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Welcome to our February Newsletter

This month we are looking forward to our spring calendar of events. Specifically DevOps Days in Denver, Colorado on April 11th and 12th and two large conferences in May … the OSCON Open Source Convention and CHEFCONF both located in Austin, Texas.   In addition, we are spotlighting Kim Sekulich, Channel Manager at GitHub who will be in downtown Denver for DevOps Days. Networking is essential for DevOps professionals. We hope you will have an opportunity to connect with Kim when she is in town.

Finally, this month we invite you to a WebEx seminar on February 21st co-hosted by our own resident expert and CEO Shawn Doyle to learn how GitHub can help your organization ship code faster, better and cheaper. As always thank you being part of our DevOps community. We appreciate your friendship and support. We hope you truly enjoy the month of February!

Spotlight: Kim Sekulich, Channel Manager at GitHub

This month we are spotlighting Kim Sekulich, Channel Manager at GitHub. Kim manages GitHub partner relationships for a large territory that includes West and Central United States, Canada and Latin America. Kim looks forward to planning her first visit to South America soon. You can meet Kim in person in Denver, Colorado (not as exotic as Peru or Brazil) at DevOps Days on April 11th an 12th. She will be co-hosting an exhibit booth with ReleaseTEAM.

GitHub and ReleaseTEAM have enjoyed a strong partnership. Kim loves all aspects of business relationship building and ReleaseTEAM was one of her first GitHub professional partners.

Kim resides in Chicago and has lived there since 1991. Therefore, we are assigning her official Chicago native status and proud Chicago Cubs fan. Kim loves all things Chicago "it is simply the best of everything." She loves the food scene, the local events, the festivities and the down-to-Earth people. She also loves the beaches in the summer (ummm … I completely forgot that Chicago had beaches). And finally Kim told me to let you know the winters are absolutely not as bad as everyone thinks. Basically she is a Chicago fan through and through.

She graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and has two children ages 7 and 5. Her favorite food is kimchi fried rice. Her hobbies include photography (specifically exploring unique angles and vantage points when shooting scenery) and core strengthening workouts including Pilates, barre and yoga. Finally Kim loves to travel. Her favorite recent trips were to Paris, France and Sydney, Australia.

We hope you will come to DevOps Days in April and network with Kim. You are welcome to bring her Denver's best kimchi fried rice for lunch in exchange for some amazing exhibit booth swag. (Just joking). The swag is free. The networking is valuable. Kim is a delight. Thank you for letting us spotlight you Kim!

See you soon …

OSCON Open Source Convention

May 8 – 9, Training and Tutorials
May 10 – 11, Convention
Austin, Texas

Rather than focus on a single language or aspect, at OSCON you to learn about and explore the entire range of open source technologies including real-world practices and how to successfully implement open source in your workflow and projects. It is the event where all the pieces come together: developers, innovators, business people and investors.

At this conference you will find everything open source: languages, communities, best practices, products and services. There will be over 100 sessions covering the full range of languages and platforms as well as practical tutorials that go deep into new features, applications and best practices. There will be important keynote presentations and significant networking opportunities. This event has also become one of the most important venues to announce groundbreaking open source projects and products.

Please explore the following link and make your reservations today! We hope you will join ReleaseTEAM at OSCON. Please note: Early bird pricing ends March 16th and you can save 20% on your registration by using the promo code STAY.
https://conferences.oreilly.com/oscon/oscon-tx/public/register

CHEFCONF 2017

May 22 - 24 in Austin, Texas

Make plans today to join ReleaseTEAM and nearly 2,000 other passionate DevOps leaders, practitioners, and innovators at CHEFCONF May 22 – May 24th in Austin, Texas.   We will converge upon Austin to enjoy invigorating technology discussions and the local Austin food, music, and art scene. The event is guaranteed to engage and energize both technical practitioners and corporate leaders.

At this years' conference you can hear from executives who overcame transformation challenges to become high-velocity business. You can also practice and learn new skills in hands-on, interactive sessions and share patters of success for moving from a traditional workplace to one that embraces speed, cooperation and communication. Early bird pricing for this event is now $995! Check out the link and make your reservations today. https://chefconf.chef.io/2017/

GitLab 2016 Year in Review

We highly recommend the link to the following article below that summarizes all product improvements made to GitLab in 2016. GitLab truly is the platform for modern developers that unifies issues, code review, CI and CD into a single UI. The platform has made significant strides in 2016. In fact, they shipped new improvements and features every single month! Included in the monthly releases were major new features like Issue Boards and Cycle Analytics, and the completion of their idea-to-production vision. The comprehensive summary of 2016 improvements is presented in a concise quick-read format via the following link. It is well worth a quick glance just to stay ahead of all the great GitLab platform progress and improvements.

https://about.gitlab.com/2017/01/24/gitlab-2016-year-in-review/

WebEx Event: How To Ship Code Faster, Better, and Cheaper with GitHub

On Tuesday, February 21st at 11am (Mountain Standard Time) learn how to modernize your software development with GitHub. Join Shawn Doyle, ReleaseTEAM CEO, and GitHub Solutions Engineer, Christian Weber, to learn how GitHub helps organizations ship code faster, better, and cheaper.   Add this event to your calendar and learn from the hands-on experts.

https://releaseteam.webex.com/mw3100/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=releaseteam&service=10

The Puzzler

Congratulations to John Ryan, for winning the January Puzzler contest! John will receive a $27 gift card for his cunning. Email puzzler@releaseteam.com to claim your $27 gift card!

And now for the February Puzzler …

Ignoring order, how many different ways are there for an American football team to score 10 points and what are they?

Last month's puzzler was, "What is the only type of cheese made backwards?"

The answer is Edam, a cheese from the Netherlands.

Please send your answer to puzzler@releaseteam.com and we will randomly pick a winner from all the correct answers. The winner will receive a $27 gift card. If you have a brilliant puzzler recommendation we would love to use it. Please send your recommendations to the above email address.