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Introduction to Monitoring and Alerting

Mastering Monitoring and Alerting for Effective DevOps Practices

DEFINITION

> Monitoring and alerting involve tracking system performance and notifying teams of issues. This ensures systems run smoothly and problems are addressed promptly.

KEY CONCEPTS

Monitoring

The continuous observation of system metrics to ensure optimal performance.

Alerting

The process of notifying teams about issues or anomalies in the system.

Metrics

Quantifiable data points used to assess system performance, like CPU usage or response time.

Thresholds

Predefined limits set for metrics that trigger alerts when exceeded.

Logging

Recording system events and transactions for analysis and troubleshooting.

EXAMPLES

→ Alert triggered when CPU usage exceeds 90%.

→ Monitoring tool tracks response times for web applications.

→ Log files analyzed to identify recurring errors.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'M' for Monitoring and 'A' for Alerting - they go hand in hand.

★ Think of metrics as the 'health indicators' of your system.

★ Use the acronym 'TML' - Track, Monitor, Log for key activities.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Ignoring the importance of setting appropriate thresholds.

✗ Failing to regularly review and update monitoring tools.

✗ Overlooking the need for comprehensive logging.

QUICK RECAP

Monitoring and alerting are essential for maintaining system health in DevOps. By tracking metrics and setting alerts, teams can quickly respond to issues, ensuring reliability and performance.