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**WHAT A
WONDERFUL YEAR
IT HAS BEEN**



Dear colleagues,

2019 has quickly slipped away, but it has brought us many **excitements** and wonderful moments. We've achieved a lot and reached new heights. We are truly happy to have such talented and skilful colleagues and would like to say thank you for being part of our big family!

May 2020 be filled with many
lines of bug-free code and happy
deployments!

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STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

In this space, we are introducing colleagues who you might have missed talking to and give you the opportunity to learn a little more about them.

This time under the spotlight is



Ivaylo Ivanov

Database Administrator at SeatGeek team @Questers

Use one word to describe yourself.

Not sure I can describe myself in one word :)

As a child, what did you want to become when you grow up?

I wanted to be a military pilot, but it appeared that I'm too tall for our planes.

Which was your favourite subject in school?

Probably Sports, but I was doing much better in Math.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I like fishing, cooking,

reading books and whiskey tastings. Especially when combined :)

If you had the opportunity to have dinner with a famous person (living or not) who would he/she be?

I suppose Terry Pratchett. It should be interesting to have a conversation with a person like him.

Share a favourite quote/thought of yours.

Probably some quote from Paulo Coelho should be a good answer, but I'm not really into quotes and smart thoughts.



Celebrating Long-lasting partnerships

The last October was a busy one! We had a number of **celebrations** in the name of the great teams we have built during the past 1 year. We've attracted incredible people for PremFina, SeatGeek, Logitech, and Manifesto teams and wanted

to tell them a big "Thank you" for being an awesome part of our growing family.



For this year's Halloween celebrations, we "dressed up" the qClub with **spooky** decorations, ordered some delicious treats and were ready to rock on. In addition, some of the colleagues came up with very creative costumes and we had a great time.



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Serverless Bulgaria MeetUp

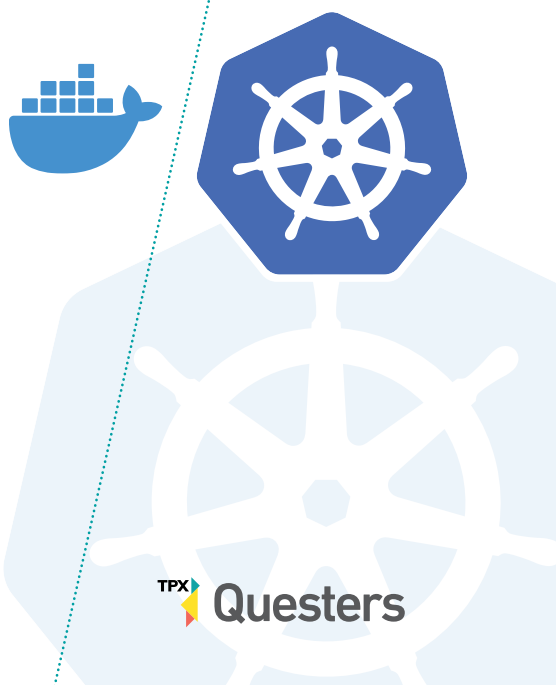
In October we hosted the 3rd meetup of the Bulgarian Serverless user group. Our colleague Valentin Georgiev from the News UK team was the speaker and he talked about the DevOps cycle with Serverless Framework. During his presentation, he demonstrated how to develop, test, deploy and monitor faster than ever.

EVENTS

Migrating to Kubernetes

Also in November we held an insightful meetup about DevOps with Miroslav Hadzhiev and Daniel Sloan who are working for one of the biggest US hedge funds.

We've discussed the differences between Swarm and Kubernetes and what are the benefits gained from migrating to Kubernetes. Miro and Daniel also talked about universal monitoring across bare-metal and cloud environments.



In November, together with the News UK team, we took part in this year's JSTalks conference. During the event, Nainesh Mehta and our colleague Valentin Georgiev had an insightful talk about innovating at pace with Design Systems. They shared

their experience in using a wider JavaScript ecosystem to implement design systems. At our stand, we've met and talked with many incredible people. We also had an awesome game developed by the guys from the team and gave away some cool prizes.

News UK team awarded Dev Team of the year

In December, the News UK team at Questers was recognized as the Dev Team of the Year by the 2019 GTS Awards. The award recognizes the passion, strong motivation and proactiveness of the people of the team. They are professionals with strong experience who are building a great team culture where people help each other with the aim to constantly develop and excel.

Big Congratulations to the guys from the team! May the 2020 bring them even more success and great achievements!



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Winter Party

This year the Christmas mood got us quite early. We kicked off the series of jolly events with our traditional Winter party on 29 November. Our colleague Roby Nikolov from the Logitech team and the new Bulgarian band Miry took care of our good mood so we rocked on all night.



Christmas charity bazaar

Every year we throw a Christmas Charity Bazaar where we bring and sell home-made food, greeting cards and pieces of jewellery and help a good cause. For this year's charity bazaar, we once again collaborated with the "Give a book" foundation and the raised amount of 1606 BGN was used to support their work with institutionalized children.



Presents

What's a Christmas without presents?

This year we gave up the wrapping paper believing it's a small but important environmental contribution and gave warm hoodies to all team members wishing them cosy and joyful holidays.





The 4th edition of one of the biggest running events of the year – The Big TechRun took place at the end of November. We are very happy to be supporting this great initiative from the very beginning as it is not only encouraging more active life but also doing good.

Part of the entry fees of this year's race was donated to the Synergia Foundation – a non-profit organisation with the mission to improve the quality of life of the visually impaired people in Bulgaria.

From Todorka to Manaslu with **snowboard**

On December 12 we were very excited to welcome Vladimir Pavlov who back in August took the challenge of Project8000 to climb and then snowboard from the eighth highest summit in the world. During the event, Vladi shared first-hand impressions about his historic descent from the top of Manaslu (8163m) to above Base Camp at 5000, without using oxygen for the ride.

