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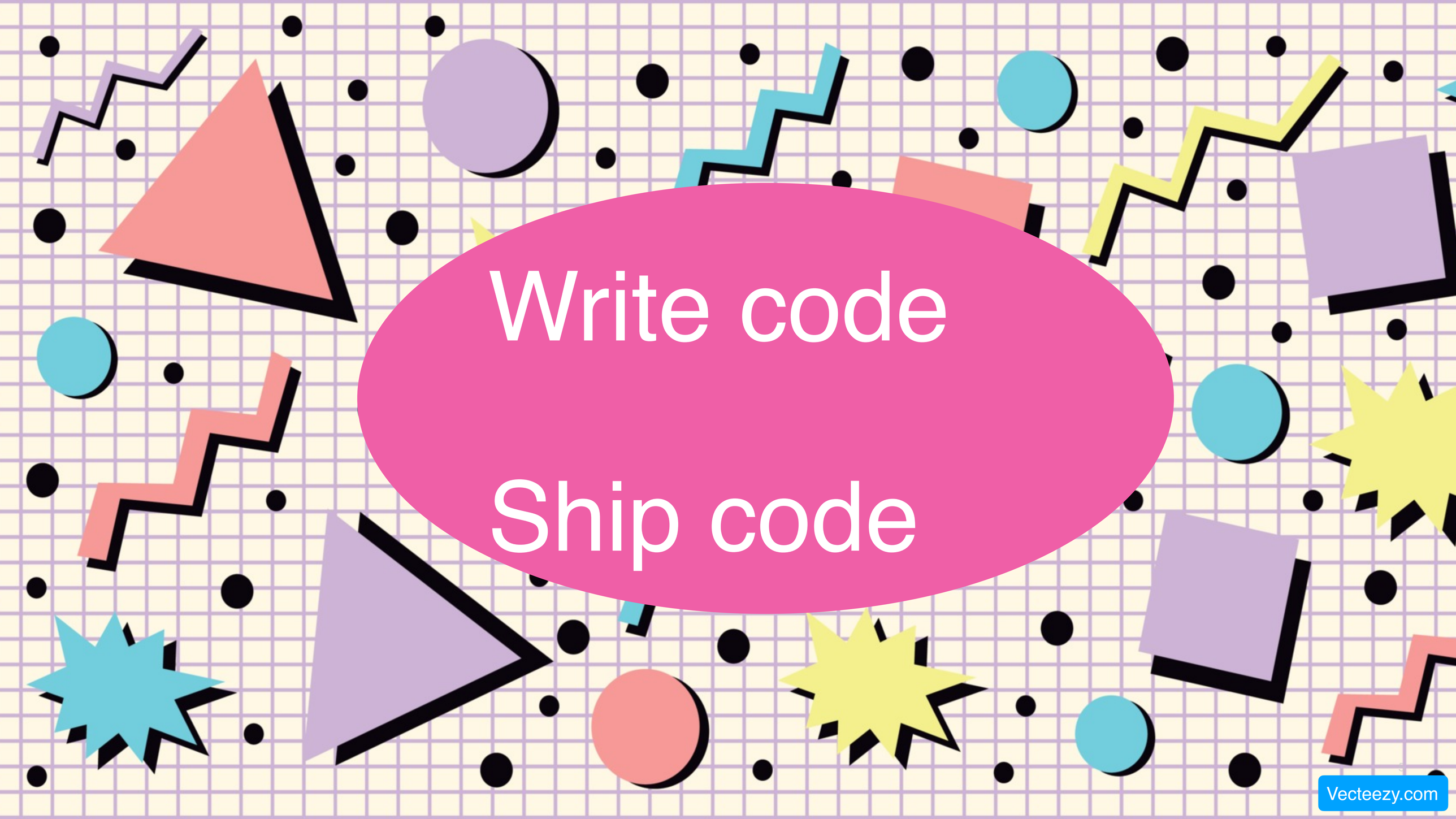
Write code

Ship code



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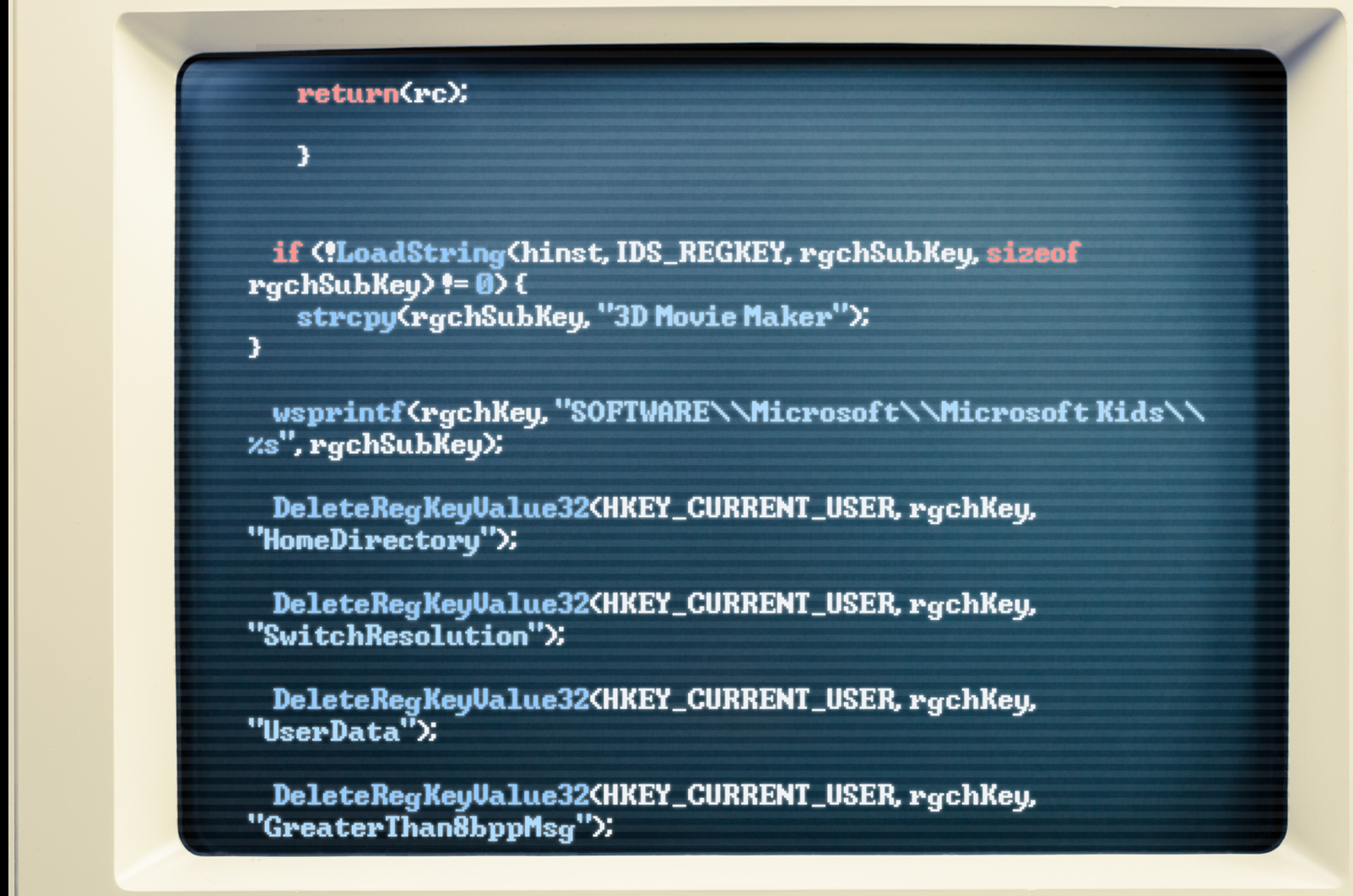

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    return(rc);

    }


  if (!LoadString(hinst, IDS_REGKEY, rgchSubKey, sizeof
rgchSubKey) != 0) {
    strcpy(rgchSubKey, "3D Movie Maker");
}

  wsprintf(rgchKey, "SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Microsoft Kids\\
%s", rgchSubKey);

  DeleteRegKeyValue32(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, rgchKey,
"HomeDirectory");

  DeleteRegKeyValue32(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, rgchKey,
"SwitchResolution");

  DeleteRegKeyValue32(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, rgchKey,
"UserData");

  DeleteRegKeyValue32(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, rgchKey,
"GreaterThan8bppMsg");
```

Microsoft
Disk 1 - Setup
MS-DOS Series
Disk format: High-density (1.44 MB)
Version 6.22
Setup Instructions:
1. Have two blank disks ready for installation.
2. Exit Windows.
3. Insert this disk in drive A or drive B.
4. Type a:setup or b:setup and press ENTER.
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Operating System Upgrade
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Upgrade
Disk 1 - Setup
Windows Series
Disk format: High-density (DMF)
Setup Instructions:
1. Start Microsoft Windows.
2. Insert Disk 1 - Setup in drive A.
3. In Program Manager, click File, and then click Run.
4. Type a:\setup and press ENTER.
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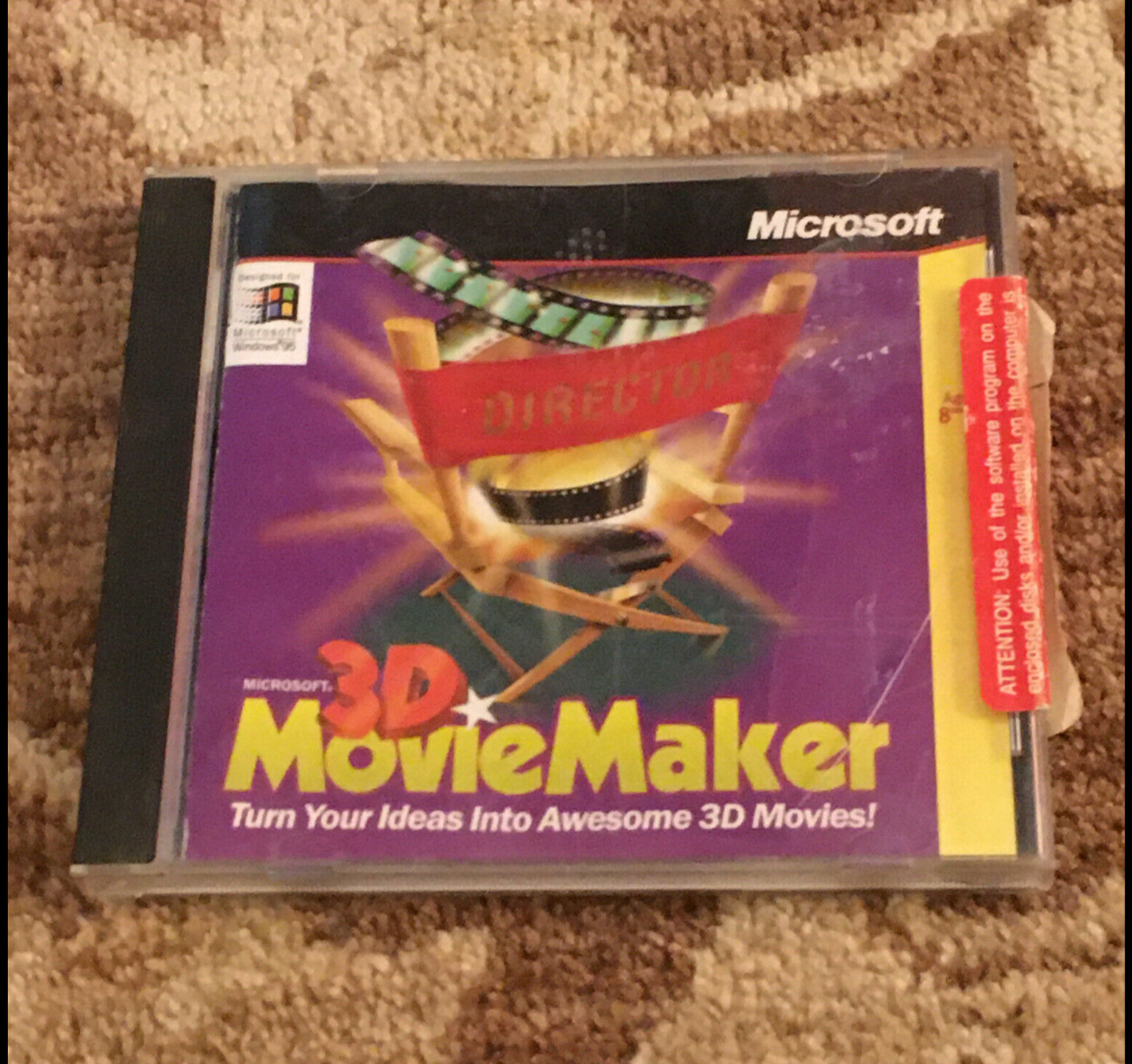
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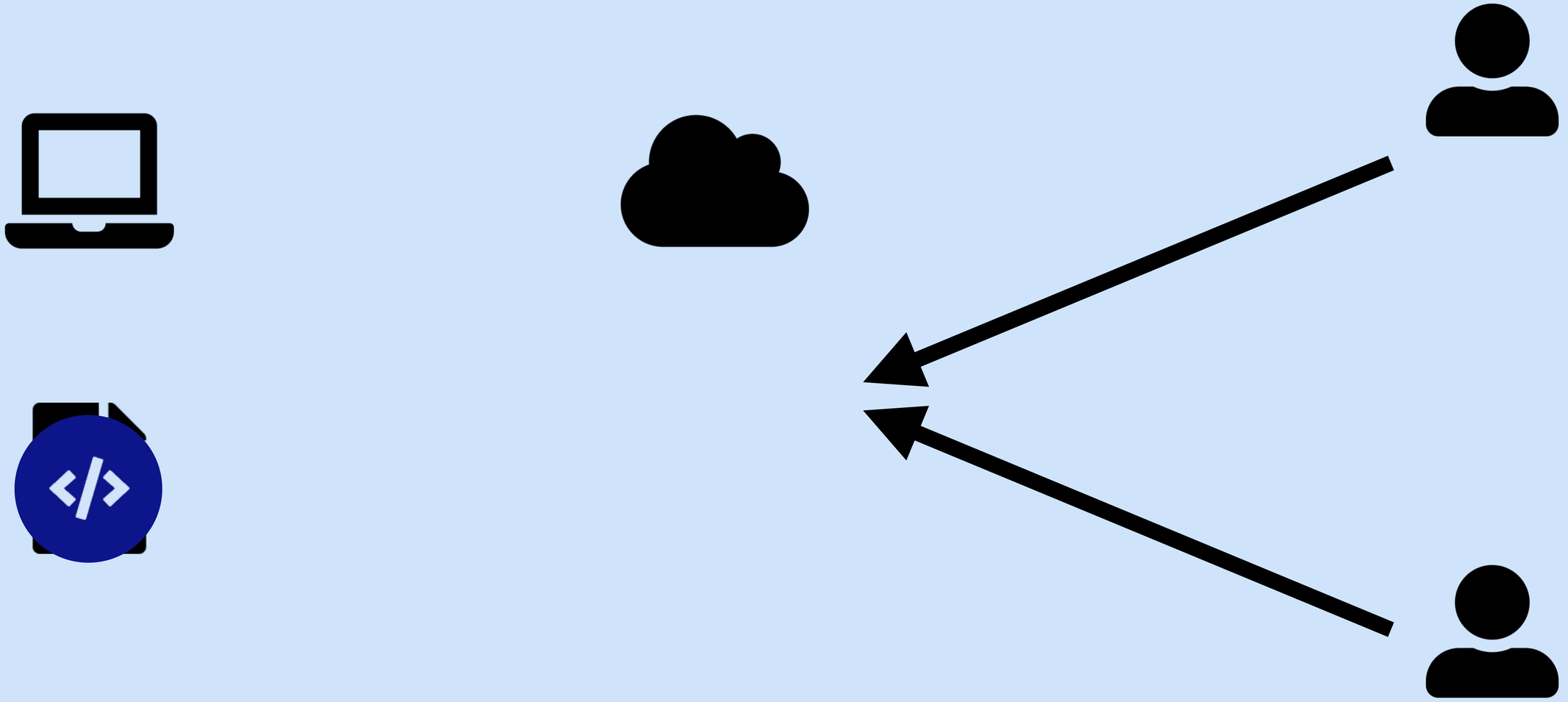
What it means to ship an app

How ClassPass has evolved our process

How you can design your process

What it means to ship an app

Deploying web code



Deploying app code

Their Businesses Went Virtual. Then Apple Wanted a Cut.

After Airbnb and ClassPass began selling virtual classes because of the pandemic, Apple tried to collect its commission on the sales.

CNBC

Apple removes police-tracking app used in Hong Kong protests from its app store

Apple's 'unwritten rules' spark discontent for some app developers

Bloomberg

Match Sues Google Over App Store Billing Rules

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Apple won’t let Facebook tell users about 30-percent Apple tax on events

Facebook says “small businesses will keep 100% of the revenue” on Android.

userwithhighexpectations, 08/01/2019

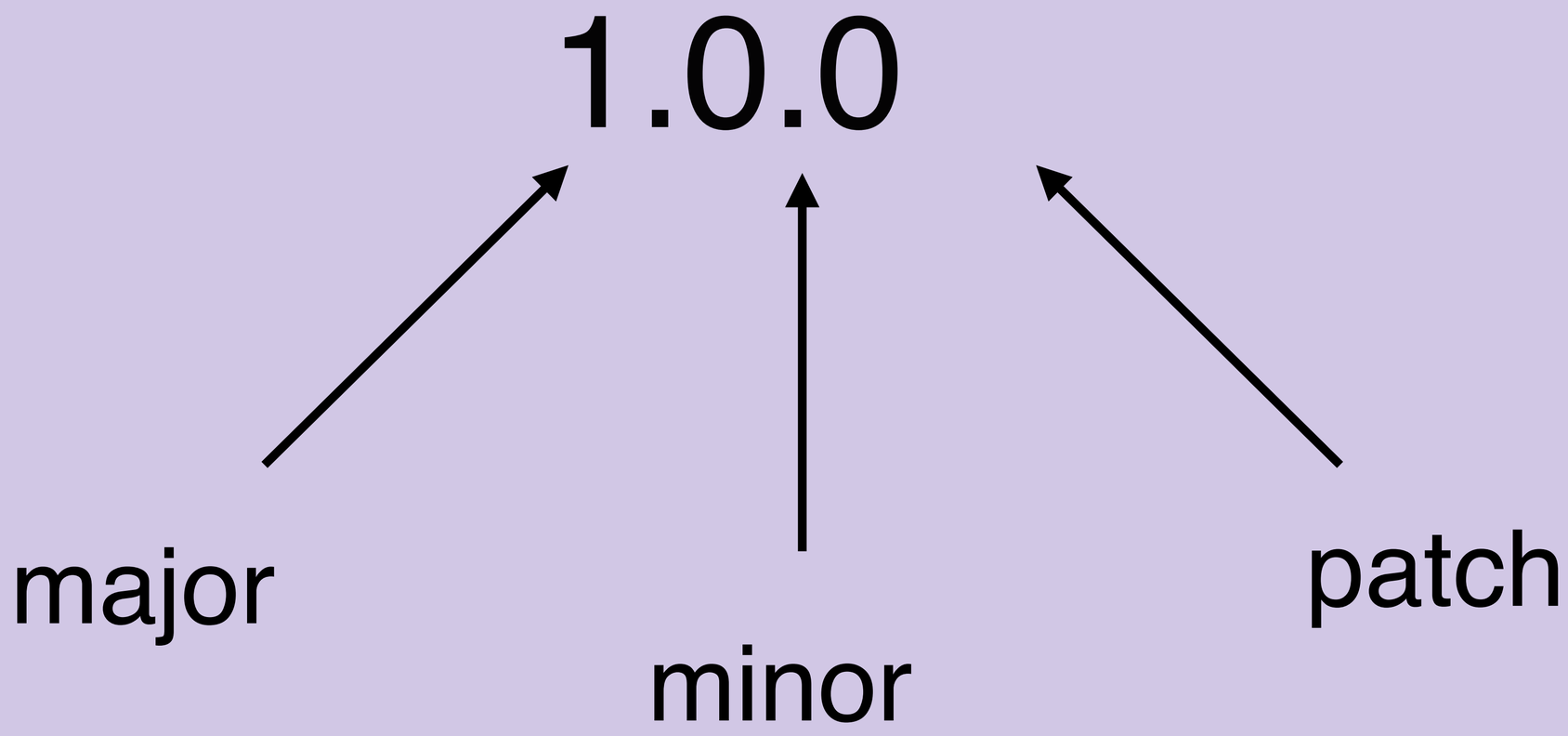
Would be 5 stars

...if it weren't for that one pesky bug that only affects me!

What can we do about it?

Start small

1.0.0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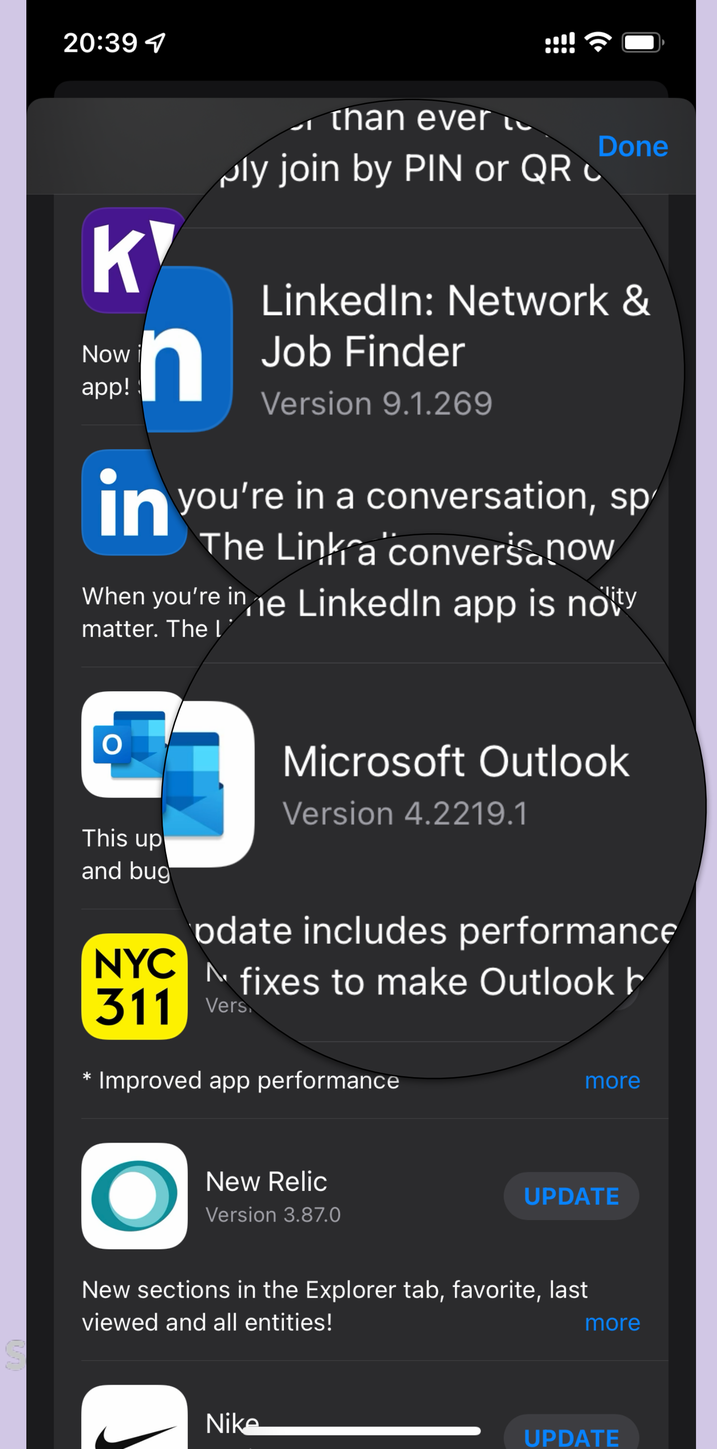
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Microsoft Outlook
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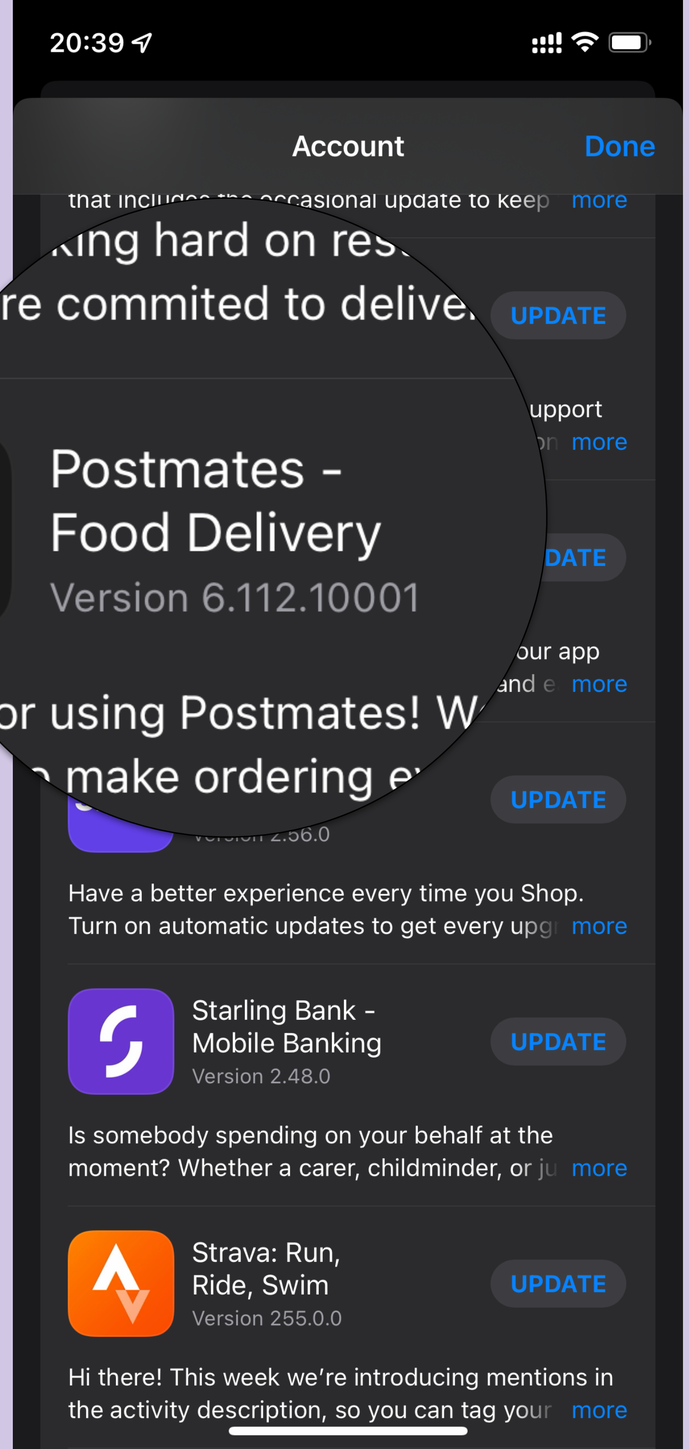
UPDATE
New sections in the Explorer tab, favorite, last viewed and all entities!
more
Nike
UPDATE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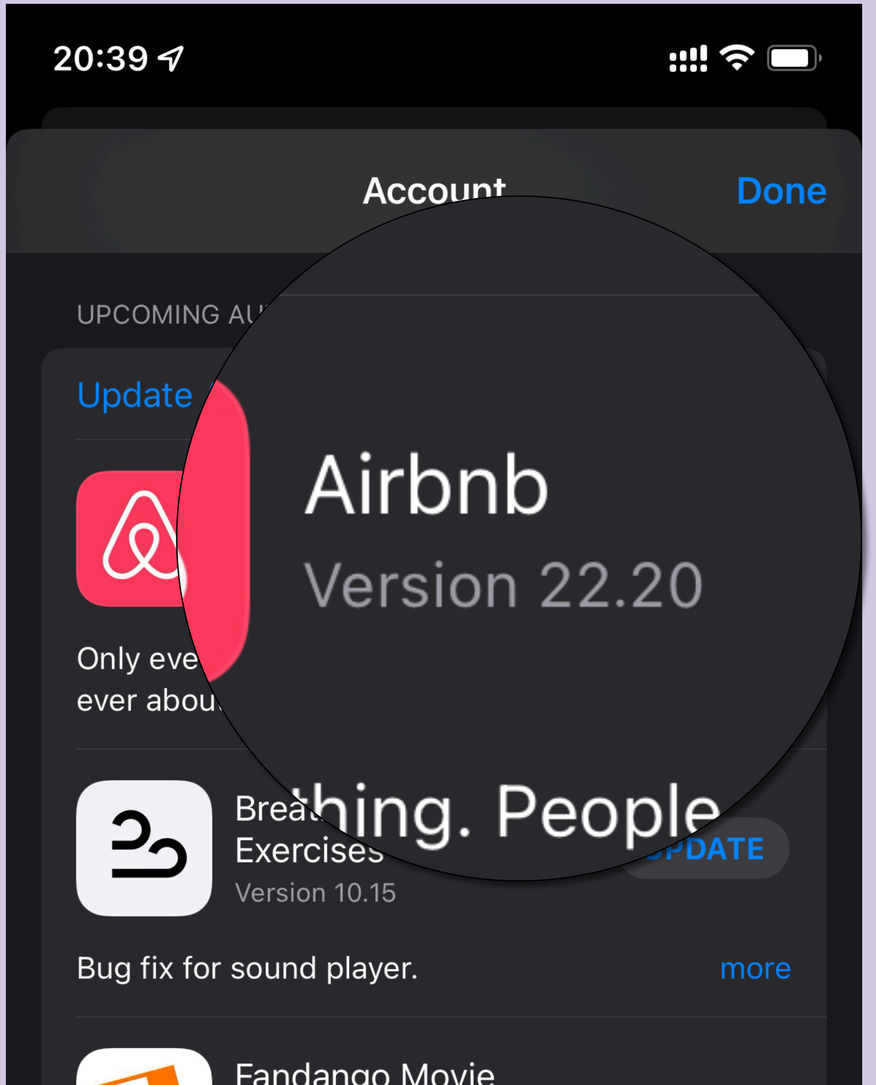
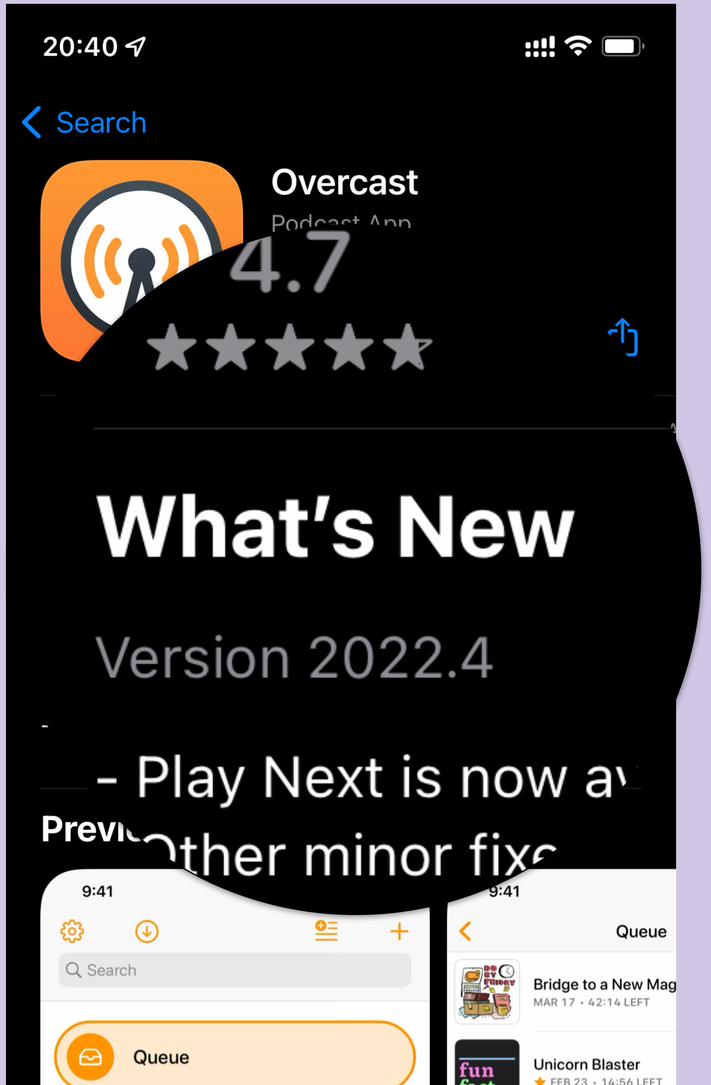
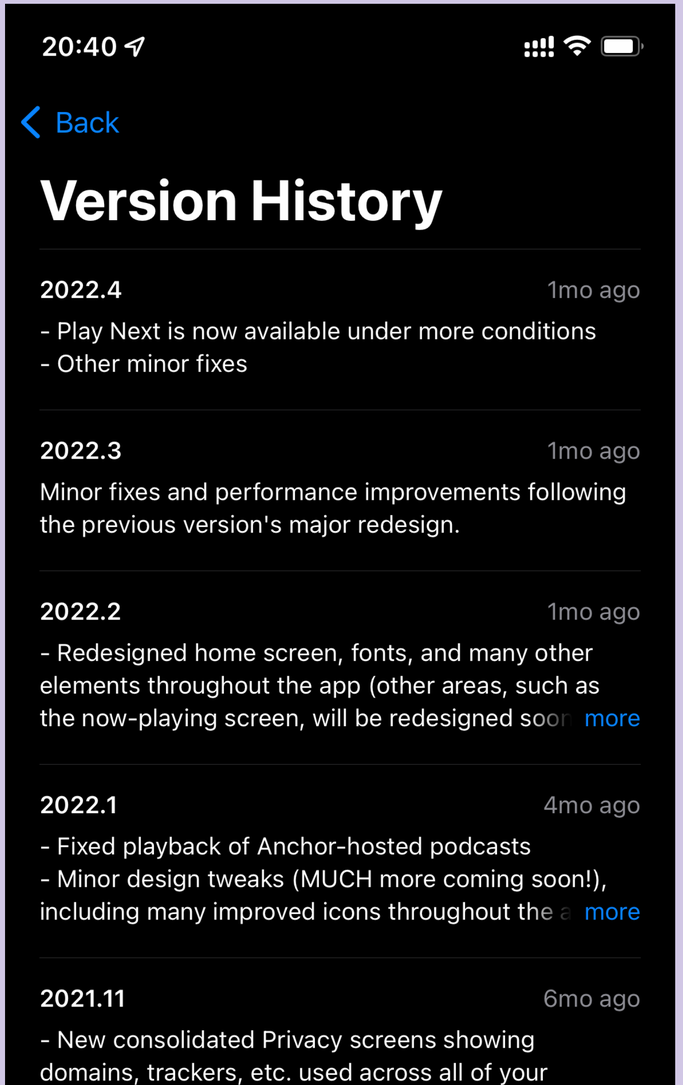
UPDATE
Postmates - Food Delivery
Version 6.112.10001
Have a better experience every time you Shop. Turn on automatic updates to get every upg
more
Starling Bank - Mobile Banking
Version 2.48.0
UPDATE
Is somebody spending on your behalf at the moment? Whether a carer, childminder, or ju
more
Strava: Run, Ride, Swim
Version 255.0.0
UPDATE
Hi there! This week we're introducing mentions in the activity description, so you can tag your
more

Versioning strategy







Branching strategy

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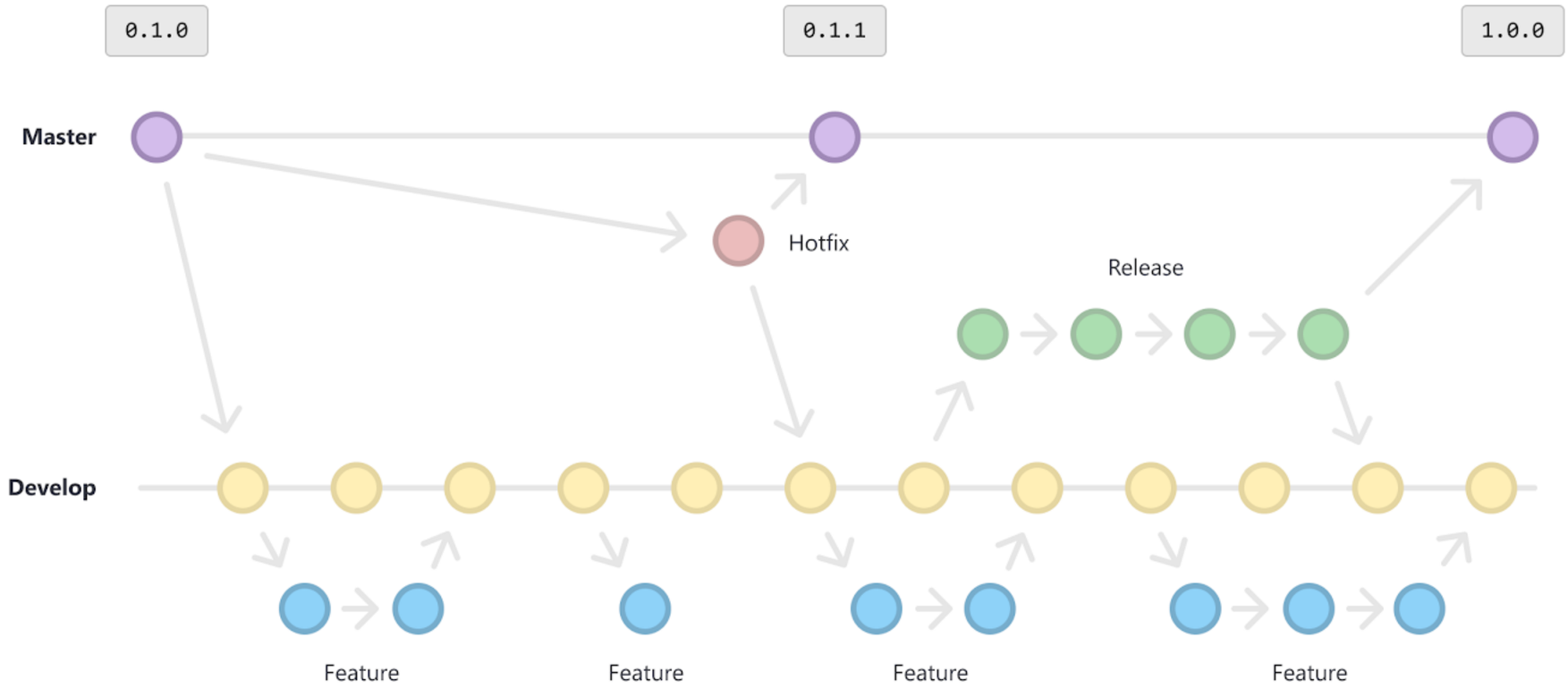
GitFlow



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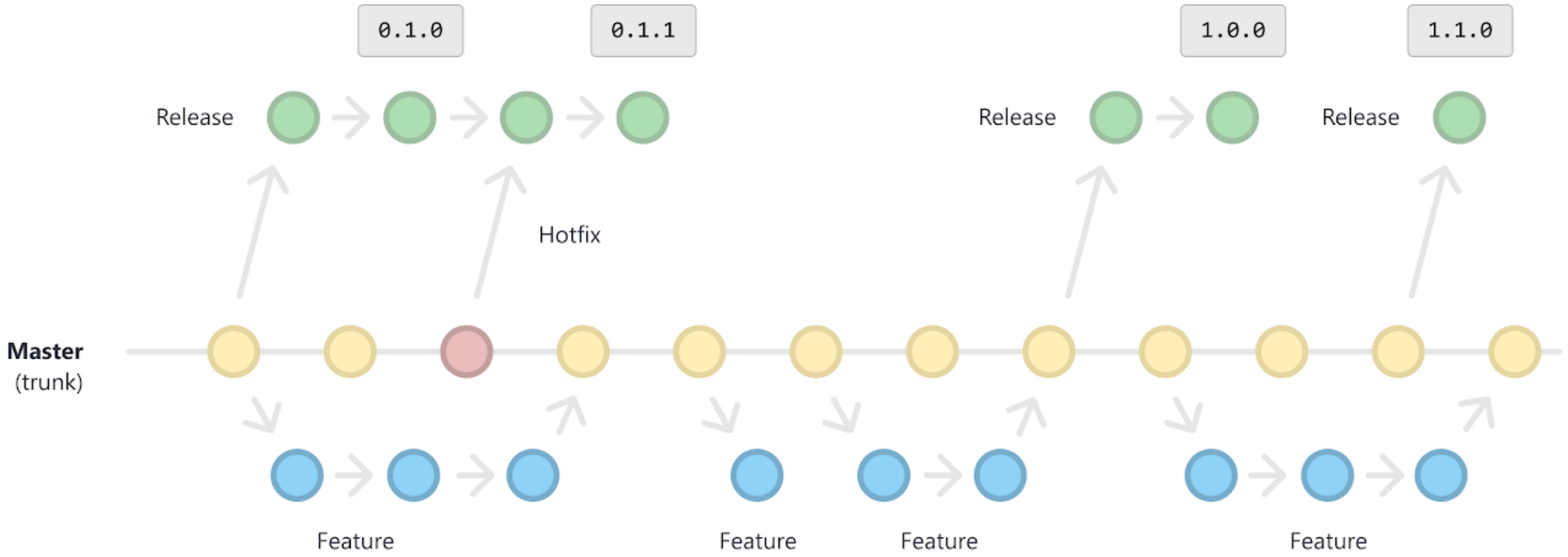
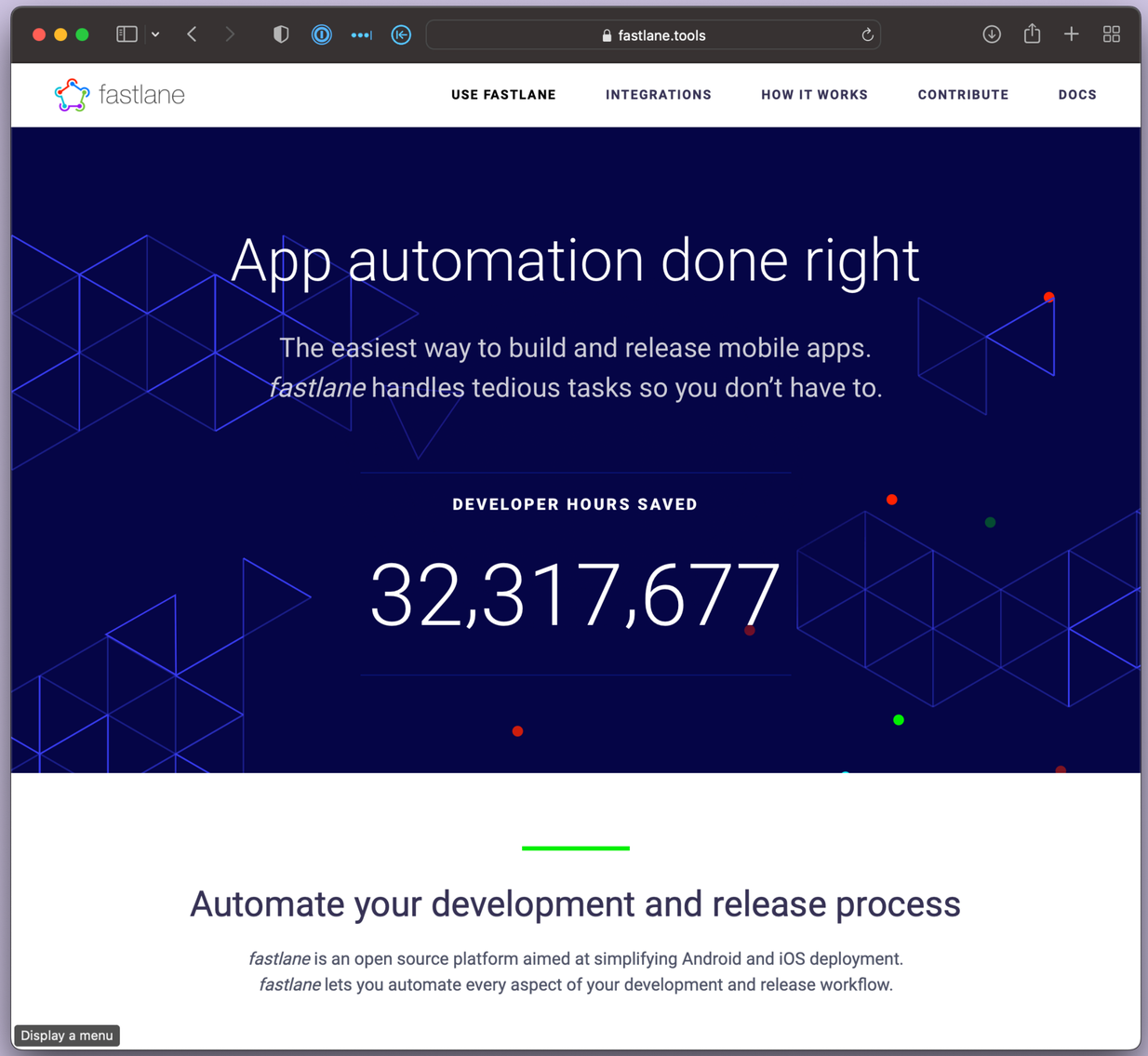
Trunk



Automate some stuff

fastlane

fastlane.tools



Introduce process as you go

Create a release checklist ✅

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Release Checklist

Blue text indicates an iOS specific task.
Green text indicates an Android specific task.

{platform} - {version} - {engineer name}

Pre-Release Checklist

- [x] ~~Ensure you have a task in your sprint with 5 story points.~~
- [ ] Pin this into **#topic-release-[ios|android]** and remove old release pins.
- [ ] Ensure you communicate in **#guild-mobile** the Release Branch creation date a couple days before you create the Release Branch. A release is great news and the entire team loves to hear about it.
- [ ] Sync with your PM if we need to update the app Description. If needed, your PM will own the English copy and translations.
- [ ] Ensure Pull Requests for your version are merged into **develop**.
- [ ] Ensure no JIRA tickets with this fix version are in Needs QA or Dev Complete
- [ ] Create the release branch using the release script.
    - [ ] Ensure version bump PR has been merged into **develop**
- [ ] Slack folks who contributed features to this release to test their feature on the RC
- [ ] Release TestFlight build for QA through AppStore Connect, this is required to test ApplePay at the moment.
    - [ ] For questions related to “Does your app use encryption?” select ‘Yes’.
    - [ ] For questions related to “Does your app qualify...” select ‘Yes’.
    - [ ] For questions related to “Have you added or...” select ‘No’.

Post-Release Checklist

- [x] ~~Update Mobile Release Planning doc with release date~~
- [ ] Send email to engineering@classpass.com and mnakano@classpass.com once we’ve rolled out to 100% with the release notes, see this template.
- [ ] Check metrics in Firebase Crashlytics for performance and adoption
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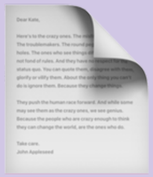
- [ ] Create tickets for crashes that have been introduced in this version and update the release channel to indicate crash free users from Firebase for the next 3 days. For example: **5.5.0 - Rolled out to 10% (98.1% crash free users)- Owner: Neil**
    - [ ] Day 1 after release
    - [ ] Day 2 after release
    - [ ] Day 3 after release
- [ ] Ensure user no-crash rate is higher than 99%
    - [ ] If user no-crash rate is lower than 99% create hotfix
    - [ ] Create JIRA tickets in the appropriate boards for any new crashes
- [ ] Inform **#guild-mobile** of the good news/bad news
- [ ] If this release is time sensitive, you can release fully after at LEAST 1 day of no crashes. If not time sensitive, coordinate with Product to determine how much longer to wait until full release.
- [ ] Updated Checklist document (this document) with possible improvements

Create a planning sheet 

Create a planning sheet 📄

Platform	Version	Release Manager	Code Complete	Branch Cut	Regression Testing	Target Submit	Target Release	ACTUAL Submit	ACTUAL Release	Type/Time Sensitive?	Description
iOS	7.8.0	Bassel / Jess	Fri 4/15/22	Wed 4/20/22	Wed 4/20/22	Mon 4/25/22	Tue 4/26/22	Wed 4/27/22	Mon 5/2/22		- Home SwiftUI Polish [Activation] - Native Immediate Trial Upgrade Add Credits Tab [Growth]
iOS	7.8.1	Zach						Wed 5/11/22	Thu 5/12/22		- MiniCardViewModel Crash Hotfix
Android	5.32.0	Clayton lead / Lillian Stephen supporting	Fri 4/22/22	Tue 4/26/22	Wed 4/27/22	Fri 4/29/22	Mon 5/2/22		Fri 5/6/22	Rollout paused	- Some Home Analytics [Activation]
Android	5.32.1	Stephen									- Home List Fragment Crash - App Freezes on Keyword Search when it enters an error s
iOS	7.9.0	Jorge / Lillian	Fri 5/6/22	Tue 5/10/22	Wed 5/11/22	Fri 5/13/22	Mon 5/16/22	Mon 5/16/22	Fri 5/20/22		- New Profile Screen [Activation] - Accessibility [N+1]
Android	5.33.0	Richard / Dan	Fri 5/13/22	Tue 5/17/22	Wed 5/18/22	Fri 5/20/22	Mon 5/23/22				- Some Home Analytics [Activation] - Search spot filter [N+1] - Native Immediate Trial Upgrade Add Credits Tab [Growth]
iOS	7.10.0	Luis / Lillian	Fri 5/27/22	Tue 5/31/22	Wed 6/1/22	Fri 6/3/22	Mon 6/6/22				- Post-attendance [Activation][TBD] - Cancellation flow improvements [Growth][TBD] - Search spot filter [N+1][TBD]
Android	5.34.0	Rich / Madhu lead Lillian supporting	Fri 6/3/22	Tue 6/7/22	Wed 6/8/22	Fri 6/10/22	Mon 6/13/22				- Subset of post-attendance scope [Activation] - Quickbook modal [N+1][TBD] - New Profile Screen [Activation][TBD] - Cancellation flow improvements [Growth][TBD] - Spot filter modal [N+1]
Android	5.34.1	Richard									- Android 12 [TBD]
iOS	7.11.0	Irvin / Dan	Fri 6/17/22	Tue 6/21/22	Wed 6/22/22	Fri 6/24/22	Mon 6/27/22				- New sign up flow [Growth][TBD] - Availability in Search [N+1][TBD] - Quickbook modal [N+1][TBD] - Phase 1

Run regular retrospectives 🔄

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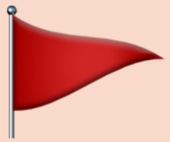
- Talk about your **feelings**
- Discuss **what's working** and **what isn't**
- Continuously **improve** your process
- Check out **retrospectivewiki.org** for format ideas

Release strategies

Release strategies 🚢

- **Feature** based releases ✨
  - Keep developing features, release when **ready**
- **Release train** 🚂
  - **Regular** release cadence
  - If feature isn’t ready in time, it misses the train and catches the next one

Tools to join the big leagues

Feature flags 

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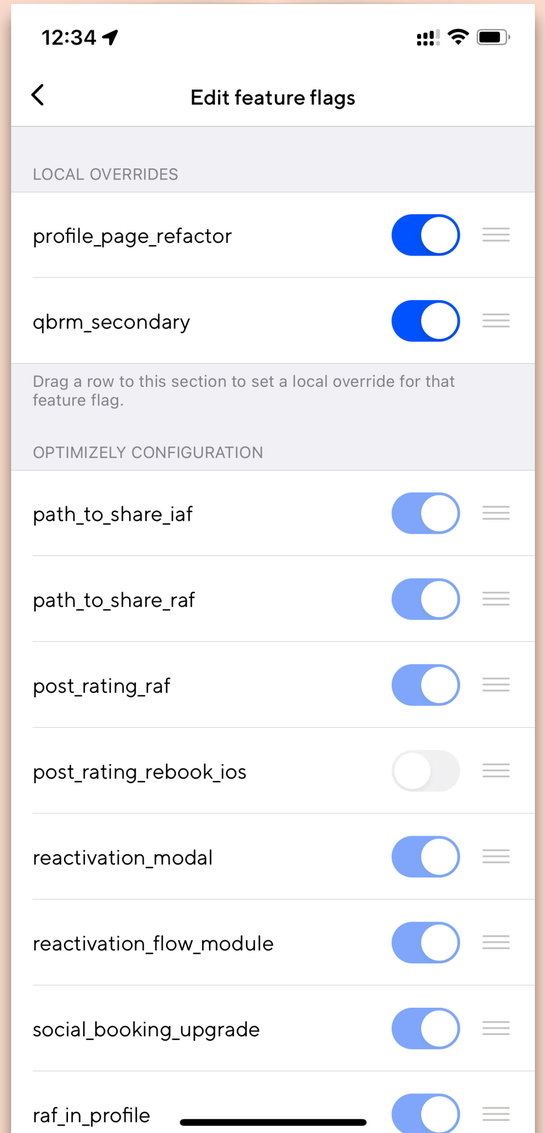

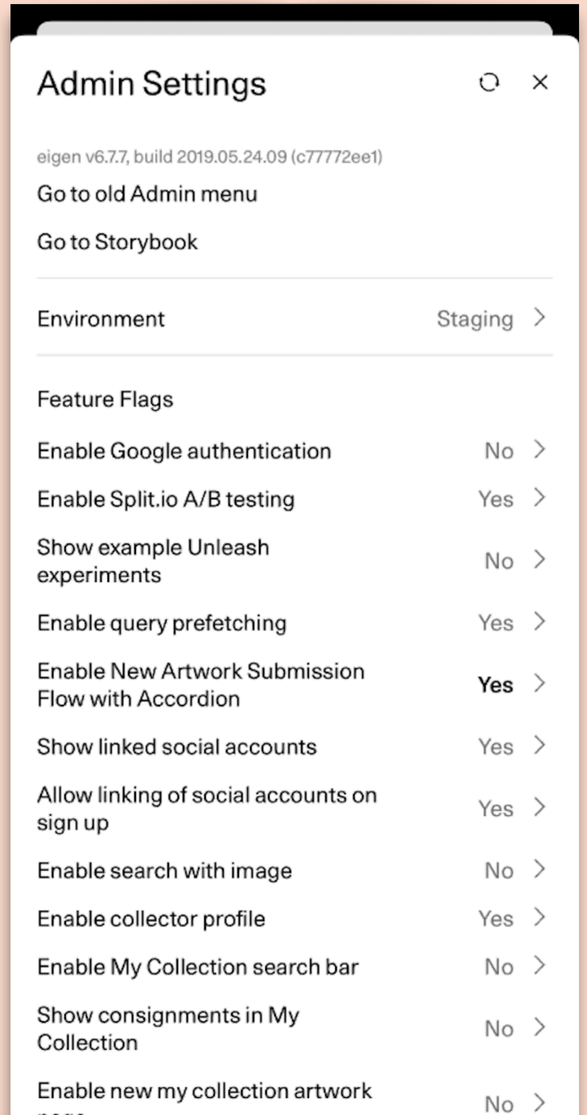

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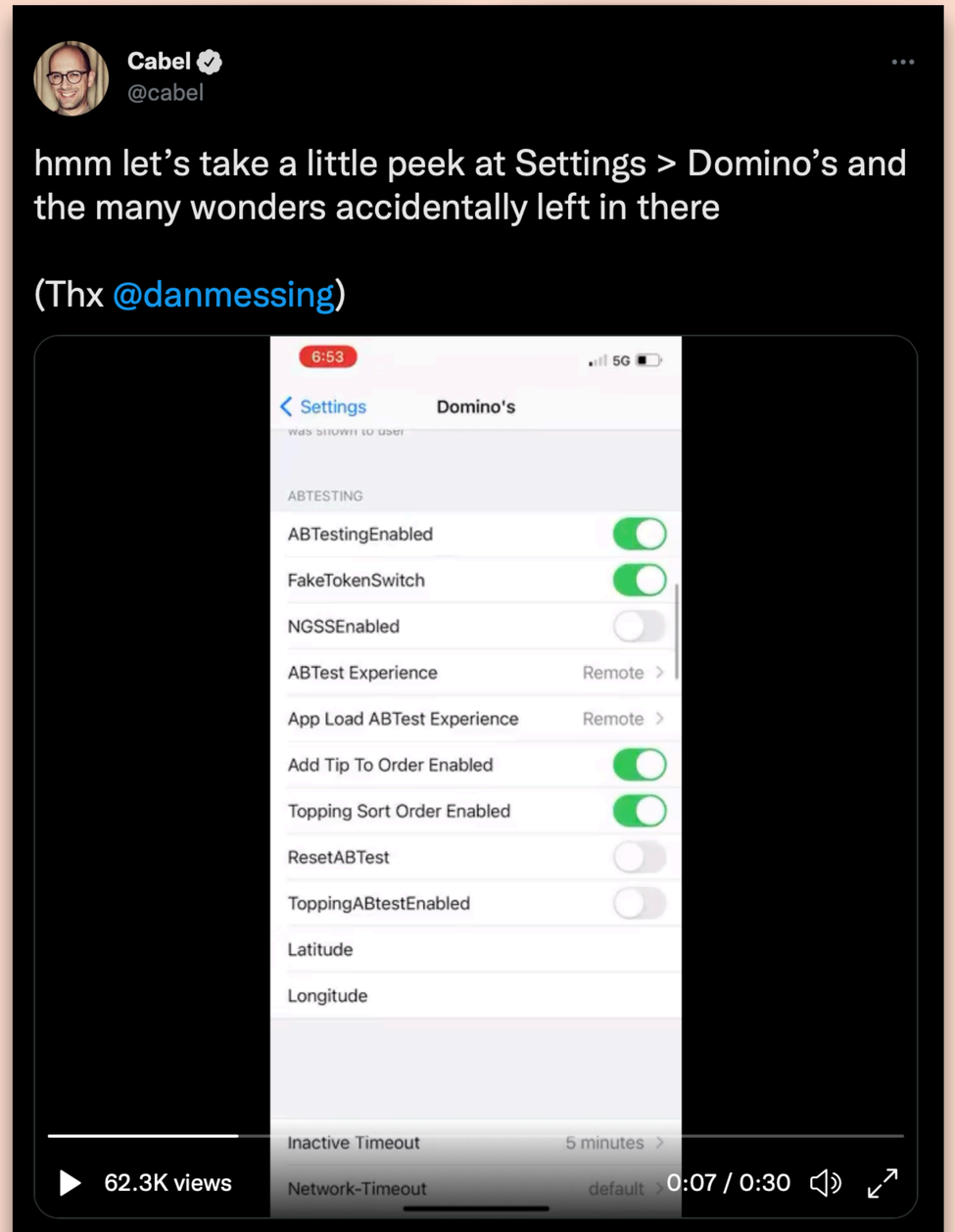

Server driven UI ☁️

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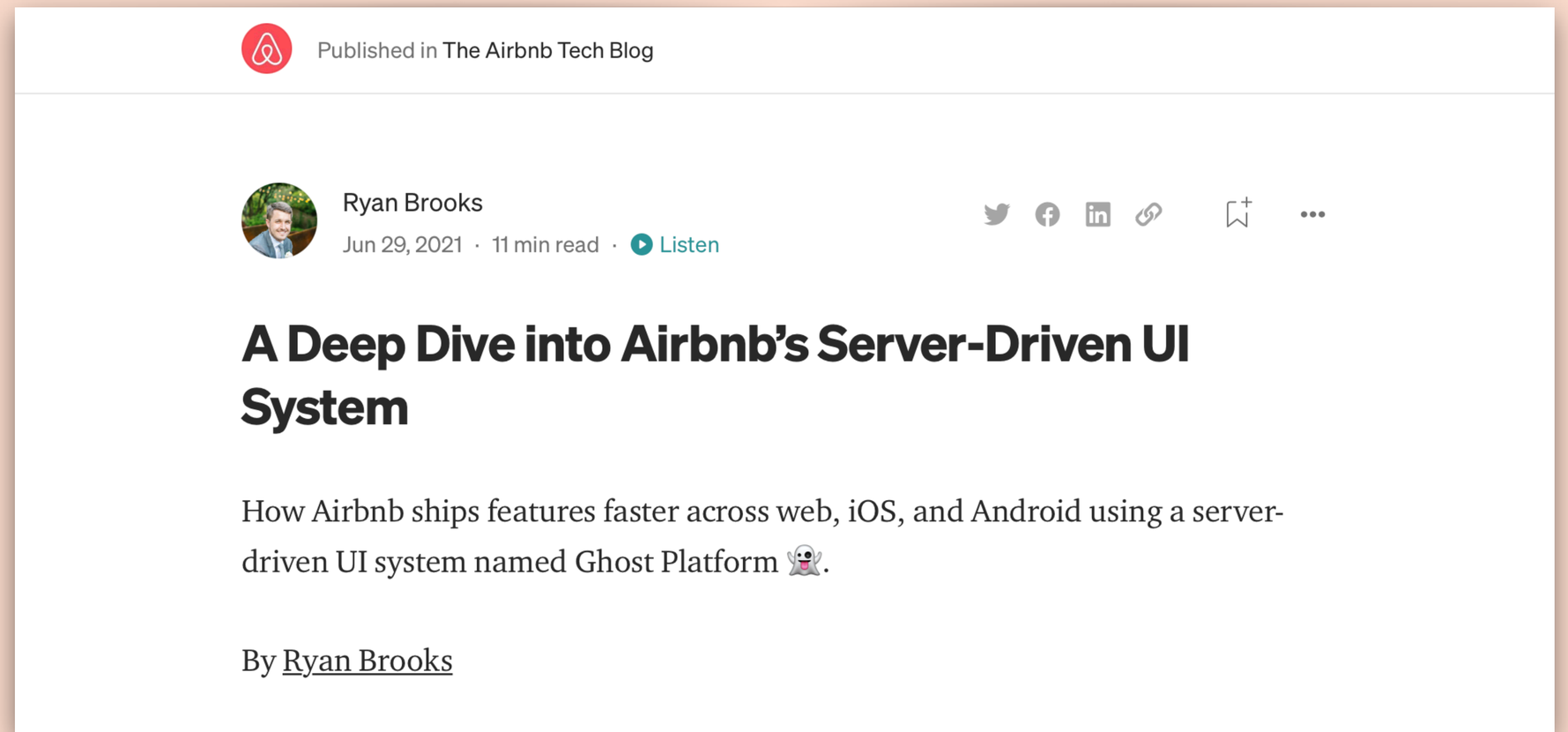

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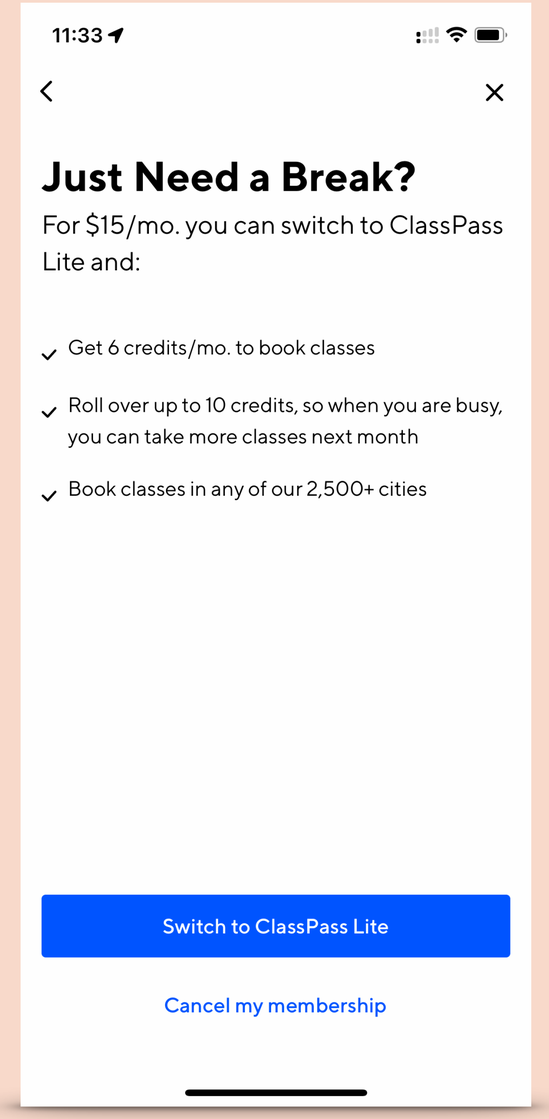
How Airbnb ships features faster across web, iOS, and Android using a server-driven UI system named Ghost Platform 👻.

By Ryan Brooks

ClassPass cancel flow

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  "subheader" : "For $15/mo. you can switch to ClassPass Lite and:",
  "ctas" : [
    {
      "message" : "Switch to ClassPass Lite",
      "type" : "button",
      "step_id" : "confirm-lite-plan",
      "spacing" : "spacing-large"
    },
    {
      "message" : "Cancel my membership",
      "type" : "link",
      "step_id" : "view-membership-benefits",
      "spacing" : "spacing-regular"
    }
  ],
  "items" : [
    {
      "message" : "Get 6 credits/mo. to book classes",
      "spacing" : "spacing-regular",
      "type" : "checkmark"
    },
    {
      "message" : "Roll over up to 10 credits, so when you are busy, you can take more classes next month",
      "spacing" : "spacing-regular",
      "type" : "checkmark"
    },
    {
      "message" : "Book classes in any of our 2,500+ cities",
      "spacing" : "spacing-regular",
      "type" : "checkmark"
    }
  ],
  "header" : "Just Need a Break?",
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}
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Build an internal tool

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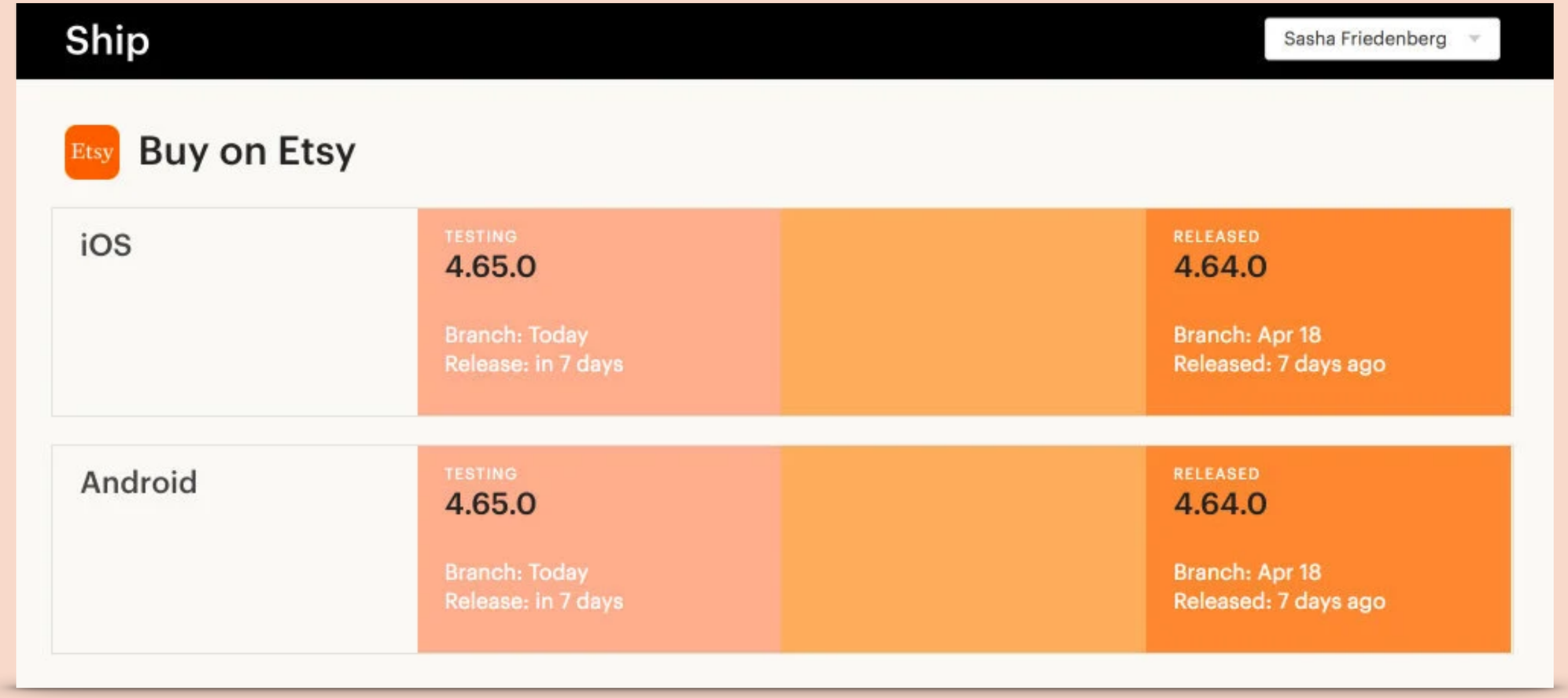

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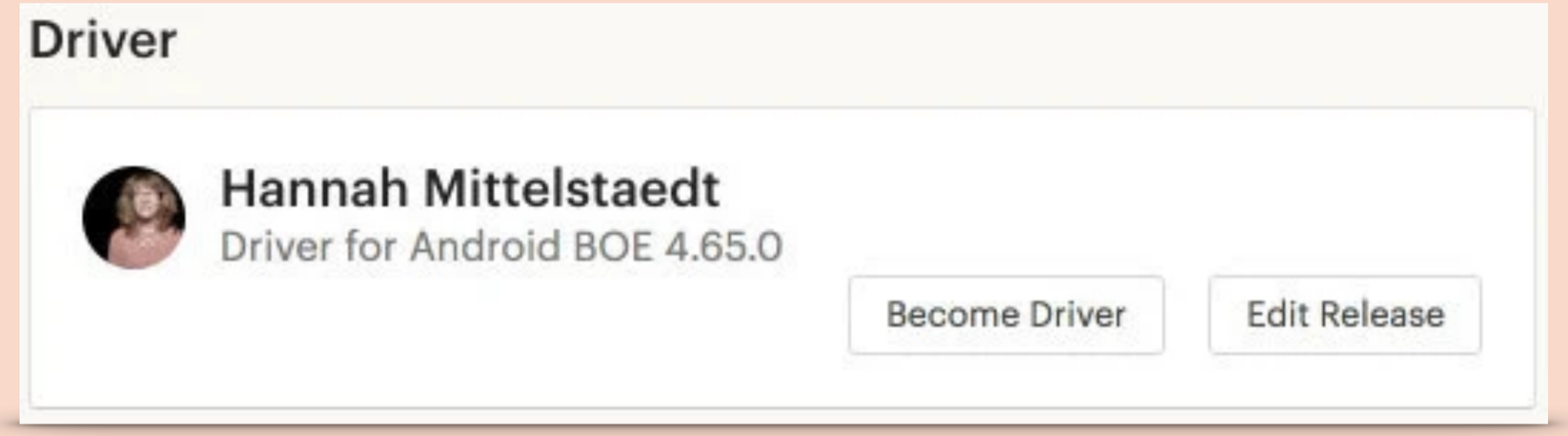

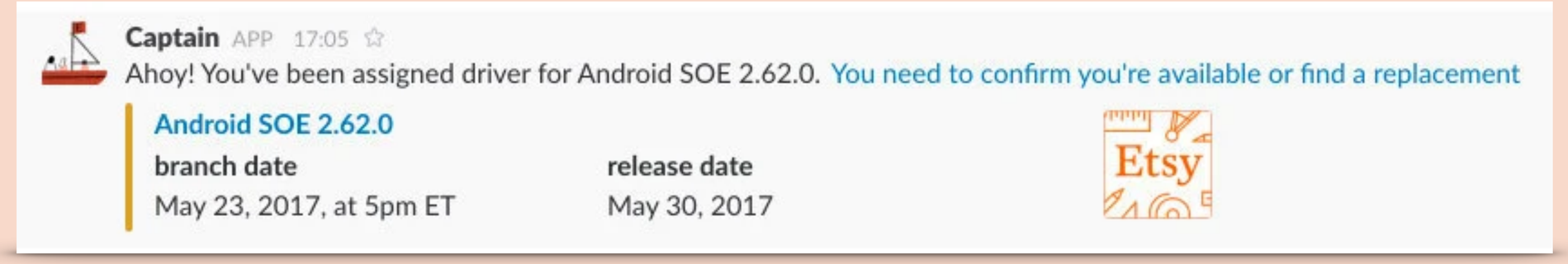

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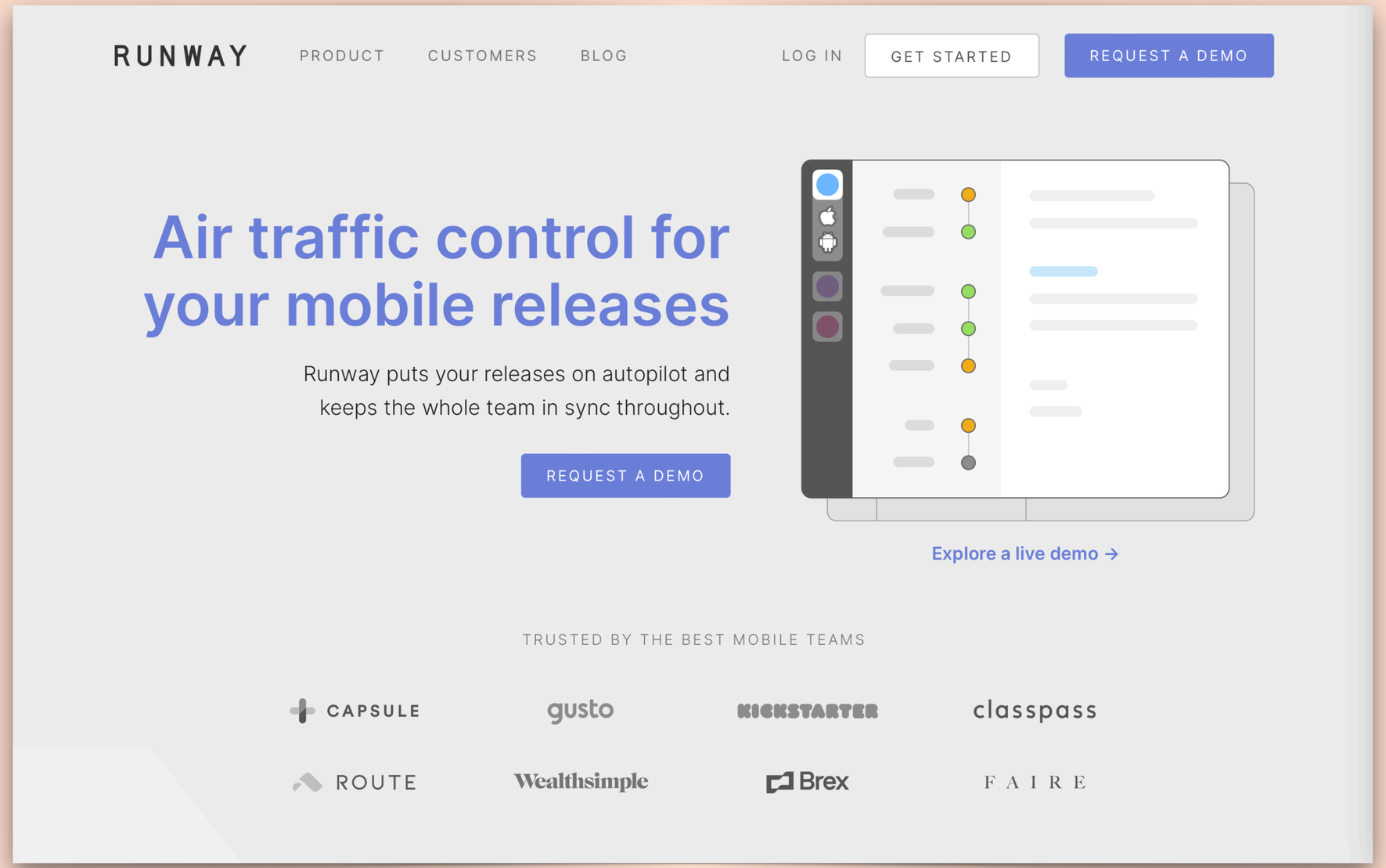

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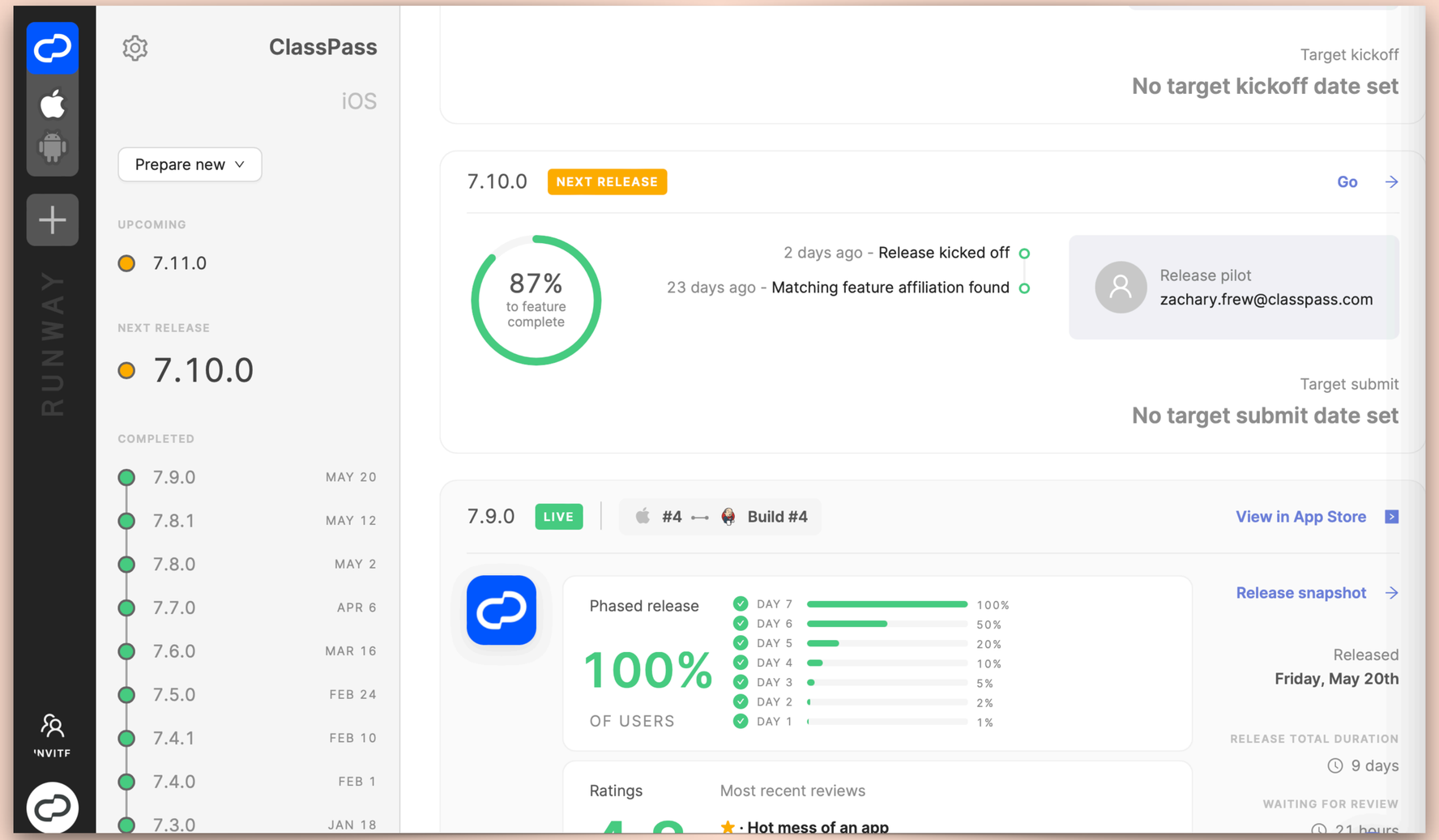

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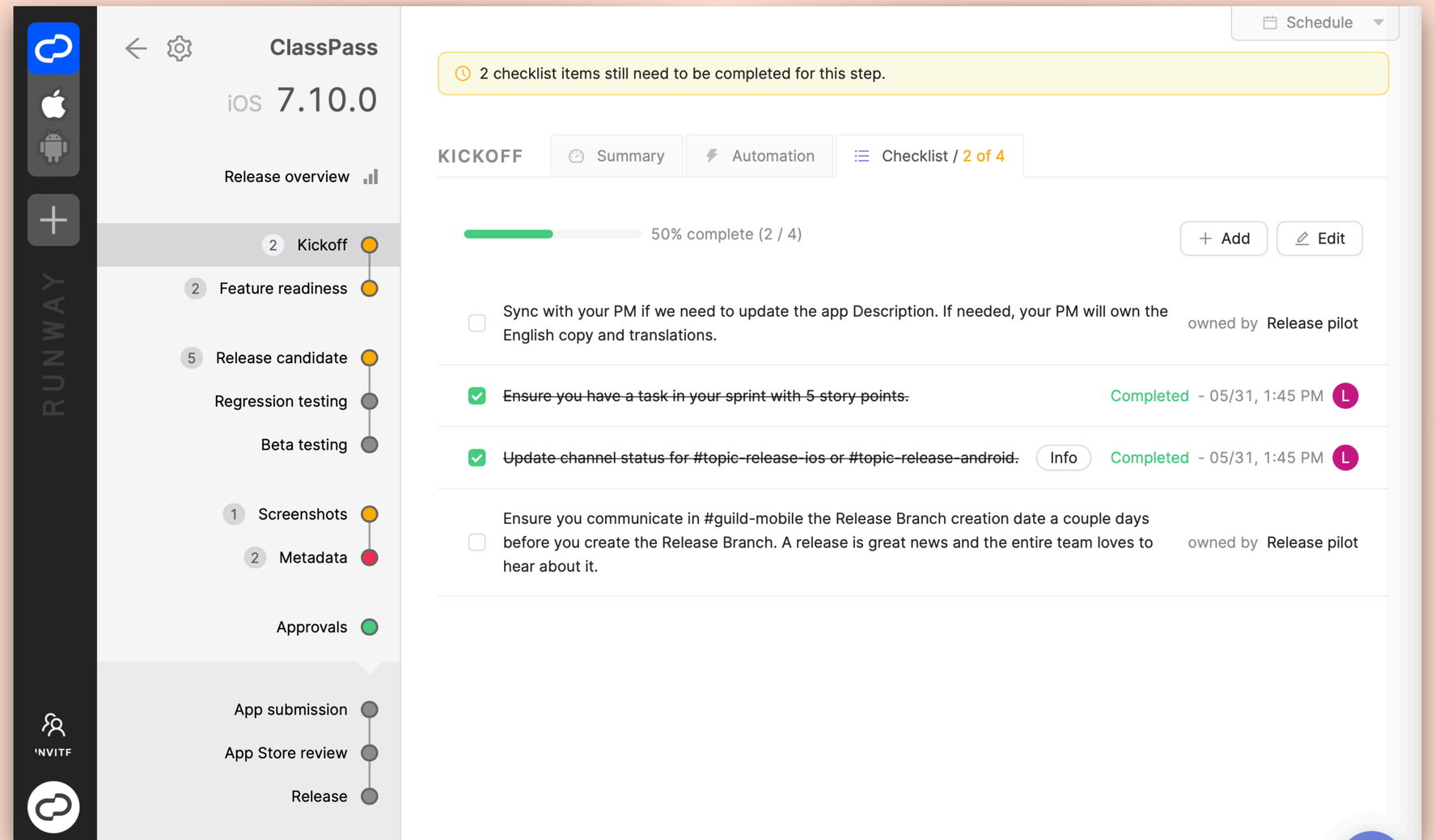

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Introduce process as you go

Add tooling where needed