Safety Factories

- a Manifesto -

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Continuous Software Engineering - Speed!



Software Factories tools and methods to build software, focus on:

avoiding manual repetitive tasks - pipelines

high degree of content formalization – X-as-Code

having no islands of content – mono-repositories

everything being saved exactly once - single source of truth

enforcing reviews and quality checks - discipline and rigor

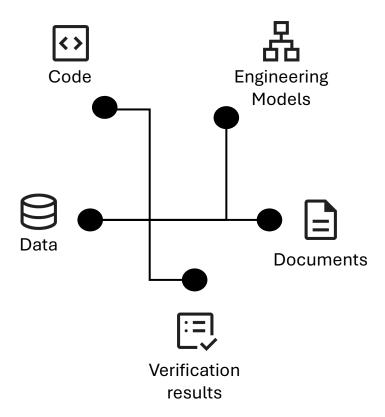
traceability to tickets, tasks, history - ownership and accountability

Software Factories enable continuous software engineering – early MVPs, continuous delivery



Today's Safety Engineering Practice

Safety Tools Isolated from each other and from System Development Tools – Silos!



Weakly formalized content – spreadsheets, plain text, pictures

difficult to automate

Different persistency mechanisms – e.g. file formats, databases, ...

islands of overlapping content

System / Software / Safety engineers are working in tooling silos

lack of transparency between working teams

Assessors are given text documents instead of access to live data

long cycles

Isolated tools produce isolated content leads to silos and friction.



Safety Factory Manifesto

Adopt Successfully Applied Software Engineering Receipes



- Safety Artefacts as Code over informal, unstructured information.
- Single Source of Truth and Integration over overlapping content islands.
- Automated Impact Analysis over manual analysis of implicit dependencies.
- Continuous Safety Builds over sparse safety validation milestones.
- Documentation Close to Content over separated pictures and plain text.
- Company-wide Safety Mindset over silos and compartimentalisation.
- Accountability and Ownership over hierarchies and approval committees.

Processes, methods and tools closer to the continuous delivery pipelines specific to software intensive systems

