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- Driving payment service improvements for 500M+ monthly active users at Amazon Pay.
- Security champion, leading org-wide training for 200+ engineers to strengthen secure coding practices and enhance platform resilience against threats.
- Boosted team efficiency with an auto-remediation solution, cutting incident response time by 60% and reducing manual tasks.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Amazon Aug 2022 – Present

Software Engineer - Amazon Pay

India

- Developed and optimized backend services, supporting over 100M+ monthly active users and achieving optimal uptime
  by enhancing service reliability and scalability.
- Integrated with 5+ payment partners, enabling seamless, secure transactions and reducing transaction failure rates by 20% through enhanced API performance and error handling.
- Reduced server costs by 30% by optimizing infrastructure resource usage, streamlining processes, and lowering dependency on high-cost resources.
- Increased team efficiency by 60% through an auto-remediation solution, minimizing manual effort for recurring issues and accelerating incident resolution times.
- Led the org's security champion program, proactively addressing common vulnerabilities and achieving 40% fewer security incidents by fostering secure coding practices and implementing early detection strategies.

VMware Feb 2021 – Aug 2022

Software Engineer - Tanzu Platform

India

- Developed a solution to detect and alert on dependency confusion vulnerabilities in organization-owned open-source projects by parsing package dependencies and verifying ownership in public artifact repositories, securing 90% of the organization's OSS portfolio.
- Reduced build time by 20% with the implementation of dependency caching, accelerating development cycles and improving CI/CD pipeline efficiency.
- Expanded test coverage by 40% and established best practices with enforced linting, leading to higher code quality and reduced post-deployment issues.

Opentext May 2019 - Feb 2021

Software Engineer - iHub

India

- Designed and developed a variety of frontend chart components, enhancing data visualization flexibility by 20% to offer customers more customized insights and display options.
- Improved API performance by implementing asynchronous processing and containerized applications, reducing deployment time by 40% and boosting overall system responsiveness.

### **PROJECTS**

NightWolf | AWS, IAM, docker, python

• Engineered "NightWolf," a robust rule-based engine responsible for identifying misconfigurations and security anti-patterns in AWS accounts, ensuring compliance and best practices.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Certifications: AWS Developer Associate, OSCP (Security), CKAD, HCNA
- Awarded CVE-2022-1553 for identifying an authorization bypass vulnerability that enabled leaking sensitive information in a OSS CMS.
- Contributed to FOSSASIA's Meilix project, enhancing Linux OS customization features and fixing critical bugs to improve user experience and accessibility for the open-source community.

## **EDUCATION**