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Accelerate multi-step SDLC tasks with Amazon Q Developer agents

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Amazon Q Developer



Reimagines the experience across the entire software development lifecycle (SDLC)

Helps developers and IT professionals build and manage secure, scalable, and highly available applications

Accelerate software development with autonomous agents that plan and execute multi-step tasks

DTCC's journey



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\$3 QUADRILLION IN SECURITIES PROCESSED

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Processed an average of **\$6 trillion** per day in U.S. Government Securities and a monthly average of almost **7 trillion** Mortgage-Backed Securities transactions

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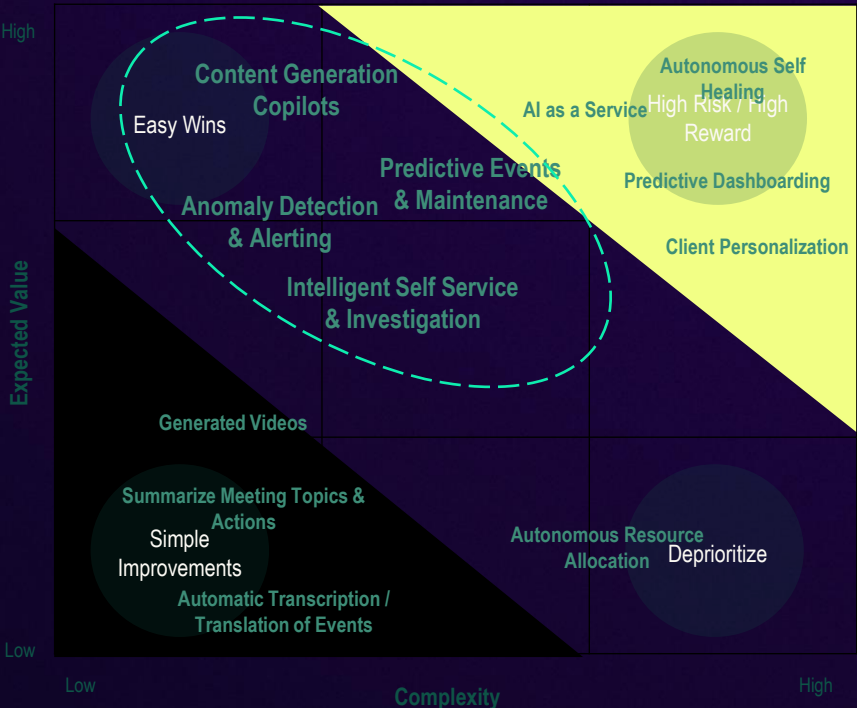
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**6,000+ CLIENT FIRMS
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Priority Use case themes were identified through survey, interviews and external research

- Based on a comprehensive survey and insights from leadership, the prioritized set of use cases were aggregated and narrowed down to four key themes as a starting point towards a north star based on value provided and complexity to execute.

Strategic Pillar	Theme	Prioritization
Optimize Productivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Content Generation Copilots: Providing capabilities to generate content from simple text summarization to complicated technical documentation, code and data to improve developer and employee efficacyAnomaly Detection & Alerting: Identifying new unknown patterns that deviate significantly from historical data to provide more context-aware notifications as compared to traditional detection based on defined thresholdsPredictive Events & Maintenance: Predict future potential failures or incidents to allow remediation to prevent them from occurring	
Enhance Risk Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intelligent Self Service & Investigation: Streamline and enhance the process of exploring, analyzing and understanding complex structured & unstructured information from data via a prompt	
Transform the Client Experience		

DTCC CONDUCTED A PAIR PROGRAMMING PILOT TO ADDRESS DTCC'S AI STRATEGIC PILLARS & PRIORITIES

DTCC AI Strategy

Focus

Optimize
Productivity

Enhance Risk
Mitigation

Transform
Client
Experience

Advance AI
R&D



Key Theme

Content Generation: Providing capabilities to generate content from simple text summarization to complicated technical documentation, code, and data to improve developer efficacy.



Use Case

Can pair programming tools help increase developer productivity or technical documentation via generative code.

Pilot Objectives



Faster Development

Automation of routine tasks, such as code generation, freeing up software developers



Improve Code Quality

Ensure that code is consistent, efficient, and follows best practices, reducing the likelihood of bugs



Enhance Productivity

Help increase productivity of software developers with relevant information and suggestions in real-time



Increase Innovation

Help software developers to be more creative by freeing up their time from routine tasks



Enhance Collaboration

Facilitate collaboration between software developers by enabling them to share information

WE DEFINED A WEIGHTED FRAMEWORK COVERING FUNCTIONAL, NONFUNCTIONAL, & MARKET CATEGORIES, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITIES



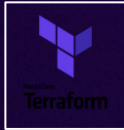
THE AMAZON Q DEVELOPER PILOT WAS A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF DTCC'S DEV SQUADS, LANGUAGES, AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTS (IDES)

- Amazon Q Developer was **provisioned to 30+ developers across 4 teams** (Team SP, Stress Testing, Team U, and ITP-Settlement Instruction Manager)
- The teams covered **71% of coding languages** and **50% of IDEs** used at DTCC
- Participants used the Pair Programming tool as **part of their usual workflow for 17 weeks** (3-5 sprints)
- **Key Performance Indicators across developer productivity and code quality** were analyzed after every sprint and compared against the pre-pilot baseline
- **Success Criteria**
 - **Efficiency** (throughput, pull requests, build failure rate)
 - **Quality** (code vulnerabilities, bugs, test coverage)
 - **Experience** (developer satisfaction and productivity perception)

Primary Development Ecosystem At DTCC

Primary Programming Languages

5 of 7 used



Primary IDEs

2 of 4 used



ANALYSIS OF PILOT RESULTS INDICATE DTCC WILL SEE IMPROVED METRICS AND NO LOSS IN QUALITY WITH AMAZON Q DEVELOPER

Analysis Highlights

Throughput:

- Average increase in throughput per participant was 40%
- Amazon Q Developer’s positive effect on throughput is statistically significant
- Given the variance in workload throughout development cycles, we expect the sustained increase in throughput to be within 10-20%

Code Quality:

- No adverse impact of Amazon Q Developer seen on code quality
- We saw minor changes in CQMA, test coverage and build failures
- Code quality metrics stayed within normal bounds and these changes should not be tied to Amazon Q Developer

Metrics Across Pilot Teams & Participants



40%

Average increase in throughput per pilot participant



5%

Average increase in CQMA security scores across code repositories in scope



0%

Average change in build failure rate across 4 pilot teams



30%

Average reduction in code defects



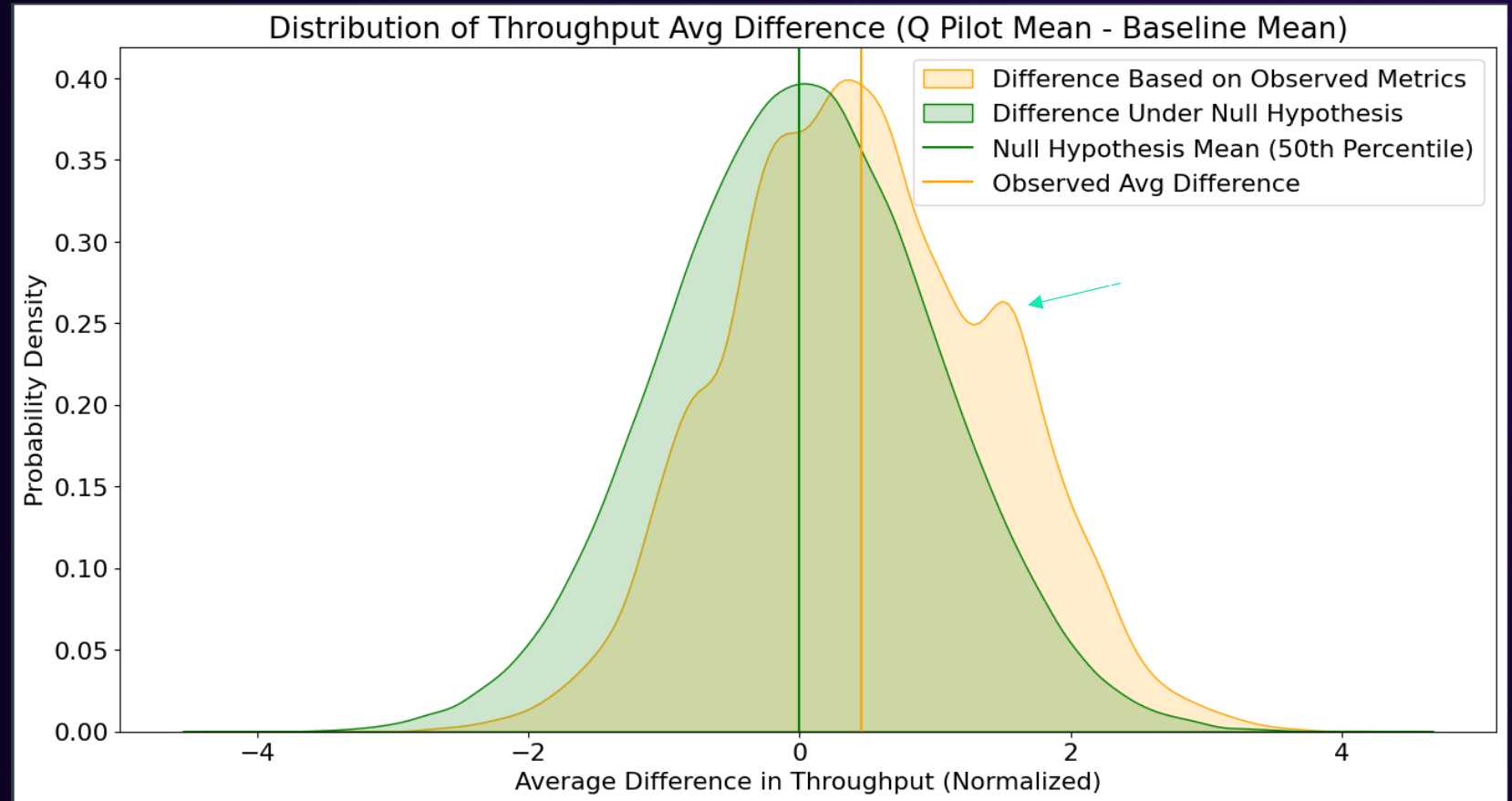
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Average increase in test coverage

THE INCREASE IN THROUGHPUT OBSERVED WAS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT

The observed average difference in throughput between participants during pilot and baseline periods was **18 percentile points (0.5σ)** above the expected difference under no effect and indicates that Amazon Q Developer has a positive effect with a high level of confidence

- **Green plot** represents the distribution of the difference of throughput means likely to be observed between baseline and pilot if each experiment were run many times under the null hypothesis (no effect seen)
- **Orange plot** shows the distribution of the differences likely to be observed based on observed metrics
- **T-test** indicates that the difference in means between the pilot and baseline distributions is **statistically significant**



CODE QUALITY MATURITY ASSESSMENT (CQMA) REMAINED STABLE WITH AMAZON Q DEVELOPER

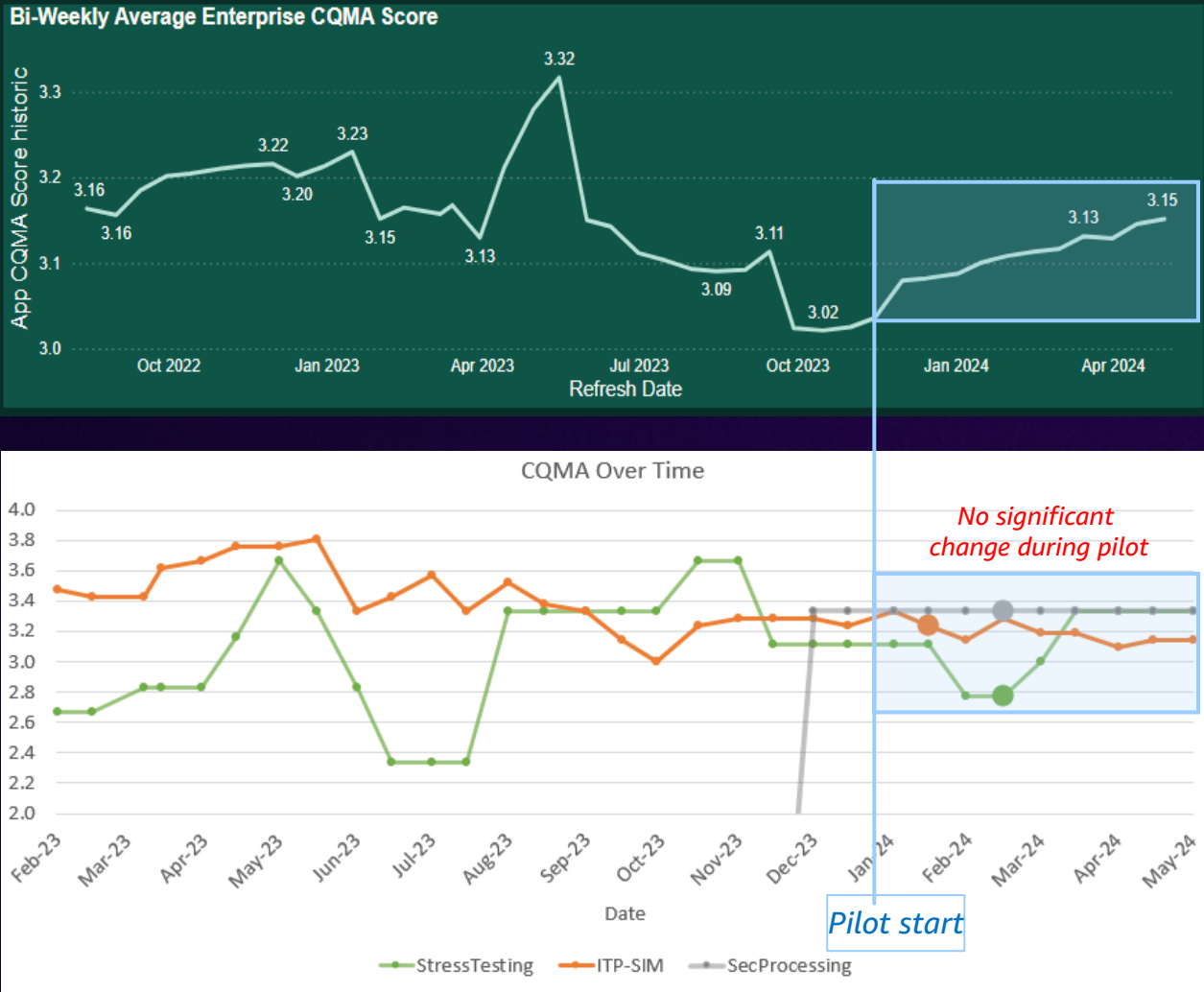
CQMA is an aggregated score that reflects the robustness, security, and maintainability of code, providing a reliable measure of software quality.

$CQMA = (1/3) * (Coverage + Complexity + Security)$

- 1. Code Coverage Quality Metric: evaluates the extent of automated test coverage
- 2. Code Complexity Fortify: assesses the structural complexity of the code
- 3. Code Security FOSS: reviews the security of open-source components used in the code

Baseline CQMA: Bi-weekly (sprint) average across baseline time periods

Pilot CQMA: Bi-weekly (sprint) average during pilot



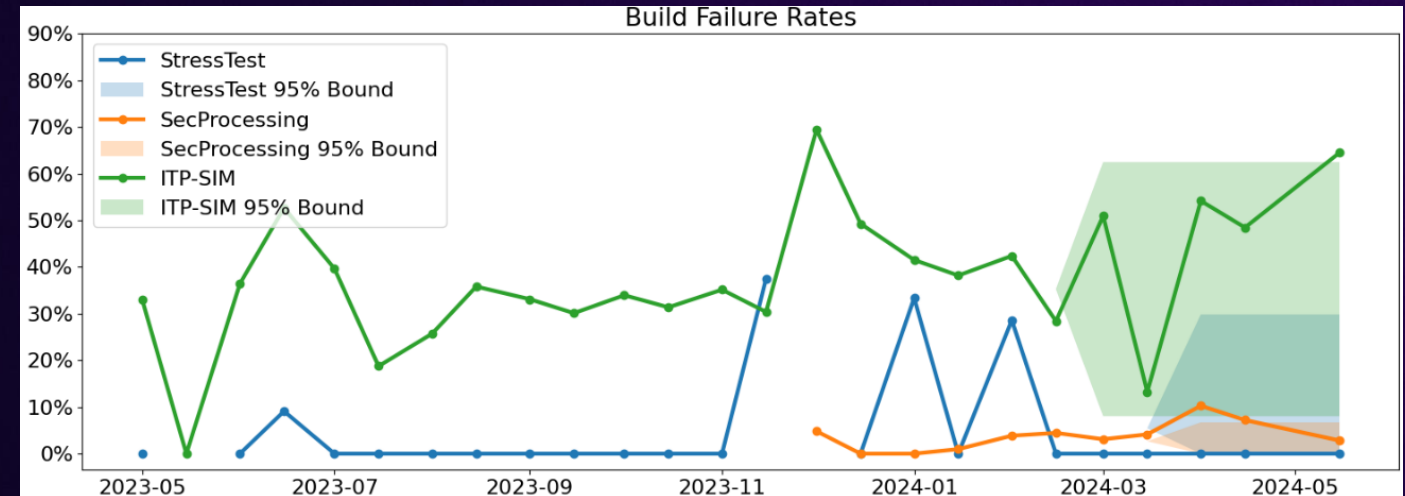
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BUILD FAILURE RATES AND CODE COVERAGE REMAINED IN RANGE WITH AMAZON Q DEVELOPER

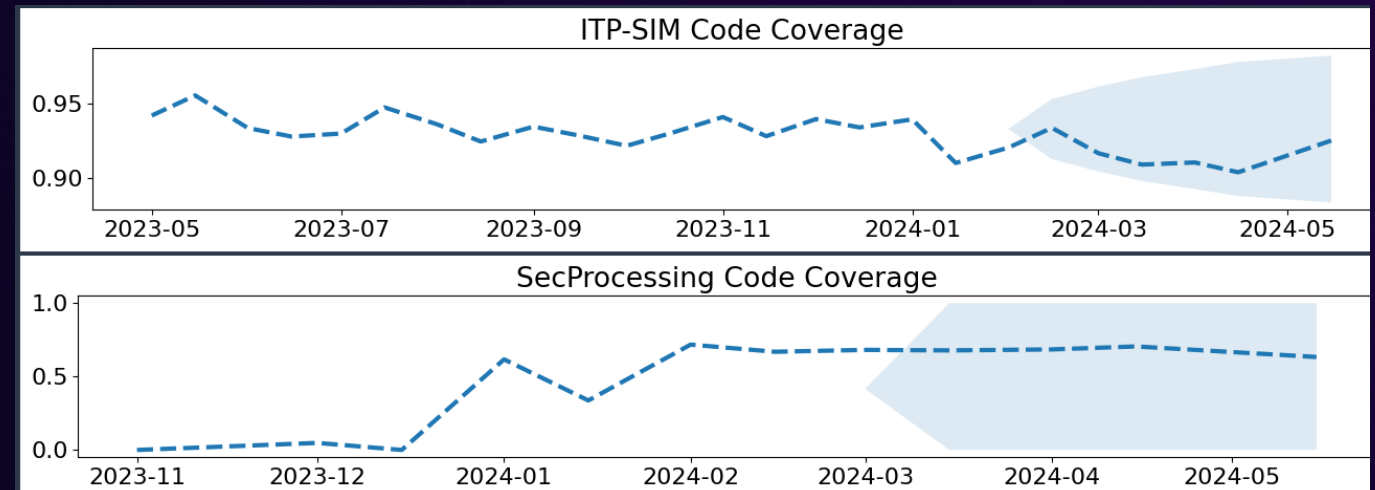
Build failure rate indicates frequency of issues in code integration and testing, which can serve as an indicator of code quality

- Fluctuations seen during the pilot were not statistically significant, indicating Amazon Q Developer has no affect on the number of build failures
- ITP-Settlement Instruction Manager has been experiencing an ongoing infrastructure issue with their pipeline builds failing last couple months (unrelated to Amazon Q Developer)



Code coverage measures the extent to which the automated tests cover the codebase, ensuring that more code is tested for defects, which can lead to higher quality and more reliable software

- New projects begin with low coverage
- Mature projects should have higher coverage
- New releases and code will affect coverage
- Fluctuations in coverage during pilot were not significant



AMAZON Q DEVELOPER INCREASED SATISFACTION AND DEVELOPERS SAW VALUE

High-Level Themes



Feedback on Amazon Q Developer was positive

- Developers highlighted benefits in explaining blocks of code in plain English, writing unit tests, code refactoring, and providing recommendations on complex problems
- Code refactoring is not logged in story points and hence not reflected in throughput although heavily used



Amazon Q Developer fills in technical gaps for developers

- Code explain capabilities and Q&A chat enable self-learning and reduce strain on senior developers
- Significantly reduces time to understanding in legacy environments for all developer levels



Project level contextualization will only increase the value of inline suggestions

- Python team found benefit from inline code generation capabilities, but most teams found less value due to dependencies on code context elsewhere in legacy codebase
- Human in the loop development still required as anticipated

Voice of Pilot Participants



'Q has improved my productivity significantly while creating functional implementations and tests.'



'Q has reduced the time it takes me to understand and solve problems.'



'Q was very useful when working on non framework related tasks and unit tests.'



'Q features help to improve code quality.'

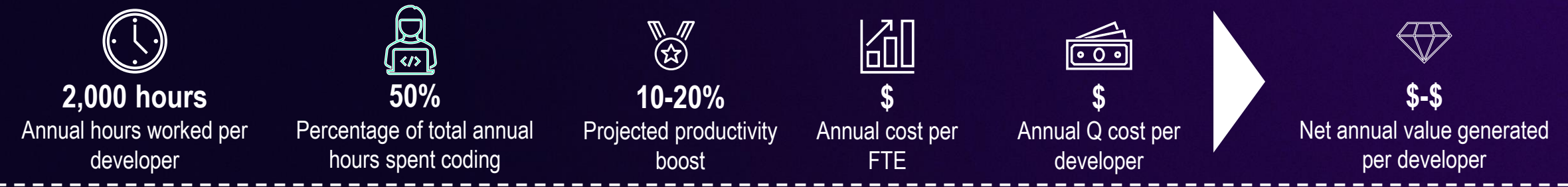


'Q is helpful with code refactoring and unit testing, looking forward to explore more.'

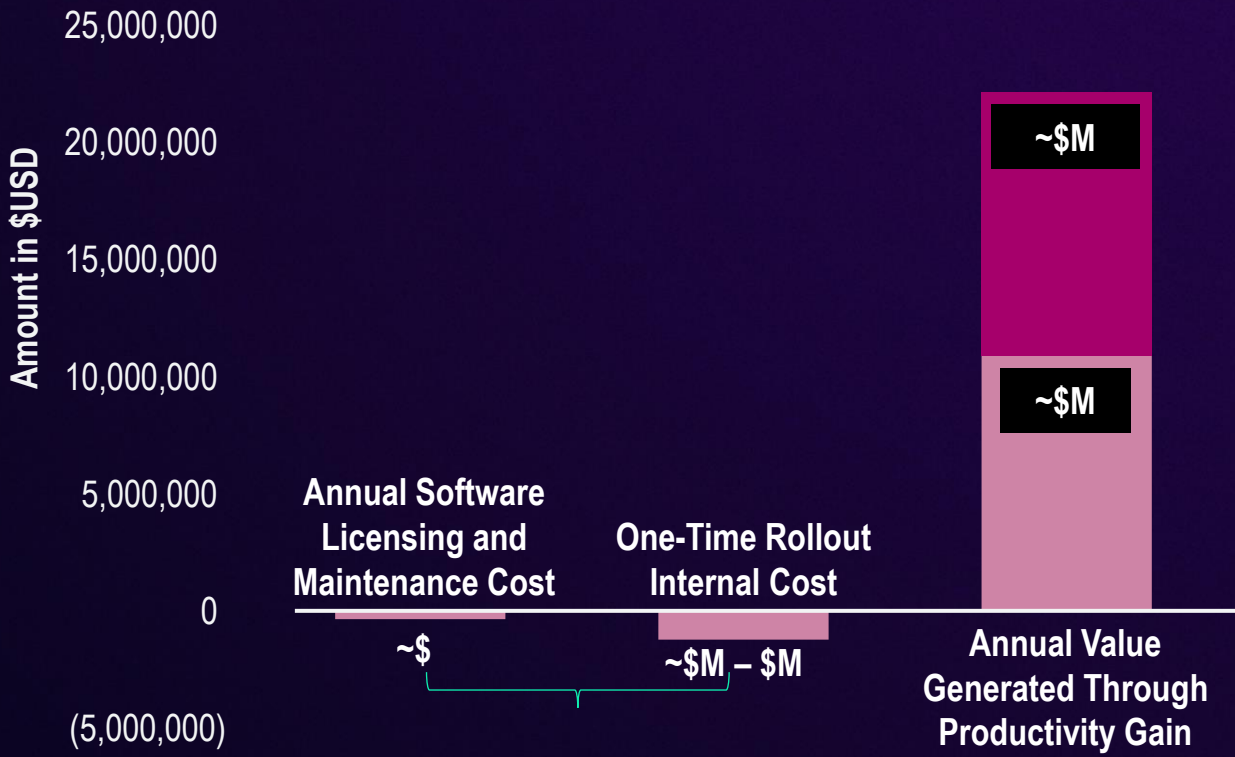


'Q has removed the dependency on more tenured engineers for assistance'

WE RECOMMENDED AMAZON Q DEVELOPER DUE TO VALUE GENERATED



- ✓ Generally, productivity boost is expected to be lower in full scale rollout relative to pilot results.
- ✓ If we assume a rollout would achieve **10-20% productivity boost** (reduced over 50% from pilot results), that equates to **100-200 hours saved per developer** annually (assuming 50% of time spent on coding).
- ✓ Assuming an annual cost of ~\$150k per FTE, this equates to **\$7.2k - \$14.8k in net value generated per developer**, net of product licensing cost.
- ✓ Assuming **1.5k developers**, this equates to **150k-300k hours saved per year**, or **~\$M - \$M of net value annually**.
- ✓ A full rollout of the product is expected to take 7 months, and **considers costs of risk reviews and approvals, training, and general set-up and support**.



Additional notes:

- 1,500 developers based on conservative active Jira users assigned story points
- \$1M - 1.5M includes the internal cost associated with effort for approvals, set up, and change management.

Q DEVELOPER AGENTS BEING EVALUATED AT DTCC FOR ADOPTION

Area	DTCC's Use Case
Code upgrades	Java version upgrade from Java 8 to Java 17
Test coverage	Unit test generation, test cycle acceleration
Code comprehension	Technical specification and release notes
Code reviews	Scan code vulnerabilities, identify and upgrade older libraries



Amazon Q Developer agents



An agent is a software program or system that perceives its environment through input data, makes decisions through some decision-making model or logic, and then takes actions to achieve its designed goals or objectives.

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LLM model

Amazon Q agent vision

Environment

Amazon Q agent vision

Environment



Amazon Q agent vision

Environment

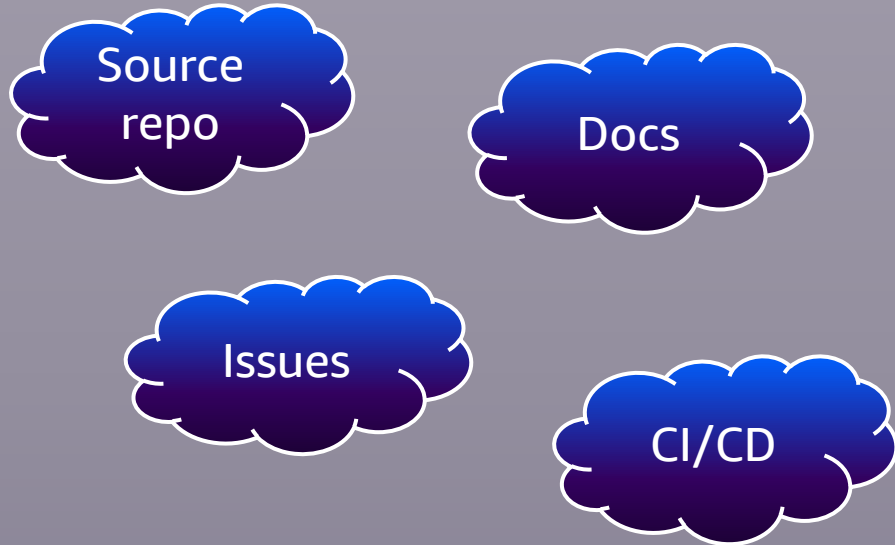
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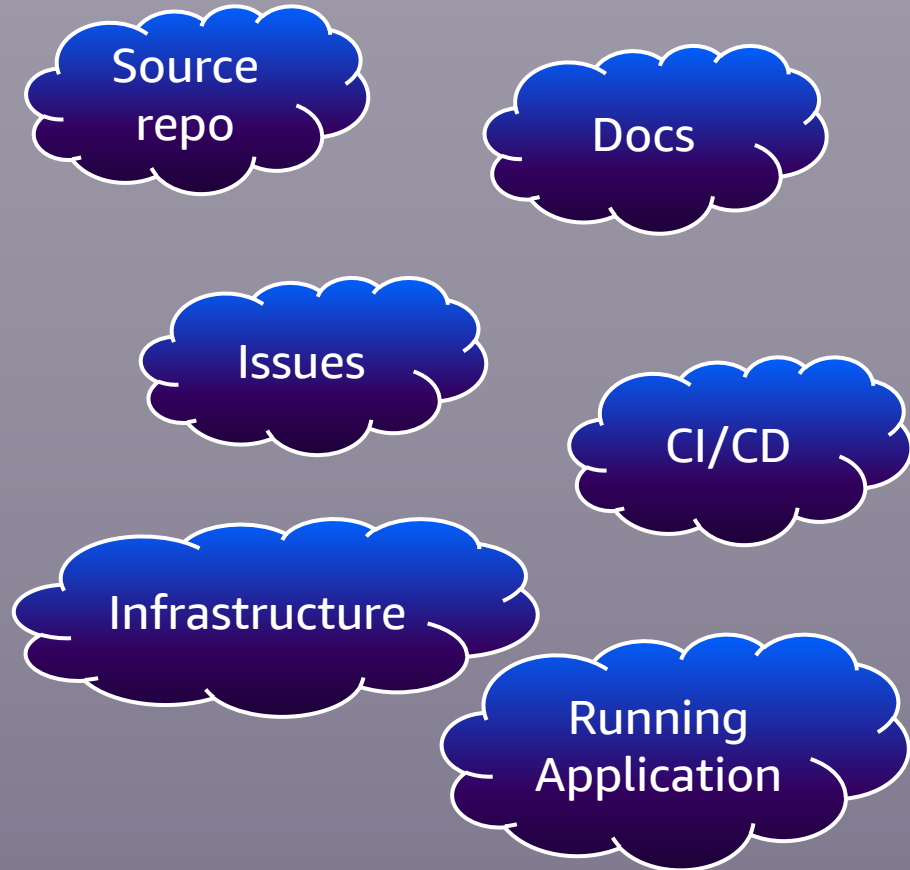
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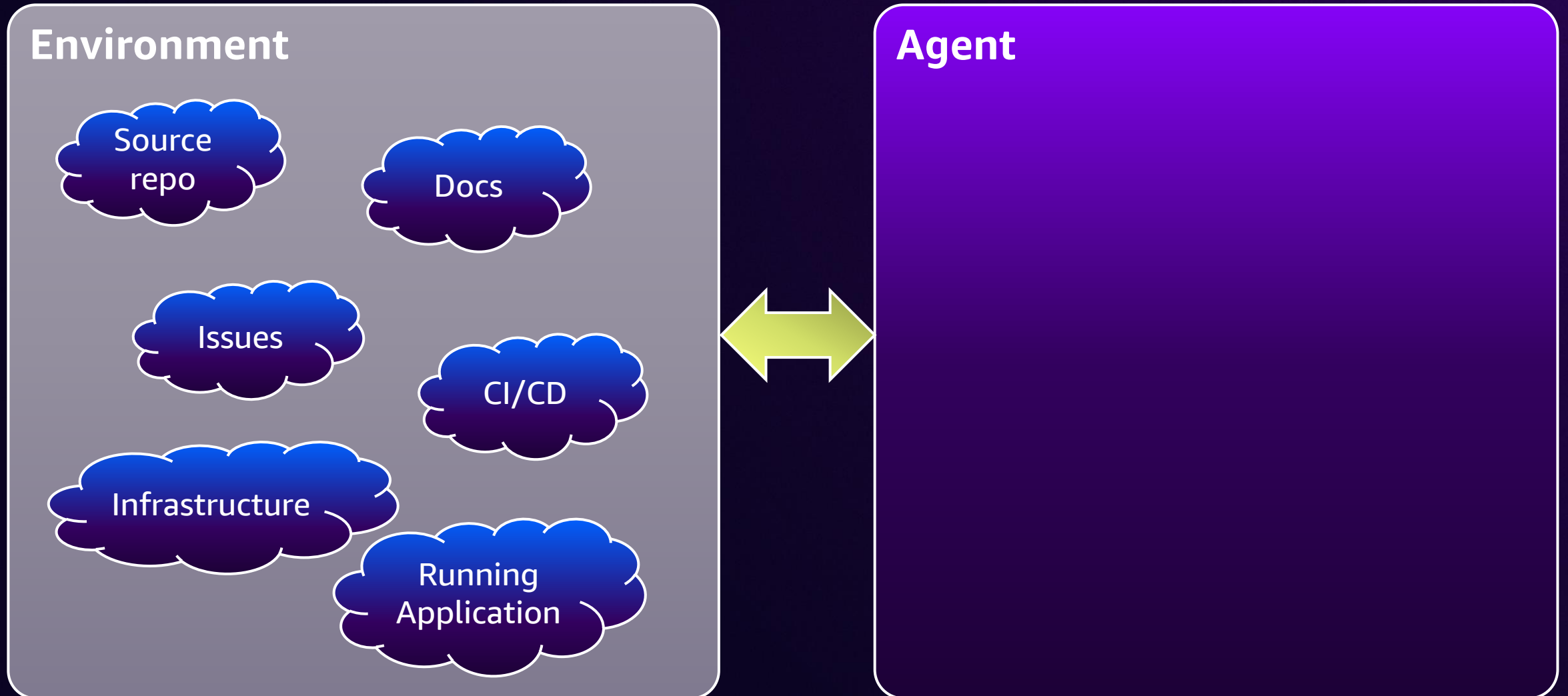


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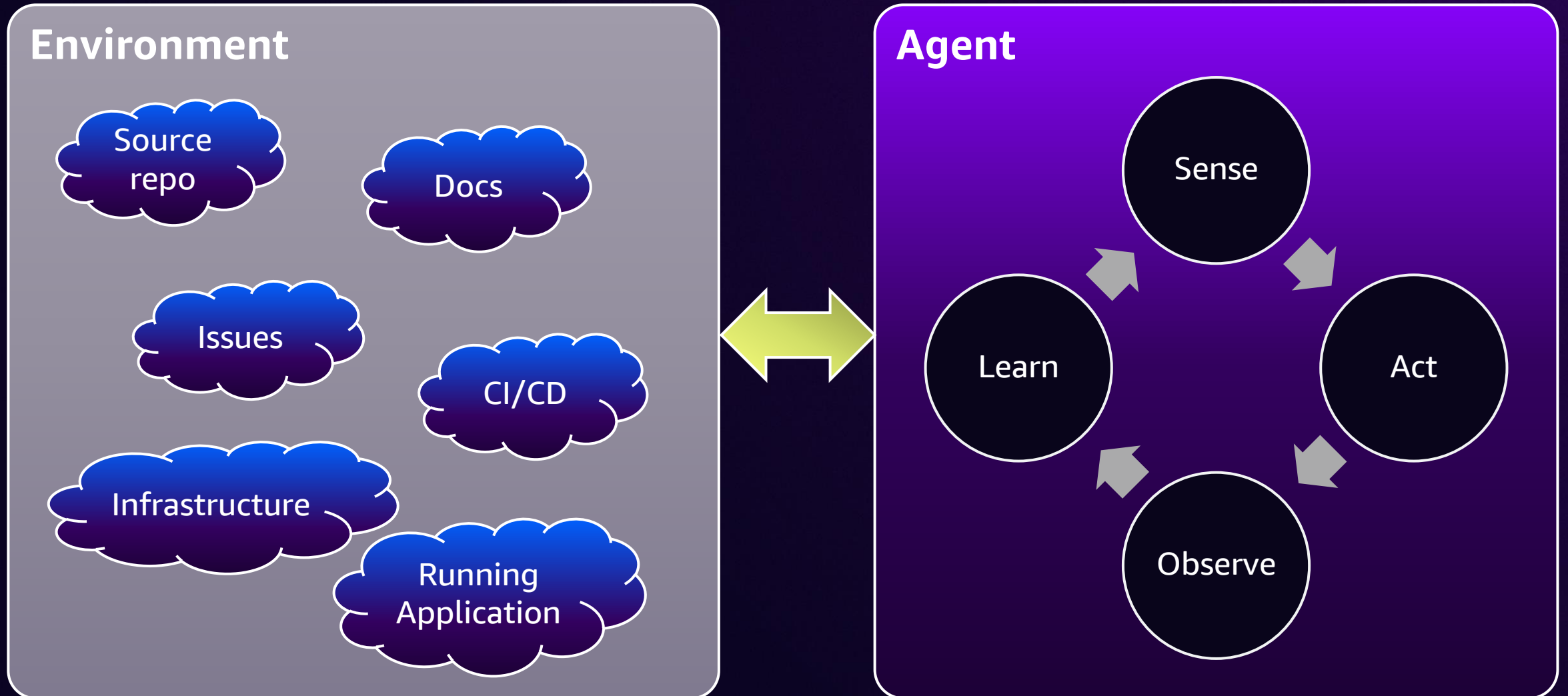
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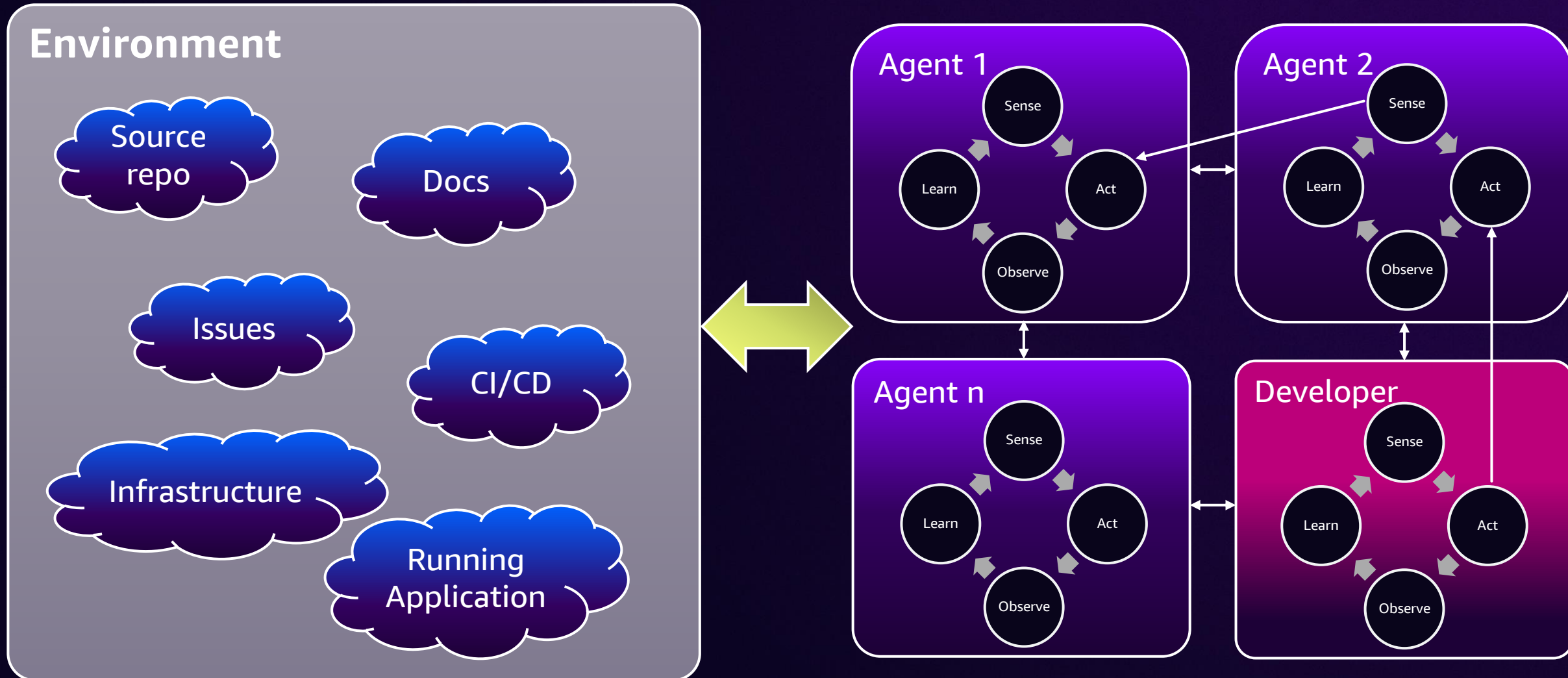
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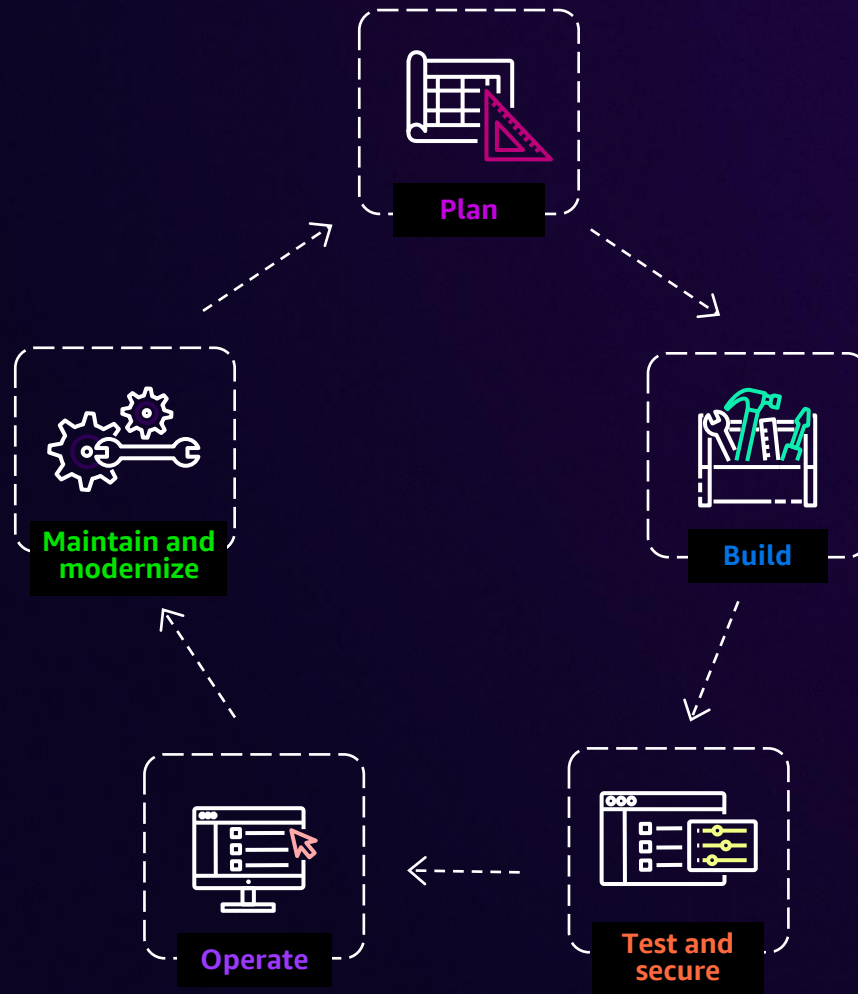
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Amazon Q Developer agents (QDA)

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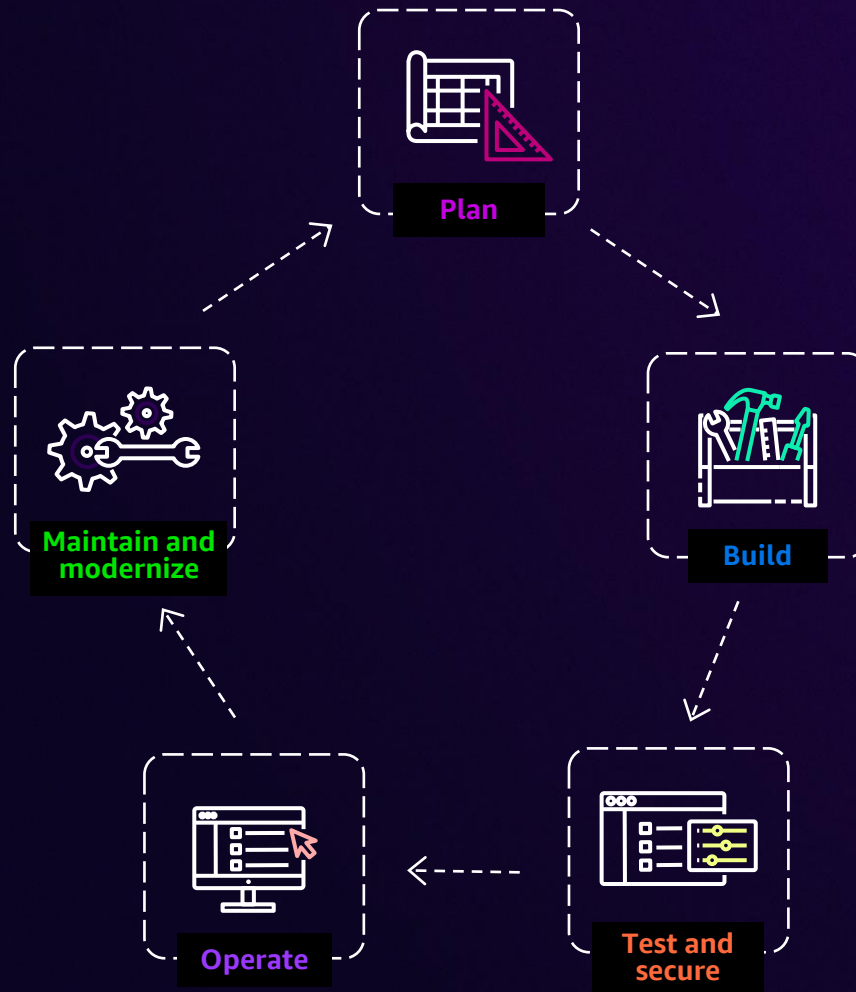
Complete Java language upgrades in a fraction of the time (/transform)



Amazon Q Developer agents (QDA)

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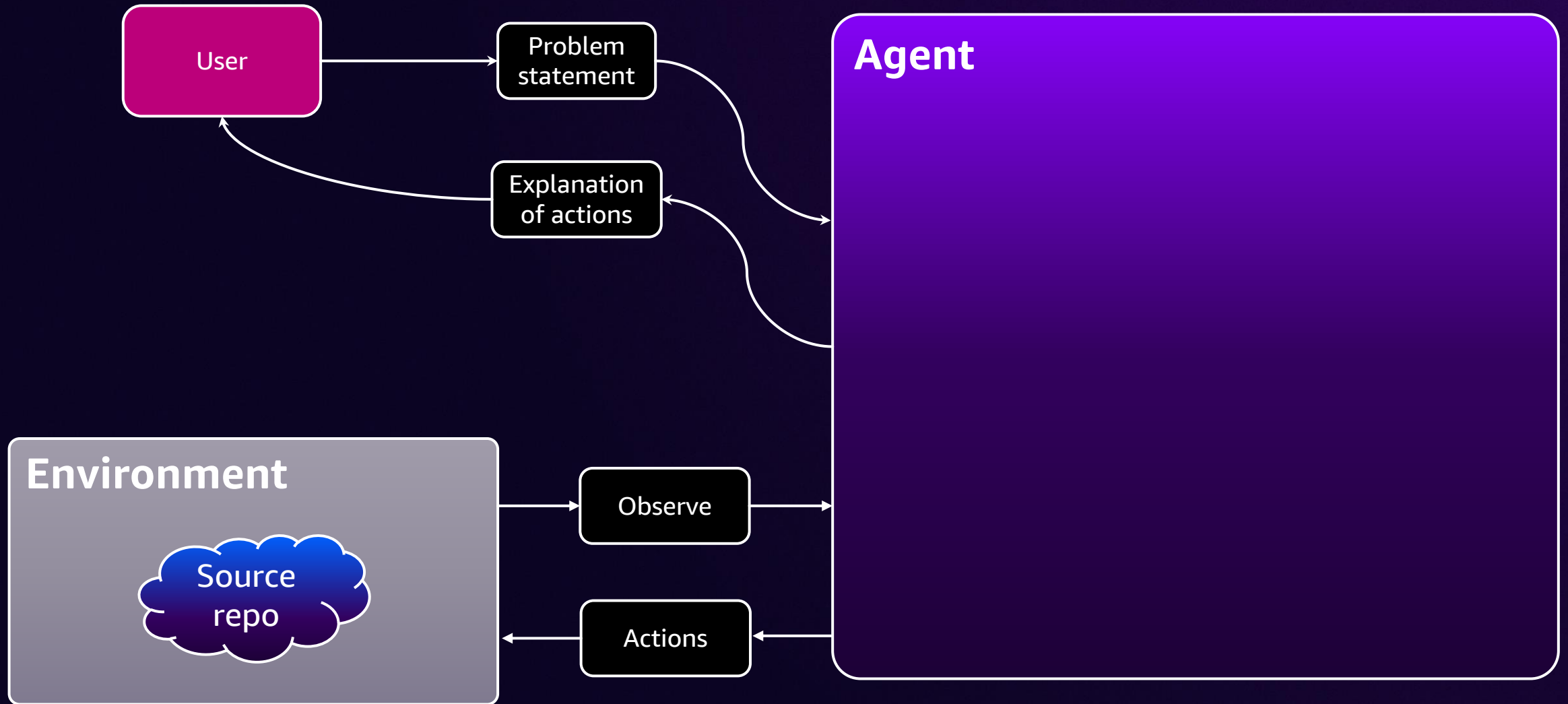
Software development

Feature development from natural language input to merge-ready code across multiple files (/dev)

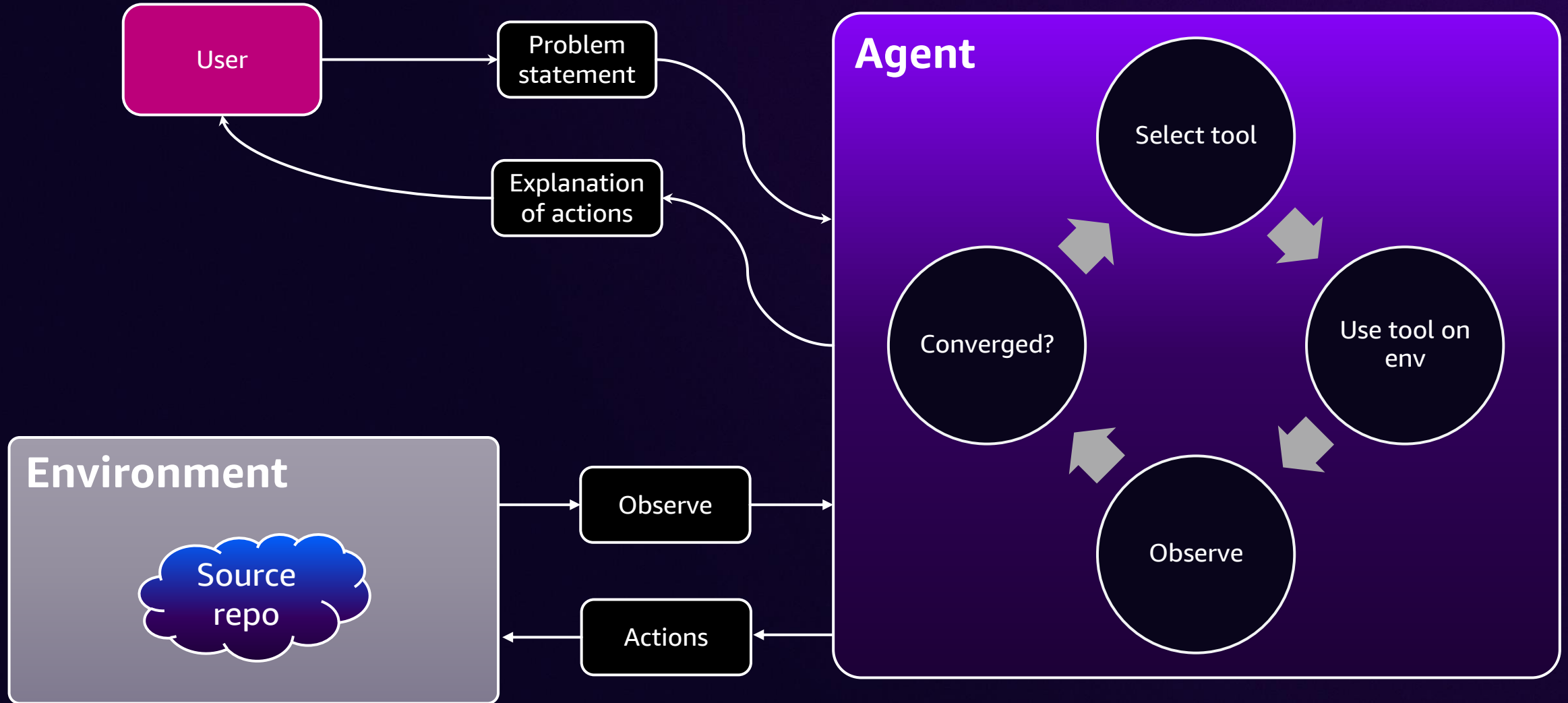
Q software development agent architecture



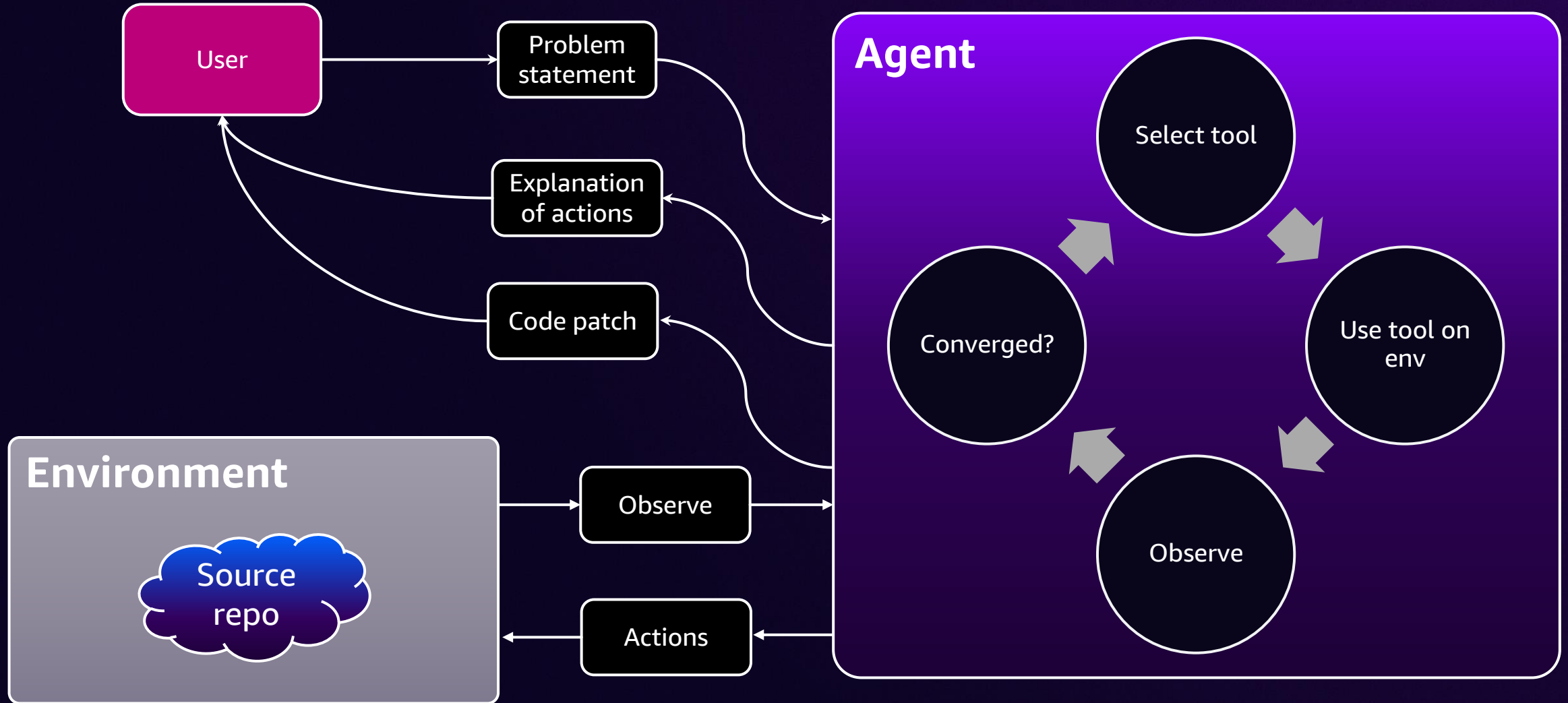
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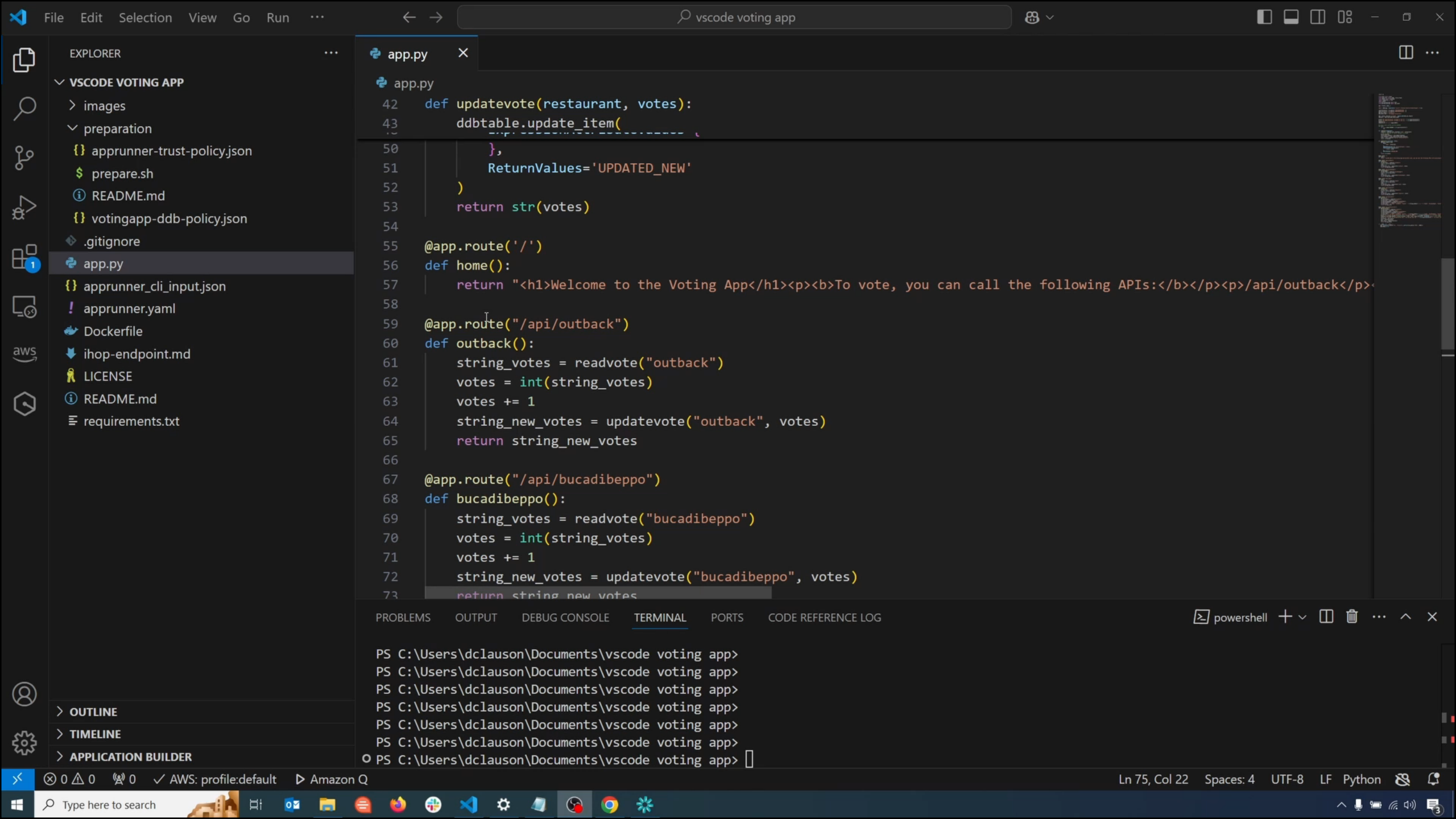


Q software development agent architecture



Q software development agent architecture





What's next for Amazon Q Developer agents



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NEW

Amazon Q Developer streamlines unit test generation

Automate the end-to-end
process of generating unit tests

GENERALLY AVAILABLE

Reduce developer time and
effort

Ship code more reliably with
better unit test coverage

Improve code reliability,
maintainability, and
effectiveness





votingapp-master



EXPLORER



✓ VOTINGAPP-MASTER

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Amazon Q Developer generates documentation

Speed up understanding of
your code base

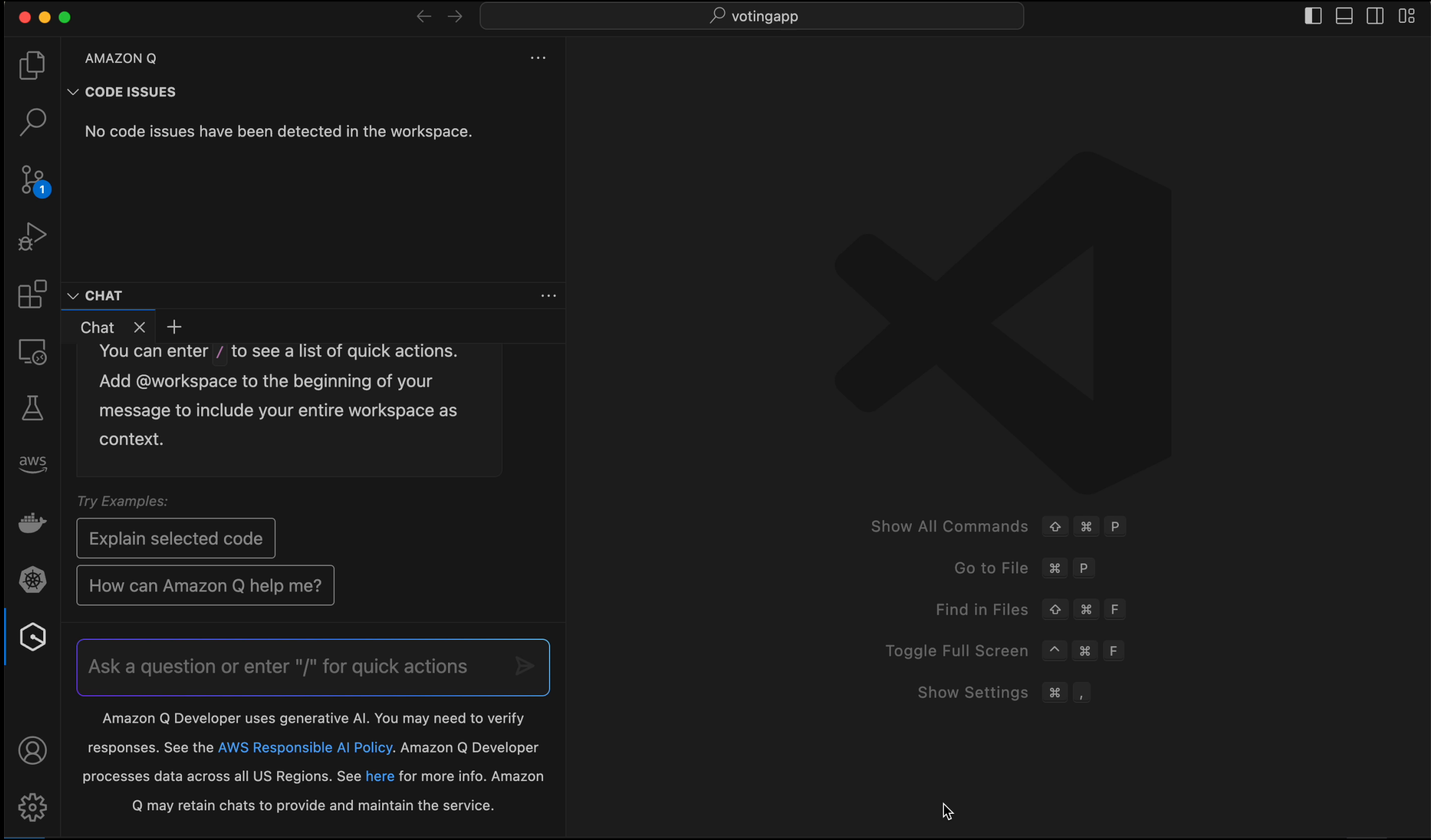
GENERALLY AVAILABLE TODAY

Easily keep projects well
documented for team mates

Onboard to new code bases in
a fraction of the time

Save hours while following
code quality best practices





NEW

Amazon Q Developer automates code reviews

Save time, improve code quality,
and ship with confidence

GENERALLY AVAILABLE TODAY

Automatically detect security
vulnerabilities and code
quality issues

Resolve issues in two clicks
instead of hours

Assess and remediate
deployment risk



AMAZON Q

CODE ISSUES

No code issues have been detected in the workspace.

CHAT

Chat × +

your entire workspace as context.

Try Examples:

Explain selected code

How can Amazon Q help me?

A



Amazon Q Developer uses generative AI. You may need to verify responses. See the [AWS Responsible AI Policy](#). Amazon Q Developer processes data across all US Regions. See [here](#) for more info. Amazon Q may retain chats to provide and maintain the service.

app.py M X

app.py > updatevote

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35 def readvote(restaurant):
39     json_response = json.loads(normalized_response)
40     votes = json_response["Item"]["restaurantcount"]
41     return str(votes)
42
43 def updatevote(restaurant, votes):
44     ddbtable.update_item(
45         Key={
46             'name': restaurant
47         },
48         UpdateExpression='SET restaurantcount = :value',
49         ExpressionAttributeValues={
50             ':value': votes
51         },
52         ReturnValues='UPDATED_NEW'
53     )
54     return str(votes)
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56 @app.route('/')
57 def home():
58     return "<h1>Welcome to the Voting App</h1><p><b>To vote, you can call the following APIs:</b></p><p>/a
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60 @app.route("/api/outback")
61 def outback():
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NEW

GitLab Duo with Amazon Q

AI-driven DevSecOps

NOW IN PREVIEW

Utilize Amazon Q Developer agents across the entire software development lifecycle right from GitLab

A seamless developer experience

Available for Self Managed Ultimate tier subscriptions



Project

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Issues

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Kyle authored 1 minute ago



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This is a [Next.js](#) project bootstrapped with [create-next-app](#).

Getting Started



☆ Star

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Project information

🔗 1 Commit

🔗 1 Branch

🔗 0 Tags

📄 199 KiB Project Storage

📄 README

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+ Add CHANGELOG

+ Add CONTRIBUTING

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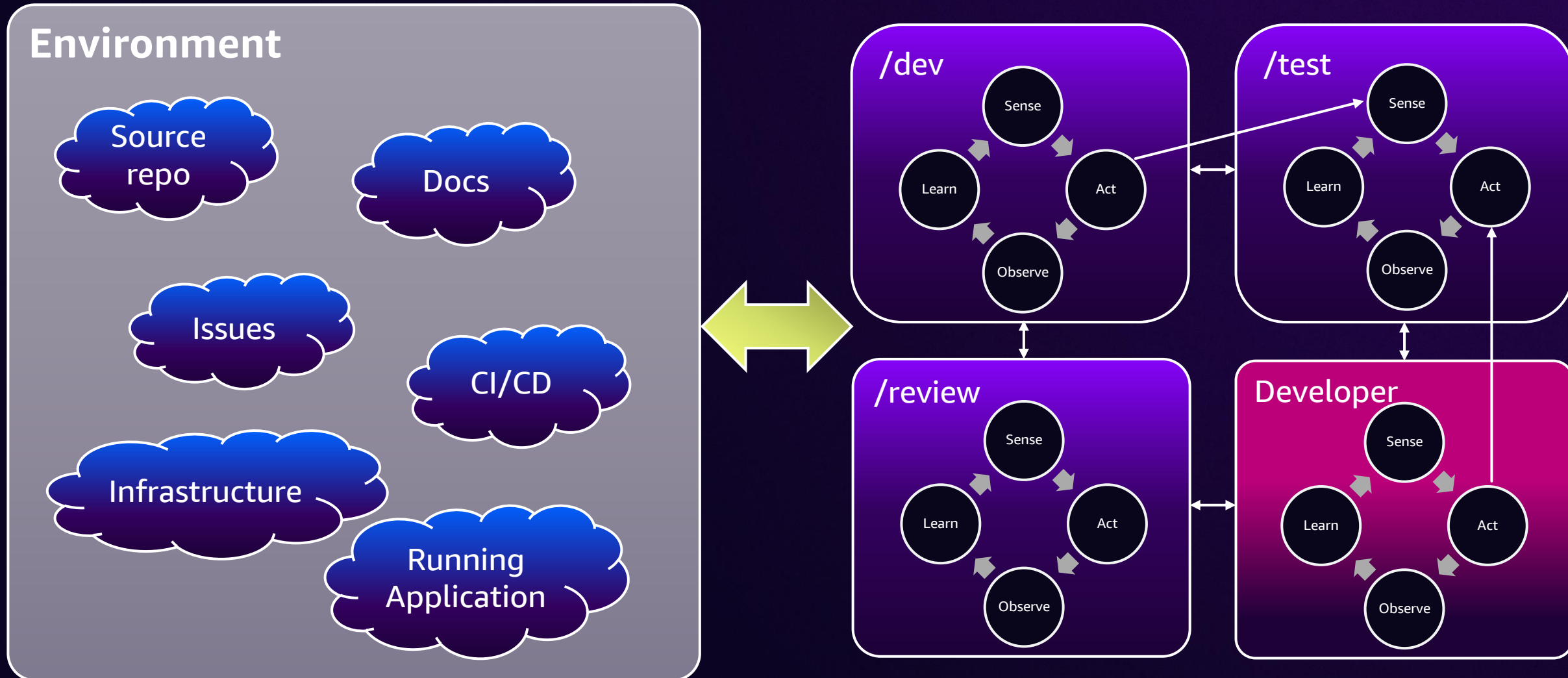
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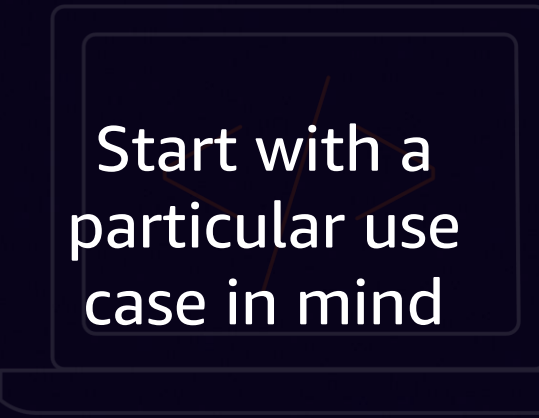
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Agents working together



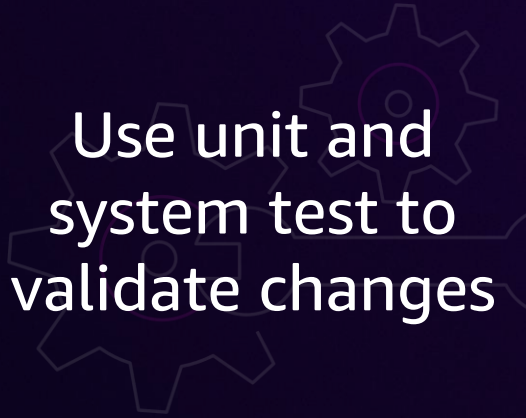
Best practices using Amazon Q Developer agents



Start with a particular use case in mind



Merge agents into your daily workflows



Use unit and system test to validate changes



Measure outcomes

Take the next steps



**Install the Q extension
inside your IDE or use
GitLab**



**Explore the agent
capabilities**



Let's go build!

Thank you!

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