Week in Review

Developer Productivity Team

Week of 9/26 - 9/30

I've been focused primarily on finalizing quarterly planning this week. Most of the work is done, we are just making sure that there isn't any ambiguity.

Planning and roadmaps

I continue to shop our Q4 plans around and get feedback from partners and customers, but I consider us pretty solid at this point (7 days til Q4).

- [Developer Productivity Q4 plan](#)

Recruiting update

We currently have one open req for a Senior Software Engineer. As a reminder, this role will be focused on Nebula plugin development and Java build support.

We have two candidates coming in on Monday and Tuesday next week. Stephen Strange from NYC will be interviewing on Monday and Jessica Jones (also from NYC) will be here on Tuesday. I met both candidates at Velocity NY.

I have two additional candidates currently going through the take-home exercise. Looking to get their responses early next week.

I had 7 phone screens this week. Only 2 are being sent to a phone screen with recruiting.

Notable product updates

Artifactory *-- We are preparing for an update to Artifactory next weekend. The unstable version is working great.*

Base AMI *-- No updates.*

Jenkins *-- We are running through all the Jenkins masters doing rolling LTS updates. Should be complete next week.*

Nebula *-- The Nebula dev squad pushed a new release of Nebula (v3.14), which includes bug fixes and updates to resolution rules.*

Stash -- No updates.

Meeting and context

I had my ***one on one with Jennifer Walters*** from CHICKEN to discuss getting some updates into the next release of the Base AMI. The CHICKEN team is hoping to have this update included in the Base AMI before the end of October. The team doesn't see any issue with that.

I scheduled an ***ad hoc one on one with Bruce Banner*** from the COW team. I wanted to share with him feedback about his behavior in a recent meeting. I am sharing this with you all since a few of you expressed concerns about him coming off as inconsiderate of our team's priorities. He appreciated me bringing this up to him. I recommend that each continue to give him (and others) direct and honest feedback.

I had a great ***one on one with Steve Rogers*** from the CAT product team. Steve shared with me some of his team's challenges using Gradle, in particular around dependencies. They have a few unique goals, but in general, I feel our planned initiatives in this space will help them out. I shared our roadmap and he seemed pleased.

I attended the ***Biweekly Engineering Managers*** meeting. A few teams gave presentations on their upcoming initiatives, including the DOG team. They are building a product feature that will need some additional support from centralized teams, like ours. I set up a one on one with their manager to get greater insight into their priorities and roadmap.