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Call with Vaishali Satpute – Agile Lead

Team size 10

2 engineers focused on building release automation tools

eBay is working on modernizing their release pipeline across teams.

Daily work

* Jenkins configuration
* Write Java utilities in Jenkins side
* Main work is release stuff
* Make sure the release cycle and cadence is maintained
* Automate all manual things

From Vaishali

* Technology migration for high traffic pages in eBay
* They wanted to eliminate the manual check-ins in the process
* To have automated rollback.
* Remove manual approvals such as site script jobs that needs someone to trigger it.
* Need help on developing the new system in place for releases that are specific to view item team.
* Their release cadence is weekly and want to transition to on-demand release
* At the moment, pipeline has no automation
* Java – Jenkin ops

My responses/questions

* Analyze the current process flow diagram and identify bottleneck.
* Read the documentation and identify any ambiguity.
* Prioritize and automate.
* Given my experience as a Java Full Stack, I’m still interested in doing a DevOps role. In the future, I have Linux+ and AWS Cloud Cert and I plan to be a software architecture, product manager, or technical project manager. And I know, doing DevOps will make me learn the software delivery management which is from business-side to end-user.
* I’ll make sure to communicate within the team and cross-functional teams.
* I’m coachable.
* Is there manual approvals in what stage?
* Do we still have change advisory board?
* Best practices of release management/devops from other teams?