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Module 12 Assignment: Compliance

The case studies in Chapter 23 of our textbook talk about two case studies: "Providing Compliance in Regulated Environments" and "Relying on Production Telemetry for ATM Systems". They both talk about the problems and solutions in complex systems, but they concentrate on two separate areas: real-time system reliability and regulatory compliance.

The first case study called “Providing Compliance in Regulated Environments" has several key points. The first one discussed was about compliance and how certain standards can be added to the DevOps pipeline. The second was about automation and tools, so compliance is consistently tracked and enforced, tools such as infrastructure as code (IaC) scanners, policy-as-code frameworks, and static code analyzers are used. The last main point was about cross-team cooperation and how Development teams, operations teams, and compliance officers must work together to achieve compliance. Shared accountability is essential to integrating compliance.

The second case study titled “Relying on Production Telemetry for ATM Systems" also had some main points. I first noticed how the author emphasized the importance of telemetry and how real-time telemetry data is essential for ATM systems to track performance, identify problems, and guarantee uptime. Telemetry offers information about network connectivity, hardware health, and transaction speeds. Incident response was the second main point it hit on. Production telemetry reduces downtime and customer impact by facilitating the prompt identification and resolution of events. Another main point discussed was scalability and how systems should be able to grow without restraint. The last main point discussed was about feedback loops and how their dependability is ensured by iteratively improving system architecture based on insights from telemetry data.

Both case studies highlight how important it is to incorporate proactive tactics into software development and operations. Automation, teamwork, and real-time data are essential for fulfilling regulatory standards and guaranteeing system dependability. Organizations seeking to strike a balance between performance, scalability, and compliance in a constantly changing technology landscape should use these lessons as a guide.

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