



# Orca

Differential Bug Localization in Large-Scale Services

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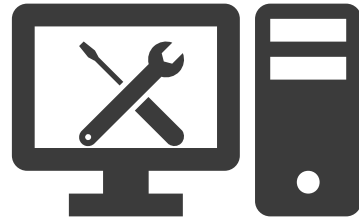
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# Devops Pipeline for Orion



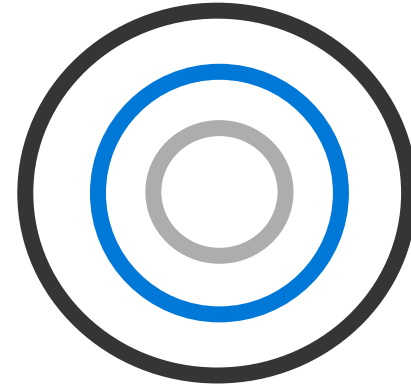
Code

1000s of devs,  
100s of commits/day



Build

Dozens of  
builds/week



Deploy

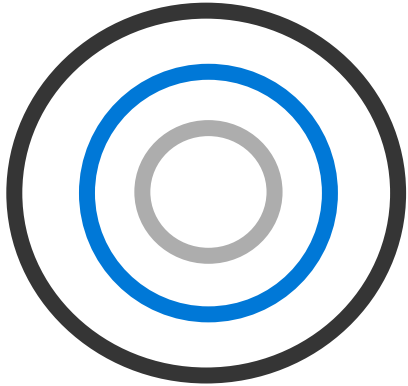
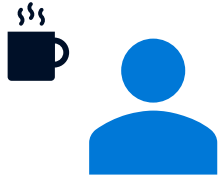
"Ring"-based  
deployment



Monitor

Fine-grained  
monitoring

# Commit-level Bug Localization



Code

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**Find and revert the buggy commit!**



**On-call Engineer**

**This is not traditional debugging**

**Can take hours!**

**There is a bug!**

# State-of-the-art

- Look for related bugs [Lo et al., Srinivasa et al.]
  - Services are very dynamic and continuously changing. Similarity is limited!
- Instrument code and collect data [Liblit et al.]
  - Cannot disrupt current procedures
- Use extensive static/dynamic analysis [Lal et al.]
  - Too resource-intensive, the odd bug WILL slip through!

# Post-Deployment Bugs: Observation

## Textual similarity between symptom and code changes

Client-side

```
Operation not supported  
for type MailId
```

Support for datatype **MailId** added  
on server-side but not on a particular client

Server-side

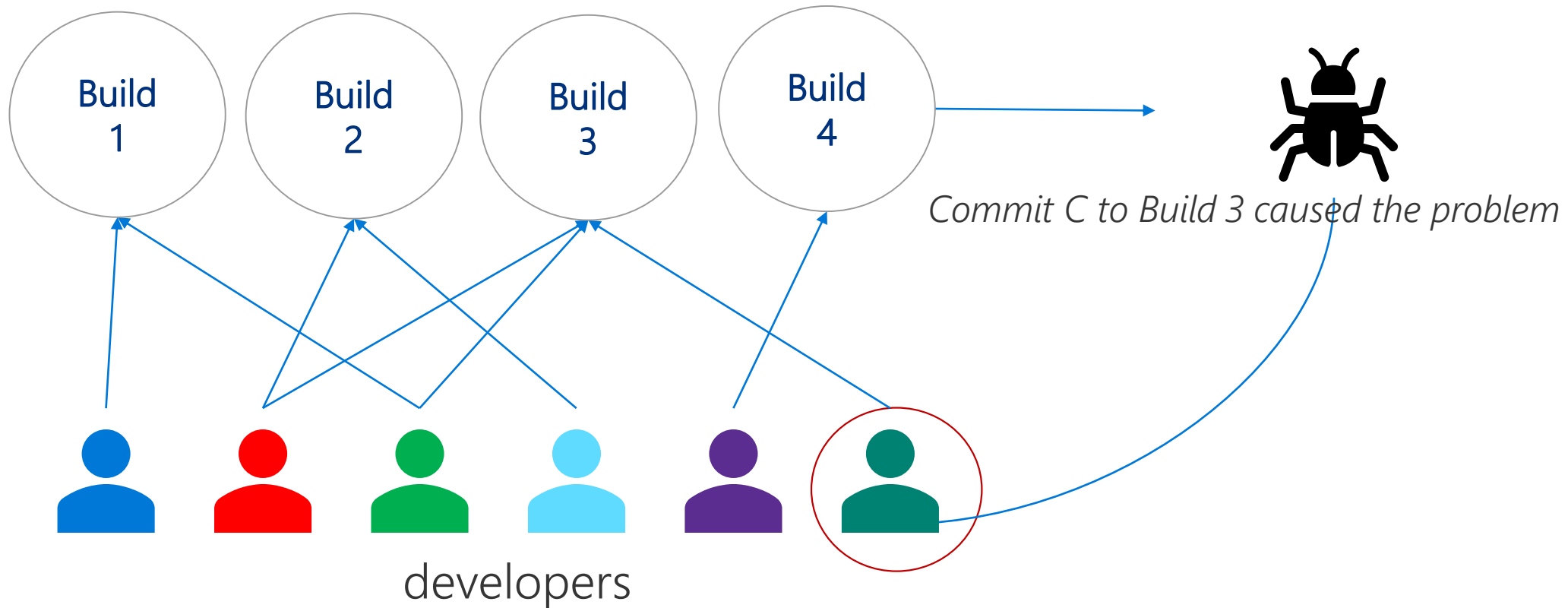
```
Public MailSession GetMailSession(Object o, ClientType c, bool returnMailIds)
```

# Post-Deployment Bugs: Challenge

**Textual similarity occurs between symptom and CLUSTER of commits made around the same time.**

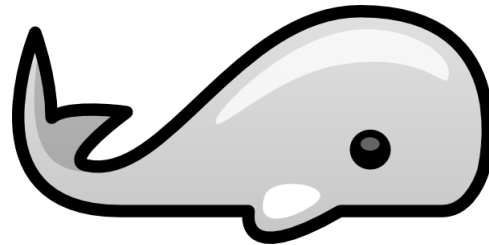
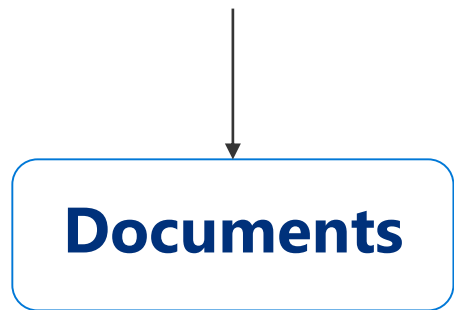
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## **Buggy commit may not be part of symptomatic build**



# Orca: Search Engine for Localizing Bugs

1. Differential Code Analysis of the Abstract Syntax Tree



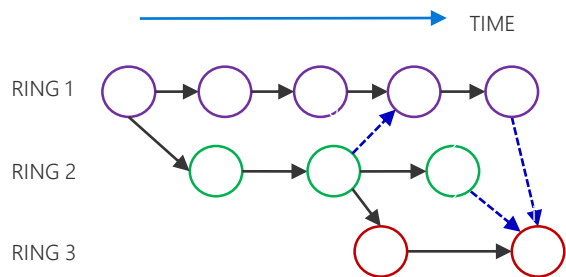
On-call Engineer



Customer complaints  
Alerts  
Log error messages  
Exceptions



2. Build Provenance Graph



3. Commit Risk Estimation  
Term relevance



# 1. Differential Code Analysis

Before

```
Namespace Storage {  
    ...  
    class Connection {  
        ...  
        public Transaction BeginTx() {  
            return Transaction.New(this);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

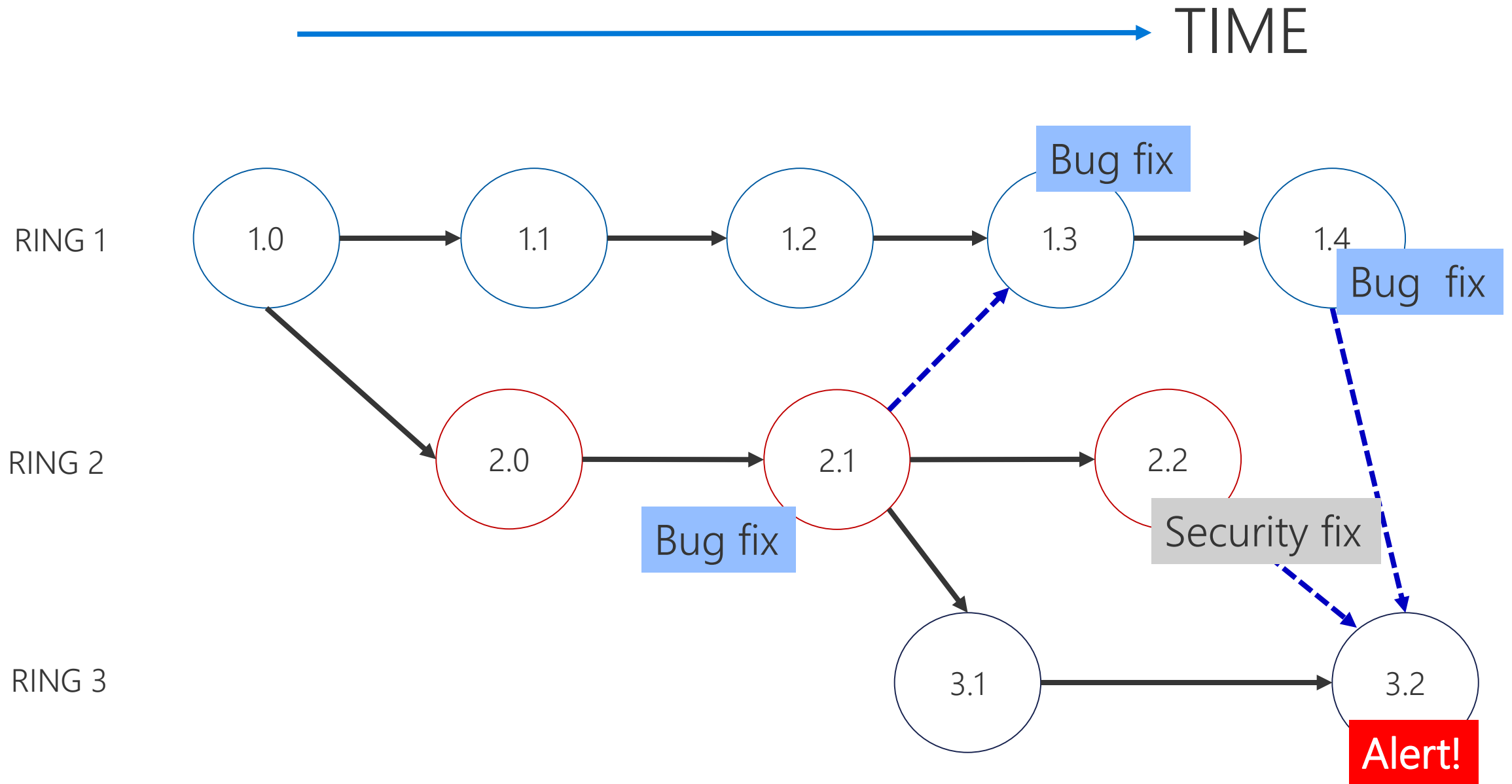
After

```
Namespace Storage {  
    ...  
    class Connection {  
        ...  
        public Transaction BeginTx() {  
            if (this.filter != null) {  
                Transaction.MailFilter.Apply();  
            }  
            this.source.PerfCounters.UpdateMailFilterCt  
( );  
        }  
        return Transaction.New(this);  
    }  
}
```

Namespace, Class, Method Changed: Storage, Connection., BeginTx

Custom tokenizer extracts important Keywords: Storage, Mail, Tx, MailFilter,

# 2. Build Provenance Graph



# 3. Commit Risk Estimation

- Commits to some codepaths are more likely to cause bugs
- A developer with  $< 10$  total commits is twice as likely to make a buggy commit
- Buggy commits had twice as many reviewer-comments as safe commits



# Presenting Orca Results

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Fwd: FW: [NonUrgent] [EXO] [PROD]: [Alerting] FuseBot: Failures found for exchange.peopleindexerassistant\_exmonitor in EXOMT-BE-SDFV2-15.20.0160.000.

**Alert Text**

IMAP

**NonUrgent**

Alert ID: [0a680c4d-659d-470f-ab43-3494b59dabd1](#)

Raised: 10/7/2017 12:32:55 AM (UTC)

Type: FuseBot-exchange

Source: FuseBot ABTesting Engine(Primary)

Primary OCE: Ricky Liang ([voliam@microsoft.com](mailto:voliam@microsoft.com))

Team: [FuseBot](#)

Incident Manager: [Exchange IM](#)

**Build Number**

Create Override

[Suppression](#)

[Routing](#)

[Urgency](#)

Find TSG's

TSG Not available. To Add TSG, Contact [AlertBoxTeam](#)

**OR**

Alert Timestamp

e.g., 2018-01

Availability and Performance

[Health Availability Dashboard](#)

Related Alerts

None

Scope

None

Tenant Information

None

**Details**

Failures found in build

We found failures by comparing signals from two groups of machines (Treatment group and Control group).

Details for 'This build comparing to all older builds' at

Fusebox Scorecard: <https://fuseboxscorecard.azurewebsites.net>

Treatment group: EXOMT-BE-SDFV2-15.20.0160.000

Type	Category	Metric	Treatment Group Mean(Count/SD)*	Control Group Mean(Count/SD)*	Diff	% Diff	P-value	Alert Level	Component Team	Positive Reason
	exchange	peopleindexerassistant_exmonitor	0.6975 (44/0.4398)	1.0000 (118/0.0000)	-0.3025	-30.25 %	0.000005	Alerting	<a href="#">People Search</a>	LookbackWindowDetector: 3 con

Error machines of metric exchange\_peopleindexerassistant\_exmonitor: CO2PR00M80198, CY1PR00M80106, CY1PR00M80188, SN2PR00M80078, SN2PR00M80095

Torus command to get machines with this build:  
Get-CentraAdminMachine -ShowAll -Filter "ActualVersion -like '15.20.0160.000'" -and ActualMachineDefinition -eq 'BE' -and DeployRing -eq 'SDFV2' -ResultSize 10

\* Treatment/Control Group Mean means

- Avg Health Rate if Type="MSEExchange LAM Event"
- Avg Availability if Type="MSEExchange Protocol Command Availability"
- Avg Error Rate if Type="XAMError"

The build Details can refer to: <http://sankie.azurewebsites.net/builds/details/6977>

BuildTime: 10/05/2017 20:40:01

The number of files that component teams have made changes: (202 files have been changed not including /sources/test)

Other:202

The risk of the build: High

The risky files are:

File	Confidence	Change List
	High	2415571
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	High	2415571
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	High	2415571
	High	2415571
	High	2415571
	Medium	2415666
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**Results**

File

How helpful Orca

Type your feedback

Useful  Not quite useful

Orca results

# Orca Evaluation

Manually curated a list of  $Q=48$  code-related incidents

$$\text{Mean Reciprocal Rank (MRR)} = \frac{1}{|Q|} \sum_{i=1}^{|Q|} \frac{1}{\text{rank}_i}$$

Metric	Results for top-10 ranking		
	Diff on AST	Build Graph	Commit Risk
Recall	33	37	37
MRR	0.44	0.38	0.42

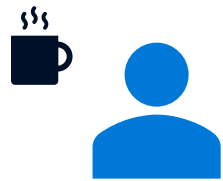
# Orca Evaluation

Orca reduced the average number of commits that an On-Call Engineer has to examine by a factor of 3

*"Awesome! And using this tool today we found [a] regression very quickly 😊"*

# Project Sankie

[www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/sankie](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/sankie)



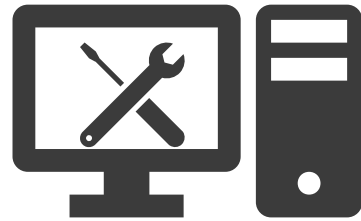
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**CHLR:**

Commit Risk  
Prediction

**REX:** Related Entities

**Reviewer Suggestions**



Test/Build

**FastLane:**

Data-driven  
Test Minimization



Deploy

**Dotributor:**

Attributing  
Deployment  
inefficiency



Monitor

**ORCA:** Bug Localization

**Decaf:** Explaining  
Latency Anomalies

# Summary

- Orca is a commit-level bug localization tool
- Orca uses differential code analysis, build provenance graph, commit risk estimation
- On-call Engineers have found Orca useful: it finds the buggy commit is 77% of cases.



Thank you. Questions?

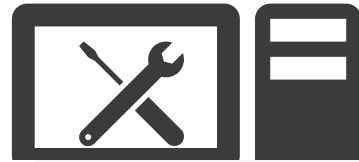
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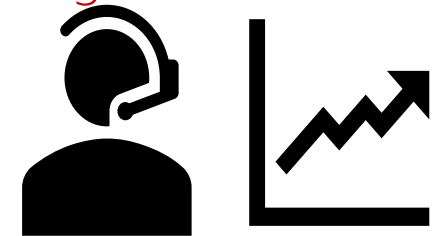
business  
to rings

On-call Engineer



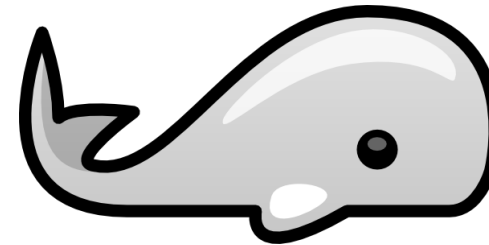
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Anomalies tell us  
It is a code issue