ReleaseTEAM

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Welcome to our September Newsletter

We're going to be at Atlassian Summit 2017, so come find us in San Jose, September 12 through 14! In addition to Atlassian, we will outline other upcoming conferences, like Tasktop Connect and GitHub Universe.

Our newest section of the newsletter is our Monthly Featured Whitepaper. This month we have a feature from IBM: "DevOps for hybrid cloud: an IBM point of view."

As usual we are showcasing partner product updates, this month has the release of ElectricFlow 8.0 and GitLab 9.5. Keep reading to find out what is new with these great products.

Finally we wrap up with our article round-up, a smattering of DevOps guides and demonstrations.
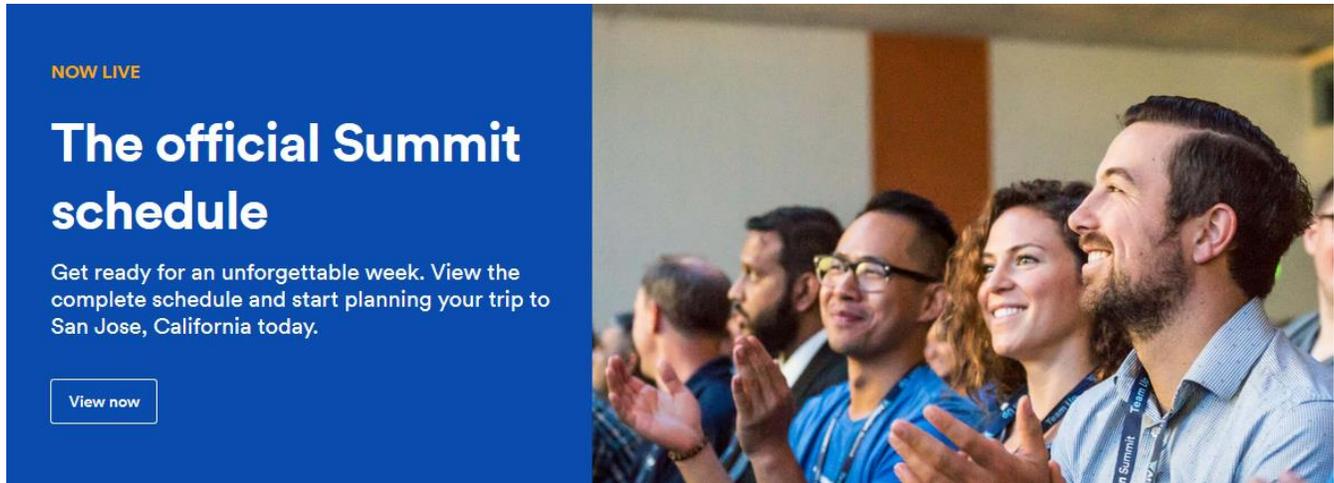
Take a stab at our puzzler and thanks for reading!

Featured Whitepaper

DevOps for hybrid cloud: an IBM point of view

How DevOps for hybrid cloud can help organizations succeed with digital reinvention

Upcoming Conferences

Atlassian Summit, September 12 – 14
San Jose, California

Have you got your tickets to Summit yet? This one is expected to be the biggest one yet!

Register here

You can sharpen your skills with two full days of training before the conference kicks off. You will hear how industry leaders build strong and focused teams at all levels and you can network with teams from around the world to learn how they use the same products you do to achieve exceptional outcomes.

Whether you're a first-timer or repeat attendee there is something for everyone at the Summit. It is the place to lay the foundation for your success and sharpen your product skills. It is a networking event like non-other. Mark your calendars now to join ReleaseTEAM and be a part of the largest gathering of product users in the world in San Jose, California.

For more information on summit check out their website, which features their schedules, programs, livestreams, and last year's talks:
https://www.atlassian.com/company/events/summit-us/about

Tasktop Connect, October 4
Columbus , Ohio

Tasktop Connect is a one day, one track conference featuring sessions on the challenges we face in software delivery and how to better improve our processes and achieve greater visibility across our value stream. You will learn Agile and DevOps best practices for achieving end-to-end visibility and traceability across your software development and delivery value stream. http://connect.tasktop.com/

GitHub Universe, October 10 -12
San Francisco, CA

GitHub Universe brings together developers and business leaders solving technology's greatest challenges. Learn and build with the best in talks, trainings, and workshops. https://githubuniverse.com/

GitHub Universe takes place in the emerging creative community of Dogpatch along San Francisco Bay's waterfront. Once the home of an industrial shipyard, the neighborhood is now buzzing with local shops, designer studios, and nightlife that are all served by the Third Street light rail (T Line).

DevOps Enterprise Summit, Nov 13 -15
San Francisco, CA

DevOps Enterprise Summit is a conference for the leaders of large, complex organizations implementing DevOps principles and practices. The event 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

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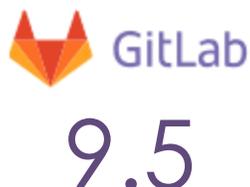
New Product Releases / Enhancements

Electric Cloud releases ElectricFlow 8.0 with new DevOps Insight Analytics

In order to automate data collection from the entire DevOps toolchain, Electric Cloud introduced ElectricFlow 8.0 with new DevOps Insight Analytics. This new solution provides teams with automated data collection and reporting to connect DevOps toolchain metrics and performance. It also provides visibility back into the business value and health or status of software releases.

ElectricFlow Community Edition with DevOps Insights can be downloaded and used for free for new subscriptions during 2017, according to Electric Cloud in an announcement.

http://sdtimes.com/electric-cloud-electric-flow-devops-insight/

GitLab 9.5 Released with GPG Commit Verification and Project Templates

GitLab

9.5

This will be the last 9.x release, as we're preparing to release GitLab 10.0 on September 22nd! Nonetheless, we're shipping some great new features to round off our 9.x releases:

To help improve your experience navigating GitLab, we've updated the new navigation, streamlining the UI and reducing the number of clicks it takes to move through your GitLab instance. With the newly added icons and subnav on hover, it's easier and faster than ever to explore GitLab.

Getting started on a new project just got faster. In GitLab 9.5, we've introduced Project Templates, which allow you to quickly create a new project that has CI pre-configured.

Continuing on our mission to save you time, we've made it possible for GitLab to automatically retry failed jobs ran with GitLab CI/CD. Now, you don't have to worry about losing time going back to your project's pipelines just to hit retry on a failed job.

GitLab 9.5 also brings improvements to the latter part of the development lifecycle. With the addition of Automatic Monitoring for Auto Deployed applications we've made it easier for you to collect response and system metrics from your apps.

And last but not least, we're shipping tons of performance improvements to continue to make GitLab faster than ever! 🚀 Enjoy!

Check out the release notes here

Not just any private cloud. This is IBM Cloud private.

Your workloads may need that extra attention to security, but that doesn't mean you can't have the speed and scalability of cloud in a safe environment. IBM Cloud private is a transformative private cloud platform — located behind your firewall — that gives you the best of both worlds with a focus on enterprise needs.

IBM Cloud private empowers both developers and administrators to meet business demands. Developers can tap into a rich stack of built-in development tools and services so they can turn ideas into working code quickly. The operations team has access to a powerful set of enterprise-grade management tools to keep the platform secure and up to date.

With IBM Cloud private, your teams are positioned to pursue innovation — building new apps on the cloud and modernizing traditional ones.

https://www.ibm.com/cloud-computing/products/ibm-cloud-private/

Excellent Articles You May Have Missed

How DevOps is challenging testing teams

Antony Edwards, CTO at TestPlant, argues that DevOps may be an unclear buzzword for many organisations, but understanding the importance of keeping roles separate, while focusing on the customer, can allow testing to flourish

The concept of DevOps has become a buzzword in recent years, with many organisations unsure of its actual meaning. DevOps, the combination of development teams and operations teams, became necessary the moment SaaS (software-as-a-service) was born.

SaaS meant that development teams delivered software to their own operations teams rather than to customers, but often the operations team would say that the product wasn't fit-for-production, and too often a stubborn deadlock would result in which the customer and the company as a whole were the losers.

Click here for the full article

Merging Agile and DevOps

There's no point building a super-cool, super-functional product that looks and feels awesome for the customer if you can't deploy it, maintain it, and support it once it's gone live.

In the Agile world, great efforts have been put into making sure we deliver what the customer expects, within reasonable budget, and on-time. We also go to great lengths to help our customers determine the highest priority features, so that we shift our focus towards delivering high business value. We deliver early and often to get regular and relevant feedback. We use "user stories" to help us think from an end-user's perspective, and we test our code on every commit to make sure we're not breaking our codebase.

Read the full article here

The quickie guide to continuous delivery in DevOps

In today's world, you have to develop and deliver almost in the same breath. Here's a quick guide to help you figure out which continuous delivery concepts will help you breathe easy, and which are only hot air.

Developers are always under pressure to produce more and release software faster, which encourages the adoption of new concepts and tools. But confusing buzzwords obfuscate real technology and business benefits, particularly when a vendor has something to sell. That makes it hard to determine what works best—for real, not just as a marketing phrase—in the continuous flow of build and deliver processes. This article gives you the basics of continuous delivery to help you sort it all out.

Click here for the entire article

The Puzzler

The answer to last month's puzzler… How many more miles would Shawn need to drive to reach the next palindrome? "The next palindrome after 61916 is 62026. A drive of 110 miles." - Jim Homer you are our winner! Please email puzzler@releaseteam.com for details on how to collect your $27 gift card!

And now for this month's puzzler:
Find the common thread between these song lyrics:

"Take these sunken eyes and learn to see
All your life,
You were only waiting for the moment to be free"

"And I ran, I ran so far away
I just ran, I ran all night and day
Couldn't get away"

"Last thing I remember, I was
Running for the door
I had to find the passage back to the place I was before"

Be sure to submit your answers ASAP to puzzler@releaseteam.com. As always correct responses have the opportunity to receive a $27 gift card. Good luck and from all of us at ReleaseTEAM we hope you truly enjoy the month of August!

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