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Welcome to our March 2015 Newsletter!

The most suprising news coming out of IBM InterConnect 2016 was all the new work being put into ClearCase in the near future. A lot of new features are coming up and the best way to stay informed is to follow us on Twitter.

Among the major announcements at Interconnect was IBM's partnership with Apple around the Swift programming language for iOS, OS X and Linux development. The partnership aims to help enterprises advance their mobile strategy with app design, analytics, and integration for a mobile first experience. What this stage of the collaboration means is that IBM is expanding the Swift Sandbox in order to help coders use Apple's open source programming language in the cloud. Developers will be able to share and develop their designs in a Swift Package Catalogue, which will be hosted by IBM. Development can be done on Bluemix and deployed with Kitura, an open-source web server that IBM has released which works on both OSX and Linux.

The expansion of its relationship with VMware will help Big Blue to carve out a bigger role in the growing world of hybrid cloud deployments. The agreement is designed to make it easier for companies that are using VMware's virtualization products to deploy and run them on IBM's cloud data centers. What this will hopefully mean for IBM is that its services will look more appealing to VMware customers. IBM and VMware's partnership will also see the two partner on selling hybrid cloud services to enterprise buyers and add VMware products such as vSphere, NSX and Virtual SAN to IBM's worldwide data centers.

In what appears to be a strategy of being the best connected and open cloud, IBM is forming a strategic partnership with the software platform to deliver GitHub Enterprise as a dedicated service on Bluemix. IBM and GitHub want to deliver GitHub Enterprise as a dedicated service on Bluemix, IBM's Cloud Platform, to customers across private and hybrid cloud environments. As part of Bluemix, the solution will provide customers with Hybrid DevOps capabilities through the Bluemix Dedicated and Local managed delivery models.

IBM says it wants to simplify cloud development, smashing through pesky barriers for developers who want to move their applications into the cloud. This is where IBM Bluemix OpenWhisk comes in to play. This is a new open, event-driven platform that lets developers build more feature-rich apps, quickly and easily, that automatically trigger responses to events. The IBM Bluemix OpenWhisk platform enables developers to quickly build microservices that execute software code in response to events such as the clicking of a mouse or the receiving of sensor data from any IOT device. When an event occurs, the code is automatically executed. As a result, developers need not worry about things like pre-provisioning infrastructure, such as servers or operations –they can simply focus on code, dramatically speeding up the process.

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ReleaseTEAM's Spotlight

Hollie McTiernan- Perforce Inside Sales Operations Manager

Hollie McTiernan is a true advocate of excellent customer service. She always goes above and beyond her duties to ensure each and every client is happy. From Perforce clients to Business Partners and employees, all who have worked with Hollie know that she is a true pleasure to be around. She makes the process seamless.

Hollie is Perforce's Inside Sales Operation Manager and has been with them for 12 years now. She originally started off in the licensing/order-processing department but quickly moved over to the sales management position, as her passion for client satisfaction was inevitable. Her role has changed over the years and she values the changes as they have helped her develop her career. Hollie's motto is "The client is the most important part of any business" and that motto has become her department's motto!

Prior to joining Perforce, Hollie's career was all about writing and publishing! She spent 1 ½ years writing weekly columns on trends in lifestyle and fashion. She then spent 4 ½ years selling and distributing "For Dummies" books and computer books (.NET and C#) to foreign publishers. One might ask how on earth she ended up making a huge career jump. Well, the computer book company was moving its operations to another state and Hollie just so happened to have a friend at Perforce who mentioned a job opening in the licensing department. With her experience, licensing she was a perfect fit.

Outside of work, Hollie likes to garden. She is an avid gardener, which the Bay Area allows her to do all year long. She is also becoming quite the Lego master with the help of her two sons Jack (4 1/2) and Cash (2).

ReleaseTEAM is truly honored to have Hollie's help as we continue to grow our partnership with Perforce. We want to thank Hollie for all that she has done and will do for us.

GitHub Enterprise is coming to Bluemix

GitHub's popular code-sharing service for developers has long been available in a self-hosted enterprise version, and now it's coming to IBM's Bluemix cloud platform.

Thanks to a new partnership announced Monday, IBM and GitHub will deliver GitHub Enterprise as a dedicated service on Bluemix across private and hybrid cloud environments. The service gives corporate developers a new way to code and work with GitHub's collaborative development tools in a private, controlled environment.

"It's essentially GitHub as a service," said Jim Comfort, CTO and general manager for architecture with IBM Cloud.

GitHub Enterprise will be available as a service through IBM's security-minded Bluemix Dedicated and Bluemix Local versions. It will be integrated with Bluemix's portfolio of DevOps tools, including access to more than 140 application programming interfaces (APIs) and services.

Integrated security-scanning technologies will help protect users from vulnerabilities that may arise during development, IBM said.

GitHub boasts roughly 12 million users, including some 60,000 organizations. IBM is the first vendor to make GitHub Enterprise a "natural part" of its developer services, Comfort said.

Pricing and availability details were not announced.

Also on Monday, IBM announced Bluemix OpenWhisk, a new event-driven platform that lets developers build microservices that execute software code in response to events such as the clicking of a mouse or the receipt of sensor data from a surveillance camera. OpenWhisk is now available.

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Atlassian creates new Android, iOS development teams

DevOps darling Atlassian has created new development teams for iOS and Android, and is seeking principal developers to lead both.

Job ads are appearing in the usual places, mentioning "a brand new, kick-arse team to start an iOS development practice" and a "a brand new, kick-arse team to start an Android development practice", both in Sydney, Australia.

Atlassian's plan seems to be to start making and selling apps, as both gigs require someone with "at least four years experience " on the respective platforms and a track record of having "... shipped at least three applications" to the App Store or Google play.

What might these devs be doing? Atlassian's HipChat already has apps, so perhaps this is an effort to revisit that code to make up ground in the company's pursuit of group messaging competitor Slack. Or perhaps the company has decided its time for native clients for its portfolio of apps. A scan of Google Play and the App Store yields lots of third party apps to connect to Atlassian products, but no apps from the company itself.

Or maybe there's something new in the works, a scenario that seems plausible given the company is now all cashed-up after its US$462m IPO.

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The Puzzler

Now for this month's puzzler:

The day after tomorrow is the third day after Wednesday. **Which day was the day before yesterday?**

Here is last month's question:

"There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house there were lots of babies. What is it?"

Solution:

It's a watermelon.

Send us in your answers and we will randomly pick a winner from all the correct answers to win a $27 ReleaseTEAM gift card. If you'd like to send us puzzlers of your own, feel free to do so!

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