**Case Study: Operation InVersion at LinkedIn (2011)**

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Throughout the chapters in The DevOps Handbook, many case studies are presented. Chapter 6's case study about Operation InVersion at LinkedIn provides interesting insights.

The case study focuses on paying technical debt during daily practices. After a successful IPO, LinkedIn grappled with troubling deployments, leading them to stop all work on upcoming deployments in favor of tackling other changes that needed to be made. Systems needed to be updated and changed to better handle the increased traffic and issues with the current systems. This was an all-hands-on-deck effort by all developers. InVersion meant that time needed to be dedicated to changing the architecture because the server kept going down. Developers can now release more daily updates and spend fewer late nights remediating errors.

There were many lessons learned through this case study. Time spent on fixing issues and making a stable environment is vital. Even if it means withholding future deployment, creating more reliable software for users is critical. Catching and looking for errors daily makes it easier to avoid mistakes and failures. Then, time can be spent developing new updates and deployments.

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