

Embracing Change: From Tester to Quality Coach

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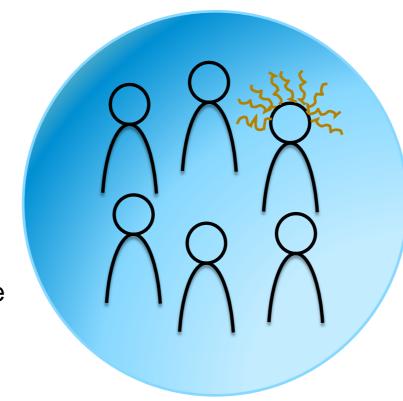


Where I was

"team of 10"

Agile

DevOps culture



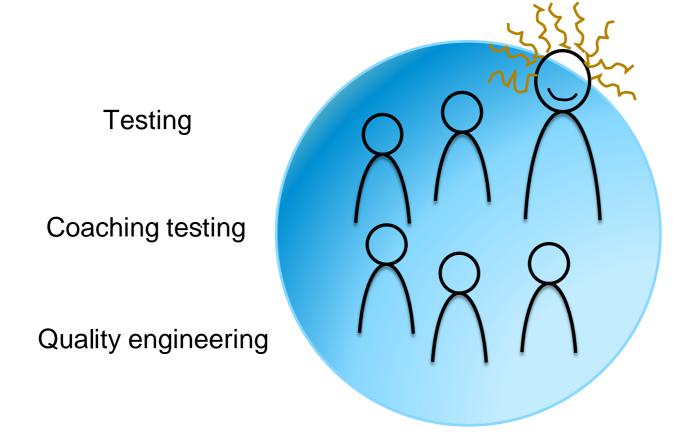
Daily deployments

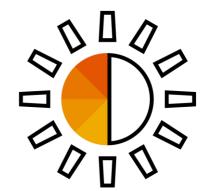
On-demand feature releases

Team testing

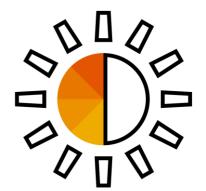
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What I was doing





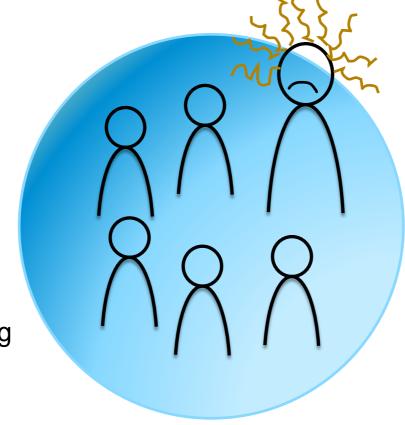
What else I was doing



Testing

Coaching testing

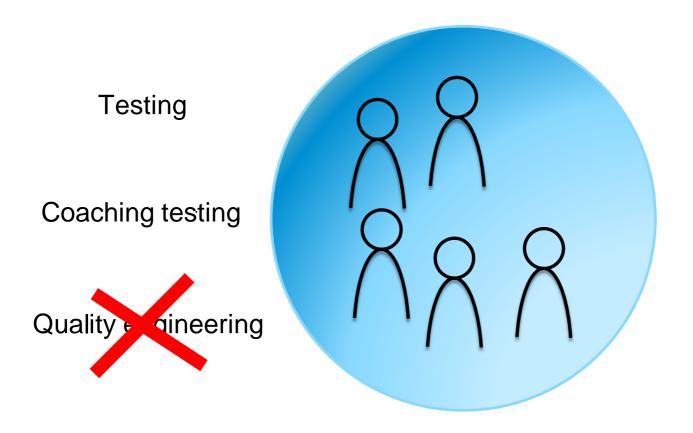
Quality engineering



Corporate
Quality
Management
System (QMS)
compliance

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And then, I left the team







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Anne-Marie Charrett @charrett · Jul 4

Talking about definition of a quality coach. Here's my definition: A quality coach leads, supports and rallies a team to collectively own and improve quality through facilitation, education, experimentation and visualisation. They are a passionate advocate for quality.

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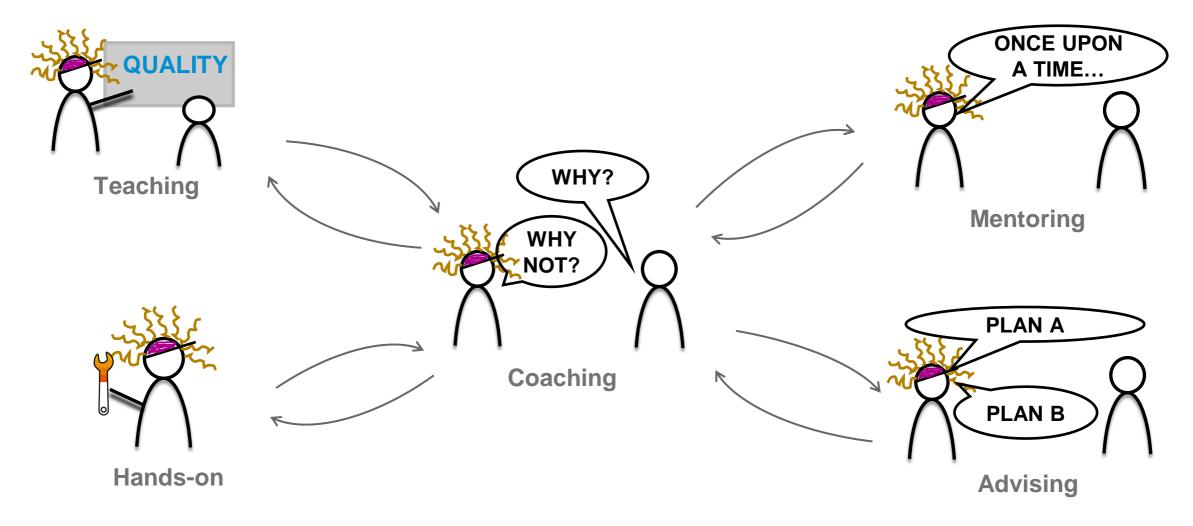
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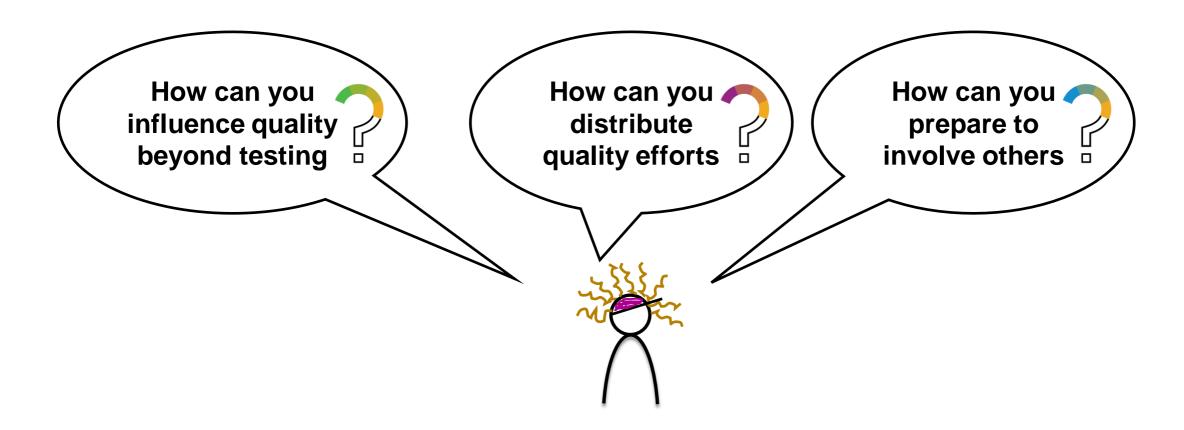
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Shaping new Quality Coaches



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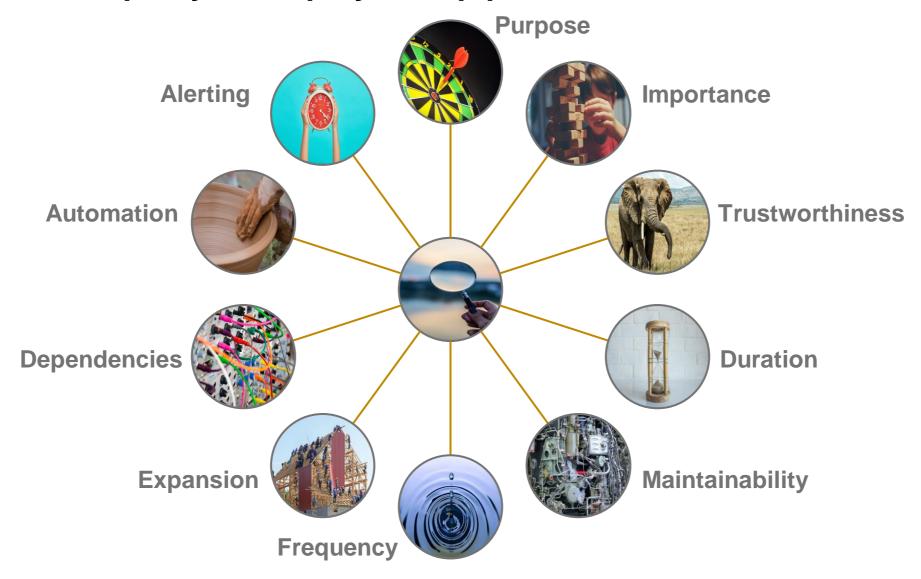
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- Identify all channels of communication
- Calculate the time interval until it reaches the right person
- Analyze the reasons of the negativity



- Bring attention to what normal looks like
- Analyze customer behaviour after big changes
- Organize user-shadowing



- Come up with ways to know that your users are still happy
- Get insights on the things they like the most

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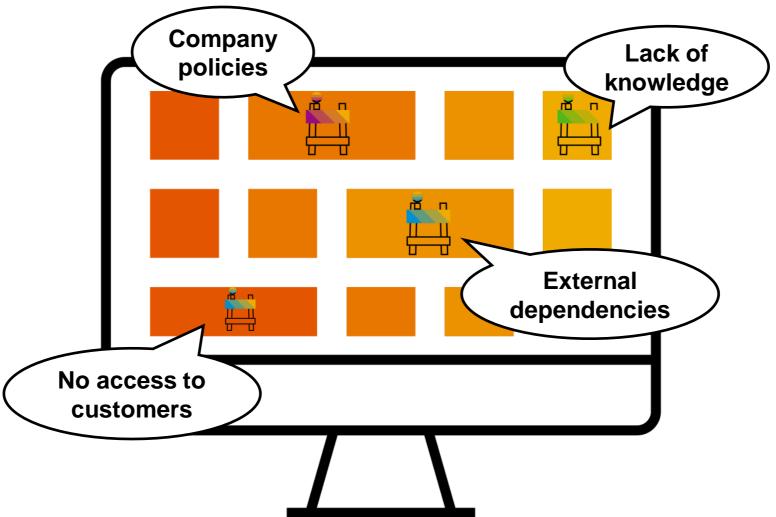
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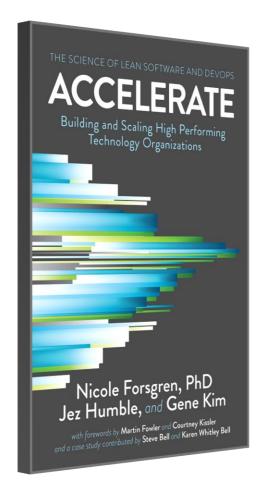
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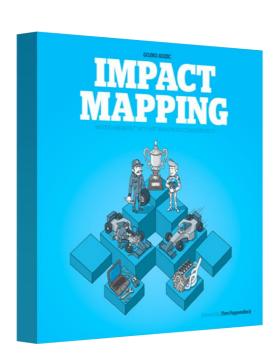
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Write down and share for all to see anything that hinders your work

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Sharing inspiration











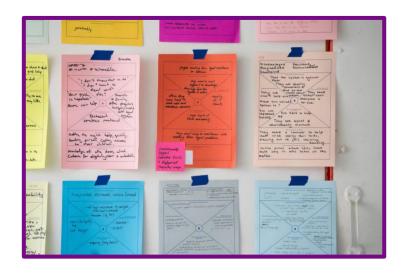
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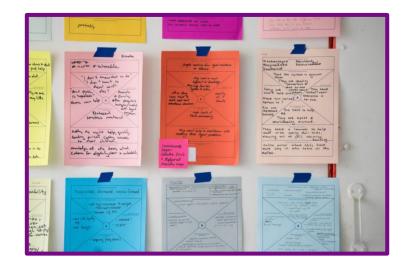
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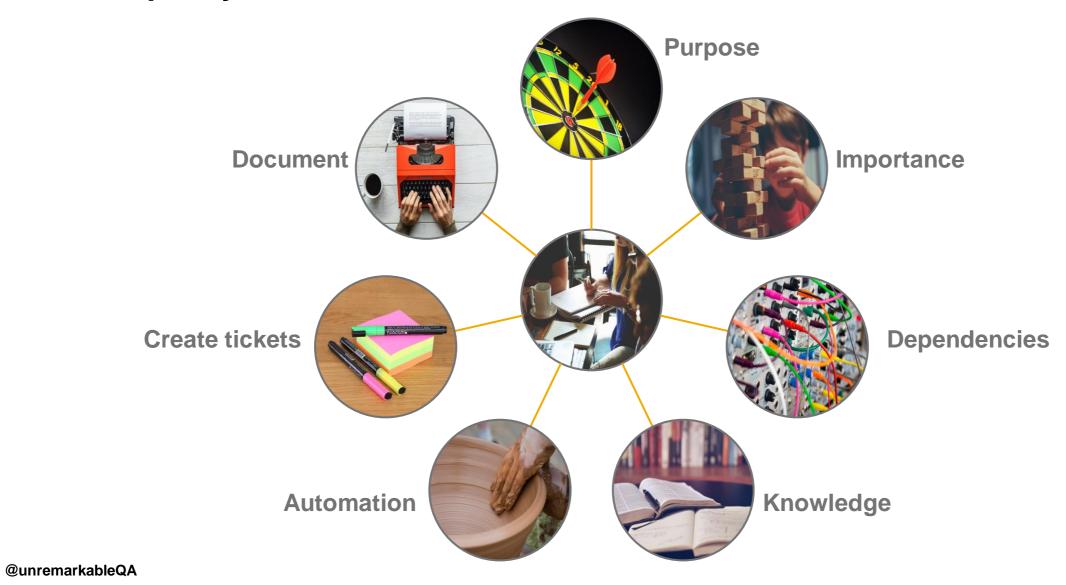
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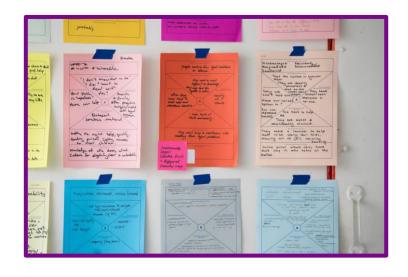
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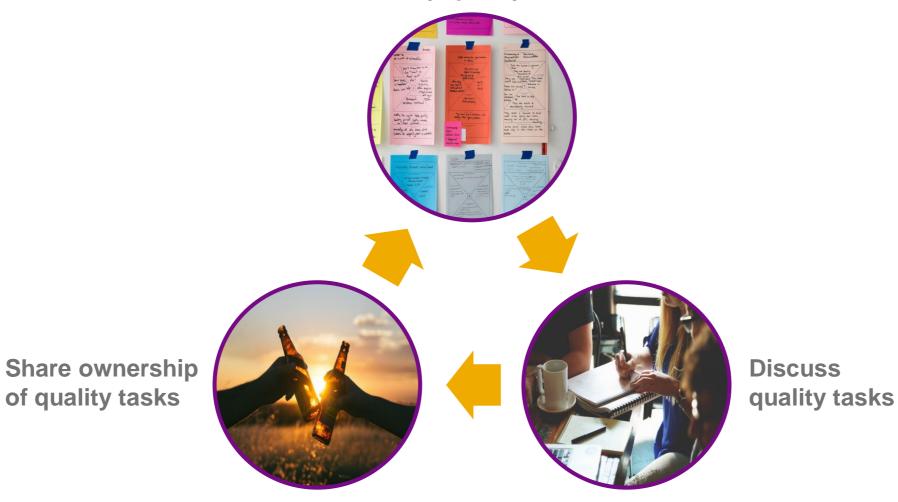
Make sure that there are at least 2 people able to execute the work at any time

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Rinse and repeat

of quality tasks

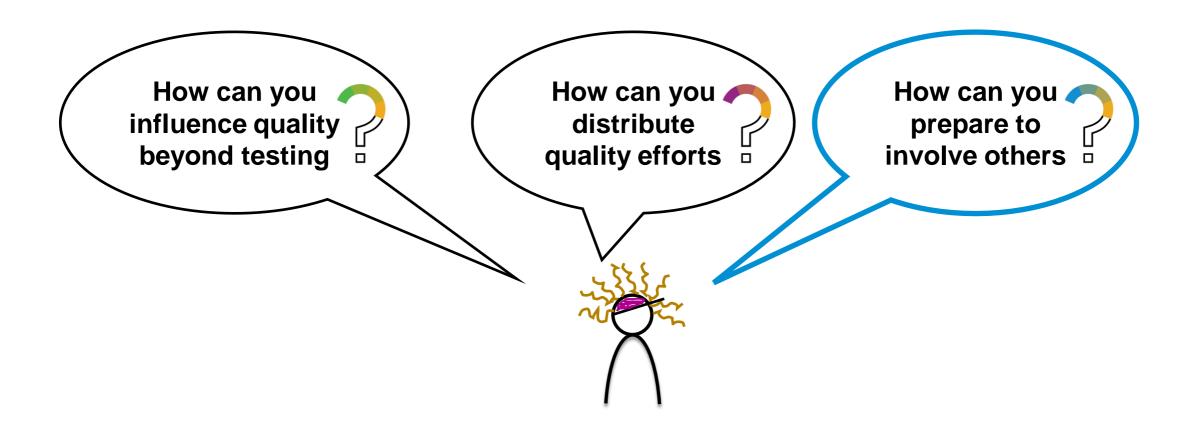
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How can you prepare

Look beyond the things that threaten quality and pursuit steps that build it in your product.



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Release control of quality assurance and embrace quality enablement.



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Trust your team to do quality work as well as take care of the overall quality.



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New class of Quality Coaches has the team's back



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There is always room for improvement



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Thank you.

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