

# **DX of Unix**

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# Who am I?

- Engineer at Heroku
- Founder of the DX team
- Buildpacks, CLI, Toolbelt, Foreman, API
- Work mostly in "userspace"

**What is DX?**

# User Experience (UX)

*A person's perceptions and responses that result from the use or anticipated use of a product, system or service.*

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# Developer Experience (DX)

*A **developer's** perceptions and responses that result from the use or anticipated use of a **library, tool, or API.***

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  - Run tests first?
  - Deploy to only 5% of production fleet?

# **Unix Philosophy**

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*Write programs that do one thing and do it well.*

*Write programs to work together.*

*Write programs to handle text streams,  
because that is a universal interface.*

Source: Doug McIlroy, A Quarter Century of Unix

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... that are easy to compose.

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  - **POST /apps/:name/releases**

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Try to make this universe include things you haven't yet imagined

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- Decompose your tools

**Thank you**