

# Mason Egger

Programmer, Educator, Community Organizer

## About Me

Community leader and educator who loves teaching and helping people grow. Previously worked in various engineering roles, both software and systems, with a penchant for security, automation, networking, and Python. Passionate worker and proven leader with excellent time/project/priority management skills; driven to succeed at any task. Capable learner who can not only rapidly close any knowledge gap, but enjoys teaching others and writing more practical documents/guides. Enthusiast about all things open-source and building community.

## Current Work Experience

### Sr. Technical Curriculum Developer

*January 2023 - Present*  
*Temporal, Remote*

Responsible for creating and delivering accurate, high-quality, useful educational content in the form of tutorials, online self-paced courses, and videos to educate Temporal's users. Distilled complex distributed systems and Temporal concepts into approachable educational content. Designed new courses, exercises, code samples, and assessments on Temporal features as well as ported courses between supported language SDKs. Contributed both long form and short form content across various tutorials, developer guides, and documentation. Delivered live versions of our online courses both in-person and virtually.

## Selected Work Experience

### Lead Developer Advocate

*April 2022 - January 2023*  
*Gretel.ai, Remote*

Gretel's first official Developer Relations hire. Established procedures, goals, and purpose of Developer Relations at Gretel. Responsible for fostering and building the Gretel and Synthetic Data Communities. Spoke at many conferences educating audiences about Synthetic Data and its applications. Aided in the creation and organization of Gretel's first conference, `_synthesize`.

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## Skills

Dev. Relations	Public Speaking, Technical Writing, Evangelism, Developer Education, Community Building & Engagement
Languages	Python, Java, Golang
Frameworks	Temporal, Django, Flask, Hugo
DevOps	Terraform, Docker, Ansible, Packer, CI/CD, Networking, Cloud Architecture, Linux
People	Team Building, Mentoring, Coaching, Program Management

## PyTexas

### PyTexas Foundation

*2022—present:* President  
President of the PyTexas Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to building the Python Community in Texas.

### PyTexas Conference

*2022—present:* Conference Chair  
Conference Chair for the oldest regional Python conference and largest Python event in Texas.

### PyTexas Meetup

*2022—present:* Organizer  
Founding organizer of the virtual monthly meetup of the PyTexas Community.

## Community & Open Source

### Hacktoberfest Advisory Council Member Organizer

Advisory member and past organizer for the largest open source program in the world.

### DigitalOcean Community Author

Authored multiple high performing tutorials on the famed DigitalOcean Community Tutorial site.

### Open Source Contributor

Active Open Source contributor.

## Selected Work Experience Cont.

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### Sr. Developer Advocate

*June 2021 - April 2022*

*DigitalOcean, Remote*

*Developer Advocate: October 2019 - June 2021*

Responsible for fostering the growth, education, and satisfaction of the DigitalOcean developer community. Lead advocate for the Infrastructure as a Service-based products DigitalOcean, aiding in multiple Go-To-Market activities for new products. Involved in the planning and execution of DigitalOcean community events such as Deploy, Tech Talks, and Hacktoberfest. Lead the creation of an external, open-source focused Advisory Board to help guide the direction of Hacktoberfest. Contributed to relevant open-source projects such as the DigitalOcean Terraform provider and DigitalOcean classroom. Created high-quality polyglot code samples to demonstrate DigitalOcean products and cloud architecture. Implemented a company-wide educational series on all DigitalOcean products that is now a part of all new-hire onboarding. Organized, planned, and executed strategy as Program lead to expand and activate DigitalOcean's community content creators, the Navigators.

### Sr. Site Reliability Engineer

*Mar 2018 - Sep 2019*

*Vrbo, Austin, TX*

Responsible for Vrbo's highly available Platform as a Service used for all application deployments and container orchestration across Vrbo's 1000+ node hybrid multi-cloud. Supported application deployment for roughly 2000 engineers amounting to tens of thousands of containers with a team of four. Led the effort to make Vrbo a polyglot software shop by implementing first-class support for Python through creating standards, pipelines, containers, and project generators for Python developers and Data Scientists. Created a unified process and led the effort for revitalizing all of the Cloud Platform documentation.

### Software Engineer II

*Oct 2017 - Mar 2018*

*Forcepoint, Austin, TX*

*Software Engineer I: May 2017 - Oct 2017*

*Associate Software Engineer: Dec 2015 - May 2017*

Designed and implemented a Cloud-based platform for CI/CD and application deployment for the Cloud 2.0 initiative on AWS. Integral part of the team that re-architected an on-premise CentOS based secure operating system in an effort to replace the legacy product. Implemented a custom plugin based initialization framework to allow for quick development of new software integrations. Implemented CI/CD pipelines for the build, code quality checks, and documentation generation of the codebase. Promoted multiple times within same team.

A full accounting of my work experience can be found on my [LinkedIn](#)

## Speaking

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### Conference & Meetup Speaker

Highly sought after speaker, presented talks and workshops around the world.

### Podcast Guest

Guest on various podcasts.

### Cloud Chats

Past host on a weekly web show discussing news, community, and developer topics.

A full list of my talks can be found at [mason.dev/speaking](https://mason.dev/speaking)

## Awards

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2024 **Community Service Award**

*Python Software Foundation*

2021 **Marketing STARfish Award**

*DigitalOcean*

2016 **Silver Performance Award**

*Forcepoint*

2013-2015 **Excellence in Service 2013, 2015**

**Excellence in Teaching 2014**

**Undergraduate Academic Distinction 2014**

*Texas State University*

## Education

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### Select Graduate Courses

Computer Science

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

### Bachelor of Science

Computer Science

*Texas State University*

### Bachelor of Arts

Music, Trombone

*Texas State University*

## Volunteer

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### Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity

2022—present: Deputy Province Governor

*Province 9, South Texas*

### Microsoft TEALS

2019—2020: Classroom Enrichment Guest Lecturer

2018—2019: Co-Teacher, AP Computer Science A

*IDEA Montopolis, High School*

### Texas State University

2015—present: Guest Lecturer

2018—present: Industrial Advisory Board Member

## Miscellaneous

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Albums: Trombones at Texas State, Carol of the Bones