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Welcome to our October 2013 Newsletter!

As fall begins and ReleaseTEAM's home state of Colorado continues to recover from the terrible flooding that occurred mid-September, ReleaseTEAM is busy preparing for what we hope will be a stellar Q4. We've seen an increase in activity with the economy and are now looking to hire additional senior level Consultants, as a steady stream of clients look to us for assistance.

We are very excited about the positive feedback we have received so far on the UrbanCode uDeploy and uRelease DevOps solutions. We focused the Q3 CRUG and CSRUG events around the UrbanCode tools, and it definitely had a positive impact for our clients looking to solve DevOps issues.

Be sure to call us to learn how we can help your organization's Software Development Life-Cycle!

7 Proven Practices to Strengthen Release Management

The effort it takes to get an application from development to

Production can be a long and painful process, but it doesn't have to be. Proper release management practices can ease the pain in deployment processes and get the applications deployed quickly and successfully.

Click here for the full white paper.

ReleaseTEAM's Spotlight

Eric Minick

DevOps Evangelist | IBM/Rational

This month ReleaseTEAM would like to honor someone who is a true Evangelist! This person has an extremely passionate drive and is very successful in teaching any audience how to enable continuous software release and deployment within the DevOps environment. Please meet Eric Minick.

ReleaseTEAM recently had the privilege of having Eric speak at the Q3 CRUG meeting. By the end of his presentation everyone in the audience had a very clear understanding of the DevOps principles and how UrbanCode's uRelease and uDeploy complements IBM's DevOps solutions. The amazing part was he was able to make complex concepts easy to understand for the not so technical people in the audience, all the while effectively communicating and educating the Developers and Engineers.

Eric Minick

Although Eric is new to IBM, he is no stranger to UrbanCode. IBM was fortunate enough to have Eric join the organization during the acquisition of UrbanCode in April. Eric was the Evangelist and Lead Consultant at UrbanCode for 10 years. As a true Evangelist he enjoys introducing new people to the DevOps products, teaching, and doing whatever it takes to ensure the clients are successfully using the tools. The way he looks at it, "He gets to work with smart people on challenging problems".
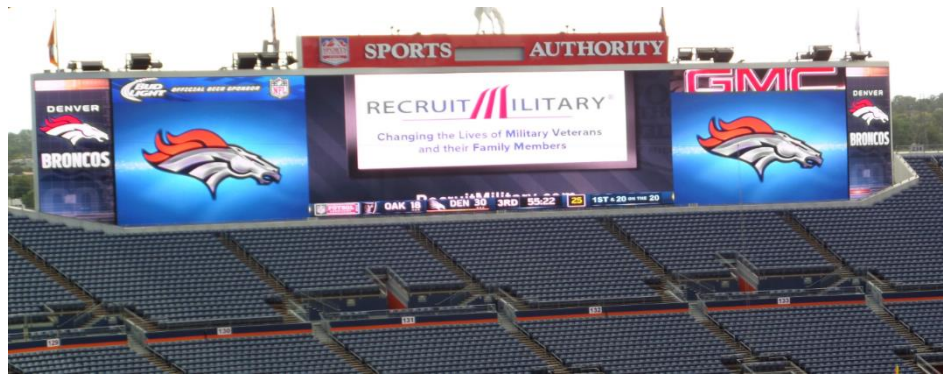
Prior to UrbanCode/IBM Eric worked as a Developer and Test Automation Engineer. Yes, we found one of the rare Developer turned Evangelist! Eric graduated from the University of Colorado- Boulder in 2002 with a BS in Computer Science. Per Eric, "Leaving the University, I thought I'd be a developer happily knocking out code but was always drawn to tech support. That led to consulting, speaking, and all things at the intersection of technology and business. I'm passionate about making IT better whether by fostering healthier cultures and better tools".

In his spare time Eric loves playing with his 2 ½ year old daughter, skiing, soccer, and a variety of out-door activities.

Per Wikipedia a technical evangelist is a person who attempts to build a critical mass of support for a given technology. Per the DevOps world a successful evangelist is Eric Minick. Thank you Eric for doing what you do so effectively!

Please feel free to reach out to Eric directly if you have any DevOps or IBM /UrbanCode questions at eminick@us.ibm.com

Colorado Rational Users' Group Rocks at Bronco Stadium

Attendees of the September 19th CRUG meeting were treated to an awesome afternoon at Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium home of the Denver Broncos.

The afternoon began with a delicious lunch of gourmet sandwiches, fresh homemade potato chips, salad and fresh baked pastries served with a panoramic view of, inarguably, one of the most beautiful stadiums in the country.

Lunch was followed by a very informative presentation (an introduction for many) by Eric Minick on the new suite of IBM tools named UrbanCode. Eric Minick is a lead consultant and DevOps Evangelist at UrbanCode where he helps customers get the most out of their build, deploy and release processes. Eric has been at the forefront of Continuous Delivery for ten years. Eric presented several demos and took questions from the group.

Our raffle winners were: Cliff Douglas won a $15 gift certificate to Croc's Restaurant in Denver, Michael Martin of Stone River won a $25 gift certificate to Thyme on the Creek in Boulder. At the Colorado Springs Rational Users' Group meeting on Friday September 20, Jon Shanks won a $10 gift certificate for Panino's Restaurant in Colorado Springs. Congratulations Guys!

After a great lunch and a stimulating presentation, there was only one more thing to do… TOUR THE STADIUM.

Another party suite – rough life

Yes, you are at 5280 feet about sea level, and It's gonna hurt all day long. Have a nice game.

One of the great intimidation factors found directly outside the door of the Visiting Teams' Locker room:

Finally our day was at an end, but we couldn't let it go without a group photo to commemorate it, unfortunately several attendees had to leave before the tour………sorry guys, better luck next time.

Don't miss out on our next CRUG meeting Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm – 9:00pm where we'll take a closer look at RTC and Collaborative Lifecycle Management.   Stay tuned for location.

The November Colorado Springs Rational Users' Group Meeting will be held Friday, November 22 at 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm exploring RTC and Collaborative Lifecycle Management.   Location to be determined.

ReleaseTEAM Welcomes New Business Partner: Perforce

Perforce Software's flexible enterprise version management technology increases productivity, improves software quality, and helps reduce the complexity of global product development. Our solutions scale up to meet the needs of the most demanding development environments, yet remain simple and intuitive for individuals to use for their own personal projects.

Profitable since inception, Perforce Software is privately held, with headquarters in Alameda, California, and international offices in the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada.

Upcoming Rational Systems and Software Engineering Symposiums

Please join us for the Rational® Systems and Software Engineering Symposium. Learn how IBM Rational® is helping to lead the innovation agenda in product and systems development. Industry experts will discuss applying system engineering best practices with measurable benefits, and provide customer examples.

We will be speaking at the Symposiums being held at San Diego, Dallas, and Washington DC.

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IBM Boosts Big Data Portfolio with Daeja Acquisition

With the rapid growth of unstructured data, enterprises are scrambling to find better ways to access and manage growing volumes of information, both in the office and out in the field. To address this emerging big data market, IBM has been busy acquiring companies and technologies to bolster its data management offerings. Big Blue's latest conquest: Daeja Image Systems, an imaging software company that IBM will merge with its software group and enterprise content management (ECM) business.

The acquisition will enhance IBM's ability to provide customers with instant access to critical information, including archived data, from multiple computing devices such as tablets, smartphones and PCs, company officials told InformationWeek in a phone conference call. Terms of the deal were not closed.

Click here for the full article.

The Puzzler

The winner of September's puzzler was Marc Towersap, congratulations! The question was, what is the fewest number of measurements you can make to guarantee you always find the bag with the fake coins? The solution was to remove the number of coins that were labeled on the bag, and weigh those 15 coins all at once. If all the coins were real, they would weigh 15g, the difference from this will correspond to which bag contained the fake coins. So the fewest number of measurements needed is 1.

Now for this month's puzzler:

You have to cut a cake into exactly 8 pieces, but are only allowed to make 3 cuts, and you can't move pieces of the cake as you cut either. **How are you going to cut this cake?**

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

Send your answers to info@releaseteam.com.