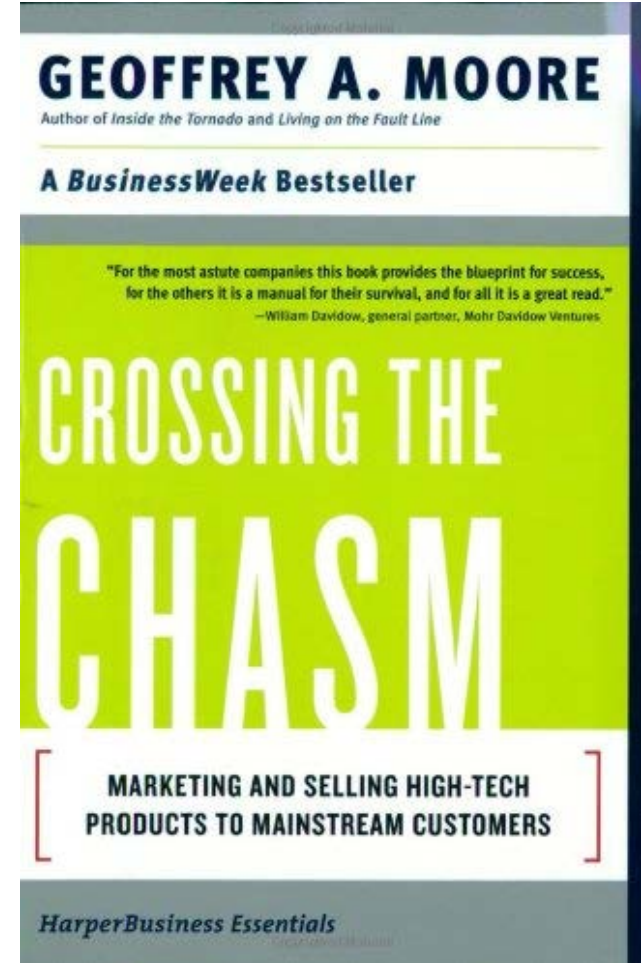




DevOps: Crossing the Chasm

Another Moore's Law

- Geoffrey Moore's 1991 book has proven prophetic
- Almost every single technology of the last 30 years follows a similar adoption lifecycle pattern
- The key to success is "crossing the chasm" to mainstream adoption
- Mainstream represents market acceptance and majority adoption
- Cloud (AWS) has crossed the chasm?
- DevOps is at the precipice



Crossing The Chasm



Technology Adoption Life Cycle Model

Crossing The Chasm between Visionaries and Pragmatists

"THE CHASM"



TECHIES
(Innovators)

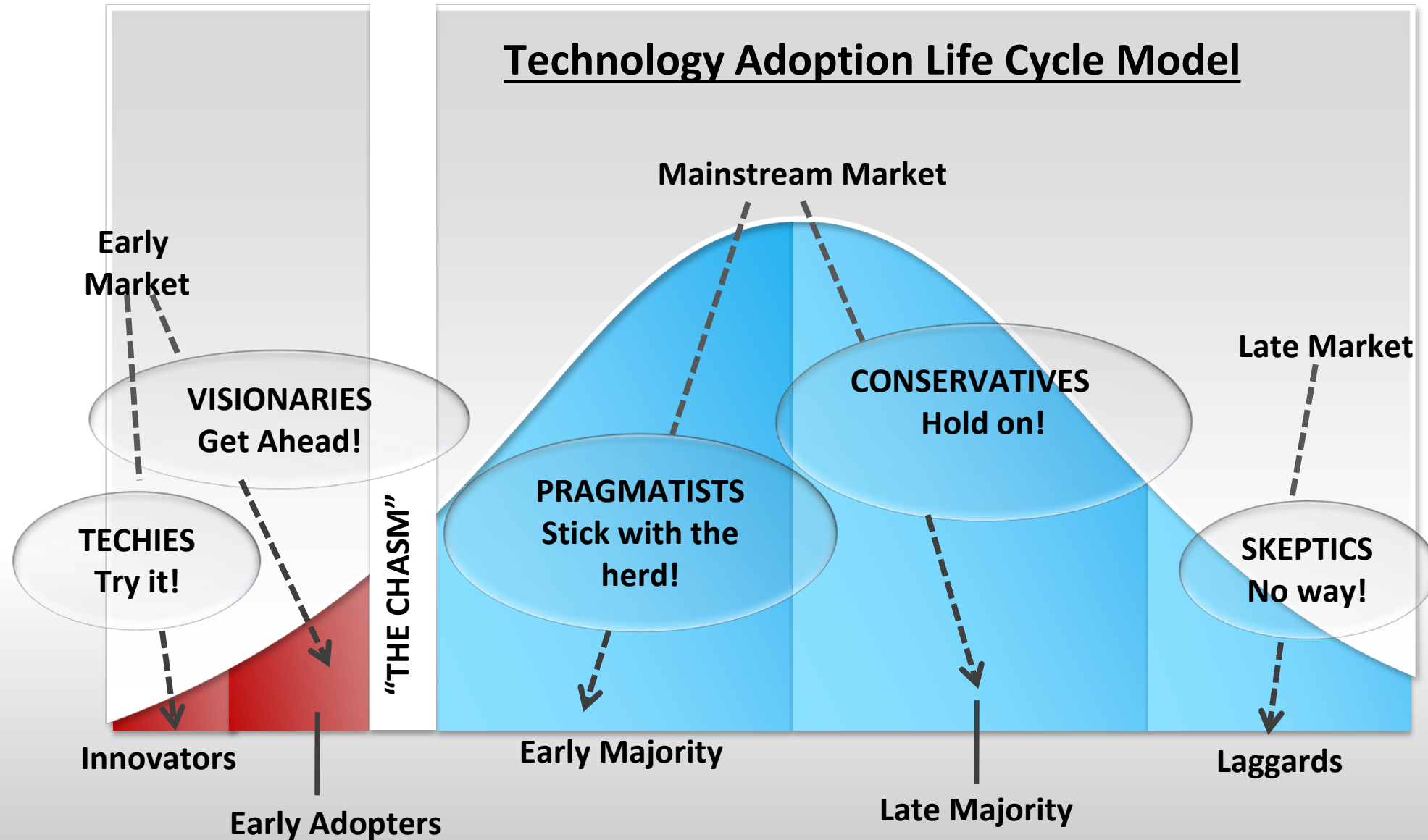
VISIONARIES
(Early Adopters)

PRAGMATISTS
(Early Majority)

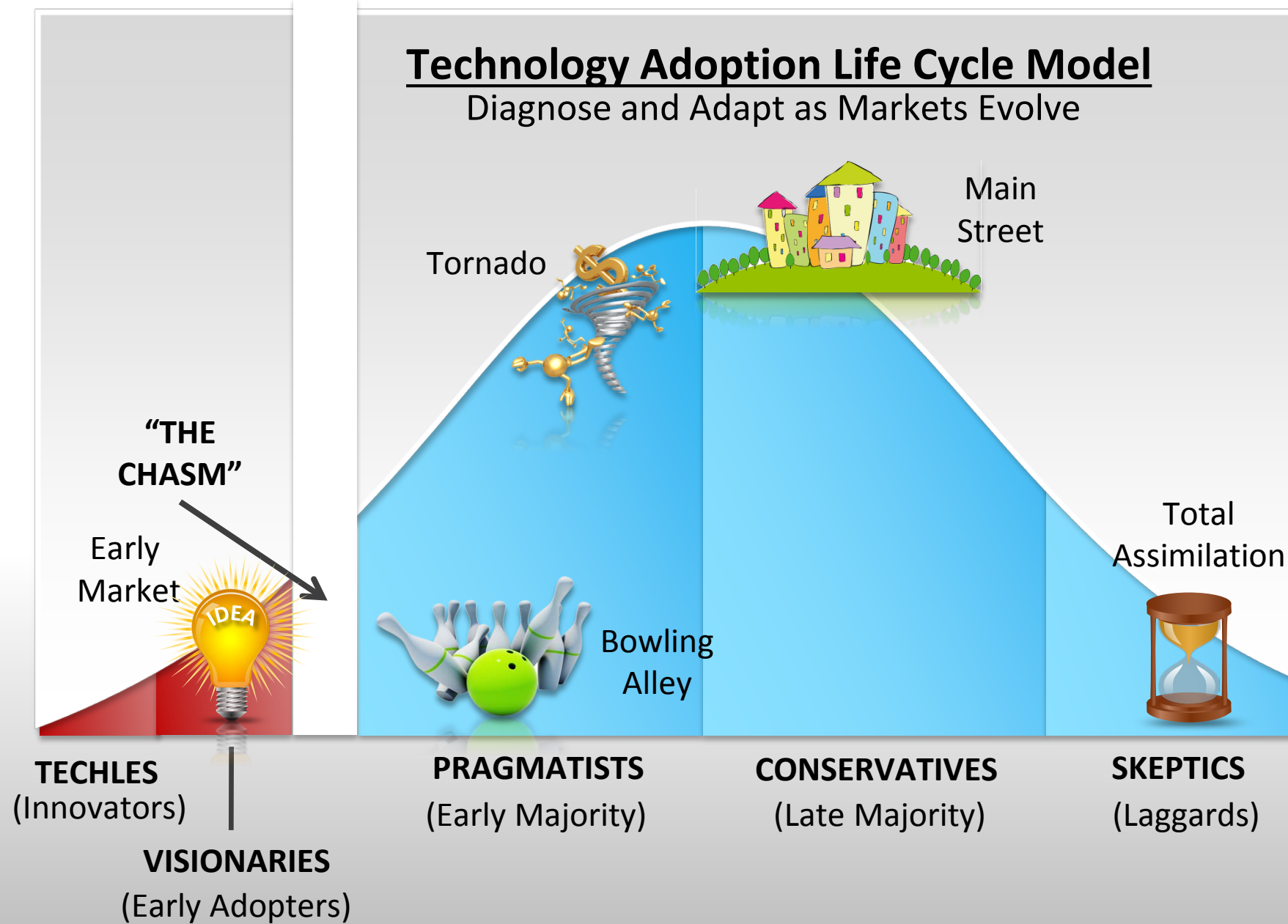
CONSERVATIVES
(Late Majority)

SKEPTICS
(Laggards)

Crossing The Chasm- one view



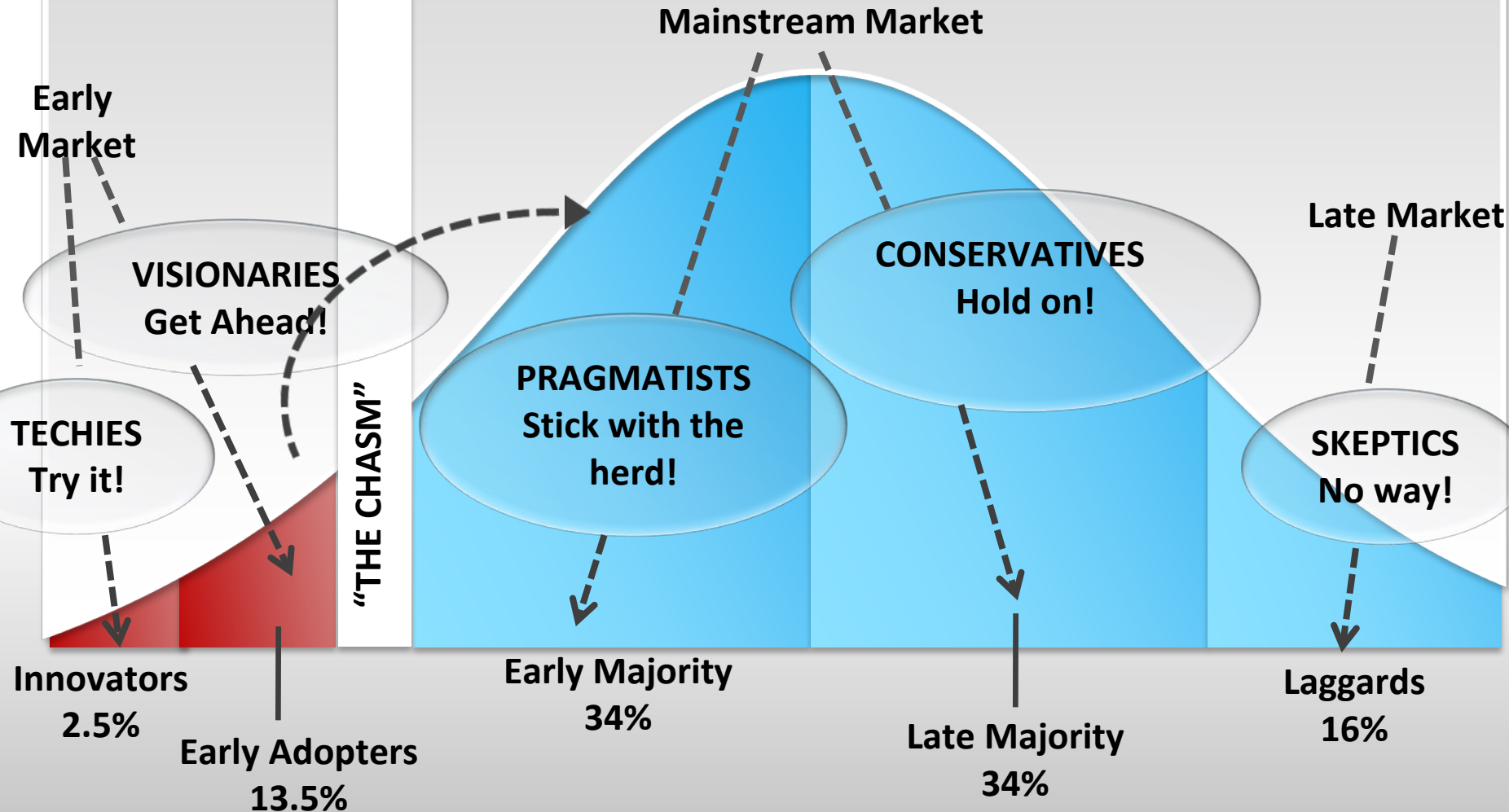
Crossing The Chasm – another view



Relative market shares



Technology Adoption Life Cycle Model

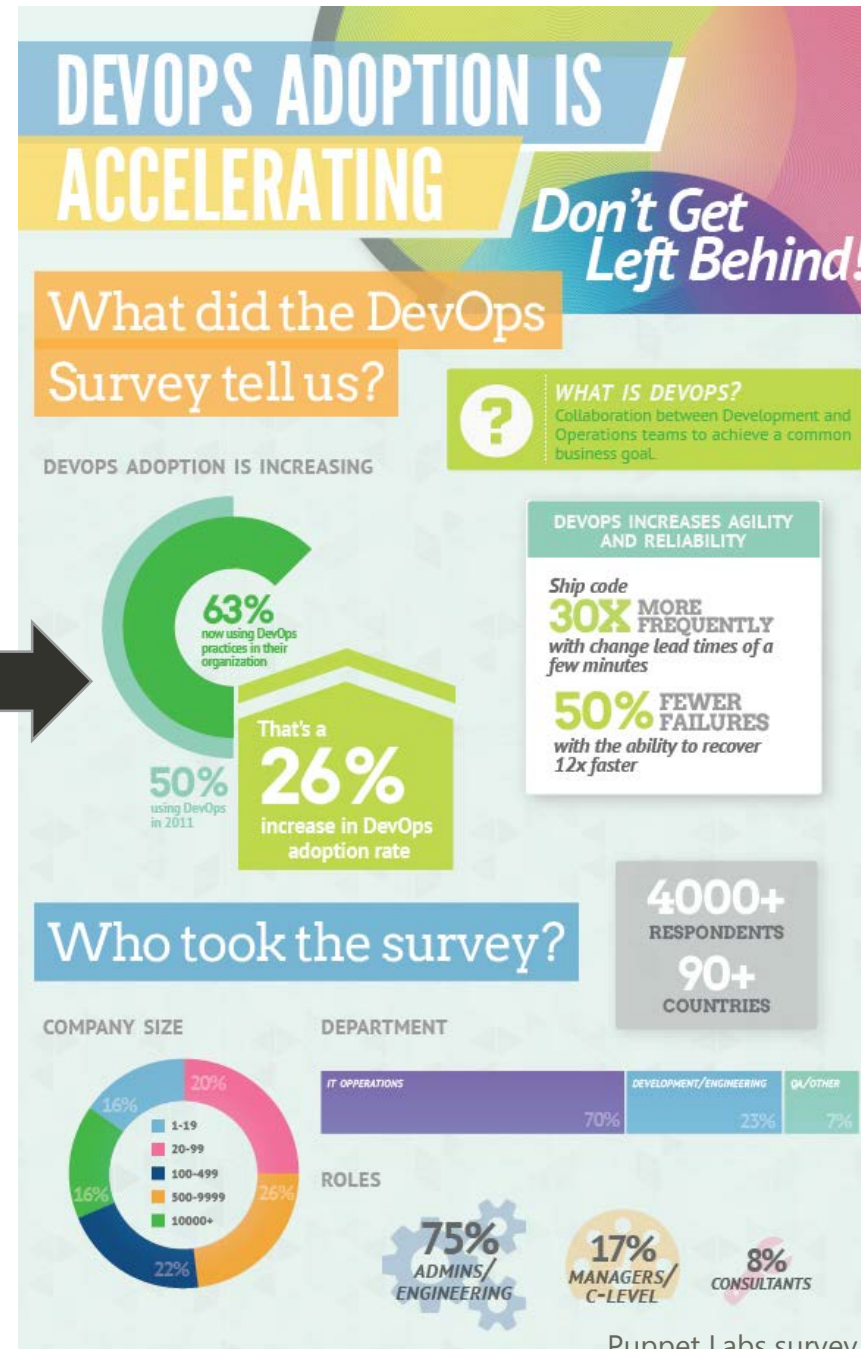


DevOps Adoption

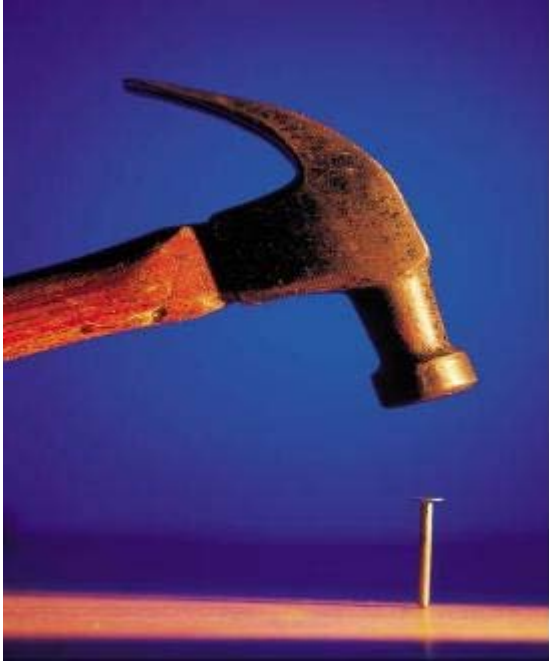
- Where is DevOps on crossing the Chasm?



63% ?



Who is doing DevOps?



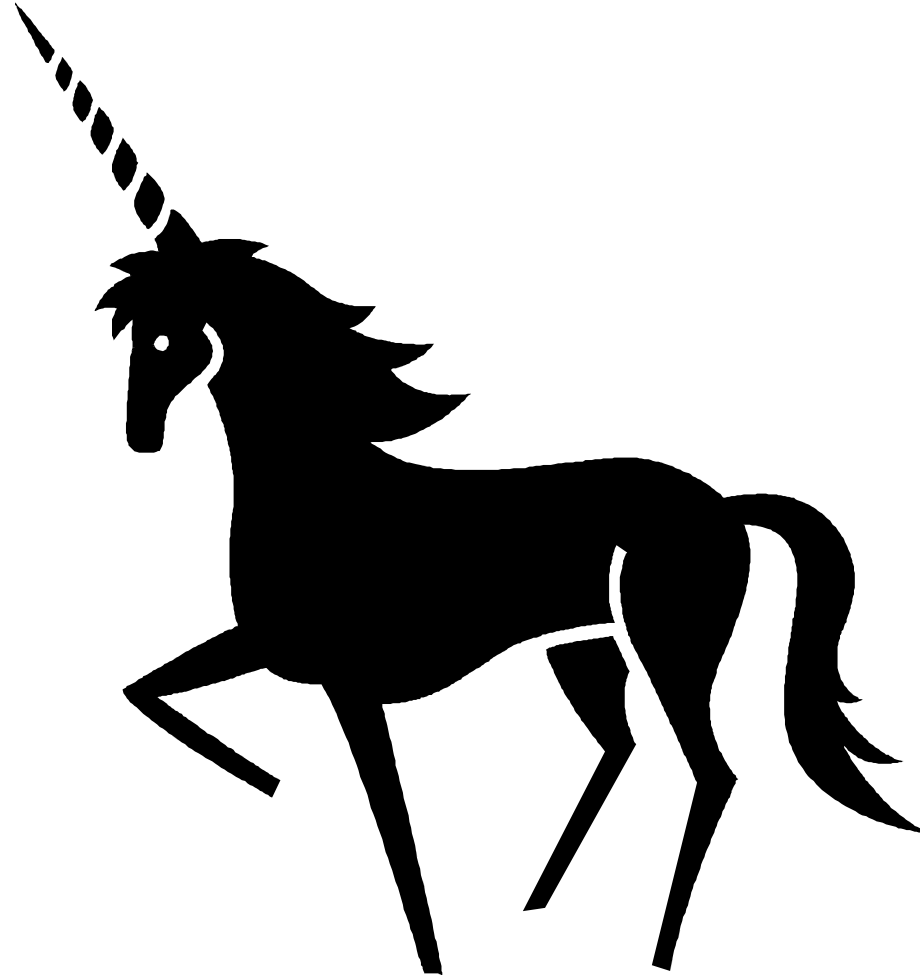
63% is a case of when you are a hammer, everything is a nail.

A DevOps company asks respondents to their survey if they do DevOps

The real issue: Who is doing DevOps today?

Unicorns

The mythical, magical Unicorns
They almost all do DevOps. While
many seek to emulate them or find
the key to their magic, others say
they are a breed apart and what
works for them will not work for
those on the other side of the
chasm.



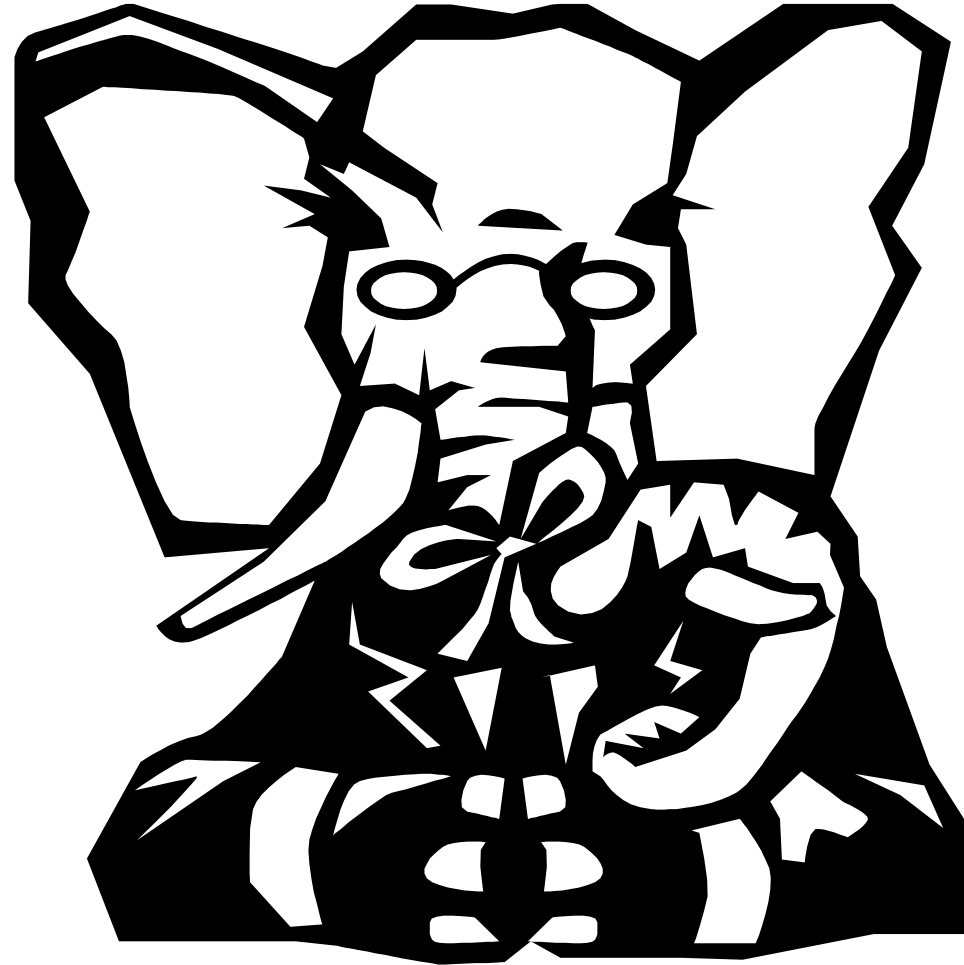
Elephants (horses)



Enterprises are like Elephants. They are surprisingly nimble and very intelligent for such big creatures with great memories. However, their girth does demand a certain way of doing things.

What is the adoption among Elephants? I think it is the lowest of the three groups. I suspect this is true of AWS as well.

According to GigaOm in 2012, 30% of AWS clients were big enterprise
<http://gigaom.com/2012/11/21/amazons-dead-serious-about-the-enterprise-cloud/>



Mice



Elephants are scared of mice. The mice are nimble enough to run in between the elephants legs. They are fast and quick.

Mice do what they have to do to survive. Startups are like mice. DevOps and Cloud are as natural to them as loving cheese is for mice. But at the end of the day startups are not the mainstream.

Startups can still help DevOps cross the chasm



How do we cross the Chasm?



What can we learn from AWS?

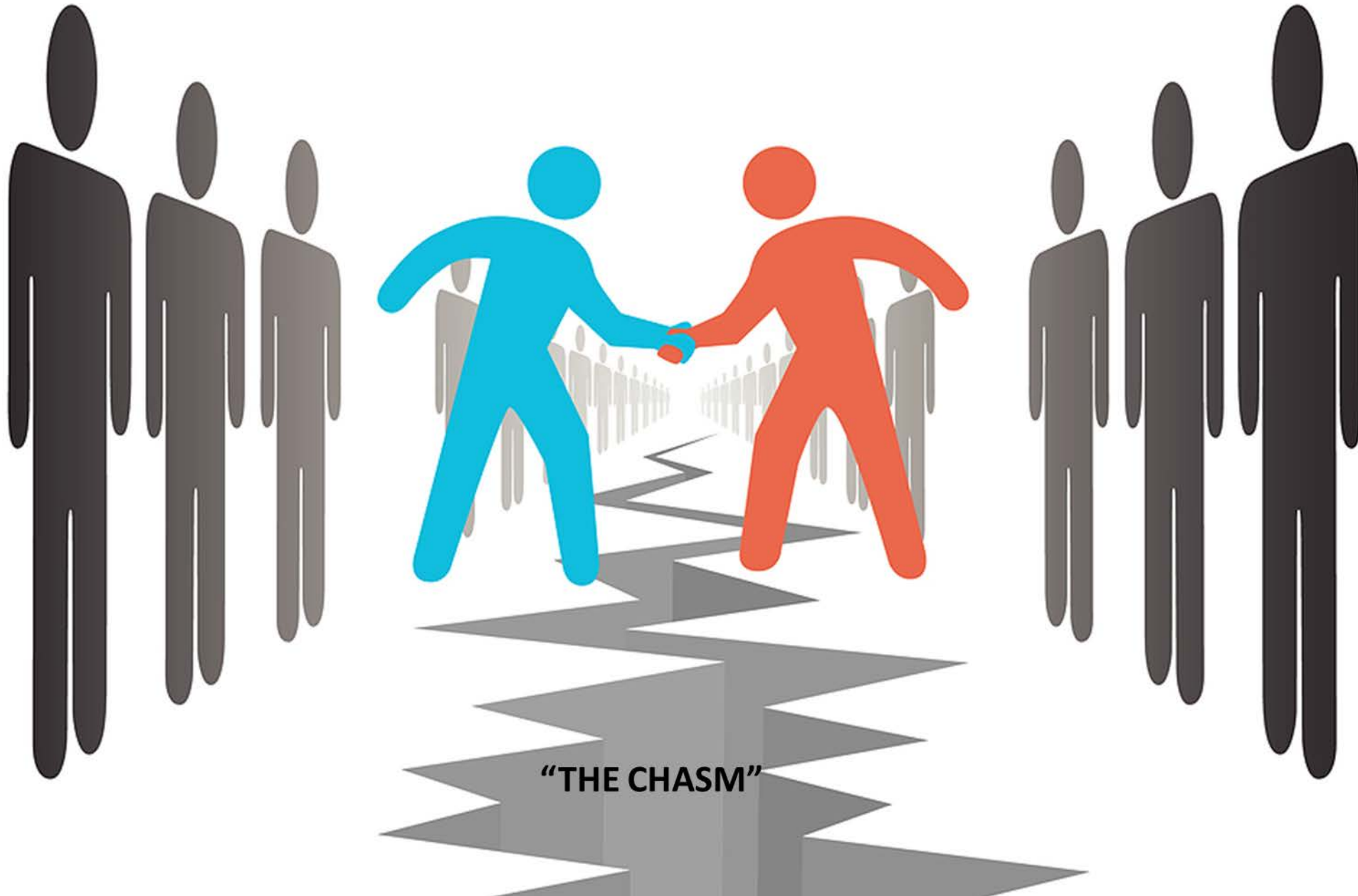


Google Cloud Platform

- Enterprises look for the familiar even in the new
- They require solutions that look similar to what they know, they tend towards comfort zones
- Pragmatists want to solve problems, they don't care what the solution is called, only that it solves the problem
- Understand the enterprise
- Understand the problem
- Provide a solution



How will we know?



Telltale signs

- Sites like DevOps.com go mainstream We see less “what is” and more “how to”
- Unicorns stop being the poster child for DevOps
- Strong financial results with liquidity events for DevOps superstars like Puppet Labs and Chef



“Nothing succeeds like success” - AWS’s financial success have given it the aura of mainstream. DevOps needs to do the same.



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