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Q. To Understand DevOps : Principles, Practices and DevOps Engineer role & responsibilities.

Q. What is DevOps?

⇒ DevOps is a Collaborative approach where teams work together to build & deliver secure Software efficiently. It combines Software development (Dev) & Operations (Ops) to accelerate delivery through automation, Collaboration, Fast feedback & Iterative Improvement. Built on ~~Agile~~^{Agile} methodology, DevOps creates a Culture of accountability, Collaboration & shared responsibility for business outcomes.

Core Principles of DevOps:

- Develop & test in Production-like environments.
- Develop build frequently.
- Continuously Validate Operational Quality.

Key Practices of DevOps:

1. Continuous Deployment - Continuous delivery & deployment originate from Continuous Integration, a method to rapidly develop, build & test new code with automation so that only code that is known to be good becomes Part of a Software Product.
2. Continuous Development - This is the Phase that involves Planning

\$ Coding, Versioning and Managing builds of the Software applications functionality. Eg. Git, Github, Maven.

3. Continuous Testing- Continuous testing is executing automated tests, continuously & repeated against the code base & the various deployment environments. It is a software testing methodology which focuses on achieving continuous quality & improvement. eg. Appium, Bamboo.

4. Continuous Integration- Continuous Integration refers to the build & unit testing stages of the software release process. Every revision that is committed triggers an automated build & test. eg. Jenkins, Travis CI.

5. Infrastructure Management- Without automation, building & maintaining large-scale modern without automation IT systems can be a tedious intensive undertaking & can lead to increased risk due to manual errors. Configuration & Resource Management is an automated method for maintaining computer systems & software in a known, consistent state.

6. Configuration Management- Infrastructure as Code is the practice of describing all software runtime environment & networking settings & parameters in simple textual format, that can be stored in your version control system (VCS) & versioned on request. These text files are called manifests & are used by DevOps tools to automatically provision & configure build servers, testing, staging & production environments. eg. Chef, Ansible.

c) DevOps Engineer Role:

A DevOps engineer manages a company's IT infrastructure, bridging development & operations, the primary goal is to improve the process and efficiency throughout the software development lifecycle.

Key role -

1. **Facilitator of Collaboration -**
Bridging the gap between development, operations & other teams to streamline communication.
2. **Automation Specialist -**
Automate repetitive tasks like testing, deployment & monitoring.
3. **Continuous Integration & Continuous Delivery (CI/CD) -**
Design, implement & maintain CI/CD pipelines to enable faster, reliable & repeatable software releases.
4. **Infrastructure as Code -**
Use tools like Terraform, Ansible or CloudFormation to define & provision infrastructure through code.
5. **Monitoring & Incident Management -**
Set up monitoring system to track application performance & troubleshoot issue in real time. It also ensures that systems are resilient & downtime is minimized.
6. **Cloud & Infrastructure Management -**
Deployment, manage & optimize applications on cloud platforms like AWS, Azure or Google Cloud, also handles container orchestration.

Key Responsibilities -

1. Collaboration & Planning -
Work with development & operations teams to plan & design scalable solutions.
2. Configuration Management -
Use tools like Puppet, Chef or Ansible to manage server configuration & ensure consistency.
3. Pipeline Management -
Maintain CI/CD pipelines to ensure seamless build, test & deployment workflows.
4. Monitoring & Logging -
Implement monitoring tools like Prometheus, Grafana or Splunk to track system health & measure performance.
5. Support & Troubleshooting -
Respond to incidents & resolve production issues promptly & identify root causes of failure & implement fixes.
6. Documentation & Reporting -
Document system configurations, deployment processes & troubleshooting guides.