Miscellaneous Talks

Developer Productivity
By @azolyak, waffle.io
- Speaker didn't show up. Slides available at https://ato18-focus-gsd-talk.glitch.me/
- Interestingly, he converted his notes into machine generated audio. That surprisingly worked well too.

Key takeaway from the slides
- Focus is increasingly becoming a scarce resource. How to get it back from all the distractions?
- Effort vs Cycle time? They often vary by a big margin.
- Human brain needs to keep context to focus. Some examples of different types of memory:
    - Prospective - reminders to future actions
    - Attentive - reminders about current task to current task
    - Conceptual
    - Associative
    - Episodic
- Context switch is very expensive. Very easy to switch context several times through out the day. How can we minimize that and retain the context when resuming?
- Things that steal our focus from us: 1. Ourselves 2. Our tools 3. Others
- Focusing on the hindrance from within ourselves. Certain interruptions can't be avoided: e.g. daily standup, planning meeting. Certain interruptions can be avoided or pushed to a scheduled time: coffee time, emails, request from others.
- Define your boundaries. Block your time. Commit to it.
- Establish a culture/practice within the team where everybody follows certain rules/guidelines on interruptions.

Building Blockchain applications for the enterprise.
- Attended the second half of it after a disappointing talk in the previous track session. Lots of unfamiliar content. Difficult to follow.

Identifying your star project in the Open Source Galaxy: Framework for assessing an open source project.

– By Santhi Sridharan, Capital One
– The talk is about guidelines in choosing a open source project for consumption. No offense on the instructor, both the slides and the presentation were rather boring. I left in the middle of the talk.

Using open source contributions and Github profiles in hiring decisions:
By @DuaneOBrien, works at indeed.

Couldn't attend the talk due to conflict with another. Managed to get the links to the slides and a reference link.
Slides posted at https://duaneobrien.github.io/Talks/ DontHireBasedOnGitHub/#1. Interesting that whole slide deck was nothing but markdown rendered as HTML using https://github.com/ gnab/remark
Why it is wrong to use open source contribution as a metric in hiring decision?
– https://www.ashedryden.com/blog/the-ethics-of-unpaid-labor-and-the-oss-community
– https://blog.jcoglan.com/2013/11/15/why-github-is-not-your-cv/