

# Automation, Mastery & Purpose

**The New New Transformation Paradigm**

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# Transformation Challenges

## The New New Transformation Paradigm

**Automation,  
Mastery  
& Purpose**





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# What ~250hrs of Retrospectives Taught me About Transformations

## DevOps Team Retrospectives

- #1 – PO/ProdM – Team Misalignment
- #2 – Band-aids vs Innovation
- #3 – Included in the Big Picture

## Quarterly Big Room Organizational Retrospectives

- #1 – Silos & Dependencies
- #2 – Business Expectations & Misalignment
- #3 – Leadership Disconnect





# Common Organizational Transformation Challenges



Silos vs System Thinking  
Applied to the Enterprise



Legacy Mindsets & Culture



Where to focus  
Technology Investments



Business & Technology  
Misalignment:  
Technology is a Black Box

Disconnect between  
Developers & Leaders

Frameworks & Tools  
Fatigue

Organizational Change



Only 5% of Executives grasp  
the intertwined relation between  
Best-in-Class Tools & Business Performance





# Scaled DevOps Challenges

**\$5.2B**

Spent on DevOps  
Software in 2018

**>50%**

DevOps time waste on  
logistics & repeatable  
tasks

**87%**

Organizations are  
disappointed with  
results of DevOps



GitLab Commit, 2020



“We transform using **the same mental models** that led to creating the very same challenges that Impede Innovation & Delivery today.”

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# Conway & Hamel Based Transformations

“Any organization that designs a system (defined broadly) will produce a design whose structure is a copy of the organization's communication structure.”

Melvin Conway, 1968



“Right now, your company has 21<sup>st</sup> century Internet enabled business processes  
Mid 20<sup>th</sup> century management processes all built  
Atop 19<sup>th</sup> century management principles.”

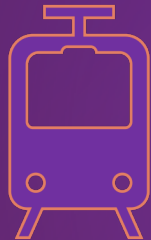
Gary Hamel, 2007



# Conway & Hamel Based Transformations



DevOps



Product Mgt/  
Business



Agile



Safety



Leadership

Different siloed mental and management models  
Radically different pace  
& Agile forgot to be agile ...





# Are we Measuring the Right Outcomes?

What's your...

Cost of Delay?



Most important  
Features' Value?



Most important  
Value Stream Lead Time?



Value Stream  
Infrastructure ROI?



Value Stream  
Customers' NPS?



Team Health  
& Value Stream NPS?





“

How do we build Organizations  
that are **fit for the Future,**

But also, how do we build organizations  
that are **fit for Human Beings?**”

Gary Hamel, 2010



# A New New Transformation Paradigm



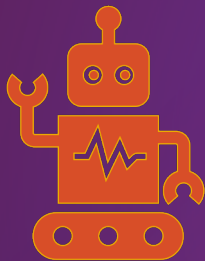
Dan Pink, [The Puzzle of Motivation](#), 2009  
Dan Pink, [Why We Do What We Do](#), 2013





# A New New Transformation Paradigm





# Automation

- ✓ Developer Velocity
- ✓ Value Stream Management
- ✓ Integrated & Automated Value Stream Platforms
- ✓ Value Stream Mapping
- ✓ Automate Safety
- ✓ Automate Agile (Not Agility)





# “The #1 Driver of Business Performances is Best-In Class Developer Tools”.

65% more **Innovation**

47% greater **Developer Satisfaction & Retention**

McKinsey, 2019



# Developer Velocity's Organizational Capabilities

Best-in-Class  
Integrated &  
Automated Tools

Product

Culture

Talent

- Planning
- Collaboration
- Development
- DevOps

- Product Capability
- Product Telemetry

- Psychological Safety
- Collaboration
- Knowledge Sharing
- Continuous Improvement

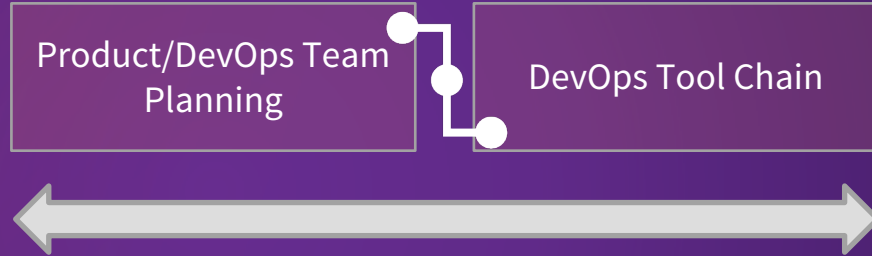
- Incentives
- Capability Building

# Develop Velocity **Integrated** Organizational Capabilities

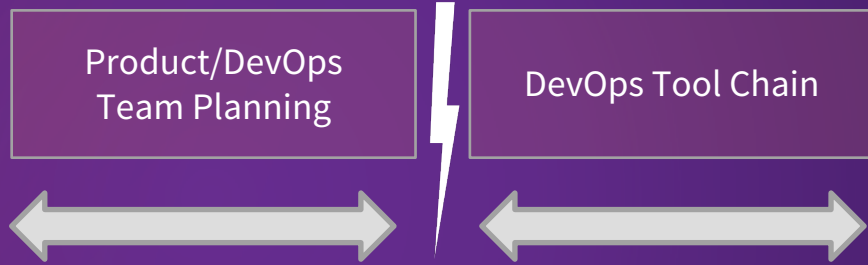


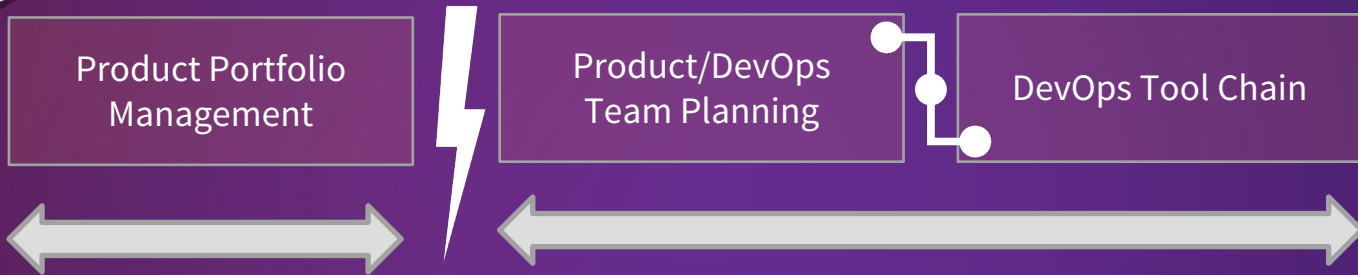


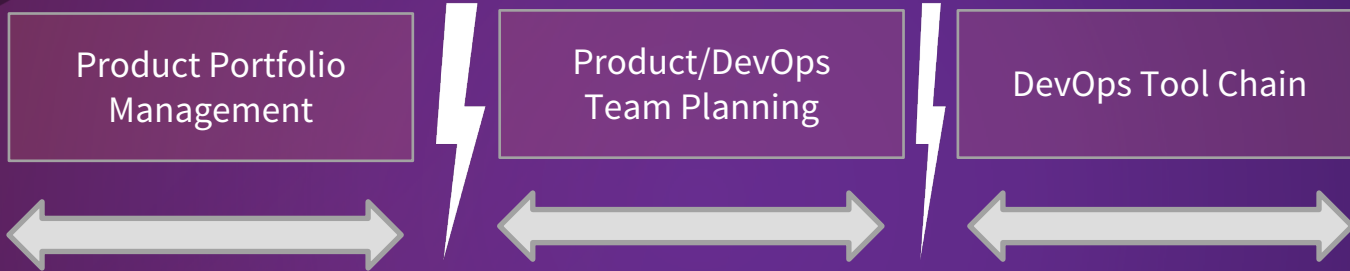
# Product Value Stream End To End Integrated & Automated Platforms

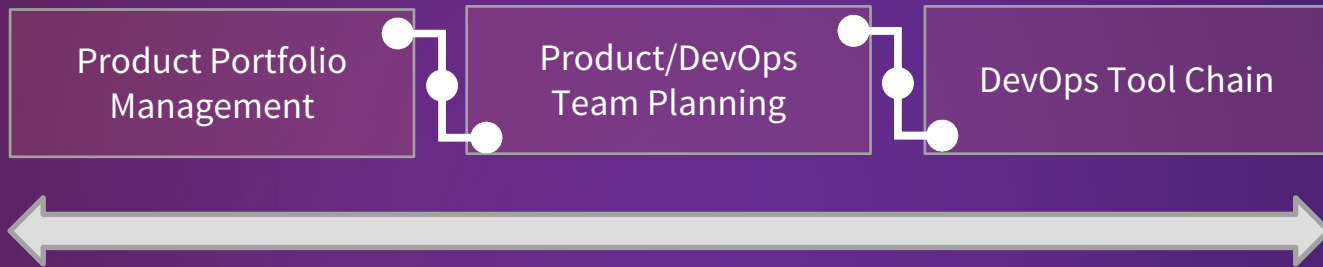






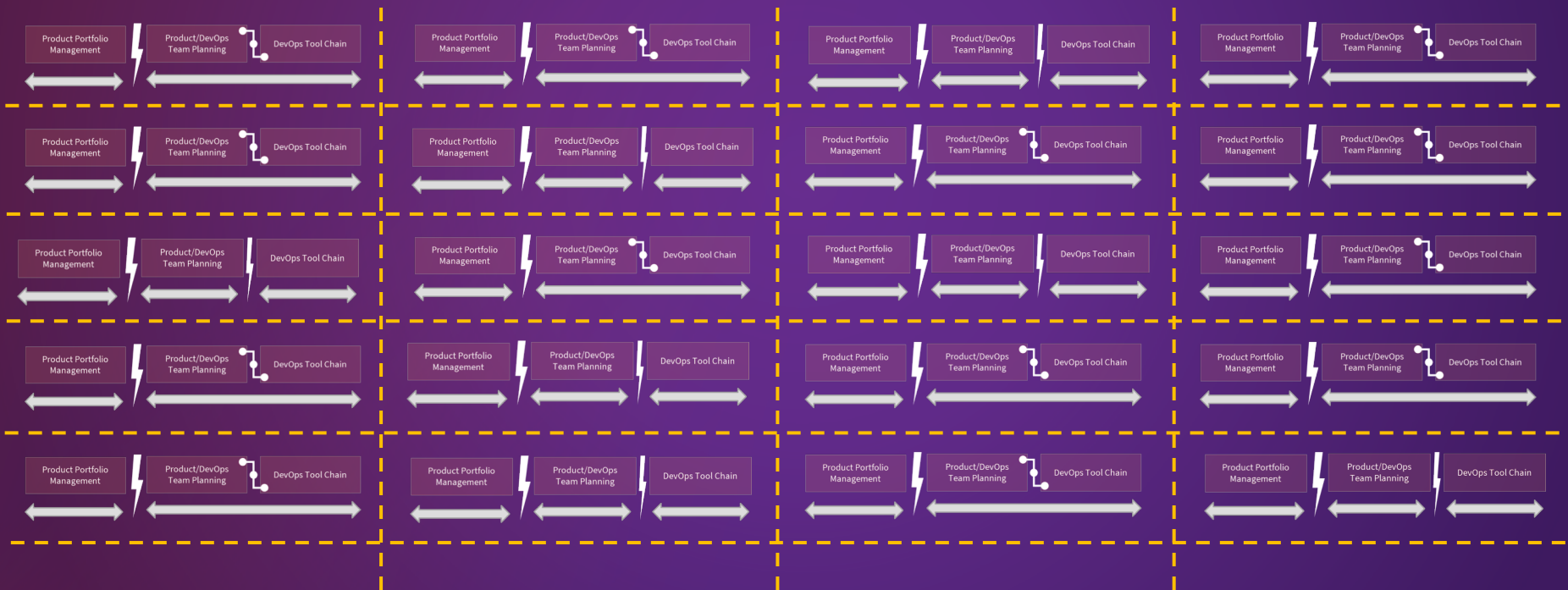








# How 100 Teams Created 100 Silos

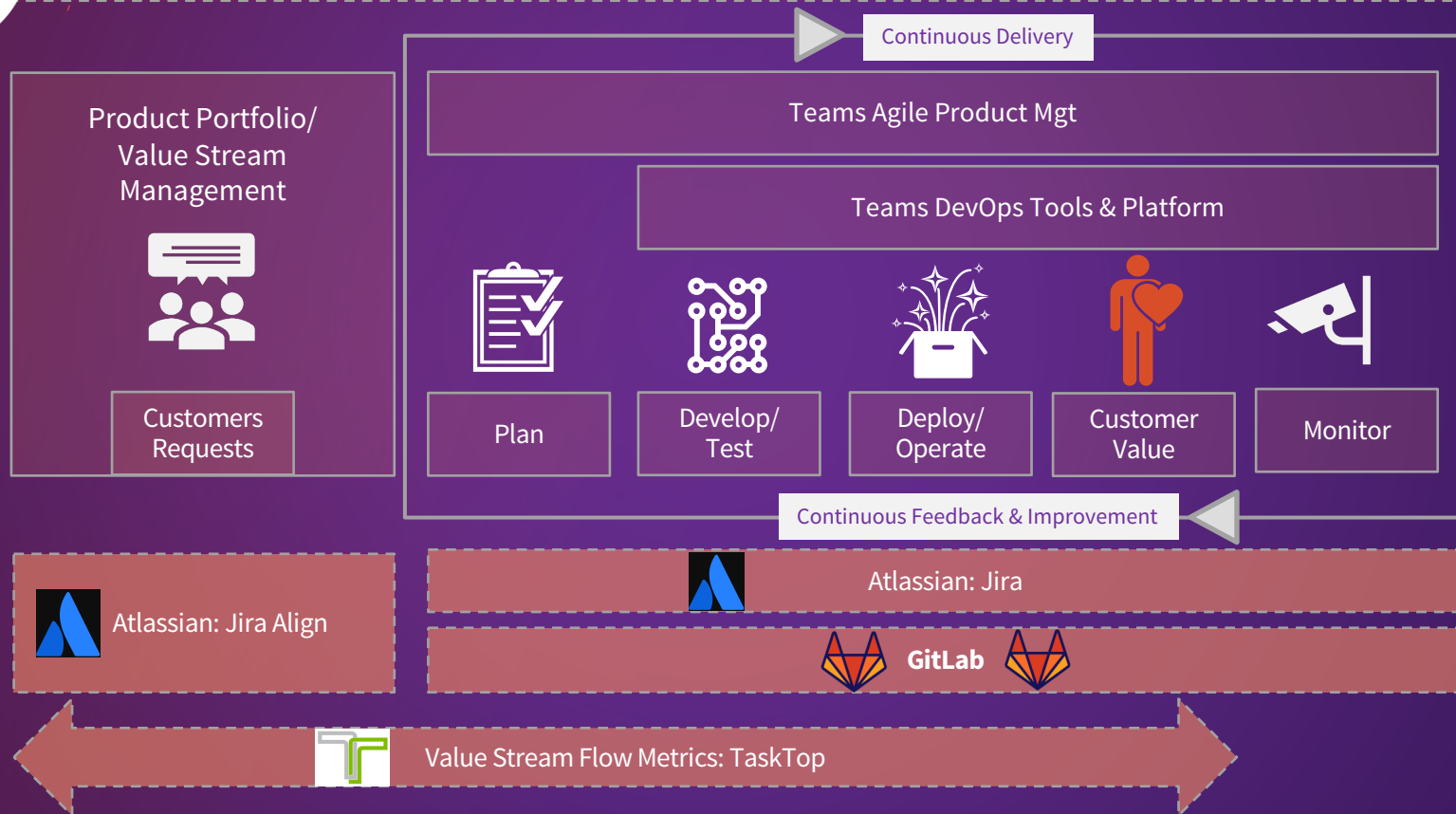






# Value Stream Management Platform

Product Value Stream





# Identify your Value Streams to Prioritize your Technology Roadmap & Investments



# Value Stream Mapping as Business & Innovation Accelerator



## MAP REALITY

- Identify & Map all Current Flow Steps



## MEASURE

- Analyze & Measure Value vs Waste steps
- Challenge the Status Quo



## FUTURE STATE

- Eliminate waste: Design Future State



## TRANSFORM

- Develop Iterative Transformation Roadmap
- Prioritize Technology Investments

## COLLABORATION



## SAFETY



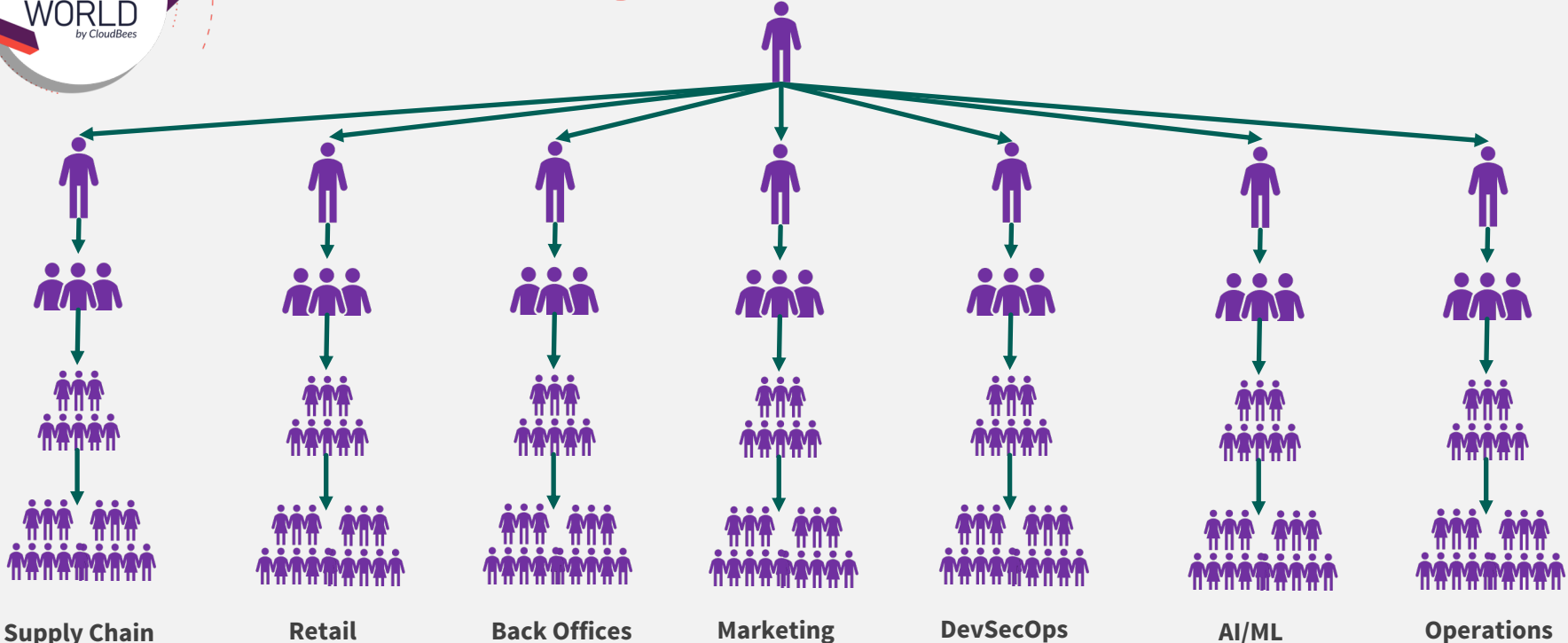
## TRUST

Requires All Stakeholders involved in the Value Stream





# Mapping the Flow of Value





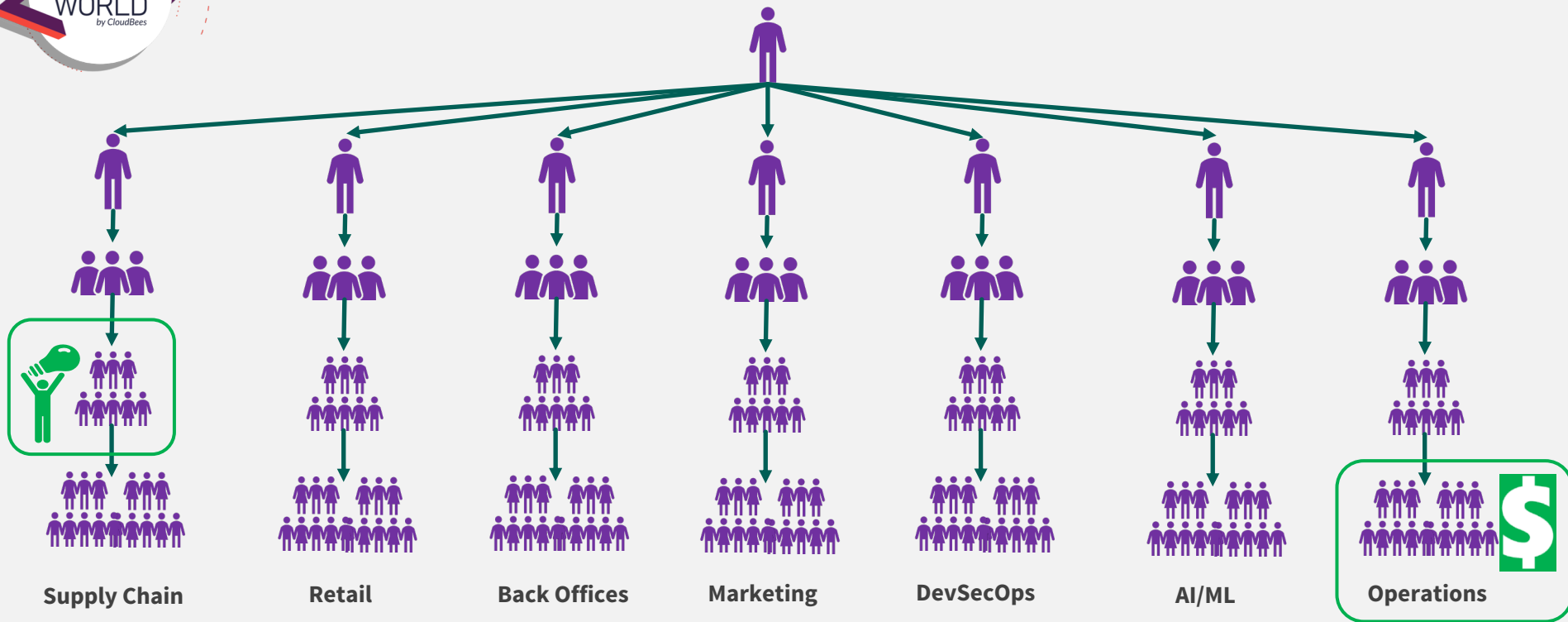
“ *Doing DevOps is not difficult, but to really get the full power of it, you need to make changes in how you structure your organization, **how you make the work flow through your organization.*** ”

– Mark Schwartz on DevOps and Bureaucracy





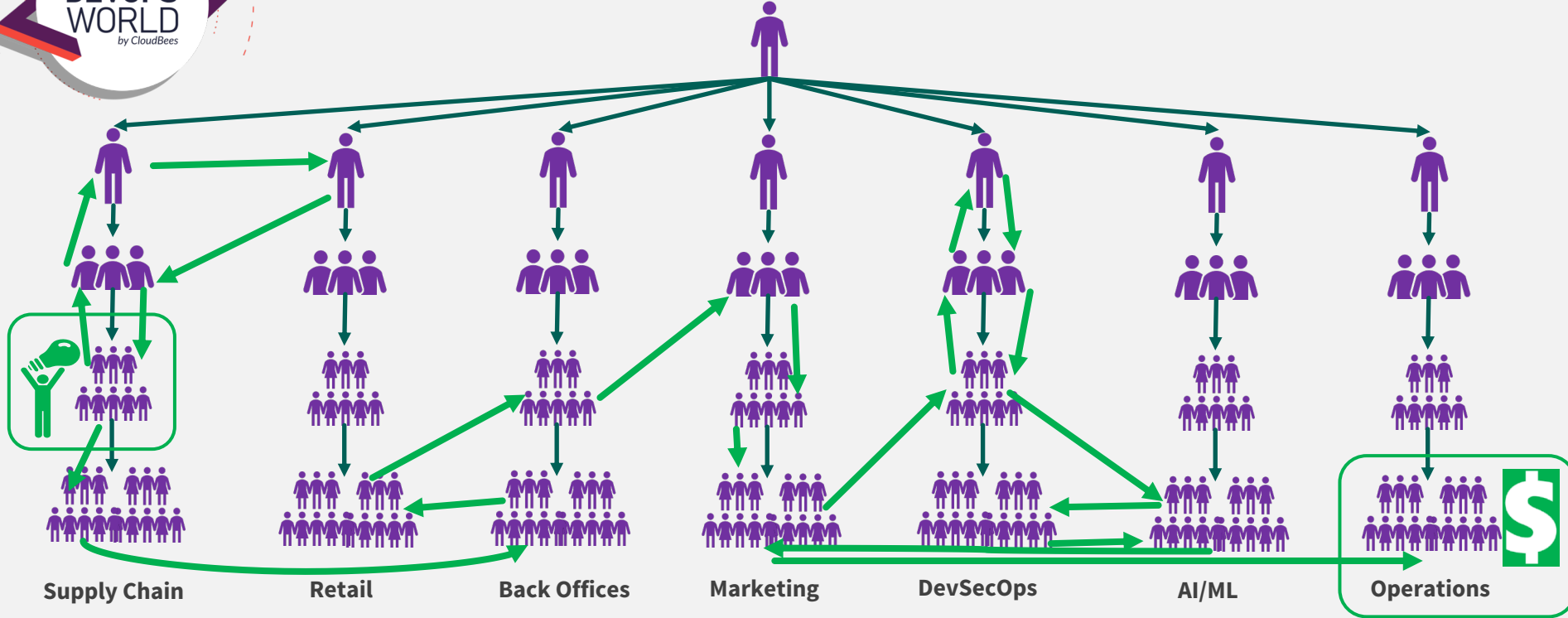
# From Idea to Production Feedback





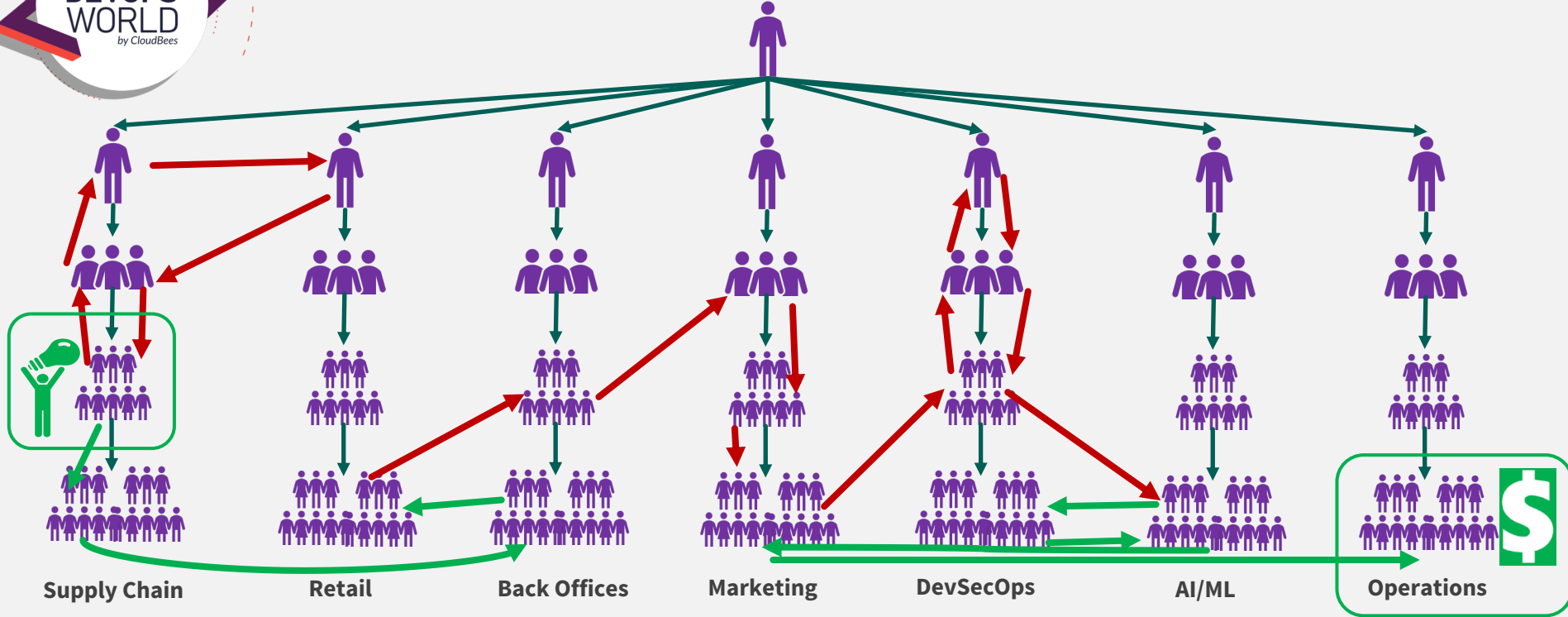


# We Map The Flow of Value ...



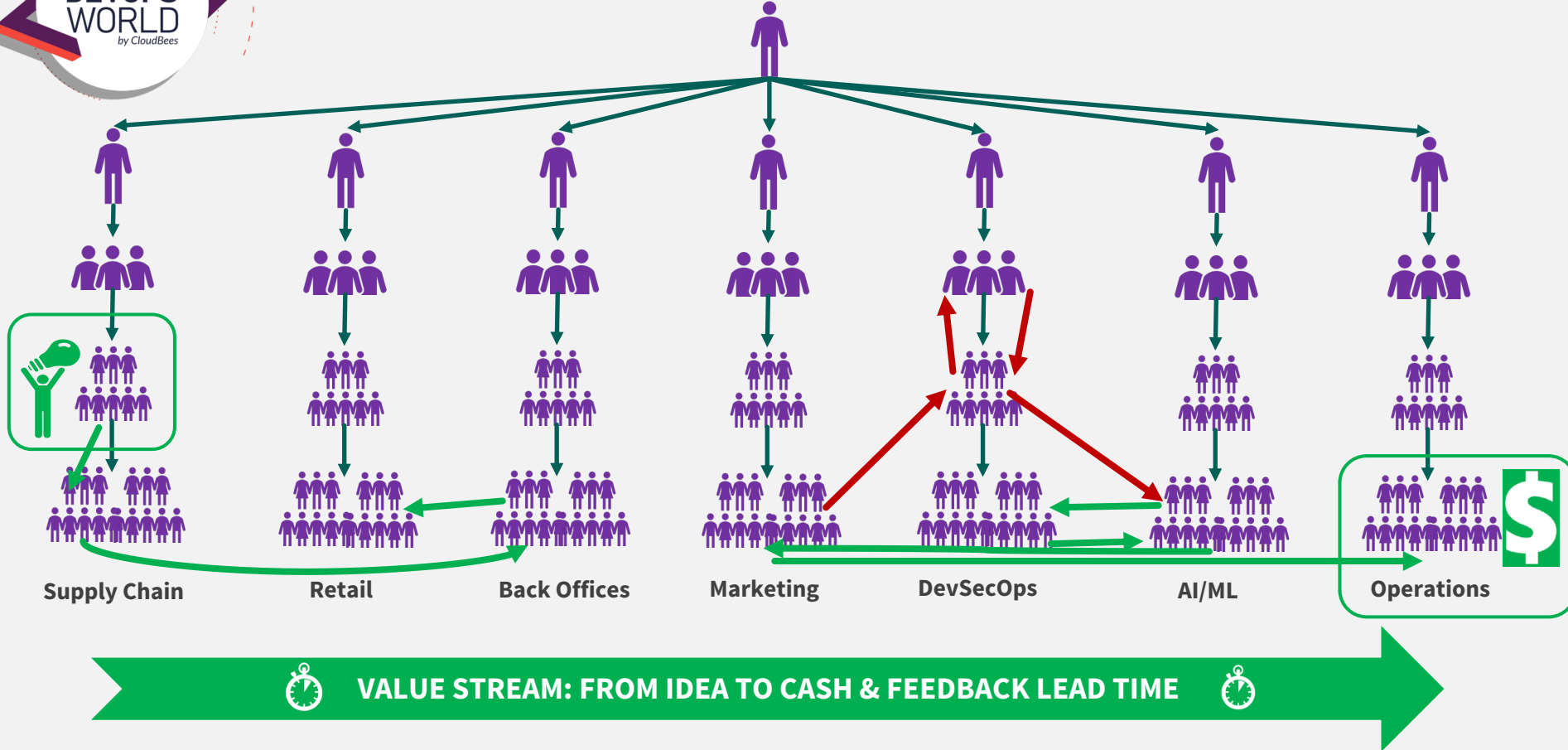


# ... And Wasteful Activities





# Future State Flow of Value





“Your Most Valuable Organizational  
Transformation & DevOps Tool  
is **Value Stream Mapping**.”

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# VSM as an Organizational & Cultural Capability





# Automating Psychological Safety

- Safety is paramount for Developer Velocity & Innovation
- Companies with highest Developer Velocity also invest in Automating Safety:
  - ✓ Development Safeguards: Controlled releases, feature flag, automated rollbacks, etc.
  - ✓ AI & ML integrated Developer Tools & Platforms



# Automating Agile (Not Agility)

The Agile Manifesto & the Scrum Guide Mirrored  
& Perpetuated Organizational Silos

Agile forgot to Be Agile ...



# Modernizing & Automating Agile (Not Agility)

## **Automating Agile Product Management**

- Automated Artifact status updates across all Artifacts lifecycle
- Feature Value management & automated prioritization and planning
- Integrated view of dependency vs Feature value

## **Scrum Master / Agile Coach Roles**

- Role transition into Value Stream process & tools scaled roles





## Summary

- ❑ Tools & Automation are Culture Enablers
- ❑ Know your Developers & your Develop Velocity
- ❑ Establish Value Stream mapping as a mean to manage your transformation Roadmap and Prioritize your Tools & Platform Strategic Investments
- ❑ Automate your valuable Agile Flow Processes
- ❑ Invest in Safety – Psychological & Technological



# Mastery

- ✓ Road To Mastery
- ✓ Developer Experience
- ✓ Learning Organization



“Mastery:

People’s desire to get better and better  
at something **that matters to them**  
so that they can **fulfil their potential.**”



“Organizations & Teams  
Learn at the Speed of Delivery.”

Automation is the #1 Must-Have Skill

DevOps Institute Enterprise Skill Report 2019



## Developer Velocity is directly related to Developer Experience through:

### #1 Best-in-Class Tools

- Best of Breed Technology (Tools, Platform, AI/ML)
- Internal & External Communities:
  - Open-Source & Inner-Source

### #2 Learning Organizations

- Incentives
- Ongoing Training Programs
- Learning & Stretch Opportunities
- Knowledge Sharing
- Experimentation
- Engineering Career Paths
- Deliberate measure of Team Health





# Purpose

- ✓ Align Developer Experience with Customer Experience
- ✓ Create Communities of Purpose
- ✓ Create Value Stream Roles



“An organization’s Purpose & **Belonging** are built when every single Employee perceives **their Contribution as essential to the Whole ... and Beyond.**”



“Without Great Developer Experience  
You Can Forget Great Customer Experience.”

Developers want to be  
part of the Big Picture



Align Teams with business objectives

Enable Teams to engage with End-Users

Teams measure business metrics that matter  
to the End-Users

Allow Teams to Make Business Feature  
decisions





# Create Communities of Purpose

Open-source & Inner-Source Accelerate Innovation & Developer Velocity

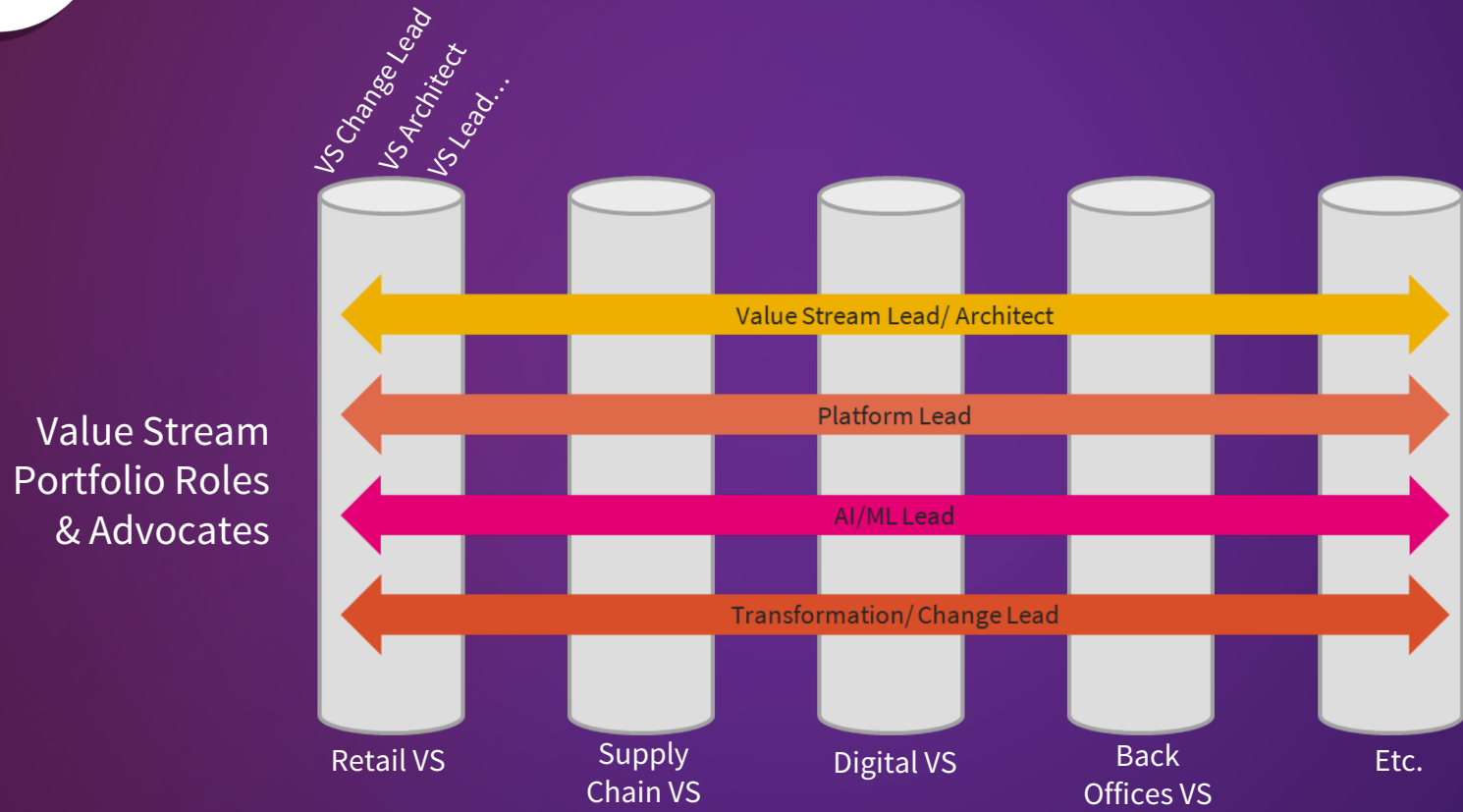
Contributing  
Sharing & Learning  
Engaging with End-Users  
Remaining Competitive

Transparency  
Empowerment  
Purpose  
Belonging

Open Source Benefits to Innovation and Organizational Agility



# Creating Purposeful Organizational Roles





# How You Can Help



# Five Key Takeaways

1. **Open Space your Transformation**: Inclusive & Collaborative
2. **“Velocity is Your Currency”**: Invest in Developer Velocity
3. **Establish VSM** at the heart of your Transformation & Technology Investments based on whole Teams’ Reality
4. Treat your Value Stream **as a Community**
5. Invest in Developers’ **Road to Mastery**



Commit to Building Trust

Commit to Building Dev & Human-Centered Communities

Commit to Value Stream Mapping

**Commit to the Future**

**Commit to Automation, Mastery & Purpose**





# THANK YOU

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