

Joseph Kavanagh

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

INTRODUCTION

I am a recent (2020) Computer Science graduate from Durham University with a keen interest in Software Engineering. My interest in computers stemmed from my childhood where my father would always be taking apart and fixing electronics and eventually built my first PC with me. In my spare time I am either studying, spending time with friends, playing video games, coding, or tinkering with applications on my home/cloud servers.

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SKILLS

- Go
- Python
- Java
- C++
- Networking
- Git
- Linux
- Docker
- AWS
- Ansible Automation

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- My most recent project has been a release notifier I've named 'Argus' after the many-eyed giant in Greek mythology. At <https://release-argus.io> you can find a demo of the app. It watches sites/GitHub repos that you specify in the config, and can notify you when a new version of the software on that site/repo has been released. It can also track the version you have deployed and frequently compares that version to the latest released. As you can see, I've put together a Web UI (written in React) to allow you to visually see the data it's collecting, as well as to allow you to approve WebHook(s) to perform the upgrades.
- Home server running Proxmox (debian-based hypervisor)
 - LXC/Docker/VMs/K3s running services such as AWX (Upstream Ansible Tower), Grafana, MatterMost, NextCloud and UniFi Controller.
 - Used heavily for my dissertation project as it was very CPU heavy, and the Dual Xeon CPU's were able to gather data I would not otherwise of been able to produce or compare.
- Various VPS'
 - <https://hymenaios.io> + <https://josephkav.io>
 - Some are focused on security, encrypting the boot drive + automatic decryption and mounting. Rather than having the decryption key unencrypted on the VPS/manually entered, I require an Azure Blob request for the decryption token, which must come from the VPS IP.
 - Deployed adnanh/webhook to listen for pushes to github. When a push occurs, this triggers the server to rebuild the static site with Hugo. So any changes to the repo are rapidly deployed to the site.

WORK EXPERIENCE

DevOps Engineer

Jamf | May. 2021 to present

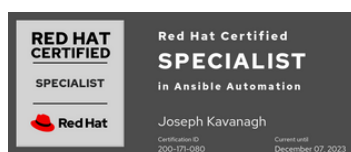
In my role at Jamf, I have learnt a lot about Operations and Software Development. I was a big part of developing and deploying a heavily rewritten Python application that delivered detailed reports to our customers. I also did a lot of full-stack work, coding tools to make tasks more accessible, e.g. coding a Web UI to make a DB user, rather than requiring a DBA to create one manually with the CLI. In Ops, I learnt a lot of Kubernetes, rolling out updates, testing and releasing various bits of software. Some of the software that I updated was very old, but also very business critical, so careful planning was required to properly upgrade the service.

Managed Systems Engineer

Orb Data | Aug. 2020 to May. 2021

Orb manage the monitoring of systems/devices for various companies, primarily using IBM Tivoli. I have updated various systems and transitioned a few to new platforms/environments with the help of Ansible, Docker as well as Terraform. My role has also involved looking into the way things are currently being performed and designing/implementing ways to improve them through automation and version-control. I have created a CI/CD pipeline consisting of git servers and automated testing of new git pushes to ensure that they are functional before being updated on the web server(s) and then reloaded by the servers that use these files.

CERTIFICATIONS



Summer Intern

Flow | July. 2019 to Sept. 2019

Setting up the business' software using AWS services. They are a new company, aiming to provide sensors to companies along with a free app that anyone could download so that they can see whether a place that is subscribed to Flow is busy, in real time.

I was involved in:

- Setting up the database to store all of the data
- Creating the backend API that the app talks to when it wants to retrieve data
- Setting up authentication on this so that each user can only see and edit what they need to.

The business is still very early in development, so there isn't much publicly available about this company.

Summer Intern

IBM | July. 2018 to Sept. 2018

Cyber Fundamentals program designed to develop strong cyber security related skills and experience. Included working with a company in the energy industry to develop a phishing solution.

Topics covered included:

- Internet and Hardware
- Networking
- Cyber Crime Industry
- Cloud architecture, management, and security
- Linux administration
- Defensive and Offensive Cyber
- JS/Python/C++/Bash

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Durham University
(2016-2020)

First Class Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computer Science

Modules included Software Engineering, Software Methodologies, Advanced Computer Systems and Digital Electronics, Theory of Computation, Parallel Programming, Networks and Systems.

Final Year Project (Dissertation): Snake-in-the-box.

Implemented three different algorithms to solve the snake-in-the-box problem and compared the effectiveness of each.

The Campion School
(2009-2016)

4 A Levels:

A*: Mathematics.

A : Further Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry.

11 GCSEs:

A*: Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, History.

A : Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, English Language, Classical Studies, Italian, Religious Education.