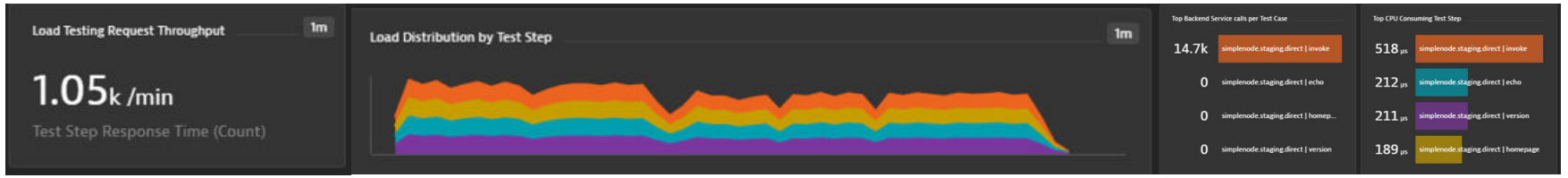
Tagging

SLI & SLO

```
Rt(p95)  <  500ms
#ofSQLs  <=   5
cpu(max) <   80%
Java GC  <    2%
...
```

Validate SLOs


Pull SLIs for Testing time frame



# Demo: Automated SLI/SLO Validation based on Dynatrace Dashboards

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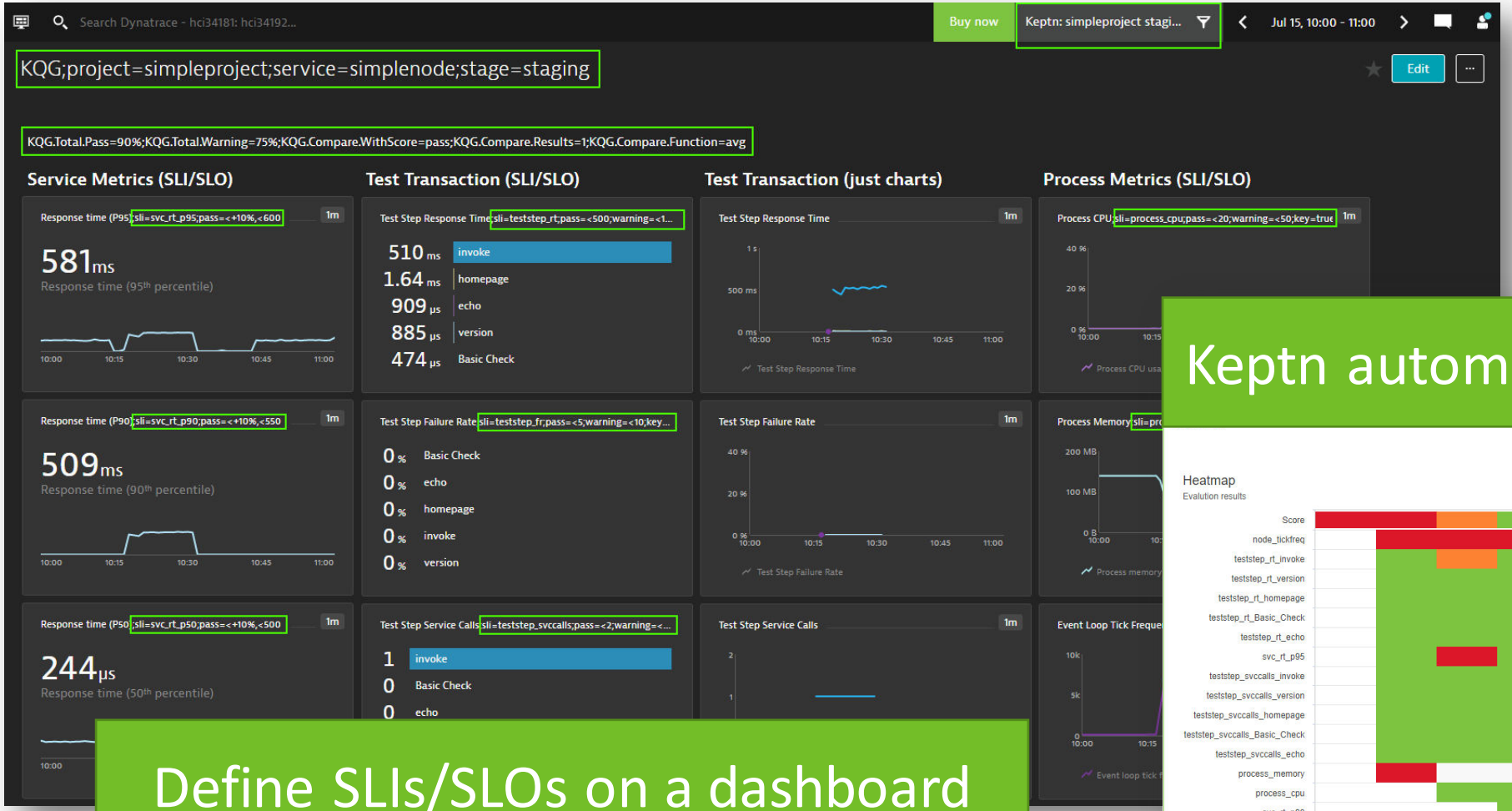
15.5/16
(97%)

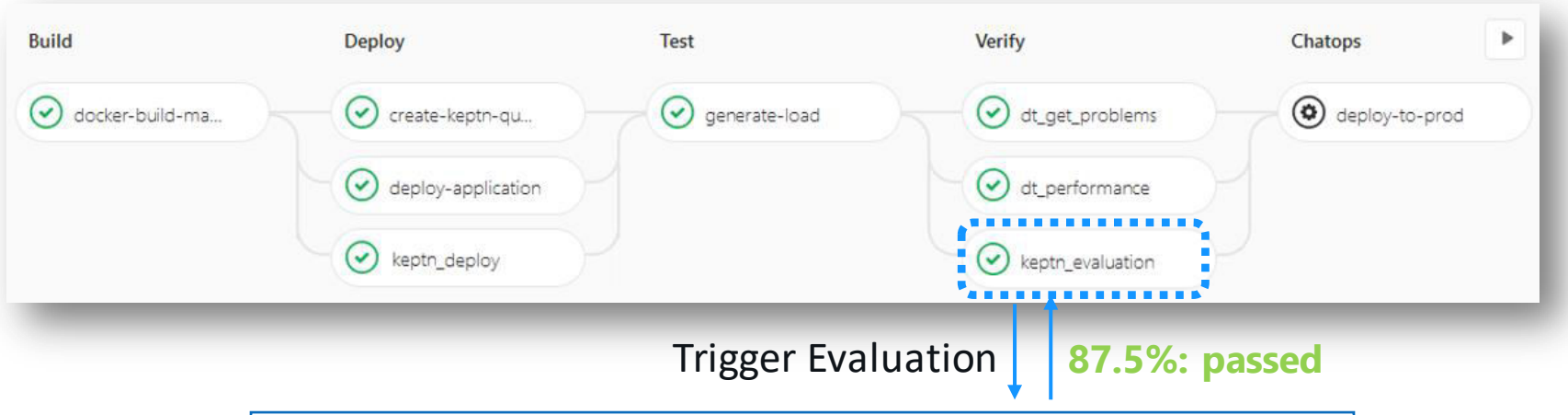
8/16
(50%)




Keptn automates the analysis

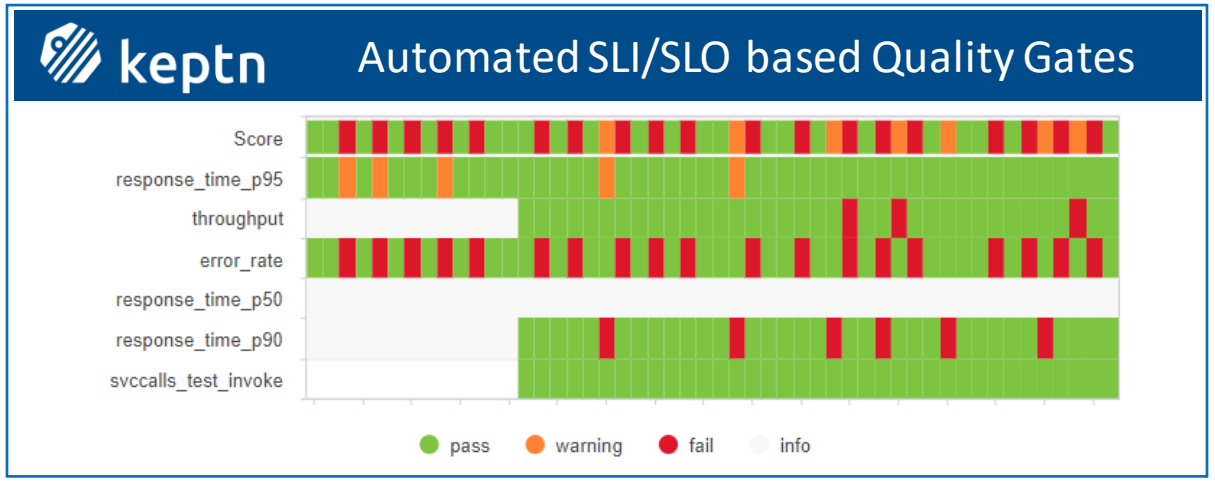
Define SLIs/SLOs on a dashboard

# User Example: Automating Build Approvals using Keptn's SLIs/SLOs in GitLab




Trigger Evaluation

87.5%: passed

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# Build your own SLI Provider?

- Some ideas for custom SLI Providers
  - Pull in Testing Tool Result, e.g: Selenium, Load Runner, Gatling, …
  - Pull in Code Quality Metrics, e.g: SonarQube, Coverity, xTest …
  - Pull in Monitoring/Observability Data, e.g: Datadog, NewRelic, AppDynamics, …
- I built a custom SLI Provider for a recent conference parsing a JSON Result File
  - https://github.com/grabnerandi/pac-sliprovider
- You can start building our own SLI Provider
  - https://github.com/keptn-sandbox/keptn-service-template-go/

# Use Case #2

Testing as a Self-Service

# Challenge: Automating Performance with Jenkins requires managing tools & environments

Jenkins

Build → Deploy to „Test“ → Standup Test Infrastructure → Execute Tests → Gather Performance Data → Evaluate Results

*Where do we run these tests?*

*How much hardware is needed to run these tests?*

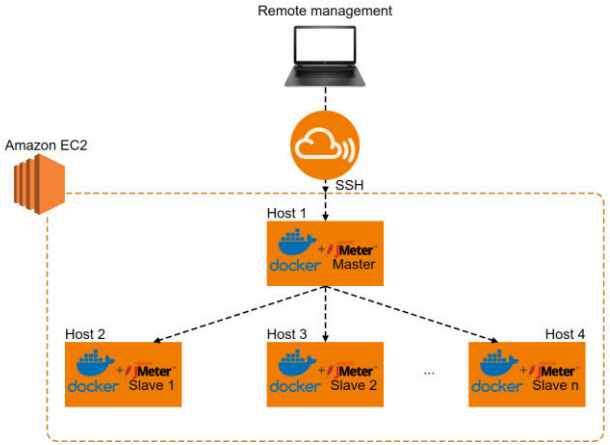
*Who manages this infrastructure?*

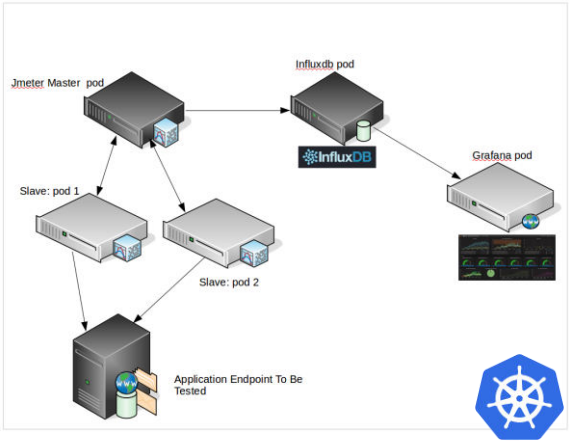
*How to enable different workloads?*

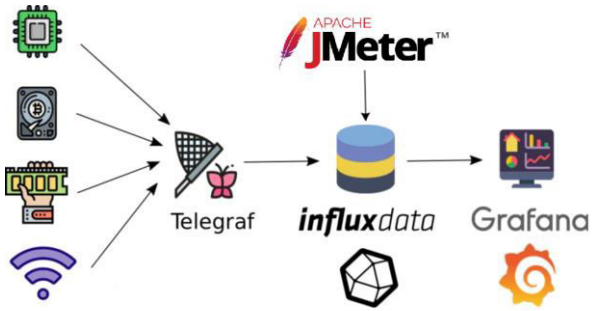
*Where do we stream test metrics to?*

*How to analyze the results?*

## DIY (Do It Yourself) approach: lots of online guides available!



# Solution: Keptn automates Test Orchestration

Jenkins

Build → Deploy to „Test“ → Standup Test Infrastructure → Execute Tests → Gather Performance Data → Evaluate Results

Jenkins + keptn + Dynatrace

Build → Deploy to „Test“ + Notify Keptn → Wait for Result

Test Scripts + Workload: APACHE JMeter™, NeoLoad

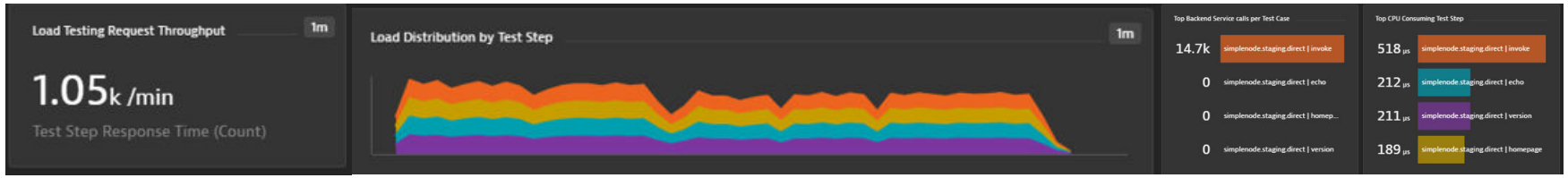
SLI & SLO:

```
Rt(p95)  <  500ms
#ofSQLs  <=   5
cpu(max) <   80%
Java GC  <    2%
...
```

Validate SLOs

Result: success, Score: 85/100

Pull SLIs for Testing time frame



# Demo: based on https://github.com/keptn-sandbox/jenkins-tutorial

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## ipeline Keptn Performance as a Service

This build requires parameters:

| | |
|---|---|
| Project | perfaasproject<br>Name of your Keptn Project for Performance as a Self-Service |
| Stage | performance<br>Stage in your Keptn project used for Performance Feedback |
| Service | perfaasservice<br>Servicename used to keep SLIs, SLOs, test files ... |
| Monitoring | dynatrace<br>Select which monitoring tool should be configured as SLI provider |
| TestStrategy | performance<br>Test Strategy aka Workload, e.g: performance, performance_10, performance_50, performance_100, performance_long |
| SLI | perftest<br>Decide which set of SLIs you want to evaluate. The sample comes with: basic and perftest |
| DeploymentURI | http://simplenode.simpleproject-staging.keptn06-agrabner.demo.keptn.sh<br>URI of the application you want to run a test against |
| WaitForResult | 60<br>How many minutes to wait until Keptn is done? 0 to not wait |

Build

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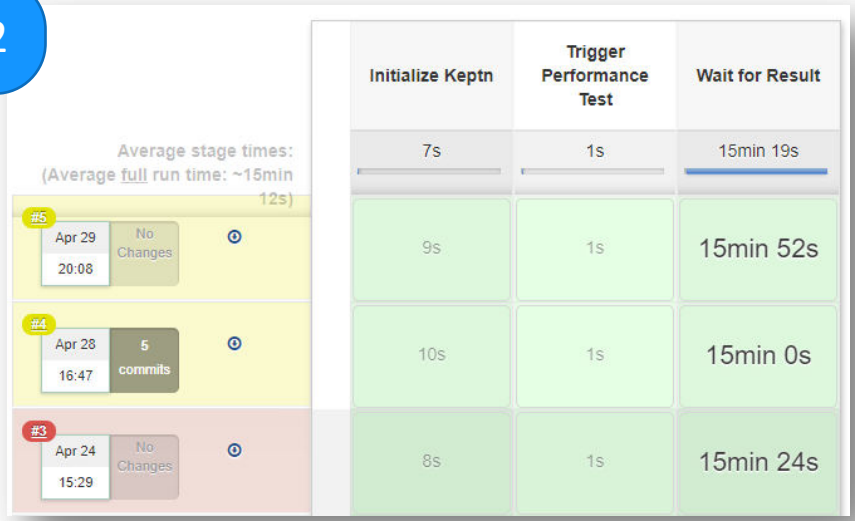


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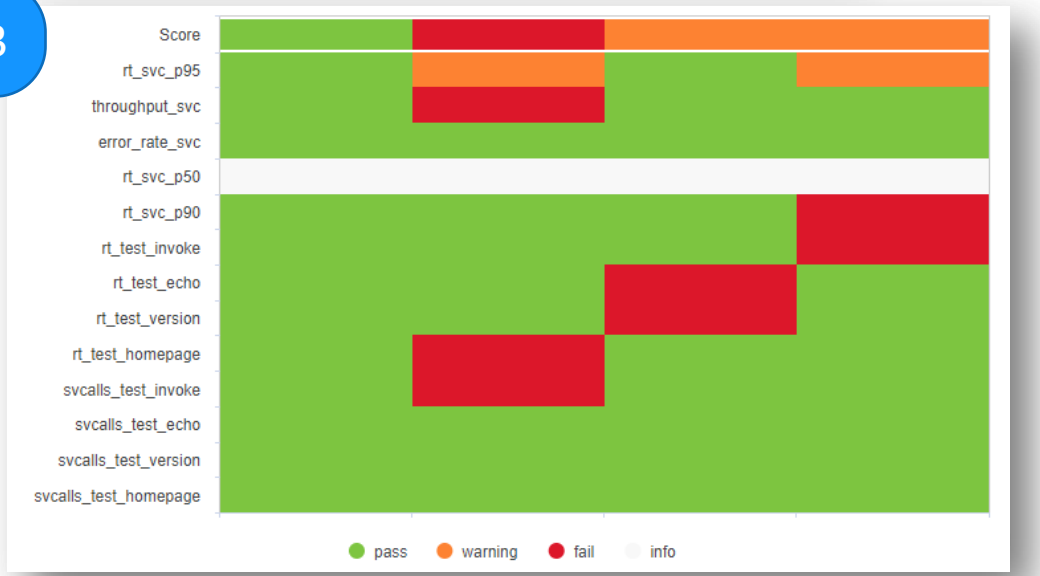
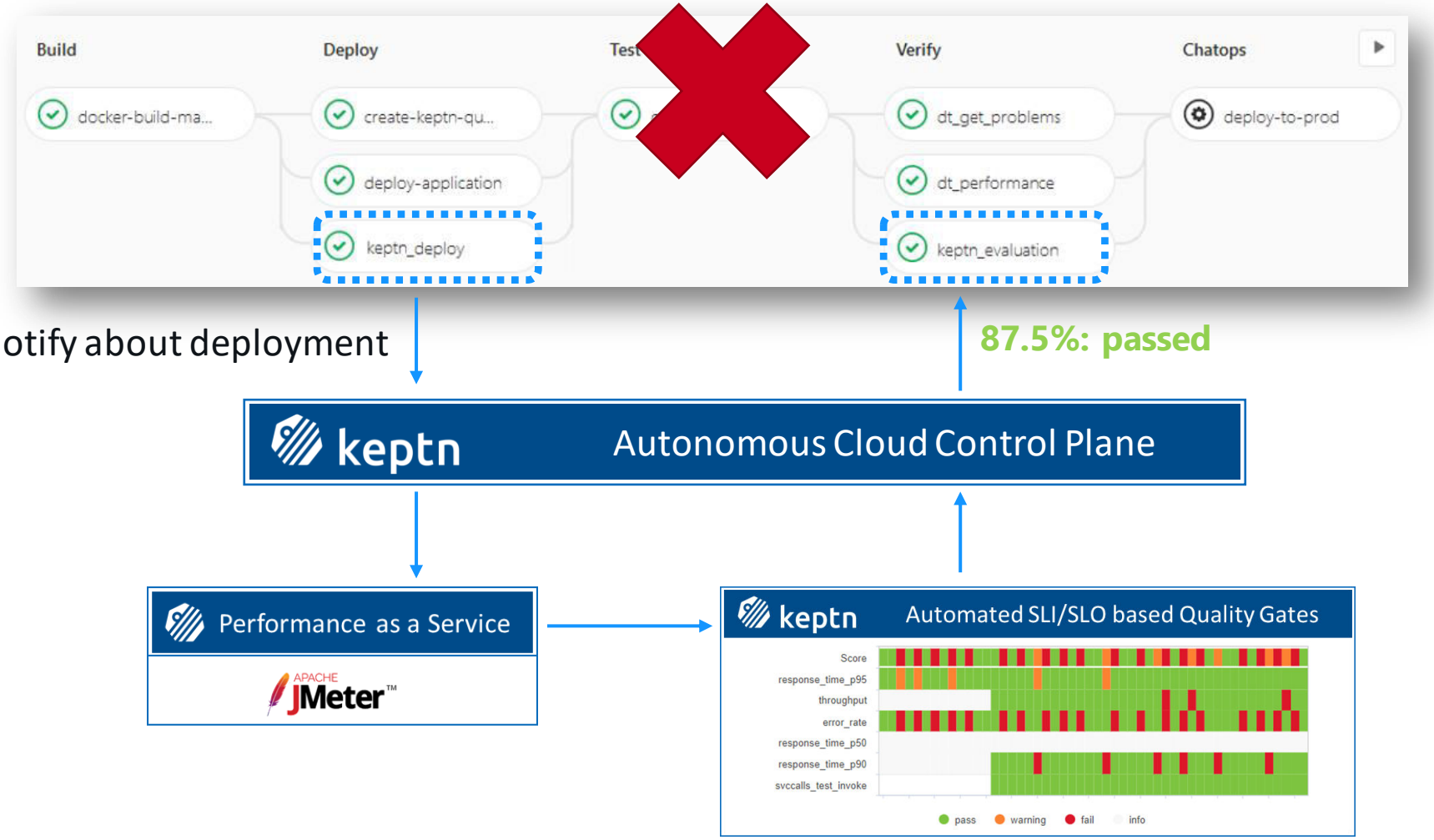


# User Example: Reduce pipeline complexity by using Keptn's Testing as a Self-Service

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# Build your own Keptn Test Execution Service?

- Some ideas for additional Test Execution Services
  - Execute Tests, e.g: Selenium, Load Runner, Gatling, …
  - Pull in Monitoring/Observability Data, e.g: Datadog, NewRelic, AppDynamics, …
- You can start building our own Keptn Test Execution Service
  - https://github.com/keptn-sandbox/keptn-service-template-go/

# Integrate Keptn with your existing CI/CD tools

# Keptn can be integrated with any existing tools

- Through the Keptn CLI or API
- Or through the existing integrations
  - Jenkins: https://github.com/keptn-sandbox/keptn-jenkins-library
  - GitLab: https://github.com/keptn-sandbox/gitlab-tutorial
  - Azure DevOps: https://github.com/keptn-sandbox/keptn-azure-devops-extension
- Want to build your own integration?
  - Check out existing integrations: https://github.com/keptn-sandbox
  - Let us know and contribute to keptn: https://slack.keptn.sh

# Let’s wrap it up!

# What is Keptn?


www.keptn.sh

**an event-based control plane for continuous delivery and automated operations for cloud-native applications**

Define application delivery and operations processes **declaratively**

Blue/Green Deployments

Automated Quality Gates

Automated Operations

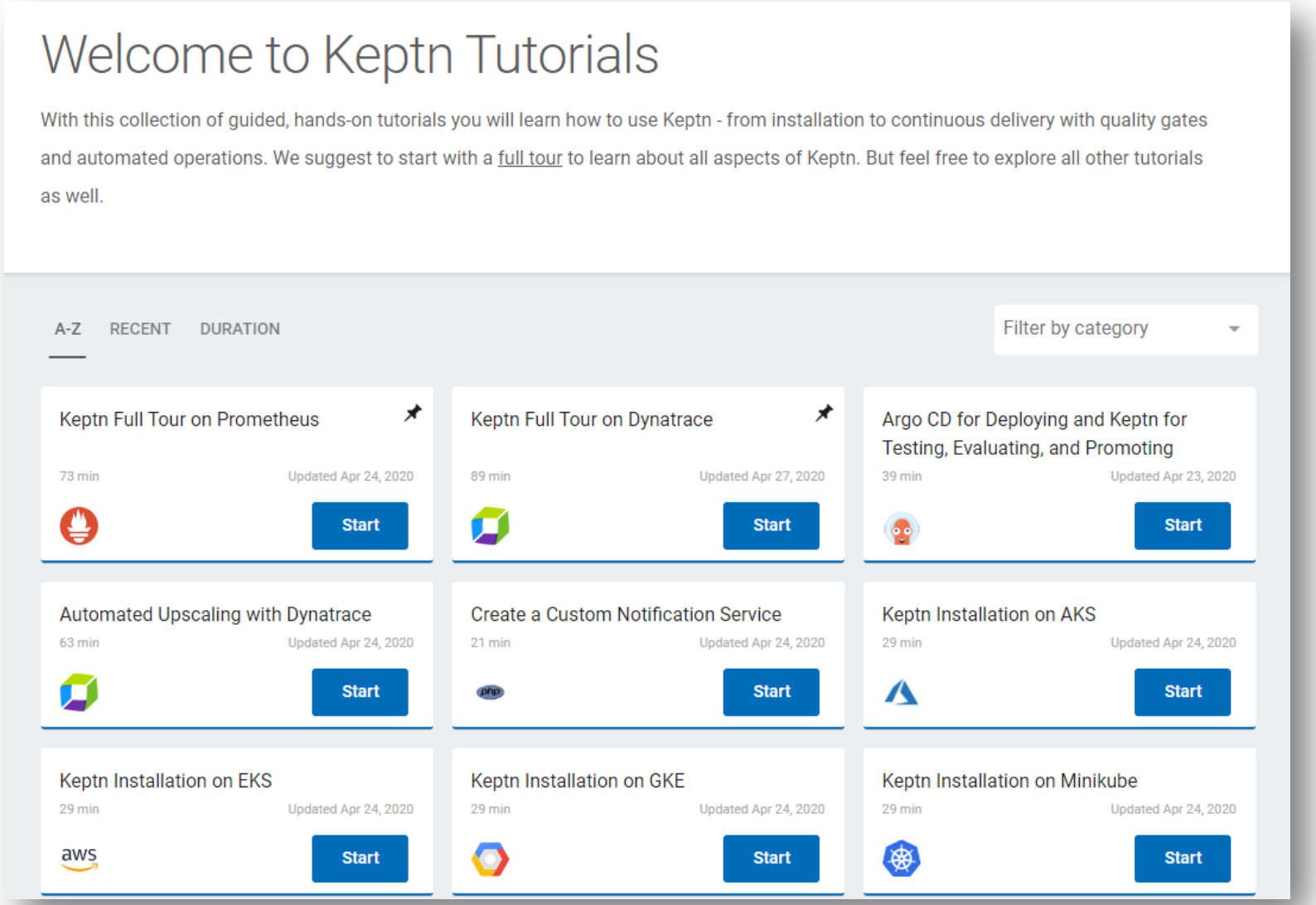
Use **predefined CloudEvents** to separate the process from the tools

Standardized communication protocol

**Easy way to integrate and switch between** different tools

Keptn's uniform

# Get started with our tutorials: tutorials.keptn.sh



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# Keptn Architecture