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Sessions

The Freeze Paradox: Why Stopping Deployments Doesn't Stop Failures

Monday Nov 16

When systems fail at Netflix and in an environment this complex, they sometimes will, the instinctive response is to freeze deployments.

Prachi Jain

Senior Site Reliability Engineer @Netflix, Expert in Building and Managing Scalable, Reliable Services, Previously @Fastly and @Cisco

Sandhya Narayan

Expert in Information Security, Compliance, and Risk Management, Previously Technical Program Manager @Netflix, @Adobe, SAP, @eBay, and the Stanford Research Institute

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Adapt or Drift: Resilience Engineering When AI Moves the Operating Point

Monday Nov 16

Resilient systems do not stay resilient by standing still. They survive by adapting. But adaptation comes with risk: under sustained pressure, organizations and systems can slowly drift toward failure while still appearing to operate normally.

Andrew Hatch

Engineering Leader and SRE Manager @Cisco ThousandEyes, With 25+ Years Building Software, Operations, SRE, and Platform Teams Across Australia, India, and the United States

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Saturation: How Your Software Will Fail at Scale

Monday Nov 16

Even in the ethereal world of software, everything has a limit. And, once that limit is reached, very bad

things can happen. In this talk, we will explore the problem of saturation: when a software system runs into one of these limits.

Lorin Hochstein

Staff Software Engineer @Airbnb, Writes @surfingcomplexity.blog, Previously @Netflix and Member of the Resilience in Software Foundation

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How to Build Online Systems with Object Storage

Tuesday Nov 17

"Diskless" systems that delegate durability to object storage are everywhere, and for three good reasons:

Almog Gavra

Co-Founder @Responsive.dev - Building Object-Native Databases, Previously @Confluent and @LinkedIn

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Beyond the Kubernetes API: Building LinkedIn's Compute Platform

Wednesday Nov 18

LinkedIn's Kubernetes-based compute platform spans more than 500k bare-metal machines, 5M pods, with thousands of developers doing more than 110k deploys a week. We don't expose raw Kubernetes to developers and instead, provide a curated set of platform offerings.

Ronak Nathani

Principal Staff Software Engineer, Compute Infra @LinkedIn, Podcast Host @Software Misadventures

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Observability: The Missing Control Plane for Agentic Engineering

Wednesday Nov 18

As AI agents move from generating code to testing, deploying, and operating it, the important question is no longer "How autonomous is the agent?" It's "What can this agent safely decide without a human?"

Rachael Wonnacott

Machine learning and Applied AI Engineering