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Here's your February 2018 issue of the ReleaseTEAM newsletter!

This month we start lining up the year's DevOps conferences and events. We deliver to you lots of news and information from our esteemed partners. Are you a fan of The Puzzler? This month's is a twist on a classic.

We are also proud to announce a special QASymphony partner offer --



ReleaseTEAM can SAVE you 35% getting into QASymphony's Quality Jam!

[Email us to find out how](#)

April 10-11 in Atlanta or October 11 in London, QASymphony presents [Quality Jam](#), a gathering of development pros to discuss the future of software quality.

"Quality Jam is QASymphony's premier thought leadership and education destination for quality professionals, technology leaders, and agile development teams. Quality Jam connects you to the people, tools, and technology that will help you drive innovation across your organization."
#QualityJam18

[Contact us to learn more](#)

Time Tracking & Reporting with Tempo Timesheets and Jira

WEBINAR March 27 @ 1:00 pm EST



Join Mark Eliason from ReleaseTEAM to learn how you can unify DevOps and Business teams using the time tracking and reporting power of JIRA and Tempo Timesheets. Mark is a Senior DevOps Consultant with ReleaseTEAM and is Atlassian Certified in JIRA Administration and Agile Development.

[Click here to register](#)

GitLab announces v10.3.4 and a critical security update



[Critical security update](#)

[v10.3.4](#)

TaskTop: Improving Communication



Is there a way to remedy communication loss across your management process?
Read the article on the [Tasktop blog](#)

Work Better by Connecting GitHub Enterprise and Codeship



Now it's even easier to connect GitHub Enterprise to your continuous integration and continuous development (CI/CD) tools with the latest integration from Codeship—a simple cloud-based CI/CD platform with native Docker support.

You'll get the same experience cloud services always provide with the flexibility to support more enterprise-level workflows and private source control.

[Learn more](#)

OpenMake: Should you upgrade to DeployHub Pro?



OpenMake [lists the key differences](#) to help you decide.

Artifact management strategies with JFrog Artifactory



[Read this whitepaper](#) on setting up replication, remote repositories, scheduling strategies, and more – all while maintaining reliability and redundancy. JFrog and ReleaseTEAM can make it a reality.

Atlassian Team Tour | Feb 8 - April 17 • Worldwide Locations



The Atlassian Team Tour is making a stop in a city near you. Get product updates, the latest team practices, and discuss the future of teamwork.

[Learn more](#)

IBM Think 2018 | March 19-22 • Las Vegas, NV



IBM Think 2018 is for those who seek inspiration and education, reinvention and innovation. Connect with experts and achieve unexpected results. Learn more about AI, cloud, data, security, and systems and discover what's possible.

Think Campus

100s of core sessions, Think Tanks, and opportunities to get out of traditional sessions. You'll experience face to face conversations with experts and product developers, network with clients that face similar challenges as you, and meet with 100s of IBM strategic business partners.

Think Academy

1000s of labs, certifications, client and technical deep dives that provide the info you need to take back to your organization and make it your own.

[Register here](#)

DevOpsDays Denver 2018 | April 17-18 • Denver, CO



DevOpsDays is a worldwide series of technical conferences covering topics of software development, IT infrastructure operations, and the intersection between them. Topics often include automation, testing, security, and organizational culture.

[Learn more](#)

JFrog SwampUP 2018 | May 16-18 • Napa, CA



SwampUP 2018 promises to be the most memorable event you attend in 2018. Keynotes, training sessions and technical workshops will take you to the edge of DevOps.

[Learn more](#)

ChefConf 2018 | May 22-25 • Chicago, IL

CHEFCONF2018

ChefConf brings together the best voices in the DevOps and automation industry for a week of insightful, disruptive, and thought-provoking conversations driving digital change in IT.

[Learn more](#)

DockerCon 2018 | June 12-15 • San Francisco, CA



DockerCon passes include access to 3 Keynotes, over 120 Sessions, Ecosystem Expo Hall, After Party, Breakfast and Lunch meals, all interactive attendee experiences including Hands-on Labs and Hallway Track. Official training and certification exams are also available!

[Learn more](#)

OSCON 2018 | July 16-19 • Portland, OR



OSCON is the complete convergence of the technologies transforming industries today—and the developers, engineers, and business leaders who make it happen.

[Learn more](#)

IBM DevOps Triple Play

Want to learn more about DevOps from IBM? Check out this DevOps *triple play*:

[Ten steps to DevOps success from thought leaders](#)

[Lessons Learned: Scaling DevOps @ Wells Fargo and Kingsmen Software](#)

[DevOps Chat: Mike Kaczmarek, CTO DevOps and Service Management](#)

ReleaseTEAM Survey

This month's questions:

Which vendor's tools are you currently using?

What tools would you like to implement?



[Respond Now for a chance to win an Amazon gift card!](#)

ReleaseTEAM Employee Spotlight

Keith Evans, East Coast Account Manager

Keith is originally from Cleveland OH and relocated to the Tampa Bay FL area in 1994 after serving for four years in the Army as a paratrooper and 6 years in the Ohio National Guard as a Mortar Platoon Leader. Keith has been playing with computers since the Commodore PET 2001 (1977), wrote his first game on a Commodore 64, and scratch-built his first computer—a 286.



Keith's love of technology really took off when he joined Tech Data in 1994 as a Sales Rep; he passed the A+ certification, became a Microsoft MCSE, Cisco CCNP, and an HP ASE to name a few of his total of more than 30 certifications. He went on to become an instructor for several vendors networking products.

After over 20 years of networking experience, he noticed the trend was getting away from hardware centric networks and heading towards virtualization, cloud, and hardware as code. An opportunity came up to work with ReleaseTEAM, a cutting-edge company, and is looking forward to seeing what the technology world has in store for the next decade!

And now Keith answers the....



1. What is your favorite movie and/or favorite line from a movie?

Harry Potter series, has allowed me to spend an enormous amount of quality time with my daughter.

2. What is your motto or personal mantra?

Always try to understand another person's viewpoint. You may be right, but they may not be wrong.

3. Windows, Apple or Linux?

Windows but I can still get around in DOS!

4. What is your favorite meal/type of food?

If it's my choice it always comes down to: Spicy Pizza, Green Curry Chicken or Crawfish Étouffée.

5. What superhero do you most relate to...or if that answer would scare your peers, who's your favorite superhero?

Never really got into superheroes, but I have seen the positive effect Drax the Destroyer had on an autistic child so I'm going with him.

6. What playlist/artist do you listen to most?

Any Irish inspired rock or drinking songs.

7. Empire or Rebels?

Got to root for the underdog, The Empire. Rifles that can't shoot fifty feet, fighters that can't win against an old freighter, armor that protects against absolutely nothing. Seriously, they got nothing going for them, yet they still manage to hang on.

8. If you could witness any historical event, what would you want to see?

D-Day, assuming I couldn't get hurt of course!

The Puzzler

You have 3 switches in a room. One of them is for a bulb in next room. You cannot see whether the bulb is on or off until you enter the room. What is the minimum number of times you need to go in to the room to determine which switch corresponds to the bulb in next room?

Think you know the answer?

Be sure to submit your answer with the explanation to puzzler@releaseteam.com ASAP. As always, correct responses have the opportunity to receive a \$27 gift card. Good luck from all of us at ReleaseTEAM!



THE ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLER:

Shawn and Karl are traveling to a DevOps conference. Shawn is the first person in the line to board a full flight on a 381-seat airplane. He gets on the plane but can't remember what his seat number is, obviously he's not flying Southwest, so he picks a seat at random. After that, each person who gets on the plane sits in their assigned seat if it's available, otherwise, they will choose an open seat at random to sit in. Karl showed up late at the airport and is the last one to board.

Q: What is the probability that Karl gets to sit in his assigned seat?

A: 50/50. If any passenger picks Karl's seat, Karl doesn't get his seat, if Shawn picks his assigned seat, Karl gets his seat, as all passengers will choose their assigned seats. Regardless of how many people are not the correct seats, the probability remains 50:50.

Congratulations to Isaac V - January's Puzzle Master!

Contact us for your \$27 gift card prize.

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