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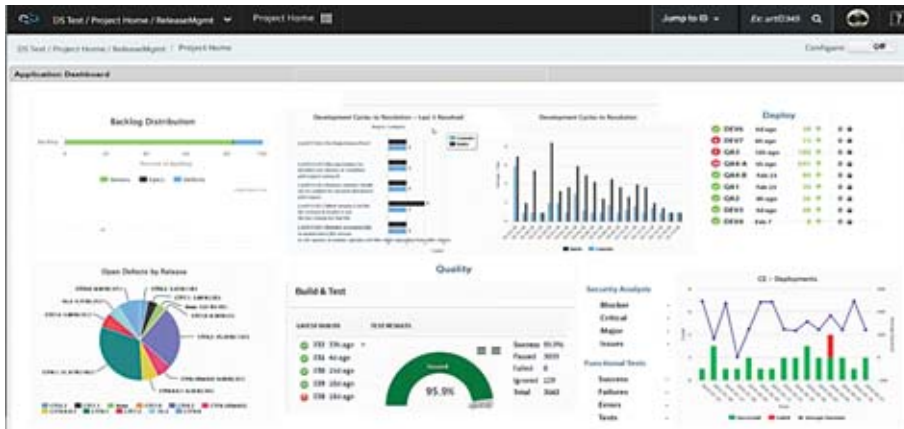
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CollabNet enters DevOps arena

New offering focuses on speed for building apps

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CollabNet is joining the DevOps movement. The company announced a new DevOps solution and partnership at the DevOps Enterprise Summit.

“The No. 1 driver of DevOps in the business is the desire of software developers and the IT department to move at the speed of business and to drive innovation faster,” said Thomas Hooker, vice president and strategic market expert at CollabNet. “We can no longer wait nine months to a year and a half to release new functionality to our customers.”

The DevOps Lifecycle Manager is designed to help teams deliver high-quality applications faster. It provides the ability to see and trace across tool chains of work items, monitor events, and automate actions. In addition, it provides key performance indicators reports in order to help businesses identify and drive value.

“Increasingly the defining characteristics of so many products are software, and the innovation speed required by the market is just getting quicker,” said Hooker. “DevOps mitigates risks by having smaller releases and getting those releases out quicker and innovating quicker.”

The company also announced it is teaming up with DevOps software provider Clarive Software in order to bring development and operations teams closer. “You have to be able to not just write code;

you have to deploy that code into production,” said Hooker. “We can write code fast. We can plan. We can test and we can deliver code fast, but...we can’t deploy into production. We have a bottleneck. We don’t have an automatic way to pick up code, take it, put it on the thousands of servers it needs to go live on, and then if there is a problem [of] how can I pull it back and manage all those releases that are out there.” The partnership with Clarive is designed to address that challenge.

According to Rodrigo Gonzalez, CEO of Clarive, the company focused on how operations is handling DevOps today. The partnership will help the businesses retool their whole stack from ALM to application release automation, giving them full visibility and generating insight to the business, developers and operators. The solution features demand management, monitoring, configuration management, delivery management, traceability phase development, planning, rollback, and code quality. In addition, Clarive allows users who are still doing waterfall approaches to benefit from application release automation.

“We are continuing to see DevOps become not a fringe thing, but mainstream,” said Hooker. “One of the things that makes us excited is how many existing enterprise and companies are looking to adopt DevOps and looking for help on how to be faster.” ■

In other DevOps news...

■ **CA Technologies** has announced additions to its DevOps portfolio in order to improve user experience. The release includes updates to its application performance management and virtual network assurance solutions. Features include real-time insights, automated workflows, continuous testing, software-defined networking support, and cloud connectors. The company also recently acquired Automix in order to address IT and DevOps challenges.

■ **IBM** has announced new Bluemix services aimed at making it easier and faster to develop apps in the cloud. The new services enable developers to access and construct tool chains using DevOps tools such as GitHub and Slack. Services include IBM Bluemix Continuous Delivery, tool-chain templates, an availability monitoring service, and a partnership with Slack to bring Watson to Slack developers.

■ **SourceClear** has unveiled new features to help DevOps teams build secure software. The company announced features like issues reports and suppressions; project and subpath enablement; and project-specific reports. In addition, the company launched the Dependency Visualizer to help teams see what dependencies exist within a project or library.

■ **XebiaLabs** has announced the 6.0 release of its DevOps solution. The latest update to the XebiaLabs DevOps platform is designed to help organizations with diverse teams manage and gain insight into complex app releases. The main highlights include multi-functional release folders, flexible release tags, improved dashboards for compliance and security, and enhanced productivity for large-scale deployments. ■