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Call with Saral – eBay Engineering Manager

I believe the interview went well with Saral.

Questions from Saral and my responses

* Tell me about your previous experience?
  + Java Full Stack with DevOps – Spring, Microservices, Hibernate, SQL, NoSQL, AWS, Docker, Kubernetes.
* Why transition to DevOps given your Backend Experience?
  + Long-term goal is to become software architect, product manager, or technical project manager. DevOps give me a broader perspective as it involves the software delivery management from business to end-user.
  + I also would like to leverage my strong communication skills which is a good skill to have for DevOps engineer.
* DevOps experience?
  + Provisioning environment with Docker, Kubernetes, and AWS Cloud
* Continuous Integration?
  + Creating the Jenkins build file
  + Maven build
  + Give feedback to developers on success or failed build
* Process methodology
  + Scrum – blockers and capacity planning
  + Agile
  + Sprint – 2 weeks and timeboxing
  + Lean – identifying bottlenecks and prevent resource wastage
  + Communication and feedback loop

My questions to Saral

* Pain points or bottleneck?
  + Manual to automation for CI/CD as they are trying to modularize the applications
* Culture/Mentorship?
  + Warm culture – no difference between FTE and non-FTE
  + A lot of mentorships

My answers

* I am more of a problem solver and would like to help the team where they require me. Developing apps, building pipelines, mentoring, documentation, or communicating to other teams.
* As soon as I get up to speed with the knowledge, I am more than happy to help mentor new developers in the team.