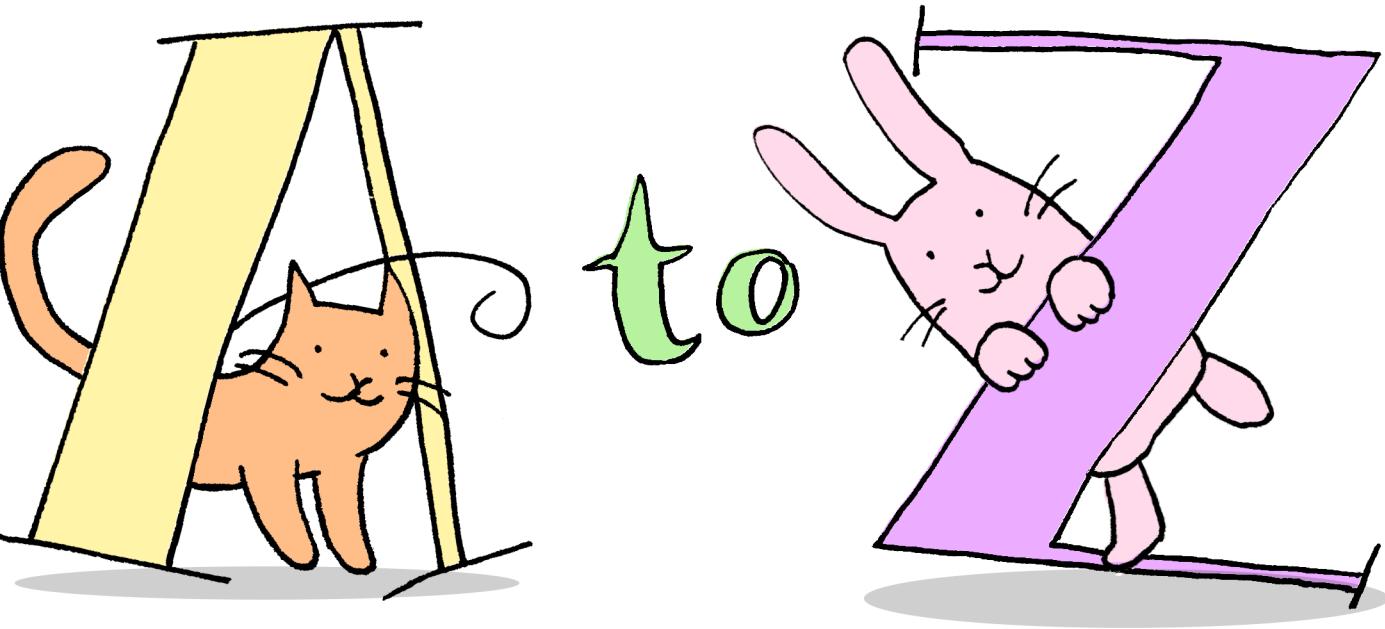


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A cartoon illustration featuring two anthropomorphic animals. On the left, an orange cat is nestled inside a yellow A-frame house. On the right, a pink rabbit is inside a purple Z-frame house. Both animals are looking towards the right, where the word 'to' is written in green. Above 'to', the word 'a' is written in black. Below 'to', the word 'of' is written in black. At the bottom, the words 'Continuous Delivery' are written in black. The entire title is written in a hand-drawn, cursive font.

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Build Quality In

Measuring Continuous Delivery

Denise dedication: To my family and all my colleagues who laughed at my jokes about cats using computers

Steve dedication: To Rupa, Amara, and Serena

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What is Continuous Delivery?

Many organisations lack a software delivery process that satisfies business demand. That leaves them in a state of Discontinuous Delivery, and they're vulnerable to competition.

Continuous Delivery (CD) is a set of holistic principles and practices, used to improve software delivery and satisfy business demand. They were first set out by Dave Farley and Jez Humble in their 2010 book *Continuous Delivery*.

Adopting CD means implementing a set of recommended technology and organisational changes, to create a repeatable and reliable delivery process. The central pattern is the Deployment Pipeline, which represents a pull-based automated toolchain from developer commit to production deployment. Every code, config, or infrastructure change must pass a series of automated and exploratory tests prior to production deployment.



These technology and organisational changes are hard. Applying them to the unique circumstances and constraints of an organisation is what makes CD super duper hard.