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As we welcome the month of May, ReleaseTEAM is looking forward to some great conferences.

The two bigger ones we are focusing on are;
IBM Innovate 2014: Innovate always delivers a great technical conference and we like meeting old friends and making new ones.

OSCON: The Open Source Conference is a great place to learn new trends and meet with folks in the open source community.

We'll talk mainly about Innovate in this month's newsletter and save OSCON for next month.

Innovate 2014 is already sprouting surprises. The tracks have changed a bit, we now have three streams of tracks: DevOps, Continuous Engineering and Innovation. Many of the tracks seem to be cross pollinated between streams.

Dr. Egon Spengler: There's something very important I forgot to tell you.
Dr. Peter Venkman: What?
Dr. Egon Spengler: Don't cross the streams.
Dr. Peter Venkman: Why?
Dr. Egon Spengler: It would be bad.

In the end, crossing the streams saved the day, so we look forward to that.

ReleaseTEAM's Spotlight

Bob Melton – IBM Contractor

Bob Melton

With Innovate 2014 a month away, do you find yourself wondering how the Expo Hall at the conference seems to magically set itself up and run so smoothly for all of IBM's Business Partners? ReleaseTEAM is honored to Spotlight the individual who is responsible for this monumental task! It is my pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Bob Melton!

Bob is responsible for floor plans, marketing, and managing the Expo Hall at Innovate for all of the IBM Business Partners. One of his primary goals is to ensure the partners are all as productive as possible. Productivity leads to success, success leads to great ROI, which leads to happy business partners!

Bob is no stranger to IBM! He started off in 1966 as an IBM Systems Engineer. He realized he loved working with people and spent over 30 years in a variety of sales roles within IBM. He retired in 1996, but his retirement did not last long! IBM hired him back as a contractor, helping set up and organize many different IBM conferences for all of the IBM software brands. This is his 3rd year of coordinating Innovate.

When asked what his plans are regarding re-retirement, he only laughed and said "When you retire, you never get a day off".

On behalf of all the IBM's Business Partners, "Thank you Bob for doing such an outstanding job"!

Please take a minute to also thank Bob when you run into him at Innovate 2014! (You will find his smiling face somewhere on the Expo floor).

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Date: May 29th, 2014
Time: 7:00-10:00pm (MDT)
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton
83 E 120th Ave
Thornton, Colorado

Speaker: Mike Gormley
Topic: Improving ClearCase performance

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ReleaseTEAM's Partner Spotlight

This month, we'd like to shine our spotlight on our long-standing partner Electric Cloud

"Electric Cloud delivers solutions that automate and accelerate the software delivery process. The company's award-winning products help development organizations to speed time-to-market, boost developer productivity, and improve software quality while leveraging the operational efficiencies provided by virtual cloud infrastructures. Leading companies across a variety of industries, including financial services, ISVs, mobile devices, semiconductors and transactional websites, rely on Electric Cloud's software delivery solutions."

Highlights from IBM Impact 2014

Here is a useful and informative list of videos from IBM Impact 2014 by SiliconANGLE

SiliconANGLE's just wrapped its live broadcast of IBM Impact with #theCUBE, a traveling news team that distracts the signal from the noise. This was the latest in a string of IBM events intending to redefine Big Blue's messaging to existing customers and newcomers alike, centering a cohesive portfolio on cloud solutions, analytics, mobile and Big Data.

There's a noticeable difference between previous years' events and IBM Impact, as the company looks to change the perception of its enterprise-grade cloud services. Responding to the market shifts towards cloud and rising stars like Amazon Web Services (AWS), IBM is intent on demonstrating how its products work together, and how it can transition organizations from legacy data centers to modern IT architecture.

During IBM Impact we learn the details of Big Blue's new app marketplace, how the company is appealing to developers, and where innovation fits into this industry-wide transition to the cloud.

Here are the highlights from IBM Impact as covered by #theCUBE, and be sure to review SiliconANGLE's interactive discussion that took place on CrowdChat for the entirety of the event.
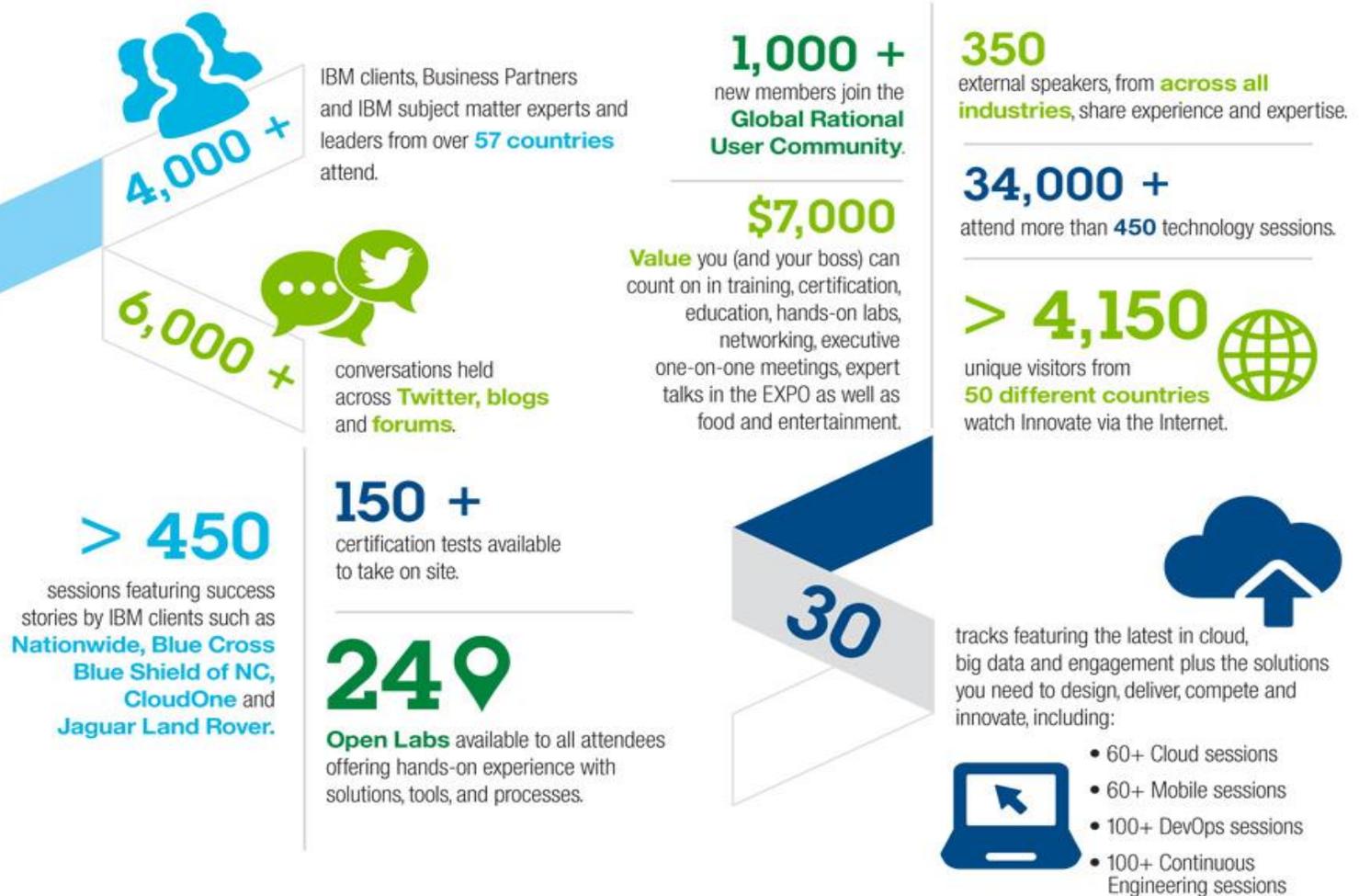
Innovate2014
The IBM Technical Summit
June 1–5 Orlando, Florida

IBM Innovate 2014

Innovate is just one month away, so make sure you register. Need to be reminded on why to go? Check out this slideshow of the Top Ten Reasons to go to Innovate. If those aren't reason enough, there's also this infographic:

4,000 +
IBM clients, Business Partners and IBM subject matter experts and leaders from over **57 countries** attend.

6,000 +
conversations held across **Twitter, blogs** and **forums.**

> 450
sessions featuring success stories by IBM clients such as **Nationwide, Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC, CloudOne** and **Jaguar Land Rover.**

150 +
certification tests available to take on site.

24
Open Labs available to all attendees offering hands-on experience with solutions, tools, and processes.

1,000 +
new members join the **Global Rational User Community.**

$7,000
Value you (and your boss) can count on in training, certification, education, hands-on labs, networking, executive one-on-one meetings, expert talks in the EXPO as well as food and entertainment.

350
external speakers, from **across all industries**, share experience and expertise.

34,000 +
attend more than **450** technology sessions.

> 4,150
unique visitors from **50 different countries** watch Innovate via the Internet.

30
tracks featuring the latest in cloud, big data and engagement plus the solutions you need to design, deliver, compete and innovate, including:

- 60+ Cloud sessions
- 60+ Mobile sessions
- 100+ DevOps sessions
- 100+ Continuous Engineering sessions

Still not convinced? Well, we'll be there, so I think that is more than enough reason to go. Make sure you check out Innovate's Facebook and website for a ton of content, videos, and news, as well as even more infographics.

Top 10 Software Blunders of the Last Decade

Our friends over at SmartBear have compiled a list of the biggest software blunders:

"Anyone who builds software understands that bugs and defects are unavoidable. And while no user will ever be happy about finding bugs in a product, there are certain industries in which even a single bug can have a catastrophic impact on a business or its customers.

The infographic below highlights 10 of the most bizarre, damaging, and downright unacceptable software blunders that have occurred over the last decade."

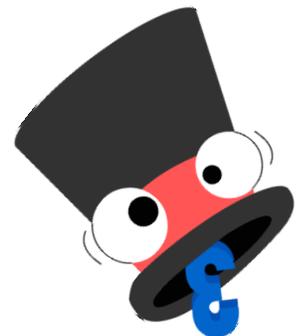Go check out the full infographic here.

The Puzzler

The winner of March's puzzler was Scott P.! Congratulations and enjoy your gift card! Here is last month's question:

1. Paul is 20 years old in 1980, but only 15 years old in 1985. How is this possible?

2. A man gave one son 10 cents and another son was given 15 cents. What time is it?

Solution:

1. Paul was born in 2000 B. C.

2. The man gave 25 cents to two kids. A quarter to two. The time is 1:45.

Now for this month's puzzler, a tricky one:

There are two people and a magic hat full of numbers. Let's say their names are Susan and Rob. Rob pulls a number out of the hat, and whatever number he pulls out, Susan will pull a number that is either one less or one greater than Rob's number. For example, Rob gets a 3, which means Susan gets a 2 or a 4. Let's say the magic hat has numbers from 1 to infinity. Rob pulls one number out of the hat first, and then Susan pulls a number.

You, as the moderator, ask them, one at a time, "Do you know the other person's number?" They can only answer with yes or no and if you keep asking this question, alternating between Rob and Susan, one of them will eventually say "Yes."

How is this possible?

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!

Send your answers to puzzler@releaseteam.com.