

We need to talk about code quality

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“One of the most destructive myths in software is that it costs more or takes longer to develop higher-quality code”

Allen Holub

<https://twitter.com/allenholub/status/1565378694427938817>

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**How can
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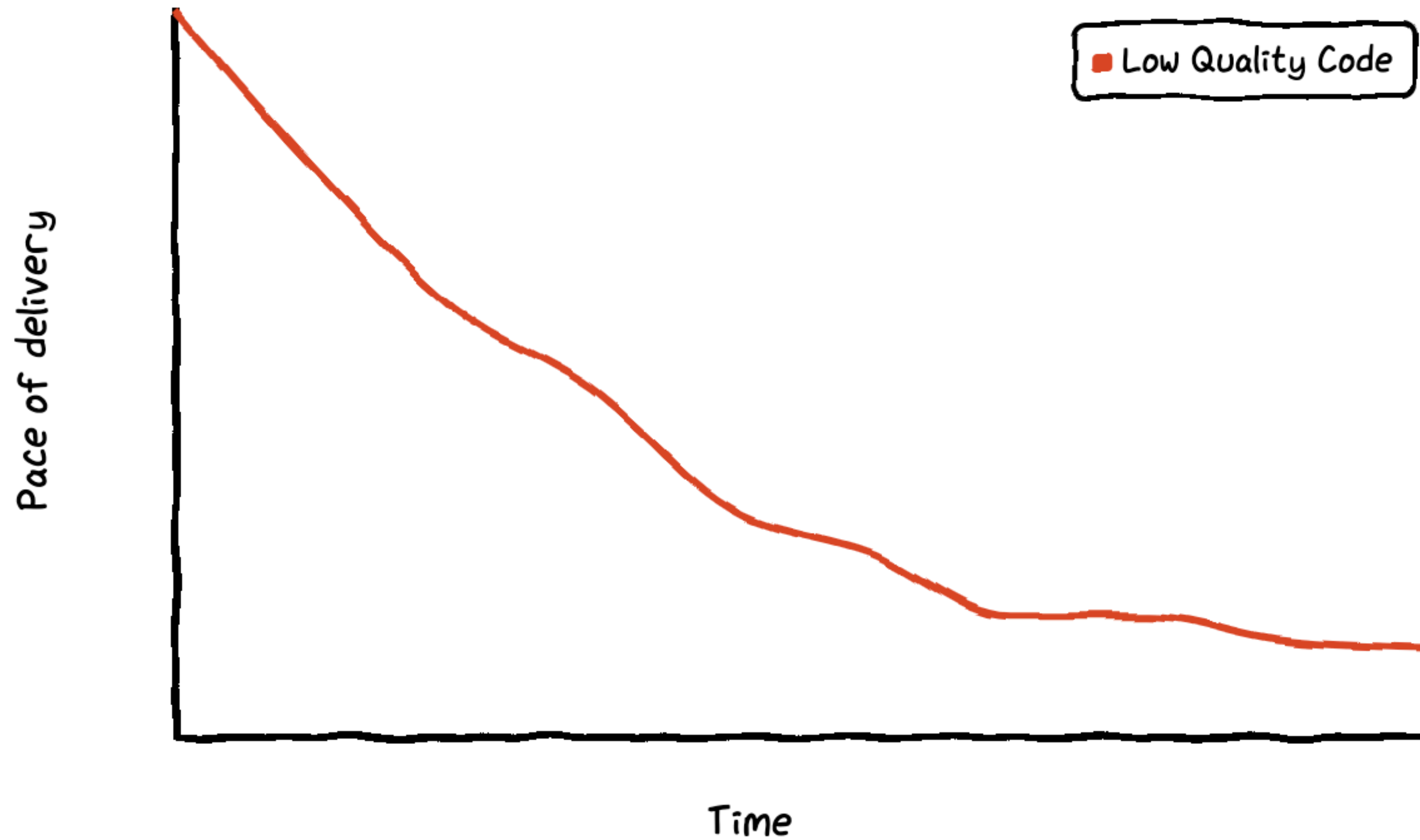
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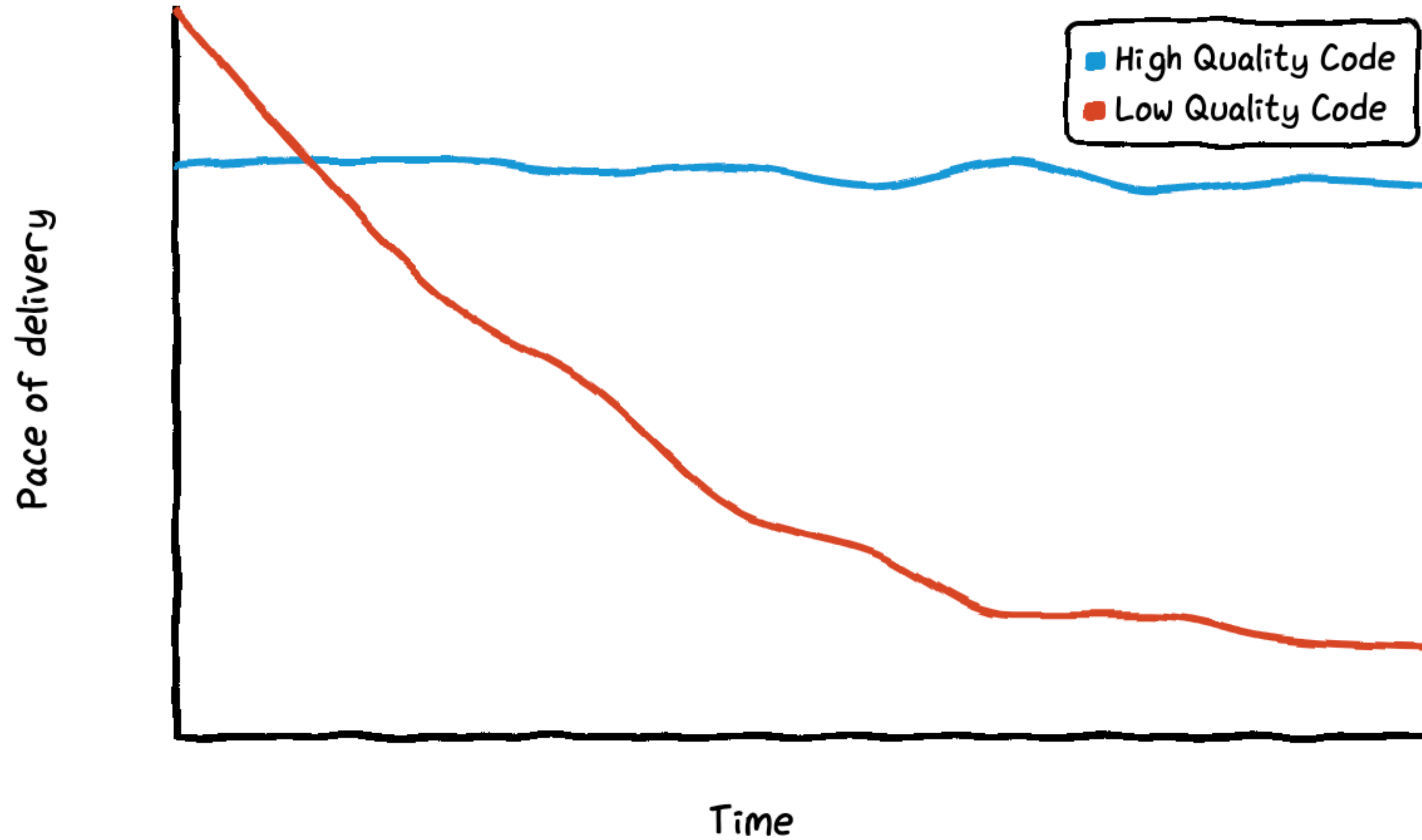
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**High quality code
is easy to keep
changing**

Pace of delivery over time



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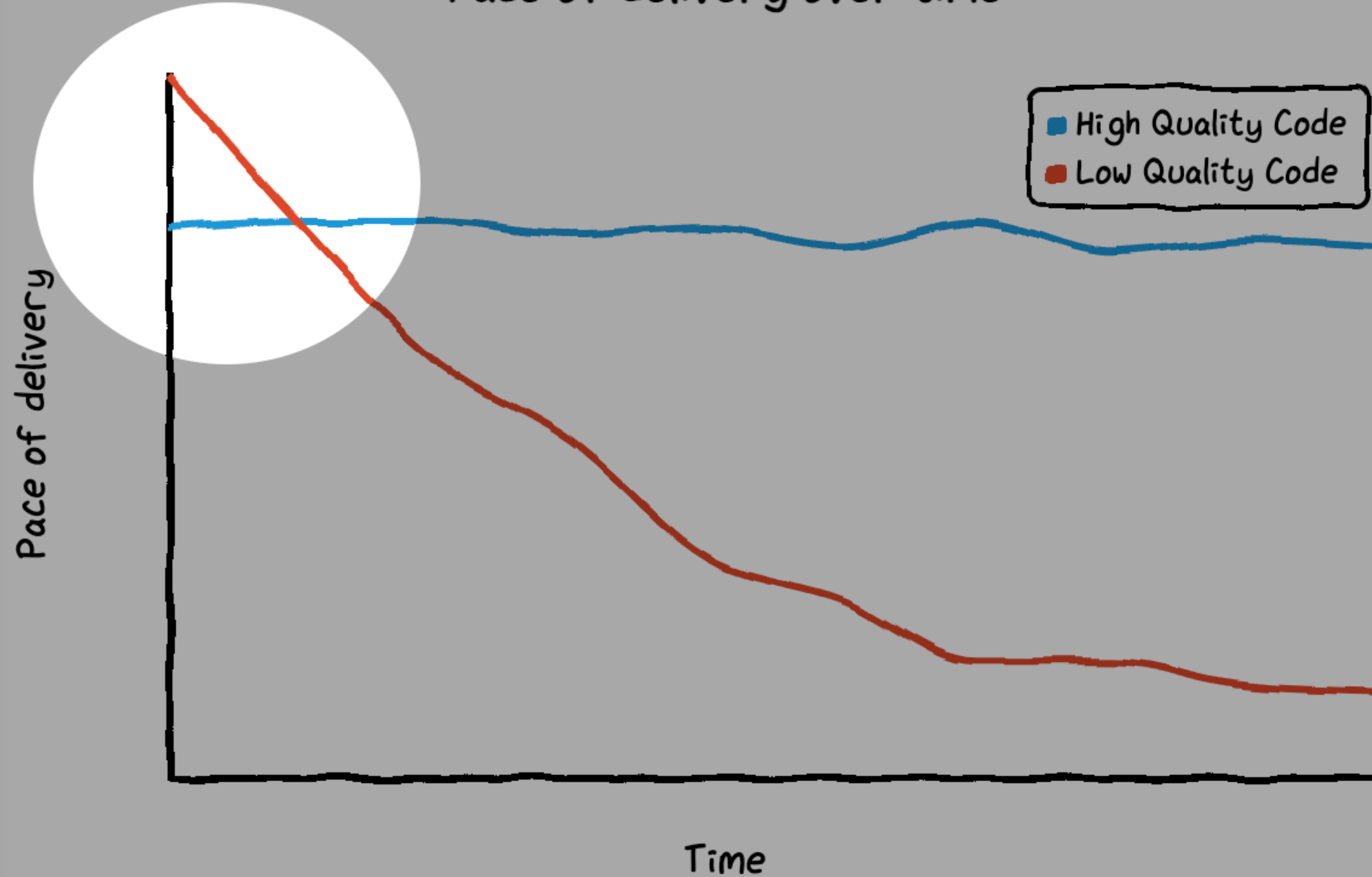
**You don't have the
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Maintenance > initial development

It's counter intuitive

Code quality is invisible

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We are responsible



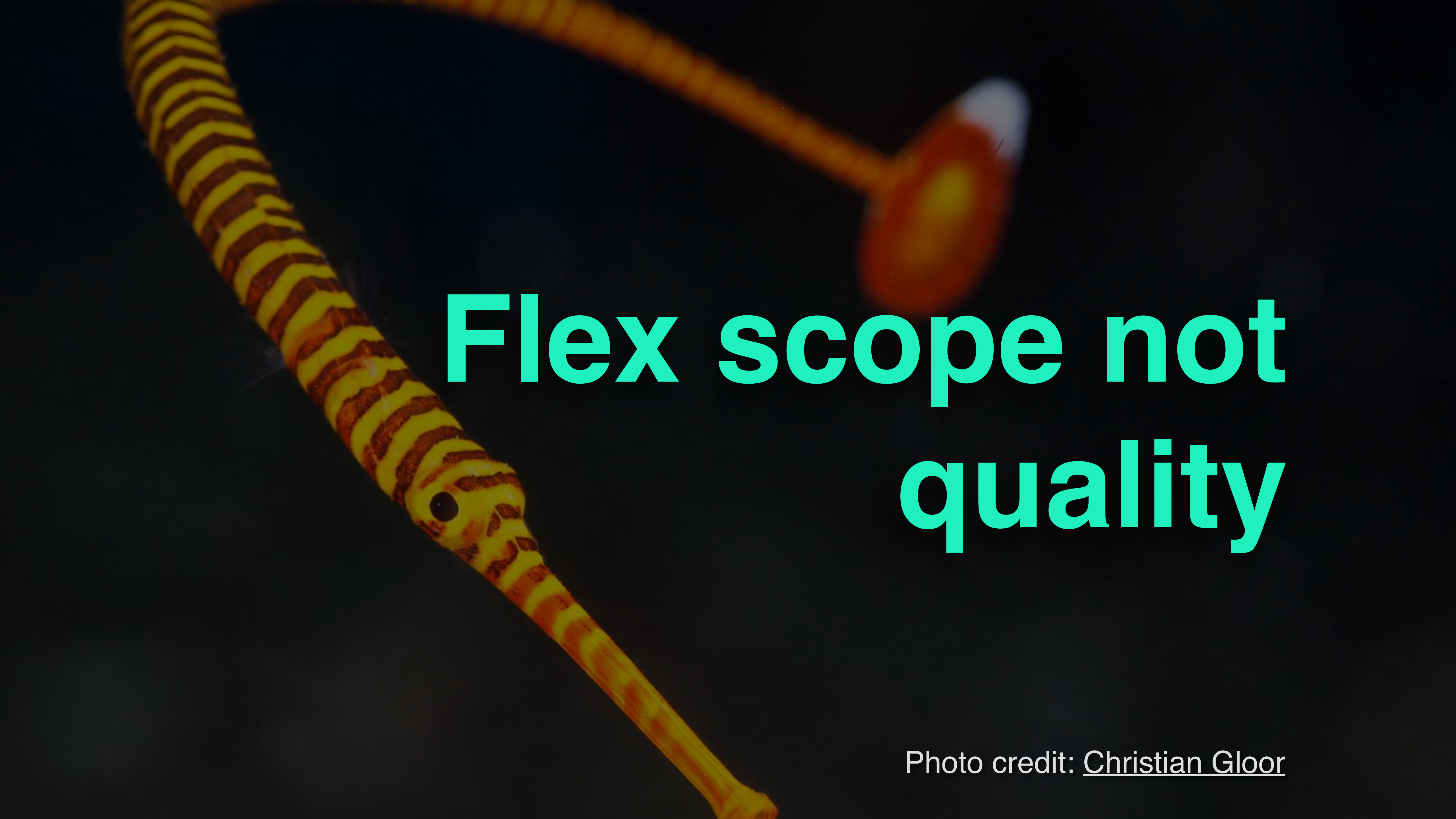
The people pleaser

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A green tent is pitched on a grassy hill overlooking a calm lake. The lake reflects the surrounding landscape, which includes mountains in the background. The text "Scout rule" is overlaid in a large, teal font.

Scout rule

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**Flex scope not
quality**

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A detailed close-up photograph of a mechanical watch movement, showing various gears, screws, and metal components. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue filter. The text "Show that you value higher quality code" is written in a bold, cyan-colored font across the center of the image.

**Show that you
value higher
quality code**

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The defender

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A flock of Canada geese is shown in flight against a solid grey background. The geese are captured in various stages of their wing strokes, creating a sense of movement and coordination. The text "Align your leadership team" is overlaid in a bright cyan color, centered horizontally and partially obscured by the birds.

Align your leadership team

Photo credit: [Paul McFadden](#)

A photograph of a rowing team in a white boat with orange and white stripes on the side. The boat has the number '205' and the text 'LEA803' on its side. There are seven rowers visible, all wearing orange life jackets and white shirts. They are all holding oars and appear to be in the middle of a stroke. The water is dark and choppy. The text 'Show that you are in partnership' is overlaid in large, bold, cyan letters across the center of the image.

Show that you are in partnership

Photo credit: [Paul Vernall](#)



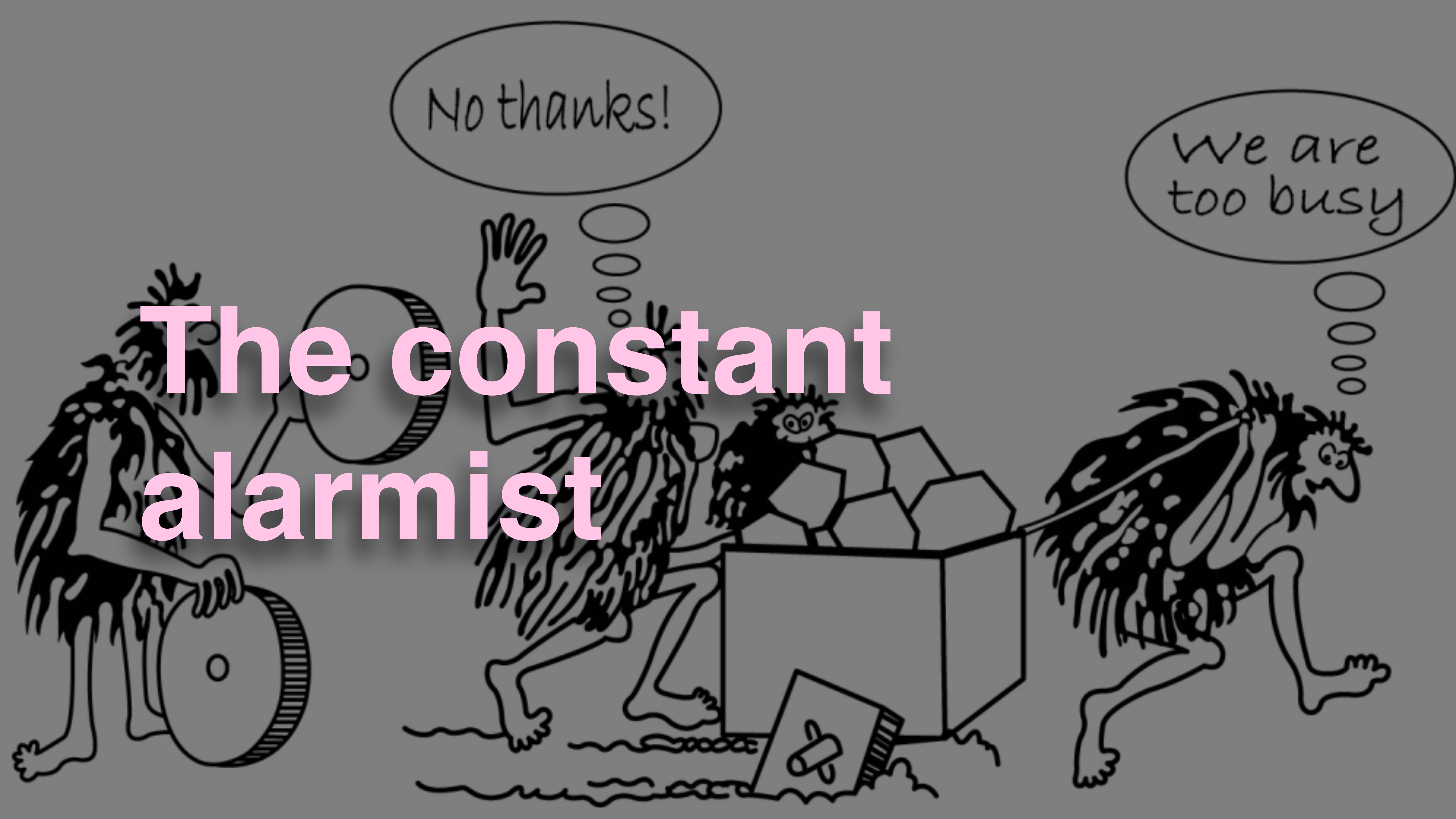
The blinkered engineer



**Explain the value
in their terms**

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The constant alarmist



**How long do you
plan to keep being
successful?**

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The background is a dark, textured surface covered with a dense network of thin, glowing orange and red lines that resemble fibers or a complex web. Several thicker, more prominent orange lines run diagonally across the frame, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is one of intricate, organic complexity.

The over-confident refactorer

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Take an agile approach

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Thank you

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