



ReleaseTEAM

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The month of September has a great vibe. It is all about back-to-school and new beginnings. We at ReleaseTEAM are really looking forward to the DevOps Industry version of back-to-school ... both the GitHub Universe event in September and the Atlassian Summit in October.

In addition, in this newsletter we are offering a free one hour consultation with a world class DevOps expert. Think of it as a \$300 problem solving consulting services coupon. Read on for more details. From all of us at ReleaseTEAM enjoy September! We hope to see you at the upcoming conferences.

Go Get Tickets for 2016 GitHub Universe September 13th - 15th

2016 GitHub Universe is not to be missed. This three-day conference in San Francisco includes complete in-depth training. More than half of the sessions at this event are dedicated to education and training on GitHub and its integration ecosystem giving you actionable ways to build better software. The event is also designed to make sure you have plenty of comfortable, pressure-free opportunities to connect with developers who share your passions.

This event is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in presentations and discussions on the trends that are transforming how people build software. From open source to text editors to security, you'll hear examples and advice from the developers and technologists who are leading the way.

Quick Links

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[IBM Rational Website](#)

[Colorado Rational Users Group](#)

[ReleaseTEAM's Rational Users Group Page](#)

IBM Technotes



To see the latest IBM Rational TechNotes

[CLICK HERE](#)

[Check out the full schedule here.](#)

Introducing a \$300 value problem solving coupon from ReleaseTEAM Inc.

For a limited time beginning September 2016 ReleaseTEAM will offer FREE one hour consultations with a world class DevOps expert. These experts have decades of experience collaborating with multinational corporations on significant high profile, intense deadline projects.

Our consultant will listen to your goals, your achievements and your current challenges via a non-invasive, personable conversation. This open conversation with your program managers and SMEs may help guide you to leading edge best practices, new products and new processes. Often a fresh pair of eyes can view DevOps bottlenecks and roadblocks from a new angle and introduce valuable new perspectives and possibilities.

Available time slots are LIMITED. They will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. If you are even remotely interested sign-up today!

<https://www.releaseteam.com/consulting-offer>

This is a great opportunity to receive FREE dedicated time with world class problem solving expert. Offer EXPIRES October 1st, 2016.*

*Areas of discussion can focus on (but are not limited to) the following; Software configuration management, continuous integration, continuous deployment, environment configuration Management and operations monitoring. Only one free consultation per client.

ReleaseTEAM at Atlassian Summit



Boost your product skills by registering now to join ReleaseTEAM at the October 10th - 13th Atlassian Summit in San Jose, California. This event includes two full days of training (including more than 15 hands-on training classes) prior to the conference kicking off. The conference will include leading industry keynote speakers and interactive break-out sessions.

You will sharpen your skills on all things Atlassian with over 90 different speakers and expert presentations. Hear how action leaders are building, strong, focused and collaborative teams and enjoy opportunities to meet informally with other team leaders to learn how they ingeniously use all things Atlassian. This event will give you a significant boost in your product skills. We highly recommend it.

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

Partner News Round-up

GitHub Enterprise 2.7 -- a better way to commit to commits

A new release of GitHub Enterprise is available with security improvements and more powerful APIs. This new release includes 'GPG signature verification' a technology that allows teams to know exactly who authored a commit. The release also includes several API previews to help developers create integrations that enforce customized policies and fit workflows. It also adds ways for developers (and other users) to streamline the development process i.e. up to 10 people can be assigned to a given issue or pull request. Users can also prioritize task lists without editing markdown and know when comments have been edited. [Click here for more.](#)

Atlassian Launches Group Video Conferencing for HipChat

On August 18th Atlassian's popular workplace-chat app HipChat added team video chatting and screen sharing. This speaks to a big trend in workplace technology. For example: Apple has iPhone's FaceTime, Google has its new Duo video-messaging app, Facebook fills your newsfeed with videos (and video ads) and News organizations are increasing their efforts to deliver content via digital video. [Click here for more.](#)

GitLab Introduces a New Visual Tracking Board

Managing application projects just became easier for GitLab Inc. users. In August the startup introduced an issue tracking feature that promises to help development teams organize their to-do lists more effectively. The new GitLab Issue Board is a sleek graphical panel that provides the ability to display tasks as digital note cards and sort them into neat columns each representing a different part of the application lifecycle. The startup hopes that the functionality will make users of its code hosting platform less likely to employ third party issue trackers. [Click here for more.](#)

Perforce Takes Home Games Industry Excellence Award for Third Year Running

Perforce, the game development industry's preferred version control and collaboration solution, recently accepted the award for Best Production Tool at the annual Develop conference and exhibition in Brighton, U.K. [Click here for more.](#)

ReleaseTEAM's Spotlight



[Michele Thompson, Enterprise Account Manager at GitHub: A Maryland native who is having a great time embracing her inner Octocat](#)

Michele grew up in Maryland, attended college in Atlanta, Georgia and spent significant time in Australia. She returned to Maryland to raise her family. In her words, "I love the greater D.C. area because you can go to Annapolis to enjoy the water or head into Baltimore for the city life and culture. It's just a great place." Michele also enjoys the diverse client population. "Many people assume it is predominantly government entities but in reality numerous corporations including Marriott, Hilton and several biomedical companies are based in Maryland. It is a diverse professional community that I really enjoy."

On a personal note, Michele is the proud mother of four (let me repeat that please) four energetic, involved teenagers. (For this alone she should receive a medal people!). They are involved in everything from dance, competitive baseball, art and cheerleading. Michele's free time is spent supporting her kids in their activities and cheering them on.

Michele's favorite food is Maryland Blue Crab (a completely perfect choice in our opinion) and she is very involved in fundraising for the local chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. As mentioned above ... she is a great lady.

We asked Michele what her greatest challenge or personal victory has been. She mentioned her 13 years at Microsoft. Specifically when she decided to make the professional transition from the technical side to the sales side. "By having the courage to change paths I experienced tremendous personal and professional growth. For this I am thankful."

And finally, Michele is presently loving her time at GitHub. In her words, "it is a quirky, fun company and I am really looking forward to the GitHub Universe this month!" She is definitely embracing her inner Octocat. She is a great lady. We cannot enough nice things. Thank you for letting us spotlight you Michele!

Industry News

PowerShell is Microsoft's latest open source release, coming to Linux, OS X

In August Microsoft released its PowerShell scripting language and command-line shell as open source. The project joins .NET and the Chakra JavaScript engine as an MIT-licensed open source project hosted on GitHub. Alpha version prebuilt packages of the open source version are available for CentOS, Ubuntu, and OS X, in addition, of course, to Windows. Additional platforms are promised in the future.

<http://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2016/08/powershell-is-microsofts-latest-open-source-release-coming-to-linux-os-x/>

The Benefits of a DevOps Culture (Q&A)

Many IT teams are looking for a way out of the quagmire of delayed projects, questionable quality, and missed deliveries. The concept of DevOps has taken the IT world by storm. Brian Dawson, DevOps expert, CloudBees discusses how this new approach can help progress and transform business.

<http://betanews.com/2016/08/09/devops-qanda/>

DevOps Maturity Bolsters IT Security in the Right Hands

Despite fears about intangible machines and lack of human touch, DevOps maturity in the cloud can bring IT security benefits, but only when overseen by one of the few people with the right skill set. That topic was among the discussions recently at a security roundtable, which also included how software abstractions in the cloud can clarify the security picture, rather than obscure it, and how software-defined and automated resources can provide stronger security than air-gapped, hands-on physical infrastructure.

<http://searchitoperations.techtarget.com/news/450302860/DevOps-maturity-bolsters-IT-security-in-the-right-hands>

The Puzzler

Now for this month's puzzler:

At a recent painting competition, Heather's rendition of a Constable was not last.

Mike only just managed to avoid last place and came third.

The person who painted a Monet was very successful and took first place.

Karl beat the lady who painted the Taylor and the person who painted the Van Gogh beat Vera.

Can you determine who painted what and who won?

Here is last month's question:

"This paragraph is odd. What is its oddity? You may not find it at first, but this paragraph is not normal. What is wrong? It's just a small thing, but an oddity that stands out if you find it. What is it? You must know. Your days will not go on until you find out what is odd. You will pull your hair out. Your insomnia will push you until your poor brain finally short-circuits trying to find an oddity in this paragraph. Good luck."

Answer: There was no letter 'e' used in the paragraph.

The winner this month is Douglas B.! Email puzzler@releaseteam.com to claim your \$27 gift card!

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.