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We've got a lot to talk about in this issue of the newsletter. It includes a recap of both GitHub Universe and the GitLab Master Plan Live Event that occurred in September.   We also look ahead to three events in October: the Atlassian Summit, GovTech Exhibit Showcase and the Chef Community Summit as well as the DevOps Enterprise Summit in early November.

In addition to Partner News we are spotlighting Lance Lambert our Colorado local PTC Technical Sales Rep for the Thingworx (IoT) platform. And finally, ReleaseTEAM is an active member of a corporate philanthropy that helps individuals and companies to pledge 1% of equity, product and employee time to their local communities. In this newsletter we are enthusiastically encouraging all individuals and entrepreneur entities to join us at Pledge1!

From all of us at ReleaseTEAM we hope you enjoy the month of October and all the great DevOps content below. Thank you for being part of our DevOps community.

ReleaseTEAM at Atlassian Summit

There is something for everyone at Atlassian Summit 2016. Get inspired by attending two full days of sessions with more than 90 different speakers on all things Atlassian. Boost your knowledge with over 75 breakout sessions and lightning talks. Come early and sharpen your product skills with over 15 hands-on training classes … you can even create your own customized training plans! And of course there will be numerous opportunities to network with Atlassian leadership and innovators.

Be sure to see demos of your favorite Atlassian products (and learn all the secrets) and meet individually with Atlassian product teams to discuss technical issues and future product roadmaps. And as always enjoy the final Summit Bash dance party. Time is short. Make plans today to join ReleaseTEAM at the Summit!

http://blogs.atlassian.com/2016/08/atlassian-summit-2016-tips-for-getting-the-most-out-of-summit/

 Register today at https://summit.atlassian.com/

Government Technologies (GovTech) Exhibit
October 12 – 14th, 2016 in Virginia

The purpose of the GovTech Exhibit Showcase is to provide government agency attendees with the opportunity to examine the latest in equipment, technology, educational opportunities, and programming as well as facilitate direct contact with suppliers. This is a traveling exhibit: Day One will be at Langley Air Force Base, Day Two will be at Ft. Eustis Army Base and Day Three will be at the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown.   ReleaseTEAM will have an exhibit presence at this event. For more information you are welcome to contact Kevin Green, our VP of Business Development at kgreen@releaseteam.com.

Partner News Round-up

PTC Named Internet of Things Enablement Company of the Year and Leading Augmented Reality Vendor

On September 20th PTC announced that it received the 2016 Compass Intelligence Awards for Internet of Things (IoT) Enablement Company of the Year for the Enterprise Market and Top Vendor in Application Development for its Vuforia® augmented reality platform.

The Compass Intelligence Awards are selected by more than 40 industry-leading press, editors, journalists, thought leaders, and analysts who cover technology. The program included three primary award categories: Mobile & Wireless, A-List in IoT & M2M, and Bamboo Mobile (Green Tech). The 77 awards identify the best in mobile devices and software, wireless technology, platforms, Internet of Things, wearables, reuse/recycling of devices, connected products, and emerging solutions. You can read more at http://www.ptc.com/news/2016/ptc-named-iot-enablement-company-of-the-year.

Perforce Customers Meet to Discuss Best Practices for Scaling Development Teams While Retaining Quality and Speed to Market

In September Perforce Software, the leader in version control and source code management, along with Crytek, Qualcomm and Brainlab, presented their latest product development insights during two customer events in Europe: Both in London, U.K. and Berlin, Germany.

Speakers detailed the impact of the Perforce Helix versioning engine within their enterprise operations. Topics included Qualcomm's version control best practices in mergers and acquisitions; Crytek's success in pipeline process automation for gaming; and the scalability of the Perforce platform for Brainlab's medical technology products.

"Some of the largest development teams in the world rely on Perforce," said Konrad Litwin, Perforce's Managing Director of International Business. "These customer events give us a great opportunity to hear all the different ways that users leverage Helix to improve performance of their build process across the globe, manage large data sets and multiple file types, and maintain security and control over their valuable IP."

Join the Corporate Philanthropy Movement at Pledge 1%

Be Like Us, Join Pledge 1%

ReleaseTEAM is an active member of a great philanthropic movement called Pledge 1%. We are enthusiastically spreading the word and encouraging other entrepreneurial entities to join us! Pledge 1% is a growing corporate philanthropy that helps individuals and companies to pledge 1% of equity, product and employee time to their local communities.

Today companies and their employees want to be civically minded and aligned with a local social mission that prioritizes having a positive impact on the world. Taking the 1% pledge helps companies and individuals demonstrate philanthropic intent and hold themselves accountable for turning a pledge into action.

At Pledge1percent.org you can learn more about how to create a culture of giving through resources, case studies and best practices. The website also enables visitors to pledge directly on the site. Pledge 1% staff will then facilitate making your equity pledge easy to implement by connecting you with local resources to empower employee engagement programs and helping you quickly define and respond to community needs.

You choose the cause, the focus area and the local nonprofits to receive resources based on your community goals and company interests. The Pledge 1% movement is fully funded by its founding partners, so all realized benefit from pledges goes to the causes that you support. We encourage all entrepreneurs to join us in making a meaningful commitment to the community. At the end of the day it will be one of the best decisions of your life. Learn more by visiting http://pledge1percent.org/

ReleaseTEAM's Spotlight

Lance Lambert, PTC Technical Sales

This month we are spotlighting a Colorado local, Lance Lambert, our outstanding technical sales liaison with PTC. Lance has worked for PTC for over 6 years as a technical sales liaison for product partners.

Although he is originally from Kansas he now considers himself a native Coloradan and a diehard Broncos, Rockies and Rapids fan. Lance has three active kids ages 5, 6 and 7. He loves soccer and takes great joy in coaching his kid's soccer teams. (Let it be written this great dad deserves a medal.)

His favorite aspect of his current role at PTC is interfacing with a diverse customer base that have ingenious uses for IoT (the Internet of Things) applications; Everything from furniture manufactures doing product durability testing to medical device manufacturing production for artificial pancreases.   By trade Lance was a software engineer who "wrote a lot of code". Now he helps companies transition to PTC's new ThingWorx (IoT) platform. Recently he has helped to (IoT) transition everything from extremely remote water tanks to massive earth moving equipment.

"When I sell the ThingWorx (IoT) platform I consult with corporations regarding what is possible, how it is possible and all the necessary protocols to facilitate taking their product to the next level. I really enjoy what I do." And finally, Lance is a burrito lover … specifically the spicy queso chicken burritos from Hacienda Colorado. Feel free to invite Lance to lunch anytime. Thank you for letting us spotlight you Lance!

Upcoming Industry Events

GitLab Master Plan Live Event

On September 14th GitLab hosted a live "Master Plan" event with their CEO Sid Sijbrandij. More than 1,000 GitLab community members attended to watch, ask questions, and contribute to the conversation. During the event GitLab announced $20M in Series B funding and within 12 hours of this announcement 2,508 new projects were added to GitLab.

GitLab is harnessing basic behavioral economics principles to improve collaborative development processes. Over the last year GitLab has made some incredible improvements including improvements in hosting, the release of GitLab Pages for static sites, and the release of GitLab Geo that allows you to work with a remote team. Continuous Integration is also even better with pipelines in the product and a Docker Container Registry. And finally, the interface has seen a lot of changes and improvements including the Issue Board release.

The event included an in depth discussion of Conversational Development. (ConvDev) is a natural evolution of software development that carries a conversation across functional groups throughout the development process, enabling developers to track the full path of development in a cohesive and intuitive way. ConvDev accelerates the development lifecycle by fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing from idea to production.

GitLab is building a toolset that takes an all-inclusive ConvDev approach to the development process. You should take a moment to watch the video link https://about.gitlab.com/2016/09/14/gitlab-live-event-recap/ and hear Sid Sijbrandij talk about all great things they have planned.

GitHub Universe

On September 14 in San Francisco, California more than 1,500 developers kicked off GitHub Universe and shared stories about open source, workplace best practices, and how the GitHub Community builds software. Day one included a keynote presentation by GitHub CEO Chris Wanstrath, who shared new developments from around the GitHub Universe specifically, new developments in Reviews, Projects and Platforms.

Reviews: GitHub's new Reviews improves code review on GitHub and helps you share the weight of building software. Reviews allow you to comment on specific lines of code, formally "approve" or "request changes" to pull requests, and more. These initial changes are only the first step of a much greater roadmap toward faster, friendlier code reviews.

Projects: With Projects, you can now organize work from your GitHub repositories and integrate project management into your development cycle without skipping a beat (or even opening a new browser tab).

Although GitHub will quickly add to Projects, the initial release currently supports a New Projects tab that lists all of your projects, workflow columns that you can name and reorder, cards that you can drag and drop between columns pointing to issues, Pull Requests, or notes, and finally there are amazing Tools built on top of Projects by some fantastic partners, including Waffle.io and ZenHub.

Platforms: GitHub launched platform updates to make integrating with GitHub a better, more enjoyable experience, including a public Platform Roadmap and the GitHub Platform Forum. In addition they also launched two new projects to make the GitHub platform more flexible: The Integrations Early Access: a new model that provides better ways for tools to extend and integrate with GitHub and the GitHub GraphQL API Early Access: a GraphQL API that simplifies product development.

All of the breakout sessions and talks from the general sessions are ready for you to watch at https://github.com/blog/2259-mission-report-github-universe — and recordings of the Launch, Flight, and Orbit breakouts will be available soon.

GitHub Universe was a fantastic event! Not your typical conference. It was more like a party with tremendous learning opportunities. ReleaseTEAM is thankful to be a part of the GitHub channel partner network and look forward to growing with them.

Chef Community Summit

October 26 – 27th, in Seattle, Washington

The Chef Community Summit will take place on October 26th and 27th in Seattle, Washington. The Summit is a facilitated Open Space where attendees generate the session topics and determine the session outcomes.

If you are new to Open Spaces you will find this format highly energetic and interactive.   By attending the Summit you can expect to engage with active Chef contributors and users, including our own Chef engineers, in an intimate setting to problem solve and discuss the issues most impactful to our community.

Over the years, Summit has discussed such topics as emerging practices for dependency management, team and development workflows, application deployment, workstation automation and community building. For more information on attending the summit see https://www.chef.io/blog/event/chef-community-summit-seattle-2/

DevOps Enterprise Summit

November 7 – 9th, in San Francisco, California

DevOps Enterprise Summit (DOES) is a conference for the leaders of large, complex organizations implementing DevOps principles and practices. The programming emphasizes both evolving technical and architectural practices and the methods needed to lead widespread change efforts in large organizations. The goal is to give leaders the tools and practices they need to develop and deploy software faster and to win in the marketplace.

The Summit will include keynote speakers, panel discussions, breakout sessions, community space for spontaneous gatherings as well as an expo hall. Sessions will be led by leaders who are pioneering these practices in large and complex organizations across a wide range of industries. The keynotes will feature industry luminaries from well-known companies who will share what they are learning from their enterprise DevOps initiatives.

This is a great event that is well worth your time. For example the DOES 2015 conference had more than 1,200 attendees (and attendance has doubled each year). The 2015 event included 102 speakers and 85 sessions including solo presentations, multi-presenters, and panel discussions. For more information see http://events.itrevolution.com/us

The Puzzler

Congratulations to Bill Horst, Software Configuration Manager at Customer Engagement Solutions for winning the September Puzzler contest! Bill will receive a $27 gift card for his ninja intellect and problem solving skills. A big shout out to Bill! Email puzzler@releaseteam.com to claim your $27 gift card!

And now for the October Puzzler …

Five friends from across the United States planned to meet at a convention in San Francisco. Each friend came from a different city and each was employed in a different profession. **Use the clues to determine the full name of each friend, their home city, and each one's profession.**

The DevOps guru and Mr. Cross both arrived a day early.

By coincidence, the Continuous Deployment Architect from San Diego and the DevOps guru, Ms. Forest, arrived at the hotel together.

The Continuous Integration Consultant arrived late. He was delayed by a gig and had to catch a later flight from Baltimore.

Jane, Mr. Smith, Mark, the Cloud Expert, and the friend from Chicago all planned to spend the weekend after the convention together. Then on Monday, Ms. Trent and Tom would leave to return to work. Dan, the Git mentor, and Cindy would leave on Tuesday.

Dan Richards does not live in Baltimore. Cindy does not live in St. Louis.

Ms. Trent laughed when asked if she was a Git mentor. "No, he's from Atlanta," she said. "I'm from San Diego."

Here was last month's question:

Can you determine who painted what and who won?

 # Name   Artist

1 Karl   Monet

2 Heather Constable

3 Mike   Van Gogh

4 Vera   Taylor

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.