RelEng + QA Quarterly Review

2014 April

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 - Much of the beta cluster configuration was puppetized during the migration.
 - Beta now includes a local puppet master which allows cherry-picking work-in-progress puppet changes and applying them across the cluster. This unblocks Antione and others from getting +2 approval in operations/pupet.git for each desired change. It also provides a testing platform for changes prior to usage in production.
 - Beta now includes a salt master which allows the use of Trebuchet and general experimentation with salt by non-roots.

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Next quarter (diff)

Apr - Jun 2014	+	Apr - Jun 2014 [[Wikimedia_Release_and_QA_Team/Quarterly_review,_April_2014 review]]
* Make the tool that deploys in production the tool that deploys in Beta Cluster (May-Jun)	+	[[Deployment tooling]]:
" Improvements to scap	+	* Integrate HHVM support into our deployment system
* Complete and holistic view of running tests:	+	* start the scap(py) & trebuchet integration conversation
** feature coverage	+	[[Beta cluster]]:
*** Cucumber Scenarios test descriptions created and maintained according to demands of feature teams (not invented by QA staff)	+	* Complete transition to scap as code deploy system
** build time and overhead	+	* Support HHVM deployment tooling and puppet configuration testing
*** use headless Firefox builds in WMF Jenkins for fast functional testing	+	MediaWiki Release:
*** tests use API to manage test data in arbitrary target wikis	+	* Successfully support the release of MediaWiki 1.23
*** use branch tags to run tests appropriate to the builds being tested	+	QA:
* system diagnostics	+	* Retire Cloudbees Jenkins instance
** Add more reporting and analysis tools such as fatals monitoring, icinga, logstash, detailed error reporting from Jenkins	+	* Integrate WMF Jenkins with new WMF SauceLabs account
* Browser testing underway with all engineering teams	+	* Execute tests in parallel
	+	* Use tags to run builds appropriate to released versions (e.g. don't run master build on test2wiki)
	+	* Use API to create test data at runtime more widely (not just for MobileFrontend but also VisualEditor, Flow, local dev env etc.)
	+	* Add browsertests to new repos e.g. GettingStarted
	+	Hiring:
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Next quarter (What we now plan)

Deployment tooling

- (continued from last quarter) Process through all (useful) pain points from the Dev/Deploy review session
- Integrate HHVM support into our deployment system.
- start the scap(py) & trebuchet integration conversation

Beta cluster

- Complete transition to scap as code deploy system.
- Support HHVM deployment tooling and puppet configuration testing
- Swift cluster in beta (stretch goal)

MediaWiki Release

- Successfully support the release of MediaWiki 1.23
- Kick off/complete second RFP

QA

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Ops:

- Swift
- Icinga (continued)

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MW Core:

hhvm

Questions

(if you haven't already asked them)