

# Collecting and Interpreting Bug Metrics

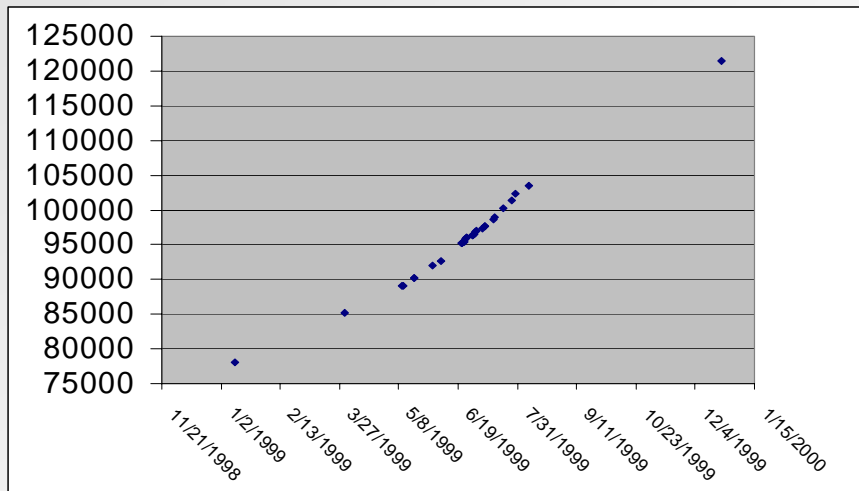
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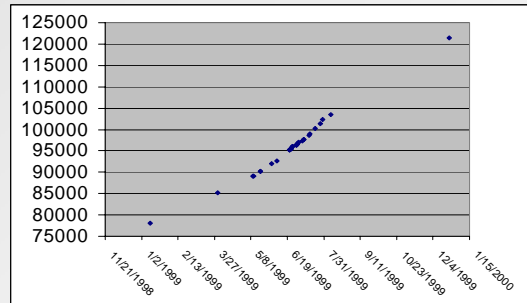
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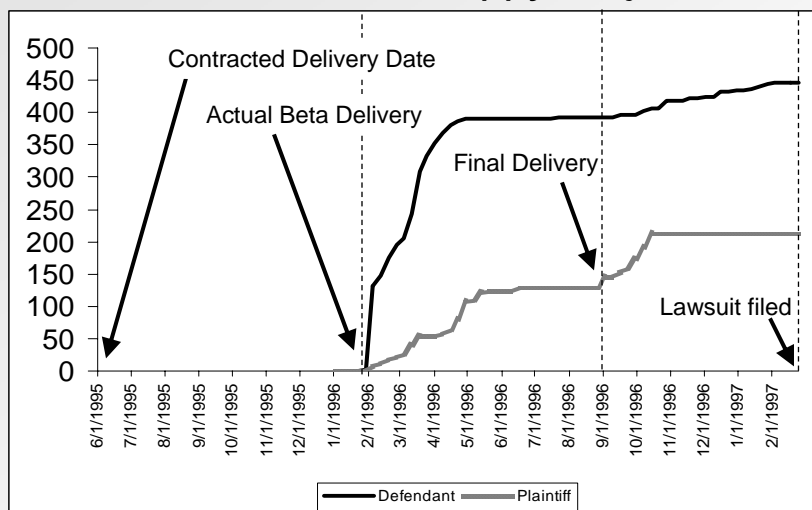


**Peak find rate  
185 bugs per day!**

**43,000 bugs reported  
during the project!**

## Smoking Gun Graph #2

*Reported vs. Reported By Over Time  
Portrait of a Sloppy Project*



## The Story of the Numbers

*Supported by depositions and project documents*

- The dates on the bugs indicate that bug tracking began in earnest in January of 1996, *seven months after the product was supposed to be completed.*
- Defendant released to Plaintiff at about the same moment they started testing it. *They did not test it before delivery.*
- Defendant performed serious testing for only two months, in February and March of '96. *Then testing ground to a halt.*
- Throughout the summer, they didn't work on the project (at least, they didn't test it and track bugs on it).
- When they restarted the project, they apparently delivered to Plaintiff without testing it first. Plaintiff then began reporting bugs at a high rate until they apparently gave up.

## Why Care About Metrics?

- You want to control your projects.
- You want to predict what will happen next.
- **You have questions about your projects.**
- You don't want to be a victim of bad metrics.

## What is a Bug?

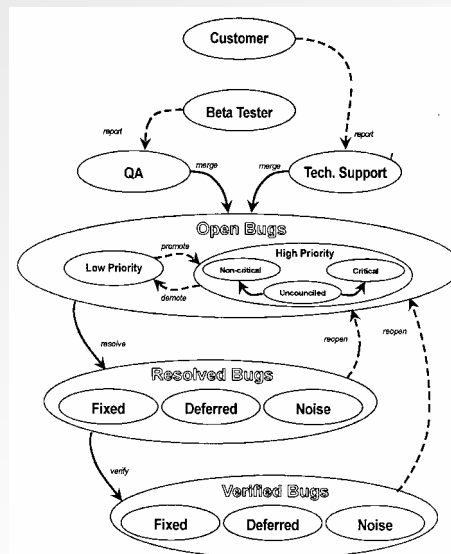
**Quality** is value to some person.

A **bug** is anything that threatens the value of the product.

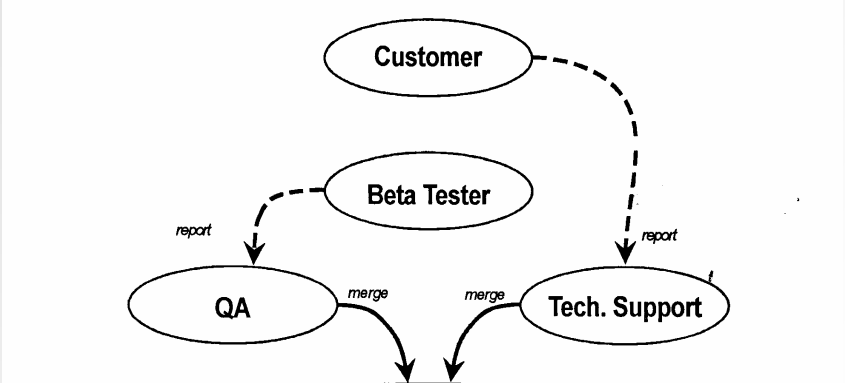
- These definitions are designed to be inclusive.
- Inclusive definitions minimize the chance that you will inadvertently overlook an important problem.
- “Enhancement requests” are bugs, too, but we often filter them out of the metrics.

## Bug Cycle

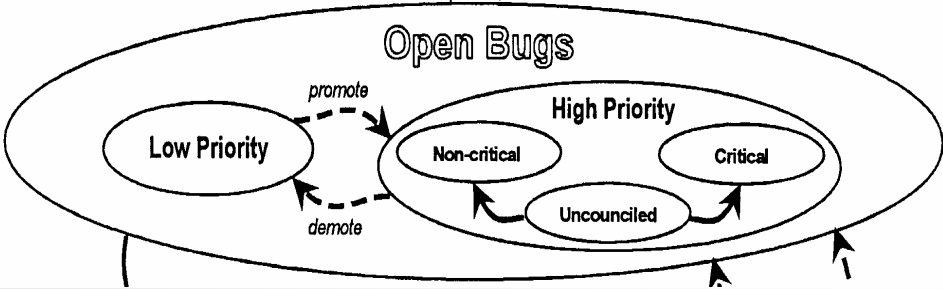
- This is my favorite bug lifecycle concept.
- Testers drive the cycle and assure high quality data in the system.



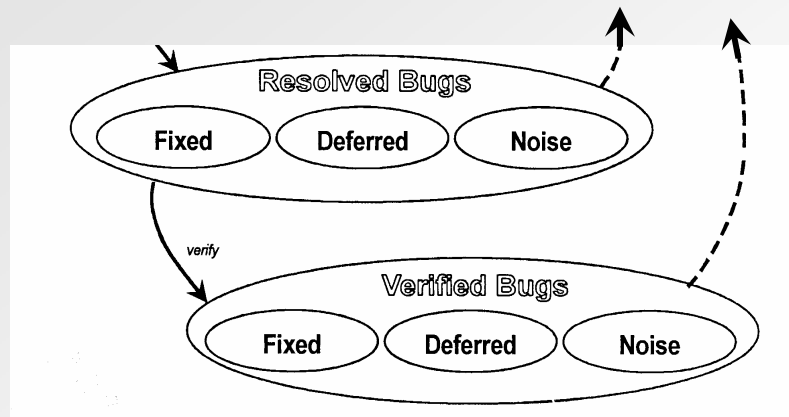
# Reporting and Filtering



# Triage



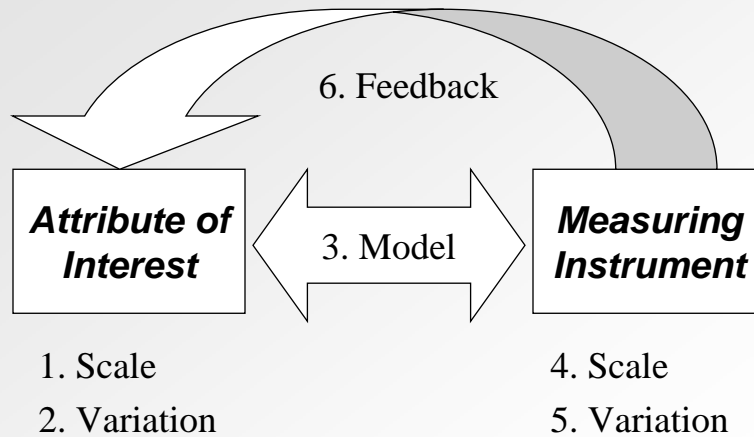
## Resolution and Verification



## What is a Metric?

- “Measurement is the empirical, objective assignment of numbers, according to a rule derived from a model or theory, to attributes of objects or events with the intent of describing them.” – *Cem Kaner*
- A *metric* is a measurement function– the mechanism by which we map a particular attribute to a particular scale.

## What is a Metric?



## Avoid Control Metrics; Embrace Inquiry Metrics

- A control metric is any metric that drives decisions.
  - Any metric you use to control a self-aware system will be used by that system to control YOU.
  - A metric, by definition, is a simplification of reality, and as such, the same number can represent different realities.
- An inquiry metric is any metric that helps you ask the right questions at the right time.
  - An inquiry metric might look like a control metric. The difference is how you use it and what you infer from it.
  - Inquiry metrics are also vulnerable to gaming, but the stakes are far lower, so there's less incentive for manipulation.

## Control Metrics Cause Dysfunction in a Self-Aware System

1. **Goal:** You decide what you want.
2. **Question:** You conceive of questions that will reveal if you're getting what you want.
3. **Metric:** You create metrics that tell you if you're getting what you want.
4. **Control:** You make adjustments to the process until you get what you want.

**WARNING: If the system is self-aware,  
then it will control YOU via your own metrics.**

## Inquiry Metrics Invite Learning

1. **Observe:** You try to see what's happening.
2. **Inquire:** You conjecture about the meaning and significance of the observations. You collect additional observations to corroborate or refute our conjectures.
3. **Model:** You form and improve theories about why the system behaves as it does, how you know that it behaves that way, and what you can do about it.

**If you have an inquiry mindset, you can get use out of  
even very questionable metrics.**



## Example Control Metrics

- “The developer who creates the fewest bugs will receive a bonus.”
- “Testers must average at least three bugs found per day.”
- “The product may not be released unless we’ve gone at least one week without finding a bug.”
- “The product may not be released with more than 10 high severity bugs.”

## Example Inquiry Metrics

- “Why do some developers have more bugs reported on their code than others? How might it be *good* to have more bugs reported? How might it be *bad*?”
- “How do find rates differ among testers? What makes them differ?”
- “What does the bug find rate tell us about the readiness of the product? Could the find rate be falling because testing is slack, and not because the product is good?”
- “What are the high severity bugs? Should we fix them?”

## Data Collection Principles

- Any data not routinely used will be *routinely corrupted*.
- Any data collection to be remembered will be *routinely forgotten*.
- Any data expensive to collect will *routinely ignored*.
- Any data that carries a penalty will be *routinely suppressed*.

therefore...

- Establish a corruption test for data you collect and don't use.
- Automate collection so that it doesn't depend on human memory; set default values to blank.
- Minimize the impact of data collection on people; don't try to measure every little thing.
- Use multiple sources for data; establish corruption tests; stop using metrics for control purposes.

## Data Inquiry Ideas

- **Look For...**
  - Continuities
  - Discontinuities
  - Extremes
  - Profiles
  - Contradictions
- **Read...**
  - *How to Lie With Statistics*
  - *How to Lie With Charts*
  - *Why Does Software Cost So Much?*
  - *Measuring and Managing Performance in Organizations*
- **Beware of...**
  - Extrapolating from meager data
  - Extrapolating non-linear phenomena
  - Suspiciously expected data
  - Baselines that keep changing
  - Measuring individual people

## Questions Bug Metrics Might Help With ***Test Process***

- **Productivity**
  - Are the testers working at full speed?
  - Are they speeding up or slowing down?
  - Is anything blocking their work?
  - Are the testers burning out or staying sharp?
  - Are testers and developers getting along together?
- **Status**
  - How close is the test effort to reaching a point of diminishing returns?
  - What kinds of problems are being found?
  - Is the bug tracking system being used properly?
- **Focus**
  - Are the testers focused on the areas of greatest risk or need?
  - Could the testers use some outside help?

## Questions Bug Metrics Might Help With ***Quality Improvement***

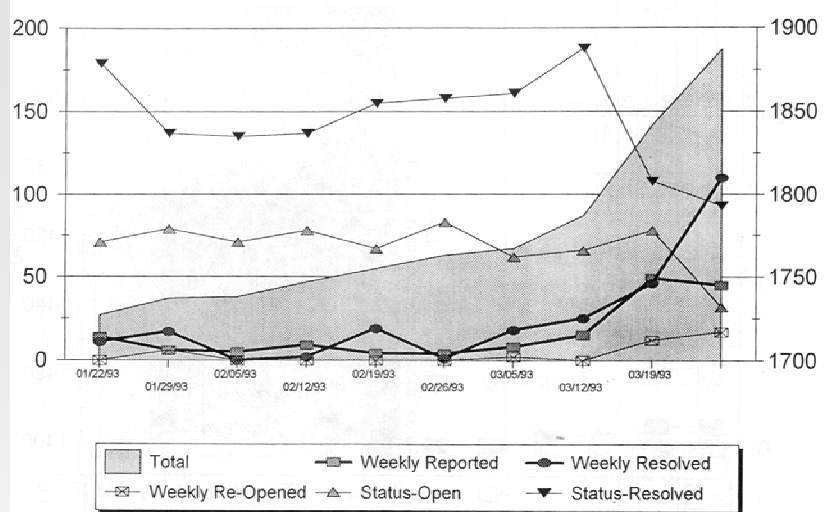
- **Productivity**
  - Are the developers working at full speed?
  - Are they speeding up or slowing down?
  - Is anything blocking their work?
- **Status**
  - Is the product improving?
  - How close is the product to being good enough?
  - What must happen in order to meet the schedule?
- **Focus**
  - Is the work distributed effectively among the developers?
  - Do any areas of the product need more attention to improve more quickly?
  - Is the triage process working well?

## Bugs Are a Surrogate Metric

"If you can't be with the one you love,  
love the one you're with."

- A surrogate metric is used when you can't measure an attribute you care about. Instead, you measure something *you believe or hope is correlated* to that attribute.
- We can't measure how our products will actually behave in the field, nor what our customers will think of them.
- Laboratory testing (*not in the field*) by testers (*not the actual users*) using test data (*not actual user data*) with an unfinished product (*not the actual finished product*) is a **surrogate** measure of quality.

## Weekly Bug Metrics are Nearly Useless *For Tactical Questions*



## Daily Metrics!

- Consider producing a bug metric summary:
  - Daily
  - Automatic
  - Archived
  - Plain text
- This becomes a resource for retrospective analysis.
- Additionally, daily graphs can help you notice fast breaking dynamics.
- Include weekends in the graphs.

## My Favorite Bug Fields For Metrics

- Status
- Date Reported
- Who Found
- Assigned To
- Program Area
- Severity
- Priority
- **Triage Status**
- Resolution

**Make sure you have  
an audit trail!**

*Many other fields might be cool  
to add, but you have to weigh  
the cost and consider likely  
inaccuracies of the data.*

Severity:  
***Garden Path Model***

- **A:** Crash or Data Loss
- **B:** Failure, No Workaround
- **C:** Failure, Obvious Workaround
- **D:** Minor Problem
- **E:** Enhancement Request

**This scale is based mostly  
on the symptoms of the problem  
Not the actual severity.**

Priority:  
***When to Fix***

- |                      |   |                                |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>High Priority</b> | { | ▪ <b>1:</b> Fix quickly        |
|                      |   | ▪ <b>2:</b> Fix later          |
| <b>Low Priority</b>  | { | ▪ <b>3:</b> Fix before release |
|                      |   | ▪ <b>4:</b> Deferral candidate |

**I recommend that the testers  
set this field first, then developers  
and managers can modify**

## Resolution: *Fixed, Deferred, or Just Noise*

- noise** {
- **Fixed:** The product was changed in some way.
  - **Deferred:** It's fixable, but we won't fix it now.
  - **Cannot Reproduce:** After reasonable investigation, the developer has been unable to see the problem.
  - **Duplicate:** It's already been reported.
  - **As Designed:** The "problem" is intentional.
  - **Tester Error:** The problem didn't happen.

**Cannot Reproduce is only temporary noise.  
It represents a mystery.  
Ignore mystery bugs at your *peril!***

## Open Priority/Severity Crosstab *Indicators of quality*

\*\*\* Open Summary (by Priority and Category):

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	TOTAL%
A	49	15	20	0	84	8.76%
B	59	172	78	0	309	32.22%
C	29	204	73	0	306	31.91%
D	16	126	36	0	178	18.56%
E	8	14	57	1	80	8.34%
TOTAL	161	531	264	1	957	99.79%
TOTAL%	16.79%	55.37%	27.53%	.10%	99.79%	

- Percentages are calculated base on total bugs in database (to help catch misfiled bugs).
- In a healthy project, I'd expect some low severity bugs to be high priority.
- Compare the profile over time and across projects.

## 15-Day Resolution/Severity Crosstab *Indicators of quality*

\*\*\* 15-day Resolution Profile (by Category):

	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL	TOTAL%
Fixed	50	78	49	37	5	219	58.24%
Deferred	3	16	10	2	23	54	14.36%
Cannot Reproduce	3	3	4	4	1	15	3.99%
As Designed	1	6	16	6	7	36	9.57%
Test Case Error	0	15	2	3	1	21	5.59%
Duplicate	1	7	12	6	1	27	7.18%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>98.94%</b>
<b>TOTAL%</b>	<b>15.43%</b>	<b>33.24%</b>	<b>24.73%</b>	<b>15.43%</b>	<b>10.11%</b>	<b>98.94%</b>	

- Look for the deferral/fix ratio (among non-E bugs).
- Look for A's and B's that are not reproduced.
- Compare the profile over time and across projects.
- I use 15-day snapshots to smooth out weekend effects.

## Verified Resolution/Severity Crosstab *Indicators of quality*

\*\*\* All-Verified Resolution Profile (by Category):

	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL	TOTAL%
Fixed	1279	1995	1316	813	262	5665	61.88%
Deferred	66	214	151	126	422	979	10.69%
Cannot Reproduce	257	244	142	83	9	735	8.03%
As Designed	35	224	179	76	158	672	7.34%
Test Case Error	107	249	92	35	25	508	5.55%
Duplicate	108	161	131	52	33	485	5.30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1852</b>	<b>3087</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>9044</b>	<b>98.79%</b>
<b>TOTAL%</b>	<b>20.23%</b>	<b>33.72%</b>	<b>21.97%</b>	<b>12.94%</b>	<b>9.93%</b>	<b>98.79%</b>	

- Compare with the 15-day snapshot.



## Reopen Crosstab *Communication, care, or controversy?*

\*\*\* Reopened Summary (by Priority and Category):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	TOTAL%
A	10	18	4	0	0	0	32	17.98%
B	3	45	36	0	0	2	86	48.31%
C	0	11	13	1	0	0	25	14.04%
D	0	2	5	2	1	0	10	5.62%
E	0	3	4	0	0	13	20	11.24%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>97.19%</b>

- Compare crosstab of open bugs.
- We'd expect the reopen profile to match the opens, if mistakes are distributed equally, and testing attention is evenly applied.
- (This graph is from a project that used 6 priority levels.)

## 15-day Throughput Stats *Indicators of Effort*

- On large projects this is pretty interesting.

\*\*\* Overall 15-day Find Rate:

28.07 average per day  
87 on the best day  
7 found today  
421 15-day total

\*\*\* Overall 15-day Resolve Rate:

25.07 average per day  
56 on the best day  
26 resolved today  
376 15-day total

\*\*\* Overall 15-day Verification Rate:

23.20 average per day  
57 on the best day  
21 verified today  
348 15-day total

## Other Interesting Bug Metrics

- **Priority 1 Find Rate**
  - This is the find rate of bugs that at any point in time become priority 1. It is a retrospective analysis.
- **Open Bug Aging Report**
  - A histogram of how long bugs have been open. This is most useful early in long projects.
- **Deferred Bug Aging Report**
  - A histogram of how long deferred bugs have been waiting on the list. It helps spot chronically deferred bugs.
- **Promotions/Demotions/Deferrals Chart**
  - Three lines that help us see the triage process at work.

## Triage:

### ***Change Control Late in the Project***

- **<blank>**: Not reviewed
- **F**: Approved for fix
- **I**: Developer must investigate and report
- **Q**: Tester must investigate and report
- **R**: Document in “readme”
- **D**: Document in help/manual

**My definition of a *critical bug*:  
A triaged bug with a priority of 1 or 2**

**BUILDS**

Product	Priority	Issue Description	Assignee	Status
RW	TV	COMPIER HELP		
TEMC	TD+ FRIENDS			
IAPUB				
IDG				
3564	GP IN LINK BOUNDING OWL ELL	ERIC		
3493	OWL MDI CHILD	ERIC		
3588	PRJ FOR OWL	ERIC		
3561	PREAPP UAE	ERIC		
3603	W.S. POPUP	ERIC		
3603	TEMC CTRL-A	SIDNEY		
3506	STRECPY	JEFF		
3620	STRCAP	"		
3621	STRNCMP	"		
3165	} >=8			
3613				
3614				
3612		COPY STRUC		
3602,b	STRUCAT			

**TUE 10/22**

F	872	TPROFW-PASWME		
F	972	TPROFW NAWG-WM MSG		
I/F	966	TOW CANT READ FROM AUX		
F	888	WRENOME SECIM/NETWORK		
F	963	TPROFW AOTME		
I	955	TD FREE LIB		
F	947	SV6A DLL		
I	869	WM MSG BXPT TOW		
I	975	SV6A		
I/F	881	SV64 BROW UP		
F	976	TPROFW NUG SAVE		
I	977	TD NAWSE TV GX		
I/F	978	TPROFW DLL CRASH		
I/F	979	TPROFW CHECKERS		
F	974	" PRINT		

BA	3584	DAW HOWE MARCH.		
I/F	3440	ISC FUNKY CMDS	3rd DATA	
F	3494	TOW VER W	3rd DATA	
BA	3522	OWL PRINT	ERIC	
F		DPALUST	ELL	
I	3530	TSCALLER	ERIC	
F	3572	TV OVL (Doc)	ELL	
F	3585	CLASSLIB ABBAY	PERE	
I/F	3575	" TEMPL-ABAY	PERE	
I/F	3535	" ABBAY ITR	PERE	
F	3590	DETACH	PERE	
I/F	3589	DUNSBRO	PERE	
I/F	3587	DESTROY	PERE	
I/F	3585	MUBTROT	PERE	
I/F	3507	ISA	"	
F	3614	NEWDEL	PER	
I	3599	BOCHO MSG	PER	
I	3505	DAVE ANDRE	TRIC	
I	3608	IMPLIBW	PAT	
I	3570	TV SOW CODES	SEK	
I	3568	TV EVENT LOOP	"	
I	3560	TV DEMO HAW LEAK	"	
I	3560	TV LIST STR	"	
		EXAMPLE HELP	LEE	
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This triage system, based on an electronic whiteboard, had a capacity of 200 critical bugs.

## Critical Bugs/Product Area Crosstab *to do list for release*

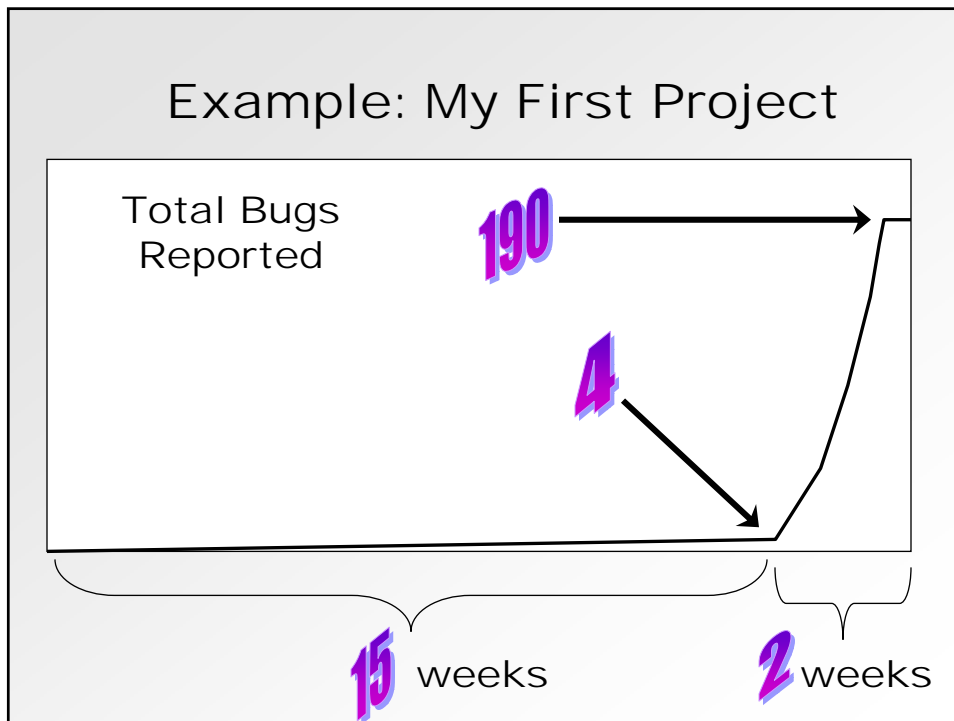
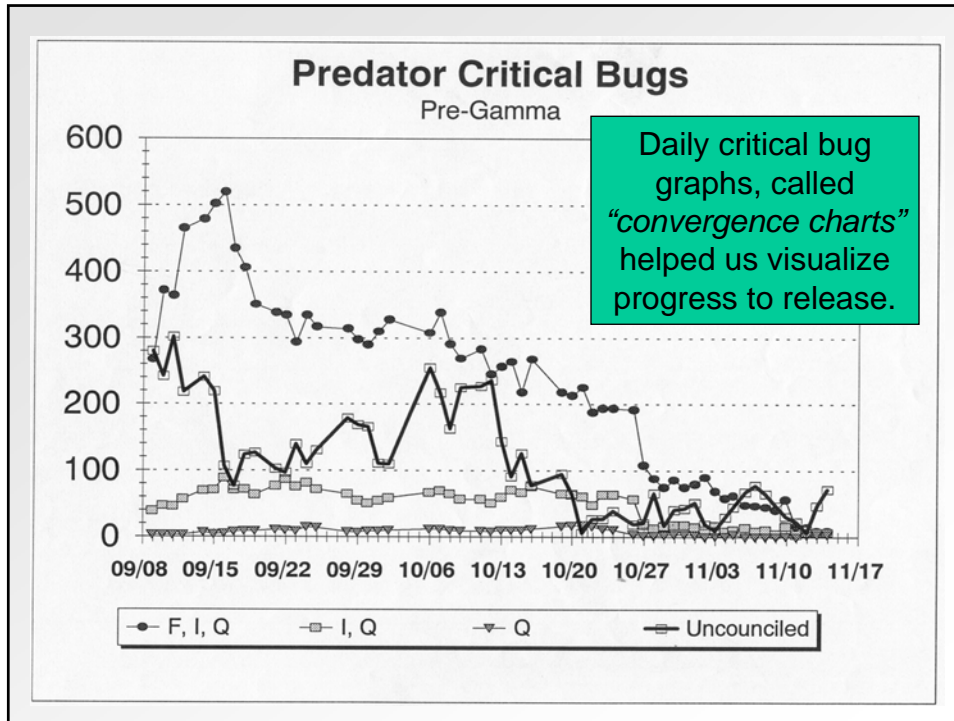
\*\*\* Critical (by Product):

	F	I	Q	TOTAL	TOTAL%
BCW	296	43	2	341	93.68%
B40	22	0	0	22	6.04%
BRC	0	0	0	0	0.00%
RW	0	0	1	1	.27%
32TD	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TDL	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL%</b>	<b>87.36%</b>	<b>11.81%</b>	<b>.82%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

\*\*\* Uncouncild (by Product & Priority):

	1	2	TOTAL	TOTAL%
BCW	19	76	95	31.46%
B40	57	131	188	62.25%
BRC	0	6	6	1.99%
RW	0	9	9	2.98%
32TD	0	1	1	.33%
TDL	1	2	3	.99%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL%</b>	<b>25.50%</b>	<b>74.50%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

Triage from a database changed our perceptions of quality.



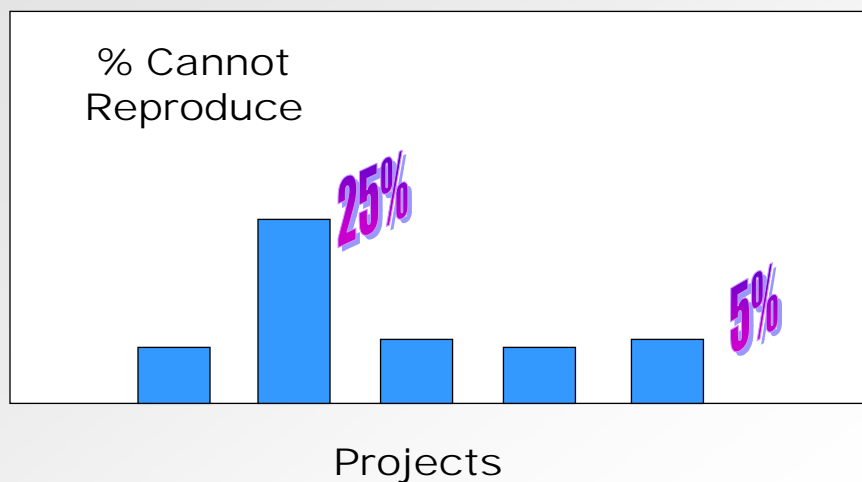
## Example: My First Project

- The original tester was faking it.
- We used a tiger team in the last 2 weeks.
- The reporting system broke down in the last several days before we shipped the beta. That's why the line goes flat– but reports were still made by hand.

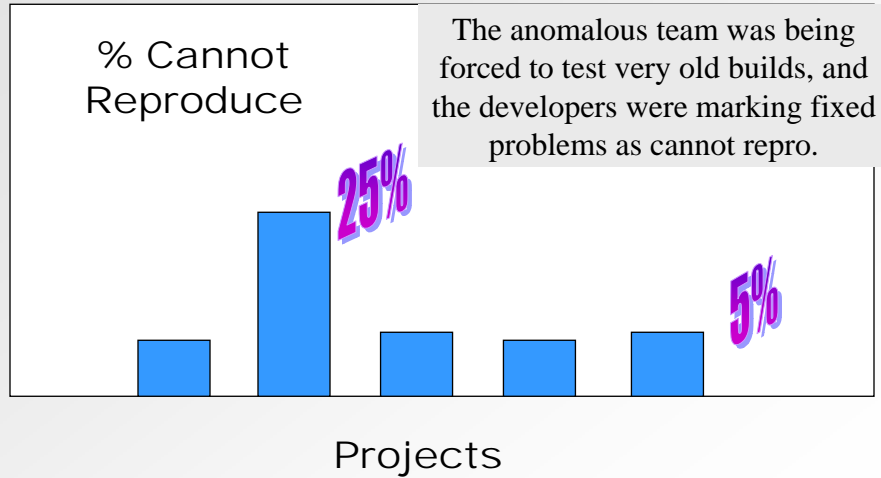
**Lesson!**

- Pay attention.
- Don't assume that all known problems are being reported.

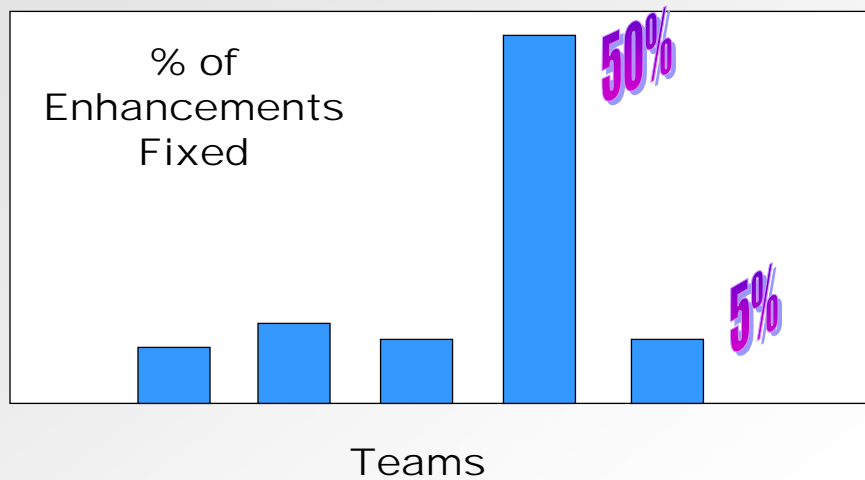
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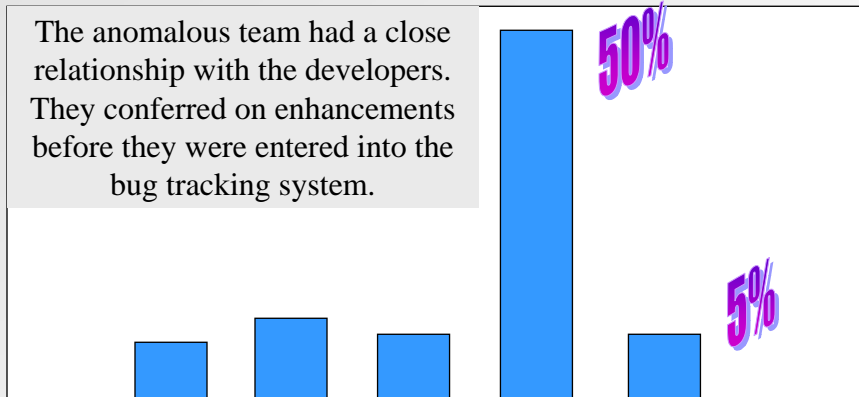


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The anomalous team had a close relationship with the developers. They conferred on enhancements before they were entered into the bug tracking system.



Teams

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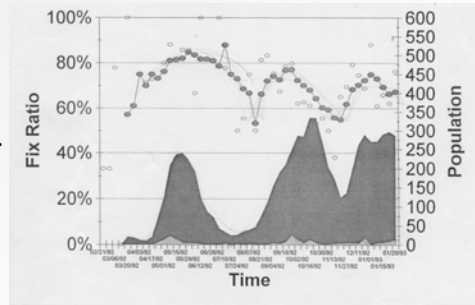
**Lesson:**

**Metrics will vary from team to team due to all kinds of process and relationship differences.**

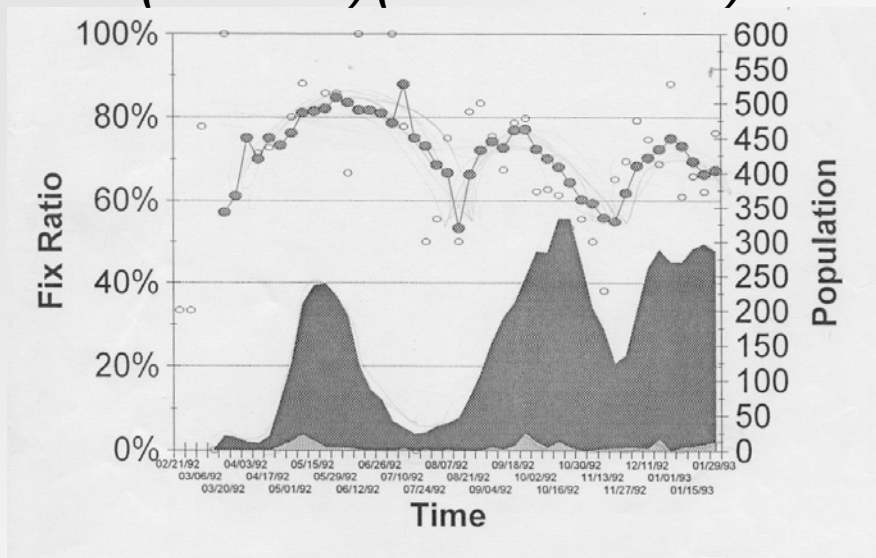
**An inconsistency just means there may be something interesting to investigate.**

## EXAMPLE: Communication Quality (*Fix+Defer*)/(*Fix+Defer+Noise*)

- Hypothesis: **Communication problems lead to noise bugs.**
- I plotted the proportion of noise bugs, not the absolute number, so that the amount of bug resolution activity would not confuse the issue.
- Since proportions vary widely with population, I also graphed the total population of resolved bugs.
- **I concluded that this metric is misleading and unusable. Why?**



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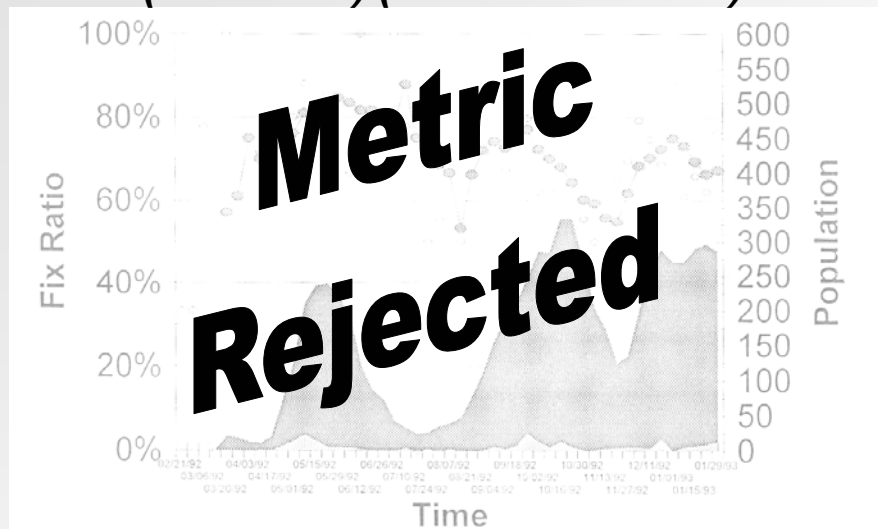




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- Bugs are resolved over a period of time, sometimes long after they are reported.
- But I wanted to know the communication quality *at the time bugs are reported*.
- By looking at individual resolutions and talking to developers, I discovered the reason fix ratios fall during periods when few bugs are resolved: *low hanging fruit*.
- When developers can't fix bugs quickly, they try at least cast out the obvious noise bugs. That causes the fix ratio to artificially rise, later on.
- To screen out that effect, I need to measure, for the bugs reported on a given day, what the *eventual* resolution will be for those specific bugs. That takes too long to unfold.

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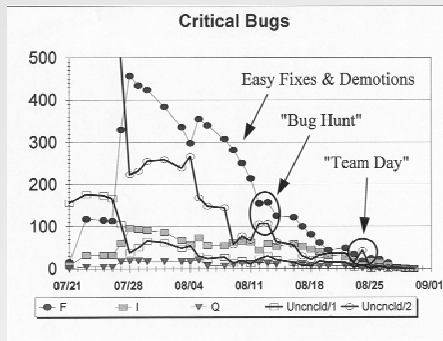
**Lesson:**

**Be skeptical about your metrics.  
 Many good sounding ideas lead to  
 nonsense numbers.**

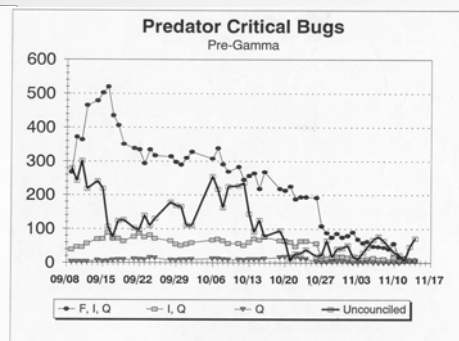
**When your attitude is inquiry, rather  
 than control, metrics "failures" like  
 this are no problem.**

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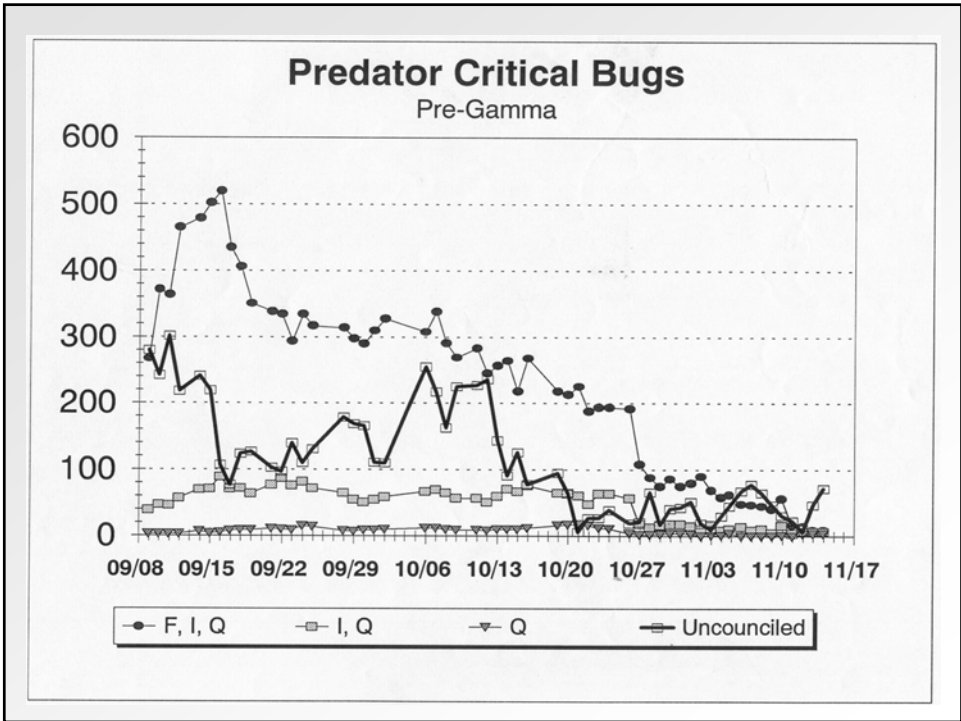
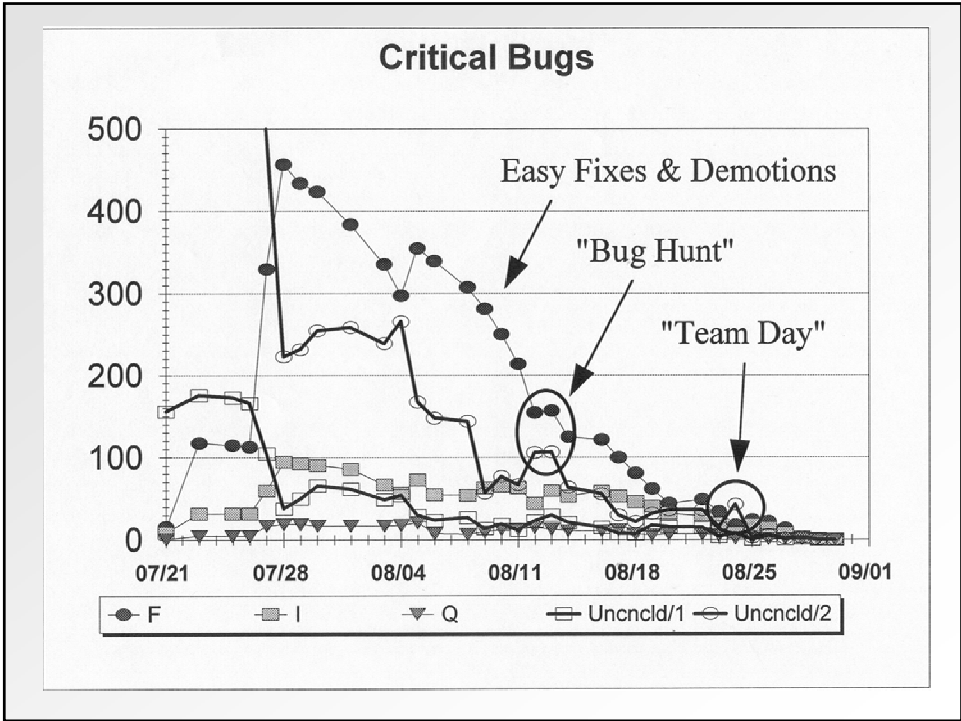
***Why was convergence harder  
 during the second cycle?***



Beta Cycle



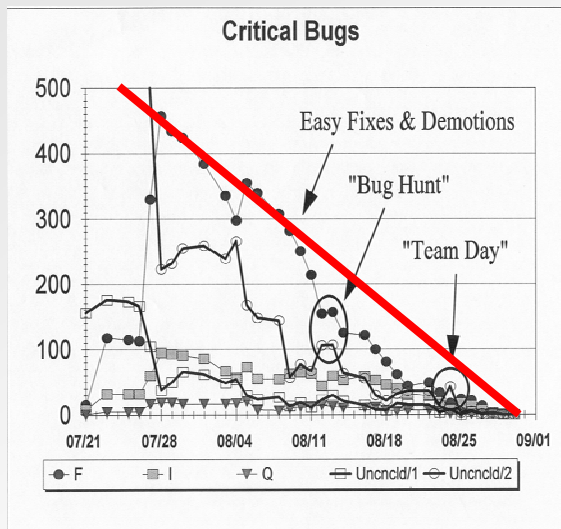
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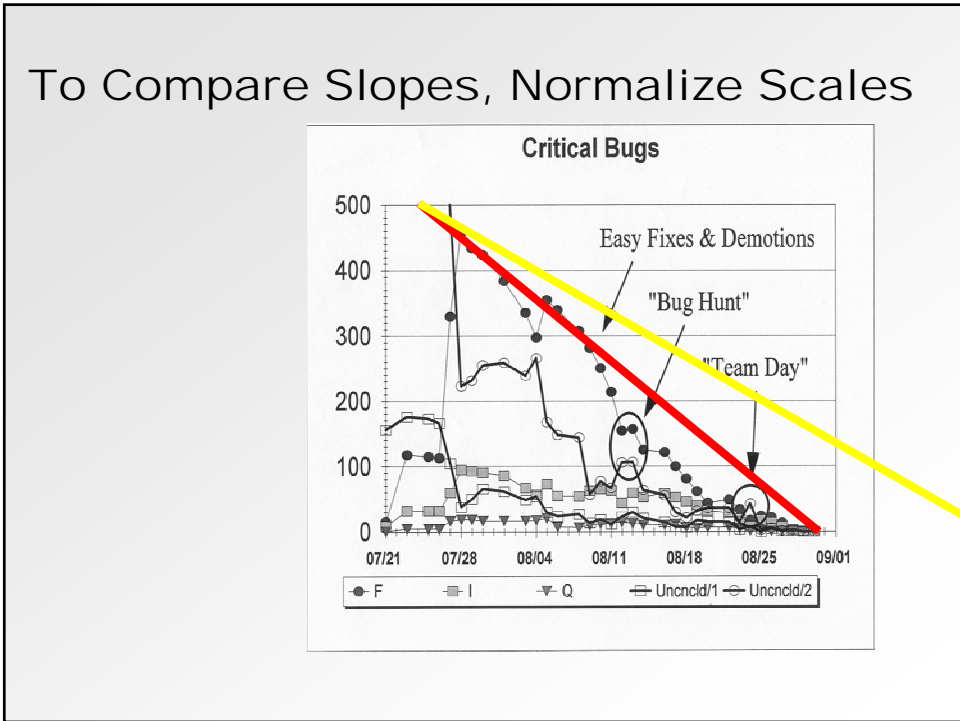
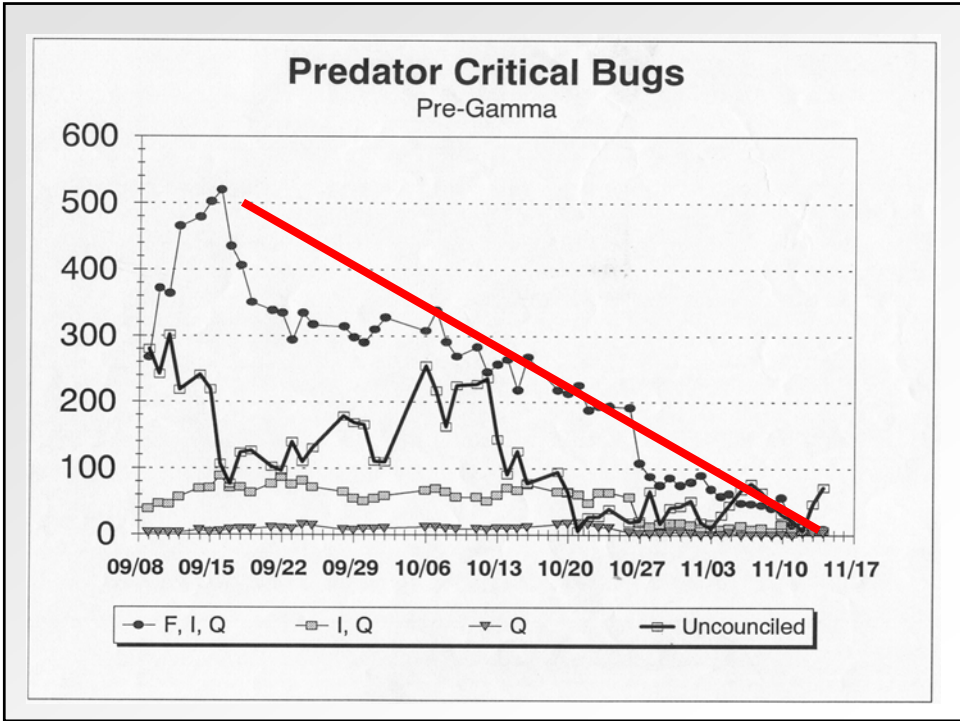


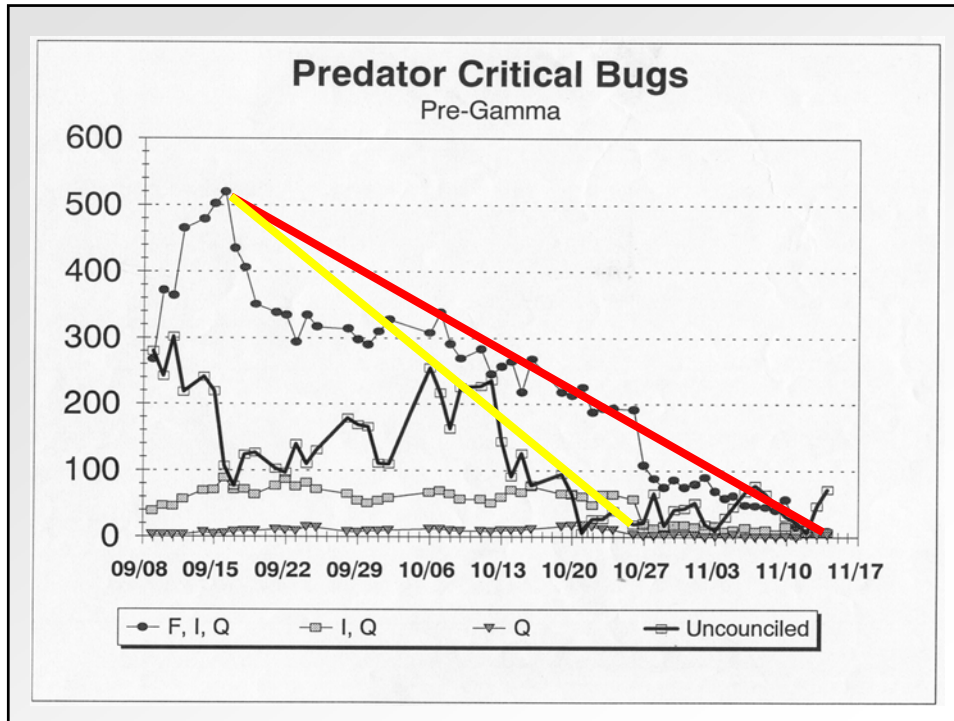
## Process Notes Help Interpretation

On 7/15, the official date was moved from 7/30 to 8/13.				
On 7/20, I predicted that Beta 2 would ship on 8/24. The official date was 8/13.				
On 7/27 a determination was made that we are not converging quickly enough. We will attempt to bring in the date b				
On 7/27, the target was set vaguely at the end of the month				
On 8/13, the bug hunt spike hit.				
On 8/13, the ship date planned in July, there were still 150 critical bugs.				
On 8/16, the first full council was held for the basic tools and OWL.				
On 8/20, a half day was lost due to the beach party				
On 8/23 the first team day spike hit.				
On 8/24, team day bugs were still coming in.				
On 8/24, we met and delayed ship from 8/27 to 8/30 or 8/31.				
On 8/24, final signoff procedures were examined				
On 8/27, Spencer thought we might be able to signoff on Saturday, 8/28				
On 8/28, we worked all day, but decided at 5:30 that we wouldn't sign off that night.				
On 8/29, we had to rebuild and recut for Frodo problems.				
On 8/29, many verifications were done without updating the BTS.				
On 8/30, we discovered that Classlibs had been built wrong... another recut.				

## To Compare Slopes, Normalize Scales

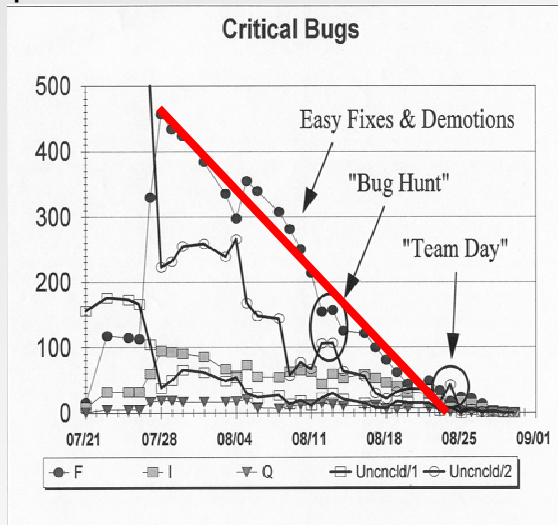


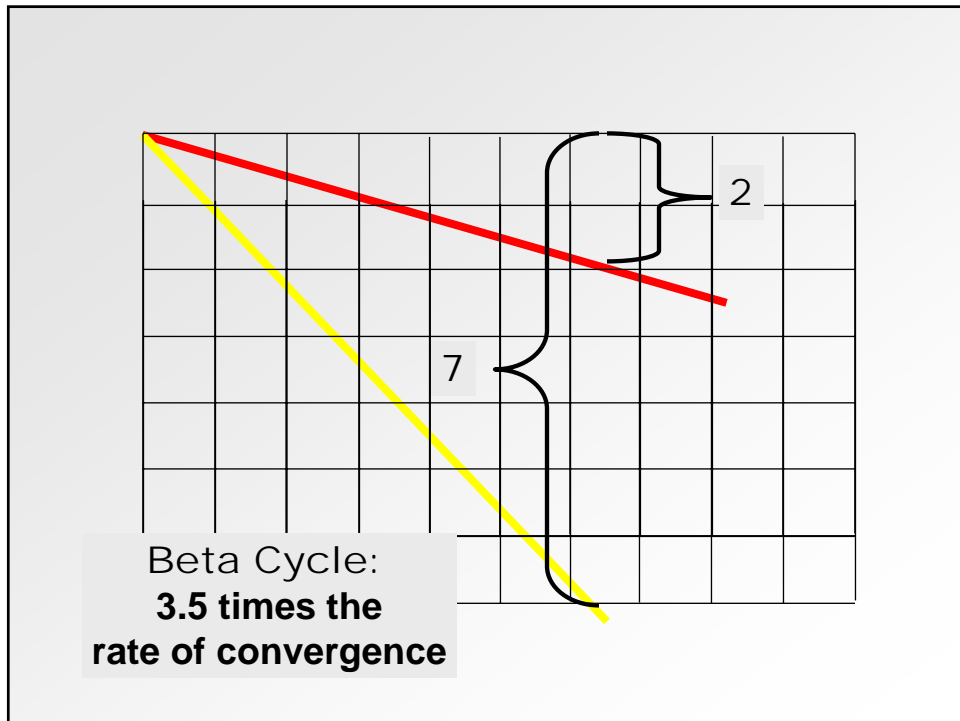
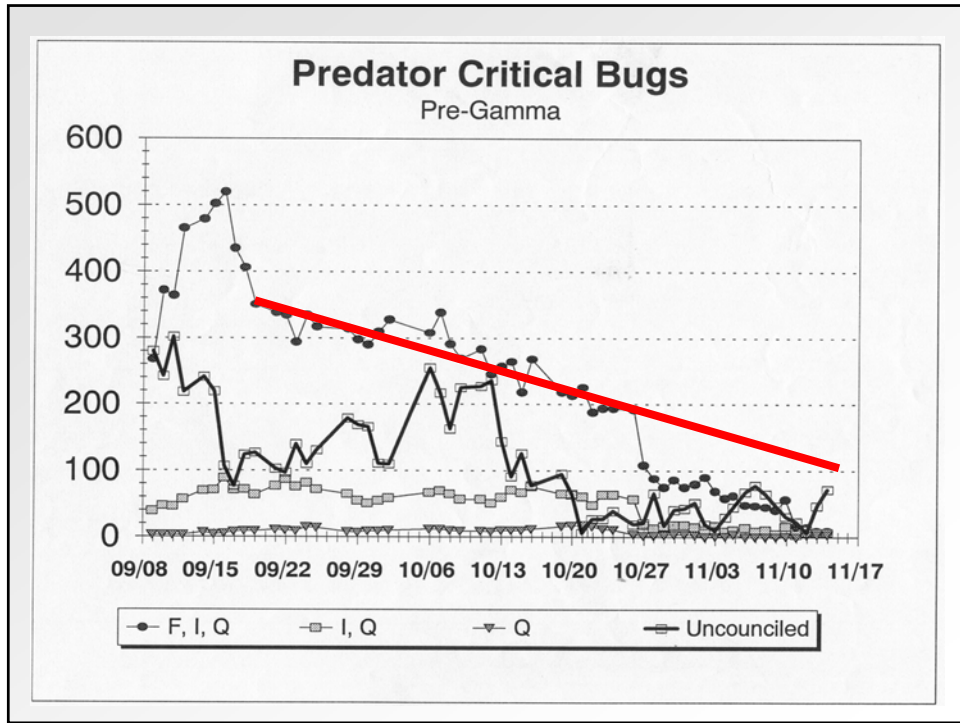


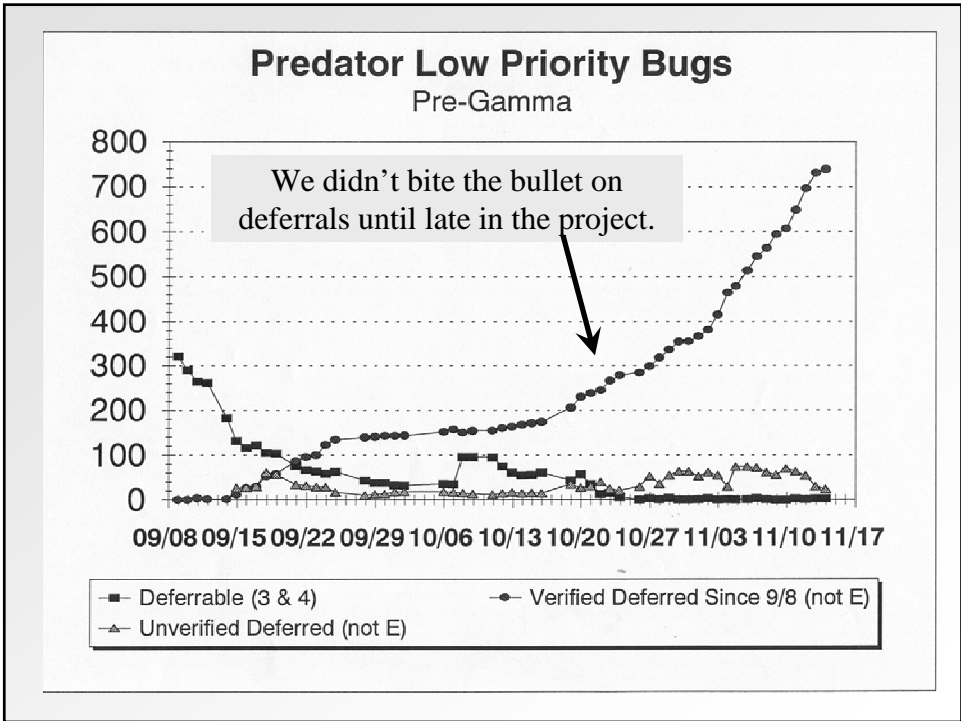
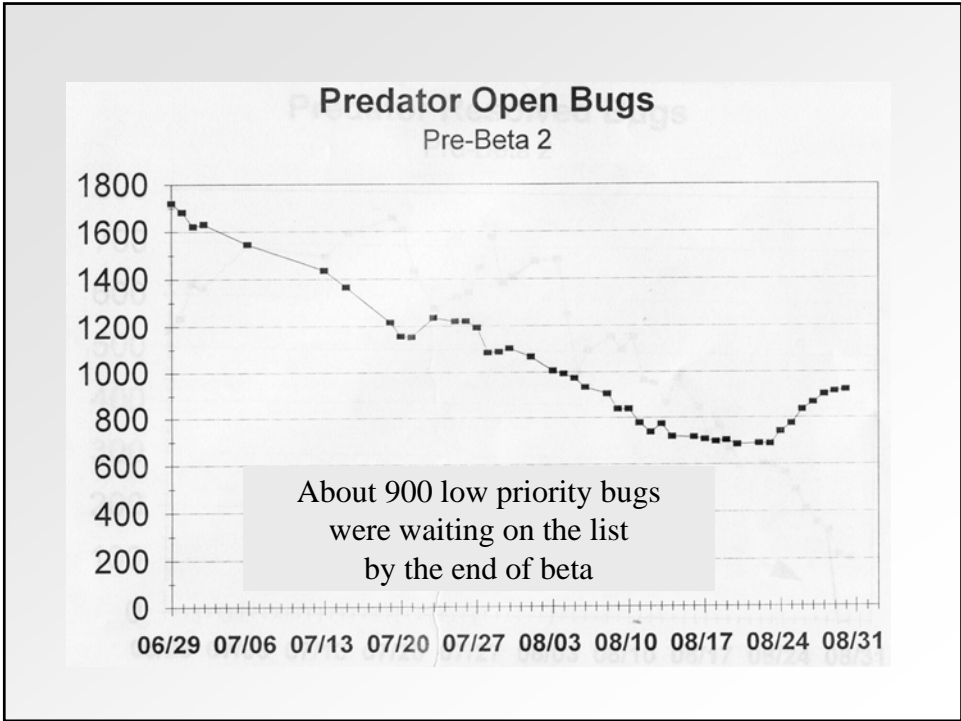


Focus the question on what matters.

What I really care about is why the majority of the first cycle was nicely steep, whereas the majority of the second cycle was pretty flat.









EXAMPLE:

***Why was convergence harder  
during the second cycle?***

**Lesson:**

**Beware of bugs hidden in plain  
sight. Monitor a set of charts that  
account for every bug.**

*(And beware of bugs that people don't  
officially report, because they  
want your charts to be look better.)*

# SkyWalker Bug Analysis

\*\*\*\*\* SkyWalker Bug Summary \*\*\*\*\*  
4/26/94, 08:18:44

## \*\*\* Critical (by Product):

	F	I	Q	TOTAL	TOTAL%
BR	419	23	33	475	98.55%
ODAP	5	1	1	7	1.45%
TOTAL	424	24	34	482	100.00%

This is a very high number of critical bugs. Our largest project on record had no more than this at it's peak.

## \*\*\* Uncouncild (by Product and Priority):

	1	2	TOTAL	TOTAL%
BR	11	72	83	98.81%
ODAP	0	1	1	1.19%
TOTAL	11	73	84	100.00%

This is also a very high number. About 600 category A & B bugs that are *not* considered high priority.

The quality standard is probably low if six hundred crashes and hard failures are priority 3.

## \*\*\* Open Summary (by Priority and Category):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	TOTAL%
A	31	97	65	1	0	0	194	9.76%
B	41	430	531	10	1	11	1024	51.53%
C	9	63	282	62	0	11	427	21.49%
D	2	28	83	59	3	0	175	8.81%
E	1	22	14	2	0	90	129	6.49%
TOTAL	84	640	975	134	4	112	1949	98.09%

## \*\*\* Resolved Summary (by Priority and Category):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	TOTAL%
A	34	84	23	0	0	0	141	16.65%
B	36	296	82	2	7	4	427	50.41%
C	5	59	60	19	5	2	150	17.71%
D	2	25	35	15	0	1	78	9.21%
E	0	2	9	0	0	20	31	3.66%
TOTAL	77	466	209	36	12	27	827	97.64%

There are more un-verified bugs here than any other project at our company. Also, about 15% of these will be reopened by OA.

## \*\*\* Reopened Summary (by Priority and Category):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	TOTAL%
A	10	18	4	0	0	0	32	17.98%
B	3	45	36	0	0	2	86	48.31%
C	0	11	13	1	0	0	25	14.04%
D	0	2	5	2	1	0	10	5.62%
E	0	3	4	0	0	13	20	11.24%
TOTAL	13	79	62	3	1	15	173	97.19%

Again, this is a high number of reopened bugs. Each reopened bug represents disagreement or miscommunication between R&D and QA.

\*\*\* Verified Resolution Profile (by Category):

	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL	TOTAL%
Fixed	1640	2892	808	449	154	5943	68.82%
Deferred	12	92	32	47	28	211	2.44%
Cannot Reproduce	498	519	165	154	4	1340	15.52%
As Designed	6	300	94	19	61	480	5.56%
Test Case Error	5	32	4	3	2	46	.53%
Duplicate	91	162	60	28	3	344	3.98%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2252</b>	<b>3997</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>8364</b>	<b>96.85%</b>

Notice how the fix percentage is steadily dropping and the deferral percentage is rising in each of these profiles.

This indicates that the pressure to ship has begun forcing bugs to be deferred.

\*\*\* Resolved Resolution Profile (by Category):

	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL	TOTAL%
Fixed	94	237	74	36	31	472	55.73%
Deferred	0	22	5	4	2	33	3.90%
Cannot Reproduce	24	58	14	14	0	110	12.99%
As Designed	2	46	31	6	6	91	10.74%
Test Case Error	0	1	4	2	0	7	.83%
Duplicate	11	34	9	6	0	60	7.08%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>91.26%</b>

\*\*\* 15-day Resolution Profile (by Category):

	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL	TOTAL%
Fixed	154	472	119	88	25	858	48.61%
Deferred	1	90	30	48	17	186	10.54%
Cannot Reproduce	45	87	26	31	2	191	10.82%
As Designed	1	192	54	17	42	306	17.34%
Test Case Error	1	8	5	2	1	17	.96%
Duplicate	10	70	24	22	1	127	7.20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1685</b>	<b>95.47%</b>

\*\*\* 15-day Find Rate (by Date and Category):

	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL	TOTAL%
4/12/94	13	25	11	7	1	57	7.72%
4/13/94	47	54	14	12	5	132	17.89%
4/14/94	11	38	8	9	2	68	9.21%
4/15/94	4	12	6	3	3	28	3.79%
4/16/94	4	11	0	2	2	19	2.57%
4/17/94	8	11	5	7	0	31	4.20%
4/18/94	12	39	10	10	0	71	9.62%
4/19/94	19	44	11	9	1	84	11.38%
4/20/94	10	43	9	1	0	63	8.54%
4/21/94	11	35	7	8	0	61	8.27%
4/22/94	11	30	6	1	0	48	6.50%
4/23/94	1	19	4	1	0	25	3.38%
4/24/94	1	0	2	0	0	3	.41%
4/25/94	7	31	6	4	0	48	6.50%
4/26/94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

This is a high and steady find rate, indicating that a lot of testing is happening and that a lot of problems are being found.

The fact that 75% of all bugs are severe (A&B) is troubling. In software that's nearing shippability, you expect to see that be no more than 50%. This is evidence that "spit and polish" bugs are being ignored.

\*\*\* Overall 15-day Find Rate:

49.20 average per day  
132 on the best day  
0 found today  
738 15-day total  
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\*\*\* Overall 15-day Resolve Rate:

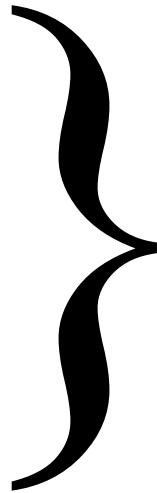
117.67 average per day  
189 on the best day  
21 resolved today  
1765 15-day total  
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\*\*\* Overall 15-day Verification

94.07 average per day  
193 on the best day  
2 verified today  
1411 15-day total  
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\*\*\* Overall 15-day Reopen Rate:

16.27 average per day  
38 on the best day  
0 reopened today  
244 15-day total  
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This activity can only be described as “furious” The team is definitely going all out.

The reopen rate is 15% of the resolve rate, though. That’s evidence of poor communication or cooperation between R&D and QA. 5% is typical for other projects at our company.