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### IT Leadership Meeting Recap: DevOps

#### How do you define DevOps?

During the Think IT Leadership meeting last week, it was made clear that it can be very difficult to define the DevOps process. Many organizations will have their own interpretation of what it means and what is exactly involved with making it successful. Although there is no clear cut definition, the group discussed different pieces that are involved with defining DevOps.

One important piece of this process is to create organized flow and stability for a company. It was mentioned that if you focus on keeping stability and execute a plan correctly, the company will not break when changed. We all know that change is inevitable, so why not prepare for something we know is coming?

#### Why should DevOps be implemented?

Being surrounded by constant change can make it difficult for companies to not only keep up, but also to get ahead and remain competitive. The DevOps process aims to establish a culture and environment where building, testing, and releasing software can happen more frequently. It also emphasizes the collaboration and communication of both software developers and other IT professionals.

How do you go about implementing this process?

It was suggested that in order for this process to be successful, there needs to be empathy around all departments so they are able to work together. When everyone has a mutual understanding of what each department is responsible for and what their role would be while implementing DevOps, it makes it much easier for all departments to work together on a project.

Putting together a specific layout of what will need to be done with this process and how the company is going to go about accomplishing it would also be beneficial. The key is to get your team on the same page so that everyone knows exactly what is expected of them. This will not only make it easier on the management team, as it helps to maintain organization, but it will also help to allow the team to work together.

Mistakes are going to happen; things are going to go wrong from time to time, so it is important for a company to learn how to recover quickly. Learning and understanding exactly how your program/project works over time will help everyone to adapt to interruptions as they come up. You can't always "get it right the first time", and in order to be successful you need to be willing to accept failure.

***Has your organization adopted a DevOps process? Was it a struggle to implement?***

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